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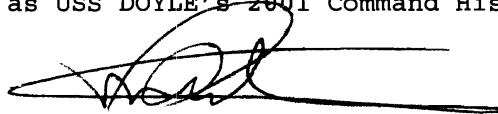
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Encl: (1) USS DOYLE (FFG 39) Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted as USS DOYLE's 2001 Command History.



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**COMMAND EMPLOYMENT OF  
USS DOYLE (FFG 39)  
FOR THE YEAR 2001**

**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 – 17 December  | CDR David B. Adler, USN    |
| 17 December – 31 December | CDR Michael L. Arture, USN |

**Homeport:**

Mayport, Florida

**Aircraft Assigned:**

1 SH-60B Helicopter (Cutlass 466) from HSL-46 (*Grandmasters / RAST-Riders*)  
Detachment Ten, *Weed-Whackers*

**Departments:**

Air (HSL 46 Det 10 assigned)  
Combat Systems  
Engineering  
Law Enforcement (Assigned Coast Guard LE Det 402, seven personnel)  
Operations  
Supply

**2. Chronology:**

**JANUARY**

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01-31 Jan | Extended Selective Restricted Availability (ESRA), Atlantic Marine and Dry Dock Facility (ADD), Jacksonville, FL                                                                |
| 01-06 Jan | Holiday Leave Period                                                                                                                                                            |
| 06-18 Jan | SEMAT I<br>Command Indoctrination                                                                                                                                               |
| 21-23 Jan | MSI Navigation / Ship-handling Trainer                                                                                                                                          |
| 28-30 Jan | N43 Visit                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Weekly:   | Small Arms gun qualifications, Kings Bay, GA<br>20H6 Engineering Officer of the Watch Trainers<br>Division in the Spotlight Evaluations<br>Repair Locker Fire-fighting Trainers |

## **JANUARY NARRATIVE:**

Opening the New Year in the Atlantic Marine and Dry Dock Facility in Jacksonville, FL, DOYLE was afforded many opportunities. The overhaul phase of the training cycle bestows sailors a rest and recovery period as well as a focused training period. The inactive phase also allows for a close look at material and equipment. As the holiday season drew to a close, DOYLE Sailors were rested after some well-deserved leave and a stand down period. Newly reported personnel were introduced to the lifestyle of the shipyard and normal routine onboard DOYLE during command indoctrination and all personnel began to “shake out the cobwebs” after the holiday season at home. Preparations began for the next phase of the training cycle. SEMAT inspectors assisted in identifying necessary repairs and in planning for mid-range material improvements. The Combat Systems Department training began with gun qualifications at the Kings Bay, GA, Gun Range while the Engineering Department held weekly trainers for qualified and prospective Engineering Officers of the Watch at the Mayport 20H6 mock Central Control Station Training Facility. Some key navigation and bridge watchstanders were afforded the opportunity to partake in the renowned MSI Ship-handling and Navigation Trainer. Repair locker members participated in Damage Control Team Trainers at the Mayport Training Facility. All this training would prove vital in the success of the year’s pre-deployment cycle.

## **FEBRUARY**

|           |                                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 01-28 Feb | ESRA, ADD, Jacksonville, FL                     |
| 11-16 Feb | Engineering LTT                                 |
| 15-16 Feb | CSOSS LTT                                       |
| 24 Feb    | Move back aboard DOYLE from berthing barge, ADD |
| 18-22 Mar | Diesel Inspection                               |
| 19 Feb    | Undocking, Moor ADD                             |
| 22-23 Feb | Dome Pressurization School                      |
| 21 Feb    | Main Space Fire Drill                           |
| 27 Feb    | Aviation LTT                                    |
| 28 Feb    | Barge Turnover                                  |

## **FEBRUARY NARRATIVE**

With the upcoming Light Off Assessment less than a month away, sailors and shipyard workers alike began applying the finishing touches in preparation for the undocking. Continuous training and attention to detail proved vital in restoring the lifeblood to the dormant ship. The crew moved back aboard the renovated ship with the newly installed air-cooled static frequency converters and various other upgrades. Immediately upon undocking, sailors held fire-fighting drills and re-acquainted themselves with the operational systems onboard. Afloat Training Group representatives assisted each department with their preparations to perform their normal duties and preparing the engineers for the Light Off Assessment.

## **MARCH**

01-03 Mar ESRA  
02 Mar Anti-terrorism Stand-down  
07-08 Mar Navigation / Medical / Engineering LTT  
12-14 Mar LOA  
13-15 Mar Damage Control LTT  
16 Mar Underway from ADD, Moor Naval Station Mayport, FL  
19 Mar Aviation Certification / Aviation Readiness Evaluation Assist  
19-23 Mar Combat Systems Battery Alignment / Self-groom  
20 Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Advancement EXAM  
21 Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Class Advancement EXAM  
22 Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Advancement EXAM  
23-25 Mar Underway en route Yorktown, VA / SEA Trials / Navigation Assessment  
26-27 Mar Ammunition Onload, Engineering LTT, Maintenance University  
28-30 Mar Underway en route Mayport, FL / Combat Systems LTT  
30-31 Mar Moor Mayport, FL

## **MARCH NARRATIVE**

The Light Off Assessment Inspection Team vigorously inspected the engineering department. Petty Officer advancement exams were also inconveniently scheduled during some of the most important phases of LOA. Undaunted by the hype of the dreaded assessment, DOYLE engineers strode through the three-day trial with normalcy. After successfully passing LOA, DOYLE got underway for Sea Trials en route to Yorktown, VA, for an ammunition on-load. The successful completion of the month's inspections ended with the return to Mayport.

## **APRIL**

02-18 Apr Flight Deck Resurfacing  
02-06 Apr Supply Maintenance Inspection Preps  
03-06 Apr 3M LTT  
09-11 Apr MSI Trainer  
09-13 Apr Supply Maintenance Inspection / Dockside Underway Replenishment Trainer  
16-20 Apr 20B5 Trainer  
23-27 Apr Aviation Certification / Aviation Readiness Assessment  
23-30 Apr CART II Preps / SEMAT / Intermediate Maintenance Availability

## **APRIL NARRATIVE**

DOYLE sailors were steadily advancing toward returning the ship to its normal operational readiness in all warfare areas. Engineering LOA and Sea Trials? Check! Navigation assessment? Check! Ammunition? Check! SMI? Check! Next was flight deck resurfacing to ensure the effectiveness of the non-skid deck for safety of the helo and aviation personnel on deck once flight operations started back up. Flight operations weren't going to start at all if DOYLE didn't prove herself in the Aviation Certification. The ability to safely and effectively conduct helicopter operations greatly enhances DOYLE's USW capabilities. Also in April, DOYLE began another phase of SEMAT

maintenance and inspections and during the IMAV as a follow up to noted discrepancies from the LOA and Sea Trials.

## **MAY**

01-04 May CART II Preps / SEMAT / IMAV  
08-09 May Initial Assessment  
08-09 May CRC  
10-11 May COMM/NAV/CS LTT  
14-18 May STT-ITT LTT / WINSTON CHURCHILL SHOCK TRIALS  
21-25 May CART II  
24 May Integrated Training Team DEMO  
28 May Midshipmen Phase I Arrive  
30 May Retention Stand down / Underway en route Boston, MA

## **MAY NARRATIVE**

After the completion of the IMAV, DOYLE headed into another phase of the Engineering Training Cycle. The Initial Assessment (IA) was another successful evolution and the evaluators were impressed. The whole crew came together as a team and worked long hours as “Tiger Teams” gathered from all departments to assist in completing another inspection. The “Tigers” produced results in space preservation by making and hanging easy-to-read labels and conducting general deep cleaning in hard-to-reach areas. DOYLE assisted the Fleet’s newest Destroyer, USS WINSTON CHURCHILL, in support duties of her pre-commissioning shock trials. At the end of the month, DOYLE Command Career Counselors held a retention stand-down for sailors “on the fence” about staying Navy.

## **JUNE**

01-04 Jun Port visit, Boston, MA for Dorchester Days  
15-30 Jun Underway for OPFOR

## **JUNE NARRATIVE**

Midshipmen from various institutions were able to experience a “Good Navy Deal” as DOYLE participated in the Dorchester Days in Boston, Massachusetts. DOYLE moored adjacent to the country’s oldest sailing vessel, USS CONSTITUTION in the historic Boston Harbor and sailors were treated in the finest naval fashion in the historic and colonial city. DOYLE’s Commanding Officer led his sailors in a historic parade through downtown Boston in celebration of the Dorchester Days. DOYLE also hosted various tours onboard including a local Boy Scout Troop.

