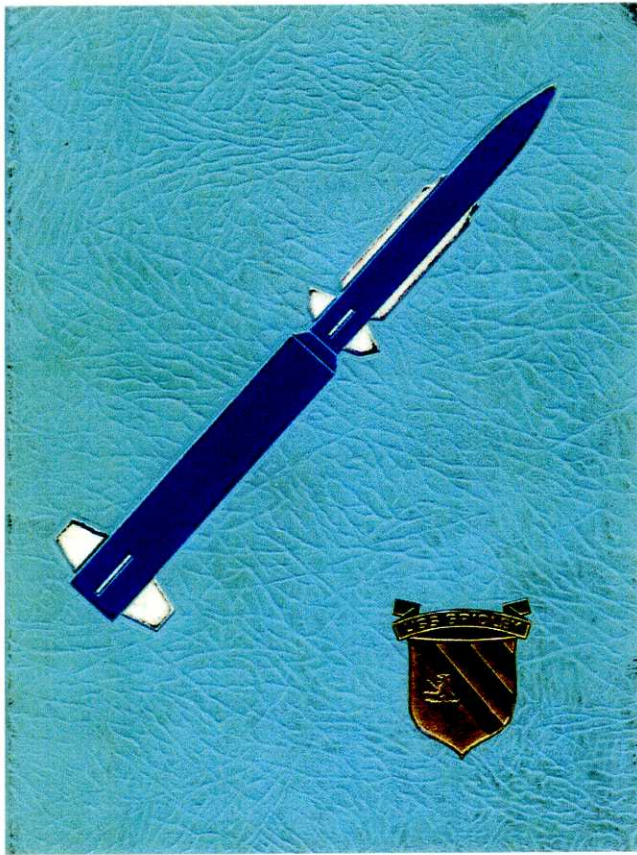
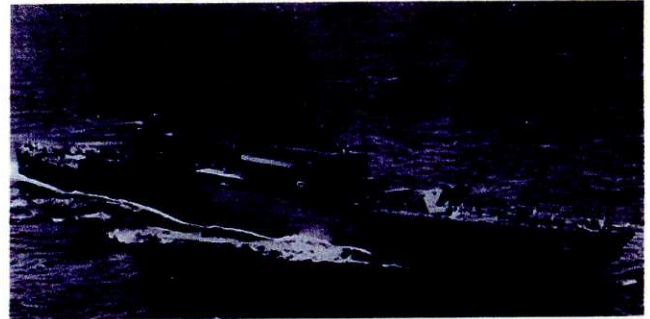


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USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21)

"FIRE WHEN READY GRIDLEY"



USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21) is the third ship of the fleet to be named in honor of Captain Charles V. GRIDLEY, U. S. Navy. Captain GRIDLEY distinguished himself in the Battle of Manila Bay as the Commanding Officer of Admiral DEWEY's flagship Olympia. The first GRIDLEY, (DD-92) a Torpedo Boat Destroyer, was launched on 4 July 1918. This GRIDLEY served in the Atlantic Fleet until 1922 when she was decommissioned. The second GRIDLEY (DD-359) was launched on 1 December 1935. This destroyer served during World War II in the Pacific and distinguished herself in many campaigns for which she earned 10 battle stars and the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge. GRIDLEY was decommissioned in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard on 18 April 1946.

The third GRIDLEY (DLG-21) was built at the Puget Sound Bridge and Dry Dock Company at Seattle, Washington. Her keel was laid 15 July 1960 and she was launched 31 July 1961 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Stuart D. Rose, great-granddaughter of Captain Charles Vernon GRIDLEY, U. S. Navy.

GRIDLEY has a length of 533 feet; extreme beam of 53 feet; normal displacement of 7,400 tons; designed speed in excess of 36 knots and a designed complement of 389 officers and men. Her armament consists of two twin TERRIER surface to air missiles, Anti-Submarine Rockets (ASROC), two triple torpedo mounts and two twin 3"/39 rapid fire guns.

GRIDLEY was delivered to the U. S. Navy at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington on 30 April 1963 and was placed in commission on 25 May 1963, Captain Percy A. LILLY, Jr., U. S. Navy in Command.

AIR DEPARTMENT



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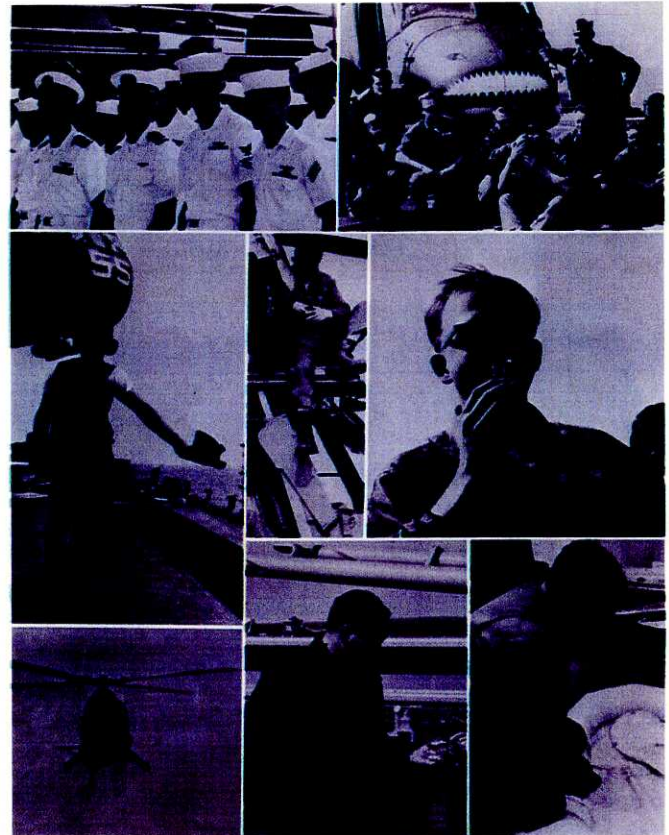
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Gridley's helo crew, HC1, Detachment 3, flew aboard in their camouflaged "bird" in January 1966 as Gridley was steaming out of Subic Bay, enroute to her first extended patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin. The pilot, co-pilot, air crew and ground crew performed in an outstanding manner during all of Gridley's patrols. They were constantly on the alert, poised for action, and they contributed significantly to the Search and Rescue effort in the Gulf. LCDR, Brecka, ENS, McMinn and several of the crew members were cited and given medals by both the United States and South Vietnamese governments for heroism under fire while on several rescue missions. They also performed yeoman service in transporting the Chaplain to other ships in the area for Sunday church services and in carrying members of Gridley's Medical Department to another ship hit by Viet Cong gunfire and badly in need of medical assistance. The entire crew, both officers and men, were a welcome addition to Gridley's fighting team and were held in the highest esteem by all hands.



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