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Encl: (1) Annual Command History of USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) for the period of
1 January 1981 through 31 December 1981.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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J. J. GROSSENBACHER
By direction

COMMAND HISTORY

USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688)

1 JANUARY 1981 - 31 DECEMBER 1981

COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPT R. E. BEEDLE, USN	21 October 1977 - 17 February 1981
CDR J. F. SHIPWAY, USN	18 February 1981 - Present

COMMAND

Type Commander	Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet
Squadron Commander	Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN

HOMEPORT

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

BASIC HISTORY

LOS ANGELES spent the first part of 1981 in local operations and preparing for the upcoming deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. Significant operations during this period included an NTPI/DNSI on 12 January, FORACS on 14 January, and KILOEX 4A - 4D/80 on 19 January. On 18 February, Captain R. E. BEEDLE, USN was relieved by Commander J. F. Shipway, USN as Commanding Officer of USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688). At the change of command ceremony, the ship was awarded its second Meritorious Unit Commendation and Captain Beedle received the Legion of Merit for operations completed the previous year. On 25 April, USS LOS ANGELES commenced her third Western Pacific deployment, operating in support of Commander, Task Force SEVEN FOUR. On 3 May, the ship moored alongside USS PROTEUS (AS 19) in Guam to replenish provisions and receive repair parts, getting underway on 4 May for Indian Ocean operations. While in the Indian Ocean, LOS ANGELES made a brief stop alongside USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD 37) in Diego Garcia on 26 June and then commenced a transit to Cockburn Sound for a six day port visit to Perth, Western Australia. Arriving at HMAS Stirling 6 July, the ship was visited by many people, including Mr. Balcombe, the Commissioner of the Shire of Rockingham, and Miss Martha Carbone, the U. S. Consul. Upon departure from Perth, she transited to the Republic of the Philippines and arrived at Subic Bay on 22 July. While in Subic Bay, the ship was visited by Rear Admiral D. R. Roane, Commander Task Force SEVEN THREE. USS LOS ANGELES departed Subic Bay on 31 July to participate in ASUWEX 81-3. Afterwards she transited to Hong Kong, anchoring alongside USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) on 9 August for a port visit. The ship departed Hong Kong for Guam and a Western Pacific upkeep, making a brief stop in Subic Bay enroute. USS LOS ANGELES departed Guam on 13 September, and operated in support of Commander Task Force ONE FOUR on a special submarine operation. On 1 October, the ship received the Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN Battle Efficiency "E" Award for the second consecutive year, and the Communications "C". On 15 October Rear Admiral B. M. KAUDERER (COMSUBPAC) visited USS LOS ANGELES while inport Yokosuka, Japan.

On 16 October USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) departed Yokosuka, Japan after the last port visit during the Western Pacific deployment and was enroute to Pearl Harbor, HI. On 24 October USS LOS ANGELES arrived at Pearl Harbor, HI after making her Third Western Pacific Deployment. On 18 November Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Thomas S. CROW, visited USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688). On 28 November USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) received notification of her being selected as the CINCPACFLT recipient of the Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award for fiscal year 1981. From 30 November to 3 December USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) participated in the 163rd Prospective Commanding Officer's Operations, and anchored at Lahaina, Maui, for the weekend and sponsored a Dependents Cruise from Lahaina, Maui to Pearl Harbor, HI on 7 December. On 11 December Captain D. C. TARQUIN, (COMSUBRON SEVEN) presented the USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) with the COMSUBRON SEVEN Battle Efficiency "E" and Communications "C" Awards.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - 1981

1 January - 12 January	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
12 January - 13 January	NTPI/DNSI
14 January - 16 January	Underway for FORACS
17 January - 18 January	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
19 January - 22 January	Underway for KILOEX 4A-4D/80
23 January - 25 January	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
26 January - 30 January	Underway for TYPT
31 January - 2 February	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
3 February - 9 February	Underway for TYPT
10 February - 11 February	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
12 February - 13 February	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
14 February - 15 April	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
17 February	Commence POM refit
18 February	Change of Command - CDR J. F. SHIPWAY relieved CAPT R. E. BEEDLE USS LOS ANGELES awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation (Second Award)
19 February	Annual Supply Inspection
9 April	Fast Cruise
10 April - 11 April	Submarine Birthday Ball 1981
16 April - 18 April	Underway for sea trials and TYPT
19 April	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
20 April - 23 April	Underway for Operational Readiness Inspection
24 April	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
25 April - 2 May	Underway for Western Pacific deployment
3 May	Moored alongside USS PROTEUS (AS-19) for provisions
4 May - 26 June	Underway for Indian Ocean operations.

25 June	Half way night is celebrated by crew
27 June - 28 June	Moored at Diego Garcia alongside USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD-37)
29 June - 5 July	Underway for sea trials and transit to Perth, Western Australia
7 and 9 July	CDR J. F. SHIPWAY has two luncheons for the Council members of the Shire of Rockingham and dignitaries of Western Australia. Served by MSSN(SS) BIERENS and MSSN(SU) SCHWARTZ.
13 July - 21 July	Underway, enroute to Subic Bay, RP
22 July - 30 July	Inport Subic Bay
29 July	Rear Admiral D. R. ROANE (CTF 73) visited the ship
31 July - 8 August	Underway to conduct ASUWEX 81-3
9 August - 11 August	Inport Hong Kong
12 August - 13 August	Underway, enroute to Subic Bay, RP
14 August - 18 August	Inport Subic Bay, RP
16 August	Beer Ball Game, sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Committee
19 August - 23 August	Underway, enroute to Guam, M.I.
24 August - 9 September	Inport Guam for WESTPAC upkeep
31 August	Ship's picnic, sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Committee
10 September	Underway for sea trials
11 September 12 September	Inport Guam
13 September - 13 October	Underway for Western Pacific Operations
1 October	USS LOS ANGELES notified of Battle "E" and Communications "C" Award
14 October - 15 October	Inport Yokosuka, Japan. USS LOS ANGELES was first 688 Class submarine to visit Japan
15 October	Rear Admiral B. M. KAUDERER (COMSUBPAC) visited the ship

16 October - 23 October	Underway, enroute to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
21 October	Homecoming Meal served by the MS Division
24 October	Arrival Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after completion of USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) third Western Pacific deployment
25 October - 29 November	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
18 November	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Thomas S. CROW, visited the ship
27 November	Fast Cruise
28 November	USS LOS ANGELES received notification of selection as the PACFLT Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award for fiscal year 1981
30 November - 3 December	Underway for PCO Operations
4 December - 6 December	Anchored at Lahaina, Maui
7 December	Dependent's Cruise from Lahaina, Maui to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
8 December - 31 December	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for Naval Submarine Base upkeep
11 December	CAPT TARQUIN presented USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688) COMSUBRON SEVEN's Battle "E" and Communications "C" Awards