

Deck Log PGM 4

List of Officers for August 1 to September 1, 1944

DICKES, Myron Joseph, 163178, Lt. (jg) DEV(G), reported on board 1 JAN 1944, primary duties: commanding officer and engineer, next of kin, Benjamin Dickes, father, 160 Bennett, 33, NY

TOMLINSON, George Fuller, 225425, Lt.(jg) D-V(G), reported on board 29 JUN 1943, primary duty: Executive Officer, next of kin, Dorothy Patricia Tomlinson, wife, 567 80th St., Brooklyn, NY

RUSSELL, Vincent Peter, 261253, Lt.(jg) D-V(S), reported on board 2 NOV 1943, primary duty: Supply Officer, next of kin, Lillian M. Russell, wife, 9 Channing St., Worcester, MA

August 1, 1944

In dry dock No 3, Carter City, Florida Island, for repairs to bow 0530 called ship's cook 0630 reveille 0800 executed colors 1300 water barge moored astern to dock 1308 commenced taking fresh water from water barge 1335 completed taking water 1828 executed colors

August 2

In dry dock as before 0920 garbage scow came alongside to take ship's garbage

August 3

In dry dock as before

August 4

In dry dock as before 0805 paymaster came on board to pay officers and crew 1230 the following men were transferred to Naval Base Hospital, Navy 152, for observation and treatment: HOULIHAN, R.S., 632 35 15, CMOMM(AA), USNR, and VANOVER, W.L., 669 15 56, BM 2c, USNR 1330 received on board one Navy standard chronometer, Hamilton, No. 2731, from Naval Observatory, Washington, DC

August 5

In dry dock as before

August 6

In dry dock as before 1420 Kennedy, G.N., 861 88 76, MoMM 2c, USNR, reported on board for duty from USS DIXIE sick bay

August 7

In dry dock as before

August 8

In dry dock as before 1330 commenced sinking dry dock 1408 ship undocked 1411 cleared Carter City Harbor entrance 1444 entered Tulagi Harbor nets 1500 dropped 5 man working party, Lt. (jg) Tomlinson in charge, at pier 6, Tulagi, ship underway immediately thereafter 1510 cleared Tulagi harbor entrance nets 1535 entered Carter City harbor 1545 boat came alongside to take off repair officer 1555 cleared Carter City harbor entrance 1620 entered Tulagi nets 1625 picked up Lt. (jg) Tomlinson and working party at pier 6 1628 underway from pier 6 1635 moored starboard side to YOG 41, Tulagi harbor, commenced fueling 1745 completed fueling, received on board 2900 gallons diesel fuel, 106 gallons lube oil 1750 started main engines, stationed special sea detail 1800 underway 1806 cleared Tulagi harbor entrance nets 1823 entered Carter City harbor 1830 moored starboard side to USS SC-1041 at Carter City water hole

August 9

Moored as before 0830 underway 0850 moored starboard side to LSBU #1 pier, Carter City 1600 underway 1608 cleared Carter City harbor entrance 1620 entered Tulagi harbor nets 1630 moored starboard side to USS PC 623 alongside USS MONADNOCK, Tulagi harbor

August 10

Moored as before

August 11

Moored as before 0800 underway 0837 moored port side to dock at MacFarland's Point water hole 0950 underway 1030 moored port side to government dock, Tulagi 1110 underway 1130 cleared Tulagi harbor entrance nets, en route for Treasury Island[s] 1225 passed Savo Island abeam to starboard, distant 2 miles 1745 test fired 20mm [gun] on bow using oil drums as targets 2330 passed Balfour Channel abeam to Starboard

August 12

Underway en route to Treasury Islands 0145 passed cargo ship with sub chaser escort abeam to port distant 3 miles 0345 radar bearing on Simbo Island 075 relative, distant 7 miles 0745 sighted Treasury Islands dead ahead, distant approx. 25 miles 0925 entered Blanche channel nets, Treasury Islands 0945 moored starboard side to ammunition barge, Blanche Harbor, commenced loading 3" 50 caliber ammunition 1005 underway 1025 moored starboard side

to YOG 42, Blanche Harbor 1110 underway 1200 moored starboard side to engineering dock, Stirling Island

August 13

Moored as before

August 14

Moored as before 0925 underway 1000 moored at PGM 1 berth by beaching bow

August 15

Moored as before at Stirling Island, Treasury Islands, LCI 24 moored port side to our port side

August 16

Moored as before 0805 LCI 24 underway 1445 underway 1503 moored starboard side to PGM 3 at steam dock, Stirling Island 1650 underway 1700 moored at PGM 1 berth

