

Howard Floyd La Favre, service number 565 05 38, enlisted in the Navy about a month before his 18th birthday, on February 20, 1943. After his training, he was assigned to the ship USS PGM 7 for duty, which departed San Pedro, California in January of 1944. In the early morning of July 18, 1944, the hull of PGM 7 was severely damaged in a collision with PGM 4. PGM 7 was towed back to base at Treasury Islands where a temporary patch was placed on the hull. It was then transported to a repair facility, but apparently was never placed back in service by the US Navy.

After the loss of PGM 7, Howard La Favre served on at least two other PGMs on temporary duty, PGM 2 and PGM 4. I do not have a copy of the deck log for PGM 2, but do have a copy of the deck log for PGM 4, for the month of August, 1944. The log of PGM 4 indicates that Howard La Favre reported on board for temporary duty on August 18 and was relieved of that duty on August 25. Furthermore, the log indicates that Howard reported on board from PGM 2, which would have been another temporary duty assignment previous to PGM 4. After leaving PGM 4, Howard was directed by order to report to the Commander, Motor Torpedo Boats, Treasury Islands.

The land base [base force] for the PGMs was known as PGM Division One. The muster roll of the crew for the base force indicates that Howard was received from PGM 7 on September 17, 1944 and that he was transferred to PGM 3 on October 23, 1944. From this I believe we can suggest that by September 17, the Navy had decided not to try and bring PGM 7 back into service (the last entry in the deck log for PGM 7 was August 31, 1944). After the collision, the crew of PGM 7 was dispersed to various assignments (some went with the ship to the repair facility, others were given various temporary duties). Some of the crew probably had temporary assignments at the land base and I suspect this was the case for Howard for the period August 25 to October 23, 1944. I would need to inspect all seven of the PGM deck logs (PGMs 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 8) for the months of July, August, September and October in order to establish if any other temporary duties on a PGM were assigned to Howard. I am not sure the expense to cover copies of these logs is justified, but perhaps one day I will have the opportunity to inspect all of the logs for this period.

What follows is a transcription of the deck logs for USS PGM-3 for the period August 1944 to January 1946. It is not a complete transcription. In order to keep the log at a reasonable size, I have not included most of the entries for compass course directions and ship speed. The deck logs for the period January 1944 to July 1944 were also transcribed and are available in a separate document.

Jeffrey La Favre, son of Howard Floyd La Favre, August 1, 2011

Note: times are military format: midnight = 0000, 6:00 am = 0600, 6:00 pm = 1800, etc. Log entries were required every four hours. Thus, an entry headed "0-4" means between the times of midnight and 4:00 am. Many events are specified with an exact time (e.g. 1550, which is 3:50 pm). If nothing worthy of note occurred during a four hour block of time, a phrase such as "moored as before" or "steaming as before" would be added. I have left most of these redundant entries out of the summary. For days where there are only entries early in the day, or for only a small part of the day, you may assume that nothing worthy of note for the log occurred at other times.

USS PGM-3 Deck Log Summary

August 1, 1944

0550 cleared net gate at Stirling Island formed in group with PGMs 2 and 1
2252 made visual and radio contact with Maple William P.T. Boat patrol 15 miles due west of Cape Saint George, New Ireland

August 2

In lead with PGM-2 and PGM-1 following, searching with radar
0115 enter patrol area "Uncle"
0235 patrolling off Dunup Plantation, looking for barges
0532 completed patrol, location 1 mile off shore at Matskan Plantation
0922 sighted 2 F4Us and a PBY
0948 sighted 12 B-25 bombers over New Ireland on northerly course, also sighted two F4Us and PBY returning from Rabaul
1635 leaving daylight patrol area, proceeding to night patrol area
1957 arrived on station 2 miles off Ulaputur Plantation, commenced southerly patrol of southwest coast of New Ireland, Area "Uncle", searching with radar
2251 off Dunup Plantation, reversed course to northerly sweep, no enemy sighted

August 3

Steaming western coast of New Ireland on anti-barge patrol
0045 one mile north of Matakan Plantation
0206 off Ulaputur Plantation, reversed course for southerly sweep
0305 off Dunup Plantation, reversed course, northerly sweep
0524 completed patrol, off Ulaputur Plantation, proceed to daylight patrol area
1645 departing daylight area proceeding to night patrol area
2008 on station 2 miles west of Ulaputur Plantation, southerly sweep
2046 sighted flare over Rabaul, also at 2245
2310 began northerly sweep, 3 miles south of Cape Roloss
2310 contacted PBY by radio
2326 plane illuminated Nakudukadu Bay, strafed barges on beach with unobserved results
2346 plane dropped 8 fragmentation bombs on area results unobserved

August 4

Close to Matakan Plantation , Navy Catalina [plane] working with the PGMs
0016 plane illuminated area
0026 made starboard run on beached barges, believed derelict
0058 made second starboard run

0112 left area moving up to Chinese Plantation

0125 off Chinese Plantation, illuminate by plane and made runs, no observed results, continue northerly sweep

0208 reverse course, southerly sweep from Ulapatur Plantation to Mataken Plantation

0259 reversed course off Mataken Plantation, commence northerly sweep

0337 off Ulapatur Plantation

0823 sighted PBY and two Corsairs over New Ireland coast

1342 sighted Tinwon Islands

1606 sighted Mussau Island

1625 sighted Emirau Island

1837 moored starboard side to USS PGM-2, PT Dock, Homestead Lagoon, MTB Base 16, Emirau Island

August 5

1316 underway, clear harbor bound for water and fuel at Hamburg Bay

1406 moored at fuel dock

1647 underway to clear harbor

1726 entering Homestead Lagoon – anchored at 1750

August 6

Anchored all day at Homestead Lagoon

August 7

PT 108 mentioned today

struck bottom damaging propeller and dented sound dome

all day in harbor

August 8

1115 leaving harbor in company of PGM-2 (section leader)headed to Treasury Islands

August 9

0225 passed Simberi Island abeam to starboard, distance 14 miles

August 10

1055 entered gate Blanche Harbor, Treasuries

August 11

Mentions PGM-1

repairing port propeller

August 12

Mentions PGM-1
working on sound projector head by diving
mentions PGM-2

August 13

Mentions PGM-2

August 14

Out to calibrate compass in Blanche Harbor
exercising Fire drill, collision drill, man overboard drill, fire and rescue drill, abandon ship drill

August 15

Moored all day steam dock PT base 9

August 16

Unloading gear to lighten ship and strip for action: complete set of parts for GM 16-184A Main Engines and GM 2-71 Diesel Generators, electrical surplus parts, SO-8 radar spare parts, TCS Radio spare parts, Fathometer NJ7 spare parts and other things [check actual log for long list]

August 17

Moored as before

August 18

Moored as before

August 19

Mentions PGM-2

August 20

All day at base

August 21

Mentions PGM-8

August 22

0258 underway to patrol area "uncle" along southwest coast of New Ireland, PGM-4 in company
18-20 radar reported out of order, switch out lead to PGM-4 due to lack of radar
2215 PGM-4 advises starboard engine burned out, reduce to 11 knots
2315 returning to base

August 23

August 24

0707 passed through net at Blanche Harbor, Treasuries, mooring by YOG 42 for refueling

August 25

August 26

August 27 – mentions PGM-8

0316 underway in company with PGMs 5 and 8 with Lt. Hassel of PGM-8 as section leader to patrol area “uncle” southwest coast of New Ireland

2242 sighted flare over Rabaul Area, second flare 2259

August 28

0104 on station 1 mile west of Huru Point, commence northerly patrol of area “uncle”

0433 reversed course, on southerly sweep

0541 depart from patrol area, 2 miles north of Cape Roloss

1930 arrived on station 2 ¾ miles off Ulapatur Plantation, New Ireland, southerly sweep barge patrol

2018 sighted beached barges 1 ½ miles south of Chinese Plantation

2021 illuminated beached barges turned out to be destroyed, resume southerly sweep, 2316 reversed course at Huru Point, commenced northerly sweep

August 29

Patrolling from Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation on west coast of New Ireland

0545 depart patrol area

port engine smoking, shut down, changed injectors

1404 35 miles northwest of Duke of York Island

1605 started port engine, testing, 1617 shut down port engine to change injectors

1802 start port engine, , depart from daylight area proceeding to area “uncle”, along southwest coast of New Ireland for ant-barge patrol

2017 on station 2 miles off Ulapatur Plantation, southerly sweep

2258 sighted very dim light about 100 feet above coast line at Dunup Plantation 2324 commenced

strafing, 2332 commenced firing all guns, 2355 ceased firing, commenced northerly sweep

August 30

Patrolling New Ireland coast from Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation

0404 strafing run on Gun Position 2 miles north of Dunup Plantation

0426 firing run on Dunup Plantation

1525 sighted Green Island

1636 entering Green Harbor
1646 anchored MTB Base

August 31

At MTB Base 7, Green Island
mentions LCT-927, PGM-8

September 1

Officers: Crittenden: commanding
Edwards: executive
Banzhaf: gunnery

Anchored at Green Island

September 2

Mentions PGM-8

1230 underway to patrol with PGM 8 and 5
2309 arrived on station Area Uncle 1 ¾ miles off Huru Point, commenced northerly sweep

September 3

Patrolling Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation, 0634 departing night patrol area, daylight sweep of area "uncle" on west coast of New Ireland
0710 rendezvous with 4 F4U aircraft for air cover, 0720 PGM-8 opened fire on Gun Position on Ulapatur Plantation 0731 commenced firing on same gun position 0750 firing at huts along shore at Chinese Plantation 0755 supporting planes dropped bombs on some targets
1800 departing daylight area
2006 arrived in patrol area, off Ulapatur Plantation 2340 lying to rendezvous with Green Motor Torpedo Boats

September 4

Patrolling from Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation, New Ireland
0552 depart patrol area
0740 sighted mine about 10 miles due north of Watom Island off northern tip of Gazelle Peninsula on New Britain, PGM-8 fired on and sunk it
2028 arrived on station 2 miles off Ulapatur Plantation, Area Uncle, New Ireland

September 5

Patrolling New Ireland from Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation
0641 depart patrol area

September 6

Steaming as before returning to MTB Base 9, Treasuries
0506 changed course to avoid merchant ship and escort
0830 sighted Mono Island [Treasury Islands]
1040 entered harbor at Treasuries, moored to Engineering Dock

September 7

Moored as before to steam dock

September 8

Moored bow to beach at Stirling Island

September 9, 10

Still at Stirling Island

September 11 – still at Stirling Island

1110 Captain's Mast held on KILPATRICK, William Bryan, QM 2c, USN, 262-95-56. Found guilty of standing improper gangway watch and insolence. Awarded 6 hours additional duty and a warning to be placed in his record

September 12

1015 ship's Standard Compass with Binnacle, size 7 inch diameter, Ser. Number 1818, Manufactured by the Lionel Corporation was removed from ship and stowed in PGM Engineering Shop, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island. This compass was replaced during conversion December 1943 by Flux Gate Compass and 1 Tank Compass, both manufactured by the Pioneer Instrument Company and had been carried aboard only as a stand-by compass.

1135 TARRANT, "J" "L", 829-21-82, StM 1c, V-6(SV), USNR reported back aboard for duty and was transferred to Officer-in-Charge, MTB Base 9, Stirling Island for temporary duty. Authority: Verbal Authority Acting Commander PGM Division 1 of 12 September 1944

September 13, 14

At Stirling Island

September 15

At Stirling Island

0600 pursuant to Commander Service Force 7th Fleet letter of 30 August 1944, P11-1/MM Ser(P-2300), RASMUSSEN, Henry Joseph, 647-40-71, MoMM 1c was transferred with bag, baggage, and records to the Diesel Classification Center, San Francisco, California

September 16

At Stirling Island

1100 ADAMS, John (n), 924-29-04, S2c, V-6(SV), USNR reported aboard for temporary duty without orders. Authority: Verbal authority ComPGMDiv ONE

September 17

At Stirling Island

September 18

0656 underway for engine trials and compass calibration, return 0731, out again at 0812 to calibrate compass, 0927 moored again

September 19

0259 underway in company with PGM-5 and 6, as Section General Wilson, this vessel as section leader, order of ships PGM 3, 5, 6 steaming in column

1510 contacted 2 LCI Gunboats returning from Patrol area

1650 sighted New Ireland

1844 sighted two PT Boats, distance 6 miles, made radio contact with Maple Fox section

2132 noted interference on Radar screen from undetermined source off Gilingil Point

2320 Tambaker Point abeam to starboard

2353 arrived on station 2 miles off Huru Point, commenced northerly sweep along New Ireland coast

September 20

Patrolling New Ireland from Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation

0523 2 miles off Ulapatur Plantation, commenced retiring from area

1925 on patrol station off Ulapatur Plantation, commenced southerly sweep

September 21

Patrolling New Ireland from Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation

0433 with Cape Roloss on port beam reversed course commenced northerly sweep

0523 2 miles off Chinese Plantation took departure from patrol area

12-16 steaming as before...remaining in area 30 miles northwest of Duke of York Islands

1856 arrived on station 4 miles off Ulapatur Plantation, commenced southerly sweep

2220 with Huru Point on the starboard quarter, distance 4 miles, sighted lome of white flare, 2230

established communication with patrol plane, "Charcoal" on VHF radio 2240 patrolling off Dunup

Plantation sighted white flare 2251 sighted another white flare 2330 at suggestion of this vessel

"Charcoal" dropped several incendiary bombs in area of a barge canal at Matakan Plantation, starting several fires that lasted about 10 minutes.

September 22

On northerly sweep of New Ireland Coast between Huru Point and Ulaputur Plantation
0025 reversed course off Chinese Plantation, sweeping south
0047 fired burst of .50 caliber tracer into Matakan Plantation to point out target to PBY. 0048 with PBY illuminating, strafed Matakan Plantation for two miles along coast 0200 strafing runs completed, commenced southerly sweep 0406 taking departure from area 1 ½ miles off Huru Point

1445 entering Green Island harbor

September 23

Anchored at MTB Base 7, Green Islands

PT 228 anchored next to us, later moored next to LCT 927

September 24

1437 underway in company with PGM-6 and 5 under emergency orders to intercept USS SMARITAN which was damaged by a mine

1650 sighted Buka Island bearing 159 degrees T distance 20 miles

September 25

In company with PGMs 5 and 6 in answer to call for assistance from USS SAMARITAN (AH-10)

0930 obtained radar contact with USS SAMARITAN at 7 miles

1122 standing by USS SAMARITAN waiting for orders 1130 changed course to 127 degrees T

12-16 standing by awaiting orders, USS SAMARITAN on base course 127 degrees T

1401 PGM-5 came alongside and passed over 30 loaves of bread

16-18 take station on scouting line bearing 135 degrees relative from SMARITAN at six miles interval with PGMs 5 and 6 to take station 90 degrees relative to this vessel at 3 miles distance between units

September 26

0-4 escorting crippled USS SAMARITAN (AH-10), the formation guide, to port, stationed 6 miles on starboard quarter of guide with PGMs 5 and 6 in scouting line on starboard beam. Other ships in company: DE-701, OTC, DE-634, USS ALGORMA, SS FOLEAU [OR POLEAU] LAUT

1700 pursuant to orders of CTG 70.8, PGMs 3, 5 and 6 detached from rescue mission and ordered to proceed to Tulagi for fuel

September 27

En route to Tulagi pursuant to orders for C.T.G 70.8 in company with PGMs 5 and 6

0620 entering Tulagi Harbor, 0702 moored, 1412 underway for Purvis Bay, picked up provisions there,

1504 underway for Govanna Inlet for water dock, 1703 moored next to SC-999 in Govanna Inlet, Florida Island

September 28 – moored as before – 1355 shifted berth, next to PGM-5 now

September 29 – moored as before, Govanna Inlet, 0920 headed for Purvis Bay to pick up provisions, then return to Govanna Inlet – PGM 7 also here, 1418 forming up with PGMs 5 and 6 to leave Govanna Inlet 2200 struck underwater object believed to be a log, unusual vibration indicates probable damage to propellers

September 30

Steaming en route to Treasury Island[s] in company with PGM 5 and 6, 1300 entering harbor at Treasury Islands and moored next to PGM-8, moored ship in such a way as to enable divers to work on screws while standing on bottom [berthed bow to beach]

Deck Log – List of Officers [not dated, but was at start of October, 1944 log as received from archives]

BANZHAF, Albert H. T., file no. 225309, Lt(jg), reported on board 5 June 43, detached 30 Oct. 44, primary duty: Gunnery, next of Kin, Grace Carpenter Banzhaf, mother, Sasco Road, Southport Conn.

CRITTENDEN, Gazaway L., file no. 103456, Lieutenant, reported on board 17 May 43, detached 30 Oct. 44, primary duty: Commanding, next of Kin, Gertrude Shaw Crittenden, wife, 436 South St., Needham, Mass.

EDWARDS, Joseph O., file no. 246496, Lieutenant, reported on board 21 Sept. 43, primary duty: Executive, relieved Command, next of kin, Paula Boyd Edwards, wife, 3920 W. Ave 42, Los Angeles, CA

GINTZ, Ralph E., file no. 290001, Lt. (jg), reported on board 30 Oct. 44, primary duty: relieved Executive, next of kin, Florence K. Gintz, wife, 2253, So. 70th St., West Allis, Wis.

HAWKINS, Paul K., file no. 369441, Ensign, reported on board 13 Oct. 44, primary duty: relieved Third Officer, next of kin, Kenneth Hawkins, father, 1010 Eight St., Watertown, Wis.

October 1, 1944

Moored as before...

1730 [listed in 4-8 section so this should probably be 0730] commenced repairs to starboard propeller

1330 repairs to propeller completed 1543 in harbor testing propeller

2254 underway for patrol...in company PGM-6 and 8, this vessel Section Leader with voice call of General Harrison, lead ship PGM-3, second in column PGM-6, PGM-8 last in column

October 2

0025 Flux Gate compass failed, PGM-6 takes lead, 1928 back in lead as guide

1930 entering Area "Uncle" on southwest coast of New Ireland with Huru Point bearing

060degreesT, distance 3 ¼ miles, commenced northerly sweep of ant-berge patrol

2115 sighted flares over Rabaul area, 2350 sighted several flares in Area "Victor"

October 3

Patrolling New Ireland from Dunup Plantation to Ulapatur Plantation

0225 PBY dropped 6 flares in vicinity Nakadukudu Bay for search purposes, results negative

0240 PBY dropped 6 flares along south end Matakan Plantation, results negative

0255 fired tracer bursts with .50 caliber machine gun to point out huts on beach to PBY

0301 PBY dropped one bomb close to hut, 0310 shelled vicinity of hut with 60mm mortar, 0323

resumed patrol sweeping south 0350 reversed course 2 miles off Dunup Plantation, sweep north

0515 departed patrol area at position 4 miles off Ulapatur Plantation

1905 on station, sweeping south on the southwest coast of New Ireland from a position 3 miles off

Ulapatur Plantation, this ship as guide, 2203 2 miles off Dunup Plantation, reversed course, northerly

sweep, 2230 contacted "Charcoal" (PBY) by radar but unable to establish contact by radio, 2351 2 miles

off Chinese Plantation, reversed course, southerly sweep

October 4

Patrolling coast of New Ireland from Ulapatur to Dunup Plantation, this vessel column guide, then PGM 6 and 8 in that order

0106 PBY illuminated possible contact off Huru Point 0110 PBY reported loaded barge 1500 yards off

Huru Point, change speed to 15 knots to close on barge 0125 sighted spherical horned mine, detached

PGM-8 to sink mine 0135 arrived Huru Point and sighted one type "A" barge on beach. PT Boat Section

Maple Sugar arrived at same time and was instructed to make first run 0140 section Maple Sugar made

run scoring several hits 0152 this section made run on barge scoring hits with 3"/50 caliber and 40mm,

PGM-8 rejoined formation and joined in the attack 0203 ceased firing, barge destroyed 0214 strafed

beach in vicinity of destroyed barge 0227 ceased strafing, results unobserved. 0138 [out of time

sequence] fired 10 rounds 3"/50 caliber into Duke of York Islands at 6 miles range, results unobserved,

0145 resumed patrol

0515 took departure from patrol area at 4 miles west of Ulapatur Plantation

0830 contacted Onyx 22 and requested they investigate damage to barge on Huru Point

1351 lay to, PGM-8 came alongside to transfer Lt. (jg) H. Mars aboard

1743 leaving daylight area, 14 miles due west of Ulapatur Plantation

1900 on station for night operations 5 miles off Ulapatur Plantation, commence southerly sweep of

southwest coast of New Ireland 2305 one mile off Dunup Plantation, reversed course, northerly sweep

October 5

0-4 patrolling New Ireland coast from Dunup to Ulapatur Plantations 0150 reversed course off Ulapatur Plantation, southern sweep

0407 PGM-6 took over lead as guide due to compass inaccuracies of this ship

0443 took departure from patrol area 3 ¼ miles off Huru Point, proceeding to Green Islands

1320 sighted Green Island, 1415 entering Green Island

October 6

Anchored at MTB Base #7, Green Island

October 7

Anchored at MTB Base #7

taking water from LCT-927

October 8

Moored MTB Base #7

October 9

Moored as before

0937 underway ...in accordance with orders from CTG 70.8 to patrol area "Uncle", southwest coast of New Ireland, in company with PGMs 6 and 8, this vessel as guide

2020 arrived on station 3 miles off Huru Point, make northerly sweep, Huru Point to Ulapatur Plantation

2129 position 4 miles north of Huru Point, sighted steady white light on shore bearing 050degreesT, 2

smaller lights observed close by, 2137 making run on lights 2151 closed to 1000 yards from shore and

commenced firing with all guns 2152 ceased firing 2156 commenced making starboard run 2206

commenced illuminating 2209 all guns commenced firing from a range of 500 yards off shore 2215

completed run 2218 PGM 8 reported small radar contact in vicinity of lights 2227 commenced another

port run on lights 2238 commenced firing all guns 2244 completed run , resumed northerly sweep,

lights were still visible although numerous hits were observed which would have knocked out any electric lights, no barges were observed in the area

October 11

Patrolling New Ireland from Ulapatur to Dunup Plantation, 0035 reversed course 3000 yards from Cape Roloss for northerly sweep 0155 1 ½ miles south of Ulapatur Plantation, reverse course 1332 back at Cape Roloss, reverse course 0520 depart area at position 3 ½ miles off Ulapatur Plantation 12-16 remaining in area 35 miles northwest of Duke of York Islands for daylight retirement 1915 on station 3 miles off Ulapatur Plantation, commenced southerly sweep 2028 sighted flashing white light from position 1.4 miles off Chinese Plantation 2144 at Cape Roloss, reversed course for northerly sweep 2240 contacted PBY "Tarbaby" on VHF 2310 "Tarbaby" dropped flare over Chinese Plantation 2315 1 mile off Chinese Plantation reversed course, southerly sweep 2322 "Tarbaby" dropped flares over Chinese Plantation 2335 "Tarbaby" dropped 3 flares over cove at southern end of Chinese Plantation 2345 "Tarbaby" dropped 6 more flares over the same cove 2350 "Tarbaby" bombed and strafed shore in vicinity of Ulapatur Plantation

October 12

Patrolling New Ireland from Ulapatur to Dunup Plantations 0015 PBY illuminated coast line from Chinese Plantation to Cape Roloss finishing at 0108, no contacts 0138 reversed course off Dunup Plantation, commenced northerly sweep 0225 reversed course 2 miles south of Cape Roloss, commenced southerly sweep 0500 5 miles off Tambaker Point took departure from patrol area

October 13

0-4 in company with PGMs 6 and 8 returning from patrol area to Treasury Island 0255 changed course to avoid convoy 0652 passed entrance to Blanche Harbor, Treasuries

October 14

At MTB Base 9, Treasuries

1912 underway bound for Munda, New Georgia Islands

October 15

Proceeding independently from Treasury to Munda 0811 entering Munda Harbor 0854 moored to dock, Munda Harbor, New Georgia Islands 1354 underway to leave harbor 1505 steaming to rendezvous with SS MORMACSEA at entrance to Blanche Channel 1530 took station 1 mile from Mormacsea 2100 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform with -10 zone time

October 16

0-4 steaming as before, en route from Treasury Island to Finsch Harbor, New Guinea, convoying the SS Marmacsea 0427 engine trouble port engine, change speed 0500 commenced zig-zagging using Plan No 11 0623 ceased zig-zagging

October 17

Speed 13 knots, en route to New Guinea, this ship escort for merchant ship SS Mormacsea ETA at Finsch Harbor 0715 this date 0610 took departure from convoy 0655 entered Langemak Bay 0750 moored at Langemak Bay, New Guinea. Later moored next to SC-748 same place. 1810 leaving harbor bound for Treasury Islands, speed 14 knots 20-24 steaming independently to Treasuries

October 18

Proceeding as before 0000 set all clocks ahead 1 hour

October 19

Speed 14 knots headed for Treasuries 0524 sighted Treasury Islands, range 15 miles 0650 entered inner gate to Treasury Island[s]

October 20

At MTB Base 9, Treasuries

October 21

As before 0500 pursuant to ComSerFor SEVENTH Fleet letter, P16-4/MM, Transfer order No. P2018, dated 22 September 1944, JOHNSON, D. L., BM 1c, 328-16-14, USN, KILPATRICK, W. B. QM 2c, 262-95-56, USN, and LACY, G. W. Y 1c, 603-68-38, V-6, USNR, were transferred this date with bag and hammock to nearest Receiving Ship or Station on the West Coast of the United States. Records and transfer papers to follow by registered mail.

1355 LOWE, D. "J", S 1c, 660-75-46, V-6 USNR reported on board this vessel from PGM-8 for temporary duty in connection with authority PGM-8/P16-4/MM, Serial 155

October 22, 23

Moored at MTB Base 9

[although the deck log does not mention Howard La Favre, the Report of Changes for month ending October 31, 1944, for PGM 3, indicates that Howard F. La Favre, seaman second class, 565 05 38, V-6 USNR was received on board 23 October 1944 for duty from Acting Commander PGM Division ONE]

October 24

Moored as before...

1115 underway 1150 commenced sortie sweep 1207 SS Wilfred Grenfell cleared nets, took position ahead to convoy her to Finschaven in accordance with orders CTG 70.8 secret dispatch 230346

October 25

Escorting SS Wilfred Grenfell from Treasury Island to Finsch Harbor, New Guinea, screening with sound and radar 1300 set all clocks back one hour to -10 Zone Time 1800 zig-zagging with SS Wilfred Grenfell

October 26

As before...0247 sighted lights at Finsch Harbor 0255 ceased zig-zag 0445 standing by outside Langemak Bay 0740 entered Langemak Bay in wake of SS Wilfred Grenfell 0759 moored 0900 set clocks back one hour

October 27

Anchored as before...1604 underway from Langemak Bay to Treasuries

October 28

Steaming independently ..set clocks back one hour

October 29

Steaming as before 0100 set clocks ahead one hour to -11 zone time 0555 entering harbor at Treasury Islands moored next to PGM-5

October 30

Moored as before

1200 Joseph Orr Edwards Lt., D-V(S), USNR, File No. 246496 assumed post as Commanding Officer of

this vessel relieving Gazaway Lamar Crittenden Lt., D-V(G), USNR, File No 103456. Lt. (jg) Gintz D-V(S), USNR reported aboard for temporary duty.

