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(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Biography/Photograph of CO
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1. Enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded for history and public affairs purposes in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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


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USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) 1993 COMMAND HISTORY

Command Composition and Organization

USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710), the twenty-third 688 class nuclear fast attack submarine and 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, conduct missile strikes against shore targets, provide early warning for deployed battle groups and support special forces operations. She carries a crew of 15 officers and approximately 130 enlisted men, all highly qualified specialists in their fields. USS AUGUSTA, under the command of Commander David W. Fennell, is attached to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE of Submarine Group TWO and is homeported in Groton, Connecticut. Lieutenant Commander Michael J. Connor is the Executive Officer.

CHRONOLOGY

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| 1 Jan - 5 May 93 | Drydock PNSY Kittery, ME |
| 6 May 93 | Undock at PNSY |
| 27-28 Jul 93 | PORSE |
| 9 Oct 93 | Underway from PNSY |
| 9-14 Oct 93 | Post-DMP Alpha Sea Trials |
| 14-18 Oct 93 | Change Homeport to Groton, CT |
| 18-23 Oct 93 | Post-DMP Bravo Sea Trials |
| 1-5 Nov 93 | Inport Port Canaveral, FL |
| 5-9 Nov 93 | Acoustic Trials, Exuma Sound |
| 15-19 Nov 93 | Phase III Sonar Certification |
| 3 Dec 93 - 28 Jan 94 | Drydock in ARDM-4 for IMA Upkeep and Resin Discharge |
| 17 Dec 93 - 3 Jan 94 | Holiday Standdown |

NARRATIVE

1993 was a year of change for USS AUGUSTA as she made the transition from being in drydock during a Depot Modernization Period (DMP) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to becoming an operational submarine.

The first five months were spent in drydock in Kittery, Maine. During this time AUGUSTA's Fire Control and Sonar were updated with the **CCS MK 2**, **BQQ-5E** and **BQG-5** Systems, making her one of the most capable submarines in the world. AUGUSTA left drydock on 6 May.

The next big steps taken towards becoming operational again were the Sonar Phase II Certification and PORSE. These inspections determined that the AUGUSTA crew was well-trained and ready to go to sea. After PORSE the reactor started for the first time since shutting down upon entering the shipyard.

AUGUSTA's first underway was Alpha Sea Trials in October during which she underwent extensive testing to ensure the equipment and material condition of the ship were satisfactory. This successful underway ended with AUGUSTA's return to her homeport of Groton, Connecticut. Phase Bravo Sea Trials and more testing commenced soon after arriving in port.

The next underway was for Acoustic Sea Trials in Exuma Sound and also Phase III Sonar Certification with the USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) and included a port visit to Port Canaveral, Florida. Upon returning to Groton, AUGUSTA again entered drydock in ARDM-4 for IMA Upkeep and Resin Discharge. The year ended with a holiday standdown.