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1. Enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded for history and public affairs purposes in accordance with references (a) and (b).

2. This is USS AUGUSTA's eighth annual report.

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USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710)
1991 COMMAND HISTORY

Command Composition and Organization

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), the twenty-third 688 class nuclear fast attack submarine, is one of the most advanced undersea vessels of its type in the world. Its mission: To search for and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. She carries a crew of 14 officers and approximately 120 enlisted men, all highly qualified specialists in their fields. USS AUGUSTA, under the command of Commander Edward Joseph Rutkowski, is attached to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE of Commander, Submarine Group TWO and is homeported in Groton, CT. Lieutenant Commander Richard A. Yocum is the Executive Officer.

NARRATIVE

The year of 1991 was an extremely busy one for the USS AUGUSTA, including a deployment, numerous fleet exercises, and the standard battery of inspections.

The year began with a highly successful Western Atlantic Deployment, which included port visits in Portsmouth, England and Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The crew received accolades at the fleet level for their fine performance.

After a post-deployment standown and a much-needed upkeep, the AUGUSTA participated in Canadian Fleet Operations with Canadian surface ships and in NATO Exercise Ocean Safari, which included surface ships and submarines from Portugal, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Germany, and Great Britain. Following a port visit to Halifax, Nova Scotia, the ship conducted a Tiger Cruise with Commander, Submarine Group Two embarked enroute to Newport, RI. The crew conducted tours of the ship to various officer candidates while in Newport and returned to homeport with a Dependent's Cruise.

Following another upkeep, the ship got underway for a short time to conduct at-sea training and provide services. After a one-day VIP cruise, the ship's short inport period was interrupted by an unexpected underway along with all New London based submarines to avoid the wrath of Hurricane Bob traveling up the East coast. The next underway was an operationally hectic one, as the ship traveled to the Puerto Rican Operating Areas to undergo a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Mk-48 Proficiency Certification, provide services for the USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI's Mk-48 proficiency, and conduct operations with the USS KITTY HAWK.

The ship got underway to conduct a shallow water exercise off the coast of Maine. This exercise was cut short by an unexpected material problem, which forced AUGUSTA to return to Groton.

The ship underwent emergent repairs in drydock at Electric Boat in Groton, CT. The ship then headed south again to conduct sea trials and provide a variety of target services at the AUTEK range in the Bahamas. This at-sea period was punctuated by a port visit to Port Canaveral, FL.

Following a short inport period in Groton, AUGUSTA got underway for pre-Depot Modernization Period (DMP) at-sea testing to identify deficiencies in shipboard systems to prepare for the ship's DMP scheduled to begin in June of 1992. The crew took a break for Thanksgiving, and then underwent the pre-DMP testing upkeep in order to further identify and

correct shipboard material discrepancies. The year concluded with a modified holiday standown, allowing some work days to make final preparations for at-sea operations planned after the first of the new year.

USS AUGUSTA was awarded the 1991 Communications "C", and the Medical Department "M", from Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE.

CHRONOLOGY

4 Jan - 5 Apr 91	North Atlantic Deployment
7 - 13 Mar 91	Port Visit Portsmouth, England
15 - 22 Mar 91	Port Visit Rotterdam, Netherlands
6 - 21 Apr 91	Post Deployment Standown
22 Apr - 22 May 91	Upkeep NSSF New London
20 May 91	Fast Cruise
23 - 24 May 91	Sea Trials
28 May - 4 Jun 91	CANFLTOPS
5 - 23 Jun 91	OCEAN SAFARI
24 - 26 Jun 91	Port Visit Halifax, Nova Scotia
27 - 28 Jun 91	TIGER Cruise
29 Jun - 1 Jul 91	Port Visit Newport, RI
2 Jul 91	Dependents Cruise
3 Jul - 5 Aug 91	Upkeep NSSF New London
5 - 9 Aug 91	Sonar Certification Support
10 - 15 Aug 91	Independent Steaming Exercise
16 Aug 91	VIP Cruise
17 - 22 Aug 91	Inport Type Training
19 - 20 Aug 91	Sortie for Hurricane Bob
23 - 27 Aug 91	Tactical Readiness Evaluation
28 - 29 Aug 91	MK-48 Torpedo Proficiency
30 - 31 Aug 91	SSN 705 MK-48 Certification
1 - 4 Sep 91	OPS with USS KITTYHAWK
5 - 7 Sep 91	Transit to NLON
8 - 16 Sep 91	Inport Type Training
13 Sep 91	VIP Cruise
17 - 21 Sep 91	LANTSECEX 2 - 91
22 - 23 Sep 91	Inport
24 - 25 Sep 91	Transit to NWS Earle and return
26 Sep - 7 Oct 91	Drydock Electric Boat Groton, CT
7 - 28 Oct 91	Upkeep NSSF New London
28 - 30 Oct 91	Sea Trials/Transit to PCAN
31 Oct - 4 Nov 91	Port Visit Port Canaveral, FL
5 - 14 Nov 91	Target Services AUTEC
15 - 17 Nov 91	Transit to NLON
18 - 21 Nov 91	Inport Type Training
22 - 25 Nov 91	At Sea DMP A-6 Testing
26 Nov - 20 Dec 91	DMP A-6 Upkeep
28 Nov - 1 Dec 91	Holiday Standown
21 Dec 91 - 1 Jan 92	Holiday Standown