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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E CH-1

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 1995 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 interdiction operations.

b. Effective command structure as of 31 December 1995:

CAPT(sel) Ronald Y. Heath	Commanding Officer
LCDR Robert S. Teufel	Executive Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Combat Systems Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Chief Engineer
LT [REDACTED]	Operations Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Assistant Operations Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Electronics Readiness Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Assistant Supply Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Electrical Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Navigation/Administrative Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Dispersing Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Ordinance Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	First Lieutenant
ENS [REDACTED]	Communications Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Main Propulsion Assistant
ENS [REDACTED]	Combat Information Center Officer
CWO2 [REDACTED]	Auxiliaries Officer

c. Losses:

- (1) LT [REDACTED]: 14 January to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Jacksonville, FL.
- (2) LCDR [REDACTED]: 03 February to Amphibious Group 3, San Diego, CA.
- (3) LT [REDACTED]: 17 March to Naval Station Jacksonville, FL.
- (4) LT [REDACTED]: 30 April released from active duty.
- (5) LT [REDACTED]: 28 August to Destroyer Squadron 26, Norfolk, VA.
- (6) CWO2 [REDACTED]: 17 November to Naval Aviation School Command, Pensacola, FL.
- (7) LT [REDACTED]: 28 December to Tactical Training Group, Pacific, San Diego, CA.

d. Gains:

- (1) LT [REDACTED]: 05 January from Naval Supply School, Athens, GA.
- (2) LCDR Robert Teufel: 30 January from Naval War College, Newport, RI.
- (3) LT [REDACTED]: 17 April from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.
- (4) ENS [REDACTED]: 09 June from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.
- (5) LT [REDACTED]: 21 June from Service School Command, Great Lakes, IL.
- (6) LT [REDACTED]: 21 August from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.
- (7) LTJG [REDACTED]: 08 October from Naval Supply School, Athens, GA.

(8) ENS ██████████: 08 December from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.

(9) ENS ██████████: 11 December from Surface Warfare Officer School Command, Newport, RI.

e. (1) Name of ISIC: Commander, Western Hemisphere Group

(2) Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, Florida.

(3) Aircraft Assigned: 1 SH-60B Seahawk with crew
HSL FOUR EIGHT DET TWO
Tailcode: "Venom 501"

f. Chronological Order of Events:

01-09 Jan:	Inport - Mayport, FL
10-12 Jan:	Enroute - Port Canaveral, FL
13-15 Jan:	Port Visit - Port Canaveral, FL
16 Jan:	Enroute - Mayport, FL
17 Jan - 07 Feb:	Inport - Mayport, FL
08-19 Feb:	Underway - Transit for Operation Strong Resolve '95
19 Feb - 09 Mar:	Operation Strong Resolve '95
10-13 Mar:	Port Visit - Kristiansand, Norway
14 Mar:	Enroute - Willemshaven, Germany
15-17 Mar:	Port Visit - Willemshaven, Germany
18-29 Mar:	Enroute - Mayport, FL
30 Mar - 10 Apr	Inport - Mayport, FL
11-13 Apr:	Underway - SOSMARC Training, JAXOA
14-24 Apr:	Inport - Mayport, FL
25-27 Apr:	Underway - Engineering Training Group Det Mayport
28-30 Apr:	Inport - Mayport, FL
01-03 May:	Enroute - Port Everglades, FL
04-07 May:	Port Visit - Port Everglades, FL for Shell Oil Sea and Air Festival
08 May:	Enroute - Mayport, FL
09-11 May:	Inport - Mayport, FL
12-13 May:	Enroute - Earle, NJ for Weapons Offload
14-15 May:	Inport - Earle, NJ for Weapons Offload
16-18 May:	Underway - PCU FITZGERALD Bravo Trials
19-22 May:	Port Visit - Boston, MA
20 May:	Swampscott Ceremonies, Boston, MA
23 May:	Enroute - New York City, NY for FLEET WEEK '95
31 May - 01 Jun:	Enroute - Mayport, FL
02 Jun - 20 Sep:	Inport - Mayport, FL
06 Jun - 15 Sep:	Planned Restricted Availability, Mayport, FL

