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Encl: (1) USS Ardent (MCM 12) 2001 Command History
(2) 3 1/2" disk containing 2001 Command History

1. As required by reference (a), the following command history of USS Ardent (MCM 12), enclosure (1) and (2), is submitted for calendar year 2001.

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M. S. MANFREDI

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COMMAND HISTORY

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(Section One)

USS Ardent (MCM 12), UIC 21900

COMMAND STRUCTURE:

Administrative ISIC: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron, Three

Operational ISIC: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Division, Three-One

MISSION STATEMENT:

MISSION: USS Ardent's primary mission as a member of COMINWARCOM is to clear the bottom and water volume of mines in coastal and off-shore areas. While forward deployed to Commander Fifth Fleet, stationed in Manama, Bahrain, USS Ardent fulfills an important role in the long-standing objective to maintain the nation's mine countermeasure capability.

COMMAND CREW CHARACTERISTICS:

Ship's Crew/deployable unit consisting of:

Officers - 10 Officers

Commanding Officer -	LCDR M. S. MANFREDI, USN
Executive Officer -	LT K. L. Smith, USN
Operations Officer -	LT [REDACTED], USNR
CIC Officer -	LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
Engineering Officer -	LT [REDACTED], USN
Damage Control Asst. -	LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
Supply Officer -	ENS [REDACTED] SC, USNR
First Lieutenant -	LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
Communications Officer-	ENS [REDACTED], USNR
Electrical Officer-	LTJG. [REDACTED], USNR

Crew - 83 Enlisted

HOMEPORT:

Manama, Bahrain

(Section Two)

CHRONOLOGY 2001:

- 1 – 6 January 2001: Conducted holiday stand down.
- 7 – 11 January 2001: Underway for Mine Warfare (MIW) training.
- 14 January – 1 February 2001: Engineering Training Group (ETG) Ingleside conducted training onboard.
- 23 – 25 January 2001: Underway for ETG training.
- 30 – 31 January 2001: Underway for ETG training.
- 4 – 8 February 2001: Underway for MIW training.
- 9 – 22 February 2001: Conducted a Restricted Maintenance Availability (RAV) inport Manama, Bahrain.
- 20 – 21 February 2001: Industrial Hygiene Inspectors conducted survey onboard.
- 25 February – 8 April 2001: Served as Radar Navigation (RADNAV) host ship for MIW assets assigned to Mine Countermeasures Division 31 (MCMDIV31).
- 1 March 2001: General Shelton, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited ARDENT.
- 4 March 2001: Had Safety Survey conducted.
- 6 – 8 March 2001: Completed RADNAV certification.
- 11 – 14 March 2001: Underway for MIW training.
- 21 March 2001: Completed Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD) certification.
- 24 March – 4 April 2001: Participated in exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2001.
- 27 March – 3 April 2001: Underway for ARABIAN GAUNTLET.
- 5 – 8 April 2001: Performed Change of Command turn-over.
- 8 April 2001: Underway for Change of Command turn-over.
- 11 April 2001: LCDR Mark S. Manfredi, USN, relieved CDR Rodelio Laco, USNR, as Commanding Officer, USS Ardent.
- 12 April 2001: Underway for Commanding Officer's training.
- 14 – 24 April 2001: Participated in exercise NEON FALCON 2001.

19 – 20 April 2001: Underway for NEON FALCON.

22 April 2001: Completed Communications Readiness Certification (CRC).

25 April – 3 May 2001: Underway for MIW sweep training.

26 – 28 April 2001: Conducted PMS on Magtail and TB26/27.

13 – 21 May 2001: Underway for engineering training

21 – 24 May 2001: Commenced AIT and SEMAT visits.

22 – 23 May 2001: Completed CMS A & A team visit.

27 May – 2 June 2001: Underway for emergency sortie.

3 – 14 June 2001: Conducted a RAV inport Manama, Bahrain.

3 – 21 June 2001: Completed Alteration Installation Team (AIT) and Systems and Equipment Material Assessment Team (SEMAT) visits.

22 June – 1 July 2001: Underway for emergency sortie.

4 – 9 July 2001: Underway for emergency sortie.

15 – 17 July 2001: Underway positioning mine shapes for MCMDIV31 Group Sail.

29 July – 1 August 2001: Completed change-out of both mine neutralization vehicles.

29 July – 9 August 2001: ETG Ingleside conducted training onboard.

2 August 2001: Completed ISIC Navigation Check Ride.

12 – 19 August 2001: Underway for MCMDIV31 Group Sail.

20 – 25 August 2001: ATG Ingleside conducted SAR training onboard.

26 August 2001: Conducted ammo offload in preparation for Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA).

26 – 30 August 2001: Completed Electronic Key Management System installation.

30 August 2001: Completed Search and Rescue (SAR) Certification.

2 – 5 September 2001:	Completed Supply Management Assist (SMA).
6 September – 10 December 2001:	Conducted PMA inport Manama, Bahrain.
9 – 10 September 2001:	Conducted hull cleaning inport Manama, Bahrain.
9 – 11 September 2001:	ATG Ingleside conducted 3M Assist visit onboard.
23 September – 10 October 2001:	Participated in AN/SQQ-32 ATOPS training onboard USS Dextrous.
10 – 25 October 2001:	Completed SISCAL team visit.
24 October – 8 November 2001:	Conducted Diesel Engine Inspection (DEI) on 1A Ship Service Diesel Generator (SSDG).
4 – 15 November 2001:	Completed KLEIN 5000 Side Scan Sonar installation.
7 November 2001:	Completed CMS inspection.
12 – 26 November 2001:	Conducted DEI on 2A Main Propulsion Diesel Engine (MPDE).
25 – 29 November 2001:	Completed 5K Hz computer installation.
3 – 5 December 2001:	Completed Light Off Assessment (LOA).
6 December 2001:	Completed Dock Trials and Fast Cruise.
6 – 8 December 2001:	Completed Supply Management Inspection (SMI).
10 December 2001:	Underway for Sea Trials.
14 – 31 December 2001:	Conducted holiday stand down.

(Section Three)

COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

7 – 11 January. Conducted a five day underway period to maintain proficiency in the Mine Warfare area after a 24-day holiday stand down period.

14 January – 1 February. ETG Ingleside conducted a three week training visit to help ARDENT prepare for her upcoming Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD) Certification in March. During this time, ARDENT conducted two underway periods, 23 – 25 January and 30 – 31 January, focusing on Main Space Fire fighting and review of Engineering programs.

4 – 8 February. Conducted a five day underway period for MIW proficiency and continued preparations for the MSFD Certification.

9 – 22 February. Entered a two week RAV to repair items that were degraded or that failed during the previous underway periods in order to provide a safe training environment for the upcoming MSFD Certification.

25 February – 8 March. ARDENT served as the host ship for ATG Ingleside's Radar Navigation Team trainer for all four MIW ships home ported in Bahrain.

11 – 14 March. Conducted a four day underway for Engineering and fire party training in preparation for MSFD Certification.

21 March. Successfully completed MSFD Certification.

27 March – 3 April. Participated with six other navies in exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2001. ARDENT had an eight-man French Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit embarked. ARDENT located and prosecuted 5 of the 21 mine shapes seeded utilizing the French EOD Unit.

11 April. LCDR Mark S. Manfredi, USN, relieved CDR Rodelio Laco, USNR, as Commanding Officer, USS Ardent.

14 – 24 April. During the bilateral exercise, NEON FALCON 2001, ARDENT demonstrated the ability to combat a simulated chemical and biological attack. ARDENT performed her role as CBR attack early warning platform exceptionally well in the simulated threat environment with U. S. ARMY and BAHRAINI forces.

22 April. Scored 93% on Communications Readiness Certification.

25 April – 3 May. Underway conducting maintenance and training with her mine sweep gear. Maintenance was performed on the magtail and acoustic devices (TB 26 and 27).

13 – 21 May. Underway conducting engineering proficiency training.

27 May – 2 June. Force Protection Emergency Sortie

3 – 14 June. Entered a scheduled maintenance period.

22 June – 1 July. Force Protection Emergency Sortie

4 – 9 July. Force Protection Emergency Sortie

15 – 17 July. Underway to lay mine shapes in support of upcoming MCMDIV 31 Group Sail.

20 July – 1 August. Entered a scheduled maintenance availability.

29 July – 1 August. Conducted a change-out of both MNV's with assistance from Shore Intermediate Maintenance Availability (SIMA) personnel from Ingleside, TX.

12 – 19 August. Underway in company with other units of MCMDIV31 participating in the Group Sail. Demonstrated primary mission area proficiency, conducted a combination sweep with TB 26 diverted to starboard and MK 5A streamed astern, a MK 5A sweep, and a single O mechanical sweep diverted to starboard. Completed numerous hunting evolutions with AN/SQQ-32 SONAR in hull and VDS mode. Conducted towing and gunnery exercises with USS CARDINAL, an alongside replenishment at sea, and divisional maneuvering drills with MCMDIV31 ships.

30 August. Satisfactory completion of SAR Certification

6 September – 10 December. Entered the PMA. During this time, DEI's were conducted on 1A SSDG and 2A MPDE. AN/SQQ-32 sonar was upgraded from the (V)2 to (V)3 version. The AN/SSQ-94 system was installed which permits personnel to simulate locating and prosecuting mine shapes while pierside. The KLEIN 5000 Side Scan Sonar was installed and tested pierside. Other upgrades included field changes in the AN/SSN-2 (V)4 navigation system, AN/SQH-4, and installation of the VEMS hydrophone. The communication suite was upgraded with the IT-21 package.

9 – 11 September. Attained second highest score in the Mine Warfare community during 3M assist visit.

7 November. Completed CMS inspection with zero discrepancies.

3 – 5 December. Successfully completed Engineering Light Off Assessment (LOA). ISIC evaluated ship and crew ready to get underway and commence training.

6 – 8 December. Completed SMI with a score of Satisfactory.

10 December. Underway conducting Sea Trials and operational tests of the AN/SQQ-32 (V) 3 Sonar.