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From: Commanding Officer, USS DOYLE (FFG-39)

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**COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**USS DOYLE'S MISSION**

To operate with other warships as an integral 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**  
Captain John N. Petrie

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

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

## CHRONOLOGY 1991

JAN 1-6 INPORT MAYPORT -- INSURV (BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY) PREPS  
JAN 7 U/W JAXOA -- INSURV PREPS  
JAN 8-13 INPORT MAYPORT -- INSURV PREPS  
JAN 14-16 U/W JAXOA -- BURIAL AT SEA, INSURV REHEARSAL  
JAN 17-21 INPORT MAYPORT -- INSURV PREPS  
JAN 22-23 U/W JAXOA -- INSURV PREPS  
JAN 24-27 INPORT MAYPORT -- INSURV PREPS  
JAN 28 INPORT MAYPORT -- COMMENCE INSURV  
JAN 29 U/W INSURV MATERIAL INSPECTION  
JAN 30 INPORT MAYPORT -- CONTINUE INSURV  
JAN 31 INPORT MAYPORT -- CONCLUDE INSURV  
FEB 1-3 INPORT MAYPORT  
FEB 4-8 INPORT MAYPORT -- 3M ASSIST VISIT  
FEB 9-10 INPORT MAYPORT  
FEB 11-13 INPORT MAYPORT -- SQQ-89 TRAINING  
FEB 14-18 INPORT MAYPORT  
FEB 19-22 U/W JAXOA -- TRAINING  
FEB 23-24 INPORT MAYPORT  
FEB 25 INPORT MAYPORT -- LCDR B. K. JONES RELIEVES LCDR F. E. BROOKS AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
FEB 25-27 INPORT MAYPORT -- (GAS TURBINE READINESS REVIEW)  
FEB 28-  
MAR 3 INPORT MAYPORT  
MAR 4-8 INPORT MAYPORT -- SURFACE WARFARE TRAINING WEEK  
MAR 9-10 INPORT MAYPORT  
MAR 11-17 U/W EN ROUTE PROA (PUERTO RICAN OPERATING AREA) FOR GUNNEX AND MISSEX  
MAR 18-19 INPORT MAYPORT  
MAR 20-28 U/W TPT (TAIL PROFICIENCY TRAINING)  
MAR 29-31 INPORT MAYPORT  
APR 1 U/W EN ROUTE WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON  
APR 2 INPORT WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON  
APR 3 INPORT MAYPORT  
APR 4-19 U/W SHUTTLE LAUNCH SUPPORT OPS AND TYPE COMMANDER'S COMBINED TRAINING (TCCT) 4-91 IN PROA  
APR 5 U/W SHUTTLE LAUNCH SUPPORT OPS  
APR 10-11 RESCUE & ASSISTANCE M/V RECOVERY 7  
APR 20-21 INPORT MAYPORT  
APR 22 INPORT MAYPORT -- COMMENCE EMAT (ENGINEERING MOBILE ASSESSMENT TEAM)  
APR 24-25 U/W EMAT  
APR 26-28 INPORT MAYPORT  
APR 29 INPORT MAYPORT -- COMMENCE SMI (SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION) ASSIST, MEDICAL READINESS INSPECTION, CSRR (COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW) PHASE I/II, ASRR (AUXILIARY SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW), MAVUS INSTALLATION, IMAV (INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY), AND SURFACE WARFARE TRAINING WEEK  
APR 30-  
G JUN 4 INPORT MAYPORT -- PRE-DEPLOYMENT PREPS  
JUN 5-6 U/W PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRIALS

JUN 6 RESCUE & ASSISTANCE M/V MOOSE  
 JUN 7-19 INPORT MAYPORT -- PRE-DEPLOYMENT PREPS  
 JUN 20-29 U/W STANDING NAVAL FORCE ATLANTIC (STANAVFORLANT)  
 DEPLOYMENT 2-91 EN ROUTE LA CORUNA, SPAIN  
 JUN 27 BSF (BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL) PONTA DELGADA, AZORES  
 JUN 30- INPORT LA CORUNA, SPAIN/TURNOVER WITH USS PHARRIS  
 JUL 1 (FF-1094)  
 JUL 2-4 U/W EN ROUTE BREST, FRANCE  
 JUL 5-8 INPORT BREST, FRANCE  
 JUL 9-11 U/W EN ROUTE GHENT, BELGIUM  
 JUL 12-15 INPORT GHENT, BELGIUM  
 JUL 16-19 U/W EN ROUTE KIEL, GERMANY  
 JUL 20- INPORT KIEL, GERMANY  
 4 AUG  
 AUG 5-10 U/W EN ROUTE AARHUS, DENMARK  
 AUG 11-13 INPORT AARHUS, DENMARK  
 AUG 14-22 U/W BALTOPS  
 AUG 23-28 INPORT COPENHAGEN, DENMARK  
 AUG 27 U/W VENDETTA  
 AUG 31 ENGINEERING CASUALTY -- EN ROUTE ROSYTH,  
 SCOTLAND BEING TOWED BY FGS KOELN  
 SEP 1-3 INPORT ROSYTH, SCOTLAND  
 SEP 4 U/W ENGINEERING TESTS  
 SEP 5-8 U/W VENDETTA  
 SEP 8-19 U/W NORTHSTAR  
 SEP 16 BLUENOSE CEREMONY  
 SEP 20-22 INPORT TRONDHEIM, NORWAY  
 SEP 23-26 U/W DANEX EN ROUTE DEN HELDER, NETHERLANDS  
 SEP 27- INPORT DEN HELDER, NETHERLANDS  
 OCT 20 COMMENCE MAVUS INSTALLATION  
 OCT 1 RMCS HOGARTY RELIEVES SKCS MASINSIN AS COMMAND  
 SENIOR CHIEF  
 OCT 21-29 U/W EN ROUTE HAMBURG, GERMANY  
 OCT 26 ANCHOR FIRTH OF FORTH  
 OCT 30- INPORT HAMBURG, GERMANY  
 NOV-3  
 NOV 4-7 U/W EN ROUTE ROSYTH, SCOTLAND  
 NOV 8-11 INPORT ROSYTH, SCOTLAND  
 NOV 12-21 UNDERWAY JMC (JOINT MARITIME COURSE) 913  
 NOV 22-25 INPORT NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND  
 NOV 26-28 U/W EN ROUTE LONDON, ENGLAND  
 NOV 28 ANCHOR  
 NOV 29- INPORT LONDON, ENGLAND  
 DEC 4  
 DEC 5-16 U/W EN ROUTE MAYPORT, FLORIDA  
 DEC 8 BSF PONTA DELGADA, AZORES  
 DEC 16 INPORT MAYPORT, FLORIDA  
 DEC 17-31 COMMENCE LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD  
 DEC 17 COMMENCE DIESEL INSPECTION  
 DEC 23 COMMENCE IMAV

## NARRATIVE 1991

During 1991, USS DOYLE (FFG-39) had a busy schedule with a Board of Inspection and Survey Inspection (INSURV), Tail Proficiency Training (TPT), Space Shuttle Launch Support Operations, Gunnery Exercises (GUNNEX), Missile Exercises (MISSEX), Type Commanders Core Training (TCCT) 4-91, and an unsupported six-month Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (STANAVFORLANT) Deployment.

DOYLE began the year in Mayport preparing for INSURV after a holiday leave and upkeep period. DOYLE passed the inspection with inspectors praising DOYLE for superior maintenance and preservation.

On 25 February, LCDR B. K. Jones relieved LCDR F. E. Brooks as Executive Officer.

DOYLE was underway a short time later for a GUNNEX and MISSEX in the South Puerto Rican Operation Area. DOYLE performed well during these exercises and set a high standard for gunnery excellence that would continue throughout the year.

But gunnery was not the only mission area where DOYLE excelled in 1991. DOYLE's performance during TPT set new ASW standards; DOYLE was awarded the highest score, (94.5), by the SURFLANT Combat Systems Training Team.

DOYLE's next challenge was a weapons onload in Charleston, South Carolina. DOYLE successfully and safely completed the evolution in just one day.

DOYLE returned to Mayport, but was underway the next day for Space Shuttle Launch Support Operations off Cape Canaveral, Florida. Fortunately, the launch was on time and without incident, so DOYLE proceeded South for TCCT 4-91 in the Puerto Rican Operation Area.

DOYLE met the challenge of TCCT 4-91 head on and excelled in all evolutions. The events included a GUNNEX, MISSEX, DIVTACS, small boat countermeasures, over the horizon targeting, ASW operations, AAW operations, electronic countermeasures, underway replenishment, and numerous publication exercises.

During TCCT 4-91, DOYLE received a transmission from the Coast Guard that the M/V RECOVERY VII was dead in the water due to a fire in the engine room, and was taking on water in heavy seas. DOYLE received permission to provide rescue and assistance and turned south to intercept the stricken vessel. First on the scene was DOYLE's LAMPS Helo, Cutlass 473, which confirmed that the fire was out but that the ship was taking on water. The crew of Cutlass 473 put an engineman and boatswains mate onboard to provide initial assistance. Once on the scene, DOYLE's crew worked through the night in heavy seas to return the RECOVERY VII to a safe condition. DOYLE left to rejoin the force the next morning but not until RECOVERY VII was in a seaworthy condition to await a tow.

