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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 Warfare Command, Ingleside, Texas.

c. Command Organization (as of 31 December 1995):

- (1) Commanding Officer: CDR John C. Piper, USNR
- (2) Executive Officer: LCDR Anthony W. Swain, USN
- (3) Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED], USN
- (4) Operations Officer: LTJG [REDACTED], USN
- (5) First Lieutenant: LTJG [REDACTED], USN
- (6) Supply Officer: ENS [REDACTED], USN
- (7) Damage Control Assistant: ENS [REDACTED], USN

d. Homeport: Naval Station Ingleside, Texas

e. Statistical Data:

- (1) Current ship's manning: 7 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

Enclosure (1)

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 Omni-Thruster bow thruster

Sensors/Navigation Systems:

One AN/SPS-55 surface search radar
One Furuno navigation radar
One AN/SSN-2(V) Phase IV 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 Holiday Leave and Upkeep, Inport Ingleside, TX
06 - 10 JAN Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
11 - 12 JAN Underway Training for OPPE
13 - 31 JAN Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
01 FEB Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
02 FEB Underway Training for OPPE
03 - 14 FEB Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
15 - 16 FEB Enroute Galveston, TX
17 - 22 FEB Inport Galveston, TX for Mardi Gras
23 - 26 FEB Enroute Ingleside, TX
27 - 28 FEB Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
01 MAR Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
02 MAR Underway Training for OPPE
03 - 07 MAR Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
08 MAR Underway Training for OPPE
09 - 13 MAR Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
14 - 15 MAR OPPE
16 - 19 MAR Post OPPE Stand Down, Inport Ingleside, TX
20 - 28 MAR Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
29 - 31 MAR Underway for Kernal Blitz, 1995
01 - 06 APR Underway for Kernal Blitz, 1995
07 - 16 APR Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
17 - 20 APR Enroute Key West, FL

21 APR Brief Stop for Fuel, Key West, FL
 22 - 23 APR Enroute Charleston, SC
 24 - 27 APR CNO Directed Advanced Degaussing Experiment,
 NAVSTA Charleston, SC
 28 - 30 APR Inport NAVSTA Charleston, SC
 01 MAY Enroute Mayport, FL
 02 - 16 MAY TRAV NAVSTA Mayport, FL
 17 - 18 MAY Enroute Charleston, SC
 19 - 21 MAY Inport NAVSTA Charleston, SC
 22 - 26 MAY TRANSMAG 2000 Operational Tests, Charleston, SC
 27 - 31 MAY Inport NAVSTA Charleston, SC
 01 JUN Inport NAVSTA Charleston, SC
 02 JUN Underway for SLQ-48 MP-3 Optesting, CHASN OPAREA
 03 - 06 JUN Inport NAVSTA Charleston, SC
 07 - 08 JUN Enroute Little Creek, VA
 09 - 11 JUN Inport NAB Little Creek, VA
 12 - 13 JUN Enroute New York City, NY
 14 - 19 JUN Inport New York City, NY
 20 JUN Enroute Newport, RI
 21 - 22 JUN Inport NTC Newport, RI
 23 - 25 JUN Enroute Boston, MA
 26 - 28 JUN Inport Boston, MA
 29 - 30 JUN Enroute Eastport, ME
 01 - 04 JUL Inport Eastport, ME

05 - 07 JUL Enroute Moorhead City, NC
08 JUL Brief Stop for Fuel, Moorhead City, NC
09 - 12 JUL Joint Fleet Exercise 95-3
13 JUL Inport Charleston, SC
14 - 16 JUL Enroute Key West, FL
17 JUL Inport Key West, FL
18 - 23 JUL Enroute Ingleside, TX
24 - 31 JUL RAV at Braswell Services Group, Ingleside, TX
01 - 24 AUG RAV at Braswell Services Group, Ingleside, TX
25 - 29 AUG Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
30 - 31 AUG Underway for Sea Trials
01 - 19 SEP Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
20 - 21 SEP Underway for PINS IV Testing
22 - 25 SEP Inport NAVSTA Ingleside TX
26 SEP Underway for SLQ-48 MP-3 Testing
27 - 30 SEP Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
01 OCT Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
02 - 27 OCT MCM Refresher Training
28 - 31 OCT Inport NAVSTA Ingleside TX
01 - 10 NOV MCM REFTRA
11 - 12 NOV Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
13 - 24 NOV MCM Limited Training Team
25 - 30 NOV Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX

01 - 03 DEC Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
04 - 08 DEC MCM Limited Training Team
09 - 10 DEC Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
11 - 15 DEC MRCI
16 - 17 DEC Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
18 - 31 DEC Holiday Leave and Standown

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Narrative

January and February were dedicated to OPPE preparations. The 1995 OPPE was completed 14 and 15 March with an overall grade of "Good."

AVENGER participated in the PACFLEET exercise "Kernal Blitz" via satellite during the time period of 29 March through 06 April. AVENGER located all mines in her OPAREA early in the exercise and was able to enjoy the sunny skies and pleasant seas.

On April 17, USS AVENGER departed on a three month cruise of the East Coast. During this time frame, she participated in acceptance trials for the Forward Area Degaussing Range, TRANSMAG 2000, a CNO directed Advanced Degaussing Experiment aimed at removing dangerous magnetic fields from MCM class vessels and enjoyed a two week Training Restricted Availability at Naval Station, Mayport, FL.

Operationally, AVENGER participated in the Atlantic Fleet's JTFX 95-3 off the coast of North Carolina. Again, AVENGER quickly located all mines in her exercise area. AVENGER also participated in Mission Package Three prototype testing for the AN/SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization System in the Charleston Oparea.

Port visits, for the East Coast Cruise, included Charleston, SC; Mayport, FL; Little Creek, VA; New York City, NY, Newport, RI; Boston, MA; Eastport, ME; Key West, FL and the Dry Tortugas State Park at the west end of the Florida Keys.

AVENGER returned 23 July and commenced a Restricted Availability at Braswell Services Group, Ingleside, TX on 24 July.

October saw the beginning of MCM Refresher Training that due to poor weather and material problems lasted until late November.

AVENGER completed her first ever Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) 11 - 15 December. Environmental and material problems left two areas to be demonstrated in February of 1996.