

Sirago Family Gram

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As you can see from the map below, we have made good progress in our virtual journey between reunion ports of call. We were going to shoot for OPAREA 2 by this time, but have made so much good progress in finding lost crewmates right here in the middle of the ocean that we've delayed our transit, and will plan to arrive at our next OPAREA by February 2004.

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

Roosevelt "Doc" Watson (QM3, 52-54)

Donald Gibbons (FTGSN, 62-63)

Thomas D. Sawyer (LT, 68-69)

Rick Stahler (EM3, 61-62)

Calvin Baines (EM1, 59-62)

James Samuel (CS3, 58-60)

Steven Douglas (SK3, 69-70)

Harold Dickerson (EM3, 63-63)

Gordon Trolley (SOS3, 62-63)

George Fillon (IC3, 67-68)

Jack Agnew (EM1, 67-68)

Joseph Huskiewicz (FTGSN, 61-61)

Henry "Jim" Snyder (SN, 60-62)

Larry Eakes (TM3, 61-62)

John "Tom" Yates (SK2, 68-70)

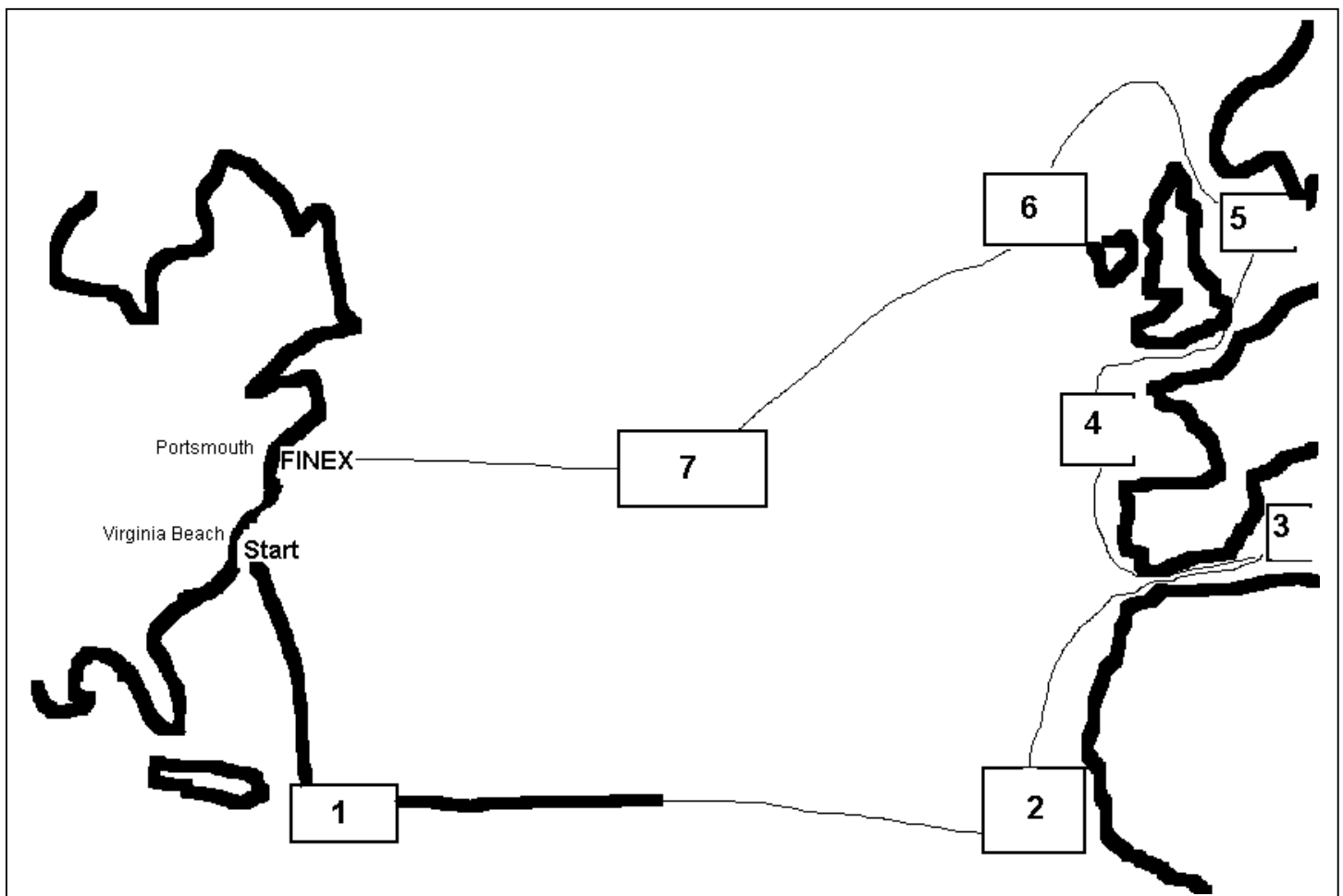
Wayne Blais (FTG3, 65-65)

