

CONFIDENTIAL

## 8ND ZONE OFFICE BOARDING REPORT

## COMMERCE AND TRAVEL SECTION

I.O.F.

Boarding Officer: Ensign John H. DAVIS, Jr., USNR Date: June 23, 1942 Hour: 1810  
 Port of: Houston State: Texas 1942 JUL 11 PM 12 48  
 Name of Vessel: SS "DANIEL PIERCE" Nationality: U. S. Cargo: Gasoline & lube  
 Master's Name: John LAMBIT Mate's Name: Otto W. Wikstrom Ballast in -  
 Home Port: Wilmington, Delaware Left for Port: Baton Rouge, La., 6/21/42, 0900.  
 Arrived: Houston, Texas, June 23, 1942, 1650 Departed: (Scheduled) 6/24/42 - 1200  
 Next Port: Tampa, Florida Destination: Tampa, Florida  
 Information from ship's officers concerning belligerent activities: Usual merchantmen sighted and quite a number of fishermen. Nothing of a suspicious nature was observed.  
 Passengers: None

Crew: Crew consists of 38 men including the Captain and all are believed to be loyal.

Remarks: Ship carried no mail and is blacked out. A four man Naval armed guard is aboard the vessel in charge of a Coxswain of the Coast Guard. Subject vessel carries a 4" gun aft and 2 .30 cal machine guns amidships. Subject vessel sailed from Baton Rouge, La., June 21, 1942, at 0900 and followed the inside route to Houston as per routing instructions given by the Captain of the Port at Baton Rouge, La. The ship enjoyed a good passage with scattered rain squalls. The Master stated that no Naval patrol of any description was observed from Baton Rouge, La., to Houston, Texas.

## Tonnage:

Gross - 4,887 Net - 2,847

Bos'n Virgil McRAE, born South Dakota, age 32, next of kin Mrs. Virgil McRAE, 7953 Hudson Street, Houston, Texas, may be identical with subject of the same name of the following cards: ONI blue card dated April 30, 1941; 4ND white card dated May 16, 1941; 8ND blue card dated June 6, 1941; 1ND blue card dated June 6, 1941; 8ND blue card dated September 30, 1941, and 8ND yellow card dated June 2, 1942.

EVALUATION: Of general interest.

DISSEMINATION: ONI(2); 7ND(2); Port Director; Op., 8ND; CIP; DCCO; 4ND; 1ND; File.

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