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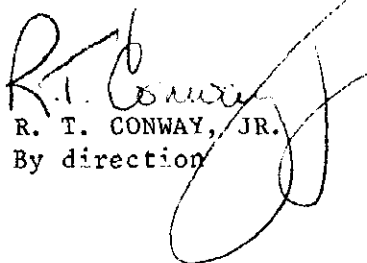
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Encl: (1) USS GRIDLEY (CG 21) Chronology of Events
(2) USS GRIDLEY (CG 21) Basic Narrative 1986

1. In accordance with references (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded for calendar year 1986.


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COMMAND HISTORY 1986
USS GRIDLEY (CG 21)
PART I - CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY

01-05 Holiday Upkeep San Diego, California
06-09 Independent Steaming, Southern California
10-12 Inport San Diego, California
13 Independent Steaming, Southern California
14-15 Falling Brave 1-86, Southern California
18-20 Inport San Diego, California
21-24 Independent Steaming, Southern California
25-31 Upkeep San Diego, California

FEBRUARY

01-03 Upkeep San Diego, California
04-07 OPPE, Southern California
08-28 Upkeep San Diego, California

MARCH

01-07 Operations, Southern California
08-09 Inport San Diego, California
10-14 Operations, Southern California
15-31 Upkeep San Diego, California

APRIL

01-15 Upkeep San Diego, California
16-25 CTX 3-86, Southern California
26-30 Upkeep San Diego, California

MAY

01-27 Upkeep San Diego, California
28-31 RIMPAC-86, Middle Pacific

JUNE

01-17 RIMPAC-86, Middle Pacific
18-24 Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
25-30 TRANSITEX 9A-86, Eastern Pacific

JULY

01 TRANSITEX 9A-86, Eastern Pacific
02-03 Independent Steaming, Southern California
04-28 Inport(Upkeep) San Diego, California
29-31 OPPE, Southern California

AUGUST

01-04 Enroute Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
05-08 Inport Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
09-10 Enroute San Francisco, California
11-17 Inport, Training Availability Treasure Island, San Francisco,
California
18-20 Independent Steaming, Southern California
21-22 Plane Guard (USS RANGER CV-61), Southern California
23-31 Inport San Diego, California

SEPTEMBER

01-07 Inport San Diego, California
08-12 TYT (Battle Group "ECHO"), Southern California
13-14 Inport San Diego, California
15 Independent Steaming, Southern California
16-17 Falling Brave 3-86, Southern California
18-19 Weapons Off Load Seal Beach, California
20-30 Upkeep San Diego, California

OCTOBER

01-05 Upkeep San Diego, California
06-31 Selected Restricted Availability San Diego, California

NOVEMBER

01-30 Selected Restricted Availability San Diego, California

DECEMBER

01-05 Selected Restricted Availability San Diego, California
06-14 Upkeep San Diego, California
15-17 Load Weapons Seal Beach, California
18-31 Holiday Upkeep San Diego, California

Enclosure (1)

COMMAND HISTORY 1986
USS GRIDLEY (CG 21)
PART II - BASIC NARRATIVE

"The World's Greatest Cruiser" started 1986 in a holiday upkeep period which quickly came to an end as the second week was spent underway independently steaming in the Southern California operations area. In mid-January, GRIDLEY'S "Surface Warriors" participated in Falling Brave 1-86. And then, after a short inport period, the GRIDLEY was once again steaming in the Southern California area.

On 04 February "The World's Greatest Engineers" underwent a very strenuous OPPE inspection. Following OPPE, GRIDLEY'S crew spent the rest of February enjoying time with their families as GRIDLEY was in a period of upkeep in San Diego, CA.

The first two weeks of March were spent in the Southern California area conducting operations. From 15-31 March, GRIDLEY once again was inport San Diego, CA.

April and May were spent mainly inport San Diego, California. From 16-25 April GRIDLEY participated in CTX 3-86 held in the Southern California operations area.

On 28 May USS GRIDLEY was once again underway and participating in RIMPAC-86. During the exercise GRIDLEY acted as one of the "Agressors", trying not to be detected by the "Friendly Force's" radars in which the "Surface Warriors" onboard GRIDLEY were more than successful. Following the completion of the exercise GRIDLEY proceeded to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where her crew enjoyed six beautiful fun filled days. From Pearl Harbor it was back to San Diego arriving on 04 July.

After returning to San Diego, GRIDLEY spent most of the month in upkeep. From 29-31 July, GRIDLEY'S engineers once again found themselves in the middle of an OPPE inspection.

August found GRIDLEY enroute to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. GRIDLEY and her crew spent a very worthwhile three days inport Vancouver. After Vancouver it was to San Francisco where GRIDLEY had a training availability at Treasure Island. From San Francisco GRIDLEY began her voyage back to San Diego. Along the way home GRIDLEY spent two days plane guarding for the USS RANGER CV-61.

September brought GRIDLEY back to San Diego where she spent most of the month. On 16-17 September GRIDLEY participated in the exercise Falling Brave 3-86. Upon completion of this exercise it was on to Seal Beach, California for off-load of weapons. On the return trip to San Diego, GRIDLEY held a Dependents Cruise for 150 of GRIDLEY'S dependents.

In October GRIDLEY started a Selected Restricted Availability at Continental Maritime in San Diego, California. GRIDLEY was in the Selected Restricted Availability until 05 December. Upon Completion of the SRA, it was back to Seal Beach, California to onload Weapons. The rest of December was spent in upkeep for the holiday season.

Enclosure (2)