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From: Commanding Officer, USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1991

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(c) CNO ltr 5757 Ser 09BH/SH/2U506811 of 06JUL92
(d) Command History covering period of 15OCT91
through 31DEC91

Encl: (1) Command History covering period of 01JAN91
through 31DEC91

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with references (a) through (c). Reference (d) was forwarded in October 1992. It was not complete due to ship's logs from 01 January to 14 October 1991 were not available. The current crew took over USS GUARDIAN in October 1991 as part of a crew swap between MCM 5 and MCM 6. We have received the ship's logs for this time period and are now sending you the complete ship's history for 1991. Previously we submitted the October - December 1991 ship's history reference (d). This package includes the Oct-Dec 1991 time period for consolidation and ease in filing.

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COMCMGRU TWO



USS GUARDIAN 1991 COMMAND HISTORY
(01JAN91 TO 31DEC91)

Command Composition and Organization:

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

Immediate Senior Command: Commander, US Mine Countermeasures Group Two

Name of Commanding Officer: LCDR George J. Smith,
01 JAN 91 - 14 OCT 91
LCDR Daine E. Eisold,
15 OCT 91 - 31 DEC 91

Permanent Duty Station: Newport, RI
01 JAN 91 - 14 OCT 91
Mayport, Fl
15 OCT 91 - 31 DEC 91

Chronology:

01JAN91-03JAN91	Inport Newport, RI
04JAN91-06JAN91	Underway enroute to Charleston, SC
07JAN91-08JAN91	Inport Charleston, SC
09JAN91-11JAN91	Underway doing minesweeping and minehunting operations in the Charleston OP AREA
11JAN91-14JAN91	Inport Charleston, SC
14JAN91-19JAN91	Underway doing minesweeping and minehunting operations in the Charleston OP AREA
19JAN91-21JAN91	Inport Charleston, SC
22JAN91-25JAN91	Underway doing minesweeping and minehunting operations in the Charleston OP AREA
25JAN91-27JAN91	Inport Charleston, SC
28JAN91-01FEB91	Underway doing minesweeping and minehunting operations in the Charleston OP AREA
01FEB91-03FEB91	Inport Charleston, SC
03FEB91-06FEB91	Underway enroute to Newport, RI
06FEB91-27FEB91	Inport Newport, RI
28FEB91-28FEB91	Engine testing
01MAR91-17MAR91	Inport Newport, RI
18MAR91-21MAR91	Underway enroute to Port Everglades
22MAR91-26MAR91	Inport Port Everglades
27MAR91-29MAR91	Underway enroute to Charleston, SC
30MAR91-01APR91	Inport Charleston, SC
02APR91-05APR91	Moored at Pier Y
06APR91-11APR91	Ran the degaussing range in the Charleston OP AREA

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12APR91-16APR91 Moored at Pier Y
 17APR91-19APR91 Ran the degaussing range in the Charleston OP
 AREA
 20APR91-22APR91 Underway to Newport, RI
 23APR91-30APR91 Inport Newport, RI
 01MAY91-03MAY91 Underway to Naval Annex, Bermuda with USS
 Hoist (ARS-40)
 03MAY91-04MAY91 Inport Bermuda
 04MAY91-17MAY91 Underway to Malaga, Spain with USNS
 APACHE (T-ATF 172)
 17MAY91-19MAY91 Inport Malaga, Spain
 20MAY91-24MAY91 Underway to Augusta Bay, Italy
 24MAY91-25MAY91 Inport Augusta Bay, Italy
 25MAY91-28MAY91 Underway to Port Said, Egypt
 28MAY91-28MAY91 Anchored Port Said, Egypt
 28MAY91-04JUN91 Underway through the Suez Canal to Djibouti, DJ
 04JUN91-04JUN91 Inport Djibouti, DJ
 04JUN91-12JUN91 Underway to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
 12JUN91-13JUN91 Inport Abu Dhabi. U.A.E.
 13JUN91-17JUN91 Underway conducting minehunting drills, running
 the deguassing range, and conducting gunnery
 exercises
 18JUN91-18JUN91 Anchored for refueling
 COMUSMCMGRU arrived aboard USS GUARDIAN
 18JUN91-02JUL91 Underway conducting minehunting operations in
 Mine Danger Area #7, Mine Field #5
 21JUN91-21JUN91 Found mine and neutralized it with the MNS
 vehicle
 21JUN91-23JUN91 Anchored for refueling
 24JUN91-24JUN91 Found mine and neutralized it with the MNS
 vehicle
 25JUN91-25JUN91 Found several mines and neutralized them with
 the MNS vehicle
 26JUN91-26JUN91 Found several mines and neutralized them with
 the MNS vehicle
 27JUN91-27JUN91 Found mine and neutralized it with the MNS
 vehicle
 28JUN91-28JUN91 Moored outboard USS TEXAS (CGN-39) along with
 USS LEADER (MSO-490) and USS ADROIT (MSO-509)
 29JUN91-29JUN91 Underway to Mine Danger Area #7
 30JUN91-30JUN91 Found mine and neutralized it with the MNS
 vehicle
 01JUL91-01JUL91 Found mine and neutralized it with the MNS
 vehicle
 01JUL91-02JUL91 Return trip back to Mina Sulman, Bahrain with
 USS ADROIT (MSO-509) COMUSMCMGRU departed
 02JUL91-06JUL91 Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain
 06JUL91-16JUL91 Underway to North Arabian Gulf to conduct
 minehunting operations with USS EXPLOIT and USS
 ADROIT (MSO-509) in Mine Danger Area #10
 10JUL91-11JUL91 Moored along side for refueling USS TEXAS
 (CGN-39)

