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JOHN N. PETRIE

**COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**USS DOYLE'S MISSION**

To operate with other warships as an integral part of a battle group of 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 John N. Petrie

**HOMEPORT**  
Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

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

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY FOR 1990

JAN 1-7 INPORT MAYPORT.

JAN 8-9 PCO CDR JOHN N. PETRIE REPORTS ONBOARD.  
U/W OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE)  
REHEARSAL JACKSONVILLE OPEARATION AREA (JAXOA).

JAN 10-11 INPORT MAYPORT.

JAN 12 CDR JOHN N. PETRIE RELIEVES CDR EDWARD E. HUNTER AS  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

JAN 13-17 INPORT MAYPORT.

JAN 18-19 U/W JAXOA-TRAINING.

JAN 20-21 INPORT MAYPORT.

JAN 22-25 U/W JAXOA-TRAINING

JAN 26-28 INPORT MAYPORT

JAN 29-30 U/W JAXOA-OPPE PREPS

JAN 31-FEB 2 U/W JAXOA-OPPE PREPS

FEB 3-6 INPORT MAYPORT

FEB 7-9 OPPE

FEB 10-25 INPORT MAYPORT. HARPOON ASSIST VISIT, COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNICAL  
OPERATIONAL MANUAL (CSTOM)  
VALIDATION, AND SURFACE VESSEL TORPEDO TUBES INSTALLATION  
(SVTT) ONBOARD.

FEB 26-28 INPORT MAYPORT. LAMPS I/III INSTALLATION.

MAR 1-11 INPORT MAYPORT.

MAR 12-16 INPORT MAYPORT. 3-M INSPECTION, 14A2 TEAM TRAINER, COMBAT  
SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL SEQUENCING SYSTEM (CROSS) IMPLEMENTATION  
PHASE.

Enclosure (2)

MAR 17-18 INPORT MAYPORT. VISIT SHIP, TEXAS NJROTC STUDENTS VISIT.

MAR 19-29 VISUAL TEMPEST INSPECTION, LAMPS MOBILE TEAM TRAINING UNIT (LMTTU), SURFACE WARFARE TRAINING WEEK (SWTW) (USS DOYLE PLACES FIRST), 20B5 TRAINER.

MAR 30-APR 3 U/W EN ROUTE AUTEK, BAHAMAS.

APR 4 ARRIVE AUTEK, BAHAMAS. COMMENCE IASW.

APR 5-6 DEPART AUTEK EN ROUTE.

APR 7-10 INPORT MAYPORT

APR 11 U/W FOR GAS TURBINE MODULE (GTM) TEST. RETURN MAYPORT.

APR 12 U/W FOR GTM TEST. RETURN MAYPORT.

APR 13-15 INPORT MAYPORT.

APR 16 INPORT MAYPORT. COMMENCE TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION (TRE).

APR 17 INPORT MAYPORT. COMPLETE TRE.

APR 18 INPORT MAYPORT.

APR 19 U/W JAXOA. SUB REFRESHER TRAINING (REFTRA SUPPORT).

APR 20 U/W JAXOA. COMMENCE AND COMPLETE COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESMENT (CSA). RETURN MAYPORT.

APR 21-22 INPORT MAYPORT.

APR 23-24 U/W JAXOA FOR SH-3 DAY LANDING QUALIFICATIONS (DLQ'S). COMMENCE PROPULSION MONITORING TEAM (PMT) VISIT.

APR 25 INPORT MAYPORT. CONTINUE PMT VISIT. COMMENCE AND COMPLETE HARPOON CERTIFICATION.

APR 26 INPORT MAYPORT. CONTINUE PMT VISIT.

APR 27 INPORT MAYPORT. COMPLETE PMT VISIT.

APR 28-MAY 3 INPORT MAYPORT.

MAY 4 INPORT MAYPORT. MASTER CHIEF OF THE COMMAND ENCM(SW)  
D.G. MORRIS IS RELIEVED BY SENIOR CHIEF OF THE COMMAND BY

EMCS(SW) R.A. GREEN.

MAY 5-6            INPORT MAYPORT.    VISIT SHIP.

MAY 6-9            INPORT MAYPORT.

MAY 10            INPORT MAYPORT.    COMMENCE DEPARTURE MATERIAL STATUS REVIEW  
(DMSR).

MAY 11            INPORT MAYPORT.    COMPLETE DMSR.

MAY 12-13        INPORT MAYPORT.

MAY 14            U/W EN ROUTE/ARRIVE AUTECH, BAHAMAS.

MAY 15            DEPART EN ROUTE FREEPORT, BAHAMAS.    MOOR FREEPORT.

MAY 16-17        PORT VISIT FREEPORT. VISIT SHIP.

MAY 18-20        U/W EN ROUTE, GUANTANAMO BAY (GTMO) CUBA FOR REFTRA.

MAY 21            MOOR GTMO.

MAY 22-JUN 24    REFTRA.

JUN 25-26        U/W EN ROUTE MAYPORT.

JUN 27            ARRIVE MAYPORT.

JUN 28            INPORT MAYPORT.

JUN 29            U/W DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE, FL

JUN 30-JUL 4     INPORT JACKSONVILLE.    VISIT SHIP.

JUL 5            U/W MAYPORT.

JUL 6            INPORT MAYPORT.    UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV) SHIPBOARD  
FACILITIES REVIEW.

JUL 7-15        INPORT MAYPORT.

JUL 16-17        U/W EN ROUTE BERMUDA.

JUL 18-19        ARRIVE BERMUDA.    COMMENCE PORT VISIT.

JUL 20-21        U/W EN ROUTE BOSTON.

JUL 22-26        ARRIVE BOSTON.    COMMENCE PORT VISIT. VISIT SHIP.

JUL 27            U/W PORTSMOUTH, NH.

JUL 28-AUG 1      ARRIVE PORTSMOUTH. MOOR PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIP YARD.  
 AWAITING WEATHER TO COMMENCE ESCORT OPS.

AUG 2-13          U/W EN ROUTE COLON PANAMA ESCORTING USS PAIUTE TOWING THE  
 DECOMMISSIONED SUBMARINE JACK.

AUG 8              FUELING AT SEA (FAS) WITH USS PLATTE.

AUG 14             ARRIVE COLON, PANAMA. BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL (BSF). U/W EN ROUTE  
 MAYPORT.

AUG 15-16         EN ROUTE MAYPORT.

AUG 17             ARRIVE MAYPORT.

AUG 18-19         INPORT MAYPORT.

AUG 20             COMMENCE INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV).

AUG 27             COMMENCE SWTW.

AUG 28             COMMENCE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION (SMI).

AUG 30             COMPLETE SMI.

AUG 31             COMMENCE 20B5 HOOKUP.

SEP 1-4            INPORT MAYPORT.

SEP 5              COMMENCE 20B5 VANDELEX MISSILE SHOOT EXERCISE TRAINING.

SEP 7              COMPLETE 20B5 TRAINING.

SEP 8-13          INPORT MAYPORT.

SEP 14             COMPLETE IMAV.

SEP 15-16         INPORT MAYPORT.

SEP 17-20         U/W JAXOA FOR RAST LANDING QUALIFICATION (RLQ'S).

SEP 21             ARRIVE MAYPORT.

SEP 22-23         INPORT MAYPORT.

SEP 24-28         U/W VANDELEX.

SEP 29             ARRIVE MAYPORT. UAV VISIT.

SEP 30             INPORT MAYPORT.

OCT 1-NOV 20 U/W ESCORT OF USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) AROUND SOUTH AMERICA.

OCT 4 RENDEZVOUS WITH USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN VIRGIN ISLANDS.

OCT 6 FAS WITH USNS PAWCATUCK

OCT 8 FAS RIG CHECK WITH USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. WOG REBELLION.

OCT 9 CROSS THE LINE. COMMENCE CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY.

OCT 15-18 RIO DE JANEIRO PORT VISIT.

OCT 21 ASW EXERCISE WITH ARGENTINA.

OCT 23 BSF PUERTO BELGRANO, ARGENTINA.

OCT 25 RAS WITH USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

OCT 25-29 TRANSIT STRAIT OF MAGELLAN AND CHILEAN INLAND WATERWAY. PORT VISIT PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE.

OCT 31- NOV 4 VALPARISO, CHILE PORT VISIT.

NOV 4 VISIT OF CAPTAIN'S CHILEAN SHIPMATES.

NOV 9 FAS WITH USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

NOV 12 ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE EXERCISE (ASWEX) WITH ECUADORAN NAVY.

NOV 13 FAS WITH USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

NOV 14 DETACH FROM USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

NOV 15 ARRIVE RODMAN, PANAMA.

NOV 16 TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL. COMMENCE ENGINEERING MOBILE ASSESSMENT TEAM (EMAT).

NOV 16-18 LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS YUCATAN CHANNEL

NOV 20 ARRIVE MAYPORT.

NOV 21 COMPLETE EMAT.

NOV 22-25 INPORT MAYPORT.

NOV 26 COMMENCE CSRRT PHASE ONE, DCMTT, SNAP II TECH ASSIST, SWTW AND IMAV.

NOV 27-30 INPORT MAYPORT.  
DEC 1 COMMENCE IMMEDIATE UNIT COMMANDERS INSPECTION (IUC).  
DEC 7 COMPLETE IUC.  
DEC 8-9 INPORT MAYPORT.  
DEC 10 COMMENCE HERO SURVEY.  
DEC 11-13 INPORT MAYPORT. COMPLETE IMAV.  
DEC 14 U/W 30 DAY PRE-BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY (INSURV)  
ASSESSMENT.  
DEC 15-16 INPORT MAYPORT.  
DEC 17 COMMENCE CSA.  
DEC 18 U/W CSA. COMPLETE CSA. COMMENCE CHRISTMAS LEAVE PERIOD.  
DEC 19-31 INPORT MAYPORT.



## COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE 1990

During 1990, USS DOYLE (FFG-39) had the highest operational tempo in the Atlantic Fleet, even without a major deployment.

DOYLE began the year in homeport at Mayport, Florida. PCO CDR. John N. Petrie reported onboard 8 January. After a brief underway period for OPPE Rehearsals and a 76 MM and CIWS firing, CDR Petrie relieved CDR Edward E. Hunter as Commanding Officer on 12 January.

The next three-and-a-half months was a period of training and inspection for DOYLE. DOYLE had a Harpoon Assist Visit, LMTTU, 20B5 Trainer, GTM Test and Surface Warfare Training Week Competition in which DOYLE placed first. DOYLE also had ASW Training at the Autec Range in the Bahamas. DOYLE conducted additional training for NJROTC students from Texas. The inspections conducted were OPPE, 3-M, TEMPEST, CSA, TRE and a Harpoon Certification. All this hard work was in preparation for REFTRA at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Before DOYLE got underway for Cuba, another change in the leadership in DOYLE took place when EMCS(SW) R.A. Green became Senior Chief of the Command relieving the retiring Master Chief of the Command ENCM(SW) D.G. Morris as the senior enlisted in DOYLE.

DOYLE made her first post visit of the year at Freeport, Bahamas. The entire crew took the time to relax and get ready for the intense training of REFTRA. Local residents took the time to tour DOYLE.

Enroute to Cuba, DOYLE was diverted to perform a medical evacuation of an injured crewman on USS AYLWYN (FF-1071). DOYLE ran at flank speed to close the distance between the ships and then dispatched one of it's helicopters to pick up the injured man. After recovering the helo, DOYLE turned toward Cuba at flank speed to close the distance for the final flight to the hospital at Guantanamo Bay. The medical evacuation was a complete success. The injured man made a full recovery.

REFTRA began on 22 May and was completed on 24 June. DOYLE performed exceptionally well during REFTRA, especially in the Damage Control evolutions. DOYLE's departure was delayed from Cuba when the ship was assigned to an escort operation to begin in August. The extra days were required to complete a towing exercise.

DOYLE returned to Mayport on 27 June. On the 29th, DOYLE got underway again. This time for downtown Jacksonville and visit ship duty for the city's Fourth of July Celebration. Over 3,800 people visited the ship during the four day visit and DOYLE family and friends enjoyed a front row seat for the fireworks display. DOYLE returned to Mayport 5 July.

DOYLE spent the next 11 days in port preparing to escort the USS PAIUTE and her tow, the decommissioned submarine JACK from Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Colon, Panama, the eastern entrance of the Panama Canal. During this inport period, DOYLE hosted the first of many visits from CANADAIR to discuss the ship's role as test platform for the UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) during the 1991 deployment.

Before DOYLE went to work as an escort, the crew got some time to play. The first was a three day stop in Bermuda. The second, a five day stop in Boston moored astern of USS CONSTITUTION in the historic Charlestown Navy Yard.

The Boston visit was very rewarding for the crew. Being moored next to CONSTITUTION gave the visitors and the crew a chance to see the old and the new Navy side by side. During the week DOYLE hosted over 5,000 visitors.

On the 27th, it was time to get back to work. DOYLE left Boston en route Portsmouth for an overnight transit and then rendezvous with the PAIUTE. But the ship encounter heavy fog the entire transit. Upon arrival at the rendezvous point, DOYLE found out the fog prevented the PAIUTE from getting underway. Instead of spending the night fog bound burning fuel, DOYLE decided to enter port with the intention of leaving the next day. But hurricane Bertha changed DOYLE's plans.

