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1. Command Composition and Organization:

a. USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41), UIC 21108, is a Flight Three Oliver Hazard Perry Class Frigate built to fulfill a Protection of Shipping (POS) mission as an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) combatant for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups, and merchant convoys. Perry-class frigates are primarily Undersea Warfare ships intended to provide open-ocean escort of amphibious ships and convoys in low to moderate threat environments. The ships are equipped to escort and protect carrier battle groups, amphibious landing groups, underway replenishment groups and convoys. They also provide defense against anti-ship missiles. They can also conduct independent operations to perform such tasks as counterdrug surveillance, maritime interception operations, and bi and multi-lateral exercises with other nations. The addition of NTDS, LAMPS helicopters, and the Tactical Towed Array System (TACTAS) has given these ships a combat capability far beyond the class program expectations of the mid-1970's, and has made the ships an integral and valued asset in virtually any war-at-sea scenario. They are particularly well suited for operations in littoral waters. Equipped with the SM-1 (Standard Missile), Perry-class frigates have a fair capability against low altitude Anti-Ship Missiles. Features include improved 2D air search radar and a high SM-1 salvo rate against single targets.

The FFG-7 class is a robust platform, capable of withstanding considerable damage. This "toughness" was demonstrated when USS Samuel B. Roberts struck a mine and USS Stark was hit by two Exocet cruise missiles. In both cases the ships survived, were repaired, and were returned to the fleet.

The Perry-class was designed from the keel up as a total warfare system, capable of operating independently or as an integral part of a carrier or surface action group. Innovations in high-speed digital computer technology enable the on-board weapons system to instantly detect and evaluate contacts at greater ranges with minimum human interface, thus providing increased reaction times. To enhance onboard anti-surface/anti-submarine capabilities, the LAMPS Mark III Helicopter System adds significantly to the ship's sensor and weapons delivery range.

Specifications:

Power Plant	2 - General Electric LM2500 gas turbine engines 1 shaft, 41,000 shaft horsepower total.
Length	453 feet (135.9 meters)
Beam	45 feet (13.5 meters)
Displacement	4,100 tons (full load)
Speed	29 plus knots (33.4+ miles per hour)
Aircraft	Two SH-60 (LAMPS III)
Crew	
Armament	Standard Missile (Sm-1) Harpoon (from Standard Missile Launcher) 6 - MK-46 Torpedoes (from two MK-32 SVTT triple mounts) 1 - 76 mm (3-inch)/62 caliber MK 75 rapid fire gun 1 - Phalanx close-in-weapons system
Combat Systems	AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar Mk92 Fire Control System AN/SLQ-32 Electronics Warfare System AN/SQS-56 Sonar Mk36 SRBOC Decoy System AN/SQR-19 Towed Array Sonar System AN/SQQ-89 ASW Integration System

b. USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) is named after Rear Admiral Wade MCCLUSKY a hero of the Battle of Midway and is homeported in San Diego, California. MCCLUSKY is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron One as part of the Pacific Fleet.

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2. Chronology.

January 1 - 21 Inport San Diego, California January 1 - 6 Holiday Standdown Gas Turbine Engine Power Turbine Installation January 1 - 11 January 9 - 10 Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 49 (HSL-49) Detachment Four "Pack-Up Kit" (PUK) Inventory January 11 PUK Onload January 13 - 18 Combat systems, command, control, communications, and computer readiness assessment (C5RA) January 14 HSL-49 embarkation brief January 22 - February 8 At Sea, Southern California Operating Area (SOCAL OPAREA) HSL-49 DET Four embarked January 22 - February 6 USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX) Prospective Commanding Officers orientation January 28 - February 2 In MCCLUSKY February 8 - 10 Inport San Francisco, California February 11 - 12 At Sea February 12 - 20 Inport San Diego, California February 20 - 22 At Sea, SOCAL OPAREA Missile Firing Exercise February 22 - March 11 Inport San Diego, California February 26 - March 8 Force Protection Training March 11 At Sea, Enroute Naval Weapons station Seal Beach March 12 - 14 Inport, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Weapon Onload March 14 At sea, Enroute San Diego, California March 14 AN-SPS 49 Radar Emissions Test March 14 - April 8 Inport san Diego, California March 14 - 7 April Pre-Deployment Standdown April 8 - October 2 Deployed for Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF) Counter Drug Deployment in the Eastern Pacific April 8 - 13 At Sea, Enroute Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala (GT) April 13 Inport, Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) Puerto Quetzal, GT At Sea, Eastern Pacific April 13 - 27 Pursuit of suspected drug'smuggling craft April 17 (GO-FAST) Detainment of suspected drug smugglers Recovery of 75 bales of cocaine April 23 Detainees and 1 bale of cocaine transferred to authorities in Panama April 27 - 30 Inport Golfito, Costa Rica (CR) Anchored, Gulfo Dulce (CR) April 30 April 30 - May 14 At Sea, Eastern Pacific May 14 - 17 Inport Rodman, Panama (PM) May 17 - 31 At Sea, Eastern Pacific May 31 - June 3 Inport Manta, Ecuador (EC) June 3 - 11 At Sea, Eastern Pacific

June 5 June 11 June 11 - 21 June 18 June 21 June 22 June 23 - 26 June 23 - 26 June 26 - 29 June 26 June 29 - July 1 July 1 - 12 July 13 - 15 July 15 July 15 - 17 July 17 July 18 July 18 - 25 July 21 July 24 July 25 - 28 July 28 July 28 - August 10 July 30 July 31 August 9 August 10 - 13 August 13 - 25 August 20 August 25 - 28 August 28 - September 7 September 6 September 7 September 7 - 9 September 9 - 12 September 12 - 22 September 17 September 19 September 21 September 22 September 22 - 27 September 27 - 29

October 2 - November 12

Boarding of F/V JOHNNY Inport BSF Rodman, PM At Sea, Eastern Pacific Boarding of F/V TELEMBI Inport, BSF Rodman, PM . Panama Canal Transit Engineering Mid-Cycle Assessment (MCA) At Sea, Atlantic/Caribbean Inport Key West, Florida 74 bales of cocaine transferred to DEA At Sea, Enroute Mayport, Florida Inport Mayport, Florida Mid-deployment Intermediate Maintenance Availability At Sea, Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Inport, BSF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba At Sea, Enroute Cristobal, PM Panama Canal Transit Inport, Rodman, PM At Sea, Eastern Pacific · Boarding of F/V BAHIA Casualty to #2 SSDG Inport Rodman, PM Commanding Officer Turnover Change of Command At Sea, Eastern Pacific Pursuit of GO-FAST 540 LBS of Marijuana recovered Boarding of F/V ANTIOQUENO Boarding of F/V QUEEN SUSANA Inport Rodman, PM At Sea, Eastern Pacific Interdiction of F/V DAVID X Escort of F/V DAVID X to RDVZ and turnover With Ecuadorian Navy Inport Callao, Peru At Sea, Eastern Pacific Pursuit of GO-FAST · • Inport, BSF Golfito, CR At Sea, Enroute Manta, EC Inport Manta, EC At Sea, Eastern Pacific ' Rescue At Sea of Mr. Richard Van Pham, lost at sea for 3 ½ months Boarding of F/V MARIA SOLEDAD Boarding of F/V MORNING STAR Pursuit of GO-FAST Seizure of 15 bales of cocaine 4 suspected drug smugglers detained GO-FAST sunk and Contraband and detainees transferred to USS SIMPSON Inport, BSF Puerto Quetzal, GT At Sea, Eastern Pacific Inport Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (MX) September 29 - October 2 At Sea, Enroute San Diego, California Tiger Cruise Inport San Diego, California

November 12	At Sea, Enroute Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach
November 12 - 14	Ammunition Offload
November 14 - 15	At Sea, SOCAL OPAREA
November 15	Underway Replenishment
November 15 - 25	Inport San Diego, California
November 25 - 26	At Sea, SOCAL OPAREA
	Helicopter Deck Launch Qualifications (DLQ's)
November 26	Burial At Sea
November 26 - December 2	Inport San Diego, California
December 2 - 6	At Sea, SOCAL OPAREA
December 2	Shipboard Electronic System Evaluation
	Facility (SESEF)
December 3 - 4	DLQ's
December 3	Anchor Drop-Test
December 4	Lear Jet Tracking exercise
	Range Electronic Warfare Simulator (REWS)
December 6 - 9	Anchored Santa Barbara, California
December 9 - 10	At Sea, Enroute San Diego, California
December 10 - 31	Inport San Diego, California

3. <u>Narrative</u>. MCCLUSKY (MCC) began the year making preparations for the Intermediate and Advanced phases of the IDTC. Although MCCLUSKY was later to deploy independently for counterdrug operations in the waters off South and Central America, the ship was aligned with the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group for training.

