

Muster Roll of the Crew of USS PGM-2, formerly USS SC-757, US Navy, World War Two – data from official copies of the Muster Rolls

Name	Reporting on board		Departing		Enlistment	
	Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Place
Adams, Edward	12 AUG 43	StM2c	14 NOV 45	St2c(T)	21 MAY 43	Chicago
Adams, Paris (n)	21 SEP 44	S2c	2 NOV 44	S2c	23 MAR 44	Knoxville, Tenn.
Arevian, Alexander John Jr.	19 JAN 45	F1c	After 1 JAN 48	F1c(MoMM)	?	?
Bailey, Edward LeRoy	1 JUN 45	Y2c(T)	6 OCT 45	Y2c(T)	?	?
Bellack, John A.	12 AUG 43	S2c	2 NOV 43	S2c	12 DEC 42	Pittsburgh, PA
Bowling, Howard Riggs	12 AUG 43	S2c	After 1 JAN 46	RM1c(T)	26 NOV 42	Louisville, KY
Brown, William Arthur	21 SEP 43	EM3c	12 JAN 44	EM3c	15 OCT 42	Indianapolis, IN
Burgess, Vernon Laval	20 JAN 44	F1c	8 NOV 45	SC2c(T)	10 JAN 42	Salt Lake City, Utah
Carson, Thomas Warren	11 JAN 44	EM2c	12 JAN 45	EM2c	20 AUG 42	Little Rock, Ark.
Colasanti, Rinaldo Richard	24 AUG 43	RM3c	6 OCT 45	RM2c(T)	25 NOV 42	Johnstown, PA
Cowart,Duncan (n)	3 NOV 43	CPhM(PA)	19 JAN 44	CPhM(PA)	21 SEP 42	Macon, GA
Cronan, James S.	12 AUG 43	S2c	19 SEP 44	QM3c	1 APR 43	Los Angeles
Earle, Henry L.	12 AUG 43	EM3c	21 SEP 43	EM3c	29 AUG 41	Washington, DC
Fike, William Charles	29 FEB 44	S1c	9 OCT 44	BM2c (T)	10 DEC 41	Pittsburgh, PA
Gerding, Charles Edward	20 SEP 44	S1c	After 1 JAN 46	GM3c	19 JUL 42	Oklahoma City, OK
Godfrey, Thomas A.	12 AUG 43	QM3c	24 NOV 43	QM3c	5 MAR 42	New York, NY
Guild, Marsden Donald	20 SEP 44	MoMM3c	8 NOV 45	MoMM2c(T)	2 MAR 43	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Harris, Jack Ogle Jr.	20 JAN 44	PhM1c	27 OCT 45	PhM1c	28 MAR 41	Houston, TX
Henry, Jackson G.	12 AUG 43	SC2c	3 NOV 43	SC2c	7 JAN 42	Macon, GA
Hill, Sanford C. Jr.	12 AUG 43	SoM3c	22 NOV 43	SoM3c	24 FEB 43	Pittsburgh, PA
Hithcox, Onnie (n)	19 JAN 45	S1c	28 NOV 45	S1c	?	?
Hogan, Richard Edward	31 AUG 44	Y2c	2 JUN 45	Y1c(T)	25 JAN 43	Trenton, NJ
Ingram, Howard Kelly	21 SEP 44	S1c	14 NOV 45	BM2c(T)	20 DEC 40	Raleigh, NC
Kent, Edgar W.	12 AUG 43	S2c	After 1 JAN 46	RdM2c(T)	26 JAN 43	Detroit, Mich.
Kimmons, Earl F.	12 AUG 43	BM2c	8 DEC 43	BM2c	11 MAR 40	Seattle, Wash.
La Damus, Walter Andrew	1 JAN 44	QM2c	6 OCT 45	QM2c(T)	12 SEP 41	Denver, Colorado
Laws, Billy Reeves	20 SEP 44	S1c	After 1 JAN 46	Cox	28 JUL 43	Nashville, Tenn.
Layne, Jack Adams	14 SEP 45	S1c (RM)	After 1 JAN 46	RM3c(T)	?	?
Le Blanc, Leo Roy	12 AUG 43	GM3c	After 1 JAN 46	GM2c	16 NOV 40	New Orleans, LA

Lester, Clayton Frederick	12 AUG 43	MoMM2c	2 NOV 44	MoMM1c	12 NOV 42	Chicago
Light, John Daniel	3 NOV 43	RM1c	26 FEB 44	CRM	8 OCT 28	Philadelphia, PA
Litton, Milton A.	12 AUG 43	Y2c	2 SEP 44	CY(AA) (T)	9 APR 42	Oklahoma City
Lohner, Harold LeMoyné	1 JUN 45	S2c	After 1 JAN 46	S1c	?	?
Lomax, Ralph Otis Jr.	1 JUN 45	S2c	After 1 JAN 46	QM3c(T)	?	?
Louthan, Gene Murray	3 NOV 43	CMoMM(AA)	19 JAN 44	CMoMM(AA)	6 MAR 40	Cincinnati, OH
Lupina, Francesco J.	12 AUG 43	F3c	3 NOV 43	F3c	8 JAN 43	Omaha, Nebr.
McKenna, Eugene Aloysius	14 SEP 45	MoMM3c	24 OCT 45	MoMM3c	?	?
Mansfield, William John	25 AUG 44	S1c	2 JUN 45	QM3c(T)	9 APR 43	Taunton, Mass.
Maresca, Leo Joseph	14 SEP 45	MoMM3c	28 SEP 45	MoMM3c	?	?
Marshall, Lewis Robert	3 SEP 43	GM3c	20 AUG 45	GM1c (T)	22 OCT 42	St. Louis, MO
Matheny, Robert E.	12 AUG 43	SoM3c	22 NOV 43	SoM3c	15 FEB 43	Pittsburgh, PA
Munsell, William Farrell	12 AUG 43	MoMM2c	After 1 JAN 46	MoMM1c	16 OCT 42	St. Louis, MO
Owen, George (n) Jr.	28 FEB 44	SM3c	14 NOV 45	SM3c(T)	21 AUG 41	Chicago
Pearson, Robert S.	28 NOV 45	SM3c(T)	After 1 JAN 46	SM3c(T)	?	?
Pinkerton, Olean M.	12 AUG 43	S2c	29 FEB 44	S1c	25 FEB 43	Los Angeles
Piper, Thomas N.	12 AUG 43	F1c	11 JUL 44	MoMM2c	22 OCT 42	Detroit, Mich.
Puchalski, Edward (none)	12 AUG 43	F1c	29 SEP 45	MM2c	22 JUN 42	Albany, NY
Purtill, Dale LeRoy	12 AUG 43	F1c	After 1 JAN 46	MoMM1c(T)	29 OCT 42	Detroit, Mich.
Roberts, Robert John	12 AUG 43	MoMM2c	6 OCT 45	MoMM1c	22 OCT 42	Detroit, Mich.
Sanger, Paul (n)	26 SEP 45	S2c	After 1 JAN 46	S1c	?	?
Sarmiento, Ralph Clifford	26 SEP 45	S2c	After 1 JAN 46	S1c	?	?
Sokolis, Walter (n)	1 JUN 45	EM3c	After 1 JAN 46	EM2c(T)	?	?
Starkey, Robert Leland	20 JAN 44	SC1c	29 SEP 45	CCS(AA) (T)	26 NOV 40	Omaha, Nebr.
Szibdat, Frederick C.	12 AUG 43	GM3c	4 SEP 43	GM3c	3 OCT 42	New York, NY
Toplitzky, Howard L.	28 NOV 45	S1c(RdM)	After 1 JAN 46	S1c (RdM)	?	?
Virostko, Albert Harvey	1 JAN 44	S2c	10 OCT 44	Y3c(T)	11 JUN 43	Portland, Oregon
West, Wallace Warren, Jr.	3 NOV 43	SC3c	19 JAN 44	SC2c	29 DEC 41	San Pedro, CA
Westwood, John D.	21 OCT 45	S2c(SC)	After 1 JAN 46	SC3c(T)	?	?
Wilson, Bill Edward	10 OCT 44	BM1c	2 JUN 45	CBM(AA) (T)	?	?
Wojtylo, William (n)	1 JAN 44	Cox	13 SEP 44	BM2c	27 MAY 41	Detroit, Mich.
Woodford, Francis William	1 JAN 44	BM1c	2 NOV 44	CBM(AA)	7 JUN 40	Minneapolis, Minn.
Woodford, Rush Jr.	8 DEC 44	EM3c	2 JUN 45	EM3c	?	?

Worski, Phillip J.	28 NOV 45	GM3c(T)	After 1 JAN 46	GM3c	?	?
Wysong, William D.	2 OCT 45		After 1 JAN 46	F1c(MoMM)	?	?
Young, Allan Chandler	12 AUG 43	GM3c	After 1 JAN 46	GM2c (T)	14 DEC 42	Springfield, Mass.
Zipay, Milan	12 AUG 43	RM3c	24 AUG 43	RM3c	28 OCT 42	Cleveland, OH

The last muster is dated 1 January 1946. I suspect that PGM-2 was decommissioned sometime in January of 1946 because some of the PGMs at Subic Bay were decommissioned in that month. It seems that the last few Report of Changes sheets are missing (or were never completed?), which would contain the departing dates for the crew listed on January 1, 1946. Thus, those crew members listed with a departing date "After 1 JAN 46" are those men that are listed on the muster for January 1, 1946. For these men I have provided their rating on the January 1, 1946 muster under the column for rating upon departure.

1 JUN 44 Officer's Next of Kin for USS PGM-2

David C. Anderson, Lt. D-V(G), USNR, married, Mrs. Barbara Breed Anderson (wife), 24 Fairview Ave., Melrose, Mass.

Ralph W. Raasch, Lt.(jg) D-V(G), USNR, single, William F. Raasch (father), 3614 A. West Maple St., Milwaukee, Wisc.

