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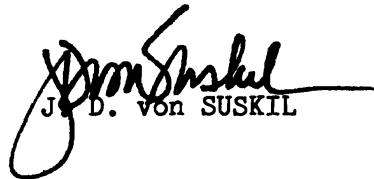
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(b) COMSUBLANTINST 5400.4L

Encl: (1) Command History 1987
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (includes CO's biography and photo)
(3) Ship's Photograph

1. Enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded for historical and public affairs purposes in accordance with references (a) and (b).
2. This is USS AUGUSTA's fourth annual report.


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USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710)

1987 COMMAND HISTORY

Command Composition and Organization.

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), the thirtieth 688 Class fast attack submarine, is one of the most advanced undersea vessels of its type in the world. Her mission: to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. She carries a crew of 15 officers and approximately 120 enlisted men, all highly qualified specialists in their fields. USS AUGUSTA, under the command of Commander James D. von SUSKIL, is attached to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, and is homeported in Groton, CT. Lieutenant Commander Gary R. WLEKLINSKI is the Executive Officer.

Chronology:

5-16 Jan 87	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
20-24 Jan 87	Tactical Readiness Examination, Pre-Overseas Movement Certification.
2 Feb - 2 May 87	North Atlantic Deployment
22 May - 22 Jul 87	Selected Restricted Availability
23 Jul - 16 Aug 87	Acoustic Trials Midshipman Orientation Cruise
21 Aug - 2 Sep 87	Wide Aperture Array Technical Evaluation
8-24 Sep 87	Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise LANTSUBASWEX 4-87, St. Croix, USVI Surprise ORSE
30 Sep - 2 Oct 87	Exercise Agile Player
15-16 Oct 87	Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection
26 Oct - 24 Nov 87	Prospective Commanding Officer Operations

Narrative:

USS AUGUSTA began the new year with the standard battery of inspections: an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE), Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE), and Pre-Overseas Movement Certification in preparation for a North Atlantic deployment in early February.

Lasting until early May, the North Atlantic deployment consisted of participation in LANTSUBASWEX 2-87 and some real-world ASW work. Port calls to Holy Loch, Scotland and Halifax, Nova Scotia bracketed the deployment as the crew earned the Sea Service Ribbon for these sustained operations.

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In early summer, USS AUGUSTA completed a Selected Restricted Availability which included an experimental Integrated Logistics Review. Significant repairs were completed and the ship was outfitted with a completely revised supply load out; the first such modification attempted in a non-overhaul environment. A total effort by all hands made for a timely completion of this rigorous maintenance period.

Late summer and fall marked an intense period of operational commitments which found AUGUSTA continually in and out of homeport. Operations included Acoustic Trials, Midshipman Orientation Cruise, Wide Aperture Array Technical Evaluation and Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise 4-87, as well as a surprise Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Exercise Agile Player participation. A Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection and Prospective Commanding Officer Operations brought the underway time to an end for 1987. The year concluded with a much needed upkeep and standdown period in December.

USS AUGUSTA was awarded the 1987 Communications "Green C" for Excellence in Communications from Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE.