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1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).
2. Unclassified after the removal of Confidential supporting documents included in enclosure (1).

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SHIP'S HISTORY 2000

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. USS ROBIN (MHC 54), UIC: V21881, is the fourth in the Osprey (MHC 51) class of coastal mine hunters, and the third to bear its name. Her primary mission is mine hunting and mine neutralization in support of harbor clearance, port breakout and deep water coastal mine countermeasure operations

b. ROBIN is a member of Mine Countermeasure Squadron TWO, commanded by Commodore Richard C. Rush, U.S. Navy.

c. ROBIN's Commanding Officer was CDR Matthew S. Beaver, U.S. Navy

d. ROBIN's current Commanding Officer is Commander (SEL) Mark R. Laxen, U. S. Navy.

2. Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Evolution</u>
01 Jan – 21 Jan	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
22 Jan	Underway in Corpus Christi Operating Area (CCOA) for Reserve Training (CDR J. Weaver, USNR aboard)
23 Jan – 30 Jan	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
31 Jan – 10 Feb	Underway in CCOA in support of Gulf of Mexico Exercise 00-1 (GOMEX 00-1)
11 Feb – 15 Mar	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
16 Mar – 20 Mar	Underway in Gulf of Mexico (GOM) en-route Pensacola, FL
21 Mar – 25 Mar	Underway in GOM in support of COMPTUEX
26 Mar – 28 Mar	Inport NAS Key West, FL
29 Mar – 31 Mar	Underway en-route Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
01 Mar	Brief stop for fuel (BSF), Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
02 Mar – 04 Mar	Underway en-route NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads PR
05 Mar	BSF, NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, PR
06 Mar – 08 Mar	Underway in support of UNITAS OPFOR EX
09 Mar	Inport, NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, PR
10 Mar – 12 Mar	Underway en-route Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
13 Mar	BSF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
13 Mar – 16 Mar	Underway en-route NAVSTA Mayport, FL
17 Mar – 18 Mar	Inport NAVSTA Mayport
19 Mar – 21 Mar	Underway en-route NAB Little Creek, VA
22 Mar – 01 May	Inport NAB Little Creek, VA
02 May	Underway en-route Charleston, SC
03 May – 04 May	Inport Charleston, SC
05 Mar – 09 May	Underway in Cherry Point OPAREA in support of JTFEX
10 May – 14 May	Inport, Moorehead City, NC
15 May	Underway en-route NOB Norfolk, VA
16 May – 24 May	Inport NOB Norfolk, VA

25 May – 28 May	Underway en-route NAVSTA Mayport, FL
29 May – 08 Jun	Inport NAVSTA Mayport, FL
09 Jun – 12 Jun	Underway en-route NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
13 Jun	BSF NAS Key West, FL
14 Jun – 17 Jun	Underway en-route NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
18 Jun – 15 Aug	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
16 Aug – 17 Aug	Underway in CCOA for MCM training
18 Aug – 29 Oct	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX
20 Oct	Change of Command
30 Oct	Underway en-route Gulf Copper Drydock, Port Anransas, TX
31 Oct - 02 Nov	Moored, Gulf Copper Drydock, Port Aransas, TX
03 Nov – 31 Dec	Inport NAVSTA Ingleside, TX

3. Narrative

ROBIN began the year in Ingleside, Texas finishing up a holiday stand down period in the midst of the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC). In **January**, ROBIN proceeded underway for the weekend of 22 JAN to facilitate reservist training with CDR J. Weaver (Reserve OIC) embarked. The first major operational obligation for the ROBIN was Gulf of Mexico Exercise 00-1 (GOMEX 00-1), conducted in the Corpus Christi Operating Area (CCOA). For the exercise, ROBIN proceeded underway 31JAN in company of: USS DEFENDER (MCM 2), USS SENTRY (MCM 3), USS OSPREY (MHC 51), USS PELICAN (MHC 53), USS KINGFISHER (MHC 56), and USS BLACKHAWK (MHC 58) with COMCMRON TWO as OTC/OCE.

GOMEX 00-1 concluded the month of January and continued into the month of **February**. During the exercise, ROBIN performed several days of Q-Route, mine hunting and mine neutralization vehicle (MNV) operations. Returning to port briefly on 07FEB, ROBIN embarked EOD Det. 17 Group 6 and returned to the CCOA 08FEB to allow the EOD Det. to perform underwater detonations on previously hunted and identified exercise mines. GOMEX 00-1 ended 10FEB and ROBIN returned to port for the duration of the month.

