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From: Commanding Officer, USS ORIOLE (MHC-55)  
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)  
  
Subj: USS ORIOLE (MHC-55) - COMMAND HISTORY 1998  
  
Ref: OPNAVINST 5750.12F  
  
Encl: (1) USS ORIOLE (MHC-55) Organizational Chart  
(2) Biography and Photograph of Commanding Officer  
(3) Biography and Photograph of Executive Officer  
(4) Welcome Aboard pamphlets  
(5) Change of Command pamphlets  
(6) Quick Schedule Report for FY-98 Q-1 through Q-4

1. Command Mission. Mine hunting/neutralization.
2. Command Organization.

Immediate Superior in Command:  
Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two

USS ORIOLE (MHC-55):	
LCDR R. S. Hospodar	Commanding Officer
LCDR D. G. Moretz	Executive Officer/Navigator
LT L. D. Harrell	Engineering Officer
LT J. Montgomery	Operations Officer
KPTLT M. Paetsch	German Exchange Officer
LTJG J. E. Cote	Supply Officer/1st LT/Weps Officer

On December 4, 1998, ORIOLE had a Change of Command with LCDR M. A. Strano taking command. Also during 1998, the Operations Officer was relieved by LTJG G. Beisert and the German Exchange Officer by KPTLT F. Hornung who took the responsibilities of First Lieutenant and Weapons Officer. An organizational chart for 1998 is included in enclosure (1). A biography and photograph of the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer are included in enclosures (2) and (3) along with Welcome Aboard Pamphlets, enclosure (4), and Change of Command Pamphlets, enclosure (5).

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3. Mission Accomplishment.

ORIOLE is the most technologically advanced mine warship ever built. We consistently achieve excellence in all missions through sound doctrine, careful and thorough planning, quality training, personal dedication and professionalism. The mine hunter of choice, she has performed extremely well in several Mine Hunting Exercises throughout the year. Her operational schedule and achievements speak for themselves. ORIOLE does everything with class and is a great ship in which to sail.

4. Major Chronological Events.

January:

30 Successfully completed a Diesel Engine Inspection on NR2 MPDE.

February:

07-08 ORIOLE deployed 14 practice mine shapes for an upcoming Gulf of Mexico Exercise (GOMEX) and to re-seed the Afloat Training Group (ATG) practice fields. This was the first time this had ever been attempted by an MHC. Planning and execution for this evolution was significant, involving detailed weight and moment calculations to determine optimum deck placement and order of offload to coordinate the placement and release of the mine shape at the desired location. This extensive task was flawlessly completed on time despite less than optimum weather conditions, due to the professionalism of the bridge teams, deck crew and damage control personnel.

16-18 During a port visit in Mobile, AL for Mardi Gras, ORIOLE moored unassisted along side USS Samuel Morrison, making the first MHC/FFG nesting. Throughout the stay, the crew hosted tours for over 1,600 visitors.

March:

05 Received the 1997 CNSL Battle Efficiency Award for COMCMRON Two, including the Engineering "E", Communications "E", Logistics "E", and Maritime "E".

09 Commenced a Planned Maintenance Availability in South Texas Ship Repair, Aransas Pass, TX. Some major highlights were installation of a new line shaft coupling and engine modifications, installation of the AN/OE-82 and Mini-DAMA SATCOM systems, refurbishment of the Multi-purpose Crane, anti-shock modifications, and an up-grade to the Ammunitions Handling Hoist.

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April: Continued work during PMA.

May:

08 ORIOLE passed a CMS inspection conducted by COMINEWARCOM. Completed PMA.

12-15 Passed Dock and Sea trials.

15-19 ORIOLE proceeded directly to GOMEX 98-1 after completing her PMA sea trials. This was quite an accomplishment considering the ship had been in an industrial environment at South Texas Ship Repair since 09 March 1998. During the exercise, seven of ten mines were detected plus an additional six mines from a previous exercise. Following emergent repairs to the SQQ-32 classify array, ORIOLE was credited with detection, re-acquisition and neutralization of four mines.

June:

01 Entered Intermediate Maintenance Availability for engine calibration.

04 An ISIC Navigational Certification was completed. Scores achieved: 86 for Rules of the Road, 94 for administration, and a score of 90 for the underway evaluation. Final average score of 90 overall.

12 Completed Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

19- 09 July

During HUNTEX 98, ORIOLE completed advanced mine hunting training in Panama City, FL and served as the Task Group Commander of three SMC units, an assignment never before accomplished by an MHC class ship.

