



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)
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Encl: (1) Command History of USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

1. The command history of USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1992 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (a).

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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: 15 Officers
16 Chief Petty Officers
129 Enlisted Men

II. CHRONOLOGY

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| 9 February - 26 March | Cold Reactor Plant Testing |
| 20 March | Undocking |
| 21 May - 10 June | Hot Reactor Plant Testing |
| 16-17 July | Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Examination |
| 11 August | Phase I Crew Certification |
| 30 October - 8 November | Critical Reactor Plant Testing |
| 24 November | Dock Trials |
| 29 November | Phase II Crew Certification |
| 12-19 December | Fast Cruise |
| 20-22 December | Sea Trials |
| 23-31 December | Christmas Stand Down |

III. NARRATIVE

USS BUFFALO continued an arduous Depot Modernization Period (DMP) in Dry Dock #1 at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Key milestones in the ship's DMP progress are listed in the chronology. From a crew morale stand point, the major milestones were undocking, completion of the Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Examination, and the commencement of sea trials.

During a well deserved Christmas stand down the ship prepared for change of command, a second sea trials period, and the completion of DMP.

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

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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).

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