The inport period in January was a critical period for upkeep of the ship, training, and installation of equipment. During this time a power turbine was installed on one of the ship's two gas turbine engines. In January, the ship began operating with the SH-60B squadron detachment (HSL-49) that would be embarked for deployment. REDSTINGER 102, the embarked SH-60B, and detachment Four from HLS-49 moved onboard MCC.

From late January 22 through 6 February, MCCLUSKY participated as opposing forces in the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). This period was also used for extensive training with the attached helicopter detachment, which was critical for familiarization of flight operations between our two units as well as qualifications for the aviators and aircraft. MCCLUSKY also had four prospective Commanding Officers ride from 28 January to 2 February as part of their training pipeline. Following COMPTUEX, the crew enjoyed liberty in San Francisco from 8 February to 10 February, and returned to San Diego on 12 February.

MCCLUSKY continued preparations for deployment while inport San Diego 12 February to 20 February. On the 20th of February MCC served as OCE for a missile firing exercise with USS VALLEY FORGE and USS FITZGERALD. Technical difficulties delayed the launching of the drones (used for targeting), and the runway used to launch the drones was obscured by fog. On the 21st of February, however, MCCLUSKY successfully fired two standard missiles. The ship returned to port on February 22nd.

The ship moored at pier 8, Naval Base San Diego to conduct inport force protection training from 26 February to 8 March. Following the Force Protection Training Team assessment, the ship proceeded underway for Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, on 11 March. MCCLUSKY spent 11-14 March on loading ammunition in Seal Beach. On 14 March, the ship conducted an AN/SPS-49 air search radar emission test off the coast of San Diego.

MCCLUSKY remained inport from 14 March to 8 April conducting final preparations for a Joint Inter-agency Task Force Counter Drug Deployment. During this inport period, SPAWAR San Diego installed the Navigation Sensor System Interface-Lite (NAVSSI-LITE). The initial installation met with difficulty as the first test of the equipment resulted in a casualty to the ship's combat system switchboard. The casualty was quickly corrected, however, and the installation successfully completed.

MCCLUSKY departed San Diego on 8 April for a six-month JIATF East Counter Drug deployment. MCC arrived at Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala on 13 April for a brief stop for fuel, and got underway the same day to patrol the Eastern Pacific. On April 17th MCCLUSKY got her first score of the deployment when it detected, pursued, and detained a drug smuggling boat (or "GO-FAST"). The GO-FAST had suffered an engine casualty and MCCLUSKY came upon her in the dark of the night. REDSTINGER 102 was used in the pursuit and marked the position of the boat with smoke floats. The vessel was boarded and eight personnel were detained as suspected drug traffickers. They were housed under a canopy on the ship's 02-level. The following day, using tide and current prediction models, MCCLUSKY located the contraband that was jettisoned by the GO-FAST crew. A total of 75 bales of cocaine, weighing approximately 3,992 LBS, were recovered. After using the seized vessel to recover the jettisoned cocaine, the vessel was sunk using small arms, so that the GO-FAST would not become a hazard to navigation. On 23 April the detainees and 1 bale of cocaine were transferred to authorities via small boat approximately 1 mile off the coast of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama.

From 27-30 April MCC enjoyed a port visit to Golfito, Costa Rica. Prior to getting underway on the 30th, a crewmember was taken by chartered aircraft to the hospital in San Jose', Costa Rica after suffering stroke-like symptoms. Later on the 30th MCCLUSKY went got underway and anchored in nearby Golfo Dulce. Our Hospitalman and an important helicopter part were transferred from Golfito to the ship using our small boat, then MCCLUSKY weighed anchor and continued to patrol the Eastern Pacific.

MCCLUSKY next visited Rodman, Panama from 14 to 17 May. After getting underway from Panama, MCC continued to patrol until May 31st. The ship visited Manta, Ecuador from 31 May to 3 June. Counter-drug patrols continued from 3 to 11 June. During this period MCCLUSKY boarded the fishing vessel JOHNNY, which was suspected of providing logistical support to drug smuggling GO-FAST craft.. No contraband was found onboard the vessel.

MCCLUSKY stopped again at Rodman, Panama for a one-day brief stop for fuel (BSF) on 11 June, and returned to sea. On 18 June MCCLUSKY boarded the fishing vessel TELEMBI. Again, no contraband was found, but the vessel was carrying excessive gasoline and not flying her national flag (Columbian), and was therefore ordered to return to port. On 21 June, MCC conducted another BSF in Panama, prior to transiting the Panama Canal on 22 June. Following the Panama Canal transit, the ship proceeded en route to Key West Florida. During the transit to Key West, staff from Commander Destroyer Squadron One conducted a successful engineering Mid-Cycle Assessment (MCA). Following a successful MCA, MCCLUSKY moored in Key West on 26th June. Upon arrival, the ship transferred 74 bales of cocaine to DEA authorities. MCCLUSKY remained in Key West for 3 days and departed on 29 June. MCCLUSKY patrolled along the coast of Florida while en route to Mayport, Florida. On the 1st of July, MCCLUSKY arrived in Mayport and began a 12-day Intermediate Maintenance Availability. The ship received outstanding support from Mayport Regional Maintenance Center and got underway on 13 July with no active casualty reports.

The ship received tasking to conduct a BSF in Guantanamo Bay, CUBA while en route to Cristobal, Panama, to transit the Panama Canal again. The BSF went as planned and on 17 July MCCLUSKY arrived at Cristobal and began transiting the canal.

From 18 to 25 July MCCLUSKY patrolled the Eastern Pacific. On 21 July MCCLUSKY boarded the fishing vessel BAHIA. No contraband was found but the vessel was issued a return to port (Columbia) order. Number 2 Ship's Service Diesel Generator suffered a casualty on 24 July, and was out of commission the remainder of deployment. MCCLUSKY returned to Rodman, Panama on 25 July. July 25 - 28 was used for turnover of the Commanding Officer. On the morning of the 28th, Commander Gary R. Parriott relieved Commander William B. Haflich as Commanding Officer of USS MCCLUSKY. The ship got underway shortly after the change of command and patrolled from 28 July to 10 August.

On 30 July, REDSTINGER 102 detected a GO-FAST in the waters off Columbia. MCCLUSKY pursued the GO-FAST toward Columbian territorial waters. The GO-FAST jettisoned contraband over the side and was able to reach Columbian territorial waters. The event was evaluated as a mission kill, however, as MCCLUSKY recovered approximately 540 LBS of marijuana.

MCCLUSKY boarded the fishing vessel ANTIOQUENO on 31 July and issued a return to port (Columbia) order for possessing excessive gasoline. On 9 August the ship detected the fishing vessel QUEEN SUSANA near Isla Malpelo. When MCCLUSKY received permission to board QUEEN SUSANA, the vessel was making its way into Columbian territorial waters. MCCLUSKY were able to intercept and Board QUEEN SUSANA 14 nautical miles from Isla Malpelo. A search for contraband yielded negative results. Following the boarding, MCCLUSKY patrolled en route to Rodman, Panama, where MCCLUSKY remained from 10-13 August.

MCCLUSKY departed Panama on 13 August and patrolled until 25 August. On 19 August, MCCLUSKY detected the fishing vessel DAVID X with 185 to 200 illegal immigarants on board. MCCLUSKY escorted DAVID X toward Malpelo Island and into the custody of the Ecuadorian Navy. MCCLUSKY arrived in Callao, Peru, on 25 August and remained there until the 28th.

Once again on patrol in the Eastern Pacific MCCLUSKY was assigned to pursue a GO-FAST spotted by a customs aircraft on September 5th. The pursuit continued for 19 hours, as the GO-FAST was able to open MCCLUSKY by only 1 Knot. Through the night, the GO-FAST would open to approximately 5 nautical miles from MCCLUSKY, lose sight of our ship, and slow. When MCCLUSKY would close to within one nautical mile, the GO-FAST would see the ship and flee again. MCCLUSKY was authorized to fire warning shots, and did so with .50 caliber guns in an attempt to get the GO-FAST to heave to. The warning shots, however, failed to convince the drug smugglers to abandon the chase. During the chase customs aircraft witnessed the suspected smugglers jettisoning items over the side. However, no contraband was recovered as a result of this operation.

