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Encl: (1) USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) Command History for the period of 01 January
1986 to 31 December 1986
(2) 1986 Chronology of Events

1. The Command History for USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) during the period of
01 January 1986 to 31 December 1986 is forwarded as enclosure (1) in accordance
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COMMAND HISTORY

USS BREMERTON (SSN 698)
01 January 1986 to 31 December 1986

COMMANDING OFFICER

Alan R. Beam
Commander, U.S. Navy

COMMAND

Type Commander: Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Squadron Commander: Commander Submarine Squadron 7

BASIC HISTORY

USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) began 1986 on 27 December 1985 as the ship got underway for her second extended deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. While enroute to YOKOSUKA, Japan, the ship in-chopped to Commander Task Force 74/CTF-74 on 01 January 1986.

During the months of January and February, the ship completed fast paced upkeeps and voyage repairs in YOKOSUKA, Japan, CHINHAE, Korea and SUBIC BAY, RP. Also, the ship conducted several major ASW Fleet exercises with JMSDF (Japanese Submarine Defense Force) and deployed SEVENTH FLEET Battle Group Assets. The ship became quite familiar with the waters of the East and South China Seas and Sea of Japan, after having had to transit through them frequently during this period.

The beginning of March found BREMERTON conducting a pit stop in SASEBO, Japan. Soon thereafter, the ship was assigned to conduct a period of extended ASW operations throughout the Western Pacific Theater. CTF-74 scheduled a second ship's upkeep period in CHINHAE to be conducted alongside USS PROTEUS (AS 19) in mid April. However, the ship was scrambled from CHINHAE early for emergent ASW operations which lasted about a month. Immediately following these arduous operations, the ship made her third and final pit stop in YOKOSUKA.

The ship's operational schedule throughout the deployment was particularly difficult for the crew due to the numerous changes and several missed port calls. However, the ship successfully completed all of her assigned missions, thereby earning the reputation as SEVENTH FLEET's "Ace in the Hole".

The ship transited to GUAM in late May. There she spent two weeks for much needed crew R & R and conducted her last upkeep in WESTPAC, again alongside USS PROTEUS (AS 19). The deployment was nearly over and the ship was preparing for the annual Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) prior to arriving in Pearl Harbor. On 5 June, BREMERTON was underway from GUAM heading home toward Hawaii. On the morning of 10 June 1986, the ship conducted a small boat personnel transfer at Johnston Island, and commenced the ORSE. The ship returned to Pearl Harbor 13 June 1986 after conducting a highly successful ORSE. Subsequently the ship was recommended for a second Navy Unit Citation for her second highly successful Western Pacific Deployment.

Enclosure (1)

After arrival in Pearl Harbor, the ship immediately commenced a three week stand down period. During the next two months the ship conducted a major Upkeep and underway training operations in the local Hawaiian OPAREAS. In early August, the ship prepared for her second deployment of the year. This time it would be to the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Northwestern Seaboard of the United States.

On 27 August 1986, the ship departed Pearl Harbor for the great Northwest Territory of Ranch Point, Canada conducting high priority CNO Special Project Operations enroute. On 3 September, the ship moored in Ranch Point, Canada and conducted preparations for her scheduled CNO special project operations. Some operational and testing difficulties occurred and subsequently the ship proceeded to Bangor, Washington for a one day pit stop on 7 September. The following day the ship got underway, again enroute CNO special project operations. On 23 September, the CNO project operations were completed and the ship participated in the annual Canadian Fleet Exercise - MARCOT 86, which lasted about one week.

During 4-7 October the ship conducted her second port visit in it's City Namesake; BREMERTON, Washington. While transiting through Rich Passage, BREMERTON as Flagship, led the parade of BREMERTON Yacht Club boats down to BRAVO Pier in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Upon mooring, the ship was greeted during a public ceremony by Mrs. Elizabeth McGowen (Sponsor of the original Cruiser BREMERTON (CA 130)), Mrs. Henry M. Jackson, (Sponsor for USS BREMERTON (SSN 698)), Mr. Gene Lobe (the City Mayor) and Rear Admiral Rickmann (COMSUBTRAGRUPACNORWEST). The ship was presented a key to the city by the Mayor, which has been appropriately mounted in the crew's mess. Throughout the port visit, several hundred people of the City of Bremerton toured the ship and the officers and crew were treated with the utmost hospitality. The Namesake City Port visit ended much too quickly and the ship was off to participate in FLEETEX 86.

