

COMMAND HISTORY 1972

USS BARB is an operating unit of the Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet under the operational control of Commander, Submarine Flotilla FIVE and the administrative control of Commander, Submarine Squadron SEVEN.

In January BARB completed a six month shipyard availability at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard where significant work was accomplished on several engineering plant systems.

From January to early May, BARB conducted local operations and was in upkeep in Pearl Harbor. On 22 May, with two weeks notice, BARB departed Pearl Harbor for a seven month deployment in the Western Pacific. On 8 July, after a four week period of upkeep and crew training in and around Guam, Marianas Islands, BARB participated in a Search and Rescue Operation for crew members of a Strategic Air Command B-52 bomber, downed about 300 miles west of Guam. On 9 July, BARB rescued four of the aviators in the midst of 15 to 25 foot seas caused by Typhoon Rita. The first of the two life rafts recovered, carrying three men, was brought near the ship by sending a swimmer to the raft, attaching a line and hauling the raft back to the ship. The second raft was brought alongside with the aid of a line throwing gun. Since the main deck was untenable, the crewmen were hoisted aboard to the ship's elevated bridge area. For her part in this SAR mission, BARB was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. Additionally, "well done" messages were received from the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet, Commander EIGHTH Air Force, and Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

After returning the downed aviators to Guam, BARB departed on 10 July for special operations. BARB returned to Subic Bay, R. P. for four days in mid-August. On 21 August, BARB departed Subic Bay and provided services to various aircraft squadrons and surface ships during a transit to Yokosuka, Japan, arriving on 5 September for a two week upkeep period.

On 16 September Commander John G. JUERGENS, USN was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS BARB (SSN596) by Commander John J. HUMMER, USN.

On 22 September BARB left Yokosuka for another special operation. BARB arrived in Pusan, Korea on 31 October for a short port visit, mooring to USS CHANTICLEER (ASR-7) in the Pusan anchorages.

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On 4 November BARB departed for Singapore, but a main engine failure caused the ship to be diverted to Guam for repairs. After repairing the main engine, BARB participated in several exercises with Guam based FBM submarines. On 8 December, the ship began the trip back to Pearl Harbor, arriving on 15 December. BARB spent the remainder of the year in a post-deployment holiday stand down period.

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Attached to Submarine Squadron SEVEN, Division 72, USS BARB (SSN506) is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine, home-ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. BARB has been commanded by CDR. J. G. JÜRGENS, USN since 11 July 1970.

The beginning of 1971 found BARB berthed at U. S. Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor in upkeep preparing for a deployment to the Western Pacific. On the 2nd of January BARB departed her home port for the Western Pacific beginning with a month long special operation. On the seventh of February the ship moored at the Ship Repair Facility in Yokosuka, Japan for an upkeep and crew relaxation period. Following a transit and one day stop at Subic Bay, Philippines, BARB departed on another month of special operations.

On the 28th of March BARB returned to Subic Bay for voyage repairs before heading for Hong Kong. From April 1st through 7th BARB's crew spent a highly enjoyable visit to Hong Kong, B.C.C. for crew rest. Following the six days in Hong Kong BARB transited to Guam, Marianas Islands for a two and a half week upkeep. On the first of May BARB left Guam for a two month special operation returning to her homeport on June 25th.

From the 25th of June to the 30th of July BARB's crew enjoyed a standard period following her deployment.

On the 30th of July BARB entered drydock #4, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for a restricted availability docking. On October 15th BARB left drydock and was moored at shipyard berth Bravo-1 to continue ship yard work. On November 17th BARB returned to the Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor where she remains for the rest of the year for upkeep and the completion of shipyard work.

SHIP'S HISTORY
USS BARB (SSN596) 1 JAN 1970 - 31 DEC 1970

Following a drydocking period in January of 1970 the BARB transited to the State of Washington. During the month of February the ship conducted weapons systems trials in Dabob Bay and sound surveys at Carr Inlet. The weapons trials included the first shipboard firing of the Mark 48 Mod 1 torpedo.

