



USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8) ✓
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

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 1983 calendar year.

2. Ship Command Structure.

a. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1983:

CDR Herman Joseph MEYER	Commanding Officer
LCDR Thomas Mather HAYES	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Ship Control Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Combat Systems Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Disbursing Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Damage Control Assistant
ENS [REDACTED]	Ordnance Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Main Propulsion Assistant
ENS [REDACTED]	First Lieutenant
ENS [REDACTED]	Communications Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Combat Information Center Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Prospective Disbursing Officer
CWO4 [REDACTED]	Electronic Readiness Officer

b. Losses:

(1) LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: 22 January 1983 transferred to Communications Area Master Station Eastern Pacific, Wahiwa, Hawaii.

(2) LT [REDACTED]: 16 February 1983 transferred to Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California.

(3) LCDR [REDACTED] 18 March 1983 transferred to Mobile Training Team (Turbine), Mayport, Florida.

(4) CWO3 [REDACTED]: 20 May 1983 transferred to Ships Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport, Florida.

(5) LT [REDACTED]: 24 May 1983 transferred to USS RACINE (LST-1191).

(6) CDR [REDACTED]: 1 June 1983 transferred to Chief of Naval Education and Training, Pensacola, Florida.

(7) LT [REDACTED]: 15 August 1983 transferred to Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey Atlantic, Norfolk, VA.

(8) LT [REDACTED]: 16 August 1983 transferred to USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15).

(9) LT [REDACTED]: 31 October 1983 transferred to Surface Warfare School Command, Newport, Rhode Island.

(10) LCDR [REDACTED]: 12 December 1983 transferred to Destroyer Squadron EIGHT, Mayport, Florida.

c. Gains:

(1) LT [REDACTED]: 10 January 1983 received from USS TOWERS (DDG-9).

(2) LT [REDACTED]: 27 January 1983 received from Navy Retail Service Systems Office/BRCOMSTO Mayport, Florida.

(3) ENS [REDACTED]: 12 February 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command (Basic), Newport, Rhode Island.

(4) ENS [REDACTED]: 5 March 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command (Basic), Newport, Rhode Island.

(5) LCDR [REDACTED]: 9 March 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command, Newport, Rhode Island.

(6) ENS [REDACTED]: 16 March 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command (Basic), Newport, Rhode Island.

(7) LCDR Thomas Mather HAYES: 9 May 1983 received from USS FORESTAL (CV-59).

(8) LCDR [REDACTED]: 9 May 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command, Newport, Rhode Island.

(9) ENS [REDACTED]: 5 June 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command (Basic), Newport, Rhode Island.

(10) LTJG [REDACTED]: 7 June 1983 received from USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-32).

(11) LT [REDACTED]: 14 November 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command, Newport, Rhode Island.

(12) ENS [REDACTED]: 10 December 1983 received from Surface Warfare School Command (Basic), Newport, Rhode Island.

(13) ENS [REDACTED] : 29 December 1983 received from Naval Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia.

3. Historical Narrative. Since 17 December 1982, United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) has been assigned as the escort vessel for two Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF) PGG's from Tangier, Morocco to Port Said, Egypt.

On 2 January 1983 MCINERNEY departed Rota, Spain and arrived Tangiers.

Departed Tangier 7 January in company with RSNF PGG's. Arrived Catania, Italy 10 January for working port visit. Departed Catania 12 January with PGG's. Arrived Port Said 15 January to detach PGG's and offload RSNF Liaison Officer and tech reps. Departed Port Said 15 January enroute eastern Mediterranean (EMED) to conduct Carrier Battle Group (CVBG) operations.

Began EMED CVBG OPS with USS AMERICA (CV-66) on 16 January. On 18 January departed EMED to join Multi-National Force (MNF) support operations at Beirut, Lebanon.

Anchored at Beirut 20 January to support MNF and conducted a ten day Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with USS PUGET SOUND (AD-38). On 23 January MCINERNEY received HSL-34 Det 5 onboard. The Det was received from USS BRUMBY (FF-1044) after BRUMBY sustained storm damage.

Departed Beirut 29 January in transit to Port Said and conducted passage through Suez Canal on 30 January.

On 31 January commenced CVBG Ops.

On 1 February MCINERNEY conducted an over the horizon targeting (OTH-T) exercise against USS DALE (CG-19).

Inchopped to CINCPACFLT/COMSEVENTH FLT operational command on 4 February.

Conducted passing exercise 8-10 February with HMS GALTEA and HMNZS CANTEBURY. Twenty crewmen were cross decked between the three units.

On 10 February conducted an anti-air warfare exercise utilizing aircraft from AMERICA.

On 26 February crossed the Equator at 00° 00.0 N/S 070° 45.2' E and conducted crossing the line ceremony for 152 Polliwogs.

