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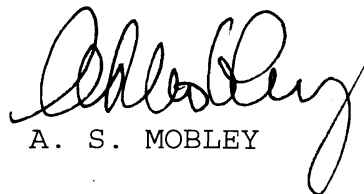
From: Commanding Officer, USS BOONE (FFG 28)
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Encl: (1) BOONE Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is the command history as mandated by reference (a). Included are descriptions of the command composition and organization, the 1996 command chronology with narrative, and a biography of the Commanding Officer.


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USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1996
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 04 JAN	INPORT BARI IT
05 JAN - 07 JAN	U/W ADRIATIC SEA
07 JAN	PASSING EXERCISE NR 1 WITH SOVIETS (ADM KUZNETSOV BATTLE GROUP)
08 JAN - 09 JAN	INPORT TUNIS, TUNISIA FOR NADOR 96-1 BRIEF
10 JAN	U/W FOR NADOR 96-1
13 JAN	PASSING EXERCISE NR 2 WITH SOVIETS
15 JAN - 17 JAN	HUNTER KILLER GROUP USW OPS
17 JAN	ENR ADRIATIC, PM SH-60F FLYOFF
19 JAN	PASSING EXERCISE NR 3 WITH SOVIETS OBSERVED FLIGHT OPERATIONS
22 JAN	ARR TAORAMINA SICILY ANCHORED
24 JAN	U/W ENR CATANIA SICILY
27 JAN - 29 JAN	INPORT CATANIA SICILY
30 JAN	U/W ENR ADRIATIC
01 FEB	ASU PASSIVE PLOT X2
02 FEB	ASU PASSIVE PLOT X2, MINEX W/EOD, ASW W/TAIL, DIPPERS/60B'S (BOO/MON)
03 FEB	ASU PASSIVE PLOT X2
04 FEB	ASU PASSIVE PLOT X2 ASW SCREEN OF HVU OCE BOO
05 FEB	FAS/VERTREP ASW HELO ONLY NO DIPPER SUPPORT DEPARTED THE ADRIATIC FOR THE LAST TIME ENR STRAITS OF MESSINA
06 FEB - 10 FEB	INPORT MESSINA SICILY
06 FEB	SECNAV VISITS BOO
10 FEB	ENR MAYPORT FL
24 FEB	RETURN TO MAYPORT FL
24 FEB - 24 MAR	POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN. LEAVE AND STANDDOWN
02 APR - 05 APR	AMMUNITION OFF LOAD, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON SC
22 APR - 01 JUN	SHIP READINESS AVAILABILITY
12 JUN - 14 JUN	LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT
18 JUN	U/W INSURV REHERSAL, JAXOPAREA
01 JUL - 03 JUL	AVIATION CERTIFICATION/AVIATION READINESS EXAMINATION
08 JUL - 09 JUL	U/W INSURV REHERSAL
09 JUL - 11 JUL	EVASION OF HURRICANE BERTHA
22 JUL - 26 JUL	INSURV
05 AUG - 08 AUG	CHASN WEAPONS STATION ONLOAD

17 AUG	U/W DEPART COUNTER-DRUG(CD) OPS, ENR HAITI
19 AUG	COMREL PROJECT PORT AU PRINCE HAITI
20 AUG	BSF NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
	U/W PM ENR ONSTA FOR CD OPS
	1ST CDPOS BOARDING M/V NATALE
20 AUG - 27 AUG	OP RHONDA CHOKE HAITI CLAW, CARRIBEAN
	OPAREA
28 AUG	BSF NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
29 AUG - 05 SEP	U/W CD OPS
06 SEP - 08 SEP	INPORT CURACAO, NETHERLANDS ANTILLIES
09 SEP - 16 SEP	U/W CD OPS
16 SEP - 18 SEP	INPORT ARUBA, NETHERLANDS ANTILLIES
19 SEP - 25 SEP	U/W CD OPS
26 SEP	BSF NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
27 SEP - 03 OCT	U/W CD OPS
04 OCT	OUTCHOP FROM CD OPS
05 OCT	BSF NAVAL AIR STATION KEY WEST FL
06 OCT	ANCHOR PORT EVERGLADES, FL. DAY CRUISE
	FOR JIATF EAST PERSONNEL AND BROWARD NAVY
	DAY DIGNITARIES
07 OCT - 09 OCT	INPORT PORT EVERGLADES, FL. BROWARD NAVY
	DAYS
10 OCT	U/W ENR MAYPORT FL
11 OCT	RETURN TO MAYPORT FL
15 OCT - 18 OCT	COMMAND ASSESSMENT OF READINESS AND
	TRAINING (CART II)
21 OCT - 25 OCT	TSTA I CSTG
28 OCT - 31 OCT	TSTA I ETG U/W JAXOPAREA
01 NOV - 22 NOV	TSTA I FTG U/W JAXOPAREA
02 DEC - 06 DEC	TSTA II ETG U/W JAXOPAREA
09 DEC - 11 DEC	TSTA II ETG U/W JAXOPAREA
12 DEC	ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION (ECERT)
13 DEC - 05 JAN	XMAS STAND DOWN

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS BOONE (FFG 28) is a member of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of Guided Missile Frigates. Her mission is to provide local area protection to battle groups underway, replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping and to conduct USW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces to ensure use of essential sea lanes of communications.

Along with her sister ships of the class, BOONE represents a break with tradition in many ways; a gas turbine powered propulsion plant with variable pitch propellers, austere manning accompanied by a high degree of computerized automation, a fully integrated combat system, two SH-60B helicopter hangars, auxiliary propulsion units (placed to maximize maneuverability) and a ship control console that provides steering and speed control directly from the bridge via a single Helmsman/Lee Helmsman.

The assets that BOONE has to call upon to accomplish her mission include a missile launcher capable of firing both anti-aircraft and anti-ship missiles; the rapid fire, dual purpose 76mm gun; a close-in Weapons System, 20mm, 6 barrel "gattling" gun, capable of firing 3000 rounds per minute at an incoming air target; anti-submarine torpedo tubes; and two SH-60 Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III helicopters.

USS BOONE is a member of Commander Western Hemisphere Group based in Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. Her Commanding Officer is R. Douglas Hughes, CDR, USN.

USS BOONE (FFG 28) COMMAND HISTORY 1996
NARRATIVE

BOONE began 1996 inport in Bari, Italy its ninth port visit of the MED 95-3 deployment. January was BOONE's fifth month of deployment. BOONE is scheduled to return to homeport, Mayport Florida, on 24 February.

In January, BOONE was scheduled to conduct exercise NADOR with the Tunisian Navy. BOONE conducted a port visit in Tunis from the 08 - 10 January. During the visit, BOONE held briefs, tours, and training sessions onboard. The underway portion of exercise NADOR 96-1 was canceled due to heavy weather. On 07, 13 and 19 January, BOONE conducted a series of PASSEX's with the Soviet ships ADM KUZNETSOV (carrier), BESSTRASHNYY (destroyer), PYLKIY (frigate), and OLEKMA (oiler). The Commanding Officer and Operations Officer were hosted on the Kuznetsov for lunch and a tour. In return BOONE hosted Soviet Officers onboard for tours. Hunter Killer Operations, which involved SH-60Fs from the USS AMERICA commenced on 16 January. Ships involved in the operation were the USS DEWITT, ITS PELOSI and USS BOONE. On 19 January the ship caught a line in the fin stabilizer. Search and Rescue swimmers QM3 [REDACTED], STG3 [REDACTED] and SM3 [REDACTED] each took turns swimming underwater to cut the line free. During a port visit to Taoramina, Sicily from 22- 23 January, heavy weather caused the liberty boat to crash into the accommodation ladder damaging the ladder and boat. The heavy weather resulted in BOONE leaving Taoramina on 24 January and sailing to Catania, Italy arriving on 27 January for another outstanding Italian port visit. Upon completion of the port visit BOONE set sail enroute the Adriatic Sea on 30 January.

In February BOONE conducted numerous USW exercises while in the Adriatic Sea. BOONE ended its tour of the Adriatic Sea on the 5th of February and began its transit enroute the Straits of Messina. On 06 February, the Secretary of the Navy came aboard and spoke with the crew. After an extremely successful deployment, BOONE returned to homeport on 24 February 1996.

During the rest of February and March the ship was in its Post Deployment Standdown period. Major overhaul and corrective maintenance was conducted on systems and equipment during the SRA in April, May and June. After SRA, BOONE began work-ups for MED 97-3 deployment. First on the agenda was Light Off Assessment

(LOA) and INSURV. LOA was conducted 12- 14 JUN in which BOONE received an overall effective. In July, after conducting INSURV rehearsals, BOONE sortied from Mayport to avoid Hurricane Bertha. BOONE conducted Inspection and Survey(INSURV) from 22-26 July and received numerous comments from COMWESTHEMGRU and COMNAVSURFLANT for BOONE's outstanding condition.

In August BOONE departed for Counter Drug Operations in the Eastern Caribbean Sea. BOONE conducted a "Project Handclasp" community relations project in Port-Au-Prince Haiti which was well received. During Counter Drug Ops BOONE's mission was to board all vessels that met a profile of transporting illegal narcotics. Additionally while on Counter Drug Operations, BOONE made port visits in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Curacao, Netherlands Antillies; and Aruba, Dutch Antillies. During Counter-Drug operations, BOONE's embarked Coast Guard Det boarded numerous vessels, including M/V ROUGH RIDER (21 AUG), MERC INDUSTRIAL CARIB (22 AUG), M/V CAPTAIN ALFREDO (23 AUG), F/V GAVIOTA (25 AUG), M/V ANDREA (30 AUG) MERC INDUSTRIAL BEACON (02 SEP), M/V JOAN D. MILAGRUS (04 SEP), M/V JOHANNA TRADER (11 SEP), F/V RICK II (12 SEP), M/V HASKERLAND (27 SEP), and M/V UNICOSTA (30 SEP). On 12 September, BOONE seized a 30 FT speedboat with 600lbs of cocaine and took 3 prisoners to Naval station Guantanamo Bay Cuba. On 01 October, BOONE retrieved 30.2 kilos of cocaine floating in the ocean after a chase of an unidentified motor vessel by USS SIDES. BOONE completed Counter-Drug operations on 06 October. While enroute to Mayport, BOONE stopped in Port Everglades FL to host dignitaries on a day cruise during Broward county Navy Days.

For the remainder of the year BOONE continued work-ups for deployment completing CART II, TSTA I, TSTA II, and Engineering Certification. Each assessment was graded satisfactory.

1996 ended with Christmas standdown, leave and upkeep.

COMMANDER R. DOUGLAS HUGHES
UNITED STATES NAVY

COMMANDER R. DOUGLAS HUGHES IS A NATIVE OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL
SCIENCE FROM THE CITADEL, IN CHARLESTON, SC IN 1976.

COMMANDER HUGHES BEGAN HIS NAVAL CAREER AS COMBAT INFORMATION
CENTER OFFICER AND NAVIGATOR ON THE JESSE L. BROWN (FF 1089),
MAKING DEPLOYMENTS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, SOUTH AMERICA AND
NORTHERN EUROPE. HE REPORTED TO NAVY RECRUITING AREA THREE IN
MACON, GA TO SERVE AS ENLISTED PROGRAMS OFFICER IN 1980.

UPON COMPLETION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD SCHOOL IN NEWPORT, RI IN MAY
OF 1982. COMMANDER HUGHES BECAME COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER ABOARD
THE DESTROYER USS O'BANNON (DD 987), HOMEPORTED IN CHARLESTON,
AND MADE DEPLOYMENTS TO SOUTH AMERICA AND NORTHERN EUROPE. HIS
SECOND DEPARTMENT HEAD TOUR WAS AT DESTROYER SQUADRON SIX,
SERVING AS COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER. IN 1986, COMMANDER HUGHES
BECAME ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MATERIAL AND LOGISTICS AT
COMMANDER, CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP TWO. HE DEPLOYED WITH THE
STAFF TO THE MEDITERRANEAN ABOARD THE USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND
ALSO TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTHERN ATLANTIC ABOARD USS IOWA
AND USS TICONDEROGA.

COMMANDER HUGHES' NEXT ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE,
IN NEWPORT, RI WHERE HE WAS AWARDED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN
NATIONAL SECURITY AND STRATEGIC STUDIES AND CONCURRENTLY EARNED A
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT FROM SALVE REGINA
UNIVERSITY. HE THEN SERVED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF USS RICHMOND
K. TURNER (CG 20), HOMEPORTED IN CHARLESTON, FROM JUNE 1989 TO
JANUARY 1991. FOLLOWING THIS TOUR, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS WEAPONS
OFFICER ABOARD THE USS WISCONSIN (BB 64) UNTIL DECOMMISSIONING IN
JULY 1991.

SERVING FROM AUGUST 1991 TO JUNE 1994, COMMANDER HUGHES' MOST
RECENT ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE PENTAGON ON THE STAFF OF THE CHIEF
OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, SURFACE WARFARE DIVISION (N86) AS HEAD,
SURFACE WARFARE MANPOWER.

COMMANDER HUGHES' PERSONAL DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE MERITORIOUS
SERVICE MEDAL (FOUR AWARDS) AND THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL.