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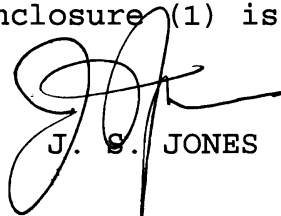
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1994

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History for the period 01 January 1994 through
31 December 1994

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted


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USS DEVASTATOR (MCM-6) COMMAND HISTORY

Command Composition and Organization:

Mission: To conduct minehunt and minesweep operations against moored and bottom mines of contact, magnetic influence, acoustic influence and combination influence varieties.

Immediate Senior Command: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron THREE

Name of Commanding Officer: LCDR Jeffery S. Jones
04Oct94-31Dec94
CAPT Richard L. Owens
22Sep94-03Oct94
LCDR Thomas Strei
01Jan94-21Sep94

Permanent Duty Station: Ingleside, TX

01JAN94-06JAN94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Holiday Leave and Upkeep.
06JAN94-10JAN94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
11JAN94-13JAN94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.
14JAN94-17FEB94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. OPPE Preparations.
18FEB94-19FEB94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.
20FEB94-20FEB94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued OPPE Preparations.
21FEB94-22FEB94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises. Returned to port each evening.
23FEB94-23FEB94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued OPPE Preparations.
24FEB94-25FEB94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises. Returned to port each evening.
26FEB94-27FEB94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued OPPE Preparations.
28FEB94-01MAR94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.
02MAR94-13MAR94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. OPPE Rescheduled to 24MAY94. IMAV conducted.
14MAR94-14MAR94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.
15MAR94-16MAR94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) conducted.
17MAR94-17MAR94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises. TRE continued.
18MAR94-31MAR94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
01APR94-05APR94 Underway, enroute Key West, FL.
05APR94-05APR94 Arrived U.S. Coast Guard Station Key West, FL. Refueled. Shifted to Naval Station Key West, FL.
06APR94-08APR94 Underway, enroute Charleston, SC.

08APR94-10APR94 Inport Naval Station Charleston, SC. Conducted Preparations for FLEETEX/SOCEX '94.

11APR94-12APR94 Underway, enroute Cherry Point, NC OPAREA.

12APR94-19APR94 Underway Cherry Point OPAREA - FLEETEX/SOCEX 94.

19APR94-20APR94 Underway enroute Charleston, SC.

20APR94-21APR94 Inport Naval Station Charleston, SC. Magnetic Material offload.

22APR94-22APR94 Underway. Conducted degaussing runs at Charleston Magnetic Silence Facility Cooper River Range. Returned to Naval Station Charleston, SC.

23APR94-23APR94 Conducted Magnetic Material Onload. Underway, enroute Key West, FL. Engineering Training Group Detachment Ingleside embarked.

23APR94-27APR94 Underway enroute Key West, FL.

27APR94-27APR94 Arrived U.S. Coast Guard Station Key West, FL. Refueled.

28APR94-02MAY94 Underway enroute Ingleside, TX.

02MAY94-17MAY94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted preparations for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE).

17MAY94-17MAY94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.

18MAY94-19MAY94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued preparations for OPPE.

20MAY94-20MAY94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.

21MAY94-23MAY94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued preparations for OPPE.

24MAY94-24MAY94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced OPPE.

25MAY94-25MAY94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for OPPE at sea phase. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

26MAY94-26MAY94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Completed OPPE.

27MAY94-29JUN94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

30JUN94-30JUN94 Underway enroute Port Isabel, TX.

30JUN94-07JUL94 Inport Port Isabel, TX. Fourth of July celebration and port visit.

08JUL94-08JUL94 Underway enroute Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

09JUL94-25AUG94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced maintenance availability. During this period, the officers and crew of USS DEVASTATOR were administratively assigned as Mine Counter Measures Crew GOLF in support mine countermeasures crew rotational plan.

26AUG94-26AUG94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. Maintenance availability concluded. Pre-turnover checkoffs conducted for crew overseas deployment.

27AUG94-17SEP94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued pre-turnover checkoffs.

18SEP94-21SEP94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Turnover and pre-deployment briefs conducted with Mine Countermeasures Squadron Three Caretaker Crew.

22SEP94-22SEP94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. MCM Rotational Crew GEORGE debarked for overseas rotation to USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5). MCM Squadron THREE assumes command. Caretaker Crew onboard.

22SEP94-03OCT94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Caretaker Crew onboard.

03OCT94-03OCT94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. MCM Rotational Crew FOXTROT under the command of LCDR Jeffery S. Jones embarked. Turnover briefs between MCM Squadron THREE Caretaker Crew and MCM Rotational Crew FOXTROT commence.

