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(3) Biography and Photograph of CO, USS HOUSTON (SSN 713)
(4) Sailing List of USS HOUSTON (SSN 713)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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MISSION OF COMMAND

USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) is a Los Angeles Class Fast Attack Submarine assigned to Submarine Squadron THREE located at the Naval Submarine Base, Point Loma, California. USS HOUSTON is capable of being an integral member of Naval Expeditionary Forces and Battle Groups as well as being capable of forward area independent submarine operations. Her mission is to provide the National Command Authority and (Joint) Task Group Commanders with:

- Early, accurate knowledge of the battlefield on which power can be projected.
- Sea based force capable of deterring regional aggression or nuclear attack.
- Covert striking power against critical targets ashore.
- Capabilities to enable the establishment of expeditionary forces on land.
- The maritime strength to destroy enemy naval forces and to interdict seaborne commerce.

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COMMAND HISTORY 1993

During the calendar year 1993, USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) was homeported in San Diego, California. The HOUSTON maintained a high level of operational readiness, and ended a deployment to the Western Pacific on 3 May 1993.

1. **COMMAND ORGANIZATION:**

COMMANDING OFFICER	CDR M. R. LENCI, USN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LCDR W. S. GRAY IV, USN
CHIEF OF THE BOAT	
JAN-AUG	MMCM(SS) R. J. BLACK, USN
SEP-DEC	TMCM(SS) A. L. DESIMONE, USN

2. **IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND:**

JAN-APR	COMSUBGRU SEVEN	CAPT T. B. FARGO
MAY-JUN	COMSUBRON THREE	CAPT T. J. FLANAGAN
JUL-DEC	COMSUBRON THREE	CAPT M. E. FEELEY

3. **COMMAND HISTORY:**

a. January. HOUSTON completed an upkeep in Yokosuka, Japan and conducted special operations.

b. February. HOUSTON participated in a Japanese Maritime Submarine Defense Force Exercise with six Japanese diesel submarines. HOUSTON also supported the INDEPENDENCE Battle Group and BELLEAU WOOD Amphibious Readiness Group. The Commander Seventh Fleet rode HOUSTON during this period.

c. March. HOUSTON participated in a Submarine Launched Mobile Mine Exercise off the coast of Tinian. Additionally, HOUSTON completed an upkeep alongside USS HOLLAND in Guam.

d. April. HOUSTON conducted a port visit in Darwin, Australia then transited north to rejoin the KITTYHAWK Battle Group. HOUSTON conducted a memorial service for USS HOUSTON (CA-30) over the site of her sinking in the Sunda Strait.

e. May. HOUSTON successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination at the conclusion of her six month Western Pacific Deployment.

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f. June. HOUSTON successfully completed a Tactical Weapons Proficiency inspection and began an extensive upkeep period.

g. July. HOUSTON successfully completed an extensive IMA upkeep and RAV, then conducted local operations in support of summer Midshipman Training.

h. August. HOUSTON conducted local operations, summer Midshipman Training, and prepared for a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

i. September. HOUSTON conducted local operations and prepared for a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and an extensive Selective Restricted Availability. Additionally, HOUSTON conducted a dependent's cruise.

j. October. HOUSTON successfully completed the Tactical Readiness Evaluation. Additionally, HOUSTON was drydocked in ARCO for Selected Restricted Availability.

k. November. HOUSTON ship's force supported two Naval Shipyards and USS DIXON (IMA) in the completion of several major ship alterations while conducting the most extensive SRA to be completed outside a shipyard.

l. December. HOUSTON continued her extensive SRA period.

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