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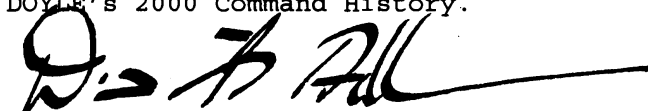
From: Commanding Officer, USS DOYLE (FFG 39)

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Encl: (1) USS DOYLE (FFG 39) Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted as USS DOYLE's 2000 Command History.


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**COMMAND EMPLOYMENT OF
USS DOYLE (FFG 39)
FOR THE YEAR 2000**

1. Command Composition and Organization.

Mission:

DOYLE is fully capable in the three major mission areas of Air Warfare (AW), Surface Warfare (SUW), and Undersea Warfare (USW).

Organizational Structure:

Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN

Commanding Officer:

01 January - 09 May CDR James T. Stewart, USN
09 May - 31 December CDR David B. Adler, USN

Homeport:

Mayport, Florida

Aircraft Assigned:

2 SH-60B Helicopters from HSL-47 Detachment Six San Diego, California

Departments:

Air (HSL 47 Det 6 assigned)
Combat Systems
Engineering Operations
Law Enforcement (Assigned Coast Guard LE Det)
Operations
Supply

2. Chronology.

JANUARY

01-18 JAN POM Mayport, FL.
18 JAN Underway for SOUTHCOM Deployment.
22 JAN Moor Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for turnover with USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49). INCHOP SOUTHCOM, JIATF-E.
22-24 JAN Inport Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
24-27 JAN Enroute Panama Canal.
27 JAN 00 Anchor Colon, Panama.
27-28 JAN Panama Canal Transit South. Enter Pacific Ocean.
28 JAN Moor Balboa, Panama.
28-31 JAN Patrol East Pacific.

FEBRUARY

01-07 FEB Patrol East Pacific.
07 FEB Moor Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.
07-08 FEB Inport Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.
08-15 FEB Patrol East Pacific.
15 FEB UNREP with USS CAMDEN (AOE 4)
16 FEB Inspection and seizure of fishing vessel REBELDE (Columbia), with 5 detainees, six tons of pure cocaine.
16-29 FEB DOYLE escorts REBELDE with prize crew to Panama Canal for turnover with U. S. Coast Guard.
18 FEB Transfer of cocaine from REBELDE to DOYLE.

27 FEB Moor Balboa, Panama.
27-29 FEB Panama Canal Transit North/South.
28 FEB Moor Colon, Panama. Transferred custody of REBELDE, detainees,
and cocaine to U. S. COAST GUARD.
29 FEB Resume East Pacific Patrol.

MARCH

01 MAR Patrol East Pacific.
01 MAR Fired 21 warning shots at go-fast.
02 MAR Moor Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.
02-04 MAR Inport Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.
04-08 MAR Patrol East Pacific.
09 MAR Anchor Acapulco, Mexico.
09-12 MAR Inport Acapulco, Mexico.
12-24 MAR Patrol East Pacific.
16 MAR Crossing the line ceremony.
24 MAR Anchor Balboa, Panama.
25-26 MAR Panama Canal Transit North.
26 MAR Commence Caribbean Patrol.
27-31 MAR Patrol Caribbean.

APRIL

01-03 APR Patrol Caribbean
04 APR Moor Willemstad, Curaçao
04-07 APR Inport Willemstad, Curaçao
08-19 APR Patrol Caribbean
10-17 APR Operation Carib Royale.
14 APR Fire 9 76mm rounds at go-fast.
20 APR Moor Kralendijk, Bonaire.
20-23 APR Inport Kralendijk, Bonaire.
23-26 APR Patrol Caribbean.
25 APR Astern Refueling with USS Firebolt (PC 7).
27 APR Moor Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
27-28 APR Inport Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
28-30 APR Patrol Caribbean.

