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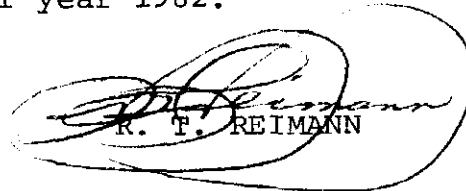
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Encl: (1) USS GRIDLEY (CG-21) Chronology of Events 1982  
(2) USS GRIDLEY (CG-21) Basic Narrative 1982

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for calendar year 1982.

  
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Command History 1982  
USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
Part I - Chronology of Events

January

- 01 Visited Pattaya Beach, Thailand.
- 02-06 Underway, enroute Subic Bay, R.P., providing escort services for USS CORAL SEA (CV-43).
- 07-22 Upkeep, Subic Bay, R.P.
- 20 Captain J. J. MCGRATH, USN, is relieved by Captain R. T. REIMANN, USN.  
Pre-Overhaul Testing and Inspection completed.
- 20 Visit by RADM P. F. MCCARTHY, USN, COMCARGRU-ONE.
- 23-26 Participating in South China Sea Operations, assigned to CTG-70.3, in company with USS CORAL SEA (CV-43).
- 27-28 Enroute Hong Kong BCC.
- 29-02 Visit Hong Kong BCC.
- 31 Visit by the Honorable Mr. and Mrs. J. S. HERRINGTON, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

February

- 03-06 Enroute Sea of Japan.
- 07-09 Participated in Sea of Japan Operations, screening Battle Group CHARLIE (CORAL SEA Battle Group) during operations off the coast of Korea.
- 10-11 Enroute Sasebo, Japan with Battle Group CHARLIE.
- 12-17 Upkeep Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan.
- 18-28 Participated in Okinawa-South China Sea Operations

providing escort services to Battle Group CHARLIE.

March

- 01-03 Inport Subic Bay, R.P.
- 04-10 OUTCHOP enroute South China Sea.
- 11-15 Transit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 16 Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 17-23 Underway for CONUS.
- 23-31 Leave and upkeep San Diego, end of WESTPAC Deployment.

April

- 1-30 Continued Post Deployment Leave and Upkeep.
- 19 Commenced SIMA Availability.
- 29-30 COMNAVSURFPAC Nuclear Weapons Testing and Inspection Team conducted a Surprise NTPI. GRIDLEY certified in all respects to handle nuclear weapons.

May

- 01-02 Continued leave and upkeep.
- 03-07 Underway, independent steaming exercises and drills, participating in a special CNO project.
- 04 USS GRIDLEY assigned to EASTPAC Ready Force.
- 08 Enroute and arrive San Diego.

- 09-24 Inport San Diego, continued SIMA Availability.
- 21 Embarked First and Third Class Midshipmen for Midshipmen Pacific Training Cruise I, ended SIMA Availability.
- 22 Embarked two female Intelligence Officers and male Naval Intelligence Technicians for READIEX 4-82 in SOCIAL OP area.
- 25-03 Participated in READEX 4-82

June

- 03 Enroute San Diego.
- 04-20 Inport San Diego for upkeep.  
Disembark Intelligence Team.
- 14 Embarked Commander Destroyer Squadron SEVEN, Captain R. G. ZELLER, USN and Staff.
- 18 Debarked Commander Destroyer Squadron SEVEN.
- 21-29 Underway for Amphibious Exercise KERNAL USHER in SOCIAL OPS area.
- 29 Enroute and arrive San Diego.
- 30 Debarked Midshipmen from PACTRAMID-I.

July

- 01-14 Inport San Diego for upkeep.  
Embarked Midshipmen from PACTRAMID-II.
- 06 Commenced SIMA and Tender Availability.

14 Visit by Commander Amphibious Group EASTPAC, RADM W. A. WALSH, USN.

15-27 Underway for FLEETEX 1-82 EASTPAC with Battle Group DELTA. Conducted missile firing exercise against drones. Participated in various AAW exercises.

28 Enroute San Diego, California.

29-31 Inport San Diego for upkeep. Debarked Midshipmen of PACTRAMID-II.

### August

1-22 Inport San Diego. Embarked Midshipmen of PACTRAMID-V

05 Host Ship for Change of Command of Commander Naval Base San Diego, Rear Admiral P. T. GILLCRIST, USN and Commodore I. E. CARMICHAEL, USN at Broadway Pier, Port of San Diego, California.

06 Completed SIMA and Tender Availability.

23-27 Underway for KERNAL EGRESS 82-2 exercise with Battle Group DELTA in SOCAL OP area.

28 Enroute and arrive San Diego. Debark Midshipmen.

### September

1-18 Inport San Diego for upkeep.

18 Commenced Pre-Overhaul Availability.  
Embarked Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE, Rear  
Admiral J. R. HOGG, USN and Staff.

20 Visit by Minister of State for Armed Forces, U.K.,  
Mr. Peter Blake.

21-23 Conducted and passed Command Inspection.

29-30 Conducted and passed SMI.

October

01-13 Inport San Diego for Pre-Overhaul Operations.

08 COMCRUDESGRU ONE debarks.

13 Enroute and arrive North Island for partial Weapons Offload  
at North Island. Complete partial Offload, Underway for  
Seal Beach.

14 Arrive at Seal Beach Anchorage. Offload Weapons.

15 Complete Offload. Enroute and arrive Long Beach Naval  
Shipyard for Baseline Overhaul.

18 Commence Baseline Overhaul.

23 Visit by Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE,  
RADM J. A. BALDWIN, USN.

25 Due to industrial work GRIDLEY declared uninhabitable,  
living quarters and messing facilities for officers and  
crew; offices established onboard YRBM-36/APL-2 moored Pier  
TWO, Berth FIVE.

November

2 GRIDLEY Dry Docked in Dry Dock number THREE.

December

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Commenced Holiday Leave and Liberty Period.

Command History  
USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)  
Basic Narrative  
01 January - 31 December 1982

The New Year found GRIDLEY anchored off Pattaya Beach, enjoying a well earned respite from her deployment duties along with other units of Battle Group CHARLIE. On 2 January, Battle Group CHARLIE including GRIDLEY weighed anchor for Subic Bay R.P., to perform escort services and conduct routine drills and special evolutions during the transit.

Arriving in Subic Bay on 7 January 1982, GRIDLEY moored at Rivera Pier, SRF Subic Bay, for a much needed upkeep period, effecting repairs to engineering, weapons and electronic systems. In preparation for a major overhaul commencing 18 October 1982, the Pre-Overhaul Testing and Inspection (POT&I) team embarked in GRIDLEY for a two week period to perform checks on the ship's systems. On 20 January 1982, Commanding Officer, Captain J. J. MCGRATH, USN, was relieved by Captain R. T. REIMANN, USN, during Change of Command Ceremony on GRIDLEY while moored at Alava Pier, Subic Bay Naval Facility.

GRIDLEY got underway on 23 January and joined other units in Task Group 70.3 (Battle Group CHARLIE), for escort, duty and training in the South China Sea. Upon completion of this operation, GRIDLEY transited to Hong Kong BCC for a goodwill visit. This visit lasted from 29 January to 2 February, allowing the crew to enjoy the port.

When GRIDLEY departed Hong Kong on 3 February, she was bound for the Sea of Japan for Battle Group Operations. She performed escort and AAW picket duties for Battle Group CHARLIE, using her combat systems to track and gather information concerning Chinese, Soviet and North Korean Naval and Air activities in the area.

GRIDLEY completed this assignment and put into Sasebo Japan on 12 February for upkeep. While there, GRIDLEY hosted an open house to both fleet activities personnel and local residents. The crew was granted liberty and visited the local area, including Nagasaki.

Underway from 18 February, until 1 March, GRIDLEY once again was assigned to escort duties, this time operating off Okinawa and in the South China Sea. As before, she continued to hone her already sharp weapons and operational skills to a finer point.

At the completion of this exercise, GRIDLEY returned to Subic Bay R.P. as her last foreign port prior to outchop and return to CONUS. She departed on 3 March for Pearl Harbor Hawaii, and outchopped on 10 March.

Pearl Harbor proved to be a quick stop on 16 March, allowing enough time to refuel, take on stores and grant liberty. Early on 17 March, GRIDLEY was finally underway for home after nearly seven months absence from friends and family. During the trip, GRIDLEY hosted a Tiger Cruise for male friends and relatives.

The transit to state side was intense. GRIDLEY was assigned as Anti-Air Warfare Commander throughout the cruise in an area of high Soviet air activity. As result of the skills learned during the deployment, the battle group transited undetected. The ship's control stations were drilled constantly, showing GRIDLEY's overall readiness to be excellent. Many preparations were accomplished to ensure that GRIDLEY returned stateside in the best material condition possible.

Upon arrival at Pier Six on 23 March 1982, Naval Station San Diego, GRIDLEY was greeted by an outstanding turnout of dependents and friends. The next 30 days were designed as a period of leave and upkeep, during which crew members were allowed time to reacquaint themselves with San Diego. Material upgrading continued during this period.

GRIDLEY received a surprise Nuclear Weapons Proficiency Test and Inspection (NTPI) on 29 April 1982. This extremely arduous inspection revealed no reportable discrepancies.

