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Encl: (1) Command History of USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) - 1979

1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history of USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) for the period 1 January 1979 to 31 December 1979 is submitted as enclosure (1).



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COMMAND HISTORY  
USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688)  
1 JANUARY 1979 TO 31 DECEMBER 1979

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR R. E. BEEDLE, USN

21 October 1977 - Present

COMMAND

TYPE COMMANDER: Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
SQUADRON COMMANDER: Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN

HOMEPORT

Pearl Harbor Hawaii

BASIC HISTORY

During January and February, USS LOS ANGELES completed extensive preparations for her first deployment to the Western Pacific. Included in these preparations were the installation of the Type 18 Periscope System, the Integrated Acoustic Communications System (IACS), the Encapsulated Harpoon Launch System and the Tactical Data Display System. In addition to the standard predeployment training exercises, USS LOS ANGELES also completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and certification for employment of the Harpoon Missile. On 5 March, USS LOS ANGELES departed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for the first Western Pacific deployment for an SSN688 Class submarine. Enroute to its first stop in Guam, Marianas Islands, the ship participated in TRANSITEX 3-79, a series of exercises conducted with units of the USS RANGER Carrier Battle Group, who were also enroute to the Western Pacific. In Guam the ship was visited by RADM D. S. CRUDEN, COMNAVFORMARIANAS. Following completion of a short drydocking, USS LOS ANGELES departed Guam for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. During the transit to Subic Bay, a series of encounter exercises were conducted with several units

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of DESRON 33. In Subic Bay for a short stop, USS LOS ANGELES was visited by RADM W. H. ROWDEN, Commander Task Force SEVENTY-FIVE. Impressed with the performance of USS LOS ANGELES during TRANSITEX 3-79 and during operations with DESRON 33, RADM ROWDEN convened an ASW symposium attended by all surface warfare units inport and by USS LOS ANGELES for the purpose of improving the Navy's ASW capability. RADM R. B. McCLINTON, Commander Task Force SEVENTY-THREE, also visited USS LOS ANGELES during the Subic Bay port visit. On 11 April, USS LOS ANGELES was ordered to the Indian Ocean in support of the USS MIDWAY Carrier Battle Group. During operations in the Indian Ocean, USS LOS ANGELES visited the U.S. Naval Support Facility at Diego Garcia and made a port visit to Port Louis, Mauritius, where the ship was visited by the U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius, the Honorable Samuel R. Gammon. The ship was visited by VADM KIRKSEY, Commander Carrier Group THREE, during its visit to Subic Bay. Departing Subic Bay enroute to Hong Kong, the ship participated in exercise MULTIPLEX 5-79 with RADM Alex SINCLAIR, the new Commander Task Force SEVENTY-FIVE, embarked. Following another highly successful performance in MULTIPLEX 5-79, USS LOS ANGELES moored alongside USS BARBOUR COUNTY anchored in Hong Kong harbor for a port visit. Following another brief stop in Subic Bay, USS LOS ANGELES conducted a one-week ASW exercise and a transit to Guam for a three-week upkeep. On 2 August 1979, USS LOS ANGELES returned to Pearl Harbor, HI following completion of a highly successful deployment. August and September were spent in post-deployment stand down and in upkeep. On 19 October, RADM D. C. BROWN, CINCPACFLT Surgeon, and Brigadier General E. J. HUYCKE, USA, Commanding General, Tripler Army Medical Center, embarked

to observe underway operations. ADM R. L. J. LONG, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, visited the ship on 28 October.

In October, USS LOS ANGELES was awarded the SUBRON SEVEN Operations/ Weapons "A" for excellence. Following a series of local training operations and a [REDACTED] during October and November, USS LOS ANGELES visited Lahaina, Maui, for a port visit followed by a dependents cruise on the return transit to Pearl Harbor. The year concluded with USS LOS ANGELES conducting an upkeep at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - 1979

1 January	2 January	Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
3 January	5 January	Underway for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) workup
6 January	- 7 January	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
8 January	- 14 January	Underway for ORSE workup
15 January		Underway for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
16 January	- 17 February	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for POM upkeep
17 January		Installation of Type 18B Periscope System
21 January	- 23 January	Supply Management Inspection
23 January		Completed installation of Encapsulated Harpoon Launch System
30 January		Completed installation and testing of Integrated Acoustic Communications System (IACS)
7 February		Completed Harpoon certification
9 February		Commenced Tactical Data Display System (TDDS) installation
17 February		Completed TDDS installation
18 February	- 26 February	Underway for sea trials, POM workup
27 February	- 4 March	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
5 March	- 15 March	Underway for WESTPAC deployment participating in TRANSITEX 3-79
11 March		Crossed International Date Line
12 March		Chopped to OPGON of COMSUBGRU SEVEN (CTF-74) completed TRANSITEX 3-79
16 March	- 27 March	Inport Guam
17 March		RADM D. S. CRUDEN, COMNAVFORMARIANAS, toured ship
20 March	- 26 March	Drydock AFDM-8
28 March	- 3 April	Underway, enroute to Subic Bay, RP

30 March - 1 April	ENCOUNTEREX with units of DESRON 33
4 April - 10 April	Inport Subic Bay, RP
10 April	RADM R. B. McCLINTON (CTF-73) and RADM W. H. ROWDEN (CTF-75) toured ship
11 April - 20 April	Underway, enroute to Diego Garcia, BIOT
13 April	Crossed the Equator
21 April - 27 April	Anchored Diego Garcia
28 April - 6 May	Underway for operations in the Indian Ocean
7 May	Anchored Diego Garcia
7 May - 9 May	Underway enroute to Port Louis, Mauritius
10 May - 13 May	Anchored Port Louis, Mauritius for port visit
13 May	Honorable Samuel R. Gammon, U.S. Ambassador to Mauritius toured ship
14 May - 16 May	Underway, enroute to Diego Garcia
17 May	Anchored Diego Garcia
17 May - 23 May	Underway for Indian Ocean operations
23 May - 11 June	Enroute to Subic Bay, RP
8 June - 10 June	Participated in MULTIPLEX 4-79 in South China Sea
11 June - 13 June	Inport Subic Bay, RP
13 June	VADM KIRKSEY (COMCARGRU 3) toured ship
14 June - 19 June	Underway, enroute to Hong Kong
15 June - 17 June	Participated in MULTIPLEX 5-79 in South China Sea with RADM Alex SINCLAIR (CTF 75) embarked.
20 June - 24 June	Inport Hong Kong moored to USS BARBOUR COUNTY (LST-1185)
25 June - 26 June	Underway, enroute to Subic Bay, RP
27 June - 28 June	Inport Subic Bay, RP
29 June - 7 July	Underway, enroute to Guam

2 July - 5 July	Participated in SEVENTH FLEET ASW exercise
8 July - 24 July	Inport Guam for upkeep
25 July	Underway for sea trials in the Guam OP Areas
26 July 1 August	Underway, enroute to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
2 August	Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Completed first SSN688 Class WESTPAC deployment
2 August - 16 October	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for stand down and upkeep
17 October - 19 October	Underway for local operations
19 October	RADM D. C. BROWN (CINCPACFLT Surgeon) and BGEN E. J. HUYCKE, USA (CG of Tripler Army Medical Center) embarked
20 October - 21 October	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
21 October	Awarded SUBRON SEVEN Operations/Weapons "A"
22 October	Underway for local operations
23 October - 28 October	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
28 October	ADM R. L. J. LONG (CINCPAC) toured ship
29 October - 3 November	Underway for MK 48 torpedo proficiency firings
3 November - 4 November	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
5 November - 15 November	Underway for training and services for VP aircraft and USS BREWTON
16 November - 25 November	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
26 November - 29 November	Underway for PCO operations
30 November - 2 December	Anchored in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii
3 December	Underway for dependents cruise
4 December - 31 December	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii