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USS DOYLE (FFG-39) began 1986 in her homeport, Mayport, FL. The crew was in a holiday standdown period. DOYLE's primary operations in January involved providing services to HELICOPTER SEA CONTROL WING THREE (HELSEACONWING THREE) for deck landing qualifications (DLQ's) and Recovery, Assist, Securing and Traversing (RAST) landing qualifications (RLQ's). Enclosure (2) provides details.

On 24 January DOYLE conducted an impromptu Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise against an unidentified US nuclear submarine. Enclosure (3) pertains.

From 28-30 January, DOYLE participated in Battle Force Inport Training (BFIT) 1-86. This exercise involved Second Fleet ships inport in Norfolk, Charleston, and Mayport in a combined war-at-sea, sea control, and strike exercise simulated to take place in the Norwegian Sea. All ships remained inport for the exercise.

Underway again on 7 February, DOYLE arrived at the Charleston Weapons Station to off-load ammunition. A Tiger Cruise for DOYLE dependents and relatives was held in conjunction with the trip to Charleston. Following the offload on 8 February, DOYLE returned to Mayport on 9 February.

DOYLE began her first major Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) on 13 February. The SRA lasted until 8 May. Major work completed during the SRA included the overhaul of two of the ship's four diesel generators, installation of Ship Alteration FFG7-82K, which reinforced the superstructure amidships, extensive retiling throughout the ship and the overhaul/rework of numerous pieces of equipment.

On 6 May, DOYLE conducted a fast cruise in preparation for getting underway for the first time in three months. DOYLE held sea trials on 7-8 May in the Jacksonville Operating Area to test reworked gear and exercise all engineering machinery and Combat Systems. DOYLE also provided DLQ/RLQ services to HELSEACONWING THREE during this period.

On 19 May, DOYLE left Mayport Naval Station to travel up the St. Johns River to go into dry-dock at Jacksonville Shipyard, Inc (JSI). The primary purpose of the drydock period was to have the hull cleaned and repainted.

On 2 June, DOYLE left JSI, stopping briefly in Mayport for fuel and underway again for exercises with the USS FORRESTAL and USS UNDERWOOD. On 3 June, DOYLE left the Jacksonville Oparea for Charleston, arriving at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station on 4 June for rearming. DOYLE returned to Mayport on 5 June.

On 10 June, DOYLE returned to sea for COMJSOC helicopter operations with the U.S. Army. Enclosure (4) pertains. Following an underway replenishment with the USNS WACCAMAW on the 11th and a highline transfer exercise with USS YELLOWSTONE on the 12th, DOYLE returned to port on 13 June. Thirteen June also saw the relief of DOYLE's executive officer, LCDR Lawrence Dick by LCDR Christopher E. Wheeler.

From 16-20 June DOYLE's Combat Systems Department trained with the RAVIR Team Trainer and the LAMPS Mobile Team Trainer Unit (LMTTU). 24 June saw the successful completion of the Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

DOYLE was underway again on 7 July in the Jacksonville Oparea (JAXOA) for routine independent steaming exercises and RLQ/DLQ services for Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FOUR TWO (HSL 42). DOYLE returned to port on 9 July. On 10 July DOYLE returned to the JAXOA for a dependents cruise.

On 15 July, DOYLE departed Mayport for the Puerto Rican Oparea with a two helicopter detachment from HSL 42 Det 2 embarked. Enroute, DOYLE conducted a burial at sea, committing the cremains of ETC Daniel G. Siewart and Seaman Second Class Walter E. Garwood to the sea.

DOYLE arrived in the Puerto Rican Oparea south of Roosevelt Roads for a missile exercise on 18 July. Shooting three missiles in the morning, the rest of the day was devoted to gunnery and electronic warfare exercises. On 19 July, DOYLE arrived at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station to conduct repairs following a casualty to the ship's oil distribution box, which controls the pitch of the propeller.

Following repairs, DOYLE was underway on 23 July enroute to the St. Croix underwater range for torpedo exercises. Following multiple ship launched and helicopter dropped torpedo attacks, DOYLE departed the area to rendezvous in the VACAPES Oparea with the USS IOWA and USS CONOLLY. DOYLE's operations with the USS IOWA and USS CONOLLY were part of OTL 13/27. Enclosure (5) and (6) pertain. DOYLE returned to Mayport on 4 August.

DOYLE successfully passed an Immediate Unit Commander (IUC) Inspection which was conducted 11-13 August.

On 15 August, DOYLE returned to sea to participate in CNO Project K-310-5. On 16 August, DOYLE joined USS THORN (DESRON 36 embarked) and USS W. S. SIMS in the Charleston Oparea. Rather than proceeding directly to the rendezvous with the USS IOWA Battle Group, DOYLE, THORN and SIMS were forced to turn south to the JAXOA to avoid Hurricane Charlie. On 17 August, DOYLE was detached from THORN to proceed ahead to meet with the IOWA. On 22 August, DOYLE joined up with IOWA and began her portion of the K-310-5 operation. DOYLE's role in the exercise was to provide long range targeting information to the IOWA and other long range missile shooters using the LAMPS Mk III helicopter. The purpose of the exercise was to test the Force Over-the-horizon Track Coordinator (FOTC) concept using the OTCIXS system. DOYLE would send the LAMPS Mk III out in front of the battlegroup and video data link the radar picture back to the ship. In turn, DOYLE would transmit this "picture" to the missile shooters and OTCIXS equipped ships via Link 11.

On 25 August, DOYLE was detached to proceed to a diplomatic port visit in Reykjavik, Iceland. This represented the first time in 10 years that a US warship had made a port call to Iceland. DOYLE arrived at Reykjavik on 27 August, departing one day early on 29 August to avoid a major storm system.

After skirting the storm, DOYLE arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia for a routine port visit on 4 September. Departing on 7 September enroute Mayport, DOYLE commenced ASW training exercises with USS Phoenix. Operations with the PHOENIX continued until the 9th. On 11 September, DOYLE arrived in Mayport.

From 12 September to 10 October, DOYLE underwent an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV). Work completed in the IMAV include extensive redecking throughout the ship and a renovated messdecks and galley.

On 10 October, DOYLE conducted a FAST cruise to prepare for upcoming underway operations. On 14 October, DOYLE was underway in the JAXOA for routine exercises and RLQ/DLQ workups with HSL 42. On 16 October, DOYLE completed ASW exercises with the USS BATFISH. DOYLE returned to port on 17 October.

On 20 October, CINCLANTFLT, ADM Frank Kelso, visited DOYLE as a part of his tour of the Jacksonville area. ADM Kelso participated in an awards ceremony held on DOYLE and viewed LAMPS Mk III operations from the Combat Information Center.

DOYLE conducted a Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) from 3-14 November.

On 17 November, DOYLE departed Mayport, with two helicopters from HSL 42 embarked, enroute the AUTEC range in the vicinity of the Bahamas for Prospective Commanding Officer ASW Training Operations. Arriving at AUTEC 18 November, DOYLE commenced ASW exercises against a mini-mobile target. From 19-21 November, DOYLE, in company with USS KIDD, USS TICONDEROGA, USS BATFISH, and USS ATLANTA, participated in fourteen 3 hour mini-wars, pitting two surface Ships and various air assets against one submarine at a time. Each mini-war was separated by a one hour reposition period. The exercise involved extensive shipboard and helicopter ASW operations. After departing AUTEC, DOYLE arrived in Port Everglades, Florida for a brief port visit on 21 November. Leaving on 24 November, DOYLE arrived in Mayport on 25 November.

From 1-29 December, DOYLE was in a pre-overseas movement period. The ship also conducted a standdown for the crew. DOYLE saw one day underway during this time, on the 15th, for sea trials.

On 30 December, DOYLE left Mayport to transit to the Mediterranean for a six month Mediterranean deployment (MED 1-87) as part of the NIMITZ Battle Group (COMCARGRU EIGHT Embarked in NIMITZ as CVBG Commander).