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Encl: (1) USS MCCLUSKY Command History 1998

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. Unclassified after removal of Confidential supporting documents included in enclosure (1).

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SHIP'S HISTORY 1998

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) is a third flight Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate, 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 these high value units against subsurface, surface and low level air threats. With her embarked air detachment, (two SH-60B helicopters), the LAMPS MK III team provides formidable capabilities in over-the-horizon surface detection, surveillance, and engagement of hostile warships and submarines.

b. MCCLUSKY is a member of Destroyer Squadron SEVEN, commanded by Captain Dave Ryan.

c. MCCLUSKY's Commanding Officer is Commander Micheal J. Turner, U.S. Navy.

d. USS MCCLUSKY deployed with HSL 47 Det 6 from 29 Jun - 13 Aug (RIMPAC) and from 10 Nov - 31 Dec (Arabian Gulf) as part of Carl Vinson Battle Group (CVINBG).

2. Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Evolution</u>
01 Jan - 13 Jan	Inport San Diego, CA
05 Jan - 07 Jan	Radar Navigation Team Trainer

13 Jan – 13 Jan	Link 11 Longlook
14 Jan – 16 Jan	Underway SOCAL for Sea Trials
17 Jan – 01 Feb	Inport San Diego, CA
20 Jan – 22 Jan	Disbursing Audit
20 Jan – 23 Jan	CART II
03 Feb – 03 Feb	Underway en route Seal Beach for Ammo Onload
03 Feb – 04 Feb	Inport Sea Beach for Ammo Onload
05 Feb – 06 Feb	Underway for SOCAL Ops
07 Feb – 22 Feb	Inport San Diego, CA
09 Feb – 13 Feb	Slamex inport Exercise
	TG ASW inport Exercise
17 Feb – 20 Feb	TSTA I inport
23 Feb – 25 Feb	Underway SOCAL Ops
25 Feb – 25 Feb	DLQ Support
28 Feb – 28 Feb	Aviation Certification/Aviation Readiness Evaluation
26 Feb – 01 Mar	Inport San Diego, CA
02 Mar – 02 Mar	TSTA I Inport
03 Mar – 06 Mar	TSTA I Underway
07 Mar – 08 Mar	Inport San Diego, CA
09 Mar – 09 Mar	TSTA II Inport
10 Mar – 11 Mar	TSTA II Underway
10 Mar – 10 Mar	Torpedo Exercise
12 Mar – 15 Mar	Inport San Diego, CA
16 Mar – 16 Mar	TSTA II Inport
17 Mar – 20 Mar	TSTA II Underway
21 Mar – 22 Mar	Inport San Diego, CA
23 Mar – 23 Mar	TSTA II Inport
24 Mar – 27 Mar	TSTA II Underway
28 Mar – 29 Mar	Inport San Diego
30 Mar – 30 Mar	TSTA II Inport
31 Mar – 03 Apr	TSTA II Underway
04 Apr – 08 Apr	Inport San Diego, CA
09 Apr – 10 Apr	Engineering Certification (E-CERT)
11 Apr – 12 Apr	Inport San Diego, CA
13 Apr – 13 Apr	Underway OPFOR for DESRON SEVEN Ops
13 Apr – 22 Apr	HSL 47 Det 6 Embarked (1 SH-60 B)
13 Apr – 17 Apr	Medical Evacuation from USNS SIOUX
18 Apr – 19 Apr	Inport San Diego, CA
20 Apr – 22 Apr	Underway SOCAL Ops with CVINBG
23 Apr – 26 Apr	Inport San Diego, CA
27 Apr – 28 Apr	TSTA III Inport
29 Apr – 01 May	TSTA III Underway
02 May – 03 May	Inport San Diego, CA
04 May – 08 May	Underway SOCAL Ops with CVINBG
05 May – 05 May	Underway Replenishment

05 May – 06 May	DLQ Support
07 May – 07 May	Underway Replenishment
08 May – 08 May	Navigation Checkride
09 May – 12 May	Inport San Diego, CA
11 May – 11 May	Comprehensive Communications Assessment
13 May – 15 May	Final Evaluation Problem (FEP)
	Cruise Missile Training Qual (CMTQ)
	Medical Readiness Evaluation (MRE)
16 May – 26 May	Inport San Diego, CA
18 May – 22 May	Fleet ASW Team Trainer
26 May – 26 May	Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR)
26 May – 29 May	Inspection of Survey (INSURV)
27 May – 27 May	CSRR Underway
28 May – 22 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA
31 May – 04 Jun	ASIR Tech Assist
03 Jun – 13 Jun	Upkeep San Diego, CA
07 Jun – 09 Jun	SRTT
10 Jun – 10 Jun	Fast Cruise
11 Jun – 13 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA
14 Jun – 18 Jun	Underway SOCAL Ops with SBU-12
15 Jun – 15 Jun	REWS Range
	Submarine for USWEX
19 Jun – 22 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA
21 Jun – 22 Jun	MCA
23 Jun – 23 Jun	Underway SOCAL Ops
24 Jun – 24 Jun	Ammo Onload Seal Beach, CA
25 Jun – 25 Jun	Underway SOCAL Ops
26 Jun – 28 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA
29 Jun – 12 Aug	RIMPAC
	HSL 47 Det 6 Embarked (2 SH-60 B)
29 Jun – 06 Jul	En route Pearl Harbor, HI
30 Jun – 30 Jun	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
01 Jul – 17 Jul	Middle Pacific PACTRAMID II
02 Jul – 02 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
	Unrep PC 7/8
04 Jul – 04 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
	Unrep PC 7/8
05 Jul – 05 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
06 Jul – 06 Jul	Arrive Pearl Harbor, HI
07 Jul – 12 Jul	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
07 Jul – 07 Jul	Link 11 Longlook
12 Jul – 12 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
13 Jul – 01 Aug	Underway RIMPAC Ops
14 Jul – 14 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
15 Jul – 15 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
17 Jul – 17 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOR 304)

20 Jul – 20 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
22 Jul – 22 Jul	Underway Replenishment (AOR 509)
02 Aug – 02 Aug	Arrive Pearl Harbor, HI
03 Aug – 05 Aug	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
06 Aug – 12 Aug	Underway En route San Diego, CA
13 Aug – 16 Sep	Inport San Diego, CA
14 Aug – 04 Sep	IMAV
17 Aug – 19 Aug	San Diego Shiphandling Training
24 Aug – 28 Aug	Performance Monitoring Team (PMT)
01 Sep – 02 Sep	Command Inspection
14 Sep – 14 Sep	Fast Cruise
17 Sep – 17 Sep	Ammo Onload Bravo Pier
18 Sep – 18 Sep	Family Cruise
18 Sep – 20 Sep	Inport San Diego, CA
21 Sep – 25 Sep	Underway Battlegroup Sustainment Training
	HSL 47 Det 6 Embarked (1 SH-60B)
22 Sep – 22 Sep	Underway Replenishment
25 Sep – 25 Sep	Underway Replenishment
25 Sep – 30 Sep	Upkeep San Diego, CA
29 Sep – 29 Sep	NAVOSH Inspection
29 Sep – 25 Oct	IMAV
29 Sep – 01 Nov	Pre-Deployment Leave
05 Oct – 06 Oct	Logistics Management Assessment
05 Oct – 09 Oct	SSDG Inspection
16 Oct – 16 Oct	Fast Cruise
22 Oct – 22 Oct	Sea Trials
27 Oct – 27 Oct	Air Dept Load-on
02 Nov – 02 Nov	Fast Cruise
03 Nov – 03 Nov	Underway Sea Trials
04 Nov – 09 Nov	Inport San Diego, CA
10 Nov – 31 Dec	Deployed Arabian Gulf
	HSL 47 Det 6 Embarked (2 SH-60B)
10 Nov – 31 Dec	Embarked HSL 47 Det 6
13 Nov – 17 Nov	ASWEX 99-1
14 Nov – 14 Nov	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
17 Nov – 17 Nov	Underway Replenishment (AO 180)
20 Nov – 20 Nov	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
21 Nov – 21 Nov	Chop to COMSEVENFLT
24 Nov – 24 Nov	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
27 Nov – 27 Nov	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
28 Nov – 01 Dec	South China Sea
30 Nov – 30 Nov	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
02 Dec – 02 Dec	Arrive Singapore
03 Dec – 06 Dec	Inport Singapore
07 Dec – 07 Dec	En route Phuket, Thailand
	Transit Straits of Malacca

