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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)  
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Subj: 1992 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 1992 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, and has also been tasked with maritime interception.

b. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1992:

CDR Robert D. Jenkins III	Commanding Officer
LCDR John R. Reichl	Executive Officer
LT Brian T. Donegan	Operations Officer
LT Joseph O. Osazuwa	Supply Officer
LT David M. McDuffie	Combat Systems Officer
LT William Angus	Chief Engineer
LT Tony N. Norwood	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
LT William W. Cox	Navigator
LT Sidney S. Noe	Ordnance Officer
LT Michael A. Reyda	Combat Information Center Officer
LTJG Philip J. Grogan	Electronic Readiness Officer
LTJG Patrick R. McGrath	Auxiliaries Officer
LTJG Mark P. Stingle	Damage Control Assistant
ENS Todd R. Munson	Disbursing Officer
CWO3 James W. Steelman	Main Propulsion Assistant

c. Losses:

(1) LT Anthony R. Spedale: 15 January to Honor Guard Presidential Unit, Washington, DC.

(2) LCDR Stephen A. Minnick: 31 March to USS TEXAS (CGN-39) Alameda, CA.

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(3) LT Joseph F. Russell: 22 April to Fleet Material Supply Office, Long Beach, CA.

(4) LCDR Dennis M. Popiela: 26 June to Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA.

(5) CWO4 Dwight W. Hall: 26 June to Commander Recruiting Training Command, Orlando, FL.

(6) LCDR Leo J. Luttig: 20 July to Aviation Supply Officer, Philadelphia, PA.

(7) LTJG Michael P. Finnegan: 13 August to Student Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA.

(8) CDR Clarence E. Hill: 04 September to Commander SIXTHFLT, Gaeta, Italy.

(9) LT Theodore A. Zobel: 02 October to USS MOBILE BAY (CG-53) in Honshu Yokosuka, Japan.

(10) LCDR Howard E. Koth: 07 October to Surface Warfare Development Center, Washington, DC.

d. Gains:

(1) LT Brian T. Donegan: 28 February from Surface Warfare Schools Command, Newport, RI.

(2) ENS Todd R. Munson: 13 March from Naval Supply School Command, Athens, GA.

(3) LCDR John R. Reichl: 15 June from Commander Destroyer Squadron 25.

(4) LT William Angus: 28 September from Navy Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA.

(5) CWO3 James W. Steelman: 29 May from Service Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport, FL.

3. Chronological Order of Events

22 - 23 Jan Underway in JAXOPAREA for Deck Landing Quals.  
24 - 27 Feb Underway in JAXOPAREA for Space Shuttle Launch.

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09 - 13 Mar Completed Training Readiness Assessment.  
19 Mar - 06 Apr Underway to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Limited Team Training.  
18 - 22 May Underway JAXOPAREA for OPPE Preparations.  
26 - 29 May Underway JAXOPAREA for OPPE Preparations.  
01 - 03 Jun Underway JAXOPAREA for OPPE Preparations.  
09 - 11 Jun Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.  
11 - 22 Jun Inport Mayport conducting INSURV Preparations.  
22 - 26 Jun Completed Board of Inspection and Survey.  
17 - 20 Jul Underway JAXOPAREA conducting Week One Workups with HSL 42 Det 8.  
21 Jul Underway with USS JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group for COMTUEX - Puerto Rican OPAREA.  
21 - 26 Jul Conducted Tail Proficiency Training portion of COMTUEX.  
26 - 30 Jul Conducted Independent Training portion of COMTUEX.  
30 - 31 Jul Port Visit - Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.  
31 Jul - 09 Aug Conducted Coordinated Battle Group Training portion of COMTUEX.  
09 Aug - 10 Aug Transit to Mayport; completed Combat Systems Assist Inspection.  
24 - 28 Aug Completed Integrated Support Assessment.  
28 Aug Hosted COMDESRON EIGHT Change of Command Ceremony.  
04 Sep MCINERNEY Change of Command Ceremony - CDR R. D. Jenkins III relieves CDR C. E. Hill.  
09 - 18 Sep Conducted FLEETEX with USS JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group - VACAPES OPAREA.  
21 - 21 Sep Harpoon Tactical Qual Assist Visit.  
24 Sep Completed Harpoon Tactical Qualification.  
24 Sep - 07 Oct Pre-deployment leave and upkeep period.  
07 Oct Underway, MED 1-93 deployment  
18 Oct Transit Straits of Gibraltar.  
24 Oct Transit Suez Canal.  
25 Oct On station in the North Red Sea, conducting Maritime Interception Operations. Conducted first Boarding Operation.  
04 - 06 Nov Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt.  
07 - 13 Nov Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.  
14 - 19 Nov Operation Indigo Serpent with Royal Saudi Navy (HMS TAIF).  
14 - 15 Nov Port visit - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.  
17 - 19 Nov Port visit - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.  
20 - 25 Nov Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.  
26 - 27 Nov Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt (Thanksgiving)  
28 - 31 Nov Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.

