



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS DOYLE (FFG 39)
FLEET POST OFFICE
MIAMI 34090-1494

DECLASSIFIED

5750
FFG 39
1 Apr 86

[REDACTED] L (Unclassified upon removal of enclosures
(2), (3), and (6))

From: Commanding Officer, USS DOYLE (FFG 39)
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) Command History
(2) USS DOYLE FFG 39/HSL 42 Det 2 LAMPS MK III End of Cruise Report
(3) USS DOYLE 131400Z SEP 85
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet, CAPT W. J. Erickson, USN, Commanding
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet, CDR T. F. Marfiak, USN, Commanding
(6) USS DOYLE 221230Z NOV 85

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.


T. F. MARFIK

Copy to:
Director of Naval History (OP 09BA)
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, DC 20370

ENCLS. (1), (4), (5) IN UNCLAS FILE

DECLASSIFIED BY: CNO (N09)
OPNAVINST 5513.16 SERIES
DATE: 10 Nov 2005

COMMAND HISTORY

USS DOYLE (FFG 39) began 1985 in homeport at Mayport, FL. The crew was in holiday standdown period.

On 8 January, the ship sortied for Central America operations with a LAMPS MK III, SH-60B helicopter embarked. On 9 January USS DOYLE rendezvoused with USS NIMITZ and USS SOUTH CAROLINA. Sailing south through the Crooked and Windward Passages, USS DOYLE chopped to CTF 88 enroute to a refueling at sea with USNS WACCAMAW in the Caribbean Sea.

On 14 January, USS DOYLE conducted an AAW exercise with aircraft from CVW-8 of the USS NIMITZ and USAF 127th Tactical Fighting Wing. On 15 January the ship was involved in an encounter exercise off the coast of Panama with Panamanian PCF's and PCB's. Also, the ship conducted refresher landing qualifications for two UH-1 helicopters from the 210th Aviation Battalion, Albrook AFB, Panama.

The ship began a transit east to the Puerto Rican OPAREA on 17 January. From 19-21 January USS DOYLE participated in an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise near the island of St. Croix. Other assets involved included the USS STURGEON, ASW aircraft from the USS NIMITZ and P-3C's.

On 25 January, USS DOYLE detached from the USS NIMITZ group and arrived in Mayport, FL where the ship remained until 27 February.

On 11 February the ship began preparations for overseas movement (POM) in anticipation of the MED 2-85 deployment. During this period a Personnel Administrative Assist Team Visit (PAATLANT) visited from 19-22 February.

On 27 February, USS DOYLE conducted a one day sea trial and dependents cruise complete with a LAMPS MK III demonstration and MK 75 gun and close-in-weapons system pacfires.

USS DOYLE remained inport Mayport and continued preparations for overseas movement until 12 March when the ship departed homeport for READEX 85. On 15 March USS DOYLE joined the USS NIMITZ battle group and continued her transit south to the Puerto Rican Operating area. The ship participated in numerous AAW/ASWW/ASW exercises on this transit. On 16 March USS DOYLE was a participant in an encounter exercise with HMS GREEN ROVER, HMS ARROW, USS GEMINI, AND USS ARIES. Transiting to the southern Puerto Rican OPAREA, USS DOYLE conducted a surface to surface gun exercise with USS CLAUDE V. RICKETTS on 17 March. The ship conducted a surface to air and surface to surface gun shoots on 18 March in the northern Puerto Rican OPAREA. An ENCOUNTEREX was held with USS SOUTH CAROLINA on 19 March and an AAW exercise with the USS NIMITZ.

As READEX 85 continued, the ship participated in a mobile sea range missile exercise and on 21 March USS DOYLE successfully fired two SM-1 TLM's against BQM-34s targets. On 23 March USS DOYLE repositioned for the READEX hostility phase - a three day orange/blue war scheduled for 24-26 March.

ENCLOSURE (1)

On 27 March, USS DOYLE experienced a fire in the 1B gas turbine module. The ship arrived in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico on 28 March to effect repairs to the turbine module. A complete gas turbine changeout (including the gas generator, power turbine and high speed flexible coupling) was accomplished in record time by ship's force with rigging assistance from USS SIERRA.

On the evening of 8 April, USS DOYLE departed Puerto Rico in EMCON to rejoin the NIMITZ battle group already enroute for the Mediterranean Sea. Having rejoined the NIMITZ battle group, the ship transited the Strait of Gibraltar on 17 April. A major logistics replenishment was conducted on 17 April with USS SAVANNAH and USS KALAMAZOO as the ship proceeded through the Western Mediterranean. The ship anchored in Augusta Bay, Sicily on 21 April to start a turnover with USS VOGEL. The ship sortied from Augusta Bay on 24 April and arrived in Taormina, Sicily in company with USS KIDD on 25 April for a three day port visit. The ship left port on 28 April for the Eastern Mediterranean.

On 1 May, USS DOYLE conducted a turnover with USS DEWEY as the East Mediterranean ready duty ship. The ship's mission was to provide a U.S. Naval presence in the vicinity of Lebanon and provided contingency support to the U.S. Embassy in Beirut if required. During this period, flight operations were conducted almost daily. (enclosure (2) pertains).

On 18 May, USS DEWEY relieved USS DOYLE as East MED duty ship. USS DOYLE headed west transiting the Straits of Messina on 20 May. On 22 May the ship arrived in Gaeta, Italy for an intermediate maintenance availability (IMAV) with USS PUGET SOUND. During this period, the ship's galley was closed from 28 May - 5 June for renovations. The IMAV ended on 9 June and the ship was underway on 10 June.

