

Deck Log for U.S.S. PGM 3

January 1, 1944

0-4 moored starboard side to dock, Fellows and Stewart Ship Yard, Terminal Island, California, completing conversion

1700 pursuant to orders of Commander Service Forces Pacific Fleet, Subordinate Command of 31 December 1943 the following men were received aboard with bag, hammock, service and health records:

BUNNER, Carl Anderson 843 51 57 S2c (SM) vs USNR

HARTSFIELD, Frederick Benjamin 844 20 78 S2c (GM) sv USN

PIKE, Thomas Eugene 268 81 94 PhM1c USN

the above named men reported to the shipyard on 31 December and were ordered to report for duty this date.

Officers January 1944 and next of kin

BANZHAF, Albert H. T., Ensign, D-V(G) USNR, Grace Carpenter BANZHAF, mother, Sasco Rd., Southport, Conn.

CRITTENDEN, Gazaway L., Lieut., D-V(G), USNR, Gertrude Shaw CRITTENDEN, wife, 436 South St., Needham, Mass.

EDWARDS, Joseph O., Lieut. (jg), D-V(S), USNR, Paula Boyd EDWARDS, wife, 3920 W Ave. 42, Los Angeles, Calif.

[Crittenden was Commanding officer]

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January 2

0-4 moored as before, completing conversion

January 3

0-4 moored as before

1100 pursuant to verbal orders of Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet Subordinate Command, the following named men were transferred with bag, hammock and records to Sub Chaser Training Center, Terminal Island, California for further assignment:

WEBB, Jesse Douglas Jr. 637 26 04 SoM2c USNR

OSTRANDER, Harry Thomas 821 75 56 F1c USNR

HARMER, Mitchell Wison 875 49 64 S2c V-6, SV USNR

1350 pursuant to orders of Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet Subordinate Command the following men were received aboard for duty with bag, hammock and records:

RUSSELL, Francis Lionel 809 90 31 F1c SV USN

JOY, Robert Warren 563 42 42 F2c V6 USNR

1608 conversion completed and underway to Section Base, San Pedro, California

1703 moored port side to Berth 60 Section Base, San Pedro, California

January 4

Moored as before

January 5

Moored as before

0921 WAUGAMAN, Robert Allen, RdM3c, 615 66 23 USNR returned, absent over leave since 0800, 5 January 1944

1320 lieutenants E. Garrigan, R. F. Dorton and H Howitz came aboard to calibrate compass

1330 underway on various courses at various speeds, Captain at conn.

1346 commenced swinging ship to calibrate compass in San Pedro Bay

1438 completed compass calibration

1443 set speed at 900 RPM's 39" pitch on various courses to clear ships in harbor

1459 changed speed to 1300 RPMs, 39" pitch to burn out carbon

1504 secured starboard engine due to fresh water leak

1532 started up starboard engine again, using various courses and speeds to moor

1548 moored port side to USS PGM-8, Berth 60, Section Base, San Pedro, California

January 6

Moored as before

January 7

Moored as before

1422 pursuant to CINCPAC Orders, dated 7 January 1944 underway to report to COTCPAC, Small Craft Training Center, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California using various courses and speeds to conform with channel and harbor traffic

1525 moored starboard side to USS PGM-7 on West Side of Met Pier, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California

1527 shakedown officers of Small Craft Training Center came aboard for initial inspection of all departments

1635 inspection completed

1759 underway to anchorage at various courses and speeds, Captain at conn

1806 anchored off Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California in 27 feet of water with 14 ½ fathoms of

chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings, West Breakwater Light 087° T and NOB Signal Tower 285° T and Water Tank 313° T

January 8

Anchored as before

January 9

At anchor as before

0825 underway steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel standing out.

0844 cleared gate "George" standing out swept channel

0912 set course 245° T and pgc, speed 1200 RPM 39" pitch, bouy "F" bearing 330° T, distance 800 yards

1032 with rock off West End of Santa Catalina Island bearing 155° T changed course to 215° T and pgc

1035 changed course to 205° T and pgc

1043 changed speed to 1000 RPM 39" pitch

1049 changed speed to 700 RPM glc 10" pitch. Making preparations to carry out Commands Fleet Operational Training Command (Small Craft Training Center) Pacific Fleet exercise "O", structural test firing

1051 came to General Quarters. Steaming at various courses and speeds to carry out the exercise.

1057 commenced Exercise "O"

1170 secured from Exercise "O"

1144 set course 050° T and pgc, speed 1000 RPM 30" pitch

1146 changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch

1159 West End Light abeam to starboard, distance 3 ½ miles

1201 changed speed to 1400 RPM 39" pitch

1212 changed course to 062° T and pgc

1306 standing into swept channel approaches to Los Angeles Harbor, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel

1407 cleared gate "George"

1437 anchored off Small Craft Training Center, San Pedro on the following anchorage bearings: Signal Tower 292° T, Water Tank 316° T, Long Beach Breakwater Light 086° T riding to 14 ½ fathoms of chain to starboard anchor

1502 underway from anchorage to carry out Commander Fleet Operations Training Command, Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) Exercise 4, RDF calibration

1510 commenced swinging ship in harbor

16-18 swinging ship for RDF calibration as before

1601 completed calibration, returning to anchorage

1619 anchored n 4 fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: Signal Tower 292° T, Water Tank 316° T, Long Beach Breakwater Light 086° T

January 10

0-4 anchored as before

0811 underway from anchorage

0820 moored starboard side to SW Pier, N.O.B, Terminal Island to take on fresh water

0847 PGM-1 came along side to debark passengers

0907 WAUGAMAN, Robert Allen, Jr. 615-66-23, RdM3/c V-6 USNR was delivered aboard under guard from N.O.B. Brig.

0950 underway from net pier standing out at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel.

1010 East Breakwater Light abeam to port

1012 cleared gate "George", standing out swept channel

1028 with buoy "H" abeam to port set speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch to make 13 knots course 245° t and pgc

1123 exercised crew at fire drill

1126 secured from fire drill, set Condition II-MIKE, Section 1. Carrying out Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) Exercise No. 7, Individual Ship Exercises

12-16 underway as before. Changed speed to 700 RPM, 20" pitch

1206 changed course to 090°T and pgc.

1323 exercised crew at General Quarters

1325 simulated damage and held damage control drill

1330 held sighting and tracking drill at General Quarters

1343 held abandon ship drill, provide and equip

1352 secured from abandon ship drill

1353 set Condition II, Starboard watch

1408 set Condition Two, Port watch

1431 exercised crew at Collision Quarters

1438 changed course to 060°T and pgc, speed 700 RPM's, 20" pitch

1441 secured from Collision drill

1447 held Fire and Rescue Drill

1451 secured from Fire and Rescue Drill, set Condition II-MIKE, Section Three

1506 held man overboard drill

1511 secured from man overboard drill and from all drills

1512 set course 170°T & pgc, speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1518 changed course to 060°T and pgc

1521 changed speed to 1400 RPM, 39" pitch

16-20 steaming as before

1607 Point Vicente on port beam

1621 Buoy Able on starboard beam

1628 West Breakwater light on port beam, commenced steering various courses and speeds to conform to channel

1654 entered gate to San Pedro Harbor

1709 anchored off US Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California, in 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms with 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of chain on starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Long Beach Breakwater light 086°T, Tower N.O.B. 292°T, Signal Tower SCTC 315°T

January 11

0-4 anchored as before in 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms of water with 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in anchorage number 15, off Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California.

0813 underway from anchorage, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel

0835 cleared net gate, standing out swept channel

0852 boy 1 abeam to port, distant 100 yards, set course 260°T and pgc, speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

0907 changed course to 245°T and pgc with West Breakwater Light bearing 032°T

0922 changed course to 297°T and pgc

0948 commenced Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) Exercise 1, measured mile

12-15 carrying out Exercise 1, measured mile, as before, in area of Point Vicente

1412 completed runs. Set course 124°T and pgc, speed 1400 RPM, 39" pitch

1424 with Point Fermin Light bearing 054°T, changed course to 089°T

1445 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1451 standing into Los Angeles Harbor, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the swept channel

1519 cleared gate "Gerorge"

1539 anchored in 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms of water with 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Signal Tower 292°T, Water Tank 316°T, Long Beach Breakwater Light 086°T

1610 Ensign Bland came aboard to repair radar gear

1720 underway to take on fuel on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor

1750 moored starboard side to USS SC-1365 at Union Oil Dock, Pier 78, San Pedro, California

1800 with U.S.S. SC-1365 underway shifted berth to alongside dock, Union Oil Dock, Pier 78, San Pedro, California

1820 commenced fueling ship

1905 completed fueling ship

1938 underway to anchorage using various courses and speeds to conform with channel and harbor, Captain at conn

20-24 steaming as before on various courses and speeds

2041 anchored in 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ fathoms of water with 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Signal Tower, Roosevelt Base, 292°T, Long Beach Breakwater Light 086°T

2105 Ensign Bland left the ship having completed radar repairs.

January 12

0810 underway from anchorage steaming outbound at various courses and speeds conforming to the movements of the channel
0824 cleared gate "George", standing out through swept channel
0915 laying to in vicinity of Buoy "Able"
0917 rendezvous with PGM-2, PGM-6, and PGM-7
0918 in tactical command, all ships following astern. This vessel second in column, base course 273°T
0940 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
0942 changed speed to 1400 RPM, 39" pitch
0950 changed speed to 1500 RPM, 39" pitch
1050 laying to making preparations to carry out Commander Fleet Operational Training Command Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) Exercises 10, 11, 12, 44, 51, 52, Battle Practices
1112 commenced scheduled exercises, came to General Quarters
12-16 underway as before. Executing Battle Practices
1640 speed 1200 RPM, 39" pitch
1659 set course 265°T and pgc, speed 800 RPM, 39" pitch
1759 sighted Santa Barbara Island Tower, bearing 272°T
1801 changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch, changed course to 230°T. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds awaiting darkness to complete exercises.
1945 [1845?] completed scheduled exercises, returning to port independently. Set course 065°T and pgc, speed 1400 RPM, 29" pitch
1940 [time mismatch here] changed speed to 1200 RPM's, 39" pitch
1941 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
20-24 underway as before
2037 sighted Point Vicente Light bearing 027°T
2110 Point Vicente Light abeam to port
2141 Buoy E abeam to port. Steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, standing in to Los Angeles Harbor
2221 cleared gate "George"
2237 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchor bearings: Signal Tower 292°T, Water Tank 316°T, Long Beach Breakwater Light 086°T

January 13

0-4 anchored as before in anchorage number 15, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California
0825 underway from anchorage to transit shed dock, US Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California
0857 moored starboard side to dock at transit shed
1605 WOOD, Bernard Southall 266 00 68 PhM 1c USN pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer Subchaser Training Center of 11 Jan 1944, 2 tr Pers Serial 222 was transferred to Small Craft Post, Subchaser Training Center, Terminal Island, California

January 14

0-4 moored as before

1022 underway from Transit Shed Dock, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel

1051 cleared gate "George" standing out swept channel

1133 with Buoy "A" abeam to port, distant 200 yards, set course 239°T, speed 950 RPM, 39" pitch

1235 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1237 changed speed to 1200 RPM, 39" pitch

1250 exercised crew at fire drill

1253 changed speed to 1100 RPM, 39" pitch, changed course to 230°T and pgc

1255 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1257 secured from fire drill

1302 changed speed to 975 RPM, 39" pitch

1309 exercised crew at collision quarters

1315 secured from collision drill

1323 changed course to 234°T and pgc

1330 steaming at various courses and speeds making all preparations for firing in accordance with Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) Exercise 51, Day Battle Practice

1344 commenced scheduled exercises, came to General Quarters

1400 on range, commenced firing

1403 ceased firing

1411 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1416 preparing for second run

1427 commenced firing

1428 ceased firing

1435 practice completed. Commenced formation steaming with PGM-8 (OTC), PGM-1, PGM-5, PGM-6, PGM-7. Set course 060°T and pgc, speed 700 RPM, 20" pitch

1452 changed course to 270°, speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1504 maneuvering at various courses and speeds

1617 ceased tactical maneuvers, changed speed to 725 RPM, 39" pitch

1755 maneuvering at various courses and speeds awaiting darkness to carry out Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) Exercise no. 52, Night Battle Practice

1827 base course 240°T and pgc, speed 1200 RPM, 39" pitch

1830 commenced scheduled exercises, came to General Quarters

1937 commenced firing

1941 ceased firing

2050 commenced firing on second run

2055 ceased firing

20-24 underway as before. Set course 060°T and pgc at 2058, speed 1200 RPM, 39" pitch

2139 changed course to 055°T and pgc

2148 changed course to 060°T and pgc

2158 Point Vicente Light bearing 035°T
2217 changed course to 065°T and pgc
2221 changed course to 070°T and pgc
2247 Point Vicente Light abeam to port
2300 standing in to Los Angeles Harbor, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to swept channel

January 15

0-4 steaming as before, entering Los Angeles Harbor, Captain at conn
0015 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in anchorage Berth number 15, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California
0755 underway to dock at Transit Shed, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California using various courses and speeds.
8-12 steaming as before various courses and speeds entering inner breakwater
0810 moored starboard side to dock at Training Pier, Small Craft Training Center, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California
0820 commenced loading the following ammunition: 20 rounds 3"/23 AA, SPDN-4330, case mark 2, Primer mark 10-9, Projectile mark 26-2, L & F, TNT/CT, Nose Fuse Mark 22-4, Aux. Dat. Mark 17-5, Tracer Mark 4-O(W), 45 rounds 3"/23 common, SPDN 2656, Case Mk. 2, Primer Mk. 10-9, Projectile MK. 3-7, L & F, TNT/BP, Base Fuse Mk. 8-5, 256 rounds 40MM AA, SPDN-4007, Lot Number U-56A, 1750 rounds .50 cal. Cartridges, Tracer M1, Grade AC lot SL-8791, 2800 rounds .50 caliber cartridges, AP, M2, Grade AC, Lot M-29428, and 5000 .50 cal. Links, metallic, M2
1011 completed loading ammunition and underway at various courses and speeds to conform with harbor
1102 moored port side to Berth 60, Section Base, San Pedro, California to take on supplies.
1712 underway for anchorage on various courses and speeds to conform with channel and harbor
1744 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in anchorage number 15, Los Angeles Harbor

January 16

0-4 anchored as before
0802 underway for Section Base, San Pedro, California, on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor traffic and channel, Captain at conn
0834 moored port side to USS PGM-2, Berth 60, Section Base, San Pedro, California.
0847 workmen came aboard to install RBO Radio Receiver
1835 workmen from RMO completed installation of RBO Radio Receiver and speakers.

January 17

0-4 moored as before
0820 with the USS PGM-2 standing out, shifted berth to alongside USS PGM-8, port side to Berth 60, Section Base, San Pedro, California

1012 underway to anchorage using various courses and speeds to conform with channel, Captain at the conn

1036 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in Berth 15 off U.S. Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California

1254 Lieutenant W. A. Conway and staff representing Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet (Small Craft Training Center) came aboard and began full material and personnel inspection of ship

1440 Lieutenant W. A. Conway and party left the ship

1456 Lieutenant (jg) Wilson and Ensign Bean came aboard to calibrate compass

1541 underway at various courses and speeds in order to swing ship to calibrate compass

1545 commenced swinging ship

16-20 steaming as before for compass calibration

1645 completed compass calibration

1655 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in anchorage Berth 15 off U.S. Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California

January 18

0-4 anchored as before

1115 a Deck Court, Lieutenant Crittenden, USNR, met to try the case of WAUGAMAN, Robert A. Jr. RdM3c 615 66 23 USNR Finding guilty by plea, the following punishment was awarded. To lose \$25.00 per month of his pay for a period of 2 months, total loss of pay \$50.00

1130 Captain's Mast was held in the case of JOHNSON, Donald Le Roy BM1c 328 62 14 USN offense sleeping during the working day, punishment awarded, 6 hours of extra duty and an official warning to be placed in his record

January 19

0-4 anchored as before

1540 underway to fuel using various courses and speeds to conform with harbor traffic, Captain at conn

1614 moored starboard side to Union Oil Company Dock, Pier 78, San Pedro, California

1622 commenced fueling

1714 completed fueling

1735 underway for anchorage using various courses and speeds to conform with harbor traffic, Captain at conn

1819 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in anchorage Berth 15 off U.S. Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California

January 20

Anchored as before

January 21

Anchored as before

1748 underway to shift anchorage

1810 anchored in 2 ½ fathoms of water with 12 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in anchorage Berth 203 off U.S. Operating Base, Terminal Island, California

January 22

0-4 anchored as before in 4 ¾ fathoms of water riding with 14 ½ fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in anchorage 15, San Pedro Harbor, California [does not match 1810 anchorage of previous day]

1530 underway to the Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro, California using various courses and speeds

1605 moored port side to USS PGM 6 at the Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro, California

1625 shifted berths alongside PGM-7 portside to

1745 underway at various courses and speeds returning to anchorage

1815 anchored in 4 ¾ fathoms of water with 14 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in anchorage 15 San Pedro Harbor, California

January 23

0-4 anchored as before in 2 ½ fathoms of water with 12 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in anchorage 203 N.O.B., Terminal Island, California [does not match last entry of previous day]

0741 underway from anchorage 203

0758 moored starboard side to Transit Shed Dock, Small Craft Training Center, San Pedro, California. Commenced taking on water.

0940 underway from Transit Shed Dock, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel. In accordance with orders Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet, standing out of Los Angeles Harbor bound for Pearl Harbor

1140 lay to in vicinity of Buoy "A" preparatory to forming up with ships in company.

1222 maneuvering on various courses and speeds to take assigned station

1350 took station 035° USS Armadillo at 1250 yards other ships in company were PGM 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and the USS Armadillo, set base course of 239°T, 875 RPM 39" pitch

1745 changed course to 261°T and P.G.C.

1755 changed speed to 850 RPM, 39" pitch

1801 changed speed to 875 RPM, 39" pitch

1902 changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch

2040 changed course to 250°T and pgc

2103 changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch

2145 speed of advance changed to 8 knots

January 24

0-4 steaming as before on course 260°T and P.G.C., speed 8 knots in company with USS PGMs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and USS Armadillo, in station 035° from USS Armadillo, distance 1250 yards, searching with radar

0300 changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch

January 25

0-4 steaming as before on course 260°T speed 900 RPM, 39" pitch in company with USS PGMs 1, 2, 4,5, 6, 7, 8 and the USS Armadillo in station 035° from the USS Armadillo distance 1250 yards

0900 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 20" pitch to make good 10 knots

1020 secured starboard engine. Set 1000 RPMs 39" pitch on port engine

1045 USS PGM-2 reported bad leak and was ordered by Senior Officer Present Afloat to return to port accompanied by USS PGM-4 as escort

1052 started starboard engine and set 700 RPM, 39" pitch on both engines to make good 10 knots

1630 changed speed to 10 knots

January 26

0-4 steaming as before on course 260°T and pgc at 900 RPM, 39" pitch to make 11.5 knots in company with USS Armadillo, USS PGMs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

0420 changed speed to 10 knots

0620 changed speed to 12 knots

0800 changed course to 240° T and pgc. Set clocks back one hour to conform with +8 zone time

0809 changed speed to 850 RPM 39" pitch

January 27

0-4 steaming as before on course 240°T and pgc, speed 12 knots in company with USS Armadillo and USS PGMs 1,5, 6,7 and 8.

1424 dropping astern of USS Armadillo at various courses and speeds to come alongside for fuel

1530 came alongside for fuel, port side of Armadillo

1540 commenced taking on fuel and water from Armadillo

1629 completed taking on fuel and fresh water

1630 cast off towing line and fuel and water lines and resumed assigned position using various courses and speeds

1700 in assigned station with speed of 900 RPM 39" pitch

1840 resumed speed to 12 knots

January 28

0-4 steaming as before on course 240° True speed 900 RPM 39" pitch

January 29

0-4 steaming on course 240° T & PGC at 12 knots in company with USS Armadillo, USS PGMs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

0530 changed course to 249° T and PGC, speed 900 RPM 39"pitch

0800 set clocks back one hour to conform with +9 zone time

January 30

0-4 steaming as before on course 240°T and PGC, speed 900 RPM 39" pitch in company with USS Armadillo and USS PGMs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

January 31

0-4 steaming as before on course 259° True, speed 900 RPM 39" pitch on station 035° from USS Armadillo distance 1250 yards, ships in company: USS Armadillo, PGMs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

0805 changed course to 259°T and PGC

0909 pulled out of station to hold small arms practice

0920 commenced firing small arms expending 1000 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition and 56 rounds .45 caliber ammunition

1130 completed practice and resumed station

1840 sighted the Island of Hawaii bearing 211°T

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0-4 steaming on course 259°T & PGC at 900 RPM, 39" pitch to make 12 knots, in company with USS Armadillo and USS PGMs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, this vessel on station 045 relative from Armadillo, distance 1,000 to 2,000 yards

1005 Marapau Point abeam to starboard

1031 steaming various courses and speeds to conform to channel entering Pearl Harbor

1158 passed through gate

12-16 steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to channel

1300 moored starboard side of PGM-1, Berth S-19 at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor

1600 changed clocks to conform with +9 ½ zone time

Officers Next of Kin – 10 March 1944 – same as before

February 2

0-4 moored as before, port side to USS PGM-1

1413 underway for Navy Yard on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of Harbor

1500 laying to waiting for berth to clear

1526 moored portside to USS PGM-8, Berth GD-2, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii

February 3

0-4 moored as before

February 4

0-4 moored as before

February 5

0-4 moored as before

1030 underway towed by Navy Tug YT 233 to Dry Dock Number 3 Navy Yard for repairs

1045 in dry dock secured by lines

February 6

0-4 in dry dock as before, for repairs and overhaul

February 7

0-4 in dry dock as before

1145 TARRANT, J. L. 829 21 82 StM1c V-6 USNR was transferred this date to US Naval Hospital #10 Aiea, Territory of Hawaii for treatment, authority Bu M and S Form "G"

1225 pursuant to order of Commander Pacific Fleet Service Squadron Two, Personnel Order No 2-111 of February 3, 1944, MITCHELL, Ocie 840 34 33 StM 2c V-6(SC) USNR reported aboard for duty with sack, baggage and records

February 8

0-4 in dry dock as before

1431 BUTLER, William S., Jr., 671 56 28, MoMMsc, V-6, USNR and WAUGAMAN, Robert Allen, Jr., 615 66 23, RdM 3c, V-6, USNR transferred this date to US Naval Hospital #10, Aiea, Territory of Hawaii for treatment. Authority: BU M and S Form "G"

1635 MITCHELL, Ocie, 840 34 33, StM 2c, V-6(SC), USNR transferred to US Naval Hospital #10, Aiea, Territory of Hawaii, for treatment. Authority: Bu M and S Form "G"

February 9

0-4 in dry dock as before

0740 started to flood dry dock

1230 underway from dry dock at various courses and speeds

1300 moored portside to PGM-8 Berth GD-2, US Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor

1330 PEAK, Kenneth Omer, Jr. 564 72 27 F1c V-6 USNR reported aboard for duty pursuant to Orders of Commander Service Squadron Two of February 9, 1944 (2-134)

1410 BRADLEY, Leroy 556-74-62 StM1c USN reported aboard for duty

1505 NORTON, William Oliver S2c 853 80 62 V-6 USNR – SV- reported aboard for duty pursuant to Orders of Commander Service Squadron Two of 9 February 1944 # 786

February 10

0-4 moored as before

0851 underway on various courses and speeds to Fuel Dock

0923 moored portside to Berth H-1, Fuel Dock, Pearl Harbor ,T.H.

