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Subj: USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

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1. Command Composition: The following Command History is submitted for USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5), which was homeported in Ingleside, Texas in 1995, but forward deployed for the entire calendar year. During 1995, GUARDIAN was manned by three separate Mine Countermeasures MCM Rotational Crews, all in a deployed status from Ingleside, TX. Commanding Officers were LCDR Thomas J. Strei (MCM Rotational Crew GOLF) from 25 SEP 94 - 03 MAR 95, LCDR Terry Miller (MCM Rotational Crew ALPHA) from 04 MAR 95 - 15 AUG 95, and LCDR Anthony M. Kurta (MCM Rotational Crew DELTA) from 16 AUG 95 - 02 FEB 96. While forward deployed, GUARDIAN's Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) was Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron One, CAPT James A. Haggart.

## 2. Chronology:

01JAN: ENR OKINAWA, JA  
02JAN - 04JAN: IPT OKINAWA, JA  
05JAN - 10JAN: MCMEX 95-2J VIC WHITE BEACH, OKI  
11JAN - 15JAN: ENR INCHON, KS  
16JAN - 18JAN: IPT INCHON, KS  
19JAN - 21JAN: SURVOPS INCHON, KS  
22JAN - 01FEB: IPT INCHON, KS  
02FEB - 03FEB: ENR SASEBO, JA  
04FEB - 13FEB: IPT SASEBO, JA  
14FEB - 25FEB: SUO NADA, SASEBO, JA OPAREA  
26FEB - 27FEB: IPT SAIKI, JA  
28FEB: ENR YOKOHAMA, JA  
01MAR - 02MAR: IPT YOKOHAMA, JA  
03MAR: ENR SASEBO, JA

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04MAR - 10APR: IPT SASEBO, JA  
11APR - 12APR: ENR CHINHAE, KS  
13APR - 24APR: MCM OPS, SOUTH KS OPAREA  
25APR - 27APR: ENR SASEBO, JA  
28APR - 06MAY: IPT SASEBO, JA  
07MAY - 08MAY: ENR ULSAN, KS  
09MAY: IPT ULSAN, KS  
10MAY - 11MAY: ENR POHANG, KS  
12MAY - 20MAY: IPT POHANG, KS  
21MAY - 25MAY: ENR YOKOSUKA, JA  
26MAY - 29JUN: RAV YOKOSUKA, JA  
30JUN - 01JUL: ENR KOCHI, JA  
02JUL - 03JUL: IPT KOCHI, JA  
04JUL - 05JUL: ENR POHANG, KS  
06JUL - 07JUL: IPT POHANG, KS  
08JUL - 10JUL: OPERATION FREEDOM BANNER, POHANG OPAREA  
11JUL: IPT POHANG, KS  
12JUL - 14JUL: ENR SASEBO, JA  
15JUL - 02AUG: IPT SASEBO, JA  
03AUG - 08AUG: OPPE, SASEBO, JA  
09AUG - 12AUG: IPT SASEBO, JA  
13AUG - 16AUG: CREW TURNOVER, SASEBO, JA  
17AUG - 22AUG: IPT SASEBO, JA  
23AUG - 25AUG: ENR PUSAN, KS  
26AUG - 27AUG: IPT PUSAN, KS

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28AUG - 31AUG: JOINT Q-ROUTE OPS, SOUTH KOREAN OPAREA  
01SEP - 02SEP: ENR CHINHAE, KS  
03SEP - 04SEP: IPT CHINHAE, KS  
05SEP - 20SEP: JOINT Q-ROUTE OPS, KUNSAN OPAREA  
21SEP - 22SEP: ENR SASEBO, JA  
23SEP - 02OCT: IPT SASEBO, JA  
03OCT - 04OCT: ENR DONGHAE, KS  
05OCT: IPT DONGHAE, KS  
06OCT - 07OCT: JOINT Q-ROUTE OPS, DONGHAE OPAREA  
08OCT - 12OCT: MCMEX 95K-1 VIC, SOUTH KOREAN OPAREA  
13OCT: ENR CHINHAE, KS  
14OCT - 17OCT: MRCI, CHINHAE, KS  
18OCT - 20OCT: IPT CHINHAE, KS  
21OCT - 31OCT: EXERCISE FOAL EAGLE, CHINHAE OPAREA  
01NOV - 05NOV: ENR YOKOSUKA, JA  
06NOV - 14NOV: IPT YOKOSUKA, JA  
15NOV - 27DEC: DRAV, YOKOSUKA, JA  
28DEC - 02JAN96: IPT YOKOSUKA, JA

3. NARRATIVE:

a. 01 January to 31 January 1995

On 01 January, MCM Rotational Crew GOLF was embarked USS GUARDIAN (MCM-5), enroute to Okinawa, JA in company with USS PATRIOT (MCM-7). On 02 January, GUARDIAN moored pierside to Army Pier Okinawa, JA. On the morning of 05 January, GUARDIAN conducted routine training in the Okinawa Oparea and returned to the Army Pier in White Beach, Okinawa. GUARDIAN continued routine training on 07 and 08 January. GUARDIAN departed the Okinawa Oparea enroute Inchon, KS and moored pierside, Navy Pier, on 16 January. Underway on 19 January, GUARDIAN spent three days conducting Mine Warfare Operations during

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the day and anchoring in the evening until returning to the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy Pier, Inchon on 21 January and remaining moored until the end of the month.

b. 01 February to 28 February

GUARDIAN departed Inchon on 02 February 95 for Sasebo, JA in company with USS BEAUFORT (ATS-2), arriving at Pier I-8 on 04 February. After nine days of upkeep, GUARDIAN got underway for Suo Nada (Sasebo) Oparea on 14 February and dropped anchor on 15 February, 4NM South of Yamaguti, JA inside the Oparea, conducting Mine Hunting and EOD Operations for the next 10 days with USS Patriot, JDS HAYASE (462), and various other ships from the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF). Significant events included an alongside refueling with JDS HAYASE on 24 February. On 26 February, GUARDIAN arrived in Saiki, JA for resupply and departed Saiki for Yokohama, JA on 28 February, mooring that evening.

c. 01 March to 31 March

MCM Rotational Crew Alpha assumed custody of GUARDIAN on the 4th of March. GUARDIAN remained inport Sasebo the entire month of March for maintenance and upkeep.

d. 01 April to 30 April

GUARDIAN departed enroute Chinhae, KS on the 11th of April and arrived on the 12th. GUARDIAN conducted Mine Hunting/Q-Route Operations with the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy through 24 April, then returned to Sasebo and remained inport for the remainder of the month for upkeep.

e. 01 May to 31 May

GUARDIAN departed for Ulsan, KS on 07 May for joint Mine Hunting exercises with the ROKN. GUARDIAN departed Ulsan on 10 May and arrived Pohang, KS on the 11th. GUARDIAN conducted Mine Hunting/Q-Route Operations with the ROK until the 19th and departed for Yokosuka, JA via the Suo Nada straits, arriving on the 25th for a Restricted Availability (RAV).

f. 01 June to 30 June

GUARDIAN remained inport Yokosuka for RAV.

g. 01 July to 31 July

GUARDIAN departed Yokosuka on 30 June and arrived Kochi, JA on the 2nd of July. The mayor of Kochi visited the ship on the 2nd of July. Departing on 04 July, GUARDIAN transited to Pohang, KS via the Suo Nada straits to

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participate in Exercise "FREEDOM BANNER." Arriving on the 5th, GUARDIAN conducted Mine Hunting and Mine Sweeping Operations in support of Exercise "FREEDOM BANNER" on 8-10 July. On 11 July, GUARDIAN returned to port for Resupplying Stores and Fuel and departed 12 July enroute Sasebo, JA, completing her exercise "FREEDOM BANNER". GUARDIAN remained inport Sasebo, JA for the remainder of July.

h. 01 August to 17 August

GUARDIAN commenced an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) on 03 August 1995 and completed on 08 August with an overall grade of "GOOD". From 09 August to 16 August 1995, GUARDIAN remained inport and conducted local operations in support of crew turnover, culminating in crew turnover on 16 August 1995; A.M. Kurta, LCDR, USN assumed command of USS GUARDIAN with MCM Rotation Crew DELTA embarked. GUARDIAN remained inport until 23 August 1995 and departed for joint Q-Route Surveys in Pusan, KS. The Operations concluded on 31 August 1995.

i. 01 September to 31 September

GUARDIAN arrived inport Chinhae, KS for upkeep on 02 September and departed for joint operations in Kunsan, KS Oparea on 05 September. GUARDIAN concluded operations in the vicinity of Kunsan and returned to Sasebo, JA on 22 September, evading Super Typhoon "RYAN" in the process. GUARDIAN was placed in a partially flooded Drydock for protection and exited on 25 September, remaining inport for the balance of the month.

j. 01 October to 30 October

GUARDIAN began the month of October inport Sasebo, departing 03 October enroute Donghae, KS for joint Q-Route Operations, which concluded on 07 October. GUARDIAN then transited to the SLOCS between Pusan and Chinhae for joint Q-Route Operations which concluded on 13 October. From 14 to 17 October GUARDIAN successfully completed a Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI). After four days inport Chinhae (17-20 October) GUARDIAN participated in joint exercise "FOAL EAGLE" with Commander MCM Squadron One, USS PATRIOT (MCM-7), Commander MCM Squadron Five Two, ROKS Ullung (LSML-550), ROKS Kumsan (MSC-551), ROKS Kumgok (MSC-553), ROKS Hadong (MSC-556), ROKS Samchok (MSC-557), ROKS Yongdong (MSC-558), ROKS Kochang (MHC-560), ROKS Kimpo (MHC-565), ROKS Keum Wha (MHC-567), EOD Mobile Unit Five Det Five One, ROK EOD Detachments, and Mobile Mine Assembly Group Ten until the end of the month.


k. 01 November to 30 November

On 01 November, GUARDIAN began a transit to Yokosuka, JA arriving 06 November to commence a Drydocking Restricted Availability (DRAV). On 15 November, GUARDIAN entered Drydock. During Drydock, GUARDIAN began a sister ship relationship with Japanese Defense Ship (JDS) Yaeyama (MSO 301) and JDS Tsushima (MSO 302). GUARDIAN remained in Drydock through the end of the month.

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1. 01 December to 31 December

GUARDIAN continued her Upkeep and Maintenance while remaining in Drydock #4, Yokosuka, JA. On 27 December, GUARDIAN and PATROIT (MCM-7) undocked and remained pierside Yokosuka until the end of the month.



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