

~~601-64-CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF  
~~District~~ COAST GUARD OFFICER  
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: ~~District~~ Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.  
To : Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-64-Confidential).  
(b) Report of HILL, Laurencius L. BM2c Mobile Base Mobile  
(c) Date 26 November, 1942. /Ala.  
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel LUNA S.S. Dutch

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament mentioned therein is carried for defensive (~~offensive~~) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

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Ensign, USCGR,  
District Intelligence Officer,  
Acting.



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United States Coast Guard,

MOBILE BASE

(UNIT)

Mobile, Alabama

(PLACE)

26, November, 1942

(DATE)

From: HILL, Laurencius L. (510-713) B. M. 2c.(R)  
To: District Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.  
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The Dutch S/S "LUNA"  
(insert name and nationality of belligerent)  
was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board.

GUNS: One - 3 inch U.S. Naval gun, Number 4811, mounted aft on the poop deck. Arc of elevation 30°, arc of train 270°.

AMMUNITION: 76 rounds of fixed, High Explosive.

SMALL ARMS: Two Hotchkiss Machine Guns, Two Springfield Rifles and Two Colt Automatics

AMMUNITION: Hotchkiss Machine Guns - 1800 Rds of ball and tracer.  
Rifles - 50 Rds. ball.  
Colt Automatics - 60 Rounds ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Located aft alongside of 3 inch gun, piped for sprinkler in order to flood magazine.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Telephone from Bridge to Gun deck.

GUNS CREWS: Two men from the Dutch Merchant Navy and the rest made up from crew.

REMARKS: 2 Smoke floats, 2 snowflake projectors ~~and~~ with 4 snowflake rockets. Vessel is degaussed has no incendiary bomb fighting equipment other than ship's regular firefighting equipment.

(FORM N-12).

Laurencius L. Hill  
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(SIGNATURE).  
B. M. 2c (R)  
(RANK OR RATING).