04OCT94-04OCT94 LCDR Jeffery S. Jones assumes command.

05OCT94-08NOV94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Post deployment standdown.

09NOV94-09NOV94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.

10NOV94-22NOV94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Command Assessment of Readiness & Training Phase I (CART I) conducted.

23NOV94-23NOV94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises.

24NOV94-28NOV94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Maintenance availability conducted.

29NOV94-30NOV94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises. Returned to port each evening.

01DEC94-05DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Preparations for the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) conducted.

06DEC94-06DEC94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for INSURV Underway Materiel Inspection (UMI) rehearsal during daylight hours. On return to port, experienced a Class Alpha fire in ship's uptake space deck (overhead of the Main Machinery Room) resultant of a compromised flange/flange gasket on 2A Main Propulsion Diesel Engine. Fire was extinguished by ship's force. Damage was restricted to a charred area three foot by six inches in the Main Machinery Room overhead.

08DEC94-11DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued Pre-INSURV preparations.

12DEC94-13DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced INSURV.

14DEC94-14DEC94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for INSURV at-sea phase. Returned to port.

15DEC94-16DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. INSURV completed.

16DEC94-27DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Observed first holiday leave and upkeep period.

28DEC94-28DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Command Muster.

28DEC94-31DEC94 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Observed second holiday leave and upkeep period.

NARRATIVE

USS DEVASTATOR began the new year with preparations for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) scheduled for the month of March. During this period, extensive firefighting and damage control team training was conducted in Norfolk, VA, Mayport, FL, and Corpus Christi, TX. This training coupled with a continuous screening IMAV with SIMA Ingleside comprised most of January and February with periodic daylight underway training periods.

In early March, DEVASTATOR completed a five day Engineering Training Group (ETG) visit and a Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE). The Operational Propulsion Plant Exam originally scheduled for March was postponed to May. Resultantly, DEVASTATOR was added as a participant in the George Washington Battle Group FLEETEX/SOCEX '94 scheduled for April 1994.

In early April, DEVASTATOR sailed for Charleston, SC to prepare for FLEETEX/SOCEX '94 stopping in Key West, FL to refuel enroute. Following a brief stay in Charleston, SC, the ship departed and rendezvoused with the George Washington Battle Group off the coast of Cherry Point, NC with an EODMU 6 MCM detachment embarked. On station, DEVASTATOR was designated sea lanes to clear exercise mines in preparation for an amphibious assault stage going into operation. DEVASTATOR left station one time for refueling in Moorhead City, NC but returned for additional mine countermeasure operational assignment in designated exercise sea lanes. Once exercise clearance objectives were achieved, DEVASTATOR recovered all the exercise mines and returned to Charleston, SC. While inport Charleston, Engineering Training Group Detachment Ingleside embarked for a training assist visit for DEVASTATOR's return voyage to Ingleside, Tx. The ship got underway for Ingleside, TX conducting numerous engineering evolutions and casualty control drills enroute. DEVASTATOR returned to Naval Station Ingleside and commenced an immediate maintenance availability prior to start of the OPPE exam with sporadic underway training periods. The Operational Propulsion Plant Exam was held 24 through 26 May with all Propulsion Examining Board requirements satisfactorily met. During the month of June, training and upkeep was observed inport Ingleside, TX. Over the fourth of July weekend, DEVASTATOR conducted a visit to Port Isabel, TX and returned to Ingleside, TX on 09 July.

Starting July, the ship commenced a three month Post Maintenance Availability (PMA). During PMA, numerous improvements were made throughout the ship to include interior painting and engine overhaul. In early August, the crew was notified of their assignment to relieve the crew of the USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5) on station in the Western Pacific. The officers and crew of DEVASTATOR were administratively assigned to Mine Countermeasures Rotational Crew GOLF (MCMROT Crew GOLF). Turnover preparations and pre-overseas movement (POM) preparations ensued. In early September, DEVASTATOR was turned over to a caretaker crew from Mine Countermeasures Squadron THREE. The officers and crew of MCMROT Crew GOLF were subsequently flown overseas to relieve MCM Rotational Crew FOXTROT embarked in USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5).

MCM Rotational Crew FOXTROT under the command of LCDR Jeffery S. Jones, began turnover of DEVASTATOR on 04 October 1994. On 06 October, LCDR Jones assumed command of DEVASTATOR. Subsequently, the ship observed a post-deployment standdown period through 04 November. On 09 November, preparations commenced in support of a December visit by the Board of Inspection and Survey with DEVASTATOR's first underway with it's new crew in the Corpus Christi Operational Area. During this day, the ship underwent post-PMA engine operability tests and conducted anchoring exercises for preventative maintenance. The ship observed a second underway day in the Corpus Christi OPAREA on 23 November for full power run and magnetic tail maintenance.

