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From: Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN-715)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

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

1. Reference (a) was sent in error as discussed during reference (b).
2. The command history of USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1991 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (c).

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I. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer - Commander Hugh D. Nelson, USN
Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) - Commander, Submarine Squadron 7
Type Commander (TYCOM)- Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet
Homeport- Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor Hawaii
Primary Mission - Anti-Submarine Warfare

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

II. CHRONOLOGY

3 JAN	FAST CRUISE
4 JAN	WEAPONS LOAD
7 JAN	WEAPONS LOAD
9-10 JAN	SAFETY STAND DOWN
6 FEB	FAST CRUISE
7 FEB	WEAPONS LOAD
8-16 FEB	SEA TRIALS
16 FEB-22 MAR	PRE-DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD (DMP) UPKEEP IN BANGOR WASHINGTON
14 MAR	CMS INSPECTION
22-23 MAR	EASTPAC OPERATIONS
23-25 MAR	LIBERTY PORT CALL ESQUIMALT, CANADA
25 MAR- 1 APR	EASTPAC OPERATIONS
4-8 APR	LOCAL OPERATIONS
9-19 APR	UPKEEP AND SHIPYARD TECHNICAL AVAILABILITY
18 APR	AWARDS CEREMONY
18 APR	CAPTAIN EDWARD F. NEY AWARD INSPECTION
2 MAY	DRY DOCKED, START OF DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD
2 MAY	SHIFT FROM SUBMARINE SQUADRON 1 TO SQUADRON 7
3 MAY	ENLISTED SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL
4 MAY	OFFICER SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL
1 AUG	COMMAND INSPECTION
12 DEC	SHIP'S FORCE CHRISTMAS PARTY
13 DEC	EXECUTIVE OFFICER RELIEF
21 DEC	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
20-30 DEC	CHRISTMAS STAND DOWN

III. NARRATIVE

● USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) started the year clearing A-6 Pre-Depot Modernization Period (DMP) inspection discrepancies.

● BUFFALO departed her home port of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on February 8, 1991, for Sea Trials and her transit to the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

● BUFFALO'S first port of call was to Bangor, Washington on February 16, where she completed an A-3 upkeep prior to DMP.

Encl (1)

- On March 22, 1991, BUFFALO proceeded to Esquimalt, Canada for a short liberty port call.
- BUFFALO transited on March 25, 1991, back to the Eastern Pacific Ocean for the return trip to Pearl Harbor, arriving on April 1, 1991.
- BUFFALO conducted local operations during the week of April 4, 1991.
- From April 9 through April 19, 1991 BUFFALO conducted upkeep, including preventive maintenance and testing required prior to the start of DMP.
- On April 18, 1991, BUFFALO was inspected for the Captain Edward F. Ney Award and subsequently represented the Pacific Fleet in this award competition.
- BUFFALO pulled into Drydock #1, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on May 2, 1991, where she began DMP. On this day BUFFALO changed her Immediate Superior in Command from Submarine Squadron 1 to Submarine Squadron 7.
- On December 13, 1991, LCDR Lawrence F. Galvin relieved LCDR Benjamin E. Richter as Executive Officer.
- From December 20 through December 30, 1991, BUFFALO observed Christmas stand down.
- During the course of 1991, BUFFALO held many ships parties. The best of the year by far were the Christmas parties for both the crew and the crews' families.
- BUFFALO enjoyed outstanding participation in flag football, basketball, and 2 softball teams.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

BIOGRAPHY OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Hugh D. Nelson relieved as Commanding Officer of USS BUFFALO on November 28, 1989. CDR Nelson is married to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], and is a native of [REDACTED]. CDR Nelson was commissioned in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy. In 1974, he received a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. His previous tours include Damage Control Assistant aboard USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN-599) (BLUE) and (GOLD): Plant Performance Evaluation Officer at the S3G Prototype at West Milton, New York; Engineer Officer aboard USS PINTADO (SSN-672); and Executive Officer aboard USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN-730) (BLUE).