



USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the purpose of preserving significant information concerning the activities conducted by the officers and crew of the USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8) during the 1982 calendar year.

2. Ship Command Structure.

a. Effective Command Structure as of 31 December 1982:

CDR Herman Joseph MEYER	Commanding Officer
CDR Gary Lee RICKMAN	Executive Officer
LCDR Geogre SCHAEFFER, III	Engineer Officer
LT Leo Lester MINGLE	Ship Control Officer
LT Eric Christopher HUGHLETT	Supply Officer
LT Carl Glynn CARLSON	Combat System Officer
LT Michael Hugh HARING	Damage Control Assistant
LT James Joseph LEWANDOWSKI	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
LT James Robert GRABE	Combat Information Center Officer
LT Alfred Salvador MANCO	Ordnance Officer
LTJG David Edward DOUGLAS	Disbursing Officer
ENS David James LEVITT	Assistant Damage Control Assistant
CWO3 Charles Fuller MCCOWAN	Main Propulsion Assistant
CWO3 Jerry Lee ADCOCK	Electronic Readiness Officer

b. Losses:

(1) LCDR Alan THOMPSON: 1 October 1982 transferred to Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.

(2) LT Scott Lustig: 19 July 1982 transferred to Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE, Mayport, FL.

(3) CWO3 James HOGAN: 8 January 1982 transferred to USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986).

(4) CDR John S. BERG: 22 February 1982 transferred to Destroyer Squadron EIGHT, Mayport FL.

c. Gains:

(1) CDR Herman J. MEYER: 12 February 1982 received from Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA.

(2) ENS David J. LEVITT: 22 February 1982 received from Naval Damage Control Training Center, Philadelphia, PA.

(3) LT Carl G. CARLSON: 7 September 1982 received from Combat Training Center, Atlantic, Virginia Beach, VA.

(4) LT James R. GRABE: 7 September 1982 received from USS PREBLE (DDG-46).

(5) LT James J. LEWANDOWSKI: 5 January 1982 received from USS TATTNALL (DDG-19).

3. Historical Narrative. Since 6 January 1981, United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) has been employed in support of the Chief of Naval Operations Project 189; the Operational and Technical Evaluation of the SH-60B SeaHawk LAMPS MKIII aircraft and associated shipboard systems, including the Rapid Assist Securing and Traverse (RAST) system. Operational and technical evaluations of CNO Project 189 were successfully completed on 31 January 1982.

On 22 February a Change of Command Ceremony was conducted onboard, during which CDR John S. BERG, USN was relieved by CDR Herman J. MEYER, USN. Guest speaker was Vice Admiral John D. JOHNSON, Jr., USN, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Also present at the ceremony was Captain KALLARES, Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT.

A burial at sea ceremony was conducted for Hosea C. CAMPBELL, USN (Vet) on 26 March while underway enroute to Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Successfully completed Refresher Training on 26 April, including an Operational Readiness Evaluation/Battle Problem with an overall adjective grade of very good/90.

On 10 April while inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a class Alfa fire was discovered and extinguished in the 400Hz equipment room. No arson was involved. Conducted routine port visit in Key West and Miami, Florida. Completed a Combat Systems Readiness Review 14 May.

Assumed the duties as COMDESRON EIGHT Flagship from 13-31 May.

Conducted inport RAVIR and Multi-Threat Exercise training 22-28 May. Also participated in the 24-28 May Surface Warfare Training week with CDS-8 Staff embarked.

Embarked midshipmen for training under LANTRAMID Group II, 8 June - 12 July. Underway for independent steaming operations in the Jacksonville Operations area from 9-11 June.

Assumed the duties as COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE Flagship from 15 June - 11 July.

Commenced deinstallation of the LAMPS MK III system from 28 June - 13 August.

Conducted Intermediate Maintenance Availability with USS YOSEMITE from 12 July - 31 July.

On 3 September 1982 the USS MCINERNEY was presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation by RADM Conrad, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE for MCINERNEY's outstanding support of CNO Project 189, the Operational Technical Evaluation of the SH-60B Seahawk LAMPS MKIII aircraft. A copy of the citation is included as enclosure (1).

Operated in the Jacksonville Operation Area from 15-17 September. On 15 September, USS MCINERNEY overheard a distress call from the civilian tugboat Taurus with a tow. Taurus reported taking on water and was in danger of sinking. With the assistance of a Navy SAR SH-3 helicopter from HS-1, USS MCINERNEY transferred three sailors, dewatering equipment and patching equipment to Taurus. The MCINERNEY dewatering team fought fires and dewatered the tug, until her arrival in Jacksonville.

On 1 October USS MCINERNEY departed Mayport for the Puerto Rican Operation Areas to participate in Readiness Exercise 3-82 (READEX 3-82). During READEX numerous exercises were completed. They included: AAW tracking, Junior Officer shiphandling, surface tracking, gun shoots, URN-25 Tacan evaluation, coordinated surface-air ASW exercises, and towing/be towed exercises. A RIMEX was completed during which USS MCINERNEY fired 4 missiles at incoming drones. USS MCINERNEY served as an opposing "Orange Force" unit simulating a Mod Kashin tattletale during the 10-12 October War-at-Sea scenario. AN ULQ-13 van was installed to provide simulated emissions. After a brief San Juan, Puerto Rico port visit, MCINERNEY rendezvoused with USS AMERICA to assist in her Operational Readiness Evaluation and type training. Eight selex graded exercises and an overall Combat Systems Operational Readiness Evaluation phase III were successfully completed.

A Preparation for Overseas Movement phase was completed prior to departure on MCINERNEY's maiden Mediterranean/Indian Ocean deployment on 22 November. A transit to the Mediterranean was conducted from 22 November - 2 December. Inhopped to CINCUSNAVEUR/COMSIXTHFLT operational command on 2 December. Arrived Tangier, Morocco on 2 December for port visit. On 4 December the Mayor of Tangier was hosted to a tour and official luncheon. On 5 December 1982, USS MCINERNEY was officially visited by the U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, Mr. Joseph V. Reed. Mr. Reed was accompanied by the Director of the U.S. Information Service, Mr. Charles Z. Wick and the U.S. Defense Attache, Colonel Louis J. Piantadosi, USMC. Mr. Reed and party were rendered full honors.

USS MCINERNEY was assigned duties as the escort vessel from Tangier to Port Said, for two Royal Saudi Naval Force PGG's built in the U.S. The crew's were trained by the Saudi Naval Expansion Program Fleet Introduction Team at Little Creek, VA. Numerous heavy weather diversions and equipment problems delayed their arrival to the Mediterranean. While waiting in Tangier a turnover was conducted with the USS JULIUS A FURER (FFG-6) on 6 December. Departed Tangier 7 December. Arrived Malaga, Spain for a working port visit while awaiting the Saudi PGG's. Conducted a two day All Hands Safety Standdown/Safety Review. Departed Malaga 16 December for Rota, Spain. Arrived Rota, Spain on 17 December and remained until 2 January 1983 while waiting for the two Royal Saudi Naval Force PGG's to arrive.

  
H. J. MEYER