October 31

Moored as before

0747 pursuant to BuPers Dispatch No. 141650 Sept. 1944, Lt. Gazaway Lamar Crittenden D-V(G) USNR and Lt (jg) Albert H. T. Banzhaf D-V(G) USNR were detached from this vessel and ordered to duty at Nav. Tra. Cen. Miami, Florida, USA

0815 PGM 5 got underway from along our starboard side

November 1 to 30, 1944 deck log list of officers

EDWARDS, Joseph Orr, file no 246496, Lieut D, reporting on board 21 Sept. 1943, primary duty: commanding officer, next of kin Paula Boyd Edwards, wife, 3920 W Ave., 42, Los Angeles, CA

FEELY, William Fergus, file no 340509, Ensign D, reporting on board 10 November 1944, executive officer, next of kin, Robert M. Feely, father, 483 Richmond Ave., Maplewood, NJ

HAWKINS, Paul Kenneth, file no 369441, Ensign D, reporting on board 13 October 1944, 3rd officer, next of kin Kenneth Hawkins, father, 1010 8th St., Watertown, Wis.

November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Moored as before

November 8

Moored as before...1055 HARTSFIELD, Frederick Benjamin, 844-20-78, GM 3c, wounded in right leg while engaged in cleaning a Colt .45 automatic pistol... accident occurred while FISHER, Domer Monrow...WISSWELL, Richard James...and HARTSFIELD were engaged in cleaning small arms on the fantail of this ship... was gun that Fisher was cleaning that discharged...first aid administered by PIKE, Thomas Eugene, PhM1c, wounded man to base hospital, then to Navy Hospital Guadalcanal

November 9

Moored as before....escorted PT tender Acontius out of harbor for exercises and returned same day

November 10

Moored as before...1520 pursuant to BuPers order No 31323 VEH 6, dated 14 September 1944 Ens.
William Fergus FEELY reported aboard this vessel for duty

November 11

Moored as before...8-12 removing engine, moved to PGM dry dock at Stirling Island

November 12

In dry dock to undergo engine repairs and clean ship bottom

November 13...as before

November 14...as before...8-12 moved ship from dry dock to engineering dock 12-16 installed
reconditioned starboard engine

November 15...installing engine 0755 tow ship to Steaming Dock

1100 Captain's Mast held for SINK, Wilbur Franklin, 865-56-44, EM 3c, USN(I), offense: disrespect for an
officer, finding: guilty, punishment: restricted for 2 weeks commencing 12 NOV 44

November 16...moored as before 0830 towed to engineering dock 1538 towed back to steam dock

November 17...moored as before 12-16 out for test runs, then back

November 18 ...moored as before..moved to steaming dock, then to private berth at PGM nest

November 19...moored as before

0806 underway to rendezvous with PT boats at point 5 miles off of Fetenu Point, Stirling Island, serving
as target ship for torpedo run exercises by PTs 1143 exercises completed, return to harbor

November 20...moored as before

November 21...moored as before

1614 underway bound for Area William 1929 ...2 miles north of Antarara Island waiting to rendezvous
with PTs 2008 sighted visually 2 PT boats and executed left echelon to get on station, section leader Lt.
Kearney 2235 one mile off Montepina Point, reversed course for southerly sweep

November 22...anti-barge patrol on southwest coast of Bougainville Island in area William, this ship
following in wake of section leader, Gum King, and one additional PT boat, Gum 131...0108 illuminating

Aitara Mission with 3 rounds 3"/50 caliber illuminating ammunition 0110 PTs on strafing run in vicinity of Aitara Mission 0114 commenced firing on beach 0420 secured patrol, returning to Treasuries 0808 moored back at Treasuries

November 23

Moored as before...0750 underway 0846 Flux-Gate compass inoperative 0910 sighted PT boats...proceeded with torpedo target practice...return to base

November 24...moored as before...1849 underway for practice anti-barge patrol with PTs 2112

Secured from practice 2144 moored back at base

November 25...moored as before

November 26...moored as before

November 27...moored as before

November 28...moored as before

November 29...moored as before

November 30...moored as before

Deck Log- list of officers December 1 to 31, 1944 – same as before

December 1, 1944...moored as before

December 2...moored as before

December 3...moored as before

December 4...moored as before

December 5...moored as before

December 6...moored as before

1610 departed submarine nets

1915 entered Area William on anti-barge patrol, one mile off Takuruai, Bougainville

December 7...steaming as before in Area William on southwest coast of Bougainville on anti-barge patrol 0505 commenced illuminating Takuruai and Hari River to make port firing run 0534 ceased firing on port run 0540 reversed course making starboard firing run 0550 ceased firing 0835 passed through harbor gates, moored back at base 1015 underway 1727 entering harbor at Torokina 1740 moored port side to PGM-2 at anchorage off Cape Torokina

December 8...anchored as before 0917 underway 0953 put working party aboard supply ship 1053 working party came aboard with supplies 1145 underway for Treasuries 1853 entering harbor at Treasuries 1908 moored to stem dock MTB Base 9

December 9...moored as before

December 10...moored as before

1305 WORSTER, Martin B. CmoM(T), 203-29-71, V-6, USNR, reported aboard for temporary duty 1328 underway, proceeding to rendezvous with William F. HASE AP146 1818 sighted ship 1838 ship proved to be YR 525 2053 challenged ship which turned out to be USS GENERAL W. F. HASE 2110 steaming to take position ahead of convoy, escorting General W. F. Hase to Torakina, Bougainville

December 11...steaming as before, escorting Gen W F Hase 0900 entering harbor at Torakina 0930 anchored in stream off Puruata Island 1150 underway for Treasuries 1715 sank a buoy with machine gun fire 1752 entering harbor at Treasuries, moored to engineering dock

December 12...moored as before

1040 pursuant to verbal orders from Acting Commander PGM Division ONE, FRANDEEN, F. A., MoMM 2c, 639-99-30, V-6, USNR, reported aboard this vessel for temporary duty. 1145 pursuant to verbal orders from Acting Commander PGM Division ONE, MILKOSKY, M. N., MoMM 1c, 647-41-15, V-6, USNR, was transferred this date with bag and hammock to Acting Commander PGM Division ONE for temporary duty in connection with Diesel Maintenance

December 13...moored as before

1617 passed through nets and started sound gear, preparing to investigate suspicious object in water off Stirling Island. Co-operating with PBY on search 1642 sighted object, suspicious object proved to be tree trunk 1610 hauled tree trunk aboard, returned to base, moored to engineering dock

December 14...moored as before

0301 underway to search for derelict reported at 8 degrees 35 min, 155 degrees 52 E 0630 arrived at position, commenced searching 1108 object proved to be a tree 1121 commenced depth charge run on object, dropped charge, tree completely disintegrated 1128 underway for Choiseul Island 1851 rendezvous with PGM-8 20-24 en route to area Oboe, Bougainville for night anti-barge patrol 2015 arrived on station off Luluai Point, then patrol beach

December 15...steaming as before on anti-barge patrol off southeast coast of Bougainville in area Oboe and Easy, following wake of PGM-8 0018 2 miles off PukPuk Island, reverse course for southerly sweep 0105 sighted light on beach and shelled same with 3" 50 caliber, 9 rounds 0515 reversed course 2 miles south Puias River, making northerly sweep 0545 secured from patrol, departing area then patrol a daylight area 1816 headed to area Oboe 1930 firing on white light on beach 2000 commenced shelling beach with 3" 50 cal, starboard run, 5 rounds 2006 spotted white light on beach

December 16...steaming as before in area Oboe and Easy 0530 departing area from 2 ½ miles north of Rantan Island then 08-12 steaming in daylight operating area 1700 departing daylight area, proceeding to area Oboe and Easy 1932 arrived area 1 mile off Luluani Point, commenced northerly sweep 2250 radio contact with Sambo, PBY on Radio

December 17...steaming as before patrolling area Oboe and Easy 0535 departing area 1143 entered eastern entrance Blanche harbor, Treasuries, moored to steam dock

December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22...moored as before

December 23...moored as before

1510 underway with PGM-2 to west coast of Choiseul Island for anti-barge patrol 1933 northerly sweep of Bougainville Strait, between Choiseul Is. and Fauro Is. 20-24 patrolling area Q

December 24...patrolling area Queen on northwest coast of Choiseul Island in company with PGM-2, this ship section leader 0534 approx 2 miles south of West Cape, preparing to make firing run on beach 0550 making port firing run, observed smoke and small fires in Palmgrove. 0610 sighted barge in water, proceeding to investigate 0615 found contact to be negative 1115 approaching entrance to Treasuries, 1146 moored at Treasuries

December 25...moored as before

2159 underway for area Uncle patrol

December 26...steaming as before en route to patrol area Uncle off west coast of New Ireland 1820 identified 4 F4U Corsairs overhead 1915 arrived in area Uncle, 6 miles south of Euru Point 1932 arrived on station 2 miles off Huru Point in area Uncle, west coast of New Ireland, commenced northerly sweep 2222 one mile off Ulapatur plantation, reverse course

December 27...steaming as before 8-12 headed for daylight retirement area 1409 sighted smoke one mile inland of Ulapatur plantation 1433 10 miles north of Ulapatur, heavy white smoke on beach, heavy white smoke sighted over Rabaul area 1915 arrived on station 3 miles off Ulapatur plantation, make northerly sweep

December 28...steaming as before on station in area Uncle 0630 departed area at Ulapatur plantation proceeding to daylight patrolling area 1900 arrived on station 3 miles off Ulapatur plantation, start southerly sweep 1910 closed beach to 1500 yards at Ulapatur to make a firing run 2040 closed to 1500 yards of beach, 2 miles south of Cape Roloss and strafed huts on beach 2055 completed firing and resume patrol

December 29...steaming as before in area Uncle 0005 Black PBY Catalina flew over in a reciprocal heading operating in the area with us 0016 Charcoal strafing beach of Chinese plantation 0115 Charcoal illumination Chinese plantation for us 0107 Gun 6 (40mm) commenced firing 0109 ceased firing 0118 Charcoal dropped flare at Ulapatur plantation and four bombs 1520 passed through channel to Green Island 1541 moored 1715 moored to barge at Port Directors, NAB, Green Island

December 30...moored as before at Naval Base, Green Island

December 31...anchored as before

Deck Log – list of officers – January 1 to 31, 1945 – same as before

January 1, 1945

Anchored as before, alongside PGM-2 at Naval base, Green Island

1025 en route to area Uncle for anti-barge patrol 2145 arrived in area 5 miles off Huru Point 2200 arrived on station, commenced northerly sweep

January 2

0630 departed area to go to daylight operating area 1919 arrived on station 2 ½ miles off Ulapatur plantation, commence southerly sweep

January 3

Steaming as before 0600 departing area for daylight area 1920 arrived on station 3 miles west of Ulapatur plantation, commenced southerly sweep 2106 search lights observed over Rabaul 2256 made contact with PBY by radio 2259 PBY dropped 2 flares on Dunup Plantation area and reported no targets observed 2351 illuminated Nakadukudu Bay with 60mm star shells and strafed reported gun positions

January 4

Steaming as before in area Uncle 0007 commenced mortar illumination 0008 commenced 40mm fire 0615 Huru Point abeam, took departure from area 2345 PGMs 1 and 5 passed abeam to port en route to area Uncle

January 5

Moored as before at steam dock MTB Base 9 Treasury [how did they get here?]

January 6

Moored as before

0838 pursuant to ComNavNorSols Transfer Order No 356-44, KOWALCYZK, R. R. F1c(EM), 943-27-56, V-6, USNR reported aboard for permanent duty. Pursuant to Verbal Orders ComPGMDiv1, KENNEDY, C.C. Jr. F1c, 273-07-06, USNR, reported aboard for temporary duty. Pursuant to ComNavNorSols Transfer Order No 362-44 of 31 December 1944, FRANDEEN, F.A. MoMM 2c, 639-99-30, V-6, USNR, reported aboard for permanent duty. Pursuant to ComNavNorSols Transfer Order 361-44, MILKOSKY, M. N. MoMM 1c, 467-41-15, was permanently transferred to PGM Division ONE for duty. Pursuant to verbal orders acting Commander PGM Division ONE, DEMAREE, W. E., MoMM 3c, 293-18-12, V-6, USNR, was transferred to ActComPGMDiv1 for temporary duty. Pursuant to verbal orders ActComPGMDiv1, WORSTER, M. B. C MoMM(AA)(T), 203-29-71, V-6, USNR, was detached from temporary duty aboard and transferred to ActCom1 GMDiv1 for permanent duty

January 7

Moored as before

January 8

Moored as before

1400 underway for anti-aircraft practice, 6 miles due east of eastern harbor gate and returned to base

January 9

Moored as before

January 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15...moored as before

January 16...moored as before

1415 underway en route to area Queen on west coast of Choiseul Island for anti-barge patrol 1911
sunk mine by firing on it – in company with PGM 2 1930 arrived on station, commence northerly sweep
1 1/2 miles off Redman Island 2150 one mile off Cape Alexander, reversed course, southerly sweep
2345 called GQ in preparation to strafing Porapora area 2358 illuminated with 3" 50 caliber star shells

January 17 steaming as before in area "Q" 0007 commenced firing 0020 reversed course for port run
0028 resumed southerly sweep 0248 Moli Island abeam reversed course for northerly sweep 0625
four F4U Corsairs arrived on station to participate in bombardment activities 0700 and 0720 planes
bombing Kuku Point 0735 arrived at bombardment position 0739 commenced firing 08-12 steaming
as before shelling reported enemy concentration in cave 0815 completed firing 0840 sank a mine 0946
arrived at Sangigai and anchored off shore, commenced unloading supplies for Australians 1204
underway for Treasuries 1815 entered Blanche Harbor, Treasuries

January 18, 19, 20, 21, ...moored as before

January 22...moored as before..out for Torpedo practice for the day, then return

January 23...moored as before

1238 pursuant to verbal orders of Acting Commander PGMDiv1, LYONS, John Edward, G 2c, 707-51-66,
V-6, USNR and HARDING, Homer Reznolds, Cox(T), 626-20-64, V-6, USNR, reported aboard for
temporary duty.

