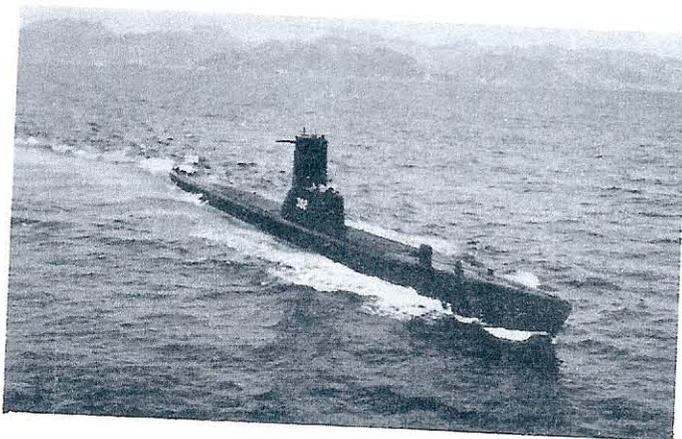


Change of Command Ceremony



Saturday, 15 June 1968

on board

United States Ship Sabalo (SS-302)

Ballast Point, San Diego, California



Commander WOOD reports to USS SABALO from the recently decommissioned ARCHERFISH. A native of Columbus, Ohio, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1953 and reported to the



CDR BARKE graduated from the Naval Academy in 1953 and served aboard USS BELLATRIX (AKA-3) prior to attending

attack troop transport USS LATIMER (APA-152). Upon completing submarine training in 1956, he served three years in the submarine CAIMAN (SS-323), followed by a tour at the Naval Postgraduate School where he received a degree in Engineering Electronics. He then served as Communication Officer for Submarine Flotilla SEVEN based in Yokosuka, Japan, and in Executive Officer billets aboard both USS ARCHERFISH (AGSS-311) and USS SEGUNDO (SS-398). In 1965 he commenced a two year tour as director, Plans Office within the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office at Suitland, Maryland, and from there reported to the ARCHERFISH as Commanding Officer.

Submarine School in 1955. After Submarine School he served aboard USS DIODON (SS-349) and USS SPINAX (SS-489). From 1959 to 1962 CDR BARKE attended Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, followed by three years as a member of the commissioning crew of USS HENRY CLAY (SSEN-625). He assumed command of SABALO after a tour of duty as Executive Officer of USS DIODON (SS-349). In 1955 CDR BARKE married the former Vera Kelly of New London, Connecticut. They have two children, Stephen, born in 1963 and Alexandra, born in 1966.

Program



National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks by Commander William H. Lynch, USN
Commander Submarine Division Fifty-One

Remarks and Reading of Orders by
Commander Arthur R. Barke, USN

Remarks and Reading of Orders by
Commander John P. Wood, USN

Commander Wood Relieves Commander Barke

Benediction

Music by
Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet Band

Upon conclusion
refreshments will be served at
The Ballast Tank



*The Commanding Officer, USS Sabalo SS-302
requests the honor of your presence
at the Change of Command Ceremony at which
Commander John P. Wood, US Navy
will be relieved by
Lieutenant Commander Allan L. Andrade, US Navy
at the Submarine Support Facility, Ballast Point
San Diego, California
on Monday, the sixteenth of June
at two o'clock*

*Uniform:
Service Dress White*

IT IS SAID THAT, AS ONE BECOMES OLDER, THE PASSAGE OF TIME BECOMES SOMEWHAT INDISTINCT AND DISASSOCIATED WITH PARTICULAR EVENTS. AS I STAND HERE THIS AFTERNOON, CERTAINLY AS OLD AS I'VE EVER BEEN, I WOULD SAY, "NOT SO", TO THIS THEORY. NEVER HAVE I BEEN SO ACUTELY AWARE OF THE PASSING OF A SINGLE YEAR AS I HAVE SINCE RELIEVING CDR ART BARKE OF THE SABALO LAST JUNE.

