

BOARDING AND NEUTRALITY DATA - Dutch MS BLOEMFONTEIN - 1/20/41.

Arms and equipment - No gun foundations.

No degaussing equipment.

2 - .9 mm. revolvers -- 1 rifle, 141 rmds. ammun.

1 smoke helmet, 5 gas masks.

1 oxygen apparatus.

No fuel to be taken on here - 1400 tons aboard.

Water aboard - 50 tons; to be taken on here - 300 tons.

Various courses were followed in a general easterly direction from Celebes to Gilbert Is., then for Hawaiian Islands. Oahu being objective (no particular point of land-fall).

Vessel was in convoy group from Balik Papan to 160° W. - 20 30' N. with the MV ST. ALDEZONDE, ZAANDAM, JABINTA, MAPIA, and POLOPHEUS convoyed by the Dutch Destroyer TROMP (this vessel carries a plane). The above named vessels were bound for North America, but port of destinations were unknown. Draft  
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Some vessels were sighted, at night, but were unidentified.

On 16 Jan., 1500 miles from Honolulu, heard T's (dashes) on the air on 500 kcs.

~~Dutch~~ Chart of southern part of Oahu, published by British Admiralty, 1935, has all soundings plotted in Pearl Harbor.

American passengers, Standard Oil employees from Arabia, state Japanese vessels are numerous in all East Indies ports, apparently not handling cargo to any extent.

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