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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
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Subj: 1990 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

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 1990 calendar year.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: Primary missions are Anti-submarine warfare (AN/SQQ-89 suite, LAMPS MK III), Anti-air warfare (SM-1/76MM) and Anti-surface warfare (Harpoon-76MM). McInerney has a secondary mission of convoy escort.

b. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1989:

CDR Michael O. Borns	Commanding Officer
LCDR Thomas R. Daniel, JR	Executive Officer
LT Randal L. Johnson	Chief Engineer
LT Stephen A. Minnick	Operations Officer
LT Leo J. Luttig	Supply Officer
LT Chris H. Jensen	Combat Systems Officer
LT Brian D. McKeen	Assistant Operations Officer
LT Nicholas J. Cipriano	Combat Information Center Officer
LTJG Anthony R. Spedale	Ordnance Officer
LTJG Joseph F. Russell	Disbursing Officer
LTJG Michael P. Finnegan	Auxiliaries Officer
ENS Theodore A. Zobel	Damage Control Assistant
Ensign William W. Cox	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
ENS Sidney S. Noe	Communications Officer
ENS Paul M. Renner	First Lieutenant
ENS Philip J. Grogan	Electronics Readiness Officer
CWO4 Dwight W. Hall	Main Propulsion Assistant

c. Losses:

- (1) LT Brent Perry Jenkins: Trans. 21MAY90 to NAVAL POSTGRADUATE School, Monterey, CA
- (2) LT Anthony Poole Trans. 01JUN90 to USS FORRESTAL (CV-59), Mayport, FL
- (3) LCDR Christopher Alan Melhuish Trans. 27JUL90 to CRUDESGRU TWO, Norfolk, VA

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- (4) LT Ronald Philip Hartley Trans. 17OCT90 to Fleet Training Unit, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- (5) LCDR Stephen F. Christie Trans. 17DEC90 to USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), Portsmouth, VA
- d. Gains:
 - (1) LT Leo J. Luttig Reported: 02JAN90 from Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA
 - (2) ENS Sidney Scott Noe Reported: 20JAN90 from SWOS School, Newport, RI
 - (3) ENS Paul Marvin Renner Reported: 28FEB90 from Naval Reserve Force, New Orleans, LA
 - (4) LT Christopher Harry Jensen Reported: 20JUL90 from SWOSCOLCOM, RI
 - (5) LT Stephen Anthony Minnick Reported: 01OCT90 from SWOSCOLCOM, RI

3. Chronological Order of Events.

- 01 - 05 Jan Safety Standdown
- 16 - 20 Jan VANDALEX, VACAPES OPAREA
- 26 Jan - 03 Feb Autec/SSRNM
- 07 Feb 60 Teachers Visit/Tour Ship
- 09 Feb Sailor of the Year Banquet
- 10 - 12 Feb 3-M Inspection
- 16 Feb Black History Month celebrated
- 23 Feb Ship's Party - Holiday Inn, Jacksonville Beach, FL
- 03 Mar Underway, JAX OPAREA
- 04 - 05 Mar Visit Ship
- 13 - 21 Mar Tail Proficiency Training 3-90
- 26 - 28 Mar EMAT
- 03 Apr Underway for DLQ's
- 10 Apr Elementary School visits
- 11 Apr Mayport Naval Station track meet
- 17 Apr Underway for MEFEX 2-90
- 21 Apr Two successful SM-1 firings at Puerto Rican OPAREA
- 22 Apr Inport Roosevelt Roads for EXTORP onload
- 25 Apr Two over-the-side EXTORP firings, one air drop EXTORP firing
- 27 Apr - 03 May Inport Nassau, Bahamas

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05 May	Inport Mayport, Florida
07 May	SMI Inspection
08 - 30 May	IMAV
01 Jun	Dependent's Cruise
08 Jun	Safety Standdown
12 - 13 Jun	PAATLANT visit
18 Jun	Underway enroute New York City
21 - 26 Jun	FLEETWEEK New York City
23 - 25 Jul	Underway DLQ's
30 Jul - 05 Aug	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for Midshipman Training
06 Aug	Underway DLQ's
08 Aug	SMI re-inspection
17 Aug	Ship's Party
20 - 31 Aug	Capt Martus, CDS-14, embarked
21 - 31 Aug	Tail Proficiency Training 6-90
04 - 14 Sep	CSSRT Phase I
10 - 11 Sep	Immediate Unit Commander's Inspection
20 Sep	Combat Systems Assessment
24 - 27 Sep	EMAT
16 Oct	Harpoon Tactical Qualification
15 - 19 Oct	CSSRT
22 - 26 Oct	CSRR Phase I
29 Oct - 02 Nov	20B5 Trainer
05 - 16 Nov	CSRR Phase II
06 - 07 Nov	NGFS Team Trainer
07 Nov	QMCS Ford retires onboard
24 - 25 Nov	Visit Ship
26 Nov	Underway MEFEX 1-91
03 Dec	Two EXTORPS fired
06 Dec	Two SM-1 firings (skin-to-skin)
08 Dec	Return from MEFEX 1-91
14 Dec	Children's Christmas Party
19 Dec	MSC Mariano retires onboard