0930 commenced fueling

1102 completed fueling

1253 underway on various courses and speeds shifting berth

1319 moored port side to USS PGM-1, Berth S-19, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii

February 11

0-4 moored as before

1645 WAUGAMAN, Robert Allen, Jr. RdM 3c 615-66-23 V-6 USNR and BUTLER, William S. Jr. MoMM 3c 671-56-28 V-6 USNR reported aboard for duty having been released by the US Naval Hospital #10 Aliea, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

February 12

0-4 moored as before

0835 NORTON, William Oliver, 853 80 62, S1c (RdM), (SV) USNR and JOY, Robert Warren, 563 42 42 F1c V-6 USNR transferred this date to US Naval Receiving Station, Number 128 for further assignment, Authority: excess of compliment

1109 underway on various courses and speeds in accordance with Commander Task Force 16 Operational Orders 40-44 in company with USS PGMs 1, 5, 7 and 8 as Task Unit 16.16.8, proceeding to Tutuila Island with stop-over at Palmyra for logistic support. Captain at the conn

1158 cleared gate of Pearl Harbor Submarine net

12-16 steaming as before on various courses and speeds to clear harbor

1212 set course of 186 True speed 10 knots

1305 changed course to 175° True

1354 commenced scheduled firing practice ship at General Quarters

1410 commenced firing on sleeve target

1432 ceased firing and secured from General Quarters

1450 changed course 174° True, speed 1000 RPM 39" pitch

1519 changed speed to 1050 RPM 39" pitch

1842 changed course to 188° True

2009 port engine stopped to effect repairs. Starboard ahead 1200 RPM 39" pitch

2045 port engine started

2050 all ahead 1100 RPM, 39 pitch

2305 changed course to 200° T

February 13

0-4 steaming as before, speed 14 knots, searching with radar en route to Palmyra in company with USS PGMs 1, 5, 7 and 8 as Task Unit 16.16.8

0903 exercised crew at General Quarters

0939 secured from General Quarters

1000 changed course to 190° T and PGC

1715 changed course to 193° True

2100 changed course to 185° T and changed speed to 13 knots

February 14

0-4 steaming as before in company PGMs 8, 1, 5 and 7 as Task Unit 16.16.8 en route to Palmyra
0900 exercised crew at General Quarters
0906 secured from drill
0921 changed course to 208°T and speed to 14 knots
0956 maneuvering on various courses and speeds to receive sea water pump by line from USS PGM-7
1010 passed line over
1015 received pump and cast off line. Underway to regain station
1030 resumed station in column
1810 changed course to 191°T
2110 changed course to 189°True

February 15

0-4 steaming on course 189°T and PGC at 14 knots, 1150 RPM 39" pitch, in company with PGMs 1,5,7,8 as Task Unit 16.16.8
0400 secured port engine to change injector. Set speed to 1250 RPM, 39" pitch on starboard engine.
0512 started port engine and resumed speed of 14 knots, 1150 RPM, 39" pitch
0830 changed course to 221°T
0923 land sighted dead ahead
0927 changed course to 230°True
0930 steering various courses and speeds following in wake of ship ahead entering harbor
1145 moored portside to the USS PGM-1 at Fuel Dock Palmyra
1418 completed fueling, shifted berths to alongside cargo vessel No 33 and commenced taking on fresh water
1453 completed taking on water and shifted berths to alongside PGM-8 starboard side to

February 16

0-4 moored as before
0809 underway to calibrate compass using various courses and speeds for harbor
0916 completed calibration and moored starboard side to USS PGM-5
1011 underway en route to Pago Pago, Samoa using various courses and speeds to clear harbor, ships in company USS PGMs 8, 1, 5, and 7
1025 form 18 base course set of 212°T speed 7 knots
1126 changed speed to 12 knots
1523 changed course to 200°T, 185°p.s&g c [?]
2158 changed course to 202°T, changed speed to 950 RPM, 44" pitch

February 17

0-4 steaming as before on course 202°T, speed 950 RPM, 39" pitch in company with USS PGMs 1, 5, 7 and 8 as Task Unit 16.16.8

0830 set clocks back 30 minutes to +10 zone time
0844 change course to 198°T & PGC, changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch
2014 exercised crew at General Quarters
2025 secured from General Quarters
2200 changed course to 203°T and speed to 950 RPM, 44 " pitch

February 18

Position at 1200 04° 08' S 166° 27' W

0-4 steaming as before
1540 exercised at general drills
1559 secured from all drills

February 19

0-4 steaming as before

February 20

0-4 steaming as before on course 203°T and PGC, speed 14.5 knots
0155 changed course to 194°T and PGC
0537 changed course to 189°True
0634 changed course to 180°T
0722 sighted land 010° relative
0818 changed course to 169°T and PGC
0941 changed course to 170° T & PGC
1030 changed course to 165°T & PGC
1102 changed course to 245°T & PGC
1124 changed course to 268°T & PGC
1125 commenced steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel standing in to Pago Pago Harbor
1155 lay to at Harbor Entrance awaiting pilot
12-16 laying to as before
1201 underway on various courses and speeds entering Pago Pago Harbor
1202 Coker, Cox, USN came aboard as pilot
1210 passed through Submarine Net gate
1230 moored port side to USS PGM-1, Repair Base Dock, Pago Pago Harbor, Tutuila, Samoa Islands, and set clocks back one hour to conform with plus 11 zone time
2030 commenced sweeping the harbor with searchlight to aid boats looking for a missing man from overturned boat.
2120 secured searchlight, man not recovered

February 21

0-4 moored as before portside to USS PGM-1 Pago Pago Harbor, Samoan Islands

February 22

0-4 moored as before

1100 Captain's mast held to try the cases of Bradley, Leroy, StM 1c, 556-74-62, USN and Wisswell, Richard J., QM 3c, 312 00 53, USN

1115 Captain's mast adjourned

1150 Paymaster came aboard to pay crew

1215 Paymaster left the ship

February 23

0-4 moored as before

0835 USS PGM-1 got underway

0837 USS PGM-8 got underway

0839 moored alongside Pier 3 Repair Base, Pago Pago Harbor

1436 underway shifting berths to fuel dock

1447 moored starboard side to PGM-1 at fuel dock

February 24

0-4 moored as before

0919 underway on various courses and speeds to shift berth, Captain at conn

0930 moored portside to USS PGM-5, Repair Dock, Pago Pago Harbor, Tutuila, Samoa Islands

1042 underway on various courses and speeds proceeding to Suva, Fiji Islands in company with USS PGMs 1, 5, 7 and 8 in accordance with Routing Instructions 648 issued by Port Director, Tutuila, Samoa Islands, Captain at conn

1058 passed through submarine net Gate at entrance to Pago Pago Harbor

1107 set course 200°T, speed 700 RPM, 20" pitch

1108 changed speed to 800 RPM, 20" pitch

1127 changed course to 155°T and PGC

1135 changed course to 160°T and PGC

1137 changed course to 162°T and PGC

1155 changed course to 160°T and PGC

1355 changed speed to 14 knots

1601 changed course to 247°True Speed 13 knots

1825 changed course to 251°T and PGC

1836 changed course to 250°T & PGC

1840 changed course to 248°T & PGC

2220 secured port engine for repairs. Set 1200 RPM, 39" pitch on starboard engine

2225 changed speed on starboard engine to 1300 RPM, 39" pitch

2245 port engine repaired, set speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch on both engines

2247 changed speed to 1100 RPM 39" pitch

2255 changed speed to 1200 RPM, 39" pitch
2305 changed to 1100 RPM, 39" pitch
2330 changed speed to 1000 RPM 39" pitch

February 25

Position at 1200 16° 55' S 174° 47' W

0-4 steaming as before on course 248° True speed 13 knots
0800 set clocks back 1 hour to conform with plus 12 zone time
0705 sighted Tefahi Rock bearing 001° T
0924 changed course to 253° T
1515 left formation to fire small arms steaming on a parallel course two miles on port side of formation
1608 completed firing small arms and resumed position in formation
2045 changed course to 265° True
2122 changed speed to 11 knots
2130 changed course to 267° True

February 26

0-4 steaming on course 267° T and 240° p. stg.c. at 11 knots, 800 RPM, 39" pitch, USS PGM-8 guide and followed by USS PGM1, 3, 5, and 7 in that order
0010 changed speed to 700 RPM 39" pitch
0020 changed speed to 750 RPM, 39" pitch
0037 changed speed to 775 RPM, 39" pitch
0406 changed course to 240° T
0507 changed course to 230° T
0533 changed speed to 16 knots
0558 secured starboard engine to change injector. Set speed 1200 RPM, 52" pitch
0635 starboard engine repaired and started. Set speed 1250 RPM, 52" pitch on both engines to regain station lost by repairs
0706 changed course to 247° T
0735 regained station in task unit. Changed speed to 16 knots
0844 changed course to 264° True
1153 crossed International Date Line 180th meridian causing loss of one day
12-16 steaming as before using zone Description -12 and date Sunday **27 February, 1944**
1430 changed speed to 800 RPM, 44" pitch to make 12 knots
1446 changed speed to 900 RPM 44" pitch
1452 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 44" pitch
1515 sighted Viti Levu Island bearing 304° T
1635 changed course to 305° T
1729 changed speed to 13 knots
18-20 steaming as before, Captain at conn

1836 steering various courses and speeds to enter Suva Harbor
1852 laying to waiting for pilot
1900 underway
1944 moored portside to PGM-1 King's Wharf Suva, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands

February 28 [over the International Date Line]

0-4 moored as before
1135 commenced fueling ship
1300 completed fueling
1712 underway from King's Wharf, Suva, Fiji Islands steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel, formation guide PGM-8 guide followed by PGMs 5, 3, and 7 in that order
1736 cleared net gate
1738 set course 190°T and p stg c, speed 13 knots at 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
1841 changed course 219°True

February 29

0-4 steaming as before
2115 changed course to 262°T

March 1, 1944

Position 23° 40' S 170° 24' E

0-4 steaming as before on course 262° True speed 13 knots ships in company USS PGMs 8, 5 and 7 leading ship PGM-8 followed by PGM 5, 3 and 7 in order
0800 set clocks back one hour to conform with minus (-) 11 zone time
1300 sighted unidentified ship
2034 changed course to 27°True

Officers Next of Kin, 7 April 1944 – same as before

[log continues]

March 2

0-4 steaming on course 270°T at 13 knots
0626 changed course to 270°T
0827 changed course to 351°True
1102 changed course to 048° True
1305 approaching Bulari Passage at various courses and speeds to line up channel range on Amedee Island
1310 Amedee Island Light abeam to port. Following in formation standing in to Noumea. Pilot on

board PGM-8

1516 moored to buoy in Fisherman's Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia

March 3

0-4 moored as before

1450 Water Barge came alongside. Commenced taking on water

1530 completed taking on water. Water Barge shoved off.

1544 underway shifting berth to Ship Repair Base on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of harbor. Captain at conn.

1622 moored starboard side to USS PGM-7, Floating docks, AD-40, Ship Repair Base, Ile Nou, Port of Noumea, New Caledonia

March 4

0-4 moored as before

March 5

0-4 moored as before

March 6

0-4 moored as before

1120 shifted berths by Navy Tug, moored portside to YMS 117 at repair dock

March 7

0-4 moored as before

March 8

0-4 moored as before

March 9

0-4 moored as before

March 10

0-4 moored as before

March 11

0-4 moored as before

1407 underway on various courses and speeds to calibrate compass. Captain at conn

1419 commenced swinging ship to calibrate compass

1546 completed compass calibration

1555 moored portside to USS PGM-7, AD-40 Repair Base, Ile Nou, Port of Noumea, New Caledonia
1600 with USS PGM-7 underway, shifted berths to alongside USS YMS-117, portside to, AD-40 Repair Base, Ile Nou, Port of Noumea, New Caledonia

March 12

0-4 moored as before
0937 got underway using various courses and speeds to refueling dock
1005 moored at fuel dock portside to PGM-8 and commenced fueling
1205 completed fueling & got underway using various courses and speeds to water barge
1255 moored alongside PGM 8 starboard side to at water barge
1415 underway from Noumea, New Caledonia in accordance with orders of Commander South Pacific Forces bound for Espiritu Santo and inward routing
1422 steaming various courses and speeds to clear harbor, ship in company USS PGM-8 unit guide PGM-3 second in column followed by PGM-5 and PGM-7 in order
1458 set course 120° True speed 900 RPM 39" pitch
1501 changed course to 167°True
1527 changed course to 182°True
1530 changed course to 170°True
1552 changed course to 124°True
1555 Tahu Light abeam to starboard
1556 changed course to 106°True
1600 Amedee Island Light abeam to starboard
1604 changed course to 118°True
1617 changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch
1639 changed course to 097°True
1720 changed course to 063°True
1747 changed course to 060°True
1758 Buoy 8 abeam to port. Commenced steering various courses to conform with movements of channel standing out of Hauaunah Passage
1910 set course 070°T & PGC
1920 changed course to 342°T, 338°pgc
1935 changed speed to 1100 RPM, 39" pitch
1950 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch to make 13 knots

March 13

0-4 steaming as before on course 340°True, speed 13 knots
0215 changed course to 025°True
0257 changed course to 035°True
0343 changed course to 000°True
0926 exercised crew at General Quarters
0945 left formation to practice dummy run on column

~~0957~~ 1804 changed speed to (620 RPM, 39" pitch

1008 port engine started smoking and was immediately secured. Changed speed on starboard engine to make good 13 knots

1013 secured from General Quarters

1341 changed speed to 11 knots

March 14

0-4 steaming on course 000°T, 358°PGC at 1075 RPM, 39" pitch on starboard engine with port engine secured in formation with PGM-8 as guide followed by this vessel, PGM-5, and PGM-7 in that order

0010 radar contact on land (Islands to south of Espiritu Santo) bearing 048°T distant 42 miles

0300 changed course to 070°T

0435 changed course to 060°T

0520 changed course to 055°T

0541 changed speed to 13 knots

0603 changed speed to 11 knots

0632 changed course to 070°T

0717 changed course to 343°T

8-12 steaming as before, Captain at conn

0846 steering various courses and speeds entering harbor Espiritu Santo

0950 moored starboard side to PGM-7 at Buoy 1, Espiritu Santo Harbor

1258 underway shifting berths

1312 moored portside to USS SC-1325 at Section Base, Pier One

1627 underway shifting berths

1627 moored portside to alongside PC-88 at Repair Ship USS Mindineo

1648 underway shifting berths alongside of USS Mindeneo ARG-3 starboard side to

1600 [out of sequence] commenced tearing down port main engine and removing hatch so that engine could be hoisted aboard repair ship

2140 US Navy Tug came alongside and shifted ship from starboard to portside to repair ship

2315 port engine hoisted aboard repair ship for repairs

March 15

0-4 moored as before, portside to USS Mindanao (ARG-3)

0922 USS Mindanao underway to shift moorings taking this ship in tow without unmooring

1100 USS Mindanao remoored

1130 shifted lines to USS SC-669 portside to alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Port of Espiritu Santo

March 16

0-4 moored as before

March 17

0-4 moored as before

March 18

0-4 moored as before

March 19

0-4 moored as before

March 20

0-4 moored as before

March 21

0-4 moored as before

March 22

0-4 moored as before

1100 Captain's Mast was held on BRADLEY, Le Roy StM 1c USN, offense, neglect of duty, punishment awarded, 9 hours extra duty

March 23

0-4 moored as before

0850 with USS SC-669 underway for dry dock, shifted berth to alongside USS Mindanao, port side to, Espiritu Santo

March 24

0-4 moored as before portside to USS SC-669 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, undergoing repairs [? SC-669 left for dry dock yesterday according to log, did it return without a note in log?]

March 25

0-4 moored as before port side to USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, undergoing repairs [OK, so now SC-669 is not there, maybe was not there on March 24 either, but made a mistake in log for that day]

0845 taken in tow by launch to make room for USS SC-669 to moor in board alongside USS Mindanao
0930 received on board 10,000 rounds .45 caliber ball ammunition and 6,000 rounds .30 caliber ball ammunition for target practice

0950 removed by two launches port side to USS SC-669 in nest alongside USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo
1305 Lt. (jg) J. O. Edwards and 12 men left ship for small arms range taking with them 1,000 rounds of

.45 caliber ammunition and 600 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition for target practice
1645 Lt. (jg) J. O. Edwards and party returned from small arms range

March 26

0-4 moored as before
1300 Captain and Ensign A. H. T. Banzhaf and party of nine enlisted left ship to go to rifle range for target practice
1700 Captain, Ensign Banzhaf and party returned to ship

March 27

0-4 moored as before

March 28

0-4 moored as before

March 29

0-4 moored as before

March 30

0-4 moored as before
1845 Navy Tug came alongside and moved ship to port quarter of USS Mindanao, starboard side to, the following damage was done to ship: Tug tore off beading on starboard quarter, number three 50 caliber machine gun was damaged, 50 caliber machine gun on bridge was damaged, Number three barkette was damaged [guess these guys has a bad run of luck! – J. La Favre]
2003 Navy Tug came alongside and shifted ship to alongside USS SC-669 portside to

March 31

0-4 moored as before

April 1, 1944

0-4 moored as before
1150 two motor launches from USS Mindanao came alongside and commenced shifting ship to port quarter of USS Mindanao
12-16 moored portside to USS Mindanao, bow light and life lines and stanchions damaged during mooring due to failure of proper handling of lines aboard USS Mindanao
1324 Number Three Barkette and gun hoisted aboard USS Mindanao for repairs
1345 shifting berths powered by two motor launches to alongside USS SC-1328 portside to

Officers Next of Kin April 1944 – same as before

April 2

0-4 moored as before

0850 with USS SC-1328 underway, shifted lines to USS AM-88 portside to, in nest alongside USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo

1305 Lt. (jg) J. O. Edwards and 7 men left the ship for firing range, Fleet Recreation Center, Aore Island, Espiritu Santo for small arms target practice

1600 Lt. (jg) J. O. Edwards and firing party returned from target practice

April 3

0-4 moored as before

April 4

0-4 moored as before

1005 shifting berth in tow of two motor launches from the USS Mindanao

1030 moored starboard side to USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo

1230 port engine hoisted back aboard and installed

April 5

0-4 moored as before

1100 Captain's Mast was held SKIRATKO, Metro Jr. GM 2/c USN on charge of shirking duty, finding was guilty, punishment 9 hours of additional duty

1300 crew mustered at quarters

April 6 [port engine goes down]

0-4 moored as before

1317 underway using various courses and speeds to conform with movements of the harbor, Captain at the conn

1326 cleared submarine net at harbor entrance

1338 set course 164°T and PGC

1347 changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch

1351 changed speed to 1000 RPM 39" pitch

1410 changed course to 090°T and PGC

1408 changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch

1422 changed speed to 1400 RPM 39" pitch

1431 changed course to 270°T and PGC

1435 attempted to change speed to 1620 RPM, 39" pitch in accordance with speed trial, but at 1500 RPM, 39" pitch crankshaft on port engine gave way wiping number 2 bank of bearings. Secured port engine and changed speed on starboard engine to 700 RPM, 39" pitch

1445 changed speed on starboard engine to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1451 changed course to 275°T and PGC

1517 changed course to 344°T and PGC

1549 changed course to 290°T and PGC

1550 passed Buoy Number 1 abeam to port

1556 passed through gate of submarine net at Harbor Entrance, steaming on various courses and speeds to moor

1612 moored port side to USS SC-1326 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides [junk that engine – it is a lemon! – J. La Favre]

April 7

0-4 moored as before

1715 shifted berths to alongside USS LCI 61 portside to

April 8

0-4 moored as before

1500 underway to shift berths, steaming with starboard engine on various courses and speeds to enable USS PC-549 to moor in board in nest

1640 moored portside to USS PC-549 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo

April 9

0-4 moored as before

April 10

0-4 moored as before

April 11

0-4 moored as before

8-12 underway using various courses and speeds through channel en route to Battle Practice Area, speed 800 RPM 39" pitch

0905 set course 035°True

0955 commenced anti-aircraft exercises at sleeve towed target using various courses and speeds during firing

1100 completed firing and set course 240°True returning to base speed 1000 RPM 39" pitch running on starboard engine.

1227 steaming on various courses and speeds entering channel

1417 anchored in Birth 1 Espiritu Santo in 26 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain on starboard anchor on the following bearings: Beacon A 71° 20', Beacon B 47° 35'

April 12

0-4 moored as before

April 13

0-4 moored as before

1225 water barge came alongside and commenced taking on water

1358 water barge underway

April 14

0-4 moored as before

April 15

0-4 moored as before

April 16

0-4 moored as before

1113 underway to shift berth to mooring buoy at various courses and speeds

1122 moored portside to USS PGM-6, buoy one, Berth One, Espiritu Santo

1325 underway on various courses and speeds to Section Base to take on water

1340 moored portside to USS YMS-260, Section Base Pier, Espiritu Santo

1350 commenced taking on water

1430 completed taking on water

1440 underway on various courses and speeds to moor in harbor

1510 moored to Buoy One, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

2225 USS PGM-4 moored to our starboard side

2305 USS PGM-2 moored alongside on port side

April 17

0-4 moored as before

1315 underway running on starboard engine shifting berths to nest alongside USS Mindanao

1332 moored portside to USS Skylark AM-63

April 18

0-4 moored as before

April 19

0-4 moored as before

April 20

0-4 moored as before

0810 underway in tow of Navy Tug shifting berth

0830 moored starboard side to port bow of USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo

April 21 [port engine hoisted out of ship for repair]

0-4 moored as before

0900 Port Main Engine hoisted aboard repair ship for repairs

1205 shifted berths by Navy Tug to alongside USS PGM-1, portside to

April 22

0-4 moored as before, port side to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, undergoing repairs

1641 in tow of Navy Tug 269 shifted berth to port bow of USS Mindanao

1700 moored starboard side to USS Mindanao

1805 in tow of Navy Tug 153 shifted berth to nest on starboard side of USS Mindanao

1828 moored port side to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

April 23

0-4 moored as before

1300 party of 8 men in charge of gunners mate sent to rifle range for target practice

1516 party returned from rifle range

April 24

0-4 moored as before

1400 Navy Tug 153 took this ship and USS PGM-1 in tow to enable USS PC-1127 to moor in nest

1418 moored as before, port side to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3)

April 25

0-4 moored as before

0945 Navy Tug came alongside and shifted ship to portside of USS Mindanao, starboard side to

1018 GREENLAW, Charles E. Jr. SM 3/c V-6 USNR 666-07-80 reported aboard with baggage, records and transfer papers for duty pursuant to Personnel Order No. 2-391 of April 19, 1944

April 26

0-4 moored as before

1032 Tug took ship in tow to shift berth

1045 moored port side to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

April 27

0-4 moored as before

1400 pursuant to orders of Commander Service Squadron 2, ZLABIS, Adolph J. SM 2/c USN 300-18-82 was transferred for duty with baggage & pay accounts, health record and papers to the USS Braireus

April 28

0-4 moored as before

April 29

0-4 moored as before

0839 underway to Pier7 Fuel Dock for fuel using various courses and speeds

0910 moored starboard side to Fuel Dock and commenced fueling

1022 completed fueling, underway to Target Repair Base to pick up Target using various course and speeds

1045 took target in tow and got underway for battle practice area

1140 passed through submarine net, steering various courses and speeds to conform to channel

1220 set course 135°True speed 800 RPM 39" pitch

1400 changed course to 315°True

1422 General Quarters, commenced gunnery exercises, antiaircraft fire at sleeve

1551 completed antiaircraft fire and commenced runs on surface target which was cast adrift

1559 ceased runs on surface target as sea too rough

16-20 maneuvering to pick up target

1700 tow secured, set course 315°True speed 700 RPM 39" pitch

1720 changed course to 344°True

1751 changed course to 335°True

1756 steering various courses and speeds to enter harbor

1803 passed through submarine net gate

1813 moored portside to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao

April 30

0-4 moored as before

1329 underway for gunnery exercises scheduled by REPCOMDESPAC, SANTO, using various courses and speeds to conform with movements of harbor

1350 cleared gate of submarine net at harbor entrance

1352 set course 110°T and PGC, speed 800 RPM, 39" pitch

1357 with White Rock abeam to port changed course to 162°T and PGC and changed speed to 900 RPM, 39" pitch

1415 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

1419 changed course to 135°T and PGC

1422 exercised the crew at Fire Drill

1427 secured from Fire Drill

1501 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch

1540 changed course to 315°T and PGC

1553 sighted target tow ship, USS YMS-95, bearing 350° relative

1603 sounded General Quarters

1605 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
1612 changed course to 135°T and PGC
1613 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch
1624 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
1630 commenced port run on towed target
1633 completed port run, having fired guns 1, 2, 4, and 6 without casualty, lying to
1641 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch
1642 changed course to 140°T and PGC
1648 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
1654 commenced second port run
1700 completed run, changed course to 130°T and PGC
1705 changed course to 315°T and PGC
1709 changed speed to 800 RPM, 39" pitch
1710 using various courses and speeds to maneuver for a starboard run
1852 commenced starboard run, fired guns 1, 3, 5 and 6 without casualty
1858 completed run, set course 315°T and PGC
1907 commenced another port run firing guns 1, 2, 4 and 6 without casualty
1910 secured from all gunnery exercises, set course 315°T and PGC returning to port, following in wake on tow ship
1938 changed course to 325°T and PGC
1950 changed course to 328°T and PGC
2045 using various courses and speeds entering channel. Captain at conn
2058 passed through gate of submarine net at harbor entrance
2110 moored port side USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

May 1, 1944 [mentions both engines stopped]

0-4 moored as before
1215 commenced loading the following ammunition aboard from tank lighter: 640 rounds 40mm AA HET, lot numbers UB-57, UB-56, and UB-6; 10,560 rounds .50 caliber AP M2, lot number SL-8742; 5,250 rounds .50 caliber AA tracer M1, lot number TW-18209; 16,000 metallic links for .50 caliber belting
1235 completed loading ammunition
1339 underway for gunnery exercises scheduled by REPCOMDESPAC, using various courses and speeds to conform with harbor and channel
1348 cleared gate of submarine net at harbor entrance
1427 cleared channel set course 135°T and PGC, speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
1502 changed speed to 800 RPM, 39" pitch
1532 changed course to 315°T and PGC
1554 stopped both engines to launch target [when did port engine get repaired?]
1558 underway on various courses and speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch, commencing target practice for .50 caliber machine guns and 40mm gun

1618 completed firing on surface target, no casualties
1620 contacted tow plane by radio and changed course to 320°T and PGC, changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch
1628 changed speed to 700 RPM 20" pitch
1647 tow plane made starboard run, ship's guns 3, 5, and 6 fired at target sleeve, no casualties
1649 plane made port run, fired guns 2, 4, and 6. No casualties
1653 changed speed to 800 RPM 39" pitch
1654 changed course to 135°T and PGC
1655 changed speed to 700 RPM 39" pitch
1700 plane made port run, fired guns 2, 4, and 6. No casualties
1703 plane made starboard run, fired guns 3, 5, and 6. No casualties
1706 plane made another port run, fired guns 2, 4, and 6 without casualty
1708 plane made another starboard run, fired guns 3, 5, and 6 without casualty
1710 secured from all gunnery exercises. Changed course to 320°T and PGC and changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch
1749 changed course to 335°T and PGC
1802 commenced using various courses and speeds entering channel and harbor
1816 moored as before port side to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao (ARG-3), Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

May 2

0-4 moored as before
0950 underway to fuel dock at various courses and speeds
1128 moored alongside USS PGM-1
1528 underway for full power runs to test engine using various courses and speeds to clear harbor
1601 cleared harbor entrance, water too rough so reversed course
1611 set course 340°True speed 1000 RPM 39" pitch
1618 changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch
1630 changed course to 164°True running up and down channel, changed speed to 1400 RPM 39" pitch
1645 changed speed to 1500 RPM 39" pitch, engines would not reach 1620 RPM, 1500 RPM top speed
1650 changed speed to 1200 RPM, steaming various courses to enter harbor
1704 using various speeds
1706 passed through submarine net
1717 moored portside to USS PGM-1 in nest alongside USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo

May 3

0-4 moored as before
0813 Lt. (jg) Newsowl and Lt. (jg) Goldberg came aboard to calibrate compass
0840 underway using various courses and speeds to calibrate compass
1155 completed compass calibration
1204 moored port side to USS PGM-1, in nest alongside USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

1237 Lt. (jg) Newsowl left ship

1335 Lt. (jg) Goldberg left ship

1530 underway on port engine on various courses and speeds to enable USS PC-623 to move into nest

1548 moored portside to USS PC-623 in nest alongside USS Mindanao, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides

May 4

0-4 moored as before

0715 USS PC-623 got underway, moored alongside PGM-1

1307 underway to fuel dock using various courses and speeds

1336 moored starboard side to and commence fueling

1428 completed fueling and underway using various courses and speeds in harbor testing engine

1558 moored portside to USS PGM-1

May 5

0-4 moored as before

May 6

0-4 moored as before

0810 underway from Espiritu Santo, steaming at various courses and speeds to clear harbor. In accordance with Commander Service Squadron South Pacific Force 02 22 22 _?_, this vessel proceeding to Guadalcanal as part of Task Unit 35.1.8 under the Unit Command of Commander Wait on board the troopship Mormachawk

0904 cleared channel entrance set course 100°T and PGC, at 1200 RPM 39" pitch to make 15 knots

0920 changed speed to 900 RPM 20" pitch. Waiting for convoy to form up

1000 all ships in formation of single column, this vessel last. Changed course to 180° [or 150°?], speed 8 knots

1056 Formation changed course to 225°T

1128 changed course to 270°T

1222 using various courses and speeds to take assigned position 33 in convoy formation

1250 assumed station in convoy and set course 270°T

1507 sighted Noumea branch of Task Unit 35.1.8 bearing 255°T

1615 changed position in convoy from 33 to 23

1620 changed course to 330°True

1713 commenced zig zag plan as directed by convoy Commodore

1800 came to routine General Quarters. Secured from General Quarters at 1837

May 7

0-4 steaming as before on course 330°True, speed 10 knots as part of Task Unit 35.1.8 under command of Commander Wait aboard the Troopship Normachawk proceeding to Guadalcanal, convoy zig zagging according to plan, speed of advance on Base course 9.4 knots

0510 came to routine General Quarters
0600 secured from General Quarters
1245 changed base course to 334°True
1731 came to routine General Quarters
1830 secured from General Quarters
2300 ceased zig zag and came to base course
2315 changed course to 308°True
2330 commenced zig zag again

May 8

0-4 steaming on course 308°T and PGC at 9.4 knots. This ship third in column 3. Following zig zag plan 12

0524 came to routine General Quarters
0620 secured from General Quarters
0801 changed course to 303°True
1030 sighted San Cristobal Island
1050 Santa Ana Island bearing 212°True with north tangent of San Cristobal bearing 271°True
1242 convoy changed speed to 8 knots
1330 sighted Ulawa Island bearing 323°T
1600 convoy changed speed to 9 knots
1640 convoy changed course to 280°T
1750 came to routine General Quarters
2030 convoy changed course to 309°T

May 9

0-4 steaming as before in convoy position 33 of Task Unit 35.1.8 on base course 309°T, speed 9 knots, using zig zag Plan Number 12

0208 resumed mean course 309°T and PGC
0215 convoy changed base course to 270°T
0216 convoy changed speed to 8 knots
0225 convoy changed speed to 7 knots
0240 convoy resumed zig zag Plan Number 12
0530 sighted 2 green lights on Normachawk directing that convoy form 180 relative on convoy Commodore
0750 assumed position as ordered last in column
0753 Marker Dog abeam to port
8-12 steaming as before. Proceeding to anchorage off Guadalcanal.
0950 anchored inshore of Berth 22 off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in five fathoms of water and with the following anchorage bearings: Beacon "E" 234°T, Beacon "D" 131°T
1035 started engines, heaved in to short stay

1044 heaved in anchor, underway for Purvis Bay. Set course 028°T at 700 RPM 39" pitch to make 10 knots
1046 changed speed to 1200 RPM 39" pitch
1146 changed speed to 10 knots (700 RPM 39" pitch)
1156 changed course to 080°T and PGC
1202 changed course to 090°T and PGC
1205 using various courses and speeds entering Govata Inlet off Carter City, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, Captain at conn
1305 moored port side to USS LCI-22 at Boat Landing, Carter City, Florida Island, Solomon Islands
1404 underway on various courses and speeds for Purvis Bay
1421 passed through submarine net gate at entrance to Purvis Bay
1440 lying to near USS Whitney attempting to establish visual communication with that vessel
1625 underway on various courses and speeds to moor
1636 moored starboard side to HMS Q-407 in nest alongside USS Whitney, Purvis Bay, Florida Island
1724 underway to remoor
1735 moored starboard side to USS PC-1130 in nest alongside USS AR-46 in Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands

May 10

0-4 moored as before
0813 underway to water hole using various courses and speeds
0847 moored portside to YMS 281 at water hole
1007 underway to Tulagi using various courses and speeds
1157 moored portside to PGM-6 in nest at small craft buoy, Tulagi Harbor

May 11

0-4 moored as before to buoy in nest with USS PGM-4 on portside and USS PGM-6 on starboard side, Tulagi, Solomon Islands
1010 underway on various courses and speeds to pick up stores
1053 moored port side to HMS Q 407, Sturgis Dock, Tulagi, Florida Island, Solomon Islands and commenced loading on stores
1123 underway on various courses and speeds en route to Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands
1338 passed through outer submarine net at entrance to Purvis Bay
1343 passed through inner submarine net gate
1420 moored port side to USS SC-723, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands

May 12

0-4 moored as before
1330 repair officers from USS Whitney came aboard to inspect for conversion work

May 13

0-4 moored as before, port side to USS SC-723 in nest alongside USS AR-46, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands

1104 underway for water hole at various courses and speeds

1117 moored port side to USS SC-730 at Water Dock, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands

1120 commenced taking on fresh water

1155 completed taking on fresh water

1308 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor and channel, proceeding to Tulagi

1335 cleared outer submarine net gate at Purvis Bay entrance

1336 set speed at 700 RPM 39" pitch

1337 set course 270°T and PGC

1357 changed course to 009°T and PGC

1358 changed course to 010°T and PGC

1400 changed course to 012°T and PGC

1405 using various courses and speeds entering Tulagi Harbor

1410 cleared inner submarine net gate at harbor entrance

1422 moored starboard side to USS PGM-4 in nest at buoy Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands

May 14

0-4 moored as before

1040 USS PGM-4 underway, secured lines to USS SC-1326 starboard side to

May 15

0-4 moored as before starboard side to USS SC-521 at buoy in Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands

0735 USS SC-521 got underway

0950 USS PGM-6 moored to the port side of this vessel

May 16

0-4 moored as before

0925 underway at various courses and speeds to water hole

0945 moored at water hole portside to USS SC-1047

1108 underway to Sturgis Dock, Tulagi

1136 moored portside to Sturgis Dock and picked up supplies

1139 underway to Small Craft Buoy

1148 moored to Small Craft Buoy, Tulagi Harbor

1337 underway put working party ashore at Pier 6

1348 underway to Lyons Point using various courses and speeds to clear harbor

1410 passed through net, set course 189°True

1606 [out of sequence?] changed course to 090°True, speed 10 knots

1423 passed through net to Purvis Harbor

1430 anchored off Lyons Point with 30 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in 23 fathoms of water

1541 underway using various courses and speeds to clear Purvis Harbor
1545 set course 270°True speed 10 knots
1604 changed course to 009°True running in on range to Tulagi Harbor
1613 passed through net
1651 moored starboard side to SC-1047 at Small Craft Tender USS Monadnock

May 17

0-4 moored as before
1347 with USS SC-1047 underway shifted lines to moor starboard side to USS PC-596 in nest alongside USS Monadnock, Tulagi Harbor
1623 USS PC-596 underway shifted lines to moor starboard side to USS PGM-2 in nest alongside USS Monadnock, Tulagi Harbor

May 18

0-4 moored as before portside to SC-641 and starboard side to USS PGM-2 in nest alongside USS Menadnock, Tulagi Harbor
0850 underway to Purvis Bay using various courses and speeds to clear harbor
0921 passed through net, set course 189°True, speed 15 knots
0933 changed course to 095°True
0938 change course to 120°True, speed 10 knots
0941 passed through net steering various courses and speeds through harbor
1009 moored starboard side to USS SC-1041 alongside USS Whitney, Port Purvis
1531 Underway to Tulagi using various courses and speeds
1552 passed through net
1555 set course 270°True, speed 15 knots
1618 changed course to 009°True running in on range, changed speed to 10 knots
1615 [out of sequence] passed through net
1627 moored portside to USS PGM-2 at Buoy, Tulagi Harbor

May 19

0-4 moored as before
0705 with USS PGM-2 underway shifted lines to moor port side to USS PGM-6 at small craft buoy, Tulagi Harbor
1307 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor
1317 moored port side to Sturgis Dock, Tulagi
1336 underway on various courses and speeds
1347 moored starboard side to USS YMS-197 alongside USS YOG-41
1406 underway using various courses and speeds to remoor
1413 moored port side to USS YOG-41, Tulagi Harbor to refuel
1418 commenced fueling ship
1515 completed fueling and got underway on various courses and speeds to conform with Harbor

1524 moored port side to Sturgis Dock, Tulagi
1527 underway on various courses and speeds proceeding to Water Hole, Tulagi Harbor
1559 moored port side to USS PC-1125 at Tulagi Harbor Water Hole

May 20

0-4 moored as before
0747 shifted berths portside to dock at Water Hole
0912 underway using various courses and speeds
0928 moored starboard side to USS SC-727 in nest alongside USS Minadnock, Tulagi Harbor

May 21

0-4 moored as before
0653 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor
0709 moored port side to USS PGM-4 at small craft buoy, Tulagi Harbor |
0830 underway on various courses and speeds proceeding to Purvis Bay
0844 cleared outer submarine net gate at Tulagi Harbor entrance
0918 passed through inner submarine net gate at entrance to Purvis Bay
0946 moored starboard side to USS SC-667 in nest alongside USS Whitney, Purvis Bay
1111 underway on various courses and speeds, proceeding back to Tulagi Harbor
1144 cleared outer submarine net gate at Purvis Bay entrance
1217 passed through inner submarine net gate at entrance to Tulagi Harbor
1233 moored starboard side to USS PGM-2, Motor Torpedo Boat Base, Tulagi
1257 underway on various courses and speeds proceeding back to Purvis Bay
1314 cleared outer submarine net gate at entrance to Tulagi Harbor
1346 passed through inner submarine net gate at entrance to Purvis Bay
1412 commenced entering Floating Drydock (AFD-13)
1414 all lines secured to Floating Drydock
1416 commenced pumping out Floating Drydock
1502 pumping completed, ship completely drydocked

May 22

0-4 in dry dock as before, undergoing repairs
8-12 painting and scrapping hull
1245 repairs completed and commenced flooding dry dock
1306 underway from dry dock to Water Hole, Purvis Bay
1320 moored portside to SC-721 at Water Hole
1557 underway at various courses and speeds to Tulagi
1621 passed through net, set course 305°T, speed 13 knots
1623 changed course to 270°True
1639 changed course to 009°True running in on range
1643 passed through net using various courses and speeds

1653 moored portside to Sturgis Dock
1727 underway to Small Craft Buoy
1738 moored portside to SC-1274, Tulagi Harbor

May 23

0-4 moored as before
0650 underway to PT Base using various courses and speeds
0707 moored starboard side to at PT Base Pier & commenced loading equipment, three passengers came aboard for Rendova Lt. Com. Brackett, Lt. Wient and Lt. Jg Stolker
0825 underway to Small Craft Buoy
0823 [out of order?] moored at Buoy
0937 underway from Tulagi bound Rendova vis Russell Islands, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel
0953 Beacon "A" abeam to port, set course 255°T & PGC at 1000 RPM 52" pitch to make 16 knots
1034 secured flux gate compass. Set course 262°T 255°pstgc
1101 steering various courses to clear convoy forming up
1120 changed course to 271°T, 265°pstgc, passing between Saur Island and Guadalcanal
1256 changed course to 288°T and PGC
1309 changed speed to 1000 RPM 39" pitch
1312 changed course to 322°T and PGC and changed speed to 700 RPM 39" pitch
1332 changed course to 330°T and PGC
1333 changed course to 332°T and PGC
1337 changed course to 339°T and PGC
1338 with Beacon "C" abeam to port, distance 2 miles, changed course to 342°T and PGC
1340 underway on various courses and speeds entering port Renard Sound, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands
1410 lying to awaiting berthing instructions
1420 underway as before
1447 moored starboard side to USS LCI-327, Renard Sound, Russell Islands

May 24

0-4 moored as before
0701 underway to Rendova, New Georgia Island using various courses and speeds to clear harbor, speed 13 knots
0740 set course 213°True, speed 1000 RPM, 52" pitch
0805 changed course to 285°T, 280°pstgc
1329 changed course to 310°True
1359 changed course to 315°True
1402 changed course to 318°True
1420 tangent of Cape Neplan[?] Montgomery Island bearing 270° relative
1508 changed course to 322°True

1510 tangent of Point Pleasant, Rendova Island bearing 270° relative
1605 changed course to 315°T & PGC
1608 changed course to 310°T & PGC
1610 swinging ___?___ around Northeast coast of Rendova Island
1626 commenced standing in Renard Entrance at various courses and speeds conforming to the channel
1651 anchored in 19 fathoms of water with 27 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, Beacon "2" 095°T, Beacon "1" 099°T, Beacon "5" 110°T, and Beacon "7" 197°T, in Rendova Harbor

May 25

0-4 anchored as before
0644 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor
0656 moored starboard side to Torpedo Dock, Motor Torpedo Boat Base 11, Rendova Harbor
1019 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor
1042 moored starboard side to Water Raft, Rendova Harbor
1046 commenced taking on fresh water
1140 completed taking on water
1147 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor
1154 anchored in 16 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Signal Tower bearing 280°T, Beacon 2 bearing 327°T, and Beacon 1 bearing 353°T

May 26

0-4 anchored as before
0644 underway shifting to Torpedo Dock, PT Base
0656 moored starboard side to dock and commenced unloading equipment
1019 underway shifting to water hole at various courses and speeds
1042 moored starboard side to water hole
1147 completed taking on water, underway shifting back to anchorage
1154 anchored off PT Base in 16 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, Rendova Harbor
1318 underway on various courses and speeds to clear harbor bound for AA Firing Area
1338 set course 245°T speed 15 knots
1355 changed course to 221°True
1445 changed speed to 10 knots changed course to 270°True
1527 commenced firing exercises on towed sleeve
1600 changed course to 090°True
1631 completed all firing practice, set course 045°True returning to Base, speed 15 knots
1638 changed speed to 1400 RPM, 39" pitch
1655 changed course to 055°True
1719 changed course to 075°True

1738 changed course to 136°True and speed to 13 knots
1740 commenced using various courses and speeds entering Rendova Harbor
1743 anchored off PT Base, Rendova Harbor in 16 fathoms of water with 35 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on following bearings: Beacon 3 089°, Beacon 1 093°, Beacon 7 197°

May 27

0-4 anchored as before
1316 underway for scheduled anti-aircraft firing exercises using various courses and speeds to conform with channel
1232 set course 245°T & PGC, speed 1200 RPM, 39" pitch
1458 with tow plane in the area sounded General Quarters
1500 changed course to 270°T and PGC
1510 commenced scheduled firing exercises
1541 secured port engine and set 950 RPM 39" pitch on starboard engine
1554 changed course to 090°T and PGC
1615 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch on both engines
1633 secured from General Quarters and all firing exercises
1635 changed course to 047°T and PGC and changed speed to 1000 RPM, 52" pitch
1710 using various courses and speeds entering harbor
1814 moored starboard side to USS PGM-6 in Rendova Harbor, Solomon Islands

May 28

0-4 moored as before
1027 underway to water hole at various courses and speeds
1039 moored starboard side to
1134 underway to anchorage
1145 moored starboard side to USS PGM-6 at anchorage
1319 underway for AA Firing practice at various courses and speeds to clear Harbor, speed 6 knots
1337 set course of 245°True, speed 13 knots
1356 changed course to 221°True
1506 arrived in Firing area and set course 270°True, speed 10 knots
1510 commenced firing exercises
1601 changed course to 090°True
1612 completed all exercises and set course 055°True, speed 15 knots
1709 changed course to 080°True
1713 changed course to 090°True
1724 commenced using various courses and speeds to enter Harbor
1734 anchored off PT Base, Rendova Harbor in 16 fathoms of water.....

May 29

0-4 at anchor as before

1615 received on board 496 rounds 40mm AP ammunition

May 30

0-4 anchored as before with USS PGM-6

1808 underway using various courses and speeds to clear harbor for barge hunting exercises

1820 set course 086°True, speed 10 knots

1825 changed speed to 15 knots

1837 changed course to 140°True

1846 changed course to 170°True

1858 changed course to 180°True

1922 using various courses and speeds searching for barge

1940 contacted barge and commenced exercises

2122 completed exercises and returning to Base set course 305°True, speed 15 knots

2130 changed course to 220°True

2144 using various courses and speeds entering harbor

2209 moored portside to USS PGM-6, Rendova Harbor

May 31

0-4 moored as before

June 1, 1944

0-4 moored as before

1045 underway at various courses and speeds to water hole

1100 moored starboard side to water dock

1138 underway at various courses and speeds to clear harbor bound for Blanche Island for scheduled firing practice

1200 set course 090°True, speed 13 knots

1224 changed course to 140°True

1249 changed course to 190°True

1313 off Blanche Island, commenced scheduled exercises steering various courses and speeds

1406 completed all firing, set course 014°True, speed 15 knots

1430 changed course to 356°True

1444 changed course to 330°True

1503 changed course to 270°True

1507 steering various courses and speeds entering harbor

1519 moored portside to USS PGM-6 in Rendova Harbor

June 2

0-4 moored as before

1046 underway on various courses and speeds to re Moor port side to USS PGM-4, Rendova Harbor, to take on ammunition

1054 moored ports side to USS PGM-4

1100 commenced loading the following ammunition received by transfer from USS PGM-4: 84 rounds 3"/23 illuminating projectile ammunition, 136 rounds 3"/23 high capacity ammunition, 25 rounds 3"/23 AA ammunition, 56 rounds 60mm HE mortar shells, 68 rounds 60mm illuminating mortar shells, 7,650 rounds .50 caliber AP, 4,600 rounds .50 caliber tracer, 3,800 metallic links for .50 caliber ammunition, and 464 rounds 40mm AA, HET ammunition

1246 completed loading ammunition

1300 with USS PGM-4 underway, shifted lines and moored port side to USS PGM-2

1500 dropped starboard anchor with 27 fathoms of chain in 16 fathoms of water preparatory to USS PGM-2 getting underway

June 3

0-4 anchored as before

June 4

0-4 at anchor as before...MTB Base 11 anchorage, Rendova Harbor

1435 underway on various courses and speeds to take on water

1455 moored starboard side to Water Raft, Rendova Harbor

1500 commenced taking on water

1530 completed taking on water

1535 underway on various courses and speeds to hold scheduled firing exercises on Blanche Island

1550 cleared harbor and set course 100°T, speed 1000 RPM, 52" pitch

1603 changed course to 110°T and PGC

1606 changed course to 120°T and PGC

1608 changed course to 130°T and PGC

1610 changed course to 140°T and PGC

1615 changed course to 150°T and PGC

1617 changed course to 160°T and PGC

1622 changed course to 170°T and PGC

1625 changed course to 180°T and PGC

1629 changed course to 185°T and PGC

1645 changed course to 198°T and PGC

1650 changed course to 200°T and PGC

1655 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch

1710 on various courses and speeds encircling the island preparatory to firing

1730 sounded General Quarters

1735 commenced making runs on Blanche Island in accordance with daylight gunnery exercises

1844 completed day light firing exercises, Lying to awaiting darkness.

1907 commenced night firing run on same island
1915 completed all firing exercises. Set course 012°T and PGC, speed 1400 RPM 39" pitch to rendezvous with tank lighter for practice barge runs
1929 sighted barge and commenced series of dummy runs on various courses and speeds in accordance with scheduled exercises
2050 completed barge hunting exercises and set course 285°T and PGC, speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch
2051 changed course to 270°T and PGC and changed speed to 700 RPM, 39"pitch
2059 on various courses and speeds entering harbor
2114 moored port side to USS PGM-6, Rendova Harbor

June 5

0-4 moored as before
0907 underway at various courses and speeds to clear harbor bound for speed range in Blanche channel
0935 commenced running range on courses 274°True and 094°True, speed 1200 RPM, 39" pitch
0951 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 52"pitch
1012 changed speed to 1620 RPM, 39" pitch
1031 completed runs and returning to base at various courses and speeds
1046 moored portside to USS PGM-6, Rendova Harbor

June 6

0-4 moored as before
1410 with USS PGM-6 underway, dropped starboard anchor in 16 fathoms of water with 27 fathoms of chain
1625 underway on various courses and speeds to take on water
1640 moored starboard side to Water Raft, Rendova Harbor
1643 commenced taking on water
1754 completed watering ship
1803 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor to hold scheduled firing and barge search exercises
1824 set course 110°T and PGC, speed 1200 RPM, 39"pitch
1840 changed course to 150°T and PGC
1842 changed course to 160°T and PGC
1850 changed course to 170°T and PGC
1856 changed course to 180°T and PGC
1908 on station for firing, set General Quarters, using various courses and speeds to make practice run
1931 commenced runs, firing 3 rounds illuminating 3"/23 star shells and .50 caliber machine guns for test firing
1940 secured from all firing exercises using various courses and speeds to make dummy runs on LCM barge
2108 completed runs in simulated barge search exercises, set course 285°T and PGC, speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

2116 changed course to 270°T and PGC
2121 using various courses and speeds entering harbor
2134 anchored off MTB Base 11, Rendova Harbor

June 7

0-4 at anchor as before
0607 underway at various courses and speeds to clear harbor bound for Treasury Island
0625 set course 357°PSC, speed 13 knots
0627 changed course to 257°True
0715 change course to 285°True
0936 changed course to 290°T and PGC
0949 changed course to 295°T and PGC
1000 changed course to 310°T and PGC
1530 changed course to 300°True
1547 changed course to 000°True
1550 changed course to 030° True
1551 changed course to 055°True
1555 entering Blanche Harbor, Treasury Island, steering various courses and speeds
1556 passed through net
1627 moored starboard side to USS PGM-6 at steam dock, PT Base, Treasury Island
1747 shifted berths to alongside PT 359 and 360 at Engineering Dock and commenced unloading gear transported from Rendova

June 8

0-4 moored as before, starboard side to PT 359 and PT 360, Engineering Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island, Solomon Islands
1010 underway on various courses and speeds to shift berth
1014 moored starboard side to USS PGM-6, Steam Dock
1400 with inboard PGMs underway, shifted berth to alongside Steam Dock, starboard side to

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0-4 moored as before
0836 shifted to Fuel Dock and commenced refueling
1011 completed refueling and shifted berths to alongside USS PGM-6 at Steam Dock
1431 underway on various courses and speeds to clear harbor in company with USS PGM-6 bound for patrol area
1455 set course 070°True speed 15 knots
1659 sighted floating mine, 15 miles bearing 180°True from Toma Point, Fauro Island. Using various courses and speeds to destroy mine by gunfire, expending 13 rounds 40mm HET ammunition and 300 rounds of small arms
1745 gunfire of USS PGM-6 sunk mine. Set course 035°T, speed 15 knots

1814 came to routine General Quarters
1820 set condition I, Easy
1906 changed course to 022°T
1910 changed course to 025°T
1937 changed course to 350°T
2017 changed course to 330°T
2028 changed course to 350°T
2100 changed course to 335°T
2140 changed course to 270°T
2231 arrived in area Oboe [area "O"] and started patrol on various courses and speeds patrolling approximately 1000 yards from the beach
2344 came to General Quarters, suspected enemy aircraft in area
2400 secured from General Quarters

June 10

0-4 steaming as before on various courses and speeds patrolling coast of Southeast Bougainville [Island] from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Otua Island
0350 set General Quarters preparatory to shelling the river mouth of the Pirias River
0400 commenced shelling beach
0425 ceased fire, results unobserved
0445 set course 100°T, speed 15 knots leaving area Oboe
0740 changed course to 215°T
0832 changed course to 240°T and PGC
1050 using various courses and speeds entering Blanche Harbor
1059 passed through submarine net Gate
1121 moored starboard side to USS PGM-6, Steam Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island, Solomon Islands
1433 underway on various courses and speeds for fuel dock
1441 moored starboard side to Fuel Dock, Blanche Harbor, Stirling Island
1447 commenced taking on fuel
1627 completed fueling
1636 underway for PT Base on various courses and speeds
1644 moored starboard side to USS PGM-6, Steam Dock, MTB Base 9

June 11

0-4 moored as before
1115 Captain's Mast was held for Milkosky, Mike N., 647-41-15, MoMM1c, V-6, USNR. Offense: shirking duty. Punishment awarded: restricted to ship for a period of one week; given warning that his rate as MoMM1c is contingent upon his performance of duty for a period of two months.
1451 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor. Captain at conn.
1510 cleared gate of submarine net and set course 070°T and PGC, speed 1000 RPM, 52" pitch
1710 changed course to 035°T

1803 changed speed to 10 knots
1807 set Condition 2 starboard watch
1815 changed speed to 12 knots
1836 General Quarters
1838 set Condition One Easy
1919 changed course to 342°T
2055 changed course to 270°T and 274°PSC
2110 changed course to 285°T
2230 arrived on station. Commenced using various courses and speeds to patrol Southeast Coast of Bougainville Island from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Otua Island. Captain at conn.
2250 supporting PBY dropped flare over west end of Rantan Island
2304 PBY dropped flare over beach of Torau Bay
2320 PBY dropped a second flare over beach of Torau Bay. No enemy activity was exposed by any of the illumination.

June 12

0-4 steaming as before in company with USS LCI 61 patrolling area Oboe off eastern shore of Bougainville [Island] operating with PBY. USS LCI acting as section leader. Steering various courses and speeds about 1000 yards off shore with PBY illuminating shore with flares
0435 completed patrol and set course 105°T, speed 12 knots
0610 changed course to 180°T
0645 changed course to 210°T
0710 maneuvering on various courses and speeds to standby while USS LCI-61 approached to shell Piedu Island
0747 changed course to 120°T, speed 800 RPM, 39" pitch. LCI-61 was prevented from approaching Piedu Island for shelling by heavy, impassable drift
0820 changed course to 206°T
0840 changed course to 300°T
0908 changed course to 040°T, commenced taking soundings, speed 10 knots
1047 changed course to 127°T
1358 changed course to 270°T
1509 sighted floating mine bearing 070° relative. Proceeding on various courses and speeds to destroy mine by gunfire
1623 sank mine, location 39 miles north tangent of Choiseul Island on bearing 002°T
1645 changed course to 352°T, speed 10 knots
1729 changed speed to 15 knots
1732 changed course to 340°T
1742 sighted floating mine location 21 miles from north tangent Choiseul Island on bearing 350°T
1748 sank mine with machine gun fire
1750 set course 340°T, speed 16 knots
1942 changed course to 355°T

1958 changed course to 300°T

2005 changed course to 270°T

2100 arrived on station after rendezvousing with USS PGM-5 as Section Leader, with Otua Island bearing 353°T, distance 4 ¼ miles. Commenced patrolling southeast coast of Bougainville Island from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Otua Island. Captain at conn

2211 supporting aircraft illuminated Rantan Island with negative results

June 13

0-4 steaming as before in company with USS PGM-5 patrolling area Oboe on south eastern coast of Bougainville on various courses and speeds patrolling approximately 1000 yards from shore. PPY [PBY?] illuminating coast with flares.

0440 commenced shelling Luluai Point with 12 rounds 60mm HE mortar shells

0448 completed shelling

0500 completed patrol, set course 100°T, speed 700 RPM, 39" pitch

0510 changed speed to 1200 RPM, 39" pitch

0608 changed course to 160°T

0630 changed course to 180°T

0653 changed course to 170°T

0655 changed course to 160°T

0707 changed course to 140°T

0708 changed course to 180°T

0721 changed course to 206°T

0735 sighted bottom, stopped both engines. Fathometer showed 23 feet of water, position 5 miles bearing 090°T from East Cape, Fauro Island

0747 underway on various courses and speeds to clear shallow water

0752 changed course to 180°T and speed to 1000 RPM, 39"pitch

0755 changed course to 215°T

8-12 steaming as before returning to base

0801 changed speed to 15 knots

0855 changed course to 235°T

0907 changed course to 240°T

1053 changed speed to 10 knots

1101 passed submarine net entering Blanche Harbor, Treasury Island[s], steering various courses and speeds through harbor

1122 moored portside to USS PGM-6 starboard side to at Steam Dock, PT Base, Treasury Island[s]

June 14

0-4 moored as before, starboard side to USS PGM-6, Steam Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island, Solomon Islands

1351 underway to take on fuel on various courses and speeds to conform with Blanche Harbor

1416 moored starboard side to USS YOG-42

1420 commenced taking on fuel
1518 completed fueling
1532 underway on various courses and speeds
1605 moored starboard side to Stem Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island

June 15

0-4 moored as before
1351 underway at various courses and speeds to refuel
1416 moored starboard side to YOG 42 and commenced refueling
1532 completed fueling and underway on various courses and speeds to clear harbor
1558 set course 070°T, speed 15 knots
1700 joined formation with USS PGM-8, section leader
1705 changed course to 035°T
1748 changed course to 020°T
1815 changed course to 000°T
1905 changed course to 350°T
1945 exercised crew at routine General Quarters
1950 set Condition I Easy
1959 changed course to 290°T
2035 changed course to 285°T
2057 arrived on station and commenced anti barge patrol of Area Oboe keeping about 1000 yards off shore
2105 sighted white light on Bougainville coast 3 miles south of Outa [or Oata?] Island

June 16

0-4 steaming as before in company with USS PGM-8 as section leader, on various courses and speeds, patrolling southeast coast of Bougainville Island from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Otua Island. Captain at conn.
0344 on bearing 210°T 2 ½ miles from Otua Island, felt the striking of underwater object, but no object was sighted
0420 General Quarters
0425 commenced shelling designated target on beach
0440 completed firing, set course 090°T, speed 13 knots
0504 changed course to 110°T
0548 changed course to 160°T
0641 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch and course to 180°T
0718 changed course to 035°T and commenced mine patrol of Bougainville Straits, speed 10 knots
0809 changed course to 135°T
0820 changed course to 155°T
0837 with northern tip of Choiseul Island bearing 007°T and East Cape bearing 248°T commenced recording fathometer readings

0845 fathometer went out of order
1136 changed course to 270°T
1316 changed course to 020°T
1431 changed course to 250°T
1508 changed course to 270°T
1518 changed course to 180°T
1624 changed course to 015°T
1640 changed speed to 15 knots
1738 sounded General Quarters
1751 underway on various courses and speeds to shell islands
1757 commenced firing on what appeared to be a signal tower on Piedu Island using 3"/23 and 40mm guns
1815 completed firing on Piedu Island
1819 opening fire on Cyprian Bridge [Island?] with 3"/23 and 40mm guns
1820 completed all firing
1832 set course 040°T
1839 set speed 700 RPM, 39" pitch
1847 changed course to 000°T
1857 changed course to 340°T
2022 changed course to 270°T
2038 changed speed to 10 knots
2050 Rendezvous with PGM-6, changed speed to 14 knots
2052 arrived on station in area Oboe and commenced patrol on various courses and speeds between Rantan Island and Luluai Point

June 17

0-4 steaming as before, patrolling southeast coast of Bougainville Island from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Luluai Point on various courses and speeds. Captain at conn
0340 set General Quarters
0350 commenced shelling Luluai Point with 40mm and .50 caliber guns
0406 completed shelling and continued patrol
0515 set course 094°T, speed 6 knots leaving area
0525 increased speed to 15 knots
0612 changed course to 125°T
0630 changed course to 160°T
0650 changed course to 180°T
0753 changed course to 215°True
0913 changed course to 241°T
1112 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39"pitch
1115 passed through submarine net gate at entrance to Blanche Harbor, using various courses and

speeds to conform with harbor

1136 moored starboard side to USS PGM-8 at Steam Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island

June 18

0-4 moored as before

June 19

0-4 moored as before

1046 underway to ammunition barge

1118 moored starboard side to barge and commenced taking on ammunition

1345 completed taking on ammunition and shifting to fuel dock using various courses and speeds

1354 moored starboard side to YOG 2 and commenced fueling

1435 underway at various courses and speeds returning to PT Base

1450 moored to buoy #2 off PT base, Blanche Harbor, Treasury Island[s]

June 20

0-4 moored as before

1112 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor

1124 moored starboard side to USS PGM-7 at Steam Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island (Treasury)

1315 underway on various courses and speeds to remoor

1328 moored starboard side to USS PGM-8 at buoy in Blanche Harbor off MTB Base 9

1420 Ensign S. A. Mate and Ensign J. W. Wolf came aboard as passengers for patrol

1440 underway for patrol on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor

1500 cleared submarine net gate and set course 070°T

1504 set speed 1000 RPM, 39"pitch

1710 changed course to 035°T

1832 changed speed to 10 knots

1841 changed speed to 15 knots

1847 changed course to 010°T

1851 changed course to 340°T

2020 changed course to 280°T

2047 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39"pitch. Rendezvous with USS PGM-1 which formed 180° relative from this ship

2110 arrived on station 4 ¾ miles south of Otua Island and commenced patrolling southeast coast of Bougainville Island from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Otua Island using various courses and speeds

2330 with our position 155°T, 7 ½ miles from Rantan Island sighted powerful searchlight on bearing 189°T which appeared to be on or near Fauro Island

June 21

0-4 steaming as before on various courses and speeds patrolling Area Oboe in company with USS PGM-5 [yes, 5, but looks like a 1 was written down first then changed to a 5] between Luluai Point and Rantan Island approximately 1000 yards from shore.

0450 set General Quarters

0454 commenced shelling the Lake Labala area with all guns

0504 completed shelling with unobserved results

0533 completed patrol and set course 110°T. Secured from General Quarters

0535 set speed at 15 knots

0546 changed course to 090°T

0630 changed course to 120°T

0641 changed course 135°T

0646 changed course to 160°T

0736 changed course to 180°T

0800 changed speed to 10 knots

8-12 steaming as before patrolling Bougainville Straits for mines, speed 10 knots on course 180°T

1111 changed course to 090°T

1114 changed course to 030°T

1314 changed course to 280°T

1326 changed course to 180°T

1341 changed course to 320°T

1418 changed course to 210°T

1600 changed course to 040°T

1635 changed speed to 7 knots

1745 changed course to 035°T

1815 changed course to 010°T

1847 changed course to 350°T, speed 15 knots

1850 changed course to 340°T, speed 10 knots

1930 changed speed to 15 knots

1945 routine General Quarters

1950 changed course to 350°T

1958 secured from General Quarters and set Condition One Easy starboard watch

2020 changed course to 330°T

2022 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39"pitch

2030 stopped both engines to rendezvous with USS PGM-5

2035 set speed 700 RPM, 39"pitch

2037 in formation with USS PGM-5 as section leader, changed speed to 1200 RPM, 39"pitch

2040 changed course to 340°T

2047 changed course to 283°T

2102 changed speed to 1250 RPM, 39"pitch

2105 changed course to 274°T

2114 changed speed to 1300 RPM, 39"pitch

2119 changed speed to 1200 RPM, 39"pitch

2137 changed course to 265°T and changed speed to 1100 RPM, 39"pitch

2142 arrived on station 1 ½ miles south of Otua Island and commenced using various courses and speeds patrolling southeast coast of Bougainville Island from 2 miles north of Rantan Island to Otua Island

June 22

0-4 steaming as before on various courses and speeds patrolling Area Oboe in company with USS PGM-5.

0500 completed patrol and set course 100°T and speed 800 RPM, 39"pitch

0520 changed course to 080°T

0524 changed course to 090°T

0535 changed speed to 1200 RPM, 39" pitch

0624 changed course to 120°T

0633 secured port engine due to peculiar vibration of shaft. Starboard engine still at 1200 RPM, 39" pitch

0655 changed course to 170°T

0708 changed course to 180°T

0900 changed course to 230°T

1115 changed course to 240°T

1125 changed course to 250°T

1147 changed course to 260°T

1252 changed speed to 800 RPM, 39" pitch on starboard engine. Captain took the conn

1257 passed through submarine net gate at Blanche Harbor and commenced using various courses and speeds to conform with channel

1317 moored to Buoy Number 2, off MTB Base 9, Stirling Island (Treasury), Solomon Islands

1345 Ensign S. A. Mate and Ensign J. W. Wolf, passengers, left the ship.

1555 underway on various courses and speeds to remoor

1607 moored starboard side to USS PGM-8, Steam Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island

June 23

0-4 moored as before

1450 with USS PGM-8 underway, shifted lines and remoored starboard side to Steam Dock

June 24

0-4 moored as before starboard side to USS PGM-8, Steam Dock [? Was PGM-8 just gone for a short time?]

0839 shifted berths to alongside USS PGM-1, stern to beach

0900 divers commenced tearing down port screw to determine extent of damage

1512 shifted berths to alongside USS PGM-6, starboard side to at Engineering Dock

June 25

0-4 moored as before starboard side to USS PGM-6, Steam Dock [?thought it was Engineering Dock]

June 26

0-4 moored as before starboard side of USS PGM-6, Steam Dock

1000 DOWD, George J. 402-86-83 RM 1/c USN transferred under temporary duty orders to Motor Torpedo Base, Treasury Island for duty on shore

1055 shifted from dock and moored to Buoy in Blanche Harbor

1255 KELLER, Paul L. 931-64-11 S 2/c V-6 SV USNR reported on board for duty under temporary duty orders dated 26 June of Commander Motor Torpedo Base, Treasury

1630 shifted to Engineering Dock starboard side to USS PGM-6

June 27

0-4 moored as before

0645 SINK, Wilbur Franklin, 865-56-44, EM 3/c, USN(I) transferred this date to USN Hospital, Navy #811 for medical treatment and for further transfer to COMMTB Base 9 for temporary duty

0653 underway for Purvis Bay to undergo repairs using various courses and speeds to conform with harbor

0718 cleared submarine net gate at western entrance to Blanche Harbor. Set course 225°T and PGC and set speed 1000 RPM, 39" pitch on starboard engine (port engine secured)

0724 changed course to 136°T and PGC and changed speed to 1100 RPM, 39" pitch on starboard engine.

0944 changed course to 137°PGC to make good 136°T

1423 with Simbo Island bearing 027°T, changed course to 116°T and PGC

1925 changed course to 105°T and PGC

June 28

0-4 steaming as before on course 105°T, speed 11 knots in company with USS PGM-1 en route for Purvis Bay, Solomon Islands for repairs to port propeller shaft

0505 changed course to 084°T and PGC

0547 changed course to 080°T and PGC

0735 changed course to 082°T and PGC

0920 changed course to 084°T and PGC

0932 changed course to 086°T and PGC

1030 commenced using various courses and speeds to conform with channel at entrance to Purvis Bay

1035 passed through submarine net gate at entrance to Purvis Bay

1115 moored to buoy alongside USS PGM-2, portside to Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands

June 29

0-4 moored as before

0837 underway at various courses and speeds to conform to harbor channel

1029 moored starboard side to Peter H. Burnett, supply ship
1230 underway shifting berths to starboard side to supply barge
1323 underway Carter City at various courses and speeds to clear harbor
1400 moored starboard side to water dock at Carter City
1525 underway at various courses and speeds to anchorage
1539 anchored off Lyons Point, Florida Island in 9 ½ fathoms of water...

June 30

0-4 at anchor as before off Lyons Point

July 1, 1944

0-4 anchored as before in Govanna Inlet, Florida Island

Officers Next of Kin, 13 August 1944 (month of July 1944) – same as before

July 2

0-4 anchored as before
1138 underway for water dock on various courses and speeds
1148 moored starboard side to Water Dock, Govanna Inlet, Florida Island
1155 USS APC-49 moored to out port side
1318 commenced taking on water, APC-49 having taken on water first
1325 USS APC-49 got underway
1415 completed taking on water
1426 underway to reanchor on various courses and speeds
1437 anchored in Govanna Inlet, Florida Island

July 3

0-4 anchored as before
0806 underway at various courses and speeds to dry dock
0824 entered dry dock number one, Carter City
0840 commenced flooding [I think here it should be pumping out water from dry dock?]
0900 flooding completed
0930 commenced repairs to port shaft and cleaning and painting bottom

July 4

0-4 in dry dock as before. Drydock Number 1, LCRU-1, Carter City, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, undergoing repairs and alterations

July 5

0-4 in dry dock as before

July 6

0-4 in dry dock as before

1608 commenced taking on fresh water from Water Barge

1632 completed taking on water

July 7

0-4 in dry dock as before

1232 SINK, Wilbur F. 865-56-44 EM 3c USN reported on board for duty after completion of medical treatment at US Navy Hospital 811

July 8

0-4 in dry dock as before, Drydock Numer 1, LCRU-1, Carter City, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, undergoing repairs and installation of sound gear and 3"/50 caliber gun

July 9

0-4 in dry dock as before

July 10

0-4 in dry dock as before

July 11

0-4 in dry dock as before

0800 commenced flooding dock

0833 ship waterbourn

0846 cleared dry dock, underway to Naval Ammunition Depot, Tulagi using various courses and speeds to clear Govenna Inlet

0859 set course 270°T speed 10 knots

0902 changed speed to 13 knots

0918 changed course to 015°T

0921 entering Tulagi Harbor steering various courses and speeds

0949 moored to Small Craft Buoy, Tulagi Harbor

1026 underway to Sturgis Dock

1037 moored portside to Sturgis dock and commenced unloading ammunition

1237 underway bound for Carter City using various courses and speeds to clear Tulagi Harbor

1250 set course 190°T speed 13 knots

1253 changed course to 090°

1312 steering various courses and speeds entering Govanna Inlet

1352 moored starboard side to water hole dock

1454 underway at various courses and speeds to Carter City Dock

1504 moored portside to dock, Carter City, Florida Island
16-20 moored as before, sound gear and 3"-50 caliber gun being installed

July 12

0-4 moored as before, port side to dock, LCRU#1, Carter City...undergoing installation of sound gear and 3"/50 caliber gun mount

July 13

0-4 moored as before portside to dock, Carter City, Florida Island, undergoing conversion

July 14

0-4 moored as before

July 15

0-4 moored as before

July 16

0-4 moored as before

July 17

0-4 moored as before
1300 underway to allow USS YMS-98 to moored to repair dock
1309 moored portside to USS YMS-98 at repair dock, Carter City

July 18 – missing this page from log

July 19

0-4 moored as before starboard side to USS APC-37 at water hole dock, Carter City
0806 underway from water hole bound for Tulagi, steering various courses and speeds to clear Govanna Inlet
0815 set course 226°T, speed 10 knots
0827 changed course to 285°T
0844 changed course to 013°T
0845 passed through net, steering various courses and speeds
0905 moored starboard side to Pier 6 Tulagi Harbor, commenced loading ammunition
1359 underway to fuel barge at various courses and speeds
1412 moored starboard side to YOG-41, Tulagi Harbor and commenced refueling
1546 underway at various courses and speeds
1556 moored to Small Craft Buoy, Tulagi Harbor

July 20

0-4 moored as before
0657 underway on various courses and speeds to clear harbor
0709 cleared outer submarine net gate at harbor entrance
0711 set course 205°T and set speed 1200 RPM, 39" pitch
0723 changed speed to 1400 RPM, 39" pitch
0729 changed speed to 1200 RPM, 52" pitch
0803 changed course to 190°T
0805 changed course to 180°T
0814 changed course to 170°T
0817 changed course to 165°T
0818 changed course to 150°T
0819 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39"pitch
0823 commenced using various courses and speeds to conform with anchorage off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands
0827 lying to, awaiting boat to take working party ashore
0832 boat came alongside and shoved off with working party
0834 underway on various courses and speeds to clear anchorage
0902 set course 090°T, speed 1000 RPM, 52" pitch
1100 changed course to 116°T
1130 changed course to 090°T
1138 changed speed to 700 RPM, 39" pitch, preparatory to test firing 3"/50 caliber gun newly installed
1200 commenced test firing using various courses and speeds
1211 completed test firing having expended 5 rounds at different bearings and elevations. Tests were satisfactory. Secured gun and set course 280°T and speed 1000 RPM, 52" pitch
1220 changed course to 270°PSC, Fluxgate compass out due to firing
1328 changed course to 260°PSC
1333 changed course to 255°PSC
1340 changed course to 2230°PSC
1358 changed course to 260°PSC
1509 changed course to 240°PSC
1515 commenced using various courses and speeds to conform with anchorage off Lunga Point
1532 anchored in 6 ½ fathoms of water...in anchorage off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.
No bearings were obtainable because of compass being out

July 21

0-4 anchored as before off Lunga Point
0752 underway for Tulagi, set course 017°T, speed 13 knots
0719 changed course to 020°T
0747 changed course to 025°T
0820 laying off Beacon Baker, Tulagi

0844 compass adjustor came aboard
0822 [time sequence?] underway at various courses and speeds calibrating compass
0950 completed calibration, steering various courses and speeds entering Tulagi Harbor
1018 put adjustor ashore at Sturgis Dock
1019 underway at various courses and speeds to Govanna Inlet
1055 moored starboard side to Water Dock, Govanna Inlet
1306 underway to anchorage at various coursed and speeds
1316 anchored off Lyons Point, Govanna Inlet, Florida Island in 9 fathoms of water...

July 22

0-4 at anchor as before...
1412 underway for Tulagi on various courses and speeds
1458 moored port side to YP at Pier 6, Tulagi, Solomon Islands
1519 with YP underway, shifted lines to dock, port side to Pier 6, Tulagi
1626 underway on various courses and speeds for Govanna Inlet
1637 set course 185°T, speed 15 knots
1644 changed course to 090°T
1649 steering various courses and speeds entering Govanna Inlet
1705 moored starboard side to USS SC-514 at Water Dock, Govanna Inlet, Florida Island

July 23

0-4 moored as before...
0636 underway at various courses and speeds to dock at Carter City
0645 moored starboard side to dock LCRU#1, Carter City, Florida Island

July 24

0-4 moored as before...
2130 KELLER, Earl J. 931-64-11 S2c USNI transferred to US Naval Hospital, Navy 152 for treatment.
Diagnosis undetermined. Authority BuMED and SUR Form "G"

July 25

0-4 moored as before

July 26

0-4 moored as before, starboard side to dock at LCRU#1, Carter City, Florida Island, Solomon Islands,
undergoing completion of alterations
0746 underway on various courses and speeds shifting berth to other side of dock
0755 moored port side to USS PGM-6, LCRU#1 Dock, Carter City, Florida Island
1239 underway using various courses and speeds to conform with Govanna Inlet
1247 moored starboard side to Water Dock, Govanna Inlet, Florida Island

1249 commenced taking on water
1420 completed taking on water
1454 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with channel, proceeding to MTB Base 9, Stirling Island (Treasury), Solomon Islands. Captain at conn
1504 with Beacon "C" abeam to starboard set course 253°T and 244°PSC, speed 1050 RPM, 39" pitch
1507 changed course to 252°PSC and 261°T
1648 passed Savo Island abeam to starboard, distance 2 miles
1803 changed speed to 10 knots
1812 changed course to 250°T
2031 changed course to 275°PSC, 285°T
2032 changed speed to 1000 RPM, 39" pitch

July 27

0-4 steaming as before..
0504 changed course to 263°T
0554 changed course to 298°T
0748 changed course to 308°T
0901 changed course to 317°T, 310°PSC
1452 changed course to 330°PSC and 338°T
1456 changed course to 018°T and 010°PSC
1458 changed course to 058°T and 050°PSC
1500 changed course to 068°T and 060°PSC
1502 commenced using various courses and speeds entering harbor
1503 passed through gate of western entrance, Blanche Harbor
1522 moored starboard side to USS PGM-1, Engineering Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island (Treasury), Solomon Islands
1603 underway at various courses and speeds to buoy
1619 moored at buoy at PT Base, Treasury Island[s]

July 28

0-4 moored as before to PGM Buoy #2, off MTB Base 9, Stirling Island

July 29

0-4 moored as before...
1246 underway at various courses and speeds for fuel
1306 moored starboard side to fuel barge YOG-42 and commenced fueling
1406 underway at various courses and speeds
1432 moored starboard side to PT 379 at Engineering Dock, PT Base

July 30

0-4 moored as before...

1000 ROBINSON, William W., S1c, 263-86-78, V-6, USNR and DEMAREE, William E., F1c, 293-18-12, V-6, USNR reported aboard under temporary duty orders MTB T/P 16-4/MM

1038 underway on various courses and speeds to conform with harbor

1052 moored starboard side to PT Fuel Dock, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island

1300 KIOUS, George E., MoMM 1c, 626-57-20, V-6, USNR transferred to COMMTB Base 9 for temporary duty. AUTH: verbal orders ComMTB Base 9

1610 underway various courses and speeds shifting to buoy

1618 moored port side to USS PGM-8 at Buoy #1, off MTB Base 9, Stirling Island

July 31

0-4 moored as before...

1807 underway at various courses and speeds

1813 moored starboard side to PGM-2 at Engineering dock

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