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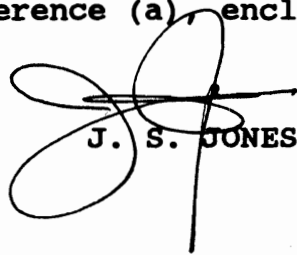
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History for the period 01JAN93 through 31DEC93

1. With respect to reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
J. S. JONES

## USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5) 1993 COMMAND HISTORY

### Command Composition and Organization:

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

**Immediate Senior Command:** Commander, Mine Countermeasures Group THREE

**Name of Commanding Officer:** LCDR Jeffery S. Jones,  
03Sep93-31Dec93  
LCDR William S. McGee,  
01Jan93-02Sep93

**Permanent Duty Station:** Ingleside, TX

### Chronology:

01JAN93-04JAN93 Inport Naval Station Mayport, FL. Holiday Leave and Upkeep.  
05JAN93-18JAN93 Inport Naval Station Mayport, FL.  
19JAN93-22JAN93 Underway enroute Miami, FL.  
23JAN93-27JAN93 Inport Miami, FL.  
28JAN93-29JAN93 Underway enroute Naval Station Mayport, FL.  
30JAN93-07FEB93 Inport Naval Station Mayport, FL.  
08FEB93-08FEB93 Underway enroute Charleston, SC.  
09FEB93-09FEB93 Arrived Naval Weapons Station Charleston, SC. Conducted ammunition onload.  
10FEB93-10FEB93 Conducted berth shift to Naval Station Charleston, SC for magnetic material offload.  
11FEB93-11FEB93 Inport Naval Station Charleston, SC.  
12FEB93-12FEB93 Shifted berth to Naval Station Charleston Degaussing Facility.  
13FEB93-18FEB93 Conducted Ship Stray Field Testing.  
19FEB93-19FEB93 Underway. Conducted degaussing runs at Charleston Magnetic Silence Facility Cooper River Range. Returned to Naval Station Charleston, SC.  
20FEB93-22FEB93 Inport Naval Station Charleston, SC  
23FEB93-23FEB93 Underway. Conducted degaussing runs at Charleston magnetic Silence Facility Cooper River Range. Returned to Naval Station Charleston, SC.  
24FEB93-24FEB93 Conducted Magnetic Material Onload. Underway, enroute Mayport, FL.  
25FEB93-26FEB93 Enroute Mayport, FL.  
27FEB93-08MAR93 Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL.  
09MAR93-12MAR93 Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL. Conducted Logistics Management Assessment.  
13MAR93-21MAR93 Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL.

22MAR93-22MAR93 Underway Jacksonville Operating Area (OPAREA)  
 Returned to Naval Station Mayport, FL.

23MAR93-25MAR93 Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL.

26MAR93-28MAR93 Underway, enroute Key West, FL.

29MAR93-29MAR93 Inport Naval Station Key West, FL.

30MAR93-03APR93 Underway, enroute Ingleside, TX.

04APR93-11MAY93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted  
 preparations for Operational Propulsion Plant  
 Examination (OPPE).

12MAY93-14MAY93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent  
 Ship Exercises.

15MAY93-25MAY93 Inport Naval Staton Ingleside, TX. Continued  
 preparations for OPPE.

26MAY93-26MAY93 During underway preparations, suffered Mine  
 Sweep Gas Turbine Generator casualty releasing  
 estimated 25 gallons of 2110 hydraulic oil into  
 bilges. AFFF systems activated to prevent  
 possible fire. Cause of Casualty was failed  
 starter seal. Remained inport Ingleside, TX.

27MAY93-28MAY93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Conducted  
 bilge oil cleanup.

29MAY93-01JUN93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent  
 Ship Exercises.

02JUN93-09JUN93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued  
 preparations for OPPE.

10JUN93-11JUN93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for Independent  
 Ship Exercises. Returned to Naval Station  
 Ingleside, TX. each evening.