Arrived Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) 1 March and departed the next day. MCINERNEY became the first FFG-7 to visit Diego Garcia.

Arrived Colombo, Sri Lanka 7 March for a five day port visit. MCINERNEY hosted a luncheon and tour for the Commanding Officers of HTMS MAEKLONG and PRASAE, U.S. Embassy personnel and Commodore De Silvia of the Sri Lankan Navy. Evening receptions were held onboard MAEKLONG and also at the American Ambassador's residence.

On 8 March MAEKLONG hosted a luncheon which was attended by MCINERNEY, the Thai Ambassador to Sri Lanka, RADM's PERERA and TAPASAMAN of the Sri Lanka Navy and Commodore De Silvia.

HMNZS CANTEBURY moored outboard MCINERNEY on 11 March and hosted a luncheon for the British and Australian High Commissioners, Chief of Staff Sri Lankan Navy, General of the Sri Lankan Army and the British Defense Advisor.

Departed Colombo 12 March.

Arrived Diego Garcia 15 March for IMAV with USS ACADIA (AD-42). Departed Diego Garcia on 29 March ICW ACADIA to rejoin CVBG.

On 2-3 April MCINERNEY conducted an Encounter Exercise against the AMERICA.

On 5 April MCINERNEY arrived at Mombasa, Kenya for a six day port visit. During the visit a large number of the crew took tours of Kenyan wildlife preserves. Departed Mombasa on 11 April.

A passing exercise was conducted by the Battle Group with HMAS CANBERRA on 11-13 April.

On 19 April MCINERNEY conducted an OTH-T against USS KIDD (DDG-993).

On 19 April MCINERNEY fired one exercise torpedo at a mini mobile target.

20 April MCINERNEY conducted a towing exercise with USS SANTA BARBARA (AE-28).

Anchored at Misirah, OMAN on 22 April to transfer HSL-34 Det 5 to USS KIDD (DDG-993) and got underway the next day.

On 25 April conducted anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercises with USS BOSTON (SSN-703).

On 26 April MCINERNEY and KIDD conducted an OTH-T against the Battle Group.

While conducting maneuvering drills with various units of the CVBG on 27 April, MCINERNEY witnessed a collision between USS DALE (CG-19) and HMS AMBUSCADE.

On 28 April, while making the final approach for an UNREP MCINERNEY was ordered to detach and proceed to rendezvous with USS BOSTON to transport a seriously ill crewmember to the AMERICA for treatment. The transfer to the MCINERNEY was made by the motor whale boat. The crewman expired while enroute to the AMERICA.

In choped to CINCUSNAVEUR/COMSIXTHFLT on 30 April.

On 1 May Battle Group TWO (RADM Peter C. CONRAD), arrived onboard via helo, was hosted to lunch.

On 3 May anchored at Port Suez and began Suez Canal transit on 4 May.

Arrived Rota, Spain on 9 May for stores onload. Departed Rota 10 May for transit to CONUS ICW USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) Battle Group.

Inchopped CINCLANTFLT/COMSECONDFLT 10 May.

Arrived Mayport, FL 20 May for post deployment leave period.

During 22-24 June MCINERNEY provided targeting services for CTE 42.4.8.6 in Jacksonville Operating Area (JAXOA).

On 12 July provided training services for HSL-36 in JAXOA.

During 18-21 July the Board for Inspection and Survey (INSURV) conducted an examination of the MCINERNEY.

Offloaded all weapons at Naval Weapon Station Charleston, SC on 10 August in preparation for Selected Restrictive Availability One (SRA 1).

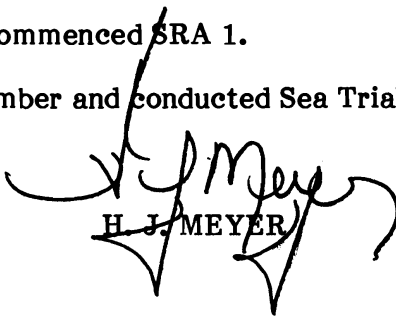
On 18 August MCINERNEY hosted the Change of Command ceremony for Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE. RADM Peter C. CONRAD, USN was relieved by RADM Joseph S. DONNELL III, USN. Guest speaker was VADM Edward S. BRIGGS, USN, Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

One hundred and thirty five guests and dependents were embarked for "A Day at Sea" on 22 August. The visitors were treated to exhibitions in damage control, combat systems and ship control as well as a flight deck cookout hosted by the Supply Department. Additionally 4 A-7 aircraft conducted simulated attack as part of an air show demonstration.

On 24 August embarked Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT and got underway for storm evasion. Returned to port next day.

On 26 August MCINERNEY commenced SRA 1.

Concluded SRA 1 on 24 December and conducted Sea Trials on 28 December.



H. J. MEYER

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