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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

1. Per reference (a), the command history of the USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690) for calendar year 1991 is submitted.

A. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Ship: USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)
Commissioning Date: June 25, 1977
Commanding Officer: CDR Paul J. Ryan (D)
CDR Richard T. Luke (R)
Mission: Primary -- Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)
Secondary -- Anti-Submarine Ship Warfare (ASUW) and
Strike Warfare
Parent Squadron: Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, Groton, CT
Homeport: Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT

B. CHRONOLOGY

1 - 3 JAN: Liberty in Naples
4 JAN: Underway with 12 Boy Scouts from Troop 58, their
Scoutmaster, and 2 Navy journalists.
5 JAN: Personnel transfer at Gaeta, Italy to offload riders.
5 - 15 JAN: ASW operations in the Mediterranean
16 JAN - 6 FEB: Support of Operation Desert Storm
7 - 11 FEB: Released from Desert Storm; resumed ASW operations in the
Mediterranean
12 - 13 FEB: Transit to La Maddelena
14 FEB: Moor in La Maddelena
14 - 27 FEB: Upkeep in La Maddelena
28 FEB: Depart La Maddelena, transit to Gibraltar
1 - 4 MAR: Liberty in Gibraltar
5 - 12 MAR: Transit across Atlantic Ocean to Bermuda
13 MAR: Personnel transfer for Operational Reactor Safeguards
Examination

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13 -14 MAR: **Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. Final grade
Above Average**

15 MAR: **Arrive in Groton after 6 month deployment**

15 MAR - 7 APR: **In port stand down period**

1 - 26 APR: **Upkeep, Groton**

26 APR: **Fast Cruise**

27 - 30 APR: **In port, Groton**

30 APR - 2 MAY: **NTPI**

3 MAY: **Day off after NTPI**

3 MAY - 7 MAY: **Inport, Groton**

7 - 8 MAY: **Underway for Earle, NJ**

8 MAY: **Moor Earle, NJ. Underway for AUTEK same day**

9 - 13 MAY: **Transit to AUTEK**

13 - 17 MAY: **ASW operations in AUTEK**

17 MAY: **Moor Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.**

17 - 23 MAY: **Port visit Ft. Lauderdale. Ship is honored on Armed Forces Day
weekend celebration.**

23 - 24 MAY: **Transit to Port Canaveral.**

24 - 28 MAY: **Personnel transfer at Port Canaveral for Tactical Readiness
Examination. Transit to New London, Connecticut.**

28 - 31 MAY: **In port, Groton. Prepare for Selected Restricted Availability
(SRA)**

31 MAY: **Drydock in SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM 4) for SRA**

31 MAY - 2 AUG: **SRA**

31 JUL - 2 AUG: **Sea trials**

3 - 18 AUG: **In port Groton, CT**

19 AUG: **Sortie for Hurricane BOB**

20 - 27 AUG: **Underway for various exercises.**

27 - 28 AUG: **Transit to Groton, CT**

28 - 30 AUG: **Inport, Groton**

30 AUG: **Underway for exercises in North Atlantic**

31 AUG - 1 SEP: **Transit to exercise area**

1 SEP: **Tasking changed to a North Atlantic deployment**

2 SEP - 2 OCT: **Deployed in North Atlantic**

3 OCT - 4 OCT: **Transit to Raasay, Scotland**

4 OCT: **HUMEVAC in Raasay, Scotland**

4 - 8 OCT: **Transit to Halifax, Nova Scotia for port visit**

8 - 11 OCT: **Liberty, Halifax**

12- 13 OCT: **Transit to New London**

13 - 23 OCT: **Inport Groton, CT**

24 - 27 OCT: **Transit to Eleuthera Island for Sound Trials**

28 OCT: **Conduct Sound Trials**

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29 OCT - 31 OCT: **Transit to Tampa for port visit.**
1 NOV - 4 NOV: **Liberty in Tampa**
5 NOV: **Underway to conduct exercises with PCU ANZIO (CG 68)**
5 - 12 NOV: **Conducted exercises and transited to Groton**
12 NOV - 15 DEC: **Upkeep and pre-overhaul testing period inport, Groton**
16 - 17 DEC: **Tiger cruise**
17 - 20 DEC: **Inport, Groton**
20 - 31 DEC: **Christmas stand down period.**

C. NARRATIVE

USS PHILADELPHIA started out the year of 1991 operating in the Mediterranean, undergoing various operations, including support for Operation DESERT STORM. In February, the PHILADELPHIA continued its operations in the Mediterranean which included a rendezvous with the USS VIRGINIA for the transfer of mail and critical parts. Following an upkeep period in La Maddalena, the crew enjoyed liberty in Gibraltar and then in March, transited across the Atlantic Ocean to Bermuda.

In Bermuda, the ship picked up the team for the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. From Bermuda, USS PHILADELPHIA transited back to New London while undergoing the ORSE. Finally, on March 15th, the ship returned home from her 6 month deployment to the Mediterranean.

At the end of April and into the beginning of May, the ship underwent a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection. Later in the month, the ship headed down to AUTEK for some exercises and then to Fort Lauderdale for the Armed Forces Day weekend celebration. The ship ended May with a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

The ship spent the months of June and July in drydock, undergoing Selected Restricted Availability. After sea trials in August, the USS PHILADELPHIA got underway for LANTSUBASWEX on the same day as hurricane Bob struck the Groton-New London area. The ship survived the hurricane, with minimal damage, but needless to say the officers and crew developed a better appreciation for hurricanes!

September and October were spent performing a tasking in the North Atlantic, followed by liberty in Halifax, Nova Scotia. After some time back in Groton, the ship got underway again to complete sound trials at Eleuthera Island and then continued on to Tampa, Florida for a port visit. After leaving Tampa, the ship performed exercises with PCU ANZIO, a TICONDEROGA class guided missile cruiser, and then returned home to Groton for upkeep.

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In December, the ship completed the upkeep and went on a two day Tiger cruise. After the cruise, the officers and crew of USS PHILADELPHIA capped off a successful year with a Christmas standdown period.



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