

From: Commandant, Sixth Naval District.
(Port Director Brunswick, Georgia).

To : The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: ARMING OF MERCHANT VESSELS ~~MS~~
SS ABIGAIL GIBBONS

7200 Gross Tons Flag U.S.

References: (a) ~~Confidential~~ Restricted Airmailgram # 251922 (P.D. Brunswick)
(b) Par. 6 CNO ltr. #063338 of Nov. 29, 1941.

Enclosure: (A) Consolidated report of bureaus concerned as directed by reference (b).

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

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Godar, Antoino S.	Slc	945 73 48	V-6 SV	USNR
Goff, Lewis A.	Slc	953 16 31		USNR
Communication Group Gordan, Virgil L.	Slc	973 17 17	V-6 SV	USNR
Gotfryd, Theodore J.	Slc	945 69 40	V-6 SV	USNR
Gray, Herald L.	Slc	755 32 97	V-6 SV	USNR
Greer, Cecil L.	Slc	957 42 82	V-6 SV	USNR
Hussey, John M.	Slc	674 45 24	V-6	USNR
Price, Thomas J.	Slc	978 50 58	V-6 SV	USNR
Webster, Eugene M.	Slc	848 21 36	V-6 SV	
Melillo, F.C.	Slc	816 92 19	V-6 SV	
DONNELLY, Raymond D.	SM2c	620 70 10		

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 SERIAL PD 037827-B
 OWNER: _____

NAME OF SHIP: _____

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 SS ABIGAIL GIBBONS

OPERATOR
 or AGENT: _____

AMERICAN FOREIGN STEAMSHIP CORP.
 NEW YORK CITY

REGISTRY: U.S. CLASS (pass. Cargo or Tank Ship) Cargo

ITINERARY: Sailing Date: 26 Oct. '44 From: Brunswick, Ga To Savannah, Ga.

Via: _____

SHIP'S CREW

Commissioned
 Rank

MASTER: H.B. LEITMAN

OFFICERS:
 (Listed by
 name only
 if Comm-
 issioned)

Deck Department

Engineering Dept.

Steward's Department:

Chief Mate 1	Ch. Engineer 1	Ch. Steward 1
2nd Mate 1	1st. " 1	Ch. Cook 1
3rd Mate 1	2nd. " 1	2nd Cook 1
Quartermaster	3rd " 1	3rd Cook 1
Boatswain 1	4th " 1	Messman 4
Seamen-Able 6	Firemen 3	Utilitymen 2
Seamen-Ord 2	Oilers 3	2nd Op. 1
Radio Operator 1	Wipers 2	
J.A.P. PhM. 1	Total Crew Including Master	40
Dk. Maint. 1		

PASSENGERS---Number on Board _____

U. S. NAVY PERSONNEL

Armed Guard Unit

Name	Rating	Branch	Service
Officer in Charge: Carl E. McDaniel	Ensign	D-V(S)	USNR
Thompson, Joseph M.	Cox.	635 13 74 V-6	USNR
Tucker, Gerald B.	GM3c	832 27 16 V-6	SV USNR
White, Harding G.	GM3c	625 86 68 V-6	USNR
Barnum, Edward W.	Slc	899 19 19 V-6	USNR
Brown, Ernest L.	Slc	961 25 83 V-6	SV USNR
Deziel, Wm. J.	Slc	961 32 21 V-6	SV USNR
Bodds, Quinton M.	Slc	973 19 04 V-6	SV USNR
Doyle, Everett L.	Slc	945 75 83 V-6	SV USNR
Esau, Earl F.	Slc	957 46 82 V-6	SV USNR
Farrell, Norman N.	Slc	959 61 68 V-6	SV USNR
Flynn, Berard	Slc	945 67 11 V-6	SV USNR
Fulk, Lawrence H.	Slc	956 17 38 V-6	SV USNR
Gastrow, Albert J.	Slc	959 65 50 V-6	SV USNR
Gifford, Albert D.	Slc	953 09 56 V-6	SV USNR
Godar, Antoino S.	Slc	945 73 48 V-6	SV USNR
Goff, Lewis A.	Slc	953 16 31	USNR
Gordan, Virgil L.	Slc	973 17 17 V-6	SV USNR
Gotfryd, Theodore J.	Slc	945 69 40 V-6	SV USNR
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Melillo, E.C.	Slc		

