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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, Regional Support Group
Ingleside, Texas

Name of Commanding Officer: LCDR Jeffery S. Jones
01Jan95-24Feb95
LCDR Alan C. Westphal
24Feb95-17Nov95
LCDR T.T. Miller
17Nov95-31Dec95

Permanent Duty Station: Ingleside, TX

01JAN95-09JAN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Holiday
Leave and Upkeep.
09JAN95-29JAN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. CART II
Preparations.
30JAN95-03FEB95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted
CART II Inspection.
04FEB95-23FEB95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
24FEB95-24FEB95 LCDR Alan C. Westphal assumes command
25FEB95-12MAR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
13MAR95-13MAR95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent
Ship Exercises.
14MAR95-14MAR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. TSTA I
Preparations (DASMN).
15MAR95-17MAR95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent
Ship Exercises ISO TSTA I. Returned to port
each evening.
18MAR95-19MAR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
20MAR95-21MAR95 Underway overnight Corpus Christi OPAREA for
Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA I.
21MAR95-23MAR95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent
Ship Exercises ISO TSTA I. Returned to port
each evening.
23MAR95-28MAR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. TSTA I
Preparations (ETG).
29MAR95-31MAR95 Underway overnight Corpus Christi OPAREA for
Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA I (ETG).
01APR95-02APR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
03APR95-05APR95 Underway overnight Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO
TSTA I (ETG).
06APR95-10APR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. TSTA I
Preparations (FTG/MIW).
11APR95-11APR95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent
Ship Exercises ISO TSTA I (MIW).
12APR95-12APR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted

BECCE drills ISO TSTA I (ETG).

13APR95-14APR95 Underway overnight Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA I (MIW).
15APR95-18APR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. TSTA II Preparations (FTG/MIW).
19APR95-21APR95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA II (MIW).
22APR95-25APR95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. TSTA II Preparations (ETG).
26APR95-27APR95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA II (ETG).
29APR95-17MAY95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. OPPE Preparations begin. IMAV conducted.
18MAY95-18MAY95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted fast cruise.
19MAY95-19MAY95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA III (ETG). Continued OPPE Preparations.
20MAY95-23MAY95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued OPPE Preparations.
24MAY95-24MAY95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO TSTA III (ETG). Continued OPPE Preparations.
25MAY95-31MAY95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued OPPE Preparations.
01JUN95-01JUN95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO OPPE Rehearsal. Continued OPPE Preparations.
02JUN95-07JUN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Final OPPE Preparations.
08JUN95-08JUN95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO final OPPE preparations.
09JUN95-11JUN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued OPPE preparations.
11JUN95-13JUN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Final OPPE preparations.
14JUN95-14JUN95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO OPPE.
15JUN95-16JUN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. OPPE Concluded.
17JUN95-28JUN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
29JUN95-02JUL95 Underway, enroute Key West, FL.
03JUL95-04JUL95 Inport Naval Station Key West, FL. Refueled.
05JUL95-07JUL95 Underway, enroute Moorhead City, NC.
08JUL95-08JUL95 Inport Moorhead City, NC. Conducted Preparations for JTFEX 95-3. Refueled.
08JUL95-12JUL95 Underway Cherry Point OPAREA - JTFEX 95-3.
12JUL95-13JUL95 Underway, enroute Charleston, SC.
13JUL95-14JUL95 Inport Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, SC. Magnetic Material Offload. Refueled.
14JUL95-14JUL95 Shifted to Pier Yankee Degaussing Cradle, Naval Station Charleston, SC.
14JUL95-17JUL95 Inport Naval Station, Charleston, SC.

17JUL95-17JUL95 Conducted degaussing runs at Charleston Magnetic Silencing Facility Cooper River Range. Returned to Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, SC. Conducted Magnetic Material onload. Refueled.

18JUL95-20JUL95 Underway, enroute Freeport, Bahamas.

20JUL95-23JUL95 Inport Freeport, Bahamas. Liberty Port for entire crew. Refueled.

23JUL95-24JUL95 Underway, enroute Key West, FL.

24JUL95-24JUL95 Inport Naval Station Key West, FL. Refueled.

24JUL95-28JUL95 Underway, enroute Ingleside, TX.

28JUL95-02JUL95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted IMAV.

02AUG95-02AUG95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted Environmental Health Survey.

02AUG95-15AUG95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued IMAV.

16AUG95-16AUG95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO Mine Warfare.

17AUG95-22AUG95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued MIW Training.

23AUG95-24AUG95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted LMA Assist.

25AUG95-25AUG95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent Ship Exercises ISO Mine Warfare Training.

