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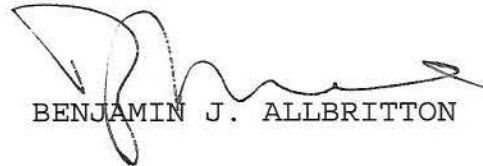
From: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101)
To: Director, Naval History and Heritage Command (OP-09BH)

Subj: USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2011

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as USS GRIDLEY'S 2011 command history.



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COMMAND DATA

Name of command / organization: USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101)

Unit identification code: 23151

Name and rank of commanding officer: CDR Brian J. Quin / CDR Benjamin J. Allbritton

Date Assumed Command: September 2, 2009 / March 15, 2011

Mission / command employment / operations: GRIDLEY's primary mission is to provide air defense in a carrier strike group. GRIDLEY can also coordinate and execute operations in anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, maritime interdiction, strike warfare, and a variety of other warfare areas. GRIDLEY has the capability to embark two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily off the coast of San Diego, CA. When deployed, GRIDLEY operates in the THIRD, SEVENTH and FIFTH Fleet areas of operation.

Homeport: San Diego, CA

Immediate superior in command:

Operational: Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE

Administrative: Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE

Task force assigned: In June of 2010, GRIDLEY was assigned to CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ONE and deployed in December to the SEVENTH Fleet with CARL VINSON.

Units assigned under operational control: GRIDLEY embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FOUR NINE Detachment FIVE for deployment.

Types of aircraft embarked: Two SH-60B Seahawks

Number of personnel assigned:

Officers: 35

Enlisted: 253

Civilian: 0

Command point of contact

Name: LTJG [REDACTED]

Title: Navigator

Enclosure (1)

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Phone number: Quarterdeck: [REDACTED]

Command mailing address: USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101), FPO AP 96666-1210

2011 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

- 01 JAN: Observed New Year's Day underway SEVENTH Fleet en route Chinhae, Republic of Korea.
- 11 JAN: Arrived Chinhae, Republic of Korea.
- 14 JAN: Proceeded underway from Chinhae, Republic of Korea en route Singapore.
- 22 JAN: Arrived Changi Naval Base, Singapore.
- 26 JAN: Proceeded underway from Changi Naval Base, Singapore en route Tomakomai, Japan.

FEBRUARY

- 01 FEB: Underway SEVENTH Fleet en route Tomakomai, Japan.
- 05 FEB: Arrived Tomakomai, Japan.
- 09 FEB: Proceeded underway from Tomakomai, Japan en route Sasebo, Japan.
- 16 FEB: Arrived Sasebo, Japan.
- 22 FEB: Proceeded underway from Sasebo, Japan en route Okinawa, Japan.

MARCH

- 01 MAR: In port Okinawa, Japan.
- 02 MAR: Proceeded underway from Okinawa, Japan en route Singapore.
- 14 MAR: Arrived Singapore.
- 15 MAR: Conducted change of command.
- 18 MAR: Proceeded underway from Singapore en route Cebu, Philippines.
- 23 MAR: Conducted a brief stop for logistics in Cebu, Philippines.

APRIL

- 01 APR: Underway SEVENTH Fleet, en route Okinawa, Japan.

02 APR: Arrived Okinawa, Japan.
04 APR: Proceeded underway from Okinawa, Japan en route Sasebo, Japan.
11 APR: Arrived Sasebo, Japan.
15 APR: Proceeded underway from Sasebo en route Phuket, Thailand.
29 APR: Arrived Phuket, Thailand.

MAY

01 MAY: Anchored in port Phuket, Thailand.
03 MAY: Proceeded underway from Phuket, Thailand en route Manila, Philippines.
15 MAY: Arrived Manila, Philippines.
19 MAY: Proceeded underway from Manila, Philippines en route Hong Kong.
22 MAY: Arrived Hong Kong.
26 MAY: Proceeded underway from Hong Kong en route Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

JUNE

01 JUN: Underway SEVENTH Fleet en route Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
08 JUN: Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
22 JUN: Proceeded underway from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for testing within the Hawaiian OPAREA.

JULY

01 JUL: Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
07 JUL: Proceeded underway from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for testing within the Hawaiian OPAREA.
15 JUL: Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
16 JUL: Proceeded underway from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii en route San Diego, CA.
22 JUL: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced post deployment leave and upkeep period.

AUGUST

01 AUG: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

15 AUG: Proceeded underway en route Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA.

16 AUG: Arrived Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA.

19 AUG: Proceeded underway from Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA and returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA.

25 AUG: Proceeded underway for Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQs) within the SOCAL OPAREA.

26 AUG: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

SEPTEMBER

01 SEP: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

26 SEP: Proceeded underway for testing in the SOCAL OPAREA.

30 SEP: Arrived Naval Station Port Hueneme, CA.

OCTOBER

01 OCT: In port Naval Station Port Hueneme, CA.

06 OCT: Proceeded underway from Naval Station Port Hueneme, CA en route Naval Station San Diego, CA.

07 OCT: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

14 NOV: Proceeded underway for testing in the SOCAL OPAREA.

21 NOV: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

28 NOV: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA.

DECEMBER

01 DEC: Underway SOCAL OPAREA.

02 DEC: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

05 DEC: Proceeded underway for a Pre-INSURV Assessment (PIA) in the SOCAL OPAREA.

06 DEC: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

16 DEC: Commenced Holiday leave and upkeep period.

2011 NARRATIVE

USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) began the year underway in the SEVENTH Fleet area of operations with the USS CARL VINSON STRIKE GROUP (CVSG). After completing strike training off of Okinawa, CVSG was re-routed to the Republic of Korea where GRIDLEY made port in Chinhae. After a pleasant visit to Korea, CVSG proceeded underway and participated in a joint passing exercise (PASSEX) with the Republic of Korea Navy and subsequent PASSEX with the Royal Singapore Navy while escorting CARL VINSON to the Strait of Malacca. GRIDLEY entered port in Singapore and detached from CVSG who proceeded on to the FIFTH Fleet.

Under tactical control (TACON) by DESRON FIFTEEN, GRIDLEY spent the next four months operating with the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF). From Singapore, GRIDLEY transited north to visit Tomakomai, Japan and became the first U.S. Navy ship to do so in over fifteen years. Following her port visit in Tomakomai, GRIDLEY conducted operations in the East China Sea prior to visiting Sasebo, Japan. From Sasebo GRIDLEY proceeded south to Okinawa where she participated in SHAREM 167, a joint anti-submarine warfare training exercise. After spending the night in port Okinawa, GRIDLEY conducted operations in the South China Sea, including a transit of the Spratly Islands while en route to Singapore. In Singapore, GRIDLEY held a change of command ceremony where CDR Allbritton relieved CDR Quin. From Singapore GRIDLEY proceeded through the South China Sea to Cebu, Philippines for a brief stop for logistics. There, GRIDLEY embarked members of Seal Team FIVE who were part of Task Force Archipelago of the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P). With the team embarked, GRIDLEY provided support to the task force while GRIDLEY's visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team received hands on tactical training. Following the JSOTF-P operations, GRIDLEY proceeded north to Okinawa. From Okinawa, GRIDLEY proceeded north to the Sea of Japan where she rendezvoused with the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON and escorted her into Sasebo, Japan. After a port visit to Sasebo, GRIDLEY proceeded to Singapore to refuel and rendezvous with the USS BREMERTON to escort her through the Straits of Malacca. Following the arduous transit through the strait, GRIDLEY anchored off of Phuket, Thailand for a short port visit with the RONALD REAGAN STRIKE GROUP (RRSG). From Phuket, GRIDLEY proceeded south to rendezvous with the USS LA JOLLA and escorted her through the Strait of Malacca. Following this transit, GRIDLEY dipped south and crossed the equator to hold a "Shellback" initiation or "Crossing the line" ceremony, a time honored naval tradition.

After almost four months apart, GRIDLEY rejoined the CVSG as they returned to SEVENTH Fleet. Together, the CVSG proceeded into Manila Bay, Philippines, the site of the Battle of Manila Bay where Admiral Dewey famously uttered, "You may fire when ready, Gridley." From Manila the strike group sailed directly to Hong Kong and then to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While the USS CARL VINSON and the USS BUNKER HILL

returned to San Diego, GRIDLEY remained in Hawaii to conduct missile testing with the USS STOCKDALE on the Barking Sands missile range.

After eight months away from home port, GRIDLEY returned to San Diego, CA. GRIDLEY's crew enjoyed some much deserved leave and the ship entered a maintenance availability. In August, GRIDLEY sailed to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach to offload her deployment load out and conducted deck landing qualifications (DLQs) for various North Island based helicopter squadrons. GRIDLEY remained in port for the majority of September for a maintenance period. At the end of the month, she proceeded underway in support of Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC) testing with USS WILLIAM P. LAWRENCE. Following this testing, GRIDLEY pulled into Naval Station Port Hueneme to conduct a combat systems and deck equipment groom. After returning to San Diego from Port Hueneme, GRIDLEY entered another maintenance period. November was spent in and out of San Diego for various training and test events and culminated with the Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) exercise and certification. In December, GRIDLEY ran her first Pre-INSURV Assessment in preparation for a 2012 Material Inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). GRIDLEY and her crew ended the year in port San Diego, CA enjoying the holidays at home with family and friends.