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# Command Operations Report

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This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

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The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

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## 1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **MHC Crew Detector. Assigned to USS KINGFISHER (MHC 56) (01JAN06 - 05AUG06) and USS RAVEN (MHC 61) (06AUG06 - 07JAN07)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **40178**

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: **Braynard** First: **Todd** M.I.: **A** Rank: **LCDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2005-06-13**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

**MHC Crew Detector is a rotational crew assigned to the Mine Hunter Coastal (MHC) class of ships. MHC's were designed for minehunting, the technique of locating mines with sonar, and mine neutralization utilizing a remotely controlled underwater vehicle. The ship's mission is to clear harbors, coasts, and ocean waters of acoustic, magnetic, pressure, and contact type mines, by utilizing reconnaissance, classification, and neutralization tactics.**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Ingleside, Texas**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two (MCMRON TWO)

Administrative: Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two (MCMRON TWO)

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable):

-Assigned to CTG 21.3 (COMCMRON THREE) during RONEX/GOMEX 06-2.

-Assigned to CTG 55.4 (COMCMDIV THREE ONE) during FAWOMOEX 07-1.

-Assigned to CTF 152 during Operation Khaliji in the Central Arabian Gulf.

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): N/A

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: N/A

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 7 Enlisted: 45 Civilian: N/A

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTJG [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: Operations Officer

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]

Phone number(s) [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address:

USS KINGFISHER (MHC 56)

MHC CREW DETECTOR

FPO AE 09501-5108

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## 2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to

operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

None

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### 3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

Event:	Date (s):
MIW Certification 1	17-18 Jan
MIW Certification 2	25 Jan
CRC	30 Jan
FEP	31 Jan - 02 Feb
Underwater Hull Cleaning	06-10 Feb
SMC	06-10 Feb
PV New Orleans, La	23-28 Feb
PV Key West, Fl	06-09 Mar
CMAV 6A1	20-31 Mar
DEI NR 2 MPDE	20-31 Mar
3M LTT	27-30 Mar
RONEX 06-2	21-27 Apr
GOMEX 06-2	1-9 May
DEI NR 1 MPDE	22 May - 09 Jun
MIW TRAINING	20-22 Jun
POM	01-31 Jul
Crew Swap to USS RAVEN	04-07 Aug
Magnetic Offload	15-16 Aug
FACDAR Range	17-18 Aug
ULT	24-30 Aug
PVST Mina Jebel Ali, UAE	01-05 Sep
Q-Route Survey Operations	06-15 Sep
Rescue Operation	13 Sep
FAWOMOEX 07-1	01-13 Oct
MSO (Operations Khaliji)	01-13 Nov
Operational Stand-down	17 Nov
Pre-Decom Avail	17Nov -18 Dec
Egyptian Navy Arrival	18 Dec
Egyptian Navy Training	18 Dec-07 Jan
Decommissioning and FMS	07 Jan

Underway Days: (CY 06 Chronology of days)

17-18 Jan  
01-02 Feb  
17-22 Feb  
01-05 Mar  
11-14 Mar  
14-18 Apr  
21-27 Apr  
01-08 May  
10-12 May  
20-22 Jun  
17-18 Aug  
24-30 Aug  
06-10 Sep  
01-13 Oct  
01-13 Nov  
27 Dec  
28 Dec  
30 Dec  
31 Dec  
03 Jan  
04 Jan  
05 Jan

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/ operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event. For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative. All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

#### January 2006

1. MIW CERTIFICATION (17-18 Jan)
  - a. Certification of the ship's primary mission area of Mine Warfare.
2. CRC (Communications Readiness Certification) (30 Jan)
  - b. Certification of all communication's equipment and programs.

#### February 2006

1. FEP (Final Evaluation Problem) (31 Jan - 02 Feb)
  - a. Final Evaluation of the ship's Training Cycle utilized to validate the crew's ability operate autonomously.
2. Underwater Hull Cleaning (06-10 Feb)
3. SMC (Supply Management Certification) (06-10 Feb)
  - a. Certification of all supply programs and equipment.
4. Port Visit New Orleans, La (23-28 Feb)

#### March 2006

1. Port Visit Key West, FL (06-09 Mar)
2. CMAV (Continuous Maintenance Availability) 6A1 (20-31 Mar)
3. DEI (Diesel Engine Inspection) Nr 2 Main Propulsion Diesel Engine (20-31 Mar)
4. 3M (Maintenance Material Management) LTT (27-30 Mar)
  - a. Training provided by Afloat Training Group Det Ingleside, Tx in respect to the ship's Maintenance Material Management program.

April 2006

1. RONEX (Squadron Exercise) (21-27 Apr)

a. Exercise completed by all Mine Warfare ships to validate the crew's ability to perform their primary mission area in an integrated environment.

May 2006

1. GOMEX (Gulf of Mexico Exercise) (01-09 May)

a. Exercise completed by all Mine Warfare ships to validate the crew's ability to perform their primary mission area in an integrated environment. Conducted off the coast of Panama City, FL including surface, air, and underwater Mine Warfare areas.

