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**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

USS BREMERTON (SSN 698)  
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**From:** Commanding Officer, USS BREMERTON (SSN 698)  
**To:** Director of Naval History, Washington, DC (OP 09BH)

**Subj:** COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

**Ref:** (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

**Encl:** (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology of Events  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), the Command History of USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) for the period of 15 April 1995 to 26 April 1996 is submitted as enclosures (1) through (4).

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**COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**MISSION:** To hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines, conduct mine warfare and strike operations.

**ORGANIZATION:** Under operational and administrative command of Commander, Submarine Squadron Seven

**COMMANDING OFFICER:** Commander Ronald R. Cox, USN

**BIOGRAPHY:** Attached

**PERMANENT DUTY STATION:** U. S. Naval Submarine Base  
Pearl Harbor, HI

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## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 15APR95 - 04MAY95 | Sea Trials  |
| 05MAY95 - 08MAY95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 09MAY95 - 12MAY95 | Local Ops   |
| 13MAY95 - 21MAY95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
|                   | 18MAY Change of Command                           |
| 22MAY95 - 01JUN95 | Tactical Weapons Proficiency Inspection           |
| 02JUN95 - 04JUN95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 05JUN95 - 08JUN95 | Local Ops   |
| 08JUN95 - 21JUN95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 22JUN95 - 29JUN95 | Underway Eastern Pacific                          |
| 30JUN95 - 05JUL95 | Inport Esquimalt, BC                              |
| 06JUL95 - 25JUL95 | Underway Eastern Pacific                          |
| 26JUL95 - 27JUL95 | Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) |
| 27JUL95 - 31JUL95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 01AUG95 - 05SEP95 | POM Upkeep  |
| 05SEP95 - 08SEP95 | Sea Trials/REFTRA                                 |
| 09SEP95 - 17SEP95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 18SEP95 - 21SEP95 | Mine Readiness Certification Inspection           |
| 22SEP95 - 24SEP95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 25SEP95 - 28SEP95 | Local Ops   |
| 29SEP95 - 01OCT95 | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |
| 02OCT95 - 13OCT95 | Pre-Overseas Movement                             |
|                   | Certification/Tactical Readiness Evaluation       |
| 14OCT95 - 25OCT95 | Inport Pearl Harbor (Pre-Deployment upkeep)       |
| 26OCT95 - 03NOV95 | Underway WESTPAC                                  |
| 04NOV95 - 05NOV95 | Inport Guam                                       |
| 06NOV95 - 18NOV95 | ANNUALEX-95 and transit to Yokosuka, Japan        |
| 19NOV95 - 21NOV95 | Inport Yokosuka                                   |
| 22NOV95 - 02DEC95 | Underway WESTPAC                                  |
| 03DEC95 - 04DEC95 | Inport Yokosuka                                   |
| 05DEC95 - 27DEC95 | Underway WESTPAC                                  |
| 28DEC95 - 02JAN96 | Inport Hong Kong                                  |
| 02JAN96 - 06JAN96 | In transit to Sasebo, Japan                       |
| 07JAN96 - 18JAN96 | Inport Sasebo (Upkeep)                            |
| 19JAN96 - 17MAR96 | Underway WESTPAC                                  |
| 18MAR96 - 22MAR96 | Inport Subic Bay, Philippines                     |
| 23MAR96 - 28MAR96 | In transit to Guam                                |
| 28MAR96 - 14APR96 | Inport Guam (Upkeep)                              |
| 15APR96 - 25APR96 | In transit to Pearl Harbor                        |
| 25APR96 - 26APR96 | Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination        |
| 26APR96           | Inport Pearl Harbor                               |

# COMMAND NARRATIVE

The USS BREMERTON started the year 1995 in drydock aboard the COMPETENT (AFDM-6). At the conclusion of Selected Restricted Availability, the boat performed sea trials followed by a period of short local operations with port periods in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. All preparations were made during this period for the deployment to the Eastern Pacific.

Towards the end of June, the boat crossed the Eastern Pacific for a port call in Esquimalt, British Columbia. The crew spent Canada Day and the Fourth of July in Esquimalt enjoying the time off prior to an arduous underway in preparation for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). After completing sound trials in Behm Canal and ORSE workup, the crew performed extremely well on ORSE and received a grade of "Excellent" upon the return to Pearl Harbor.

After a few days rest, the boat started looking ahead to its Western Pacific Deployment only a few months away. The first task was to improve the material condition of the boat and conduct tactical training during the POM upkeep. At the conclusion of POM upkeep, BREMERTON got underway for sea trials, a Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) and Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

The Mine Readiness Certification Inspection was a success. The crew then turned its focus to the TRE. Awarded an excellent on TRE, making the boat excellent both forward and aft, the BREMERTON departed on a Western Pacific Deployment at the end of October.

Following a brief stop in Guam, BREMERTON transited to join the Independence Battlegroup for ANNUALEX 95. Upon the successful completion of this joint exercise the ship made an unscheduled port visit to Yokosuka, Japan for voyage repairs.

In December, after extended operations at sea, the crew enjoyed liberty in Hong Kong followed by a transit to Sasebo, Japan for a ship's force upkeep. The ship again got underway for extended operations in the Western Pacific. At the conclusion of operations, the crew relaxed with a week of liberty in Subic Bay, Philippines followed by a quick upkeep in Guam prior to transit back to Pearl Harbor.

At the end of the trip home, BREMERTON finished its six month deployment with another successful ORSE.

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# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

**NO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED THIS PERIOD.**

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