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Encl: (1) Chronology of Events for 1975
(2) Basic Narrative for 1975
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Command History 1975
USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)

Part I - Chronology of Events

January

- 01 - Moored Pier 4, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.
- 02 - Underway to Seal Beach, California for missile and ammunition loadout.
- 03 - Underway for deployment to the western Pacific. In task unit CTU 35.8.1 in company of USS LANG (DE-1060) USS MEYERKORD (DE-1058) and USS VEGA (AF-59).
- 08 - Underway replenishment with USS VEGA (AF-59) and USS FLINT (AE-32).
- 11 - USS EDSON (DD-946) joins task unit.
- 12 - Moored, Midway Island for refueling and minor replenishment. Mail pick-up and delivery conducted. Underway as CTU 75.5.2.
- 13 - Advance clocks one day, USS GRIDLEY Crosses the 180th meridian, enters the domain of the Golden Dragon.
- 16 - Underway refueling and replenishment with USS TOLAVANO.
- 21 - Moored U.S. Naval Station Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines for missile exchange and refueling.
- 22-23 - Underway in Subic Bay operations area for participation in MISSILEX 3-75. Exercise conducted with USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), USS WORDEN (DLG-18), USS LYNDE MCCORMICK (DDG-8), USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-32), USS COCHRANE (DDG-21), USS REASONER (DE-1076), and USS COOK (DE-1083).
- 24 - Rendezvous with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) for escort duties at CTU 77.5.2/77.5.3.
- 26 - Conduct air operations and helicopter detail for receipt of personnel and mail from USS CORAL SEA.
- 29 - Underway replenishment with USS HALEAKALA (AE-25). Fire on board in after missile house. Crew called to general quarters at 0300.
- 31 - Underway refueling from USS TALUGA. Conducted ASW operations with USS PLUNGER (SSN-595).

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FEBRUARY

- 02 - Underway replenishment with USS VEGA (AF-59). Moor U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P., Rivera Pier berth 11/12.
- 06 - COMCRUDESGRU THREE Equal Opportunity-Treatment and Retention Program Inspection.
- 10 - Underway for SEVENTHFLT Operations in South China Sea for READIEX 1-75.
- 11 - Underway refueling from USNS TALUGA.
- 12 - Underway replenishment from USS VEGA (AF-59).
- 12-14 - READIEX 1-75 conducted. Condition III watches set.
- 13 - Commence MISSILEX with COMSEVENTHFLT Flagship USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5). RADM DAVIS, CTG 77.5, on board to observe missile shoot.
- 14 - Complete READIEX 1-75.
- 15 - Underway refueling from USNS MISPELLION.
- 17 - Underway replenishment from USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3).
- 20 - Underway replenishment from USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4).
- 22 - Underway rearming from USS FLINT (AE-32).
- 25 - Moor, U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P. Rivera Pier 11/12.
- 26 - GRIDLEY assigned two South Vietnamese Officers for Orientation and Indoctrination Cruise.

MARCH

- 01-02 - Ship's Party held in Olongapo City, R.P.
- 04 - Underway in South China Sea Operations area for operations with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) as escort.
- 08 - Underway refueling from USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3).
- 10 - Detach from USS CORAL SEA for towing/gunnery exercises with USS COOK (DE-1083).
- 11 - Underway replenishment with USS VEGA (AF-50).

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MARCH

- 12 - Underway refueling from USS ASHTABULA (AO-51). Moor U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P. Rivera Pier 11/12.
- 13 - Berth shift to Alava Pier, berths 7/8, U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P.
- 18 - CAPTAIN CHARLES W. STREIGHTIFF, USN, Prospective Commanding Officer arrives on board.
- 18-23 - Prospective Commanding Officer briefings conducted by Department Heads.
- 21 - Underway for operations in South China Sea with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43).
- 22 - Underway refueling from USNS MISPELLION.
- 23 - Change of Command Ceremony held on board in South China Sea. CAPTAIN CHARLES W. STREIGHTIFF, USN, relieved RADM MARK P. FRUDDEN, USN as COMMANDING OFFICER.
- 24 - Detach from USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43), underway for KAOSHIUNG, Tiawan.
- 26 - Moor, Kaoshuing, Tiawan, Chinese Naval Pier 2.
- 27 - Visit/Tour by 10 Nationalist Chinese Naval Officers.
- 28 - GRIDLEY crewmember volunteers paint Tysoing Children's Orphanage. Other volunteers provide blood for local hospital.
- 31 - Underway to resume duties in South China Sea.

APRIL

- 01 - Underway refueling from USNS MISPELLION. Moor U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P. Rivera Pier berth 11/12.
- 04 - Captain's Call held on board. GRIDLEY put on 12 hour stand by to get underway.
- 10 - Underway for operations with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) as CTU 77.5.2/77.5.3.
- 11 - Underway rearming from USS MOUNT HOOD (AE-29). Transit with USS CORAL SEA, USS MEYERKORK (DE-1058) and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) for operations area off coast of South Vietnam for participation in Operation Frequent Wind.
- 16 - Underway refueling from USS ASHTABULA (AO-51).

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APRIL

- 18 - GRIDLEY boarded by U.S. MARINES via helicopter. Transferred Marines to USS CORAL SEA via helo.
- 19 - Underway refueling from USS PASSUMPSIC.
- 22 APR-2 MAY - Underway as CTU 77.0.2 for PIRAZ duties during operation Frequent Wind.
- 23 - Underway refueling from USNS MISPELLION.
- 24 - Underway replenishment from USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4).
- 27 - Underway refueling from USNS MISPELLION.

MAY

- 01 - Underway refueling from USNS MISPELLION.
- 03 - Depart operations off South Vietnamese coast. Transit with USS CORAL SEA and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) to Singapore, as CTU 77.5.2/77.5.3.
- 06 - Moor, British ANZUK Naval Base, Singapore.
- 10 - Underway with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) for port visit in Western Australia.
- 11 - Shellback initiation held in conjunction with the crossing of the Equator. Underway refueling from USS MISPELLION.
- 12-13 - Transit with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) for operations off the coast of Cambodia.
- 14-17 - Underway as CTU 77.0.2 as PIRAZ unit during USS MAYAGUEZ recovery operations.
- 18 - Depart operations off coast of Cambodia and transit with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) to Subic Bay, R.P.
- 20 - Moor, U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P. Rivera Pier berth 11/12.
- 24 - Underway with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) for port visit to Western Australia.
- 25 - Shellback initiation for all new crew members in conjunction with crossing of Equator.
- 26 - Memorial Day-services held at sea.

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MAY

- 27 - Refueling from USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43).
- 29 - Briefing/training conducted for personnel assigned as tour guides and hosts for Bunbury, Western Australia trip.
- 30 - Moor, Bunbury, Western Australia for port visit.
- 31 - GRIDLEY open to citizens of Bunbury for tours.

JUNE

- 01-06 - Inport, Bunbury, Western Australia. GRIDLEY open for tours. 15,000 Australians visited and toured GRIDLEY.
- 06 - Underway for transit with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and USS BAUSELL (DD-845) to U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P.
- 08 - Underway refueling from USNS PASSUMPSIC.
- 11 - Underway replenishment/vertical replenishment from USS VEGA (AF-59).
- 12 - Underway refueling from USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146).
- 13 - Moor U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P. Rivera Pier berths 11/12.
- 16 - GRIDLEY embarks 14 midshipmen from NROTC and Naval Academy for summer cruise.
- 20 - Underway for MULTIPLEX 4-75. GRIDLEY serves as Flagship for Orange Forces, COMDESRON 17.
- 21 - Underway replenishment and rearming from USS WICHITA (AOR-1).
- 22 - Underway rearming from USS WICHITA (AOR-1).
- 23 - Completion of MULTIPLEX 4-75, disengage forces. Underway replenishment and rearming from USS WICHITA (AOR-1), and USS KAWISHAWI (AO-146).
- 24 - Live anti air warfare exercises/gunnery shoot conducted in South China Sea operations area.
- 25-26 - Underway for MISSILEX 5-75.
- 27-28 - Underway as escort for USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) as CTU 77.3.2 and 77.3.3. COMDESRON 17 debarks.
- 28 - Underway refueling from USNS PASSUMPSIC.

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JUNE

- 30 - Detach from USS HANCOCK (CVA-19). Join USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) for duties as escort as CTU 77.7.2/77.7.3.

JULY

- 01 - USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21) Officially changes designation from Guided Missile Frigate (DLG) to Guided Missile Cruiser (CG). Underway replenishment with USS WICHITA (AOR-1).
- 04 - Underway major stores replenishment conducted with USS VEGA (AF-59).
- 08 - Moor NAVMAG Subic for weapons offload. Moor U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P., Alava Pier berths 7/8.
- 10 - Underway via tugs for floating drydock (AEDB-1) for repair to propeller shaft.
- 10-15 - Drydocked in U.S. Naval Station Floating Drydock (AEDB-1) for repairs and deck work.
- 15 - Undock. Underway via tugs to Naval Station Alava Pier berth 7/8.
- 19 - Underway for local operations with USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) with USS RAMSEY (FFG-2) in company as escorts.
- 22 - Anti-submarine exercises conducted with USS DARTER (SS-576), USS HORNE (CG-30). ASROC firing.
- 28 - Moored, U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, R.P., berths 11/12, Rivera Pier.
- 29 - Underway for CONUS. Operating independently enroute to Guam with Mobile Training Team on board to conduct engineering training exercises.
- 30-02 AUG - Commence engineering casualty control exercises in preparation for OPPE. Tests conducted by MIT.

AUGUST

- 02 - Moor, U.S. Naval Station, Guam fuel pier Echo for fuel and water. MIT debarks. Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as CTU 35.9.5.
- 04 - Change operational commander to 3rd Fleet.
- 09-12 - Inport, refueling pier M-2, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Customs inspection held, major stores onload conducted.

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AUGUST

- 12 - Propulsion Examining Board embarked to conduct OPPE enroute to San Diego, CA.
- 13 - Underway enroute to U.S. Naval Station, San Diego as CTU 35.9.5 California Highway patrolman on board to conduct driving and motor cycle safety courses.
- 18 - Moor, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego Pier 4. Commence three week upkeep and leave period as unit of TU 53.2.3.

SEPTEMBER

- 08 - 3-M assist visit by COMNAVSURFPAC.
- 09-OCT 10 - Counter Racism/Equal Opportunity Program Phase II conducted aboard GRIDLEY by COMCRUDESGRU THREE Staff.
- 22 - San Diego County/USS GRIDLEY Blood Drive to establish a blood bank account for crewmembers and dependents.
- 22 - Annual Supply Management Inspection by COMCRUDESGRU THREE.
- 24-26 - Nuclear Weapons Assist Visit in preparation for TSI.

OCTOBER

- 01 - Berth shift outboard USS STERRET (CG-31), pier four.
- 03 - Disbursing Office Examination by Navy Regional Finance Center.
- 04-11 - Crew's dining facility revamped. Crew messed on board USS THOMASTON (LSD-28).
- 13 - Navy-s 200th Birthday Celebration held by GRIDLEY members and dependents at Admiral Baker's Field.
- 22-24 - Technical standardization inspection held on board.
- 31 - Graded communications package conducted by COMCRUDESGRU THREE.

NOVEMBER

- 03 - All Hands personnel inspection in service dress blues.
- 07 - Fast cruise held aboard, moored to pier four.
- 11-14 - Underway in Southern California Operations area for type training.

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NOVEMBER

- 14 - Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, pier four.
- 17 - Underway to Seal Beach, CA for weapons loadout, training and orientation cruise for 15 Explorer Scouts from Idaho Falls, Idaho
- 18 - Moored, Seal Beach, California for weapons offload, and missile exchange.
- 19 - Underway to Southern California Operations area, for type training.
- 20 - Underway rearming from USS MOUNT HOOD (AE-29).
- 21 - Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, Pier 1. Explorer Scouts debarked.
- 24-26 - Underway for type training in Southern California Operations area.
- 26-31 - Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California, pier four. Commence Thanksgiving Holiday period.

DECEMBER

- 01-05 - Underway for local operations with Engineering Mobile Training Team aboard in preparation for OPPE Examination.
- 05 - Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, CA. pier four.
- 15-19 - Underway Material Inspection held aboard. RADM BULKELEY and RADM BRIGGS embarked for inspection.
- 16 - Underway for UMI examination of engineering dept. Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, CA. pier four.
- 19 - UMI Critique given by INSURV Board.
- 22-JAN 04 - Christmas Holiday/leave period commenced.
- 23 - GRIDLEY crewmembers host USS HALSEY return from WESTPAC. CO/XO/COMCRUDESGRU THREE Representative on hand. Christmas wreath presented to HALSEY Crew.
- 31 - Inport, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, CA. pier four.

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