

ARMED GUARD VOYAGE REPORTS
S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS
LIBERTY SHIP

April 25, 1944 to December 5, 1944

In Honor Of Brothers

Howard V. Hoskins, Armed Guard Onboard

Homer W. Hoskins, Aircraft Mechanic



Armed Guards On Board In Alphabetical Order

1. Baker, George Edward
2. Braccia, Anthony James
3. Breon, Mahlon Eugene
4. Brodeur, George Phillois
5. Caezza, Ernest Americo
6. Conte, Dominic Peter, Jr.
7. Curry, Robert Davis
8. Cuteri, Frank (n)
9. D'Alcarno, Anthony Francis
10. Head, Robert Henderson
11. Hitchman, Ralph Domer
12. Hoskins, Howard Vivian
13. Kelly, John Joseph
14. Miller, Jack (n)
15. Muchowski, Theodore
16. Nelson, Kenneth Ervin
17. OJA, Elmer Richard
18. Payne, Dennis William
19. Petzold, John Erie
20. Queen, Paul Louis
21. Saunders, Charles Elmer
22. Saylor, Berry Howard
23. Shepherd, Thomas Aaron
24. Smith, Henry Vincent
25. Soriano, Louis Materiz
26. Taylor, Walter Roberts
27. Thornton, John James
28. Wilson, George Albert
29. Zimmerman, Lawrence Stanley



Brothers

Howard Hoskins, Armed Guard. in rear
Homer Hoskins, Aircraft Mechanic, in front
Picture taken in 1944

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ARMING MERCHANT VESSELS

MX
SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS 7176 GROSS TONS

WHERE
ARMED (PORT) Portland, Maine DATE 25 April 1944

INSTALLATIONS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Acoustic Warning Devices	<u>0</u>	_____
Barrage Balloons and Equipment	_____	<u>Flying off gear installed</u>
Hydrogen Gas Equipment	<u>0</u>	_____
Snowflake Flares	<u>0</u>	_____
Snowflake Flare Projectors	<u>0</u>	_____
Smoke Floats	<u>15</u>	_____
Smoke Float Racks	<u>10</u>	_____
Rockets, Marine Type, MkI, White	<u>12</u>	_____
Staves for above Rockets	<u>12</u>	_____
Outfits of Heavy Winter Clothing for NR Ships. (OpNav Serial 0200423 of June 16, 1942).	_____	_____

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MS
 SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS GROSS TONS 7176 DEADWEIGHT TONS 10,500
 WHERE
 ARMED (PORT) Portland, Maine DATE 25 April 1944 YARD N.E. Shipbuilding Co.
 (East Yard)
 LIST ALL GUNS (INCLUDING MACHINE GUNS) ABOARD VESSEL ON DEPARTURE.

No. of Guns	Caliber & Type	Gun Mark & Mod.	Mount & Mod.	Gun Location	Ammunition
1	5"/38	XII-1	XXXVII-4	Aft	160
1	3"/50	XXII-2	XXIV-1	For'd	252
8	20MM AA			2 For'd, 4 Amid 2 Aft	40,740

BuOrd form No. 228 (rev. May 1942) submitted 1 May 1944 in triplicate.

INSTALLATIONS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>
1. Splinter Protection - Bridge	<u>4" Steel and plastic armor</u>
Splinter Protection - AA Machine Guns	<u>3" Steel and plastic armor</u>
2. Gun Foundations, Number and Location	<u>3 For'd, 4 Amid, 3 Aft</u>
3. Magazines, Number and Location	<u>2 Aft., 1 For'd</u>
4. Painting	<u>Neutral</u>
5. Darkening Ship Facilities	<u>Satisfactory</u>
6. Reinforce Sea Chests	<u>All Steel</u>
7. Fire Control Communication System	<u>Telephones headsets</u>
8. Sky lookout Stations, Number & Location	<u>One Aft of Stack</u>
9. Results Industrial Manager's Inspection	<u>Satisfactory</u>
10. Messing Facilities	<u>Satisfactory</u>

