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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) Photograph of Commanding Officer
(2) Biography of Commanding Officer

1. The Command History for the period 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1996 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, home ported 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>
1 January 1996 to 8 January 1996	Conducted inport type training upon completion of the holiday shutdown.
8 January 1996 to 12 January 1996	Underway conducting Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Work-up.
12 January 1996 to 15 January 1996	Inport San Diego.
16 January 1996 to 25 January 1996	Underway conducting POM Certification and Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
25 January 1996 to 9 February 1996	Inport San Diego conducting POM preparations.

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9 February 1996 to 24 February 1996	Underway for WESTPAC '96. Enroute to Okinawa, Japan.
24 February 1996 to 29 February 1996	In port Okinawa, Japan.
29 February 1996 to 2 April 1996	Underway conducting operations as tasked by CTF 74.
2 April 1996 to 20 April 1996	In port Yokosuka, Japan. Conducting mid-deployment IMA assisted Ship's Upkeep.
20 April 1996 to 23 April 1996	Underway enroute to Chinhae, Korea.
23 April 1996 to 26 April 1996	In port Chinhae, Korea. Conducted tours for numerous Korean dignitaries.
26 April 1996 to 29 April 1996	Participated in joint exercises with the Korean submarine CHOI MOO SUN (SS-603).
29 April 1996 to 2 May 1996	In port Chinhae, Korea.
2 May 1996 to 5 July 1996	Underway conducting operations as tasked by CTF 74.
5 July 1996 to 9 July 1996	In port Subic Bay, Phillipines.
9 July 1996 to 14 July 1996	Underway enroute to Agana, Guam.
14 July 1996 to 24 July 1996	Inport Agana, Guam conducting mid-deployment IMA assisted Ship's Upkeep.
24 July 1996 to 9 August 1996	Underway enroute San Diego, CA. Conducting Personnel Transfers in Pearl Harbor, HI and San Francisco, CA while conducting Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) work-up and inspection.
9 August 1996 to 9 September 1996	Inport San Diego for post-deployment standown.
9 September 1996 to	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting

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13 September 1996	Advanced Mine Detection Sonar (AMDS) Testing.
13 September 1996 to 15 October 1996	Inport San Diego for post-Deployment IMA assisted upkeep.
15 October 1996 to 18 October 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting Sea Trials.
18 October 1996 to 23 October 1996	Inport San Diego.
23 October 1996 to 31 October 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting local operations.
31 October 1996 to 13 November 1996	Inport San Diego conducting maintenance and training.
13 November 1996 to 14 November 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting Underway Material Inspection.
14 November 1996 to 19 November 1996	Inport San Diego.
19 November 1996 to 26 November 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting local operations.
26 November 1996 to 2 December 1996	Inport San Diego.
2 December 1996 to 5 December 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting local operations.
5 December 1996 to 9 December 1996	Inport San Diego.
9 December 1996 to 17 December 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting local operations.
17 December 1996 to 18 December 1996	Inport San Diego.
18 December 1996 to 20 December 1996	Underway in SOCAL OPAREAS conducting Northrop Grumman Sea Ferret Testing and drydeck launching exercises with USMC First Force RECON personnel.
20 December 1996 to	Inport San Diego for Holiday

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standown.

4. Narrative.

a. 1996 was a banner year for USS ASHEVILLE. ASHEVILLE set the standard for other SSNs to follow in Shallow Water Operations. Significant accomplishments included the first deployment of the new Advanced Mine Detection Sonar (AMDS) System.

b. ASHEVILLE has 14 officers and 126 enlisted personnel. Major objectives of the command during the past year have been:

(1) Operational evaluation of the first submarine force installation of AMDS.

(2) Successful Western Pacific deployment.

(3) Continued emphasis on strike warfare.

(4) Demonstrated submarine ability to conduct extended shallow water operations.

(5) Successful completion of Northrop Grumman Sea Ferret Operational Demonstration.



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