

601-800-CONFIDENTIAL
(NEUTRALITY)NAVY DEPARTMENT
U.S.COAST GUARD
HONOLULU, T. H.MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING SHEET

Date: 3 January, 1942. Time Boarded: 1230 (HST)

Name of Vessel: JAPARA Nationality: Netherlands

Type: MS Passenger
~~MS~~ Freighter
~~Net~~ ~~Freighter~~ Home Port: Rotterdam (Batavia)

Maximum Speed: 17 Normal Speed: 15 Gross Tons: _____ Net: 5614

Name of Master: P. R. Palm

Name-Address of Line: Rotterdam Lloyd

Name-Address of Agents: T. H. Davies & Co.

Chartered By: U. S. Maritime Com. (U. S. Navy)

Controlled By: U. S. Maritime Com. (U. S. Navy)

Number of Passengers on Board: 12 Naval personnel (Civilian Defense)

Number, Nationality Officers and Crew: 36 Europeans (Dutch); 3 Chinese; 16 Japanese;
3 U. S. Navy personnel (1 Radioman, 2 Signalmen - seamen).

CARGO: (Itemize and give total): General - Trucks - Dynamite 2800 cases; 250 cases
caps in #5 hold.

Cargo Consigned To: Naval Consignee.

Maximum Cargo Capacity; FRIEIGHTER: _____ tons. TANKER: _____ bbls.

Bunker Capacity; COAL: _____ tons. OIL: 2061.42 ^{tons} ~~bbls.~~ WATER: 579 tons.

Reason for Calling: Discharge cargo.

Last Previous Port: Oakland, California. Date Left: 26 December, 1941.

Bound for: Honolulu, T. H. Date Due: - - - -

Does vessel submit weather reports to U. S. Weather Bureau? No

Fuel O.H. 1000 Ton, loading _____ Water O.H. 390 Ton, loading _____

Small Arms and Ammunition: _____

Magazine Location, (if any): Aft adjacent guns.

Degaussing-Paravanes, (if any): Yes - - No

Cruising Radius: _____ miles, at _____ knots.

vessel:
USCG., HONOLULU.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, LAND.

Radio Call Letters: Neth. MS JAPARA - Additional Data. Number of Operators: 1 Auto 3 JANUARY, 1942

Direction Finder: Yes Location: Bridge During what hours

One 4 inch gun mounted aft on deck house. Mark XII, Model 1, #1021.
Mead - Morrison Mfg Co. and reconditioned by York Safe & Lock Co.
"Koninkryke Marine Kanon V./4 inch, #45".

Nine men in gun crew (ship's personnel).

One 37 mm. 50 cal. semi-automatic gun, M I, #117.
American Armament Corp, NY. (Gun brought aboard and set up on poop deck, aft, immediately prior departure from Oakland, but not secured. Port Director, LAND advised.)
No gun crew assigned.

Ammunition - 37 rounds 4 inch; 7 smoke floats; 2000 rounds of 37 mm.; 2 cases exercise.

No communications from guns to bridge.

Chief Officer stated vessel departed San Francisco without convoy. Radio personnel received no information prior departure, relative radio call signs (WQBC2, etc.), and vessel had no cryptographic aids (merchant ship cipher).

Copied WQBC2 from various shore stations but did not know what they meant. This situation could easily have resulted in serious disaster to vessel as messages in above cipher were issued containing instructions (D.C.O., LAND advised of above situation).

Vessel sighted 2 planes on 1 January.
Continuous bad weather was prevalent during voyage until 1600, 2 Jan. Port Director's office, Honolulu, notified that vessel had Naval cargo on board and that ship desired commence unloading as soon as possible. Also, that Naval personnel aboard had orders to report to P.D., LAND for transportation back to San Francisco.

Tentative departure time and date:

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H. M. ANTHONY,
C. G. Intelligence Officer,
FOURTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

BOARDING DETAIL:

cc: ONI, LAND.
CG HEADQUARTERS. ✓

cc: O.N.I., 14th. N.D.
C.G. Headquarters.

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JAN 22 1942
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Coast Guard Intelligence Officer,
Fourteenth Naval District

Name of vessel: JAPARA

Radio Call Letters: _____ Number of Operators: 1 Auto Alarm: Yes

Direction Finder: Yes Location: Bridge During what hours are watches maintained? Continuous

Frequencies normally used; TRANSMITTING: --

RECEIVING: 500

RADIO EQUIPMENT: 1. 2. 3.

TRANSMITTERS: NSP NSP NSP
TYPE: NED 1233 SRGCF55 NSP11

POWER: 200 (16-54W) 200/600/800 50 Watts

RECEIVERS: German
TYPE: Telefunken E - 3818 15/H/20000 meters 600/800

Names of Operators: J. D. V. Schooten W. H. Tucker, RMJc., USNR
(NOTE: When radio is sealed by Radioman, omit data on transmitters only.)

REMARKS: Life-boat RCA RT8007 - 50 watts 600 meters.

Removed brushes from H.G.8s and (main and H.F. and emergency) and sealed compartments with 2 paper seals, U.S. Customs form 6087. Sealed life-boat compartments with cord and button seal.

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A. DeZeeuw, Ch. Bos'n.

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