

Muster Roll of the Crew of USS PGM-7, formerly USS SC-1072, US Navy, World War Two – data from official copies of the Muster Rolls

Name	Reporting on board		Departing		Enlistment	
	Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Place
Besler, Paul Edward	28 JUN 43	F2c	1 JAN 44	F2c	14 NOV 42	Des Moines, Iowa
Browne, Anthony DeHoojer	28 JUN 43	S2c	28 JUL 43	S2c	11 DEC 42	New York, NY
Chappie, Leo Chester	28 JUN 43	SC3c	24 SEP 43	SC3c	18 NOV 42	Milwaukee, Wisc.
Cush, Joseph Eugene Jr.	27 JUL 43	PhM1c	1 JAN 44	PhM1c	23 SEP 42	Philadelphia, PA
Davis, Ray	3 JAN 44	StM1c	25 JUL 44	St3c	24 MAY 42	Houston, TX
Demaree, William Earl	9 MAR 44	F1c	25 JUL 44	F1c	14 AUG 43	Indianapolis, IN
Dhieux, August Jr.	29 SEP 43	GM3c	25 JUL 44	GM3c	27 MAR 42	Denver, Colo.
Fernekes, George Paul	28 JUN 43	SoM3c	After 25 JUL 44		18 JAN 43	New York, NY
Frandeen, Frank Adolph	29 JUL 44	MoMM2c	After 29 JUL 44		8 DEC 42	Minneapolis, Minn.
Freese, William Atwood	28 JUN 43	GM3c	6 JAN 44	GM3c	17 SEP 42	Portland, Maine
Gabrielson, Victor Wallace	27 JUL 43	RM2c	30 SEP 43	RM2c	31 OCT 40	Oakland, CA
Gerding, Charles Edward	28 JUN 43	S2c	25 JUL 44	S1c	19 JUL 42	Oklahoma City, OK
Golden, Bernard	28 JUN 43	F3c	25 JUL 44	Y3c	2 MAR 43	New York, NY
Grako, Louis Francis	28 JUN 43	RM3c	27 JUL 43	RM3c	22 NOV 42	Reno, Nevada
Guild, Marsden Donald	28 JUN 43	F3c	25 JUL 44	MoMM3c	2 MAR 43	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Harvey, Ollie David	12 AUG 43	RM3c	25 JUL 44	RM2c	14 DEC 42	St. Louis, MO
Hoover, Donald George	28 JUN 43	F1c	After 25 JUL 44		30 NOV 42	Indianapolis, IN
Horne, Theron Wesley	28 JUN 43	QM3c	After 25 JUL 44		10 DEC 41	Raleigh, NC
Ingram, Howard Kelly	27 JUL 43	S1c	After 25 JUL 44		20 DEC 40	Raleigh, NC
Jackson, Donald Dean	28 JUN 43	S2c	11 AUG 43	RM3c	15 DEC 42	Charlotte, NC
Jennings, John Robert	27 AUG 43	StM2c	2 JAN 44	StM1c	22 APR 43	Baltimore, MD
Johnson, Jack	28 JUN 43	EM2c	27 AUG 43	EM2c	11 JAN 39	Cincinnati, Ohio
Justice, James Straley	28 JUN 43	Cox	30 SEP 43	Cox	24 MAY 38	Raleigh, NC
La Favre, Howard Floyd	3 JAN 44	S2c	25 JUL 44	S2c	20 FEB 43	Los Angeles

Lawrence, James Edward	14 OCT 43	RM2c	25 JUL 44	RM2c	10 JAN 40	Detroit, Mich.
Laws, Billy Reeves	3 JAN 44	S2c	25 JUL 44	S1c	28 JUL 43	Nashville, TN
Lewis, Keith Raymond	3 JAN 44	SC3c	25 JUL 44	SC3c	6 OCT 42	Seattle, Wash.
Lyons, Paul Edward	27 JUL 43	GM3c	25 JUL 44	Gm2c	5 OCT 42	New York, NY
Mason, Charles William	28 JUN 43	SoM3c	15 OCT 43	SoM3c	12 SEP 39	Chicago
Metz, Robert Charles	28 JUN 43	GM3c	28 JUL 43	GM3c	5 OCT 42	Indianapolis, IN
Mills, Benjamin Franklin	24 SEP 43	SC3c	2 JAN 44	SC2c	12 AUG 42	Charleston, WV
Morse, Ralph Edward	27 JUL 43	S2c	25 JUL 44	RdM2c	3 FEB 43	Boston, Mass.
Musser, Robert Edward	28 JUN 43	S2c	After 25 JUL 44		25 AUG 42	Washington, DC
Niess, Edmund Roman	28 JUN 43	MM2c	23 FEB 44 death – drowned in Pago Pago Harbor	MM1c	6 MAR 40	Des Moines, Iowa
Ownby, James Edward	28 JUN 43	MoMM2c	After 25 JUL 44		6 MAR 42	Dallas, TX
Reuter, John Everett	28 JUN 43	BM2c	After 25 JUL 44		3 OCT 40	New York, NY
Rhodes, Clarence Stanley	1 JUN 44	S2c	25 JUL 44	S2c	15 DEC 43	Clarksburg, WV
Rhodes, Cleveland Pearce	1 JUN 44	S2c	25 JUL 44	S2c	4 DEC 43	Columbia, SC
Robinson, William Warren	1 JUN 44	S2c	25 JUL 44	S2c	4 JAN 44	Raleigh, NC
Rodrick, Raymond Junior	28 JUN 43	Y2c	After 25 JUL 44		19 FEB 42	Cleveland, OH
Rollins, James Wilbur	9 OCT 43	RM2c	16 OCT 43	RM2c	30 JAN 42	Los Angeles
Rucker, Robert Gerald	28 JUN 43	SM3c	1 JAN 44	SM3c	9 NOV 40	Baltimore, MD
Savage, John Joseph	3 JAN 44	PhM2c	25 JUL 44	PhM1c	1 FEB 42	New York, NY
Smith, Clyde	28 JUN 43	StM2c	27 AUG 43	StM2c	26 MAR 43	New Orleans, A
Smith, Joseph Max	28 JUN 43	MM1c	10 JUN 44	CMM(AA)	29 SEP 39	Seattle, Wash.
Strobietto, Thomas Franklin	3 JAN 44	F3c	14 MAR 44	F2c	10 SEP 43	Kansas City, MO
Teall, Victor "E"	29 SEP 43	RM3c	30 SEP 43	RM3c	5 JAN 42	San Diego, CA
White, Henry Quentin	27 AUG 43	EM2c	15 OCT 43	EM2c	9 MAY 39	Louisville, KY
Wolfe, John Darrell	17 OCT 43	S2c	25 JUL 44	S1c	8 FEB 43	Chicago

Wolszon, Arthur George	17 OCT 43	S2c	25 JUL 44	S1c	25 JAN 43	Chicago
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The USS SC-1072 Muster Roll of the Crew cover sheet dated June 28, 1943, indicates that the Navy received the ship from John Trumpy & Sons Shipbuilding Inc, Gloucester, New Jersey. The USS SC-1072 was commissioned on June 28, 1943. All of the crew reporting on board June 28, 1943 were received from the receiving station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Late in 1943, the USS SC-1072 was converted to USS PGM-7 at San Pedro, California.

Nineteen of the crew were assigned temporary duty to MTBRons, Base 9, Navy 811, Treasury Islands, Solomon Islands, on July 25, 1944. This was due to the fact that the PGM-7 was damaged severely in a collision with PGM-4 at 0543 hours on July 18, 1944. Despite some references on the web to the sinking of PGM-7, its log indicates that it was successfully towed back to base at the Treasury Islands. According to the log, eight men and two officers were aboard as the ship was towed to the Carter City repair base, Florida Islands, departing July 26 and arriving July 28. Ironically, PGM-4 was the ship that towed PGM-7 to Carter City. From the musters we can deduce that the eight men remaining with the ship were: Fernekes, Hoover, Horne, Ingram, Musser, Ownby, Reuter and Rodrick. 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. The log for PGM-7 ends on August 31, 1944. Apparently, on or about that date, the US Navy decided to abandon efforts to repair PGM-7. The last sheet in the Muster Rolls for PGM-7 is dated July 31, 1944.

The cover sheet for each quarter is signed by the Executive and Commanding Officers as provided below. For more detail on the officers, see the ship's log, available at <http://www.lafavre.us/navy>

28 JUN 43 A. J. Malcomson, Lt. (jg), USNR, Executive Officer; H. C. King, Lt. (jg), USNR, Commanding Officer

31 JUN 43 E. S. Rubin, Ensign, USNR, Executive Officer; A. J. Malcomson, Lt. (jg), USNR, Commanding Officer

8 OCT 43, 5 JAN 44, 2 APR 44 E. S. Rubin, Ensign, D-V(G), USNR, Executive Officer; A. J. Malcomson, Lt. (jg), D-V(S), USNR, Commanding Officer

The Report of Changes sheets that are included with the musters include the location of the ship and when it sailed from one location to another. Unfortunately, there is not a complete accounting for all locations in these records, but those provided in the musters for USS SC-1072 are provided below. The ship's log for USS PGM-7 contains a detailed description of locations. The reader should consult the log available at

<http://www.lafavre.us/navy> for locations of the ship after it was converted to USS PGM-7. In addition, reception and transfer of crew members may suggest a location. These are also provided below (date, crew member last name, location)

19 JUL 43 sailing from Naval Air Station, Cape May, New Jersey to Jacksonville, Florida

27 JUL 43, Gabrielson, received from S.C.T.C., Miami, Florida

11 AUG 43 sailing from Pier #2, S.C.T.C, Miami, Florida to Navy Section Base, Key West, Florida

15 AUG 43 sailing from N.O.B., Key West, Florida to Burwood, Mississippi

17 AUG 43 sailing from Burwood, Louisiana to Canal Zone [state does not agree with above, but given as entered in Report of Changes]

28 AUG 43 sailing from Naval Station, Coco Solo, Canal Zone to Naval Station, San Diego, California

14 SEP 43 sailing from Naval Base, San Diego, California to Naval Base, San Francisco, California

24 SEP 43 sailing from Naval Section Base, Treasure Island, California to Naval Section Base, Seattle, Washington

29 SEP 43, Dhieux, received from receiving station, PSNY, Bremerton, Washington

30 SEP 43, Gabrielson, transferred to receiving station, PSNY, Bremerton, Washington

9 OCT 43, Rollins, received from ComAirTaskGro, N, SecWesSea Frontier, Alameda, California

15 OCT 43, Mason, transferred to Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington

17 OCT 43, Wolszon, received from receiving station, PSNY, Bremerton, Washington

19 NOV 43 sailing from NavSta, Pier 41, Seattle, Washington to Naval Operating Base, San Pedro, California

23 NOV 43 sailing from NavSecBase, Treasure Island, California to Naval Operating Base, San Pedro, California

The names of the crew are repeated below for indexing purposes.

Paul Besler, Anthony Browne, Leo Chappie, Joseph Cush Jr., Ray Davis, William Demaree, August Dhieux Jr., George Fernekes, Frank Frandeen, William Freese, Victor Gabrielson, Charles Gerding, Bernard Golden, Louis Grako, Marsden Guild, Ollie Harvey, Donald Hoover, Theron Horne, Howard Ingram, Donald Jackson, John Jennings, Jack Johnson, James Justice, Howard La Favre, James Lawrence, Billy Laws, Keith Lewis, Paul Lyons, Charles Mason, Robert Metz, Benjamin Mills, Ralph Morse, Robert Musser, Edmund Niess, James Ownby, John Reuter, Clarence Rhodes, Cleveland Rhodes, William Robinson, Raymond Rodrick, James Rollins, Robert Rucker, John Savage, Clyde Smith, Joseph Smith, Thomas Strobietto, Victor Teall, Henry White, John Wolfe, Arthur Wolszon

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