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Encl: (1) Command History covering period of 01JAN92
through 31DEC92

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



USS GUARDIAN 1992 COMMAND HISTORY

Command Composition and Organization:

Mission: To conduct mine hunting and mine sweeping operations against moored and bottom mines of contact, magnetic influence, acoustic influence and combination influence varieties.

Immediate Senior Command: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Group TWO

Name of Commanding Officer: LCDR William S. McGee, 02MAR92-31DEC92
LCDR Daine E. Eisold, 01JAN92-01MAR92

Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, Florida

Chronology:

01JAN92-03JAN92 Inport Manama, Bahrain.
04JAN92-04JAN92 Underway enroute Jubail, Saudi Arabia.
05JAN92-07JAN92 Conducted minehunting exercises in support of Operation Red Reef III.
08JAN92-08JAN92 Brief stop for fuel Jubail, Saudi Arabia. Underway enroute Manama, Bahrain.
09JAN92-12JAN92 Inport Manama, Bahrain.
13JAN92-14JAN92 Underway enroute Muscat, Oman.
15JAN92-16JAN92 Inport Muscat, Oman.
17JAN92-19JAN92 Underway enroute Salalah, Oman.
20JAN92-20JAN92 Brief stop for fuel Salalah, Oman. Underway enroute Djibouti, Africa.
21JAN92-22JAN92 Underway enroute Djibouti, Africa.
23JAN92-23JAN92 Brief stop for fuel Djibouti, Africa. Underway enroute Hurghada, Egypt.
24JAN92-27JAN92 Underway enroute Hurghada, Egypt.
28JAN92-28JAN92 Anchored Hurghada, Egypt.
29JAN92-29JAN92 Underway enroute Port Suez, Egypt.
30JAN92-30JAN92 Anchored Port Suez, Egypt.
31JAN92-31JAN92 Transit Suez Canal. Inchoop Sixth Fleet. Underway enroute Souda Bay, Crete.
01FEB92-02FEB92 Underway enroute Souda Bay, Crete.
03FEB92-03FEB92 Brief stop for fuel Souda Bay, Crete. Underway enroute Augusta Bay, Sicily.
04FEB92-04FEB92 Underway enroute Augusta Bay, Sicily.
05FEB92-05FEB92 Inport Augusta Bay, Sicily.
06FEB92-07FEB92 Underway enroute Naples, Italy.
08FEB92-14FEB92 Inport Naples, Italy. Conducted maintenance availability with USS SIERRA (AD-18).
15FEB92-16FEB92 Underway enroute Nice, France.
17FEB92-21FEB92 Inport Nice, France.
22FEB92-24FEB92 Underway enroute Alicante, Spain. EMAT Visit.

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25FEB92-25FEB92 Inport Alicante, Spain.
 26FEB92-28FEB92 Underway enroute Rota, Spain.
 29FEB92-08MAR92 Inport Naval Station Rota, Spain.
 02MAR92-02MAR92 LCDR William S. McGee assumed command of GUARDIAN.
 09MAR92-09MAR92 Underway enroute Algercias, Spain.
 10MAR92-11MAR92 Inport Algercias, Spain.
 12MAR92-15MAR92 Drydocked onboard heavy lift vessel MIGHTY SERVANT I, Algercias, Spain.
 16MAR92-27MAR92 Drydocked onboard MIGHTY SERVANT I, enroute Little Creek, Virginia.
 28MAR92-28MAR92 Drydocked onboard MIGHTY SERVANT I, Anchored Hampton Roads, Virginia.
 29MAR92-29MAR92 Underway from MIGHTY SERVANT I. Inport NAB Little Creek, Virginia.
 30MAR92-03APR92 Underway enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 04APR92-08JUL92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 09JUL92-10JUL92 Underway Sea Trials, Jacksonville Operating Area.
 11JUL92-23JUL92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 24JUL92-27JUL92 Underway enroute Charleston, South Carolina.
 28JUL92-11AUG92 Inport Charleston, South Carolina.
 12AUG92-13AUG92 Underway enroute Mayport, Florida.
 14AUG92-18AUG92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 19AUG92-20AUG92 Dry docked at Atlantic Dry Dock, Jacksonville, Florida.
 21AUG92-24AUG92 Undocked. Inport Atlantic Dry Dock, Jacksonville, Florida (Hurricane Andrew Preps).
 25AUG92-23OCT92 Dry docked at Atlantic Dry Dock, Jacksonville, Florida. Post-Shakedown Availability.
 24OCT92-23NOV92 Undocked. Inport Atlantic Dry Dock, Jacksonville, Florida. Post-Shakedown Availability.
 24NOV92-29NOV92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 30NOV92-30NOV92 Underway Sea Trials, Jacksonville Operating Area.
 01DEC92-06DEC92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 07DEC92-09DEC92 Underway, Type Training, Jacksonville Operating Area.
 10DEC92-15DEC92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
 16DEC92-16DEC92 Underway, Type Training, Jacksonville Operating Area.
 17DEC92-31DEC92 Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida. Holiday Leave and Upkeep.