Jerry Stellick (FTG3, 63-65)

Charles (Sam) Watkins (RM1, 62-64)

Ronald Rabine (FN, 63-64)

Lawrence Monk (FTMSA, 63-64)



As our sonar operators are improving their skills in finding lost crewmembers, we have added significantly to the "Most Wanted" list below. "Doc" Watson was listed on our "Most Wanted" list and now has been found. We actually thought that we had found Thomas D. Sawyer, but ended up finding out that the fellow we had on our found list was a completely different fellow. Immediately his name was placed on the "Most Wanted List" and within days he was located by Rich McCamant, who has been striking as a sonar operator. We welcome these new fellows aboard and are in the process of re-qualifying them. They should likely be up to speed shortly. They are valued members of our crew.

As we found on the first leg of our journey (to OPAREA 1), we have had to bid a sad farewell to crewmates who have mustered out on **Eternal Patrol**. The following is a listing of those personnel most- recently found deceased:

Harold Osen (TM3, 64-66)

Stephen Sacsek (YN1, 59-59)

Gus Lancaster (EN3, 59-62)

Michael Glover (HM1, 67-69)

John Duff (LT, 46-51)

John Mackenzie (LCDR/XO, 60-61)

Thomas Warburton (LCDR/NAV, 64-65)

A few of these fellows were discovered by our sonar team to be already on Eternal Patrol, so we didn't have the opportunity to renew acquaintances with them. This fact has caused our operators to redouble their efforts and I feel we are making good progress in getting ahead overall, rather than losing net numbers.

At this writing, we have received the last 4 reels for our sonar "microfilm" library and have already researched the 1959 and 1969 tapes. A few new names have appeared on these tapes, but unfortunately they have not proved much help yet. The new 1961 and 1963 tapes have arrived also and we are making more progress with them.

Please take a look at the list below and if you know the whereabouts of any of them (home town, last known position, etc.), let me know and I'll pass it along to the operators, who are anxious to find them. Also...if you have a friend who you've lost over time and want to add him to the list below, let me know that too.

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

Duty Section 4548: Willie Baird (EM1), 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), Tom Butler (SO3), Richard Fielden (TM2), R. G. Hartenstein (IC2), Charles Hawkins (SA), Donald Jones (SD3), Daniel Mackey (QM3), Willard Meisel (TM1), George Spivey (TM3), Richard Stern (EN3).

Duty Section 5760: "Billy" Bush (EN2), Verlon Cagle (CS1), Julian Colina (TN), Jake Copeland (RM3), T. B. Henderson (EN3), Edwin Johnson (FT1), James Lewis (SD2), Jim Lowery (CS1), Joe Rebar (SO1), Joe Staszewski (ST2), Billy Taylor (EN1), Robert Wilson (SN).

Duty Section 6164: David Barron (EN3), Charles Britton (ICFN), Ken Davies (TM2), William Doty (TM1), John Geoghegan (SOS3), Charles Guest (FN), George Miller (MM2), Richard Murray (IC1), Jim Rogers (CSC), Douglas Tucker (SOC), Richard Young (ETR3).

Duty Section 6568: "Becky" Bachmann (SN), Bob Beals (CS1), Gabriel Carter (EN2), Timothy Cole (TM3), Bill Cross (TM3), "Denny" Eber (FN), Ed Fisher (EM3), 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).