

CONFIDENTIAL
(NEUTRALITY)NAVY DEPARTMENT
U.S. COAST GUARD
HONOLULU, T. H.

MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING SHEET

Date: 22 September, 1941. Time Boarded: 1400 (HST)

Name of Vessel: LAERTES Nationality: Dutch

Type: ~~MS~~ ~~PASSENGER~~ SS Freighter Home Port: Amsterdam

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Maximum Speed: 12.5 Normal Speed: 12.5 Gross Tons: 5824 Net: 3612.79

Name of Master: C. J. Van Heel

Name-Address of Line: Java-New York line.

Name-Address of Agents: Inter-Island S.N.Co.

Chartered by: Ocean S.S.Co via Netherlands Shipping Committee

Controlled by: " " " " " "

Number passengers on board: 18 Chinese passengers for Singapore. (steerage)

Number, nationality of officers and crew: 42 Chinese, 11 Dutch, 3 British

CARGO: (Itemize type and give total) 6086 tons general, consisting of
explosives, acids, trucks, etc.

Cargo consigned to: Government in N.E.I.

Maximum cargo capacity; FREIGHTER: 6200 Tons. TANKER: _____ Bbls.

Bunker capacity; COAL, tons: 875 OIL, bbls: _____ WATER: _____

Reason for calling: Bunkers, take 600 tons - Water, take 400 tons.

Last previous port: New York Date left: 30 August, 1941

Bound for: Brisbane and N.E.I. Date due: _____

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

ARMAMENT (Type, location, etc.): See attached sheet.

SMALL ARMS and AMMUNITION: See attached sheet.

Magazine, location (if any): _____

Degaussing, paravanes, etc (if any): See attached sheet.

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S.S. LAERTES, boarded 22 September, 1941.

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LIST OF ARMAMENTS

Name of Master: 1 Gun 4" with 40 shells. #1766
Name-Address of Line: 1 Dutch army rifle with 200 cartridges.
Name-Address of Agent: 2 paravanes
Chartered by: 15 Gasmasks.
Controlled by: 15 Suits of Protective Clothing.
500 Kilos of chlorocalcium.
1 Degaussing cable Netherlands Shipping Committee
2 Smokescreen apparatus.

Private Crew:
Number passengers on: 1 Winchester Rifle 0.22.
Number, nationality of: 1 Revolver with 25 cartridges.
1 Shotgun 0.12 with 37 cartr. 11 Dutch, 3 British
1 Rifle 0.303 with 50 cartr.
300 Cartridges 0.22.
1 Automatic pistol with 12 cartr.

CARGO: (Itemize type and give total) 300 tons general consisting of

LIST OF AMMUNITIONS,
AND EXPLOSIVES.

Cargo consigned to:	Quantity	Weight	Units
SOURABAYA.	420 c/s Demolition Bombs.	360300 lbs	1 Mag.
Maximum cargo capacity:	85 c/s Handgrenades.	30245 "	1 " Bbls.
Bunker capacity; COAL:	40 c/s High Explosive Cartridges	1560 "	1 "
Reason for calling:	176 Kegs Sporting Powder.	4752 "	1 "
Last previous port:	6 c/s Bouchons	990 "	5 "
Bound for:	14 c/s Nose Fuses	2156 "	6 "
	21 c/s Tail Fuses	2668 "	6 "
	8 c/s Blasting Caps	1024 "	6 "
	25 c/s Blasting caps	3675 "	6 "
	65 c/s Shells	20800 "	1 "

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

Direction Finder: _____ (Location) _____ During what hours
are watches maintained: _____

Frequencies normally used; TRANSMITTING: _____

RECEIVING: _____

RADIO EQUIPMENT: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

TRANSMITTERS:
TYPE: _____

POWER: _____

RECEIVERS:
NO. & TYPE: _____

Names of Operators: _____

(NOTE: NOT NECESSARY TO FILL IN ABOVE DATA ON RADIO EQUIPMENT WHEN A
RADIOMAN ACCOMPANIES BOARDING PARTY TO EFFECT SEALING OPERATIONS.)

REMARKS: Oil on hand: 240 tons - Water on hand:

Receiver: Marconi Type 596, 15 - 2000 meters.

Direction Finder: Marconi Type 377-T, 450 - 1500 meters.

Auto Alarm: RCC Type R-31.

Telephone communication from bridge to radioroom. Continuous

radio watches maintained while underway.

Tentative DEPARTURE TIME and DATE: 0600, 23 September, 1941.

BOARDING DETAIL:

C. McNulty, Boatswain.

E. Blackwood, R.M.lc.

cc: ONI, 14th N.D.

H. M. Anthony

H. M. ANTHONY,
Coast Guard Intelligence Officer,
14th Naval District.

Dutch SS LAERTES.

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DESCRIPTION OF RADIO AND SIGNAL APPARATUS

(10) Transmitters:

Type: MAIN HI-FREQUENCY EMERGENCY
: 533 #839

Manufactured by: Marconi (Batteries are used for emergency power on Trans.)

Power: 250 watt output.

Frequency range: 370 - 510 kcs.

Freq. calib. to: 600, 660, 705, 800 meters.

Radio Operators: 1. A.P.P. Mars 2. J. Barrett 3.
(Dutch) (English)

(11) Brief description of any signaling apparatus: Bridge Blinker

INTELLIGENCE

Brief description of sealing operations: Removed both tubes from transmitter and sealed tube compartment door with cord and two button type seals.

Date: 22 September, 1941.

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ANS'D

I hereby certify that I have, in accordance with orders of the Commander, Honolulu District, sealed the radio apparatus of the above named vessel. The Serial Numbers of the seals used are:

U. S. Customs Seals -
Two button type seals used.
Customs TH-7 series. No serial No.

Earl Blackwood
Earl Blackwood,
R.M.lc.
(Ensign rating)
Attached to Honolulu District.

HONOLULU DISTRICT First Indorsement Date: 23 September, 1941.

- 1. Forwarded for the information of the Commandant, U.S.Coast Guard.

G. T. Finlay Captain,
G. T. FINLAY,
Senior Coast Guard Officer,
Commander, Honolulu District
Fourteenth Naval District.

cc: Collector of Customs, Honolulu.
Honolulu District files.
ONI, 14TH N/D.

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