January 24...moored as before MTB Base 9

1035 WISSWELL, R. J. GM 3c, 312-00-53, USN, transferred to Fleet Hospital #108, pursuant to orders

January 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31...moored as before

Officer list for February 1945 same as before

February 1, 1945

Moored as before

February 2

Moored as before

08-12 lifting out main engines for replacement

February 3...moored as before 1505 underway using ramplighters to move to steam dock

February 4...moored as before

February 5...moored as before

0819 underway to measured mile area to undergo speed trials 1501 entered eastern entrance returning to base, moored to steam dock

February 6...moored as before... out for various firing practice and then return

February 7...moored as before...0844 underway to dry dock for underwater painting and repairs 0930 resting on keelblocks

February 8...resting on keelblocks as before

February 9...resting on keelblocks as before...0830 commenced flooding dry dock 0853 underway out of dry dock 0947 out entrance on trial runs 1101 back at base moored at steam dock

February 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, ...moored as before

February 24...moored as before

0644 underway 0728 took position astern PGM-1 in formation All PGMs en route to Hollandia, New Guinea

February 25...steaming as before ...in company with PGMs 1 and 5 in starboard column PGMs 2, 4, 6 in port column PGM-8 acting as guide [therefore all PGMs but PGM 7]

February 26...steaming as before en route to Hollandia, New Guinea

February 27...steaming as before

February 28...steaming as before

0527 changed formation to column in numerical order with PGM-8 acting as guide and OTC 0535 entering Hollandia Harbor 0702 anchored

Officer list March 1 to 31 same as before

March 1, 1945

...anchored as before...in Challenger Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea

March 2...anchored as before

March 3...moored as before in Challenger Cove, Hollandia, New Guinea

0008 Ensign W. F. Feely taken ashore in picket boat for X-Ray examination of injuries incurred while falling into ramp lighter alongside ship. Injuries so far undiagnosed but left side of chest badly bruised

0203 received blinker from beach to forward Mr. FEELY's records to Base 170

1455 underway to take position in convoy for Leyte 1550 cleared harbor entrance, standing in convoy

1635 took position in convoy astern USS ANTHEDON set base speed 9 knots

March 4...steaming as before in convoy from Hollandia to Leyte, Philippines Islands in position number 36 of convoy 1039 reduce base speed to 8 knots

March 5...steaming as before 1815 proceeding to take position bearing 270 degrees from No 11 ship in convoy to act as radar and sound screen for port side of convoy

March 6....steaming as before

March 7...steaming as before...this ship having No 36 position in convoy and in company with PGMs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8

March 8...steaming as before

March 9...steaming as before...acting as rear guard and rescue ships

March 10...steaming as before

1321 took position in numerical order astern PGM-2, PGMs in formation (column) with PGM-8 acting as OTC 1430 awaiting instructions to enter San Pedro Bay 1740 proceeding to San Pedro Harbor, Leyte Island 1915 passed net tender guarding entrance to harbor 2010 anchored in San Pedro Harbor, Leyte Island

March 11...anchored as before 0820 underway in column astern of PGM-2 0954 anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island

March 12...anchored as before in San Pedro Harbor

March 13...moored as before in San Pedro Harbor

08-12 Captain's Mast held for GREENLAW, Cornelius E. Jr., SM 2c, 666-07-80, V-6, USNR offense 1. Disrespect to an officer 2. Failure to carry out orders Plea: Guilty Punishment: Reduction to next inferior rating. 1632 moored starboard side to General William F. Hose, AP-196 in San Pedro Bay, Leyte 1833 moored next to PGM-4 in San Juanica Strait, Leyte

March 14...moored as before 1125 anchored in San Juanica Strait at MTB Base, Leyte, P.I.

March 15...anchored as before

March 16...anchored as before

1240 pursuant to verbal orders of Commander PGM Division ONE, KENNEDY, C.C., F1c, 273-07-06, USNR and Lowe, D. J. S1c, 660-75-46, USNR were transferred with bag and hammock to temporary duty in PGM Division ONE, records to follow

March 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26...anchored as before

March 27...moored as before...1915 storm warning issued to all ships

March 28...moored as before in San Juanica Straits

1115 TARRANT, J.L., StM 1c, 829-21-82, USNR and KNIGHT, W. A. , S1c, 263-85-82, USNR returned aboard AOL since 0700 this date. Punishment awarded – one weeks restriction

1222 moored in dry dock but could not raise ship, so out again 1356 moored to floating PGM workshop
1455 moored to PGM-2

March 29, 30...moored as before

March 31...moored as before

List of officers April 1 to 30, 1945

EDWARDS, Joseph O., Lt., detached 17 April 1945

SIMON, Walter G., file no 226219, Lt. (jg), reported on board 17 April 1945, Commanding Officer, next of kin Mrs. Lorraine V. Simon, 427 Fifth St., Manistee, Mich. [relation not specified]

[other officers the same]

April 1, 1945

Moored as before at RMO, MTB Base, San Juanica Straits, Leyte, P.I.

April 2...moored as before

April 3...moored as before...0902 underway for dry dock 1004 secured on keelblocks 1700 underway
[does not say what was done in dry dock]

April 4...moored as before, starboard side to PGM-2 in San Juanico Straits, Leyte, P.I.

April 5...moored as before 1040 underway 1000 [out of sequence] moored to PGM dock at MTB Base 5
1238 underway 1246 moored port side to PGM-2

April 6...moored as before port side to PGM-2 in San Juanico Straits..various movements...1320 moored
starboard side to PGM-1

April 7...moored as before 0942 moored starboard side to PGM-2 1139 moored starboard side to AGP-15 1230 moored starboard side to PGM-4 1318 moored starboard side to PGM-2 1625 following in wake of PGM-1 passing through San Juanico Straits en route to Ormoc, Leyte, P.I.

April 8...steaming as before, this ship acting as guide followed by PGM-1 0700 moored starboard side to wharf at Ormoc 1916 moored starboard side to PGM-1 in Ormoc Bay

April 9...moored as before...0612 moored to wharf at Ormoc 0645 underway 0753 en route to Camiguin Island 1134 PT 192 came along our starboard side to give us confidential information 1318 PGM-1 assumed guide position 1340 challenged, answered with proper reply 1415 approached Mambajao, Camiguin 1430 tied up to dock 1745 underway to patrol area in Macajalar Bay, Mindanao 1930 commenced patrol of area 1 mile off Salay

[note there is a C. E. Thorney, Ens. USNR signing logs]

April 10...steaming as before...blockading Mindanao coast at Macajalar Bay in accordance with dispatch orders of CTC 70.1 PGM-1 in column at 300 yards distance mean distance from beach 2000 yards conducting radar search for enemy traffic 0019 reversed course abeam of Malugan Point 0230 reversed course abeam of Abu 0450 reversed course 0615 reversed course 0617 preparing for strafing beach 0645 commenced firing 3" .50 caliber at Cagayan river 0654 40mm commenced firing 0801 hit submerged log, starboard shaft vibrating excessively, secured starboard engine 0803 en route to Camiguin to inspect damage to screw 1030 PGM-1 left formation to investigate large sailing vessel 8 miles west of Camiguin, sailing craft proved to be friendly 1155 approaching Camiguin dock 1202 moored to pier, Mambajao, Camiguin 1310 underway 1813 moored starboard side to PGM-1 at wharf, Iligan, Mindanao, P.I. 1910 underway

April 11...conducting blockade of Mindanao coast at Macajalar Bay...steaming a southerly sweep...mean distance to beach 1500 yards PGM-1 in column 200 yards astern 0022 visually sighted target, call GQ 0028 target identified as barge 1 mile off shore and 1 mile south Tagaloan River 0030 in pursuit of barge 0032 native canoe sighted dead ahead passed close aboard starboard side, too close for gun to bear. PGM-1 ordered to dispose of canoe. While evading canoe, visual contact with barge lost. Radar had no contact at any time 0127 secured from GQ, proceeded on southerly sweep 0146 reversed course 0212 illuminated Tagaloan River area with negative results. Proceeded on southerly sweep 0243 one mile off Tagaloan River wake observed to pass just ahead of ship. PGM-1 had wake pass under ship. Believed to be torpedoes. Commenced sound search, negative due to failure of gear 0347 reversed

course 0610 reversed course 0622 set GQ for daylight strafing of beach 0630 commenced shelling in general vicinity of Bugo 0712 secured from GQ 0715 departing area 0936 investigating sail boats in vicinity of Camiguin Island 1120 moored port side to PGM-1 at pier at Camiguin Island 1624 underway 1735 arrived at patrol area...patrolling Macajalar Bay

April 12...conducting blockade of Macajalar Bay, mean distance from beach 2000 yards, this ship acting as guide with PGM-1 in column astern 0125 reversed course off Vissanueva 0350 reversed course off Gusa 0520 departed patrol area, proceeding to Balingasag 0540 observed star shell on horizon, no radar contact 0635 proceeding to Balingasag Bay 0704 Guerilla Banca alongside to transfer Japanese prisoners 0728 received four Japanese prisoners and captured enemy equipment 0732 underway, en route to Cebu City 1530 entering Cebu Harbor 1550 lying to in Cebu harbor awaiting berthing instructions 1610 Captain returned aboard [when did he leave?] , underway to dock 1615 moored port side to LCI 977 at Cebu City 1813 transferred four Jap prisoners to Army stockade for night 1846 under fire of enemy, shells exploding close aboard, all ships in vicinity getting underway 1847 shells exploding in vicinity of dock, causing numerous personnel casualties 1851 underway to outer harbor. Moored port side to PGM-1 1930 underway to new anchorage 1937 PGM-1 dropped anchor 20-24 moored as before port side to PGM-1 in Cebu Harbor

April 13...moored as before port side to PGM-1, this ship awaiting to carry four Japanese prisoners to Ormoc 0642 four Jap prisoners brought aboard by military police 0625 [out of sequence] underway to dock, Cebu City 0641 underway through channel 0715 cleared channel 1132 PT 349 came alongside 1136 PT underway, resumed course and speed 1140 entered Ormoc bay 1158 moored starboard side to FS 193 1210 four Japanese prisoners were taken ashore by Military Police

April 14...moored starboard side to FS 193 acting as a unit of CTG 70.1 at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I. 0403 [actually listed as 1403, which must be error] underway debarking Ormoc Harbor 1200 steaming through San Juanico Straits 1313 moored port side to PGM-2 off PT Base 5 San Pedro Harbor

April 15...moored as before 0915 pursuant to BuPers restricted dispatch of 17 February 1945, Lieutenant Walter G. SIMON, (D), 226219, USNR, reported aboard the vessel with orders to relieve Lieutenant Joseph O. EDWARDS, D(L), 246496 as commanding officer

April 16...moored as before port side to PGM-2 in San Juanico Straits, Leyte, P.I. 0718 underway, attempting to find a supply ship in outer San Pedro Harbor 1234 moored starboard side to LSM-1 in

outer San Pedro Bay 1408 underway 1615 moored starboard side to PGM-2 off MTB Base 5 in San Juanico Straits, Leyte, P.I.

April 17...moored as before 0800 underway to dry dock 0808 entered dry dock 0834 resting on keel blocks in floating dry dock in San Juanica Straits 1105 commenced flooding dry dock [no mention of work done on ship] 1150 underway 1200 moored starboard side to PGM repair dock at MTB Base 5 1335 underway 1345 moored port side to PGM-2 in San Juanica Straits off MTB Base 5

April 18...moored as before 0808 underway 0817 moored starboard side to PGM-1 to load stores 1300 pursuant to verbal orders of Commander PGM Division ONE of 5 April 1945, Ensign Charles E. Thorney, Jr. DE, USNR, 341541 reported aboard for temporary duty. [yes, but he was signing the log starting on April 9 of this month, 1200-1600 entry for that day] 1315 underway 1330 moored port side to PGM-2 in San Juanica Straits 16-20 moored as before. Underway in accordance with CTG 70.1 dispatch of 18 April en route Ormoc, Leyte Island, P.I. in company with PGM-1

April 19...steaming as before, PGM-1 acting as guide and PGM-3 as OTC, both ships en route to Ormoc, Leyte 0638 moored starboard side to PGM-1 alongside pier at Ormoc, Leyte Island, P. I. 0955 underway to calibrate compass 1046 moored starboard side to PGM-1 alongside pier at Ormoc, Leyte Island, P.I. 1822 PGM-1 underway 1845 underway 1900 anchored in Ormoc Bay 1905 PGM-1 moored along our port side

April 20...anchored as before 0622 PGM-1 underway 0632 underway en route to Camiguin Island, Mindanao pursuant to dispatch orders of CTG 70.1 1130 PGM-1 left column to rendezvous with MTB Boats to obtain information 1220 PGM-1 resumed station 1325 entering Mambajao, Camiguin 1343 moored port side to PGM-1 1608 starboard engine inoperative, underway en route patrol area in company with PGM-1 1620 PGM-1 took position as guide 20-24 en route to patrol area in Macajalar Bay, Mindanao 2105 arrived on station, commenced northerly sweep of patrol area off Cagayan River, maintaining mean distance of 3000 yards off beach, starboard engine secured 2321 reversed course at Bhontugan

April 21...conducting anti-barge patrol, PGM-1 OTC, following PGM-1 in column, distance 300 yards, starboard engine inoperative 0120 reversed course off Gusa 0130 called GQ, PGM-1 made contact with canoe 0146 canoe friendly, secured from GQ 0250 reversed course at Tagaloan River 0620 commenced daylight reconnaissance sweep of area 0708 set GQ proceeding to investigate boats in vicinity of Alutaga Reef 0725 boats proved to contain friendly fisherman, secured from GQ, proceeding

to Mindanao Sea for daylight operations 08-12 maintaining anti-barge and canoe patrol in Mindanao Sea 0835 started starboard engine [how did they fix it?] , en route to Camiguin Island 0839 secured port engine 0919 started port engine 1050 entering Camiguin Harbor 1055 left column formation and increased speed to 15.2 knots to test engines 1148 headed for docking ship, port engine inoperative due to failure of shifter motor 1159 moored port side to PGM-1 at wharf, Mambajao, Camiguin Island, P.I. 1702 PGM-1 and this ship underway, PGM-1 acting as guide, 1740 returning to Camiguin Island 1822 moored port side to PGM-1 to evacuate sick man

April 22...moored as before at wharf, Mambajao, Camiguin Island...these ships secured from patrol duty pursuant to dispatch orders of CTG 70.1. PGM-1 awaiting plane to evacuate patient suffering acute appendicitis. This ship undergoing engine repairs. 0940 PBM landed in area to evacuate patient from PGM-1 1140 patient aboard plane and ships are ready to resume patrol. 1200 underway 1220 PGM-1 took position as guide ship, commencing daylight patrol of Mindanao Sea 1730 investigating sailboat 1810 investigation proved negative 2002 arrived on station off Tacnipa Point, Macajalar Bay and commenced northerly sweep off night operating area, maintaining mean distance of 3000 yards off beach. 2215 reversed course abeam of Abu 2305 reversed course 2 miles north of Magalan Point for northerly sweep

April 23...steaming as before 0024 reversed course off Buga 0151 reversed course in vicinity of Gusa 0322 reversed course with Baluarte abeam 0443 reversed course 0538 reversed course 0558 closed beach to 2000 yards for daylight reconnaissance 0636 commenced strafing beach in vicinity of Bugo 0639 ceased firing 0652 commenced strafing in vicinity of Tagoloan River 0655 ceased firing 0658 departed area en route to Camiguin Island 0716 starboard engine inoperative 1000 approaching Mambajao, Camiguin Island 1017 PGM-1 came along our port side to take Leloz, Philippino interpreter aboard 1018 underway en route to Ormoc, Leyte Island, this ship traveling alone 1500 lying to, awaiting for PGM-1 to contact PTs 0506 underway, PGM-1 acting as guide [when did they meet up?] 1900 approaching pier at Ormoc 1914 moored starboard side to U.S.A.F.S 179 alongside pier, Ormoc, Leyte, P.I.

April 24...moored as before, starboard side to FS-179, at wharf at Ormoc, PGM-1 moored along our port side 0915 FS-179 got underway, this ship got underway 0925 moored starboard side to wharf at Ormoc

April 25...moored as before, PGM-1 moored to our port side 0400 PGM-1 underway 0407 underway en route to Tacloban in company with PGM-1 1314 entered San Juanica Straits 1450 anchored in San Juanico Straits, off MTB Base 5 Samar Island, P.I. 1632 underway 1645 moored starboard side to PGM Repair Barge 1700 pursuant to verbal orders of Commander PGM Division ONE, Ensign Charles F. THORNEY, Jr., DE, USNR, 341541 was detached from temporary duty aboard this vessel

April 26....moored as before...undergoing complete engine overhaul 1627 underway, this ship being towed by pontoon barge-tug 1638 secured alongside PGM Repair Barge 1817 PT 171 moored along our port side

April 27...moored as before....PGM Repair Barge which is moored bow to beach in San Juanico Straits, Leyte Island, P.I. both engines inoperative, undergoing repairs 1445 PT 171 underway

April 28...moored as before 1605 PT 171 moored along our port side 1626 PT 171 underway

April 29...moored as before 1343 PT 229 moored along our port side 1420 PT 229 underway 1650 PT 115 moored along our port side 1700 PT 115 underway 1630 Ensign William F. FEELY, D, 340509, USNR, reported back aboard for duty pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer of Base Hospital #17 Navy 3115

April 30..moored as before 1445 underway testing main engines 1452 departing San Juanico Straits and entering outer San Pedro Harbor 1512 speed trials completed, reversed course to re-enter San Juanico Straits 1547 moored starboard side to PGM-1 off MTB Base 5, Leyte Island, P.I. 2250 lit off both Main engines

List of officers May 1 to 31, 1945 – same as before

May 1, 1945

Moored as before....0814 underway to drop anchor 0940 underway undergoing speed runs 1120 secured from speed runs tied up port side to AOG-47 for fuel 1206 completed fueling, underway 1502 anchored off MTB Base 5

May 2...anchored as before...MTB Base 5 in San Juanico Straits, Leyte Island, P.I.

1665 Captain's Mast was held for KNIGHT, W.A., S1c, 262-85-82 offence AOL for a period of 1 hour Plea guilty Punishment: restriction for a period of 30 days commencing 2 May and ending 3 May 1945 [should be 31 May]

May 3...Anchored as before

May 4...anchored as before 2145 PT 355 moored to our stern

May 5...anchored as before 1337 underway 1535 tied up to LST-168 1605 underway for inner harbor
1748 dropped anchor

May 6...anchored as before off MTB Base 5 in San Juanico Straits, Leyte, P.I. 1123 underway to San
Pedro Harbor to take on ammunition 1310 moored starboard side to SS Paul Kelly in outer San Pedro
Harbor 1510 completed taking on ammunition 1540 underway to enter San Juanico Straits 1655 lying
off MTB Base 5, San Pedro Harbor 1704 underway in accordance with orders from CTU 70.1 en route to
Polillo Island, P.I.

May 7

Steaming as before, proceeding independently to Polillo Island, P.I.

May 8...steaming as before...0801 approaching Polillo Island 0812 moored port side to dock Polillo
Island 1609 underway 1623 moored port side to PC 1123 at wharf Polillo Island 1633 PGM-1 moored
along our starboard side

May 9...moored as before...0803 two officers and eleven men of the Philippine Army reported aboard
0807 underway for patrol area off Luzon in company with PC 1123 0835 PC 1123 took position as
guide 1040 set GQ [my acronym for General Quarters] 1113 commence firing at beach off Binangonan
Point 1126 ceased firing 1145 commenced firing 1155 ceased firing 1159 secured from GQ set
condition 2 Mike watch 1240 test firing fifty calibers 1350 closing towards beach at Infanta, Luzon to
pick up civilian evacuees us 1633 completed taking on evacuees 1640 following PC 1123 1720
entering Polillo Harbor 1825 moored port side to PC 1123, alongside wharf at Polillo, Luzon, P.I.

May 10 ...moored as before..0813 underway en route patrol area in company with PC 1123 1010 set
GQ commenced northward sweep at Gabriel Point 1025 commenced firing 1026 ceased firing 1135
commenced firing at enemy encampment in vicinity of Iloilo River 1136 ceased firing encampment
destroyed 1225 commenced firing at dugouts north of Iloilo River 1230 ceased firing three dugouts
destroyed 1235 secured from GQ set condition 2 Mike watch 1328 entering Dingalan Bay 1410
moored starboard side to PC 1123 in Dingalan Bay 1605 commenced taking on ammunition 1945
underway 1958 PC 1123 took guide, following in her wake en route to Casiguran Sound

May 11...steaming as before..en route to Casiguran Sound off southeast coast of Luzon 04-08 approaching Calahgen Bay to put Guerilla landing party ashore 0535 called GQ 0635 commenced landing scouting party 3 miles south of Calabhan at beacon Sugar 0854 completed disembarking of scouting party 0856 took position astern of PC 1123 1013 commenced zig-zag course while PC investigated possible sonar contact 1042 search proved negative 1540 entering Polillo Harbor 1609 moored starboard side to Pier at Polillo City, Polillo

May 12...moored as before 0424 underway 0700 called GQ to shell beach 0725 commenced northerly sweep of Binangonan Point 0823 proceeding to contact canoe off Tacligan Point 0903 took position astern of PC 1123 0922 lying off Tacligan Point 1925 steaming preparatory to shelling beach 0930 set GQ 0945 commenced firing in Port Real area 0954 ceased firing, return fire observed believed to be machine gun and small arms 1005 commenced firing 1007 ceased firing, believed to have destroyed two Japanese Q Boats 1013 proceeding south astern of PC 1123 1055 lying one mile south of Binangonan Point 1130 secured both engines 1213 started main engines 1214 underway following in wake of PC 1123 1250 lying off Binangonan Point 1744 Lt. DOVE, USA came alongside in canoe for intelligence purposes 1844 called GQ, closing beach to fire 1855 commenced firing to port at Binangonan Point 1900 ceased firing and secured GQ 1903 proceeding back to Polillo Harbor following in wake of PC 1123 2142 moored port side to PC 1123 to fuel

May 13...moored as before, starboard side to pier Polillo Island, P.I. 0445 underway departing Polillo Harbor 0805 entering Mauban Harbor, Luzon 0818 anchored 1025 underway proceeding out of Mauban Harbor, Luzon 1225 closing on beach 1235 steaming as before in company with PC 1123, PC 476 and PGM-5 1252 secured both engines 1410 started starboard engine lying to off Binangonan, P.I. 1418 secured starboard engine 1445 started both main engines 1458 transferred rubber boat to PGM-5 1501 in column with PC 1123, PC 476 and PGM-5 1701 set GQ 1702 commenced firing 0704 ceased firing

May 14...steaming as before in company with PC 1123 acting as OTC, both ships en route to MTB Base 5 Leyte, P.I.

May 15...steaming as before 0604 took position as guide ship entering San Juanico Straits 1005 dropped port anchor off MTB Base 5, Samar

May 16, 17...anchored as before

May 18...anchored as before...0907 underway to Outer San Pedro Harbor 1054 moored starboard side to USS SHIKELLAMY (AOG-47) in Outer San Pedro Harbor 1213 underway 1245 moored starboard side to SS Paul J. KELLY to load ammunition 1450 underway 1503 moored port side to SS Paul J. KELLY 1543 underway to enter San Juanico Straits 1700 anchored off MTB Base 5, Samar Island, P.I.

May 19...anchored as before in San Juanico Straits off MTB Base 5

May 20...anchored as before..1618 underway 1630 moored starboard side to PGM-4 1733 underway, proceeding through San Juanico Straits 1911 en route to Polillo Island, Luzon, P.I.

May 21...steaming as before ... in company with PGM-6

May 22...steaming as before..0601 entering Polillo Harbor 0730 moored starboard side to wharf, Polillo Island, Luzon Island, P.I. 2007 underway departing Polillo Harbor 2043 en route to Casiguran Sound 2135 in vicinity of Marcelino Point, waiting for PGM-6 to put landing party ashore 2245 landing operations completed, underway

May 23...steaming as before en route to Casiguran Sound in company with PGM-6 0622 entering Casiguran Bay 0638 reversed course to investigate canoes 0644 lying to in Casiguran Sound waiting for U.S. Army Sergeant to come aboard 0845 PGM-6 underway from alongside 0915 underway to pick up scouting party in vicinity of Colobgan 1010 commenced bringing scouting party aboard 1048 completed taking scouting party aboard, proceeding en route to reported enemy encampment south of Dilalongan 1131 set GQ 1157 commenced shelling beach 1214 ceased firing, secured from GQ 1550 entering Dengalen Bay, Luzon 1601 lying to, LCM alongside 1604 underway 1926 entering Polillo Harbor 1936 moored starboard side to wharf at Polillo Island, Luzon, P.I.

May 24...moored as before...in company with PGM-6 on patrol duty pursuant to orders of CTG 70.1 1108 underway en route to patrol area in company with PGM-6 1230 northerly sweep of Luzon coast, called GQ in preparation of shelling area from Gabniel Point to Masanga River 1551 secured from GQ 1556 taking departure from Masanga River 1700 nearing Dinahiean Point 1733 lying 2 miles off Dinahiean Point 1805 underway 1915 lying to off Puerto Real 1920 underway 2003 steaming in Polillo Harbor 2140 moored starboard side to pier at Polillo, Polillo Island, P.I.

May 25...moored as before

May 26...moored as before 0138 underway for Mauban, Luzon 0630 anchored in Mauban anchorage, Luzon, P.I. 1229 underway en route to Polillo 1329 lying to off Puerto Real, Luzon 1556 underway for Polillo 16-20...en route to guerilla encampment 2 miles south of Argas River, Luzon 1752 lying to 2 miles south of Aragas River 1737 underway for Polillo Island 1900 entering Polillo Harbor 1908 moored starboard side to dock at Polillo Island

May 27...moored as before 1713 underway leaving Polillo Harbor, Luzon, P.I.

May 28...steaming as before...en route to MTB Base 5, Samar Island, P.I., this ship following in wake of PGM-6

May 29...steaming as before...PGM-6 acting as OTC and column guide, 00-04 passing through San Bernardino Straits 0915 entering northern end of San Juanico Straits 1125 anchored in mid-stream off MTB Base 5

May 30...anchored as before in San Juanico Straits off MTB Base 5, Samar Island, P.I. 1430 PGM-1 moored along our port side 1620 PGM-1 underway

May 31...anchored as before

List of officers June 1 to 30, 1945 listing only changes

GREGG, Paul C., 440893, Ensign, reported on board June 18, 1945, gunnery officer, next of kin, Benjamin P. Gregg, 104 Lindbergh Blvd., Bloomfield, NJ

June 1, 1945

Anchored as before

June 2, 3...anchored as before

June 4...anchored as before 1300 Captain's Mast held for following men. PIKE, T.E., PhM 1c, USN, 268-81-94; LA PLANT, D. O. SC 1c, USNR, 868-60-85; SULLIVAN, R. F. , GM 2c, USN, 212-82-58 Charge: disobedience of orders from officer and shore patrol. Findings: Not Guilty due to erroneous charges.

LA FAVRE, H. F., QM 3c, USNR, 565-05-38, Charge: standing improper watch and sleeping on watch, Findings: guilty, Punishment: Reduction to next inferior rating

June 5...anchored as before...1330 underway 1339 moored starboard side to PGM-2

June 6...moored as before 1035 underway to outer harbor for fuel and ammunition 1150 tied up port side to USS CINNABAR for supplies 1417 underway 1457 tied up to AOG-47 1500 commenced fueling 1555 completed fueling, underway to ammunition ship 1719 tied up to ammunition barge alongside SS Paul KELLY 1749 completed taking on 32 cans of 40mm ammunition, underway for MTB Base 5 1847 anchored off MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I.

June 7...anchored as before 1744 PGM-8 dragging anchor, rammed broadside into our bow. No damage done to either vessel 1751 PGM-8 clear from our bow and reanchored

June 8, 9...anchored as before

June 10...anchored as before 0925 underway 0934 moored port side to PGM Repair Barge

June 11...moored as before

June 12...moored as before 1103 underway 1110 anchored

June 13...anchored as before in San Juanico Straits off MTB Base 5 0830 underway 1001 moored port side to PGM Repair Barge, moored to Samar shore of San Juanico Straits

June 14...moored as before 0023 underway for outer harbor 1050 lying to off USS OTUS 1120 underway as before 12-16 underway as before proceeding to MTB Base 5 1523 anchored off MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I.

June 15, 16, 17...anchored as before

June 18...anchored as before 1515 pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Frontier Base, Tomkinsville, N.Y., Ensign PAUL CHARLES GREGG, (DL), USNR, 440893 reported aboard for duty

June 19...anchored as before

June 20...anchored as before 16-20 pursuant to BuPers orders 061240 June 1945 Ensign Paul K. HAWKINS, (D), USNR, 369401 detached from duty to report to Commander Service Force, SEVENTH Fleet, for further assignment by him.

June 21, 22...anchored as before

June 23...anchored as before 0722 underway for dock at MTB Base 5 0731 moored port side to alongside PGM-1 at MTB Base 5 0742 PGM-2 came alongside our starboard side 1100 sprinkler system tested, condition normal

June 24...moored as before port side to PGM-1 at PGM Repair Barge at MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I. PGM-2 moored outboard

June 25...moored as before, port side to PGM-1 at PGM Repair Dock. PGM-2 outboard. PGM's 4, 5, and 6 and 8 moored forward in that order [therefore all the PGMs are here]

June 26, 27, 28, 29, 30...moored as before

List of officers July 1 to 31 – changes only

Paul C. Gregg now listed as Supply Officer

July 1, 1945

Moored as before, PGM Repair dock

July 2, 3, 4...moored as before

July 5...moored as before...PGM-4 moored to our starboard side 0812 PGM-4 underway

July 6...moored as before

0815 LYONS, John E., GM 1c, 707-51-66, was transferred to PGM Division 1 temporary duty having been completed 0942 underway through San Pedro harbor en route to MTB Base 17 1323 moored port side to PGM-1 at torpedo dock at MTB Base 17, Samar, P.I.

July 7...moored as before alongside PGM-1 at dock MTB Base 17, Samar, P.I. 1153 underway to shift berth 1215 moored port side to alongside PGM-1 at pontoon catwalk MTB Base 17

July 8...moored as before 1124 underway en route to MTB Base 5 1535 moored port side to PGM-4 alongside PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I.

July 9...moored as before port side to PGM-1 alongside pontoon catwalk leading to PT dry dock, MTB Base 17 [? Thought they were at base 5? Look at July 10, they are suddenly back at Base 5] 0918 PGM-4

underway from inboard shifted lines to PGM-2 1750 TUCKER, Elbert D., S 2c (GM), 940-67-59, reported aboard this date for active duty pursuant to BuPers orders

July 10...moored as before port side to PGM-2 at PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I. 1255 FISHER, Domer M., GM 3c, 821-22-35, USN, transferred this date to nearest R/S on West Coast.
Reference: ComSerFor7thFlt letter p16-3/MM, serial No. 2223-45 dated 20 June 1945

July 11...moored as before port side to PGM-2 alongside PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I. 1007 underway en route to MTB Base 17 1135 moored starboard side to YF 787 outer San Pedro harbor, Leyte, P.I. 1147 underway to fuel ship OG-47 1243 moored port side to PC 491 at OG-47 1348 underway for MTB Base 17 1545 entering Guiyan harbor 1615 moored port side to PGM-4 at MTB Base 17, Samar, P.I.

July 12...moored as before

July 13...moored as before port side to PGM-4 at pontoon catwalk, MTB Base 17, Samar, P.I. 1352 PGM-1 underway from alongside [? Did not mention PGM-1 before]

July 14...moored as before port side to PGM-4...12-16 magazines and sprinkling system checked, conditions normal and satisfactory

July 15...moored as before 1458 PGM-2 came along starboard side

July 16, 17...moored as before

July 18...moored as before 0913 underway to shift berths at MTB Base 1125 moored port side to PGM-6

July 19, 20...moored as before

July 21...moored as before 0645 BUNNER, Carl Anderson, QM 2c, V-6, USNR, 843-51-57 left ship pursuant to Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet Ltr. P11-1/MM Serial No. 22862-66 dated 2 July 1945 orders to report to U.S. Naval Training and Distribution Center, Farragut, Idaho

July 22...moored as before

July 23...moored as before 0820 underway to allow PGM's 6 and 2 to clear dock 0833 moored port side to pontoon bridge, MTB Base 17, Samar, P.I. 0815 PGM-1 came alongside starboard side

July 24...moored as before 0859 underway to torpedo dock 0928 moored port side to PGM-5 at Torpedo Dock

July 25...moored as before alongside PGM-5 at Torpedo Dock

July 26...moored as before port side to PGM-5 at Radio Dock [?thought it was Torpedo dock] 0930 underway to Manuani Island, Samar 1015 moored port side to at dock Manuani Island 1450 underway 1513 passed through nets on south side of Manuani Island en route to MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I. 1823 moored starboard side to USS LLOYD, APD-63 in San Pedro Bay

July 27... moored as before in Outer San Pedro Harbor 0716 underway in search of USS OCELOT 0730 proceeding to MTB Base 5 0845 moored alongside PGM-8 at PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar

July 28...moored as before 1000 Captain's inspection of entire ship

July 29...moored as before 0944 springing out on #1 and #2 lines to let PGM's 8 and 2 out 0950 moored portside to PGM-6 1030 PGM-4 moored alongside to starboard

July 30...moored as before 12-16 TRAUSCHT, Robert J., S 2c, 946-17-65, reported for temporary duty

July 31...moored as before

List of Officers, August 1 to 31, 1945 – same as before

August 1, 1945...moored as before

August 2...moored as before 0832 PGM-6 underway, shifted lines to PGM Repair Barge 0837 moored port side to PGM Repair Barge

August 3...moored port side to PGM Repair Barge with PGM's 4, 6, 2 moored outboard at MTB Base 5, Samar, P. I. 1400 underway to shift berths at repair barge 1407 moored port side to PGM-2

August 4...moored as before port side to PGM-2 at PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar, PGM-6 moored to starboard 0910 the following men reported aboard for temporary duty, MAHAN, R.W., MoMM 1c, 669-50-25, WOLFE, J.D., Cox, 726-56-07, ADAMS, P., S 1c, 927—4-68, BARTHOLOMEW, D. B., MoMM 2c, 859-28-69, JONES, J.W., RT 3c, 944-40-68

0911 underway for outer San Pedro Bay 1015 lying to off USS OTUS 1018 underway as before 1032 moored port side to LCI-978 at AOG-47 1140 underway 1150 lying to off USS OTUS 1151 underway as

before 12-16 en route to rendezvous with PGM's 1, 2, 4, and 6 1305 arrived on station at can buoy 3, San Pedro Bay, P.I. 1317 effected rendezvous, en route to Morotai Island, OTC PGM-4 our station 12

August 5...underway in accordance with orders from CTC 70.1 en route to Morotai Island as before

August 6...underway as before 1100 approaching channel between Mitita Island and Tg. Gila Pt.

(Morotai) 1145 entrance buoy abeam to starboard distance 100 yards 1212 anchored in harbor, at southern tip of Morotai Island off Tg. Gila Point 1215 PGM-2 moored alongside to port PGM-1 moored alongside to starboard

August 7...anchored as before 1448 underway for Army water docks 1530 moored port side to water dock 1615 underway from water dock 1628 moored alongside PGM-1 off MTB Base 4 Morotai Island

August 8...moored as before port side to PGM-1 400 yards off Loengoe Loengoe Island, Morotai 0900 pursuant to the following the below named men were transferred to MTB Base 4, Morotai. PGM Div. 1 Ltr. P16-3/MM Serial 291 Dated 4 August 1945

ADAMS, Paris (n), S 1c, 967-04-68, V-6, USNR; MAHON, Robert W., MoMM 1c, 669-50-25, V-6, USRN; WOLFE, John D., Cox, 726-56-07, V-6, USNR; BARTHOLOMEW, Delbert B., MoMM 2c, 859-28-69; JONES, John W., RT 3c, 944-40-68, V-6, USNR

August 9...moored port side to PGM-1 at anchorage 400 yards off MTB Base, Morotai 0833 underway for Army fuel dock 0858 moored port side to dock 1048 underway from alongside dock 1108 dropped anchor, 200 yards off MTB Base 4, Morotai 1558 following men reported aboard for temporary duty, MAHAN, R. W., MoMM 1c, WOLFE, J. D., Cox, ADAMS, P., S 1c, BARTHOLOMEW, D. B., MoMM 2c, JONES, J. W., RT 3c

August 10...anchored as before..PGM-2 starboard, PGM-1 port 0635 PGM-2 underway 0637 PGM-1 underway 0648 underway 0730 passed entrance buoy abeam to port distance 400 yards 0730 en route to MTB Base 17 in accordance with CTG 70.1 orders, in company with PGM's 1, 2, 4 and 6, our station 13, OTC PGM-4

August 11...underway as before

August 12...underway as before 0935 moored starboard side to PGM-1 at MTB Base 17, Guinan, Samar, P.I.

August 13...moored as before 0828 underway en route to MTB Base 5 0920 passed through channel entrance buoy 1115 moored starboard side to IX139 1208 underway 1301 moored port side to PGM-1 at AOG 38 1401 underway 1528 moored port side to PGM-2 alongside PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5 1538 following men were transferred from the ship having completed their temporary duty: MAHAN, R.W.; WOLFE, J.D., ADAMS, P.; BARTHOLOMEW, D.B.; JONES, J.W.

August 14...moored as before...PGM-2 port side, PGM-6 starboard side

August 15...moored as before 0840 PGM-1 underway to shift berths 0840 moored port side to PGM Repair Barge

August 16...moored as before 0917 PGM-6 underway, PGM-1 moored to starboard

August 17...moored as before 1416 KELLER, Earl J. and TARRANT, "J" "L" were transferred this date to Fleet Hospital #114 for treatment

August 18, 19...moored as before

August 20...moored as before..1347 underway to shift mooring 1437 moored port side to PGM-1 at PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar, P.I.

August 21...moored as before

August 22...moored as before..1019 underway to shift mooring 1027 moored port side to PGM-2 1030 underway 1038 moored port side to PGM-2

August 23, 24, 25, 26, 27...moored as before

August 28...moored as before 0715 Lt. (jg) W. F. FEELY left ship for Fleet Hospital #114 for observation 0730 moored port side to PGM-4 0755 PGM-2 moored to starboard

August 29...moored as before

August 30...moored as before 0935 PGM-2 underway 0937 PGM-5 moored to starboard

August 31...moored as before

Officer List September 1 to 30, 1945 – no changes

September 1, 1945...moored as before 0843 underway to outer San Pedro Harbor 0955 moored port side to LCI-798 1129 underway 1155 moored starboard side to YOG-77 1204 commenced taking on fuel 1236 underway 1255 moored port side to YF 787 1310 underway 1318 moored port side to YF 728 1356 underway 1428 lying off USS FELDSPAR. Working party left ship 1430 underway 1438 moored starboard side to USS BAUXITE 1550 underway 1557 lying off USS FELDSPAR. Working party returned aboard. 1559 underway to Base 5 1655 moored port side to PGM-5, MTB Base 5

September 2...moored as before port side to PGM-5 Repair Barge, MTB Base5, Samar, P.I.

September 3...moored as before 1310 Lt. (jg) W. F. FEELY left ship to report Fleet Hospital 114 for treatment. AUTH: Form "G" 1335 PGM-5 underway, moored port side to PGM-4

September 4...moored as before 0840 the following named man reported this date for temporary duty in accordance with ComPGMDiv 1 Ltr. P16-4/MM Serial No 323 dated 3 September 1945, REUTER, John E., 223-887-50, CBM(AA)(T), USN

1646 PGM-4 underway. Moored alongside PGM Repair Barge, PGM-2 moored to starboard 1708 underway 1715 moored port side to PGM-4, San Juanico St., P.I. 1825 underway en route to MTB Base 5 1833 moored port side to PGM-5 at PGM Repair Barge, MTB Base 5, Samar 1843 PGM-4 moored to starboard

September 5...moored as before 0704 THOMAS, Donald J., Cox, 817-37-98, transferred this date to Navy Hospital #3964 for treatment 0740 underway with PGM's 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 en route to Buckner Bay, Okinawa in accordance with orders, CTF dispatch 020513 0925 passed buoy #3 abeam to port, distance 1 mile 1550 let go six depth charges

September 6...steaming as before in company with PGM Division ONE in starboard column 400 yards astern of PGM-2

September 7, 8...steaming as before

September 9...steaming as before...1120 sighted land 1310 approaching east entrance to Buckner Bay 1415 entered anti-torpedo nets in harbor 1507 anchored in berth 150 at Buckner Bay, Okinawa 1515 PGM-2 moored to port

September 10...anchored as before 1601 underway from berth 150 1639 moored alongside USS CAMEL in berth B-30 for water 1708 underway 1727 moored alongside USS SOUBARISSON in berth B-36 for fuel 1758 underway 1833 moored starboard side to LCT 557 alongside USS ARL 15

September 11...moored as before starboard side to LCT 577 alongside ARL-15 in berth 137 1345 PGM-2 moored to port

September 12...moored as before 0831 PGM-2 underway 0834 underway 0843 moored port side to ARL 33 1937 underway 0950 moored starboard side to LCI 435 0953 PGM-2 moored to port 1150 PGM-2 underway 1345 PGM-2 moored to port 1614 underway 1633 moored starboard side to LCI 466 1845 underway 1850 moored starboard side to USS Minotaur

September 13...moored as before...at berth (L-139) 1001 underway 1045 moored alongside LCT 557 1755 SC-1474 moored to port

September 14...moored as before..in berth L-139 0820 SC-1474 underway 0827 underway 0841 moored port side to China Dock, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1005 hoisted port engine out 1040 underway 1101 moored port side to SC-1474 1130 pursuant to Commander Service Division 104 orders dated 14 September 1945 the following named men reported for duty

MC GAHAN, Roy J., BM 2c, 853-08-17, USNR

BELTZ, Reynold F., MoMM 2c, 244-35-99, USNR

ZAVALA, Ruben (n), Cox, 564-00-60, USNR

1500 underway to shift berth 1510 moored starboard side to PGM-2 Berth L-139, Buckner Bay, Okinawa

September 15...moored as before starboard side to PGM-2 alongside USS MINOTAUR (ARL-15), Berth L-139 0845 underway to let PGM-2 shift berth 0850 moored starboard side to LCI 804 alongside port side of USS MINOTAUR 1535 PGM-2 moored to port 1835 PGM-2 underway 1838 underway 1847 moored starboard side to LCI 435

September 16...moored as before, starboard side to LCI 435, alongside USS MINOTAUR, Berth L-139 0150 underway 0215 dropped anchor in berth 131 0245 underway 0815 anchored in 27 feet of water, 100 yards from Section Base, Katchin Wan, Buckner Bay 0915 underway 0930 anchored in 27

feet of water about 100 yards off Section Base 1005 underway 1021 moored starboard side to Section Base Dock (Minesweep Dock) 1235 underway 1240 moored starboard side to SC-760 at Minesweep Dock, Section Base, Katchin Hanto, Buckner Bay 16-20 barometer falling rapidly, typhoon approaching 20-24 barometer falling rapidly, typhoon mounting with violence

September 17...moored as before starboard side to SC-760 at Minesweep Dock, Section Base, Buckner Bay

September 18...moored as before 0851 underway 1016 moored starboard side to SS CHEMUNG for water 1055 commenced taking on water 1109 completed taking on water, draft forward 5 ¼ feet, aft 6 feet 1113 underway 1155 moored starboard side to PGM-2 alongside USS MINOTAUR 1311 PGM-2 underway from starboard 1530 underway 1820 moored starboard side to PGM-2 alongside USS MINOTAUR

September 19...moored as before 0920 LCT 557 came alongside to port 0945 LCT 557 underway 1308 PGM-2 underway, moored starboard side to LCT 672 alongside USS MINOTAUR 1750 LCT 672 underway 1752 moored starboard side to USS MINOTAUR

September 20...moored as before 0831 underway 0900 moored starboard side to starboard side of USS MINOTAUR 0957 underway 1212 moored starboard side to Firestone Dock, U.S. Naval Section Base, Katchin Wan, Okinawa 1247 underway 1250 anchored in 3 ½ fathoms of water 1402 PGM-2 moored to starboard 1720 PGM-2 underway 1728 underway 1743 anchored

September 21...anchored as before 250 yards off Katchin Hanto 1825 underway 1852 moored starboard side to crane barge 100 yards off Minesweep Dock 2103 underway 2120 anchored, 500 yards off Minesweep Dock

September 22...anchored as before 0745 PGM-2 underway 0752 underway 0826 moored starboard side to SS JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL 0900 completed taking on water, underway 0923 anchored 500 yards off Minesweep Dock

September 23...anchored as before 1005 underway from Katchin Wan 1114 moored starboard side to SS BENJAMIN D. WILSON 1133 underway 1153 moored starboard side to SS SAMUEL CHASE in Berth 72 1210 underway 1349 picked up Lt. Commander SMITH from LCI 1032 1428 moored starboard side to USS CAMEL 1507 underway 1525 went alongside LCI 777 Lt. Commander SMITH disembarked

1550 lying to Captain left in boat for ARL-15 1553 underway conforming to Yonabaru Wan 1625
Captain returned aboard 1652 anchored in Yonabaru Wan, Buckner Bay 1801 PGM-2 moored to port

September 24...anchored as before 1104 PGM-2 underway 1114 underway 1121 moored starboard
side to USS MINOTAUR 1134 PGM-2 moored to port

September 25...moored as before starboard side to USS MINOTAUR, Yonabaru Wan, Buckner Bay 0725
PGM-2 underway 0742 underway en route Buckner Bay to Hagushi, Okinawa. 0930 cleared harbor
nets 0935 passed can buoy #1 abeam to starboard, 100 yards 1005 rain squall visibility 1000 yards
1100 weather cleared, visibility increased to 5 miles 1345 off Hagushi 1410 moored port side to USS
ST. LOUIS

September 26...moored as before...Hagushi, Okinawa, Shima 0745 underway in harbor 0813 lying to
off USS ARMADILLO 0815 underway, Captain left ship 0830 Captain returned aboard 1000 moored
port side to USS ARMADILLO 1010 commenced taking on fuel 1027 completed taking on fuel, draft
forward 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ aft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1030 underway 1115 moored port side to LCI 342 alongside YF 412 1151
underway 12-16 moored starboard side to USS ST. LOUIS 1220 commenced taking on water 1225
completed taking on water, 700 gallons 1240 underway en route to Shanghai, China 1415 moored
port side to LCI 1032, Hagushi, Okinawa 1535 underway 1540 moored port side to LCI 777, Hagushi,
Okinawa 1807 underway 1819 moored port side to LCI 966

September 27...moored as before 1015 underway 1040 moored port side to LCI 1032 1245 underway
1328 moored port side to AOG-9 for fuel 1745 underway 1516 moored port side to LST 1061 1526
commenced taking on fuel 1624 completed taking on 3600 gallons of fuel 1627 underway 1643
moored port side to LCI 1032 2240 underway 2300 anchored 1500 yards off beach at Hagushi,
Okinawa

September 28...anchored as before 0846 underway 0923 moored port side to LST 904 0940
commenced taking on fuel 1040 completed taking on fuel, 1650 gallons 1043 underway 1256 en
route to Shanghai, China in company with LCI Group 65 in accordance with orders from Commander LCI
Flotilla FIFTEEN 1800 set ships clocks back one hour to conform with -8 zone time

September 29...steaming as before en route to Shanghai in company with LCI Group 65, our position last
in starboard column 0800 sighted mine and prepared to dispose of it 0845 sank mine expending 228

rounds of 40mm, 1000 rounds of 50 caliber, 240 rounds of 20mm....proceeding to overtake LCI Group 65
1010 resumed position in column

September 30...steaming as before 1408 anchored in 22 fathoms of water at entrance to Yangtze River
1525 underway astern of LCI 1033 1830 anchored in 12 fathoms of water in Quarantine Anchorage,
Yangtze River

List of Officers for October 1 to 31, 1945 – same as before

October 1, 1945

Anchored as before 0813 underway 0835 anchored in 10 fathoms of water midstream Yangtze River
China off NW Tangent Blockhouse Island 1402 underway from anchorage 1540 moored starboard side
to SS CLAUS SPRECKLES 1555 underway 1621 moored port side to USS ROBINSON 1648 underway
1712 moored starboard side to SS CLAUS SPRECKLES 1730 underway 1825 moored to USS ROBINSON
1845 underway 1855 anchored in 10 fathoms of water off Block House Island, Yangtze River, China

October 2...anchored as before

October 3...anchored as before 0550 underway 0620 moored to SS CLAUS SPRECKLES to pick up
injured man 0640 injured man aboard 0650 underway 0705 moored starboard side to USS MAUMEE
0711 transferred man to USS MAUMEE 0855 underway 0903 anchored in 9 fathoms of water 2 miles
off entrance to Hwangpoo River 1302 underway 1400 steaming astern of USS MAUMEE approaching
Hwangpoo River Mouth 1410 passed entrance marker 1600 Captain and BUTLER, MoMM 1c left ship
1645 Captain and BUTLER, MoMM 1c returned aboard 1652 moored port side to PGM-5 at Nippon
Yusan Kaisha, Pootung Wharf, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai, China

October 4...moored as before

October 5...moored as before 1005 pursuant to orders from the commanding officer FRANDEEN, Frank
A. MoMM 1c, 639-99-36, V-6, USNR and HARDING, Homer R., Cox, 624-20-62, V-6, USNR were
transferred this date to Nearest Receiving Ship or Station on the West Coast for further transfer to a
Separation Center for discharge in accordance with ALVAV 252-45 1018 BUTLER, William S., MoMM 1c
and BELTZ, Reynold E., MoMM 2c returned aboard in custody of Shore Patrol. 1020 PGM-5 got
underway and stood out. PGM-3 moored port side to Pootung Wharf

October 6...moored as before

October 7...moored as before 1132 Lt. (jg) W. F. FEELY returned on board and resumed his regular duties having been discharged from Fleet Hospital 11. Ens. J. S. BEASLEY, USN came on board to await transportation to USS SHIELD (DD-596)

October 8...moored as before 0915 underway from Pootung Wharf to alongside USS SAMAR (ARC-11) 1010 moored to YMS-6 alongside USS SAMAR 1733 PGM-2 came alongside

October 9...moored as before...between mooring buoys 6 and 7, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai

October 10...moored as before 1230 PGM-2 underway

October 11...moored as before

October 12...moored as before 1457 PGM-4 tied along our starboard side

October 13...moored as before

October 14...moored as before 0915 the following men were transferred this date to the Nearest Receiving Ship or Station on the West Coast for further transfer to a Separation Center for discharge in accordance with ALVAV 252

AXTELL, Dale C., BM 1c, 652-00-39, V-6, USNR

LA PLANT, Donald O., SC 1c, 868-66-85, USNR

ZAVALA, Ruben (n), Cox, 564-00-60, V-6 USNR

October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, ...moored as before

October 24...moored as before to USS SAMAR 0703 PGM-4 underway 1104 underway 1130 moored port side to PGM-6 at China Merchants Lower Wharf

October 25...moored as before 1315 underway from alongside PGM-6 1345 resting on keelblocks in dry dock next to Yusen Kaisha, Wayside Wharf, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai

October 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31..resting on keelblocks as before

List of officers for November 1 to 30, 1945 – listing here only changes

SIMON – next of kin is wife

FEELY – next of kin is father

GREGG – next of kin is father

CORDES, Alexander C., 432422, Ensign, reported on board 17 NOV 1945, duties not listed, next of kin Mrs. Alexander J. Cordes, mother, 521 Ashland Ave., Buffalo, NY

November 1, 1945...resting on keelblocks as before

November 2...resting on keelblocks as before 0815 started flooding dry dock 0955 dock flood gates removed 1008 leaving dry dock 1115 moored port side to port bow of USS SAMAR between buoys 6 and 7 in Hwangpoo River

GREENLAW, Cornelius E., SM 3c, 666 07 80 transferred to nearest Receiving Ship or Station on the West Coast for discharge [this was Howard La Favre's good friend]

1640? Underway to shift berth 1710 moored starboard side to PGM-6 alongside USS SAMAR, in Hwangpoo River

November 3...moored as before

November 4...moored as before 0840 underway to shift berth 1110 moored port side to Nippon Yusen Kaisha Wharf, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai

November 5...moored as before 0805 underway to Blockhouse Buoy 0905 entered Yangtze River 0940 moored starboard side to USS ROBINSON (DD-562) off Blockhouse Buoy Yangtze River 0955 underway 1006 passed Quarantine Buoy abeam to starboard 1130 anchored 3 miles west of Chung Poasha in Yangtze River. Commenced watching Japanese Mine sweeping operations 1455 underway to Blockhouse Buoy area 1510 moored starboard side to USS ROBINSON off Blockhouse Buoy

November 6...moored as before 0635 underway 0725 anchored in Yangtze River 2 miles west of Middle Island 0940 Japanese minesweeps arrived on station and began operations 1515 Japanese minesweeps came alongside to report operations 1525 underway from anchorage 1600 moored port side to PC 575 off Blockhouse Island, Yangtze River 1638 underway to shift berths 1820 moored starboard side to PGM-2 alongside USS ROBINSON off Blockhouse Island

November 7...moored starboard side to PGM-2....as before 0630 underway following minesweepers on various courses and speeds, station 1000 yards astern 1640 secured from sweeping operations lying to

waiting to go alongside USS ROBINSON 1820 moored starboard side to USS ROBINSON (DD-562) off S.E. Knoll Buoy, Yangtze River

November 8...moored as before 0620 underway following minesweepers as directed by CTC 73.2 1635 secured from minesweeping operations 1740 moored starboard side to USS ROBINSON

November 9...moored as before 0715 underway following minesweeps 0815 relieved on station by PC-575 0855 anchored off S.E. Knoll Buoy, Yangtze River 1045 underway 1114 moored port side to USS ROBINSON 1215 underway proceeding to USS SAUFLEY (DD-465) at Yangtze entrance buoy 1437 moored port side to USS SAUFLEY 1458 underway proceeding to S.E. Knoll buoy 1655 arrived USS ROBINSON 1729 anchored off S.E. Knoll buoy, Yangtze River

November 10...anchored as before 0610 received seven passengers on board for transportation to Shanghai 0620 five more passengers came on board 0625 received nine passengers on board 0700 en route to Shanghai 0800 entered Hwangpoo River 0940 moored starboard side to LCS(L) 56 at Hwangpoo River 1016 underway 1026 moored to AG-124, Hwangpoo River 1030 commenced taking on fuel 1055 completed taking 3600 gallons of fuel 1100 underway 1134 moored starboard side to YOG-77 1143 commenced taking on water 1158 completed taking on 1200 gallons of water 1219 underway 1230 moored starboard side to Hunto Wharf, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai 1334 underway 1409 moored port side to YOG-90, NOB, Hwangpoo River

November 11...moored as before 0741 underway 0943 passed Hwangpoo Entrance buoy 1042 moored starboard side to USS ROBINSON off SE Knoll buoy, Yangtze River 1125 underway 1130 relieved PC-575 as safety vessel, following minesweeps 1640 secured from duty as safety ship 1711 moored starboard side to USS ROBINSON off SE Knoll buoy

November 12...moored as before 0728 underway to act as safety vessel for minesweeps 0735 arrived on station 800 yards astern of YMS-66 1235 investigated floating object , results negative. 1243 regained position astern of YMS-66 1250 investigated floating object 1300 sank metal buoy 1304 regained position astern of YMS-66 1443 departed minesweeps on course for Shanghai 1541 entered Hwangpoo River 1642 moored port side to PGM-1, Old NingPo Wharf, Shanghai

November 13...moored as before

November 14...moored as before 1022 underway 1045 moored starboard side to USS SAMAR, Hwangpoo River

November 15....moored as before 0920 REUTER, John E., CBM, 223-87-50 transferred this date to commander Western SeaFrontier pursuant to ComServPac ltr. 39265-66 1245 RUSSELL, Francis L., MoMM 2c transferred this date to commander Western Sea Frontier pursuant to.....

November 16...moored as before (USS SAMAR)

November 17....moored as before 1341 underway 1443 moored to PGM-2 at Ningpoo Wharf, Shanghai 1728 pursuant to BuPers Dispatch 192047, Pers 3135, Ensign Alexander C. Cordes reported aboard for duty

November 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25...moored as before also PGM-4 here

November 26...moored as before (with PGMs 2 and 4) 0939 PGM-2 underway 2145 pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer, PGM-3 Ens. Alexander C. Cordes left the ship for temporary duty aboard PGM-5

November 27...moored as before (with PGM 5 adn 4) 0640 SANTORIELLO, Biasi, QM 2c, transferred this date for discharge 0642 underway in accordance with orders from CTF 73 en route Subic Bay, Philippine Islands in company with PGMs 1, 4, 5, and 6 1140 lying to awaiting arrival of USS KENNETH M. WILLETT (DE-354) 1418 anchored off Yangtze entrance buoy

November 28...anchored as before 0718 underway 0728 formed up in steaming position in company with PGMs 1,2, 5, 6 and USS WILLETT

November 29...steaming on as before 1250 in accordance with AIPac 297 all exposed ammunition was dropped in 1466 fathoms of water

November 30...steaming as before

List of Officers December 1 to 31, 1945 – listing only data that changed

William Feely, Lt. (jg) Commanding Officer

Alexander C. Cordes, Executive Officer

Walter G. Simon detached from ship 26 DEC 45

Paul C. Gregg, detached from ship 28 DEC 45

December 1, 1945...steaming on as before

December 2...steaming as before 1440 entering Subic Bay 1630 anchored 1650 PGM-5 moored alongside to port 1700 Ensign Alexander C. Cordes returned aboard for duty upon completion of temporary duty aboard PGM=5

December 3....anchored in 17 fathoms of water in berth 206, Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, PGM-5 moored alongside to port. 0930 PGM-5 underway 0953 underway to A.W. 1 1004 moored port side to A.W. 1 1005 commenced taking on water 1028 received 1200 gallons of water, underway 1050 moored port side to SC-528 at Naval Base Docks, Subic Bay 1245 PGM-1 came alongside to starboard

December 4...moored as before...at Alva Docks, Naval Base, Olongapo, Subic Bay 0915 commenced taking on water 0920 SC-528 underway, moored port side to YMS 73 0940 completed taking on 800 gallons water 1025 THOMAS, Donald J., Cox, 817-37-98, V-6, USNR returned aboard for duty

December 5...moored port side to YMS 73 at Olongapo Dock... 1027 underway 1048 moored starboard side to PGM-1 at NOB docks 1237 pursuant to the commanding Officers orders, BELTZ, Reynold E., MoMM 2c, V-6, USNR and THOMAS, Donald J., Cox, V-6, USNR were transferred to Receiving Station on the West Coast for further transfer to a discharge center for discharge

December 6...moored as before with PGMs 1 and 5, Alva Docks, Olongapo Naval Base

December 7...moored as before

December 8...moored as before PGM-5 underway 1255 PGM-5 moored alongside to port

December 9, 10...moored as before

December 11...moored as before 0754 underway 0810 moored starboard side to PGM-5 0830 YTB 253 moored to port

December 12...moored as before 1100 BATES, David R., S1c(SM) 387-31-87, V-6, USNR, and

RICHARD, Russell C., StM 2c, 645-33-52, V-6, USNR, reported aboard this date for duty pursuant to orders of U.S. Naval Receiving Station Navy 3002

1412 pursuant to ComPGM DivONE transfer order 9-45 dated 8 December 1945, KRUAT, Jerome F., MoMM 3c, 923-31-46 reported aboard for duty

December 13...moored as before 1500 YTB 253 underway from alongside 1530 YTB 253 moored alongside to port 1535 underway in tow of YTB 253 along their starboard side 1545 moored starboard side to PGM-1 with YTB 253 moored alongside to port

December 14...moored as before

December 15...moored as before 1425 YTB 253 underway 1455 secured starboard side to PGM-1 with PGM-4 outboard, Alva Dock, Olongapo Naval Base 1510 KOWALCZYK, Robert R., EM 3c, 943-27-56 transferred this date to nearest receiving ship or station on the West Coast for further transfer to a personnel separation center for discharge

December 16...moored as before

December 17...moored as before 0830 KNIGHT, William A., 263-85-82, Cox, V-6 USNR and MOORE, Emmett A. , MoMM 2c, 605-59-62, V-6, USNR, transferred to Sick Bay. Auth: Form "G" 1547 pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer the following men were transferred to nearest receiving ship or station on the west coast for discharge, WAUGAMAN, Robert A., RdM 2c, 615-66-23 and TAYLOR, James R., SM 3c, 948-56-05

December 18...moored as before

December 19...moored as before 1630 the crew with the exception of MC GAHAN, Roy J., BM 1c, 853-08-17, V-6 USNR, SINK, Wilbur F., EM 2c, 865-56-44, USN-I, BUTLER, William S., MoMM 1c, 671-56-28, V-6 USNR, VIROSTKO, Albert H., Y 2c, 883-04-19, V-6, USNR, RICHARD, Russell C., StM 2c, 645-33-52, V-6 USNR, were billeted ashore at the Repair Base, Navy 3002

December 20...moored as before 1530 pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer PIKE, Thomas E., PhM 1c, 268-81-94, USN was transferred to the receiving station Navy 3002 for further transfer to the nearest receiving ship or station on the West Coast for leave, rehabilitation and reassignment [this man is regular Navy, which I believe was a 6 year enlistment, so he would not be getting out]

December 21...moored as before

December 22...moored as before 1430 underway shifting berth in tow of LCM 1500 moored starboard side to PGM-6 at Alva Docks

December 23, 24...moored as before

December 25...moored as before 1135 pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer the following named men were transferred to the receiving station Navy 3002 for further transfer to the appropriate Personnel Separation Centers

BUTLER, William S., MoMM 1c, 671-56-28, V-6, USNR

SINK, Wilbur F., EM 2c, 865-56-44, V-6 USNR

Pursuant to the orders of the Commanding Officer the following named men were transferred to the nearest receiving ship or station on the West Coast for leave and reassignment.

SKIRATKO, Metro, Jr., GM 1c, 243-87-47, USN

SULLIVAN, Robert F., GM 2c, 212-82-58, USN

[again these men are regular Navy, so not getting out]

December 26...moored as before 1315 pursuant to orders of the commanding officer

MITCHELL, Arthur A., RM 1c, 301-14-14, USN was transferred to the receiving station Navy 3002 for further transportation to the nearest receiving ship or station on the West Coast for leave, rehabilitation and reassignment

Lieutenant W.G. SIMON, D, USNR, 226219 detached this date in accordance with ComPhilSeaFron dispatch 230323 of December 1945, having been relieved of command by Lt. (jg) W. F. FEELY, D, USNR, 340509

December 27...moored as before

December 28...moored as before 1000 KNIGHT, William A., Cox, 263-85-82 reported aboard for duty from Base Hospital Navy 3002 1535 GREGG, Paul C., Ensign 440893 transferred to the YP 621 in accordance with orders from ComPhilSeaFron of December 1945

December 29...moored as before 1015 PGM-6 underway 1020 moored starboard side to PGM-1

December 30...moored as before 12-16 RICHARD, Russell C., StM 2c, 645-33-52, V-6, USNR, received aboard after release by the Provost Marshall

December 31...moored as before

January 1, 1946...moored as before

January 2....moored as before 1000 MOORE, Emmett A., MoMM 2c, 605-59-62, V-6 USNR reported aboard for duty from Base Hospital Navy 3002

January 3...moored as before

January 4...moored as before 0845 PGM-1 underway in tow of LCM 0900 moored starboard side to Alave Docks

January 5, 6, 7, 8, 9...moored as before

January 10...moored as before 1015 MOORE, Emmett A., MoMM 2c, 605-59-62, V-6, USNR transferred to nearest receiving ship or station on the West Coast for leave and reassignment by Commander Western Sea Frontier

January 11...moored as before 1030 Captain ALSTON RAMSEY, USN, came aboard with inspecting party for pre-decommissioning inspection

January 12, 1946...moored as before 1000 Peak, Kenneth O., MoMM 3c, 564-72-27, V-6, USNR pursuant to commanding officer's orders was transferred to the nearest West Coast receiving station for discharge

Pursuant to orders of the Commanding Officer the following named men were transferred to the nearest West Coast receiving station for leave and reassignment. Robinson, William W., GM 3c, 263-86-78, V-6, USNR. Knight, William A., Cox, 263-85-82, V-6 USNR. La Favre, Howard F., S 1c, (QM), 565-05-38, V-6, USNR [as with my father, I believe these men had a little time left to serve]

1400 in accordance with references:

- a) CNO 242130 Oct 1945
- b) ComPhilSeaFrom 260829 Nov 1945
- c) Naval Base Decommissioning Board ltr. S3/A4-1, Serial D-08 dated 12 Jan 1946
- d) Navy Regs, 1920, Art. 1510

And orders from the Commander Naval Base, Navy 3002, A4-1, 174, of 12 January 1946, the USS PGM THREE was decommissioned

Signed: A. C. Cordes, Ens. , USNR

And this dated 1 January 1946

From: The Commanding Officer

To: The Chief of Naval Personnel

Subject: Deck Log – Omission of Weather Readings

1. This vessel is in the process of decommissioning and all the meteorological gear has been removed, therefore, the weather readings for the period 9 December through 31 December 1945 have been omitted
2. Since the gear will not be returned aboard there will be no weather readings from this date on.

Signed: W.F Feely