2. DEI Nr 1 Main Propulsion Diesel Engine (22 May - 09 Jun)

June 2006

1. MIW Training (20-22 Jun)

July 2006

1. Pre-Overseas Movement Stand-down (01-31 July)

a. The crew turned over responsibility of the KINGFISHER to USS Cormorant who served as the caretaker crew until 10 Aug.

August 2006

1. Crew Swap to USS RAVEN (04-07 Aug)

a. MHC Crew Detector embarked USS RAVEN on 04 Aug and completed turnover with MHC Crew Force on 07 Aug.

2. Magnetic Offload (15-16 Aug)

a. All designated magnetic material was offloaded in preparation for completion of the FACDAR range.

3. FACDAR Range (17-18 Aug)

a. Utilizing advanced sensors placed on the Bahrain Harbor seabed, technicians were able to evaluate RAVEN's magnetic and acoustic signature. Based on these results the degaussing system was adjusted to minimize both signatures and best prepare the ship for Mine Warfare operations.

4. Unit Level Training (24-30 Aug)

a. Various exercises and training evolutions were conducted in the Southern Arabian Gulf to prepare MHC Crew Detector for 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet Operations.

September 2006

1. Port Visit Mina Jebel Ali, UAE (01-05 Sep)

a. USS RAVEN pulled in to the port of Mina Jebel Ali near Dubai in the United Arab Emirates for stores, fuel and liberty for the crew.

2. Q-Route Survey Operations (06-15 Sep)

a. USS RAVEN was tasked with surveying a Q-Route within the Southern Arabian Gulf utilizing the SQQ-32 Sonar and SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization Vehicle. These operations are crucial to the maintenance of selected Q-Routes for use during a time where the threat of mines exists.

3. Rescue and Assistance Operation (13 Sep)

a. USS RAVEN suffered an engine casualty and had to abandon Q-Route operations. However, during the transit to Bahrain, the crew aided a fishing dhow with a sick crew member. The Iranian dhow was dangerously low on water and many crew members suffered severely from dehydration. The Corpsman was transported to the dhow and provided medical attention to all crew members, undoubtedly saving several lives.

October 2006

1. FAWOMOEX 07-1 (01-13 Oct)

a. So named after Commander Mine Countermeasures Division Three One's motto "Find A Way Or Make One," this semi-annual major Mine Warfare Exercise is designed to test policies and operational procedures in conducting Mine Warfare operations in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet Area of Responsibility. During this exercise RAVEN successfully complete two live fire exercises with a Mission Package-1 on moored mine shape and a Mission Package-2 on a bottom mine shape.

November 2006

1. Maritime Security Operations, Operation Khaliji (01-13 Nov)

a. After short notice, RAVEN was called upon to participate in Operation Khaliji. It involved patrolling designated areas and gathering intel on maritime traffic. This information was used by upper echelon commands to assist in Maritime Security Operations through out the region.

2. Operational Stand-down (17 Nov)

a. RAVEN officially stood down operationally and became unavailable for operational tasking in support of the scheduled decommissioning and Foreign Military Sale (FMS) to the Egyptian Navy.

3. Pre-decommissioning Availability (17 Nov - 18 Dec)

a. During this availability, RAVEN was prepared for decommissioning and FMS. As this was a hot transfer, all releasable equipment and supplies were left on board and maintained. All equipment designated for removal, was taken off and either stored in Bahrain for use by other units or shipped back to CONUS for reuse. All classified material was either offloaded or destroyed and the ship was verified to be clear of any classified documents.

December 2006

1. Egyptian Navy Arrival (18 Dec)

a. The oncoming Egyptian crew arrived and immediately began the turnover process. MHC Crew Detector was tasked with training and preparing the new crew to successfully take control of RAVEN.

2. Egyptian Navy Training and Turnover (18 Dec - 07 Jan)

a. Through out this time MHC Crew Detector trained the Egyptian Navy crew in all aspects of shipboard operation. All equipment was operated and checked, and the crews worked together to correct equipment malfunctions. Several U/W days were utilized for practical training (27, 28, 30, 31 Dec, 03, 04, 05 Jan). With each U/W day the Egyptian crew took more and more control of all operations and MHC Crew Detector settled in as mere observers. At the end of this period, all equipment and operations were turned over to the Egyptians.

January 2007

1. Decommissioning and FMS Transfer of USS RAVEN

a. During a small ceremony held in Bahrain, the USS RAVEN was decommissioned. The ex-USS RAVEN was then commissioned the Egyptian Navy Ship (ENS) El Farouk.

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## 4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted "as is," eliminating the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in

response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Situation Reports
- b. Intentions Messages
- c. Operational Reports
- d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
- e. Operational Plans
- f. Personal For Messages
- g. After Action Reports
- h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
- i. Battle Damage Assessments
- j. Casualty Reports
- k. End-of-Cruise/Deployment Reports
- l. Intelligence Summaries
- m. Major Exercise Reports

List below the items submitted, indicating the classification of each. Electronic reports should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF, or plain text. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Submit electronic reports via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM.

None

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## 5. Published Documents

List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command's web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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**None**

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