GRIDLEY got underway on 3 May for a CNO special project, general and seamanship drills. On 4 May, GRIDLEY was assigned to EASTPAC ready force as a unit of the AAW Force.

Returning to San Diego, Pier Six on 8 May, GRIDLEY remained inport until 25 May, when she was underway again to participate in READIEX 4-82, training embarked ROTC and USNA Midshipmen, along with a team of Intelligence Technicians and two female Intelligence Officers. General, Seamanship, AAW, and ASW Drills including a practice ASROC firing were conducted. Midshipmen, Intelligence Officers and Junior Officers participated in all drills. On 3 June, the exercise ended and GRIDLEY returned home.

From 4 June to 20 June, the ship was inport for house-keeping chores and was the Flag Ship for Commander-Destroyer Squadron Seven and Staff from 14 June to 18 June. 21 June to 29 June provided time for GRIDLEY to sharpen her ASW prowess during Exercise KERNAL USHER, off the coast of Southern California, operating with Amphibious Squadron Seven. 29 June saw a return to port and the departure of the first group of Midshipmen.

July continued with much the same routine. The first two weeks were spent at Pier Six in an upkeep period and twelve new Midshipmen reported aboard. On 15 July 1982 GRIDLEY participated in FLEETEX 1-82 with Battle Group DELTA, performing AAW Picket duties. The ship fired three missiles on 23 and 24 July 1982, scoring two hits and one near hit on sub-subsonic drones. A fourth missile was a failure due to a production fault. Again, the officers and crew drilled daily. GRIDLEY returned to port on 24 July 1982.

The rest of July, as well of the bulk of August was spent inport at Pier 6 Naval Station San Diego, discharging and receiving a new group of Midshipmen. On 5 August, GRIDLEY was the Host Ship for the COMNAVBASE San Diego Change of Command with RADM P. T. GILLCRIST, USN, and Commadore I. E. CHARMICHAEL, USN relieving. Participating was Admiral S. R. FOLEY, Jr., USN, CINCPACFLT. Other senior officers present were: Admiral SCHRAEDER, USN, COMNAVSURFPAC, and Rear Admiral J. R. HOGG, USN, COMGRUDESGRU-ONE. The ceremony was conducted at Broadway Pier, Port of San Diego.

GRIDLEY was called upon to perform AAW and escort services on 23 August to 27 August during exercise KERNAL EGRESS with Battle Group DELTA, until 27 August. Upon completion, GRIDLEY returned to San Diego and discharged the final group of Midshipmen. GRIDLEY was relieved of her duties as ready force AAW asset on 27 September 1982.

The entire month of August was spent in preparation for overhaul. NTDS Consoles, missile directors and various engineering equipment was removed at North Island Naval Air Station. A partial off-load of missiles was also scheduled but was cancelled due to inclement weather. On 18 September, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE, Rear Admiral J. R. HOGG, USN and staff embarked. The group conducted a Command Inspection from 21-23 September 1982. GRIDLEY passed all areas with outstandings noted in all key areas.

On 8 October Group ONE disembarked. On 13 October, GRIDLEY was moved by tugs to North Island to partially off-load weapons. That evening she was towed to an anchorage off Seal Beach for total weapons off-load prior to entry into overhaul. Since the ship's boilers were already disassembled for overhaul, electrical power was provided by the emergency diesel and gas turbine. The off load was completed by mid-afternoon on 15 October and the ship was moved by yard tugs to Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Pier Two Berth One for commencement of a one year Baseline Overhaul on 18 October.

The yard period began on schedule. During the ensuing year the following work is to be accomplished: Major rework of all main propulsion and auxilliary equipment, overhaul of the ship's electrical equipment, installation of SLQ-32 (V3) ECM Suite, MK15 MOD 2 CIWS, MOD 9/SM-2 MFCS Update and associated ORDALTS, general repair of the weapons system, installation of SNAP II Computer, AN/SPS-49, AN/SQQ-23 Sonar, Overhaul of the SPS-48 and MK 112 ASROC Launcher, update of the communication and NTDS package and refurbishment of the ship's berthing and messing facilities. On 25 October, ship's company, including all administrative and messing functions were relocated to YRBM-36 and APL-2 moored in close proximity.

2 November brought GRIDLEY to Dry Dock Three where the hull was sandblasted and painted and all repairs to the underwater hull and dry dock critical work performed.

As the year drew to a close, GRIDLEY was in the midst of her overhaul. Excellent progress was being made in all areas, the vast majority of the repair work was ahead of schedule. The crew began the Christmas Holidays with a semi-formal dinner in Huntington Beach, California on 16 December. The crew looked back on the successes of the previous year and forward to the new year.