## **JULY**

01-02 Jul Underway for OPFOR (cont)  
03 Jul Midshipmen Phase I depart  
04 Jul INDEPENDENCE DAY  
05 Jul Search and Rescue Qualifications  
09-13 Jul CS LTT (CMTPC)  
10-11 Jul GUN QUALS (NSB KBAY)

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|-------|-----|--------------------------------------------|
| 17    | Jul | Force Protection Course                    |
| 17-18 | Jul | Underway Demonstration                     |
| 19    | Jul | CRC                                        |
| 23-27 | Jul | Career Development Center Visit (NSB KBAY) |
| 23-24 | Jul | CMTQ                                       |
| 30-31 | Jul | FEP                                        |

### **JULY NARRATIVE**

Serving as opposition force for the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group COMPTUEX, DOYLE conducted multiple under-sea warfare operations with friendly submarines. Operational exercises were being put to the test for the first time against other naval warships. DOYLE made a proud showing in ship-handling techniques, equipment performance, and enthusiasm.

### **AUGUST**

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|-------|-----|-------------------------------------------------|
| 02-03 | Aug | Final Evaluation Period (FEP)                   |
| 06    | Aug | HSL 46 DET 10 EMBARK / QUARTERLY MEDICAL ASSIST |
| 07    | Aug | CBR LTT                                         |
| 08-10 | Aug | WOWU                                            |
| 14-29 | Aug | DESRON 14 GROUPSAIL                             |
| 14    | Aug | NAV CHECKRIDE/ NAV ASSESSMENT                   |
| 20-21 | Aug | PVST NSRR                                       |
| 27-29 | Aug | CDOPS TRAINING                                  |
| 31    | Aug | CMC RETIREMENT                                  |

### **AUGUST NARRATIVE**

The ship substantiated her successful inspections (including FEP) through operational evolutions. GROUPSAIL afforded DOYLE the chance to work alongside two other naval warships where seldom-seen evolutions such as "Tow & Be Towed" were conducted. DOYLE also fired a SM-1 missile and four torpedoes at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Test Facility during GROUPSAIL.

### **SEPTEMBER**

|       |     |                                               |
|-------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|
| 04    | Sep | SAR EVALUATION                                |
| 04-07 | Sep | SUPPLY MAINTENANCE INSPECTION                 |
| 04-14 | Sep | PRE-DEPLOYMENT IMAV                           |
| 11    | Sep | FORCE PROTECTION DRILL, NAVSTA MAYPORT<br>WTC |
| 25-26 | Sep | U/W TRAINING                                  |

### **SEPTEMBER NARRATIVE**

September 11<sup>th</sup> is a day that would forever live in infamy. The events that took place changed every daily event hereafter. Ironically, Naval Station Mayport was scheduled to hold a base wide Force Protection Exercise on the very day of the worst terrorist attack in history. DOYLE and the other ships moored in the basin prepared for the worst.

Before that fateful day, DOYLE's search and rescue swimmers and the shipboard program were evaluated and certified for the upcoming deployment. Supply department completed it's supply maintenance inspection.

## **OCTOBER**

|       |     |                          |
|-------|-----|--------------------------|
| 05-18 | Oct | FIRST LEAVE PERIOD       |
| 20    | Oct | U/W OPS                  |
| 21-31 | Oct | SECOND LEAVE PERIOD      |
| 29-31 | Oct | UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING |

## **OCTOBER NARRATIVE**

DOYLE was making all final preparations for getting underway. Crewmembers were getting some well-deserved time with their families and making arrangements for the long time apart. Pre-deployment briefs held by the Captain, Executive Officer, Command Master Chief, and OMBUDSMAN were very beneficial to both repeat and first-time deployers. It was a great time to make new acquaintances from other Navy families as well.

## **NOVEMBER**

|       |     |                                            |
|-------|-----|--------------------------------------------|
| 01-02 | Nov | Underwater hull cleaning                   |
| 02    | Nov | Second leave period expires                |
| 06    | Nov | Non-deployers checkout                     |
| 07    | Nov | Deploy                                     |
| 13-15 | Nov | NSRR, Puerto Rico port visit               |
| 16    | Nov | St. Eustatius first salute ceremony (PVST) |
| 19    | Nov | Panama canal transit (southbound)          |
| 20    | Nov | VNB, Panama port visit/Brief stop for fuel |
| 24    | Nov | Crossing the line ceremony                 |

## **NOVEMBER NARRATIVE**

On the morning of 3 November, a pinhole fuel leak was discovered and emergent repairs commenced the same day. These repairs almost delayed the deployment schedule, but due to the hard work of DOYLE's crew and SIMA, the deployment date was met. On 7 November, DOYLE deployed to the SOUTHCOM AOR, and inchooped to SOUTHCOM on 10 November after a transit through the Old Bahama Channel.

