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Encl: (1) USS BUFFALO (SSN715) Command History

1. As required by references (a) and (b), the annual Command History of the USS BUFFALO (SSN715) is forwarded as enclosure (1).

  
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1985 was a year of firsts for the USS BUFFALO. In January the ship successfully passed a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection and in March completed a rigorous Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. April and May were spent in upkeep status preparing BUFFALO for her first WESTPAC.

On May 20, 1985, USS BUFFALO departed Pearl Harbor and embarked on underway operations in the Mid-Pacific until arriving in Subic Bay, Philippines on 5 July 1985 for a three week upkeep. After the upkeep BUFFALO transited the Gulf of Thailand for a five day port call in Pattaya, Thailand. BUFFALO created history by becoming the first nuclear powered submarine to anchor off the coast at Pattaya Beach. The port visit was the limelight of the Western Pacific deployment and the crew thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Upon leaving Thailand BUFFALO returned to Subic Bay for four and a half weeks of upkeep. On September 11, 1985, USS BUFFALO departed the Philippines for underway operations in the Pacific. On October 29, 1985 BUFFALO arrived in Yokosuka, Japan for a three day port visit. The ship returned to Pearl Harbor via a one week upkeep in Guam enroute and arrived on 19 November 1985. BUFFALO spent the remainder of 1985 in local operations and upkeep in Pearl Harbor.

Enclosure (1)