16JUL91-16JUL91 Moored along side for refueling USS TEXAS
 (CGN-39)
 17JUL91-19JUL91 Enroute to Mine Danger Area #7, Minefield #5
 19JUL91-21JUL91 Ran minehunting drills in the North Arabian Gulf
 enroute to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. with USS ADROIT
 (MSO-509) AND USS MERRILL (DD-976)
 22JUL91-26JUL91 Moored in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
 27JUL91-31JUL91 Underway to North Arabian Gulf to Mine Danger
 Area #10 with USS LEADER (MSO-490) COMCMGRU
 onboard
 27JUL91-10AUG91 Conducted minehunting operations in Mine Danger
 Area #10
 05AUG91-05AUG91 Moored along side USS MERRILL (DD-976) and
 refueled
 10AUG91-11AUG91 Moored at Pt D outside of Mine Danger Area #10
 12AUG91-13AUG91 Enroute to Kuwait City, Kuwait
 13AUG91-15AUG91 Moored Kuwait City, Kuwait
 15AUG91-17AUG91 Underway enroute to Mina Sulma, Bahrain
 17AUG91-23AUG91 Moored in Mina Sulma, Bahrain
 24AUG91-02SEP91 Underway heading to the North Arabian Gulf to
 conduct helo recovery ops Z Box 3, 5, 7, 8
 25AUG91-02SEP91 Conducting helo recovery ops on a downed Saudi
 Arabian Helicopter
 29AUG91-29AUG91 Moored and refueled along side USS MERRILL
 (DD-976)
 03SEP91-04SEP91 Moored along side USS MERRILL (DD-976) for
 refueling
 04SEP91-05SEP91 Enroute to Kuwaiti Coast Box Hotel
 06SEP91-08SEP91 Anchored outside Box Bravo during the night
 06SEP91-08SEP91 Conducting minehunting ops in Box Bravo Two
 09SEP91-11SEP91 Conducting minehunting Ops in Box Sierra Two
 10SEP91-10SEP91 MINGRUONE came onboard for a short meeting
 MINGRUONE departed
 11SEP91-13SEP91 Conducting minehunting operations outside of Ash
 Shuwaikh, Kuwait
 13SEP91-14SEP91 Underway transit to Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia
 14SEP91-15SEP91 Moored Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia
 15SEP91-16SEP91 Underway to USS PELELIU (LHA-5) Anchorage to
 conduct Helo search ops
 17SEP91-18SEP91 Enroute to Mina Sulma, Bahrain with USS MERRILL
 (DD-976), USS Adroit (MSO-509), USS LEADER
 (MSO-490)
 18SEP91-19SEP91 Moored in Mina Sulma, Bahrain
 19SEP91-19SEP91 Underway to Abu Dahbi, U.A.E.
 20SEP91-22SEP91 Moored in Abu Dahbi, U.A.E.
 23SEP91-23SEP91 Underway to Mina Sulman, Bahrain
 24SEP91-11OCT91 Moored in Mina Sulman, Bahrain for repairs and
 preparing for the crew rotation on 15 October
 with the crew of the USS DEVASTATOR
 12OCT91-12OCT91 Underway in the Bahrain Operation Area

