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To: The Commandant (INT)

Subj: SS FORT McMURRAY (British); boarding report

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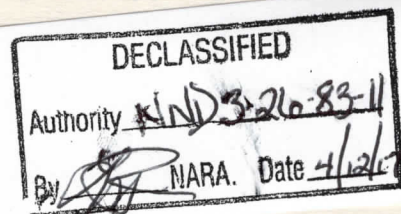
J. H. NEWMAN
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Subject report and
inclosures thereto

(a) BARRIS, Howell John - Fifth Engineer
born on 30 July, 1923 at Carmar, Wales, England and
resides at "The Craft", Gwyngroes Gwynn-Cae-Gwynn Llanfair, Carmar, Wales. He attended Gwyngroes Technical School from 1938 to 1939 and the Pontardawe School of Engineering from 1939 to 1940. He was then employed as an engineering apprentice by the English Electric Company in Rugby, England, until he signed on the present vessel on 10 July, 1945 with the intention of making the sea his career.

BARRIS possessed a British Seaman's Identity Card No. B.S. 120711 and British Seaman's Discharge Book No. B 231293 which were issued in Barry, South Wales, England on 26 June, 1945. He is described as follows: Height, 5'8", weight, 145 lbs.; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, blue; complexion, fair. M04-2515 and BAY03-2765 forms are forwarded as

(b) ARNOLD, George William Robert - Junior Ordinary Seaman
He was born on 11 February, 1922 at Gillingford, England and resides with his parents at 122 Woking Road, Surrey, England.



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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRICT CG INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 4ND

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1. The S/S FORT McMURRAY arrived in the Port of Philadelphia, Pa. on 24 July, 1945 and was boarded on 25 July, 1945 for the purpose of interrogating her crew members. John DAVIES, Third Mate of the S/S FORT McMURRAY, was interviewed and he stated that the vessel departed Barry, South Wales, England on 11 July, 1945 and proceeded to Philadelphia, Pa. He added that, to the best of his knowledge, all her crew members were bona fide seamen and that Howell John HARRIS, Fifth Engineer, and George William Robert ARNOLD, Jr., Ordinary Seaman, were making their first trips to sea.

2. The identity documents of the ship's complement were examined, and the following men, who were making their first trips to sea, were interrogated and they stated, in substance, that:

(a) HARRIS, Howell John - Fifth Engineer

He was born on 30 July, 1923 at Carmo, Wales, England and resides at "The Croft", Cwmgrose Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen Ammanford, Carmo, Wales. He attended Cwmgrose Technical School from 1928 to 1937 and the Pontardawe School of Engineering from 1937 to 1940. He was then employed as an engineering apprentice by the English Electric Company in Rugby, England, until he signed on the present vessel on 10 July, 1945 with the intention of making the sea his career.

HARRIS possessed a British Seaman's Identity Card No. B.S. 130711 and British Seaman's Discharge Book No. R 331393 which were issued in Barry, South Wales, England on 26 June, 1945. He is described as follows: Height, 5'8"; weight, 145 lbs.; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, blue; complexion, fair. NCG-2515 and NAVCG-2765 forms are forwarded as Inclosures 1 and 2.

(b) ARNOLD, George William Robert - Junior Ordinary Seaman

He was born on 11 February, 1928 at Guilford, England and resides with his parents at 152 Woking Road, Surrey, England.

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He attended the Stoke Church of England School in Guilford from 1933 to 1942. After leaving school he was employed by the Dennis Motor Engineering Company in Guilford until 1944. He then worked in the West Clandon chalk pits until 10 July, 1945 when he signed on the present vessel with the intention of going to sea to make a better living.

ARNOLD possessed British Seaman's Identity Card No. B.S. 113301. He is described as follows: Height, 5'8"; weight, 140 lbs.; color of hair, black; color of eyes, blue; complexion, fair. NCG-2515 and NAVCG-2765 forms are forwarded as Inclosures 3 and 4.

3. Interrogation of the crew members aboard the S/S FORT McMURRAY and the examination of their identity documents indicated that they are bona fide merchant seamen.

Marcus Siegel

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Investigator

Alfred L. Brew

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1. NCG-2515 forms re HARRIS
2. NAVCG-2765 forms re HARRIS
3. NCG-2515 forms re ARNOLD
4. NAVCG-2765 forms re ARNOLD