The ship arrived at Portofino, Italy for a port visit on 11 June. On 16 June while anchored in Taormina harbor, USS DOYLE signaled the start of the first annual Brooklyn Cup Yacht race. Responding to the TWA Hostage crisis, USS DOYLE sailed early from Taormina on 19 June and proceeded to the Eastern Mediterranean via Strait of Messina. USS DOYLE arrived on station in the Eastern Mediterranean on 22 June with the requirement of maintaining patrol in and coverage of the Cyprus/Syrian Gap (enclosures (2) and (3) pertain).

On 26 June, CDR Thomas F. Marfiak relieved CAPT William J. Erickson as Commanding Officer at sea. (enclosures (4) and (5) pertain).

On 2 July, USS DOYLE accommodated an Navy UH-1 helicopter requiring an emergency landing due to an onboard fire. This incident is notable in that the UH-1 landed on USS DOYLE with an SH-60B helicopter already on the flight deck.

On 3 July USS DOYLE conducted a full day of type training which included a surface-to-surface gun exercise, a torpedo shoot during an ASWEX, and a towing exercise with the USS KIDD. On 8 July, USS DOYLE turned over East Mediterranean duty ship responsibilities to the USS UNDERWOOD and detached enroute Ste. Maxime, France. The ship transited the Strait of Messina on 10 July and the Strait of Bonifacio on 11 July.

USS DOYLE anchored in the Gulf of St. Tropez for a port visit in Ste. Maxime, France on 12 July. On 14 July USS DOYLE personnel participated in

French national day ceremonies before proceeding underway on 17 July enroute to the West Mediterranean basin south of Cartagena, Spain. On 19 July the ship began three days of joint U.S./Spanish anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercises with the Spanish submarine. SNS GALERNA, and USN P3C aircraft from Rota Spain.

Following the ASW exercises the ship transitted the Sollum anchorage located off the Northern Libyan coast of 25 July enroute the Eastern Mediterranean where elements of the Soviet Mediterranean fleet were observed.

On 27 July, USS DOYLE engaged in a torpedo/anti-submarine warfare exercise. A mini-mobile target was used as a target. The ship also conducted a gunnery exercise against a learjet towed drone.

On 30 July, USS DOYLE arrived at Ashdod, Isreal. After a brief port visit the ship got underway on 4 August. USS DOYLE rendezvoused with USS KIDD to begin Black Sea preparations and work-ups.

On 7 July USS DOYLE in company with USS KIDD transitted the Dardanelles and Bosphorus Straits and entered the Black Sea. On 8 July the ship moored inport Constanta, Romania. Following her port visit, USS DOYLE sortied on 13 August transiting the Bosphorus and Dardanelles Straits on 15 August.

The ship arrived at Athens, Greece on 16 August for another port visit. USS DOYLE sortied from Athens on 21 August.

On 23 August USS DOYLE relieved USS UNDERWOOD as the East Mediterranean duty ship. On 26 August USS DOYLE conducted a torpedo exercise, search and rescue exercise and a close-in-weapons system shoot using learjet tow services. On 27 August the ship moored at Haifa, Israel for a port visit. During this period the Gas Turbine Module Training Team from Mayport, FL arrived onboard to conduct engineering training.

On 11 September USS DOYLE departed Haifa for East Mediterranean duty ship turnover with USS SCOTT.

After leaving the East Mediterranean the ship arrived in Taormina, Sicily on 16 September for a port visit. Underway from Taormina on 18 September, the ship rendezvoused with USS UNDERWOOD after transitting the Strait of Messina. Continuing east, USS DOYLE transitted the Strait of Gilbralter on 20 September arriving in Rota, Spain on 21 September. Following her sortie on 22 September, USS DOYLE began her trip home. The ship also was completing last minute preparations for the Operational Propulsion Exam (OPPE).

On the evening of 1 October the LANIFLT propulsion examining board arrived onboard to commence USS DOYLE's OPPE. The OPPE concluded successfully on 2 October and the ship returned to homeport in the evening completing the MED 2-85 deployment. The ship entered a standdown period on 3 October. However, USS DOYLE was required to sortie for hurricane evasion on 9 October returning to port on 11 October.

On 1 November the ship was underway again for one day for sea trails. On 4 November, USS DOYLE embarked a LAMPS MK III SH-60 and a Coast Guard tactical law enforcement team (TACLET) and proceeded to the Southern Caribbean to conduct law enforcement operations in the vicinity of Guajira Peninsula. During this period seven merchant vessels boarded by the embarked Coast Guard team. USS DOYLE transferred the Coast Guard TACLET to USS ANTRIM and returned to Mayport on 18 November.

Upon arrival in Mayport, the ship entered an intermediate maintenance availability which lasted until 6 December. From 6-31 December USS DOYLE remained inport participating in various inport training evaluations such as the battle force inport training phase 1 ending on 11 December. On 14 December a significant number of crewmembers departed on leave as the ship commenced a holiday/upkeep period. The year ended on a commemorative note when Rear Admiral H. H. Mauz, Jr, COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE and Commodore J. M. Rodgers, COMDESRON EIGHT, presented a large number of awards and letters of commendations during a ceremony held on the flight deck on 28 December.