

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDING OFFICER USS CHICAGO (SSN 721) FPO AP 96662-2401

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From: Commanding Officer, USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)

To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,

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Ref: (a) OPNAV Instruction 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard Brochure

1. Command Composition and Organization.

USS CHICAGO is a 688 class fast attack nuclear-powered submarine whose primary mission is Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW). Secondary missions include Anti-Surface Ship Warfare (ASUW) and Strike Warfare. USS CHICAGO is capable of carrying MK 48 and MK 48 ADCAP torpedoes, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and all variants of the Tomahawk cruise missile. The ship is configured with the Vertical Launch System and is capable of loading twelve Tomahawk missiles in the vertical tubes located in the ship's forward main ballast tanks.

Command organization:

Commanding Officer - CDR Stephen E. Johnson, USN Executive Officer - LCDR Michael P. Hutter, USN Command Master Chief - STSCM(SS) William A. Smith

Department Heads:

Navigator - LT , USN
Engineer - LCDR , USN
Weapons Officer - LT , USN
Supply Officer - LT , USN

The Immediate Superior in the chain of command is Commander Submarine Squadron 11, CAPT C. B. REIGNER, USN.



2. Chronological Narrative.

<pre>1 January - 9 February 10 February 11 February 12 - 17 February 18 - 21 February 22 - 23 February 24 - 28 February 1 - 2 March 3 - 8 March 9 March 10 - 12 March 13 - 29 March</pre>	Inport, San Diego, CA Fast Cruise Sea Trials - SOCAL Local Ops - SOCAL Local Ops - SOCAL Inport, San Diego, CA
30 March - 3 April	Local Ops - SOCAL
4 - 17 April	Inport, San Diego, CA
18 April - 5 May	Transit to Westpac
6 - 9 May	Port Visit - Brisbane,
<u>-</u>	Australia (50th Anniversary of
	Battle of Coral Sea)
10 - 12 May	Transit to Townsville
13 - 17 May	Port Visit - Townsville,
-	Australia
18 - 28 May	Transit to Yokosuka
29 May - 1 June	Port Visit - Yokosuka, Japan
2 - 5 June	Transit
6 - 10 June	ASWEX 92-1US
11 - 12 June	Transit
13 June	BSP - Sasebo, Japan
14 - 18 June	PACSUBASWEX
18 June	Transit
19 - 23 June	Port Visit - Sasebo, Japan
24 - 27 June	ASWEX 92-2US
28 June - 1 July	Port Visit - Chinhae, Korea
2 - 5 July	Transit to Guam BSP - Guam
6 July	Port Visit - Guam
7 - 24 July	Transit
25 - 26 July	WESTPAC Ops
27 July - 26 August	Transit
27 - 31 August	Port Visit - Yokosuka, Japan
1 - 13 September	Transit to - Guam
14 - 25 September	Port Visit - Guam
26 - 27 September 28 September - 4 October	Transit to Pearl Harbor, HI
5 - 9 October	Port Visit - Pearl Harbor, HI
10 - 15 October	Transit to San Diego, CA
16 October - 5 November	Inport San Diego, CA
6 November	VIP Cruise for the 721 Club
7 - 8 November	Inport San Diego, CA
9 November	Change of Command
10 - 15 November	Inport San Diego, CA
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Inport Bangor, WA Transit to Nanoose, Canada

Local Ops - Nanoose, Canada
Local Ops - Nanoose
Transit to Esquimult, Canada
Port Visit - Esquimult, Canada
Transit to San Diego, CA
Inport San Diego, CA

3. Narrative.

USS CHICAGO began 1992 in our home port of San Diego, California. After completion of the holiday stand-down period on 6 January, the ship remained in port for 5 weeks. The ship Fast Cruised on 10 February, and then proceeded to sea for several weeks of local operations in the SOCAL operating areas supporting other submarines and conducting refresher training.

The next two weeks were spent in port, San Diego, preparing for deployment. The ship left for deployment on 18 April and conducted Exercise Christie with several Australian diesel submarines prior to a port visit to Brisbane, Australia. This port visit had been scheduled for the past three years to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Coral Sea. The port visit was outstanding with activities scheduled every day of the visit. The ship was moored outboard of USS PROTEUS which provided outstanding service to the ship and crew.

After the five day port visit, the ship got underway for a two day transit to Townsville, Australia. This was the first time Townsville had hosted a nuclear powered submarine and the visit was a tremendous success. Once again, the Australians were superb hosts and the crew had an excellent time.

The five day visit to Townsville ended on 18 May when the ship got underway to transit to Yokosuka, Japan. Along the way the ship stopped at the site of the sinking of the USS CHICAGO (CA-29) and conducted a memorial service which included tossing a wreath and a rifle salute to our ship's namesake.

The ship provided services to ASW aircraft on its eleven day transit to Yokosuka, Japan. After the 4 day visit to Yokosuka, Japan, we participated in ASWEX 92-1 US with surface ships and aircraft form the United States Navy. After conducting a small boat transfer in Sasebo, Japan we conducted exercises with Japanese diesel submarines in PACSUBASW.

We visited Sasebo, Japan again on the 19th of June, this time for a four day port visit. On departing Sasebo, Japan we could again be found in an ASW exercise. This time it was ASWEX 92-2K with surface ships from the Korea Navy also taking part. We completed this exercise and pulled into Chinhae, Korea on the 28th of June.

While in Korea we played host to General LEE, PIL-SUP, Chairman of the ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff, Vice Admiral KIM SUN-IK, Commander In Chief ROK Fleet, and LT General CHUN YONG-TEAK, Director of Strategic Planning for the ROK JCS. We departed Chinhae, Korea on the 2nd of July in transit to Guam.