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## SHIP'S HISTORY 1991

### 1. Command composition and organization.

a. USS MCCLUSKY (FFG-41), a guided missile frigate of the Oliver Hazard Perry class, is named after Rear Admiral Wade McClusky, a hero of the battle of Midway. Her primary mission is general escort duty of convoys, amphibious task forces, underway replenishment groups, battleships and carrier battle groups defending high value units against subsurface, surface and low level air threats. With her embarked air wing, two SH-60B helicopters, the LAMPS MK III team provides unprecedented capabilities in over-the-horizon surface detection, surveillance, and engagement of hostile warships and submarines.

b. The McClusky is a member of Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, commanded by Captain Robbins.

d. The USS McCLUSKY is a member of the Overseas Family Residency Program at United States Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

e. USS McClusky deployed with HSL-49 det 2B, an antisubmarine

helicopter squadron detachment consisting of LAMPS MK III SH-60B's  
from 14 June to 28 Oct 1991.

## 2. CHRONOLOGY

01 - 14 Jan	Inport San Diego, Ca
07 - 10 Jan	SWG-1A Harpoon Tactical Qualification
15 Jan	Enroute Seal Beach, Ca
16 Jan	Ammunition Onload - Seal Beach, Ca
17 Jan	Enroute San Diego, Ca
18 - 24 Jan	Inport San Diego, Ca
25 - 29 Jan	Enroute Pearl Harbor Hi
31 Jan - 03 Feb	Inport Pearl Harbor Hi
04 - 06 Feb	Enroute Midway
01 Feb	Homeport change to Yokosuka, Ja
07 Feb	Brief Stop for Fuel Midway
08 - 14 Feb	Enroute Yokosuka, Ja
15 Feb - 19 Mar	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
20 - 21 Mar	Underway - MTT Phase II
22 - 31 Mar	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
01 - 05 Apr	Enroute Subic Bay R.P.
06 - 08 Apr	Inport Subic Bay R.P.
09 - 11 Apr	Underway - MTT Phase III
12 - 14 Apr	Inport Subic Bay R.P.
15 - 19 Apr	Enroute Yokosuka, Ja
19 - 25 Apr	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
26 - 27 Apr	Underway - MTT Phase III
28 Apr - 05 May	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
06 May	Underway - DLQs
07 May	Inport - Yokosuka, Ja
08 - 12 May	Underway - ASWEX 91-2JA

13 - 21 May	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
22 - 23 May	Underway - OPPE
24 May - 04 Jun	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
05 Jun	Underway - Dependents Cruise
06 - 13 Jun	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
14 - 17 Jun	Enroute Subic Bay R.P.
18 - 19 Jun	Operation Fiery Vigil
20 - 24 Jun	Enroute Phuket, Thailand
25 - 30 Jun	Visit Phuket, Thailand
01 - 02 Jul	Enroute Colombo, Sri Lanka
03 Jul	Brief Stop for Fuel Colombo, Sri Lanka
04 - 08 Jul	Enroute Bahrain
08 Jul	Turnover with USS Whipple
09 - 12 Jul	Inport Bahrain
13 - 26 Jul	Operations - North Arabian Gulf
27 - 29 Jul	Visit Abu Dhabi, UAE
30 Jul - 18 Aug	Operations - North Arabian Gulf
11 - 12 Aug	Kuwaiti Passex
19 - 24 Oct	Inport Bahrain
25 Oct - 09 Sep	Operations - North Arabian Gulf
10 - 12 Sep	Visit Abu Dhabi, UAE
13 - 25 Sep	Operations - North Arabian Gulf
26 - 28 Sep	Inport Bahrain
29 - 30 Sep	Enroute Muscat Oman
01 - 04 Oct	Visit Muscat Oman
05 Oct	Turnover with USS Robert E. Peary
05 - 10 Oct	Enroute Colombo, Sri Lanka

11 Oct	Brief Stop for fuel Colombo, Sri Lanka
12 - 14 Oct	Enroute Singapore
15 - 17 Oct	Visit Singapore
18 - 20 Oct	Enroute Hong Kong
21 - 23 Oct	Visit Hong Kong
24 - 27 Oct	Enroute Yokosuka, Ja
28 Oct - 18 Dec	Inport Yokosuka, Ja
25 Nov - 15 Dec	Restricted Availability 9
19 Dec	Underway - Sea Trials
23 Dec	Underway - Sea Trials
20 - 31 Dec	Inport Yokosuka, Ja

### 3. NARRATIVE

a. The USS McClusky began the new year in a holiday leave and upkeep period. The first part of January was spent making all preparations required for the upcoming homeport shift from San Diego, Ca. to Yokosuka, Japan. Much time was spent conducting dependent overseas screening, arranging personal goods shipments, saying good-bye to relatives and friends, and getting ready for the exciting journey across the Pacific. From January 15 to 17, the McClusky took a short trip up to Seal Beach Ca. for an ammunition onload. On January 24 the McClusky left San Diego for the last time. Enroute Yokosuka, McClusky stopped at Pearl Harbor HI for a 3 day visit and a refueling. The crew enjoyed being able to take in a little of the night life that Waikiki offered.

b. McClusky's next stop was at Midway Island for a brief stop for fuel. The heavy weather and strong currents made for a very challenging Sea and Anchor detail. After McClusky successfully navigated out of the harbor, she completed the final leg of her transit, and moored at Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan for her first time on Feb 15. The weather was cold and rainy, but the Destroyer Squadron Fifteen and the Morale Welfare and Recreation department hosted a very warm welcoming ceremony.