12OCT91-15OCT91 Inport Manama, Bahrain making final preparations for turn over between USS DEVASTATOR and USS GUARDIAN crews

15OCT91-15OCT91 Crew swap; LCDR Daine E. Eisold assumed command of USS GUARDIAN

15OCT91-19OCT91 Inport Manama, Bahrain

20OCT91-20OCT91 Embarked Commander, US MCM Group, CAPT William R. Grainer

20OCT91-27OCT91 Underway conducting search operations for downed AHIPS helicopter and F/A-18

21OCT91-21OCT91 Located and marked F/A-18 wreckage

24OCT91-24OCT91 Located and marked AHIPS helicopter wreckage

28OCT91-28OCT91 Inport King Abdul Aziz Naval Station, Jubail, Saudi Arabia

29OCT91-19NOV91 Underway conducting minehunting operations in Mine Danger Area #10

20NOV91-20NOV91 Anchored Kuwait City Harbor

21NOV91-21NOV91 Conduct lead through operations for USS SAIPAN, USS NASHVILLE, and USS HARLAN COUNTY out of Kuwait City Harbor

21NOV91-22NOV91 Underway enroute Manama, Bahrain

23NOV91-24NOV91 Inport Manama, Bahrain

23NOV91-23NOV91 Disembarked Commander, US MCM Group, CAPT William R. Grainer

25NOV91-26NOV91 Underway enroute Dubai, U.A.E.

27NOV91-30NOV91 Inport Dubai, U.A.E.-Thanksgiving Holiday Period

01DEC91-02DEC91 Underway enroute to Manama, Bahrain

03DEC91-12DEC91 Inport Manama, Bahrain. Conducted maintenance availability with USS YOSEMITE (AD-19)

13DEC91-14DEC91 Underway enroute Jubail, Saudi Arabia

15DEC91-16DEC91 Inport King Abdul Aziz Naval Station, Jubail, Saudi Arabia

17DEC91-20DEC91 Underway, conducted search operations for a downed Royal Saudi Naval Force helicopter

21DEC91-23DEC91 Underway enroute Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

24DEC91-28DEC91 Inport Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. for Christmas Holiday Period

29DEC91-30DEC91 Underway enroute to Manama, Bahrain

31DEC91-31DEC91 Inport Manama, Bahrain

Narrative:

The New Year was spent in Newport making preparations for the transit to Charleston SC and GUARDIAN departed on 4 January. GUARDIAN arrived in Charleston on 6 January. The next two days were used preparing for the month long minehunting training and exercises. 09 through 11 January were spent in the Charleston Operating Area conducting minehunting operations. 11 through 14 January GUARDIAN was inport making preparations for the next underway. 14 January through 01 February GUARDIAN conducted minehunting and minesweeping operations as well as testing with

the MNS vehicle. The operations were conducted with various mechanical, magnetic and acoustic sweeps. The magnetic sweeps were used in both open and closed loops. All weekends were spent inport conducting preventative and corrective maintenance.

On 03 February GUARDIAN departed Charleston, SC enroute to Newport, RI and arrived in Newport on 06 February. 06 February through 17 March were spent inport conducting maintenance with the exception of 28 February GUARDIAN left port for the day to conduct engine testing.

March was spent preparing for the trip to Port Everglades, FL and Charleston, SC. During this trip GUARDIAN was to conduct minehunting exercises before deploying to the Persian Gulf. USS GUARDIAN departed Newport on 18 March and arrived in Port Everglades late on 21 March. The next couple of days the crew had holiday routine and liberty in Port Everglades. On 27 March GUARDIAN departed for Charleston, SC.

