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2 October, 1947

From: Commandant
To: Mr. James T. Lewis, Room 813 State Department, 515-22nd St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Subj: Honduran SS ELOY ALFARO, official No. 245015

1. Reference our telephone conversation of yesterday concerning subject vessel, you are advised that it was built by the War Shipping Administration in 1944 at Portland, Oregon, is an oil burning steam freighter of 7,176 gross and 4,380 net tons, 439.1 feet in length, 57 feet breadth, 24.5 feet depth, and had, as a home port, while owned by WSA, Baltimore, Md.
2. The vessel was operated by Smith & Johnson, 60 Beaver St., New York City for WSA from 24 February, 1944 until October, 1946, during which time it completed eight foreign voyages and there is no indication in the records of this Department of this vessel having suffered any wartime casualties.
3. The U. S. Maritime Commission on 26 November, 1946 approved the sale of this vessel to Suwanee Fruit & Steamship Company, with the privilege of transferring it to the Honduras Shipping Company, a Honduran corporation, and the transfer of it to Honduran registry and flag. On 3 January, 1947 the foregoing transaction was ordered completed and was granted.
4. The logs of this vessel, covering the eight voyages mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof, are in the custody of the Shipping Commissioner at whichever port each voyage was terminated. Therefore, if it became necessary to obtain the log books of this vessel for perusal, requests concerning same would have to be directed to the Shipping Commissioner at New York City for the logs of the voyages ending 29 August, 1944, 2 April, 1946 and 30 September, 1946; to the Shipping Commissioner at Baltimore, Md. for log of the voyage ending 30 May, 1945; to the Shipping Commissioner at Philadelphia, Pa. for the voyage ending 13 October, 1945; to the Shipping Commissioner at Norfolk, Va. for the log of the voyage ending 25 December, 1945; and to the Shipping Commissioner at Portland, Me. for the logs of the voyages ending 12 January, 1945 and 6 August, 1945.
5. It is trusted that the above information will be of assistance to you.

By direction of the Commandant.

S. Y. HAMMOND
Lieut. Comdr, USCG
Chief, Intelligence & Law
Enforcement Division

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First Voyage commenced 24 February, 1944 and altogether 8 voyages were completed. Official log books for the following voyages on file with Shipping Commissioner New York:

Voyage 8--From 6/11/46 to 9/30/46 (Vessel visited Antwerp this voyage)

Voyage 7--From 1/14/46 to 4/2/46 (No indication as to where vessel when)

Voyage 1--From 2/26/44 to 8/29/44 (Vessel visited Iran & Scotland this voy.)

Official log book for following voyage on file with Shipping Commissioner Baltimore, Md.

Voyage 3--From 2/15/45 to 5/30/45 (No indication as to where vessel went)

Official Log Book for following voyage on file with Shipping Commissioner at Philadelphia, Pa.:

Voyage 6-- From 8/14/45 to 10/13/45 (Vessel visited Liverpool, eng.)

Official Log Book for following Voyage on File with Shipping commissioner Norfolk, Va.:

Voyage 6(?) From 10/19/45 to 12/28/45 (Vessel visited Naples, Italy)

Official Log Books for following voyages on file with shipping Commissioner, Portland, Me.

Voyage 2--from 9/21/44 to 1/12/45 (Vessel Visited Murmansk)

Voyage 4-- from 6/11/45 to 8/6/45 (Vessel Visited Fowery, England)

Smith & Johnson, 60 Beaver St., New York City were operating vessel for WSA in all instances. No record of this vessel having been torpedoed in Merchant Vessel Division.

"Merchant Vessels of the United States 1945" Indicate the following concerning this vessel: Official No. 245015;

Rig: Steam (Oil Burner)

Tonnage: Gross 7,176 Net 4,380

Length: 439.1

Breadth: 57.0

Depth: 34.5

Built: 1944 at Portland, Ore.

Owner: WSA

Service: Freight

Crew: 45

HP: 2500

Home Port; Baltimore, Md.

Maritime Commission Transfer Order No. C-4837 approves the Sale Alien and Transfer to Honduran Registry and Flag as follows:

26, Nov., 1946 authorized the sale of SS ELOY ALFARO, Official No. 245015, to Suwanee Fruit & Steamship Company, with the privilege of transferring said vessel to Honduras Shipping Company, a Honduras corporation, and the transfer of said vessel to Honduran registry and flag:

IT IS ORDERED, This 3rd Day of January, 1947 that the approval required by Sections 9 and 37 of the Shipping Act 1916, as amended (46 U.S.C. 808 and 835) of the transfer of the SS ELOY ALFARO, Official No. 245015, by Suwanee Fruit & Steamship Company to Honduras Shipping Company, a Honduran corporation, and the transfer of said vessel to Honduran ownership, registry and flag, be, and it is hereby granted.

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If it is desired to procure the logs for this vessel the requests should be forwarded to Shipping Commissioner of each of the above ports requesting the log for that vessel giving the date of termination of each voyage as identification.

It is requested that the logs be forwarded to the Shipping Commissioner of each of the above ports for the purpose of being placed in the files of the Department of Commerce.

Very respectfully,
Shipping Commissioner

NO. 100
DATE: 1912
TO: THE SHIPING COMMISSIONER
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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