

War Era Story Project 2012

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Below is a copy of an article that my brother had published in the *PT Boater*, a publication by a group of former PT Boat veterans in the U.S. Navy. It's not sensational at all, but I feel it portrays a realistic look at what it is they did day in and day out.

This brother died in 2003 at the age of 82. His full name was Robert T. Harris and I'm not sure of his rank. He was *not* a chief petty officer but he was somewhere in the Navy's version of a sergeant or staff sergeant, one of the lower grades petty officer, and he was the Quartermaster on the PT Boat, which in the Navy is a navigator.

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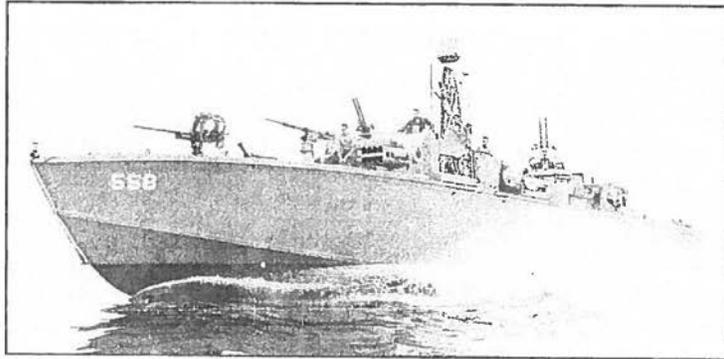
QM's Mission Memory

by Robert T. Harris, Ron 29-41

I was the QM on PT 558 on the night of June 14/15, 1944. Lt. Livingston was the boat captain and Cdr. Daunis was the squadron commander. He sometimes accompanied us on patrol but I don't remember if he was aboard on this particular night.

On this patrol we were going north to our assigned patrol along the coast of Northern Italy or Southern France out of our base at Bastia, Corsica. On the way

north we picked up two targets, heading due south on the radar. However, they were too far east and moving too fast for us to get in position to attack. So we continued



to our patrol station and patrolled all night without incident. With daylight approaching it was time to head back to base. In doing so, we picked up what appeared to be the

same two targets. This time all we had to do was lay to and we were in position as they passed to our east with the first light of dawn providing a perfect backdrop. We fired a

spread of six torpedoes, two from each of the three boats on the mission.

We were able to tell that the first target was sunk and that the second was hit but we had to get out of there in a hurry because daylight was upon us and we were close to enemy

territory and we had a long run back to Bastia. It was later reported that the second target also sank. I think some Air Force flyer reported seeing it sink.



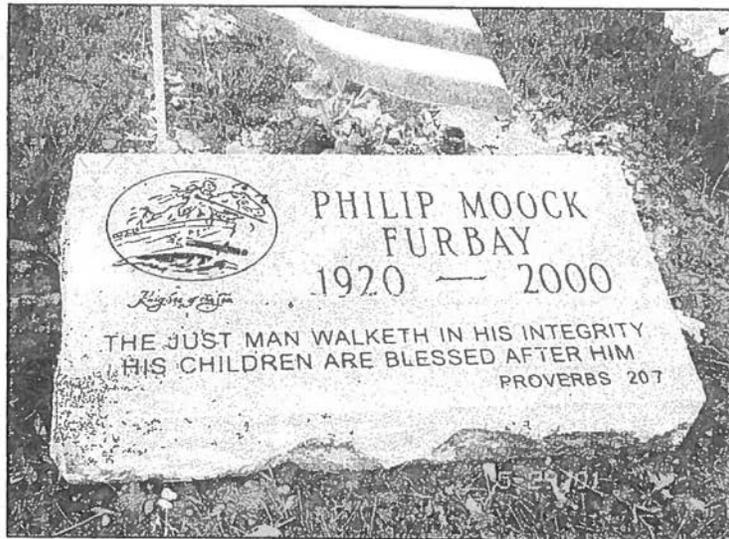
Jim McNamara

Edmund L. McNamara, Rons 12,7 PTs 162, 138, 134, 129, 127, being interviewed after receiving his Silver Star.

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Lt. jg Furbay's children Tim Furbay and Susanna Pugh, placed the Knights of the Sea design on their father's headstone in Canton, Ohio last year.