30 March through 05 April were spent in Charleston, SC at Pier Y conducting tests on GUARDIAN's magnetic signature and preparations to conduct open degaussing ranging in the Charleston Operating Area. USS GUARDIAN ran the degaussing range from 06 April to the 11 April. 12 April through 16 April were spent at Pier Y continuing the testing on GUARDIAN's magnetic signature. The next couple of days were spent in the Charleston Operating Area completing the remaining runs on the degaussing range. On 20 April, USS GUARDIAN departed for Newport, RI, arriving on 22 April and spent the remainder of the month inport preparing for the Persian Gulf deployment.

May commenced USS GUARDIAN's nearly year long deployment to the Persian Gulf. Departing on the first of May for Naval Annex, Bermuda with USS HOIST (ARS-40). 3 - 4 May were spent inport Bermuda. 4 May GUARDIAN and USNS APACHE (T-ATF 172) departed for Malaga, Spain. The two ships arrived on 17 May in Malaga, Spain and spent the next two days refueling and making repairs. On 19 May USS GUARDIAN and USNS APACHE departed for Augusta, Italy. They arrived on 24 May and stayed for a day while they refueled and preparing for the next leg to Port Said, Egypt. The GUARDIAN departed on 25 May enroute to Port Said. GUARDIAN arrived Port Said three days later and anchored to refuel and load stores before continuing to Djibouti, DJ through the Suez Canal. GUARDIAN arrived in Djibouti on 04 June and stayed the day before she continued to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. USS GUARDIAN arrived in Abu Dhabi on 12 June and stayed for two days.

13 through 17 June USS GUARDIAN conducted degaussing ranging, minehunting drills, and gunnery exercises in preparation for entering the various mine danger areas. On 18 June the GUARDIAN anchored to receive orders from COMUSMCMGRU as well as fuel and stores. Later that day GUARDIAN departed for two weeks to conduct minehunting operations in Mine Danger Area #7 Minefield #5. On 21 June USS GUARDIAN found her first mine and neutralized it with the MNS vehicle. After spending many grueling hours at General Quarters conducting minehunting operations, GUARDIAN spent 12 hours on 21 June at anchor outside of Minefield #5. The next twelve days saw much of the same. GUARDIAN would use her sonar to find mines then use the MNS vehicle to neutralize them. In all 29 mines were found and destroyed including: 15 LUGM-145s, 13 UDM Acoustic Influence Bottom Mines and 1 M08.

02 July GUARDIAN transited back to Mina Sulman, Bahrain along with the USS ADROIT (MSO-509). GUARDIAN arrived late on the same day and remained inport until 06 July in Mina Sulman, Bahrain. On 06 July USS ADROIT (MSO-509), USS LEADER (MSO-490), and GUARDIAN departed for the North Arabian Gulf to Mine Danger Area #10. On 16 July GUARDIAN moored along side USS TEXAS (CGN-39) to refuel and receive stores. 17 July GUARDIAN transited back to Mine Danger Area #7 Minefield #5 for three days of operations. On 19 July GUARDIAN transited to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. 22 through 26 July GUARDIAN moored in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. 26 July through 10 August USS LEADER (MSO-490) and the GUARDIAN were underway to Mine Danger Area #10 to conduct minehunting operations. COMUSMCMGRU was onboard while conducting operations. On 12 August GUARDIAN was enroute to Kuwait City, Kuwait and stayed there for three days. 15 August GUARDIAN transited back to Mina Sulman, Bahrain. GUARDIAN remained inport for five days while making repairs, refueling, and replenishing stores. On 24 August GUARDIAN transited back to the North Arabian Gulf conducting helo recovery operations in Z Box 3, 5, 7 and 8 looking for a downed Saudi Arabian Helicopter. GUARDIAN conducted the search from 24 August to 02 September, however, the helicopter was never found and the search was called off by the Saudi Arabians.

On 02 September GUARDIAN departed for the Kuwaiti Coast to conduct minehunting operations. From 04 to 11 September GUARDIAN conducted minehunting operations in Box Hotel, Box Bravo Two and Sierra Two. On September 11 GUARDIAN exited the mine fields and conducted minehunting operations outside of Ash Shuwaikh, Kuwait. On 13 September GUARDIAN was underway to Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia. GUARDIAN arrived in Al Jubayl on the 14th and left the next day for the USS PELELIU (LHA-5) anchorage to conduct Helo search operations. On 17 September USS MERRILL (DD-976), USS ADROIT (MSO-509), USS LEADER (MSO-490), and GUARDIAN were enroute to Mina Sulman, Bahrain. GUARDIAN remained in Bahrain until 19 September then departed for Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. GUARDIAN returned to Mina Sulman, Bahrain on 23 September and spent the next three weeks preparing for the crew change over with the USS DEVASTATOR's Crew.

