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Encl: (1) USS MCCLUSKY Command History 1992

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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SHIP'S HISTORY 1992

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. *USS McClusky* (FFG-41), a third flight Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate, is named after Rear Admiral Wade McClusky, a hero of the battle of Midway. Her primary mission is general escort duty of convoys, amphibious task forces, underway replenishment groups, and carrier battle groups, defending high value units against subsurface, surface and low level air threats. With her embarked air wing, two SH-60B helicopters, the LAMPS MK III team provides unprecedented capabilities in over-the-horizon surface detection, surveillance, and engagement of hostile warships and submarines.

b. *McClusky* is a member of Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, commanded by Captain Richard A. Robbins.

d. USS McClusky is a member of the Overseas Family Residency Program at United States Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

e. USS McClusky deployed with HSL-51, an antisubmarine helicopter squadron detachment consisting of one LAMPS MK III SH-60B, HELLFIRE 03, from February 27 to April 26, and HELLFIRE 00, from July 24 to August 7.

2. Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Evolution</u>
01 - 05 JAN	Holiday Leave and Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
06 JAN	Underway - Sea Trials
07 JAN	Safety Standown
17-21 JAN	Underway (Enroute Subic Bay)
22 JAN	Inport Subic Bay
23-24 JAN	Missilex, Gunex (Subic Opareas)
24-26 JAN	Physical Readiness Test (Inport Subic)
25 JAN -05 FEB	Upkeep (Inport Subic Bay)
03-06 FEB	Underway (Enroute Yokosuka)
07-13 FEB	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
29 FEB -02 MAR	Inport Jakarta, Indonesia
01 MAR	Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony Operation Remembrance, 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Java Sea-Sunda Strait
06 - 09 MAR	Port Visit (Inport Kota Kinabalu)
08 - 09 MAR	Visit Ship Tours (Kota Kinabalu)
10 - 13 MAR	Underway (Enroute Surabaya)
13 - 15 MAR	Port Visit (Inport Surabaya)
23 APR	Hail and Farewell for PCO/CO
24 APR	Change of Command (Inport Yokosuka)
04-15 MAY	JOTS II Installation
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Evolution</u>
20 MAY -16 JUL	SRA4 (Inport Yokosuka)
06 JUL -10 JUL	Aviation Certification
10 JUL	Ship's Picnic
16 JUL	Sea Trials
24 JUL - 01 AUG	Underway - HARPOONEX '92 (Guam)
02 AUG - 04 AUG	Underway - SSN PASSEX '92 (Guam)
04 - 05 AUG	Inport Guam
05 - 07 AUG	Underway (Enroute Yokosuka)

07 - 21 AUG	Inport Yokosuka
22 -30 AUG	Underway Enroute Hong Kong
26 AUG	Inport Okinawa
31 AUG -4 SEP	Inport Hong Kong
05 - 08 SEP	Enroute Yokosuka
09 - 16 SEP	Inport Yokosuka
17 - 19 SEP	Enroute Vladivostok, Russia
20 - 22 SEP	Inport Vladivostok, Russia
21 SEP	Opening of US Consulate, Vladivostok
23 - 25 SEP	Enroute Yokosuka
02 OCT	Aviation Assist Visit
06 - 07 OCT	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Test
10 OCT	Athletic Day with Japanese Sister Ship
14 - 18 OCT	Total Ship Training Availability (Inport Yokosuka)
19-23 OCT	Total Ship Training Availability (Underway)
24-30 OCT	Total Ship Training Availability (Inport Yokosuka)
31 OCT - 01 NOV	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
04-06 NOV	Underway PHILSEA, Type Training
07-13 NOV	3M Assist Visit
09-16 NOV	CSOSS Validation
10 NOV	Aviation Readiness Evaluation
12-13 NOV	Underway PHILSEA Type Training
14-16 NOV	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
17-19 NOV	Underway Philippine Sea - Type Training
19 NOV - 04 DEC	CSOSS Hardware Installation
20 NOV - 30 NOV	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
23 NOV	Commodore visit for lunch
26-30 NOV	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
30 NOV	Rear Admiral Bennett (Strike Force Seventh Fleet) visit
01-03 DEC	Underway - Philippine Sea - OPPE Preps
04-08 DEC	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
09-11 DEC	OPPE
12-19 DEC	Upkeep (Inport Yokosuka)
16 DEC	Ship tour for Sullivans School
16 DEC	Ship's Christmas Party - Officer's Club Yokosuka
18 DEC	CMS Inspection
19 DEC	Children's Christmas Party
20 DEC	Mochi Tsuki on JMSDF Ship <i>Amagiri</i>
21 DEC	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy visit
22 DEC	Wardroom Party with Sister Ship <i>Amagiri</i> Yokosuka Officer's Club
28 DEC	<i>Amagiri</i> presents gift of Kadomatsu