4. Historical Narrative.

McInerney began 1990 in the midst of a Navy-wide safety standdown. This was followed by operations in preparation for a deployment to the Persian Gulf scheduled for June of 1990. The ship got underway for a Vandalex in the Virginia Capes Operation Area on January 16. Technical difficulties precluded a successful firing of surface-to-air missiles.

The ship returned to Mayport on January 20 and was underway again on January 26 enroute to AUTEK for an exercise torpedo shot and noise trial runs. The torpedo shot, conducted against the USS Providence, was successful.

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McInerney returned to port on February 3, in time to provide a tour of the ship to sixty local school teachers on February 7.

The ship successfully completed a 3-M inspection conducted from February 10 through February 12. On February 16, Black History Month was celebrated onboard the McInerney. A ship's party was held on February 23 at the Holiday Inn in Jacksonville Beach.

March 4 and 5, the McInerney was selected to host Visit Ship. Hundreds of visitors got a chance to tour the ship. On March 13, the McInerney was underway again for Tail Proficiency Training. This exercise was highly successful, with the McInerney achieving more contact time than all other units participating in the exercise.

The ship returned from TPT on March 21 and was underway again on 28 March for the final stages of a successful Engineering Material Assessment Team visit. On April 3, the ship provided a ready deck for Deck Landing Qualifications for many SH-60B and SH-2F pilots in training.

McInerney crewmembers took high honors in many events at the Naval Station, Mayport, track meet held on April 11.

The next evolution for the ship was a Middle Eastern Forces Exercise in preparation for deployment. The McInerney was underway on April 17 and, enroute to the Puerto Rican Operations Area, conducted a highly successful passive prosecution of the USS Topeka. On April 21, two SM-1 surface-to-air missiles were fired at a target; both shots were considered "skin-to-skin." On April 22, the McInerney was inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, to onload two over-the-side exercise torpedoes and one air drop exercise torpedo. On April 25, all three exercise torpedoes were fired successfully at a MK 30 underwater target. Various other events conducted during this exercise included an astern refueling, tow and be towed, mooring to a buoy, 76 mm gun shoots and CIWS firing exercises. The ship departed the Operation Area enroute to Nassau, Bahamas. Another successful passive ASW prosecution was conducted, this time against the USS Albany. The ship spent April 27 through May 3 in Nassau, and returned to Mayport on May 5.

With the Persian Gulf deployment being moved to early 1991, the ship's schedule changed and an SMI and IMAV were conducted in May, both successful.

On June 18, the McInerney departed Mayport to represent the United States Navy at Fleet Week in New York City. The ship arrived and moored pierside in Brooklyn on June 21. Many public relations events were conducted, and the crew had the opportunity to visit one of the world's greatest cities. A re-enlistment ceremony at the Statue of Liberty was held for several personnel. McInerney departed New York on June 26.

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The McInerney was underway from July 23 through July 25 to again provide a ready deck for SH-60B and SH-2F Deck Landing Qualifications. July 30 through August 5 was spent in the Virginia Capes Operations Area providing Midshipman Training. Forty seven Midshipman received the opportunity to observe surface warfare at its finest.

The McInerney participated in a second Tail Proficiency Training Exercise from August 21 to August 31, this time with Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fourteen embarked. Once again, the ship proved her ASW prowess by achieving more contact time than all units participating.

An Immediate Unit Commander's Inspection was conducted by Commander, Destroyer Squadron Eight in early September, culminating in a final walkthrough of the ship by Commodore McCarton.

On September 20, the McInerney was underway to complete final stages of a Combat Systems Assessment.

Another Engineering Maintenance Assist Team visit was conducted from September 24 to September 27. An IMAV, CSRT, CSRR and Harpoon Tactical Qualification visit were all completed in October and early November. 20B5 training and Naval Gunfire Support training were conducted in mid-November.

Middle Eastern Force Exercise 1-91 was conducted from November 26 through December 8. On December 3, two over-the-side exercise torpedoes were successfully fired at a MK 30 underwater target. On December 6, two SM-1 surface-to-air missiles were fired at a drone, both shots were classified as "skin-to-skin." Many visit, board, search and seizure exercises were conducted in anticipation of Multinational Interdiction Force operations in the Persian Gulf.

A children's Christmas party was held onboard on December 14. The McInerney then entered a pre-deployment standdown period in anticipation of a January deployment to the Persian Gulf.

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