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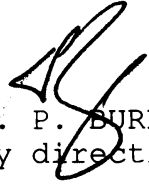
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From: Commanding Officer, USS BREMERTON (SSN 698)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)
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1. Per reference (a), the Command History of USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) for the period of 2 March 1999 to 17 March 2000 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

02 Mar 99 - 15 Mar 99	At sea, Local Ops, Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
15 Mar 99 - 22 Mar 99	Inport, San Diego
22 Mar 99 - 01 Apr 99	At sea, Local Ops
01 Apr 99 - 13 May 99	Upkeep, Inport, San Diego
13 May 99 - 23 May 99	At sea, Sea Trials, Local Ops
23 May 99 - 04 Jun 99	Inport, San Diego
04 Jun 99 - 10 Jun 99	At sea, Local Ops
10 Jun 99 - 21 Jun 99	Inport, San Diego
21 Jun 99 - 02 Jul 99	At sea, Local Ops, Tactical Readiness Evaluation
02 Jul 99 - 05 Aug 99	Inport, San Diego
05 Aug 99 - 06 Aug 99	At sea, Local Ops
06 Aug 99 - 09 Aug 99	Inport, San Diego
09 Aug 99 - 14 Aug 99	At sea, Local Ops
14 Aug 99 - 24 Aug 99	Inport, San Diego
24 Aug 99 - 03 Sep 99	At sea, Local Ops,
03 Sep 99 - 18 Sep 99	Inport, San Diego
18 Sep 99 - 04 Oct 99	At sea, transit to WESTPAC
04 Oct 99 - 15 Oct 99	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan
15 Oct 99 - 22 Nov 99	At sea, Special Operations
22 Nov 99 - 03 Dec 99	Inport, Guam USA
03 Dec 99 - 13 Dec 99	At sea, Transit to Thailand
13 Dec 99 - 19 Dec 99	Anchored, Thailand
19 Dec 99 - 22 Dec 99	At sea, Transit to Singapore
22 Dec 99 - 03 Jan 00	Inport, Singapore
03 Jan 00 - 12 Jan 00	At sea, Transit to Chinhae
12 Jan 00 - 14 Jan 00	Inport, Chinhae, South Korea
14 Jan 00 - 17 Feb 00	At sea, Special Operations
17 Feb 00 - 18 Feb 00	Inport, Chinhae, South Korea
18 Feb 00 - 22 Feb 00	At sea, Transit to Guam
22 Feb 00 - 03 Mar 00	Inport, Guam USA
03 Mar 00 - 17 Mar 00	At sea, Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, Transit to San Diego

Encl (2)

COMMAND NARRATIVE

From USS BREMERTON's last command history the ship completed a surprise Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). The ship had a very long upkeep period and with only two short weeks to prepare for (ORSE), BREMERTON sailors performed exceptionally well under extremely arduous conditions. Not only did BREMERTON perform well on the inspection but a few days before the surprise (ORSE) BREMERTON was tasked to assist the Coast Guard in sinking the Motor Vessel New Carissa, a very large oil tanker that grounded on the Oregon coast. The oil tanker was towed to sea and BREMERTON sunk the massive tanker with one ADCAP torpedo. BREMERTON returned to San Diego and received a hero's welcome and was awarded the Engineering "E" for Engineering Excellence by Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN and the Coast Guard Unit Commendation for sinking the M/V New Carissa.

In the summer, BREMERTON deployed with Naval Academy Midshipmen to give the future naval officers a taste of submarine life. The ship also completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and once again the BREMERTON performed well above average and was selected by the Inspection Team as a TRE Top Performer. During the end of summer BREMERTON began working up for a Western Pacific Deployment (WESTPAC) in the fall.

After completing a Pre-Overseas Movement Certification (POMCERT), BREMERTON got underway for WESTPAC. After arriving in Yokosuka, Japan, BREMERTON conducted a short upkeep and began operations in the Western Pacific, followed by liberty in Pattaya, Thailand and Singapore.

BREMERTON celebrated the new millennium in Singapore and the Commanding Officer, Commander Robert L. Thomas, conducted a live interview on CNN from Singapore on the celebration. When another submarine was unable to participate in a joint USN/ROKN SHAREM exercise, BREMERTON quickly shifted gears and performed flawlessly during the SHAREM exercise. The ship ended WESTPAC with another superb performance on ORSE.

Enclosure (3)