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(2) USS GRIDLEY (CG 21) Basic Narrative 1984

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for calendar year 1984.

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COMMAND HISTORY 1984
USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)
PART I - CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY

01-10 Holiday leave and upkeep San Diego.
11-12 Weapons onload Seal Beach
13-15 Inport, San Diego
16-22 Mobile Training Team Phase I
23-31 Inport, San Diego

FEBRUARY

01-04 Inport, San Diego
05-08 Enroute San Francisco
09-11 Inport, San Francisco
12-15 Enroute San Diego
16-29 Inport, San Diego

MARCH

01-04 Combat Systems Readiness Test, San Diego
05-23 Refresher Training Phase I
24-31 Inport, San Diego

APRIL

01 Inport, San Diego
02-08 Mobile Training Team Phase II
09-15 Independent Ships Exercises/Engineering Casualty Control Drills,
Southern California OPAREAS
16-22 OPPE SOCAL
23-30 Inport, San Diego, Nuclear Weapons Assignment Team

MAY

01-18 Refresher Training Phase II
14-19 RIMPAC 84 AAW Inport Training
19-29 Inport, San Diego
30-31 RIMPAC 84

JUNE

01-17 RIMPAC 84
18-21 Inport, Pearl Harbor
22-28 TRANSITEX - Pearl Harbor to San Diego
29-30 Inport, San Diego

JULY

01-11 Inport, San Diego
02-08 Pre-INSURV
09-13 INSURV
12 Underway Material Inspection, Southern California
13-30 Inport, San Diego
31 READIEX 84-4

AUGUST

1-21 READIEX 84-4
13-15 Missile-EX Mobile Sea Range - Pacific Missile Range
16 Weapons Onload Seal Beach
17 Enroute San Diego
18-31 Inport, San Diego
25-31 Pre-overseas Movement

SEPTEMBER

01-09 Pre-overseas Movement, Inport, San Diego
10-11 TACAN Certification, Automatic Combustion Controls, On line
verification SOCAL
12-30 Pre-overseas Movement, Inport, San Diego

OCTOBER

01-17 Pre-overseas Movement, Inport, San Diego
18-30 Deploy WESTPAC, TRANSITEX

NOVEMBER

01 TRANITEX
02-05 Inport, Pearl Harbor
05-30 TRANSITEX
24-30 FLEETEX 85, Sea of Japan

DECEMBER

01 FLEETEX 85, Sea of Japan
02-03 Inport, Yokosuka, Japan
04-16 Enroute Hong Kong
17-21 Inport, Hong Kong
22-24 Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
25-31 Inport, Subic Bay, RP
31 Change of Command

COMMAND HISTORY
USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)
PART II - BASIC NARRATIVE
01 JAN - 31 DEC 1984

Commanded by Captain Robert T. REIMANN, USN, GRIDLEY continued to enjoy holiday leave and upkeep during the period 01-10 January moored at pier #6 Naval Station, San Diego. On the 11th and 12th GRIDLEY traveled to Seal Beach for Weapons onload. She then returned to San Diego for a period of three days. Underway again from 16-22 January GRIDLEY received assistance and was inspected by Mobile Team Training during OPPE Phase I. GRIDLEY finished the month moored at Pier #6.

GRIDLEY was inport San Diego from 01 to 04 January. From 05 to 08 January GRIDLEY was enroute San Francisco for a port visit. From 09-12 GRIDLEY was moored at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. During this period approximately 6000 people visited the ship for tours. From the 16th until the end of the month GRIDLEY was inport San Diego making preparations for Combat Systems Readiness Test and Refresher Training.

GRIDLEY started the month of March going through Combat Systems Readiness Training. For two weeks in the middle of March GRIDLEY was through Phase I of Refresher Training. During these periods the crew was able to hone both their combat skills and their damage control skills.

From 02 to 08 April GRIDLEY once again was underway with Mobile Team Training aboard for OPPE Phase II. She followed this up with one week of SOCIAL operations for Engineering Casualty Control drills to further upgrade the operation of her engineering machinery in preparation for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination which took place from 16-22 April. The last week of April GRIDLEY spent inport preparing for Phase II of Refresher Training which occurred during the first two and a half weeks of May. GRIDLEY was inport for the next ten days making final preparations and continuing training for RIMPAC 84, Her first fleet operation since overhaul.

From 30 May to 17 June GRIDLEY participated in RIMPAC 84, an exercise which involved more than eighty ships and forty thousand sailors from the U.S., Canada, Japan, and Australia. Following this GRIDLEY enjoyed a four day inport period in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. GRIDLEY then returned to San Diego to prepare for INSURV, which was coming up in July.

For the first two weeks of July GRIDLEY was involved in Pre-INSURV and INSURV inspections which culminated with the underway evaluation of her machinery and combat systems equipment. From 13-30 July GRIDLEY was inport making preparations and training for a second fleet exercise, READIEX 84-4.

From 31 July to 21 August GRIDLEY was involved in READIEX 84-4 during which the crew had an opportunity to sharpen skills in all areas of operations and to further work on GRIDLEY's role as AAWC for Battle Group Charlie, (the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group). During this period GRIDLEY participated in a missile shoot on the Mobile Sea Range. The previous nine months of intensive training paid off as GRIDLEY had three successful missile firings in three attempts. This period was concluded with a weapons onload at Seal Beach. GRIDLEY returned to San Diego on 21 August and commenced her pre-overseas movement period on 25 August.

From 25 August until 18 October, when she deployed, GRIDLEY was inport San Diego for pre-overseas movement, with the exception of 10 and 11 September when she was underway in the SOCIAL OPAREA for her TACAN Certification and On-line Verification.

On 18 October GRIDLEY deployed with the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) as part of Battle Group Charlie. The first two weeks were a TRANSITEX for the Battle

Group, during which the ships worked on operating as a Carrier Battle Group. There was a short three day inport period in Pearl Harbor for GRIDLEY before transiting west. On 10 November GRIDLEY chopped to SEVENTH FLEET and continued her transit west.

From 24 November until 02 December GRIDLEY was involved in FLEETEX 85', an exercise involving four Carrier Battle Groups and designed to test the ability of U.S. ships to operate in a battle force environment. During this period GRIDLEY operated in the Sea of Japan and made a port visit in Yokosuka, Japan on 02-03 December.

From 04 to 16 December GRIDLEY was enroute to Hong Kong. GRIDLEY's Officers and crew enjoyed a four day port visit in Hong Kong, 17-21 December. GRIDLEY then transited to Subic Bay, The Republic of the Philippines for the Christmas holiday period. From 25-31 December GRIDLEY was inport Subic Bay for upkeep and preparations for forthcoming extended operations in the Northern Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

On 31 December Captain REIMANN was relieved by Captain Charles P. METZLER, Jr., USN. Captain REIMANN, a Commodore selectee, was frocked onboard by RADM Piotti, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group 5, immediately after the change of Command. At 2400, 31 December, GRIDLEY changed permanent immediate supervisors in the Chain of Command (ISIS) from, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 3 to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 5.