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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8)
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Subj: 1998 COMMAND HISTORY
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 USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) during the 1998 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 1998:

CDR Terry A. Bragg	Commanding Officer
LCDR Marinus Storm	Executive Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Operations Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Chief Engineer
LT [REDACTED]	Combat Systems Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Ordnance Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Auxiliaries Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Navigation Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Electronics Readiness Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	First Lieutenant
LTJG [REDACTED]	Electrical Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Combat Information Center Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Damage Control Assistant
ENS [REDACTED]	Communications Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Undersea Warfare Officer
CWO2 [REDACTED]	Main Propulsion Asssistant

c. Losses:

(1) LTJG [REDACTED]: 26 February to USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG 68), Mayport, FL.

(2) LCDR [REDACTED]: 16 March to OPNAV (N09B20), Arlington, VA.

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(3) LT [REDACTED]: 20 August to Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

(4) LT [REDACTED]: 29 May to MCM ROTATIONAL CREW CHARLIE, Ingleside, TX.

(5) LT [REDACTED]: 31 May released from active duty.

(6) LCDR [REDACTED]: 18 June to Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

(7) LT [REDACTED]: 31 July released from active duty.

(8) LTJG [REDACTED]: 16 October to Air Maintenance Detachment Cecil Field, FL.

(9) LTJG [REDACTED]: 06 November to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67), Mayport, FL.

(10) LTJG [REDACTED]: 23 November to USS YORKTOWN (CG 48), Pascagoula, MS.

d. Gains:

(1) ENS [REDACTED]: 27 January from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport RI.

(2) CWO2 [REDACTED]: 23 February from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport RI.

(3) LTJG [REDACTED]: 19 March from USS KIDD (DDG 993).

(4) LCDR Marinus Storm: 23 February from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport, RI.

(5) LT [REDACTED]: 26 May from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport, RI.

(6) LT [REDACTED]: 15 June from Naval Supply Corps School, Athens, GA.

(7) ENS [REDACTED]: 22 June from Naval Supply Corps School, Athens GA.

(8) LTJG [REDACTED]: 19 August from USS HUE CITY (CG 66).

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(9) ENS [REDACTED]: 13 November from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport, RI.

(10) ENS [REDACTED]: 23 November from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport, RI.

(11) ENS [REDACTED]: 31 December from Surface Warfare Officer School Command Newport, RI.

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

(2) Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, FL.

f. Chronological Order of Events:

01-02Jan: Inport FT. Lauderdale, FL
03-12Jan Underway for Counter Narcotics Operations
12Jan Inport Colon Panama
13-15Jan Underway
16-18Jan Inport Cartagena, Colombia
19-21 Jan Underway
22Jan Inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
22-25Jan Mid Cycle Assessment
23-25Jan Underway Enroute Port Everglades, FL
26Jan Inport Port Everglades, FL
26-27Jan Tiger Cruise
27Jan Underway Enroute Mayport, FL
28Jan-02Mar Inport Mayport, FL
29Jan-26Feb Leave and Standown Period
03-04Mar Underway Enroute Yorktown, VA
05-06Mar Inport Yorktown, VA- Weapons Offload
07-10Mar Underway - Enroute Cape Canaveral OPAREA
11-12Mar Underway Mode VII Operations, Cape Canaveral OPAREA
13 Mar Underway - Enroute Mayport, FL
14Mar-17Jun Inport - Mayport, FL
17Mar SRA fuel offload
17Mar-29May SRA 1998
06-10Apr Pre Light Off Training II
04-08May Pre Light Off training III
03-05Jun Light Off Assessment
16-18Jun Underway - JAXOPAREA
19Jun-14Jul Inport - Mayport, FL
23-26Jun Command Assessment Readiness For Training Phase II
06-10Jul Aviation Certification
06-10Jul Total Ship Training Availability Phase I - CSTG
13-17Jul Total Ship Training Availability Phase I - ETG
15-17Jul Underway - JAXOPAREA