c. The first few weeks in Yokosuka were spent receiving dependents, house hunting, and enjoying the interesting Japanese culture. MTT Phase II required a brief underway period on March 20 and 21.

d. McClusky got underway on April 01 for a transit to Subic Bay, Philippines. The crew enjoyed a few days of liberty before and after MTT Phase III which took place from 09 to 11 April. After the Subic Bay visit, the McClusky returned to Yokosuka, arriving on April 18.

e. McClusky remained inport until May 6 when she got underway for a day of SH-60B helicopter operations. From May 8 to 12 the McClusky participated in ASWEX 91-2JA, an anti-submarine exercise with U.S. Navy and Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force ships. The ships involved included: USS Rodney M. Davis, USS Thach, JDS Hiei, JDS Shirayuki, JDS Sawayuki, JDS Isoyuki, JDS Haruyuki, JDS Hamagiri, and JDS Yamagiri. This exercise consisted of submarine hunting, formation steaming, and over-the-horizon targeting. It provided a great opportunity not only for training, but to benefit international relations.

f. May 13 to 21 was spent inport Yokosuka making the final preparations for the upcoming Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). The purpose of an OPPE is to determine if a ship is materially and operationally ready to successfully run the engineering plant during underway operations. The OPPE was passed in record time with outstanding scores in all areas.

g. The McClusky got underway again on the fifth of June for

a one day dependents cruise. The dependents enjoyed spending the day sight seeing while touring Tokyo Wan. A professional disc jockey played music while hot dogs and hamburgers were served on the flight deck.

h. The inport period from 6 to 13 June was spent making final preparations for an Arabian gulf deployment. McClusky took in all lines and was underway on June 14 for her four-and-a-half month deployment in support of Operation Desert Storm. The first stop was at Subic Bay, Philippines. Liberty was canceled due to the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, but the crew was more than glad to help out with Operation Fiery Vigil. Due to the volcanic ash that was piling up in the area, all the dependents had to be evacuated. The McClusky transported 375 dependents, 12 dogs, and 5 cats to Cebu, Philippines. On June 20, McClusky departed Cebu enroute the Straits of Malacca and Phuket Thailand.

i. McClusky, in company with the USS Arkansas, enjoyed a well deserved 5 days of outstanding liberty in Phuket. This would be the last chance for rest and recreation before reporting to the Arabian Gulf.

j. A brief stop for fuel was made at Colombo Sri, Lanka on July 4. This proved to be a convenient stop, providing all hands the opportunity to purchase many souvenirs. Even though the stop wasn't long enough to have liberty, many vendors sold their goods on the pier.

k. Departing Colombo, the McClusky was on her way to the Arabian Gulf. After transiting the Straits of Hormuz, she anchored near the USS Whipple to transfer equipment and information. McClusky arrived inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain on July 9 for a short port visit before departing for her first North Arabian Gulf patrol of the deployment.

l. In support of the rebuilding of Kuwait, McClusky went right to work conducting "lead through" operations. Throughout the entire deployment the McClusky escorted over 70 merchant ships from many different nations into and out of Kuwaiti ports through mine-swept channels.

m. One of the major missions of the McClusky during the three months in the Arabian Gulf, was to conduct joint operations with the navies from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain and to teach them how to conduct escort missions on their own. Many joint evolutions were conducted including: personnel exchanges, station keeping exercises, signal drills, and gun shooting exercises. This was very beneficial for the crew, allowing them maintain skills and understand the local culture a little better.

n. From July 27 to 29 the McClusky was treated to a very pleasurable port visit to Abu Dhabi, UAE. Abu Dhabi proved to be a very modern and exciting city with a variety of things to do. On July 30 McClusky was underway again bound for her post in the

northern gulf. On August 11 and 12, the McClusky was fortunate to be able to participate in a Kuwaiti PASSAX with the KNS Istiglal and the KNS Al Sanbouk. The first exercise conducted was an anti-ship missile defense vulnerability period. Following that was a wargame and an over-the-horizon targeting exercise. All exercises went exceptionally well and good training was obtained at all levels.

o. McClusky visited Bahrain again from August 19 to 24. That visit was followed by another visit to Abu Dhabi on September 10, 11, and 12. After a final visit to Bahrain, McClusky transited the Straits of Hormuz on September 29 and began the journey home.

p. The crew spent a marvelous and well deserved 4 days of liberty from October 1 to 4 while the McClusky was inport Muscat, Oman. Muscat was a very exciting city, with the major attractions being shopping and sight seeing. Most of the crew visited the magnificent beaches and beautiful landscaping of the Al Bustan Palace, which is rated as one of the top three hotels in the world. After departing Muscat, the McClusky anchored with the Robert E. Peary for a Middle East Force turnover.

q. After a brief stop for fuel in Colombo, Sri Lanka, McClusky arrived in Singapore the morning of October 15 for three days of rest and relaxation. There was much opportunity to shop and many crew members came away with plenty of gifts for the upcoming Christmas season. Departing Singapore on October 18, McClusky headed for Hong Kong. The three day visit in Hong Kong wasn't nearly long enough to take advantage of all the exciting attractions of this enormous city, but it was a very enjoyable visit for everyone.

r. The rough weather between Hong Kong and Yokosuka didn't lower the crews enthusiasm about returning home. McClusky arrived in Yokosuka, Ja. on October 28 and was treated to a wonderful homecoming ceremony sponsored by the dependents and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. A leave and upkeep period followed, lasting until November 24.

s. During Restricted Availability 9 from November 25 to December 15, the McClusky was able to have many post-deployment repairs made. Sea trials were successfully conducted on December 19 and 23.

t. McClusky's Christmas party was held on December 16 and was an enormous success.