MAY

01 MAY Moor Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
01-03 MAY Inport Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
04-06 MAY Transit to Naval Station Mayport.
06 MAY Moor Naval Station Mayport.
06-15 MAY Inport Naval Station Mayport. Mid-Deployment IMAV
09 MAY CDR David B. Adler relieved CDR James T. Stewart as Commanding
Officer, USS DOYLE (FFG 39)
15 MAY Underway, enroute Bahamas.
16 MAY Moor Nassau, Bahamas.
16-19 MAY Inport Nassau, Bahamas.
20-29 MAY Patrol Caribbean.
23 MAY UNREP with RFA BLACK ROVER
29 MAY Anchored Oranjestad, Aruba
29-31 MAY Inport Oranjestad, Aruba

JUNE

01-08 JUN Patrol Caribbean
09 JUN Anchor Cartegena, Columbia
09-12 JUN Inport Cartegena, Columbia
12-20 JUN Patrol Caribbean

14 JUN Boarded sailboat. Took David Ellis Price into custody.
20-21 JUN Panama Canal Transit South
20 JUN Moor Pedro Miguel Locks, Panama Canal
21-22 JUN Transit East Pacific
22 JUN Detainee and Cocaine Transfer with USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13).
23-24 JUN Panama Canal Transit North. High Value Transit.
24-26 JUN Transit Caribbean
26 JUN Moor Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
26-27 JUN Inport Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Detainee and cocaine transfer to DEA.
27-30 JUN Patrol Caribbean

JULY

01 JUL Moor Puerto Moin, Costa Rica.
01-03 JUL Inport Puerto Moin, Costa Rica.
04-05 JUL Transit Caribbean.
06 JUL Moor Montego Bay, Jamaica.
06-10 JUL Inport Montego Bay, Jamaica.
10-12 JUL Transit Caribbean
12 JUL Moor Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for turnover with USS DE WERT (FFG 45). OUTCHOP SOUTHCOM, JIATF-E.
12-14 JUL Inport Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
15-18 JUL Homeward Bound Transit
17 JUL Brief Stop, Port Everglades, FLorida for TIGER CRUISE pick-up.
17-18 JUL TIGER Cruise.
18 JUL Moor Naval Station Mayport, FL. FINEX SOUTHCOM Deployment.
18-31 JUL POM Mayport.

AUGUST

01-18 AUG POM Mayport
23 AUG Family Day Cruise
19-31 AUG INSURV Preps

SEPTEMBER

01-10 SEP INSURV Preps
11-15 SEP INSURV Rehearsal
12 SEP Practice Underway Material Inspection, JAX OPAREA
18-22 SEP INSURV
19 SEP Underway Material Inspection, JAX OPAREA
22-31 SEP Upkeep Mayport.

OCTOBER

01-02 OCT Transit to Port Everglades, FLorida.
02-10 OCT Inport Port Everglades, FLorida for Broward Navy Days.
10-11 OCT Transit to Naval Station Mayport, FL.
12-31 OCT Inport Mayport.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV St. Johns River Transit to downtown Jacksonville
01-06 NOV JAX Sea-Air Spectacular, JAX Landing, Jacksonville, FL.
07 NOV St. Johns River Transit to Mayport.
07-10 NOV Inport Mayport
09 NOV Ammo OffLoad, Mayport.
11-18 NOV VANDALEX, VACAPES OPAREA
19-27 NOV Inport Mayport. ESRA Preps.
28 NOV St. Johns River Transit to Atlantic Marine and Drydock

28-30 NOV ESRA, ADD, Jacksonville

DECEMBER

01-31 DEC ESRA, ADD, Jacksonville

3. Narrative

JANUARY

DOYLE started the new millennium in POM (preparations for overseas movement) in Mayport FL. On January 18, friends and family gathered on the pier to wave good-bye and wish good luck to the crew as DOYLE departed for her SOUTHCOM deployment. Onboard was HSL 47 Det 6, and the first of several Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachments. This was the first time a West Coast helo detachment sailed with an East Coast ship. First stop was a few days later in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where DOYLE relieved USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49). The crew enjoyed the sun, the outdoor theatre, and the chance to watch the NFL Conference Championship games inport. Shortly afterward, DOYLE made her first Panama Canal transit and commenced patrolling the Eastern Pacific. The crew was able to watch the exciting finale of the Super Bowl on satellite TV while in the Pacific.

FEBRUARY

Early February saw the guided-missile frigate make two fueling stops in the coastal town of Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. The crew was given their first glimpse of Latin American culture with visits to Antigua and Guatemala City. On the 14th, the ship conducted an UNREP of Opportunity with USS CAMDEN (AOE 3). This would turn out to be one of the few UNREPS the ship would have the opportunity to make while on deployment. This particular UNREP was particularly fortuitous, as it would place DOYLE in position to cross paths with the F/V REBELDE (CO) the following day. REBELDE, a trawler, was spotted over 1000 miles out to sea. Upon boarding, the LEDET discovered over 6 tons of pure cocaine, with an estimated street value of over \$500 million. DOYLE transferred a prize crew to REBELDE and escorted her back through the Panama Canal. The Coast Guard LEDET took control on the Atlantic side, and was under USCG Cutter escort back to the United States. This transfer resulted in DOYLE making two Canal transits in under 48 hours. This mission, from discovery to the end of the second Canal transit, took nearly two weeks, due to REBELDE's top speed of 8 knots.

MARCH

March found DOYLE still in the Pacific. After REBELDE, the ship stopped again for fuel in Puerto Quetzal. DOYLE continued her patrol northward. As a reward for capturing the drug smuggler, DOYLE was given a Coast Guard "Snowflake" award, and a port visit in Acapulco, Mexico. The crew enjoyed the Spring Break atmosphere. The crew also participated in a COMREL project at a local orphanage. The ship then proceeded south. On 16 March, at Latitude 0° North, 101° 27' 24" W, the Ruler of the Raging Main, Neptunus Rex, paid an official visit to DOYLE. Over 120 crewmembers became Honorable Shellbacks in a traditional ceremony. Afterwards, DOYLE continued patrolling the Eastern Pacific. DOYLE's IT-21 system came fully online, which increased tactical awareness, and enabled the crew to easily send email to loved ones at home.

APRIL

In early April, DOYLE transited back through the Panama Canal. On the Caribbean side, DOYLE was tasked to intercept Go-Fasts, drug-laden

speedboats. After early stops in Guantanamo Bay and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, DOYLE conducted several go-fast pursuits. One involved DOYLE, a USNS ship, and a PC intercepting a go-fast. DOYLE closed to within 76mm range and conducted warning fire. The go-fast managed to seek shelter in territorial seas. DOYLE also attempted refueling a PC, but was called off due to weather. DOYLE also visited the Netherland Antilles islands of Bonaire and Curaçao. The crew enjoyed the nightlife and overall atmosphere of these two island paradises.

MAY

On 01 May, the ship returned to Guantanamo Bay. This enabled the crew to start preparations for the upcoming change of command. This also provided DOYLE the opportunity to send several new fathers home early. On 05 May, DOYLE returned to Mayport for a one-week repair availability. This intense period enabled the ship to catch up on needed repairs, including serious damage to its 400Hz converters a few days before. At 1000 on 09 May, Commander David B. Adler relieved Commander James T. Stewart as Commanding Officer. On 15 May, DOYLE again sailed from Mayport. It didn't take long to find a liberty port, as DOYLE arrived in the Bahamas the following day. DOYLE participated in Operation Carib Royale. The end of May saw DOYLE in port, enjoying the last of the "ABC" islands, Aruba.

JUNE

DOYLE continued on patrol in the Caribbean in early June. During this timeframe, DOYLE paid a visit to Cartagena, Columbia. This premier port city offered the crew the opportunities to purchase emeralds, enjoy outstanding cuisine, and take on the local soccer teams in friendly competition. The ship also conducted its only other UNREP of the deployment with RFA BLACK ROVER. This refueling was challenging due to the unusual line-up required between the two ships. Enroute to the Panama Canal, DOYLE conducted a prisoner transfer with USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13). One of the prisoners had been picked up by DOYLE after a routine query on a sailboat. The individual was on the FBI Most-Wanted List. Afterwards, the two ships conducted a "friendly race" to determine the fastest; DOYLE won. On 19 June, DOYLE transited the Panama Canal to patrol the Eastern Pacific. Shortly afterward, DOYLE was tasked with another prisoner/contraband transfer, and escort duties for a hi-value transit through the canal. This was DOYLE's sixth and final transit through the Panama Canal during the deployment. Shortly afterwards, the frigate returned to Guantanamo Bay to drop off the prisoners and contraband. DOYLE spent the end of June on patrol.

JULY

On July 1st, DOYLE arrived in Puerto Moin, Costa Rica. This Central American town made the ship welcome. Crewmembers participated in a two-day COMREL project in Limon, hosted by the Peace Corps. Shortly afterward, DOYLE was enroute to Jamaica. The Fourth of July Holiday was a little different for DOYLE, as the frigate transiting the Caribbean. A few days later, the crew celebrated in Kingstown, Jamaica. The crew enjoyed its final cruise port in style, enjoying the sights, sounds, and tastes of this Caribbean jewel, including the legendary Blue Mountain coffee. DOYLE finished its patrol with turnover in Guantanamo Bay with USS DE WERT (FFG 45). DOYLE started a new SOUTHCOM tradition with a Turnover Dinner. On 18 July, DOYLE stopped in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and embarked over 60 Tigers for the return transit to Mayport. On a sunny, cheery morning on 19 July, DOYLE returned in triumph to Naval Station Mayport. The rest of the month was spent with a well-deserved post-deployment standdown. The crew was not completely idle, as INSURV lurked around the corner.