ACCOMMODATIONS NAVY PERSONNEL

<u>ARMED GUARD UNIT</u>	<u>SPACE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Officer in charge	Room # <u>Room</u>	<u>Port side aft bridge deck</u>
Petty Officers	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Aft & Amid</u>
Seamen	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Aft & Amid</u>

COMMUNICATION GROUP

Enlisted Men	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Amidships</u>
Standee	Bunks No. <u>28</u>	Total

EQUIPMENT

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
1. Navy - Type Life Jackets.....	<u>100</u>
2. Life Rafts (Capacity <u>20</u> per raft).....	<u>4</u>
3. Life Boat.....	<u>2(31) 2(25)</u>
4. Emergency Rations.....	<u>In life boats</u>
5. Repair & Upkeep Equipment Armament.....	<u>Tools for each gun</u>

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 Authority NND 7501
 By IM NAVA, Date 2002

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ARMING MERCHANT VESSELS

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NAME OF SHIP:

SS RAYMOND B. STEVENSW.S.A.

OPERATOR

or AGENT: R. A. Nicol & Co.REGISTRY: U.S. 215418 CLASS (~~pass. Cargo~~ Pass. Cargo ~~Ship~~)ITINERARY: Sailing Date 2 May 1944From: Portland To New YorkVia: CoastalSHIP'S CREWCommissioned
RankMASTER: C. M. Baker

None

OFFICERS: None(Listed by
name only
if Comm-
issioned)Deck DepartmentEngineering Dept.Steward's Department

Chief Mate <u>1</u>	Dk. Engineer <u>1</u>	Ch. Steward <u>1</u>
2nd Mate <u>1</u>	Ch. Engineer <u>1</u>	Ch. Cook <u>1</u>
3rd Mate <u>1</u>	1st. " <u>1</u>	2nd. Cook <u>1</u>
Quartermaster <u>1</u>	2nd. " <u>1</u>	3rd. Cook <u>1</u>
Boatswain <u>1</u>	3rd. " <u>1</u>	Messman <u>3</u>
Seamen-Able <u>6</u>	Eng. Jr. # 3rd <u>1</u>	Utilitymen <u>3</u>
Seamen-Ord <u>3</u>	Firemen <u>3</u>	
Radio Operator <u>2</u>	Officers <u>3</u>	
Typist <u>1</u>	Wipers <u>3</u>	
Maintenance <u>1</u>	Total Crew Including Master <u>43</u>	

PASSENGERS--Number on Board NoneU. S. NAVY PERSONNEL

<u>Armed Guard Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Service #</u>
Officer in Charge:	<u>John Joseph KELLY</u>	<u>Lt(jg)</u>	<u>USNR</u>	
Enlisted Men:	<u>MUCHOWSKI, Theodore</u>	<u>Cox</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>709 09 49</u>
	<u>CURRY, Robert Davis</u>	<u>GM3c</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>552 89 41</u>
	<u>MILLER, Jack (n)</u>	<u>GM3c</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>652 93 96</u>
	<u>ZIMMERMAN, Lawrence Stanley</u>	<u>GM3c</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>653 25 01</u>
	<u>BAKER, George Edward</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>707 44 85</u>
	<u>BREON, Mahlon Eugene</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>651 90 41</u>
	<u>BRODEUR, George Phillois</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>666 77 93</u>
	<u>CAEZZA, Ernest Americo</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>801 97 15</u>
	<u>D'ALCAMO, Anthony Francis</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>707 31 36</u>
	<u>HITCHMAN, Ralph Domer</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>822 43 19</u>
	<u>HEAD, Robert Henderson</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>659 46 96</u>
	<u>HOSKINS, Howard Vivian</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>867 38 11</u>
	<u>NELSON, Kenneth Ervin</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>895 79 31</u>
	<u>OJA, Elmer Richard</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>861 15 00</u>
	<u>PAYME, Dennis William</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>666 76 13</u>
	* <u>PETZOLD, John Erie</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>642 62 76</u>
	<u>QUEEN, Paul Louis</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>552 52 84</u>
	<u>SAUNDERS, Charles Elmer</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>875 56 86</u>
	<u>SAYLOR, Berry Howard</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>862 00 00</u>
	<u>SHEPHERD, Thomas Aaron</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>726 63 21</u>
	<u>SMITH, Henry Vincent</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>202 31 31</u>
	Communication Group <u>SORIANO, Louis Materiz</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>708 36 53</u>
	<u>THORNTON, John James S</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>209 09 08</u>
	<u>WILSON, George Albert</u>	<u>Slc</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>668 71 25</u>
Communication Group	<u>CONTE, Dominic Peter, Jr.</u>	<u>SM3c</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>800 82 86</u>
	<u>CUTERI, Frank (n)</u>	<u>Slc(SM)</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>895 88 56</u>

*See attached Supplementary Report

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PORT DIRECTOR'S MATERIAL REPORT
FOR ARMED GUARD UNIT

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ON BOARD SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY NO.	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	STOCK NUMBER	TITLE
1.		Each	BAG, canvas, weighted #C&R 434791	24-B-60	O
2.		Cell	BATTERIES, Blinker Signal Gun	17-B-7040	C
3.	80	"	BATTERIES, Flashlight	17-B-7210	C
4.	12	"	BATTERIES, Dry, hand lantern	17-B-7600	C
5.	2	Each	BELTS, plastic, non-toxic	A-2-B-1490	B .38 cal.
6.	3	Pair	BINOCULARS, 6 x 30	18-B-1135	B
7.		"	BINOCULARS, 7 x 35	18-B-1138	B
8.		Each	BLINKER, Signal Gun, battery type	17-B-1600	B
9.	4	"	BOTTLES, vacuum, 1 quart	63-B-500	B
10.	2	"	CASE, first-aid (armed guard)	S2-510	
11.	X	Misc.	CLEANING, supplies (brushes, soap, buckets, rags, etc.)		
12.	2	Set	FLAGS, alphabet code #4	5-F-255-80	C
13.	2	Set	FLAGS, numeral #4	5-F-4375 to 4384	C
14.	2	Set	FLAGS, semaphore	5-F-5100 to 5110	C
15.	10	Each	FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type	17-F-13452	C
16.	60	"	GAS MASKS		B
17.		"	GLOVES, hand lantern	31-G-270	C
18.	4	Pair	GOGGLES, for lookout, high density	37-G-3555	C variable
19.	2	"	GOGGLES, for lookout, dark density	37-G-3450	C
20.	70	Each	HELMETS, steel standard	37-H-	B
21.		"	HELMETS, " to wear with headphone	37-H-	B
22.	2	"	HOLSTERS, non-toxic, non-toxic	A-2-H-1435	B .38 cal.
23.		"	LAMPS, blinker signal gun	17-L-6300	C
24.	20	"	LAMPS, flashlight	17-L-6320	C
25.	2	"	LANTERNS, hand, portable, type "J"	17-L-7760	B
26.	4	"	MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment	S-2-03	
27.	2	"	MEGAPHONE, 18" small	37-M-330	C
28.		"	MEGAPHONE, 32" large	37-M-335	C
29.	2	Pair	MITTENS, ammunition-handling ashes	A(1)2-G-48116	C
30.	2	Each	PISTOLS, non-toxic, non-toxic #1911	A-2-P-3415	B .38 cal.
31.	2	Gal.	PAINT, dark gray, formula 5D	52-P-	C
32.		Each	ROPE, 125 fath. 3" manila, for spar	21-R-413	C
33.		"	SEARCHLIGHT, signal 8" (Crouse-Hinds)	17-S-	B
34.		"	SPAR, towing	23-S-180	B
35.	1	"	SPY GLASS, quartermaster, 16 power	18-S-2255	B
36.	X	Misc.	STATIONERY (#53 items)(not over \$30)		C
37.	10	Lbs.	GREASE, mineral, soft	14-G-1160	C
38.		"	GRAPHITE, fine	14-G-570	C
39.	25	"	GREASE, OS-1350	14-G-715	C
40.	5	Gal.	OIL, light, machine	14-O-2608	C
41.	5	"	KEROSENE	14-K-235	C
42.	38	Each	PRESERVERS, life	23-F-160	C
43.	50	Lbs.	CLOTHS, Cleaning & Wiping	27-C-2685	C
44.		Set	CONVOY LIGHTS, Colored		B
45.		Each	WAKE LIGHT, Screened, Type #2		B

(OVER)

DEGAUSSING OPERATION

Type of Coils M Compass Compensated ---
 (M only; MF & Q; MF, Q & Q)
 If not Coiled --- Date Wiped --- or Date Flashed ---
 Date Calibrated 2 MAY 1944 Range ---
 (Wolf trap, Newport, etc.)
 Degaussing Factor ---
 (From Range)

Date Depermed Should be depermed in New York
 (If shown necessary by range)

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 by JM NAVA, Date 8/2/82

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UNIT
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600 rds - .30 cal. rifle ammunition; 100 rds - .38 cal. revolver ammunition;
1 - signaling kit, multi-purpose, complete with spare parts; 1 - paulin,
No. 2, canvas 7'x8'; 2 - .30 cal. refills complete with slings; cartridge
belts, bayonets, scabbards, front sight covers, oiler & thong cases;

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DATE 10 May 1944

From: Commandant First Naval District.
(Port Director, N.T.S., Boston, Mass.)

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: ARMING OF MERCHANT VESSELS ^{MX} SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS
7176 Gross Tons Flag U. S. 245418

References: (a) Confidential airmailgram # 011947 Z (P.D. 1ND)
(b) Par. 6 CNO ltr. #063338 of Nov. 29, 1941.

Enclosure: (A) Consolidated report of bureaus concerned as directed
by reference (b).

1. Confirming reference (a) the attached enclosure submits information required by reference (b) relative to the armaments supplied the subject merchant vessel.

M. Milne
M. Milne
Captain, USN(Ret.)

Copies: BuShips
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U.S. Naval Gun Factory

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INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICER---MS SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS

1. Ordnance and Gunnery Instructions for Armed Guards..... Yes
2. General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
 Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, April 26, 1943..... "
3. Instructions for operating Naval Transports and
 Merchant Vessels in Time of War, Part I..... "
4. Test Firing of Guns after leaving Port--(CNO ltr.
 No. 396123 of 1 December 1941)--Attach to orders..... "
5. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS--(Condensed from Naval Regulations
 for Armed Guard Officers)..... "
6. SILHOUETTES.....Surface Raiders..... "
 Aircraft..... "
7. Signals for Control of Merchant Vessels by Aircraft..... "
8. Publication of German Raider Tactics..... "
9. Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Training Centers..... "
10. Recent Supplementary Information for Armed Guard Commanders..... "
11. Censorship Regulations..... "
12. How to Abandon Ship..... "

MOVEABLE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD UNIT

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	27	Jacket, Jungle Cloth
2	27	Trousers, Jungle Cloth
3	27	Helmet, Jungle Cloth
4	27	Face Mask
5	11	Jacket, Foul Weather, Parka Type, Rubber- ized Fabric
6	11	Trousers, Foul Weather, Rubberized Fabric
7	54	Drawers, Woolen Heavy
8	54	Undershirts, Woolen, Heavy
9	81	Socks, Woolen, Heavy
10	27	Mittens, One Finger, Lined
11	27	Arctics, Cashmerette, 4 Buckle
12	27	Goggles, Clear Lens (3 Spares)
13		N. 72-c-1 Overalls (type C)
14		N. 72-c-1 Coats, Short (type B)
15		N. 72-c-1 Coat, Long (type A)
16		N. 72-c-1 Sou'westers Balloon Cloth

WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Recreational equipment for 26 men and 1 officer

