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(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative

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


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USS AVENGER (MCM-1)

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 Countermeasures Squadron Two, Ingleside, Texas.

c. Command Organization (as of 31 December 1996):

- (1) Commanding Officer: LCDR David M. Fillion, USN
- (2) Executive Officer: LCDR Gary R. Gilleon, USN
- (3) Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED], USN
- (4) Operations Officer: ENS [REDACTED], USN
- (5) Supply Officer: LTJG [REDACTED], USN
- (6) Damage Control Assistant: LTJG [REDACTED], USN
- (7) First Lieutenant: LTJG [REDACTED], USN

d. Homeport: Naval Station Ingleside, Texas

e. Statistical Data:

- (1) Current ship's manning: 7 Officers, 72 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

One Omnithruster 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

01-08	JAN	IPT Ingleside Texas for Holiday Leave and Standown.
09-10	JAN	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
10	JAN	RTHP Ingleside Texas
11-12	JAN	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
13-14	JAN	IPT Ingleside Texas Reservist Weekend
15-19	JAN	ETG Visit
16-17	JAN	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
17	JAN	RTHP Ingleside Texas
18-20	JAN	IPT Ingleside Texas
21-25	JAN	U/W Enroute Tampa FL
25-29	JAN	INPT Tampa, FL
29-31	JAN	U/W Enroute Ingleside Texas
01-02	FEB	Enroute Ingleside Texas
02-04	FEB	INPT Ingleside Texas
05-15	FEB	MRCI Inspection
06-08	FEB	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
08-09	FEB	INPT Ingleside Texas
10-11	FEB	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
10-11	FEB	Reservist Weekend
11-12	FEB	INPT Ingleside Texas
13-14	FEB	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
15-19	FEB	Inport Ingleside Texas
20-21	FEB	U/W Corpus Christi Operating Area
22-27	FEB	Inport Ingleside Texas

22	FEB	AMMO Offload in support of DPMA
27	FEB	U/W to Braswell Shipyard Ingleside Texas for DPMA
28-29	FEB	Inport Braswell Shipyard Ingleside Texas for DPMA
01-19	MAR	Inport Braswell Shipyard Ingleside Texas
16-17	MAR	Reservist Weekend
19-31	MAR	In Drydock Gulf Copper Shipyard Aransas Pass Texas
01-30	APR	In Drydock Gulf Copper Shipyard Aransas Pass Texas
13-14	APR	Reservist Weekend
01-14	MAY	In Drydock Gulf Copper Shipyard Aransas Pass Texas
14	MAY	Undock, U/W to Braswell Shipyard Ingleside Texas
14-30	MAY	In Braswell Shipyard Ingleside Texas
31	MAY	U/W to NAVSTA Ingleside Texas
01-13	JUN	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside Texas
13	JUN	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for sea trials
14	JUN	Inport Ingleside Texas
15-16	JUN	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA
15-16	JUN	Reservist Weekend
17-19	JUN	Inport Ingleside Texas
20	JUN	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for type training
21-30	JUN	Inport Ingleside Texas
24-28	JUN	CART II
01	JUL	Inport Ingleside Texas
01-26	JUL	TSTA I

02-04	JUL	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for TSTA I
05-08	JUL	Inport Ingleside Texas
09-12	JUL	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for TSTA I
13-15	JUL	Inport Ingleside Texas
16-18	JUL	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for TSTA I
18	JUL	Collision at sea
19-22	JUL	Inport Ingleside Texas
23-24	JUL	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for TSTA I
25-31	JUL	Inport Ingleside Texas
1	AUG	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for NAVCHECK ride
2-5	AUG	Inport Ingleside Texas
5-16	AUG	TSTA II
6-7	AUG	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for TSTA II
8-14	AUG	Inport Ingleside Texas
15-16	AUG	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for TSTA II
17-31	AUG	Inport Ingleside Texas for upkeep
17-18	AUG	Reservist weekend
1-30	SEP	Inport Ingleside Texas for upkeep/FEP
1-14	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas for upkeep
15-22	OCT	U/W Corpus Christi OPAREA for JTFEX-96
19-20	OCT	Reservist weekend
23-27	OCT	Inport Ingleside Texas
23-25	OCT	LMA inspection
28-31	OCT	U/W Enroute Pensacola FL
1-4	NOV	Inport Pensacola FL for port visit
5-7	NOV	U/W Enroute Lake Charles LA

8-11	NOV	Inport Lake Charles LA for port visit
12-14	NOV	U/W Enroute Ingleside Texas
15	NOV	Inport Ingleside Texas
16-17	NOV	U/W For Reservist Weekend
18-30	NOV	Inport Ingleside Texas
1-31	DEC	Inport Ingleside Texas
11	DEC	CSRR Preparation Visit
11	DEC	Target Preparation Visit
14-31	DEC	Holiday leave and upkeep

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Narrative

1. DPMA: Drydocked Gulf Copper Shipyard Aransas Pass, Texas for DPMA from 19 March to 14 May.
2. Change of Command: LCDR D.M. Fillion, USN relieved CDR J.C. Piper, USN during a change of command ceremony held at NAVSTA Ingleside on 13 April 1996.
3. CART/TSTA/ATG/ETG training cycle: Successfully completed from June 1996 to September 1996.
4. Collision at Sea: 18 July 1996 fishing boat Isla Del Mar Collided with USS Avenger in Corpus Christi OPAREA. Minor damage result to Avenger. JAGMAN resulted in Admiral's Mast for OOD. Fishing boat was found to be at fault.
5. Change of Executive Officer: LCDR G. Gilleon, USN relieved LCDR A.W. Swain, USN on 18 September 1996.
6. Logistics Management Assessment: AVENGER completed a successful Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) 21 October 1996, garnering the blue "E", signifying excellence in logistics management and 3-M.
7. Sumner reunion: Avenger hosted Ex-USS Sumner Reunion 28 September 1996. Reception generated local press.
8. JTFEX 97-1: Avenger participated in the exercise in October 1996, providing valuable training to officers and crew.
9. TYCOMMEX: Avenger earned the green "E", signifying excellence in communications in November 1996.