During the month of **March**, ROBIN proceeded underway 16MAR en route to NAS Pensacola, FL, in preparation to participate in COMPTUEX in the company of: USS DEFENDER, USS SENTRY, USS KINGFISHER and USS BLACKHAWK. Document 1 describes the Pensacola transit Schedule of Events (SOE). Throughout the transit, ROBIN was afforded the opportunity to participate in individual drills (i.e., man overboard, general quarters, engineering casualty control drills) as well as multi-ship training (leapfrog drills, connected replenishment with USS KINGFISHER). Arriving at NAS Pensacola, FL, 20MAR, ROBIN was soon underway from 21-25MAR in support of COMPTUEX. Document 2 provides further details for this visit. Other COMPTUEX participants included: USS NORMANDY (CG 60), USS HAWES (FFG 53), USS BRISCOE (DD 977), USS DEFENDER, USS SENTRY, USS KINGFISHER and USS BLACKHAWK. Major events for ROBIN during COMPTUEX included the conducting of mine hunting operations, setting an MP2 on an exercise mine, and acting as a merchant vessel while participating in Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) with USS HAWES. Upon the conclusion of the exercise, ROBIN proceeded to Naval Air Station Key West where she conducted a port visit from 26-28MAR. Document 3 and 5 describe Key West transit SOE and port visit. After the port visit, ROBIN proceeded on 29MAR en route Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in the company of USS BLACKHAWK. Document 6 describes Guantanamo Bay transit SOE.

The first day of **April**, ROBIN and BLACKHAWK arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a brief stop for fuel (BSF) prior to proceeding underway once again, en route Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Document 4 describes Puerto Rico transit SOE. Arriving at NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, PR, on 05MAR, ROBIN joined UNITAS OPFOR Exercise from 06-08MAR. Document 8 provides further details for Roosevelt Roads port visit. Other participants included: USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49), USCGS TAMPA

(WMEC 902) , USS HUE CITY (CG 66), USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15), USS DEFENDER, USS SENTRY and USS KINGFISHER. During the exercise, ROBIN conducted mine hunting operations as well as MIO exercises, and embarked LT Berazay of the Argentine Navy for cross-deck training opportunities. Upon completion of the exercise, ROBIN made a brief stop at NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads and once again proceeded to Guantanamo Bay in the company of USS DEFENDER. Arriving at Guantanamo Bay for a BSF 13APR, ROBIN was immediately underway en route NAVSTA Mayport, FL, now in the company of USS BLACKHAWK. Document 7 describes NAVSTA Mayport transit SOE. ROBIN arrived at NAVSTA Mayport 17APR, spent a day in port, and then proceeded underway on 19APR to arrive at Naval Air Base Little Creek on 21APR. Document 9 describes transit SOE. ROBIN spent the duration of the month in port.

On the first of **May**, ROBIN proceeded underway en route Charleston, SC, in the company of USS BLACKHAWK. Arriving 04MAY, ROBIN remained in port a day and then proceeded underway once again 05MAY. Late in the evening of 05MAY, ROBIN experienced a casualty to her port Voith-Schneider Propeller (VSP). The shaft was stopped and locked while ROBIN proceeded to the Cherry Point Operating Area to conduct mine hunting operations in support of Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). Although operating on a single shaft, ROBIN was still able to complete the entire JTFEX. Highlights of the exercise included locating multiple exercise mines, deploying EOD teams to retrieve four moored mines identified by ROBIN, and conducting an MP1 detonation on a bottom exercise mine. Document 10 describes the outstanding support provided during the exercise. Upon the conclusion of the exercise, ROBIN proceeded to Moorehead City, NC, for a port visit from 09-14MAY. After the port visit, ROBIN returned to NOB Norfolk to rendezvous with USS SENTRY and then proceeded to NAVSTA Mayport, FL. Document 11 describes Mayport transit SOE. Due to a casualty to Nr. 1 Main Propulsion Diesel Engine (MPDE), ROBIN lost the starboard as well as port shaft and had to be towed into NAVSTA Mayport by the USS SENTRY, 29MAY. The duration of the month was spent in port.

In **June**, ROBIN remained in port NAVSTA Mayport until 08MAY to complete repairs to Nr. 1 MPDE. Upon the correction of the casualty, ROBIN proceeded underway 09MAY to return to NAVSTA Ingleside, TX, in the company of USS SENTRY. A BSF was made at NAS Key West on 13MAY. Document 12 describes Key West transit SOE. For the last leg of the return trip to NAVSTA Ingleside, USS DEVESTATOR assumed escort duties. ROBIN arrived NAVSTA Ingleside, 18JUN and spent the duration of the month in post deployment stand-down.

The months of **July, August and September** were spent conducting maintenance and upkeep, a single underway overnight in the CCOA for shipboard training, and multiple days of pier landing training for junior officers. Due to the casualty to the port VSP, ROBIN was not allowed to conduct more extensive, independent training until a plan for the removal, repair and installation was formulated.

During the month of **October**, ROBIN conducted an FMAV period from 10-27OCT. During the FMAV, ROBIN received the AN/SSQ-94(V)3 installation, providing her with the ability to conduct on-board training (OBT) for sonar, evaluator, TAO and MNV watch standers. The AN/SSQ-94(V)3 installation included the first ever separately performed re-rack of the AN/SYQ-13. On 20OCT, LCDR Mark R. Laxen relieved CDR Matthew S. Beaver. ROBIN was towed to Gulf Copper Drydock, Port Aransas, TX on 30OCT, for removal of the port VSP for repairs.

In **November**, after the removal of the port VSP, ROBIN returned to NAVSTA Ingleside 03NOV where she remained in port for the duration of the month and during the month of **December**.