12JUN93-14JUN93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Continued  
 preparations for OPPE

15JUN93-15JUN93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commenced  
 OPPE.

16JUN93-16JUN93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for OPPE at sea  
 phase. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

17JUN93-17JUN93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 Completed OPPE. Underway, enroute Mayport, FL.

18JUN93-24JUN93 Underway, enroute Mayport, FL.

25JUN93-17JUL93 Inport Naval Station Mayport, FL.

18JUL93-21JUL93 Underway, enroute Little Creek, VA.

22JUL93-22JUL93 Arrived Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Little  
 Creek, VA. Conducted magnetic material offload.

23JUL93-26JUL93 Underway. Conducted daylight degaussing runs at  
 Norfolk Magnetic Silence Facility. Returned to  
 NAB Little Creek each evening.

27JUL93-27JUL93 Conducted magnetic material onload. Underway,  
 enroute Mayport, FL.

28JUL93-30JUL93 Enroute Mayport, FL.

31JUL93-02AUG93 Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL.

03AUG93-04AUG93 Underway, enroute Key West, FL.

05AUG93-05AUG93 Arrived U.S. Coast Guard Station Key West, FL.  
 Refueled. Shifted to Naval Station Key West,  
 FL.

06AUG93-10AUG93 Underway, enroute Ingleside, TX.

11AUG93-11AUG93 Arrived Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Celebrated first arrival in new homeport.  
 12AUG93-23AUG93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 24AUG93-25AUG93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for mine counter measures (MCM) training. Anchored during evening hours.  
 26AUG93-26AUG93 Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 27AUG93-27AUG93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Hosted dignitary visit for Chief of Naval Operations, Singapore Navy.  
 28AUG93-30AUG93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 31AUG93-31AUG93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 01SEP93-02SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 03SEP93-03SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Change of Command. LCDR J. S. Jones relieved LCDR W. S. McGee as Commanding Officer.  
 04SEP93-06SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 07SEP93-10SEP93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Anchored each evening.  
 11SEP93-11SEP93 Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 12SEP93-14SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 15SEP93-15SEP93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for maintenance checks. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 16SEP93-16SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 17SEP93-18SEP93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training and Q-route Survey.  
 19SEP93-21SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 22SEP93-22SEP93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Anchored at night.  
 23SEP93-23SEP94 Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 24SEP93-24SEP94 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 25SEP93-27SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 28SEP93-28SEP93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training and burial at sea ceremony. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 29SEP93-30SEP93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 01OCT93-01OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Anchored at night.  
 02OCT93-03OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 04OCT93-04OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 05OCT93-06OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 07OCT93-07OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 08OCT93-11OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 12OCT93-16OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX. each evening.  
 17OCT93-17OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 18OCT93-18OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX.  
 19OCT93-20OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

21OCT93-23OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX. each evening.

24OCT93-24OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

25OCT93-29OCT93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX. each evening.

30OCT93-31OCT93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

01NOV93-05NOV93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MCM training. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX. each evening.

06NOV93-07NOV93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

08NOV93-08NOV93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Commence Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) inport phase.

09NOV93-12NOV93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA for MRCI at sea phase. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX. each evening

13NOV93-15NOV93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Experienced delay in MRCI due to inclement weather.

16NOV93-17NOV93 Underway Corpus Christi OPAREA. Continued MRCI at sea phase. Returned to Naval Station Ingleside, TX. each evening. Successfully completed MRCI.

18NOV93-29NOV93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

30NOV93-30NOV93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. LT K. J. Tokarick relieved LCDR T. F. Fessel III as Executive Officer.

01DEC93-16DEC93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX.

17DEC93-26DEC93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Observed first holiday leave period.

27DEC93-27DEC93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Command muster.

28DEC93-31DEC93 Inport Naval Station Ingleside, TX. Observed second holiday leave period.