August 17

Moored as before

August 18

Moored as before 0805 **La Favre, H.F.**, 564-05-38, S1c, reported on board from PGM 2 for temporary duty 0900 underway 0910 moored starboard side to PGM 3 at steam dock, Stirling Island 0915 commenced taking on fresh water 0955 completed taking on fresh water 1030 underway 1100 moored at PGM 4 berth, Stirling Island

August 19

Moored as before 0445 wind of very strong force tree to which port line was secured blew down, ship swinging to starboard with danger of broaching 0448 called special sea detail 0500 commenced pulling ship into mooring position with LCM from MTB Base 9 0530 ship again properly moored

August 20

Moored as before 0915 underway 0925 moored starboard side to engineering dock, Stirling Island 1300 welders came on board to work on 20mm gun stops 1350 welders completed work and left ship

August 21

Moored as before 0900 underway 0920 moored starboard side to engineering dock, Stirling Island 1230 underway 1248 moored at PGM 4 berth, Stirling Island 1430 commenced taking on water from CBMU water truck 1630 secured from taking on water, received on board 1200 gallons

August 22

Moored as before 0230 called section 2 of the watch 0300 underway with PGM 3 as OTC en route to St. George Channel 0345 cleared entrance nets to Blanche Harbor 1200 position of ship by D.R. [dead reckoning] Lat. 06 degrees 17 minutes South Long. 154 degrees 6 minutes East 1700 sighted Cape St. George, distance approx. 35 miles 1730 this vessel took over lead in formation from PGM 3 2015 PGM 3 resumed lead in formation 2155 requested OTC to slow down due to overheating engines 2205 secured starboard engine due to its extreme overheating 2310 returning to base

August 23

00-04 passing through St. George Channel en route to Treasury Island[s], PGM 3 OTC, running on port engine

August 24

00-04 en route to Treasury Islands 0705 passed through Blanche Harbor entrance nets 0725 moored starboard side to engineering dock, Stirling Island 1046 underway 1100 moored starboard side to PGM 3 at steaming dock, Stirling Island

1325 the following named men reported on board for duty with bag, hammock, records, and transfer papers

Robertson, Raymon M 358 05 17 S 2c V-6 USNR

Robinson, Jessie J 931 04 46 S 2c V-6(SV) USNR

Robinson, William E 967 15 30 S 2c V-6(SV) USNR

Shields, Richard J 368 79 09 SOM 3c USN

1630 Gaylord, Dudley E Jr. 664 49 95 QM 1c V-3 USNR, pursuant to BuPers Ltr. Pers 3637-MM dated 8 August 1944 was transferred with bag, hammock, records, and transfer papers to Navy V-12 unit Colgate University, Hamilton, New York

August 25

Moored as before 1030 La Favre, Howard F 564 05 38 S1/c relieved of temporary duty, left ship with bag and hammock with orders to report to Commander, Motor Torpedo Boats, Treasury

1035 Hicks, Albert C. 829 88 11 S2/c reported on board with bag and hammock for duty 1400 PGM 3 got underway

August 26

Moored as before 0840 underway 0846 moored starboard side to engineering dock, Stirling Island 0900 opened main engine room hatch 0905 hoisted starboard main engine, Model 16-184A serial 273 1115 underway for USS PGM 4 berth 1125 backing down in channel – order to the helm “rudder amidships” orders to engine controls “port engine aheadn10, ahead 20, ahead 39” shifting motor froze – this vessel continued to back down – engine secured from below—struck PT 240 amidships port side, damage very slight 1130 requested signal tower to send this vessel a tow 1140 LCV alongside to take this vessel under tow 1158 moored starboard side to engineering dock 1237 Lt. Commander Van Ness came aboard to visit Captain 1249 Lt. Commander Van Ness left the ship [did the captain get chewed out by the commander?] 1252 PT 61 came alongside

August 27

Moored as before 1025 APC 33 came alongside 1400 APC 33 got underway

August 28

Moored as before 0732 LCVP came alongside to tow this vessel to steam dock 0735 underway, under tow 0743 moored starboard side to steam dock 0937 PGM 6 came alongside 1430 Tyson MM 1/c commenced diving operations, for purpose of setting pitch on port screw, BL Herman PhM 1/c standing by as safety watch 1500 Tyson MM 1/c ceased diving operations

August 29

Moored as before 0130 PGM 6 got underway 1520 J.M. Tyson MM 1/c commenced diving operations for purpose of setting pitch on port screw B.L. Herman PhM 1/c standing by as safety watch 1625 J.M. Tyson MM 1/c ceased diving operations

August 30

Moored as before 1315 J.M. Tyson MM 1/c commenced diving operations for purpose of checking screws B.L. Herman PhM 1/c standing by as safety watch 1325 J.M. Tyson MM 1/c ceased diving operations 2330 PGM 6 came alongside

August 31

Moored as before 1600 commenced taking 400 gallons of fresh water on board 1630 ceased taking fresh water on board