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Encl: (1) USS DEFENDER (MCM-2) Command History

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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COMMAND HISTORY
USS DEFENDER (MCM-2)

- JANUARY**
1. COMNAVSURFLANT Diesel Mobile Training Team Engineering Readiness Assessment,
 2. COMNAVSEASYSKOM and NAVSEACENLANT Det Norfolk assist ships force to determine effect of premature reduction gear bearing wear. TYCOM agrees to replace bearings and realign both main reduction gears.
 3. NAVSSESS and NAVSEACENLANT investigate premature engine wear.
- FEBRUARY**
1. February 11, commenced 45 day Restricted Availability pier side, Little Creek. Goal was to nickel plate all pinion/idler/bull gear journals of main reduction gears and realign power train to builder's specs. (Intension was also to accomplish selected items from PSA I work package.)
 2. February 14, NAVSAFECEN shipboard safety survey conducted. Fewest number of discrepancies noted of all MCM/MSO Class ship's during safety center visits.
 3. Based on NAVSSESS/NAVSEACENLANT recommendations, began overhaul of all four MPDE's due to premature wear of internals. Cause believed to be due to computer program which allows for loading of MPDE at idle speed when lube oil pressure is insufficient.
- MARCH**
1. Command Inspection, 25-28 March - All areas Graded Satisfactory.
- APRIL**
1. RAV extended.
 2. NAVSSESS EOSS validation completed. Submitted recommendation for systems not yet covered (e.g. GATX & AC&R systems).
 3. Completed installation of Tactical Data Displays and PINS Phase III.
- MAY**
1. RAV extended. Discovered main reduction gears were not installed to factory specs by Marinett Marine Corp.
 2. CNSL DEMAT visit 27-30 May (special - admin programs).
 3. 10 May LCDR D. W. Prothero relieved CDR C. S. Johnson as Commanding Officer.
- JUNE**
1. RAV continued - failed attempt to plate MRG Bull Journals in place.
 2. New non-skid laid down on all topside decks

Enclosure (1)

- JULY**
1. Hull cleaned 1 July.
 2. 22 July NAVSEA code 55 fits out new permanently "installed" smoke curtains.
 3. Spare AN/SLQ-48 vehicle installed.
 4. First Communications Assist Team visit 24 July 91. Graded Outstanding.
 5. 29 July - SIMA Little Creek conducts Abv. Aug. Steering gear inspection.
 6. Ship's ground tackle completely overhauled. New bow fairlead rollers installed.
- AUGUST**
1. 19-22 DEMAT Type III LOE Visit - SAT
 2. 27-29 CINCLANTFLT PEB - "SAT" LOE
 3. First Communications Readiness Assist Team visit 06 August 91. Graded Outstanding.
- SEPTEMBER**
1. 3 September - Dock trials - wiped pedestal bearing on 1A MPDE. Entire MRG/drive train alignment was suspect. RAV extended to facilitate total realignment of both shaft power trains.
- OCTOBER**
1. 7-11 October - Industrial Hygiene Survey by NEMPU. RAV continued.
- NOVEMBER**
1. 4 November - COMNAVSURFLANT CHT assist team visit. RAV continued.
- DECEMBER**
1. 2 December - Dock Trials/Fast Cruise.
 2. 4 December - Sea trials - both power trains tested SAT.
 3. Installed latest updated PINS Phase III software.