Communication Group

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Authority WND 75016

ARMED FOR AREA 1A
 SS ABIGAIL GIBBONS GROSS TONS 7200 DEADWEIGHT TONS 10500
 WHERE ARMED (PORT) BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA DATE 25 Oct. '44 YARD J.A. Jones Const. Co.

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

Nr. of Caliber Gun Mark Mount No. Gun

AMMUNITION

5"/38	(24 rnds. AAC 24 pdr. cases 1 short ctg.)	3"/50	(24 rnds AP 24 rnds AA 1 short ctg.)	20MM	(2520 rnds HEI 1260 rnds HET 360 rnds BI&P)
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Note: Full allowance of ammunition & pyrotechnics to be put aboard at Loading port (Savannah, Ga.)

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| 1. Splinter Protection - Bridge | <u>Plastic Armor</u> |
| Splinter Protection - AA Machine Guns | <u>Steel shielding, plastic armor</u> |
| 2. Gun Foundations, Number and Location | <u>1-3"/50 cal. fwd; 1-5"/38 cal. stern;
8-20MM, 2 fwd; 4 bridge, and 2 aft</u> |
| 3. Magazines, Number and Location | <u>1 fwd; 1 port and stbd side</u> |
| 4. Painting | <u>Low visibility gray</u> |
| 5. Darkening Ship Facilities | <u>Satisfactory curtains, switches</u> |
| 6. Reinforce Sea Chests | <u>Steel construction</u> |
| 7. Fire Control Communication System | <u>13 stations; 13 headsets
Navy Voice Power Sets (Standard)</u> |
| 8. Sky Lookout Stations, Number and Location | <u>1 starboard side flying bridge</u> |
| 9. Results Industrial Manager's Inspection | <u>Satisfactory</u> |
| 10. Messing Facilities | <u>Ample, separate mess for AG Unit</u> |

ACCOMMODATIONS NAVY PERSONNEL

<u>ARMED GUARD UNIT</u>	<u>SPACE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Officer in Charge	Room # <u>Single room with bunk clothes, locker, setee, desk, wash basin, outboard port side aft</u>	<u>on deck below flying bridge</u>
Petty Officer	<u>Three with A.G. Crew in aft deck house and two amidships</u>	
Seamen	<u>Thirteen aft and six amidships</u>	
	<u>Actual accommodations; 18 bunks aft and 12 bunks amidships</u>	

COMMUNICATION GROUP

Enlisted Men One Signalman and one Radioman bunked with AG Crew amidships

Standee Bunks No. _____ Total _____

EQUIPMENT

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
1. Navy - Type Life Jackets	<u>51</u>
2. Life Rafts (Capacity _____ per raft)	<u>4 and 2 Navy Floats</u>
3. Life Boat	<u>As per BuMed Insp. and Navy Regs.</u>
4. Emergency Rations	<u>As per allowance lists</u>
5. Repair & Upkeep Equipment Armament	<u>As per allowance lists</u>

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SS ABIGAIL GIBBONS 7200 GROSS TONS
 WHERE _____
 ARMED (PORT) BRUNSWICK, GA. DATE 25 October 1944

INSTALLATIONS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Acoustic Warning Devices	<u>None</u>	_____
Barrage Balloons and Equipment.	<u>Fairlead & reel</u>	_____
Hydrogen Gas Equipment.	<u>None</u>	_____
Snowflake Flares.	<u>None</u>	_____
Snowflake Flare Projectors.	<u>None</u>	_____
Smoke Floats.	<u>0</u>	_____
Smoke Float Racks.	<u>10</u>	_____
Outfits of Heavy Winter Clothing for NR Ships. (OpNav Serial 0200423 of June 16, 1942).	<u>None</u>	_____
Rockets, white, marine type with staves	<u>10</u>	_____

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(M ONLY; MR & Q; MR, Q & A)

If not Coiled — Date Wiped _____ or Date Flashed _____
 Date Calibrated _____ Range _____
 Degaussing Factor _____ (Wolf Trap, Newport, etc.)
 (From Range)

Date Depermed _____

(If shown necessary by range)

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ITEM NO.	QUANTITY NO. UNIT	DESCRIPTION	STOCK NUMBER	TITLE
1.	1 Each	Metal Perforated Box		C
2.	4 Cell	BATTERIES, Blinker Signal Gun	17-B-7040	C
3.	116 "	BATTERIES, Flashlight	17-B-7210	C
4.	8 "	BATTERIES, Dry, hand lantern	17-B-7600	C
5.	2 Each	BELTS, Revolver	A-2-B-1500	B
6.	5 Pair	BINOCULARS, 6 x 30 N.W.T.	18-B-1135	B
7.	1 "	BINOCULARS, 6 x 35 7 x 50 NWT	18-B-1138	B
8.	1 Each	BLINKER, Signal Gun, battery type	17-B-1600	B
9.	4 "	BOTTLES, vacuum, 1 quart	63-B-500	B
10.	2 "	CASE, first-aid (Armed Guard)	S2-510	
11.	Supply Misc.	CLEANING, supplies (brushes, soap, buckets, rags, etc.)		
12.	2 Set	FLAGS, alphabet code #4, except "n"	5-F-255-80	C
13.	2 Set	FLAGS, numeral #4, except "6"	5-F-4375 to 4384	C
14.	2 Set	FLAGS, semaphore, blue & white, red & yellow	5-F-5100 to 5110	C
15.	29 Each	FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type	17-F-13452	C
16.	71 "	GAS MASKS Navy Civilian		B
17.	4 "	GLOBES, hand lantern	31-G-270	C
18.	Pair	GOGGLES, for lookout, light density	37-G-3555	C
19.	"	GOGGLES, for lookout, dark density	37-G-3450	C
20.	58 Each	HELMETS, steel standard	37-H-	B
21.	13 "	HELMETS, " to wear with headphone	37-H-	B
22.	4 "	HOLSTERS	A-2-H-1445	B
23.	4 "	LAMPS, Blinker signal gun	17-L-6300	C
24.	58 "	LAMPS, flashlight	17-L-6320	C
25.	2 "	LANTERNS, hand, portable, type "J"	17-L-7760	B
26.	10 "	MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment	S-2-03	
27.	1 "	MEGAPHONE, 18" small	37-M-330	C
28.	1 "	MEGAPHONE, 32" large	37-M-335	C
29.	2 Pair	MITTENS, ammunition-handling asbestos	A(L)2-G-48116C	
30.	4 Gal.	PAINT, dark gray, formula 5D	52-P	C
31.	4 Each	REVOLVERS, 38 cal. S&W (45 cal.)	A-2-R-718	B
32.	1 Each	ROPE, 125 fath.		C
33.	1 "	SEARCHLIGHT, signal 18" (Crouse-Hinds)	17-S	B
34.	2 "	SPAR, towing	23-S-180	B
35.	1 "	SPY GLASS, quartermaster, 16 power	18-S-2255	B
36.	Supply Misc.	STATIONERY (#53 items)(not over \$30)		C
37.				
38.		Furnished by Maritime Commission		
39.	12	VERY PISTOLS		
40.	12	STAR SHELLS		
41.	1	MORSE LAMP		
42.	2 white, 12 red	ROCKETS		
43.	0	ALDIS LAMP		
44.	0 Set	CONVOY LIGHTS, Colored		B
45.	0 Each	WAKE LIGHT, Screened Type #2		B

