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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

8 March, 1943

District OFFICE OF  
SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER  
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: District  
 To : Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.  
 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 Commanding Officer, Pt. Isabel Sta.  
 (c) Date 14 February, 1943  
 (d) On armed Merchant Vessel ALPHA, - Am. Steamship

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.

*B. S. Montgomery*  
 B. S. MONTGOMERY,  
 By direction.



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PORT ISABEL STATION  
(UNIT)

Port Isabel, Texas  
(PLACE)

14 February, 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 No. unreadable. Arc of train 120  
degrees, elevation 45 degrees, depressed 45 degrees.

AMMUNITION: 60 rounds, steel magazine on deck.

SMALL ARMS: 4. 50 cal. Serial No. 42273-42274-42276-42275.  
2. 30 cal. Serial No. 9904 - 1585  
3. 38 pistols Serial No. 52997 - 59475 - 59998.

AMMUNITION: 4494 rounds 50 caliber. 1968 30 caliber. 164 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: 12. U. S. Navy Gun Crew. Officer in charge of gun crew  
Ensign S. A. Kizer.

REMARKS: DeGaussed. 20 helmets and 12 gas masks.

(FORM N-12)

FORWARDED, APPROVED

FEB 16 1943

*Andrew Johansen*  
ANDREW JOHANSEN, Lieut. Comdr.

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT, Brownsville, Texas

*Donald F. Elliott*  
DONALD F. ELLIOTT  
(SIGNATURE).

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(RANK OR RATING.)