COMMENTS:

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 Authority NND 7504
 by JM NAVA, Date 8/28

U. S. NAVAL ARMED GUARD CENTER (BROOKLYN, N. Y.)
 REPORT OF MATERIALS FURNISHED TO ARMED GUARD UNITS

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SERIAL PDNYF 020768

DATE 11 May 1944

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICERS - ~~MC~~ SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS

1. General instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. (1943 Third Edition).
2. Recent Supplementary Information for Armed Guard Commanders.
3. Bulletins from VCNO to Armed Guard Commanders to date.
4. Manual for Lifeboatmen and Able Seamen - Published by U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, August, 1941.
5. Censorship Regulations.
6. Ordnance and Gunnery Instructions for Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. (1944 Fourth Edition).
7. Wartime Safety Measures for Merchant Marine, Educational Series No. 2 published January, 1943.

ALL ABOVE BULLETINS ISSUED NO EXCEPT # _____

MOVABLE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD UNIT.

WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL GEAR ISSUED TO 0 OFFICER AND 0 ENLISTED MEN.

TYPE OF CLOTHING LISTED BELOW ISSUED TO 0 OFFICER AND 1 ENLISTED MEN.

STANDARD SPECIAL WINTER

<u>NO</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
1.	1	No.	HELMET, WINTER, N-1.
2.	1	No.	HELMET, WINTER, N-2.
3.	1	Pr.	ARTICS, SEA, N-1.
4.	1	No.	JACKET, WINTER, N-1.
5.	1	Pr.	TROUSERS, WINTER, N-1.
6.	1	No.	JACKET, PARK, RAIN, N-2.
7.	1	Pr.	TROUSERS, RAIN, N-2.
8.	2	No.	UNDERSHIRTS, WINTER, N-1.
9.	2	Pr.	DRUMPERS, WINTER, N-1.
10.	3	Pr.	SOCKS, WINTER, N-1.
11.	1	Pr.	MITTENS, WATERPROOF, N-1.
12.	1	Pr.	MITTENS, WINTER, N-2.
13.	1	No.	FACE MASK, WINTER, N-2.
14.	1	Pr.	GOGGLES, N-1.
15.	1	No.	COAT, P.R.K., WINTER (OFFICER), N-1.
16.	1	Comp.	REL DRESS OUTFIT
17.	SOUTHWESTER H/T, OILSKIN COAT, TROUSERS FOR 1/3 OF CREW PLUS TWO (2) SPARE OUTFITS.		
18.			
19.			
20.			

COMMENTS: _____

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22 May 1944

JOHN J. KELLY, Lt. (JG) USNR
COMMANDING OFFICIER, NAVAL ARMED GUARD
(% Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS - Gross Tons 7,100

The Chief of Naval Operations
- (1) United States Naval Port Office, Leith, Scotland.
(2) Commander United States Naval Forces in Europe.
Subject: Report of Voyage of S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS from
New York, N.Y., to Leith, Scotland via Lock Ewe, Scotland.

Reference: General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. Paragraph 4301.

- Measures:
1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted:
 - (a) Type of vessel: LIBERTY Type of cargo: Wheat/Tanks/General.
Owners: War Shipping Administration Operators: R.A. Nicol & Co., Inc.
 - (b) Port of Departure: NEW YORK, N.Y. 5 May 1944. Convoyed.
Average speed: 9.3 knots. 96 ships in convoy to Lock Ewe with three (3) air craft carriers and several destroyers. Lock Ewe to Leith eighteen (18) ships in convoy with several escorts.
Port of Arrival: - Leith, Scotland. 21 May 1944.
 - (c) No enemy action
 - (d) No lights shown. Vessel had no instructions to zigzag
 - (e) Vessel was not delayed in port
 - (f) Commercial radio men carried out Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels.
 - (g) No defects in location or arrangement of the battery
 - (h) Master carried out Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels.
 - (i) No recommendations.
 - (j) No report of improper procedure of friendly aircraft.