DEGAUSSING OPERATION

Type of Coils M Compass Compensated Yes
 (M only; MF & Q; MF, Q & A)

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Date Calibrated _____ Range _____

Degaussing Factor _____ (Wolf Trap, Newport, etc.)
 (From Range)

Date Depermed _____
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INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICER-- SS ABIGAIL GIBBONS

Publications issued at Brunswick, Georgia:

- BuShips Type Allowance List for Armed Guard Units (15 Oct. 1943)
- Manual of Merchant Ships - ONI 209, Conf.
- Ship Shapes, ONI 223
- Warships in Code, ONI 223-K
- German Submarines, ONI 8
- Axis Submarine Manual, ONI 220-M
- Articles for the Gov't. of U.S. Navy
- Anti-Aircraft Defense of MerShips
- Aircraft Silhouettes
- Lubrication Charts
- O.P.: 4, 868, 771, 239, 811, (868&895), 551, 945, 898, 1013, 1042, 1081, 813
- OHI-C; Ordalt 1348
- Circ. ltr, 30-44; BuOrd Circ. ltrs; G21-44; A123-44; G51-43; X12-43; G55-43; G24-44; A128-43; G50-43; G1-44
- Encl. (A) to Com10th Flt. (C&R) Bulletins 8-43 & 9-43 - Rocket Glider Bombs and Enemy Bombs
- CNO Conf. "Lessons Learned in Wartime MerShips Comm. #1-6
- BuOrd Restr. ltr, dtd 1 July 1944, Smokeless Powder Aboard Merchant Vessels - Surveillance of
- Com6ND Restr. ser. 175456, dtd Jan. 19, 1943, Antiaircraft Gun Fire
- ALNAVS 250 & 258
- Armed Guard Bulletins 1-58/1944
- Memos to A.G. Commanders:
 - BuOrd Circ. ltr, G31-44, quoted by 6ND, dtd 19 June 1944
 - Com6ND Order No. 27-44, dtd 14 August 1944
 - 6ND Conf. ser. 0374105, of 7 June 1944, Destruction of Lobster Pot Marker Flags by A.G. MerVessels
 - 6ND Form 53, of 12 November - Gifts of Money to Navy Personnel
 - 6ND ltr, of 13 June 1944, Instructions regarding Voting
 - Com6ND memo 6-44, of 28 Mar 1944 - Salutes
- Ch. BuMed & Sur. ltr - Gonorrhoea Among Armed Guard Personnel
- Safety Precautions
- BUORD CIRC. LETTERS OF INTEREST TO ARMED MERVESSELS:
 - A41-42; A18-43; A19-43; A72-43; A91-43; A7-44; A14-44; A16-44; A22-44; A33-44; A39-44; A42-44; A57-44
 - A60-43; A104-43; A117-43; A122-43; A12-44; A21-44; A21a-44; A23-44; A26-44; A35-44; A47-44; A48-44
- General Instructions for Armed Guard Officers entering the port of Savannah, Georgia
- Multiple Aim Off Devices
- Portable Aim Off Devices

Foul weather & special winter clothing issued at New Orleans, La.:

Jacket, winter, jungle cloth	27	Hat, rain, clothes, foul weather	27
Jacket, rain, rubberized, parka	27	Trousers, rain, foul weather	27
Mask, face woolen	27	Arctics, cashmerette	27
Socks, winter, heavy woolen	71	Boots, sea	27
Trousers, winter, jungle cloth	27	Coat, spec. winter sheepskin	1
Trousers, rubberized	27	Drawers, heavy woolen	54
Undershirts, heavy woolen	54	Gloves, knitted	27
Coat, rain, foul weather, long	1	Goggles, general purpose	27
Coat, rain, foul weather, short	26	Helmet, jungle cloth	27