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1. Per reference (a), the Command History of USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) for the period of 1 January 1996 to 1 March 1998 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

Encl (1)

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

01JAN96 - 26APR96	Deployed to Western Pacific
27APR96 - 23MAY96	Inport Pearl Harbor
24MAY96 - 28MAY96	Inport Maui, HI Dependent Cruise
29MAY96 - 30MAY96	Inport Pearl Harbor
31MAY96 - 05JUN96	Local Ops
06JUN96 - 21JUL96	Inport Pearl Harbor
22JUL96 - 31JUL96	Local Ops/Summer Midshipman
01AUG96 - 18AUG96	Inport Pearl Harbor
19AUG96 - 29AUG96	Local Ops
30AUG96 - 02SEP96	Inport Pearl Harbor
03SEP96 - 12SEP96	Local Ops
13SEP96 - 15SEP96	Inport Pearl Harbor
16SEP96 - 26SEP96	Local Ops/TWP
27SEP96 - 11NOV96	Inport Pearl Harbor/IMF Upkeep
12NOV96 - 25NOV96	Local Ops
26NOV96 - 01DEC96	Inport Pearl Harbor
02DEC96 - 06DEC96	Local Ops/Tactical Readiness Examination
07DEC96 - 08JAN97	Inport Pearl Harbor/Holiday Standown
09JAN97 - 17JAN97	Local Ops
17JAN97 - 21JAN97	Inport Pearl Harbor/INSURV PREPS
21JAN97 - 22JAN97	UMI
23JAN97 - 26FEB97	Inport Pearl Harbor/IMF Upkeep
26FEB97 - 15MAR97	Local OPS/ORSE
15MAR97 - 17APR97	Inport Pearl Harbor/IMF Upkeep
18APR97 - 05MAY97	Local Ops
06MAY97 - 10JUN97	Inport Pearl Harbor
11JUN97 - 12JUN97	Local Ops
13JUN97 - 16JUN97	Inport Pearl Harbor
17JUN97 - 02JUL97	EASTPAC/Summer Midshipman/FLEETEX
03JUL97 - 08JUL97	Inport San Diego/4TH of July Holiday
09JUL97 - 24JUL97	EASTPAC/Tactical Weapons Proficiency
25JUL97 - 25AUG97	Inport Pearl Harbor/IMF Upkeep
26AUG97 - 28AUG97	Local Ops/Pre-Overseas Movement Certification
10SEP97 - 21SEP97	Deployed to Western Pacific
22SEP97 - 10OCT97	Inport Yokosuka, Japan/IMF Upkeep
10OCT97 - 15OCT97	Deployed to Western Pacific
15OCT97 - 20OCT97	Inport Chinhae, Korea
20OCT97 - 22NOV97	Deployed to Western Pacific
22NOV97 - 28NOV97	Inport Sasebo, Japan/Thanksgiving Holiday
28NOV97 - 03DEC97	Deployed to Western Pacific
03DEC97 - 07DEC97	Inport Guam, USA/USS FRANK CABLE Upkeep
07DEC97 - 11DEC97	Deployed to Western Pacific/SPECWAR OPS
11DEC97 - 15DEC97	Inport Guam, USA
15DEC97 - 22DEC97	Deployed to Western Pacific/TYPHOON PAKA
22DEC97 - 31DEC97	Inport Sasebo, Japan/X-mas Holiday Standown
31DEC97 - 27JAN98	Deployed to Western Pacific
27JAN98 - 07FEB98	Inport Guam, USA/USS FRANK CABLE Upkeep
07FEB98 - 14FEB98	Deployed to Western Pacific
14FEB98 - 20FEB98	Inport Suva, Fiji
20FEB98 - 02MAR98	Deployed to Western Pacific/ORSE

COMMAND NARRATIVE

From USS BREMERTON's last command history the ship completed its six-month Western Pacific Deployment on extended operations at sea. The ship was awarded a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for displaying exceptional tactical skills under extremely arduous and challenging conditions during military tensions in the Taiwan Strait by providing valuable support to the INDEPENDENCE Battle Group. After the crew had its normal post WESTPAC standdown, sea trials was performed to get underway for a Dependents cruise to Maui, Hawaii so crewmembers had the chance to participate in underway operations with their families. The boat returned to port to begin the summer with local operations off of Hawaii and by mid summer performed operations with Naval Academy Midshipmen.

In the fall BREMERTON had gone through a Tactical Warfare Proficiency (TWP) evaluation passing with a satisfactory grade, an IMF upkeep, and ending the year with a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) in which the ship trained and performed in tactical excellence. The ship earned the Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN Tactical "T" for 1996. All crewmembers ended the year with a well-deserved holiday standdown with their families and friends.

Bremerton started the New Year with local operations and a material inspection. After an IMF Upkeep Bremerton departed for local operations and was surprised with an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

Later that summer Bremerton departed for an Eastern Pacific deployment with Naval Academy Midshipmen onboard to participate with the Nimitz battlegroup in FLEETEX 97 and a short port visit to San Diego for 4th of July holiday. On her transient back to Pearl Harbor, HI Bremerton completed a Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP) evaluation with a satisfactory grade. Bremerton later earned the 1997 Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN GREEN "C" for communications excellence during (TWP) and Battlegroup operations.

Returning from a successful Eastern Pacific deployment Bremerton prepared for a six month Western Pacific deployment (WESTPAC) by satisfactorily completing a Pre-Overseas Deployment Certification and an IMF Upkeep.

Bremerton had an extremely successful Western Pacific deployment. The ship started WESTPAC with a very successful Joint Seventh Fleet/Commander Submarine Group SEVEN Japanese and American VIP cruise in Yokosuka, Japan. Bremerton provided a guided tour through the ship giving the VIP's a complete picture of submarine operations. The tour ended with a five star banquet for over 30 Japanese, American civilian and military dignitaries. Upon the successful completion of extended operations at sea, the crew enjoyed liberty in Chinhae, South Korea, followed by a transit to Sasebo, Japan for a ship's force Liberty Port followed on by a short transit to Guam for a scheduled ship's force upkeep.

Due to unforeseen weather conditions the ship promptly got underway to avoid the destructive path of Super Typhoon "PAKA". 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 Suva, Fiji and began her transit back to Pearl Harbor.

The ship completed WESTPAC with an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and a much needed crew standown for the month of March.