



USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP09BH), Washington, DC 20374  
Subj: 1985 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT (OPNAV 5750.1)  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

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 1985 calendar year.

2. Ship Command Structure.

a. Effective Command Structure as of 31 December 1985:

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|------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CAPT | RICHARD DAVID WEST        | COMMANDING OFFICER                |
| LCDR | MICHAEL PATRICK CAMPBELL  | EXECUTIVE OFFICER                 |
| LCDR | STEPHEN DANIEL SULLIVAN   | SHIP CONTROL OFFICER              |
| LT   | JOHN DANIEL ZIMMERMAN     | COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER            |
| LT   | ROY WILLIAM CROWE         | ENGINEERING OFFICER               |
| LT   | JOHN ERICKSON PREUSS      | SUPPLY OFFICER                    |
| LT   | WILLIAM BARNES TRIMBLE    | AUXILIARY OFFICER                 |
| LT   | THOMAS ROBERT THROWER     | DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT          |
| LT   | JOSEPH MICHAEL O'CONNELL  | FIRST LIEUTENANT                  |
| LT   | BRIAN STEVEN BOURGEOIS    | ADMINISTRATION OFFICER            |
| LT   | DONALD DEAN BUDDEN        | ORDNANCE OFFICER                  |
| LTJG | MATTHEW JAMES GARSIDE     | MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT         |
| LTJG | WILLIAM JOHN SENKE        | ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER    |
| LTJG | TIMOTHY JACQUES MAYNARD   | COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER |
| LTJG | ROBERT EDWIN NERTHLING II | DISBURSING OFFICER                |
| ENS  | WILLIAM ELVIN LEGGETT     | ELECTRONICS READINESS OFFICER     |
| ENS  | MARK JOHN SULLIVAN        | ASSISTANT FIRST LIEUTENANT        |

b. Losses:

(1) LT CHARLES LOUIS NICHOLSON: 08 May 1985 discharged from Active Duty.

(2) LT STEVEN DOUGLAS BENTON: 02 June 1985 transferred to COMNAVSURFLANT, Washington, DC

(3) LT THOMAS JEFFREY MEEKER: 01 July 1985 transferred to USS MACDONOUGH (DDG-39).

**c. Gains:**

(1) LT JOHN ERICKSON PREUSS: 17 May 1985 from Supply Corps School, Athens, GA.

(2) LT JOHN DANIEL ZIMMERMAN: 17 June 1985 from Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic, Dam Neck, VA.

(3) LTJG MATTHEW JAMES GARSIDE: 22 June 1985 from Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Newport, RI.

(4) LT WILLIAM BARNES TRIMBLE: 30 July 1985 from Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Newport, RI.

(5) ENS MARK JOHN SULLIVAN: 09 August 1985 from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay, MA.

3. Historical Narrative. In 1985 United States Ship MCINERNEY (FFG-8) was deployed to the Middle East Force from 01 January to 16 March. As part of Middle East Force 1-85 MCINERNEY set an Aviation Safety and Readiness Record with a 98 percent availability rate over 4.5 months and 153 consecutive days fully mission capable (FMC). MCINERNEY conducted extensive surveillance operations of Persian Gulf shipping and monitored the progress of United States Flag Tankers in the Persian Gulf. MCINERNEY conducted post attack damage assessment of foreign flag tankers attacked by Iran and Iraq in conjunction with the economic war in the Persian Gulf commonly referred to as the "Tanker War".

After out-chopping from Middle East Force on 16 March 1985, MCINERNEY visited Palma and Rota, Spain, and Ponta Delgada, Azores enroute to her arrival in Mayport, Florida on 06 April 1985. Since return from deployment, MCINERNEY conducted an Interim Refresher Training, Carrier Escort, Engineering and ASW Schoolship Exercises, and Law Enforcement Operations with the United States Coast Guard. MCINERNEY received the highest grade possible - an above average - in the rigorous Atlantic Fleet Propulsion Examining Board's OPPE in October 1985 and was awarded the Commander In Chief United States Atlantic Fleet, Golden Anchor Award for retention excellence in December 1985. MCINERNEY was the Host Ship for the Navy Birthday/Columbus Day Celebration in New York City and Host Ship for Homecoming Weekend at the United States Naval Academy in October 1985.

4. Chronological Order of Events:

- 01 January Underway with LAMPS MK I Helicopter Detachment (HSL-34 Det 4), conducted surveillance operations in the Persian Gulf as a member of the Middle East Force.
- 05 January Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain for a brief upkeep period to change out the engine block of Number Three Diesel.
- 14 January Underway for surveillance in the Persian Gulf.
- 28 January Overnight stop in Mina Sulman, Bahrain for fuel, cargo, and mail.
- 29 January Remained at sea, transited to Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia

- 10 February In Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia hosted local dignitaries, Saudi Military Officials, American School children, and American Nationals living in the area.
- 12 February Departed Al Jubail and continued operations in the Persian Gulf until 22 February.
- 22 February Arrived in Mina Sulman, Bahrain for an upkeep period prior to departure from the Persian Gulf.
- 28 February Underway to conduct surveillance operations.
- 07 March Conducted a midnight transit of the Strait of Hormuz passing the USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD as she entered the Persian Gulf.
- 08 March Conducted an at sea rendezvous with the USS ANTRIM for turnover brief with the embarked LAMPS Detachment and met the USS CHARLES F. ADAMS for Middle East Force turnover. Upon completion, transited the Gulf of Oman enroute the Republic of Djibouti.
- 12 March Arrived in Djibouti for a brief stop for fuel. After departing, transited the Bab El Mandeb Straits in company with the USS HAYLER.
- 14 March Joined up with USS ESTOCIN, and USS JOHN HANCOCK and proceeded to Port Suez, Egypt to await passage through the Suez Canal.
- 16 March All four ships commenced a northbound transit of the Suez Canal, exiting thirteen hours later. At midnight, inched to Commander Sixth Fleet and CINCUSNAVEUR and began transit across the Mediterranean Sea in company with USS HAYLER, USS JOHN HANCOCK, and the USS ESTOCIN.
- 21 March Commenced a port visit in Palma De Majorca, Spain.
- 24 March Departed Palma enroute Rota, Spain for fuel.
- 25 March Transited the Straits of Gilbralter.
- 26 March Stopped at Rota, Spain for fuel, then began Atlantic transit.
- 29 March Arrived in Ponta Delgada, Azores for fuel. Remained overnight due to poor weather.
- 30 March Began final transit of deployment to Mayport, Florida.
- 06 April Arrived Mayport, Florida.
- 15 April Participated in Battle Force Inport Training until 19 April.

29 April Began an Intermediate Maintenance Availability until 07 June.

03 May Departed Mayport, Florida enroute Newport, RI.

06 May Arrived in Newport, RI for services in support of Surface Warfare Officers School Command Engineering Schoolship.

03 May Departed Mayport, Florida enroute Newport, RI.

10 May Departed Newport, RI.

11 May Arrived in Boston, MA., for a port visit and to embark the Engineering Mobile Training Team.

14 May Departed Boston, MA., enroute to Mayport. Conducted intensive Engineering Training with the Mobile Training Team in preparation for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

17 May Arrived Mayport, Florida.

20 May Received Group Commanders Medical Inspection.

21 May Certified Torpedo Handling Team.

28 May Began Supply Management Inspection through 30 May.

03 June Embarked the Damage Control Mobile Training Team for four days of Inport DC Training.

06 June CMS Assist Team Visit.

10 June Received a Training Readiness Evaluation in preparation for Interim Refresher Training (IRFT).

18 June Participated in Combined Inport Tactical Exercise.

24 June Embarked Engineering Mobile Training Team for three days.

08 July Underway from Mayport, Florida to conduct operations in the Jacksonville Operating Area while preparing for IRFT.

10 July Arrived Mayport, Florida.

12 July Departure Material Status Review.

15 July Departed Mayport, Florida, conducted escort duties for USS FORRESTAL in the Caribbean Sea.

20 July Arrived in Freeport, Bahamas.

23 July Departed Freeport, Bahamas.

26 July Arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Interim Refresher Training Fleet Training Group GTMO conducted an arrival inspection.

29 July Commenced Interim Refresher Training. Conducted drills inport and in the Guantanamo Bay operating area for three weeks.

21 August Fleet Training Group GTMO conducted Engineering Operational Readiness Examination.

23 August Completed Final Battle Problem at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and departed.

26 August Arrived Mayport, Florida.

28 August Received COMNAVSURFLANT Medical Officer Inspection.

30 August Recalled crew for Hurricane Elena, remained inport.

01 Sept Secured from Hurricane Recall.

03 Sept Embarked Mobile Training Team.

04 Sept Underway for MTT Training in the Jacksonville Operating Area.

06 Sept Arrived Mayport, Florida.

10 Sept Participated in Combined Inport Tactical Exercise.

16 Sept Underway Jacksonville, Florida OPAREA.

17 Sept Arrived Mayport, Florida.

25 Sept Departed Mayport, Florida for evasion of Hurricane Gloria and Engineering Trials.

27 Sept Arrived Mayport, Florida for inport preparations for OPPE.

07 October Underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

08 October Inport Mayport, Florida. Completed OPPE with satisfactory results in all areas and an above average score in Propulsion Plant Operation/Watchstanding.

10 October Underway enroute New York, New York.

12 October Arrived in New York City to perform Host Ship duties for Columbus Day Celebration and Navy Birthday Celebration.

15 October Underway enroute Annapolis, Maryland.

16 October Arrived at U. S. Naval Academy to act as Visit Ship for Homecoming Weekend Celebration.

- 20 October Departed Annapolis, Maryland.
- 22 October Arrived in Mayport, Florida to prepare for Law Enforcement Operations and Advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare.
- 29 October Underway enroute Caribbean Sea.
- 01 November Conducted Law Enforcement/Drug Interdiction Operations with the U. S. Coast Guard for one week.
- 08 November Enroute Nassau, Bahamas.
- 12 November Port Visit Nassau, Bahamas.
- 14 November Conducted Anti-Submarine Warfare Schoolship Brief.
- 15 November Underway enroute AUTEK ASW Range.
- 16 November Conducted ASW Operations in support of ASW Schoolship and Submarine Prospective Commanding Officer School for two days.
- 19 November Enroute Mayport, Florida.
- 21 November Inport Mayport, Florida for Intermediate Maintenance Activity.
- 14 December Commenced leave and upkeep period through the New Year.
- 21 December Awarded CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor for Retention Excellence.



R. D. WEST