From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)  
To: Directory of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington, D.C. 20374-0571  
Subj: 1992 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 1992 calendar year.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

   a. Mission: Primary missions are Anti-submarine warfare (AN/SQQ-89 suite, LAMPS MK III), Anti-air warfare (SM-1, 76mm) and Anti-surface warfare (Harpoon, 76mm). MCINERNEY has a secondary mission of convoy escort, and has also been tasked with maritime interception.

   b. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1992:

   CDR Robert D. Jenkins III   Commanding Officer
   LCDR John R. Reichl           Executive Officer
   LT                              Operations Officer
   LT                              Supply Officer
   LT                              Combat Systems Officer
   LT                              Chief Engineer
   LT                              Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
   LT                              Navigator
   LT                              Ordnance Officer
   LT                              Combat Information Center Officer
   LT                              Electronic Readiness Officer
   LTJG                             Auxiliaries Officer
   LTJG                             Damage Control Assistant
   LTJG                             Disbursing Officer
   ENS                              Main Propulsion Assistant
   CWO3

   c. Losses:

   (1) LT 15 January to Honor Guard  
       Presidential Unit, Washington, DC.

   (2) LCDR 31 March to USS TEXAS (CGN-39)  
       Alameda, CA.
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(3) LT [redacted]: 22 April to Fleet Material Supply Office, Long Beach, CA.

(4) LCDR [redacted]: 26 June to Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA.

(5) CWO4 [redacted]: 26 June to Commander Recruiting Training Command, Orlando, FL.

(6) LCDR [redacted]: 20 July to Aviation Supply Officer, Philadelphia, PA.

(7) LTJG [redacted]: 13 August to Student Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA.

(8) CDR Clarence E. Hill: 04 September to Commander SIXTHFLT, Gaeta, Italy.

(9) LT [redacted]: 02 October to USS MOBILE BAY (CG-53) in Honshu Yokosuka, Japan.

(10) LCDR [redacted]: 07 October to Surface Warfare Development Center, Washington, DC.

d. Gains:

(1) LT [redacted]: 28 February from Surface Warfare Schools Command, Newport, RI.

(2) ENS [redacted]: 13 March from Naval Supply School Command, Athens, GA.

(3) LCDR John R. Reichl: 15 June from Commander Destroyer Squadron 25.

(4) LT [redacted]: 28 September from Navy Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA.

(5) CWO3 [redacted]: 29 May from Service Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Mayport, FL.

3. Chronological Order of Events

22 - 23 Jan  Underway in JAXOPAREA for Deck Landing Quals.
24 - 27 Feb  Underway in JAXOPAREA for Space Shuttle Launch.
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09 - 13 Mar  Completed Training Readiness Assessment.
19 Mar - 06 Apr  Underway to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Limited Team Training.
18 - 22 May  Underway JAXOPAREA for OPPE Preparations.
26 - 29 May  Underway JAXOPAREA for OPPE Preparations.
01 - 03 Jun  Underway JAXOPAREA for OPPE Preparations.
09 - 11 Jun  Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
11 - 22 Jun  Inport Mayport conducting INSURV Preparations.
22 - 26 Jun  Completed Board of Inspection and Survey.
17 - 20 Jul  Underway JAXOPAREA conducting Week One Workups with HSL 42 Det 8.
21 Jul  Underway with USS JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group for COMTUEX - Puerto Rican OPAREA.
21 - 26 Jul  Conducted Tail Proficiency Training portion of COMTUEX.
26 - 30 Jul  Conducted Independent Training portion of COMTUEX.
30 - 31 Jul  Port Visit - Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
31 Jul - 09 Aug  Conducted Coordinated Battle Group Training portion of COMTUEX.
09 Aug - 10 Aug  Transit to Mayport; completed Combat Systems Assist Inspection.
24 - 28 Aug  Completed Integrated Support Assessment.
28 Aug  Hosted COMDESRON EIGHT Change of Command Ceremony.
04 Sep  MCINERNEY Change of Command Ceremony - CDR R. D. Jenkins III relieves CDR C. E. Hill.
09 - 18 Sep  Conducted FLEETEX with USS JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group - VACAPES OPAREA.
21 - 21 Sep  Harpoon Tactical Qual Assist Visit.
24 Sep  Completed Harpoon Tactical Qualification.
24 Sep - 07 Oct  Pre-deployment leave and upkeep period.
07 Oct  Underway, MED 1-93 deployment
18 Oct  Transit Straits of Gibraltar.
24 Oct  Transit Suez Canal.
04 - 06 Nov  Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt.
14 - 19 Nov  Operation Indigo Serpent with Royal Saudi Navy (HMS TAIF).
14 - 15 Nov  Port visit - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
17 - 19 Nov  Port visit - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
26 - 27 Nov  Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt (Thanksgiving)
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01 - 07 Dec  Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt.
08 - 09 Dec  Conducted Exercise Infinite Shadow with Royal Jordanian Naval Force.
10 - 12 Dec  Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.
13 - 15 Dec  Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt.
16 - 23 Dec  Maritime Interception Operations, North Red Sea.
24 - 25 Dec  Port visit - Hurghada, Egypt (Christmas).
29 Dec    Coordinated 6000th overall boarding since inception of Maritime Interception Operations.