26AUG95-28AUG95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued Inport MIW Training.

29AUG95-31AUG95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO MIW Training (TSTA IV). Commenced MRCI Preparations. Returned to port each evening.

01SEP95-04SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued MRCI Preparations.

05SEP95-06SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations.

07SEP95-07SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX ISO TSTS IV. Continued MRCI Preparations.

08SEP95-08SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations.

09SEP95-10SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

11SEP95-11SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations

12SEP95-12SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

13SEP95-14SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations. Returned to port each evening.

15SEP95-17SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

18SEP95-19SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations. Returned to port each evening.

19SEP95-20SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations. Anchored overnight.

20SEP95-21SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO TSTA IV. Continued MRCI Preparations. Returned to port each evening.

22SEP95-27SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

28SEP95-28SEP95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. Final MRCI Preparations.

29SEP95-30SEP95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

01OCT95-02OCT95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

03OCT95-07OCT95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. MRCI Inspection conducted.

08OCT95-01NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted Drivetrain Installation.

02NOV95-04NOV95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO Independent Ship Exercises. Tested Drivetrain Installation.

05NOV95-06NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. LMA Preparations.

07NOV95-09NOV95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA ISO Independent Ship Exercises.

10NOV95-13NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Final LMA Inspection Preparations conducted.

14NOV95-15NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Logistics Management Assist (LMA) Inspection Conducted.

16NOV95-16NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced ship turnover with MCM Rotational Crew Alfa.

17NOV95-17NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. MCM Rotational Crew Alfa assumes command of USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6).

17NOV95-06DEC95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

07DEC95-08DEC95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. Local operations.

09DEC95-10DEC95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

11DEC95-15DEC95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. LTT conducted.

16DEC95-31DEC95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Holiday standdown.

NARRATIVE

USS DEVASTATOR (MCM-6) began the new year with preparations for the CART II inspection. During this period, extensive firefighting and damage control team training was conducted with the eye on OPPE in the future. Once CART II was completed and all discrepancies documented, the crew stood ready to face TSTA I-IV, training cycles designed to prepare the ship for both the OPPE and MRCI inspections. Before these cycles could begin, however, DEVASTATOR held a change of command ceremony February 24th in which LCDR Alan C. Westphal relieved LCDR Jeffery S. Jones of command of MCM Rotational Crew Foxtrot embarked onboard DEVASTATOR.

When March arrived shortly thereafter, the crew spent the month getting underway in the Corpus Christi OPAREA conducting TSTA I for DASMN and ETG training. Though the ship returned to port each evening the majority of the time, these training evolutions proved invaluable in bringing the crew one step closer to their goals of a successful OPPE and MRCI. TSTA I lasted until mid-April and was immediately followed by TSTA II, a training cycle that focused on MIW mission areas for the first half and Engineering proficiency areas the second. Once again, the crew would spend the rest of the month in and out of port conducting various drills to increase their efficiency in both these mission areas.

The month of May meant a slight break for the crew and ship with a three week IMAV. During this time, several pieces of equipment were repaired, long overdue maintenance accomplished, and crewmembers were sent to Damage Control Team Training school. IMAV passed quickly, and the crew began TSTA III with final preparations being conducted for the upcoming OPPE. During this period, The ship would get underway for the Corpus Christi OPAREA to conduct numerous engineering evolutions and casualty controls drills. The Operational Propulsion Plant Exam was finally held 13-16 June with all Propulsion Examining Board requirements satisfactorily met with an overall adjective grade of "GOOD". This grade proved to be "the most successful OPPE in Squadron Three history." With OPPE successfully behind them, the crew of the DEVASTATOR was given two weeks INPORT for rest and recuperation before getting underway again.

July proved a very hectic but momentous month for the ship. On 28 June, DEVASTATOR sailed for the Cherry Point, NC, OPAREA to conduct JTFEX 95-3 with the AMERICA Battle Group and the WASP ARG. Following a brief stay in Key West, FL for refueling and the 4th of July weekend, the ship arrived in Morehead City, NC for more brief refueling and a stores onload. An EODMU 6 MCM detachment was also embarked at this time. DEVASTATOR then proceeded to the Cherry Point OPAREA where, once on station with USS AVENGER (MCM 1), DEVASTATOR was tasked to clear a simulated mine danger area. Once

exercise clearance objectives were achieved with the DEVASTATOR finding 11 of 13 possible mines for a mission completion percentage of 85%, the ship departed the exercise and proceeded to Charleston, S.C. for degaussing. DEVASTATOR spent a week in Charleston conducting stray magnetic field tests at the Naval Station, as well as proceeding to the Charleston Magnetic Silencing Facility Cooper River Range for further degaussing runs.

