

Letter from Gregg D. Larson, Captain (sel), USN, Last Commanding Officer, USS HADDO (SSN 604)

"Dear Mike,

Last Wednesday, 12 June 1991, I decommissioned HADDO at an informal ceremony, dry dock #2, Mare Island Naval Shipyard. PERMIT, also located in dock #2, is scheduled for decommissioning mid-July, following the undocking of both hulls. The two of ex-604 and ex-594 will happen in August. The plan is to put ex-HADDO into dock with ex-JACK upon arrival at Pudget Sound Naval Shipyard, remove the reactor compartments for disposal at Hanford, WA, and then chop up the remainder for scrap. I knew I would miss the people, but didn't think I would care about the hulk, but I do.

There were 50 of the crew left as of the decommissioning. All have orders to execute this week. A few of us have remained to finish up the admin details. I am looking forward to reporting to the Naval War College in August to start the 10 month curriculum.

I know that the last HADDO Chief of the Boat, MMCM (SS) Dave Waddell, has forwarded some memorabilia to you, and I am enclosing more pictures and stick on patches. Don't be surprised if you continue to get boxes of the stuff for the next several weeks.

I encourage you to keep up the HADDO Newsletter. I would personally enjoy the opportunity to attend a reunion, whenever and wherever."