July:

24 Successfully completed CART II and was recommended for an accelerated Engineering Certification (ECERT) by the Propulsion Examination Board (PEB) and to waiver TSTA I inport phase by ATG.

August:

11 Completed the Annual Inspection of NATO Secret Control Point conducted by COMINEWARCOM's Physical Security Specialist.

September:

04-10 LCDR D. G. Moretz acted as Commanding Officer.

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- 15 Successfully completed an accelerated ECERT conducted by PEB.
- 17 ORIOLE received her Engineering and Fire Fighting Certifications during TSTA II ETG, with 25 of 26 drills rated satisfactory. A full power demonstration was conducted with all phases showing satisfactory results.
- 25-30 Performed as the MCM Commander's Command and Control Platform during the ENTERPRISE Battle Group Joint Fleet Exercise. First time an MHC performed this mission.

October:

November:

- 14 Kersten Leigh and Karoline Diane Hospodar were baptized. The ceremony was held on the ship's forecandle with the traditional use of the ship's bell as the blessed basin.
- 15 Started extended RAV.
- 25 ORIOLE successfully completed the CCC-27-SF Communication Assessment as part of the Communication Exercise Evaluation.

December:

- 04 Change of Command.
- 08 Successfully completed Communications Readiness Certification.

Enclosure (6) was submitted for additional schedule and port visit information.

  
M. A. STRANO

**SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION**

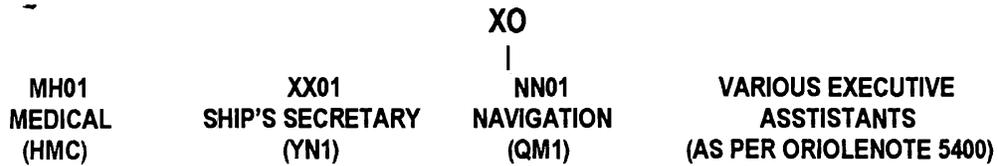
**COMMANDING OFFICER**

COMMAND  
CHIEF

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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HM  YN QM SM	ET OS  MN RM STG	MPA  EM EN IC FN DC	SUPPO-1ST LT BOATSWAIN  BM GMG MS SK SN	W E H M E B N A R K E D		QM1	OPS OFF	SUPPO

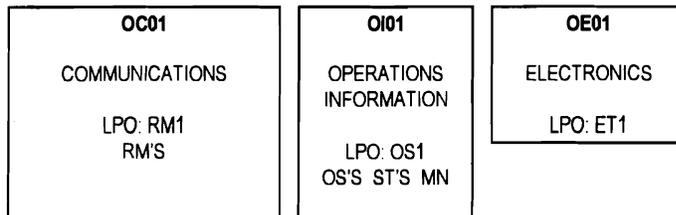
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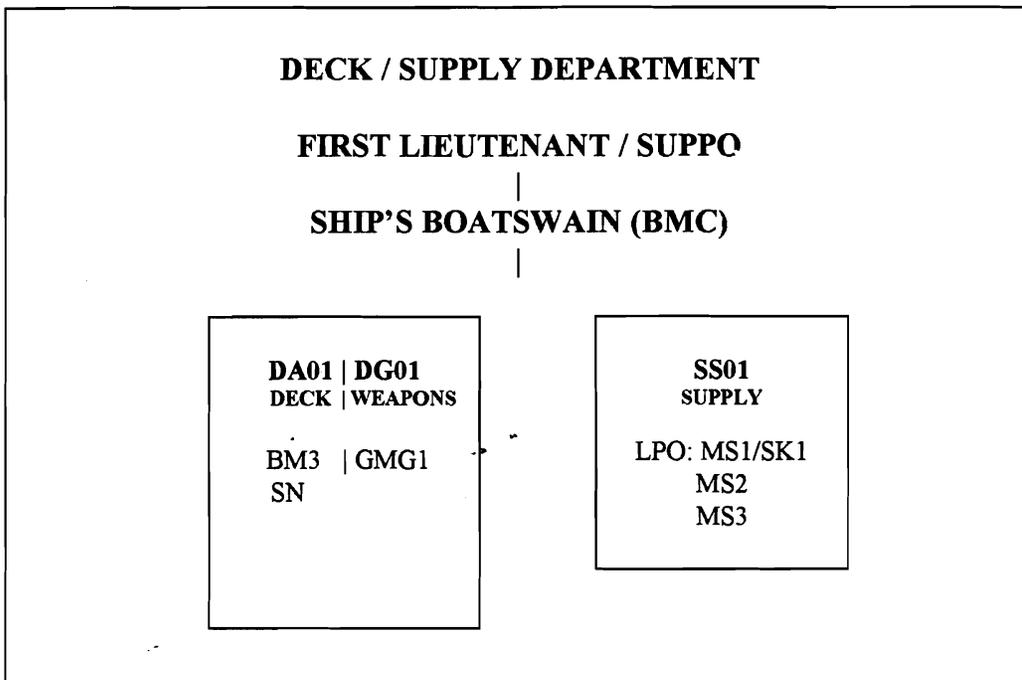
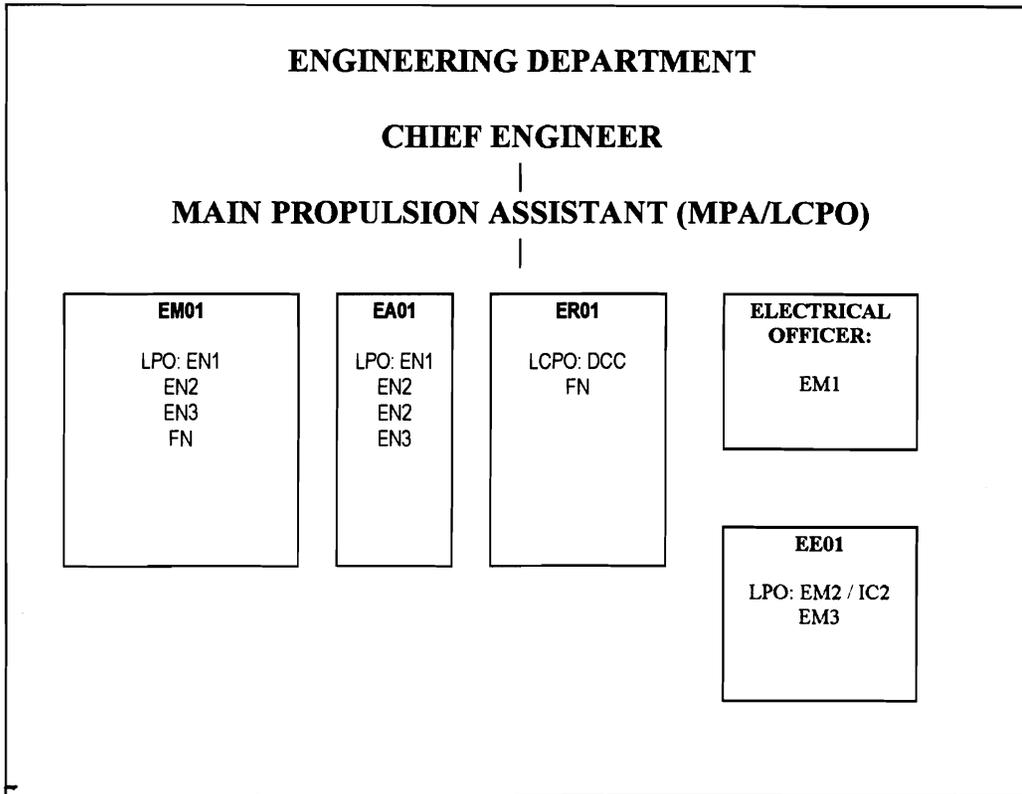


**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**OPERATIONS OFFICER**

**ASST. OPERATIONS OFFICER/LCPO (STGC)**





3 Apr 96

**EXECUTIVE DEPT**  
LT 1110 / 1140

EXEC / MED	
YN1 9588	1
HMC 8425	1
QM1 9517	1
QM3 0170	1
SM2	1
OFF: 1	ENL: 5

**OPERATIONS DEPT**  
LT 1110 / 1140

OPS	
OS1 0343	1
OS2 0343	1
OS3 0343	1
STGC 1321/0410	1
STG1 0410	1
STG2 0490	1
STG3 0488	1
ET1 1447/ 1495	1
ET2 1495/ 1460	1
ET3 1428/ 1460	1
RM1 2321	1
RM2	1
RM3 2343	1
RM3	1
OFF: 1	ENL: 14

**ENGINEERING DEPT**  
LT 1110

ENGINEERING	
EM1 4666/4757	1
EM2 4666	1
EM3	1
IC2 4727/4757	1
ENC 4206/4335	1
EN1 4324	1
EN2 4324	1
EN2 4291	1
EN3 4324	1
EN3 4324	1
ENFN 4324	1
DC1 4811	1
FN	1
OFF: 1	ENL: 13

**DECK / SUPPLY DEPT**  
ENS 1110

DECK / SUPPLY	
BMC 0107	1
BM3	1
GMG2 0812	1
SN	1
MS1 3529	1
MS2 3527	1
MS3 3525	1
SK1 2815	1
OFF: 1	ENL: 11

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26 APR 1998

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20 NOV K001	01 JAN - 31 MAR	E HPO	INGLESIDE	
20 NOV K001	01 JAN - 04 JAN	E HOLUPK	INGLESIDE	
07 JAN K006	01 JAN - 31 MAR	C ASGN	TG 046.2	
07 JAN K006	05 JAN - 09 JAN	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
16 JAN K009	05 JAN - 27 FEB	C NOTE	MWTC SCHOOL SHIP	
08 JAN K007	10 JAN - 10, JAN	E NRT	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
16 JAN K009	11 JAN - 13 JAN	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
16 JAN K009	12 JAN - 13 JAN	C TNGSUP	INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
16 JAN K009	14 JAN - 14 JAN	E TNGSVCS	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
16 JAN K009	14 JAN - 14 JAN	C PCOSS	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
16 JAN K009	14 JAN - 14 JAN	C LARR	INGLESIDE	
05 FEB K013	15 JAN - 06 FEB	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
16 JAN K009	20 JAN - 20 JAN	C TNGSUP	INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
16 JAN K009	22 JAN - 22 JAN	C TNGSUP	INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
08 JAN K007	26 JAN - 30 JAN	C MATINSP	INGLESIDE DEI	
16 JAN K009	26 JAN - 26 JAN	C TNGSUP	INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
08 JAN K007	07 FEB - 08 FEB	E NRT	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
25 MAR K019	09 FEB - 16 FEB	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
25 MAR K019	17 FEB - 17 FEB	E ESAIL	MOBILE AL	
25 MAR K019	18 FEB - 19 FEB	E ENR	MOBILE AL	
25 MAR K019	20 FEB - 20 FEB	E ENRAT	MOBILE AL	
03 MAR K021	21 FEB - 26 FEB	E VST	MOBILE AL	
03 MAR K021	27 FEB - 27 FEB	E ESAIL	INGLESIDE	
03 MAR K021	28 FEB - 01 MAR	E ENR	INGLESIDE	
12 MAR K024	02 MAR - 02 MAR	E ARR	INGLESIDE	
07 JAN K006	03 MAR - 08 MAR	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
08 JAN K007	07 MAR - 08 MAR	C NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
20 NOV K001	09 MAR - 31 MAR	E PMA	INGLESIDE	
08 JAN K007	09 MAR - 31 MAR	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE OE82 JMCIS ISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
16 JAN K009	23 MAR - 23 MAR	C HULLCLN	INGLESIDE	

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23 APR K015	01 APR - 05 MAY	E PMA	INGLESIDE	
05 MAR K004	01 APR - 30 JUN	C ASGN	TG 046.2	
10 MAR K005	01 APR - 29 APR	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE FTSCCLANT	
10 MAR K005	04 APR - 05 APR	C NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
10 MAR K005	06 APR - 08 MAY	C IMAV	INGLESIDE SIMA INGLESISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
05 MAR K004	13 APR - 17 APR	C TNG	INGLESIDE EA	
10 MAR K005	24 APR - 29 APR	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE NAVSEA PMS 3SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
30 MAR K010	02 MAY - 03 MAY	C NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
23 APR K015	06 MAY - 06 MAY	E STRL	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
13 FEB K001	07 MAY - 08 MAY	E PMA	INGLESIDE	
30 MAR K010	09 MAY - 10 MAY	E IPT	INGLESIDE	
05 MAR K004	11 MAY - 11 MAY	E EXER	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA GSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
28 MAY K025	12 MAY - 13 MAY	E IPT	INGLESIDE GOMEX 98-1	
05 MAR K004	14 MAY - 18 MAY	E EXER	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA GSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
22 OCT K034	19 MAY - 03 JUN	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
10 MAR K005	23 MAY - 18 JUN	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE CSS	
14 APR K013	29 MAY - 03 JUN	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE SSQ-109 MSCSSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
30 APR K017	01 JUN - 12 JUN	C IMAV	INGLESIDE SIMA INGLESISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
22 OCT K034	04 JUN - 04 JUN	E ECAL	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA: SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
30 MAR K010	04 JUN - 04 JUN	C HULLCLN	INGLESIDE	
22 OCT K034	05 JUN - 18 JUN	E RAV	INGLESIDE TX: ISIC	
10 MAR K005	06 JUN - 07 JUN	C NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
10 MAR K005	13 JUN - 18 JUN	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE NUWC KEYPORTSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
02 JUN K028	15 JUN - 18 JUN	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE MNS AN/SLQ-4SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
02 JUN K028	15 JUN - 18 JUN	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE IMPLEMENT SOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
28 MAY K025	19 JUN - 22 JUN	E GRUSL	PANAMA CITY FL	
28 MAY K025	23 JUN - 25 JUN	E MCMTNG	PANAMA CITY FL HUNTEX SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
28 MAY K025	26 JUN - 28 JUN	E VST	PANAMA CITY FL	
28 MAY K025	29 JUN - 30 JUN	E MCMTNG	PANAMA CITY FL HUNTEX SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	