Once degaussing was successfully completed, DEVASTATOR sailed for Freeport, Bahamas for a port visit and crew recuperation. Freeport lived up to its reputation for beautiful beaches and great activities and provided the crew with three full days of much needed rest and relaxation. Following the port visit, DEVASTATOR got underway from Freeport heading for Ingleside, TX with a brief stop in Key West for stores and refueling. DEVASTATOR returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX where the crew experienced three weeks INPORT to begin preparations for her final two hurdles: LMA and MRCI. During this time, MCM Squadron Three was disbanded and DEVASTATOR came under the cognizance of Regional Support Group Ingleside.

An LMA assist visit was held in the latter part of August to document discrepancies before the actual LMA to be held in mid-October. Once this assist visit was completed, the ship immediately commenced TSTA IV training with FTG DET Ingleside. TSTA IV consisted of four intense weeks of MIW training in preparation for MRCI to be held the first week of October. The crew was given one final week after TSTA IV to fix any last discrepancies before tackling the MRCI Inspection. The Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) was yet another chance to excel for the crew of DEVASTATOR. The inspection was held from 03OCT95-07OCT95. Despite inclement weather conditions, MRCI was a total success with all mission areas successfully completed.

After the inspection, the crew enjoyed an entire month of relaxation and recuperation before making final preparations for the LMA Inspection and Crew turnover with MCM Rotational Crew Alfa. During this INPORT period, an important drivetrain installation/alteration occurred on the ship's drivetrain. The crew would also undergo one final underway period to test the new drivetrain installation and for some final underway training during this period.

The Logistics Material Assist Inspection occurred 14-15 November. The crew passed this final hurdle with flying colors, earning a 90% or above in all areas evaluated and meeting the final requirement for the Battle Efficiency Award. Immediately after this inspection, USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6) was turned over from MCM Rotational Crew FOXTROT to MCM Rotational Crew Alfa on 17 November 1995.

DEVASTATOR remained in port for the remainder of the month of November. On the 7th of December, DEVASTATOR got underway to conduct minesweep operations off the coast of Corpus Christi and remained underway until the evening of the 8th.

DEVASTATOR got underway only one more time for the year of 1995, from the morning of the 11th until the evening of the 15th, to conduct Limited Team Training (LTT). Following LTT, DEVASTATOR went on a holiday standown for the remainder of the year.

MCM ROTATIONAL CREW ALFA 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: Mine Countermeasures Group THREE

Name of Commanding Officer: LCDR T.T. Miller
01Jan95-31Dec95

Permanent Duty Station: Ingleside, TX.

01JAN95-08JAN95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. Final MRCI Preparations.
09JAN95-13JAN95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. MRCI Inspection conducted.
14JAN95-19JAN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
20JAN95-20JAN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced ship turnover with MCM Rotational Crew Echo.
21JAN95-21JAN95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. MCM Rotational Crew Echo assumes command of USS SENTRY (MCM 3).
22JAN95-28FEB95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. MCM Rotational Crew Alfa in standdown for training cycle.
01MAR95-01MAR95 Enroute to Sasebo, Japan for ship turnover.
02MAR95-03MAR95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. Commenced ship turnover with MCM Rotational Crew Golf.
04MAR95-04MAR95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. MCM Rotational Crew Alfa assumes command of USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5).
05MAR95-01APR95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. Making preparations and repairs for upcoming deployment.
02APR95-03APR95 Underway Sasebo OPAREA. Forced to return to port due to engine problems.
04APR95-10APR95 Inport Sasebo, Japan for minor engine repairs and upkeep.
11APR95-12APR95 Underway enroute to Chinhae, South Korea.
12APR95-23APR95 Underway Chinhae OPAREA. Conducting minehunt and minesweep exercises with ROK Navy.
24APR95-06MAY95 Inport Sasebo, Japan.
07MAY95-10MAY95 Underway enroute to Ulsan, South Korea. Conducting minehunt exercises.
10MAY95-11MAY95 Underway enroute to Pohang, South Korea.
12MAY95-14MAY95 Inport Pohang, South Korea. Crew granted liberty.
15MAY95-19MAY95 Underway Pohang OPAREA. Conducting minehunt exercises.
19MAY95-25MAY95 Underway enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.
25MAY95-31MAY95 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Upkeep.
01JUN95-29JUN95 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. GUARDIAN in Restricted Availability (RAV) for repairs.

