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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
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(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents

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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. SHE IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF SURFACE COMBATANTS TO DEFEND NON-CARRIER FORCES AND CONDUCT ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER SEA CONTROL FORCES TO ENSURE ESSENTIAL USE OF THE SEA LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

USS BOONE (FFG-28) IS A MEMBER OF DESTROYER SQUADRON EIGHT BASED IN MAYPORT NAVAL STATION, MAYPORT, FLORIDA. HER COMMANDING OFFICER IS MICAJAH W. NEWMAN, CDR, USN, OF BRYAN, TEXAS.

ASSIGNED TO USS BOONE IS DETACHMENT THREE OF HELICOPTER ANTISUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FORTY-SIX, BASED AT MAYPORT NAVAL AIR STATION, MAYPORT, FLORIDA. DETACHMENT THREE'S TAIL CODE IS HOTEL QUEBEC FOUR SIX THREE WITH CALL SIGN "CUTLASS FOUR SIX THREE".

USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1989  
CHRONOLOGY

**JANUARY**

1-23 INPORT MAYPORT  
3-5 3M ASSIST VISIT  
23-27 ADVANCED ASW TRAINING AT AUTEC WITH HSL-46 DET 3  
EMBARKED  
27-31 INPORT MAYPORT

**FEBRUARY**

1-25 CV ESCORT SERVICES WITH USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)  
HSL-46 DET 3 EMBARKED  
9-13 PORT VISIT ST THOMAS, U.S.V.I.  
25-28 INPORT MAYPORT  
28 BEGIN DCMTT

**MARCH**

1-12 INPORT MAYPORT  
1-2 DCMTT  
13-21 TAIL PROFICIENCY TRAINING 4-89 WITH HSL-46  
DET 3 EMBARKED  
21-23 INPORT MAYPORT  
21-24 COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT  
23-24 CDS-8 PRE-OPPE ASSESSMENT- JAX OPAREA  
25-31 INPORT MAYPORT  
27-31 COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW PHASE I

**APRIL**

1-2 INPORT MAYPORT  
3-4 OPPE JAX OPAREA  
5-30 INPORT MAYPORT  
10-21 COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW PHASE II  
13-30 FLAGSHIP FOR CCDG-12  
24-30 IMAV MAYPORT

**MAY**

1-15 INPORT MAYPORT  
1-15 IMAV MAYPORT  
2-3 SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION  
15 SEA TRIALS-JAX OPAREA  
16-17 INPORT MAYPORT  
17-31 MEFEX 3-89 WITH HSL-46 DET 3 EMBARKED  
26-29 PORT VISIT ST CROIX, U.S.V.I.

**JUNE**

1-2 MEFEX 3-89 CONTINUES  
3-30 INPORT MAYPORT  
12-16 IUC INSPECTION  
15-16 3M INSPECTION  
21-30 POM

**JULY**

1-10 INPORT MAYPORT-POM  
11-31 DEC DEPLOY; MEF 3-89 WITH HSL-46 DET 3 EMBARKED  
TRANSIT COMMANDER CDS-20  
19 PORT VISIT-PONTE DELGADA, AZORES  
23 INCHOP COMSIXTHFLT  
24 PORT VISIT-ROTA, SPAIN  
26-29 PORT VISIT-IBIZA, SPAIN

**AUGUST**

1-31 DEPLOYED - ARABIAN GULF  
2 HELICOPTER MISHAP-LOSS OF SH-60B LAMPS III AIRCRAFT  
4 ANCHOR PORT SAID, EGYPT  
4 CHOP TO COMUSNAVCENT/CTF 801  
8 ANCHOR HODEIDAH, NORTH YEMEN  
9 PORT VISIT-DJIBOUTI, DJIBOUTI  
15 TURNOVER WITH USS ELROD (FFG-54)  
24 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN

**SEPTEMBER**

1-30 DEPLOYED - ARABIAN GULF  
6-15 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
27 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
30-8 OCT PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN

**OCTOBER**

1-31 DEPLOYED - ARABIAN GULF  
1-8 CONTINUE PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
10-14 PORT VISIT-DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
26 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
29-31 PORT VISIT-DAMMAM, SAUDI ARABIA

**NOVEMBER**

1-31 DEPLOYED - ARABIAN GULF  
3-4 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
14 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
20-25 PORT VISIT/MAV-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN

**DECEMBER**

1 OPS - ARABIAN GULF

2-3 PORT VISIT-MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
4 ENROUTE TURNOVER  
5 TURNOVER WITH USS SIMPSON (FFG-55)  
6-8 ENROUTE DJIBOUTI, DJIBOUTI  
9-10 PORT VISIT-DJIBOUTI, DJIBOUTI  
11-13 ENROUTE SUEZ CANAL  
14 INCHOP COMSIXTHFLT  
15-19 ENROUTE GIBRALTAR  
20-29 PORT VISIT-GIBRALTAR, BRITISH CROWN COLONY  
29 INCHOP COMSECONDFLT  
30-31 ENROUTE PONTE DELGADA, AZORES  
31 PORT VISIT-PONTE DELGADA, AZORES

**USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY  
NARRATIVE**

FOLLOWING A WELL EARNED HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD, BOONE BEGAN MAKING PREPS TO TAKE PART IN ADVANCED ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE TRAINING AT AUTC IN COMPANY WITH THE USS SPRUANCE (DD-963). ON THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JANUARY BOONE SET SAIL FROM HER HOMEPORT AND HEADED SOUTH TO THE AUTC RANGE. SHORTLY AFTER A LATE NIGHT RENDEZVOUS, THE USS SPRUANCE WAS GROUNDED AND SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE. AS A RESULT, MUCH OF THE PLANNED TRAINING WAS CANCELLED AND BOONE WAS TASKED TO REPLACE SPRUANCE DURING UPCOMING ADVANCED CARRIER ESCORT SERVICES IN FEBRUARY. BOONE RETURNED TO HOMEPORT ON 27 JANUARY AND QUICKLY MADE PREPARATIONS TO MEET HER NEW TASKING.