AUGUST

DOYLE completed its post-deployment standdown and upkeep period. The remainder of the month was spent in preparation for INSURV. Even with the intense preparation, DOYLE still found time to give loved ones a taste of underway life with a Friends and Family Day Cruise on the 23rd. Over 200 guests enjoyed the demonstration of the ship's capabilities.

SEPTEMBER

On September 18th the Board of Inspection and Survey arrived for an intense material inspection. This intense inspection occurs every five years in a ship's life. The months of hard work paid off as DOYLE received above average results and was found "fit for further service".

OCTOBER

On 01 October, DOYLE was again underway. This time it was for simple pleasure, and a reward for the year's hard work. DOYLE participated in Broward County Navy Days (BND). DOYLE spent a week in Ft. Lauderdale as a guest of the Ft. Lauderdale Navy League. The crew enjoyed a week of liberty, meeting people like the MCPON, and other distinguished guests. DOYLE was the only ship to be invited for both halves of BND. While in Ft. Lauderdale, the ship again supported a COMREL project. This time it was Habitat for Humanity. Over two days, over 70 DOYLE Sailors helped build houses. DOYLE's participation was greater than several ships with larger compliments. As usual, the ship was invited to keep coming back to help. The crew also visited several schools, talking to students.

NOVEMBER

November was a busy month for DOYLE. She started out by sailing up the St. Johns River into downtown Jacksonville for the Jax Sea-Air Spectacular. DOYLE hosted over 1,000 visitors, touring the ship and other Navy exhibits at the Jacksonville Landing. On the 11th, the frigate sailed north to Wallops Island, to take part in VANDALEX, a missile firing exercise. The crew got the rare chance to conduct a live weapons engagement. The ship returned home on the 17th, to finish final preparations for Extended Selective Restricted Availability (ESRA). On 28 Nov, DOYLE again sailed up the St. Johns River to Atlantic Marine and Drydock, to start a the four-month E for Extended Selective Restricted Availability (ESRA).

DECEMBER

In December, repair work started in earnest. Among the items worked on by the shipyard was the long-awaited SHIPALT to convert DOYLE's 400Hz converters from water-cooled to air-cooled. Several hull repairs were finally able to be started, as well some much-needed repairs to fan coil units, interior bulkheads, bilge repairs and Quality-of-Life improvements.

4. Enclosed supporting documents:

- A. Commanding Officer Biography - CDR David B. Adler, USN
- B. COMDESRON FOURTEEN Bravo Zulu for 1999 COMNAVSURFLANT Safety Award
- C. Bravo Zulu to SIMA for pre-deployment IMAV
- D. Bravo Zulu to FTSCCLANT for ADNS Tech Assist
- E. USS ZEPHYR Bravo Zulu for Crew Support
- F. JIATF-W / U. S. Coast Guard District 11 Bravo Zulu for F/V Rebelde Seizure
- G. CTF 40 Bravo Zulu for F/V Rebelde Seizure

- H. COMDESRON FOURTEEN Bravo Zulu for F/V Rebelde Seizure
- I. COMDESRON FOURTEEN Bravo Zulu for Retention Excellence
- J. Bravo Zulu to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads for CASREP Technical

Support

- K. Bravo Zulu to CTF 43 for CASREP Logistic Assist
- L. Personal For (P4) from COMUSNAVSO to CDR James T. Stewart
- M. COMDESRON FOURTEEN Bravo Zulu for Mid-Deployment IMAV
- N. COMREGSUPPGRU MAYPORT Bravo Zulu to FTSCCLANT for Tech Assist on DOYLE

NR2 Static Frequency Converter

- O. Thank You from COMDESRON FOURTEEN to SIMA Mayport for Fly-Away Team
- P. Bravo Zulu to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for Fly-Away Team and

Logistics Support

- Q. CTF 40 Bravo Zulu for Deployment
- R. COMNAVSURFLANT Performance of Duty for Deployment