Following a brief Thanksgiving Holiday, INSURV preparations continued. The ship got underway on 29 and 30 November during daylight hours for pre-INSURV rehearsal checks followed by one additional underway day on 06 December.

The Board of Inspection and Survey inspected DEVASTATOR from 12 through 16 December with 14 December being the underway material assessment. The ship completed INSURV with an overall adjective grade of "pass". From 17-27 December, the first of two crew holiday leave periods was observed with a command muster conducted 28 December. The second leave period commenced 28 December and continued through 31 December 1993.



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GOLF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1994

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Encl: (1) Biography of Commander (Sel) Thomas J. Strei
(2) Lessons Learned from FLEETEX/SOCEX 2-94, DTG
211800Z APR 94
(3) Port Visit Report, Port Isabel, Texas, DTG 211730Z
JUL 94
(4) Schedule of Events for MCMEX-95K-1, DTG 260100Z SEP 94
(5) USN-JSMDF coordination prior to port visit to
Yokosuka, DTG 170533Z OCT 94 [IN CLASS FILE]
(6) Results of meeting with JMSDF MCM representatives,
DTG 280700Z OCT 94
(7) Quicklook at results of stray fields testing at
JMSDF facility, 192200Z FEB 95
(8) Welcome letter from the Officer in Charge of the
U.S Navy Contracting Department, Hong Kong, 22 DEC 94
(9) Midwatch deck log entry, 01 January 1995
(10) Photograph of USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5)

1. Per reference (a), the following is submitted as the command history for Mine Countermeasures Rotational Crew Golf for the period of 01 January 1994 through 31 December 1994. Enclosures (1) through (8) are submitted as supporting documentation.

2. Command Composition and Organization. Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Rotational Crew Golf is one of eight rotational crews formed to operate six of the fourteen AVENGER class mine countermeasures ships. MCM Rotational Crew Golf began as the crew of USS DEVASTATOR (MCM-6). In July of 1994, the crew was redesignated as MCM Rotational Crew Golf and deployed in September to relieve the crew of USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5). MCM Rotational Crew Golf is permanently stationed at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas and is commanded by Commander (Select) Thomas J. Strei. Enclosure (1) is Commander (Select) Strei's biography. The immediate senior in command for administrative purposes is Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Three in Ingleside,

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Texas. When deployed, MCM Rotational Crew Golf falls under the operational control of Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron One or Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two, based on the theater of operation. The mission of MCM Rotational Crew Golf is to operate and maintain the AVENGER class ships to which they are assigned. The primary mission of the AVENGER class ships is to locate, classify and neutralize all mine types in support of littoral operations.

3. Chronology.

Onboard USS DEVASTATOR (MCM-6)

01 - 09	JAN	Holiday Standdown Period
10 - 31	JAN	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) preparation
01 - 28	FEB	OPPE preparation/Engineering Training Group visits
	21 FEB	RADM Han Sang Ki, Commander, Flotilla Five, Republic of Korea Navy visit
01 - 15	MAR	Reschedule OPPE to 24 MAY, continued preparations, Intermediate Availability
15 - 19	MAR	Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
01 - 04	MAR	Underway for Key West, FL
05 - 10	APR	Underway for Charleston, SC
12 - 19	APR	FLEETEX/SOCEX 2-94 with George Washington Battle Group
	20 APR	Inport Charleston, SC
21 - 23	APR	Degaussing in Charleston, SC
24 - 27	APR	Underway for Key West, FL
28 APR - 02	MAY	Underway for Ingleside, TX
03 - 23	MAY	OPPE preparations, Intermediate Availability
24 - 26	MAY	OPPE
01 - 29	JUN	Training and upkeep in Corpus Christi OPAREA
30 JUN - 07	JUL	Port Isabel, TX visit
	11 JUL	Commenced Phased Maintenance Availability (PMA)
		-Fixed Ballast Installation
		-PINS III(V) Foundation Modification
		-Mast Repainting
		-Micro SNAP Installation
	26 JUL	Redesignated as MCM Rotational Crew Golf
	24 AUG	Underway for Sea Trials
	02 SEP	End of PMA
07 - 13	SEP	Turnover of USS DEVASTATOR to MCM Squadron Three

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14 - 17 SEP Pre-deployment standdown
18 SEP Depart Corpus Christi Int'l Airport enroute
to Sasebo, Japan
19 SEP Arrived in Sasebo, Japan
21 - 26 SEP Turnover of USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5) to MCM
Rotational Crew Golf

