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From: Commanding Officer, USS BOONE (FFG-28)  
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1992

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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 underway, replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and merchantile shipping and to conduct ASW 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 "gatling" gun, capable of firing 3000 rounds per minute at an incoming air target ;anti-submarine torpedo tubes; and two SH-60B Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III helicopters.

USS BOONE is a member of DESTROYER SQUADRON EIGHT based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is W. Michael Dunaway, CDR, USN of Farmington, Missouri.

Enclosure (1)

USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1992  
CHRONOLOGY

01-03 JAN	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
04-05 JAN	Port Visit Hurghada, Egypt
06-18 JAN	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
19-23 JAN	Port Visit Hurghada, Egypt
24-29 JAN	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
30 JAN - 02 FEB	Port Visit Hurghada, Egypt
02-11 FEB	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
04 FEB	RAS USS SAVANAH (AOR-4)
12 FEB	Turnover with USS SIMPSON (FFG-56) Northern Red Sea
13 FEB	Suez Canal Transit
04 FEB	RAS USS SAVANAH (AOR-4)
15-23 FEB	Port Visit Athens, Greece
26 FEB	Suez Canal Transit/Grounding
27-29 FEB	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
28 FEB	RAS USS SAVANNAH (AOR-4)
01-04 MAR	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
05-06 MAR	Moored Safaga, Egypt
07-22 MAR	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
23-27 MAR	Port Visit Hurghada, Egypt

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28 MAR - 08 APR	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
09-12 APR	Port Visit Hurghada, Egypt
13-23 APR	Maritime Intercept Force OPS - Northern Red Sea
24 APR	Suez Canal Transit
24-27 APR	Transit to Naples, Italy
27 APR - 01 MAY	Port Visit Naples, Italy Planning Conference, STANDING NAVAL FORCES MEDITERRANEAN
02-20 MAY	Dragon Hammer 1-92 (STANDING NAVAL FORCES MEDITERRANEAN)
06 MAY	Anchor Cartagena, Spain
08 MAY	RAS USNS JOHN LENTHALL (T-AO 189)
19 MAY	RAS USS DETROIT (AOE-4)
21 MAY - 01 JUN	Atlantic Transit
27 MAY	RAS USS MILWAUKEE (AOR-2)
28 MAY	Anchor Bermuda/Embark "Tigers"
31 MAY	Debark HSL 42 DET 2
01 JUN	Arrive Mayport, Florida
02 JUN - 06 JUL	Leave and Upkeep
29 JUN - 10 JUL	IMAV
14 JUL	SM-1 Missile Exercise
15 JUL	Ammunitions Offload NWS Charleston
17 JUL	Return to Mayport
24 JUL	Change of Command - CDR W. M. Dunaway relieves CDR W.D. Morris
27 JUL	Enroute Charleston, South Carolina
28 JUL	Weapons Offload Charleston
29 JUL - 27 NOV	Drydocking Selected Repair Availability Deyten's Shipyard Charleston

19-20 NOV	Sea Trials
30 NOV - 01 DEC	Weapons Onload NWS Charleston, SC
02 DEC	Arrive Mayport, FL TACAN CERT
07-11 DEC	AVCERT
14-16 DEC	CART II
21-31 DEC	Christmas Leave and Standdown

USS BOONE (FFG-28) COMMAND HISTORY 1992

1992 found BOONE in the northern Red Sea supporting the United Nations' sanctions against Iraq. The ship made three port visits of two, four and four days duration to Hurghada, Egypt on 04, 19 and 30 January. Relieved by USS SIMPSON (FFG-56) in the Red Sea on 12 February, BOONE transited the Suez Canal on the 13th and then refueled with USS SAVANAH in the Mediterranean Sea on 14 February.

BOONE spent nine days in Athens, Greece from 15-23 February before heading back to the Red Sea via the Suez Canal on the 26th. BOONE ran aground in the canal on the 26th but moved on after divers inspected the shaft and hull as BOONE sat at anchor in the Great Bitter Lake. There was no apparent damage, although a low frequency noise detected in the after part of the ship, and apparantly emanating from the shaft caused the ship's speed to be restricted at speeds between 16 and 21 knots. After refueling with USS SAVANAH on 28 February, BOONE closed out the month and spent all of March in the northern Red Sea continuing the U.N.'s sanctions against Iraq. During March, BOONE moored in Safaga, Egypt for two days on the 5th and 6th. Once again, divers inspected the hull and shaft for damage done during the grounding. BOONE made a port visit to Hurghada from 23-27 March. She continued the U.N. sanctions until 23 April making a three day port visit to Hurghada on the ninth. The Maritime Interdiction Force operations proved invaluable for crew training inasmuch as there

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would be few opportunities for the crew to operate in such close proximity of merchant shipping as they did during these boarding operations. All equipment and weapons operated near 100% up time.

After transiting the Suez Canal on the 24th, BOONE stopped in Naples, Italy for five days from 27 April to 01 May as a member of the first Standing Naval Force Mediterranean consisting of naval units from Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Britain, Turkey and the United States. As a member of STANAVFORMED, BOONE participated in Dragon Hammer 1-92 with these navies from 02 to 20 May in the Mediterranean Sea. On 06 May BOONE and the rest of the STANAVFORMED ships anchored in the harbor of Cartagena, Spain. On 08 and 19 May BOONE refueled with USNS JOHN LENTHALL (T-AO 189) and USS DETROIT (AOE-4) respectively.

After detaching from STANAVFORMED, BOONE began her Atlantic transit on 21 May. She refueled with USS MILWAUKEE (AOR-2) on the 27 before anchoring in Bermuda and picking up the "tigers", consisting of male family members and friends of the crew on 28 May. On 01 June Boone completed her six month deployment and arrived in Mayport, Florida.

BOONE completed a twelve-day IMAV on 10 July right at the end of her 02 June to 06 July leave and stand down period. On 15 July, BOONE offloaded her weapons at NWS Charleston. On 24 July CDR W.M. Dunaway relieved CDR W.D. Morris as Commanding Officer.

On 27 July BOONE left for a four month DSRA at <sup>DETROIT SHIPYARD, INC.</sup> a private shipyard in Charleston, South Carolina.

On 19 and 20 November, Boone went to sea for Sea Trials. She onloaded weapons on 30 November and 01 December at NWS Charleston,

S.C. and then returned to Mayport, Florida after completing the DSRA on 30 November. Upon arrival in Mayport, a TACAN Certification on 02 December was followed by an AVCERT on the 7th - 11th of December. Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II ran three days on 14, 15 and 16 December. USS BOONE closed out the year with Christmas leave and stand down from 21 to 31 December, 1992.