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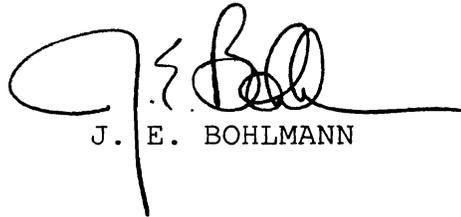
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological History of USS HARTFORD (SSN 768)
(3) Narrative of 1997 Events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.



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Command Composition and Organization

Mission: To locate and destroy surface ship's and submarines, strike warfare, reconnaissance, mine planting, and operations with special warfare forces.

Organizational Structure: Officers: 14
Enlisted: 140

Name of Commanding Officer: Joel E. Bohlmann, Commander, USN

Permanent Duty Station: Groton, Connecticut

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF
USS HARTFORD (SSN 768)
for calendar year 1997

06 JAN 97 Pre Overseas Movement (POM) Certification

22 JAN 97 Departed for ship's initial North Atlantic Deployment

15 FEB 97 Port visit in Cowlport, Scotland (5 days)

10 MAR 97 BSP in Tromso, Norway

21 APR 97 BSP in Cowlport, Scotland for repairs (1 day)

02 MAY 97 Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)

03 MAY 97 Returned from North Atlantic Deployment

09 JUN 97 Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) Reinspection

16 JUN 97 IMA Upkeep A005 Groton, CT (4 weeks)

16 JUL 97 Lost TB-23 Towed Array

21 JUL 97 MIDSHIPMEN Cruises from Port Canaveral, FL (2 days)

26 JUL 97 Port visit in Port Canaveral, FL (7 days)

06 AUG 97 Tomahawk Operational Test Launch in Gulf of Mexico

13 AUG 97 Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)

14 AUG 97 Torpedo Proficiency Firing

22 AUG 97 IMA Upkeep A006 Groton, CT (5 weeks)

15 SEP 97 Conducted Quality Assurance Program Assessment

17 SEP 97 Diving Operational Readiness Assessment completed

22 SEP 97 Local Operations

03 NOV 97 Sonar Symposium (5 days)

10 NOV 97 IMA Upkeep A007 Groton, CT (5 weeks)
04 DEC 97 Completed Emergency Diesel Generator Inspection
19 DEC 97 Christmas holiday standdown

Narrative of 1997 Events

In January, HARTFORD completed its first Pre-overseas Movement Certification (POMCERT). Upon completion of the POMCERT, the ship commenced its initial North Atlantic deployment. While deployed, the ship conducted two port visits in Coulpport, Scotland and brief stop for personnel (BSP) in Tromso, Norway. An Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) was conducted in May prior to return from deployment with unsatisfactory results. HARTFORD subsequently conducted an ORSE re-exam with satisfactory results in early June. The ship was underway in July for various operations when the TB-23 Towed Array sonar was lost. It was later determined that the TB-23 tow cable failed due to material defect. Also in July, HARTFORD conducted daily operations with Midshipmen off the Florida coast by port visit in Port Canaveral, Florida. In August, the ship conducted a Tomahawk Operational Test Launch (OTL) in the Gulf of Mexico. This live firing of three missiles marked the first firing of TLAM D variant missiles by a A/N BSY-1 Combat System. This was followed by a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and a torpedo proficiency firing. This ship conducted a five week Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) upkeep commencing late August. During the upkeep, the ship completed a Diving

Operational Readiness Assessment by NSSF with a grade of Above Average and a QA Assessment by SSSU with a grade of Satisfactory. In late September, HARTFORD was underway in the Virginia Capes Operating Areas supporting two other submarines. In early November, HARTFORD participated in the highly successful Submarine Squadron Four sponsored Sonar Symposium. The remainder of November and December consisted of and IMA upkeep in Groton, CT and Christmas holiday stand down period. Also during this upkeep the ship completed an Emergency Diesel Generator Inspection with a grade of Satisfactory.