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Encl: (1) Command History - USS BREMERTON (SSN698)
(2) Brief Construction History
(3) Roster of Commissioning Crew Officers
(4) Picture of USS BREMERTON (SSN698)
(5) USS BREMERTON (SSN698) Commissioning Program

1. The command history of USS BREMERTON (SSN698) for the period of 28 March 1981 to 31 December 1981 is submitted as enclosure (1) in accordance with reference (a). Enclosures (2) through (5) are submitted for inclusion with the first command history.

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T. H. ANDERSON

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COMMAND HISTORY
USS BREMERTON (SSN698)
28 MARCH 1981 - 31 DECEMBER 1981

COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT T. H. ANDERSON, USN

COMMAND

Type Commander:	Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet 28 March 1981 - 25 July 1981
	Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet 25 July 1981 - 31 December 1981
Squadron Commander:	Commander Submarine Squadron TWO 28 March 1981 - 25 July 1981
	Commander Submarine Group SEVEN 25 July 1981 - 25 October 1981
	Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN 25 October 1981 - 31 December 1981

HOMEPORT

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	28 March 1981 - 31 December 1981
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BASIC HISTORY

USS BREMERTON (SSN698) was commissioned at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Groton, Connecticut, on 28 March 1981. Principal speaker at the ceremony was the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, U.S. Senator from the state of Washington. Also participating in the ceremony were Mrs. Helen M. Jackson, the ship's sponsor, the Honorable Norman D. Dicks, U.S. Representative, Sixth Congressional District, State of Washington, the Honorable Glenn K. Jarstad, Mayor of the city of Bremerton, Washington, Vice Admiral John G. Williams, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare, Rear Admiral Austin B. Scott, USN, Commander Submarine Group TWO, Captain Joseph F. Yurso, USN, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Groton, and Mr. P. Takis Veliotis, Executive Vice President - Marine, General Dynamics and General Manager, Electric Boat Division. Accepting the ship for the Navy was Rear Admiral Carl A. Brettschneider, USNR, Commander Naval Base Philadelphia. Assuming command was Captain Thomas H. Anderson, USN.

Following commissioning, BREMERTON conducted independent steaming operations and a port visit to Cape Canaveral, Florida. Most of the crew were able to witness the first launch of the space shuttle COLUMBIA during this port visit.

In May 1981, BREMERTON visited Port Everglades, Florida, conducted weapons certification testing at the Atlantic Underwater Test and Evaluation Center range, Andros Island, and conducted sound trials in Exuma Sound. BREMERTON was the first Atlantic Fleet submarine to simultaneously complete Mk-48 torpedo and HARPOON missile certifications during this period. Following these certifications, the ship conducted training exercises to prepare for the pending Indian Ocean deployment.

Enclosure (1)

In June 1981, the ship completed her first Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination while underway in the Narragansett Bay operating areas. This was followed by an at-sea Pre-Overseas movement certification and final preparations for deployment.

On 11 July 1981, only three and a half months after commissioning, BREMERTON steamed down the Thames river, past her building yard, for the last time. Upon the ship's first equator crossing on 21 July 1981, 110 crew members were initiated into King Neptune's Realm as shellbacks. On 25 July, off the Cape of Good Hope, BREMERTON came under the operational control of Commander Task Force 74 as the newest unit in the Pacific Fleet. The next two months were spent in the Indian Ocean, conducting independent and coordinated operations in direct support of the battle group. BREMERTON was the first ship of the class to conduct an Indian Ocean deployment prior to Post Shakedown Availability.

On 27 September, BREMERTON moored alongside USS DIXIE (AD-14) in Diego Garcia, having spent 77 days continuously at sea after departure from Groton, Connecticut. Thus the newest ship in the Pacific Fleet was being tended by the oldest commissioned ship in the Navy.