John J. Kelly

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Authority: NND 78016
By: JEM HAWA, Date: 8/23/00

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UNITED STATES FLEET

UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE
PORT OFFICE, LEITH,
SCOTLAND

9 (Bt)
Serial 031

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23 May 1944

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By
DATE

End--1 to CO Armed Guard
Unit s.s. RAYMOND B. STEVENS
Voyage Report of 5/22/44

From: U.S. Naval Port Officer, Leith, Scotland.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

Via : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Subj: Voyage Report of s.s. RAYMOND B. STEVENS.

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MAINTENANCE
MAY 26 1944

A. J. Hofmann
A. J. HOFMANN.

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UNITED STATES FLEET
U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE
20 GROSVENOR SQUARE
LONDON, W.1.

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MAY 26 1944

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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L. W. Cantrell
L. W. CANTRELL,
By direction.

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28 June 1944.

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JOHN J. KELLY, LT.(JG) USNR
COMMANDING OFFICIER, NAVAL ARMED GUARD
(Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS - Gross Tons 7,146

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THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
THE PORT DIRECTOR, New York, N.Y.

T: Report of Voyage of S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS
From LEITH, SCOTLAND to NEW YORK, N.Y.
Via LOCK EWE, SCOTLAND

NCE: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of
Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. Paragraph 4301

- URES: 1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted:
- (a) Type of vessel: LIBERTY Type of cargo: Light
Owners: War Shipping Administration
Agents & Operators: R.A. NICOL & CO., INC.
 - (b) Port of Departure: Leith Scotland 6 June 1944 alone to Methil Scotland. Departed from Methil 8 June 1944. 18 ships convoyed by several Corvettes & one Cruiser to Lock Ewe. Left Lock Ewe 11 June 1944. 81 Ships in Convoy. Three aircraft Carriers, seven Corvettes. Arrived in New York, N.Y. on 28 June 1944.
 - (c) No enemy action
 - (d) Vessel zig-zagged in accordance with instructions
 - (e) Vessel was not delayed
 - (f) Commercial radio operators carried out wartime instructions
 - (g) No defects or deficiencies
 - (h) Master carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels"
 - (i) No recommendations
 - (j) No reports on friendly aircraft

John J. Kelly

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Authority: NND 8806
By: JEM
Date: 11/11/03

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Date - 28-June 1944- - - -

From: - Lt. (jg) J. J. Kelly - - - - -

Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center - Brooklyn, N.Y. - - - -)

~~KXSY~~ - RAYMOND B. STEVENS - Gross Tons - 7146 - - - -
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To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.
Chief of the Bureau of Ships.

Subj: Structural Test Firing of Guns Installed on Armed U.S.
Flag Merchant Vessels.

Ref.: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1943, Third Edition,
paragraph 4309.

1. In accordance with reference (a) structural test firing of the
following guns was carried out on the date indicated. Foundations,
holding down bolts, etc., were found to be in the condition noted.

DATE	GUN'S TEST FIRED SIZE & LOCATION	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED AT 0° ELEV.	CONDITION OF GUN			
			AT 5° LESS THAN MAX.	FOUNDATION HOLDING DOWN BOLTS, ETC.	MISFIRES OR DAMAGE (if any)	
5/11/44	5"38 Aft	2	2	Good	None	
5/11/44	3"50 Forward	2	2	Good	None	

Remarks:

John J. Kelly Lt. (jg)
Commanding Officer of Armed Guard.

(Note: Make one copy for each of
multiple addressees.)

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17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.
29 June 1944

From: The Port Director, Third Naval District. ✓
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Subj: Voyage Report of SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS.

