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1 June, 1943

District OFFICE OF  
~~SIXTH~~ COAST GUARD OFFICER  
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: District ~~Sixth~~ Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.  
To : Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.

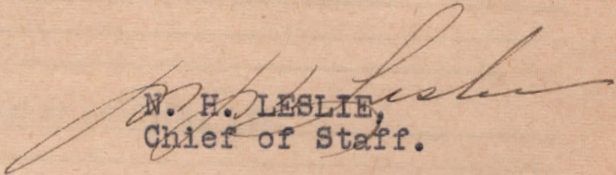
Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).  
(b) Report of FENNEL, Billy J. Cox. Port Isabel  
(c) Date 28 April, 1943. Station Pt. Isabel, Tex.  
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel "ALPHA" S.S. Amer.

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. H. LESLIE,  
Chief of Staff.

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PORT ISABEL STATION  
(UNIT)

Port Isabel, Texas  
(PLACE)

28 April, 1943  
(DATE)

FROM: Commanding Officer, Port Isabel Station.  
TO: DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.  
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The ALPHA, U. S. S.S.  
(insert name and nationality of belligerent)

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

GUNS: 1. 4 inch, mounted aft, serial number unreadable. Arc of  
train 120 degrees, elevation 45 degrees, depressed 45 degrees

AMMUNITION: 98 rounds, steel magazine on deck.

SMALL ARMS: 2. 30 caliber, <sup>Browning Machine Guns</sup> serial numbers 391206 - 391205  
4. 38 pistols.

AMMUNITION: 2600 rounds, 30 caliber. 128 rounds, 38 caliber

MAGAZINE: 1. Steel enclosed magazine on deck, aft.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Flood valves, hoses and  
foam type fire extinguishers. Telephone from bridge to gun crew.

GUNS CREWS: 5. U. S. Navy Gun Crew. Officer in charge.

REMARKS: DeGaussed. 20 helmets and 12 gas masks.

(FORM N-12).

FORWARDED, APPROVED APR 30 1943

Andrew Johansen  
ANDREW JOHANSEN, Lieut. Comdr.  
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT, Brownsville, Texas

Billy J. Fennell  
BILLY J. FENNEL  
(SIGNATURE).

Cox.  
(RANK OR RATING.)