

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

11 March 1942

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 HUFFSTETTER, Ray. C.O. CG-5399 . Corp. Christi
(c) Date 4 March 1942
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel ALBERT E. WATTS . Amer. S.S.

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.

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United States Coast Guard

CG-5399.

(Unit)

Corpus Christi, Texas.

(Place)

4 March, 1942.

(Date)

From: Commanding officer CG-5399, Corpus Christi, Texas.
 To: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The American St.s. Albert E Watts.
 (insert name and nationality of belligerent)

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

GUNS: One (1) 4-inch, mounted on stern, boat deck, midship line; manufactured by Mead & Morrison, Boston, 1918; elevation 45 degrees; depression 10 degrees; arc of train 60 to 300 degrees; Mark XII; serial number 907.

AMMUNITION: 4-inch; 100 rounds.

SMALL ARMS: Four (4) 45 caliber Colt Automatics.

AMMUNITION: 45 Caliber; 450 rounds.

MAGAZINE: Located at the stern, below decks, midship line; steel bulkheads; and door, is ventilated, and equipped for flooding.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Telephone from bridge to 4-inch gun aft.

GUNS CREWS: Six (6); Members of the American Navy.

REMARKS: 4-inch gun has telescopic sights. Vessel is equipped with a De Gaussing coil, Emergency ammunition locker located on gun deck.

(FORM N-12)

Ray H. Stetter
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 (Signature).

M.M.l.c., (Pro)
 (Rank or Rating).