Luke W. Fishburn, Ens. D-V(G), USNR, single, Irene Fishburn (mother), 1354 South Masselin, Los Angeles, CA

The cover sheet for each quarter is signed by the Executive and Commanding Officers as provided below.

12 AUG 43 & 1 OCT 43 Alexander W. Shapleigh, Jr., Executive Officer; David C. Anderson, Commanding Officer

4 JAN 44 Ralph W. Raasch, Ens., USNR, Executive Officer; David C. Anderson, Lt., USNR, Commanding Officer

1 APR 44, 11 JUL 44 & 30 SEP 44 Ralph W. Raasch, Lt.(jg), USNR, Executive Officer; David C. Anderson, Lt., USNR, Commanding Officer

31 DEC 44 & 1 APR 45 C. E. Thorney, Jr., Executive Officer; Ralph W. Raasch, Commanding Officer

2 JUL 45 & 2 OCT 45 C. E. Thorney, Jr., Executive Officer; A. J. Allman, Jr., Commanding Officer

2 JAN 46 W. L. Kastelz, Executive Officer; A. J. Allman, Jr., Commanding Officer

The Report of Changes sheets that are included with the musters include the location of the ship and when it sailed from one location to another. Unfortunately, there is not a complete accounting for all locations in these records, but those provided in the musters are provided below. The ship's log contains a much more detailed account of the ship locations but I have not had access to the logs. In addition, reception and transfer of crew members, in some instances, indicate a clear location. These are also provided below (date, crew member last name, location)

USS SC-757 (later converted and renamed PGM-2) was commissioned 12 AUG 43

20 AUG 43 sailing from New Orleans, Louisiana to Miami, Florida

24 SEP 43 sailing from Miami, Florida to Key West, Florida

7 OCT 43 sailing from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to sea

14 OCT 43 sailing from Balboa, Canal Zone [Panama] to sea

30 OCT 43 sailing from San Diego, California to San Pedro, California

23 JAN 44 sailing from Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island [San Pedro], California to sea

13 FEB 44 sailing from San Pedro, California to sea [PGM-2 has been reported to have turned back to San Pedro due to a heavy sea when they left on 23 JAN 44 and this sailing date represents their second, and successful attempt, to sail to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii]

28 FEB 44, Owen, received from Reception Station, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii

2 MAR 44 sailing from Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii to sea

10 APR 44 sailing from Navy 131 to sea [Navy 131 = Noumea, New Caledonia]

3 MAY 44 sailing from Navy 152 to sea [Navy 152 = Tulagi, Solomon Islands]

22 MAY 44 sailing from Navy 152 to sea [Navy 152 = Tulagi, Solomon Islands]

2 JUN 44 sailing from Navy 251 to sea [Navy 251 = Rendova, New Georgia, Solomon Islands]

23 JUL 44 sailing from Navy 152 to Navy 811 [Navy 811 = Treasury Islands, Solomon Islands]

8 DEC 44, Woodford, received from Navy 3220 [Navy 3220 = Emirau Island, St. Matthias Islands]

12 JAN 45, Carson, transferred to Navy 811 [Treasury Islands, Solomon Islands]

1 JUN 45, Baily, received from Navy 3149 [Navy 3149 = Samar Island, Philippine Islands]

20 AUG 45, Marshall, transferred to Navy 3149

5 SEP 45 sailing from Navy 3964 to Navy 3256 [Navy 3964 = Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands; Navy 3256 = Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Retto, Japan]

26 SEP 45, Sanger, received from Fleet Replacement Center, Okinawa

29 SEP 45, Puchalski, transferred to Navy 3256

For the purposes of indexing, the names of the crew are repeated below:

Edward Adams, Paris Adams, Alexander Arevian Jr., Edward Bailey, John Bellack, Howard Bowling, William Brown, Vernon Burgess, Thomas Carson, Rinaldo Colasanti, Duncan Cowart, James Cronan, Henry Earle, William Fike, Charles Gerding, Thomas Godfrey, Marsden Guild, Jack Harris Jr., Jackson Henry, Sanford Hill Jr., Onnie Hithcox, Richard Hogan, Howard Ingram, Edgar Kent, Earl Kimmons, Walter La Damus, Billy Laws, Jack Layne, Leo Le Blanc, Clayton Lester, John Light, Milton Litton, Harold Lohner, Ralph Lomax Jr., Gene Louthan, Francesco Lupina, Eugene McKenna, William Mansfield, Leo Maresca, Lewis Marshall, Robert Matheny, William Munsell, George Owen Jr., Robert Pearson, Olean Pinkerton, Thomas Piper, Edward Puchalski, Dale Purtill, Robert Roberts, Paul Sanger, Ralph Sarmento, Walter Sokolis, Robert Starkey, Frederick Szibdat, Howard Toplitzky, Albert Virostko, Wallace West Jr., John Westwood, Bill Wilson, William Wojtylo, Francis Woodford, Rush Woodford Jr., Phillip Worski, William Wysong, Allan Young, Milan Zipay

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