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USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,  
Washington, DC 20374-0571

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAV Instruction 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard Brochure  
(2) Change of Command Brochure  
(3) Ship's Photograph  
(4) Holiday Menus

1. Per reference (a), the command history of USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690) for calendar year 1992 is submitted.

A. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

The primary missions of USS PHILADELPHIA are Anti-Submarine (ASW), Anti-Surface (ASUW), and Strike Warfare. USS PHILADELPHIA is equipped to carry MK 48 ASW/ASUW torpedoes, Harpoon Missiles, and all variants of the Tomahawk cruise missile.

Command Organization:

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard T. Luke  
Executive Officer - LCDR Richard A. Medley  
Command Master Chief - MMCM(SS) James Dunn

Department Heads:

Engineer - LCDR [REDACTED]

Navigator - LT [REDACTED]

Weapons Officer - LT [REDACTED]

Supply Officer - LT [REDACTED]

The Immediate Superior in the Chain of Command (ISIC) is Commander Submarine Group 2, RADM David M. Goebel. Prior to the ship's commencement of Overhaul in September, her ISIC was Submarine Development Squadron 12, commanded by CAPT Edmund P. Giambastiani. The ship's homeport was Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, until September 1992, and subsequently Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH.

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**B. CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE**

1 - 5 January:	Inport - Groton, CT
6 - 22 January:	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) workup
23 - 24 January:	ORSE - Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOAs)
25 January - 3 February:	Inport - Groton
4 - 5 February:	Underway for INSURV inspection - NBOAs
6 - 18 February:	Inport - Groton
7 February:	CDR Richard T. Luke relieved CDR Paul J. Ryan as Commanding Officer
18 - 21 February:	Underway for Pre-Overhaul inspection and testing
22 February - 25 March:	Inport for Pre-Overhaul and Pre-overseas Movement (POM) upkeep. Ship underwent an extensive sonar and ESM groom.
25 March - 3 April	Underway for sound trials and POM work-up - NBOAs
3 - 13 April:	Inport - Groton
13 - 17 April:	Underway for POM certification. Exercised with the USS AUGUSTA and USS PROVIDENCE
17 - 23 April:	Inport - Groton
23 April:	Underway for North Atlantic deployment
23 April - 21 July:	North Atlantic deployment
28 April:	HUMEVAC in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
26 June - 1 July:	Inport - Den Helder, Netherlands
2 July:	Transit to Portsmouth, England
3 - 14 July:	Inport - Portsmouth, England
15 - 21 July:	Transit to Groton, CT
21 July - 10 August:	Inport - Groton - Deployment stand down
10 August - 8 September:	Pre-Overhaul IMA upkeep
8 - 12 September:	Transit to Portsmouth, NH
12 September:	Arrive Portsmouth, NH
23 September:	Ship entered Drydock 2 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
1 October:	Official start of overhaul
23 - 31 December:	Christmas stand down.

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C. NARRATIVE

USS PHILADELPHIA began the year by operating in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas for the first three weeks in preparation for the ship's Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

February was a busy month for USS PHILADELPHIA. Following the successful completion of the ORSE, there was a short underway for an INSURV inspection. On February 7th, CDR Richard T. Luke relieved CDR Paul J. Ryan as the Commanding Officer of USS PHILADELPHIA. Following a short underway in mid-February for pre-overhaul systems testing, USS PHILADELPHIA commenced an upkeep period in which testing and inspections were performed for the upcoming overhaul as well as grooming sonar and ESM suites for deployment. Concurrent with the upkeep, the officers and crew completed an in-depth training period to prepare them for the deployment.

In April, the ship completed her POM certification and commenced a three-month deployment to the North Atlantic, departing Groton on 23 April.

Following extensive operations during a sixty-five day underway period in the North Atlantic, USS PHILADELPHIA arrived in the Netherlands port of Den Helder on 26 June, remaining there until the 2 July. During the stay, much of the crew visited nearby Amsterdam along with numerous other sights in this small country.

Following an overnight transit of the English channel, the ship arrived in Portsmouth, England for an extended stay which lasted almost two weeks. The ship and crew were hosted by HMS Dolphin. With the liberty visit complete, the ship departed Europe, arriving in her homeport of Groton, CT on 21 July.

August was spent preparing the ship for its departure for Portsmouth, New Hampshire and the start of a two-year refueling overhaul.

On September 8th, USS PHILADELPHIA departed her homeport of Groton, CT to commence a refueling overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, arriving on 12 September. RADM D. M. Goebel embarked for one day to observe operations. On September 23, she entered Drydock 2 and officially started overhaul on October 1. The first three months of the overhaul involved establishing the propulsion plant and ship conditions required for the shipyard to commence the extensive refurbishment and replacement of the ship's systems.

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D. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1. Navigation

Total Miles Steamed:	27,198
Days Underway (OPTEMPO Days):	113
Days out of Homeport (PERSTEMPO Days):	131

2. Port Visits

Den Helder, Netherlands  
Portsmouth, England

3. Awards

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon  
Arctic Service Ribbon



R. T. LUKE

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