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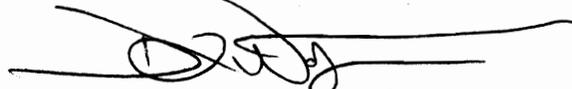
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SHIP'S HISTORY 1994

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. **USS MCCLUSKY** (FFG-41), a third flight Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate, 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, 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. **USS MCCLUSKY** is a member of Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, commanded by Captain Cyrus H. Butt, IV.

c. **USS MCCLUSKY's** Commanding Officer through January 26, 1994 was Commander Ronald L. Chapman, who assumed command of **USS MCCLUSKY** on 24 April 1992.

On 26 January 1994, Commander Chapman was relieved by Commander Danny Lee Waterman.

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d. **USS MCCLUSKY** is a member of the Overseas Family Residency Program operating from Yokosuka, Japan.

e. **USS MCCLUSKY** was deployed with HSL-51 Detachment 5, **HELLFIRE 02**, from 1JAN94 through 17MAR94. From 22APR94 through 09JUN94 Det 5 was embarked with two aircraft, **HELLFIRE 00** and **HELLFIRE 10**. From 28NOV94 through 06DEC94, Det 5 again embarked with **HELLFIRE 04**.

2. Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Evolution</u>
01 Jan - 16 Jan	Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO), Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG)
17 Jan - 28 Jan	Tender Availability IPT Jebel Ali, UAE
26 Jan	Change of Command, IPT Jebel Ali, UAE
28 Jan - 29 Jan	U/W, ENR Sharjah, UAE
29 Jan - 01 Feb	IPT Sharjah, UAE
29 Jan	Official visit by the Chief of the Sharjah Amiri Court
02 Feb - 03 Feb	U/W, ENR Bahrain
04 Feb - 06 Feb	IPT Bahrain
07 Feb - 09 Feb	GULFEX XXII
06 Feb - 11 Feb	COMDESRON FIFTEEN Embarked
22 Feb	Strait of Malacca transit
24 Feb - 01 Mar	IPT Singapore
01 Mar - 06 Mar	U/W, ENR Hong Kong
07 Mar - 12 Mar	Moored to buoy in Hong Kong Harbor
12 Mar - 17 Mar	U/W, ENR Yokosuka, Japan, Tiger Cruise
17 Mar	Return Yokosuka, End of Independence Carrier Battle Group Deployment
01 Apr - 09 Apr	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification
04 Apr - 08 Apr	Semi-annual Physical Readiness Test
12 Apr	Anchored, Yokosuka, Ammo On Load
22 Apr - 01 May	U/W, ENR Pattaya, Thailand

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30 Apr		RAS(F) w/ USNS John Ericson
02 May - 05 May		Anchored Pattaya, Thailand
05 May - 09 May		Exercise Sea Eagle w/ Royal Thai Navy in South China Sea
10 May - 12 May		Anchored Pattaya, Thailand
13 May - 19 May		Exercise Cobra Gold '94 in South China Sea
20 May - 22 May		U/W, ENR Lumut, Malaysia
20 May		Strait of Malacca transit
21 May		Crossing-the-Line Ceremony
23 May		IPT Lumut, Malaysia
24 May - 26 May		Exercise MEKAR '94 w/ Royal Malay Navy
26 May - 30 May		IPT Penang, Malaysia
31 May		Strait of Malacca transit
31 May - 05 Jun		U/W, ENR Okinawa, Japan
06 Jun - 07 Jun		IPT Okinawa, Japan
06 Jun - 10 Jun		CART IIA, Command Assessment
08 Jun - 09 Jun		U/W, ENR Yokosuka, Japan
10 Jun - 08 Jul		IPT Yokosuka, Japan
13 Jun - 17 Jun		TSTA I, Total Ship Training
20 Jun - 24 Jun		Logistics Management Assessment
21 Jun		Link 11/NTDS Quicklook, Longlook
27 Jun - 01 Jul		Aviation Readiness Exam
09 Jul - 14 Jul		U/W, Philippine Sea, TSTA/OPPE preparations
17 Jul - 25 Jul		U/W, ENR Okinawa, Japan
17 Jul		TACAN Certification
26 Jul		IPT Okinawa, Japan
27 Jul - 31 Jul		Exercise Valiant Usher
02 Aug - 04 Aug		U/W, ENR Yokosuka, Japan
05 Aug - 17 Aug		IPT Yokosuka, Japan
18 Aug - 22 Aug		U/W, ENR Okinawa, LTT
23 Aug		IPT Okinawa, Japan
24 Aug - 26 Aug		Missile Exercise
27 Aug		IPT Okinawa, Japan
28 Aug - 29 Aug		U/W, ENR Yokosuka, Japan
30 Aug - 07 Sep		IPT Yokosuka, Japan
08 Sep		U/W, Philippine Sea, OPPE preparations
09 Sep - 12 Sep		IPT Yokosuka, Japan
12 Sep - 14 Sep		Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE)
13 Sep - 14 Sep		U/W, Philippine Sea, OPPE
15 Sep - 23 Sep		Helicopter Operation Surveillance System Insatllation (HOSS) (Flight Deck Camera)
19 Sep - 23 Sep		Hull Cleaning
11 Oct - 22 Oct		Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR)
12 Oct - 14 Oct		CART IIB, Command Assessment
14 Oct		Official visit by Secretary of Navy
18 Oct		Equal Opportunity Training
18 Oct - 19 Oct		U/W, Philippine Sea, CSRR
24 Oct - 28 Oct		INSURV
25 Oct		U/W, Philippine Sea, INSURV
30 Oct - 02 Nov		Semi-annual Physical Readiness Test
01 Nov - 06 Nov		INMARSAT Installation
07 Nov - 11 Nov		U/W, ENR Hong Kong