Onboard USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5)

26 SEP Assumed command of USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5)
02 OCT Underway for Chinhae, Republic of Korea (ROK)
03 - 04 OCT Brief stop in Chinhae, underway for Pohang,
ROK
05 - 11 OCT MCMEX-95K-1 in the vicinity of Pohang, ROK
11 - 13 OCT Inport Pohang, avoidance of Typhoon Seth
14 - 18 OCT Underway for Yokosuka, Japan
18 OCT - 06 DEC Restricted Availability, Ship Repair
Facility, Yokosuka, Japan
-Reverse Osmosis Water Filtration Unit
installation
08 NOV RADM Moteki, Commander, Mine Flotilla Two,
JMSDF and RADM Gomi, Commander, Fleet
Training and Development, JMSDF visit
08 DEC Stray Fields testing, JMSDF Degaussing
Facility, Yokosuka, Japan
10 - 13 DEC Underway for Sasebo, Japan
14 - 17 DEC Underway for White Beach, Okinawa
17 - 22 DEC Underway for Hong Kong
22 - 27 DEC Visit to Hong Kong
28 - 31 DEC Underway for White Beach, Okinawa

3. Narrative. January through March of 1994 were dedicated to preparing USS DEVASTATOR (MCM-6) for the CINCLANTFLT Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE), originally scheduled for the end of March. Engineering Training Group (ETG) assisted the ship throughout OPPE preparations. In addition, this time was used to send a majority of the crew to the required fire fighting schools and perform maintenance critical to operating a safe engineering plant. However, DEVASTATOR was tasked with participation in FLEETEX/SOCEX 2-94 in mid-March in the Moorehead City OPAREA. Therefore OPPE was postponed until late May.

a. The Training Readiness Evaluation was completed in mid-March, clearing DEVASTATOR to participate in MCM Refresher Training (REFTRA) and the Mine Readiness Certification Inspection, scheduled for June. However, these evolutions were eventually canceled due to maintenance requirements and an upcoming deployment.

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b. April was spent in transit to and from Charleston, SC, so that DEVASTATOR could participate in the George Washington Battle Group FLEETEX/SOCEX 2-94. Enclosure (2) contains lessons learned from the exercise. DEVASTATOR was the only representative of the surface mine warfare community to participate, and the training experience for the crew was invaluable. Minehunting skills were honed as the crew trained personnel in several new positions, including two MCM Evaluators, which is a position comparable to the Tactical Action Officer (TAO) on a larger combatant.

c. Inport time in May was used to prepare for OPPE, which took place on May 26, 27 and 28. An eighteen month certification and an overall score of "SATISFACTORY" was achieved, with seven programs receiving a score of "EXCELLENT."

d. DEVASTATOR was not specifically tasked in the month of June, so every Tuesday and Thursday was used to conduct underway training in the Corpus Christi OPAREA (CCOA). BECCes, minesweeping, minehunting, ship handling, small boat operations and fire fighting were practiced on each of these days. The remaining days were used for general maintenance and upkeep.

The first week in July was spent on a Fourth of July port visit to Port Isabel, Texas. Enclosure (3) is the port visit report.

e. Upon returning to Ingleside, DEVASTATOR began a Phased Maintenance Availability (PMA) on 11 July. The contract for the availability was awarded to Braswell Services Corp., who also sub-contracted several jobs to other firms. The Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) in Ingleside was also involved in completing nearly 170 jobs. The major installations completed during this availability included the Fixed Ballast installation, which corrects the inherent one and a half degree list on AVENGER class ships. The foundation modifications for the Precise Integrated Navigation System (PINS), modification III were made in anticipation of the final installation in December of 1994. The black mast of the DEVASTATOR was repainted gray, to conform to Navy standards. The Micro-SNAP system was installed, which automates the ships Maintenance and Material Management (3M) system. The PMA culminated in sea trials on 24 August, which went well with the exception of a failed mechanical seal on the port controllable pitch propeller (CPP) attached pump, causing a major lube oil leak in the Main Machinery Room. The leak was quickly isolated and diverted to the bilge with no danger of flashing into a Class Bravo fire, due to the quick actions of the watchstanders involved.