21 Sep:	Enroute - Port Canaveral, FL
22-25 Sep:	Port Visit - Port Canaveral, FL for Port Weekend Celebration
26 Sep:	Enroute - Mayport, FL
27 Sep - 01 Oct:	Inport - Mayport, FL
02 Oct:	Enroute - Charleston, SC
03-04 Oct:	Inport - Charleston, SC for Weapons Onload
05 Oct:	Enroute - Mayport, FL
06-15 Oct:	Inport - Mayport, FL
10-13 Oct:	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training, Phase II (CART II)
16-20 Oct:	Underway - Tailored Ship's Training Availability, Phase I, Engineering Training Group
16-20 Oct:	60 Day Pre-Operational Propulsion Plant Exam Assessment, RSG Mayport
21-29 Oct:	Inport - Mayport, FL
23-27 Oct:	Tailored Ship's Training Availability, Phase I, Engineering Training Group
30 Oct - 03 Nov:	Underway - Tailored Ship's Training Availability, Phase I, Fleet Training Group
04-05 Nov:	Inport - Mayport, FL
06-09 Nov:	Underway - Tailored Ship's Training Availability, Phase I, Fleet Training Group
10-20 Nov:	Inport - Mayport, FL
21-22 Nov:	Underway - 30 Day Pre-Operational Propulsion Plant Exam Assessment, RSG Mayport
23-27 Nov:	Inport - Mayport, FL
28-30 Nov:	Underway - Mock Operational Propulsion Plant Exam, RSG Mayport
01-31 Dec:	Inport - Mayport, FL
12-14 Dec:	Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (Inport Mayport, FL), Propulsion Examining Board (PEB)

3. Historical Narrative.

MCINERNEY's initial employment of 1995 was a Port Visit in Port Canaveral, FL. Following this visit and a three week stint in homeport, MCINERNEY departed for Operation Strong Resolve, a Nato exercise conducted in the Norwegian Sea. During this time, MCINERNEY had the opportunity to experience port visits in both Kristiansand, Norway and Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

Returning to Mayport at the end of March, MCINERNEY performed as school ship for three Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC) FFG-7 prospective commanding officers who observed various underway evolutions and exercises. After their departure, Engineering Training Group (ETG) embarked for a week's worth of training and drills.

The month of May started off MCINERNEY's "East Coast Tour" with a trip to Port Everglades for Fort Lauderdale's "Shell Oil Sea and Air Festival." The next stop was Naval Weapons Station Earle, NJ for an ammunition offload to support the upcoming Planned Restricted Availability (PRAV).

MCINERNEY left Earle to support the Bravo trials of the fleet's newest Arleigh Burke class DDG, the PCU FITZGERALD. Embarking a detachment from VC-8, MCINERNEY launched target drones and acoustic devices, supporting the FITZGERALD throughout various Air and Undersea Warfare exercises.

MCINERNEY then pulled into the historical Charlestown Navy Yard, in support of Armed Forces Day ceremonies in Boston and nearby Swampscott, MA. MCINERNEY marching teams and color guards participated in several parades and flag raising ceremonies.

FLEET WEEK 1995 was MCINERNEY's next stop, arriving in New York City in a Parade of Ships that included numerous U.S. and allied commands. During FLEET WEEK, the crew of MCINERNEY showed its tenacity by winning the COMCRUDESGRU TWO Admiral's Cup for FLEET WEEK Excellence.

As the summer season commenced, MCINERNEY found herself pierside, Naval Station Mayport, from 2 June until 15 September

while undergoing a \$1.9 million PRAV Shipalt 146K, an alteration to prevent superstructure cracking, was a major part of this availability.

Emerging from the shipyard environment with a successful Light Off Assessment administered by COMREGSUPPGRU, Mayport and a weapons onload in WPNSTA, Charleston, MCINERNEY began her next training cycle with Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Phase II (CART II) in the early part of October. CART II was followed in quick succession by Phase I of the Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA I) with ETG, Combat Systems Training Group (CSTG), and Fleet Training Group (FTG), all providing intensive instruction during a four week period.

Not to be outdone, the engineering side of the house kicked into full swing during the latter part of November with a Pre OPPE check ride and Mock OPPE. MCINERNEY completed 1995 by successfully completing the first pierside OPPE. Due to extreme weather conditions in the Jacksonville Operating Area, MCINERNEY performed all engineering drills and evolutions pierside, achieving an overall OPPE adjective grade of "Good."

Following OPPE, MCINERNEY shifted into a holiday leave and standown period which took her to the end of the calendar year.