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14 Nov - 17 Nov	IPT Hong Kong, HMS Tamar
18 Nov - 20 Nov	U/W, ENR Yokosuka, Japan
21 Nov - 27 Nov	IPT Yokosuka, Japan
28 Nov - 02 Dec	U/W, ENR Okinawa, Japan, TSTA III, Total Ship Training
02 Dec - 03 Dec	IPT Okinawa, Japan
03 Dec - 06 Dec	U/W, ENR Yokosuka, Japan, Final Evaluation Period (FEP)
10 Dec - 19 Dec	AN/SQS-56 Kingfisher Modification
12 Dec - 16 Dec	Nr 2 SSDG Inspection
13 Dec	Ship's Christmas Party, Officers' Club, Yokosuka, Japan
19 Dec - 23 Dec	Nr 3 SSDG Inspection

3. Narrative

USS MCCLUSKY welcomed in the New Year while underway conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) in the Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG). **MCCLUSKY** was in the midst of a four month deployment as a member of the **INDEPENDENCE** Carrier Battle Group (IBG) consisting of **USS INDEPENDENCE** (CV 62), **USS BUNKER HILL** (CG 52), **USS MOBILE BAY** (CG 53), and **USS CURTS** (FFG 38). **USS HELENA** (SSN 725), **USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS** (TAO 190) and **USNS KILAUEA** (TAE 26) were also steaming with the IBG through periods of the deployment. **MCCLUSKY** was primarily assigned to patrol the NAG in the vicinity of Mina al Bakar Oil Terminal (MABOT) in support of Operation Southern Watch and Desert Storm. Supporting Documents 1 and 2 are news articles included to provide some insight into the IBG operations.

On January 16, **MCCLUSKY** left her post in the NAG for a three week Tender Availability with **USS ACADIA** (AD 42) in Jebel Ali, UAE. On January 26, while in port Jebel Ali, CDR Waterman relieved CDR Chapman as Commanding Officer. The Change of Command ceremony was held on **MCCLUSKY's** flight deck with Captain Butt, Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, as the guest speaker. The ceremony was immediately followed with a cake cutting and reception on the forecastle. **MCCLUSKY's** crew, represented by the Command Senior Chief, GSCS Whitfield, presented CDR Chapman with a farewell gift, consisting of a **MCCLUSKY** Commissioning Pennant mounted in a wooden display case. Supporting Documents 3 and 4 contain biographies of both CDR Chapman and CDR Waterman. Document 5 is a news article covering the Change of Command.

CDR Waterman saw **MCCLUSKY** get underway for the first time on a short trip up the U.A.E. coast to Sharjah. This port visit was made in order to equalize U.S. interests throughout all of the Emirates, and not concentrate them in the regions of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, where the majority of U.S. Navy ship's made their port calls. **MCCLUSKY's** visit to Sharjah had the attention of the local media, for the Ruler of Sharjah was expected to make an official visit to the ship shortly after mooring. Unfortunately Sharjah's ruler could not attend and the Chief of the Sharjah Amiri Court made the visit in his place. Following a tour of **MCCLUSKY** and lunch

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in the wardroom, CDR Waterman was treated to a tour of the City of Sharjah. Supporting Document 6 is a photo taken from a local newspaper covering the event. Document 7 is a message sent from the U.S. Ambassador to RADM Katz, commending **MCCLUSKY** for a job well done during the port visit.

Returning shortly to Bahrain to have the Mast Mounted Sight removed, **MCCLUSKY** was soon underway again in the Southern Arabian Gulf (SAG) to conduct GULFEX XXII. This was a three day bilateral exercise with **MCCLUSKY**, the British destroyer **GLASGOW**, the French frigate **JEAN DE VIENNE** and the Russian destroyer **ADMIRAL VINOGRADOV**. The schedule of events for GULFEX XXII is included as Supporting Document 8. Document 9 is a message which was sent while GULFEX was in progress, providing an example of how the exercise was used to evaluate the ability of the four navies to operate together. GULFEX XXII also received some attention in the August issue of All Hands magazine, included as Supporting Document 10, and was also covered in the March 11 episode of Navy and Marine Corps News.

On February 14, the IBG outchopped from U.S. Central Command and began its Indian Ocean transit back to Yokosuka. Supporting Documents 11 and 12 contain the schedule of events for the IBG during this period. **MCCLUSKY** made two port visits, including Singapore and Hong Kong. The IBG, which split for the first port visit, reunited in Hong Kong and invited family members to ride the ships back to Yokosuka during a Tiger Cruise. The highlight of this transit was an air show provided by **INDY's** Air Wing, a gun shoot conducted by the combatants and the formation of a tight screen for a Battle Group photo. Supporting Documents 13-15 are press releases for the IBG's return from deployment. Document 16 is a cruisebook published over the deployment period. Document 17 covered the awards ceremony for awards earned while on deployment. **MCCLUSKY** received the Southeast Asia Service Medal.

MCCLUSKY was the lead ship upon returning to Yokosuka for the Battle Group's reunion with their families. Moored at Yokosuka's pier 9, **MCCLUSKY** commenced a week long stand down prior to a highly successful Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Test in early April.

Through the end of April and all of May, **MCCLUSKY** was again underway for exercises with the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) and Royal Malaysian Navy. Exercise Sea Eagle '94 was a short naval exercise in the South China Sea with **MCCLUSKY**, **USS FIFE**, and RTN ships **RATTANAKOSIN**, **CHON BURI** and **KRABURI**. The primary purpose of the exercise was to practice coordination of ASW and ASUW operations between the two navies prior to Exercise Cobra Gold '94, which was a much larger joint amphibious exercise immediately following Sea Eagle. **MCCLUSKY**, **FIFE**, **RATTANAKOSIN** and **CHON BURI** provided an ASW screen for the amphibious group, with the threatening submarine simulated by **USS BUFFALO** (SSN 715). While in port Pattaya Beach, Thailand, **MCCLUSKY** sailors contributed to a good will effort of treating the orphans from the Banglamung Boys' Home to a picnic and an afternoon of athletic events. Supporting Documents 18-21

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provide **MCCLUSKY's** schedule and some background of the exercises in Thailand.

Through Exercise Sea Eagle and Cobra Gold, **MCCLUSKY** had two SH-60B aircraft embarked from HSL-51. This was done in order to facilitate having one helo asset for both **MCCLUSKY** and **FIFE**, while only requiring one air detachment, and only six pilots.

Immediately following Sea Eagle and Cobra Gold, **MCCLUSKY** headed west through the Strait of Malacca for an exercise with the Royal Malaysian Navy. Not having crossed the equator in nearly three years, and with a strong compliment of "Slimy Wogs," **MCCLUSKY** dipped down to the southern hemisphere and initiated nearly half its crew to the level of "Trusty Shellback." The initiation was much more controlled than the ceremonies of the past, but traditions were upheld.

MEKAR '94 began a day later with a port visit to the Malaysian Naval Base in Lumut. The navigation of the narrow and shallow waterway leading to Lumut received a great deal of attention and preparation, for on **MCCLUSKY's** previous visit to Lumut in 1992, **USS CURTS** had run hard aground.

