

Sirago Family Gram

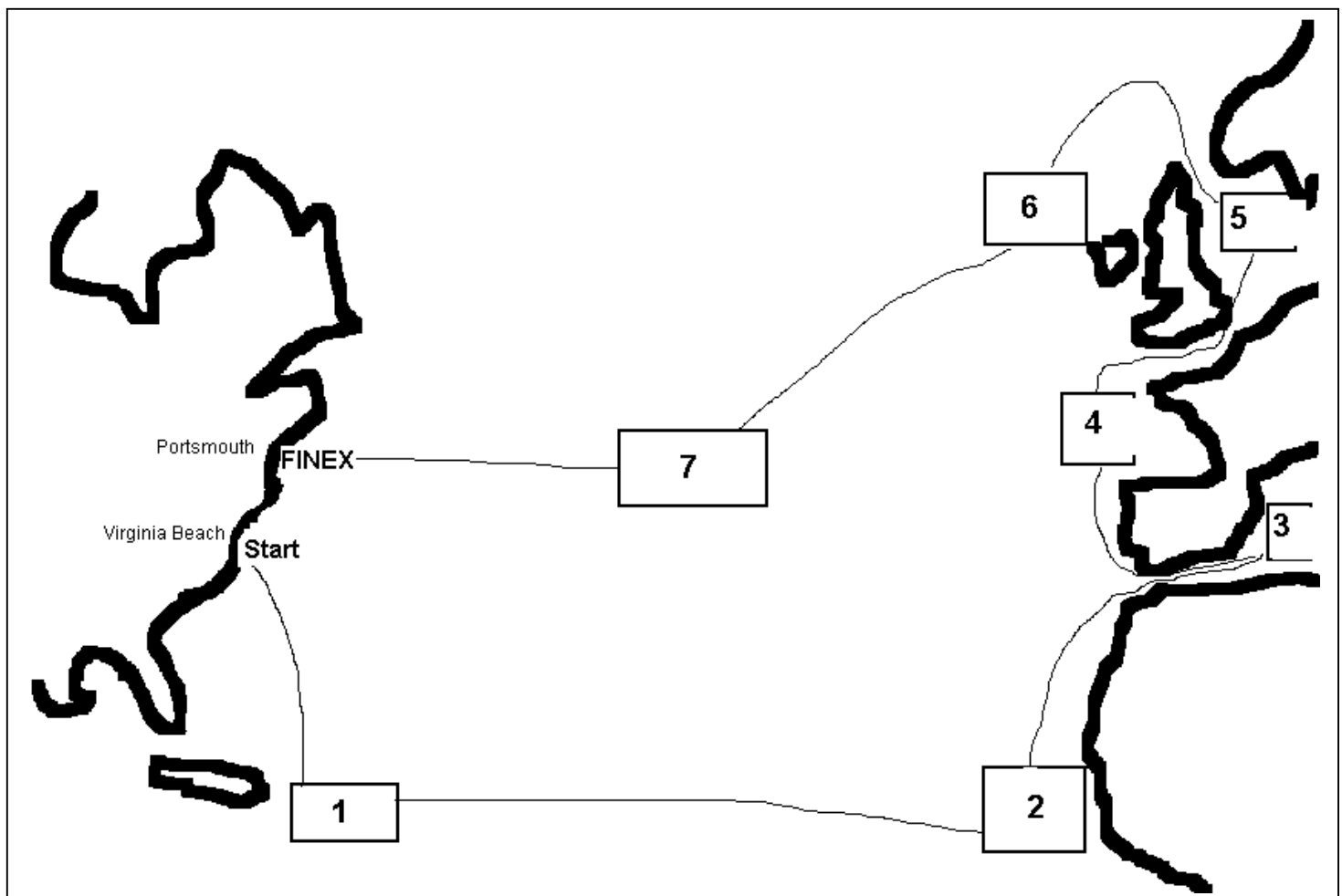
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The “Family Gram” is a time-honored tradition in the submarine force. A family gram tells the folks back home a bit about the “journey” that their loved one will be taking and gives progress reports along the way. In this issue, we are going to start this tradition for our “between reunion” virtual journey. We “transit” for 2 years between reunions and then pull into port and have one heck of a great time. Shortly thereafter, we have to return once again to the work ahead of us.

As Commanding Officer of this organization, it falls to me to set the agenda for the next 2 years. And, we have plenty of work to do. There are many USS Sirago crewmembers out there who have “missed movement” and are not aware of us. We must find them if we can. It is our duty to account for every one of them to the best of our ability. Our Sonar Team will need to have their gear in top shape to find these folks who have, so far, been undetected. To this end, I have started the process of ordering the following “microfilms” which may help in our efforts: 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1969. I was unable to get 1971 or beyond as any microfilms showing social-security numbers are considered sensitive and our operators don’t have sufficient clearance. All other microfilms have been scanned and researched and are in our sonar library.

The map below shows our journey over the next 2+ years in search of our “targets” of interest. The highly desired



"targets" are listed below. We have about 750 total official targets, which we would be happy to find ANY of during the next two years. However, after asking the crew about their top 10 people to find, the below listed personnel fall into that category.

The map on the front shows that we will spend significant efforts for each Duty Section (7 duty sections in total) and will divide our time accordingly. Although our first efforts have yielded some early results for the 5356 and 5760 Duty Sections (see more below), we are not sure exactly which sections will be searched first. We have, however, numbered our "grid" into 7 sections and will focus MOST attention on the "most wanted" below and particularly on the "early duty sections" in the first part of our trip.

Although it is unlikely that we will find more than just a few of these folks during the next two years, we will be "on the prowl" for any of the 750 potential targets and, additionally, will add to that list any personnel who appear on the newly purchased microfilms that we didn't have listed in our Master Seeker document. At the last reunion, some people came forth with information about crewmembers, which we will incorporate into our research library and hope to yield some results. If you know of any people that you personally would like to see our crew find, please convey this to me by e-mail (RMBICKEL@STUPP.COM) or by mail Mike Bickel / 1125 Villaview Drive / Manchester, MO 63021.

We are currently operating in OP-AREA 1 and have successfully found two of our crewmembers. We are happy to report the finding of Vic Lombardo (TM2 56-58) and Bobby Quinn (EN3 54-57). These two folks were on our "top 10" list so we have already made good progress in our "pinging" efforts. Vic and Bobby are working on getting back into the swing of things after all these years of not being aboard a diesel, but we expect to see them requalify very shortly.

Unfortunately, we have had to bid a sad goodbye to Charlie Cannon, Al Hawk, Al Latorre, Ray Marcantonio, Harvey Mallins, Kelly Coulbourne, and Ed Medves, who have been mustered out at their "eternal patrol station." Another peculiar thing has happened and that is that D. T. Amos has "missed movement" and seems to be out of communication with us. He was acting as our Duty Section Chief for the 4952 Section and we hope that the bad e-mail and phone numbers we have for him do not indicate that anything untoward has happened to him. We are hoping that this family gram gets to him safely and that he reports in at his earliest convenience, as we sorely need his expertise in this effort.

MOST WANTED CREW MEMBERS (Let me know if you want to add one to this list)

Duty Section 4548: Bob Lane (F1/c), Bob Mahoney (S1/c)

Duty Section 4952: Don Bernier (EMFN), Bill Cooper (FN), Don Degenaro (RMSN), Jesse Dodson (MM3), Bill Hall (QM2), Jim Montgomery (TM1), Richard Schultz (SO3), John Smith (TM3), Jim Wright (RDSN).

Duty Section 5356: Jack Adamson (TM2), Roy Battles (LTJG), Richard Fielden (TM2), Donald Jones (SD3), Daniel Mackey (QM3), Willard Meisel (TM1), George Spivey (TM3), Richard Stern (EN3), Roosevelt Watson (QM3).

Duty Section 5760: "Billy" Bush (EN2), Julian Colina (TN), Jake Copeland (RM3), Al Hawk (LT), T. B. Henderson (EN3), Edwin Johnson (FT1), James Lewis (SD2), Joe Rebar (SO1), Joe Staszewski (ST2), Billy Taylor (EN1).

Duty Section 6164: David Barron (EN3), Charles Britton (ICFN), William Doty (TM1), John Geoghegan (SOS3), Charles Guest (FN), George Miller (MM2), Richard Murray (IC1), Richard Young (ETR3).

Duty Section 6568: "Becky" Bachmann (SN), Gabriel Carter (EN2), Bill Cross (TM3), "Denny" Eber (FN), Ed Fisher (EM3), Michael Glover (HM1), Dennis Gullickson (TM2), Tony Haney (RM2), Daniel Hawkins (SN), John Lillie (CS2), George Long (LCDR), Marvin Mays (ENC/COB), Walter Moore (ENS), Earl Myers (QM2), Thomas Percy (EM2), William Perrin (RM1), Stephen Randall (STS2), Carl Robinson (EN1), James Safford (TM1), Arthur Thomas (TM3), Louis Zipperer (ST1).

Duty Section 6972: Raymond Burroughs (EN2), Robert Davies (FN), Raymond Durward Jones (QM2), Kurt Myers (IC3), Larry Milam (TMSA), Richard Morris (STS2), Paul Rietan (TM2), Harold Tennyson (RMC), Floyd Waddell (TM2), Walter Wade (ENC).