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From: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9), Washington, D.C. 20390
Subj: Command History for calendar year 1976; submission of
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B
Encl: (1) Summary of Operations (Chronology)
(2) Documentary annex on OPPE
(3) Documentary annex on Korean Augmentation

1. As required by reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.
2. The Commanding Officer of GRIDLEY throughout this entire year was Captain C. W. Streightiff.

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CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY 1976

- 05 U/W for Type Training, SOCAL OPAREAS.
- 07 Plane Guard for USS ENTERPRISE.
- 08 Transitted simulated mine field. Test fired 3"/50 caliber gun battery. Conducted Training Battle Problem for embarked Fleet Training Group observers. Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4.
- 12 Breasted out allowing USS HORNE to get underway.
- 13 Conducted TRE (Training and Readiness Evaluation) in preparation for REFTRA (Refresher Training).
- 16 COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM BRIGGS, and staff conducted Material Inspection aboard USS GRIDLEY.
- 20 Breasted out to allow USS HORNE to get underway.
- 21 Held Captain's Call on fantail.
- 23 Embarked COMNAVSURFPAC, VADM TIDD for inspection/visit.
- 26 Embarked Fleet Training Group observers. U/W for REFTRA. Conducted various exercises and drills.
- 27 Conducted various drills, including Engineering/Damage Control drills, Battle Messing and Precision Anchoring in the San Diego Harbor.
- 28 U/W. Conducted General Quarters, Sea and Anchor Detail exercise. Simulated Minefield Penetration and Underway Replenishment exercises with USS WABASH. Anchored San Diego Harbor.
- 29 U/W. Conducted various drills including Aircraft Crash and Fire drill, another Training Battle Problem, another Precision Anchoring and various Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
- 30 U/W. Conducted various drills including Tactical Maneuvering and Surface Tracking. Moored, Pier 1, North Island.

FEBRUARY 1976

- 02 U/W. Conducted Magnetic Piloting drill, Anti-swimmer/Sneak Attack drills and various weapons related drills. Anchored, San Diego Harbor.

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FEBRUARY 1976 (continued)

- 03 U/W. Conducted various Engineering Casualty Control Drills, Magnetic Piloting drill, Precision Anchoring and Minefield Transitting drill. Anchored San Diego Harbor.
- 04 U/W. Conducted Surface/NTDS Tracking Exercise. Lost Plane Homing Exercise, High Speed Surface Gun Shoot and various Engineering Casualty Control Drills. Anchored, San Diego Harbor.
- 05 U/W. Conducted two Anti-Aircraft Gun Shots. Anchored, San Diego Harbor.
- 06 Embarked COMCRUDESGRU THREE and staff to observe the final battle problem of Refresher Training. Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4. REFTRA completed satisfactorily.
- 09 Commenced two-week Engineering School Ship period.
- 13 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones V and VI.
- 17 Held Advancement and Awards Ceremony in the pilot house.
- 20 Embarked COMCRUDESGRU THREE and staff for follow-in UMI inspection.
- 23 Commenced host duties for HMS GLAMORGAN.
- 26 Conducted Aviation Flight Deck Certification/Review.
- 27 Breasted out to allow USS HORNE to get underway.

MARCH 1976

- 01 Breasted out, moored outboard USS HORNE.
- 02 U/W for FLEETEX 1-76, Operation Valiant Heritage. Fired one exercise torpedo.
- 03 Conducted surface gunnery and AA gunnery exercise.
- 04 Conducted live missile firings at Pacific Missile Range. Conducted UNREP exercise.
- 08 Commenced Hot War phase of FLEETEX 1-76. Transferred observers via helo.
- 10 Commenced opposed Hot War transit back to San Diego.
- 12 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4.
- 19 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones I and IX.

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MARCH 1976 (continued)

- 22 U/W for Type Training in preparation for OPPE. Conducted Helo exercises.
- 23 Conducted Boiler Flex, various Engineering Casualty Control Drills and Man Overboard drills.
- 24 Conducted Boiler Flex tests and various Engineering Casualty Control exercises.
- 25 Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4.
- 29 Embarked Propulsion Examining Board. Commenced Operation Propulsion Plant Examination. U/W for OPPE, SOCIAL OPAREAS.
- 31 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4. Breasted out to allow USS HORNE to get underway.

APRIL 1976

- 02 Held Officer Commissioning Ceremony and Captain's Call on the fantail.
- 09 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones III and IV.
- 13 Conducted General Quarters ASROC Accident/Incident drill.
- 23 Held All Hands Personnel Inspection.
- 28 Conducted "Fast Cruise" for Watch Quarter and Station Bill assignment familiarization.
- 30 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zone II.

MAY 1976

- 03 Held Food Service Training. Crew was served the noon meal on the USS OKINAWA to allow training to take place.
- 04 Conducted Overseas Diplomacy Briefing for all hands in preparation for WESTPAC deployment.
- 18 COMCRUDESGRU THREE conducted a sanitation inspection of all food preparation areas, living spaces and passageways.
- 19 Loaded one ASROC Weapon.
- 20 Held Captain's Call on the fantail.

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MAY 1976 (continued)

- 21 COMCRUDESGRU FIVE conducted a Quarterly PMS inspection of all work centers.
- 22 Conducted a Ship's party at Erdman Beach.
- 25 Conducted a "Fast Cruise" to familiarize all hands with their underway Watch, Quarter and Station Bill duties.
- 29 Entire cash payroll of more than \$67,000.00 was stolen from the Disbursing Office safe and later recovered in its entirety.

JUNE 1976

- 02 U/W for Sea Trials/Boiler Flex Tests and Automatic Combustion Control tests.
- 03 Continued Boiler Flex Tests. Conducted Swing Ship procedure to take readings of the magnetic compass diviation. Conducted U/W Security Alert.
- 04 Concluded Boiler Flex tests. Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4.
- 07 U/W for final training and preparation for reinspection OPPE (Operation Propulsion Plant Examination).
- 10 Moored, WPNSTA Seal Beach, for pre-deployment weapons load-out. U/W to complete Engineering Dept. preparations for OPPE.
- 12 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4.
- 15 U/W for OPPE.
- 17 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4. OPPE completed with evaluation of conditional satisfactory (Reinspection not required).
- 21 U/W for 6-month WESTPAC deployment. Enroute Pearl Harbor.
- 23 Conducted test firing of 3"/50 caliber gun battery.
- 27 Moored, Pearl Harbor HI, Berth B16.
- 28 Embarked COMDESRON 33, Commodore BALDWIN and his staff for transit to Subic Bay, RP.
- 29 Conducted 3"/50 caliber gun battery exercises, missile firing and an ASROC exercise firing.

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JULY 1976

- 02 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones I-IV.
- 03 At 2400, USS GRIDLEY (CG-21) crossed the 180th meridian, entering the Domain of the Golden Dragon. All ship's clocks were advanced 24 hours and GRIDLEY became the only ship in the Navy to miss the 200th anniversary of Independence Day.
- 05 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Independence Day. Conducted swim call, a cook-out, boxing smokers, and a talent show on the fantail.
- 06 Conducted various ECCE's and test fired the 3"/50 caliber gun battery at General Quarters.
- 10 Moored, Guam Pier D, for fuel. U/W for Subic Bay, R.P.
- 11 Held Swim Call and a Cook-out on the fantail.
- 13 Commenced transit of San Bernardino Straits.
- 14 Refueled from the USS FLINT. Moored, NAVSTA Subic Bay, Rivera Pier.
- 16 Embarked COMGRUDESFORSEVENTHFLT, RADM BRIGGS, and staff for inspection.
- 19 U/W for Local Ops. Other ships in company included USS MIDWAY, USS CHICAGO, USS R.E. PEARY, and USS BAUSELL.
- 22 Commenced transit to Japan.
- 23 Refueled from USNS PASSUMPSIC. Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones V and VI.
- 24 Plane Guard for USS MIDWAY.
- 26 Refueled from USNS MISPELLION.
- 27 Plane Guard for USS MIDWAY. Other ships in company included USS MEYERKORD and USS FRANCIS HAMMOND. Conducted HIFR training exercises and Leapfrog drills.
- 29 UNREP from the USS FLINT. Conducted AA gunnery exercise at General Quarters.
- 30 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones VII-IX.

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AUGUST 1976

- 02 Anchored Yokosuka Harbor. Conducted Motor Whale Boat and Captain's Gig Full Power runs. U/W for Local Ops.
- 03 Conducted 3"/50 caliber gun exercises.
- 04 Moored, FLTACTS Yokosuka, Berth 6.
- 21 U/W in company with USS MIDWAY to take PIRAZ Station off Korea, during Korean Augmentation operations.
- 23 Refueled from USNS MISPELLION. Operated as PIRAZ ship for Task Group 77.4 which consisted of the USS MIDWAY, USS KIRK with COMDESRON 15 embarked, USS COOK, USS KOCKWOOD, and USS FRANCIS HAMMOND.
- 26 Refueled from USNS MISPELLION.
- 30 Refueled from USNS MISPELLION.
- 31 Sent divers over the side to investigate the cause of excessive vibration of the port shaft. Line and fishnet were found and removed.

SEPTEMBER 1976

- 07 Refueled from USS ASHTABULA. Task Group 77.4 consisted of the USS MIDWAY, the USS LANG, the USS MEYERKORD, and the USS COCHRANE at this time.
- 10 VERTREP from USS WHITE PLAINS.
- 17 Moored, FLTACTS Yokosuka, Berth 6.
- 22 Held Captain's Call on the fantail.
- 23 Embarked COMSEVENTHFLT, VADM BALDWIN, for an inspection of USS GRIDLEY.
- 24 Conducted C.O.'s Personnel Inspection.
- 28 Held Captain's Call on the fantail.

OCTOBER 1976

- 04 U/W for operations with Task Group 77.4 which included USS MIDWAY, USS LANG, USS MEYERKORD, USS LOCKWOOD, USS KIRK and USS BAUSELL.
- 05 Conducted various ECCE's and an AAWEX (Anti-Air Warfare Exercise).
- 07 Refueled from USNS PASSUMPSIC. Transited the Tsugaru Strait into the Sea of Japan.

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OCTOBER 1976 (continued)

- 11 Refueled from USS WABASH. Held Holiday Routine in observance of Columbus Day.
- 13 Held Holiday Routine in observance of the Navy's 201st Birthday.
- 15 UNREP from USS WABASH.
- 16 UNREP from USS VEGA, USS FLINT and USS WABASH.
- 18 Refueled from USS WABASH. Test fired the 3"/50 caliber gun battery.
- 19 Conducted Surface Gunnery Exercise. Moored, FLTACTS Yokosuka, Berth 2.
- 23 U/W for transit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 25 Refueled from USS ASHTABULA.
- 26 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones I and II. Test fired the 3"/50 caliber gun battery.
- 27 Moored, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Pier 17.

NOVEMBER 1976

- 01 U/W for transit to Pusan Korea. Conducted 15-knot Economy Trail observed by COMDESRON 33 staff.
- 03 UNREP from USS KISKA. Conducted C.O. Zone Inspection of zones III and IV.
- 04 Moored, Pusan South Korea, Pier 3, Berth 15.
- 05 CTG 77.4 RADM FOLEY, received calls from local dignitaries aboard USS GRIDLEY.
- 08 U/W. AS CTU 77.4.3 for AAW and ASW exercises with USS MIDWAY, USS PARSONS, USS RATHBURN and USS LOCKWOOD. Plane Guard for USS MIDWAY.
- 10 Held Nuclear Weapons Accident/Incident exercise and various ECCE's.
- 12 Refueled from USS ASHTABULA. COMDESRON 33 staff observed.
- 13 Detached from TG 77.4, commenced transit to Hong Kong, B.C.C.

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NOVEMBER 1976 (continued)

- 15 Moored, Hong Kong Harbor, Naval Mooring Buoy 2.
- 20 U/W for operations at sea enroute to Subic Bay, R.P.
- 22 UNREP from USS VEGA. Conducted training anchoring exercise in Subic Bay. Moored, NAVSTA Subic Bay, Berths 7 and 8, Alava Pier.
- 25 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- 27-28 Held Ship's Party for all hands at Dungaree Beach.

DECEMBER 1976

- 01 U/W for transit to Pearl Harbor, HI.
- 02 Rendezvoused with USS FLINT, USS VEGA and USS MEYERKORD.
- 06 Refueled from USS FLINT.
- 08 Conducted various ECCE's and several HIFR and VERTREP exercises. COMDESRON 33 staff observed exercises.
- 09 Exchanged personnel with USS VEGA and USS MEYERKORD via helo for cross-training.
- 10 At 0001, retarded all ship's clocks 24 hours. Celebrated USS GRIDLEY Day to recover the lost 4th of July. Safely emerged from the Domain of the Golden Dragon.
- 11 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zones V and VI.
- 13 Moored, NAVSTA Pearl Harbor, Berth H-3. Said Aloha to COMDESRON 33 Commodore BALDWIN and staff.
- 14 Embarked guests of the crew for "Operation Tiger".
- 15 U/W for transit to San Diego.
- 16 Conducted C.O.'s Zone Inspection of zone II. Held Leapfrog ship-handling exercises with USS MEYERKORD.
- 17 Test fired the 3"/50 caliber gun battery for members of "Operation Tiger."
- 18 Held C.O.'s Personnel Inspection for all hands. Gave missile-house tour for members of "Operation Tiger."

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DECEMBER 1976 (continued)

- 20 Held tour of CIC, demonstration of Deck seamanship and navigation briefing for members of "Operation Tiger".
- 21 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 66S6.
- 25 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Christmas Day.