On 16 November 2001, DOYLE was asked to partake in the ceremony commemorating the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first salute to the sovereignty of the United States of America. DOYLE paid honors with a thirteen gun salute on this historic event. The return salute of eleven guns delivered from Fort Orange, atop the majestic cliffs of St. Eustatius, signified recognition of a rising nation, in 1776 and was reaffirmed in 2001.

After departing St. Eustatius, DOYLE transited to the Panama Canal for a southbound transit into the Pacific Ocean. DOYLE made the Panama Canal Transit in just over 6 hours. The equator was passed on the 22 November, with the ceremony converting 102 wogs occurring on 24 November. A traditional turkey meal was served on Thanksgiving onboard DOYLE.

## **DECEMBER**

|       |     |                                                                                                |
|-------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02-04 | Dec | Manta, Ecuador port visit                                                                      |
| 15-17 | Dec | VNB, Panama port visit                                                                         |
| 17    | Dec | CDR Michael L. Arture relieved CDR David B. Adler as<br>Commanding Officer, USS DOYLE (FFG 39) |
| 30    | Dec | Manta, Ecuador port visit                                                                      |

## **DECEMBER NARRATIVE**

Starting the month off was a COMREL project at Jacob Vera Velasquez school in Manta, Ecuador. 75 DOYLE sailors volunteered their liberty time to assist in the completion of the project. DOYLE's PAO and COMREL leader collected over \$1500 to buy gifts for the school children since funding for that aspect of the project was not approved.

On 17 December, a change of command ceremony was held at anchor in the vicinity of Panama City, Panama. CDR Michael L. Arture assumed command of USS DOYLE (FFG 39)

On December 23, DOYLE lost all communications with the United States. But thanks to 3 selfless ex-military personnel in the States, the crew was able to talk to their loved ones for the holidays by using a short wave radio. On December 24, a special Christmas meal was prepared by the mess specialists. Christmas Day was celebrated with swim call, followed by a picnic on the foc'sle.



## **DOYLE Celebrates 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution**

On 16 November 2001, the United States and the island of St. Eustatius commemorated the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first salute to the sovereignty of the United States of America. Just as the USS ANDREW DORIA sailed up the roadstead on November 16, 1776 and saluted the small Island of St Eustatious, so did USS DOYLE pay honors with a thirteen gun salute on this historic event. The return salute of eleven guns delivered from Fort Orange, atop the majestic cliffs of St. Eustatius, signified recognition of a rising nation, in 1776 and was reaffirmed in 2001.

Though today, a gun salute may seem simply ceremonial with roots in the past--in 1776, it had quite a different meaning. By the very act of returning the American salute, St. Eustatius gave validity to our new nation. This act so inflamed the British, that they sacked the island, burning ships in the harbor and destroying most every building. St. Eustatius knew this would happen, yet showed extreme courage in defying the British. So it is fitting that we celebrate this historic occasion so that we never forget that international unity and support for our form of government helped build this great nation.

His Excellency, Governor General Jaime Saleh and the People of St. Eustatius recognized that this occasion was a rededication to courage and confidence in each other as nations. Our two nations continue to display international unity. This is especially significant in the face of adversity and the new challenges posed by the events of September 11. In a "renewal of vows," the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States of America once again displayed mutual trust with a reenactment of the events of centuries past.

Captain Larry Tant, Chief of Staff and acting Commander of U.S. Naval Forces, Southern Command, attended the ceremony and was transported to the island aboard USS *DOYLE*. Anchoring at sunrise off the coast of St. Eustatius among the islands of the West Indies, Sailors and Airmen from USS *DOYLE* (FFG 39) and HSL 46 Det 10 were welcomed to the island with open arms and genuine friendship. United States Consul General to the Netherlands Antilles, Mrs. Bolton, was the senior representative of the United States and delivered a stirring address. Captain Tant delivered an official address on behalf of Rear Admiral Kevin Green, Commander Naval Forces, Southern Command. The Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles, Mr. M. Pourier and the Honorable Governor Mr. E. R. Abdul also spoke. The President of the Daughter of the American Revolution, Mrs. L. T. Watkins and other members of the organization from all over the United States were among the guests of honor. *DOYLE's* Choir sang the Star Spangled Banner at the ceremony and then joined in with local dignitaries for a historical walking tour and luncheon.

*DOYLE's* Commanding Officer and the choir were treated to a reception in grand style. Other crewmembers were able to explore the island's rich historic culture and experience the warm hospitality of its people.

USS DOYLE is currently deployed to the U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility performing Counter Drug Operations.