From March until December BARB operated in the Mid-Pacific out of her home port of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this period BARB conducted sonar equipment evaluations, fired two exercise SUBROC missiles and participated in several exercises including a quick-reaction exercise which involved getting underway for extended operations on 24 hour notice.

On 11 July 1970, Commander John G. JUERGENS relieved Commander Bernard M. KAUDERER as Commanding Officer of BARB.

In December 1970, BARB completed preparations for a deployment to the Western Pacific scheduled for just after the first of the year.

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HISTORY OF USS BARB (SSN 596)

1 January 1969 - 31 December 1969

1. Chronology of Highlights

1 JAN - 26 MAY	At Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard conducting regular overhaul. Drydocked in Drydock Number One.
26 MAY - 3 NOV	Undocked and moored at Berth B-8, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Continuing regular overhaul.
3 NOV - 8 NOV	Fast Cruise.
10 NOV - 15 NOV	First Sea Trials.
17 NOV - 21 NOV	Dockside Sonar Certification Tests, PHNSY.
22 NOV - 26 NOV	Second Sea Trial. At sea Sonar Certification Test.
27 NOV - 2 DEC	Dockside Combined Operability Tests.
3 DEC - 5 DEC	Third Sea Trial. Combined Operability Tests.
8 DEC	Completed overhaul.
9 DEC	Loaded torpedoes at NAD, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
10 DEC - 11 DEC	At Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
12 DEC	Off-loaded torpedoes at NAD, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
13 DEC - 14 DEC	At Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
15 DEC - 31 DEC	Drydocked in drydock number one, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for repairs to number 2 torpedo tube and to replace AN/BQG-2A hydrophones.

2. Narrative

On 26 May 1969 BARB completed the drydock phase of her first regular overhaul. This was not a refueling overhaul.

The overhaul continued until 8 December 1969. Fast cruise and three different sea trials were conducted between 3 November and 5 December.

After being at Submarine Base Pearl Harbor for the period 8-14 December, BARB was drydocked in a restricted availability status on 15 December for repairs to number two torpedo tube and to replace AN/BQG-2A sonar (PUFFS) hydrophones.

On 26 June BARB was presented the Navy Unit Commendation for operations conducted in the Spring of 1966. In December BARB's general mess was nominated as Submarine Squadron SEVEN representative for the NEY Award for the second year in a row. This is the third year in a row that BARB was the Division's representative. BARB's athletic teams won the Submarine Squadron SEVEN Intramural Championship.

Annex A consists of correspondence between BARB and the CADET TRAINING SHIP BARB, ALVARADO SCHOOL, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA. This unit of the Junior Naval Cadets of America has taken BARB as their namesake.

ENCLOSURE (1)

HISTORY OF USS BARB (SSN596)

Commissioning to 31 December 1969

USS BARB (SSN596) was commissioned 24 August 1963 at Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi. The ship was delivered to the Navy on 26 September 1963 and departed Pascagoula on 28 September 1963. Following transit of the Panama Canal, BARB proceeded to the Puget Sound area via Vallejo, California, conducting BUSHIPS Acoustic Detection Trials enroute. During the period 30 October 1963 to 19 November 1963, ASW Accuracy Trials, Torpedo Tube Acceptance Trials, and self-noise trials were conducted in the Puget Sound area. BARB then departed for Pearl Harbor, her ultimate home port. At Pearl Harbor, three weeks of intensive type training were conducted following which she departed for Mare Island Naval Shipyard. On 17 December 1963 BARB entered Mare Island for Post Shakedown Availability during which the AN/BOG-2A PUFFS sonar system was installed.

Commander Charles D. GROJEAN, USN, 447428 was Commanding Officer during construction and until 8 August 1964 at which time he was relieved by Commander R. W. BULMER, USN, 521298 in ceremonies conducted at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Upon completion of the extensive Post Shakedown Availability on 21 August 1964, refresher training was conducted.

BARB visited Seattle, Washington, enroute to her new home port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (officially changed to Vallejo, California on 1 July 1964).