3. Narrative

a. *USS McClusky* began the new year in a holiday leave and upkeep period, but was soon underway to a Missile and Gunnery Exercise in the Subic Bay Operation Areas. Following the exercises, *McClusky* completed a two week upkeep with SRF Subic Bay. While inport, sailors and officers contributed their time and services to a community relations project of repairing and painting the

Kalalake Elementary School in Olongapo, Republic of Philippines. This project is detailed in Supporting Documents (1), the COMREL After Action Report.

b. On March 1, *USS McClusky* conducted a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Java Sea-Sunda Strait. The ceremony was held over the site of the sinking of *USS Houston* off the coast of Jakarta, Indonesia and paid tribute to the hundreds of sailors of the multinational American, British, Dutch, Australian (ABDA) Task Force which was defeated by a superior Japanese force during World War II. *McClusky* was host to United States, Indonesian, British and Dutch dignitaries as well as an Indonesian TV crew for the memorial service. Supporting Documents (2-15) include the Schedule of Events, SITREP's, Press Releases and commemorative pamphlets covering the event.

c. Following departure from Jakarta, Indonesia for Operation Remembrance, *McClusky* made port calls in Kota Kinabalu and Surabaya, returning to Yokosuka, Japan in the end of March.

d. On April 24, while in port Yokosuka, *USS McClusky* changed hands at a Change of Command Ceremony where CDR David W. Prather was relieved by CDR Ronald L. Chapman. Supporting Document 16 is a Change of Command Program.

e. From May 20 through July 16, *McClusky* remained in port Yokosuka while completing Selected Restricted Availability Period 4 (SRA4).

f. From July 24 through August 7, *McClusky* conducted Harpoon Exercise 1992 South West of Guam. The exercise was to consist of five Harpoon shots, one each from *McClusky*, an US F/A-18, a US P-3, a US Submarine and a Missile Corvette of the Royal Navy of Singapore. No Harpoon shots were actually made however due to the target sled sinking prior to commencement of the exercise.

g. In early September, *McClusky* made a port call to Hong Kong, stopping briefly for fuel in Okinawa. *McClusky* returned to Yokosuka on September 9.

i. From September 20 through 22, *USS McClusky* and *USCGC Chase* pulled into Vladivostok, Russia for the reopening of the US Consulate in Vladivostok. The ships were the first US Warships to enter Vladivostok following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Supplementary Document 17 is a press release covering this event.

j. Upon return to Yokosuka, *McClusky* successfully completed its Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) and began an intensive Type Training Schedule in preparation for the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE). *McClusky* completed its OPPE in early December with outstanding results, receiving an extended 24 month certification.

4. Supporting Documents

1. Kalalake Elementary School COMREL Project After Action Report.
2. *USS McClusky* Notice 3000, List of Responsibilities for Battle of Java Sea-Sunda Strait Commemoration.
3. *USS McClusky* Notice 3000.1, Schedule of Events for Battle of Java Sea-Sunda Strait Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony.
4. Routine Message from USDAO Jakarta, Indonesia DTG 110817ZFEB92, containing proposed schedule for *USS Houston* 50 Anniversary Commemoration.
5. Routine Message from USDAO Jakarta, Indonesia DTG 180509ZFEB92, containing proposed schedule for Rear Admiral Tobin for *USS Houston* 50 Anniversary Commemoration.

6. Routine Message from USDAO Jakarta, Indonesia DTG 250811ZFEB92, containing list of riders to embark *McClusky* for Wreath Laying Ceremony.
7. Commemorative Program for Battle of Java Sea-Sunda Straits 50th Anniversary.
8. Priority Message from *USS McClusky* DTG 010525ZMAR92, *McClusky* SITREP 001 covering Operation Remembrance.
9. Priority Message from *USS McClusky* DTG 020240ZMAR92, *McClusky* SITREP 002 covering Operation Remembrance.
10. Priority Message from *USS McClusky* DTG 030505ZMAR92, *McClusky* SITREP 003 covering Operation Remembrance.
11. Priority Message from *USS McClusky* DTG 051250ZMAR92, Press Release for Operation Remembrance.
12. Routine Message from CTF 75, DTG 030614ZMAR92, Well Done message to *USS McClusky* crew from RADM Paul Tobin concerning performance during Operation Remembrance.
13. Priority Message from Australian Embassy, Jakarta, Indonesia DTG 020600ZMAR92, from Ambassador Flood thanking *USS McClusky* for role in Operation Remembrance.
14. Press Release from *The Jakarta Post*, dated March 2, 1992 covering *McClusky* during Operation Remembrance.
15. Press Release from *Seahawk* dated March 20, 1992 covering *McClusky* during Operation Remembrance.
16. Change of Command Program.