What was planned as an overnight stop turned into a five day port visit. The weather has been a concern from the initial planning of the operation because the route took the ships through the center of the Caribbean at the height of hurricane season. Speed was also a concern. Limited to ten knots, the PAIUTE and tow would only be able to turn into the storm and fight to hold ground. This would burn valuable fuel and take the group miles off course or worse, the tow -- a decommissioned nuclear submarine could be lost. Fortunately, Bertha became a problem while the ships were still in port. The decision was made to stay in port until Bertha, and the surrounding seas, were calm. It was a tense week with one merchant ship breaking up not far from where DOYLE would have been if the ships had sortied on time. Everyday DOYLE prepared to get underway until the decision was made at the weather brief to stay in port. The word finally came on August second. DOYLE received other important word that day--the news of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The trip to Colon took 12 days with one underway replenishment. This was much quicker than expected because of exceptionally calm, following seas. During the transit, the EX-JACK's navigation light configuration was found to have a blind spot. This required DOYLE to stay in a near point station to protect the tow. Upon arrival in Colon, DOYLE made a brief stop for fuel and then turned toward Mayport. A port visit to Cozumel, Mexico was planned, but the extra five days in Portsmouth put the ship behind schedule. Another tropical depression was also threatening to turn into a hurricane and prudence dictated a rapid transit home.

DOYLE had no time to relax upon return to Mayport on the 17th. An IMAV was scheduled immediately upon return along with SMI, SWT Week, and 20B5 training for the upcoming VANDELEX.

The conflict in the Persian Gulf came home to DOYLE during this period. Because of the Navy's build up in the region, many ship's schedules were changed. The USS GALLERY was scheduled to escort the nation's newest aircraft carrier, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, around South America to her homeport in Alameda, California. GALLERY was diverted to Persian Gulf and DOYLE was sent to escort the ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

The rest of DOYLE's schedule did not change. The ship was underway September 17-21 for DLQ's and 24-28 for VANDELEX. The ship returned to Mayport for a day-and-a-half before getting underway for South America on October 1.

DOYLE rendezvoused with the ABRAHAM LINCOLN on October 4 off St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. This was the first time that ABRAHAM LINCOLN had worked with another ship and the first time that many in DOYLE had worked with an aircraft carrier. By the end of the cruise, both ships worked very well together.

The first big event was one of the oldest traditions in the Naval Service, the Crossing the Line Ceremony. Without going into the messy details, the Shellbacks of DOYLE did an outstanding -- and safe -- job of initiating the Polywogs.

DOYLE enjoyed several outstanding port visits during the transit around South America. The crew sampled life in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Punta Arenas and Valpariso, Chile. The port visits were very good, but the highlight for many of the crew was the ship's transit of the Strait of Magellan, the Chilean Inland Waterway, and the Panama Canal.

The numbers for the South American transit are pretty impressive. During the seven week trip, DOYLE:

- Sailed over 16,000 miles -- most of it at flank speed to establish a new speed record for the class.
- Navigated on 112 charts.
- Conducted over 150 exercises.
- Conducted 225 safe flight hours at over 150 flight quarters.
- Burned over 800,000 gallons of fuel (about a million dollars worth).
- Made over 350,000 gallons of water.
- Recorded over 6,000,000 rotations of the shaft.
- Made 32 replenishment approaches.
- Sent over 1,000 messages, received 3,500 incoming messages and ran off over 100,000 total copies in Radio Central.
- Stood over 50,000 hours of watch.
- Spent almost 1,000 hours underway (over 85% of our time).
- Took 220 tours.
- Gave 13,000 tours.
- Used over 240 pounds of coffee.
- Used 3,050 pounds of flour.
- Used 1,470 pounds of sugar.
- Drank 515 gallons of milk.
- Sold over 15,000 sodas.
- Donated \$6,681 to the Combined Federal Campaign.
- Initiated 168 wogs.

During the Valpariso visit, DOYLE played host to a very special event. A reception was held for former shipmates of CDR Petrie's when he served on the Chilean Destroyer COCHRANE (DD-15) as an Ensign in 1972. Because of the seniority of the guests, the event took diplomatic significance. The entire crew, especially the Supply Department, did such an outstanding job that DOYLE was commended by United States Ambassador Gillespie in a personal message to the Chief of Naval Operations.

DOYLE also did significant exercises and training during the trip particularly in the ASW area. The numerous unreps, plane guard assignment and difficult transits provided unprecedented navigation and ship handling evolutions.

DOYLE detached from ABRAHAM LINCOLN on 14 November and turned for the Panama Canal. DOYLE arrived the next day and stayed in port to wait for the EMAT members to arrive and conduct their inspection on the way to Mayport. En route Mayport, DOYLE was deviated to perform a LEO OPS Sweep of the Western Caribbean. This delayed DOYLE's arrival, but only by a few hours. DOYLE arrived home on 20 November.

Again, DOYLE has no time to relax upon return to port. After the Thanksgiving holiday, IMAV, Surface Warfare Training Week, Snap II Tech Assist and CSRTT Phase One all commenced. DOYLE also had to prepare for three major inspections. The first was IUC from 1-7 December. Next was CSA on 17-18 December. DOYLE also had a 30 Day PRE-INSURV Assessment.

DOYLE was able to have a holiday leave period. But the crew continued to work extremely hard in preparation for the upcoming INSURV in January 1991.