The ship's next port visit was to be ALAMEDA, California. After a week of stand down in the Port of San Francisco, the ship transited back to Pearl Harbor for a major upkeep period, an operational workup for the annual Tactical Readiness Evaluation and to conduct preparations for another impending deployment for Pacific ASW operations in January 1987.

1986
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

01-04 JAN	In transit for WESTPAC
05-12 JAN	Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan
13 JAN	KAMI Exercise
14-17 JAN	In transit in WESTPAC
18-22 JAN	Upkeep Chinhae, Korea
23-26 JAN	In transit in WESTPAC
27 JAN-01 FEB	Upkeep Subic Bay, RP
02 FEB	In transit in WESTPAC
03-05 FEB	Exercise ASW 86-1
06-09 FEB	Exercise MULTIPLEX 86
10-11 FEB	Underway services to CTG 70.1
12 FEB	Exercise ENCOUNTEREX
13-14 FEB	Exercise WOLFPACEX
14 FEB	Exercise INCHOPEX
15-16 FEB	Exercise WOLFPACEX
17-23 FEB	Upkeep Subic Bay, RP
24-28 FEB	In transit in WESTPAC
01-03 MAR	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
04-06 MAR	In transit in WESTPAC
07-13 MAR	Operations in Philippine Sea
14-16 MAR	In transit in WESTPAC
16 MAR	Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan
17-19 MAR	In transit in WESTPAC
19 MAR-13 APR	ASW Operations
14-18 APR	Upkeep Chinhae, Korea
19-20 APR	In transit in WESTPAC
21 APR-15 MAY	ASW Operations
16-17 MAY	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
18-22 MAY	In transit in WESTPAC
23 MAY-05 JUN	Upkeep in Guam
06-10 JUN	In transit/ORSE Workup
11-12 JUN	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
13 JUN-06 JUL	Inport Subase, Pearl Harbor, HI
07-09 JUL	ISE Hawaiian OPAREAS
10 JUL-25 AUG	Upkeep Subase Pearl Harbor
25 AUG	Underway for EASTPAC Deployment
26-31 AUG	In transit in EASTPAC
01 SEP	CNO Special Project Operations (ALWT)
02 SEP	In transit in Puget Sound
03-04 SEP	Inport Ranch Point, Canada
05 SEP	In transit in Puget Sound
06 SEP	CNO Special Project Operations (ALWT)
07 SEP	Inport Subase Bangor, WA
08 SEP	In transit in Puget Sound
09-23 SEP	CNO Eastern Pacific Operations (FIXED-FIXED)
24 SEP-02 OCT	MARCOT 86 Operations
03 OCT	In transit in Puget Sound
04-07 OCT	Inport Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA

Enclosure (2)

CHRONOLOGY EVENT (CONTINUED)

08 OCT	In transit Puget Sound
09-10 OCT	FLEETEX 86 Operations
11-13 OCT	ASW Operations
14 OCT	In transit in EASTPAC
15-19 OCT	Inport NAS Alameda, CA
20-23 OCT	In transit in WESTPAC
24 OCT-02 NOV	Inport Pearl Harbor
03-06 NOV	ISE Local Hawaiian OPAREAS
07-11 NOV	Inport Pearl Harbor
12 NOV-03 DEC	Upkeep Subase Pearl Harbor
04-05 DEC	Sea Trails Local Hawaiian OPAREAS
06-07 DEC	Inport Pearl Harbor
08-12 DEC	ISE/TRE Workup in Local Hawaiian OPAREAS
13-14 DEC	Inport Pearl Harbor
15-18 DEC	Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
19-31 DEC	Deployment Load Out