MEKAR covered all the bases, with AAW, ASUW and ASW coordination between **MCCLUSKY** and three Malaysian ships, **PENDEKAR**, **HANDALAN** and **KASTURI**. The exercise also gave **MCCLUSKY** a rare opportunity to conduct REXTORP launches from both the ship's SVTT and embarked helo. Details of MEKAR '94 are covered by Supporting Documents 22 and 23. During the transit back to Yokosuka, **MCCLUSKY** began its inspection cycle in preparation for its next deployment eight months away, only eleven months after returning from deployment with the IBG. **MCCLUSKY** was the only ship of the IBG tasked with this rapid turn around.

For most of the summer, **MCCLUSKY's** attention was on preparing for the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE), however in late August, its attention shifted to an SM-1 missile firing exercise off the coast of Okinawa, MISSILEX 94-4. During MISSILEX, **MCCLUSKY** demonstrated aggressive and precise teamwork in two highly successful firings. In an exercise which tests the mettle of the ship's material readiness, tactics and operational procedures, **MCCLUSKY** gained an effective kill at an altitude of 10,000 feet against the high speed, high altitude AQM drone. Against the low altitude BQM target, **MCCLUSKY's** AAW team scored a skin-to-skin hit with the SM-1. **MCCLUSKY** eagerly agreed to shoot the 76mm gun at a spare target, shooting 70 rounds of BL&P at 80 rounds per minute in just one pass of the target, an impressive display of gun condition and radar tracking. Supporting Document 24 is **MCCLUSKY's** Missile Firing Plan.

In mid-September, **MCCLUSKY's** engineering department had their moment in the spotlight, with a highly successful OPPE. As shown in Supporting Document 25, **MCCLUSKY** received Outstanding scores in nearly every category. Both Gas Turbines and all four SSDG's were operational for the inspection and during Engineering Casualty Control drills, **MCCLUSKY** was reported as the first DESRON FIFTEEN ship in five years to pass the Class "C" Fire in a switchboard drill.

Following OPPE, inspections continued with INSURV and Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR). INSURV board inspectors were extremely impressed by **MCCLUSKY's** "can-do" attitude and superior material condition. Normally a very negative inspection, the eleven year old **MCCLUSKY** survived with only minor discrepancies on both INSURV and CSRR.

Also late in the year, **MCCLUSKY** received a visit from the Secretary of the Navy while he was making a routine visit to Yokosuka Naval Base. During the visit, he toured the ship and addressed the crew over the IMC, congratulating them on successfully completing nearly all stages of the inspection cycle in the short period between deployments.

Having no slow periods in the schedule since October 1993, **MCCLUSKY** finally relaxed for a short trip to Hong Kong. Hong Kong was undergoing many changes as China prepared for its turn over in 1997. Land fills were being built out into the harbor to provide more high value real estate. One of the shores to be built up was the area in front of HMS Tamar, where **MCCLUSKY** was moored. Soon after **MCCLUSKY's** departure from Tamar, the berth would be closed for construction. **MCCLUSKY** is believed to be the last naval vessel ever to moor at HMS Tamar.

With the year coming to a close, **MCCLUSKY** finished out her inspection cycle by completing TSTA III and the Final Evaluation Problem in early December while underway, sailing to and from Okinawa. HSL-51 with **HELLFIRE 04** was embarked for this training, but the aircraft was damaged in heavy seas and was not operational during most of the transit.

Upon returning to Yokosuka, **MCCLUSKY** enjoyed the rest of the Holiday Season in port. Some work would begin preparing the ship for deployment, including Diesel Inspections on Nr 2 and 3 SSDG's and the installation of the Kingfisher Modification to the SQS-56 Sonar, but the next major evolution was not until deployment, scheduled for February 1995.

4. Supporting Documents

1. **Seahawk** news article "**INDEPENDENCE** Battle Group Returns to Southern Watch," Jan 7, 1994
2. **Seahawk** news article "Vice Adm. Katz Visits **USS INDEPENDENCE**," Jan 14, 1994
3. Welcome Aboard pamphlet w/ biography on CDR Chapman
4. Biography on CDR Waterman
5. **Seahawk** news article "Waterman Relieves Chapman on board **MCCLUSKY**," Feb 18, 1994
6. **Khaleej Times** photo caption "Sharjah Talks," Jan 30, 1994
7. Personal For message from US Ambassador to UAE to ADM Katz, USDAO ABU DHABI 130745ZFEB94
8. Schedule of Events message for GULFEX XXII, CTG ONE FIVE ONE PT THREE 161615ZJAN94
9. GULFEX XXII message, CTG ONE FIVE ONE PT THREE 072054ZFEB94
10. **All Hands** article "Gulf Cooperation Cruise," August 1994