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Date 5 August 1944

From: Com 13 - (Port Director, NTS, 905 Exchange Bldg., Seattle, Wash.)
To: CNO

Subject: Arming of Merchant vessels SS MS ABERDEEN VICTORY

7608 Gross Tons Flag U.S.

Ref: (a) Conf. airmailgram # 051821
(b) Par. 6 CNO ltr. 063338 of Nov. 29, 1941.

1. Confirming ref. (a), the attached encl. submits information required by ref. (b), relative to the armaments supplied the subject merchant vessel.

T. G. PEYTON
Port Director

C. N. Ingraham
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By direction

Encl.

1. Consolidated report of bureaus concerned as directed by ref. (b).

cc: Buships
Buord
Bupers (Sheets 1 & 2 only). Complies with C. L. 27-42.
Comdt. & Supt. Naval Gun Factory, Washington. D. C.
AGC (Sheets 1 & 2 only)

(500-31845)

DEINEL, James Adam	Slc	V-6 USNR	576 21 95
MOTTLE, Edward (n)	Slc	V-6 USNR	711 24 05
MONOSKY, Charles (n)	Slc	V-6 (SV)	822 52 52
OLIVER, James Richard	Slc	V-6 (SV)	822 62 00
STEELE, Brady Gratis, Jr.	Slc	V-6 (SV)	886 47 74
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STURGILL, Frisco (n)	Slc	V-6 USNR	659 23 92
WALKER, James Clifford	Slc	V-6 USNR	829 24 18
WILLIAMS, George Clark	Slc	USN	301 17 58

Communication Group:

MASON, Paul Ernest	SM3c	V-3 USNR	664 12 11
WOOD, Herman Joseph	RM3c	V-3 USNR	610 3

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PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ARMING MERCHANT VESSELS

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SERIAL

NAME OF SHIP:

MS

SS ABERDEEN VICTORY

OWNER:

War Shipping Administration

OPERATOR

OR AGENT Sudden & Christenson

REGISTRY:

U.S.

CLASS (Pass, cargo or tank ship) Cargo

ITINERARY: Sailing Date: 14 July 1944 From Columbia River To: Honolulu

Via

SHIP'S CREW

COMMISSIONED RANK

MASTER: A. H. MILLER

Not known

OFFICERS:

(Listed by

name only

if commissioned)

Deck Department

Engineering Department

Steward's Department

Chief Mate	1	Ch. Engineer	1	Ch. Steward	1
2nd Mate	1	1st "	1	Ch. Cook	1
3rd Mate	1 & Jr.	2nd "	1	2nd Cook	1
Quartermaster		3rd "	1 & Jr.	3rd Cook	1
Boatswain	1	4th "		Messman	8
Seamen-Able	6	Firemen	3	Utilitymen	
Seamen-Ord	3	Oilers	3	Nite cook & baker	1
Radio Operator	2	Wipers	3	Electricians	2
Deck Main.	3	Total Crew Including Master			

50

PASSENGERS - Number on Board None

U. S. NAVY PERSONNEL

Armed Guard Unit	Name	Rating	Branch	Service Number
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Officer in Charge:	Keith W. VOGT	Lt.(jg)	D-V(S) USNR	239 927
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Enlisted Men:	HERESOVSKY, Charles John	GM2c	V-6 USNR	726 19 83
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	HOLLEMBEAK, Ralph Warren	GM3c	V-6 USNR	625 24 64
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	SMITH, Novis (n)	GM3c	V-6 USNR	634 49 45
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	BAKANAS, Frank John	Slc	V-6 USNR	642 70 00
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	CATER, Kenneth Lethwood	Slc	V-6 USNR	709 68 39
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	CHAPMAN, Wayne Jiles	Slc	V-6 (SV) A	871 79 44
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	COYLE, Clarence Darro	Slc	V-6 USNR	554 21 72
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	DYCK, Kurt C.	Slc	V-6 (SV)	865 83 51
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	EAGLEN, Lewis Earl	Slc	V-6 (SV)	895 19 09
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	FEDOR, Andrew Edward	Slc	V-6 USNR	313 26 96
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	FISHER, Armand Joseph	Slc	USN-I	801 29 34
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	HAGER, Delbert Leroy	Slc	V-6 USNR	618 52 20
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	JEREB, Albert Edward	Slc	V-6 (SV)	876 17 78
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	KING, Horace Rutledge	Slc	V-6 USNR	641 53 75
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	DOTSOVOS, John Gelrad	S2c	V-6 (SV)	8882 90 45
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	LETNEY, James Adam	Slc	V-6 USNR	576 21 95
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PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ARMING MERCHANT VESSELS UNIT

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ON BOARD ARMED FOR AREA

MS
SS ABERDEEN VICTORY GROSS TONS 7,608 DEADWEIGHT TONS 10,678
WHERE
ARMED (PORT) Portland, Oregon DATE 19 June 1944 YARD Oregon Shipbldg. Corp.

LIST OF ALL GUNS (INCLUDING MACHINE GUNS) ABOARD VESSEL ON DEPARTURE

No. of Guns	Caliber & Type	Gun Mark & Mod.	Mount Mk. & Mod.	Gun Location	Ammunition
1	3"/50 DP	22-3	22	Fwd. Gun Platform	
2	20 MM	4	6	P&S Forecastle Deck	
2	20 MM	4	6	P&S Top of House	
2	20 MM	4	6	P&S Bridge Deck	
2	20 MM	4	6	P&S on Aft Gun Plat.	
1	5"/38 DP	12-1	37-1	Aft Gun Platform	

BuOrd Form No. 228 (rev. May 1942) submitted 19 June 1944 1943, in tripl.

INSTALLATIONS

ITEM	DETAIL
1. Splinter Protection - Bridge	Port & Stbd and front of house 3" Plastic Armored Panels.
Splinter Protection - AA Machine Guns	3" Plastic Armored Panels
2. Gun Foundations, Number and Location	1 Fwd Platform, 2 Forecastle, 2 top of house, 2 Bridge deck, 3 Aft gun platform
3. Magazines, Number and Location	2 Stbd side Aft, 1 each P&S Fwd.
4. Painting	All exterior surfaces including covers painted neutral color.
5. Darkening Ship Facilities	Light traps in passageways, blackout switches on door, emergency lighting and blackout switched controlled from bridge.
6. Reinforce Sea Chests	Moulded steel sea chest.
7. Fire Control Communication System	16 sound powered battle phones connecting all battle stations.
8. Sky Lookout Stations, Number and Location	1 each P&S, top of house, binoculars holder and seat.
9. Results Industrial Manager's Inspection	Installation of armament and facilities of armed guard very satisfactory.
10. Messing Facilities	Gunnery pantry messing and berthing, confined under poop deck.

ACCOMMODATIONS NAVY PERSONNEL

ARMED GUARD UNIT	SPACE	LOCATION
Officer in Charge	Room # (1)	Port side cabin deck midships
Petty Officer	(4)	Stbd side boat deck midships
Seamen	(9)	Port side main deck midships
	(15)	Under poop deck

COMMUNICATION GROUP

Enlisted Men	Bunks No.	23	Total
Standee			

EQUIPMENT

ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1. Navy - Type Life Jackets		30
2. 5 Life Rafts (Capacity 20 per raft) 2 (Capacity 15 per raft)		7
3. 2 Life Boat (Capacity 29 per boat) 2 motor boats (Cap. 29 per boat)		4
4. Emergency Rations Per man: 10 gts water, 14 oz milk, 14 oz choc, 14 oz G Biscuit		
5. Repair & Upkeep Equipment Armaments Spare parts, tools and 14 oz Pemican		

(200-3/18/42 - Revised 6-16-42) accessories and 1 spare battery per large caliber gun.
Supersedes all previous issues.

CONFIDENTIAL - PORT DIRECTOR'S MATERIAL REPORT FOR ARMED GUARD UNIT
 SERIAL MS
 ON BOARD SS ABERDEEN VICTORY

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	STOCK NUMBER	TITLE
1.	1 BAG, CANVAS, weighted #C&R 43479	24-B-60	C
2.	112 BATTERIES, Flashlight	17-B-7210	C
3.	8 BATTERIES, dry, hand lantern	17-B-7600	C
4.	4 BELTS, Pistol	L2-B-1520	B
5.	6 BINOCULARS,	18-B-1135	B
6.	4 BOTTLES, Vacuum, 1 quart	63-B-500	B
7.	6 BRUSHES, paint	38-B-5220-25	C
8.	45 BUNTING, Spare yards	5-B-228-38	C
9.	2 CASE, first-aid armed guard	52-510	
10.	1 CLEANING, supplies (brushes, soap, buckets, rags, etc)	Lot	
11.	0 CONVOY LIGHTS, colored		B
12.	1 FLAGS, alphabet code #4	5-F-255-80	C
13.	2 FLAGS, semaphore	5-F-5100 to 5110	C
14.	28 FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type	17-F-13452	C
15.	4 GOGGLES, variable density	37-G-3755	C
16.	400 HALYARDS, signal 3/4"	21-H-112	C
17.	47 HELMETS, steel standard	37-H	B
18.	10 HELMETS, steel to wear with headphone	37-H	B
19.	0 HOLSTERS, .38 cal. revolver	LH-1140	B
20.	12 HOOKS, snap-bolt, swivel eye with rings	None	C
21.	2 LAMPS, Hand lantern	31-G-270	C
22.	30 LAMPS, flashlight	17-I-6320	C
23.	2 LANTERNS, hand, portable type "J"	17-L-7760	B
24.	1 LIGHT, signal, multi-purpose kit	17-L-12929	B
25.	18 LOCKS, pad 1-1/2"	42-L-15130	C
26.	45 MASKS, Gas, NLO Mk. I		B
27.	6 MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment	S-2-03	
28.	1 MEGAPHONE, 18" small	37-M-330	C
29.	1 MEGAPHONE, 32" large	37-M-335	C
30.	2 MITTENS, ammunition handling asbestos	A(L) 2-G-4816	C
31.	5 PAINT, dark gray, formula 20 B Gal.	52-P	C
32.	1 PAULINS, No. 2 canvas, 7' x 8'	24-P-23	B
33.	2 PENNANTS, 1st, 2nd, 3rd repeaters Each	5-P-1127-77	C
34.	30 PRESERVERS, life jacket type kapok Navy type	23-P-160	B
35.	10 PENNANTS, Numeral #4	5-F-4375 to 4384	C
36.	0 REVOLVER, .38 cal. S and W special	(L) 2-4-705	B
37.	0 ROCKETS, white, marine distress	4-R	C
38.	1 ROPE, 125 fath. 3" manila for spar	21-R-413	C
39.	1 SAILMAKER'S TWINE, Needles, wax, etc.	Set	C
40.	2 SEARCHLIGHT, electric signalling 12"	17-S-4000	B
41.	2 SPAR, towing	23-S-180	B
42.	1 SPY GLASS, quartermaster, 16 power	18-S-2255	B
43.	1 STATIONERY, (#53 items(not over \$30)	Lot	C
44.	0 VERY'S PISTOLS, and cartridges	2-P & 4-C	B
45.	1 RECREATION GEAR	Set	

DEGAUSSING OPERATION

Type of Coils M only 123 Compass Compensated 23 June 1944
 (M only; MF & Q; MF, Q & A)

If not Coiled - Date Wiped - or Dated Flashed -

Date Calibrated 24 June 1944 Range Swan Island, Portland, Oregon
 (Wolf Trap, Newport, etc.)

Degaussing Factor 84 N
 (From Range)

Date Depermed 24 June 1944
 (If shown necessary by range)

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ARMED GUARD CENTER REPORT OF MATERIALS
FURNISHED TO ARMED GUARD UNITS.

		MS	
INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICER --		SS	ABERDEEN VICTORY
1.	Ordnance and Gunnery Instructions for Armed Guard - - - - -		Yes
2.	General Instructions for Commanding Officer of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships - - - - -		Yes
3.	Wartime Instructions for U. S. Merchant Vessels - - - - -		Yes
4.	Test Firing of Guns After Leaving Port - (CNO ltr.) - - - - -		Yes
5.	SAFETY PRECAUTIONS -- (Condensed from Naval Regulations, for Armed Guard Officers) - - - - -		Yes
6.	SILHOUETTES - - - - - Surface Raiders - - - - -		Yes
	- - - - - Aircraft - - - - -		Yes
7.	Signals for Control of Merchant Vessels by Aircraft - - - - -		Yes
8.	Publication of German Raider Tactics - - - - -		Yes
9.	Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Training Centers - - - - -		Yes

MOVABLE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD UNIT

ITEM	QUANTITY	SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
		NUMBER	
<u>NAVY STANDARD OUTFITS</u>			
1.	26	37-J-3	Jacket, Winter
2.	28	37-J-3	Trouser, Winter
3.	28	37-J-4	Jacket, Parka, Rain
4.	28	37-J-4	Trousers, Rain
5.	28	37-J-3	Helmet, Winter
6.	28	37-M-7	Mask, Face, Winter
7.	28 Pr.	72-A-3	Arctics, Sea
8.	28 Pr.	37-M-11	Mittens, Winter
9.	30 Pr.	37-G-24	Goggles
10.	0	55-U-6	Undershirt, Winter
11.	0	55-D-16	Drawers, Winter
12.	0	73-S-4	Socks, Winter

HEAVY WINTER CLOTHING

13.	1	37-C-8	Coat, Parka, Winter
14.	0	37-B-6	Boots, Sea
15.	0	37-M-10	Mittens, Waterproof
16.	0	37-S-12	Scarf, Winter
17.	10	JJ-S-846 F.S.	Sweater, Winter

WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

YES

COMMENTS: