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8ND BRANCH OFFICE BOARDING REPORT
COMMERCE AND TRAVEL SECTION

Date Reported: July 18, 1942.
DATE BOARDED: July 18, 1942.
BOARDING OFFICER: John B. Reeves
Ensign, USNR
PORT OF: Port Arthur (Gulf Docks)
STATE OF: Texas
NAME OF VESSEL: SS CHILOIL
NATIONALITY: U. S.
MASTER'S NAME: Gustav A. Japchen
AGENTS: Gulf Oil Company
MATE'S NAME: Harry J. Ramm
HOME PORT: Wilmington, Del.
RADIO OPERATOR: Emil Frank Gendos
CREW: 34 GUN CREW: 9
CRUISING SPEED: 11 Knots, light
MAXIMUM SPEED: 11.5 Knots, lgt.
10.2 Knots, loaded
10.5 Knots, loaded
GROSS TONNAGE: 5228
NET TONNAGE: 3203
ITINERARY OF VESSEL: Left Staten Island, New York, July 2, 1942; Arrived Port Arthur,
Texas 0600 July 18, 1942. Expects to depart 0600 July 20, 1942, for New York, N. Y.
ARMAMENT: 1 - four-inch gun aft; 2 - .50 caliber machine guns amidship. Degaussed.
SYMPATHIES OF CREW: Crew includes 1 Estonian, 1 Armenian, 3 Porto Ricans, and all
others are U. S. citizens. All members of crew are considered by the Master to be
loyal.
CARGO: In, ballast; out, gasoline and heating oil.
PASSENGERS: None.
REMARKS: Master GUSTAV A JAPCHEN, subject 8ND card dated June 16, 1942, NNI-119
report of Port Arthur Branch, dated June 15, 1942, stated that he desired to make
a report on the following seamen, some of whom reported the Master as a pro-Nazi
suspect when the ship docked in Port Arthur on June 9, 1942:

WILFRED W. CAVES, 911 - 2nd, South Boston, Massachusetts, Boatswain, age 46,
Z-24373, refused to work in tanks at sea on July 8, 1942.

EDWARD S. NOBLE, 1804 Hardy, Houston, Texas, A.B., age 31, Z-59786,
refused to work in tanks at sea.

EARL J. THEISEN, 8914 Exchange, Chicago, Illinois, Oiler, age 37, Z-20652,
failed to stand watch in port, and got drunk.

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ARVO KATILA, Aberdeen, Washington, 2nd Engineer, age 32, Z-31644, is no good; quit in port at New York, N. Y., without a relief on July 1, 1942.

ANDROS P. ROMAN, 913 West 110, New York, N. Y., Fireman, age 41, Z-81741 (D-2), deserted in New York on July 2, 1942 -- drunk. Born in Spain, naturalized citizen of United States.

NORMAN GALE, 7215 Abilene, Houston, Texas, Steward, age 46, Z-23948, got drunk in port at New York on July 1, 1942, and served no meals.

JOHN F. KRULL, 432 Tremont Avenue, Kenmore, N. Y., Cook, age 52, Z-237606, got drunk in port at New York on July 1, 1942; served no meals; signed off with Norman Gale.

HENRI VAN DALLIE, 3418 Crescent, Astoria, Long Island, Messman, age 61, Z-58957, got drunk in Port Arthur, Texas on June 13, 1942; jailed.

In addition to the above report, the Master stated that the following seamen signed on in New York on May 23, 1942, and deserted the ship while it was at anchorage preparing to sail, May 26, 1942:

ELLIOTT GURNEE, 703 West 7th, Chester, Pa., Boatswain, Z-96729, A-48445.

HARRY CLAYTON, 48 Golden Street, Norwich, Conn., Fireman, Z-100656, C-19579.

PAUL FRANZKE, 320 - 71st Street, Guttenberg, N. J., Z-215128 (D-1), C-91872.

JOSEPH E. FRAPPIER, 38 Kinsford Ave., Riverside, R. I., Z-220055.

The Radio Operator, EMIL FRANK GENDOS, is a Naval Radio Operator.

Third Mate Patrick O'BYRNE, Age 45, Z-50091; next of kin - daughter, Kathleen - 309 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, New York; is apparently identical with subject of same name of 1ND cards dated respectively February 17 and April 11, 1942.

A.B. Francis P. TRIM, Z-110933, Age 24; next of kin - mother, Myrtle TRIM - Prospect, Maine; is apparently identical with subject of 4ND card dated March 11, 1942, subject TRIM, F. P.

A.B. Andrew MAHON, Z-173215, U. S. citizen, Age 32; next of kin - mother, Mrs. M. MAHON - 159 E. Foster Street, Melrose, Massachusetts; is apparently identical with subject of same name of ONI card dated April 30, 1942 and 3ND card dated June 11, 1942.

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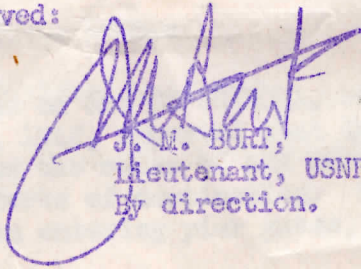
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Fireman, Manuel D. ROSE, Z-51432, Age 39, U. S. citizen; next of kin - brother, J. P. ROSE - 135 Tallman Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts; is apparently identical with subject of 8ND card of same name, dated March 31, 1942.

EVALUATION: Of general interest.

DISSEMINATION: ONI(2); 1ND; 3ND; 4ND; 7ND(2); DCGO(2); File.

Approved:



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By direction.

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