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f. On 26 July, the crew of USS DEVASTATOR was redesignated as Mine Countermeasures Rotational Crew Golf. Shortly afterward, the decision was made to send Rotational Crew Golf to Sasebo, Japan, where the crew of USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5) was preparing to be relieved. USS GUARDIAN and USS PATRIOT (MCM-7) had been deployed to the Pacific to participate in RIMPAC 94. Then they were sent to the Western Pacific to participate in mine warfare exercises with Japan and the Republic of Korea. MCM Rotational Crew Golf and Charlie were the only two fully qualified crews able to perform this short notice tasking.

g. August was dedicated to completing work for the availability and making preparations to deploy in September. Due to the short notice, many things, especially personnel items, had to be taken care of quickly in order to make the scheduled deployment date. Prior coordination with the crew of GUARDIAN was invaluable and made the turnover proceed very smoothly.

h. On 02 September, the PMA was completed and the crew could now concentrate on preparing to leave the DEVASTATOR and go on deployment. Unlike a normal deployment, the DEVASTATOR had to be completely turned over to MCM Squadron Three prior to departing for GUARDIAN. Cleaning, ensuring that all items were inventoried, preparing programs, and completing final planned maintenance (PMS) were just a few of the items required before leaving DEVASTATOR. The crew also prepared by sending copies of personnel programs and ship instructions to Sasebo for use on the GUARDIAN. By 13 September, most of the preparation was complete and the crew went on a four-day standdown prior to departing.

i. MCM Rotational Crew Golf departed Corpus Christi International Airport on 18 September, flew through Dallas-Fort Worth and on to Narita Airport in Tokyo. After a bus ride across Tokyo, another flight was taken from Haneda Airport to Fukuoka Airport. Another bus ride transited the crew to their final destination of Sasebo, Japan. Once in Sasebo, MCM Rotational Crew Golf was berthed onboard the USS GERMANTOWN (LSD-42) and began the turnover process.

j. 21 September saw the beginning of the turnover of GUARDIAN. Due to the amount of planning done prior to arrival, the entire process took less than the allotted time and went smoothly. On 26 September, MCM Rotational Crew Foxtrot (GUARDIANs crew) marched off and Rotational Crew Golf assumed the watch.

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k. Approximately one week was allowed for maintenance in Sasebo, before getting underway for the first time onboard GUARDIAN. The destination was Chinhae, Republic of Korea (ROK). Upon arrival, the GUARDIAN took on fuel and unloaded several mineshapes, which were to be used in the upcoming exercise. After a brief stop, GUARDIAN was underway again for Pohang, ROK.

l. MCMEX-95K-1 involved USS GUARDIAN, USS PATRIOT and several units of the ROK Navy mine warfare forces. Enclosure (4) is the Schedule of Events for this exercise. The crew learned that it was going to be extremely difficult to conduct operations in the swift and murky waters surrounding the Korean peninsula. One of the primary objectives of the exercise was to instruct the Korean Navy on new techniques for minehunting and neutralization. This exercise served as an excellent opportunity to meet the individuals and commands that MCM Rotational Crew Golf would be involved with while deployed in the Western Pacific.

m. GUARDIAN departed Korea, enroute to Yokosuka, where she underwent a six-week restricted availability (RAV). Work was completed by the USS CAPE COD (AD-43), Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka and several Japanese subcontractors. Due to Title 10 restrictions on the amount and kind of work that can be completed overseas on ships homeported in CONUS, work was limited to that which was necessary to conduct a primary mission. The ship was repainted and had the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit installed, as well as Ship Alterations on the 24 VDC ground detection system and main engine governors. The period in Yokosuka also allowed time to build a relationship with counterparts in the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF). Enclosures (5) and (6) are the results of some of these meetings and exchanges.

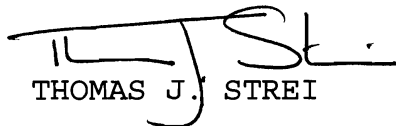
n. The final week in Yokosuka was spent completing a magnetic offload and stray fields testing at the JMSDF degaussing facility. GUARDIAN was the test case to determine whether the Japanese facilities were capable of providing an adequate amount of information, comparable to the stray fields testing undergone by MCMs in the United States. The tests turned out satisfactorily, paving the way for future operations in the Western Pacific. Enclosure (7) is a quicklook at the results of the testing undergone at the JMSDF facility.

o. In the second week in December, GUARDIAN got underway for Hong Kong, with brief stops in Sasebo and White Beach, Okinawa for fuel and stores. Enclosure (8) is a welcome message from the

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Officer in Charge of the Navy Contracting Department in Hong Kong. Also present was the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) Battle Group, enroute to the Indian Ocean.

p. After the Christmas holiday was over, GUARDIAN was underway for White Beach, Okinawa to prepare for MCMEX 95-2J, the first exercise of the new year. Enclosure (9) is the mid-watch entry in the deck log, which summarizes 1994 for MCM Rotational Crew GOLF.



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