

U.S. COAST GUARD

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

CHECK-OFF LIST - ARMED MERCHANT VESSELS.

MSTK.

Vessel ESSO BELGIUM Nationality BELGM Pier STANDARD OIL Date 6/3/42

Master A. VANDENKERCKHOVE Gunnery Officer R.E. BENNETT (USNR) COX. officer

1942 JUN 6 AM 10 01

GUN (I) 5" BREECH LOADING.

Elevation 30 Arc of train 180 Sights TELESCOPE.

ONE ready boxes/racks for projectiles. ONE ready boxes/racks for charges powder.

Location GUN PLATFORM ON THE POOP.

GUN - - - - -

Elevation - - - - - Arc of train - - - - - Sights - - - - -

- - - - - ready boxes/racks for projectiles. - - - - - ready boxes/racks for charges powder.

Location - - - - -

AMMUNITION: (for 5" B.L. gun), (for - - - - - gun):

" " Fixed: - - - - - rounds. - - - - - rounds.

Powder, semi-fixed: - 97 charges. - - - - - charges.

" , bags: - - - - - charges. - - - - - charges.

Projectiles, H.E.: - - - - - rounds. - - - - - rounds.

" " COMMON PT.: - 97 rounds. COMMON PT. - - - - - rounds.

" " , Practice: - - - - - rounds. - - - - - rounds.

Percussion tubes: - - - - - rounds. - - - - - rounds.

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ACTION

SMALL ARMS: Machine gun No. of: 2 BROWNING .50 AMM: 1600 rounds.

Location of mount: 2 BRIDGE (I) EACH WING, 2 PORT

Rifles: NONE. AMM: - - - - - rounds.

Pistols/revolvers: 6 SERVICE 45 CAL. AMM: 240 rounds.

Bayonets: NO Others: - - - - -

(Continued on reverse)

MAGAZINE: Location: UNDER THE POOP ON MAIN DECK.

Means of flooding: PIPE SPRAY.

FIRE CONTROL: Bridge to guns: telephone/voice tube TELEPHONE FROM BRIDGE.

Day Signal lights: (1) ALDIS LAMP.

Range finder: NONE Mounted on ---

Range finder accessories: ---

GUN CREW: Total in gun crew 6 Gun layers ONE Status (1) COX 5 SEA 2/C (USNR).

Other navy enlisted: (1) COX 5 SEA 2/C Navy/naval reserve officers: NONE.

Certified merchant navy defense officers: NONE Merchant seaman gunners: NONE.

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats NO Igniters NO Steel helmets 20 Paravanes NONE.

Gas masks: (service) NO (civilian) --- (civilian duty) --- Total masks NONE.

Schermuly pistol: NO Rockets: 4 Type: distress line throwing/anti-aircraft wire

Decontamination sets: 6 Zig-zag clocks: ONE DeGaussed: YES wired/wiped.

Depth Charges: NO Racks: --- Under navy or government orders? GOVERNMENT.

Pill boxes: 5 Location: (1) FORECASTLE (2) BRIDGE (2) ON THE POOP.

Other bridge protection: STEEL ARMOUR ABOUT THE WHEEL HOUSE.

Kites: NO Flown from: ---

Holman projector: NO Location: --- Bombs: ---

Convoy light: YES Convoy (fog) buoys 2 Cargo bound in ALLIANCE. Fuel.

INSPECTED BY: J.D. MARSHALL Q.M. I/c. & ---  
Name Rank

Certified to be a correct and complete list of armament on board OR that there has been no changes in armament since last visit, except as noted:

J.D. Marshall, Q.M. I/c.  
Name and Title