On 15 Oct, 1991 the crew formerly of USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6) relieved the crew of USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5) deployed to the Persian Gulf. This was the "first ever" crew swap of a MCM vessel. On that day at Mina Sulman, Manama Bahrain, LCDR. Daine E. Eisold assumed the responsibilities of Commanding Officer USS GUARDIAN from CDR. George Smith.

After five days of upkeep in Bahrain, GUARDIAN was underway to conduct search operations in the North Persian Gulf. GUARDIAN was to locate and mark an AHIPS helicopter and an F/A-18 both downed during post-war operations. USNS SIOUX was in company to provide fuel and diver support to GUARDIAN and assist in the salvage effort. GUARDIAN departed Bahrain 20 OCT 1991 for the area of the F/A-18's with Captain William R. Grainer, Commander, US Mine Countermeasures Group embarked. On 21 Oct 1991, GUARDIAN located and marked the wreckage of the F/A-18. USS L. Y. SPEAR arrived on the scene 23 Oct 1991 to assist in the salvage effort. Later that same day SIOUX picked up the F/A-18 wreckage and placed it on the deck of L. Y. SPEAR. After salvage operations were completed, GUARDIAN departed for the AHIPS salvage site. The AHIPS wreckage was located on 24 Oct 1991 and marked. SIOUX made the recovery, GUARDIAN headed for Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

GUARDIAN arrived at Jubail, Saudi Arabia on 28 Oct 1991 for fuel and a brief on the upcoming minehunting operations in Mine Danger Area 10. The brief was followed by a wardroom luncheon with dignitaries from the King Abdul Aziz Naval Station. GUARDIAN departed Jubail on 29 Oct 1991 for Mine Danger Area 10 operations.

GUARDIAN was on station in Mine Danger Area 10 from 30 Oct 1991 to 19 Nov 1991. These operations involved extensive shallow water minehunting evolutions. GUARDIAN received fuel support from USNS SIOUX. SIOUX also carried an EOD detachment for diving operations. GUARDIAN and SIOUX received support against potential hostile forces from USS TRUXTON, USS ELLIOT and USS STARK. These 21 days of minehunting produced the location of one mine anchor that had already lost its mine and verified the assigned area safe for navigation.

On 20 Nov 1991, GUARDIAN transited to Kuwait City Harbor and anchored. The following day GUARDIAN conducted a lead through for USS SAIPAN, USS NASHVILLE and USS HARLAN COUNTY. GUARDIAN then transited back to Bahrain for two days of upkeep. Upon arriving in Bahrain, Commander, US Mine Countermeasures Group disembarked.

On 25 Nov 1991, GUARDIAN departed Bahrain for a Thanksgiving holiday in Dubai, U.A.E. After four days in Dubai, GUARDIAN made her way back to Bahrain for an availability with the USS YOSEMITE also in port Bahrain. The availability lasted from 03 Dec 1991 to 12 Dec 1991.

On 13 Dec 1991 GUARDIAN departed Bahrain for Jubail, Saudi Arabia. GUARDIAN was to assist Saudi Naval Forces in their search for a downed Royal Saudi Naval Forces helicopter. Upon arrival in Jubail on 14 Dec 1991 the weather deteriorated preventing the Saudi search and salvage vessels from getting underway. GUARDIAN remained inport Jubail from 14 Dec 1991 to 17 Dec 1991 waiting for the weather to clear. The weather never cleared to the Saudi's satisfaction, thus GUARDIAN departed Jubail alone on 17 Dec 1991 to conduct a solo search. GUARDIAN searched until 20 Dec without locating the aircraft. On 21 Dec 1991 GUARDIAN broke off her search efforts and sailed for Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

GUARDIAN arrived at Abu Dhabi on 23 Dec 1991 and spent five days, including Christmas, inport. GUARDIAN departed Abu Dhabi on 29 Dec for Bahrain. On 30 Dec 1991 GUARDIAN arrived in Bahrain for the start of a two week upkeep period.



