601-64-CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 3 July, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerant.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).

(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. CRM Panama City(unit)
(c) Date 15 June, 1942. /Pt. St. Joe, Florida.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel A.S. HANSEN Amer. St. Tkr.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (afficiency) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

F. J. BIRKETT, Chief of Staff.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, United States Coast Guard,

| Panama C | City, Florida. Port St. Joe, Fla. | |
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| (Unit) | | |
| | 15 June, 1942. (Date) | |
| | | |
| From: | Johnson, Nestor L. (105-446)C.B.M. | |
| To: | Commander, New Orleans District. | |
| Subject: | Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents. | |
| | 1. The American Tanker "A.S.HANSEN" | |
| | (insert name and nationality of bellig | |
| was inspected | ed this date and the following armament was found on | board: |
| GUNS: One | four inch 50 cal, located aft on a platform. | |
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| AMMITNITHI ON . | 92 Rds 4 inch 50 Cal. | |
| Willion Tfrom. | 92 has a men jo date | |
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| CITATE ADMIG | The 20 del Marlin Machine Cune one on each side of | n top of the |
| SMALL ARMS: | Two 30 Cal Marlin Machine Guns, one on each side of . Two 45 Cal Pistols. | 1 000 01 0110 |
| TITOU HOUSE. | . 110 17 001 1100010 | |
| | The second of the Police of th | 0 007 |
| AMMUNITION: | For Machine Guns 475 Rds treer and 2450 Rds Ball 30 120 Rds 45 Cal. | J val. |
| FOR PISCOIS I | 120 1145 47 041. | |
| 111010000 | T 7 - 1 - 2 - St h-7 dealer on Don't gide | |
| MAGAZINE: | Is located aft below decks on Port side. | |
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| FIRE CONTROL | L AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Has a Sprinkler syst rom Gun deck to the Bridge, Radio room and on top of | the Pilot House |
| Telephone iro | rom Gun deck to the Bridge, Radio room and on top of | one rates nodes |
| | | |
| GUNS CREWS: | Four men in the Gun crew, they are all Sea 2/c. | |
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| REMARKS: Ve | Vessel is owned and operated by Sabine Transportation | Co. |
| Vessel is Dea | egaused, has placement for two Machine Guns on top of | the house aft. |
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| (FORM N-12). | - Vestor V. Johnson (Signature) | • |
| | (o my angle) | |
| | C.B. | M |
| | (Rank or rating) | |

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 13 July, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerant.

Reference: (a) Headquarters! letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).

(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. CBM Panama City(unit)
(c) Date 25 June, 1942. /Pt. St. Joe; Florida.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel "A.S. HANSEN" Amer. St. Tkr.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (reference) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

N. W. NELSON, Lieutenant(jg), U.S.C.G. District Intelligence Officer.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, United States Coast Guard,

| Panama Ci | ity, Florida. | Port Saint Joe, Fla. | _ |
|---------------|---|--|-----|
| (Unit) | | (Place) | |
| | | 25 June, 1942. (Date) | _ |
| | | (Bavo) | |
| From: | Johnson, Nestor L. (105- Commander, New Orleans Di | 446)C.B.M. | |
| To: | Commander, New Orleans Di | strict. | |
| Subject: | Armed Merchant Vessels of | Belligerents. | |
| | 1 The American Ton | LOW WAS HANSEN!! | |
| | (insert name | ker "A.S.HANSEN" and nationality of belligerent) | _ |
| was inspected | this date and the followi | ng armament was found on board: | |
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| GUNS:One | 4 Inch 50 Cal, placed aft | on a Platform. | _ |
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| AMMINITATION: | on Pde J. Trich 50 Cal | | |
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| SMALL ARMS: | e. Two 45 Cal Pistols. | e Guns, placed one on each side on to |) P |
| of Pilot hous | e. 1wo 45 Gal 1150015. | | |
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| | | Tracer and 2437 Rds Ball. | - |
| 120 Rds Pist | ol 45 Cal. | | - |
| | | The state of the s | _ |
| MAGAZINE: Pl | aced aft below decks on Po | ort side. | _ |
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| FIRE CONTROL | AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMEN | NT: Sprinkler system. Telephone f | rom |
| | ridge, Radio Room and on | | |
| <u> </u> | | | _ |
| GIRTO GENERA | | | |
| GUNS CREWS: _ | Four men all Sea 2/c. | | |
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| | | | |
| REMARKS: Vess | el is Degaused, has place | ment for two Machine Guns aft one of | n |
| each side on | top of the house. | | - |
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| | | Vestor y Johnson | |
| (FORM N-12). | | Nestor L. Johnson. (Signature) | |
| | | (Signa vure) | |
| | | C.B.M. | |
| | | (Rank or rating). | |

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SND BRANCH OFFICE BOARDING REPORT COMMERCE AND TRAVEL SECTION

Date Reported: June 30, 1942.

