

San Francisco 26, California

Captain of the Port
408 U. S. Custom House

File: 6615

29 March, 1946

To: DCGO 12ND

Subj: USS GENERAL D. E. AULTMAN: Pollution of the navigable waters of
San Francisco Bay.

1. At approximately 1600, 25 March, 1946, Lieutenant Shirk, U. S. Navy Bunkering Section, Yerba Buena Island, notified the COTP Oil Pollution Inspector that subject vessel had an oil spill while taking bunker oil aboard at Anchorage 9, Berth 183.
2. Upon investigation by the inspector, it was found that the USS AULTMAN had spilled oil down the port side, aft. The vessel was boarded and A. R. Knauff, First Assistant Engineer was interviewed. He stated that the Army Transport Service had taken the vessel over from the Navy on 22 March, 1946 and that the personnel aboard were not familiar with the valves of the ship. He further stated that, as the vessel was receiving bunker oil on the starboard side, the oil was running out an overflow vent on the port side. He said that the vessel was not topping off at the time and that the tanks were not full.
3. Photographs of the oil streak on the port side of the USS AULTMAN were taken and are attached hereto for your inspection. Witness to this incident are S. P. Starsick, BM2c, USCG and V. G. Miller, S1c, USCG.

R. L. HORNE
Acting.

Incl:
Photographs.

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