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Encl: (1) USS DOYLE 1993 Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted as USS DOYLE's 1993 command history.


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Chronology

11 January - 17 February	Depart Mayport, FL for Operation Sea Signal
17 February	Arrive Mayport, FL
20 April	CSOSS Installation Shuttle launch SAR support
24 May	Depart Mayport, FL for Halifax, Nova Scotia. Begin BALTOPS.
27 - 28 May	Inport Halifax, Nova Scotia
7 - 8 June	Inport Aarhus, Denmark
9 - 11 June	Multinational Operations
12 - 14 June	Inport Klaipeda, Lithuania
14 - 18 June	NATO Tactical Exercises
18 June	Incident involving DOYLE's alleged encroachment into Swedish territorial waters.
18 - 20 June	Inport Riga, Latvia
22 - 24 June	Inport Turku, Finland
25 - 27 June	Inport Tallinn, Estonia
1 - 7 July	Inport Aalborg, Denmark
16 July	Arrive Mayport, FL. End BALTOPS.
19 - 23 July	Combat Systems Limited Training Team (CSLTT) onboard.
2 - 5 August	Underway in JAXOPAREA for Combat Systems Assessment/Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CSA/CMTQ). DOYLE receives grade of Good.
9 - 13 August	Underway in JAXOPAREA with Engineering Training Group embarked.
30 August - 3 September	Underway in JAXOPAREA with Engineering Training Group embarked.

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7 - 16 September	Underway in Virginia Capes (VACAPES) to participate in Exercise Bronze Quarter.
17 September	Dependent's cruise
5 - 7 October	Underway in JAXOPAREA for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) preparations.
25 October	Major class "C" fire on O2 Level.
16 - 18 November	Underway in JAXOPAREA for OPPE. DOYLE receives grade of Satisfactory.
20 November	Change of Command
6 - 17 December	Underway VACAPES to participate in George Washington Battle Group Training.

Command Composition and Organization

Mission: DOYLE is fully capable in the three major mission areas of anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-surface warfare (ASuW), and anti-submarine warfare (ASW).

Organizational structure:

Immediate superior in command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Eight.

Commanding Officer: CDR George Schaeffer, USN, commanded from 01 January to 20 November. CDR R. Cameron Ingram, USN, commanded from 20 November to 31 December.

Homeport: Mayport, FL

Aircraft assigned: HSL-46 Detachment 10

Departments:

- Operations
- Combat Systems
- Engineering
- Supply

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Narrative

From January to February, USS DOYLE participated in Operation Sea Signal, an alien migration interdiction operation off the coast of Haiti. This operation was a response to the anticipated flood of Haitian and Cuban refugees that may have occurred due to an administration policy change. Although the number of refugees were relatively small, DOYLE used the opportunity to train throughout all departments while steaming independently. DOYLE was able to use the assets available at Fleet Training Group Guantanamo Bay to enhance the training.

In March 1993, LCDR Richard P. Synder assumed the duties of Officer-in-Charge HSL-46 Detachment 10 assigned to USS DOYLE. Combat Systems and Operations Departments had two major graded trainers. The Sonar Technicians (ST's) along with the Operations Specialists (OS's) and Electronic Warfare Technicians (EW's) achieved a Satisfactory score in the new 14A12 Attack Team Trainer. ST's and OS's achieved one of the best scores ever in the Target Motion Analysis (TMA) Trainer and were awarded an Excellent rating.

In April, the Combat Systems Department installed the Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System (CSOSS). A week long project, CSOSS is a system for monitoring the status of, systematic lighting off, and efficient repairing of equipment. This gives the Department operating guidelines for its equipment

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similar to the those that Engineering Department already possesses. Also, the DOYLE/HSL 46 team was underway for Space Shuttle Launch search and rescue support in April.

