

601-61-CONFIDENTIAL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

23 February 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 Palmer, R.A., BMC, GALVESTON BASE
(c) Date 19 February 1942.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel SS ALGONQUIN, Brit.

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.

J. D. Bissett
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Acting.

Galveston Life Boat Station Galveston, Texas (Pl. ce)

19 February, 1942
(Date)

From: PALMER RALPH A. (108-105)
 To: Senior Coast Guard Officer, 6th Naval District.
 Via: Commanding Officer, GALVESTON BASE.
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The S.S. Algonquin-- - British

(Insert name and nationality of belligerent)

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

GUNS: 3" L. A. U.S. Type, Q.F. gun (Mk 3 505L) Open sights. traverse
100 degrees on each side. Located stern on gun platform

AMMUNITION: 46 rounds of 3" H.E.

SMALL ARMS: 3 ^Hotchiss's, 1 Twin Marlin .30 Calbre and 1 Lee Enfield
Rifle

AMMUNITION: 2,910 Rounds of .303 ball amm. , 190 rds armor piercing, 1104
rds. tracers, 1000 rds mixed ammunition in belts. Loaded, tracer, Incendiary
208 rds Tracer, armor piercing & Incendiary. For Marlin, 1000 rds. ball.
108 rds Tracer.

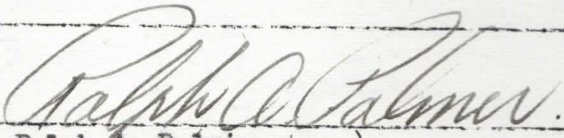
HOSE: Located under gun-platform. Hose nearby in case of fire

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Telephone from bridge to gun.

GUN CREWS: All are trained

EQUIPMENT: 4 machine gun nests; 1 on each wing of bridge and 1 each side of
boat-deck. 4 P.A.C. Rockets, 5 cartridges; 10 Snowflakes with 11 Cartridges,
5 Snowflakes with 6 igniters, and 5 kites. There are 49 gas masks and 9
steel helmets for the crew.

(FOI N-1.):


 Ralph A. Palmer (signature)

Boarding Officer B.M. 1c
 (and or rating)