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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS DOYLE'S MISSION

To operate with other warships as an intergral part of a battle group or battle force, to effectively supplement existing and planned escorts in the protection of underway replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping, and other designated forces against subsurface, air and surface threats, and to conduct ASW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

DESTROYER SQUADRON EIGHT

COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Edward E. Hunter

DUTY STATION

Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, FL

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT

Two SH-60B Seahawk Lamps III Helicopters. Tailcodes vary.

CHRONOLOGY FOR 1989

- JAN 1 DALLAS COWBOY CHEERLEADERS USO SHOW, HERCULES MOBILE SUPPORT BARGE. UNDERWAY NORTH PERSIAN GULF (NPG).
- JAN 1-5 UNDERWAY NPG.
- JAN 3 VERTREP WITH USS MARS (AFS-1) NPG
- JAN 5 TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ. RADM LESS AWARDS BM2 PIERCE NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL. ENGINEERING CASUALTY AND RETURN TO NINA SULMAN.
- JAN 5-9 INPORT NINA SULMAN FOR CHANGEOUT ON 1A GAS TURBINE ENGINE.
- JAN 10-13 U/W TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ, GULF OF OMAN.
- JAN 13 BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL MINA RAYSUTH, OMAN.
- JAN 14-16 TRANSIT GULF OF ADEN, STRAITS OF YEMEN, AND RED SEA.
- JAN 17-18 PORT VISIT JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA, DOD SPONSORED RECEPTION FOR SAUDI NAVAL FORCES; TAKE-A-SAILOR-TO-DINNER.
- JAN 19-20 U/W TRANSIT RED SEA.
- JAN 21 TRANSIT NORTHBOUND SUEZ CANAL.
- JAN 22-24 ENTER MEDITERRANEAN, UNREP WITH USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6), TRANSIT STRAITS OF MESSINA.
- JAN 24-26 ANCHOR NAPLES, ITALY IN COMPANY WITH USS AUBREY FITCH (FFG-34).
- JAN 27-30 MOOR PIERSIDE NAPLES ITALY FOR 1A GAS TURBINE ENGINE CHANGEOUT.
- JAN 31 U/W TRANSIT MED EN ROUTE CONUS.
- FEB 1 UNREP WITH USS NITRO (AE-23).
- FEB 2-3 TRANSIT WESTERN MED, STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR, OUTCHOP MED.
- FEB 4 RENDEZVOUS WITH USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (CG-23), USS TAYLOR FFG-30, USS AUBREY FITCH (FFG-34).

FEB 5-6 TRANSIT EASTERN ATLANTIC WITH RETURNING BATTLE GROUP.

FEB 6 BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL PONTA DELGADA, AZORES.

FEB 7 U/W FROM PONTA DELGADA, TRANSIT EASTERN ATLANTIC.

FEB 7-16 TRANSIT ATLANTIC.

FEB 10 SELF CONDUCTED COMMAND INSPECTION.

FEB 12 UNREP WITH USNS JOHN LENTHAL, DETACHED FROM USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
CONDUCTED OTH-T EXERCISE.

FEB 16 MOOR MAYPORT FL, COMMENCE LEAVE/STANDOWN PERIOD.

FEB 17-

MAR 14 INPORT MAYPORT

MAR 1 TYPE COMMANDER COMMUNICATION EXERCISE.

MAR 7-9 SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION.

MAR 15 U/W FOR WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON SC FOR AMMO DOWNLOAD.

MAR 16-17 MOOR WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON SC.

MAR 17 U/W FROM CHARLESTON EN ROUTE MAYPORT FL.

MAR 18 MOOR MAYPORT FL.

MAR 18-19 INPORT MAYPORT FL.

MAR 20 DEPENDENTS CRUISE UP ST. JOHNS RIVER EN ROUTE JACKSONVILLE
SHIPYARD.

MAR 20-30 PIERSIDE JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARDS.

MAR 21-23 CREW MOVES OFF SHIP INTO HOSPITALITY INN, DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE.

MAR 30 ENTER JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARD DRYDOCK, COLLISION WITH MORAN TUG
HELEN D. COPPEDGE.

MAR 31-

JUN 6 IN DRYDOCK FOR DRYDOCK SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY.

APR 10-16 SANDBLASTING SHIP'S HULL.
APR 12 CCDG-12 MINI OLYMPICS.
APR 17 GIMTT TYPE 1 VISIT.
APR 25 SHIPWIDE PRT.

MAY 8-10 FAADCLANT DISBURSING ASSIT VISIT.
MAY 26 SHIP'S 6TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC HOSPITALITY INN.

