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NARRATIVE HISTORY - 1984

1984 started with USS BOONE at her homeport of Mayport, Florida, finishing a holiday leave and upkeep period. During the month of January, Boone prepared for the Immediate Unit Command Inspection and her first major deployment.

On 1 February, HSL-36 - Detachment Seven embarked one SH-2 Lamps MK-1. On 2 February Boone accompanied by USS Luce, departed Mayport for her first deployment to the Middle East Force. While underway to the Azores onboard training was held and she refueled alongside USNS PAWCATUCK. Boone also made a brief stop for fuel in Ponta Delgada, Azores. On 13 February, Boone refueled in Rota, Spain. From 16 - 18 February, Boone made her first European port visit to Palma De Mallorca, Spain. Continuing East Boone conducted surveillance OPS in the Gulf of Hammamet and refueled alongside USNS MISSISSINEWA (TAO-144). Boone also conducted an UNREP with USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2) on 23 February 1984. The transit of the Suez Canal was made on 24 February. From 25 February through 5 March Boone conducted operations in the Red Sea as Flagship for Commander, Middle East Force, Rear Admiral J. F. ADDAMS. On 5 March Boone arrived in Djibouti and paid an official visit to the Ambassador. The Chief of Naval Operations of the

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Djiboutian Navy made an official visit to Boone. On 7 March a reception was hosted by the Commanding Officer for the French Ambassador, Rear Admiral Addams, Commander Middle East Force, Rear Admiral Doninique Lefebure, Commander French Naval Forces Indian Ocean and the Honorable Alvin ADAMS, the U.S. Ambassador to Djibouti.

On 8 March Boone held her turnover with USS LAWRENCE. Underway again Boone transited the Red Sea to Port Sudan, Sudan and arrived on 13 March. The Sudanese Navy hosted a Barbeque for the officers and crew. The commanding officer hosted a reception for Rear Admiral Addams, Major General Faud, and Major General Bushra. Boone transited the Red Sea Again for a port visit in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, arriving on 17 March. The officers and crew visited the various "Suks" or shops. The officers attended a luncheon hosted by the Royal Saudi Navy. On 19 March Boone commenced her first PASSEX with the Royal Saudi Navy; exchanging officers, performing DIVTACS, communications drills, underway replenishment and vertical replenishment with the embarked helicopter.

On 1 April Boone refueled in Djibouti and departed for the Persian Gulf. On 7 April Boone arrived in Bahrain for upkeep. During this week civilian contractors in Bahrain performed various jobs and repairing casped equipment. The crew meanwhile made use of the recreational facilities at the Administrative Support Unit Bahrain. 12 April Boone

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commence SURVOPS/Escort duty in the Persian Gulf. On 18 April Boone UNREPED with USS LASALLE. On 25 April Boone refueled from MARSEA 17 in Mina Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates. On 2 May Boone refueled in Bahrain.

From 5 May to 6 May Boone made a port visit in Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia. Official visits were made by the commanding officer and returned by the Emir of Jubayl, the commanding officer of King Abdul Aziz Naval Base, and the Consul General. Boone refueled in Bahrain on 8 May, in Mina Jebel Ali on 14 May and refueled with USS LASALLE on 16 May. From 20 to 23 May Boone conducted her second PASSEX with the Royal Saudi Navy. From 27 to 28 May the crew performed upkeep while in Bahrain.

During the month of June Boone conducted only surveillance OPS and refueling.

On July 4th Boone refueled in Bahrain for the last time. On 5 July Boone was asked to survey the missile damage on SS Alexander the Great and then conducted her turnover with USS Stark. After high seas in the Indian Ocean Boone stopped in Djibouti for fuel, rendezvoused with USS Luce then transited the Red Sea passing through the Suez Canal on 14 July. Quickly crossing the Mediterranean, Boone arrived in Malaga, Spain on 19 July for a long awaited liberty port visit. The crew and officers made tours of the

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city, the city of Granada and the surrounding countryside as well as visited the famous beaches of Torremolinos. On 22 July Boone departed Malaga and arrived in Lisbon, Portugal on 23 July. In Lisbon the officers and crew visited a famous Portugese winery and toured the local sights. Departing on 26 July Boone arrived in Ponta Delgada, Azores on 28 July for fuel.

The transit of the Mid Atlantic went smoothly and Boone arrived in Hamilton, Bermuda on 2 August in time for the annual "Cup Day" Celebration. The prospective commanding officer, Commander Harvey E. Atkinson, USN, reported onboard and rode the ship back to Mayport, Florida. Arriving on 6 August Boone was welcomed home by families and friends. On 7 August the post deployment leave and upkeep period began.

On 17 August, Commander Claude A. La Varre, USN, was relieved by Commander Harvey E. Atkinson, USN, in a ceremony onboard USS Boone. On 7 September the Leave and upkeep period ended and IMAV's two and three commenced.

On 12 October Boone departed for special operations in the Caribbean Sea. Boone visited Colon, Panama, arriving on 19 October. On 21 October, Boone arrived in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The crew took full advantage of the sightseeing tours and the resort facilities in Ocho Rios. On 27 October,

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Boone rendezvoused with USS Taurus (PHM-5) and USS Aquila (PHM-3) and refueled both Hydrofoils underway. Arriving on 29 October. In Porte Cortez, Honduras, Boone offloaded some goods for a local orphanage and refueled. Transiting to Grand Cayman, Boone continued operations with Taurus and Aquila. Boone, Taurus and Aquila made a port visit to Grand Cayman from 30 October to 3 November, taking special advantage of the excellent snorkeling and scuba diving on Grand Cayman's reefs.

On 4 November Boone refueled in Porte Cortez and started her transit to Key West still conducting operations with Taurus and Aquila. In Key West Boone refueled on 6 November. PHM operations completed, Boone returned to Mayport Florida on 9 November. From 14 November through 31 December Boone underwent a restricted availability in order to conduct major repairs to her ships service diesel generators.

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