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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
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Subj: 1994 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

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 1994 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 interdiction operations.

b. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1994:

CDR Ronald Y. Heath	Commanding Officer
LCDR Robert J. Burrell	Executive Officer
LT Thomas A. Blitch	Combat Systems Officer
LT Eduardo A. DeJesus	Chief Engineer
LT Daniel K. Baggett	Operations Officer
LT Joseph O. Osazuwa	Supply Officer
LT Michael J. Holder	Assistant Navigator/Administrative Officer
LTJG Richard W. Douglas	Disbursing Officer
LTJG Brian W. Sullivan	Ordnance Officer
LTJG Michael A. Steen	Damage Control Assistant
LTJG Jason W. Averill	First Lieutenant
LTJG Edward J. Messmer	Electronics Readiness Officer
LTJG Aaron D. Miller	Combat Information Center Officer
ENS Ronald J. Karun	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
ENS George N. Tsangaris	Electrical Officer
CWO2 Leonardo D. Castillo	Main propulsion Assistant

c. Losses:

(1) CWO3 James W. Steelman: 28 February to Navy Alcohol Rehab Center (student), San Diego, CA.

(2) LT Patrick R. McGrath: 01 March to Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston, SC.

(3) CDR Robert D. Jenkins III: 20 May to Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC.

(4) LT Gregory S. Sladcik: 31 May released from active duty.

(5) LT Todd R. Munson: 15 November to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Groton, CT.

(6) LCDR Anthony J. Schallert: 01 December to USS George Washington (CVN-73).

d. Gains:

(1) CWO2 Leonardo D. Castillo: 04 February from Readiness Support Group, Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport, FL.

(2) ENS George N. Tsangaris: 22 February from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.

(3) ENS Ronald J. Karun: 07 March from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.

(4) LT Daniel K. Baggett: 25 April from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.

(5) CDR Ronald Y. Heath: 07 May from United States Commander in Chief Europe, Stuttgart, Germany.

(6) LTJG Richard Douglas: 28 October from USS Dale (CG-19).

(7) LT Eduardo A. DeJesus: 15 November from Service School Command, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

e. Chronological Order of Events:

01-11 Jan:	Holiday Leave and Upkeep.
03 Jan:	Load Bank Test.
04 Jan:	Hull Cleaning.
12-14 Jan:	Underway - Transit to Caribbean.
13-14 Jan:	60 Day Operational Propulsion Plant Examination Assessment.
15-28 Jan:	Maritime Interdiction Operations for Operation Support Democracy.
29 Jan:	Inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
30 Jan-06 Feb:	Maritime Interdiction Operations for Operation Support Democracy.

07-18 Feb:	Inport - Limited Team Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
18-21 Feb:	Underway - Transit to Mayport, FL.
19-21 Feb:	30 Day Operational Propulsion Plant Examination Assessment.
21 Feb-14 Mar:	Inport - Mayport, FL.
22-25 Feb:	Chemical Agent Point Detection System Installation.
23 Feb-18 Mar:	Training Availability - Total Ship Training Assessment Phase II.
01-04 Mar:	Food Management Assist Team Visit.
04-05 Mar:	Jax Pride Community Activities.
04-13 Mar:	Embarked Commander Destroyer Squadron Eight.
15-16 Mar:	Underway - Total Ship Training Assessment Phase II.
18 Mar-05 Apr:	Inport - Mayport, FL.
19 Mar-03 Apr:	Upkeep Mayport, Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I.
21 Mar-02 Apr:	Temporary Duty Judge Advocate General Officer Embarked.
21-25 Mar:	Propulsion Management Team Visit
25-26 Mar:	Mayport Visit Ship
27 Mar-01 Apr:	Logistics Management Assessment Assist Team Visit.
04 Apr:	Engineering Training Group Visit.
05-09 Apr:	Underway - Lifeguard for STS-59 Space Shuttle.
09-11 Apr:	Inport - Mayport, FL.
11-12 Apr:	Underway - Mock Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
13-18 Apr:	Inport - Mayport, FL.
13-14 Apr:	Mock Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
13 Apr:	Ammo Onload.
15-18 Apr:	Upkeep Mayport.
19-21 Apr:	Underway - Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
21-24 Apr:	Inport - Mayport.
25 Apr-05 May:	Underway - Exercise Agile Provider.
06-07 May:	Transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
07-08 May:	Inport - Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Torpedo Onload.
08-09 May:	Underway - Missile Exercise.
10-12 May:	Prospective Commanding Officer Operations.
12 May:	Anchor - Saint Croix.
13-15 May:	Underway - Transit to Mayport, FL.
15-23 May:	Inport - Mayport, FL.