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11 JUN K001	01 JUL - 30 SEP	C ASGN	TG 046.2	
27 JUL K013	02 JUL - 02 JUL	E ENR	ST PETERSBURG FL	
07 SEP K025	03 JUL - 05 JUL	E VST	ST PETERSBURG FL	
11 JUN K001	03 JUL - 03 JUL	C ARR	PENSACOLA FL - <del>DC</del>	
11 JUN K001	06 JUL - 09 JUL	E ENR	INGLESIDE	
11 JUN K001	10 JUL - 12 JUL	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
13 JUL K009	13 JUL - 19 JUL	E RAV	INGLESIDE TX: ISIC	
11 JUN K001	20 JUL - 22 JUL	E CART2	INGLESIDE	
30 AUG K023	23 JUL - 24 JUL	E TSTA1	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA ISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
30 AUG K023	25 JUL - 21 AUG	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
13 AUG K021	05 AUG - 06 AUG	C HULLCLN	INGLESIDE	
07 SEP K025	22 AUG - 23 AUG	E NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
13 AUG K021	24 AUG - 24 AUG	E IPT	INGLESIDE	
13 AUG K021	25 AUG - 28 AUG	E MCMTNG	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
11 JUN K001	29 AUG - 13 SEP	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
13 AUG K021	31 AUG - 04 SEP	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE JMCIS UPGRADSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
27 JUL K013	12 SEP - 13 SEP	C NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
17 SEP K031	14 SEP - 16 SEP	E TSTA2IPT	INGLESIDE	
17 SEP K031	17 SEP - 17 SEP	E TSTA2	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA: <sup>ECERT</sup> SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
09 SEP K028	18 SEP - 18 SEP	E TSTA2IPT	INGLESIDE	
09 SEP K028	19 SEP - 20 SEP	E IPT	INGLESIDE	
13 JUL K009	21 SEP - 30 SEP	E RAV	INGLESIDE TX: ISIC	

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27 AUG K001	01 OCT - 24 OCT	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE JCMIS INSTALSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
05 NOV K015	02 OCT - 02 OCT	C ADINSP	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	05 OCT - 28 OCT	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	06 OCT - 16 OCT	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	15 OCT - 17 OCT	C TECHAV	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	16 OCT - 16 OCT	C FASTCRU	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	17 OCT - 17 OCT	C OHSAT	INGLESIDE	
16 DEC K023	18 OCT - 18 OCT	C VSTSP	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	23 OCT - 24 OCT	C TNG	INGLESIDE AIS ASSIST	
05 NOV K015	28 OCT - 28 OCT	C TNG	INGLESIDE EA VST	
05 NOV K015	29 OCT - 29 OCT	E MCMTNG	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA ESCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
05 NOV K015	30 OCT - 31 OCT	E IPT	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	01 NOV - 02 NOV	E NRT	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA	
02 OCT K005	03 NOV - 12 NOV	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	03 NOV - 07 NOV	C LMA	INGLESIDE - ?	
02 OCT K005	06 NOV - 06 NOV	C HULLCLN	INGLESIDE	
05 NOV K015	11 NOV - 14 NOV	C MATINSP	INGLESIDE DEI	
05 NOV K015	13 NOV - 14 NOV	E MCMTNG	CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA MSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE	
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05 NOV K015	14 NOV - 14 NOV	C LARR	INGLESIDE	
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03 DEC K019	25 NOV - 03 DEC	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
27 AUG K001	03 DEC - 03 DEC	C SESI	INGLESIDE	
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05 NOV K015	06 DEC - 07 DEC	E VST	BROWNSVILLE TX	
05 NOV K015	06 DEC - 07 DEC	C NRTIPT	INGLESIDE	
16 DEC K023	08 DEC - 08 DEC	E ENRAT	INGLESIDE	
16 DEC K023	09 DEC - 18 DEC	E UPK	INGLESIDE	
02 OCT K005	19 DEC - 31 DEC	E HOLUPK	INGLESIDE	