

the fire room and engine room than if it hit the engine room or fire room someone could trip that and whichever case it was the ones in the other compartment could get out. It takes you at least eight or ten minutes to lower that watertight door. If they had some way they could trip them and let them drop..."

WARRIOR (July 1, 1942)

Recommendations by the Master:

- "Q. How did you have the boats, in the chocks?
"A. Swung overside even with the boat deck lashed into the boom.
"Q. Would you consider this the best way of carrying your boats at sea?
"A. Yes sir, we got some booms in Philadelphia and gripes, all you had to do was to slip these gripes and the boats swung free.
"Q. And you considered best to have the boats swung out instead of resting in their chocks?
"A. We would not have been able to get away if we had them in chocks. You will lose that much time in swinging the davit clear.
"Q. What was the capacity of your boat?
"A. 42 person - 24' boat.
"Q. How do you account for the boat being crowded, with 29 persons; was it on account of the amount of gear you had in the boat, or the boat's were just not large enough to accommodate that many men?
"A. She would never take 42. We had a freeboard of about 1 foot then with 29 persons. Of course, these boats----- all this extra equipment you put in there, that makes a lot of difference, water breakers, etc. That all takes up room. You could not make a full sweep without hitting a man around you. I recommend a small 2" stern painter on lifeboats to hold the boat alongside while man board it. No matter how well a ship is armed, it is my opinion she does not have a chance without a listening device. I recommend that all ships be equipped with efficient listening device for detecting the approach of submarines."

FAIRFIELD CITY (July 5, 1942)

Recommendations by the Master:

- "Q. What is your opinion about having a motor boat. Did that motorboat help you?
"A. It did.
"Q. To get to land? A. Yes, sir.
"Q. Do you think it's a good policy to have a motorboat on the ship?
"A. I do.
"Q. Did you have sufficient clothing and blankets in the boats?
"A. Six blankets.
"Q. Is that an adequate amount.
"A. Well, up in a region like that you could use more, but you can't fill up the boat with everything. We made the best we could. We had one injured man we had to give three blankets.
"Q. Would you recommend more blankets be put in those boats?
"A. Going to North Russia I would.
"Q. ~~What~~ extra equipment.
"A. I was going to suggest that we have some light planks, say six feet or