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From: Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

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Encl: (1) Command History - USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

1. The command history of USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1990 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (a).

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Pacific Submarine Museum, Pearl Harbor, HI

I. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer - Commander Hugh D. Nelson, USN
Immediate Senior in Command (ISIC) - Commander, Submarine Squadron 1
Type Commander (TYCOM) - Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet
Homeport - Pearl Harbor Naval Submarine Base

Ship's Complement: 13 Officers
 14 Chief Petty Officers
 120 Enlisted Men

II. CHRONOLOGY

27 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY	LOCAL OPERATIONS
9 - 14 FEBRUARY	LOCAL OPERATIONS
18 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH	LOCAL OPERATIONS (AIREM TANGO-B-90P V)
9 - 19 APRIL	LOCAL OPERATIONS
23 - 26 APRIL	TACTICAL READINESS EXAMINATION
7 - 10 MAY	LOCAL OPERATIONS
18 MAY - 13 OCTOBER	DEPLOYED TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC
26 MAY - 27 MAY	ASW EXERCISE
28 MAY - 2 JUNE	WESTPAC BRIEFINGS IN YOKOSUKA JAPAN
5 - 6 JUNE	EXERCISE BRIEFING IN CHINHAE KOREA
6 - 10 JUNE	ASW EXERCISE 90-2K
12 - 15 JUNE	SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN WESTERN PACIFIC
18 JUNE - 9 JULY	UPKEEP BY USS PROTEUS IN GUAM
	SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN WESTERN PACIFIC
5 - 19 SEPTEMBER	UPKEEP BY NAVAL SHIP REPAIR FACILITY, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
23 - 28 SEPTEMBER	LIBERTY PORT CALL TO HONG KONG
12 - 13 OCTOBER	OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAMINATION
6 - 9 NOVEMBER	LOCAL OPERATIONS
14 - 17 NOVEMBER	DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD UNDERWAY TESTING DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD INPORT INSPECTION

III. NARRATIVE

USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) conducted several local operations in the Middle Pacific area from January to May 1990 including a ASW Training Exercise with P-3C Orion patrol aircraft from Commander, ASW Wings Pacific.

During local operations from 23 to 26 April, BUFFALO completed a Tactical Readiness Examination with satisfactory results.

On 18 May 1990, BUFFALO departed her homeport of Pearl Harbor for her fourth Western Pacific deployment.

• BUFFALO first port of call during WESTPAC 91 was to Yokosuka, Japan. Commander, Submarine Group 7 provided briefings for the officers and crew concerning upcoming operations. The ship also conducted in brief for maintenance and repairs.

- After a brief visit to Chinhae Korea for briefing, BUFFALO participated in an ASW Exercise with Korean Naval Forces and the USS ROARK (FFG-1053). BUFFALO and other Pacific based submarines alternated defending and attacking Korea, providing valuable bilateral ASW training to Korean Naval Forces.

- During transit to Guam, BUFFALO conducted ASW Exercises with another Pacific based submarine.

- BUFFALO arrived at Apra Harbor, Guam for a month-long intensive upkeep with the USS PROTEUS (AS-19).

- After departure from Guam, BUFFALO conducted extended submarine operations of vital importance to the security of the United States.

- BUFFALO then returned to Yokosuka, Japan to debrief Commander, Submarine Group 7. While the ship was being repaired by Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan, the officers and crew took advantage of the many tours and activities offered throughout Japan. The officers and crew were invited to tour and dine aboard USS PRINCETON (CG-59), which had recently completed a port visit to Vladivostok, U.S.S.R.

- While moored along side the USNS SIOUX in Victoria Harbor, the officers and crew enjoyed a four day liberty call in Hong Kong.

- BUFFALO conducted a personnel transfer in Guam and resumed her transit to Pearl Harbor. During the final days of WESTPAC 91, the ship completed an Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination with satisfactory results.

- BUFFALO returned to Pearl Harbor on 13 October after a five month Western Pacific Deployment with the special distinction of all operational assignments successfully completed and the gold and silver dolphin flags flying to indicate outstanding personnel qualification.

After a short standdown period the ship completed two months of local operations.

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard conducted a pre-Depot Modernization Period (DMP) A-6 month inspection prior to the ship's scheduled May 1991 docking.

BUFFALO resumed a modified standdown for the holidays while correcting discrepancies identified by the A-6 inspection in preparation for the upcoming shipyard period.