Narrative:

GUARDIAN spent the first three days of 1992 finishing up a tender availability with the USS YOSEMITE (AD-19) in Manama, Bahrain. GUARDIAN departed Bahrain on 04 Jan 92 enroute Jubail, Saudi Arabia to participate in Operation Red Reef III. From 05 to 09 Jan 92 GUARDIAN completed her minehunting tasking for this operation. GUARDIAN also deployed mineshares off of Jubail, Saudi Arabia and conducted minehunting training. All training was completed successfully. After a brief stop for fuel in Jubail on 08 Jan 92, GUARDIAN departed for Bahrain.

GUARDIAN arrived in Manama, Bahrain on 09 Jan 92 and spent four days preparing for her departure from the Persian Gulf. GUARDIAN left Bahrain on 13 Jan 92 for the Mediterranean Sea. GUARDIAN stopped in Muscat, Oman; Salalah, Oman; Djibouti, Africa; Hurghada, Egypt; and Port Suez, Egypt. GUARDIAN transited the Suez Canal and arrived in the Mediterranean Sea on 31 Jan 92. After a brief stop for fuel in Souda Bay, Crete and an overnight stop in Augusta Bay, Sicily, GUARDIAN arrived in Naples, Italy on 08 Feb 92. In Naples, GUARDIAN conducted a maintenance availability with USS SIERRA (AD-18).

GUARDIAN departed Naples on 15 Feb 92 for Nice, France. GUARDIAN arrived in Nice on 17 Feb 92. GUARDIAN departed Nice on 22 Feb 92 and arrived in Alicante, Spain on 25 Feb 92. During the transit from Nice to Alicante, GUARDIAN completed an Engineering Mobile Assessment Team visit. GUARDIAN departed Alicante on 26 Feb 92 and arrived at Naval Station Rota, Spain on 29 Feb 92.

While in Rota, Spain, on 02 Mar 92, LCDR William S. McGee assumed the responsibilities of Commanding Officer USS GUARDIAN from LCDR Daine E. Eisold. GUARDIAN also began preparations for her heavy lift back to the United States onboard the MIGHTY SERVANT I. GUARDIAN left Rota on 09 Mar 92 and arrived in Algeciras, Spain on the same day. After several more days of heavy lift preparations GUARDIAN dry docked on board MIGHTY SERVANT I on 12 Mar 92.

The majority of GUARDIAN's crew flew back to the United States on board commercial airlines. A crew made of the Commanding Officer, a few GUARDIAN sailors and MCMGRU TWO volunteers brought GUARDIAN back to the United States onboard the MIGHTY SERVANT I. MIGHTY SERVANT I and GUARDIAN anchored at Hampton Roads, Virginia 28 Mar 92 marking GUARDIAN's return to the United States after a deployment that started on 01 May 91.

On 29 Mar 92 GUARDIAN debarked the MIGHTY SERVANT I and moored at NAB Little Creek, Virginia. GUARDIAN departed Little Creek on 30 Mar 92 for Naval Station Mayport, Florida. During the transit GUARDIAN conducted type training.

Upon arrival in Mayport on 04 Apr 92 GUARDIAN commenced a maintenance period with SIMA Mayport. GUARDIAN remained inport Mayport until 08 Jul 92. During this time GUARDIAN conducted an availability to install numerous IF engine modifications. On 09 and 10 July GUARDIAN was underway for sea trials testing the engine modifications.

From 11 to 23 July 92 GUARDIAN remained in Naval Station Mayport. On 24 July 92 GUARDIAN was underway for transit to Norfolk, Virginia. GUARDIAN conducted type training in the Jacksonville Operating Area and pulled into Charleston, South Carolina for a brief stop for fuel. While at sea and anchor detail GUARDIAN suffered a number of casualties to her main control console. GUARDIAN remained in Charleston until 12 Aug 92 to conduct repairs to the main control console. GUARDIAN departed Charleston for Mayport on 12 Aug 92.

GUARDIAN arrived back in Mayport on 13 Aug 92 to begin preparations for her upcoming Post Shakedown Availability. On 19 Aug 92 GUARDIAN made a dead stick move from Naval Station Mayport and was dry docked at Atlantic Dry Dock. However, on 20 Aug 92 GUARDIAN came out of drydock because of a docking error. Hurricane warnings on the Florida Coast caused GUARDIAN to remain out of drydock until 25 Aug 92. GUARDIAN reentered the drydock on 25 Aug 92 and began her Post Shakedown Availability.

GUARDIAN came out of drydock on 24 Oct 92 to continue her PSA pierside at Atlantic Dry Dock. GUARDIAN made a dead stick move to Naval Station Mayport on 24 Nov 92 and remained in Mayport until 29 Nov 92. On 30 Nov 92 GUARDIAN was underway conducting sea trials in the Jacksonville Operating Area. GUARDIAN was back inport Mayport by the afternoon of 30 Nov 92. This marked the end of the Post Shakedown Availability.

GUARDIAN remained inport Mayport through 06 Dec 92. On 07 Dec 92 GUARDIAN was underway to conduct type training in the Jacksonville Operating Area. GUARDIAN was back inport on the afternoon of 09 Dec 92. GUARDIAN remained inport Mayport until the end of the year except for one underway day on 16 Dec 92 for type training.