On 1 December 1964, BARB was designated flagship for Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

BARB was engaged in local operations in the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii area until 9 June 1965 when she departed for Mare Island Naval Shipyard arriving on 15 June 1965. BARB underwent repair to the PUFFS, AN/BQG-2A sonar system until 20 July 1965 when she departed Mare Island enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii arriving in Pearl Harbor on 25 July 1965. Local operations in the Pearl Harbor area filled out the remainder of 1965 and the first two months of 1966. On 2 March 1966 BARB departed Pearl Harbor for advanced training exercises in the Pacific returning to Pearl Harbor on 15 May 1966.

On 21 May 1966 Lieutenant Commander Bernard M. KAUDERER, USN, 570070 relieved Commander Robert W. BULMER, USN, 521298 as Commanding Officer in ceremonies conducted at the U. S. Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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On 11 June 1966, the change of command ceremony for Commander Submarine Force, United States Pacific Fleet was held on board BARB in Pearl Harbor. Rear Admiral John H. MAURER relieved Rear Admiral Eugene B. FLUCKEY.

Throughout the remainder of June and July BARB conducted local training operations in the Hawaiian area. During the month of August, BARB entered dry dock for a period of three weeks. On 10 September, the ship departed Pearl Harbor enroute Dabob Bay and Carr Inlet, Washington for acoustic trials. After conducting sound trials and fire control system checks, BARB returned to Pearl Harbor on 14 October 1966.

After spending three weeks in upkeep at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, BARB entered dry dock at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for a Restricted Availability in which a comprehensive updating of the ship's sonar system was accomplished. BARB undocked on 28 December 1966, and returned to Subase Pearl for a post yard upkeep.

During January and February of 1967, BARB conducted local operations and refresher training in the local Hawaiian operating areas. During the period 2 - 3 March 1967; two successful SUBROC missile firings were conducted by BARB at the KAUAI missile range.

In addition, the month of March 1967 included the technical and operational evaluation of the passive underwater ranging system (PUFFS). The month of April 1967 consisted of two weeks underway for type training and an Operational Readiness Inspection, with the balance of the month devoted to preparation for WESTPAC deployment.

The first port of call for BARB in WESTPAC was Naha, Okinawa from 22 May to 26 May 1967. Naha was immediately followed by a recreational visit to Singapore, from 2 - 6 June 1967. Departing Singapore, BARB proceeded South and crossed the Equator at 105° 30' E for traditional ceremonies, and then turned North, arriving at Yokosuka, Japan on 20 June 1967.

On 29 June 1967, BARB departed Yokosuka for an extended advanced training exercise. On 19 August 1967, the ship returned to Yokosuka, Japan for a 10 day upkeep period. Upon completing the upkeep, BARB commenced transit to Hong Kong, B.C.C. arriving on 6 September 1967 for a 6 day recreational visit.

During the months of September and October 1967 BARB participated in several training exercises with overnight stops in Naha, Okinawa on 16 September and 5 October and in Subic Bay, P.I. on 10 October 1967.

The final port of call in WESTPAC was Guam, M.I.. Upon completing a 10 day upkeep, BARB departed for Pearl Harbor on 25 October 1967. On 1 November 1967, BARB returned to her homeport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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The remaining months of 1967 were spent in a Restricted Availability Docking at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for 4 weeks and in holiday, leave and upkeep status at SUBASE Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

During the first week of the new year, 1968, BARB successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection and a CINCPACFLT Operational Reactor Safe Guards Examination. Following a week of local operations, BARB departed Pearl Harbor on 30 January 1968 for an advanced training exercise. Upon completing the exercise, BARB returned to Pearl Harbor on 10 April 1968.

Following a few weeks of rest and relaxation final preparations for overhaul were completed. On 27 May 1968, BARB entered dry dock at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and commenced an overhaul which included SUBSAFE, sonar, fire control and engineering plant modifications and changes. BARB undocked on 26 May 1969 and conducted post overhaul sea trials from 10 November to 5 December 1969. After spending one week in upkeep at SUBASE Pearl Harbor, Hawaii BARB returned to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for a 3 week Restricted Availability Docking on 15 December 1969 to correct deficiencies discovered while at SUBASE.

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