30JUN95-02JUL95 Underway enroute to Kochi, Japan.
 02JUL95-03JUL95 Inport Kochi, Japan. Crew granted liberty, ship
 tours conducted, ship visit by Mayor of Kochi.
 04JUL95-06JUL95 Underway enroute to Pohang, South Korea OPAREA.
 07JUL95-11JUL95 Underway Pohang OPAREA. EXERCISE FREEDOM BANNER
 95 conducted.
 11JUL95-12JUL95 Underway enroute to Sasebo, Japan.
 12JUL95-25JUL95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. Conducting ECC drills,
 making preparations for upcoming OPPE.
 26JUL95-28JUL95 Underway Sasebo OPAREA. Preparing for OPPE, op-
 testing new engine.
 29JUL95-02AUG95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. Making final preparations
 for OPPE.
 03AUG95-04AUG95 Underway Sasebo OPAREA. OPPE inspection
 commences, BEF onboard.
 05AUG95-09AUG95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. Making preparations for
 ship turnover.
 10AUG95-10AUG95 Underway Sasebo OPAREA. Turnover cruise
 conducted with members of MCM Rotational Crew
 Delta, Swinging Ship Navigation Exercises
 conducted.
 11AUG95-12AUG95 Inport Sasebo, Japan.
 13AUG95-16AUG95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. Commenced ship turnover
 with MCM Rotational Crew Delta.
 16AUG95-16AUG95 Inport Sasebo, Japan. MCM Rotational Crew Alfa
 assumes command of USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5).
 17AUG95-18AUG95 MCM Rotational Crew Alfa departs for homeport,
 Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
 19AUG95-15NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Crew
 standdown and training cycle conducted.
 16NOV95-17NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced
 ship turnover with MCM Rotational Crew Foxtrot.
 17NOV95-17NOV95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. MCM
 Rotational Crew Alfa assumes command of USS
 DEVASTATOR (MCM 6).
 18NOV95-06DEC95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
 07DEC95-08DEC95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. Local
 operations.
 09DEC95-10DEC95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.
 11DEC95-15DEC95 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. LTT conducted.
 16DEC95-31DEC95 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Holiday
 standdown.

NARRATIVE

MCM Rotational Crew Alfa entered the new year onboard USS SENTRY (MCM 3) with a holiday standdown that ended Jan 9th. Immediate following the standdown, the crew of SENTRY faced the difficult challenge of preparing for a Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI). With a team of inspectors onboard, SENTRY got underway on the 12th of January to commence the MRCI inspection. SENTRY worked diligently over the course of the week demonstrating its ability in both minehunt and minesweep evolutions and eventually received a sat score on MRCI. A brief change of command ceremony was held on the 20th of January as Commanding Officer of ROTCREW ALFA turned SENTRY over to ROTCREW FOXTROT. Following the turnover, Rotational Crew ALFA began a six week standdown that would consist of various training such as Firefighting, Career Information, ESWS, and Departmental Training. The standdown period provided a necessary break for the crew's recuperation before the upcoming deployment to Japan.

As March arrived, Rotational Crew ALFA found themselves on a flight to Sasebo, Japan where they would commence the turnover of USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5). On the 4th of March, Commanding Officers for both Rotational Crew Golf and ALFA completed their turnover. That same day, the Commanding Officer spoke to the crew and informed them the first underway period of the deployment would be delayed due to multiple engine problems. Meanwhile the engineers worked countless hours the entire month of March and were able to get GUARDIAN ready to deploy. On the 2nd of April, GUARDIAN made an attempt to get underway but experienced yet another minor engine problems that would keep her inport another 10 days. After the necessary repairs and upkeep were accomplished, GUARDIAN got underway from Sasebo, Japan enroute to Chinhae, South Korea. GUARDIAN arrived in the Chinhae OPAREA on the morning of the 12th of April to commence minehunt and minesweep exercises with the South Korean Navy. After a difficult week of joint exercises and weekend disappointing liberty, GUARDIAN was ready to sail back to Sasebo, Japan where she would stay for the remainder of the month of April.

The first week of May was dedicated to preparing GUARDIAN for an underway cruise to Ulsan and Pohang, South Korea. Rotational Crew Alfa got GUARDIAN underway on the 7th of May enroute to Ulsan Korea to conduct countless minehunt exercises. Extremely bad weather proved to be a difficult opponent as GUARDIAN left Ulsan on the 10th of May and arrives in Pohang on the 11th. The crew was granted liberty upon arrival in Pohang. Though not an eventful tourist attraction, Pohang provided the crew with a slight break from the countless hours of shipboard repairs and

underway steaming. After spending a few days doing local operations conducting RSO&I exercises, GUARDIAN pulled out of Pohang on the 19th of May for Yokosuka, Japan. After leaving Pohang GUARDIAN faced the difficult challenge of transitting the Sua Nada Straits, one of the most treacherous currents in the world. On the morning of the 21st, GUARDIAN surprisingly passed through thre straits with little problem.