08 Dec – 08 Dec	Arrive Phuket, Thailand
08 Dec – 12 Dec	Inport Phuket, Thailand
13 Dec – 13 Dec	Underway En route Arabian Gulf
13 Dec – 15 Dec	Indian Ocean
14 Dec – 14 Dec	Underway Replenishment (TAO 202)
16 Dec – 16 Dec	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
18 Dec – 18 Dec	Chop to COMFIFTHFLT
19 Dec – 19 Dec	Turnover Day
	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
20 Dec – 31 Dec	Arabian Gulf Ops
27 Dec – 27 Dec	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)
29 Dec – 29 Dec	Underway Replenishment (AOE 7)

3. Narrative

USS MCCLUSKY began her new year with preparations for the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle. Beginning in **January**, MCCLUSKY successfully completed CART II, TSTA I, TSTA II, TSTA III, and FEP by 15 May 1998. Documents 1 and 2 list CART II Schedule of Events (SOE) and MCCLUSKY's CART II Assessment.

From January through November, MCCLUSKY conducted 48 underway and three inport refueling operations for both DFM and JP-5. All were completed safely and without incident. During RIMPAC 98, MCCLUSKY safely refueled the patrol coastal ships USS SQUALL (PC 7) and USS ZEPHYR (PC 8) on four different occasions while conducting escort duty in the transit to and from Hawaii. Additionally, MCCLUSKY conducted 134 helicopter refuelings.

A successful ammunition on-load in **February** was followed by a successful skin to skin missile engagement against a BQM-37C during MCCLUSKY's first missile shoot of the year. MCCLUSKY completed her Aviation Certification on 28 FEB. This certification was upgraded to an Aviation Readiness Evaluation allowing her flight deck to be fully certified for helicopter operations. MCCLUSKY's Undersea Warfare division participated in numerous USW training events with a high rate of success. MCCLUSKY was the victor in the inaugural Destroyer Squadron SEVEN ASW Rumble.

During the month of **March**, MCCLUSKY was heavily involved in the Tailored Ship Training Availability Process I and II with Afloat Training Group Pacific (ATGPAC) embarked as assessors of the Integrated Training Teams (ITT) and watchstanders' performance. MCCLUSKY conducted a successful torpedo exercise utilizing the SCORE range off the coast of Southern California (SOCAL) during this period.

During the month of **April**, MCCLUSKY earned her Engineering Certification in just over one day. FEP level qualifications for Engineering and Survivability Training Teams arrived just as smoothly due to the efficient training and composition of these hand picked teams. With the Air Department embarked, five demanding medevacs were completed including a night medevac during Southern California operations of a critically ill crewman from USNS SIOUX to San Diego, 1200 miles away.

During the month of **May**, MCCLUSKY successfully completed her Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification and Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) in all warfare areas. Continuing with its success, MCCLUSKY fired a MK 46 torpedo from its external SVTT during the FEP allowing MCCLUSKY's USW Team to achieve all of its USW training objectives. Only a week after FEP, MCCLUSKY successfully completed a combined INSURV and CSRR. INSURV Inspectors stated that "MCCLUSKY was the most prepared and best self assessed ship surveyed in years." Successfully completed a NAVOSH inspection with INSURV and Regional Support Organization (RSO) on two separate occasions with all programs graded satisfactory. Additionally, an Industrial Hygiene Survey, Environmental Health Survey, and Sound Level Survey were conducted by Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit, with all programs being assessed as satisfactory. MCCLUSKY completed a successful Navigation Certification with "outstanding" results. Additionally, the Communications Division completed a successful Comprehensive Communications Assessment, receiving a composite score of 94.8 percent.

During the month of **June**, MCCLUSKY personnel performed depot level refurbishing of both rapid securing devices (RSD) for the SH-60B prior to RIMPAC 98 and upgrades were performed on the horizon reference system, a critical component of night flight operations.

During RIMPAC '98 (**June – July**), MCCLUSKY participated in two missile exercises, which included a successful surface to surface SM-1 missile shot. MCCLUSKY USW tactics ensured the only confirmed kill of the exercise against an opposing force diesel submarine. Although possessing an equipment limited communications suite, MCCLUSKY demonstrated its ability to maintain connectivity not only with foreign navies during RIMPAC '98 but again during her deployment with CARL VINSON Battle Group's in the complex C2W environment of the Arabian Gulf. Furthermore, MCCLUSKY's professionalism and intense focus on safety resulted in the smooth and safe integration of several multi-national helicopters into the TF operations during RIMPAC '98. Operations included units from the Australian, Canadian, Chilean and Japanese Navies.

During the month of **August**, MCCLUSKY completed three satisfactory Pacific Fleet diesel inspections on Numbers 1, 2, and 4 SSDG's, a replacement of Number 4 SSDG and a pre-deployment inspection of Number 3 SSDG.

During the month of **September**, MCCLUSKY conducted a successful airdrop of a Mk 46 torpedo with HSL 47 Det 6 against an EMATT. On September 21-25, MCCLUSKY got underway from San Diego as part of CVINBG for Sustainment training. The training was scheduled to support a change in the BG's deployment date and was designed to maximize proficiency in all warfighting areas and to stress CVW-11's ability to conduct sustain flight operations. Additionally, each Crudes unit was required to conduct both day and night boardings of a non-compliant, non-belligerent vessel. Document 3 describes the overall battle group underway assessment.

During the month of **October**, MCCLUSKY successfully completed an air conditioning and refrigeration MACHALT. This machinery alteration allowed MCCLUSKY to switch to the environmentally safe R-134a.

Following a flawlessly executed ammunition on-load, MCCLUSKY deployed with the CARL VINSON BATTLE GROUP in **November**. MCCLUSKY was assigned

to successfully escort CARL VINSON during much of her operations in the northern Hawaiian OPAREA during ASWEX 99-1. Document 4 describes the overall goals, tactics and structure of the exercise. At no time during this period did MCCLUSKY's USW equipment readiness drop below 100 percent.

During the month of **December**, MCCLUSKY completed a four day port visit to Singapore. The Wardroom was extended an invitation to the residence of COMLOG WESTPAC RADM Steve Loeffler during this visit. Documents 5, 6 and 7 provide further detail for this visit. MCCLUSKY navigation team skillfully navigated through Singapore's 420 nautical miles of extremely congested waterways to get there. The transit began in the Straits of Malacca, an area renowned for its high density of merchant shipping and fishing vessels. The bridge and CIC teams skillfully plotted the ship's position, maintaining the ship on its planned intended movement (PIM) as it navigated through areas of extreme hazards. The bridge and CIC teams tracked and recorded 102 surface contacts during this 18 hour transit. Document 8 describes the Singapore Strait and Strait of Malacca transit plan. MCCLUSKY second and final port visit of the year was Phuket, Thailand. Document 9 details the four day port visit to Phuket in company with USS RAINIER, USS ANTIETAM, USS FITZGERALD, USS OLDENDORF and USS COLUMBUS. On the heels of OPERATION DESERT FOX, MCCLUSKY entered the Arabian Gulf in late **December** and immediately became the busiest Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) platform in the Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG). MCCLUSKY conducted near-round the clock surveillance operations utilizing onboard systems, as well as, two SH-60B aircraft while heavily engaged in MIO Operations in the Arabian Gulf. In less than seven days on station, MCCLUSKY had accumulated more than 10 boardings involving merchant vessels headed to or from Iraqi ports.

4. Supporting Documents

1. CART II Schedule of Events (SOE) msg DTG 130001ZJAN98
2. CART II Summary for USS MCCLUSKY msg DTG 062300ZFEB98
3. CVINBG Sustainment Training After Action Report. COMCARGRU THREE msg DTG 13150ZOCT98
4. CVINBG ASWEX 99-1 Scenario
5. Singapore Port Visit Report. MCCLUSKY msg DTG 081449ZDEC98
6. COMLOG WESTPAC Bravo Zulu and Farewell msg DTG 080156ZDEC98
7. CVINBG Escort Singapore Strait and Strait of Malacca Transit Plan
8. Consolidated Port Directory Inputs for port visit Singapore . ANTIETAM msg DTG 131216ZDEC98.
9. Phuket Port Visit Report MCCLUSKY msg DTG 140643ZDEC98