

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 Belligerent.

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 (~~offensive~~) purposes.

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

F. J. Birkett
F. J. BIRKETT,
Chief of Staff.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
United States Coast Guard,Panama City, Florida.

(Unit)

Port St. Joe, Fla.

(Place)

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 belligerent)

was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS: One four inch 50 cal. located aft on a platform.AMMUNITION: 92 Rds 4 inch 50 Cal.SMALL ARMS: Two 30 Cal Marlin Machine Guns, one on each side on top of the Pilot House. Two 45 Cal Pistols.AMMUNITION: For Machine Guns 475 Rds tracer and 2450 Rds Ball 30 Cal.
For Pistols 120 Rds 45 Cal.MAGAZINE: Is located aft below decks on Port side.FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Has a Sprinkler system.
Telephone from Gun deck to the Bridge, Radio room and on top of the Pilot House.GUNS CREWS: Four men in the Gun crew, they are all Sea 2/c.REMARKS: Vessel is owned and operated by Sabine Transportation Co.
Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Machine Guns on top of the house aft.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson
Nestor L. Johnson.
(Signature)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 Belligerent.
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 (~~offensive~~) 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 City, Florida.
(Unit)Port Saint Joe, Fla.
(Place)
25 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 belligerent)
was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS: One 4 Inch 50 Cal, placed aft on a Platform.

AMMUNITION: 90 Rds 4 Inch 50 Cal.

SMALL ARMS: Two 30 Cal Marlin Machine Guns, placed one on each side on top of Pilot House. Two 45 Cal Pistols.

AMMUNITION: For Machine Guns 475 Rds Tracer and 2437 Rds Ball.
120 Rds Pistol 45 Cal.

MAGAZINE: Placed aft below decks on Port side.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler system. Telephone from Gun deck to Bridge, Radio Room and on top of Pilot House.

GUNS CREWS: Four men all Sea 2/c.

REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Machine Guns aft one on each side on top of the house.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson
Nestor L. Johnson.
(Signature)

C.B.M.
(Rank or rating).

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8ND BRANCH OFFICE BOARDING REPORT
COMMERCE AND TRAVEL SECTION

10 F
Date Reported: June 30, 1942. ✓

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

DATE BOARDED: 1500 CWT
1942 JUL 11 PM 12:47
June 30, 1942.

PORT OF: Beaumont (Smith's Bluff)

STATE OF: Texas

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

NATIONALITY: U. S.

MASTER'S NAME: D. Storch

AGENTS: Sabine Towing Co.

MATE'S NAME: Reginald Nygaard

HOME PORT: Baltimore

RADIO OPERATOR: John F. Farrell

CREW: 37 GUN CREW: 4

CRUISING SPEED: 9.5 knots

MAXIMUM SPEED: 9.7 knots

GROSS TONNAGE: 5188

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 BELLIGERENT 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.

(See addenda sheet)

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Addenda Sheet No. 1

Subject: 8ND BOARDING REPORT SS "A. S. HANSEN"

June 30, 1942.

CARGO: In ballast.

PASSENGERS: None.

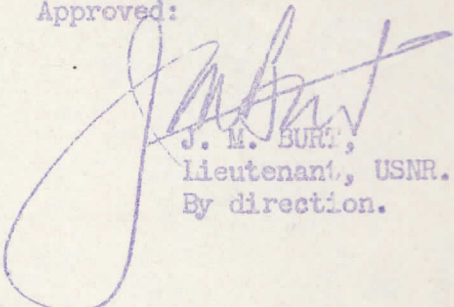
REMARKS: The Master stated that he was going to discharge Geo. Huffman, wiper, while in port here. He stated that while he did not question Huffman's loyalty, nevertheless, he was a trouble maker and very unsatisfactory. Huffman has only made two trips on this ship, having signed on the ship at Port 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 June 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 interest.

DISSEMINATION: ONI(2); 7ND(2); Operations, 8ND; C.I.P.; DCGO, 8ND; File.

Bureau of Marine Inspection & Navigation, USCG, cognizant.

Approved:



J. M. BURT,
Lieutenant, USNR.,
By direction.

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 23 July, 1942.

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. CRM Panama City(unit)
(c) Date 10 July, 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.

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.

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

Panama City, Florida.
(Unit)Port Saint Joe, Fla.
(Place)10 July, 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 belligerent)
was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS: One 4" 50 Cal Placed aft on a Platform.

AMMUNITION: 90 Rds 4" 50 Cal.

SMALL ARMS: Two Marlin 30 Cal Machine Guns, Placed one on each side above Pilot House. Two Pistols 45 Cal.

AMMUNITION: For Machine Guns 475 Rds tracer, 2437 Rds Ball. For 45 Cal Pistols 120 Rds.

MAGAZINE: Is placed Aft below decks on Port side.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler system. Telephone from Gun platform aft to the Bridge, Radio room and on top of Pilot House.

GUNS CREWS: Four men in the Gun crew all Sea 2/c.

REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Anti-Aircraft Guns aft on top of the house. Ammunition ready box aft on the Gun platform for 12 Rds.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson
Nestor L. Johnson.
(Signature)

C.B.M.
(Rank or rating).

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 26 August, 1942

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 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).

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.,
District Intelligence Officer
(Acting)

Panama City, Florida.

(UNIT)

Port Saint Joe, Fla.

(PLACE)

21 August, 1942.

(DATE)

FROM: Asst., Captain of the Port, Port St. Joe, Fla.
TO: SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The American Tanker "A.S. HANSEN"

(insert name and nationality of belligerent)

was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board.

GUNS: One 4" 50 Cal. Placed aft on a Platform.

AMMUNITION: 84 Rds 4" 50 Cal. Tracer and Ball.

SMALL ARMS: Two Marlin 30 Cal Machine Guns, Placed above the Pilot House
one on each side. Two Pistols 45 Cal Automatic.

AMMUNITION: 2869 Rds 30 Cal Machine Gun, Tracer and Ball.
120 Rds Pistol 45 Cal.

MAGAZINE: Aft below Decks on Port Side.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler System.
Telephone from Gun Platform to Bridge, Radio Room and on top of the Pilot
House.

GUNS CREWS: Four men all Sea 2c.

REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Anti-Aircraft
Guns aft on top of the House.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson.

(SIGNATURE).

C.B.M.

(RANK OR RATING).

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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., Port. St. Joe, Fla.
(c) Date 241042 9-1-42
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel American Tanker "A.S. HANSEN"

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)

FROM: Johnson, Nestor L. (105-446)C.B.M.
TO: SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The American Tanker "A.S.HANSEN".
(insert name and nationality of belligerent)
was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board.

GUNS: One 4" 50 Cal. Placed aft on a Platform.

AMMUNITION: 88 Rds 4" 50 Cal.

SMALL ARMS: Two Marlin 30 Cal Machine Guns, one on each wing of the Bridge above the Pilot House. Two Pistols 45 Cal Automatic.

AMMUNITION: 2912 Rds 30 Cal Machine Gun. 120 Rds Pistol 45 Cal.

MAGAZINE: Aft below Decks on Port side.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler system.
Telephone from Gun deck to Bridge, Radio room and on top of the Pilot House.

GUNS CREWS: Four men in Gun crew all Sea 2c.

REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Ant-Aircraft Guns aft on top of the house.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson
Nestor L. Johnson.
(SIGNATURE).

C.B.M.
(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 Belligerent.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).
(b) Report of JOHNSON, Nestor L. GBM 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 (~~offensive~~) 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.

(UNIT)

Port Saint Joe, Florida.

(PLACE)

17 September, 1942.

(DATE)

FROM: Johnson, Nestor L. (105-446) C.B.M.
TO: SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The American Tanker "A.S.HANSEN".

(insert name and nationality of belligerent)

was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board.

GUNS: One 4" 50 Cal. Placed aft on a Platform.

AMMUNITION: 84 Rds 4" 50 Cal Common.

SMALL ARMS: Two 30 Cal Marlin Machine Guns, placed above the Bridge
one on each side. Two Pistols 45 Cal Automatic.

AMMUNITION: 2912 Rds 30 Cal Machine Gun, 120 Rds Pistol 45 Cal.

MAGAZINE: Aft below Decks on Port side.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler System.
Telephone-~~room~~ from Gun platform to Bridge, Radio room and on top of the
Pilot House.

GUNS CREWS: Four men, G.M.3c in charge, two Sea2c one AS.

REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Anti-Aircraft Guns
aft on top of the house.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson.
Nestor L. Johnson.
(SIGNATURE).

C.B.M2
(RANK OR RATING).

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

~~Dist.~~ OFFICE OF
~~Section~~ COAST GUARD OFFICER
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: ~~Section~~ **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.

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.

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

Panama City, Florida.

(UNIT)

Port Saint Joe, Florida.

(PLACE)

8 October, 1942.

(DATE)

FROM: Johnson, Nestor L. (105-446) C.B.M.TO: SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.1. The American Tanker "A.S. HANSEN".
(insert name and nationality of belligerent)

was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board.

GUNS: One 4" 50 Cal. Placed aft on a Platform.AMMUNITION: 84 Rds 4" 50 Cal, Common.SMALL ARMS: Two Marlin 30 Cal Machine Guns, placed on the Bridge above the Wheel House, one on each side. Two Pistols 45 Cal Automatic.AMMUNITION: 2912 Rds 30 Cal Machine Gun. 120 Rds 45 Cal Pistol.MAGAZINE: Located aft below deck on Port side.FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Sprinkler System. Telephone from Gun platform to Bridge, Radio Room and on top of Pilot House.GUNS CREWS: Four Men, G.M.3c in charge, two Sea lc and one AS.REMARKS: Vessel is Degaused, has placement for two Anti-Aircraft Guns aft on top of the house.

(FORM N-12).

Nestor L. Johnson
Nestor L. Johnson.
(SIGNATURE).

C.B.M.

(RANK OR RATING).