DOYLE returned to Mayport and immediately began pre-deployment maintenance and final preparations with an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV), Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR), Medical Readiness Inspection, Auxiliary Systems Readiness Review (ASRR), and an Engineering Mobile Assessment Team (EMAT) visit.

DOYLE also began installation of the MAVUS Unmanned Aerial Vehicle during this period. DOYLE was selected during 1990 as the test platform for MAVUS. This exciting new project is the first vertical take off and landing unmanned aerial vehicle to be tested by the Navy. The installation was completed in mid-October.

During routine pre-deployment trials, DOYLE conducted her second rescue and assistance operation of 1991, this time to the pleasure yacht THE MOOSE. THE MOOSE has lost full use of her engines and was taking on water in heavy seas when DOYLE was called to help. With the aid of a Coast Guard Helicopter, DOYLE sent a five man engineering team to THE MOOSE. The team was able to restore the engines of THE MOOSE and DOYLE escorted her back to Mayport.

DOYLE was underway again two weeks later for her six month STANAVFORLANT Deployment. This is a unique deployment in that DOYLE was assigned to NATO and not the United States Navy for six months under the command of a Dutch Admiral. DOYLE joined the squadron comprised of ships from The Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, Portugal, Norway, and Canada. The goal of STANAVFORLANT is to give the Navies of NATO the opportunity to overcome the differences of equipment and language and work together as one force. It also has the important function of spreading good will for NATO during the numerous port visits. DOYLE officially joined the force in LaCoruna, Spain where she relieved the USS PHARRIS (FF-1094).

Once underway, STANAVFORLANT falls into a fairly routine schedule. The force is underway during the week and usually inport for the weekends. The underway time is filled with numerous exercises designed to test every ship capability. The maneuvering exercises are particularly harrowing, with ships often less than one hundred yards from each other. DOYLE also participated in exercises BALTOPS, NORTHSTAR, VENDETTA and Joint Maritime Course (JMC) 913. Inport the schedule is equally demanding with daily official functions and social events. Even with this demanding schedule, DOYLE crewmembers enjoyed many of the finest cities in Europe. After departing LaCoruna, DOYLE visited Brest, France; Ghent, Belgium; Kiel, Germany; Aarhus, Denmark; Copenhagen, Denmark; Trondhiem, Norway; Denhelder, The Netherlands; Hamburg, Germany; Rosyth, Scotland; Newcastle, England; and London, England.

DOYLE had many great moments during the deployment. The best included:

- DOYLE's third rescue at sea. In the rough waters of the North Sea, DOYLE received a distress call from a large fishing vessel, DEO JUVANTE. The vessel had an engine room fire burning out of control. DOYLE immediately vectored her helicopter to aid the stricken vessel. Once on the scene CUTLASS 473 provided illumination for the crew as they abandoned ship. The heavy seas moved the small liferaft back into the side of the burning ship. CUTLASS 473 reacted by lowering her hoist to the raft and towing it to a safe distance from the ship. One crewmember panicked and hooked himself to the hoist and was lifted into the helicopter. He was treated in the aircraft and in DOYLE for shock and possible hypothermia. Thanks to the heroic action of the crew of Cutlass 473 and DOYLE, all members of the DEO JUVANTE survived.
- During JMC 913, DOYLE and HMS CLEOPATRA (British), surprised The Netherlands Task Force and destroyed almost the entire group (simulated) with one

decisive strike.

- A DOYLE crew member carried the US flag across the finish line at the Four Days International Marches of Nijmegen in The Netherlands.
- DOYLE showed athletic excellence and good sportsmanship while competing against other STANAVFORLANT ships in numerous games including basketball, softball, rugby, soccer, and American football.
- DOYLE introduced her NATO friends to an United States Navy Style Dining Out in celebration of the Navy's Birthday, and also introduced her new friends to American Style chili during the "Force Breakfast" which was hosted by DOYLE the first night in nearly every port.
- DOYLE's Wardroom attended the Christmas Dispersal Dining out held in the Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College in Greenwich, England. The Painted Hall is where British Admiral Lord Nelson lay in state after he was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar.
- DOYLE made the first successful launch and recovery from a warship of the MAVUS Unmanned Aerial Vehicle. Many other initial tests were completed to lay the ground work for this promising new system.

DOYLE returned to Mayport, Florida on 16 December and commenced a holiday leave and upkeep period, with focus on preparations for a February Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE).