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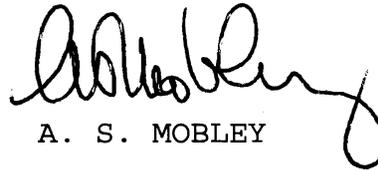
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Encl: (1) BOONE Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is the command history as mandated by reference (a). Included are descriptions of the command composition and organization, the 1998 command chronology with narrative, and a biography of the Commanding Officer.


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USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS BOONE (FFG 28) is a member of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of Guided Missile Frigates. Her mission is to provide local area protection to battle groups, replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping and to conduct USW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces to ensure use of essential sea lanes of communications.

Along with her sister ships of the class, BOONE represents a break with tradition in many ways; a gas turbine powered propulsion plant with variable pitch propellers, austere manning accompanied by a high degree of computerized automation, a fully integrated combat system, two SH-60B helicopter hangars, auxiliary propulsion units (placed to maximize maneuverability) and a ship control console that provides steering and speed control directly from the bridge via a single Helmsman/Lee Helmsman.

The assets that BOONE has to call upon to accomplish her mission include a missile launcher capable of firing both anti-aircraft and anti-ship missiles; the rapid fire, dual purpose 76mm gun; a close-in Weapons System, 20mm, 6 barrel "gattling" gun, capable of firing 3000 rounds per minute at an incoming air target; anti-submarine torpedo tubes; and two SH-60 Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III helicopters.

USS BOONE is a member of Commander Western Hemisphere Group based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is A. Scott Mobley, CDR, USN.

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USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1998
NARRATIVE

BOONE began 1998 in Christmas standdown inport Trieste Italy. This was the third month of deployment in the Mediterranean as part of the George Washington Battle Group.

BOONE was not directly working with the Battle Group, but was finishing up a three month assignment with Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean. The ship was also on duty for NATO patrol in the Adriatic Sea above the 42N parallel. On 07 January, the ship turned over NATO patrol duties to the Italian frigate ITS ALISEO. January proved to be a busy month for the crew with Mid Cycle Assessment, INVITEX 98-1, and other operations with foreign ships that included CASEXs with the French submarine FS PERLE. BOONE did extremely well on the Mid Cycle Assessment receiving BZs from COMDESRON Fourteen and high praises from the ATG inspectors. BOONE was up to the task of demonstrating our war fighting skills in the COMSIXTHFLT Integrated Battle Force exercise (INVITEX 98-1) as we teamed up with the USS UNDERWOOD and USS MEMPHIS as the Opposing Force for the event. BOONE also enjoyed an outstanding port visit to Sete, France, our first visit to France on this deployment. In January BOONE also was selected as COMWESTHEMGRU Self Sufficient Ship of the quarter for first quarter FY98 and received more Bravo Zulu's from COMDESRON Fourteen.

In February, BOONE participated in NADOR 98-1, visiting Tunis, Tunisia and operating with small surface combatants in the coastal waters of Tunisia. Along with the port visit in Tunis, training and seminars were held onboard BOONE with the Tunisian Navy. Some of the underway events were canceled due to inclement weather. Additionally, BOONE enjoyed port visits in Tunis Tunisia, Petria Greece, Augusta Bay Sicily, and Toulon France. While inport Augusta Bay Sicily, BOONE hosted COMDESRON Fourteen's reception for DOGFISH Exercise participants.

In March, BOONE finished DOGFISH 98-1 Exercise and pulled inport Palma Spain for a 4 day port visit. After Palma BOONE, proceeded to the Western Med for Battle Group turnover, then

had an extended port visit in Malaga Spain. Malaga was the last port visit on our sixth month deployment. The Battle Group left the Mediterranean on 22 March. In March BOONE received Battle Efficiency Award for 1997 its second consecutive award. BOONE also won the Command and Control Excellence Award, Logistics Management Excellence Award, and Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award.

03 April 1998 BOONE arrived at its homeport of Mayport FL after sixth months of deployment and enjoyed a 30 day Post deployment standdown. In May BOONE was awarded the CIWS Excellence Award and Wellness Unit Award. Commander Surface Forces Atlantic Fleet, Vice Admiral Griffin, came onboard to present these awards to the ship.

Workups started after standdown for the four month Counter Drug Operations deployment scheduled for May 1999. BOONE's training cycle was put together differently because of the restricted maintenance availability being rescheduled for the fall. BOONE conducted FTG and CSTG parts of CART II, TSTA I, and TSTA II prior to maintenance availability with the ETG part being scheduled for 1999. In June BOONE was graded as having an outstanding self-assessment and ready to began TSTA training. Also in June, BOONE got underway for Space Shuttle Operations.

In July, BOONE spent the Fourth of July holiday in Bristol RI which proved to be a very enjoyable port visit. Some of the crew had the opportunity to march in the 213th annual Fourth of July parade.

On the way back from the port visit in Bristol, BOONE took part in VANDALEX 98. Working with ten other USS warships, BOONE was prepared to successfully engage the VANDAL; however, because of technical difficulties in launching the VANDAL, BOONE did not receive an opportunity to conduct the exercise.

TSTA I, TSTA II, and CMTQ were all satisfactory completed by BOONE. BOONE lost three days of training from TSTA II due to Hurricane BONNIE. BOONE sortied with CTG 183.2 under the command

of COMCRUDESGRU Twelve. The ships went south along the coast of Florida and waited as Hurricane Bonnie continued up the east coast. Upon return to Mayport BOONE finished up TSTA II (CSTG) and CMTQ.

