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- Encl:
- (1) Summary of Operations (Chronology)
  - (2) Documentary Annex on USS GRIDLEY (CG-21) participation
  - (3) Documentary Annex on Readix-4-77/Tacex 1-77/Harpoonex
  - (4) Documentary Annex on Tacex 1-77
  - (5) Documentary Annex on FLEETEX 2-77

1. As required by reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

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CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY 1977

- 01 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 66S6.
- 03 Commenced TAV with USS DIXIE.
- 10 Commenced NAVSURFPAC 3-M Assist Team visit.
- 11 C.O.'s Call on the fantail.
- 12 Commenced NUWEPSTRACENPAC Training Course for security Alerts, Nuclear Weapons Handling and Accident/Incident procedures.
- 13 3-M Assist Visit Critique.
- 17 U/W. Commenced Pre-Overhaul Test and Inspection (POT&I) in SOCIAL OPAREAS. Anchored in Coronado Roads. Conducted "Fast Cruise."
- 18 U/W. Continued POT&I.
- 19 Conducted War at Sea Exercises with USS GRAY and USS CORAL SEA.
- 20 Conducted General Quarters Drills, Accident/Incident drills, Helo CARQUALS and HIFR exercises.
- 21 Continued Helo CARQUALS and HIFR exercises. Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4. Commenced 5 section duty rotation.
- 24 U/W. Continued POT&I in SOCIAL OPAREAS. Conducted Anchor windless tests, Full Power tests, Steering Engine Reversing tests.
- 25 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 66S6. Engineering POT&I completed.
- 31 Conducted SECAS validation. Conducted Electronics POT&I.

FEBRUARY 1977

- 23 Conducted Type Commander's Annual Supply Department Inspection.
- 25 Conducted CMS/COMSEC Inspection.
- 28 Conducted NAVSURFPAC 3-M Assist Visit. Embarked members of Naval Reserve Unit CG-21 from Minnesota for two weeks of active duty for training.

MARCH 1977

- 04 NAVSURFPAC 3-M Assist Visit concluded. Results: Satisfactory.

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MARCH 1977 (continued)

- 07 Shift to Berth 65N6.
- 09 U/W to participate in EXERCISE VARSITY EAGLE (LHA Operational Evaluation) as AAW unit, and EXERCISE FALLING BRAVE.
- 13 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 72S7.
- 15 U/W, continued EXERCISE VARSITY EAGLE.
- 16 Joined TG 11.1 for night training exercises.
- 17 Provided simulated AAW services for amphibious assault force. Units in Task Force included USS TARAWA (LHA-1), USS OGDEN (LPD-5), USS DENVER (LPD-9), USS FREDERICK (LST-1184), USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) and USS HEPBURN (DDG-5).
- 18 Detached for independent exercises. Provided AAW services for simulated landing at Camp Pendleton, CA performed by Amphibious Task Force.
- 19 UNREP from USNS TALUGA.
- 22 UNREP from USNS TALUGA.
- 23 Provided simulated Air and Surface protection for Amphibious Assault Force during actual landing exercise at Camp Pendleton. Simulated enemy surface force consisted of USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) and USS HEPBURN (DDG-5).
- 24 UNREP from USNS TALUGA.
- 25 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 65N6.
- 28 Commenced COMNAVSURFPAC NWAT (Nuclear Weapons Assist Team) visit. Commenced Engineering School ship assignment.
- 30 Concluded and critiqued NWAT visit.

APRIL 1977

- 01 Held Captain's Call on the fantail.
- 04 Conducted NAVMMACPAC Damage Control PMS Assist Visit.
- 07-08 Conducted NAVMMACPAC Damage Control PMS Assist Visit.
- 11 Commenced two-day NTPI (Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection).

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APRIL 1977 (continued)

- 12 Concluded NTPI, critique. Inspection evaluated Satisfactory.
- 14 U/W for Type Training in SOCIAL OPAREAS. Participated in ASW and CAST exercises with USS GUDGEON, USS REASONER HS-84 and HSL-35.
- 15 Conducted 3"/50 caliber gunnery exercise.
- 16 Conducted HIFR/Land-Launch exercises with HS-84 and HC-9.
- 17 Held Cook-in/Eat-out on the fantail.
- 18 Conducted Safety Day via CCTV. Conducted Zone Inspection to discover safety hazards.
- 19 Brief stop at NWS, Seal Beach for on-loading missiles.
- 22 Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 72S7. On-loaded exercise torpedoes.
- 25 U/W for Type Training and Missile Firings in SOCIAL OPAREAS.
- 26 Fired one ASROC and one Torpedo from Condition IIAS during coordinated ASW exercises.
- 27 Conducted UNREP and exercise rearming with USS ROANOKE. Dummy missile, dummy stores and fuel transferred.
- 28 Fired three missiles during exercises in SOCIAL OPAREAS.
- 29 Moored, NAVSTA, San Diego, Berth 72S7.