4. Historical Narrative.

MCINERNEY began 1992 by completing Holiday leave and upkeep period and commencing Deployment Workups subsequent to completing a Drydock Selected Availability and Sea trials in the Fall and Winter of 1991. Employment early in the year included providing a ready deck for landing qualifications for both Army and Navy helicopters as well as ready ship for a Space Shuttle launch from Cape Canaveral.

Also early in the year, MCINERNEY officially received awards for past achievements. The Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Kuwait Liberation Medal are all attributed to efforts during MEF 1-91 Deployment and Operation Desert Storm. MCINERNEY also received the Battle Efficiency Award for the period 31 December 89 to 31 December 91, and mission area awards in Anti-Submarine Warfare, Electronic Warfare, Anti-Air Warfare, Seamanship and Navigation, and Command and Control. MCINERNEY's exceptional performance in the Anti-Submarine Warfare area also earned her the COMNAVSURFLANT Anti-Submarine Warfare Excellence (AN/SQQ-89 configuration) Award, designating her as the top ASW ship on the East Coast.

The next item on the Workup agenda was Training Readiness Evaluation and Limited Team Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A thorough Training Readiness Evaluation was conducted by Commander, Destroyer squadron EIGHT in March followed by four weeks of intensive core training in the Caribbean.

MCINERNEY completed a full inspection cycle during the year, including OPPE, INSURV, ISA, CSAI, and Harpoon Tactical Qualification. Successful completion of these rigorous inspections designated MCINERNEY as a ship fully capable and ready to deploy.
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Battle Group exercises completed the Workup schedule, with COMTUEX in July and FLEETEX in August and September. These underway periods were spent concentrating on intensive mission area training and coordinated ship operations in every warfare area.

With the Workup and Inspection cycle completed in late September, MCINERNEY enjoyed a brief Pre-Overseas Movement period and was underway with the USS JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group on October 7th. Transit across the Atlantic included more coordinated training. MCINERNEY detached from the group after transiting the Straits of Gibraltar and expeditiously proceeded to the Red Sea for tasking with Multi-national forces conducting Maritime Interception Operations in support of U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

MCINERNEY's time in the Red Sea was spent conducting numerous rigorous Boardings and two Special Operations – Indigo Serpent with the Royal Saudi Navy and Infinite Shadow with the Royal Jordanian Naval Force. Brief respite in Hurghada, Egypt provided time for maintenance and liberty, including Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As the close of the year approached, MCINERNEY became a part of the 6000th overall Boarding since inception of the embargo, and was fast approaching the century mark in boardings herself. Eventual totals from the Red Sea would include 124 boardings conducted involving 4924 containers searched and 1,103,218 tons of cargo inspected. The 124 vessels searched represented the flags of 37 nations and contained cargo ranging from aloe to wire scrap.

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