

Sirago Family Gram

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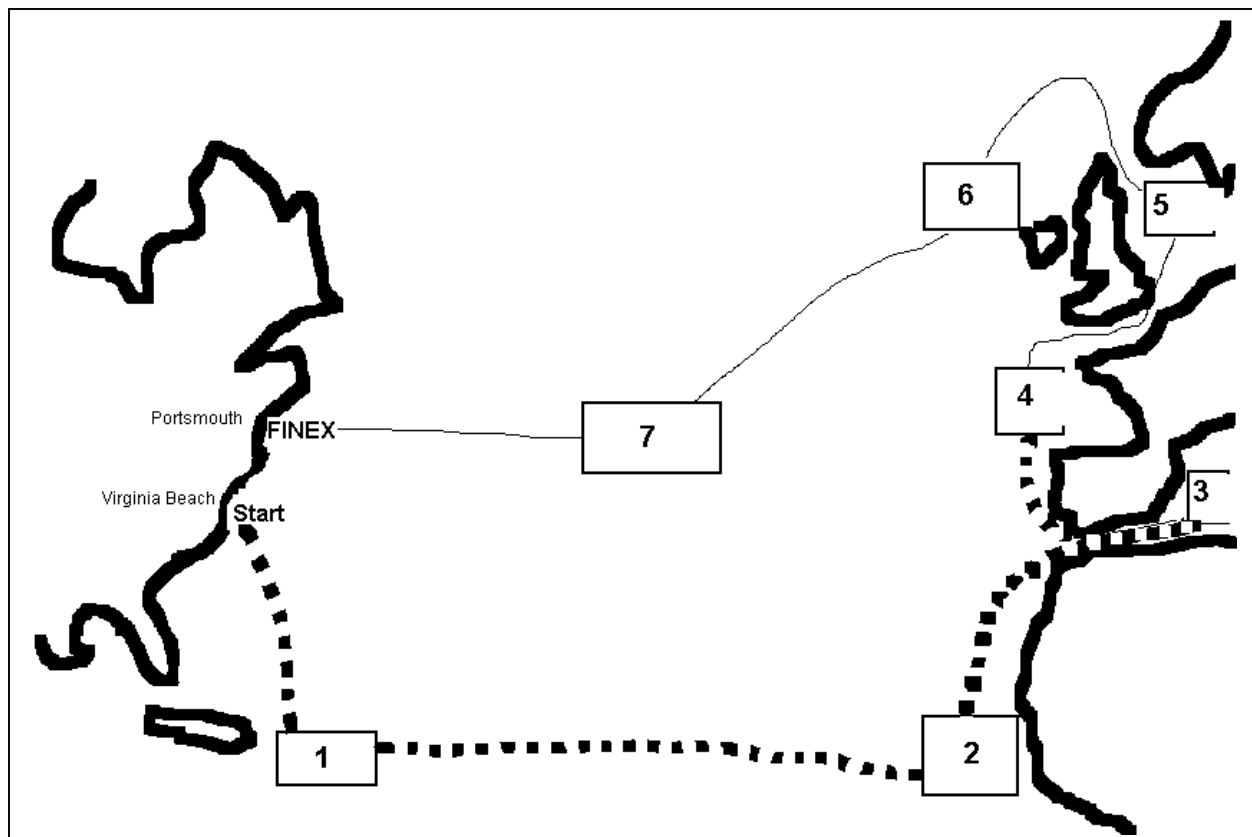
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We have arrived safely at OPAREA 4 and have continued to make progress in locating lost shipmates since our last report. Rich McCamant, our lead sonar operator in this effort, did not stop his efforts even when we were on R&R in the Med. I think he pulled some of these guys out of some Mediterranean bars and got them processed on board before they knew what hit them. Here is an update of the progress we have made on our latest transit.

The following **crewmembers have been located** during our most recent transit:

George Hayes (RMC, 60–64)
John Selby (S2, 47–47)
Paul Nash (IC3, 67–68)
Richard Tillett (ETR2, 65–66)
Harry Brandenstein (SA, 71–72)
“Red” LeJarde (TN, 64–66)
Charlie Dekker (ETRSN, 63–64)
Jeffrey Roselle (SN, 64–64)
Aaron Thomas (SA, 49–50)
Louis Saunders (RM2, 62–62)
Gary Shaw (SOS3, 63–64)
William Blank (YNSA, 63–63)
Robert Kuhn (CS3, 53–58)
Philip Anzalone (FN, 60–61)
Ed Horvath (STS3, 68–69)
Ricardo Capilitan (TN, 57–58)
Charles Andrus (QM1, 50–52)

Clarence Fullenwider (ET1, 66–66)
Julius Brooks (S2, 47–47)
John McMahan (IC2, 66–68)
Ronald Smarrella (TMSN, 68–69)
Bob Davies (FN, 68–70)
Jerry Hamman (FTG3, 67–67)
James Wood (S1, 47–47)
Stan Fuller (SOS3, 61–62)
Reggie Wagstaff (MMFA, 62–62)
Ron Teano (EMFA, 64–64)
Ronald Rudd (ENFN, 61–62)
Bob Cappiello (SA, 55–55)
Paul Hancock (EN3, 60–61)
George Warthen (ENFN, 60–61)
Robert Paeper (SA, 57–58)
Julian Colina (TN, 57–61)
Denny Eber (FN, 64-66)



As is usual in our searching activities, many crewmembers are found deceased. Listed below (by duty section) are those found on **ETERNAL Patrol** (also included are those who were found alive but have recently died):

Duty Section 4548: Claude Alvord (EN2), Jack Bair (F2c), Leroy Barger (F1c), Bruce Boutillette (S1c), Emmett Dennis (F1EM), John Durham (S1c), Gordon Gerlitz (S1GM), William Hallead (F2MM), Orbra Liggett (CQMA), Leo McGrane (F1c), "Red" Mealy (LCDR/XO), John Murphy (RT2c), "Ted" Osborne (CPHM), James Rankin (StM2c), Anthony Rogaza (SC2c), Terry Thrash (F1c)

Duty Section 4952: Donald Bernier (EMFA), Leonard Dalton (EMC), Isaac Glosson (SN), Harold Keohane (EN1), Robert Letoile (HMC), Emmett Lucas (TMC), John Mikolay (EN2), Sam Noto (TM2), Edward Packwood (EN2)

Duty Section 5356: Irvin Jenkins (CSC), Donald Jones (SD3), Maynard Kessler (EN1), "Wally" Walraven (TM2)

Duty Section 5760: Francis Abell (HM1), Leroy Jones (EMC/COB), Alexander Kazeta (TMCA), Horace Lewis (RMC)

Duty Section 6164: Taylor Bayles (YN2), "John" Bowles (ETC), Fred Buchanan (RM2), Lester Claus (EN1), Kenneth Davies (TM2), Thomas Meegan (SN), David O'Baker (EN2)

Duty Section 6568: Bob Beals (CS1), William Cross (TM3), Victor Ferguson (EMC), Tony Haney (RM2), Nick Luzano (EM3), Harold Mock (QM1), Teddy Peralta (TN), Ronald Rehb (ENS), James Safford (TM1), Richard Walkup (EN3), Harry Yockey (LCDR)

Duty Section 6972: John Heuer (TM1)

Instead of talking about our "Most Wanted" still left, I thought I'd make mention that three of the above Deceased members of our group died most recently – AND – they were quite active in our group.

"Wally" Walraven – our duty Storekeeper and an officer of our association, died unexpectedly on May 11th. He will be greatly missed as he personally worked on almost every reunion the Sirago ever had and was aboard the Sirago from 51-59 as a torpedoman.

Harry Yockey, an officer who was aboard in 59-62 and then again as a LCDR from 65-66 is one of the best-loved officers that served aboard. He died of cancer on June 16th. He was at our last reunion and helped Wally do much of the "check-in" work.

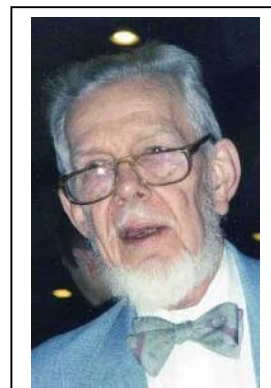
Bruce Boutillette, a plank owner (S1c) and one-time duty section chief for the 4548 section died June 23rd. His death was not expected quite so quickly either. Although Bruce never made it to a reunion, he was anxious to attend our next one which is in his neck of the woods. He was instrumental in assisting Joe Roche in finding the Sirago's Bell and getting it returned to the Navy for safe keeping.



"Wally" Walraven



Jackie & Harry Yockey



Bruce Boutillette