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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS GLADIATOR (MCM-11)
FPO AA 34091-1931

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From: Commanding Officer, USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11)
To: Chief of Naval Operations, (Code N09BH)
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1994

1. Command Composition and Organization.

- a. Mission. Search, locate, identify, exploit and neutralize mines.
- b. Organizational Structure.

COMINWARCOM
(RADM J. P. Pearson)

COMCMRON TWO
(Tactical)
CAPT Robert O'Donell

COMCMRON THREE
(Admin/Readiness)
CAPT Richard Owens

2. Chronology.

- a. 01-07 Jan Holiday Upkeep
- 08-10 Jan IPT NAVSTA Ingleside
- 11-13 Jan ENG Assessment
- 14-16 Jan IPT NAVSTA Ingleside
- 17-21 Jan TYT
- 22-27 Jan OPPE Rehearsal
- 28-31 Jan IPT Navsta Ingleside
- 01-03 Feb Successful Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)
- 24 Feb-01 Mar Under way enroute to Panama City, FL for Acoustic Trials
- 04-11 Mar Acoustic Trials
- 12-21 Mar Enroute homeport (including rescue and towing of sailing vessel EVERGREEN)

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16-17 Mar 54th NATO Information Exchange Group Conference with GLADIATOR as Demo Ship

11-14 Apr Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials (CSSQT) work-ups

15 Apr-05 Jun Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials

06-10 Jun Enroute to NAVSTA Ingleside

10 Jun Arrive NAVSTA Ingleside

10 Jun-15 Jul Visits by foreign delegations and U.S. VIP's to include the heads of Swedish, British and Mexican Navies Mine Warfare Divisions, SPCC Mechanicsburg and PEO (RADM Williams)

18-22 Jul Final Contract Trials (FCT)

01-28 Aug Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) work-ups

29 Aug-01 Sep Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI)

03 Sep-13 Sep Enroute DPSA Newport RI

14 Sep-30 Sep Post-shakedown Availability (PSA), Newport, RI

30 Sep-15 Oct Enroute NAVSTA Ingleside, TX

11 Oct Acoustic Trials Ft. Lauderdale, FL

16-18 Oct IPT NAVSTA, Ingleside, TX

19 Oct-31 Dec PSA at PBI Facilities Ingleside, TX

22 Dec Class "B" Fire in Pump Room

b. Major Equipment.

(1) R. O. Unit during PSA '94 was installed.

(2) 1,000 GPM distiller removed.

c. Major Accident

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(1) 22 December 1994, chemical fire in pump room. 34,000 dollar damage. No loss of life, 3 inhalation (chemical) injuries, shipyard workers.

3. Narrative. We started the year in preparation for OPPE going through the squadron's Engineering Assessment. GLADIATOR OPPE completed with an overall grade of good. While enroute to conduct Acoustic Trials in Port Everglades, FL, GLADIATOR became involved in the at-sea rescue of the sailing vessel "Evergreen." GLADIATOR towed the EVERGREEN into Bimini and enjoyed a port visit. GLADIATOR received accolades from the Coast Guard District Commandant for her actions in the rescue.

GLADIATOR then continued to Panama City, FL to conduct the first phase of the Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials (CSSQT) in Panama City, FL. During this period GLADIATOR's crew would learn and train to perform her mission as a Mine Warfare asset. While in Panama City we hosted the 54th NATO Information Exchange Group Conference.


After completing the final phases of CSSQT, GLADIATOR returned to NAVSTA Ingleside to prepare for Final Contract Trials by the Board of Inspection and Survey (FCT INSURV). Upon completion, the crew put hands to task, in order to prepare for the Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI).

GLADIATOR completed MRCI successfully, with all mission areas graded SAT.

The ship was then tasked to proceed to Newport, RI for the Drydocking Post Shakedown Availability (DPSA). Work was completed by American Shipbuilding. GLADIATOR then proceeded towards Port Everglades, FL for Acoustic Trials.

Upon completion, the ship was informed that the Post Shakedown Availability contract was awarded to Peterson Builders, Inc. in Ingleside, TX. The ship proceeded into Ingleside for the PSA. During the availability, the ship was required to use its firefighting skills to fight a class "B" fire in the pump room. The year ended with GLADIATOR making preparations to get underway for a six month deployment (MCM EURO 95) and its first major exercise "Blue Harrier."

4. Supporting Documents. Attached.


J. R. RIVERA
By direction

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