BOARDING OFFICERS: Lieut. (jg) J. A. Shaw Ensign Toll Underwood

PORT OF: Beaumont (Smith's Bluff)

NAME OF VESSEL: S/S "A. S. HANSEN"

MASTER'S NAME: D. Storch

MATE'S NAME: Reginald Nygaard

RADIO OPERATOR: John F. Farrell

CRUISING SPEED: 9.5 knots

GROSS TONNAGE: 5188

DATE BOARDED: 1500 CWT 1942 JUL 11 PM 12 1 30, 1942.

STATE OF: Texas

NATIONALITY: U. S.

AGENTS: Sabine Towing Co.

HOME PORT: Baltimore

CREW: 37 GUN CREW: 4

MAXIMUM SPEED: 9.7 knots

NET TONNAGE: 3202

ITINERARY OF VESSEL: Left Port St. Joe, Florida, 0800 June 26, 1942. Arrived Beaumont, Texas, 1500 June 30, 1942. Destination and date of departure from Beaumont, Texas, unknown at time of boarding.

INFORMATION FROM SHIP'S OFFICERS CONCERNING BELLIGERANT ACTIVITIES:
The Master, D. Storch, on June 27, 1942, at 1536 CWT at 28-53 N., 89-07 W., sighted a
fire still burning from a completely submerged derelict. According to his chart the ship
was sunk in about 320 feet of water, yet flames were shooting up high in the air.

He sighted a fishing boat at 2345 June 29, 1942 at 29-29 N., and 92-39 W., flashing a "big white light". There were several flashes seen although the Master was unable to tell whether or not the boat was signalling. The Master stated that "we almost took a shot at him." Only two or three airplanes were sighted between Southwest Pass and Sabine Pass, and no patrol boats were seen.

The Radio Operator, John F. Farrell received the following messages:

June 26, 1942, at 1537 GCT, from the SS ALCOA PATRIOT, WIIA, "Sub trailing me at 30-13 N., 87-10 W." Again at 1540 GCT, "Sub gaining on me". And a third message from same ship at 1600 GCT, "All clear."

June 27, 1942, at 1552 GCT, from NAR, Key West, "Sub contact at 26-11 N., 81-00 W."

June 28, 1942, at 1040 GCT, from NAR, Key West, "Sub sighted at 28.0430 Roger, at 29-39 N., 87-03 W."

June 29, 1942, at 2000 GCT, from NCD, New Orleans, "Attack at 28-22 N., 96-22 W."

June 29, 1942, at 1550 GCT, from NCD, New Orleans, "Vessel torpedoed at 29-27 N., 85-22 W."

ARMAMENT: 1 - four-inch gun aft; 2 - 30 caliber machine guns on bridge.

CREW-SYMPATHIES OF: All considered by Master to be loyal.

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(See addenda sheet)

Addenda Sheet No. 1

Subject:

END BOARDING REPORT SS "A. S. HANSEN"

June 30, 1942.

CARGO: In ballast.

PASSENGERS: None. .

REMARKS: The Master stated that he was going to discharge Geo. Huffman, wiper, while in port here. He stated that while he did not question Huffman's loyalty, nevertheless, he was a trouble maker and very unsatisfactory. Huffman has only made two trips on this ship, having signed on the ship at Port Arthur, Texas, June 9, 1942. The first day he was on the ship the Master had to give him \$5.00 for the claimed purpose of getting his clothes. At 0200 CWT, June 26, 1942, Huffman got the Master out of bed and demanded to be paid off and threatened to take a big part of the crew with him if the Master refused. Huffman now claims to have wrenched his back and he has performed no work for the past two days, (June 29, and Juen 30, 1942.) The Master believes that Huffman is "trumping up an insurance claim". Huffman, age 21, is a native Texan, (birth-place unknown by Master), and lives with his mother, Nola Huffman at Sabine Pass, Texas, Z number 285410.

EVALUATION: Of general inter st.

DISSEMINATION: ONI(2); 7ND(2); Operations, SND; C.I.P.; DCGO, SND; File.

Bureau of Mar ne Inspection & Navigation, USCG, cognizant.

Approved:

Lieutenant, USNR.,

By direction.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD 601-64-CONFIDENTIAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 23 July, 1942.

District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District. From: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard. To :

Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerant. Subject:

(a) Headquarters! letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-Reference: 64-Confidential).

(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. CRM Panama City(unit)
(c) Date 10 July, 1942. /Pt. St. Joe, Fla.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel A. S. HANSEN Amer. St. Tkr.

(A) Reference (b). Inclosure:

Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (obsersive) purposes.

No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

> N. W. NELSON, Lieutenant(jg), U.S.C.G. District Intelligence Officer.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, United States Coast Guard,

| Panama Cj | y, Florida. | Port S | aint Joe, Fla. |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| (Unit) | | (Pla | ice) |
| | | 10 Jul | v. 1942. |
| | | (Dat | ,6) |
| From: To: | Johnson, Nestor L. (Commander, New Orlean | 105-446)C.B.M. s District. | |
| Subject: | Armed Merchant Vessel | s of Belligerents. | |
| | 1. The American (insert m | Tanker " A.S. HANSEN " ame and nationality of | belligerent) |
| was inspected | this date and the fol | lowing armament was fo | ound on board: |
| GUNS: One | 4" 50 Cal Placed aft | on a Platform. | |
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| | | | |
| AMMUNITION: _ | 90 Rds 4" 50 Cal. | | |
| SMAIL ARMS: Pilot House. | Two Marlin 30 Cal 1 Two Pistols 45 Cal. | Machine Guns, Placed on | ne on each side above |
| | For Machine Guns 4 | 75 Rds tracer, 2437 Rds | s Ball. For 45 Cal |
| MAGAZINE: | Is placed Aft below | decks on Port side. | |
| FIRE CONTROL . | AND COMMUNICATION EQUI | PMENT: Sprinkler sy | stem. Telephone from Pilot House. |
| GUNS CREWS: _ | Four men in the Gun c | rew all Sea 2/c. | |
| REMARKS: Ve | essel is Degaused, has house, Ammunition re | placement for two Ant ady box aft on the Gun | i-Aircraft Guns aft platform for 12 Rds. |
| (FORM N-12). | | Nestor A. (Signati | Johnson. |
| | | | C.B.W. rating). |

601-64-CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT. From: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District. Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard. To : Subject:

DATE 26 August, 1942

Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerant.

(a) Headquarters! letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-Reference: 64-Confidential).

(b) Report of Asst. Capt. of Port, Port St. Joe. Fla.

(c) Date 21 August, 1942 (d) On armed Merchant Vessel American Tanker "A.S. HANSEN"

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of 1. Headquarters.

It is the opinion of this office that the armament

No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

> B. S. MONTGOMERY Ensign, U.S.C.G., District Intelligence Officer (Acting)

| Panama C | City, Florida. | | Port Saint | Joe, Fla. | |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| (UNI | T) | | (PL) | CE) | |
| | | | 21 August. | 1942. | |
| | | | 21 August, | TE) | |
| FROM: | Asst., Captain of | f the Port, F | ort St.Joe,Fl | a. | |
| TO: | SENIOR COAST GUARI | D OFFICER, E | GHTH NAVAL DI | ISTRICT. | |
| Subject: | Armed Merchant Ve | ssels of Bell | ligerents. | | |
| | 1. The American (insert | can Tanker "A | .S.HANSEN" | halligament) | |
| was inspect board. | ted this date and the | t name and ha | armament was | found on | |
| GUNS: | One 4" 50 Cal. Place | ed aft on a I | Platform. | | |
| | | | | | = |
| AMMUNITION: | 84 Rds 4" 50 C | al. Tracer a | nd Ball. | | |
| SMALL ARMS: | : Two Marlin 30 h side. Two Pistol | Cal Machine (| Guns, Placed a | above the Pilo | ot House |
| AMMUNITION: | : 2869 Rds 30 Ca istol 45 Cal. | l Machine Gw | n, Tracer and | Ball. | _ |
| MAGAZINE: | Aft below Deck | cs on Port Si | de. | | |
| FIRE CONTRO Telephone House. | OL AND COMMUNICATION from Gun Platform | N EQUIPMENT: to Bridge, R | Sprinkler adio Room and | System. | e Pilot |
| GUNS CREWS: | : Four men all S | Sea 2c. | | | |
| REMARKS: | Vessel is Degaus on top of the House. | sed, has plac | ement for two | Anti-Aircraf | t |
| FORM N-12) | | | Nestor L. (SIGNA | Johnson. TURE). C.B.M. | |
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601 GL CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).

(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L., C.B.M., Part. St. Joe, Fla.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (offensive) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

B. S. MONTGOMERY, Ensign, U.S.C.G.R., By direction.

| Panama City, Florida. (UNIT) | Port St. Joe, Fla. (PLACE) 1 September, 1942. (DATE) |
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| FROM: Johnson, Nestor L. (105-44) TO: SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER | 6)C.B.M. |
| Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of 1 1. The American Tank (insert name and was inspected this date and the follows board. | ter "A.S.HANSEN". d hationality of belligerent) |
| GUNS: One 4" 50 Cal. Placed aft on | a Platform. |
| AMMUNITION: 88 Rds 4" 50 Cal. | |
| SMAIL ARMS: Two Marlin 30 Cal Machin above the Pilot House. Two Pistols 45 | e Guns, one on each wing of the Bridg |
| AMMUNITION: 2912 Rds 30 Cal Machine | Gun. 120 Rds Pistol 45 Cal. |
| MAGAZINE: Aft below Decks on Port | side. |
| FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMEN Telephone from Gun deck to Bridge, Radi | T: Sprinkler system. o room and on top of the Pilot House. |
| GUNS CREWS: Four men in Gun crew all | Sea 2c. |
| REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has paft on top of the house. | lacement for two Ant-Aircraft Guns |
| FORM N-12). | (SIGNAPURE). (RANK OR RATING). |

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 3 October, 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerant.