JUN 5 GIMTT TYPE II VISIT.
JUN 6 UNDOCKING
JUN 6-
AUG 1 PIERSIDE JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARDS.
JUN 9 MEF 3-88 AWARDS CEREMONY.
JUN 15 MID-AVAILABILITY REVIEW CONFERENCE MEETING.
JUN 16 CDS-8 JOIN UP.
JUN 21-23 CREW MOVES BACK ONBOARD.
JUN 29-30 OBA/EGRESS TRAINING FOR ALL HANDS.

JUL 17-21 GIMTT TYPE III VISIT
JUL 27-28 LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION
JUL 31 COMMENCE DOCK TRAILS

AUG 1 FAST CRUISE, JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARDS.
AUG 2 U/W FROM JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARDS, TRANSIT ST. JOHN'S RIVER.
AUG 2-4 SEA TRIALS, SONAR SELF NOISE TEST, OPTTEST SQR-19 TACTICAL TOWED
ARRAY SONAR.
AUG 4 MOOR MAYPORT FL.

AUG 4-20 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
AUG 7-9 INCLINING TESTS.
AUG 21-24 U/W FOR COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT.
AUG 24 MOOR MAYPORT FL.
AUG 28-31 SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION ASSIST VISIT.
AUG 28-
SEP 1 14A2 ASW TEAM TRAINER

SEP 5-9 CDS-8 IUC INSPECTION
SEP 4-9 20B5 COMBAT SYSTEMS TRAINER
SEP 11 AVIATION CERTIFICATION INSPECTION
HARPOON MATERIAL CERTIFICATION INSPECTION
SEP 11-15 NAVSTA MAYPORT SURFACE WARFARE TRAINING WEEK
SEP 15 RELIEF OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CDR LEW E. ALLEMAN, BY LCDR
FORREST E. BROOKS III.
SEP 20 U/W UP ST. JOHNS RIVER FOR EVASION OF HURRICANE HUGO.
SEP 20-22 MOORED JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PIER TALLEYRAND
AVENUE.
SEP 22 U/W EN ROUTE MAYPORT FL.
SEP 22-
OCT 9 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
SEP 26 SHIPWIDE PRT.

OCT 10-13 U/W JAXOA
OCT 13-17 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
OCT 13 NAVY BIRTHDAY.
OCT 16-20 EMAT

OCT 17-19 U/W JAXOA
OCT 20 MOOR MAYPORT FL.
OCT 20-22 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
OCT 23 U/W EN ROUTE EARLE NJ.
OCT 25 MOOR AMMO PIER EARLE NJ.
OCT 25 MOOR AMMO PIER EARLE NJ.
OCT 25-27 AMMO ONLOAD.
OCT 27 U/W EARLE NJ EN ROUTE MAYPORT FL.
OCT 27-29 U/W EN ROUTE MAYPORT FL.
OCT 29-30 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
OCT 31-
NOV 5 U/W EN ROUTE PROA FOR WSAT AND LAMPS MK III FLIGHT OPS.

NOV 5 ANCHOR/MOOR PIERSIDE ROOSEVELT ROADS PR.
NOV 5-10 INPORT ROOSEVELT ROADS PR.
NOV 9 SHIP TURN AROUND PIERSIDE FOR SVTT FIRINGS.
NOV 11 U/W EN ROUTE ST. CROIX USVI FOR WSAT TORPEDO FIRINGS.
NOV 12 ANCHOR FREDRICKSTED, ST. CROIX USVI.
NOV 12 U/W FOR WSAT UTR ST. CROIX
NOV 13 ANCHOR FREDRICKSTED.
NOV 13 U/W FOR WSAT.
NOV 14 ANCHOR FREDRICKSTED.
NOV 14 U/W EN ROUTE ROOSEVELT ROADS PR FOR REFUEL.
NOV 14 MOOR ROOSEVELT ROADS BSF.
NOV 14 U/W EN ROUTE FREDRICKSTED.
NOV 14 ANCHOR FREDRICKSTED.
NOV 14-16 U/W EN ROUTE NASSAU.

NOV 17-18 INPORT NASSAU BAHAMAS.
NOV 19-20 U/W EN ROUTE MAYPORT FL.
NOV 20 MOOR MAYPORT FL.
NOV 20-28 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
NOV 29-
DEC 2 U/W EN ROUTE ST. LUCIA.

DEC 3 MOOR CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA.
DEC 3-4 INPORT CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA.
DEC 5 U/W FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, EMBARKED USCG LEDET
CHARLESTON SC.
DEC 5-20 U/W LEO OPS CARIBBEAN SEA.
DEC 8 UNREP USNS PAWCATUCK.
DEC 14 UNREP USNS PAWCATUCK.
DEC 17 AWARDS CEREMONY.
DEC 20 MOOR MAYPORT FL.
DEC 20-31 INPORT MAYPORT FL.
DEC 21 COMMENCE HOLIDAY LEAVE/UPKEEP PERIOD.
DEC 28 CHRISTMAS PARTY.

COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE-1989

USS DOYLE BEGAN 1989 IN THE PERSIAN GULF AS A PART OF THE MIDDLE EAST TASK FORCE. SHE HAD BEEN ON DEPLOYMENT FOR OVER FOUR MONTHS AND HAD ALREADY COMPLETED 17 EARNEST WILL CONVOYS ESCORTING 14 TANKERS OUT OF THE GULF AND INTO THE OPEN SEA. THE YEAR GOT OFF TO A GOOD START WITH A VISIT FROM THE DALLAS COWBOY CHEERLEADERS USO SHOW ON NEW YEARS DAY.

ON 5 JANUARY, WHILE TRANSITING THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ, BM2 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF WITH A DRAMATIC RESCUE OF A SHIPMATE BM2 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. THE PRESS RELEASE READ: "DATELINE--05 JAN 89, USS DOYLE AT SEA IN THE PERSIAN GULF--QUOTE--HEROISM AND BRAVERY ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO COMBAT OPERATIONS. THIS WAS PROVEN BY A USS DOYLE (FFG-39) CREWMEMBER WHO JUMPED INTO CHOPPY SEAS TO SAVE HIS SHIPMATE'S LIFE LAST WEEK IN THE PERSIAN GULF. BOATSWAIN'S MATE SECOND CLASS [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] WAS ASSISTING IN THE RECOVERY OF A BARGE WHICH HAD BROKEN ITS MOORINGS TO DOYLE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 5TH WHEN HE LOST HIS BALANCE AND FELL INTO THE CHOPPY SEAS BETWEEN THE SHIP AND ANOTHER BARGE. DUE TO HEAVY SEAS AND HIGH WINDS, PETTY OFFICER [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO GRASP THE LIFE RINGS AND LINES THROWN TO HIM. BOATSWAIN'S MATE SECOND CLASS [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY JUMPED INTO THE WATER AND RESCUED HIS SHIPMATE. WITHIN HOURS OF THE INCIDENT, REAR ADMIRAL ANTHONY A. LESS, COMMANDER OF THE JOINT TASK FORCE MIDDLE EAST, BOARDED A HELICOPTER FOR DOYLE TO PERSONALLY AWARD PETTY OFFICER [REDACTED] THE NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL FOR HIS VALOR AND BRAVERY. "PETTY OFFICER [REDACTED]'S UNHESITATING RESPONSE TO A PERILOUS SITUATION, WITHOUT REGARD TO HIS OWN SAFETY," SAID ADMIRAL LESS, "IS AN EXAMPLE OF TODAY'S SAILORS' WILLINGNESS TO GO TO ANY LENGTH TO HELP A SHIPMATE."

ON THE SAME DAY AS ██████'S HEROICS, DOYLE SUFFERED AN ENGINEERING CASUALTY THAT FORCED THEM BACK INTO PORT. 1A GAS TURBINE ENGINE WAS CHANGED OUT AND DOYLE WAS AGAIN ON HER WAY. BETWEEN 10 AND 24 JANUARY, DOYLE TRANSITED THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ, GULF OF OMAN, GULF OF ADEN, STRAITS OF YEMEN, RED SEA, SUEZ CANAL, ENTERED THE MEDITERRANEAN AND TRANSITED THE STRAITS OF MESSINA ON HER WAY TO NAPLES, ITALY.

WHILE TRANSITING THE RED SEA, DOYLE MADE A PORT VISIT TO JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA AND PARTICIPATED IN THE DOD-SPONSORED RECEPTION FOR SAUDI NAVAL FORCES AND THE "TAKE A SAILOR TO DINNER" PROGRAM. THIS WAS A VERY REWARDING VISIT AND CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO CULTURES.

IN TRANSIT TO NAPLES, 1A GAS TURBINE ENGINE FAILED AGAIN. ONCE INPORT NAPLES THE ENGINE WAS CHANGED OUT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ONLY 18 DAYS. DOYLE LEFT NAPLES ON 30 JANUARY EN ROUTE MAYPORT.

ON 4 FEBRUARY, DOYLE RENDEZVOUSED WITH THE USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS, USS TAYLOR, AND USS AUBREY FITCH AFTER TRANSITING THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR. THE BATTLE GROUP THEN TRANSITED THE ATLANTIC WITH A REFUELING STOP AT PONTA DELGADA, AZORES. UNDERWAY, DOYLE HAD A SELF-CONDUCTED COMMAND INSPECTION AND PARTICIPATED IN OVER-THE-HORIZON TARGETING EXERCISES.

DOYLE ARRIVED IN MAYPORT 16 FEBRUARY AND COMMENCED A LEAVE AND STANDOWN PERIOD.

ON 20 MARCH, DOYLE MOVED DOWN THE ST. JOHNS RIVER FROM MAYPORT TO THE JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARDS FOR A FIVE MONTH DRYDOCK RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY. DOYLE HELD A SUCCESSFUL DEPENDENTS' CRUISE DURING THE TRANSIT UP RIVER.

ON 30 MARCH, DOYLE HAD A MINOR COLLISION WITH THE TUG HELEN D. COPPEDGE AT FRAME 92 ON THE STARBOARD SIDE. DOYLE ENTERED THE DRYDOCK ON 31 MARCH.

THE YARD PERIOD WAS A SUCCESSFUL ONE FOR DOYLE. SHE HAD MAJOR UP-GRADES IN ALL AREAS. THE MAJOR PROJECTS INCLUDED THE INSTALLATION OF THE SQR-19 TACTICAL TOWED ARRAY SONAR ASW SYSTEM, A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE SONAR DOME, A COMPLETE CHANGE-OUT OF THE MK-92 CAS SYSTEM, A NEW MK-15 CIWS, AN OVERHAUL OF THE RUDDER POST, COMPLETE CHANGE-OUT OF THE SEALS ON THE STABILIZING FINS, A "4,100 TON MODIFICATION" THAT INCLUDED THE RAISING OF ALL THE SHIP'S OVERBOARD DISCHARGE VALVES ABOVE THE WATER LINE, A CHANGE-OUT OF TWO OF THE SHIPS SERVICE DIESEL GENERATORS, AND A CONVERSION OF THE GENERATORS FROM BRUSH TO BRUSHLESS. THESE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AND SCORES OF SMALLER ONES ALL COMBINED TO MAKE DOYLE A MORE CAPABLE FIGHTING MACHINE.

DURING THE YARD PERIOD, DOYLE'S CREW STAYED AT THE HOSPITALITY INN IN DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE. THIS ARRANGEMENT WORKED VERY WELL; THE CREW ENJOYED THE ACCOMMODATIONS AND THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE SHUTTLE BUSES TO WORK AND AVOID DOWNTOWN PARKING PROBLEMS. IT ALSO BOOSTED CREW MORALE.

DOYLE LEFT THE YARDS ON 02 AUGUST AND STARTED A SERIES OF OPERATIONAL TESTS TO EVALUATE THE WORK THAT HAD BEEN DONE. THIS INCLUDED SONAR SELF NOISE AND SQR-19 TACTICAL TOWED ARRAY SONAR TEST.

THE POST YARD PERIOD WAS ALSO A TIME FOR NUMEROUS INSPECTIONS. THE COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT COMMANDER'S INSPECTION, AVIATION CERTIFICATION, HARPOON MATERIAL CERTIFICATION, AND EMAT INSPECTIONS ALL TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 02 AUGUST TO 20 OCTOBER.

EVEN THOUGH HURRICANE HUGO DIDN'T HIT MAYPORT, NAVAL AUTHORITIES TOOK NO CHANCES AND SENT DOYLE UP RIVER TO THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PIER.

THE LAST QUARTER OF 1989 WAS A BUSY ONE FOR DOYLE. FROM 23 TO 29 OCTOBER, DOYLE CONDUCTED A WEAPONS ONLOAD AT WEAPONS STATION EARLE NEW JERSEY. THE NEXT UNDERWAY PERIOD WAS FOR TORPEDO FIRINGS OFF FREDRICKSTED ST. CROIX, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS. ON 5 DECEMBER, DOYLE GOT UNDERWAY WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT DETACHMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD FOR 15 DAYS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN. THIS TIME IN THE CARIBBEAN GAVE DOYLE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCELLENT LIBERTY PORTS; THE CREW ENJOYED LIBERTY IN NASSAU, BAHAMAS AND CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA.

DOYLE ENDED 1989 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.