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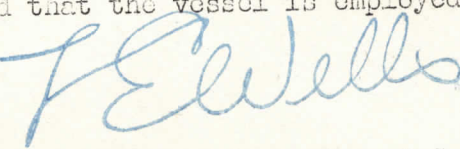
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of
Captain of the Port

Philadelphia, Pa.

2/27 1942From: Captain of the Port, Philadelphia, Pa.
To: Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa.Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.1. The Bayou Chico (American) was inspected this date and the armament equipment was found to be as listed below:GUN: Caliber 3"/50 Cal. Markings Mk. 5, Mod. 11, No. 740 Elevation 85° Arc of train 320°
Sights Telescope 2 BOXES racks for 50 projectiles. Ready boxes for
 powder charges. Location Aft on special platformGUN: Caliber 3"/50 Cal. MARKINGS Mk. 5, Mod. 11, No. 930 Elevation 85° Arc of train 320°
Sights Telescope Ready BOXES for 50 projectiles. Ready Boxes for
 powder charges. Location Forward PeakAMMUNITION: Fixed 342 rds. of 3"/50 caliber; 1/2 are Common, 1/2 are A.A. rds. of caliber.
" Powder rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
PROJECTILES: H.E. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" S.A.P. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" Pract. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
PERCUSSION CAPS: rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.SMALL ARMS: 4--50 Cal. Browning Machine Guns
2--30 Cal. Lewis Machine Guns
4--45 Cal. Colt Automatic PistolsSMALL ARMS AMMUNITION: 4000 rds. of .50 Cal
LOCATION OF MAGAZINE: 205 rds. of .45 Cal. 2000 rds. of .30 Cal. One third Tracer
1 Forward on Main Deck. 1 Aft on Lazerette.
MEANS OF FLOODING MAGAZINE: Sprinkler
FIRE CONTROL: Telephone from Bridge to Guns.GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews 10 Gun layers Status Seaman gunners
Officers in Naval Reserve 1 Regular Navy Enlisted Men 5 Army Men
2 Men in U.S.N.R.MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats Igniters Steel Helmets 35 Paravanes
Gas masks: Service type Civilian type Civilian duty type Total
Depth charges Depth charge racks Pill boxes 4 Bridge Port and Starboard.
 Is hull degaussed Yes Vessel is under Navy orders.
Additional gun emplacements REMARKS: Cargo: Oil, Tanks, Trucks, Jeeps.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament listed above is carried for defensive purposes only, provided that the vessel is employed in normal trade.

Copies to: Headquarters.
Fourth Naval District,
(Port Director).
File.
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