

2ND BRANCH OFFICE BOARDING REPORT
COMMERCE AND TRAVEL SECTION

Addenda Sheet No. 1

Subject:

2ND BOARDING REPORT, SS ARIZONA

Date Reported: July 21, 1942.

BOARDING OFFICER: J. A. Shaw
Lieut. (jg) USNR

DATE BOARDED: July 21, 1942.

PORT OF: Port Arthur
(Texas Company Docks)

STATE OF: Texas

NAME OF VESSEL: SS ARIZONA

NATIONALITY: U. S.

MASTER'S NAME: H. S. Parsons

AGENTS: The Texas Company

MATE'S NAME: Albert Behrsin

HOME PORT: Wilmington, Del.

RADIO OPERATOR: Z. F. Elkins

CREW: 35 GUN CREW: 4

ITINERARY OF VESSEL: Left Port Texaco, La., July 20, 1942.
Arrived Port Arthur, Texas, 0445 July 21, 1942. Expects to depart July 22, 1942. Destination unknown at time of boarding.

INFORMATION FROM SHIP'S OFFICERS CONCERNING BELLIGERENT ACTIVITIES:

The Master stated he sighted a huge oil slick or smear off Ship Shoal on July 18, 1942. At 20/2201, radio message received "Submarine sighted off Cape San Antonio at 2030 Zed, July 20."

CRUISING SPEED: 10 Knots.

MAXIMUM SPEED: 10 Knots.

GROSS TONNAGE: 5174

NET TONNAGE: 3105

ARMAMENT: 1 - four inch 50 caliber gun. No machine gun.

CARGO: In, Louisiana crude oil.

SYMPATHIES OF CREW: All considered by Master to be loyal.

PASSENGERS: None carried.

REMARKS: Z. F. Elkins, Radio Operator, stated that on the night of July 20, 1942, off East End Buoy, he sighted three red rockets or flares which were sent up in succession. No investigation was made of same.

CREW LIST ATTACHED TO ORIGINAL OF THIS REPORT.

J. A. SHAW

(SEE ADDENDA)

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EVALUATION: Of general interest.

DISSEMINATION: ONI(2); ~~7ND~~(2); Operations, SND; Commander Inshore Patrol;
 DCGO(2); File.

Approved:

Original signed by: J. M. BURT,
Lieutenant, USNR,
By direction.