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Subj: USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

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1. Command Composition and Organization

a. USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) is the fifth ship of the fleet to bear the name AUGUSTA, and the first to be named for the capital of Maine.

b. USS AUGUSTA is a nuclear powered attack submarine of the Los Angeles (SSN 688) Class, currently assigned to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, which is homeported in Groton, Connecticut. Commanded by CDR James J. Colgary, her principal mission is to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships. Surpassing the underwater capabilities of any class of ship before her, USS AUGUSTA carries detection, communications, navigation and computerized weapons systems of the most advanced design.

2. 1995 Chronology

1-3 Jan	Holiday Standdown
9-17 Jan	Pre-Overseas Movement Workup in Narragansett Bay Operating Areas with USS SAN JUAN (SSN 751) and USS TREPANG (SSN 674)
30 Jan-2 Feb	Pre-Overseas Movement Certification with USS WHALE (SSN 638) and USS GROTON (SSN 694)
10 Feb-22 May	North Atlantic Ocean Deployment
21-23 Feb	Port Visit, Cullerghenie, Scotland, UK
23-26 Feb	Port Visit, Faslane, Scotland, UK
21-24 Mar	Port Visit, Faslane, Scotland, UK
5-9 May	Port Visit, Wilhelmshaven, Germany
22 May-4 Jun	Post Deployment Standdown
5-30 Jun	IMA Upkeep and Battery Replacement, Groton
7-18 Jul	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination Workup in Narragansett Bay Operating Areas
12 Jul	Sound Trials support for USS MIAMI (SSN 755)
19-20 Jul	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
24-29 Jul	Supported Tactical Readiness Evaluation for USS SUNFISH (SSN 649)
29-31 Jul	Port Visit, Port Everglades, FL
31 Jul-7 Aug	Supported Tactical Readiness Evaluation for USS WEST VIRGINIA (SSBN 736); Transit to Groton

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7 Aug	VIP Cruise for Fleet Reserve Association National Officers and guests of Commander, Submarine Group TWO
8-9 Aug	Dependents' Cruises in Long Island Sound
9-17 Aug	Scheduled Preservation Upkeep Coordinated Effort (SPRUCE) Period
18 Aug	Change of Command
18 Aug-6 Sep	IMA Upkeep, Groton
6-13 Sep	Drydock in SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM-4), Groton
18-22 Sep	Supported Pre-Overseas Movement Certification for USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)
25 Sep-4 Oct	Tactical Readiness Evaluation Workup/ Modified Mk 48 ADCAP Torpedo testing with USS BOSTON (SSN 703)
4-8 Oct	Port Visit, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
8-11 Oct	Independent Steaming, Puerto Rico Operating Areas
12 Oct	Supported Target Services for HMCS OKANAGAN
13-15 Oct	Tactical Readiness Evaluation with USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760)
16-19 Oct	Supported Tactical Readiness Evaluation for USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760)
19-21 Oct	Personnel Transfer at Andros Island, Bahamas; Supported Operational Evaluation of SQQ-23 Towed Sonar Array with USS HAYLER (DD 997)
21-26 Oct	Transit to Narragansett Bay Operating Areas and Groton
30 Oct-28 Nov	IMA Upkeep, Groton
28 Nov-7 Dec	Transit to Puerto Rico Operating Areas; Modified Mk 48 ADCAP Torpedo Performance Evaluation with USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760)
7-9 Dec	Port Visit, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
9-14 Dec	Transit to Narragansett Bay Operating Areas and Groton
15-31 Dec	Holiday Standdown

3. Narrative

a. 1995 saw USS AUGUSTA's first extended deployment in over four years. The ship and crew demonstrated their operational proficiency and war fighting potential, as well as the testing and evaluation of several state-of-the-art combat systems for future fleet use. These included the first ever deployment of the AN/BQQ-5E sonar system and Combat Control System Mk 2, and employment of the AN/BQG-5 Wide Aperture Array.

b. The ship's deployment to the North Atlantic and Arctic regions was highly successful by every measure. Highlights included the longest submerged period in the ship's history, operations in the Marginal Ice Zone, and a port call to

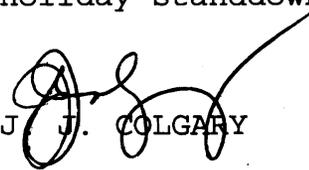
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Wilhelmshaven, Germany on the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day. The ability of the crew to operate the ship for extended periods without logistical support was challenged by at sea repairs to reactor controls and steam plant components, and repairs to the communications and sonar suites. Despite several material problems, the ship was able to support all required taskings due to the extensive preparations and the outstanding technical abilities of the crew. There were no humanitarian or medical evacuations required during the deployment. The crew earned the Arctic Service Ribbon and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

c. Following the post-deployment standdown, AUGUSTA supported other ship's operations, performed a battery replacement, and completed an arduous SPRUCE preservation upkeep in two weeks, an evolution which normally takes over a month. In addition, major improvement initiatives in the ship's Supply Department were confirmed by the results of its Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE). The examining authority cited the ship for "one of the most significant improvements in their experience" in Food Service and Supply support, which led to AUGUSTA earning the Commander, Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE Blue "E" for Supply Excellence for 1995.

d. A new era in AUGUSTA history began on 18 August 1995 as Commander James J. Colgary relieved Commander David W. Fennell as the sixth commanding officer of the USS AUGUSTA.

e. The ship completed the year with an aggressive operations and maintenance schedule, including a highly successful Tactical Readiness Evaluation, in which the ship's unique firefighting doctrine and execution were praised by the examining team. Other operations included Prospective Commanding Officer training and testing and evaluation of the next generation of fleet submarine torpedoes, the Mk 48 Modified Advanced Capability (ADCAP) torpedo. A total of twenty-six Mod ADCAPs were launched by AUGUSTA during the September to December period. AUGUSTA's support of this important Type Commander priority was praised by Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, as "superb, imaginative, insightful." The year ended with a well deserved holiday standdown for the crew.


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