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BOISE (SSN-764) PRECOMMISSIONING UNIT
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From: Commanding Officer, BOISE (SSN 764) Precommissioning Unit
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Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph
(2) Christening of BOISE brochure
(3) Photograph of BOISE Christening

1. The Command History for the period of 16 July 1990 to 28 February 1991 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

a. BOISE (SSN 764) Precommissioning Unit was established on 16 July 1990. Its mission is to support the construction and testing of this improved 688 Class fast attack submarine and train/prepare the crew to take her to sea. When the ship is commissioned, the Precommissioning Unit will become the initial crew.

b. BOISE (SSN 764) is under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN under the command of Captain Fredrick R. Lutz is responsible for overseeing and administering Navy contracts for the ship. BOISE (SSN 764) Precommissioning Unit is administratively responsible to Commander Submarine Squadron Eight, Norfolk, Virginia; Commander Submarine Group Six, Charleston, South Carolina; and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. CDR David D. Mericle is the Commanding Officer of the Precommissioning Unit and the Prospective Commanding Officer of USS BOISE (SSN 764). Enclosure (1) provides his biography and photograph.

3. CHRONOLOGY

16 JUL 90 PRECOMUNIT BOISE established at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. CDR D. D. MERICLE, USN, Commanding Officer, 6 officers and 32 enlisted men reported for duty.

27 AUG 90 Executive Officer, LCDR T. LORENTZ reported aboard for duty.

20 OCT 90 Mrs. Louise McClure officially christened Hull No 635D as BOISE at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. Mrs. Louise McClure is BOISE's sponsor and wife of United States Senator James A. McClure. Matrons of Honor included Patricia J. Kempthorne and Evelyn M. Little. Guests of Honor included the Honorable James A. McClure and Steve Symms, United States Senators from Idaho; ADM Bruce DeMars, Director Naval Nuclear Propulsion and principal speaker; the Honorable Dirk A. Kempthorne, Mayor of Boise, Idaho; VADM Daniel L. Cooper, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Undersea Warfare; and Mrs. Salome "Sal" Clark Springer, ship's sponsor of cruiser BOISE (CL 47). Enclosure (2) provides details on the Christening Event. Enclosure (3) provides the official photograph of the event.

19 NOV 90 First watches manned aboard BOISE by the Engineering Department. Commenced pre-core reactor testing, LT [REDACTED] was the ship's first Engineering Duty Officer.

7 JAN 91 MM1(SS) [REDACTED] is chosen BOISE's Sailor of the Year.

4. NARRATIVE. Since its establishment, PRECOMUNIT BOISE has grown to 12 Officers and 60 enlisted personnel. Major objectives of the command during this reporting period were:

- a. Efficient and safe conduct of pre-core Reactor Plant testing.
- b. Timely qualification of watch stations necessary to support testing and ensure security of assigned spaces.
- c. Continuing training and qualification of the crew to support sea trials and shakedown operations of the ship.
- d. Construction progress of the ship has proceeded without any major delays since crew manning.


D. D. MERICLE