

(OMI)
CG-MIN-
CORNELIA P. SPENCER

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
LONG BEACH 2, CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (OMI)
4 January, 1945
REFER TO FILE

MIN V-5978
MIN V-6064

CONFIDENTIAL

To: DCGO 6ND

Subj: Daytime distress signals on SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER

1. The SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER was torpedoed and sunk on 21 September, 1943. During the investigation of the above casualty survivors stressed the effectiveness of the daytime distress signals aboard the SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER in expediting rescue operations.

2. Since the SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER was last inspected in your district HQ requests that you procure, as soon as conveniently possible, the name of the manufacturer and the numbers of the lifeboats on the SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER and the name of the manufacturer of the daytime distress signals with which such lifeboats were equipped.

3. The SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER was operated by the A. L. Burbank Co. Inc., 17 Battery Place, N.Y.

R.E. COOMBS
By direction

EDWARD STUART
By direction

Return to 8-2
JHF:bw

If it's Distress Signals call "VAN KARNER"



CHARLESTON, S. C.

DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (omi)
SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT

1945 JAN 24 AM 9 58

MERCHANT MARINE
INSPECTION DIVISION

22 January, 1945

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To: Commandant (OMI)

Subj: SS CORNELIA P. SPENCER; lifeboats and daytime distress signals

Ref: (a) Commandant (OMI) letter CG-MIN-CORNELIA P. SPENCER, 4 January, 1945

1. As requested in Reference (a) the following information is submitted:

LIFEBOATS

<u>Ships No.</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Builder No.</u>	<u>Kind</u>	<u>When Built</u>
1.	Globe American Boat Corp.	3024	Non-motor	2/18/43
2.	" " " "	3634	" "	3/25/43
3.	" " " "	2364	Motor	12/31/42
4.	" " " "	2358	"	1/2/43

2. The daytime distress signals with which the lifeboats were equipped on her initial annual inspection 30 April, 1943, were manufactured by Van Karner Chemical Arms Corporation, New York, N.Y.

G. P. Kenney
G. P. KENNEY
By direction

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