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From: The Commanding Officer  
To: The Secretary of the Navy (Public Information)  
Subject: Personnel Data, Supplement to Ship's History previously submitted.  
Reference: (a) ALPac #273.

1. In compliance with reference (a), which directs the forwarding of supplementary personnel data to ship's history, the following information is submitted:

(A) LIST OF SUCCESSIVE COMMANDING OFFICERS:

- (1) Lieut. Comdr. A. M. BONTIER, USN  
(Lost on U.S.S. SEA WOLF, former address unknown.)
- (2) Commander Roy S. BENSON, USN  
11 South Main Street  
Concord, N.H.
- (3) Lieut. Comdr. C. Donald BROWN, USN  
54 Plant Street  
New London, Conn.

(B) LIST OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WHO HAVE PERFORMED OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND AWARDS GRANTED:

- (1) Lieut. Comdr. C. Donald BROWN, USN  
54 Plant Street  
New London, Conn.
  - (a) NAVY CROSS: As commanding officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters he conducted attacks which resulted in the sinking of over 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaged an additional 5,000 tons.
  - (b) BRONZE STAR: As commanding officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters he conducted gun attacks which resulted in sinking numerous small craft which totaled over 2,000 tons.
  - (c) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As commanding officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters he launched three aggressive gun attacks and successfully evaded enemy anti-submarine measures.

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(d) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As commanding officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters he successfully rescued five Army aviation personnel forced down while engaging the enemy.

(2) Lieut. Robert L. SMITH, USNR  
Box 297, Route #2,  
Puyallup, Washington

(a) SILVER STAR MEDAL: As assistant approach officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his aggressive spirit and proficiency contributed immeasurably in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(3) Lieut. Alvin R. HERSH, Jr., USN  
31 West 4th Street  
Corning, New York

(a) SILVER STAR MEDAL: As TDC operator of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his coolness and proficiency contributed directly in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(4) FORT, Henry F., CQM, USN  
111 Brunswick Street  
Roxbury, Mass.

(a) SILVER STAR MEDAL: As chief of the boat of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his skill and ability in maintaining a high state of readiness in the control room aided his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(5) Lieut. Robert S. THOMPSON, USNR  
62nd and Shawnee Mission Roads  
Mission, Kansas

(a) BRONZE STAR MEDAL: As a member of the fire control party of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his coolness and ability to analyze rapidly and accurately contributed directly in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

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(6) Lieut. Lawrence B. CRANN, USNR  
256 High Street  
Orange, New Jersey

(a) BRONZE STAR MEDAL: As diving officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his proficiency in controlling depth in high seas made undetected approaches on enemy ships possible. This ability contributed materially in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(7) Lt.(jg) William C. ANDERSON, USNR  
3711 7th Avenue  
Sioux City, Iowa

(a) BRONZE STAR MEDAL: As radar officer of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his proficiency in radar material and his accurate analysis of enemy radar countermeasures contributed materially in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(8) Electrician Homer P. PETTY, USN  
6924 South Harbor  
Houston, Texas

(a) BRONZE STAR MEDAL: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his spirit and example, his devotion to duty, and his coolness in action contributed materially in aiding his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(9) KOHL, Carroll C., CPhM, USN  
2225 Ilion Ave., N.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

(a) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his devotion to duty as chief pharmacist's mate in maintaining a high standard of health and morale of the officers and men contributed materially in aiding his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

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(10) QUANTON, Ralph R., CRM, USN  
96 Main Street  
Niantic, Conn.

(a) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his devotion to duty and his ability in the maintenance and operation of radio and sound equipment contributed materially in aiding his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(11) GORDON, James E., CMoMM, USN  
Box 216  
Newell, California

(a) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his devotion to duty and his leadership contributed materially in aiding his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(12) MEHALICK, Joseph, MoMMLc, USN  
951 Walnut Street  
Freeland, Pa.

(a) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his devotion to duty and his proficiency as a battle station planesman aided his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(13) MOON, Calvin, RTlc, USNR  
423 Prince Street  
Bordentown, New Jersey

(a) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his ability and devotion to duty in maintenance and operation of the radar equipment aided his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

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(14) SMALL, Leonard M., Jr., FCS2c, USNR  
10 Second Street  
Saugus, Mass.

(a) LETTER OF COMMENDATION WITH RIBBON: As a member of the crew of a submarine during a war patrol of that vessel in enemy waters his devotion to duty as a lookout and his proficiency in maintenance of the fire control equipment aided his commanding officer in sinking 20,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging an additional 5,000 tons.

(15) Lt.(jg) William H. PATILLO, USNR  
Yoakum, Texas

Recommended for the NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL, having distinguished himself by heroism in assisting in the rescue of an injured enlisted man who was washed overboard from another submarine in a dangerous channel. He dived overboard near a coral reef in treacherous currents, heavy cross-channel seas, and swells, with complete disregard for his own safety.

(16) LANGFORD, Denver D., MoMM3c, USNR  
1752 N.W. 15th Street  
Miami, Florida

Recommended for the NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL, having distinguished himself by heroism in assisting in the rescue of an injured enlisted man who was washed overboard from another submarine in a dangerous channel. He dived overboard near a coral reef in treacherous currents, heavy cross-channel seas, and swells, with complete disregard for his own safety.

  
C. DONALD BROWN

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