16-19 May:	Combat Direction System Program Validation.
16-18 May:	Forward Looking Infra-Red Installation.
17-20 May:	SPS-49 Field Change Installation.
17 May:	Darnell Cookman School Visits.
20 May:	Change of Command.
21-22 May:	Mayport Visit Ship.
24-26 May:	Underway - Combat Systems Limited Team Training.
27 May-05 Jun:	Inport - Mayport.
27 May	Unitas Symposium Meeting.
31 May-02 Jun:	Unitas Commuter Week.
01-03 Jun:	Medical Readiness Inspection.
06-09 Jun:	Underway - Final Examination Period.
09 Jun-07 Jul:	Inport - Mayport.
10 Jun-05 Jul:	Pre-Overseas Movement Period.
13 Jun-03 Jul:	Intermediate Maintenance Availability, Mayport.
13-14 Jun:	Tactical Oceanography Workshop.
14-16 Jun:	Logistics Management Assessment.
20-30 Jun:	Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase II.
01-03 Jul:	Assigned to Commander Task Group 027.20.
07 Jul:	Underway - Unitas 35-94. Ship Noise Measurements.
07-10 Jul:	Assigned to Commander Task Group 204.13, Transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
07-11 Jul:	Inport - Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
11 Jul-26 Nov:	Assigned to Commander Task Group 138.0.
11 Jul:	Commence Unitas Phase 0. Exercise Torpedo Onload.
12 Jul:	Underway - Transit to St. Croix, Cavitation Measurements.
13 Jul:	Transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
13-17 Jul:	Inport - Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
18-23 Jul:	Underway - Unitas Exercises.
23-24 Jul:	Inport - Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, Finish Unitas Phase 0.
25 Jul:	Commence Unitas Phase 1.
25-27 Jul:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to La Guaira, Venezuela.
27-29 Jul:	Port Visit - La Guaira, Venezuela.
28 Jul:	Conduct Community Relations Project.
30 Jul-03 Aug:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela.
04-05 Aug:	Port Visit - Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela.
06 Aug:	Finish Unitas Phase 1.

06-14 Aug:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Salvador, Brazil.
10 Aug:	Crossed Equator.
14-16 Aug:	Port Visit - Salvador, Brazil.
14 Aug:	Commence Unitas Phase 2.
17-20 Aug:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.
21-24 Aug:	Port Visit - Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.
22-23 Aug:	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Visit.
23 Aug:	Chief of Naval Operations Visit.
24 Aug:	Conduct Project Handclasp Presentation, Participate in Community Relations Project.
25 Aug-05 Sep:	Underway - Unitas Exercises.
02 Sep:	Finish Unitas Phase 2, Commence Unitas Phase 3.
04 Sep:	Collision with Brazilian Oiler Gastao Mato.
05 Sep:	Detach, Transit to Montevideo, Uruguay.
05-08 Sep:	Port Visit - Montevideo, Uruguay.
07 Sep:	Conduct Community Relations Project.
09 Sep:	Underway - Transit to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Finish Unitas Phase 3, Commence Unitas Phase 4.
09-15 Sep:	Port Visit - Buenos Aires, Argentina. Port Bridge Wing Repair.
10-13 Sep:	Judge Advocate General Manual Investigation, Commander Destroyer Squadron 6 Presiding.
15-20 Sep:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Ushuaia, Argentina.
17 Sep:	Join Commander Task Group 138.0.
19 Sep:	Quality Assurance Stand Down.
20-21 Sep:	Port Visit - Ushuaia, Argentina.
21 Sep:	Finish Unitas Phase 4, Commence Unitas Phase 5.
22-25 Sep:	Underway - Transit to Puerto Montt, Chile.
22 Sep:	Transit Beagle Canal.
25-27 Sep:	Port Visit - Puerto Montt, Chile.
27-29 Sep:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Valparaiso, Chile.
27 Sep:	Transit Chacao Canal.
30 Sep-03 Oct:	Port Visit - Valparaiso, Chile.
04-05 Oct:	Underway - Unitas Exercises.
06 Oct:	Training Anchorage - Valparaiso, Chile.
07-08 Oct:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Puerto Aldea, Chile.
09-10 Oct:	Training Anchorage - Puerto Aldea, Chile.
11 Oct:	Underway - Unitas Exercises.

