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From: Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)
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Subj: USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization. USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) is a Los Angeles Class Fast Attack Submarine home-ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. BUFFALO's ISIC is Squadron One. CDR John E. Cohoon commanded her until 5 December 1997, when CDR Robert M. Hennegan relieved as Commanding Officer.

2. Chronology.

01-05 Jan: Completion of the Christmas Standown
06-10 Jan: Pre-overseas Movement (POM) classroom training
11-20 Jan: Tactical Development Exercise with
USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711)
21-31 Jan: Tactical Development Exercise with
USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666)
01 Feb-16 Mar: Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF)
POM II Upkeep. The Hovering system which will
support the future installation of the
Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) was installed
17-21 Mar: Sub vs. sub exercise with the USS KAMEHAMEHA
(SSN 742)
24-31 Mar: POM advanced attack centers
01-11 Apr: Sub vs. sub with USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 672)
followed by a Tactical Readiness Examination/
POM certification
12-30 April: POM loadout. Ship conducted emergent Dry
Docking for SPM replacement.
01-31 May: Special Operations in Seventh Fleet AOR
01-20 Jun: Special Operations in Seventh Fleet AOR
21-24 Jun: Inport Yokosuka for Upkeep and voyage
repair
25 Jun-04 Jul: Special Operations in Seventh Fleet AOR
05-10 Jul: Inport Yokosuka for upkeep and voyage
repair
11-14 Jul: Enroute Chinhae South Korea

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15-18 Jul: Underway for Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) submarine exercise
19-21 Jul: Inport Chinhae for liberty
22 Jul-18 Sep: Special Operations in Seventh Fleet AOR
19-20 Sep: Transit to Chinhae, South Korea
21-26 Sep: Inport Chinhae for voyage repair
27-28 Sep: Transit to Sasebo, Japan
9 Sep-02 Oct: Inport Sasebo for voyage repair
03-07 Oct: Underway for Shinkame
08-10 Oct: Transit to Yokosuka
11-20 Oct: Inport Yokosuka for upkeep
20-29 Oct: Transit to Pearl Harbor
30-31 Oct: Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
01 Nov-02 Dec: Standown
03-05 Dec: Weapons Offload at Westloch and COC preps
05 Dec Change of Command. CDR John E. Cohoon was relieved by CDR Robert M. Hennegan
08-12 Dec: Undersea Material Inspection
14-19 Dec: Provided Services for Sub vs. Sub
20-31 Dec: Christmas Standown

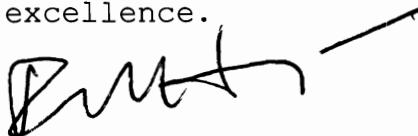
3. USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) completed the standard WestPac pre-oversea movement (POM) work-up with an above average on her Tactical Readiness Examination/POM certification. On 30 May 1998, Buffalo transited to the Seventh Fleet AOR and conducted special operations under the TACOM of CTF 14. Following the completion of the operation, Buffalo transited to Yokosuka for a short upkeep. Buffalo then transited to Chinhae where we engaged our South Korean hosts and prepared for a submarine exercise with the South Korean Navy.

The submarine exercise consisted of the ROKN 209 submarine and the Dolgorae, a Special Operation Forces (SOF) mini-sub. Various patrol crafts and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) also participated. Upon completion of the ROKN SUBEX, Buffalo conducted a special operation under the TACOM of Commander Submarine Group Seven.

On 18 September 1997, Buffalo returned to Sasebo for an overnight stay and then transited to Chinhae South Korea for voyage repairs. Following a five day upkeep, BUFFALO participated in SHINKAME, a Submarine exercise with JMSDF. Upon completion, Buffalo transited to Yokosuka for a 10-day upkeep.

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The ship returned to homeport in Pearl Harbor on Halloween. Following a well-deserved post deployment standown, Buffalo conducted a change of command and successfully completed an Undersea Material Inspection to close out a highly successful 1997. The ship was awarded a CNO Letter of Commendation for its 1997 Western Pacific Deployment and the Squadron One Tactical "T" for submarine warfighting excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Hennegan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

R. M. HENNEGAN