In May, DOYLE prepared for the multinational BALTOPS exercises. En route to the Baltic, DOYLE participated in an ASW exercise with a Canadian diesel sub. Upon getting underway for BALTOPS, DOYLE embarked the first ever composite SH-60B/SH-60F Air Department.

June 1993 was spent visiting several different ports in the Baltic Sea. A delicate time in relations with Baltic Sea littoral nations, efforts were made to enhance relations by hosting receptions on DOYLE's fantail for foreign local officials and emissaries. The ports visited include: Aarhus, Denmark; Klaipeda, Lithuania; Riga, Latvia; Turku, Finland; Tallinn, Estonia; and Aalborg, Denmark.

Multinational naval exercises, designed to further relations and promote cooperation between Baltic nations, were held with Lithuanian, Latvian, and even Russian naval assets. Activities during the exercises included shallow-water ASW, and a war-at-sea exercise.

Participating in NATO naval exercises, DOYLE went up against German and Danish diesel submarines for ASW practice. German fast patrol boats were also sent against DOYLE in order to heighten the realism and training for all participants.

On June 18, an incident occurred in which the DOYLE

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allegedly strayed into Swedish territorial waters. When they thought the DOYLE was in their waters, the Swedes sent Viggen fighter aircraft out to intercept the ship. Charts showed however, that DOYLE was in a clearly marked traffic separation scheme near Bornholm Island. Although the incident was reported in an OPREP-3, no action was taken by the Swedes to press the matter.

HSL-46 Det 10 and VX-1 continued integrating the SH-60B/F Air Department. The combined Air Department flew a total of 107.8 hours for the month. A large majority of the hours were flown in support of coordinated ASW/ASUW exercises during the week of June 14 through 18. As the month closed the aircraft were a major attraction during open ship tours and 5 port visits.

Combat Systems and Operations Departments were involved in intensive AAW, ASW, and ASUW exercises with Northern European countries. DOYLE developed tactics for the joint employment of the composite SH-60B and SH-60F detachment. Ironically, a surfaced Iranian Kilo class submarine passed by the multinational force just after BALTOPS commenced.

DOYLE returned from BALTOPS in mid July, and Combat Systems and Operations Departments spent the time preparing for the upcoming Combat Systems Assessment (CSA). Much of the effort went into honing the skills of the Combat Systems Training Team (CSTT), in order to demonstrate that DOYLE had the capability of training herself to fight smarter. The following month, CSA was

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passed with a score of Good.

In August, the first of several underway periods with the Engineering Training Group occurred. Preparation for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination was the goal here, and DOYLE's Engineering Department made full use of the at-sea time to get ready for this important inspection.

In September, DOYLE operated with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON and her air wing for a week off the Virginia coast. During Operation Bronze Quarter, the AAW and ASUW teams had the opportunity to conduct exercises against battle group assets. Later that month, a dependent's cruise was held, the highlight of which was a 76mm gun shoot.

In October, a Class "C" fire on the 02 Level occurred at the shore power cable connectors. The resulting cableway fires negatively impacted most of Combat System's equipment. Ship's force worked closely with contractors to repair the damage and return all equipment to operational status.

Preparing for OPPE was the focus for DOYLE's crew in November. DOYLE was underway for a period of three days over which the inspection was conducted. Tested in 5 major areas, administration, materiel, level of knowledge, operations, and firefighting, many crew members were given written tests while inspectors poured over program records and scrutinized equipment. The examination was passed with an overall grade of Satisfactory.

CDR R. Cameron Ingram relieved CDR George Schaeffer as

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Commanding Officer of USS DOYLE in a ceremony on the flight deck.
CDR Ingram is the sixth CO of DOYLE.

In December, DOYLE departed on an eleven day training exercise with the George Washington Battle Group before standing down for the holidays.

List of enclosed supporting documents

1. CSA package.
2. Propulsion Plant Examination Written Report.
3. Biography, CDR George Schaeffer III, USN
4. Biography, CDR R. Cameron Ingram, USN