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April 25, 1944

4444 Aboard the U.S.S. Merrimac.
Later men were put into the water by a U.S. Army Crane and docked in the harbor of Oran.
From the looks of the place it isn't very much.

April 26, 1944

We are docked in the harbor of Oran. And there isn't very much doing. We have looked the place over. The people here don't seem to have much use for money for they offer us large quantities of money for certain articles. Such as \$20.00 for a shirt, \$10.00 for a pillow case and as much as \$50.00 for a pair of shoes.

April 27, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran. The crew and I went on liberty. We were sorry in a way but it was just the idea of being able to walk around. The town consisted of beggars and children who are always asking for something. We were offering to show you around

for a price. There aren't very many shops of any kind around for they haven't anything to sell. The harbor is littered with ships which were either sunk or scuttled by the Italians.

April 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran. We spent a nice quiet day lying around and later in the evening had a beer party which was furnished by the tanker which brought us across.

April 29, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran. We unloaded and loaded various articles and material which was to go with us. and fuel. Instead of that it was a quiet day.

April 30, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran.

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May 1, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran.

May 2, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran.

May 3, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran. Went alongside of a U.S. Repair ship to have some work done.

on our boat. The crew and I went aboard and had the first and I guess the only ice cream and coca cola. we would see out here.

May 4, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Oran. And on scheduled time, proceeded to Algiers. Having heard so much of it everyone is curious to see what it is like.

May 5, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Algiers. Crew and I went ashore to see the town and here. - hoping we don't see it again. We went to the Casbah and it is just a filthy market place which the natives have. And from the looks of the natives it wouldn't be wise to walk around at night. Later we were headed for Bougie.

May 6, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bougie. Crew and I went ashore and were greeted with what we saw in the previous towns here's to the U.S. for not being anything like these places. Looked over a ship which was just hit by a German submarine and it certainly was a mess.

May 7, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bougie. Some of the fellows have been doing some business with the natives. And it is just a case of the survival of the fittest. By sunset we were on

May 8, 1944

our way to the PT Base at Bizerte.

May 8, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bizerte. A war torn place if I have ever seen one. It is sad our bombers find this place out of the fighting and certainly can see why. The town is at a pretty far distance and none of us have enough ambition to go to it. You can easily see it doesn't take much to discourage us.

We have nothing to do at this base until we receive orders to move on.

May 9, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bizerte. Have received order to go to Maddalena Island and we aren't sorry. Bizerte doesn't look as if it is a good base. as if we hope to find better.

May 10, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Madelaine Island. The place isn't a paradise but at least we have other squadrons here besides us and we aren't staying very long anyhow. We can at least see movies and purchase canteen supplies here.

May 11, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Madelaine Island. This is the repair station for our boats. We were to have some work done on our boat before proceeding.

May 12, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Madelaine Island. And are going into drydock to have new screws put on. After being repaired we were ordered to Bastia which is to be our permanent base that is until we move.

May 13, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia and it is a very bad place it isn't a bit military and there isn't a damn nice bunch of fellows here. We are to operate with Squadron 15

May 14, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia well we have our new base and are acquainted with it now. Tonight is to be our first mission and the fellows here say there is very much to worry about. Let's hope they are right. We went out at 2125 with PT's 302-303-305 and our squadron commander was in command aboard the 303. We had General quarters twice that night once for aircraft and once for a possible target. Our skipper and everyone else behaved well. Except for having L. A. so often. Got in at 0340.

May 15, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. After being asleep all morning and eating dinner we were told we were going out again tonight. This time our patrol was the island of Elbe which is 30 miles away from us and in German hands. We started at 2155 and patrol until dawn of the next morning with PT's 303 and 214. Haven't seen anything tonight. Mission was to escort ships to German island.

May 16, 1944

Boaked in the harbor of Bastia. Seems we are to go out again but who are we to argue. We are scheduled to go with P.T. 217 back to Elba island to pick up some men. After getting to Elba the 217 went into shore and we were to patrol and be on look out for the enemy. We left our base at 2155 and after developing set plan we were fired on by German E boats. And it seems they were coming pretty close. I think I had they weren't any closer. Returned to base at 2415 and hit the proverbial sack.

May 18, 1944

Boaked in the harbor of Bastia. After getting up to eat noon chow we were informed to be ready to go out again. Seems it must be habitual. The boats to go out were 209, 213 and us. This was a night which could be so easily forgotten especially for the 204. We were to patrol off the Italian coast that night. At 2310 they picked up a target on the

flower and we were at 4. 2. within seconds. In no time at all we were in pursuit of the target which was a can. After getting in position to fire the Germans let go with their star shells (flares) and we were caught. It was bright enough to read but I guess there was only one thought in everyone's mind, and that was to get out of there. Pretty soon the shells started to come at us and were they coming, Red. Green. White it looked like a July 4 party. At the time we were at a distance of about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles off. We fired all fish & that the other boats had and two of our own. Our Port fish went erratic and hit the 204. But it was fully armed. We went alongside to tow them but they said they could manage. So we were on the run. And we sure can run when we have to. We returned to the base at 0645 and did we take a horning about our torpedos.

May 19, 1944

We slept today and were not to go out that night. We fueled and had our compass fixed and sat around and talked of the night. Which I guess we would never forget.

May 20, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia and taking it easy. We were not scheduled to go out tonight.

May 21, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. The days go pretty fast out here. In the daytime we either swim, sleep or write letters if it isn't too hot. At 1830 we were headed for another mission but due to engine casualty we were forced to come back.

May 22, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. We just got back from anchorage where it is feared an air raid would come so we are sent out to anchor 2 miles out so as to be safe.

May 23, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Schedule for tonight includes us as being one of the boats to go out, with us the 302, 303. Left base at 2000 to patrol off the Italian coast. At 2330 we were called to S.O. and target was already coming close. To our surprise it was a German Corvette and she certainly would look nice on the bottom. We fired six torpedoes which the boat had two a piece. At 0130 we let ones go and they were probably hits. Then we turned tail and ran. The way it turned out they drew cards for it and we lost. But it's not who did hit it as long as it was hit. Later on we returned to the base and slept.

May 24, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Tonight we are to operate with the 218 boat off the coast of France. We sailed along to our destination, had S.O. once that night but did not see anything. It was a very quiet night. At 0210 we were back at the base.

May 25, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Another day which we are to do nothing but lie around, see a movie or what ever you can think of.

May 26, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Nothing new for today. We are to anchor out again this evening.

May 27, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. We anchored out again tonight and nothing has happened to be eventful.

May 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Tonight we are going out with the 303 and 306 with Mr. Fleming as our division leader. and may God help us. The only one anyone is safe with is the commander for is a "man in this world". We rode around all evening off the island of Figli and shot 8.2. Practically all evening but didn't fire any fish. Returned to our base at 0640

May 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Nothing happened to day. We did the usual thing slept until noon and waited to find out whether or not we were going out. Liberty was declared and that meant we were not go out.

May 30, 1944

We were told to be ready to go out tonight. So at 1957 we were underway with PT 306 and 307. This was later called a joint combination especially with Lt. Snogross in command. We were to patrol just above Fighorn about 3 miles off shore. At 1035 a plane was sighted and 8.2. sounded but plane passed on. At 0215 we sighted two targets. Were getting ready to fire fish when enemy began firing at us. Later on it was learned that K. Law and Lang and the Executive officer Marmann were killed and four more injured. We fired our fish but missed. And once again the throbbles were pushed home. We returned to the base at 0645. About 1 hr. later.

the 307 arrived with news of what happened aboard the boat.

May 31, 1944

After waking from a sleep anyone would have consider the previous night as a dream but unfortunately for three men it wasn't. We did the usually thing later. Got torpedo over put on. Took on fuel and later in the evening we were sent out to anchor.

June 1, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Not very much for today. Except the giving for the fellows lost the other night. For in a small unit as PT everyone is as close as brothers.

June 2, 1944

Another quiet day passed in Bastia we are sitting in our crews quarters talking of various things and finally to bed.

June 3, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. In the evening we found out we were to go out practicing torpedo runs. To the enlisted men and

myself this was funny. Although some of the officers needed it. To me an officer wasn't needed on a PT. For enlisted men did everything on it and some could do most things better than officers. The only thing an officer could do we could. It was throw up his authority. And as for earning their money it's a good thing I'm not paying them.

June 4, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Another day passed with those who wish to go on liberty, go and the others stay in and write, play cards, sing and do other things to amuse themselves.

June 5, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Awaiting orders on whether we were going out or not.

June 6, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Received word we were to go out but firing that afternoon with PT's 302 and 308. So at 1855 we proceeded and judging from the firing I wouldn't like to be the enemy.

We returned to the base at 1815
and in the evening anchored out.

June 7, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

We received a torpedoman to
replace the Base force man which
was riding the boats. C. Murren
he happens to come from Millers
N. J.

June 8, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
and anchored out in the evening.

June 9, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
and anchored out in the evening.

June 10, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
nothing all all happened mostly
everyone went to the movies.

June 11, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
Went to anchor out in the evening.

June 12, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
At 1945 we were underway with PTs
302 and 309 to patrol given area off
the coast of Spain. 302 was
lead boat with Lt. Com. Dressing

in command. When we went into G. D.
at 2053 but didn't see across
anything we secured at 2139. and
returned at 0515.

June 13, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. We
fuelled our boat and anchored out
in the evening.

June 14, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. We
received word that we were going
to Madalena with PTs 302, 303,
305, 306, 307. It is said we were
going to be part of an invasion but
no one knew until later what it
was.

June 15, 1944

Docked in Madalena Island to await
orders. Soon after we were on
our way to Port Vecchia and after
seeing all of the ships there we
were sure it was an invasion.

June 16, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Madalena Island.
At 1635 we were on our way with
PTs 302, 303, 305, 306, 307 to
convey the invasion force which
was to land on the island of Olia.

There were about three hundred ships which participated in it and approximately three nine PTs. And it certainly was a sight worth seeing. Troops were mostly French and Americans and they are mean looking fellows. At 0425 we were lying to approximately five miles off the coast of Elba. And we could see some of the ships we converged up got hit. And there was firing of all sizes going on there were five unsuccessful attempts to land on a certain point. Elba was one of the most brutal invasions ever held considering the size and the number of men we lost. Our PTs lost only one man. We the boat he was on challenged a ship and they gave back the right recognition signal before anyone knew it was a German lighter. A shell hit a clip of 40MM ammunition he was putting in his gun. Other PTs ran smoke screens to hide the convoy from possible danger. There was a narrow entrance to the enemy harbor

where the Germans had dangerous cross fire which accounted for most of the casualties. So was the story of the invasion of Elba a hot forsaken island where many heroes had given their lives for something they believed in. At 1235 we were back in Magdalena Island.

June 18, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Magdalena. In the evening there was a Red Alert. For fear of a reconnaissance plane which was called "Red Check Charlie".

June 19, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Magdalena Island. At 1340 we were underway to our base at Bastia. At 1714 we had an engine casualty due to crossing over a wake from another boat and not allowing water to come in our scoops and cooling the engines. We arrived at our base at 1735 and in the evening we went out to anchor.

June 20, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. After our engine was repaired we went out and gave a test which proved satisfactory.

At 1940 1940 we were going on a mission over to Elba with PT's 302 and 305 to patrol. Nothing was sighted that evening although we were at G. D. quite often. We were on our way back to our base at 0630.

June 26, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. After getting up and clearing the guns we learned we were going out again. So at night we were once again headed in the direction of Elba with the 312 boat. We were at G. D. a few times that night but it proved to be nothing. Coming back to our base at 0546 we sighted a mine and sunk it. ^{not us} We got back to our base at 0324.

June 22, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Nothing happened today.

June 23, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. We were out testing our engines today. It would be pretty foolish going out with bum engines.

At 1935 we were setting out with PTs 305 and three British PTs. To patrol off the coast of Spain. At 0145 we went into General Quarters and no one expects anything. In a little time we saw the shells coming and were they close. It was a Destroyer. I was a little late to think of firing first the only thing I do was get out of there. Here is hoping they don't get to shoot any better. We finally got out of range of their fire and the 305 was ordered back to the base. The British boats and us returned to make another attempt to torpedo the con. Just before we had made the second run the British fired two fish and to our surprise one went under our boat and the other one under the 305 boat. After getting ready for our second run we couldn't find the target which probably ran into shore. It was getting to be pretty light so at 0315 we were on our way to the base and was it rough. I had the wheel.

coming back and it was pretty
tough keeping my feet on the
deck. At 0745 we were back at our
base.

June 25, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Did the usual thing, fueled the
boat and layed around.

June 26, 1944

At 1940 were were on our way on
a mission to patrol from Genoa
to Spezia with PTs 307 and 312.

It was the only night we were in
the S. S. and did not see anything.
We returned to the base at 0715.

June 26, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

We went underway tonight
with PTs 308 and patrolled
until 0515 then we entered
the harbor of Elba to complete
our mission which was to pick
up a French General. After
docking we asked some towns
for some rifles they were
guarding well we managed to
get about 30 rifles and three
machine guns. After getting them

back on the boat we walked all over
Elba and all it was is a bullet
riddled town. The towns that
landed did everything to the town.
We were in Elba up to your
knees. We found some ammunition
in a home which probably housed
snipers. There were approximately
1500 prisoners mostly Italian who
didn't know any better. After walking
through the hills we were warned
of booby traps by some British
officers, so we returned to the
boat. At 0830 General Wagner
of the French command arrived aboard
our boat and we transported him
to the British docks where a reception
was awaiting him. There was the
good old three - D - four with the
band playing we were tying up to
the docks. Yes, we certainly felt
great especially getting our pictures
taken with him by the French
reporters. It sure was a big shindig.
At 1103 we returned to the base.

June 27, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia
nothing happened today.

June 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

We received word we were to go out tonight so at 1955 with PTs 306 and 311 we were to patrol from the Viareggio to Spezia. We to be lead boat but our radar stopped working and we had to go along side of Creede the Division leader to PT 306 which took position of lead boat. We went into General Quarters a couple of times but targets disappeared. We returned to base at 0655.

June 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Our skipper Lt. Wilson was transferred to Base Force 4 to take over as a division leader. Our new skipper is Lt. Knorr, in civilian he played football for the Lions and played in the East vs West game of 1940. He seems to be a swell fellow and judging from his other boat he is 4-0.

June 30, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

At 1300 we were on the way to

Madalena Island with the 311 boat for repairs etc. We stopped at Port Vecchio to leave off a P.C. Nurse which we had aboard. At 1555 we were steering course to Madalena Is. we arrived at 1715. just in time for show.

July 1, 1944

Docked in Madalena Island.

We are just are sitting around waiting to get our boat fixed

July 2, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Madalena Is. The fellows are selling everything that is of no value to them. They are getting anywhere from \$6.00 to \$10.00 for a carton, considering that they only pay \$.50 for them it's not bad.

July 3, 1944

Docked in Madalena harbor. doing nothing.

July 6, 1944

Docked in Madalena harbor.

We went into drydock today.

July 10, 1944

In drydock at Madalena Island.

July 11, 1944

We got out of Drydock today and the boat looks swell. Except for two burn engines it would be perfect. But I suppose we will get them the next light of the moon.

July 12, 1944

At 1230 today we were underway to our base in Bastia. We arrived there at 1730.

July 13, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

In the evening we were underway with PT 307 and 311 to patrol below Genoa. When we got within five miles of the beach we were greeted by the bursting of shore batteries and boys were they close. In fact the 307 had a piece of shrapnel land on the deck it was a 2 in. sq. piece. And brother what that couldn't do to a fellows insides. They must of been firing 8 in. guns. Imagine 8 in. guns against an eighty foot row boat. I shudder!

We ran as usual and none too soon to suit anyone. That ended the patrol at Genoa for that night. We arrived at the base at 0555.

July 14, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Did nothing today.

July 15, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Received orders to be ready to go out tonight. This was to be our night but no one knew it until later.

Went at 1845 with PT 307 and 314 we were on our way down the coast to patrol Spezia. Genoa. Nothing was sighted. We returned to base at 0550.

July 16, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Did nothing today.

July 18, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

Did on another mission with 307 and 312 boat. We were lead boat and Lt. Fleming and our squadron commander Lt. Com. Dressling were with us. This proved a very good night for

operations. Somewhere around midnight we found a convoy going up the coast, in close to the beach of Spezia. There were seven ships in all. Well everyone was prepared we donned on our flak jackets expecting trouble. Finally after tracking the targets we found their course and speed and decided it was time to make a run. We went in at a right echelon and fired one fish a piece. Then we turned and went out real slow in order not to be detected by our wake. Well we got three hits then and on our way back we were radioed by the British and informed that another convoy was coming up approximately at the same point we were at. Well we waited and pretty soon they were coming. We turned and headed for them and at a mile and a half we fired our three remaining fish and we got two hits in one ship and sunk another.

The score for the night was one F lighter sunk, one damaged severely and two cargo ships left burning. At the time of the torpedoing a German ship fired at a German E boat thinking it was us. That was what was called a good night for operating. We left and arrived at our base at 0600.

July 18, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Another lazy day passed in Bastia. With nothing to do but take it easy.

July 19, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. A couple of yellow alerts sounded but that's as far as they went. And another day passed.

July 20, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

July 21, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Made an attempt to leave on a mission but only went approx. 20 miles out. Due to bad

weather we were forced to come back to the base.

July 22, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Due to rough weather all operations were cancelled and no boats left the harbor.

July 23, 1944

Docked in the harbor in Bastia. A nice quiet Sunday. Most of the crew went ashore.

July 24, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. Received word of going on a mission tonight. We patrolled from Cape Noli to Genoa with PT's 310 and 302. Didn't see any targets all night. Arrived back at the base at 0705.

July 25, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. no operations as no tonight in fact we were told of going to Biggerte to get three new engines tomorrow.

July 26, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. At 1300 we were underway enroute

to Maddalena to have new engines put in. We arrived there at 1510.

July 27, 1944

Docked in Maddalena and things are still the same here as they were before.

July 28, 1944 to July 31, 1944

Docked in Maddalena to have engines put in.

July August 1, 1944

Docked in Maddalena. All four engines have been replaced. And tomorrow we are making test runs.

August 2, 1944

Docked in Maddalena. We made our test run today and the engines are perfect. We are scheduled to leave for Bastia tomorrow.

August 3, 1944

Docked in Maddalena and received word to be ready to go back to our base at Bastia at 1300 we headed for Bastia.

August 4, 1944

Docked in Bastia and laid around doing nothing.

August 5, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 6, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
Everyone is wondering when
the invasion of Southern France
will be coming off.

Aug. 7 to Aug. 10, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
~~But~~ We know the invasion is
coming and I have a feeling it is
very soon.

August 11, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
We are finally getting to
believe the invasion of
Southern France is not very far
away.

August 12, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
We received word that all
tickets were cancelled. Now
we know the invasion is
near.

August 13, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
French commandos came into
our base and now are leaving.

firing for which we think is the
invasion. They have all sorts
of weapons with them.

August 14, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Bastia. We
are still waiting for the time
for us to do our part in the
invasion. Well it finally
came we are to leave tonight.
We are to patrol up in Nice
with radar balloons and create
a mock invasion. At 5:00 P.M.
we left. We patrolled and ran
into nothing. We were on
our way back when we threw
a center screw. We pulled into
Calvi at 8:15.

August 15, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Calvi.
After inspecting our boat. We
found our engine had to go to
Madelena to be repaired.
At 1600 we left our arrival in
Madelena at 8:30.

August 16, 1944
Docked in the harbor of Madelena.
We went into drydock and had a
center shaft and screw put on.

August 12, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Madeleine.
Later on we proceeded back to
Calvi to go on with scheduled plans.
At 1400 we left to go to Southern
France on patrol we reached there
at approximately 1900. Fuelled the
boat and went on patrol which
lasted until 0400. We didn't see
anything. We started back to
Calvi and got there at 0830.

August 18, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Calvi.
At 1700 we were off for another
nightly patroling. The only thing
that happened was a friendly
plane dove on us and had us
in his searchlight and were we
scared. If we were at St. P. we
probably would of shot him down.

August 19, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Calvi.
We went out on patrol tonight at
1700 and at 0430 we were through
and started back to Bastia over
home base.

August 20, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

And it is like coming home after
seeing the other base.

August 21, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 22, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 23, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

At 1735 we were underway to another
mission to patrol Cape Falc to Savant
St. we didn't see anything and went
back to our base at 0745.

August 24, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 25, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.
We were told to prepare to go out
at 1900. At 1900 we left to patrol
Cape Mole to Ampeglio with both
the 302 and 309 boats. At 2245
we went to S.O. as soon as enemy
shipping was seen. We stayed
at S.O. until 0245 and saw nothing.
That is why there is so much
discontentment amongst some of the
crews. For it gets pretty cold at the
stern or bow, especially when there
is no need for it.

at 0725 we were back in Bastia.

August 26, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 27, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. At 1930 we we headed toward our patrol area which was to be from Cape Ampieglio to Cape Mely. At 0340 we fired our starboard fish at an enemy convoy which was four f-lighters and it was a very possible hit. We went to S. D. at 0400 and stayed until 0400. The targets were seen at St. Stefano.

At 0800 we were back at Bastia.

August 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 29, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

At 1930 we were underway with the 302 and 303 en route to our patrol which was Cape Ampieglio to Cape Mely. At 1005 we went into S. D. and at 0100 we fired our starboard fish at three unidentified enemy ships. and there were no hits. We returned from S. D. at 0200.

At 0715 we went back to our base.

August 30, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

August 31, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia.

The intelligence reported a beached f-lighter off St. Stefano as a possible hit of the previous day's firing.

Sept. 1, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. From the 1st of Sept. to the 7th we were given a break for there were no operations.

Sept. 8, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. At 1815 we were underway to patrol from Cape Ampieglio to San Remo. At 1942 we came back to base due to bad weather we were unable to go out.

Sept. 9, 1944.

Docked in the harbor of Bastia. At 1315 we were headed for Calvi and arrived there at 1255.

Sept. 10, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Calvi.

At 1240 we were underway en route to St. Maxime, Southern

France. At 1810 we arrived at St. Maxime.

Sept. 11, 1944

Docked in the harbor St. Maxime. We fueled at the fuel barge and at 1805 we were on our way to patrol from Cape Amfeglio to San Remo. At 0806 we were back at St. Maxime.

Sept. 12, 1944.

Docked in the harbor of St. Maxime. We were running around all this day as errand boys. At 2115 we anchored in the harbor of St. Maxime.

Sept. 13, 1944.

Anchored in the harbor of St. Maxime. At 1440 we went to St. Tropez and was the city a wreck the Germans kept here a couple of weeks ago and everything was heavily mined. We stayed in St. Tropez for the night.

Sept. 14, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez. Later in the day we went back to St. Maxime.

Sept. 15, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Maxime. At 1800 we went to our patrol area which was Cape Amfeglio and San Remo. We are to watch over canals that operate in this area. To prevent (doodle bugs) craft loaded with 600 lbs. of T.N.T. from running into them. One of our boats shot up 11 in one day. At 0600 we returned to St. Maxime.

Sept. 16, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Maxime.

Sept. 17, 1944 - Sept 18

Docked in the harbor of St. Maxime. At 1715 we were underway enroute to patrol Cape Martin to Antinighie St. At 0600 we went to P.O. and ship was identified as a friendly vessel. At 0800 we were fired on by shore batteries and to close for comfort we ran. At 0950 One of our men bruised his shoulder due to the rough sea. We fueled and took on water. At 1500. Another man got hot water over himself and was transferred to a cot.

We went back to St. Maxime and then took the fellow with the bar shoulder aboard the Philadelphie.
At 1810 we docked at St. Tropez.
That was quite a busy day.
Sept. 19, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
Sept. 20, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
Sept. 21, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
Ran around a bit and later went back to St. Tropez.

Sept. 22, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
At 1745 we were underway to patrol from Cape Ampelis to San Remo.
At 2130 star shells burst over head and heavy guns were fired on us. We got out of range in no time flat. At 0245 ^{we} were ~~back~~ in St. Maxime.

Sept. 23, 1944

From St. Maxime we went to St. Tropez.

Sept. 24, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez

At 1700 we went underway to patrol Cape Martin to Ventimiglia St.
and at 1905 we were back in St. Tropez.
Sept. 25, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
Today was an unusually busy day for the crew of the 304 for they found a wine cellar which was littered with champagne so they helped themselves as usual to approx. 100 bottles and in the evening not many of the crew were sober including the officers.

Sept. 26, 1944 - Sept. 27, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
At 1705 we were underway to patrol Cape Martin to Ventimiglia St. ~~Ton~~ Saw nothing so stopped to take on water fuel and supplies at 1845 docked in St. Maxime. and at 1333 went to St. Tropez.

Sept. 28, 1944

Docked in the harbor of St. Tropez.
At 1810 we were headed to Gulf gran which was to be our new base for a while. We arrived there at 1150.

Sept. 29, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

We took on fuel from barge.

At 1820 we went underway due to call from com notifying us of four mor boats which were chased in to San Remo. Our patrol was east of San Remo harbor.

At 2105 we sighted a Dynamite Barge and fired on it making towans. Barge was said to have been destroyed. At 2645 we secured from S.D. At 0145 we were back in Gulf Juan.

Sept. 30, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

At 1735 we went underway to patrol San Remo to Ampelio.

At 0700 we were in Gulf Juan.

Oct. 1, 1944.

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 2, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

~~Oct. 2, 1944~~
Oct. 3, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan. At 1735 we were underway to patrol given area. ^{radar}Flowers were out of order and Division

Leader was transferred to PT 308. At 0645 we arrived at our base.

Oct. 4, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 5, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

At 1700 we went on patrol and seeing nothing returned to base at 0714.

Oct. 6, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 7, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 8, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

At 0610 we were sent out to locate and destroy four mor. boats. We patrolled until 0830 and seeing nothing came back to base at 0925.

Oct. 9, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 10, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

At 1700 we were underway to spot for the U.S.S. Brooklyn on test operations. Expected to see shot of firing but due to rough

weather returned to base at 2245

Oct. 10, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 12, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

At 1700 were on our A patrolling area. At 1835 due to heavy rain and darkness we hit the 3rd boat which was lead boat. We put a hole in our bow but nothing

happened to the other boat. At 0615 were back at the base.

Oct. 13, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 14, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.

Oct. 15, 1944

Docked in the harbor of Gulf Juan.