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USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following package is submitted.

2. Mission. The mission of the Osprey Class Mine Hunters is to complement the MCM 1 Avenger Class Ships in littoral waters, harbors, and bays. The Osprey will detect, classify, and neutralize all known and projected types of influence and contact mines. It will provide navigational assistance to other MCM units in conjunction with coordinated operations with airborne and other mine countermeasures forces. Secondary missions include route surveys, channel conditioning, underwater search and rescue, and the collection of hydrographic/oceanographic data.

3. Organizational Structure.

- a. Immediate Senior: Commander Mine Countermeasures Squadron THREE
- b. Commanding Officer: LCDR Joel T. Griner, Jr., USN
- c. Homeport: Charleston, SC

4. Ship's Characteristics:

- a. Combat System Equipment:
 - AN/SPS 64 SURFACE SEARCH RADAR WITH IFF
 - AN/SPA 25G DIGITAL RADAR DISPLAY
 - AN/WSN2 GYROCOMPASS
 - AN/WQC2 UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS
 - AN/UNQ4 FATHOMETER
- b. Navigation:
 - AN/SYQ-13 NAVIGATION COMMAND CONTROL SYSTEM
 - SSQ-109 SHIP'S MACHINERY CONTROL SYSTEM
- c. Mine hunting/neutralization:
 - SQQ-32 VARIABLE DEPTH SONAR
 - SLQ-48 MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEM
 - .50 CAL MACHINE GUNS (2)

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d. Propulsion:

MAIN ENGINES (2) ISOTTA-FRANCHINI DIESEL (800 HP)
CYCLOIDAL PROPELLERS (2)

e. Auxilliaries:

ISOTTA-FRANCHINI DIESEL GENERATORS (3) (300 KW)

5. Command History: (CY 94 Chronology)

01 JAN	-	02 JAN	HOLIDAY LV/UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
03 JAN	-	09 JAN	DEGAUSSING PIER (PIER Y), CHARLESTON, SC
06 JAN			RADM PEARSON VISITS OSPREY AT CHASN, SC
10 JAN	-	13 JAN	DEGAUSSING RANGE - CHARLESTON, SC
24 JAN			SESEF RANGE
24 JAN	-	27 JAN	ENROUTE FT LAUDERDALE, FL
28 JAN	-	30 JAN	ONLOAD PERFORMANCE EQUIP - FT LAUDERDALE, FL
31 JAN	-	08 FEB	PERFORMANCE TRIALS - FT LAUDERDALE, FL
09 FEB	-	13 FEB	ENROUTE PANAMA CITY, FL
14 FEB	-	22 FEB	PERFORMANCE TRIALS/TESTS - PANAMA CITY, FL
23 FEB	-	28 FEB	ENROUTE CHARLESTON, SC
01 MAR	-	21 MAR	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
14 MAR	-	25 MAR	LIMITED TEAM TRAINER ONE - CHASN OPAREA
22 MAR			SECRETARY OF DEFENSE STAFF VISIT
26 MAR	-	31 MAR	INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
01 APR	-	10 APR	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
11 APR	-	15 APR	TYPE TRAINING - CHASN OPAREA
12 APR			CAPT AHERN (PMS 303) CONDUCTS SHIP VISIT
16 APR	-	19 APR	OPPE PREPS INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
20 APR	-	22 APR	TYPE TRAINING - CHARLESTON OPAREA (ANCHORAGE)
23 APR	-	30 APR	OPPE PREPS INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
01 MAY	-	02 MAY	INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
03 MAY	-	06 MAY	TYPE TRAINING - CHARLESTON, SC
07 MAY	-	09 MAY	INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
10 MAY	-	13 MAY	TYPE TRAINING - CHARLESTON, SC
14 MAY	-	22 MAY	UPKEEP/SHIP'S MANNING DOCUMENT REVIEW
23 MAY	-	27 MAY	TYPE TRAINING - CHASN OPAREA
28 MAY	-	05 JUN	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
06 JUN	-	09 JUN	TYPE TRAINING - CHASN OPAREA
10 JUN			FAMILY MEMBER CRUISE
11 JUN	-	12 JUN	INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
13 JUN	-	14 JUN	ENROUTE - SAVANNAH, GA
14 JUN	-	20 JUN	INPORT SAVANNAH/IMUSA MINOR REPAIR WORK
20 JUN	-	21 JUN	ENROUTE - CHARLESTON, SC
21 JUN	-	30 JUN	INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
30 JUN			COMMAND AWARDS AND ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY
01 JUL	-	10 JUL	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
11 JUL	-	15 JUL	TYPE TRAINING - JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
16 JUL	-	31 JUL	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
01 AUG			CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY - LCDR J.T. GRINER RELIEVED CDR D. W. FAASSE AS CO
02 AUG	-	03 AUG	INPORT - CHARLESTON, SC
06 AUG	-	08 AUG	CO'S FAMILIARIZATION TRIALS - CHASN OPAREA

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5. Command History: (CY 94 Chronology - Cont)

09 AUG - 12 AUG	SYQ-13 TRIALS - CHASN OPAREA
13 AUG - 22 AUG	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
23 AUG - 24 AUG	FINAL CONTRACT TRIAL PREPS - CHASN OPAREA
25 AUG - 28 AUG	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
29 AUG - 30 AUG	FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS & SLQ-48 OPS - CHASN OPAREA
01 SEP - 02 SEP	FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS - INPORT CHASN
03 SEP - 16 SEP	OPPE PREPS - INPORT CHARLESTON
17 SEP	STARTER SHIP FOR BOC AROUND THE WORLD SAILBOAT CHALLENGE - CHASN OPAREA
18 SEP - 20 SEP	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
21 SEP	OPPE PREPS - CHASN OPAREA
22 SEP - 26 SEP	OPPE PREPS - INPORT CHASN
27 SEP - 28 SEP	OPPE PREPS - CHASN OPAREA
29 SEP - 15 OCT	UPKEEP - CHARLESTON, SC
16 OCT	ENROUTE - SAVANNAH, GA
17 OCT	INPORT SAVANNAH, GA
18 OCT - 31 DEC	POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY I, SAVANNAH, GA
01 NOV - 04 NOV	CRL REVIEW
09 NOV - 10 NOV	SNAP II SITE SURVEY
17 NOV - 18 NOV	LMA ASSIST VISIT
05 DEC - 08 DEC	FMT ASSIST VISIT
05 DEC - 09 DEC	ENGINEERING TRAINING GROUP - ASSIST VISIT
05 DEC - 16 DEC	SCLISIS VALIDATION
12 DEC - 14 DEC	PHYSICAL READINESS TESTS
12 DEC - 16 DEC	EOSS VALIDATION
16 DEC - 31 DEC	HOLIDAY LEAVE/UPKEEP

3. Narrative. As the first ship of the class, and the primary test platform for the entire class, Osprey spent a great part of the past year preparing for and participating in tests and trials. Her ability to "do a 360 on the dime turn" is very impressive. Engineering plant problems have prevented Osprey from achieving a successful full power run, and have contributed to significant scheduling delays in completing the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

On a brighter note, Osprey was the official starter ship for the widely publicized BOC around the world sailboat race which began on 17 September 1994 in Charleston, SC. This hugely successful endeavor promoted a very positive image of the Osprey and the Navy to the public.


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