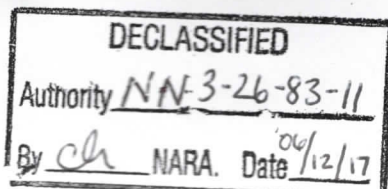


EXCERPT FROM 8ND BOARDING REPORT, "SS LIEBRE", (US), 25 JULY 1943.

"The Master advised that the compass located on the bridge of his vessel has an erratic deviation in it of as much as 18 degrees at times. He attributes the deviation to the location of the compass between the two gun turrets installed on the bridge. He stated that a Navy compass compensator and a civilian compass compensator came aboard his vessel in New York recently and refused to attempt to compensate the compass, each stating that the condition could not be corrected as long as the compass remained in its present position. The Master stated that he was not complaining, but that the condition of the compass made it extremely difficult to navigate the vessel in narrow lanes, and at times in heavy weather it was necessary for him to bring his vessel to a standstill rather than to navigate it by guess. He suggested that the condition could be remedied by extending the bridge aft a few feet and relocating the compass on such extension. He was of the opinion that the alteration in the bridge could be accomplished in a day's time with a nominal amount of labor and material. DCGO-8ND, Cognizant."

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