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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington, D.C. 20374
Subj: 1988 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT (OPNAV 5750-1)
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

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 1988 calendar year.

2. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

a. Mission: With the Navy's most advanced ASW suite, the AN/SQQ-89(V)2, together with a dual LAMPS MK III detachment, MCINERNEY's primary missions are Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Air Warfare. With a defense-in-depth AAW capability, MCINERNEY has a secondary primary role of convoy escort.

b. Organizational structure as of 31 December 1988:

CDR Michael O. Borns
LCDR Gary M. McKinley

LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
ENS [REDACTED]
ENS [REDACTED]

COMMANDING OFFICER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUPPLY OFFICER
COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER
OPERATIONS OFFICER
ENGINEER OFFICER
ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER
AUXILIARIES OFFICER
DISBURSING OFFICER
ELECTRONIC READINESS OFFICER
MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER
ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT

c. Losses:

- (1) LCDR [REDACTED]
- (2) LT [REDACTED]
- (3) LT [REDACTED]
- (4) LT [REDACTED]
- (5) LT [REDACTED]
- (6) CDR Charles J. Rafter

15MAR88 transferred to Joint Cruise Missile Project Washington, D.C.
09APR88 transferred to SUPSHIPS, Jacksonville, FL
09APR88 transferred to DESRON TWELVE, Mayport, FL
09MAY88 transferred to OPNAV, Washington, D.C.
03DEC88 transferred to SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI
13DEC88 transferred to DESRON TWELVE, Mayport, FL

d. Gains:

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| (1) ENS [REDACTED] | Date reported 01FEB88 from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI |
| (2) LT [REDACTED] | Date reported 02FEB88 from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI |
| (3) ENS [REDACTED] | Date reported 18MAR88 from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI |
| (4) LT [REDACTED] | Date reported 29MAR88 from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI |
| (5) LT [REDACTED] | Date reported 04APR88 from USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69), Norfolk, VA |
| (6) LTJG [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Date reported 28JUL88 from SWOSCOLCOM, Newport, RI |
| (7) CDR Michael O. Borns | Date reported 05DEC88 from COMNAVSURFLANT, Norfolk, VA |

3. CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

- 05 Jan - Harpoon Certification
- 13 Jan - Fast Cruise
- 17 Jan - Underway for FLEETEX 1-88 and MEF 2-88 workups
- 22 Jan - Chop to MEF 2-88 workups
- 31 Jan - Return to Mayport
- 03 Feb - Training Assessment & Coordination Visit
- 05 Feb - COMDESRON EIGHT Zone Inspection
- 08 Feb - Underway for RLQ's
- 12 Feb - Return to Mayport
- 16 - 19 Feb - Begin IUC Admin and 3M Inspection
- 01 - 03 Mar - INSURV
- 07 Mar - Flight Deck Repair Begins
 - JOTS installations begins
 - URT-23(V) installation begins
- 10 Mar - RAEM Jesberg, COMHELWINGSLANT, visit
- 22 - 27 Mar - TPT 4-88
- 28 Mar - KW46 installation begins
- 11 Apr - Underway Ocean Venture/FLEETEX 2-88(advanced)

21 Apr - RADM Dougherty, COMCARGRU EIGHT, visit

23 Apr - SVTT and Air-drop torpedo exercises on AUTEC range

26 Apr - Finish FLEETEX 2-88(basic)

29 Apr - Inport Port Everglades, Florida

02 May - Underway for CNO project 858-1

03 May - RIQ's
Anchored off coast of St. Augustine, Florida

06 May - Return to Mayport

10 May - TPT 4-88 debrief

11 May - 05 Jun - IMAV

11 May - Commence Ballast Installation
- Aviation Assist Visit

23 - 24 May - Battle Force Inport Trainer

31 May - 03 Jun - CSRR Phase I

01 Jun - Uruguayan CNO, VALM Largher, tours McInerney

04 Jun - SNS Victoria arrives Mayport; McInerney is host ship

07 Jun - Ammo onload

08 Jun - Underway FLEETEX 2-88(advanced)

14 Jun - Harpoon exercise firing

24 Jun - Return to Mayport

24 Jun - 05 Jul - SIMAS UPGRADE installation

27 Jun - 07 Jul - CSRR phase II

24 Jun - 31 Jul - FOM

31 Jul - QMCM(SW) Garrett A. Schultz, Command Master Chief, retires

02 Aug - Underway Med 3-88

12 Aug - PHOTOEX with all ships is Battlegroup

14 Aug - Transit Strait of Gibraltar

15 Aug - Conduct turnover with USS T.C. Hart (FF-1092) in Alicante, Spain

- 20 - 27 Aug - Port visit, Augusta Bay, Sicily
- 30 Aug - 05 Sep - Port visit, Alexandria, Egypt
- 05 - 07 Sep - Seawind exercise with Egyptian Navy
- 10 - 12 Sep - ASW operations
- 13 - 17 Sep - Port visit, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 19 Sep - 12 Oct - ASW operations
- 14 - 19 Oct - Port visit, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 21 - 24 Oct - Upkeep, Tunis, Tunisia
- 24 - 26 Oct - Tunisian Passex
- 27 - 28 Oct - McInerney tows USS VOGE (FF-1047) enroute Augusta Bay after Voge experienced a severe boiler casualty.
- 29 Oct - 05 Nov - Upkeep, Augusta Bay, Sicily
- 05 - 07 Nov - ASW Operations
- 07 Nov - McInerney awarded COMSIXTHFLT "Hook'em" Award for ASW excellence
- 08 - 11 Nov - Upkeep, Augusta Bay, Sicily
- 13 - 20 Nov - Upkeep, Catania, Sicily
- 21 - 30 Nov - Underway, coordinated NATO ASW Operations
- 01 - 06 Dec - Upkeep, Malaga, Spain
- 09 - 11 Dec - Upkeep, Cartagena, Spain
- 13 Dec - Change of Command - Commander Michael O. Borns relieves Commander Charles J. Rafter
- 13 - 18 Dec - Port visit, Malaga, Spain
- 21 Dec - McInerney rescues ten crewmen and two Ghanian stowaways of sinking motor vessel JENNASTAR, southwest of Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea
- 23 - 31 Dec - Restricted Availability, Naples, Italy

4. HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

McInerney began 1988 in anticipation of deploying to the Persian Gulf in April. In preparation for this duty, McInerney participated in Middle East Force (MEF) Workups 17-31 January. McInerney completed FLEETEX 2-88/MEF Workup Exercises and provided Rest Landing Qualification Services in the

Jacksonville operating area 8-12 February. The inspection by the Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey, Atlantic, was conducted 29 February to 1 March. In addition to the INSURV Inspection the Gas Turbine Readiness Review, Supply Management Inspection, and Auxiliary System Readiness Review were completed between May and June 1988. In early March, repairs to the Flight Deck were completed and the Joint Operational Tactical System (JOTS) was installed.

Two Burial at Sea ceremonies were conducted. The first was on 25 March for WT2C D.L. Gardner. The next was on 5 May for EN1/C Richard I. Hunt, USN. Both were performed in the Atlantic off the coast of Florida.

In early March, McInerney's deployment schedule was revised to the Mediterranean as part of the MED 3-88 Battle Group. McInerney participated in Ocean Venture and FLEETEX 2-88 (basic) from 11-26 April, which included exercise torpedo shots from both ship and helicopter on the AUTEC range near ST. Croix. The crew enjoyed a port visit to Port Everglades, Florida, 29 April - 2 May. Following this port visit CNO project 858-1 testing was conducted on 2 May prior to conducting Fast Landing Qualification Services and arriving in Mayport, Florida, on 5 May. McInerney commenced a maintenance availability (MAV) on 11 May and ending 3 June which included a 300 Ton Ballast Installation.

McInerney hosted the Uruguayan Chief of Naval Operations, VADM Largher, on 1 June. His two week tour of U.S. Naval installations was in part motivated by interest in the FFG-7 Class Platform.

FLEETEX 2-88(advance) was conducted 8 - 24 June. Underway training was conducted in ASW, AAW, ASUW, and Amphibious Assault Exercises. Additionally, a Harpoon exercise missile shot was completed recording a direct hit as evaluated by post exercise analysis. Upon return to Mayport, SIMAS UPGRADE was installed which significantly enhanced the capability of the AN/SQQ-89(V)2 ASW Suite.

On 31 July, QMCM(SW) Garret A. Schultz, McInerney's Command Master Chief, retired after 26 years of Naval Service.

The second of August found McInerney underway for deployment to the Mediterranean. The transit phase involved significant Battle Group training with Real-World coordinated ASW. After transiting the Strait of Gibraltar and conducting a turnover with the USS T.C. Hart in Alicante, Spain, McInerney made her first MED 3-88 port visit to Augusta Bay, Sicily.

Enroute to western Mediterranean, McInerney conducted highly successful ASW line operations against a Real-World target of interest.

McInerney conducted a port visit to Palma de Mallorca, 13-17 September. This visit was abbreviated when McInerney was assigned conducting ASW line operations until 12 October recording unprecedented success against this target of interest.

Port calls were then made to Palma de Mallorca, Spain, and Tunis, Tunisia. McInerney conducted exercises with the Tunisian Navy as part of a Tunisian Passex with USS John F. Kennedy. On the evening of 26 October USS VOGE (FF-1042) suffered a severe engineering casualty which required

McInerney to take her in tow on the morning of the 27th until she regained use of her own propulsion on 28 October. Both ships continued in transit to Augusta Bay, Sicily, for upkeep and maintenance.

Augusta Bay upkeep/IMAV took place at anchorage with McInerney nested with the repair tender USS YELLOWSTONE (AD-41). The upkeep was interrupted for three days when McInerney was assigned to ASW line operations. After locating and tracking the target of interest for two days McInerney returned to Augusta Bay to complete maintenance and participate in the Battlegroup Surface Warfare Training Week. After an upkeep period in Catania, Sicily, McInerney participated in Joint NATO ASW Operations with HMS Arethusa, a British tactical towed array equipped ship.

After upkeep periods in Malaga and Cartagena, Spain, McInerney conducted a Change of Command at which Commander Charles J. Rafter was relieved by Commander Michael O. Borns. The ceremony was held at anchor in Malaga, Spain.

After a port visit to Malaga, McInerney began the transit to Naples, Italy. Encountering high winds and heavy seas, on the morning of 21 December, McInerney received a distress call from the Maltese-Registered Cement Freighter, Jennastar, located southwest of Sardinia, Italy. She was taking on water and had listed to port by 25 degrees in the severe weather. When McInerney reached the scene, the twelve crewman - ten Polish and two Ghanian - had abandoned ship into a single liferaft. As McInerney approached the liferaft, the Jennastar sank. All twelve men were safely brought aboard the McInerney and were transported to Naples where shipping agents and Italian authorities coordinated their return to their respective countries.

Upon arrival in Naples, McInerney commenced a restricted availability period.



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