THE REMAINING FACTOR WHICH HAS ENABLED ME TO SO ENJOY THIS TOUR HAS BEEN IT HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY FULL YEAR - AND A VERY SATISFYING ONE. IT INCLUDED OVER SEVEN MONTHS IN A DEPLOYED STATUS - THE REAL TEST OF A SUBMARINE AND HER CREW - SINCE THE UMBILICAL CORD IS CUT TO THE TENDERS, STAFFS, AND SUPPLY ACTIVITIES, AND THE SHIP IS TRULY ON ITS OWN. WITH SABALO AND HER CREW - RIGHT DOWN TO THE YOUNGEST MAN - PERFORMING AS REAL PROFESSIONALS, IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL AS WELL AS MOST ENJOYABLE TOUR IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC; A TOUR SO SUCCESSFUL - AS THE SABALO DEPENDENTS WELL KNOW - THAT THE SHIP WAS HELD OVER BY POPULAR DEMAND OUT THERE ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. THE DECISION WHETHER TO SAIL US HOME OR TO KEEP US FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION WAS, IN FACT, MADE THE NIGHT BEFORE OUR FINAL DEPARTURE FROM JAPAN.

TODAY, ALTHOUGH IT MARKS THE END TO MY ACTUALLY ALTHOUGH ONLY SIX DAYS SHY OF HER TWENTY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY AND THEREFORE OLDER THAN MOST OF HER CREW MEMBERS, SABALO NEVERTHELESS CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE THE QUALITY OF RELIABILITY. THIS QUALITY, TREASURED WITHIN THE NAVY AND ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE SUBMARINE FORCE, CAN BE ATTRIBUTED ONLY TO THE DEDICATION, PERSERVERANCE, AND INGENUITY OF HER OFFICERS AND MEN STANDING HERE TODAY. TO THEM, I EXPRESS MY MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THEIR USUALLY UNCOMMON AND OFTEN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS DURING THE PAST YEAR. I'VE SAILED WITH NO FINER CREW.

I'M INDEBTED ALSO TO THE SABALO WIVES WHO, BY MEETING AND HANDLING THE DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS AND EMERGENCIES HERE AT HOME WITH THEIR TYPICAL SELF-RELIANCE, LEFT THEIR MEN FREE TO DEVOTE ALL THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES TO THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THEIR SHIP. OF NAVY REGULATIONS.

THE REMAINING FACTOR WHICH HAS ENABLED ME TO SO ENJOY THIS TOUR HAS BEEN THE SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND LOYALTY DOWN SHOWN BY COMMANDER LYNCH, COMMANDER SUBMARINE DIVISION FIFTY-ONE, AND CAPTAIN BERRY, COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON FIVE AND THEIR FINE STAFFS. SABALO HAS PLAYED THE GAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RULES, AND IT HAS ALWAYS PROVED REWARDING AND A PLEASURE TO DO SO.

LEAVING MY LAST SHIP, THE ARCHERFISH, WAS IN SOME WAYS MORE DIFFICULT FOR ME. IN HER CASE, I KNEW SHE HAD BUT A SHORT TIME LEFT BEFORE A TORPEDO WAS TO END HER ILLUSTRIOUS CARRER, AND HER CREW WAS BEING BROKEN IN SMALL GROUPS AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SUBMARINE FORCE, NEVER TO SERVE TOGETHER AS A TEAM AGAIN. TODAY, ALTHOUGH IT MARKS THE END TO MY ACTUALLY SERVING IN SUBMARINES AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS, I'M PRIVILEGED TO REMAIN WITHIN THE SUBMARINE FORCE FOR MY NEXT TOUR OF DUTY, BUT MORE IMPORTANT, I'M LEAVING A SUBMARINE THAT HAS A FUTURE - I'M SURE A BRIGHT FUTURE - AS WELL AS A HIGHLY-TRAINED AND PERSONABLE TEAM WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO DRIVE THIS SHIP.

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE RELIEVED BY AL ANDRADE, A NEWCOMER TO SAN DIEGO BUT AN OFFICER WHOSE FINE REPUTATION IN SUBPAC HAS PRECEDED HIM HERE. AL, I WISH YOU AND THE MEN OF SABALO CONTINUED SUCCESS AND ALL THE HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD - WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NAVY REGULATIONS.

I SHALL NOW READ MY ORDERS, DETACHED FROM DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER.

YOU WILL PROCEED TO PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII AND REPORT TO COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE, UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET FOR DUTY IN STAFF, SUBMARINE FORCE, UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET.