

Duty Section Review-4952

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This is the second in a series of Duty Section Reviews for the purpose of documenting Sirago's history. This group represents the 1949-1952 period (Duty Section 4952) which starts where the 4548 group ended – in the shipyard being converted from a Fleet Boat into a Guppy. This period also marks transition to SUBRON 6. This document highlights some data about this period of time and we have also included some photos.

HISTORY:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Jan-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY
Feb-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY
Mar-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY - Homeport changed to Norfolk
Apr-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY
May-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY - SHEA now CO
Jun-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY
Jul-49	ROH PHILADELPHIA NSY - GUPPY - LEAVES FOR NORFOLK - JOINS SUBRON 6
Aug-49	Joined SUBRON 6 - Norfolk, VA
Sep-49	LOCAL OPS - NORVA
Oct-49	LOCAL OPS - NORVA
Nov-49	FLEET-EX - Davis Strait - Argentia, Newfoundland
Dec-49	NORVA - Familiarization tour - Armed Forces Staff College
Jan-50	LOCAL OPS - NORVA
Feb-50	LOCAL OPS - NORVA
Mar-50	NLON - Interim Docking - Electric Boat
Apr-50	EB Work - Refurbish Damaged Motors
May-50	NLON - REPAIRS - Kaufman now CO
Jun-50	NORVA - ASW OPS
Jul-50	NORVA - ASW OPS
Aug-50	NORVA - ASW OPS
Sep-50	NORVA - ASW OPS
Oct-50	NORVA - ASW OPS
Nov-50	NORVA - ASW OPS - THIS IS WHEN SIRAGO WAS "LOST" (THOUGHT SUNK) DURING AN EXERCISE
Dec-50	NORVA - ASW OPS
Jan-51	NORVA - ASW OPS
Feb-51	ROH CHARLESTON
Mar-51	ROH CHARLESTON
Apr-51	ROH CHARLESTON
May-51	ROH CHARLESTON
Jun-51	NORVA - ASW OPS
Jul-51	NORVA - ASW OPS
Aug-51	NORVA - ASW OPS
Sep-51	MED TRIP
Oct-51	MED TRIP
Nov-51	MED TRIP - RETURN TO NORVA
Dec-51	NORVA - UPKEEP
Jan-52	NORVA - ASW OPS
Feb-52	NORVA - ASW OPS - KEY WEST
Mar-52	NORVA - Change of Command - PRICE = CO
Apr-52	NORVA - ASW OPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
May-52	NLON - SUBMARINE SCHOOL SERVICES
Jun-52	NORVA - ASW OPS
Jul-52	NORVA - Hunter Killer Exercises, ASW EX, Services, etc.
Aug-52	NORVA - Hunter Killer Exercises, ASW EX, Services, etc.
Sep-52	NORVA - Hunter Killer Exercises, ASW EX, Services, etc.
Oct-52	NORVA - Hunter Killer Exercises, ASW EX, Services, etc.
Nov-52	NORVA - Hunter Killer Exercises, ASW EX, Services, etc.
Dec-52	ROH CHARLESTON

Lost & Found Statistics:

FOUND: 67 (alive) STILL SEEKING: 3 DECEASED: 127 TOTAL: 197



'Distressed' Sub Reports 'All Well'

Mysterious Flares Stir 4 Hours of Fears

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 8 (AP). The U. S. submarine Sirago reported shortly before 11 o'clock tonight that she was in no trouble, ending four hours of fear and uncertainty that she might be down off the Virginia coast.

Submarine rescue ships had been ordered out from Norfolk and New London, Conn., after two red flares—believed to be submarine distress signals—had been sighted in the Sirago's operating area 30 miles off Virginia's eastern shore.

At 10:55 p.m., Atlantic fleet headquarters announced "the Sirago has just reported she is all right. We are now ordering all submarines within a 100 miles of the area to make reports, just to make sure."

Fleet headquarters spokesman had no explanation for the Red flares reported some four hours earlier.

Because all other submarines in the area previously had reported by radio that they were in no difficulty, fleet headquarters called off its trouble-shooters.

The Sirago is a new snorkel-type submarine of the "Guppy-2" type.

