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(2) Chronological Order of Events
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents
(5) 3.5" Disk in MSWord Format

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted
for inclusion in the historical package of USS HONOLULU
(SSN 718).

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) is the 31st of the LOS ANGELES CLASS SSNs and the 97th FAST ATTACK nuclear submarine to be commissioned. FAST ATTACK submarines are deployed throughout the world performing various missions including intelligence gathering, anti-submarine warfare, over-the-horizon targeting and battle group operations. Commanded by Commander Cecil D. Haney, U. S. Navy of Washington, D.C., USS HONOLULU is attached to Submarine Squadron THREE homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Commander of Submarine Squadron THREE is Captain J. F. Dohse, United States Navy.

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CHRONOLOGY

Jan 1 - Jan 30	Pre-Overseas Movement Training and Ship's Force Upkeep
Jan 31 - Feb 2	Underway for Sea Trials/Training
Feb 3-4	Underway with Photographer Brian Wolfe for the "From the Sea" book.
Feb 4-5	Local Operations
Feb 9-13	POM Certification/Local Operations
March 3 - Aug 27	Western Pacific Deployment
May 3	Okinawa, Japan
May 8-11	Gulf of Thailand, Exercise SEA EAGLE '97
May 12-17	Pattaya Beach, Thailand
May 24 - Jun 3	Sasebo, Japan
Jul 6	HONOLULU Birthday
	Second Sasebo, Japan visit
Jul 17	Transferred to Submarine Squadron THREE
Jul 29 - Aug 6	Guam Maintenance Availability
Aug 26-27	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
Aug 27	Return from Deployment; joined by Mayor Jeremy Harris (Honolulu, Hawaii) and Admiral Ellis (COMSUBPAC)
Sep 29 - Oct 20	Local Operations
Oct 20 - Dec 31	Selected Restricted Availability at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

NARRATIVE

In February of 1997, USS HONOLULU conducted a Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Certification for the upcoming Western Pacific Deployment. This certification included an intense at sea period in which the ship conducted evolutions certifying its ability to carry out all missions including submarine strike warfare. USS HONOLULU's performance was evaluated as above average. USS HONOLULU also had the privilege of hosting photographer Brian Wolfe who was working on his new book, "From the Sea". He took numerous photos associated with life on this front line submarine.

In March of 1997, USS HONOLULU departed Hawaii for a six month Western Pacific deployment. While deployed, the ship conducted two missions vital to national security, participated in an exercise with the Royal Thai Navy and conducted maintenance upkeeps in Sasebo, Japan and Guam. The ship participated in Exercise SEA EAGLE '97, an annual naval exercise with the Royal Thai Navy during the week of 7 May. HONOLULU joined USS CURTS AND USS FIFE for SEA EAGLE '97 and three Royal Thai Navy surface ships as well as various ASW P-3 patrol craft from both navies. HONOLULU hosted two officers and one chief from the Royal Thailand Navy for this exercise giving this group a unique understanding of submarine life and operations in the littorals of the Gulf of Thailand. After having steamed over 13,000 Western Pacific miles, USS HONOLULU spent the period, 12-17 May anchored off of Pattaya Beach, Thailand. In addition to getting the much needed and deserved rest and relaxation, HONOLULU participated in a community relations project during their port visit to Pattaya. Crews from the USS CURTS, USS INDEPENDENCE AND USS CURTIS WILBUR joined in painting the inside of a four story building called "The Foundation of Life Building 2" which is used as a school for homeless individuals. Additionally, electrical and structural repairs to the building were made. The faculty and students truly appreciated the face lift the building received.

On 27 May 1997, HONOLULU had the distinct privilege of hosting Japanese VIPs during her recent port visit to Sasebo,

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Japan. The dignitaries included Rear Admiral Kazunari Doke who is Chief of Staff for the JMSDF Sasebo District, Mr Hideyake Miyajima who is the General Manager of Holiday Inn Sasebo and Mr. Yutaka Kawachi who is a Shinwa Bank Official.

While in Guam, many of the ship's crew donated their time and effort in the rescue of the victims of the Korean Airlines Flight 801 plane crash. USS HONOLULU ended her six month deployment with an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, in which she performed admirably.

HONOLULU returned to Pearl Harbor on 27 August and was met during the transit by the mayor of Honolulu, Mayor Jeremy Harris and Admiral Ellis, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. She returned to homeport after transiting over 31,000 miles spending over 5 months at sea.

On 18 September, the crew of HONOLULU enjoyed the company of a veteran of World War II and also a sailor on the Light Cruiser HONOLULU (CL 48). This individual was on board CL 48 during the bombing attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and served in the submarine force later in the war. He discussed his naval career and World War II experiences with the crew of the submarine HONOLULU during his visit.

In October of 1997, USS HONOLULU commenced a three month Selected Restricted Availability at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. During this period, the ship received numerous ship alterations including an improved version of the AN/BQS-15 sonar and performed both corrective and preventive maintenance on various components in the engineroom and throughout the forward compartment. The new AN/BQS-15 sonar is a major upgrade which will improve the ship's ability to conduct mine field penetration operations.

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