

U.S.S. Pogy (SS 266)

Keel Laid - September 15, 1941

Launched - June 23, 1942

Commissioned - January 10, 1943

Sponsor - Mrs. Julius A. Furer - wife of Rear Admiral Julius A. Furer
Office of Secretary Navy Department.

The U.S.S. Pogy departed Manitowoc on February 1, 1943, bound for New Orleans, Panama, Pearl Harbor and the Pacific Theater of War. April 15 saw Pogy on her way to her first war patrol along the eastern coast of Honshu. On her second patrol the Pogy covered the Empire-Truk main communication and Supply lines.

The Pogy did an outstanding job on her fourth war patrol by sinking a 6,081 ton submarine tender. Then a freighter. Six days later the Pogy sank a 5,000 ton transport loaded with troops. The 27 depth charges dropped caused damage necessitating termination of the patrol after only 28 days.

The ten patrols of the Pogy cost the Japanese 16 ships with a total of 62,633 tons sunk and 33,184 tons damaged.

Pogy earned 8 Battle Stars and was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation. The U.S.S. Pogy (SS 266) was stricken from the Naval Register in 1958.

U.S.S. Pompon (SS267)

Keel Laid - November 26, 1941

Launched - August 15, 1942

Commissioned - March 17, 1943

Sponsor - Miss Katherine Mary Wolleson - daughter of Captain E. A. Wolleson
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The U.S.S. Pompon completed nine war patrols with hard luck her companion.

The Pompon steamed from Brisbane, Australia on July 10, 1943 to conduct her first war patrol in the Truk area. Only a few days out, a Japanese submarine fired two torpedoes at her, both passing ahead. On July 25 she torpedoed the 5,871 ton transport Thames Maru. In the same action two more attacks damaged a second transport and also a smaller transport. Numerous patrol boats and another enemy submarine were evaded, and the Pompon returned to Brisbane on August 22, 1943.

On July 19 the Pompon departed on her sixth and most successful patrol. Operating from the eastern coast of Honshu to the Sea of Okhotsk area, she sank a 300 ton armed trawler with gunfire. On August 12 a Japanese convoy was contacted off the coast of Russian Sakhalin. In the wild night surface action which followed an 8,000 ton tanker was badly damaged by two torpedoes, the 2718 ton transport Mikage Maru No. 20 was sunk, and a hit was possibly obtained on one of two hotly pursuing escort vessels. During this melee the Pompon was almost sunk by one of her own torpedoes. While surfaced, with the enemy bearing down, one of her own "fish" perversely circled and just missed the stern. She was driven down by gunfire and then depth charged, but managed to escape without damage.