#### NARRATIVE

USS GUARDIAN began the new year preparing for transit to Miami, FL. After a three day voyage, GUARDIAN arrived in Miami, FL on 22 January for a five day port visit. On 28 January, GUARDIAN departed for NAVSTA Mayport, FL and arrived 24 hours later to commence preparations for degaussing checks scheduled in Charleston, SC.

GUARDIAN departed Mayport, FL on 08 February and arrived Naval Weapons Station Charleston, SC 09 February. Following a brief ammunition onload, berth shift to Naval Station Charleston, SC was conducted for magnetic material offload. From 13-18 February, pierside stray field testing was conducted followed by two days of underway degaussing runs at the Cooper River Magnetic Silencing Facility Degaussing Range. On completion of magnetic material onload, GUARDIAN set sail 24 February for return voyage to Mayport, FL arriving 26 February.

The first week of March emphasized final preparations for the Logistic Management Assessment (LMA). The LMA Team conducted their inspection from 09-12 March assigning an overall command grade of 90 percent and an adjective grade of satisfactory. The remainder of March was utilized for commencement of Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) preparations.

On 26 March, GUARDIAN departed Mayport, FL for Ingleside, TX making a short fuel stop in Key West, FL on 28 March. After four days of enroute training, GUARDIAN arrived Ingleside, TX 03 April. From 04 April thru 14 June, final OPPE workups were completed consisting of alternating periods of inport maintenance time and underway independent ship exercises. The Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) arrived 15 June for commencement of OPPE. On 17 June, the PEB concluded their inspection assigning an overall adjective grade of GOOD. The same day, GUARDIAN departed for final voyage to homeport Mayport, FL arriving 24 June.

On 01 July, USS GUARDIAN officially changed homeport to Ingleside, TX but remained inport Mayport, FL until 17 July for maintenance and degaussing preparations. The ship proceeded to Little Creek, VA on 18 July and conducted magnetic material offload on arrival Little Creek, VA 22 July. The period 23-26 July was spent running the degaussing range at Norfolk Magnetic Silencing Facility. After conducting magnetic material onload on 27 July, the ship departed Little Creek enroute Mayport, FL.

Following a short visit to Mayport, FL (31 July to 02 August), GUARDIAN departed for her new homeport of Ingleside, TX. During the eight day trip, a brief stop for fuel was conducted in Key West, FL. Enroute training emphasis was placed on mine countermeasure systems to kick off preparations for the Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI). On 11 August, GUARDIAN celebrated her first arrival in her newly designated homeport of Ingleside, TX. After a twelve day homeport change adjustment period, underway training continued for MRCI in Corpus Christi OPAREA.

The period 27 August to 06 September was mostly spent in port for maintenance and change of command preparations. On 27 August, GUARDIAN hosted visit ship for the Chief of Naval Operations, Singapore Navy. The Change of Command Ceremony took place 03 September when LCDR J. S. Jones relieved LCDR W. S. McGee as Commanding Officer. Aggressive MRCI preparations resumed from 07 September until 07 November with alternating training and maintenance periods at sea and in port. On 8 November, the Mine Readiness Certification Inspection Team arrived and conducted the inport phase of the MRCI. The underway phase of MRCI ensued on 9 November and was stretched to the 17 November due to several days of inclement weather. On 17 November the MRCI concluded with a final overall adjective grade of satisfactory assigned.

The balance of November and the month of December were spent inport Ingleside, Tx observing leave and upkeep. On 30 November, LT K. J. Tokarick relieve LCDR T. F. Fessel III as Executive Officer. From 17-26 December, the first of two holiday leave periods were observed with a command muster held 27 December. The second leave period commenced 28 December and continued through 31 December 1993.

For the period 01 January to 31 December 1993, USS GUARDIAN received the following awards: Navy Battle "E" Efficiency Award, Black "E" for maritime warfare Excellence, Green "E" for Command and Control Excellence, Red "E" for Engineering/Survivability Excellence, and Blue "E" for Logistics Management Excellence.