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01 - 07 Dec	Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt.
08 - 09 Dec	Conducted Exercise Infinite Shadow with Royal Jordanian Naval Force.
10 - 12 Dec	Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.
13 - 15 Dec	Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt.
16 - 23 Dec	Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.
24 - 25 Dec	Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt (Christmas).
26 - 31 Dec	Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.
29 Dec	Coordinated 6000th overall boarding since inception of Maritime Interception Operations.

#### 4. Historical Narrative.

MCINERNEY began 1992 by completing Holiday leave and upkeep period and commencing Deployment Workups subsequent to completing a Drydock Selected Availability and Sea trials in the Fall and Winter of 1991. Employment early in the year included providing a ready deck for landing qualifications for both Army and Navy helicopters as well as ready ship for a Space Shuttle launch from Cape Canaveral.

Also early in the year, MCINERNEY officially received awards for past achievements. The Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Kuwait Liberation Medal are all attributed to efforts during MEF 1-91 Deployment and Operation Desert Storm. MCINERNEY also received the Battle Efficiency Award for the period 31 December 89 to 31 December 91, and mission area awards in Anti-Submarine Warfare, Electronic Warfare, Anti-Air Warfare, Seamanship and Navigation, and Command and Control. MCINERNEY's exceptional performance in the Anti-Submarine Warfare area also earned her the COMNAVSURFLANT Anti-Submarine Warfare Excellence (AN/SQQ-89 configuration) Award, designating her as the top ASW ship on the East Coast.

The next item on the Workup agenda was Training Readiness Evaluation and Limited Team Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A thorough Training Readiness Evaluation was conducted by Commander, Destroyer squadron EIGHT in March followed by four weeks of intensive core training in the Caribbean.

MCINERNEY completed a full inspection cycle during the year, including OPPE, INSURV, ISA, CSAI, and Harpoon Tactical Qualification. Successful completion of these rigorous inspections designated MCINERNEY as a ship fully capable and ready to deploy.

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Battle Group exercises completed the Workup schedule, with COMTUEX in July and FLEETEX in August and September. These underway periods were spent concentrating on intensive mission area training and coordinated ship operations in every warfare area.

With the Workup and Inspection cycle completed in late September, MCINERNEY enjoyed a brief Pre-Overseas Movement period and was underway with the USS JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group on October 7th. Transit across the Atlantic included more coordinated training. MCINERNEY detached from the group after transiting the Straits of Gibraltar and expeditiously proceeded to the Red Sea for tasking with Multi-national forces conducting Maritime Interception Operations in support of U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

MCINERNEY's time in the Red Sea was spent conducting numerous rigorous Boardings and two Special Operations - Indigo Serpent with the Royal Saudi Navy and Infinite Shadow with the Royal Jordanian Naval Force. Brief respites in Hurghada, Egypt provided time for maintenance and liberty, including Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As the close of the year approached, MCINERNEY became a part of the 6000th overall Boarding since inception of the embargo, and was fast approaching the century mark in boardings herself. Eventual totals from the Red Sea would include 124 boardings conducted involving 4924 containers searched and 1,103,218 tons of cargo inspected. The 124 vessels searched represented the flags of 37 nations and contained cargo ranging from aloe to wire scrap.

  
R. D. JENKINS III