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From: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
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Subj: Command History for calendar year 1978; submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Summary of Operations (Chronology)  
(2) Long Beach Naval Shipyard SITREP's  
(3) Light Off Examination, Forward Propulsion Plant

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

  
J. W. STOFFER

CHRONOLOGY

January '78

- 01 Held Holiday Routine in observance of New Year's Day. Moored NAVSTA San Diego, Pier 6, North 6.
- 07 Departed San Diego under tow for Long Beach. Shifted to six section duty rotation.
- 08 Arrived Long Beach. Moored Pier 3, Berth 32.
- 09 Commence Regular Overhaul (ROH). Held Arrival Conference for all officers and shipyard Overhaul Management Staff. Major work to be accomplished:
  - A. Major upgrade of Guided Missile Fire Control system (model 8).
  - B. Major upgrade of the NTDS system (model 4).
  - C. Installation of Chemical holding tank (CHT).
  - D. Addition of Automatic Detection and Tracking to SPS 48 Radar.
  - E. Complete Overhaul of the Boilers and Main Engines.
  - F. Remodeling of crew's Galley and Mess areas.
  - G. Installation of Harpoon Weapons system.
- 11 Held All Hands medical training on Closed Circuit Television.
- 12 Commenced assignment to four man rooms of Supply, First, B, M, and A divisions at BEQ.
- 19 COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM ROWDEN, came aboard for ROH progress inspection.
- 24 ROH Progress Meeting.

February '78

- 01 Ship's living quarters completely removed to BEQ (Bldg. 103--CPO's Bldg. 298 and Bldg. 32--E2 and below) and BOQ. Ship put into Drydock #2, Long Beach Naval Shipyard.
- 16 Ship's General Mess closed. Ship declared uninhabitable.

March '78

- 16 Held Advancement Ceremony in the Pilot House.
- 17 COMNAVSURFPAC, VADM ST. GEORGE, came aboard for inspection of the Mess Decks, Forward Engine Room, After Engine Room, Missile Division Berthing, Communications Division Head, Data Processing Trailer and Valve Maintenance Barge.

April '78

- 17 Held Advancement Ceremony in the Pilot House.
- 19 USS GRIDLEY undocked from drydock. Moored Pier 3, Berth 31.
- 27 COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM ROWDEN, came aboard for a visit.

May '78

- 16 Held Advancement Ceremony in the Pilot House.
- 29 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Memorial Day.

June '78

- 29 Held Ship's picnic at Gull Park.

July '78

- 04 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Independence Day.
- 07 Members of Reserve Component arrived on board USS GRIDLEY for annual training.
- 17 Held Advancement Ceremony in the Pilot House.

August '78

- 09 Engineering Mobile Training Team visited the ship to help prepare Engineering Department personnel for Light Off Examinations (LOE).
- 25 Personnel Inspection followed by Captain's Call held at Barracks 298 for Duty Sections 2, 3, 4 and designated non-watchstanders.
- 29 Mr. Tedesco from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower Reserve Affairs & Logistics) came aboard USS GRIDLEY with CDR MILWEE (Shipyard Repair Officer) to see a ship in overhaul.

September '78

- 01 Personnel Inspection followed by Captain's Call held at Barracks 298 for Duty Sections 1, 5, 6 and remaining non-watchstanders.
- 04 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Labor Day.

September '78 (continued)

- 12 U/W to shift Berths. Moored Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Pier 3, Berth 32.
- 14 The Forward AN/SPG-55B Fire Control Radars and associated missile systems began the power-on phase of their check-out.

October '78

- 09 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Columbus Day.
- 16 Held Advancement/Awards Ceremony in the Pilot House.
- 18 Commenced SMI--After Fire and Engine Rooms.
- 19 Completed SMI--After Fire and Engine Rooms.
- 21 Ship's Enlisted Dining Facility re-opened. Ship declared habitable with the following improvements:

Mess Decks

- A. New Deck Tile
- B. New Tables and Chairs
- C. Plush Crew's Lounge
- D. Plush POI's mess
- E. Carbonated Soda Dispenser
- F. Ice Flake Machine
- G. Game Table Tops

Galley

- A. Various New Equipments
- B. New Tarrazzo Deck
- C. New Serving Line
- D. New Meat Thaw Box
- E. Improved Gaylord Hood System
- F. New Scullery

Laundry

- A. Two New Washer Extractors
- B. New Dryer
- C. New Deck Tile

Ship's Store

- A. Canteen Corner in front of Post Office
- B. Soda Fountain

Heads

- A. New Terrazzo Decks
- B. Stainless Steel Partitions
- C. New Shower Fixtures

October '78 (continued)

Living Compartments

- A. Individual Wardrobe Lockers
- B. Individual Privacy Curtains
- C. New Deck Tile

Also included was the installation of new tile of lower asbestos content through-out the ship. Also installed were four new 125 ton air conditioning units for seven previously un-air conditioned electronics and auxiliary machinery spaces.

November '78

- 02 Commenced Final SMI Forward.
- 03 Completed Final SMI Forward.
- 10 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Veteran's Day.
- 14 Commenced Final SMI Aft.
- 15 Completed Final SMI Aft.
- 20 Commenced testing the Forward AN/SPG-55B radars.
- 23 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Thanksgiving Day.
- 30 CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) commenced Light Off Examination (LOE) in Forward Engineering Spaces.

December '78

- 01 Completed Forward LOE.
- 04 First Boiler lite off in Forward Engineering Spaces.
- 13 Shipyard completes all work in after Engineering Spaces.
- 15 COMCRUDESGRU ONE, RADM MILLER came aboard for an inspection.
- 25 Held Holiday Routine in observance of Christmas Day.