With fuel running low following the lengthy high-speed pursuit, MCCLUSKY was forced to pull into Golfito, Costa Rica on 7 September for fuel. MCCLUSKY conducted a BSF in Golfito and left the same day. MCCLUSKY arrived in Manta, Ecuador on 9 September and remained until the 12th. The first anniversary of the 11 September terrorist attacks was commemorated with a memorial service held onboard MCCLUSKY and featured the flying of the "First Jack."

Following the Manta port visit, MCCLUSKY's patrols began to move northward in preparation for the transit homeward. While covertly monitoring a suspected logistics support vessel (LSV) on 17 September, MCCLUSKY received a call from a customs P-3 that they had spotted a distressed sailboat. With both engines online, the ship made best speed toward the vessel. MCCLUSKY came upon the sailboat SEA BREEZE with a broken mast, and discovered a 62-year-old man that had been lost at sea for approximately 3 and ½ months. The man's rescue generated an extraordinarily large amount of publicity for MCCLUSKY. Numerous television and newspaper interviews were conducted via telephone with the Commanding Officer and the crew of MCCLUSKY's small boat. With the permission of the rescued man, MCCLUSKY sank SEA BREEZE because it was damaged beyond repair and would only be a hazard to navigation if left afloat.

Two days later, 19 September, MCCLUSKY boarded the fishing vessel MARIA SOLEDAD. Nothing unusual was found on the vessel, except that the engine head was cracked. The captain reported that assistance was on its way, and that he did not require anything from MCCLUSKY. MCCLUSKY was detached from boarding MARIA SOLEDAD once full space accountability was reached.

Shortly after the boarding of MARIA SOLEDAD, MCLUSKY boarded the fishing vessel MORNING STAR on 21 September. Just as the inspection of the vessel was being concluded, MCCLUSKY was tasked to pursue a GO-FAST in the area. Prior to seizing the GO-FAST, MCCLUSKY recovered 15 bales of suspected cocaine that the crew had jettisoned. MCCLUSKY detained four suspected drug smugglers, inspected, and then sank the GO-FAST. The detainees and contraband were transferred via small boat to the custody of USS SIMPSON late on the evening of September 21st.

On September 22nd the ship moored in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, for a BSF. Following the BSF, MCCLUSKY was bound for a port visit in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, scheduled for 26-29 September. The ship's arrival, however, was delayed when Tropical Storm JULIO formed along MCCLUSKY's intended track, and the Optimum Track Ship's Routing (OTSR) Duty Officer recommended that MCCLUSKY divert south and west until JULIO was clear of Puerto Vallarta. MCCLUSKY followed this recommendation, and as JULIO dissipated MCCLUSKY moored at Puerto Vallarta on 27 September.

When MCCLUSKY got underway from Mexico, MCCLUSKY had several friends and family of the ship's crew onboard. The transit to San Diego was used as an opportunity to educate our guests on Navy life at sea. On 2 October MCC returned to San Diego. Its arrival featured heavy media coverage stemming from the rescue at sea conducted weeks earlier.

From 2 October to 4 November the ship stood down, providing the crew a well-deserved rest. MCCLUSKY transited to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA and conducted an ammo offload from 12 to 14 November. MCCLUSKY returned to San Diego on 15 November. MCCLUSKY went to sea again on 25 November to conduct various training exercises and two burials at sea prior to returning to San Diego on the 26th.

Following a short break for Thanksgiving, MCCLUSKY went to sea again on the 2 December. Again, the crew conducted a variety of evolutions for training and equipment validation. The highlight of this underway period was a trip to Santa Barbara, CA. The local yacht club and Navy League extended remarkable hospitality towards the crew. Santa Barbara became one of MCCLUSKY's favorite places to visit. To show our appreciation, the Officers and Chief Petty Officers hosted a reception onboard MCCLUSKY on 8 December. On 9 December MCCLUSKY departed Santa Barbara and returned to San Diego on the 10th. For the remainder of the month, MCCLUSKY was inport San Diego for holiday standdown and repairs to number 2 SSDG.

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