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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
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Subj: 1991 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 1991 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 1991:**

CDR Clarence E. Hill	Commanding Officer
LCDR Dennis M. Popiela	Executive Officer
LCDR Stephen A. Minnick	Operations Officer
LCDR Leo J. Luttig	Supply Officer
LT Howard E. Koth	Chief Engineer
LT David M. McDuffie	Combat Systems Officer
LT Anthony R. Spedale	DSRA Coordinator
LT Joseph F. Russell	Disbursing Officer
LTJG Michael P. Finnegan	Combat Information Center Officer
LTJG William W. Cox	Navigator
LTJG Sidney S. Noe	Ordnance Officer
LTJG Michael A. Reyda	Auxiliaries Officer
LTJG Theodore A. Zobel	First Lieutenant
ENS Philip J. Grogan	Electronics Readiness Officer
ENS Patrick R. McGrath	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
ENS Mark P. Stingle	Damage Control Assistant
CWO4 Dwight W. Hall	Main Propulsion Assistant

c. **Losses:**

- (1) LT Brian D. McKeen: 22 January to NAVRESREDCOMREG EIGHT, Jacksonville, FL.
- (2) CDR Michael O. Borns: 17 February to COMSTRIKEFLTANT, Norfolk, VA.

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- (3) LCDR Thomas R. Daniel, Jr.: 11 Apr to COMNAVMILPERSCOM, Washington, DC.
- (4) LCDR Randall L. Johnson: 21 May to PBC-1, Little Creek, VA.
- (5) LT Nicholas J. Cipriano: 01 June to MINEWARCOM, Charleston, SC.
- (6) ENS Paul M. Renner: 23 July to NAVRESCEN, NAS Jacksonville, FL.
- (7) LT Christopher H. Jensen: 16 December to FLTRNGCEN, Norfolk, VA.

d. Gains:

- (1) CDR Clarence E. Hill: 13 February from NAVCOMMSTA, U.K.
- (2) ENS Michael A. Reyda: 17 February from USS IOWA (BB-61), Norfolk, VA.
- (3) ENS Patrick R. McGrath: 18 March from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI.
- (4) LCDR Dennis M. Popiela: 25 March from COMSURFWARDEVGRU, Little Creek, VA.
- (5) LT Howard E. Koth: 06 May from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI.
- (6) ENS Mark P. Stingle: 27 May from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI.
- (7) LT David M. McDuffie: 09 December from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI.

3. Chronological Order of Events

11 Jan	Deployed MEF 1-91
17 Jan	Hostilities commence between UN Forces and Iraq. Operation Desert Storm.
20 Jan	Brief stop, Azores.
23 Jan	Brief stop, Rota.
24 Jan	Transit Straits of Gibraltar.
25 - 29 Jan	ASW Ops, Mediterranean.
30 Jan	MCINERNEY chosen to receive COMSIXTHFLT "Hook 'Em" Award.
31 Jan	Arrive Port Said Egypt.

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05 Feb Transit Suez Canal.
07 Feb Attached to AMERICA Battle Group
09 Feb Transit Straits of Bab El Mendab.
14 Feb Transit Straits of Hormuz.
15 - 17 Feb Inport, Mina Sulman, Bahrain.
17 Feb CDR Clarence E. Hill relieves CDR Michael O. Borns as Commanding Officer.
17 Feb - 01 Mar Persian Gulf Ops - Desert Storm.
24 Feb Allied Ground Assault.
28 Feb Tentative Cease Fire.
01 - 04 Mar Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain.
03 Mar Junior Officer Cookout.
04 - 28 Mar Underway, Escort Duties.
17 Mar Department Head Steel Beach Picnic.
25 - 26 Mar CDS-25 Embarked.
28 Mar Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain.
28 - 30 Mar Underway enroute Abu Dhabi.
30 Mar - 02 Apr Inport Abu Dhabi, UAE.
31 Mar Easter Sunday.
03 Apr - 02 May Underway Escort Duties.
07 Apr First Class P.O. 'Midway Point' Cookout.
16 - 20 Apr CDS-25 Embarked.
22 Apr Ash Shuwaikh, Kuwait ceremony held.
04 - 07 May Inport Dubai, UAE.
07 May Anchored off Dubai for MIF conference.
08 - 14 May Underway, Escort Duties.
11 - 13 May CDS-25 Embarked.
13 May Escort of M/V ST MAGNUS out of Kuwait with first departing shipment of Egyptian forces.
15 - 21 May Inport Dubai, UAE. TAV with USS Cape Cod.
19 May MCINERNEY Wardroom/Crew Softball Challenge and Picnic.
20 May MCINERNEY All-Stars softball challenge.
22 - 31 May Underway, Escort Duties.
26 - 30 May CDS-25 Embarked.
26 May M/V STENA TRANSPORTER is Fiftieth vessel escorted by MCINERNEY.
31 May Inport Bahrain - Turnover.
01 Jun Underway from Bahrain, commence transit home.
02 Jun Transit Straits of Hormuz.
07 Jun Transit Straits of Bab El Mendab.
09 Jun MIO Turnover, Red Sea.
14 Jun - 20 Jun EMAT visit.
17 Jun MIO complete.
17 Jun 'Goodbye to Middle East' barbecue.
17 Jun Anchored, Port Suez.
18 Jun Transit Suez Canal
22 Jun Transit Straits of Gibraltar.
23 Jun Brief Stop, Rota.
26 Jun Brief Stop, Azores.

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01 Jul Commence OPPE.
03 Jul OPPE complete.
03 Jul Arrive Mayport, Deployment Complete.
Jul - Aug Post-Deployment Standdown.
15 Jul - 16 Aug Intermediate Maintenance Availability with
SIMA Mayport.
26 - 28 Aug Underway to Charleston for Ammunition
Offload.
30 Aug - 03 Sep CDS-8 Embarked.
07 - 09 Sep CDS-8 Embarked.
09 Sep - 06 Dec Drydock Selected Restricted Availability
with Atlantic Drydock in Jacksonville, FL.
09 Sep - 13 Dec Concurrent Intermediate Maintenance
Availability with Sima Mayport.
11 Sep Crew Move Off.
22 Sep Docked at Atlantic Drydock.
11 Nov Undocked from Atlantic Drydock.
15 Nov Crew Move On.
22 Nov Dock Trials.
26 Nov Fast Cruise.
02 - 03 Dec Sea Trials, JAXOPAREA.
06 Dec Adult Christmas Party.
14 Dec Children's Christmas Party.
21 Dec Host ship for USS GALLERY (FFG-26)
Homecoming.
16 Dec - 03 Jan Holiday Standdown.

4. Historical Narrative.

MCINERNEY began 1991 by deploying to the Middle East Force in the midst of Operation Desert Shield. MCINERNEY joined USS KIDD in transit across the Atlantic. On January 17, Operation Desert Storm was initiated. Transit exercises took on new meaning as MCINERNEY stood to face the Iraqi threat in a couple of weeks.

Before arriving in the Arabian Gulf Theater, however, MCINERNEY was tasked with conducting an Anti-Submarine prosecution in the Mediterranean. An outstanding performance against a highly sophisticated target of interest earned MCINERNEY the COMSIXTHFLT "Hook 'Em" award and accolades from high level commanders throughout the Navy. This was the second "Hook 'Em" award earned by MCINERNEY.

MCINERNEY transitted the Suez Canal in early February and joined the AMERICA battle group to transit the Red Sea and the straits of Bab El Mendab. MCINERNEY entered the Arabian Gulf on February 14 and arrived in Bahrain on February 15 to conduct a Change of Command ceremony on February 17.

Immediately after the Change of Command, MCINERNEY actively joined the War effort by escorting USS WISCONSIN off the coast of Kuwait as she provided gun fire support to Allied Ground Forces. The ground assault against Iraqi forces commenced on February 24, and four days later a cease fire was agreed upon, bringing an end to hostilities.

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Once hostilities had ceased the real effort of the deployment began. MCINERNEY immediately undertook vital missions to escort supply vessels through channels swept for Iraqi laid mines to the ports of Kuwait. The importance of this mission was immense as vital food, medical supplies, technical support and firefighting equipment were carried safely to port by the over 50 vessels led in formation through the minefields by MCINERNEY.

The dangers posed by these mines was evidenced by the TRIPOLI and PRINCETON mine strikes during Operation Desert Storm. The alert crew of MCINERNEY helped diminish this threat by becoming involved in the destruction of eleven Iraqi floating mines.

MCINERNEY's time in the Arabian Gulf was lightened some by port visits to Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain, and by softball challenges and picnics. MCINERNEY left the Arabian Gulf after turning over with USS UNDERWOOD on June 1 in Bahrain.

The journey home involved more specialized operational tasking as MCINERNEY spent over a week in the Red Seas as part of the International Maritime Interdiction Force enforcing the United Nations blockade against Iraq. The Mediterranean Sea transit was spent preparing for the outchop Operational Propulsion Plant Examination MCINERNEY conducted from July 1 to July 3.

MCINERNEY returned to Mayport on July 3 in time for sailors to join their families in celebrating Independence Day. A standdown period followed, and on August 27 MCINERNEY conducted an ammunition offload in preparation for the Drydock Selected Restricted Availability from September 9 to December 6 at Atlantic Drydock in Jacksonville. MCINERNEY was in the Drydock from 22 September to 11 November.

A fast cruise on November 22 honed MCINERNEY in preparation for Sea Trials on December 2 and 3. Successful completion of this final stage of the Availability was followed by a Holiday standdown in December. MCINERNEY entered the new year in anticipation of pre-deployment evolutions in preparation for deployment to the Mediterranean in October 1992.


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