In September, BOONE got underway to support PCO underway training and received BZs from the director of SWOSCOLCOM Newport Ri. BOONE also received BZs from COMWESTHEMGRU and COMSURFLANT for being runner up in the Best Ship's Store and Sales Award.

BOONE transitioned to Naval Reserve Forces in October. From October 5th to December 22nd BOONE was in a Restrictive Maintenance Availability. BOONE completed her Interdeployment RAV one week ahead of schedule and was accessed during LOA as unconditionally "safe to lightoff".

As BOONE headed into Holiday Leave and standdown period, a memorable Christmas Party held at the Marriott was an occasion enjoyed by all.

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1998
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 04 JAN CHRISTMAS STAND DOWN
05 JAN U/W FROM TRIESTE IT
07 JAN ENR TOVR SFOR DUTIES WITH ITS ALISEO
CIWS PACFIRE
08 JAN XSIT STRAITS OF MESSINA
09 JAN RAS W/LARAMIE
09 JAN - 10 JAN CASEX W/FS PERLE
10 JAN 76MM/CIWS TDU SHOOT
11 JAN COMEX INVITEX 98-1
13 JAN - 14 JAN MID CYCLE ASSESSMENT
16 JAN FINEX INVITEX 98-1
17 JAN XSIT MESSINA
19 JAN - 22 JAN PVST CATANIA SICILY
23 JAN U/W ENR SETE FRANCE
24 JAN RAS W/KANAWA
26 JAN - 28 JAN PVST SETE FRANCE
29 JAN U/W SETE ENR TUNISIA
02 FEB ARR TUNIS TUNISIA. COMMENCED NADOR 98-1
04 FEB U/W FOR NADOR. CONDUCTED CIWS TDU SHOOT AND
SAREX W/2 HH-3 (TS) AND 1 US P-3C
05 FEB REMAINING NADOR EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO
WEATHER
RAS W/KANAWA
08 FEB STREAM NIXIE
09 FEB - 11 FEB PVST PETRIA GREECE
12 FEB U/W FROM PETRIA
13 FEB ARR AUGUSTA BAY SICILY
16 FEB HELD DOGFISH EXERCISE RECEPTION ON BOARD
17 FEB U/W AUGUSTA BAY SICILY
18 FEB PASSEX W/ITALIAN BATTLE GROUP
19 FEB DIVTACS, ADEX W/ITALIAN BATTLE GROUP
20 FEB - 23 FEB PVST TOULON FRANCE
24 FEB U/W FROM TOULON. WORK WITH 2 LEARJETS FOR
AIC TRAINING.
26 FEB XSIT MESSINA
27 FEB RAS W/BIGHORN
28 FEB COMEX DOGFISH 98-1 PHASE II
03 MAR FINEX DOGFISH 98-1
06 MAR - 09 MAR PVST PALMA SP
10 MAR U/W ENR BATTLE GROUP TURNOVER

11 MAR		RAS W/LARAMIE
13 MAR	- 19 MAR	PVST MALAGA SP
21 MAR		DIVTACS/DTE W/JOHN RODGERS AND UNDERWOOD
22 MAR		XSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTER
23 MAR		RAS W/LARAMIE
26 MAR		RAS W/LARAMIE
27 MAR		76MM/CIWS GUNSHOOT
28 MAR		RAS W/LARAMIE
30 MAR		76MM/CIWS GUNSHOOT
03 APR		HOME COMING! ARRIVED MAYPORT
03 APR	- 06 MAY	POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN
04 MAY	- 22 MAY	IMAV
12 MAY	- 13 MAY	PQS ASSIST VISIT
27 MAY	- 28 MAY	U/W FOR RLQs/DLQs
01 JUN	- 03 JUN	U/W FOR SPACE SHUTTLE OPERATIONS
01 JUN	- 12 JUN	SISCAL
15 JUN	- 19 JUN	CART II CSTG/FTG
29 JUN	- 12 JUL	IMAV
25 JUN	- 29 JUN	ARE/AVCERT
29 JUN		U/W FOR BRISTOL RI
02 JUL	- 05 JUL	PVST BRISTOL RI
05 JUL		U/W FROM BRISTOL ENR VACAPES OPAREA
06 JUL		REHEARSAL FOR VANDALEX
07 JUL	- 09 JUL	VANDALEX 98
10 JUL		ARR MAYPORT
20 JUL	- 31 JUL	TSTA I FTG (U/W JAX OPAREA)
03 AUG	- 07 AUG	TSTA I CSTG
10 AUG	- 14 AUG	CMTQ LTT
19 AUG	- 21 AUG	AMMO OFFLOAD W/USS MCINERNEY
24 AUG		SORTIE FOR HURRICANE BONNIE
27 AUG	- 04 SEP	TSTA II CSTG
02 SEP	- 03 SEP	CMTQ
08 SEP	- 11 SEP	U/W JAX OPAREAS FOR PCO OPS
14 SEP	- 14 OCT	IMAV
21 SEP	- 23 SEP	PLOT I
01 OCT		NRF TRANSITION
15 OCT	- 22 DEC	RAV
26 OCT	- 28 OCT	PLOT II
07 DEC	- 09 DEC	POT III
14 DEC	- 16 DEC	LOA
16 DEC		SAFETY STANDDOWN

17 DEC - 18 DEC
18 DEC - 07 JAN

SEA TRIALS
HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD