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Encl: (1) Command Organization  
(2) Chronology of Events  
(3) Supporting Documents

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DOYLE J. BORCHERS II

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## COMMAND ORGANIZATION

USS PONCE (LPD 15), the "Proud Lion", is commanded by Captain Doyle J. Borchers II, United States Navy, and is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. PONCE's immediate unit commander is Captain Henry L. Phillips, Commander Amphibious Squadron Twelve.

The "Proud Lion's" mission as an amphibious transport dock is to embark United States Marine Corps and Navy support elements and by both water and airborne means, conduct amphibious landings to obtain beachheads, prosecute further operations ashore or deny areas or facilities to the enemy.

PONCE's crew consists of 26 officers (including one U. S. Marine Combat Cargo Officer), 25 chief petty officers and 372 enlisted personnel (including one U. S. Marine Combat Cargo Assistant) with a multitude of skills to execute the multi-mission role of a major amphibious ship.

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

(USS PONCE deployed to the Mediterranean as an element of MARG 1-86 on 21 November 1985)

01 JAN - 06 JAN	Barcelona, Spain PVST SOPA
10 JAN - 14 JAN	Exercise "Rawhide" with CVBG
15 JAN - 17 JAN	Crisis Response Exercise (CRIREX)
18 JAN - 19 JAN	Torre Veneri, Italy Training Anchorage Sneak Attack Defense Coordinator NEO OPS Surface Evacuation Ship
20 JAN - 26 JAN	EMED Support OPS Ready Helo Deck Beirut, Lebanon Classified Tracking Operations
27 JAN - 02 FEB	Haifa, Israel PVST SOPA
06 FEB - 08 FEB	Augusta Bay, Sicily Training Anchorage EMTT/OPPE Preps
11 FEB - 19 FEB	Naples, Italy PVST RAV SOPA Afloat
22 FEB - 28 FEB	CAP Serrat, Tunisia PHIBLEX PCS Assault/Offload/Backload
01 MAR - 31 MAR	Third best Sixth Fleet ship for Rainform Reporting
03 MAR - 08 MAR	Palma De Mallorca, Spain PVST SOPA Anti-Swimmer Defense Coordinator

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

12 MAR - 23 MAR Sardinia 86 PHIBLEX/Capo Teulado Training Anchorage  
PCS/CCS Assault/Offload/Backload  
25,000th Safe Helo Landing (21 Mar)

27 MAR - 02 APR Venice, Italy PVST  
SOPA  
Anti-Swimmer Defense Coordinator  
Commendation for Crew's Ashore Behavior

06 APR - 20 APR Augusta Bay Training Anchorage  
OPPE Preps

23 APR - 02 MAY Marseille, France PVST  
SOPA  
Anti-Swimmer Defense Coordinator  
RAV (25 Apr - 01 May)  
3M Inspection  
Commendation for Crew's Ashore Behavior

04 MAY - 10 MAY Distant Hammer 86 PHIBLEX  
PCS/CCS Assault/Offload/Backload

14 MAY - 20 MAY GALERA 86, Portugal  
PCS/CCS Assault/Offload/Backload

21 MAY Turnover with MARG 2-86 Rota, Spain  
Embark LANTRAMID I midshipmen

22 MAY Depart Rota for Norfolk, VA  
OPPE

04 JUN Return to Norfolk, VA  
Post Deployment Leave/Upkeep Period

23 JUN - 07 JUL Underwater Hull Cleaning  
LPD NAV Light RAV

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

06 JUL Embark LANTRAMID III Midshipmen

08 JUL - 10 JUL U/W CORTRAMID Training (Lynnhaven Anchorage)

10 JUL Dependent's Cruise

11 JUL LFTCLANT IG Inspection

12 JUL - 13 JUL Visit Ship, Norfolk, VA

15 JUL - 16 JUL U/W CORTRAMID Training (Lynnhaven Anchorage)

20 JUL Peruvian National War College Visit

21 JUL - 26 JUL Gold Eagle/RESMAUPHIBLEX East Coast 86 Onslow Bay, NC  
PCS

31 JUL Change of Command  
  
CAPT Doyle J. Borchers II relieves  
CAPT Robert P. Lucas

05 AUG - 07 AUG Mine Countermeasure Operations with HELMINERON 14  
(Lynnhaven Anchorage)

12 AUG CINTEX 21-86  
  
Navy Safety Center Visit

18 AUG - 22 AUG Board of Inspection and Survey

21 AUG - 14 SEP Embark Commander Amphibious Squadron Twelve

25 AUG - 14 SEP IMAV USS YELLOWSTONE (AD 41)

26 AUG CINTEX 22-86

30 AUG - 31 AUG NAVSTA Norfolk Weekend Visit Ship

04 SEP - 05 SEP Nuclear Weapons Assist Visit

08 SEP - 12 SEP RAVIR Training

09 SEP CINTEX 23-86

12 SEP OS "A" School Visit

16 SEP - 19 SEP HELTACWING ONE - DLQ's  
  
HELMINERON 14 Mine Countermeasure Operations

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

22 SEP - 26 SEP Amphibious LVT Operations/HMM 261 DLQ'S/  
COMJSOC DLQ'S Onslow Bay, NC  
Guest of Navy Cruise

29 SEP - 30 SEP Supply Management Inspection

06 OCT MOGAS Improvement Inspection

06 OCT - 10 OCT TEMPEST Inspection

14 OCT - 6 OCT FMFLANT RLT-6 Amphibious Operations Onslow Bay, NC

18 OCT - 20 OCT Freeport, Bahamas PVST

21 OCT - 23 OCT COMJSOC DLQ'S Jacksonville, FL

29 OCT Deputy CNO Surface Warfare Visit

30 OCT Supply School Visit  
COSMIC Inspection

03 NOV - 14 NOV WESTLANT Ready Duty Amphibious Readiness Group

04 NOV CINTEX 3-87

08 NOV - 12 NOV Boston, MA PVST/Veteran's Day Host Ship

15 NOV - 18 NOV Exercise SAND CRAB 87 (COMNAVBEACHGRU 2)/  
HELTACWING ONE DLQ'S (Lynnhaven Anchorage)

29 NOV - 30 NOV NAVSTA Norfolk Weekend Visit Ship

01 DEC - 03 DEC HELTACWING ONE DLQ'S (Chesapeake Bay)

08 DEC - 12 DEC HELTACWING ONE DLQ'S (Lynnhaven Anchorage)  
Guest of Navy Cruise  
NJROTC Cruise

13 DEC - 30 DEC Holiday Leave/Upkeep Little Creek, VA  
Winner of Ship's Christmas Lighting Award for  
NAB Little Creek, VA