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USS AVENGER (MCM-1)

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.


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Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission: Conduct Countermeasures against moored and bottom mines. Conduct independent mine warfare operations and participate in coordinated mine warfare operations with various Naval forces. AVENGER's primary missions are: Mine Warfare (MIW), Mobility (MOB), and Command, Control, and Communications (CCC). Secondary missions are: Intelligence (INT), Fleet Support Operations (FSO), and Non-Combat Operations (NCO).

b. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Mine Counter Measure Squadron Three, Ingleside, Texas.

c. Command Organization (as of 31 December 1994):

- (1) Commanding Officer: CDR John C. Piper, USNR
- (2) Executive Officer: LCDR James P. Steele, III, USN
- (3) Chief Engineer: LT Robert A. Crowe, USN
- (4) Operations Officer: LT James R. Harrison, USN
- (5) Supply Officer: LTJG Brian P. Donaldson, USN
- (6) Electrical Officer: LTJG Jonathan D. Sullivan, USN
- (7) Combat Information Officer: ENS Harold A. Ellsworth, USN
- (8) Damage Control Assistant: ENS James R. Ramirez, USN
- (9) First Lieutenant: ENS Scott A. Kraft, USN

d. Homeport: Naval Station Ingleside, Texas

e. Statistical Data:

- (1) Current ship's manning: 9 Officers, 76 Enlisted

Length:	224 feet	Draft (Navigation):	15 feet
Beam:	39 feet	Displacement:	1340 tons
Speed:	13.5 knots	Accommodations:	8 Officer 5 CPO
Draft (keel):	12.2 feet		70 Enlisted

Propulsion:

Four Waukesha LN 1616 DSIN modified diesel engines
Two Controllable reversible pitch propellers
Two rudders
Two Electric light load propulsion motors

Auxiliary:

Three Waukesha LN 1616 DSIN modified ship's service diesel generators

One Solar Gas turbine DC generator
One Omnithruster bow thruster

Sensors/Navigation Systems:

One AN/SPS-55 surface search radar
One Furuno navigation radar
One AN/SSN-2(V) Phase III Precise Integrated Navigation System
One AN/SQQ-32 Advanced Minehunting sonar set
One AN/WQN-1 Channel Finder

Mine Countermeasures system:

One AN/SLQ-48 Mine neutralization system
Size 1 Oropesa Type mechanical minesweep equipment
AN/SLQ-37(V)3 magnetic/acoustic influence sweep equipment

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Chronology

01-05	JAN	Inport Ingleside Texas for Holiday Leave and Standown
06	JAN	Berth Shift for Incline Experiment
07-17	JAN	IPT Ingleside Texas
18-22	JAN	Enroute Key West Florida, Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF)
22-25	JAN	Enroute Charleston South Carolina
26-30	JAN	Inport Charleston for Degaussing
31-03	FEB	Enroute Key West Florida, BSF
04-08	FEB	Enroute Ingleside Texas
09-17	FEB	IPT Ingleside Texas
18	FEB	Change of Command
19-28	FEB	Inport Ingleside Texas
01-30	MAR	Inport Ingleside Texas
01-31	APR	Inport Ingleside Texas
01-03	MAY	Inport Ingleside Texas
03	MAY	Change of Command
04-06	MAY	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA for INSURV Preparations
07-11	MAY	Inport Ingleside Texas
12-13	MAY	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA for INSURV preparations
14-16	MAY	Inport Ingleside Texas
17-18	MAY	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA for INSURV preparations
19-22	MAY	Inport Ingleside Texas

23-27	MAY	INSURV Inspection, Ingleside Texas
28-03	JUN	Inport Ingleside Texas
04-30	JUN	Inport Ingleside Texas for PMA by Peterson Builders Inc.
01-31	JUL	Inport Ingleside Texas for PMA by Peterson Builders Inc.
01-31	AUG	Inport Ingleside Texas for PMA by Peterson Builders Inc.
01-18	SEP	Inport Ingleside Texas for PMA by Peterson Builders Inc.
19-21	SEP	LOE Inspection, Ingleside Texas
22-29	SEP	Inport Ingleside Texas for PMA by Peterson Builders Inc.
30	SEP	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA for Sea Trials
01-05	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas
06	OCT	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA
13	OCT	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA
14	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas
15	OCT	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA Training
16-19	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas
20	OCT	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA Training
21-24	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas
25-28	OCT	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA Training
29-31	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas
01-02	NOV	Inport Ingleside Texas
03-04	NOV	ISE Corpus Christi OPAREA Training
05-30	NOV	Inport Corpus Christi OPAREA

01-06	DEC	Inport Ingleside Texas
07-11	DEC	Enroute Key West Florida
11-14	DEC	Inport Key West Florida
15-19	DEC	Enroute Ingleside Texas
20-31	DEC	Inport Ingleside Texas for Holiday Leave and Standown

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Narrative

Degaussing Operations were conducted in late January in preparation for MCMREFTRA scheduled for the Spring of 1994.

Change of Command: CDR M.J. O'Moore, USN relieved LCDR T.C. RYAN, USN, on February 18th 1994. CDR O' Moore reported from COMCMRON THREE as Chief Staff Officer. LCDR T.C. Ryan received orders to Commander, United States Naval Forces, Chinhaea Korea.

Inspections of all seven diesel engines resulted in the cancellation of MCMREFTRA and decertification of the engineering propulsion plant.

Change of Command: LCDR J.C. Piper, USNR, relieved CDR M.J. O'Moore, USN on 03 May 1994.

AVENGER completed the first ever regularly scheduled Underway Material Inspection by Board of Inspection and Survey for a MCM vessel 23-27 May 1994.

A four month maintenance availability began in June of 1994 and ended in late September 1994 by Peterson Builders Incorporated. The work package included repairs to the fuel tanks, various ship alts, and new weather decks being laid.

The Light Off Examination (LOE) conducted by the Propulsion Examination Board (PEB) resulted in the certification of AVENGER's engineering plant.

During the fall and winter of 1994, ship prepared for upcoming Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) scheduled for February of 1995. Various ETG visits assisted in the preparation for the inspection.