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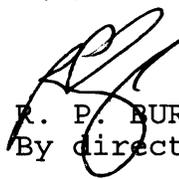
From: Commanding Officer, USS BREMERTON (SSN 698)  
To: Director of Naval History, Washington, DC (N09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

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 3 March 1998 to 1 March 1999 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 ELEVEN

COMMANDING OFFICER: Commander Robert L. Thomas, USN

BIOGRAPHY: Attached

PERMANENT DUTY STATION: U. S. Naval Submarine Base  
San Diego, CA

Encl (1)

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

03MAR98 - 05APR98	Inport Pearl Harbor/WESTPAC stand down
06APR98 - 10APR98	Local OPS/Weapons Load
11APR98 - 15APR98	Inport Pearl Harbor
16APR98 - 17APR98	Dependents Cruise to MAUI, HI
18APR98 - 20APR98	Inport MAUI, HI
21APR98 - 21APR98	Inport Pearl Harbor
22APR98 - 24APR98	Local OPS/TRACKEX SSBN
25APR98 - 26MAY98	Inport Pearl Harbor/Change of Command
27MAY98 - 02JUN98	EASTPAC/MIDSHIPMAN OPS
03JUN98 - 08JUN98	Inport San Diego
09JUN98 - 10JUN98	Local OPS/MIDSHIPMAN OPS
11JUN98 - 19JUN98	Inport San Diego
20JUN98 - 01JUL98	Local OPS/Tactical Readiness Evaluation
02JUL98 - 23JUL98	Inport Pearl Harbor
24JUL98 - 31JUL98	Local OPS/RIMPAC/MIDSHIPMAN OPS
01AUG98 - 12AUG98	Inport Pearl Harbor
13AUG98 - 17AUG98	Underway Change of Homeport to San Diego
18AUG98 - 13SEP98	Inport San Diego/Upkeep
14SEP98 - 17SEP98	Local OPS
18SEP98 - 20SEP98	Inport San Diego
21SEP98 - 24SEP98	Local OPS/VIP CRUISE
25SEP98 - 05OCT98	Inport San Diego
06OCT98 - 09OCT98	Local OPS
10OCT98 - 11OCT98	Inport San Diego
12OCT98 - 14OCT98	Local OPS
15OCT98 - 09FEB99	Inport San Diego/SRA/Holiday stand down
10FEB99 - 11FEB99	Local OPS/SEA TRIALS
12FEB99 - 16FEB99	Inport San Diego
17FEB99 - 18FEB99	Local OPS
19FEB99 - 20FEB99	Inport San Diego
21FEB98 - 01MAR99	Local OPS/Acoustic Sea Trials

Encl (2)

## 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 and for providing valuable support to the NIMITZ Battle Group. After the crew had its normal post WESTPAC stand down, the ship was underway for a Dependents cruise to Maui, Hawaii, providing crewmembers with the opportunity to demonstrate underway operations with their families. The boat returned to port to begin the summer with local operations off of Hawaii and to bid farewell to Commander Ronald R. Cox as he was relieved by BREMERTON's new Captain, Commander Robert L. Thomas.

Commander Thomas began his tour with an Eastern Pacific deployment with Naval Academy Midshipmen and a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)/Communication Readiness Evaluation. The BREMERTON performed flawlessly on both evaluations, contributing to the ship being awarded the GREEN 'C' for Communications Excellence by Commander, Submarine Squadron SEVEN. The ship also participated in RIMPAC, an annual Pacific training exercise with Pacific Rim forces. The BREMERTON once again proved her tactical prowess by simulating kill after kill on surface and submerged contacts, before being called back to Pearl Harbor to commence a Change of Homeport to San Diego, CA.

In the fall, BREMERTON completed a Change of Homeport to San Diego, CA and an upkeep. The ship ended the year with a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) and a much needed Holiday Stand down.

BREMERTON started the new year with sea trials and acoustic trials. Even after a long dry-dock period the crew's performance was outstanding, completing sea trials in half the scheduled time. The ship completed sea trials and began working up for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

Enclosure (3)

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Secretary of the Navy letter of Commendation

Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN Letter

Encl (4)