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USS CHICAGO (SSN-721)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAV Instruction 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard brochure

1. Per reference (a), the Command History of USS CHICAGO (SSN-721) for Calendar Year 1990 is submitted.

A. Command Composition and Organization

The primary mission of USS CHICAGO is Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW). Secondary missions include Anti-Surface Ship Warfare (ASUW) and Strike Warfare. USS CHICAGO is equipped to carry MK 48 ASW/ASUW Torpedoes, Harpoon Missiles, and all variants of the Tomahawk cruise missile. The ship is configured with the Vertical Launch System, capable of loading twelve Tomahawk missiles in the vertical tubes situated in the ship's forward main ballast tanks.

Command organization:

Commanding Officer - CDR Glenn H. Ward, USN  
Executive Officer - CDR Richard T. Luke, USN  
Command Master Chief - STSCS(SS) William A. Smith

Department Heads:

Navigator - LCDR [REDACTED], USN  
Engineer - LCDR [REDACTED], USN  
Weapons Officer - LT [REDACTED], USN  
Supply Officer - LTJG [REDACTED] USN

The Immediate Superior in the chain of command is Commander Submarine Squadron 11, CAPT O. D. Scarborough III.

B. Chronological Narrative.

1-4 January Inport - San Diego  
5-11 January Transit to Pearl Harbor, HI  
12 January - 4 February Upkeep/Inport Prospective  
Commanding Officer (PCO)  
Operations - Pearl Harbor, HI  
5-16 February PCO OPS - Hawaiian Opareas

17-20 February	Port visit, Lahaina Maui, HI
21 February	Torpedo Load, West Loch
22-27 February	Transit to San Diego, CA
28 February - 6 March	Inport San Diego, Ca
7-14 March	CNO Project OPS - SOCAL
15-19 March	Inport - San Diego, CA
20-25 March	MK 50 Torpedo OP Eval - SOCAL
26-31 March	Port Visit - Alameda, CA
1-10 April	PACSECEX 2-90 - Puget Sound Opareas
11 April - 13 May	IMA Upkeep - San Diego, CA
14-25 May	Local Ops/Acoustic Trials - SOCAL
26-28 May	Inport - San Diego, CA
29 May - 06 June	Local OPS - SOCAL
7-8 June	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
9-17 June	Ship's Force Upkeep - San Diego, CA
18-22 June	MK 50 Ops, Nanoose, B.C.
22-24 June	Port Visit, Esquimalt, B.C.
25-28 June	Transit Esquimalt, B.C. to San Diego, CA
29 June - 1 July	Inport San Diego, CA
2-3 July	Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection
4-8 July	Ship's Force Upkeep - San Diego, CA
9 July - 14 August	Pre-Overseas Movement Upkeep
15-19 August	Independent Steaming Exercise - SOCAL
20-23 August	Tactical Readiness Evaluation
24 August - 9 September	Spruce Upkeep
10-13 September	Pre-Overseas Movement Certification
14 September	721 Club/Dependents' Cruise
15-24 September	Pre-Overseas Movement Load Out
25 September	Deploy to Western Pacific
26 September - 30 October	WESTPAC OPS
30 October - 4 November	Port visit, Hong Kong, B.C.C.
5-12 November	WESTPAC OPS
13-18 November	Upkeep, Yokosuka, Japan
19 November - 31 December	WESTPAC OPS

### C. Narrative

USS CHICAGO began the year with a two-month visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to participate in Submarine Prospective Commanding Officers Operations. During the underway portion of these operations, COMSUBPAC, Rear Admiral M. C. Colley, embarked for one day to observe the operations. Prior to the ship's return to San Diego, USS CHICAGO visited Lahaina, Maui for four days.

In March, USS CHICAGO operated in the Southern California Operating Areas, providing support for a CNO Special Project and MK 50 torpedo test evaluation operations.

In April, USS CHICAGO participated in PACSECEX 2-90 in the Puget Sound Operating Areas. Enroute, the ship conducted a brief port visit in Alameda, CA and a one-day VIP cruise for San Francisco businessmen and civic leaders.

Following her return to San Diego, the ship conducted an IMA Upkeep alongside USS MCKEE, then conducted local operations preparing for the ship's Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). The ORSE was conducted on 7/8 June, with the ship receiving an overall grade of "Above Average" for the Examination.

Later in June, the ship returned to the Pacific Northwest to provide target services for additional MK 50 torpedo testing. The testing was conducted on the instrumented range in Nanoose, British Columbia. Upon completion of this testing, USS CHICAGO enjoyed a three day visit to the port of Esquimalt near Victoria, British Columbia.

In July, the ship successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection. The ship performed extremely well, receiving grades of "Outstanding" in ten of thirteen areas evaluated. Following the inspection, the ship commenced its Pre-Overseas Upkeep in preparation for deployment to the Western Pacific.

In August, the ship successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and conducted the first Special Preservation Upkeep (SPRUCE) in the San Diego area. This effort is a bi-annual requirement designed to upgrade each submarine's preservation condition during the Operating Cycle.

In September, USS CHICAGO commenced its second extended deployment to the Western Pacific. During the first two months of the deployment, the ship participated in several exercises with ships of the Seventh Fleet along with the Republic of Korea Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force. In October, the ship visited Hong Kong. Following another WESTPAC exercise, USS CHICAGO conducted a one-week upkeep in Yokosuka, Japan. This inport period was followed by extended underway operations, which continued through the end of the year.

D. Statistical Summary

(1) Navigation

Total miles steamed: 46,264  
Total miles steamed submerged: 42,763  
Days Underway (OPTEMPO Days): 177  
Days out of Homeport (PERSTEMPO Days): 222

(2) Port Visits

Pearl Harbor, HI  
Lahaina, HI  
Alameda, CA  
Esquimalt, Canada  
Hong Kong, B.C.C.  
Yokosuka, Japan

(3) Personnel Retention: CHICAGO reenlisted thirty-two crew members in 1990. USS CHICAGO attained the highest retention rate among all submarines in the Pacific Fleet (92%) and was awarded the CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award.

(4) Awards:

(a) In the Pacific Fleet Submarine Battle Efficiency competition, USS CHICAGO was awarded the following:

1. Battle Efficiency "E"
2. Engineering Red "E"
3. Medical Department "M"

(b) CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award



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