

Deck Log for U.S.S. PGM 7, first ship of Howard La Favre in the war zone during WW II

Notes for log: times are 24 hour military format (0000 = midnight, 0800 = 8:00 am, 1200 = noon, 1800 = 6:00 pm, etc.). Text in brackets [] are notes added by Jeff La Favre. This is an abbreviated version of the log, in which most of the course directions by compass readings were not included. The officers were required to make an entry into the log for every 4 hour period, starting the day at midnight with period 0000-0400. An entry was required even if nothing new happened during the period. Thus there are statements like "moored as before" and "steaming as before" and I have not included most of these.

### **January 1, 1944**

0000-0400

Moored with four manila lines at Harbor Boat Building Company dock Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif.

### **January 2**

1600-2000

Moored as before.

1830 Underway on various courses and speeds for pier 60, Naval Section Base, San Pedro, Calif.

1915 Secured port side to U.S.S. PGM-3 at Naval Section Base, Pier 60, San Pedro, Calif.

### **January 5**

1200-1600

Moored as before

1330 underway in Los Angeles Harbor on various courses and speeds while calibrating the Radio Direction Finder.

1450 secured from Calibrating R.D.F. Underway for pier 60.

1510 Moored portside to U.S.S. PGM-3, pier 60, Naval Section Base, San Pedro, Calif.

### **January 7**

0800-1200

Underway for firing practice at Catalina Island range.

0950 Catalina Island on port beam. General Quarters.

1105 Secured from General Quarters.

1200-1600

Steaming on various courses and speeds

1210 Underway on various courses and speeds for San Pedro.

1508 Moored starboard side to west end of Net Dock, Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California.

1600-2000

Underway for anchorage in Berth 113.

1823 anchored in Berth 113, Outer L.A. Harbor, N.O.B.

### **January 8**

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth 113, Outer L.A. Harbor, N.O.B., San Pedro, Calif.

0800-1200

0800 anchored as before

0802 underway for pier 29-A

0815 moored at pier 29-A N.O.B. port side to.

1130 underway for anchorage.

1150 Anchored in Berth 113

### **January 9**

0800-1200

0800 anchor aweigh, underway for speed runs.

0810 passed thru "George Gate"

0853 Passed RT. Fermin on starboard beam, range 2000 yards.

0922 commenced speed runs.

1200-1600

As before, on speed runs

1410 terminated speed runs underway on various courses and speeds for San Pedro.

1600-2000

Steaming as before

1608 coming alongside station vessel for instructions

1640 passing thru "George Gate"

1654 anchored in Berth 113, Outer L. A. Harbor, N.O.B., San Pedro, Calif. Depth of water – 4.5 fathoms.

### **January 10**

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

0900 anchor aweigh, underway for West End Pier

0910 alongside PGM-3 at West End Pier. Dropped off shakedown gunnery officer

0912 proceeding to "George" gate.

0937 passing thru George Gate underway in Los Angeles Harbor on various speeds and courses while holding General Drills.

1200-1600

Steaming as before.

1355 returning to San Pedro

1518 came alongside station vessel for instructions

1545 passing thru "George" gate.

1600-2000

As before

1607 moored starboard side to East End Pier inside breakwater N.O.B.

1723 underway for anchorage, Berth 113

1735 anchored in 6 fathoms of water, in Berth 113, L.A. harbor, N.O.B. San Pedro, Calif.

### **January 11**

0800-1200

Anchored as before

0926 underway for Seamanship Dock, N.O.B.

0942 secured at east end of New Dock NOB to take on water

1000 underway for Transient Shed Dock, N.O.B.

1010 moored on west side of Transient Shed Dock.

1120 underway on various courses and speeds in Outer L. A. Harbor compensating compass [this a reference to adjustments to magnetic compass? – J. La Favre]

1200-1600

Steaming as before

1403 underway for Transient Shed N.O.B.

1515 moored to West Side Transient Shed

### **January 12**

0800-1200

Moored as before

0852 underway for gunnery exercises off Catalina Island

0912 passed thru "George" gate

0950 in company with the U.S.S. PGM's 5, 3 and 2 respectively.

1030 commenced exercises

2000-2400

Steaming as before

2125 ceased firing exercises, underway for Outer L.A. Harbor

2255 anchored in Berth 113, outer L.A. Harbor.

**January 13**

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

0808 anchor aweigh. Underway for Transient Shed Dock.

0840 moored starboard side to U.S.S. PGM-6 at west side of Transient Shed dock, N.O.B.

**January 14**

0800-1200

Moored as before

1015 Underway on various courses and speeds en route to Catalina Island for gunnery exercises

1100 passing thru "George" gate.

1200-1600

Steaming as before

1300 began gunnery exercises.

2000-2400

Steaming as before

2140 secured from gunnery exercises. Underway for San Pedro, Calif.

**January 15**

0000-0400

Steaming for San Pedro, California.

0035 Anchored in Berth 113, Outer Los Angeles Harbor, N.O.B., San Pedro, California.

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

0819 Anchor aweigh. Underway for Transient Sled, N.O.B.

0849 Moored Starboard side to PGM-6 at Transient Shed, N.O.B.

1600-2000

Moored as before

1730 Underway for anchorage

1815 anchored in Berth 113, Outer L. A. Harbor, N.O.B., San Pedro.

### **January 16**

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth 113, Outer Los Angeles Harbor, N.O.B., San Pedro, Calif.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

1325 anchor aweigh, underway for Pier 60, Naval Section Base, San Pedro, Calif.

1415 Moored port side to PGM-3 at Pier 60, Berth 65 N.S.B.

1600-2000

Moored as before

1615 underway on various courses and speeds for anchorage at N.O.B.

1645 Anchored in Berth 113, Outer L. A. Harbor, N.O.B.

### **January 17**

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth 113, Outer Los Angeles Harbor, N.O.B., San Pedro, Calif.

1200-1600

Anchored as before

1300 commenced military inspection

1430 secured from military inspection.

### **January 18**

0000-0400

Moored in berth 113, Los Angeles Harbor

0800-1200

Anchored as before

0830 underway for berth 78 Union Oil dock

0945 secured alongside YMS 268

0950 commenced fueling

1030 secured fueling

1035 underway for pier 60, Section Base  
1055 secured alongside PGM 4, San Pedro, Naval Section Base.

1200-1600

Moored as before.

1440 underway to swing ship  
1523 secured from swinging ship  
1545 moored port side to YF48, berth 60, San Pedro, Section base.

### **January 19**

0000-0400

Moored port side to YF48, berth 60, San Pedro Section Base, San Pedro, California

### **January 20**

0000-0400

Moored port side to berth 60, San Pedro Section Base, San Pedro, California

0800-1200

Moored as before.

0815 Underway for Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island.  
0840 anchored berth 113 Los Angeles Harbor off Naval Operating Base  
1055 underway for Section Base  
1130 secured port side to berth 60 Section Base.

### **January 21**

0000-0400

Moored port side to Berth 60, Naval Section Base, San Pedro, Calif.

1600-2000

Moored as before

1620 underway for anchorage at N.O.B., Terminal Island.  
1655 anchored in berth 113, Los Angeles Harbor, off Naval Operating base.

### **January 22**

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth 113 Los Angeles Harbor Naval operating base, Terminal Island, California.

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

1429 underway for Naval Section Base

1500 Moored at Pier 60, Berth 60.

1600-2000

Moored as before

1620 underway for Naval Operating Base

1655 anchored in Berth 103, Los Angeles Harbor N.OB. Treasure island, California.

**January 23 [The PGMs begin their journey to the South Pacific and the war zone! ]**

[My father, Howard La Favre, was on board when PGM 7 left San Pedro en route for the Solomon Islands, where he served on the ship until it was damaged in a collision. Later in 1944 Howard was assigned to PGM 3, the ship he served on until January of 1946, when PGM 3 was decommissioned. In this log the weather is rarely mentioned. However, stories supplied by other sailors in this group of PMGs, found in a book that I have, claim the PGMs sailed into a storm of near hurricane proportions soon after leaving San Pedro. That storm was so bad that some of the PGMs turned back because they were taking on too much water.]

0000-0400

Anchored in Berth 103, Outer Los Angeles Harbor, Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, California.

0400-0800

Anchored as before

0740 underway in Outer Los Angeles Harbor to take on water from anchored water barge

0750 alongside water barge.

0800-1200 Moored as before

0830 underway to moor approximately 200 yards from water barge

0835 moored using port anchor and six fathoms of chain

1030 underway en route to station vessel passing thru George gate

1045 passed thru George gate.

1200-1600

Steering on various courses and speeds taking steaming formation

1224 underway in formation speed 12.5 knots in company with PGMs 8, 1,2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 respectively, and the U.S.S. Mana

1306 Catalina Island abeam to port range 13 miles

1520 Santa Barbara Island abeam to starboard range 11.5 miles.

### **January 24**

0000-0400

Steaming as before speed 8 knots

### **January 26**

0000-0400

Steaming en route to Pearl Harbor under orders from Commander Western Sea Frontier using \_?\_ engine speed 8 knots.

0800-1200

speed 11 knots

### **January 27**

0000-0400

Steaming with Task Force 14.25. [the name of the PGM group in transit to Pearl Harbor]

1600-2000

Steaming as before

1640 \_?\_ in formation astern of tanker in preparation to refuel

1730 began refueling; took on 2700 gal fuel, 550 gal water

1820 ceased refueling & resumed position in convoy

### **February 1, 1944 [arrive at Pearl Harbor]**

0000-0400

Steaming as before speed 10.5 knots en route to Pearl Harbor in company of PGM's 8, 6, 5, 3, 1. [note here that PGMs 2 and 4 are now not with group but log does not explain – check log for PGM 3, which says that PGMs 2 and 4 turned back]

0800 speed 11.5 knots

1045 passed Diamond Head on starboard beam

1200 using various speeds and courses to enter Pearl Harbor.

1318 secured alongside port side to PGM 6 berth S-19, submarine base, Pearl Harbor.

### **3 February 1944 Officer's Next of Kin**



Commanding Officer:

A.J. Malcomson, Lt. (jg), USNR, D-V(S)

Next of Kin

Gail S. Malcomson  
46 Elmhurst Street  
Detroit, Michigan

Executive Officer:

E.S. Rubin, Ensign, USNR, D-V(G)

Next of Kin

Mrs. Lee Rubin  
800 Lakeview Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida

Third Officer:

L. L. Kupferberg, Ensign, USNR, D-V(G)

Next of Kin

Mrs. Beatrice Kupferberg  
1719 Quentin Road  
Brooklyn, New York

**Feb. 4 ~~March~~, 1944 – Officer's Next of Kin** [note: new third officer]

Commanding Officer: [same]

Executive Officer:[same]

Third Officer:

Morgan Ellsworth

Next of Kin

Mrs. Agnes Tee Ellsworth  
218 N. Broadway  
McComb, Mississippi

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## **February 2**

0000-0400

tied up at Submarine Base Berth s-19 at Pearl Harbor with four manila lines over to the PGM 6.

1515 underway for berth George Dog [I believe this is berth GD – they use words for letters]

1545 tied up alongside PGM 1 at Berth George Dog 2.

## **February 7**

0000-0400 tied up port side to with four manila lines over at berth George Dog 2 at Pearl Harbor

0800-1200 as before – yard work – men making repairs at different places.

## **February 10**

0000-0400 moored port side to with four manila lines over at berth George Dog, pier 1

1123 underway

1145 secured at berth S-19 Sub Base.

## **February 11**

0000-0400 tied up port side to PGM 5 at Berth s-19, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor

## **February 12 [leave Pearl Harbor en route for Palmyra]**

0000-0400 moored as before at Sail 19, Sub Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H. [Territory of Hawaii] outboard of PGM [no number given]

1120 \_?\_ Special Sea Detail

1129 underway en route to Palmyra as \_?\_ of Task Force 16.68 making various courses and speeds while leaving harbor.

1200-1600

1205 passing through nets, astern PGM 5 [these would be nets to keep out enemy submarines]

1340 came alongside PGM 5 to receive infra red light

1345 resumed position

1440 Gen Quarters for firing practice – 3” 50 cal and 40 mm

1445 Exercises completed; secured.

2000-2400 steaming as before. Checked pitch  
2205 found 2" difference left propeller

### **February 13**

0000-00400 steaming as before; en route to Palmyra, speed 14 knots, In company with PGM's 8, 5, 3, 1;  
sea calm; moderate wind. [note that PGM 6 is now not with group]

### **February 14**

0000-0400 moderate sea & wind; in position, astern PGM 5

1015 PGM 5 came alongside to take salt water pump

1025 PGM 5 left alongside, proceeding on.

### **February 15 [arrive at Palmyra Island]**

0000-0400 steaming as before, speed 14 knots; en route to Palmyra Island; in company with PGM 8, 5,  
3, 1; wind & sea normal

0800-1200

0930 sighted Palmyra Island

1015 following in wake of PGM 5 to enter harbor

1112 passed between buoys 1 – 2, proceeding thru channel

1115 buoy 3 to port 6 to starboard

1135 inside Harbor

1145 port side too; alongside oil barge

1146 secured

1200-1600

1500 shoved off from oil barge

1515 secured alongside oil dock; alongside PGM 5; liberty for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> section

### **February 16 [leave Palmyra en route for Pago Pago]**

0400-0800 as before; proceeding with morning routine.

0800 -1200

0810 underway

0815 coming alongside X33; starboard side too

0820 secured alongside

1000 underway en route to Pago Pago, Tutuila Island [American Samoa], various courses & speeds for  
leaving Harbor

1020 speed 7 knots, port engine secured [i.e. using only the starboard engine]

1135 speed 12 knots

### **February 17 [crossing the Equator today!]**

0000-0400 steaming as before; using both main engines in company with PGMs 8, 5, 3, 1, en route to Pago Pago

0400-0800

0600 February 17<sup>th</sup>, Day of passing 0° Lat. [i.e., crossing the equator]; ship was turned over to shell backs; which consisted of following name men; Niess; Savage, Ingram, Lawrence, Dhieux [Edmund Roman Niess (MM second class, enlisted 6 MAR 1940) John Joseph Savage (Pharmacy Mate first class, enlisted 11 FEB 1942) Howard Kelly Ingram (coxswain, enlisted 20 DEC 1940) James Edward Lawrence (radioman second class, enlisted 10 JAN 1940) August Dhieux, Jr. (gunners mate second class, enlisted 27 MAR 1942)] [shell backs are crew members who have crossed the equator previously, thus considered experienced seamen – the tradition is for the shell backs to initiate the neophytes of the crew]

0800-1200 as before; shell backs initiated crew

1400 set clocks back ½ hr.

### **February 18**

0000-0400 steaming as before; en route for Pago Pago, using both main engines; sea and wind normal

### **February 19**

0000-0400 steaming as before en route to Pago Pago in company of PGM's 8, 5, 3, 1 wind S, force "1" – calm sea with moderate swells – using both main engines

### **February 20 [arrive at Pago Pago]**

0000-0400 steaming as before Using both main engines – sea & wind conditions normal

0200 en route to Pago Pago in company of P.G.M's 8, 5, 3, 1

0730 – land sighted bearing 010° (T)

1100 - various courses and speeds for entering harbor at Pago Pago

1200-1600 secured alongside pier 8, Pago Pago with P.G.M. 5 outboard of us.

1600-2000 moored as before – Liberty for starboard section.

1940 an officer from S.C. 1042 came aboard to report that Smith, CMM [Joseph Max Smith, service number 283 04 91] had been picked up while hanging to a buoy but that Niess, E.R., MM 1/c was missing after the dinghy in which they were in had sunk. The duty officer immediately informed proper

authorities and had all available patrol boats put in search for Niess.  
2300 search for Niess, E.R., MM 1/c abandoned.

### **February 21**

0000-0400 moored as before in harbor at Pago Pago. Tied up to pier 8 with PGM 5 outboard.

### **February 22**

1010 paymaster came aboard to pay crew

1045 Captain and party of men left ship for an excursion of the island

1645 Captain and excursion party returned aboard ship

### **February 23**

0730 underway for fuel dock

0745 secured starboard side to at oil dock ready to take on fuel

1000 Savage PhM 2/c and Rodrick Y 1/c identified body at Mobile Naval hospital as that of Niess, E. R., MM 1/c

1200-1600 moored as before, refueling still in progress

1515 underway from oil dock

1530 secured port side to at pier 4, Pago Pago harbor

### **February 24 [depart Pago Pago en route for Suva]**

0000-0400 secured port side to at pier 4, Pago Pago harbor. PGM's 5, 3, 8 are outboard of us

0800-1200 moored as before – preparations being made to get underway

1055 underway for Suva, Viti Levu [Fiji] various speeds and courses used for leaving harbor

1355 speed to 14 knots

1600 speed 13 knots

### **February 25**

0000-0400 underway en route for Suva, Viti Levu in company of PGM's 8 (otc) 5, 3, & 1. Both main engines in use.

2105 speed 11 knots

### **February 26 & 27 [crossing the date line today?] [arrive Suva]**

0000-0400 steaming as before 11 knots in company of PGM's 8, 5, 3, 1, en route to Suva, Viti Levu using both main engines.

0535 speed 16 knots  
1159 changed to Sunday 27 February [i.e. crossing the International Date line?]  
1430 speed 12 knots  
1730 speed 13 knots; sighted Suva  
1835 speed 10 knots  
1840 entering harbor  
1955 secured at Suva

### **February 28 [depart Suva en route to Noumea, New Caledonia]**

Moored as before at King's Way, Suva Harbor

0830 starting refueling ship  
1000 commenced Liberty for starboard section  
1025 finish refueling  
1345 brought stores aboard [supplies]  
1600 all men mustered back on ship from liberty. Brought aboard machine guns and three 45 cal. pistols  
1655 underway for Noumea, New Caledonia  
1738 speed 13 knots

### **February 29**

In company of PGMs 8(otc) 5 and 3

### **March 2, 1944 [arrive Noumea, New Caledonia]**

1255 land sighted off port bow  
1300 speed 8 knots  
1345 passed Amandee Lighthouse abeam to port at a distance of about 400 yards  
1350 entering harbor  
1440 inside harbor  
1525 moored to buoy in Fisherman's Bay at Port Noumea, New Caledonia

### **March 3**

1323 underway to shift berth  
1410 secured at berth AD 40 alongside YMS 193, Noumea, New Caledonia

### **March 6**

1140 tug came alongside and shifted us to berth on west side of AD 40

### **March 9**

2000 Demaree, W.C. F1/c reported aboard for duty

### **March 11**

1600 underway to swing ship  
1705 secured from swinging ship, proceeding to port  
1720 secured in berth AD 40

### **March 12 [depart Noumea en route to Espiritu Santo]**

0810 special Sea Detail called  
0900 alongside R-3 port side to  
0915 underway to swing ship  
1035 finished swinging ship, coming alongside YO to take on fuel  
1200 alongside YO, standing by to get underway  
1435 underway from oil dock at Noumea to Espiritu Santo [New Hebrides]  
1930 speed 13 knots

### **March 13**

En route to Espiritu Santo in company of PGMs 3, 5 & 8

1120 mast held by captain for following named men: Wolszon, seaman first class, for sleeping on watch, reduced to next inferior rating (seaman second class); Morse Rd.M. second class for shirking duty, given 10 hours extra duty

### **March 14 [arrive at Espiritu Santo]**

0540 speed 13 knots  
0608 speed 11 knots  
0800 entering harbor  
0945 secured port side to alongside PGM 5  
1330 Strobielto fireman second class was transferred from this ship to receiving station at Espiritu Santo

### **March 15 [depart Espiritu Santo en route to Guadalcanal]**

moored to buoy with PGMs 8 & 5 tied alongside inboard of us in berth 1 at Espiritu Santo  
1200 underway for Lunga Point, Guadalcanal [Solomon Islands]  
1230 speed 13 knots

### **March 16**

en route to Guadalcanal with PGMs 5 & 8 (otc)  
1100 held firing practice  
1120 secured from firing practice  
1330 firing exercises, sighted convoy starboard quarter  
1400 secured from firing

### **March 17**

0115 speed 15 knots

0850 entering harbor at Guadalcanal

1040 dropped port anchor in 15 fathoms of water

1440 underway for Tulagi [small island (5.5 km by 1 km) in the Solomon Islands, just off the south coast of Florida Island]

1450 speed 15 knots

1557 entered gates at Tulagi harbor

1615 dropped anchor in 19 fathoms of water

### **March 18**

1110 underway for water

1120 left buoy on wrong side and ran aground shoal

1150 backed off shoal with aid of two motor launches – proceeding up channel

1235 moored port side to water dock

1240 PGM 5 tied up alongside

1359 underway for anchorage berth

1415 dropped anchor in 18 fathoms of water

### **March 19**

Anchored as before in Tulagi Bay in 18 fathoms of water

0902 underway for Purvis Bay

1025 coming alongside SC 667

1030 secured port side to SC 667

### **March 20**

1010 underway, came alongside supply ship 515

1100 secured

1305 underway for Argonne

1320 moored at Argonne – starboard side to PGM 5

### **March 24**

Moored at Argonne alongside PGM 5, in Purvis Bay

### **March 27**

1145 underway for Tulagi Harbor

1245 moored at pier 6, Tulagi

### **March 28**



0820 underway to swing ship  
0915 secured from swinging ship and returned to pier 6  
1940 underway for Purvis Bay  
2045 tied up alongside PGM 8 at Argonne  
2105 underway, moored to buoy 200 yards off Argonne

### **March 29**

Moored at buoy in Purvis Bay near Argonne

0600 underway for Rendova in company of PGMs 5 & 8  
0640 passed through nets, speed 15.5 knots  
1445 speed 13 knots  
1908 following in wake of PGM 5 through Renard entrance, entering harbor  
1930 anchored in 12 fathoms at Rendova

### **March 30**

Anchored in 12 fathoms of water in Rendova Harbor

1635 underway en route to Blanche Island for night exercises  
2000 carrying out exercises as before  
2400 secured from exercises – proceeding back to port

### **March 31**

0210 entered Renard entrance  
0300 dropped anchor in 16 fathoms of water  
1830 underway for firing practice  
2100 secured from firing – proceeding back to port  
2230 dropped anchor in 16 fathoms of water in Rendova Harbor

### **April 1, 1944**

In Rendova Harbor

### **1 MAY 1944 officers – same as last list**

### **April 4**

1045 underway en route to Hathorn Sound, Kula Gulf [next to the island of Kolombangara, New Georgia group, Solomon Islands]  
1100 laying to  
1145 underway with PGM 5, leaving harbor  
1410 coming alongside yog 40 for fuel  
1540 underway for ammunition barge

1600 laying off ammunition barge, en route for "Dixie"  
1625 secured alongside "Dixie", taking on provisions

#### **April 5**

Secured alongside "Dixie" at Hathorn Sound, Kula Gulf

0955 underway for ammunition barge  
1010 secured at ammunition barge  
1130 underway for Rendova Harbor  
1145 at Rendova Harbor, anchored in 12 fathoms of water  
1810 underway for night exercises, proceeding to rendezvous point  
1921 at position, waiting to begin exercises  
1937 began exercises  
2110 secured from exercises, returning to port at Rendova Harbor  
2215 anchored in harbor in 12 fathoms of water

#### **April 6**

0700 underway, en route for Treasury Island  
0705 speed 13 knots, PGM 5 astern  
1330 sighted Treasury Island  
1435 passed through nets  
1500 anchored in 65 fathoms of water at Sterling Harbor [could this depth be correct?]

#### **7 April 1944 officers – same as before**

#### **April 7**

0000 anchored in 12 fathoms in Blanche Harbor at MTB 9 Sterling Island in the Treasuries

#### **April 8**

1743 underway by order of commander of MTB base to make anti-barge and anti-submarine patrol in coastal waters of southwest Bougainville [Island] in area W  
1757 cleared nets, speed 15 knots to reach rendezvous point  
2008 rendezvous with PT's two miles south of AKO – conducted northern and southern sweeps lying to frequently and illuminating the Mibo River and other possible targets by mortar and three inch star shell, maintaining 1 mile range to beach and various speeds

#### **April 9**

0000-0400 steaming as before; en route for Treasury Island  
0640 at nets; proceeded through; standing in to Sterling Harbor  
0659 dropped anchor  
0700 secured

## **April 10**

0000 moored as before; in assigned berth, on beach  
1635 special sea detail; underway for area "E"  
1708 passed through nets  
1712 speed 17 knots  
1930 General Quarters Drill  
2030 approx. position 5 miles due east of "Cyprian" Bridge [assume this is Cyprian Bridge Island, northeast of Fauro Island]  
2120 made visible contact with 2 PT boats  
2122 took position on PT boats  
2244 5 miles from "Lululia" Point; dead ahead  
2305 3 miles from beach  
2315 objects ahead, expected PT's 2 ½ miles & closing  
2325 targets identified as "Land", now 1 ½ miles from beach; proceed southward on first patrol, PT's following astern

## **April 11**

0000-0400 steaming as before; 1 ½ miles off beach; on southern patrol  
  
0012 PTs investigating target at 090°  
0045 sighted object at 070°, looks like a light  
0047 all engines stopped; laying to 1 ¼ miles off beach, reported light at 070° not visible; 4 miles off Rantan Island, bearing 345°  
0109 set course 127°  
0118 change course to 307°  
0137 change course to 335°  
0142 change course to 000°  
0204 change speed to stop, laying to 1 ¼ miles off beach  
0210 fired 4 rounds of three inch star shells off port beam, 2 miles south of Tululai Point, range 1 mile to beach at 090°  
0219 underway  
0220 "midnite" is now operating in area  
0224 ceased patrol  
0230 tracer fire off port quarter at Talulai Point  
  
0400-0800 proceeding to base  
  
0600 four PT boats coming up astern  
0620 expected gunfire from Shortland [Island], as PTs reported  
0712 secured radar [establishes that PGM 7 had functional radar]  
0745 passing through nets; at east entrance

0800-1200 proceeding to anchorage

0811 dropped anchor in 25 fathoms of water

#### **April 12**

0000-0400 anchored as before, harbor at Sterling Island in 14 fathoms of water

#### **April 13**

0000-0400 anchored as before in 14 fathoms of water at MTB base, Sterling Island, Treasuries

1700 underway for patrol of coastal waters southwest Bougainville [Island] by order of MTB in area "W"

1750 cleared nets; speed 15 knots

1755 test fired; condition good all guns

1945 at rendezvous position; lying to 2 miles south of AKO awaiting PT's

2040 rendezvous with PTs, commenced exercises, southern sweep 1 ¼ miles along beach

2245 on northern patrol, 1 ¼ miles from beach

2333 reversed course, began southerly sweep 2 ¼ miles north of Moviai River

#### **April 14**

0000 patrolling southwest coastal waters of Bougainville [Island] in company of two PTs from MTB 9, now making southerly sweep in area "W"

0056 illuminated Mibo River – no results

0230 all engines stop – lying to, 2 miles northwest of Aitara Point

0240 two PTs from northern sector joining us, underway for Mosiga area

0305 strafed beach at Mosiga – no casualties and no results or return fire noted

0325 secured patrol and proceeding back to base, speed 17 knots

0350 passed abeam to starboard of Antarara Island

0545 entered nets of western entrance

0605 dropped anchor in 12 fathoms of water in anchorage berth at Sterling Island

#### **April 15**

0930 shifted berth to one on the beach 50 yards off berth "A"

1707 underway by orders, commander MTB base, to patrol southwest coastal waters of Bougainville [Island] in area "W"

1722 cleared nets, speed 15 knots

1840 test fired all guns satisfactorily

2000 proceeding to rendezvous, 2 miles south of Aitara Point

2040 lying to, rendezvous with PT's 2 miles south of Aitara

2106 commenced northerly sweep at various courses and speeds to remain 1 ¼ miles off beach

2247 illuminated possible target and found to be shadows

2350 all engines stop, lying to, 2 ½ miles south of Matsun Kei [or Keio], 1 ¼ mile from beach

## **April 16**

0000 lying to, 2 ½ miles off Matsun Kero prior to making southern sweep  
0031 commenced southern sweep at various courses and speeds to remain a distance of 1 mile from beach  
0225 secured patrol and returning to base, speed 15 knots  
0341 passed Antarara abeam to port  
0606 entered nets at western entrance  
0630 secured at assigned berth on beach at MTB 9, Sterling Island

## **April 17**

0000-0400 moored as before, at berth "A", Sterling Harbor  
1730 underway to proceed on night patrol, at area "W" at Bougainville [Island]  
1745 cleared nets, speed 15 knots  
2023 at rendezvous 2 miles south of AKO River; rendezvous with PT's, began northern sweep; 1 ¼ miles off beach  
2335 flares sighted and tracer fire from black CAT, north of Aitara [black CAT, I believe is a US seaplane]  
2350 all engines stop; laying to, 2 miles south of Aitara  
2355 underway, resuming southerly sweep

## **April 18**

0000 southerly sweep, off 2 ½ miles from Mosiga and called General Quarters for possible targets  
0007 illuminated and sighted barge  
0038 closed range to beach to 700 yards ready to fire  
0040 Black Cat is illuminating us and PT's by mistake are strafing us [I believe the interpretation here is that a US seaplane has dropped a flare or other illuminating device and has spotted the group including PGM 7 and is firing upon them my mistake – this is the middle of the night and trying to identify ships as friendly or enemy was not easy]  
0040 Black Cat making strafing run on us [flying in toward ship and firing upon them]  
0041 PT reached by Tcs and is holding fire  
0045 inspected ship and found no casualties among personnel. Damage to ship was limited to 50 cal indentation in 3 inch splinter shield and a 20 mm shell which passed through the forward magazine into Radio Shack  
0200 illumination in vicinity of Mosiga fails to reveal any trace of barges. Continuing our southerly sweep  
0230 rendezvous with PGM 8 and 2 PT's working with her, two miles south of AKO  
0300 all boats made firing runs off Mosiga at approx 1500 yards. No casualties and no results noted  
0325 secured patrol and returning to base at 17 knots using various courses  
0625 cleared nets of western entrance  
0640 secured at assigned berth (A) at MTB, Sterling Island, Treasuries

### **April 19**

0000 moored as before, secured to beach  
1645 special sea detail  
1700 underway, en route for area "William" [area W]  
1712 through west gate  
1713 speed 15 knots  
1721 test fired, all guns, all good condition  
1955 2 ½ miles from beach, off "Aitara", awaiting PT's  
2038 began first run, northern run  
2050 sighted search lights at 020°, using various courses and speeds to maintain 1 mile from beach  
2350 reversed course, began southerly sweep

### **April 20**

0045 commenced northern sweep, 1 mile along beach  
0210 standing by to fire on Puriata River  
0223 began firing  
0229 ceased firing, proceeding on  
0235 expected gun fire from beach  
0302 sighted flares & gunfire in vicinity of Aitara Point  
0400-0800 steaming as before, proceeding to base  
0610 passed through nets  
0625 moored at berth

### **April 21**

1645 underway  
1710 passed through nets  
1957 speed 10 knots  
2008 stopped, laying to, 2 miles south of Aitera  
2045 rendezvous with PT's, also PGM 8  
2103 began northern sweep, various courses and speeds to maintain 1 ½ miles from beach  
2332 began southern sweep

### **April 22**

0115 Aitara to port, closed beach to ¾ mile  
0125 laying to  
0250 course 160°  
0350 laying to, awaiting PGM 8  
0402 speed 1200 [rpm] 39 inch pitch

0605 entered nets  
0625 secured at berth

### **April 23**

0800-1200 going on with day's routine scheduled  
1730 underway  
1745 cleared nets  
2025 range to beach 4 miles, off AKO River  
2150 began northern run

### **April 24**

0000-0400 steaming as before, on northern run, various courses and speeds to maintain proper distance from beach  
0130 began southerly sweep, 1 mile off beach  
0300 2 miles south of Aitara, speed 15 knots, proceeding to base  
0645 passed through nets  
0615 secured

### **April 25**

0000-0400 moored as before, at berth "A", Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands  
1730 underway, to conduct anti-sub patrol southwest Bougainville [Island] in area "W"  
1810 cleared nets, speed 15 knots, test fired guns, all well  
2057 stopped at rendezvous position, 2 ½ miles from Aitara  
2102 made rendezvous with PTs & PGM 8, began patrol, northern sweep 5/8 of a mile to beach  
2330 laying to, south of Matsunkai  
2342 reversed course, began southern sweep

### **April 26**

0000-0400 steaming as before, on southerly sweep, in area "W" (SW) Bougainville [Island] with PT and PGM 8  
0225 called General Quarters in preparation for shelling Mosiga Point  
0242 began firing, 1500 yards, firing all guns on port side, illuminating by mortar  
0252 ceased firing, no casualties, no return fire  
0255 secured patrol, returning to base  
0400 proceeding to base, 15 knots  
0557 cleared nets, west entrance, of Treasury  
0610 secured at berth "A", Sterling Harbor

### **April 27**

0000-0400 moored as before at berth "A" MTB, Sterling Island  
1730 underway by order of MTB's Treasury to conduct anti-barge anti-submarine patrol in coastal waters of southwest Bougainville [Island] in area "W"  
1753 cleared nets, speed 15 knots  
1832 test fired all guns satisfactorily  
2000 en route to southwest Bougainville [Island] for coastal patrol  
2050 lying to at rendezvous point, 2 miles south of Aitara Point  
2115 rendezvous with 2 PTs & PGM 8, underway on northerly sweep, maintaining ½ mile from beach  
2300 fired 3 rounds star shell at Toko Mission, no results  
2353 reversed course 1 mile off Matsunkai to commence southerly sweep, maintain 5/8 mile interval to beach

### **April 28**

0000-0400 steaming as before on southerly sweep in area "W" (SW Bougainville) in company of 2 PTs and PGM 8  
0117 commenced shelling mouth of Puriata River with AG mortar  
0125 secured mortar fire  
0145 fired 3 rounds star shells, 1 ½ miles north Aitara, no observed results  
0150 reversed course to commence northerly sweep, maintaining 5/8 mile from beach  
0217 fired 4 rounds star shell at mouth Puriata River  
0218 reversed course ½ mile off Puriata to make southerly sweep to Aitara  
0325 secured operations, returning to base, 1 ¼ mile north of Aitara, speed 15 knots  
0617 cleared nets, western entrance, Blanche Harbor  
0637 secured at berth "A", MTB 9, Sterling Island

### **April 29**

1735 underway for southwest Bougainville [Island], area W to conduct anti-barge, anti-submarine patrol by order of commander of MTB 9  
1750 cleared nets, speed 15 knots  
1833 test fired all guns satisfactorily  
2034 lying to at rendezvous point, 2 miles south of Aitara  
2055 rendezvous with 2 PTs, underway on southerly sweep maintaining 1 ¼ miles off beach and lying and illuminating possible targets frequently  
2345 reversed course 1500 yards off Mobiai River to commence northerly sweep maintaining 1 mile off beach

### **April 30**

0000-0400 underway as before on northerly sweep, in company of 2 PTs, lying to frequently  
0400 rendezvous with PGM 8, 1 mile north of Aitara, secured patrol and returning to base  
0445 speed 17 knots



0628 entered nets

0650 secured at berth "A", Sterling Island

### **May 1, 1944**

0000-0400 moored as before at assigned berth (B) at Sterling Island, MTB base, Treasury Islands  
1750 underway, under orders from Commander Motor Torpedo Boats, Treasury, for anti-barge, anti-submarine patrol in coastal waters of southwest Bougainville Island, operating in area "William" (prescribed by Commander Task Force 31). Steering various courses at various speeds clearing Blanche Harbor.

1811 speed 15 knots

1837 sighted and sunk by gun fire empty oil drum

2010 rendezvous with PT 359 and PT 250

2100 commenced patrol in company with PT 359, PT 250 (PT 359 otc) proceeding approximately 1 mile off beach at 6 knots, lying to frequently to investigate possible targets using 3 inch star shells for illumination

2345 reversed course and commenced southerly sweep

1 June 1944 Officers list – same as before

### **May 2**

0000 steaming in company with PT 359 (PT 359 otc) and PT 250 patrolling coastal waters of southwest Bougainville under orders from Commander Motor Torpedo Boats, Treasury

0100 reversed course, commenced northerly sweep, remaining 1 mile off beach

0220 made strafing run on beach 1 mile north of Matsunkei. No return fire. No results observed. Firing done from range of 800 yards.

0239 commenced southerly sweep

0325 secured from patrol by orders of OTC, changed speed to 15 knots, set course to return to Treasury

0400 en route to Treasury, Sterling Island

0638 entering Blanche Harbor

0655 moored at Berth (B) Motor Torpedo Boat base, Sterling Island

### **May 3**

0000 moored as before at berth "A" MTB base, Sterling Island, Treasury Islands

0900 underway and secured at water dock, MTB base

1315 underway and secured at berth "A"

1335 underway to have aerial pictures taken of ship

1345 passed through nets

1350 speed 15 knots to reach rendezvous point 4 miles off Treasury

1425 lying at rendezvous point, 1 ½ miles northwest of Treasury with PT (Gwm 103) & a B-25 overhead

1430 underway, called General Quarters, various courses and speeds during maneuvers for aerial pictures

1520 secured from exercises, returning to base  
1600 entered nets  
1610 secured at assigned berth "A" at MTB base, Sterling Island  
1740 underway for night operations at southeast coastal sector of Bougainville [Island] and small outlying Islands, orders for anti-barge, anti-submarine patrol and to operate with PT's 374 and 377 from Commander of MTB base at areas "O" and "E"  
1800 cleared nets, speed 17 knots  
1825 called General Quarters and test fired all guns  
1930 friendly plane passed overhead  
2000 steaming as before en route to areas "O"  
2050 radio report informs two Black Cats operating in the area  
2317 visual contact with PT's 277 & 274  
2335 rendezvous with PT's 277 & 275 2 miles south of Loluai Point  
2337 commenced southerly sweep, remaining approximately 1 ¾ miles off beach

#### **May 4**

0000-0400 patrol area "O" at Bougainville [Island] in company with PT's and with 277 + 275, on southern sweep, to remain 1 ¾ miles off beach  
0034 called General Quarters while investigating possible targets, northeast of Rantan Island  
0040 PT's made run on \_\_\_?\_\_\_ 3 barges, in one group and 2 in another, approx ½ mile Rantan Island, various courses and speeds, laying to frequently  
0042 fire from either beach or barge at PT's  
0042 PTs returning fire  
0046 making run on barges from starboard side of approx ¼ mile  
0050 Japanese aircraft dropped bomb, in close vicinity just off stern of PT 277 and is now returning making strafing runs on PT's and us  
0100 laying to & proceeding slowly at intervals, waiting developments, Japanese aircraft still in vicinity, check \_\_\_?\_\_\_ no hits on ship and no casualties among personnel  
0250 secured patrol, speed 17 knots  
0305 secured from General Quarters, proceeding to beach or base  
0400-0800 steaming as before, proceeding to Treasury  
0645 altered course to left upon sighting gunfire from shore batteries, proceeding on no further  
0845 entered nets, "S" entrance  
0900 secured at berth "A", Sterling Harbor

#### **May 5**

0000 moored at berth "A", MTB base, Sterling Island, Treasuries  
1600 underway from orders of Commander of MTB base to patrol area "Q" at Choiseul Island for barges and submarines, PTs 356 and 375 are to work with us  
1615 cleared eastern entrance Blanche Harbor, speed 17 knots  
1805 called General Quarters and test fired all guns

2025 approaching Moli Island  
2021 all engines stop, waiting for rendezvous 2 miles off Moli Island  
2106 rendezvous with PTs 356 and 375, commenced northerly sweep maintaining distance of 1 mile from beach, speed 6 knots  
2151 called General Quarters, investigated possible targets by 3 inch illumination and found to be bushes on water close to beach  
2155 reversed course to commence southerly sweep using same formation as before  
2205 Black Cat sighted visually  
2238 speed 10 knots, called General Quarters while investigating two targets west of Redland Island  
2240 began on port run, range ½ mile from expected barge, firing 40, 50's & 3 inch, dropped back to make starboard run  
2251 commence starboard run on targets  
2254 ceased firing, no return fire noted  
2303 stopped, 2 miles off Redman Island  
2330 targets \_\_\_?\_\_ to be \_\_\_?\_\_ Japanese barges  
2345 report from PT boat 356 indicates she is aground on reef

#### **May 6**

0000 standing by and now closing to beach in attempt to pull PT 356 off reef, PT 375 standing by also  
0030 firing messenger lines and various maneuvers against strong current to get in position to tow PT 356 off reef, men from PT in rubber boat aiding in floating line over on life jackets  
0200 main line over, jockeying for position to pull them off reef  
0205 line has fouled up in our port screw [propeller], secured port engine [turned it off], running on starboard only  
0225 tracer fire sighted from report night fighters between Bougainville and Choiseul Islands  
0330 investigated four targets, found to be the two beached barges and PT's 375 and 356  
0410 PT 375 picked up four men & life boat from the PT 356  
0500 secured patrol and returning to base with starboard engine making 12 knots  
0715 sighted mine 11 ½ miles southeast of East Cape, circled mine firing small arms and 40mm, mine did not explode but sank  
0735 resume course, speed 12 knots on starboard engine  
0800 proceeding back to base alone  
1026 entered nets of Eastern Entrance of Blanche Harbor  
1043 secured at berth "A" at MTB 9, Sterling Island, Treasuries

#### **May 7**

0000 moored as before at assigned berth "A" at MTB 9, Sterling Island, Treasuries  
0800 members of crew going down in divers mask to look over the screw and try to free fouled line from it  
1200 continued diving operations

### **May 8**

0000 moored as before at berth "A" MTB 9, Sterling Island, Treasuries  
1200 diving and repairing screw

### **May 9**

0000 moored as before

### **May 10**

0000-0400 moored as before  
1449 underway for patrol in coastal waters of southeast Bougainville [Island] in Area "O", "S" and part of "E"  
1515 cleared nets, speed 17 knots, test fired all guns  
1822 sighted PGM 5  
2034 rendezvous with PTs 362 and 372 and PGM 5, 5 miles north of Oema Atoll  
2150 checking two possible barges on beach, 3 miles south of Lulua Point, Black Cat illuminating for us and strafing targets  
2332 all engines stop, laying to, 1 ½ miles north of Rantan Island

### **May 11**

0000 lying to during patrol 1 ½ miles north of Rantan Island with PTs 361, 372 & PGM 5  
0025 underway for northerly sweep at 6 knots, maintaining mean range of 1 mile to beach  
0123 made firing runs on beached barges 3 miles south of Luluai Point, no casualties and no results observed, resumed northerly sweep  
0150 secured from General Quarters  
0253 reversed course to commence southerly sweep 1 ½ miles abeam of Taki, 6 knots and maintaining from 1 to 1 ¼ miles from beach  
0335 Luluai Point abeam to starboard at 1 ¼ miles  
0400 making southerly sweep, area "O"  
0435 fired 3 rounds star shells in mouth of Perias River  
0501 secured from anti-barge patrol and proceeding to area "Q" near West Cape in Choiseul Island to join in mine search  
0535 speed 15 knots  
0611 maintaining ½ mile range to PGM 5 on port beam, PTs 361 & 372 are port side to PGM 5  
0715 lay to while PT 361 picked up object similar to new buoy  
0740 underway in line abreast searching southwest coast of Choiseul Island, other boats inboard  
0800 steaming as before in line abreast with PGM 5 and PTs 361 & 372 inboard while searching southwest coast of Choiseul for mine  
0945 Sasa Point abeam to port at 3 miles  
1050 investigating wrecked aircraft on beach  
1110 sighted mine 1 ½ north Moli Island, sunk by fire from PT 361

1150 PTs 361 & 372 departed to Gurava Reef to investigate mine, we are proceeding north  
1200 speed 11 knots, with PGM 5 on port bow  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile range. Proceeding on mine search southwest coast of Choiseul Island  
1305 barge on beach sighted off Dahanimbolio Island  
1330 search off southwest coast of Choiseul Island, maintaining 2 to 3 miles off beach  
1445 secured search, 17 knots returning to base  
1450 sighted floating buoy 4 miles northwest of Moli Island, sunk by PGM 5  
1500 proceeding to base at 17 knots  
1600 proceeding to base at 17 knots following in wake of PGM 5, who is approx 4 miles ahead  
1900 cleared nets  
1924 secured at berth "A", MTB base, Sterling Island

### **May 12**

0800 secured at water dock, MTB  
1445 underway by order of Commander MTB 9 to conduct coastal patrol of southeast Bougainville [Island] in areas "O" and southern part of "E"  
1505 cleared nets of Eastern entrance of Blanche Harbor, speed 17 knots  
1510 sighted LCI 61 on starboard bow  
1545 test fired all guns satisfactorily  
1905 flashing light (unidentified) observed on Masa Masa Island  
2130 all engines stop, rendezvous with LCI 61 & PTs 375 and 256  
2145 commenced southerly sweep, range 1 mile off beach, Luluai Point, LCI 61 astern and PTs inboard of us  
2340 PBY (Dark Eyes) reported in area

### **May 13**

0000-0400 steaming as before in area "O", reversed course and commencing northerly sweep, 3 miles north of Rantan, 1 mile range to beach, PTs astern, inboard  
0117 reversed course, 1 mile south of Luluai Point, began southerly sweep  
0200 Black Cat and PTs of Area "E" are strafing barge 11 miles northwest of Luluai Point  
0221 reversed course,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles north of Rantan and began northward, PT 375 & 256 left formation for "E" to aid in sinking barge  
0330 17 knots, proceeding to area "E" to fire on barge  
0341 abeam Luluai Point,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile  
0411 6 knots, called General Quarters  
0433 began illumination on barge with 3 inch and mortar, position  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles southeast Kolomira Point  
0450 commence firing with 3 inch at target  
0506 made starboard run  
0514 made port run  
0520 ceased firing, barge believed to be sunk  
0525 secured patrol, returning to base, 17 knots

0915 cleared nets

0932 secured at Sterling Harbor, berth "A"

#### **May 14**

[moored all day as before]

#### **May 15**

0000 moored as before at berth "A" MTB 9, Sterling Island, Treasuries

#### **May 16**

0000 moored as before

1630 underway by orders of Commander MTB to conduct anti-barge and anti-sub patrol in coastal waters of southeast Bougainville [Island] in area "O"

1650 cleared nets, speed 17 knots

1745 test fired all guns satisfactorily

2140 called General Quarters while unidentified aircraft in area

2144 secured from General Quarters, lost target

2216 rendezvous with 2 PTs 2 miles south of Luluai Point, underway on southerly sweep remaining from ½ to ¾ mile off beach, 1 mile at rivers

2320 reversed course and commenced northern sweep, 3 miles north Rantan

2350 flares sighted northwest of Luluai Point

#### **May 17**

0000 steaming as before on northwardly sweep in area "O" (SE Bougainville) in company of 2 PTs and remaining ½ - ¾ miles off beach

0005 unidentified aircraft reported to have passed 7 miles to seaward heading north

0015 Green very's pistol sighted dead ahead

0035 reversed course and commenced southerly sweep

0101 all engines stop, lying to, 2 miles south of Luluai, bougie reported to have passed overhead

0123 underway, resuming southerly sweep

0218 reversed course, 2 ½ miles north of Rantan and commenced northerly sweep

0337 all engines stop, lying to, 2 ½ miles south of Otua Island

0344 underway on reversed course to commence southerly sweep, maintaining ½ to ¾ mile off beach

0430 investigated to try and find 2 reported barges ¾ mile north Perias River, negative results

0505 secured patrol, returning to base, 17 knots

1010 cleared nets eastern entrance Blanche Harbor

1025 secured at berth "A" MTB, Sterling Island

#### **May 18**

0000 moored as before

1515 underway by orders of Commander MTB to patrol coastal waters of southeast Bougainville in area Oboe [area "O"]

1535 cleared nets, 17 knots

1600 test fired all guns satisfactorily

2130 rendezvous with PT 358 (OTC) and PT 373, commenced southerly sweep from 4 ½ miles south of Otua Island, maintaining from ½ - ¾ mile off beach

2200 Bougie reported in area but no visual contact

2315 reversed course 3 miles north of Rantan Island and commenced northerly sweep maintaining between ½ - ¾ mile off beach

### **May 19**

0000 steaming as before on northerly sweep in coastal waters of southeast Bougainville [Island] in company of PTs 358 & 373, maintaining 1 mile off beach

0020 reversed course off Luluai Point and commenced southerly sweep maintaining 1 mile off beach

0145 reversed course 3 miles north of Rantan to commence northerly sweep

0225 unidentified aircraft reported to have passed by 10 miles to seaward heading south

0255 reversed course and commenced southerly sweep

0331 reversed course 3 miles north of Rantan to commence northerly sweep, 1 mile off beach

0407 received orders from PT 358 to depart station and return to base, speed 17 knots

0940 entered nets of western entrance, Blanche Harbor

1000 secured at berth "A" Sterling

### **May 20**

0000 steaming as before on northerly sweep with PTs in southeast Bougainville area "O"

0102 reversed course and commenced southerly sweep, maintaining 1 ¼ miles off beach

0130 secured patrol by orders of OTC and returning to base, speed 15 knots

0147 reduced speed to 12 knots

0720 entered nets western entrance Blanche Harbor

0740 secured at berth "A" Sterling Island

### **May 21**

0000 moored as before

### **May 22**

0000 moored as before

### **May 23**

000 moored as before

1620 underway by orders of Commander Base 9 to patrol coastal waters of southeast Bougainville

[Island] in area "O"

1637 cleared nets, speed 17 knots following in wake of PGM 8

2305 3 miles south of Luluai Point, 2 miles off beach

2330 various courses proceeding to take station 2 miles west of Oema Island

#### **May 24**

0000 lying to between Rantan and Omi, west of Oema Island, underway at various intervals to maintain position

0400 lying to between Rantan & Oema Islands

0500 secured from station and returning to base

0800 speed 15 knots

1124 entered nets western entrance Blanche Harbor

1137 secured at berth "A" MTB 9 Sterling Island

#### **May 25**

0000 moored as before

#### **May 26**

0000 moored as before

#### **May 27**

0000 moored as before

#### **May 28**

0000 moored as before

1446 underway by orders of Commander MTB to conduct coastal patrol of southeast Bougainville [Island] in area "O". To operate with PGM 8 (OTC)

1519 cleared nets, speed 15 knots

2123 on station two miles south of Luluai Point and commencing southerly sweep, maintaining 2/3 mile from beach, speed 6 knots, lying to frequently

2301 reversed course and commenced northerly sweep at six knots keeping 2/3 mile off beach

#### **May 29**

0000-0400 steaming as before in coastal waters of southeast Bougainville [Island] area "O" in company with PGM 8 (OTC) speed 6 knots, maintaining 2/3 mile off beach

0050 investigating radar pip, found no target, 4 miles south of Luluai Point

0230 investigating possible targets off Rantan, our position is one mile off beach and 1 3/4 miles north of Rantan, negative results

0330 Tar Baby is in area and is dropping flares and strafing beach in vicinity of Lulura Point

0435 secured patrol, proceeding to base



0940 cleared nets, proceeding in  
1000 secured at Sterling berth "A"

### **May 30**

0000 moored as before  
1625 underway in place of PGM 8, who has shaft trouble, to patrol area "O"  
1632 cleared nets, speed 17 knots  
1643 reversed course and returning to base on orders PGM who is now in running condition  
1650 starboard engine burned out, proceeding slowly on port engine  
1653 cleared nets  
1720 secured at berth "A"

### **May 31**

0000 moored as before at berth "A" MTB 9  
0820 officers from base came aboard to look over damage to starboard engine  
0930 shifted berth to water dock, PT base  
1200 moored as before

### **May 31 to June 30, 1944, Officers of PGM 7 same as before**

#### **June 1**

0000-0400 moored as before  
1230 PGM 8 came alongside to our port

#### **June 2**

0000-0400 moored as before, alongside steaming dock at Sterling Island, Treasury Islands  
0400-0800 carrying out morning routine  
0830 getting underway to go alongside Engineering pier  
0845 secured at engineering dock

#### **June 3**

0000-0400 moored as before, alongside steaming dock [should it be at Engineering pier?]  
1200-1600 carrying out days work

#### **June 4**

0000-0400 moored starboard side to steaming dock at Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands

#### **June 5**

0000-0400 moored as before

## **June 6**

0000-0400 moored as before  
0400-0800 morning routine being carried out as scheduled  
0800-1200 carrying out days work

## **June 7**

0000-0400 moored as before  
0500 made reveille  
0545 set special sea detail  
0555 underway from steaming dock, Treasury Islands en route for Rendova for ships repair, in company with APc 33. Running with one engine (port)  
0643 cleared nets, East Entrance  
1303 abeam to starboard of Wo. Island, distance approximately 2 miles  
1445 departed company with APc 33, proceeding on to Rendova  
1720 sighted Rendova  
1743 varied courses and speeds for entering harbor  
1810 dropped anchor in Rendova

## **June 8**

0000-0400 moored as before at Rendova Harbor  
0800-1200 carrying out day's work  
1705 underway, leaving harbor to rendezvous with (APC) 33  
1730 APC (33) left before rendezvous, returning to Rendova for further orders  
1805 received orders, proceed on to Purvis Bay, underway

## **June 9**

0000-0400 en route to Purvis Bay, using port engine  
0012 target off starboard beam, identified as APC (33)  
0144 abeam to starboard of west tangent of Baraku Island  
0920 entered nets at Purvis Bay  
0955 secured port side to alongside YP520, Port Purvis  
1230 underway, proceeding to YR46 to assigned berth  
1300 secured at YR 46 port side to

## **June 10**

0000-0400 moored as before, at Purvis Bay  
0400-0800 carrying out schedule of morning work  
1445 Smith, J.M. CMM (AA) 283 04 91, USN was transferred in accordance with Commander Service Squadron Two order serial 4664 to report to R/S, San Francisco

**June 11**

0000-0400 moored as before at Purvis Bay, alongside YR 46  
0830 underway for water, laying alongside R3 waiting for Captain  
0930 underway, coming alongside U.S.S. Burnett for supply  
1100 left Burnett, underway for Tulagi  
1210 passed through nets at Tulagi, proceeding in  
1230 secured at pier 6, port side to  
1530 received supplies from beach  
1645 underway for Purvis Bay using port engine  
1728 passed through nets at Purvis Bay  
1750 secured at water dock, alongside PC 598  
1933 underway for YR 46  
1955 secured at YR 46

**June 12**

0000-0400 moored as before at Purvis Bay  
0800-1200 carrying out days routine  
1445 underway, standing by for dry dock, when PGM 1 is out  
1500 in dry dock

**June 13**

0000-0400 moored as before at Purvis Bay in dry dock  
0400-0800 proceeding with work

**June 14**

0000-0400 in dry dock as before, carrying out work on ship at Purvis Bay

**June 15**

0000-0400 moored in dry dock as before at Purvis Bay  
1800 began flooding dry dock  
1815 clear from dry dock, underway  
1835 tied alongside barge, receiving supplies left earlier in the day  
1900 underway for water  
1930 secured alongside T 371, at water dock  
2000 secured at YR 46 for night

**June 16**

0000-0400 moored as before at Purvis Bay  
1640 underway for Tulagi

1733 through nets  
0800-1200 steaming as before, entering Tulagi  
0847 secured alongside YOG 41 at Tulagi, taking on fuel  
0947 left YOG 41 for pier (6) 51X  
1015 secured at pier six  
1045 left pier six en route for point Lunga at Guadalcanal, using port engine  
1200 secured at Lunga Point, anchored in 17 fathoms of water, received out board motor  
1510 underway for Tulagi  
1700 secured at pier six, Tulagi

#### **June 17**

0000-0400 moored as before, at pier six, Tulagi  
0820 underway from Tulagi to Treasury Islands  
1025 Savo Island abeam to starboard  
1105 Cape Esperance abeam to port  
2038 two targets 050° R, friendly ships  
2305 four miles to Bluiz Point, starboard beam

#### **June 18**

0000-0400 steaming as before, en route for Treasury Islands, using port engine, proceeding from Tulagi  
0030 investigated two targets to port, friendly ships  
0330 present position Simbo Island abeam to starboard, proceeding on to Treasury Islands  
0705 sighted Treasury  
0920 entering harbor  
0950 through nets  
1020 secured at berth, Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands

#### **June 19**

0000-0400 moored as before at Treasury Islands, Sterling Harbor  
1135 getting underway for PT base  
1200 secured at pier  
1200 put in starboard engine  
1600 switch berths to steaming docks, secured

#### **June 20**

0000-0400 moored as before, at steaming dock, PGM 6 starboard side, PGM 8 port side, at Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands

#### **June 21**

0000-0400 moored as before at MTB 9, Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands

**June 22**

0000-0400 moored at berth "A", MTB 9, Treasury Islands with both #3 lines over on beach

**June 23**

0000-0400 moored as before

**June 24**

0000-0400 moored as before

1555 underway by orders from Commander MTB to conduct ant-barge patrol in coastal waters of southeast Bougainville [Island] in area "O"

1607 cleared nets, speed 15 knots

1645 test fired all guns satisfactorily

1705 speed 17 knots

1951 five miles northeast of Cyprian Bridge Island

2115 rendezvous with PGM 8, closing to beach at various courses and speeds to commence patrolling

2225 commenced southerly sweep two miles south of Luluai point, maintaining ½ mile off beach

2323 reversed course 2 miles south of Pirius River and commenced northerly sweep under same conditions

**June 25**

0000 steaming as before on northerly sweep in area "O", astern PGM 8, maintaining ½ mile off beach, weather clear no wind slight sea

0115 reversed course off Luluai Point and began southerly sweep maintaining 1 ½ miles to beach

0312 reversed course 1 ½ miles off Rantan Island and commenced northerly sweep

0452 reversed course off Luluai Point and commenced southerly sweep keeping ¾ mile off beach

0528 secured night patrol, speed 15 knots

0725 changed speed to 7 knots on starboard engine

0800-1200 various courses and speeds during mine search in area prescribed by orders

1200-1600 various courses and speeds during mine search in area prescribed by orders

1840 secured mine search, running on both engines

2000 proceeding to area "O" for night patrol

2148 rendezvous with PGM 5 one mile north of Purias River, and commenced northerly sweep ¾ mile off beach

2202 reversed course for southerly sweep off Luluai Point

2307 reversed course 3 miles northern end of Rantan Island and commenced northerly sweep

**June 26**

0000 steaming as before keeping inboard eschlan astern of PGM 5 on northerly sweep in are "O"

0055 reversed course off Luluai Point to commence southerly sweep keeping ¾ miles off beach

0225 reversed course and commenced northerly sweep two miles north of Rantan using eschlan form

with PGM 5 ahead of us

0355 reversed course 1 ¼ miles south of Otua Island to commence southerly sweep

0400 steaming as before on southerly sweep

0505 secured night patrol proceeding back to base

0800 speed 15 knots

1000 sunk two mines nine miles south of Cape Stephens

1202 entered nets of Blanche Harbor

1216 secured at oil barge

1310 shifted to berth "A" at Treasuries

### **June 27**

0000-0400 moored as before at steaming dock, MTB 9, Treasury Islands

0715 underway for Torokina in company of PGMs 8 & 5

0755 cleared nets, speed 15 knots

0800-1200 speed 17 knots

1200-1600 en route to Torokina, speed 17 knots

1310 speed 12 knots

1315 various courses and speeds for harbor at Torokina

1355 dropped anchor in 8 fathoms of water, in harbor at Torokina

### **June 28**

0000-0400 anchored at Torokina

0800 weighed anchor, underway and secured alongside LCI 22 starboard side to for water

0809 Lieut. Com. Curtis (MD) came aboard

0900 Lieut. Com Curtis left ship for temporary duty on PGM 5

0920 underway for patrolling area in northwest New Ireland called "Uncle" with PGMs 5 and 8

0940 speed 15 knots

1310 test fired all guns satisfactorily

2225 closing to beach of New Ireland to begin patrol

2305 began northerly sweep in area uncle in column formation maintaining 1 mile off beach

2330 abeam Tambaker Point at 1 ½ miles

### **June 29**

0000-0400 steaming as before on northerly course up coast of New Ireland range to beach 1 mile to starboard, speed 10 knots, in company of PGMs 5 and 8

0040 Huru Point abeam to starboard

0210 Dunup Plantation abeam to starboard

0320 Cape Roless abeam to starboard

0532 secured patrol northwest of New Ireland

0541 speed 10 knots

0845 secured port engine

0945 varied courses and speeds during morning laying off New Britain and New Ireland  
1810 switched in both engines  
1916 sighted mine, sank same  
2023 beginning southern sweep  
2050 sighted blinker lights on beach inside of tangent of Labur Bay  
2125 sighted more blinker lights  
2135 sighted lights and called general quarters  
2140 PGM 8 fired mortar illumination  
2151 secured General Quarters, no targets other than lights on beach  
2229 friendly plane dropped flare on possible target, no targets  
2315 Dunup Plantation abeam to port

### **June 30**

0000-0400 steaming as before, patrolling coast of New Ireland, now on southerly sweep, 1 mile off beach, in company with PGMs 5 and 8  
0035 reversed course, began northern sweep, 1 mile off Huru Point  
0320 abeam Lalur Bay, reversed course, began southern sweep  
0445 Ulaputul Plantation abeam, to port  
0500 Cape Roloss abeam to port  
0535 secured patrol, proceeding to day rendezvous point  
0845 secured port engine  
1715 switched both engines in, proceeding to patrolling point  
2020 on station, sighted search lights over Rabaul  
2112 laying to 7 miles south of Labur Bay, awaiting plane to drop flares  
2120 plane dropped flares  
2140 PGM 8 illuminated, negative results  
2125 called General Quarters investigating target  
2144 secured General Quarters, no target  
2257 called General Quarters upon hearing gun fire; preparing for starboard run  
2250 PGM 8 started firing  
2300 PGMs 7 and 5 began firing  
2305 secured, ammunition expended: 3" 23 – 12 rounds, 37mm – 28 rounds, 60mm – 15 rounds, 40mm – 84 rounds, 50 cal – 400 rounds  
2308 secured General Quarters, proceeding on patrol

### **July 1, 1944**

0000-0400 steaming as before, now on southern sweep, patrolling along shore of New Ireland, west of New Britain, distance to beach is approximately one (1) mile, to our port, two (2) miles south of Nakudukudu Bay, speed 10 knots, maintain 1 mile from beach, in company with U.S.S. PGM 8 and U.S.S. PGM 5  
0000 reversed course, now on northern patrol at Dunup Plantation

0045 came to General Quarters, upon hearing shore fire at Nakudukudu, now preparing to make a port run astern of PGM 8, PGM 5 following astern us  
0046 PGM 8 opening fire and reported to be getting return fire  
0047 we commence firing, range one mile to beach  
0049 ceased firing  
0050 began firing again  
0051 ceased firing, resuming northerly sweep  
0057 sighted search lights at Rabaul  
0058 ammunition report: 3 inch – 27 rounds, 40mm – 60 rounds, 50 cal – 350 rounds, 37mm – 18 rounds, 60 mm mortar – 30 rounds  
0107 secured General Quarters  
0155 reversed course, began southerly sweep, 2 ½ miles north of Matakan Plantation  
0205 came to general quarters, preparing to strafe Matakan Plantation  
0228 commence firing, 1000 yards, port run, flash noted half way up hill on beach  
0230 ceased firing, ammunition report 40mm – 50 rounds, 3inch – 19 rounds, 50 cal – 1000 rounds, 37mm – jammed, 60mm mortar – 20 rounds, no casualties, proceeding on  
0300 preparing to make a starboard run at 1200 yards on section in Nakudukudu Bay  
0305 commence firing  
0330 ceased firing  
0315 Japanese Boogie recorded in area, change speed to 5 knots, departing station at course 170°  
0330 ammunition report, 40mm – 48 rounds, 3 inch – 15 rounds, 60mm mortar – none, 50 cal – 450 rounds, 37mm – none, secured General Quarters, proceeding to Green Island, through channel  
1300 sighted land ahead, Green Island  
1410 entering harbor  
1430 entered harbor  
1450 secured alongside PGM 8, at repair ship, began taking on fuel  
1600-2000 moored as before, alongside APG (5) at Green Island, carrying out days routine

## **July 2**

0000-0400 moored as before, alongside APG (5) at Green Island, PGM 8 inboard, PGM 5 outboard  
0400-0800 carrying out morning schedules  
0930 underway to take on water  
1012 secured at PT Base Dock, receiving water  
1430 underway, proceeding to APG (5)  
1445 secured alongside APG (5)  
1600-2000 moored as before, crew eating on beach due to shortage of water supply

## **July 3**

0000-0400 moored as before alongside APG (5) at Green Island, PGM 8 and 5 are outboard  
0800-1200 carrying out day scheduled routine



#### **July 4**

0000-0400 moored as before  
0800-1200 proceeding with days work  
1435 special sea detail  
1440 underway from Green Island, en route for operating area at New Ireland  
1450 speed 15 knots  
1600-2000 steaming as before, in company with PGM 8 and PGM 5  
2045 sighted white flare bearing 315°, friendly plane over New Britain  
2213 night fighter now is in the area  
2215 forming port echelon in St George Channel  
2359 search lights sighted over Rabaul

#### **July 5**

0000-0400 steaming as before on northerly patrol between New Ireland and New Britain in company with PGM 8 and 5, approximate position 4 miles northwest of Tambaker Point, range to beach 2 miles, speed 8 knots  
0053 closing beach to investigate possible target, no target  
0134 change speed to 11 knots  
0415 reversed course, formed starboard echelon off Lalur Bay  
0527 ceased patrol off southern end of Nakudukudu Bay, proceeding to daytime operating area  
0825 PGM 5 sighted object on starboard bow, proceeding toward  
0840 PGM 8 picked up survivor (New Zealander) from life raft  
0855 secured port side engine  
1035 12 bombers sighted over Duke of York Island, AA fire sighted near them  
1836 two officers came aboard from the PGM 5 while underway, proceeding to night's operating area  
2055 commencing southerly sweep at Labur Bay  
2255 reversed course at Nak Bay

#### **July 6**

0000-0400 steaming as before, now on northerly sweep patrolling between New Ireland and New Britain, position at present Cape Roloss abeam to starboard, 2 ½ miles from beach, PGMs 8 & 5 in company  
0045 laying to, reversed course, proceeding on southerly patrol  
0130 PGM 8 believed to have radar target dead ahead  
0133 changed speed to 15 knots, target now believed to be clouds  
0155 General Quarters  
0203 preparing to strafe beach 6 miles south of Cape Roloss at approximate position Dunlap Plantation, preparing for port run  
0206 began firing  
0207 ceased firing, ammunition expended 3 inch – 18 rounds, 40mm – 40 rounds, 50 cal – 1100 rounds,

37mm – 18 rounds, mortar 45 rounds, secured General Quarters, proceeding on southern sweep  
0400 reversed course at Huru Point  
0530 leaving station, securing patrol at Cape Roloss  
0640 PGM 5 came alongside, leaving two PT officers aboard  
0800-1200 at daytime position  
1845 left daytime position, proceeding to station for nights patrol  
2000-2400 steaming as before, now on station at Labur Bay, opening intervals between ships to one mile  
2025 starting southern sweep  
2115 made contact with night fighter, proceeding on patrol, 5 miles from beach

### **July 7**

0000-0400 steaming as before, on southern sweep between New Ireland and New Britain in company with PGMs 8 & 5 distance one mile between each, speed 8 knots, present position Huru Point  
0040 reversed course, just south of Huru Point, proceeding on northern sweep  
0052 tracer noted from Aircraft over Duke of York Island  
0220 reversed course, now on southern sweep, present position 2 miles off shore at southern part of Nakukdukudu Bay  
0505 proceeding down channel between New Ireland and New Britain en route for Green Island, speed 15 knots  
1340 PGM 5 came alongside to transfer baggage  
1345 came alongside LCI (70), transferred one PT Officer  
1350 proceeding into port  
1425 through nets  
1510 dropped anchor, in harbor at Green Island  
1700 moved to APG (5), port side to, taking on water, fuel

### **July 8**

0000-0400 moored as before, port side to APG (5) in harbor at Green Island, PGMs 8 & 5 to starboard  
0600 reveille, preparing to get underway  
0615 underway, en route to Treasury Islands  
0630 through nets, PGMs 8 & 5 in company  
0810 speed 15 knots  
2205 entering harbor at Treasury Islands  
2218 through nets  
2240 secured at berth, Sterling Harbor

### **July 9**

0000-0400 moored to steaming dock at Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands, PGMs 8 & 5 to our port  
0400-0800 proceeding with morning schedules  
0800-1200 proceeding to carry out days work aboard ship

1845 movie party left ship  
2230 movie party returning

### **July 10**

0000-0400 moored at steaming dock as before  
1620 moved from steaming dock to our beachhead berth, secured to beach with two manila lines, nose of ship on beach

### **July 11**

0000-0400 moored as before, at berth on beach at Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands  
0700 underway, changing back to steaming dock  
0730 secured to steaming dock as before  
1300 began Deck Court Martials  
1400 Deck Court Martials ended. The following named men were awarded the following punishments:

Ingram, Howard Kelly, Cox, 262 76 33 USN  
charges: Sleeping below decks in disobedience of orders  
Awarded: Reduced to seaman first class, 20 days loss of pay, 30 days restriction

Musser, Robert Edward, EM2c, 256 46 64, USN  
Charges: Sleeping below decks in disobedience of orders  
Awarded: 20 days loss of pay, 30 days restriction

La Favre, Howard Floyd, S2c, 565 05 38, V-6, USNR  
Charges: Sleeping below decks in disobedience of orders  
Awarded: 20 days loss of pay; 30 days restriction and 30 hours extra duty

### **July 12**

0000-0400 moored as before, at berth at beach, Sterling Island, Treasury Islands  
1200-1600 carrying out days work

### **July 13**

0000-0400 moored as before  
0400-0800 carrying out morning schedules  
0800-1200 proceeding with days work

### **July 14**

0000-0400 moored as before  
0800-1200 carrying out days work

### **July 15**

0000-0400 moored as before

### **July 16**

0000-0400 moored as before

0930 held Captain's Mast, the offender: Wolszon, Arthur George, S1c, 851 25 94, USN

charges: oversleeping, morning of 15 July 1944

awarded: restricted to lose three liberties, no entry to be made in his record

### **July 17**

0000-0400 moored as before

### **July 18 [ a fateful day for the ship PGM 7 ]**

0000-0400 moored as before

0300 underway from Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands, en route to New Ireland and New Britain for operations in company with PGMs 4, 5 & 8

0543 rammed by PGM 4 in engine room, port side. Collision piped by watch topside, General alarm dead, all hands given word to put on life jackets, PGM 4 drifted out of hole alongside port side, bow facing PGM 7's stern, Captain went aboard PGM 4, directed all hands to abandon ship, 19 men abandon ship before ships drifted apart, Executive and Third Officer and 8 men aboard PGM 7, Executive Officer passes word to men still aboard to jettison all ammunition on starboard side of forward magazine, engine room flooded 30 inches above deck, control room had 6 inches above deck, after crew's quarters reported by Savage, J.J., PhM1c, water up to deck boards, permission granted by Executive Officer to jettison 40mm ammunition in after magazine, Captain returned aboard in rubber life raft with Reuter, J.E, BM1c and proceeded to unload after magazine, when magazine emptied with exception of port side of forward magazine, in order to counter-balance starboard list, 2 barbettes were jettisoned, during this time the water had risen above the deck in the after crew's quarters and attempts were made to pump out the water with a gasoline handy-billy, it failed to start and soon after Lt. (jg) Lindbloom and two MoMMs came aboard from the PGM 5 in a rubber life raft and attempted to start handy-billy, it failed and the PGM 5 sent over their handy-billy which also failed, later these pumps were operated successfully

0745 PGM 8 attempted to tow the PGM 7 with the anchor chain but the attempt failed after five minutes when the chain parted

0830 PGM 8 attempted to tow the PGM 7 with the six inch hawser approximately 200 feet in length, this also failed several minutes later when the tow line parted due to the short length of the line used

0945 PGM 8 again attempts to tow with their own anchor chain, this attempt also failed about 45 minutes when chain parted

1000 the gasoline handy-billy began to work and the after compartment and the tank compartment were continually pumped thereafter

1240 U.S.S. YMS 249 came alongside to tow us in, proceeding at 1250

1846 through nets, U.S.S. YMS 249 still towing

1900 PGM 8 received tow and brought us up to Steaming Dock, Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands

**July 19**

0000-0400 moored as before alongside Dry Dock Pier at Sterling Harbor, Treasury Islands, being patched temporarily

**July 20**

0000-0400 moored as before

0900 court of investigation in the case of the ramming of PGM 7 convened. Lt. Comdr. Matteson Senior Officer, MTBRon 28, convened by order of Commander Destroyer Squadron 21, to inquire into collision between PGM 4 and 7, met at MTBRons, Base nine, Treasury Islands

**July 21**

0000-0400 moored as before, officers living aboard, crew on beach

**July 22**

0000-0400 moored as before

**July 23**

Moored as before

**July 24**

Moored as before

0400 secured board of investigation, Lt. Comdr. Matteson, Senior Officer, adjourned to await the action of the convening authority

**July 25**

Moored as before

**July 26**

Moored as before

0715 getting underway, secured alongside PGM 4, proceeding in harbor, en route for Purvis Bay

0755 through nets

0800 PGM 4 left alongside, now taking tow, speed 5 knots

0800-1200 being towed by PGM 4 en route to Purvis Bay, speed 5 knots, using 1200 feet  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch cable, temporarily patched on deck and port side, 2 gasoline pumps on board for purpose of pumping bilges, 8 men and 2 officers aboard

1030 commenced pumping bilges aft

1130 secured pumping

1600 making approximately 8 knots

1815 Simbo Island abeam to port, distance approx. 1 mile

### **July 27**

0530 Rendova Island abeam to port, distance about 6 or 8 miles

0745 Tetipari Island abeam to port beam

1200-1600 Frandeen, Frank Adolph, MoMM2c, 239 99 30, V-6 USNR reported aboard for duty

### **July 28**

0000-0400 under tow as before with PGM 4 using 1200 feet of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch cable, en route for Purvis Bay from Treasury Islands, speed 8 knots, 8 men and two officers aboard [the two officers were commanding officer, A.J. Malcomson and executive officer E. S. Rubin, as evidenced by their signatures in the logs for dates during tow, I have not determined who the 8 crew members were]

0615 Cape Esperance abeam to starboard beam

0900 PGM 4 passed the work to drop the cable when word was passed

0910 PGM 4 dropped cable

0913 we dropped cable, PGM 4 coming alongside to bring us into port at Purvis Bay

1115 through nets

1130 Carter City, now secured to Sub-Buoy in harbor, PGM 4 left for water

### **July 29**

0000-0400 moored as before at Carter City Repair Base, using portable gasoline generator aboard ship for power

### **July 30**

0000-0400 moored as before, crew moved to beach, officers aboard

### **July 31**

Moored as before

### **August 1, 1944**

0000-0400 moored at Carter City, Florida Islands area. Using portable gasoline generator aboard to supply ships power, crew living on base, officers staying aboard, waiting further orders from Bureau

Note: No weather log is submitted with this log since there are no instruments aboard. Watches were stood during the month of August for security reasons without benefit of barometers, thermometers etc. since these were removed from the vessel after being rammed by the U.S. S. PGM 4 on July 18, 1944

[the entries for each day of August are the same as August 31, the last page available in the log for PGM 7 – the final fate of PGM 7 is unknown to me]

August 31, 1944 [last available page of log]

0000-0400 moored as before at Carter City, Small Craft Repair Base, Florida Island area, in dry dock, using portable gasoline generator for ships power, crew living on base, officers living aboard, awaiting further orders from Bureau

[all entries for August are signed by the commanding officer of PGM 7, A. J. Malcomson]