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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY-1997

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History for USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690)  
(2) Welcome Aboard pamphlets

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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D. T. BIESEL

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COMSUBDEVRON 12  
Submarine Museum, Groton, CT

**USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690)  
1997 Command History**

Part 1. Command Composition and Organization

A. MISSION: To provide Anti-Submarine (ASW), Anti-Surface (ASUW), and Strike Warfare for the U.S. Submarine Force. USS PHILADELPHIA is equipped to carry MK 48 ASW/ASUW torpedoes, Harpoon missiles, and all variants of Tomahawk cruise missile.

B. ORGANIZATION:

Immediate Superior in Command:	RADM Fages, Commander Submarine Group Two
Commanding Officer	CDR Douglas J. McAneny
Executive Officer	LCDR Richard P. Breckenridge (D) LCDR Paul A. Povlock (R)
Command Master Chief	QMCS(SS) Christopher Shannon
Engineer Officer	LCDR [REDACTED] (D) LCDR [REDACTED] (R)
Navigator	LT [REDACTED] (D) LT [REDACTED] (R)
Weapons Officer	LT [REDACTED]
Supply Officer	LT [REDACTED]

Part 2. Chronology

01 - 05 January	In-port, Holiday Stand-down
06 - 13 January	In-port, Type Training
14 - 27 January	Underway, ISE Sonar Evaluation
28 Jan - 03 February	Port Visit, Roosevelt Roads
04 - 07 February	Underway, ISE RTP Groton, CT
08 - 13 February	In-port, Type Training
14 - 17 February	Underway, ISE Enroute Port Canaveral, FL
18 - 21 February	Port Visit, Port Canaveral, FL
22 - 26 February	Underway, Sonar Evaluation
27 Feb - 27 April	In-port, IMA Upkeep Groton, CT
28 Apr - 02 May	Underway, PCO Ops./Hovering Mod. Testing
03 - 12 May	In-port, Type Training
13 - 16 May	Underway, POM Workup
17 May - 08 June	In-port, Type Training
09 - 13 June	Underway, POM Certification
14 - 19 June	In-port, Type Training

Enclosure (1)

20 June - 20 July	Underway, Deployed North Atlantic
21 - 26 July	Port Visit, Faslan, Scotland
27 July - 15 September	Underway, Deployed North Atlantic
16 - 18 September	Port Visit, Portsmouth, UK
19 - 25 September	Underway, ISE RTP Groton, CT
26 - 27 September	Underway, ORSE
28 Sep - 13 October	In-port, Standdown/Upkeep Groton, CT
14 Oct - 17 November	In-port, IMA Upkeep Groton, CT
18 - 26 November	Underway, CNO Project
27 - 30 November	In-port, Holiday Standdown
01 - 07 December	In-port, Type Training
08 - 10 December	Underway, VIP Cruise
11 - 14 December	Underway, POM Support
15 - 19 December	Underway, Type Training with SSN
20 - 31 December	In-port, Holiday Standdown

Part 3. Narrative

A. Written Summary: 1997 began with comprehensive training in preparation for an extended training deployment to the North Atlantic. This training included significant classroom hours as well as at-sea work-up periods. Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) work-up and certification concluded in the middle of June and PHILADELPHIA was prepared to get underway for the Northern Atlantic. The primary purpose of this training deployment was to demonstrate the ability to operate unsupported by outside organizations for an extended period of time. Included in this mission were port visits to both Faslane, Scotland and Portsmouth, England. PHILADELPHIA received the highest grade in the Atlantic Fleet for the post-deployment Operational Readiness Safeguards Examination (ORSE). After returning to homeport in Groton, CT, PHILADELPHIA began preparations for a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE). PHILADELPHIA concluded calendar year 1997 by winning the Battle Efficiency "E" as the top performer in all of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve for the second consecutive year.

B. Statistical Summary:

1. Navigation Total Miles Steamed: 44,847 NM
2. Awards: 1997 COMSUBDEVRON TWELVE Battle "E"  
Atlantic Fleet NEY Finalist