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Encl: (1) USS ARDENT (MCM 12) 2002 Command History

1. As required by reference (a), the following command history of USS ARDENT (MCM 12), enclosure (1) is submitted for calendar year 2002.


SCOTT J. SHEPARD LCDR

COMMAND HISTORY

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USS ARDENT (MCM 12), UIC 21900

COMMAND STRUCTURE:

Administrative ISIC: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron,
Three

Operational ISIC: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Division,
Thirty 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 Mark S. Manfredi, USN
LCDR Scott J. Shepard, USN
Executive Officer - LT R. P. Shaw, USN
Operations Officer - LT [REDACTED], USNR
CIC Officer - LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
Engineering Officer - LT [REDACTED], USN
Damage Control Asst. - ENS [REDACTED], USNR
Supply Officer - LTJG [REDACTED], SC, USNR
First Lieutenant - ENS [REDACTED], USNR
Communications Officer - ENS [REDACTED], USNR
Auxiliaries Officer - ENS [REDACTED], USNR

Crew - 85 Enlisted

HOMEPORT:

Manama, Bahrain

(Section Two)

CHRONOLOGY 2002:

1-7 January	Continued holiday leave and stand down period moored at Mina Sulman Pier, Manama, Bahrain.
6 January	NATO Secret inspection conducted by COMCMDIV 31.
8 January	Conducted fast cruise pierside.
9-16 January	Underway in the Central Arabian Gulf for training
21 January	Conducted ammunition transfer.
23-27 January	Engineering Training Group (ETG) Ingleside conducted training onboard in preparation for Initial Assessment (IA).
30 January - 01 February	Conducted Initial Assessment (IA).
02-09 February	ATOPS
8-12 February	Underway in the Central Arabian Gulf conducting training.
11-12 February	Ran the FACDAR range.
13 February	PXO arrived in Bahrain.
14 February	Underway for PXO familiarization cruise.
17-28 February	Conducted a Restricted Availability (RAV) pierside Manama, Bahrain.
1-12 March	Participated in MIREM 20.
2-11 March	Underway in the Central Arabian Gulf in support of MIREM 20.
19-24 March	Underway in the Central Arabian Gulf in support of COMCMDIV 31 Group-sail.

15 April	MRA
15 April	Diesel Engine Inspection (DEI) 1A MPDE and 2 SSDG
28 April	Conducted RADNAV Certification
12 May	NAV CHK ride
31 May	N43 onboard for successful Underway Demonstration (UD)
June	Conducted Communications Readiness Certification (CRC)
30 June	Diesel Engineering Inspection (DEI) 1B MPDE, 2MPDE, 1B SSDG
20-30 July	Underway Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Q-route surveys using Klein 5000 Side Scan Sonar.
25-26 July	BSF Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait while conducting q-route surveys in NAG
10-30 August	Semat/C5RA
September	FAWOMO-02
19-30 September	Underway Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Q-route surveys using Klein 5000 Side Scan Sonar
24-25 September	BSF Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait while conducting Q-route surveys in NAG
06-10 October	Underway CAG for unit level training
13-24 October	Underway Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Q-route surveys in KAA Approach (A-B) using Klein 5000 Side Scan Sonar and AN/SQQ-32 (V) 3
18 October	Conducted astern RAS with USNS CAMDEN while conducting Q-route surveys in NAG
17 October	Final Evaluation Period (FEP)

04 November	FC 27 completed for installation of UCHS ready light on VHS console
04 November	FC 24 completed for installation and training of MP-3 ON AN/SLQ-48(V)1
7 November	3M Assessment
12-23 November	Underway Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Q-route surveys
19 November	RAS with USNS CAMDEN. ARDENT conducted first alongside refueling
04-05 December	Underway CAG for PCO familiarization
12 December	Change of Command. LCDR Scott J. Shepard relieved CDR Mark S. Manfredi as Commanding Officer, USS ARDENT (MCM 12)
17-19 December	Underway CAG for unit level training
20-31 December	Holiday Leave and Upkeep