MAY 1977

- 02 Breasted out for USS BAINBRIDGE. Commenced TAV with USS DIXIE.
- 09 Conducted ACER (Aviation Certification) Inspection. Held award presentation on the fantail. COMCRUDESGRU THREE RADM CHRISTOFF, presented USS GRIDLEY with Meritorious Unit Commendation for participation as a unit of the Seventh Fleet in Operation Frequent Wind. Commenced COMNAVSURFPAC 3-M Inspection.
- 17 Commenced Command Inspection by COMCRUDESGRU THREE.
- 18 Conducted Messing and Berthing Inspection.
- 19 Conducted Personnel Inspection.
- 21-22 Held Annual Ship's Party at ADM Baker Field.
- 23 Conducted Fire Control Radar Bow and Stern Tower Checks.

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MAY 1977 (continued)

27 COMTHIRDFLEET, VADM GRAVELY visited USS GRIDLEY.

JUNE 1977

- 02 U/W to participate in TACEX 1-77. Conducted Helo Land/Launch exercises.
- 03 Commenced Harpoon Tactics Evaluation. USS GRIDLEY and USS ROANOKE operated as simulated enemy targets for USS MEYERKORD and USS BARBEY.
- 06 Commenced transit to Portland, OR.
- 07 Conducted UNREP, Leapfrog drills and HIFR exercises with USS ROANOKE.
- 09 Commenced transit up Columbia River. Embarked COMTHIRDFLEET, members of the press and various guests of the Navy. Moored, Portland, OR, Willamette River Quaywall. Participated in Rose Festival Celebration.
- 10 Hosted Rose Festival Court Breakfast and opened USS GRIDLEY for public tours.
- 11-12 Conducted public tours of USS GRIDLEY.
- 13 Embarked various guests of the Navy for cruise down the Columbia River to Astoria, OR. U/W. Commenced transit to San Diego.
- 14 UNREP from USS ROANOKE. Conducted 3"/50 caliber gunnery and tactical maneuvering exercises.
- 15 Conducted Leapfrog drills with USS ROANOKE.
- 16 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 45N4. Conducted Advancement and Awards Ceremony on the fantail.
- 20 U/W for CBTSYSEX 1-77 (Combat Systems Exercise) and READIEX 4-77. Anchored in Coronado Roads. Underwent exercise Swimmer/Sapper attacks and PT boat attacks.
- 22 U/W. Conducted simulated opposed sortie to the open sea.
- 24 Conducted exercise rearm from USS HALEAKALA. Conducted exercise firings of ASROC and torpedo. Refueled from USNS TALUGA.
- 25 Commenced Hot War Phase of READIEX.
- 27 Conducted 2 live exercise missile shot.

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JUNE 1977 (continued)

- 28 Conducted 1 live exercise missile shot.
- 29 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 66S6.

JULY 1977

- 04 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Independence Day. Embarked six Navy League Guests.
- 05 U/W for Aegis System Evaluation Operations in SOCAL OPAREAS with USS NORTON SOUND.
- 08 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 65N6.
- 13 Embarked 13 Midshipmen for Summer Training.
- 22 Conducted Overhaul Planning Meeting for Department Heads.
- 23 Embarked 13 members of Reserve Augmentation Unit CG-216 for two weeks of training.
- 24 Held Captain's Call on the fantail.
- 29 U/W for local ops, SOCAL OPAREAS. On-loaded missiles at Seal Beach, CA.
- 30 Rendezvoused with TU35.9.6. Conducted formation maneuvering.
- 31 Conducted Leapfrog drills.

AUGUST 1977

- 01 Conducted formation maneuvering exercises via flaghoist.
- 02 Conducted rehearsal for parade of Elliot Bay.
- 03 Moored, Seattle, WA, Elliot Bay, Berth 90-7. Participated in Seattle Sea Fair Celebration.
- 04 Opened USS GRIDLEY for general visiting and tours.
- 05 Embarked VADM ST. GEORGE for a luncheon and a visit.
- 08 U/W for Esquimalt, B.C. Moored, Esquimalt, B.C., Jetty A.
- 11 U/W for San Francisco, CA.
- 13 Moored NAS Alameda, Berth 9 Pier 2S.

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- 14 Prospective C.O., Captain John W. Stouffer II reported aboard USS GRIDLEY.
- 17 U/W for San Diego, CA.
- 18 Moored, San Diego, CA. Broadway Pier.
- 19 CAPT. STREIGHTIFF and CAPT. STOUFFER conducted personnel inspection of all hands. CAPT STOUFFER relieved CAPT STREIGHTIFF as Commanding Officer of USS GRIDLEY.
- 20 Opened USS GRIDLEY for general visiting and tours. Participated in "San Diego--America Finest City" celebration.
- 21 Conducted general visiting and tours.
- 22 U/W for various exercises in SOCAL OPAREAS. Conducted training mooring approaches at Pier 1, NAS, North Island.
- 23 Conducted Gunnery Exercises and HELO CARQUALS/HIFR exercises.
- 24 Conducted Exercise Missile Firing at PACMSL Test Center.
- 25 Conducted ASW Exercise with USS PERMIT.
- 26 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Pier 6. Embarked guests of the crew for Dependent's Day Cruise. U/W. Conducted token high-line transfer and leapfrog drills with USS TRUXTON. Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Pier 6.

SEPTEMBER 1977

- 01 Conducted tour of Combat Systems spaces for 50 civilian conference attendees from Fleet Combat Training Center, San Diego.
- 13 On-loaded Exercise Torpedoes.
- 18 U/W for EXERCISE VARSITY SPRINT.
- 19 UNREP'ed with USS NIAGARA FALLS and USNS TALUGA. Conducted ASW Exercises with USS FLASHER.
- 25 Conducted exercise torpedo firing.
- 27 Conducted exercise missile firing.
- 28 Moored, NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 65N6.

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OCTOBER 1977

- 03 BUPERS Junior Officer Detailer visited.
- 04 Mr. Kip Cooper, San Diego Union Newspaper Columnist, visited USS GRIDLEY to interview several crewmembers.
- 09 COMNAVSURFPAC Assistant Force Chaplain celebrated Roman Catholic Mass onboard USS GRIDLEY.
- 10 Held Holiday Routine in observance of the Navy's 202nd Birthday.
- 13 C.O. conducted inspection of 04 and 05 levels.
- 14 C.O. conducted inspection of 03 and 02 levels.
- 15 Secured Mess Decks for painting. Crew messes aboard USS NORTON SOUND.
- 19 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 20 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 24 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Veteran's Day.
- 25 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 26 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 27 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 31 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.

NOVEMBER 1977

- 01 Embarked COMCRUDESGRU ONE, RADM MILLER, for a visit and inspection of USS GRIDLEY.
- 02 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection. Enlisted Detailer visited USS GRIDLEY.
- 03 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 04 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection. Off-loaded all remaining 3"/50 caliber ammunition.
- 07 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 08 Embarked Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the honorable, Edward Hidalgo, COMELEVELN, RADM ROGERS and COMCRUDESGRU ONE RADM MILLER

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for a visit and inspection.

- 09 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
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- 11 Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 12 U/W for Acapulco, MX. Conducted VERTREP Training.
- 13 Conducted Man-overboard drills. Held Cook-out on the fantail.
- 15 Conducted emergency destruction and abandon ship drills at General Quarters.
- 16 Anchored, Acapulco Bay, MX.
- 18 Embarked three guests of the Navy.
- 19 U/W for San Diego, CA.
- 21 Conducted General Quarters exercises.
- 22 Held Captain's Call on the fantail.
- 23 Conducted training anchoring at Coronado Roads. Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 65N6.
- 24 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- 28 U/W for Type Training. Conducted ASW exercises.
- 29 Exchanged personnel with USS TANG for cross-training.

DECEMBER 1977

- 01 Exchanged personnel with USS CORAL SEA for cross-training.
- 02 Conducted exercise Missile Shoot.
- 03 Refueled from USNS TALUGA.
- 04 Refueled from USNS TALUGA.
- 06 Conducted ASW exercises. Moored WPNSTA, Seal Beach, for off-load of missiles in preparation of ROH.
- 07 Continued off-load of missiles.

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DECEMBER 1977 (continued)

- 08 Completed off-load of missiles. U/W for San Diego. Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Berth 65N6.
- 09 Held Shipyard Pre-Arrival Conference with Long Beach Naval Shipyard Personnel. Continued C.O.'s Zone Inspection.
- 15 Conducted C.O.'s Personnel Inspection.
- 25 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Christmas Day.

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