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

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

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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 1994 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (a).

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J. E. COHOON

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I. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer - CDR Robert S. Brown/CDR John E. Cohoon, USN
Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) - Commander, Submarine
Squadron 1

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

1 - 24 Jan	Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep
25 Jan - 8 Feb	Sea Trials / POM Certification Workup
9 - 10 Feb	POM Certification
11 - 12 Feb	In port Pearl Harbor, HI
14 Feb	Dependent's Cruise
15 - 27 Feb	Load-out for Western Pacific Deployment
28 Feb - 18 Aug	WESTPAC Deployment
28 Feb - 18 Mar	Transit to Yokosuka, Japan
19 Mar - 4 Apr	In port Yokosuka, Japan
5 - 9 Apr	Diesel Exercise with VP Aircraft
10 - 11 Apr	Diesel Exercise
12 - 17 Apr	Japanese Maritime Amphibious Group Exercise
18 - 20 Apr	Transit to Guam
21 - 23 Apr	In port Guam
24 - 29 Apr	Transit to Singapore
30 Apr - 3 May	In port Singapore
3 - 8 May	Multi-National Exercises
9 - 13 May	In port Pattaya Beach, Thailand
14 - 16 May	Multi-National Exercises
17 - 21 May	Transit to Yokosuka, Japan
22 - 30 May	In port Yokosuka, Japan
31 May - 4 Jun	Multi-National Exercises
5 - 8 Jun	Transit to Sasebo, Japan
9 Jun	In port Sasebo, Japan
9 Jun - 8 Aug	Independent Operations
8 - 15 Aug	In port Yokosuka, Japan
16 - 23 Aug	Transit to Pearl Harbor, HI
24 Aug	Operation Reactor Safe Guards Exam
25 Aug - 21 Sep	Post Deployment Stand-down
9 Sep	Change of Command
3 Oct - 7 Oct	Underway; Independent Steaming Exercise
8 - 16 Oct	Ship's Force Upkeep
17 Oct - 22 Oct	Underway; Support Operation
23 - 30 Oct	Ship's Force Upkeep

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II. CHRONOLOGY (continued)

31 Oct - 16 Nov	Underway; Support Operation
16 Nov - 5 Dec	Spruce
5 - 31 Dec	Battery Replacement/IMA Upkeep

III. NARRATIVE

USS BUFFALO started out the year preparing for deployment and departed Pearl Harbor, HI on 28 February. During our deployment we participated in four SEATO Joint Exercises and performed a unusual 60 day deployment in support of SEVENTH Fleet.

During a well deserved Post Deployment stand down the ship completed change of command.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

BIOGRAPHY OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander John E. Cohoon, Jr., a native of [REDACTED] graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1978 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following commissioning he attended Naval Nuclear Power school in Orlando, Florida, the Nuclear Power Training Unit at Ballston Spa, New York, and the Submarine Officer's Basic Course in New London, Connecticut.

His first assignment was to the Gold crew of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623) where he served in a variety of division jobs from April 1980 to June 1983. The NATHAN HALE won the Submarine Squadron 18 Battle Efficiency "E" during his time on board. Commander Cohoon's next assignment was as the First Company Officer at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. During this tour he received a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. Following his tour at the Naval Academy he attended the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in New London, Connecticut.

Commander Cohoon was next assigned to the USS L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN 686) where he served as Navigator and Combat Systems Officer from August 1986 until September 1988. The L. MENDEL RIVERS won the Submarine Squadron 4 Battle Efficiency "E" twice during his tour. His next assignment was as Engineer Officer on the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN 633) GOLD where he served from September 1988 until September 1990. During this assignment the CASIMIR PULASKI won the Submarine Squadron 16 Battle Efficiency "E" and the Atlantic Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine of the Year award for 1989. Commander Cohoon then served as Executive Officer on board the USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) from September 1990 to November 1992. During this tour the HOUSTON completed a shipyard period and held

many 688 class submarine firsts including swimmer, mining and battle group operations.

Commander Cohoon's next assignment was as a student in the senior class at the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island where he graduated in November 1993 with a Master of Arts Degree in National and Security Studies.

Commander Cohoon has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

Commander Cohoon is married to the former [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. They currently reside on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii with their sons [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].