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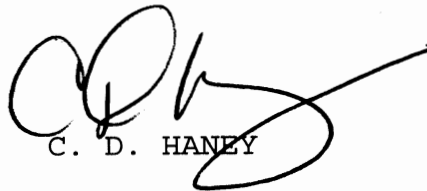
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Encl: (1) Command and Composition
(2) Chronological Order of Events
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents
(5) 3.5" Disk in MSWord Format

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.

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY

Jan 1 - Jan 30	Selected Restricted Availability (SRA), Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
Jan 31 - Feb 1	Sea Trials
Feb 5-6	Local Operations
Feb 9-14	Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations
Feb 20	USS HONOLULU presented with the 1997 Battle "E" and Engineering Red "E" Awards
Feb 26	USS HONOLULU adopted into the Sunset Rotary Club
Mar 1	Luge Olympians, Gordy Sheer and Brian Martin Tour
Mar 3	Honorable Derek Quigley Tours
Mar 6	SSN 721 Club Cruise
Mar 15 - Apr 2	Eastern Pacific Operations
Mar 20-23	Bangor, Washington
Mar 26-27	SEAFAC Acoustic Trials
Apr 6-10	Starboard Tactical Training
Apr 15-17	SSBN TWP/TRE Support
Apr 22-27	SSN TWP Support
Apr 28-30	Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP)
May 3-4	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) Work-up
May 5-6	ORSE
May 9-11	Dependent's Cruise, Lahaina, Maui
May 29	Fleet Force Master Chiefs Tour
Jun 4	Drydock, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
Jul 9	Undocking
Jul 28-30	Sea Trials
Aug 2-15	PCO Operations
Aug 21-24	Port Visit, Kona, Hawaii
Aug 25	Congressional Aides (OLA) VIP Cruise
Sep 5	HONOLULU wins COMSUBRON THREE's Commodore's Cup
Sep 8-14	SSN POM Support/Local Operations
Sep 18	Presentation of Sailors of the Quarter (FT1(SS) [REDACTED] and ET3(SS) [REDACTED] by HONOLULU Mayor Jeremy Harris.
Sep 21-23	VLF Certification
Sep 24-25	VLF Services
Sep 26-27	Exercise with JDS WAKASHIO
Sep 28 - Oct 5	Local Operations
Oct 6 - Nov 18	FMA Upkeep
Oct 22	CDR Haney (CO) presented the VADM Stockdale Leadership Award in Washington DC
Nov 18-22	Sea Trials/Noise Eval
Nov 30 - Dec 4	SSBN/SSN Local Area Exercise
Dec 9-13	Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) and Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE) Workup
Dec 14-18	POM/TRE

Enclosure (2)

NARRATIVE

USS HONOLULU finished here Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) in January of 1998 culminating in an intensive three day period of sea trials. During this period the ship was tasked with verifying that all systems were operating satisfactory as well as evaluating the readiness of the ship to conduct its mission. The ship returned to Pearl Harbor in top material condition as a result of the superb effort by all on board.

USS HONOLULU's first operational commitment once she returned from sea trials was to participate in Prospective Commanding Officer operations. HONOLULU was tasked with conducting Anti-Submarine Warfare against another Los Angeles class submarine as well as testing a new flex hose for the MK-48 ADCAP torpedo. Many of the lessons learned during PCO operations proved to be very valuable during the ship's subsequent Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP) Inspection in late April.

During the month of March, USS HONOLULU had the pleasure of hosting the USS CHICAGO's (SSN 721) "721 Club" as well as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade for New Zealand the Honorable Derek Quigley and Olympic Lugers Gordy Sheer and Brian Martin. Mr. Quigley, Mr. Sheer, Mr. Martin and the members of the 721 club left with a superb impression of what a United States submarine is capable of and what it brings to the battlefield.

USS HONOLULU spent the later part of March at Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Silverdale, Washington and the South East Alaska Facility (SEAFAC) Acoustic trials range where the ship conducted sound trials. In Bangor, the ship participated in the first ever fast attack submarine TLAM loading exercise at Strategic weapons Facility Pacific (SWFPAC).

The early part of May proved to be challenging time for USS HONOLULU. Upon here successful return from a TWP inspection, USS HONOLULU was tasked with participating in an unscheduled ORSE requiring a major shift in emphasis from tactical training to engineering training.

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USS HONOLULU conducted a dependent's cruise with a port visit in Lahaina, Maui. During this period, a majority of the crew had the opportunity to invite their dependents on board to witness the efforts required to maintain a fast attack submarine operating as well as enjoying evolutions such as high speed maneuvers and transiting on the surface.

USS HONOLULU was once again called upon to provide services for Prospective Commanding Officer operations during the month of August. During this intensive two week period, HONOLULU successfully completed multiple scenarios which were designed to challenge the tactical readiness of the ship as well as provide an excellent training opportunity.

After a short period in port, HONOLULU conducted a port visit to Kona, Hawaii. Known as the "Big Island", Kona afforded the crew an opportunity to see much of the beautiful scenery that Hawaii has to offer including the only active volcano in the state.

Upon returning to Pearl Harbor, HONOLULU conducted a VIP Cruise for a group of Congressional Aides (Office of Legislative Affairs) from Washington, DC. This group of ladies and gentlemen had the opportunity to directly witness life on board a fast attack submarine as the ship conducted a variety of evolutions culminating in an emergency ascent to the surface.

HONOLULU spent the early part of December preparing for the upcoming Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) and Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE). These inspections are intended to evaluate the ship's ability to perform all assigned tasks during a simulated wartime period. As a result of the crew's effort during the examination, HONOLULU received an overall grade of Above Average and was identified as one among a distinguished group of TRE top performers.

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