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Encl: (1) Command History covering period of 15OCT91 through
31DEC91

1. In accordance with reference (a) and in response to reference (b), enclosure (1) is submitted. Reference (c) was never received.

2. Due to the crew swap between the crews of USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6) and USS GUARDIAN (MCM 5) on 15 October 1991, the former crew of USS DEVASTATOR is now permanently assigned to USS GUARDIAN. As a result of this transition, I can only currently account for the command's history starting with 15 October 1991. That history covering the period of 15 October 1991 through 31 December 1991 is respectfully submitted. I regret the tardiness of this report and any inconvenience it may have caused. I am continuing efforts to reconstruct the command's history and account for the period of 1 January 1991 through 14 October 1991. I am pursuing this by contacting key personnel that were assigned to USS GUARDIAN during the period and also reviewing the ship's deck logs. I will forward the final results of that effort as soon possible.

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(15 Oct 1991 to 31 Dec 1991)

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Name of Commanding Officer: LCDR Daine E. Eisold

Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, Florida

Chronology:

15OCT91-15OCT91 Crew Swap; LCDR Daine E. Eisold assumed command of GUARDIAN.
15OCT91-19OCT91 Inport Manama, Bahrain
20OCT91-20OCT91 Embarked Commander, US MCM Group, CAPT William R. Grainer.
20OCT91-27OCT91 Underway conducting search operations for downed AHIPS helicopter and F/A-18.
21OCT91-21OCT91 Located and marked F/A-18 wreckage.
24OCT91-24OCT91 Located and marked AHIPS helicopter wreckage.
28OCT91-28OCT91 Inport King Abdul Aziz Naval Station, Jubail, Saudi Arabia.
29OCT91-19NOV91 Underway conducting mine hunting operations in Mine Danger Area 10, Persian Gulf.
20NOV91-20NOV91 Anchored Kuwait City Harbor.
21NOV91-21NOV91 Conducted lead through operations for USS SAIPAN, USS NASHVILLE, and USS HARLAN COUNTY out of Kuwait City Harbor.
21NOV91-22NOV91 Underway enroute Manama, Bahrain.
23NOV91-24NOV91 Inport Manama, Bahrain.
23NOV91-23NOV91 Disembarked Commander, US MCM Group, CAPT William R. Grainer.
25NOV91-26NOV91 Underway enroute Dubai, U.A.E.
27NOV91-30NOV91 Inport Dubai, U.A.E.
Thanksgiving.
01DEC91-02DEC91 Underway enroute Manama, Bahrain.
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17DEC91-20DEC91 Underway, conducted search operations for a downed Royal Saudi Naval Force helicopter.
21DEC91-23DEC91 Underway enroute Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
24DEC91-28DEC91 Inport Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
Christmas.
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GUARDIAN arrived at Jubail, Saudi Arabia on 28 Oct 1991 for fuel and a brief on the upcoming mine hunting operations in Mine Danger Area 10. The brief was followed by a wardroom luncheon with dignitaries from The King Abdul Aziz Naval Station. GUARDIAN departed Jubail on 29 Oct 1991 for Mine Danger Area 10 operations.

GUARDIAN was on station in Mine Danger Area 10 from 30 Oct 1991 to 19 Nov 1991. These operations involved extensive shallow water mine hunting evolutions. GUARDIAN received fuel support from USNS SIOUX. SIOUX also carried an EOD detachment for diving operations. GUARDIAN and SIOUX received support against potential hostile forces from USS TRUXTON, USS ELLIOT and USS STARK. These 21 days of mine hunting produced the location of one mine anchor that had already lost its mine and verified the assigned area safe for navigation.

On 20 Nov 1991, GUARDIAN transited to Kuwait City Harbor and anchored. The following day GUARDIAN conducted a lead through for USS SAIPAN, USS NASHVILLE and USS HARLAN COUNTY. GUARDIAN then transited back to Bahrain for two days of upkeep. Upon arriving in Bahrain, Commander, US Mine Countermeasures Group disembarked.

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This command history only covers the period from 15 Oct 1991 to 31 Dec 1991 due to the crew swap between the crews of USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6) and USS GUARDIAN (MCM5). This crew, formally the USS DEVASTATOR crew, has been on GUARDIAN since 15 Oct 1991.