ON 1 FEBRUARY BOONE DEPARTED MAYPORT BASIN AND BEGAN NEARLY A MONTH OF OPERATIONS WITH THE USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) BATTLE GROUP WITH HSL-46 DETACHMENT THREE EMBARKED. A FOUR DAY PORT VISIT TO THE ISLAND OF ST THOMAS IN THE U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS WAS A WELCOME BREAK FROM THE INTENSITY OF CARRIER ESCORT OPERATIONS. BOONE COMPLETED THE REMAINDER OF THE CARRIER OPERATIONS WITH STYLE AND RETURNED TO MAYPORT NAVAL STATION ON 25 FEBRUARY.

BOONE'S SCHEDULE REMAINED AT A HECTIC PACE THROUGHOUT THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. FOLLOWING A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DAMAGE CONTROL MOBILE TRAINING TEAM VISIT IN EARLY MARCH, BOONE'S COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT FLEXED ITS ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE CAPABILITIES DURING TAIL PROFICIENCY TRAINING (TPT) 4-89 WHERE BOONE CHALKED UP AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF MAINTAINING CONTACT. FOLLOWING TPT, BOONE UNDERWENT HER FIRST COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT (CSA) FOLLOWED BY COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW (CSRR) PHASE I.

IN EARLY APRIL BOONE'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT DEMONSTRATED THEIR CAPABILITIES DURING AN OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE). OPPE WAS COMPLETED WITH A TREMENDOUS SHIPWIDE TEAM EFFORT AND BRILLIANT RESULTS.

APRIL ALSO BROUGHT PHASE II OF CSRR AND THE BEGINNING OF A THREE WEEK IMAV. MAY BROUGHT A SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION AND MIDDLE EAST FORCE EXERCISE 3-89, WHERE BOONE BEGAN ORIENTING HERSELF WITH THE THREATS SHE WOULD FACE DURING HER UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY.

JUNE FOLLOWED WITH THE LAST SET OF INSPECTIONS. A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IUC INSPECTION WAS FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY A EQUALLY TRIUMPHANT 3M INSPECTION. THE LAST OF THE INSPECTIONS BROUGHT A WELCOMED PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD. ON 11 JULY, USS BOONE LEFT HER HOMEPORT FOR THE LAST TIME IN 1989, NOT TO RETURN UNTIL A NEW YEAR AND NEW DECADE HAD COME TO PASS.

BOONE SET HER SIGHTS ON THE EAST AND BEGAN AN ARDUOUS SIX MONTH DEPLOYMENT AS A PART OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE MIDDLE EAST IN COMPANY WITH USS DEYO (DD-969) AND USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG-24). DURING THE TRANSIT TO THE PERSIAN GULF, TRAINING WAS COMPLETED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY.

AT THE DEPARTURE OF CDS-20 AND HIS STAFF, BOONE MADE A BRIEF BUT ENJOYABLE PORT VISIT IN IBIZA, SPAIN. BOONE THEN REJOINED HER COMPANIONS, JACK WILLIAMS AND DEYO, ON 29 JULY TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THE TRANSIT TO THE PERSIAN GULF.

DURING THE TRANSIT, ON THE NIGHT OF 2 AUGUST, AN UNFORTUNATE HELICOPTER CRASH IN HEAVY SEAS AND NEAR ZERO VISIBILITY BROUGHT BOONE'S CREW TOGETHER AS THEY RACED TO RESCUE THREE SHIPMATES FROM THE WATERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE ENTIRE SHIP RESPONDED VALIANTLY AND RECOVERED ALL THREE COMRADES SAFELY.

AFTER A BRIEF LIBERTY PORT VISIT IN DJIBOUTI, DJIBOUTI, BOONE AND HER COMPANIONS TRANSITED THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ENTERED THE PERSIAN GULF ON THE NIGHT OF 14 AUGUST 1989. DURING HER TENURE IN THE GULF, BOONE SHOWED HER TRUE COLORS BY MEETING ALL TASKINGS HEAD-ON AND IN A PROFESSIONAL AND THOROUGH MANNER.

DURING THE DEPLOYMENT, BOONE ESCORTED THIRTY U. S. MERCHANT VESSELS, COMPLETED TWENTY-NINE EARNEST WILL MISSIONS, SAFELY COMPLETED OVER 1500 FLIGHT DECK EVOLUTIONS, HER EMBARKED LAMPS MK III HELICOPTER FLEW OVER 700 HOURS, AND THE SHIP PERFORMED TWO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS. ON 5 DECEMBER, BOONE WENT BACK THROUGH THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ FOR THE FINAL TIME AND TURNED OVER WITH USS SIMPSON (FFG-55).

ON HER RETURN TRANSIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND HOME, BOONE MADE A PORT CALL IN DJIBOUTI, DJIBOUTI AND ENJOYED A QUIET CHRISTMAS IN THE BRITISH CROWN COLONY OF GIBRALTAR. THE YEAR ENDED FOR BOONE IN PONTA DELGADA, AZORES WITH THE ENTIRE CREW ANTICIPATING A FAST APPROACHING HOMECOMING.