



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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HEADQUARTERS

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Subject: Fire on the American tankship IDAHO, Los Angeles, California

Reference:

Summary of Information:

On or about 21 October, 1942 a member of the Coast Guard discovered that the funnel of the Subject vessel was emitting sparks which later took fire inside the funnel. This condition jeopardized the deck cargo and the wooden pier of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company where munitions were being loaded.

The alarm was sent to the Captain of the Port fire-fighting detail which proceeded to the scene with a fire-boat. Personnel from the fire boat went aloft with a CO₂ gas spray nozzle and extinguished the fire from that position.

It is reported that the foregoing incident was entirely a Coast Guard operation, as the City Fire Department was not called.

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