Two days later, on 29 September 1981, BREMERTON departed Diego Garcia for her first foreign liberty port, Perth, Western Australia. On 5 October 1981, the ship moored at HMAS STIRLING, Garden Island. The crew enjoyed a delightful week in the Perth-Fremantle area; the hospitality and friendliness of the Western Australians will be long remembered.

BREMERTON departed Western Australia on 12 October 1981 on the last leg of her journey to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On 25 October 1981 the ship came under operational control of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and became a unit of Submarine Squadron SEVEN.

Nearly 36,000 miles and 110 days after leaving her birthplace, BREMERTON steamed into Pearl Harbor on 28 October 1981. The crew was met at the Submarine Base by families and friends and the traditional Hawaiian welcome with hula girls and leis.

After a month of post deployment stand down, the ship conducted independent operations and provided services in the Hawaiian operating areas and began preparations for Post Shakedown Availability scheduled to start on 4 January 1982 in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- 28 MAR 81: USS BREMERTON (SSN698) Commissioned at Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut.
- 3 APR - 5 APR 81: Underway on Independent Steaming Exercises.
- 6 APR - 8 APR 81: Inport Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- 9 APR - 11 APR 81: Underway for New London, Connecticut.
- 12 APR - 29 APR 81: Moored Submarine Base New London.
- 30 APR - 3 MAY 81: Underway Enroute Port Everglades, Florida.
- 4 MAY - 10 MAY 81: Inport Port Everglades, Florida, for Weapons Certification Preparations.
- 11 MAY - 31 MAY 81: Underway for Combined Mk-48 Torpedo/HARPOON Certification, Pre-Overseas Movement workup and NAVSEA Sound Trials.
- 1 JUN 81: Moored Submarine Base New London.
- 2 JUN - 11 JUN 81: Underway on Independent Steaming Exercises and Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- 12 JUN - 21 JUN 81: Moored Submarine Base New London in preparation for deployment.
- 22 JUN - 26 JUN 81: Underway for Pre-Overseas Movement Certification.
- 26 JUN - 10 JUL 81: Moored New London SUBASE in predeployment upkeep.
- 11 JUL - 27 SEP 81: Underway on Atlantic Ocean transit to the Indian Ocean.
- 25 JUL 81: Changed Operational Command to Commander Task Force SEVEN FOUR and commenced Indian Ocean deployment.
- 28 SEP - 29 SEP 81: Moored Alongside USS DIXIE (AD-14) in Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories.
- 30 SEP - 4 OCT 81: Underway for Australia.
- 5 OCT - 12 OCT 81: Moored at HMAS STIRLING, Garden Island, Western Australia.
- 13 OCT - 27 OCT 81: Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS CONT.

- 25 OCT 81: Changed Operational Command to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- 28 OCT 81: Ship arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, permanent homeport.
- 28 OCT - 22 NOV 81: Moored Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base.
- 23 NOV - 25 NOV 81: Underway on Independent Steaming Exercises in Hawaiian operating areas.
- 26 NOV - 8 DEC 81: Moored Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base.
- 9 DEC 81: Underway on Independent Steaming Exercises in Hawaiian operating areas.
- 10 DEC 81: Moored Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base.
- 11 DEC - 18 DEC 81: Underway providing services for USS BREWTON (FF 1086) in Hawaiian operating areas.
- 19 DEC - 31 DEC 81: Moored Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base for holiday period and preparation for upcoming shipyard Post Shakedown Availability.

BRIEF CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

Shipbuilder: General Dynamics Corporation, Electric Boat Division.

Authorized in Fiscal Year 72 building program, the eleventh of the LOS ANGELES class of nuclear attack submarines.

Keel Laid: 8 May 1976 at Groton, Connecticut, by Mrs Henry M. Jackson.

Launched: 22 July 1978

Sponsor: Mrs Henry M. Jackson

Maid of Honor: Miss Susan Lynn Golub

Sea Trials Dates:

30 November - 2 December 1980

4 December - 13 December 1980

14 January - 20 January 1981

5 February - 6 February 1981

Delivered: 13 February 1981.