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18-27Jul Inport - Mayport, FL
20-24Jul Total Ship Training Availability Phase I - CSTG
28-31Jul Underway - JAXOPAREA
28-31Jul Total Ship Training Availability Phase I - CSTG, ETG
01-03Aug Inport - Mayport, FL
04-07Aug Underway - JAXOPAREA
04-07Aug Total Ship Training Availability Phase I - CSTG, ETG
08-09Aug Inport - Mayport, FL
10-14Aug Underway - JAXOPAREA
10-14Aug Total Ship Training Availability Phase I - CSTG, ETG
15Aug Inport - Mayport, FL
19Aug Ammunition Onload
23-26Aug Underway - Hurricane Evasion
27-28Aug Inport - Mayport, FL
29Aug-03Sep Underway - JAXOPAREA,
29Aug-04Sep Total Ship Training Availability Phase II - ETG
04-14Sep Inport - Mayport, FL
08-10Sep Combat Systems Alignment
15-18Sep Underway - JAXOPAREA
17Sep Engineering Certification
19-26Sep Inport - Mayport, FL
21-25Sep Total Ship Training Availability Phase II - CSTG
25Sep Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification
27-29Sep Underway, Counter Narcotics Operations
30Sep Inport, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
01-05Oct Underway, Counter Narcotics Operations
06-07Oct Inport, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
08Oct Underway, Enroute Port au Prince, Haiti
09Oct Inport, Port au Prince, Haiti
09Oct Underway, Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
10Oct Inport, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
11-15Oct Underway, Enroute Mayport, FL
11-15Oct Total Ship Training Availability Phase III - CSTG
16Oct-01Nov Inport - Mayport, FL
02-06Nov Underway - JAX OPAREA
02-06Nov Total Ship Training Availability Phase III - ETG, CSTG
07-17Nov Inport - Mayport, FL
13Nov Communications Readiness Certification
18-20Nov Underway - JAX OPAREA
18-20Nov Final Evaluation Problem
21Nov-07Dec Inport - Mayport, FL
30Nov-04Dec Logistics Management Assessment
08-10Dec Underway, Enroute Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
11Dec Inport, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
12-14Dec Underway, OPFOR COMPTUEX 99-2
14Dec Inport, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
15-18Dec Underway, Enroute Mayport, FL
19-31Dec Inport - Mayport, FL

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3. Historical Narrative

MCINERNEY began 1998 conducting a port visit in FT. Lauderdale, FL during a Counter Narcotics deployment in the Caribbean Sea. After the New Year Holiday MCINERNEY returned to her station in the Caribbean and conducted one last port visit to Cartegena, Columbia before turning North back to homeport. As a result of MCINERNEY's success during the deployment she was awarded the Joint Meritorious Commendation Award. Before a brief stop at Port Canaveral to pick up dependants for a Tiger Cruise, MCINERNEY completed her Mid Cycle Assessment then she returned to Mayport and entered Post Deployment Standown.

In early March MCINERNEY got underway enroute Naval Weapons Station Yorktown VA to offload weapons in preparation for a SRA. After completing the offload she proceeded to the Cape Canaveral Operating Area to participate in the annual Mode VIII exercise conducted by NASA. In this joint exercise, MCINERNEY provided assistance in reviewing, conducting and refining Space Shuttle emergency procedures.

Upon return to Mayport and until the end of May, MCINERNEY entered a Selected Restricted Availability. During this period she completed several major repairs and equipment upgrades and installation. The engineering department specifically completed an exceptionally challenging schedule including maintenance, repairs and training. This intensive training paid off through smooth Pre-Light Off Training Phases and a highly successful June Light Off Assessment.

After Light Off Assessment in June MCINERNEY went to sea the first time in four months for a shakedown cruise and verified that all repairs and modifications were successful. Upon return to port, the next major task was at hand: Command Assessment Readiness for Training Phase II (CART II) and the beginning of the basic training cycle. After completing CART II, the Total Ship Training Availability Phases began. During this period, the ship was exercised in all aspects of operations from ship handling, damage control and engineering exercises to several live weapons firing exercises. The ship's TSTA cycle was twice interrupted, once in August for Hurricane Evasion and then in October to conduct Counter Narcotics Operations. MCINERNEY was notified that she was required to fill a vacant position in the Caribbean on short notice. To fill this commitment, the ship quickly completed several repairs and completed her Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification a full week ahead of schedule. During the Counter Narcotics Operation MCINERNEY made a port visit to Port Au Prince, Haiti to conduct humanitarian relief by refurbishing a local school.

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In the fall the training cycle culminated in the last of the series of major inspections. September provided the Engineering to display the accomplishments since Mid Cycle Assessment by completing Engineering Certification with zero major discrepancies and an extremely successful set of drills. The Final Evaluation Problem conducted in November provided a comprehensive "Final Exam" for the ship exercising all watchstations, at this point the ship became fully certified to operate in all areas. And the Logistics Management Assessment held in late November and early December reaffirmed the supply departments ability to provide extensive support in all areas MCINERNEY completed the year by spending the beginning of December underway providing Opposition Force services for the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT battlegroup in the Puerto Rican Operation Area. During this time she not only provided valuable training to the Carrier Battlegroup but gained valuable operating experience for her own operators and watchstanders.


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