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Encl: (1) Command History for USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)
(2) Supporting Documents for Command History

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded per reference (a).

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USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690)
1998 Command History

Part 1. Command Composition and Organization

A. MISSION: To provide Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW), Strike Warfare, and support Special Operations Forces (SOF) 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 missiles. In 1998, PHILADELPHIA was altered and is now a Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) platform capable of carrying Special Operation Forces and providing Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) mother ship support.

B. ORGANIZATION:

Immediate Superior in Command: RADM John B. Padgett ,Commander
Submarine Group Two

Commanding Officer: CDR Douglas J. McAneny (D)
CDR Douglass T. Biesel (R)

Executive Officer: LCDR Paul A. Povlock

Command Master Chief: QMCS(SS) Christopher Shannon

Engineer: LCDR [REDACTED]

Navigator: LT [REDACTED]

Weapons Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Supply Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Part 2. Chronology

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| 01 - 04 January | In-port Holiday Standdown |
| 05 - 06 January | In-port, Type Training |
| 07 - 10 January | Underway, Enroute Port Everglades(PEV) Op Area |
| 11 - 27 January | Underway, Training (PEV/AUTEC Op Areas) |
| 28 - 29 January | Underway, AUTEC Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) |
| 30 - 31 January | Underway, Training (AUTEC) |
| 01 - 02 February | Underway, Enroute Port Canaveral, FL. |
| 03 - 05 February | Port Visit, Port Canaveral, FL. |

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| 06 – 09 February | Underway, Enroute Groton, CT. Tiger Cruise |
| 10 – 15 February | In-port, IMA Upkeep |
| 16 – 22 February | In-port, Type Training |
| 23 Feb – 04 Mar | In-port, IMA Upkeep |
| 05 March | Change of Command, CDR Biesel relieves CDR McAneny |
| 06 – 29 March | In-port, IMA Upkeep |
| 30 Mar – 02 Apr | Underway, Narragansett Bay Op Area (NBOA) |
| 03 April | Underway, VIP Cruise (NBOA) |
| 04 – 05 April | In-port, Type Training |
| 06 – 10 April | Underway, Training (Western Atlantic) |
| 11 – 12 April | In-port, Type Training |
| 13 – 24 April | Underway, Training (NBOA) |
| 25 – 28 April | In-port, Type Training |
| 29 Apr – 13 May | In-port, Voyage Repair |
| 14 – 20 May | Underway, Training (Western Atlantic) |
| 21 – 22 May | Port Visit, Kings Bay, GA. |
| 23 – 25 May | Underway, Training (Western Atlantic) |
| 26 – 27 May | Underway, Enroute Norfolk, VA. |
| 27 May | Port Visit, Norfolk, VA. |
| 28 – 29 May | Underway, Enroute Groton, CT., Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) |
| 30 May – 11 Jun | In-port, IMA Upkeep |
| 12 Jun – 06 Oct | In-port, Selective Restricted Availability (DDS, DSRV) |
| 07 – 10 Oct | Underway, Sea Trials (NBOA) |
| 11 – 12 Oct | In-port, Type Training |
| 13 – 15 Oct | Underway, Training (Western Atlantic) |
| 16 – 17 Oct | Underway, Enroute Groton, CT. |
| 18 Oct – 11 Nov | In-port, Voyage Repair |
| 12 Nov – 06 Dec | In-port, IMA Upkeep (Restricted Availability) |
| 07 – 20 Dec | In-port, Restricted Availability (DDS Fitup) |
| 21 – 31 Dec | In-port, Holiday Standdown |

Part 3. Narrative

A. Written Summary: 1998 began with comprehensive training in preparation for the Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE). On 29 January, the ship received the highest grade in the Atlantic Fleet for the TRE. Upon returning to Groton, CT., the focus was on various maintenance efforts and preparations for Change of Command. On 05 March 1999, CDR. Douglass T. Biesel relieved CDR. Douglas J. McAneny and assumed command of the USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690). The spring of 1998 included various training and maintenance periods designed to preserve the proficiency of the crew in operational performance. PHILADELPHIA received the highest grade in the Atlantic Fleet on the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) in May of 1998. In June of 1998, PHILADELPHIA underwent an extensive maintenance period in which various installations designed to improve the warfighting capability of the ship were

accomplished. PHILADELPHIA was configured as a Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) platform capable of Special Operational Forces (SOF) support. Concurrent with this installation, PHILADELPHIA was configured as a Mother Sub (MOSUB) platform capable of supporting Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) operations. Upon completion of the four month Selected Restrictive Availability (SRA), PHILADELPHIA completed sea trials and returned to the fleet as the finest operational unit. PHILADELPHIA concluded calendar year 1998 by winning the Battle Efficiency "E" as the top performer in all of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve for an unprecedented third consecutive year.

B. Statistical Summary:

1. Navigation Total Miles Steamed : 11,293 NM
2. Awards: 1998 COMSUBDEVRON TWELVE Battle "E"
1998 CSDS-12 Ney Award Nominee
1998 CSDS-12 Communications "C"



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