



USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington, D.C. 20374
Subj: 1984 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT (OPNAV 5750.1)
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 1984 calendar year.

2. SHIP COMMAND STRUCTURE

a. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1984:

CDR Richard David West	Commanding Officer
LCDR Michael Patrick Campbell	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Ship Control Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Combat Systems Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Combat Information Center Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Damage Control Assistant
LTJG [REDACTED]	Auxiliaries Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Main Propulsion Assistant
LTJG [REDACTED]	Ordnance Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	First Lieutenant
ENS [REDACTED]	Disbursing Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Electronic Readiness Officer

b. Losses:

(1) LTJG [REDACTED]: 18 January 1984 Transferred to Navy Accounting and Finance Center, Washington, D.C.

(2) LT [REDACTED]: 31 May 1984 transferred to Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Navy Support Component, Offutt Air Force Base, NE.

(3) CDR [REDACTED]: 23 May 1984 transferred to Destroyer Squadron Eight, Mayport, FL.

(4) LCDR [REDACTED]: 22 November 1984 transferred to USS BOULDER (LST-1190).

(5) LCDR [REDACTED]: 22 December 1984 transferred to USS CALOOSAHATCHEE (AO-98).

(6) LCDR [REDACTED]: 13 December 1984 transferred to Personnel Exchange Program Ministry of Defense, London, England.

(7) CWO4 [REDACTED]: 13 December 1984 transferred to NAVCAMSLANT Radio Transmitting Facility, Annapolis, Maryland.

Gains:

(1) ENS [REDACTED]: 1 January 1984 received from Fleet Anti-submarine Warfare Training Center Atlantic, Norfolk, VA.

(2) CDR Richard David West: 15 May 1984 received from Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Deputy Chief Plans and Policy, Washinton, D.C.

(3) LCDR [REDACTED]: 11 November 1984 received from Surface Warfare Department Head School, Newport, RI.

(4) LT [REDACTED]: 11 November 1984 received from Surface Warfare Department Head School, Newport, RI.

(5) LCDR Michael Patrick Campbell: 3 December 1984 received from Office of the Secretary of the Navy, Director of White House Liaison, Washington, D.C.

(6) ENS [REDACTED]: 12 December 1984 received from Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer Indoctrination School, Pensacola, FL.

3. Historical Narrative. United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) remained inport Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida until 3 January 1984 at which time USS MCINERNEY got underway and proceeded up the St. Johns River to a Jacksonville Shipyards Incorporated drydock, in downtown Jacksonville, for hull preservation. USS MCINERNEY remained in drydock until 23 January at which time she got underway and proceeded down the St. Johns River to Mayport Naval Station. On 26 January USS MCINERNEY transitted to Weapons Station Charleston for a major onload of all ammunition on 27-28 January and then returned to Naval Station Mayport on 29 January.

From 13-17 February USS MCINERNEY was underway in the Jacksonville Operations area for a Mobility Training Team and the Combat Systems Ship's Qualification test. On February 20-21 MCINERNEY underwent a Training Readiness Examination in preparation for Refresher Training at FTC Guantanamo Cuba in March.

On 2-8 March MCINERNEY transitted to the Southern Puerto Rican Operations area. MCINERNEY conducted exercises with USS AMERICA (CV-66) prior to entering port at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. From 9-12 March MCINERNEY was underway in the southern Puerto Rican operations area where it conducted two successful exercise missile shoots on 11 March. USS MCINERNEY spent the night of 12 March in Roosevelt Roads and commenced a transit to Charlotte Amelie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for a port visit from 14-16 March. On the 16th MCINERNEY got underway and proceeded to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where MCINERNEY commenced Refresher Training from 23 March until 13 April.

Following Refresher Training MCINERNEY transitted to Limon, Costa Rica for a port visit from 16-19 April as part of Project Handclasp in Cental America. MCINERNEY next transitted to Tela, Honduras and conducted a port visit, in conjunction with Project Handclasp, from 21-25 April. From 25 April to 3 May MCINERNEY transitted to Mayport Naval Station. In the course of the transit MCINERNEY conducted special drug enforcement operations with an embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Agency Team. On 1 May a suspected drug

boat was spotted, searched and seized by the Team and taken to Miami, FL.

Upon arrival in Mayport, MCINERNEY commenced an Intermediate Maintenance Availability period until 25 June. During that Period USS MCINERNEY had the MK-15 Close In Weapons System installed. On 23 May MCINERNEY held a Change of Command Ceremony.

On 25-27 June MCINERNEY was underway in the Jacksonville Operations area for a sea trials. From 27 June until 17 July MCINERNEY was inport prior to getting underway for COMPTUEX 3-84.

From 17-29 July MCINERNEY was a participant an COMPTUEX 3-84. During this time USS MCINERNEY conducted numerous gunnery exercises and successfully fired an exercise torpedo on 24 July and test fired the new CIWS sytem.

USS MCINERNEY conducted Sea Trials/Family Cruise on 10 August. USS MCINERNEY participated in READEX 2-84 from 21 August until 7 September in the Puerto Rican operating areas. During READEX MCINERNEY conducted two successful STANDARD missile firings against drones.

Upon return to Naval Station Mayport, USS MCINERNEY entered a Pre-overseas Movement period for leave and final preparations. On 28-29 September MCINERNEY conducted a tropical evasion sortie from Mayport Naval Station.

On 5 October USS MCINERNEY got underway for Middle East Forces Deployment 1-85 which is scheduled to end 5 April 1985. On 6 October MCINERNEY joined USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD-981) for a transit to Ponta del Gada, Azores, and arrived for a brief stop for fuel on 13 October and then continued the transit to Rota Naval Base, Rota, Spain arriving on 15 October. From 15-17 October MCINERNEY remained inport Rota receiving final stores and Sixth Fleet briefings prior to getting underway for the next leg of the transit to the anchorage off Port Said, Egypt. MCINERNEY and JOHN HANCOCK arrived at the anchorage on 22 October. After completion of the 15 hour transit of the Suez Canal, MCINERNEY anchored off Port Suez and conducted a turnover with USS JULIUS A. FURER (FFG-6) and chopped to Commander Middle East Forces. Following the turnover MCINERNEY and JOHN HANCOCK transitted to Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti and conducted a brief stop for fuel on 27 October. From 27-31 October, MCINERNEY in company with JOHN HANCOCK transitted to the Persian Gulf.

From 31 October until 18 November USS MCINERNEY conducted Persian Gulf Surveillance Operations under the operational command of Commander Middle East Forces. On 18 November USS MCINERNEY commenced a transit to Karachi, Pakistan arriving on 20 November for a port visit until 24 November. From 24-27 November MCINERNEY returned to the Persian Gulf conducting an underway replenishment with the USS PLATTE (AO-186) on 26 November in the Northern Arabian sea. From 27 November to 1 December MCINERNEY remained on patrol in the Persian Gulf.

On 1 December MCINERNEY started an upkeep period in Mina Sulman, Bahrain until 6 December. MCINERNEY remained on patrol in the Persian Gulf for the remainder of the month with the exception of a port visit from 16-18 December in Khor Fakkan, United Arab Emirates. Christmas and New Years Eve were both observed while underway in the Persian Gulf. A highlight of this period was the medical evacuation of a wounded seaman from a tanker hit by a missile in the Iran/Iraq Tanker War on December 25th.



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