

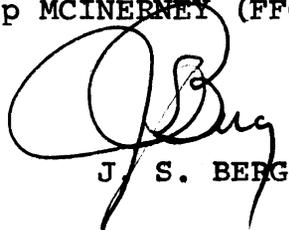


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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the purpose of preserving significant information concerning activities conducted by the officers and crew of the United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) during the 1980 calendar year.


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Shipboard Command Structure

CDR John Stoddard Berg, USN	Commanding Officer
LCDR Harlan Roland Bankert, Jr., USN	Executive Officer
LT Alan Douglas Thomson, USN	Combat Systems Officer
LT John Collins Harvey, Jr., USN	Ship Control Officer
LT George Schaeffer, III, USN	Engineer Officer
LT Elwood Thomas Hodnett, Jr., SC, USN	Supply Officer
LTJG Scott Eliot Lustig, USN	CIC Officer
LTJG David William Hoppes, USN	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
ENS Michael David Holmes, USN	Damage Control Assistant
ENS Craig Chapman, USN	Ordnance Officer
CWO2 James Leon Hogan, USN	Electronic Readiness Officer
CWO2 Charles Fuller McCowan, USN	Main Propulsion Assistant

Historical Narrative

The Guided Missile Frigate MCINERNEY (FFG-8) was launched on 4 November 1978 during ceremonies held at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. Principal speaker during the ceremonies was the Honorable Thomas J. McIntyre, United States Senator from New Hampshire. Sponsor for the launching was Mrs. Joan Phyllis McInerney Kelly, daughter of Vice Admiral Francis Xavier McInerney.

On 19 November 1979, the United States Navy accepted delivery of the first followship of the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY Class of Guided Missile Fast Frigates (FFG). Built by Bath Iron Works, Bath Maine, the vessel was delivered eleven weeks ahead of schedule and more than four million dollars under the original target cost.

On 15 December 1979, the United States Ship MCINERNEY was commissioned at the Bath Iron Works. Commander John Stoddard Berg, USN, accepted command of the warship. The principal speaker at the commissioning ceremonies was the Honorable Edward Hidalgo, Secretary of the Navy.

Chronological Order of Events

1978

04 November The Guided Missile Frigate MCINERNEY (FFG-8) is launched during ceremonies held at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine.

1979

19 November The United States Navy accepts delivery of the United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) during ceremonies held at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine.

15 December The United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) is commissioned during ceremonies held at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. Principal speaker during the commissioning ceremonies is The Honorable Edward Hidalgo, Secretary of the Navy.

1980

28 January Underway from Bath Iron Works enroute homeport, Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

01 February Inport Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island. Officers and crew present group tours to students attending the Surface Warfare Officers Course.

04 February Underway, enroute Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia.

05 February Inport Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia. On load of 76mm ammunition and MK-46 Anti-Submarine Torpedoes.

06 February Underway, enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

08 February Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida. Rear Admiral Kinnebrew, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve meets ship upon arrival.

18 February Underway, enroute Port Everglades, Florida. MCINERNEY begins preparations for the conduct of FFG-8 Weapon Systems Accuracy Trials (WSAT).

20 February Inport Port Everglades, Florida.

23-26 February MCINERNEY conducts independent at-sea operations in support of WSAT on the Atlantic Underwater Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEK) Range off of Andros Island, Bahamas.

26 February Inport Nassau, Bahamas.

27 February Underway, enroute United States Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

29 February Inport Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Begin operations (both pierside and at-sea) in support of Crew Refresher Training.

08 March Underway, enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

11 March Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

25-27 March Daily operations conducted in the Jacksonville, Florida Operating Areas. MCINERNEY returns to her assigned berth in Naval Station Mayport following the conclusion of each day's evolutions.

14 April Underway, enroute Charleston, South Carolina.

14-18 April During this period, MCINERNEY involved in conducting on-board Ship's Electromagnetic Compatibility/Interference Program (SEMCIP).

15 April MCINERNEY arrives in Charleston harbor. Charleston Shipyard Engineers arrive on board by boat and assist ship's force in the conduct of SEMCIP.

- 16 April Enroute to Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine.
- 18 April Inport Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. SEMCIP evaluation completed. MCINERNEY begins preparations for Final Contractor Trials (FCT).
- 21 April Underway, enroute anchorage Booth Bay Harbor, Maine. Upon anchoring, the Navy Board of Inspection and Survey embarks onboard. MCINERNEY begins Final Contractor Trials.
- 22 April Inport Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. Final Contractor Trials are completed.
- 24 April - MCINERNEY begins a scheduled Post-Shakedown Availability (PSA) and Light Airborne Multi-purpose System (LAMPS) MK-III Ship/Air Weapon System installation. During the following months of April through November, seven thousand pounds of electronics are placed in the Combat Information Center (CIC) and associated electronic equipment rooms. A twenty-two plus ton Recovery, Assist, Securing and Traversing System (RAST) is integrated into the flight/hanger deck with a RAST Control Station built within the ship's Central Office Complex (COC) occupying part of the space reserved for the ship's offices. A Horizon Reference System is mounted above the hangers, aircraft parts storage spaces are remodeled, aircraft maintenance facilities are reconfigured, and finally flight deck lighting and markings are altered to accommodate the operating requirements of the SH-60B SEAHAWK experimental LAMPS helicopter. In conjunction with the regularly scheduled PSA work schedule, the ship is further modernized with the installation of the AN/SQS-56 Sonar and AN/SLQ-32(V)2 Electronic Warfare Systems.
- 12 November Underway, enroute Boston Operating Areas in support of PSA Sea Trials. Prior to getting underway, while still dockside, MCINERNEY successfully conducts link-up operations with a LAMPS MK-III SH-60B helicopter. This marks the first time that an ASW configured helicopter has exchanged tactical and navigational data via a data link to a United States Naval warship. The helicopter is piloted by LT Larry Cable, Airborne Tactical Officer (ATO) is LCDR Robert Dubeau. The shipboard Air Tactical Control Officer (ATACO) is LT Scott Lustig.
- 15 November Inport Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine.
- 21 November Underway, enroute Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey.
- 22 November Inport Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey. Onload 76mm ammunition and MK-46 Anti-Submarine Torpedoes.

- 24 November Underway, enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
- 25 November While enroute to Naval Station Mayport, Florida, MCINERNEY conducts AN/SQS-56 Sonar Self Noise Tests.
- 26 November Inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.
- 18 December SH-60B SEAHAWK helicopter successfully completes the first landing on board a Naval vessel utilizing the recently installed RAST system. Following landing and securing operations, the aircraft is traversed into both the starboard and port helicopter hangars.
- 19 December Commence Holiday leave and Up-keep period. MCINERNEY begins inport dockside preparations for the upcoming scheduled start of the at-sea testing phase of CNO Project 189 - the operational and technical evaluation of the LAMPS MK-III Ship/Air Weapon System. This testing phase is to begin in mid January 1981.