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From: Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN-708)
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Encl: (1) Command History for 1988
(2) Command History for 1989
(3) Command History for 1990
(4) Command History for 1991

1. Enclosures (1) thru (4) are forwarded per reference (a).

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USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN708)
Command History for 1988

I. Command Composition and Organization:

Ship's Mission:

MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL's primary mission is to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. With the advent of the submarine launched Tomahawk cruise missile, the ship is capable of tactical strike against land based targets.

Immediate Senior Command -- Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT
Commanding Officer -- Commander James W. Metzger, USN
(1 January - 31 December 1988)

Executive Officer -- Commander Charles A. Weitz, Jr., USN
(1 January - 22 August 1988)

Executive Officer -- Commander Kevin P. Morgan, USN
(23 August - 31 December 1988)

II. Chronology:

01 JAN - 24 MAY	Mediterranean Deployment, awarded COMSIXTHFLT ASW Hookem Award
25 MAY - JUL	Inport Norfolk, Virginia. Post-deployment upkeep, local OPAREA operations.
AUG	Port visit, Rockland, Maine -- invited to attend the Annual Lobster Festival.
SEP	Presented the "Silver Anchor" Award for having the best retention program in Submarine Squadron EIGHT and for exceeding retention goals in all four categories.
SEP 30	Awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E" for fiscal year 1988.
OCT	Port visit, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Independent ship operations. Port visit, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
NOV - 17 DEC	Conducted Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations.

Enclosure (1)

DEC 15

Vice Admiral Bacon, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, personally presented six Navy Achievement Medals and one Navy Commendation Medal to selected officers and chief petty officers.

17-31 DEC

In port, Norfolk, Virginia.

Fire Control Technician First Class (FTG1(SS)) [REDACTED] was selected as the USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN708) Sailor-of-the-Year for 1988.

III. Supporting Documents:

Meritorious Unit Commendation for 1 December 1987 to 24 May 1988.

Meritorious Unit Commendation for 1 June 1987 to 1 June 1988.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting
the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service in connection with highly successful submarine operations in the Mediterranean Sea from 1 December 1987 to 24 May 1988. During this period, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) successfully completed a six-month forward area deployment inclusive of six independent submarine operations conducted under the most arduous and potentially hazardous conditions. The outstanding contributions made by the officers and men of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL to SIXTH Fleet security and the national defense of the United States were of major significance. The success of these operations was due primarily to the initiative, resourcefulness, and perseverance of her dedicated crew. By their continuous display of professionalism, tenacity, tactical superiority, and total devotion to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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Secretary of the Navy



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service from 1 June 1987 to 1 June 1988. The crewmembers of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) displayed the highest level of sustained excellence in all aspects of submarine operations. The Ship successfully completed a series of independent submarine operations conducted under the most arduous and potentially hazardous conditions in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. The contributions made by each member of this professional and dedicated crew were of major significance to the national defense of the United States. MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL demonstrated sustained superior performance in all submarine operations, winning the Commander SIXTH Fleet Hook 'Em Award for Antisubmarine Warfare excellence. All formal examinations of the tactical, weapons, and engineering capabilities of MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL evaluated the crew's performance as outstanding. By their technical expertise, exemplary team spirit, and total devotion to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence A. ...", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of the Navy

COMMANDER SIXTH FLEET



**SIXTH FLEET
ASW EXCELLENCE AWARD
("HOOK EM" AWARD)**

Commander Sixth Fleet takes pleasure in presenting the
HOOK'EM AWARD to

USS MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

USS MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) displayed outstanding professionalism in Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) operations during the Spring of 1988. The superior coordination of crew, sensors, mission planning and analysis throughout this period resulted in unparalleled success. This is particularly noteworthy in view of the constraints affecting your operations throughout the Mediterranean. The outstanding contribution to Commander Sixth Fleet ASW objectives by the men of MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL provided an inspiration to other ASW hunters and is most deserving of this special recognition for ASW excellence. Well Done!

K. E. Moranville
K. E. MORANVILLE

Vice Admiral, United States Navy