Reference: (a) Headquarters! letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).

(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. CBM Panama City(unit)
(c) Date 17 September, 1942. /Pt. St. Joe, Florida.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel A. S. HANSEN Amer. St. Tkr.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (refersive) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

N. W. NELSON, Lieutenant(jg), U.S.C.G. District Intelligence Officer.

| Panama (| City, Florida. | Port Saint Joe, Florida. |
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| (UNI | T) | (PLACE) |
| | | 17 September, 1942. (DATE) |
| | | (DUID) |
| FROM: | Johnson, Nestor L. | (105-446) C.B.M. |
| TO: | SENIOR COAST GUARD | OFFICER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT. |
| 10. | | |
| Subject: | Armed Merchant Vess | sels of Belligerents. |
| | 7 Mb - Amond | can Tanker "A.S.HANSEN". |
| | (insert | name and nationality of belligerent) |
| was inspect | ted this date and the | e following armament was found on |
| board. | | |
| | | et an a Platform |
| GUNS: One | 4" 50 Cal. Placed | art on a Fractionin. |
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| AMMUNITION | : 84 Rds 4" 50 Cal | L Commons |
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| | | - 1 1 - the Bridge |
| SMALL ARMS | : Two 30 Cal Marl: | in Machine Guns, placed above the Bridge |
| one on eac | ch side. Two Pistol | s 45 Gal Automatic. |
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| AMMINITATION | : 2912 Rds 30 Cal | Machine Gun, 120 Rds Pistol 45 Cal. |
| HUMHORITICA | 0.00 | |
| | | |
| M. C. FINIT | Aft below Decks | on Port side. |
| MAGAZINE: | Alt below beeks | 011 2010 2240 |
| | | |
| | | ECUIPMENT: Sprinkler System. |
| FIRE CONTR | ROL AND COMMUNICATION | fequipment: Sprinkler System. Corm to Bridge, Radio room and on top of the |
| Telephone | -riom fun place | orm to bridge, |
| Pilot Hou | | |
| GUNS CREWS | Four men, G.M.30 | e in charge, two Sea2c one AS. |
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| DEMADKS. | Wassel is Degaused. | has placement for two Anti-Aircraft Guns |
| aft on to | p of the house. | |
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| | | Vistoria Johnson. |
| (FORM N-12) |). | Nestor L. Johnson. |
| | | (SIGNATURE). |
| | | C.B.M2 |
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601 GL CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF
COAST GUARD OFFICER
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).

(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. CBM Panama City(UNIT)
(c) Date 8 October, 1942. /Pt. St. Joe, Fla.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel A. S. HANSEN Amer. St.Tkr.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

N. W. NELSON, Lieutenant, U.S.C.G. District Intelligence Officer.

| Fanama Ci (UNI) | ity, Florida. | Port Saint Joe, Florida. (PLACE) 8 October, 1942. (DATE) |
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| FROM: TO: | Johnson, Nestor L. (105-A | ER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT. |
| Subject: | Armed Merchant Vessels of | Belligerents. |
| was inspecte | l. The American Ta (insert name and this date and the followed) | and nationality of belligerent) owing armament was found on |
| GUNS: On | e 4" 50 Cal, Placed aft o | n a Platform. |
| AMMUNITION: | 84 Rds 4" 50 Cal, Comm | on. |
| | | |
| SMALL ARMS: the Wheel H | Two Marlin 30 Cal Mach | ine Guns, placed on the Bridge above Two Pistols 45 Cal Automatic. |
| AMMUNITION: | 2912 Rds 30 Cal Machin | ne Gun. 120 Rds 45 Cal Pistol. |
| MAGAZINE: _ | Located aft below deck | on Port side. |
| FIRE CONTROL Telephone 1 House. | L AND COMMUNICATION EQUIP fron Gun platform to Bridg | MENT: Sprinkler System. ge, Radio Room and on top of Pilot |
| GUNS CREWS: | Four Men, G.M.3c in cha | arge, two Sea lc and one AS. |
| REMARKS: | Vessel is Degaused, has of the house. | placement for two Anti-Aircraft Gun |
| (FORM N-12). | | Wester L. Johnson. (SIGNATURE). C.B.M. |
| | | (RANK OR RATING). |