GUARDIAN arrived in Yokosuka on the 25th of May and began a five week period of Restricted Availability. After conducting numerous training and upkeep the entire month of June, GUARDIAN got underway on the 30th enrout to Kochi Japan. Despite a three day battle with rough, fast seas Alfa Crew pulled in to Kochi the morning of the 2nd. While in Kochi, the crew enjoyed liberty and ship tours were given. On the 3rd of June, the Mayor of Kochi visited the ship. In all, the crew enjoyed the brief stay in Kochi. Unfortunately the 4th of July was a dishaertening day for Rotational Crew ALFA as they could not enjoy a normal holiday routine as they had a mission to accomplish, to sail on to Pohang South Korea. GUARDIAN sailed on again getting closer to a much awaited day they could return home to their families in Corpus Christi Tx. GUARDIAN arrived in the Sua Nada Straits about 1000 on the 5th of July, transitted the 15 mile strait and was out by 1200 the same day. GUARDIAN started its transit north to meet up with the rest of the Freedom Banner participants, GUARDIAN arrived in the Pohang OPAREA about 0700. GERMANTOWN and PATRIOT were already in the oparea ready for minelaying operations to begin. GUARDIAN suffered a mine winch casualty early on that prevented any minesweeping, therefor the ship was tasked with conducting minehunt exercises until 1400 on the 7th of July. After a brief return to port to refuel, GUARDIAN went back out to the OPAREA for Equipment Casualty Control drills and proceeded on to anchorage. After being informed that GUARDIAN will be receiving midshipmen from both the United States Navy and the Korean Navy, the ship did small boat transfers and got underway from anchorage.

The next five days were spent conducting numerous minehunt and minesweep evolutions. The crew put a great deal of effort in to every exercise. On the morning of the 11th of July, GUARDIAN pulled in to Pohang, thus concluding GUARDIAN's operations for FREEDOM BANNER 95. GUARDIAN departed Pohang the evening of the 12th back to Sasebo Japan. Upon arrival in the Sasebo OPAREA, GUARDIAN started ECC drills, preparing for an upcoming Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

On 3 August, the first day of OPPE, inspectors arrived onboard and GUARDIAN began having ECCTT/DCTT in-briefs. On 4 August, GUARDIAN got underway with BEF onboard. At noon, ECC Drills began and before the day was over, GUARDIAN had passed OPPE with a grade of GOOD. GUARDIAN remained inport Sasebo for the next six days for work-ups in getting the ship cleaned and ready for turn-over. On the 10th of August, GUARDIAN got underway for a one day cruise with the CO, MCM Rotational Crew DELTA, MPA and ENC, to conduct Swinging Ship Navigation Exercises. Everything went well and upon return to port, the crew prepared to turn over GUARDIAN to Rotational Crew DELTA. On the 11th of August, MCM Rotational Crew DELTA arrived in Sasebo, with final turn-over to start on the 13th of August. As the final day of the deployment arrived, LCDR T. T. Miller turned over command of GUARDIAN to CO, MCM Rotational Crew DELTA at a small ceremony on the morning of the 16th of August. MCM Rotational Crew ALFA soon departed GUARDIAN for berthing accommodations onboard USS BELLEAUWOOD, eventually departing for their permanent homeport in Ingleside, Texas.

The night of the 17th marked the day of return for MCM Rotational Crew ALFA. Many of the crew took well deserved leave and all returned to Ingleside about mid month of September. The next two months the crew enjoyed a standdown and training cycle period. The crew commenced massive training on command, departmental and divisional levels. The headquarters for MCM Rotational Crew ALFA were the trailers designated for rotational crews at Naval Station Ingleside. Crew members were scheduled for TAP and CARIT classes. Crew members were also sent to various schools such as electrician, minesweep BM school, senior refresher QM and piloting schools that the command was able to send personnel to, before taking over USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6) from MCM Rotational Crew Foxtrot on the 17th of November.

DEVASTATOR remained inport for the remainder of the month of November. On the 7th of December, DEVASTATOR got underway to conduct local operations in the Corpus Christi OPAREA. DEVASTATOR got underway only one more time for the year of 1995, from the morning of the 11th until the 15th to conduct LTT inspection. MCM Rotational Crew ALFA onboard DEVASTATOR went on holiday standdown for the remainder of the year.