12-13 Oct:	Training Anchorage - Puerto Aldea, Chile.
13 Oct:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Coquimbo, Chile.
14 Oct:	Port Visit - Coquimbo, Chile.
14-18 Oct:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Callao, Peru.
16 Oct:	Finish Unitas Phase 5.
17 Oct:	Commence Unitas Phase 7.
19-21 Oct:	Port Visit - Callao, Peru.
22-27 Oct:	Underway - Unitas Exercises.
28-29 Oct:	Port Visit - Callao, Peru.
30 Oct-02 Nov:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Guayaquil, Ecuador.
31 Oct:	Finish Unitas Phase 7.
01 Nov:	Commence Unitas Phase 8.
03-04 Nov:	Port Visit - Guayaquil, Ecuador.
03 Nov:	Joint Media Availability - Commander, United States Command South Atlantic Fleet and Ecuadorian Chief of Naval Operations.
05-06 Nov:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Manta, Ecuador.
07-08 Nov:	Port Visit - Manta, Ecuador.
07 Nov:	Conduct Community Relations Project.
09-10 Nov:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Malaga, Colombia.
09 Nov:	Finish Unitas Phase 8.
10 Nov:	Commence Unitas Phase 9.
10 Nov:	Rescue and Assistance Detail dispatched to Ecuadorian ship BAE GALAPAGOS to aid in combatting main space fire.
11 Nov:	Port Visit - Malaga, Colombia.
12-14 Nov:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Rodman Naval Station, Panama.
15-17 Nov:	Inport - Rodman Naval Station, Panama.
17-20 Nov:	Underway - Transit to Cartagena, Colombia.
17-18 Nov:	Underway - Transit Panama Canal.
21-23 Nov:	Port Visit - Cartagena, Colombia.
22 Nov:	Conduct Community Relations Project and Project Handclasp Presentation.
24-25 Nov:	Underway - Unitas Exercises. Transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
24 Nov:	Finish Unitas Phase 9.
26 Nov:	Inport - Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Finish Unitas.
27-30 Nov:	Underway - Transit to Mayport, FL. Tiger Cruise.
30 Nov:	Homecoming.
30 Nov-31 Dec:	Inport - Mayport, FL. Post

	Deployment/Holiday Leave and Upkeep.
04-15 Dec:	Combat Systems Material Condition Review.
13-16 Dec:	Combat Support Systems Repair and Training.
14-19 Dec:	Engineering Onsite Calibration.
19-23 Dec:	#3 & #4 Diesel Inspection.

3. Historical Narrative.

MCINERNEY's initial employment of 1994 was in conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations as part of Operation Support Democracy off the coast of Haiti. Upon completion of that mission she transited to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for two weeks of Damage Control Training by Fleet Training Group.

Upon returning to Mayport in late February, MCINERNEY began hosting the myriad of training and assist visits, availabilities and inspections to prepare her for the Unitas deployment in July. Between 22 February and 07 July, she received valuable training from the Combat Systems Training Group, Engineering Training Group, Food Service Management and Logistics Management Training Teams, and satisfactorily completed her Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, Medical Readiness Inspection, Final Examination Period - the first ever on an FFG-7 class ship - and Logistics Management Assessment.

During this phase of MCINERNEY's schedule, she also participated in Exercise Agile Provider off the coast of North Carolina, transited to the Caribbean and was the only FFG to get off two shots at one target in a missile shoot during Prospective Commanding Officer Operations in mid May. On 20 May, CDR R. Y. Heath relieved CDR R. D. Jenkins III as Commanding Officer.

July found MCINERNEY deploying on Unitas 35-94 with USCOMSOLANT RADM W. R. Fladd. She circumnavigated clockwise the continent of South America, conducting exercises with ships from Spain, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia at various points along the way. The ship was involved in a collision with the Brazilian Oiler Gastao Mato due to a casualty to the ship's gyro during completion of an underway replenishment on 04 September, sustaining minor damage to her hull and port bridge wing which were repaired during her port visit to Buenos Aires. On 10 November, MCINERNEY dispatched her Rescue and Assistance Detail to the Ecuadorian ship BAE GALAPAGOS to aid in combatting her main space fire. R & A Detail members were later recognized for their efforts by USCOMSOLANT.

The crew enjoyed 15 liberty ports during the cruise, including stays at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in August; Buenos Aires, and Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, in September; Valparaiso, Chile, in the beginning of

October; and Cartagena, Colombia, in November. MCINERNEY transited the Panama Canal on 17 and 18 November and conducted a Tiger Cruise while returning to Mayport from Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

Upon arrival in Mayport, MCINERNEY commenced a post deployment and holiday leave and upkeep period lasting 08 days into 1995.

R. Y. HEATH