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From: Commanding Officer, USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard pamphlet

1. The Command History for the period 1 March 1991 to 29 February 1992 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. Command composition and organization.

a. USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) was commissioned on 28 September 1991. Its mission includes surveillance, regional sea denial, precision strike, battle group support and ground warfare support.

b. USS ASHEVILLE is currently undergoing Post Shakedown Availability at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. ASHEVILLE is administratively responsible to the Commander, Submarine Squadron 8 in Norfolk, Virginia; Commander, Submarine Group 2 in Groton, Connecticut; and Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. Commander Patrick J. Casey is the Commanding Officer.

3. Chronology.

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| 2 April 1991 | The crew moved on board. |
| 8 May 1991 to 11 May 1991 | Phase I and II Crew Certification. |
| 6 June 1991 to 7 June 1991 | The ship conducted Alpha Sea Trials with Admiral B. Demars, the Director of the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program on board. These trials were reported as the best ever witnessed by Admiral Demars. |
| 10 June 1991 to 14 June 1991 | The ship conducted Bravo Sea Trials. |
| 19 July 1991 to 29 July 1991 | The ship conducted Charlie Sea Trials. |

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| 13 August 1991 to 15 August 1991 | The ship conducted Combined Trials (INSURV). |
| 26 August 1991 to 28 August 1991 | The ship conducted Delta Sea Trials. |
| 5 September 1991 to 9 September 1991 | The ship moored in Annapolis during Plebe Parent's Weekend as the tour ship. Over the course of three days, the ship provided tours to over 1400 midshipmen and their families. |
| 28 September 1991 | Ship's Commissioning - Guest Speaker, Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina. |
| 30 September 1991 to 4 October 1991 | The ship conducted a VIP cruise for the people of Asheville, North Carolina and three dependent's cruises for the families of the crew. |
| 7 October 1991 to 15 October 1991 | The ship supported the sonar certification of an SSN 688 class submarine. |
| 28 October 1991 to 28 November 1991 | The ship conducted a Weapons Systems Accuracy Test which included a port call in Port Everglades, Florida and an operation on the Exuma Sound Range and the Autec Sound Range. |
| 1 December 1991 to 4 December 1991 | Guarantee Material Inspection |
| 16 December 1991 to 20 December 1991 | The ship participated in an Anti-submarine Warfare exercise. |
| 7 January 1992 to 22 January 1992 | The ship conducted independent steaming operations. The ship also participated in Anti-submarine warfare exercises. |
| 31 January 1992 to 13 February 1992 | The ship participated in a multi-ship NATO exercise, CANFLTOPS 1-92. This included a trip to the Autec Sound Range to complete sonar system certification. |
| 14 February 1992 to 18 February 1992 | Port visit in Port Canaveral, Florida. Over 600 Naval Nuclear Power School Staff and students toured ASHEVILLE. |
| 28 February 1992 | The ship returned to Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company to begin Post Shakedown Availability. |

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4. Narrative.

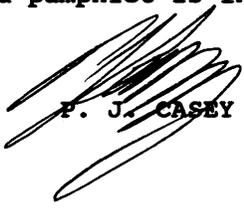
a. USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) has become a fully functional member of the submarine force. Major objectives of the past twelve months have been:

(1) Continuing training and qualification of the crew.

(2) Striving to ensure the Navy was delivered a first class product by the shipyard.

(3) Preparations for Post Shakedown Availability.

5. A copy of the ship's Welcome Aboard pamphlet is included as enclosure (1).



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