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From: Commanding Officer, USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758)
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Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Photograph of Commanding Officer
(2) Biography of Commanding Officer

1. The Command History for the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1994 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 assigned to Submarine Squadron Eleven, homeported in San Diego, California. ASHEVILLE is administratively responsible to the Commander, Submarine Squadron Eleven in San Diego, California and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

c. Commander Terrell L. Tribble is the Commanding Officer.

3. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
2 January 1994 to 13 January 1994	Conducted work up and completion of a highly successful Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
13 January 1994 to 15 January 1994	In port San Diego.
15 January 1994 to 22 January 1994	Entered drydock for repairs to TB-23 towed array prior to deployment.
22 January 1994 to 9 February 1994	Conducted upkeep prior to deployment.

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9 February 1994 to 10 February 1994	Underway for sea trials.
10 February 1994 to 17 February 1994	In port San Diego.
17 February 1994 to 26 February 1994	Underway for first ever deployment with the USS CARL VINSON Battle Group. Transit to Pearl Harbor conducting Battle Group exercises.
26 February 1994 to 28 February 1994	In port Pearl Harbor.
28 February 1994 to 11 March 1994	Transit to Yokosuka with CARL VINSON Battle Group.
11 March 1994 to 14 March 1994	In port Yokosuka. Notably, ASHEVILLE was part of the first nuclear Battle Group to enter Yokosuka in ten years along with USS CARL VINSON and USS ARKANSAS.
14 March 1994 to 19 March 1994	Participated in PASSEX against JMSDF submarine HAMASHIO. CARL VINSON Battle Group conducted an ENCOUNTEREX against the returning INDEPENDENCE Battle Group. Transited to Hong Kong, conducting intelligence and surveillance operations in support of the Battle Group.
19 March 1994 to 23 March 1994	In port Hong Kong. Anchored alongside USS CAMDEN.
23 March 1994 to 30 March 1994	Transit to Singapore. Conducted ASW exercises with the Royal Singaporean Navy in support of exercise MERGATE.
30 March 1994 to 4 April 1994	In port Singapore.
4 April 1994 to 25 April 1994	Departed Singapore and transited through the Straits of Malacca surfaced, escorted by USS REUBEN JAMES. Submerged and transited to the Arabian Gulf, conducting exercises and operations in support of the CARL VINSON Battle Group

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and transiting through the Strait of Hormuz submerged. In the Arabian Gulf, ASHEVILLE participated in exercise RED REEF V with the Royal Saudi Arabian Navy, providing training services for the Saudis in Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW). ASHEVILLE distinguishes itself in demonstrating the ability for an SSN to transit through the entire Arabian Gulf while continuously submerged at periscope depth.

25 April 1994 to
27 April 1994

In port Bahrain.

27 April 1994 to
18 May 1994

Conducted operations in the vicinity of the Arabian Gulf.

18 May 1994 to
4 June 1994

In port Bahrain for mid-deployment upkeep.

4 June 1994 to
15 June 1994

Transited through the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf of Oman to participate in exercise Keynote. ASHEVILLE, along with USS PAUL F. FOSTER, was part of a Maritime Action Group headed by HMS EXETER. Anti-Diesel tactics were tested against HMS UNICORN. Both U.S. and British tactics were used by ASHEVILLE. This was the first time a U.S. submarine was used to test the validity of tactics developed by Great Britain.

15 June 1994 to
19 June 1994

In port Dubai, U.A.E.

19 June 1994 to
5 July 1994

Before departing the Arabian Gulf, ASHEVILLE was the first SSN to be assigned by COMUSNAVCENT as the ready strike platform. Transited through the Strait of Hormuz and then transited to Perth, Australia to catch up with the Battle Group.

5 July 1994 to
15 July 1994

In port HMAS Sterling, Western Australia.

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15 July 1994 to 4 August 1994	Departed HMAS Sterling to transit to Pearl Harbor. Enroute, ASHEVILLE provided CAST services for Royal Australian Navy P-3s.
4 August 1994 to 8 August 1994	In port Pearl Harbor.
8 August 1994 to 15 August 1994	Transit to San Diego.
15 August 1994 to 19 September 1994	In port for a well deserved post deployment standown period. Following standown, ASHEVILLE conducted an upkeep.
19 September 1994 to 23 September 1994	Underway for sea trials and services provided in Southern California for USS DRUM Tactical Weapons Proficiency.
23 September 1994 to 3 October 1994	In port San Diego.
3 October 1994 to 8 October 1994	Underway for Battle Group exercises in support of COMCARGRU THREE and transited to San Francisco for Fleet Week 1994.
8 October 1994 to 12 October 1994	In port Alameda for Fleet Week. ASHEVILLE provided tours to over 1,000 guests during her stay.
12 October 1994 to 14 October 1994	Transit to San Diego. Twenty Tiger Cruise participants, friends and family of the crew, were embarked to learn about submarining.
14 October 1994 to 22 November 1994	In port San Diego for IMA upkeep.
22 November 1994 to 23 November 1994	Underway for sea trials following IMA upkeep.
23 November 1994 to 2 December 1994	In port San Diego.
2 December 1994 to 17 December 1994	Underway in SOCAL providing services for USS LA JOLLA's TWP. ASHEVILLE successfully conducted her own TWP and

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provided support for aviation community ASW exercises. Prior to returning to port, ASHEVILLE conducted Battle Group exercises with the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group. On 17 December, ASHEVILLE conducted two dependents cruises for friends and family.

17 December 1994 to
31 December 1994

In port for Holiday standown.

4. Narrative.

a. 1994 was a banner year for USS ASHEVILLE. ASHEVILLE set the standard for other SSNs to follow in Battle Group operations. Significant accomplishments included the first deployment of the new TAC-III computer and the first deployment on an SSN of JTIDS LINK 16, the Navy's new tactical data link. ASHEVILLE provided outstanding support to the CARL VINSON Battle Group, distinguishing itself during numerous multi-national exercises and Battle Group exercises. ASHEVILLE distinguished itself in the Arabian Gulf as the first submarine to serve as COMUSNAVCENT ready strike platform.

b. ASHEVILLE has 18 officers and 126 enlisted personnel. Major objectives of the command during the past year have been:

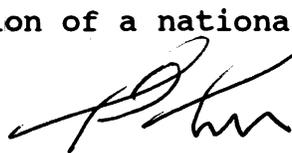
(1) Operational evaluation of the first submarine force installations of the TAC III and JTIDS LINK 16.

(2) Successful deployment in support of the USS CARL VINSON Battle Group.

(3) Continued emphasis on strike warfare.

(4) Demonstrate submarine ability to conduct extended shallow water operations in the Arabian Gulf.

(5) Successful completion of a nationally tasked surveillance mission.



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