

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Orvil Harvey Lane, Post Office Box 147
Motors Overseas
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORTConfidentialConfidential

DATE BOARDED: 9-1-44 BOARDED AT: Sav., Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 9-2-44.

VESSEL: S/S "MARK KEPPEL" #723 NO. IN CREW: 44

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below) XXX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Discharging.

ITINERARY: Vessel arrived 1140, 1 September, 1944, from Hampton Roads.

1. Inbound crew list was checked through the files of the DIO, 6ND, with the following results:

Russell West, Merchant Seaman, in letter dated 2 April, 1944, to mother, 2838 Minn. Ave., Duluth, Minn., stated, "we are all set to leave here at 6 A.M. tomorrow morning. Will be gone for quite a while, maybe 7 or 8 months."

2. Russell West, Z-394986, FM/WT, 34, was interviewed aboard the S/S "MARK KEPPEL", and identified as the above mentioned Subject. West was warned regarding disclosing of ship information. The master and officer-in-charge of Armed Guard Crew were advised of this information.

3. Henry Stiles, Z-264289, 1st Mate, informed Boarding Officer that Lester Lengner, Z-417384, A.B., 21, aboard the "MARK KEPPEL", had taken pictures of the convoy enroute to the U. S. FBI and Customs were notified.

4. The following persons were aboard the S/S "MARK KEPPEL" for transportation from Calcutta, India to the United States:

John Keith Alexander, a former member of the China National Aviation Corporation.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
DCGIO, 6ND (1)
File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER: J. R. TODD.

APPROVED: HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.,

District CG Intelligence
Officer, 6th NavDist.

Orvil Harvey Lane, Jr., who broke with the General Motors Overseas Division.

5. The above passengers disembarked at Savannah, Georgia, and were cleared by MID, Savannah, Ga., and Immigration, Savannah, Georgia.

6. The following alien was cleared and an indorsement placed on his maritime documents:

Nicholas Sevastos, Z-231418, Carpenter, 37, Greece

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