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For F. G. REINICK

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17 AUGUST 1944

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By: M.F. HWA Date: 8/25/88

M: JOHN J. KELLY, LT.(JG) USNR
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(% Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

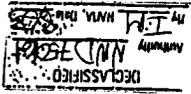
S. S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS - GROSS TONS 7,146

: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
NAVAL PORT AUTHORITIES, GOUROCK, SCOTLAND

REFERENCE: General Instructions for Commanding Officers of
Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. Paragraph 4301

- LOSURES: 1. In accordance with reference(a) the following information is submitted:-
- (a) Type of vessel: LIBERTY Type of Cargo: Locomotives, General
~~the~~ Owners: War Shipping Administration
Agents & Operators: R. A. NICOL & CO., INC.
 - (b) Port of Departure: New York, N.Y. about 1800 3 August 1944.
Seventy-eight(78) ships in convoy. Three aircraft carriers,
several corvettes. Arrived in Gourock, Scotland about 0615
on 17 August 1944.
 - (c) No enemy action
 - (d) Vessel zig-zagged in accordance with instructions
 - (e) Vessel started on 23 July 1944 but put back into New
York on 24 July 1944 - engine trouble
 - (f) Commercial radio operators carried out war time instructions.
 - (g) No defects or deficiencies.
 - (h) Master carried out "WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES
MERCHANT VESSELS".
 - (i) No recommendations
 - (j) No report on friendly aircraft
 - (k) Gun drills, Rating lesson, Physical Exercise, Pointer-Trainer
practice.

John J. Kelly



PORT DIRECTOR'S MATERIAL REPORT FOR ARMED GUARD UNIT

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SERIAL PD _____ ON BOARD SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY NO. UNIT	DESCRIPTION	STOCK NO.	TITLE
1.	Each	BAG, canvas, weighted	(L)24-B-63	C
2.	12	Each BATTERIES, flashlight	17-B-7210	C
3.	Each	BATTERIES, dry hand lantern	A-17-B-7600	C
4.	Each	BATTERIES, for kit, multipurpose AC	17-B-7725	C
5.	2	Each BELTS, sidearm	A(L)2-B-1490	B
6.	Pair	BINOCULARS, 6 x 30	18-B-1137	B
7.	Pair	BINOCULARS, 7 x 50	18-B-1142	B
8.	4	Each BOTTLES, vacuum, 1 qt.	63-B-500	B
9.	Each	CASE, first-aid (Armed Guard)	S-2-510	
10.	yes	Misc. CLEANING, supplies (brushes, buckets, rags, etc.)		C
11.	110	Lbs. CLOTHS, cleaning and wiping	(L)27-C-2680	C
12.	Set	FLAGS, alphabet code No. 4	5-F-255-5	C
13.	Set	FLAGS, numeral No. 4 (Pennants)	5-P-951-5	C
14.	Set	FLAGS, semaphore	5-F-5100 & 5110	C
15.	Each	FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type	17-F-13452	C
16.	Each	GAS MASKS, Mark 1-NC	A(L)37-M-105	B
17.	Each	GAS MASKS, Mark 1-NDO	A(L)37-M-110	B
18.	Pair	GOGGLES, lookout	37-G-3450	C
19.	Each	GOGGLE LENSES, lookout, light density	37-L-237	C
20.	Each	GOGGLE LENSES, lookout, dark density	37-L-241	C
21.	Each	HELMETS, steel, standard, M-1	A(L)2-H-1006	B
22.	Each	HELMETS, steel, phone, M-2	A(L)2-H-1007	B
23.	4	Each HOLSTERS, 38 Smith & Wesson .45 cal. pistol	A(L)2-H-1445 or 1435	B
24.	Each	HOOKS, SNAPS, RINGS	42-H-32500	C
25.	Each	INDICATORS, Range, anti-aircraft	A-1-I-234	B
26.	20	Gals. KEROSENE	14-K-235	C
27.	No.	LAMPS, 8" or 12" signal searchlight	17-L-4921, 4922, or 4928	C
28.	10	Each LAMPS, flashlight	17-L-6320	C
29.	Each	LAMPS, hand lantern	17-L-6390	C
30.	No.	LAMPS, multipurpose signal light	17-L-6529	C
31.	Each	LANTERNS, hand portable, type "J"	17-L-7761	B
32.	Each	LOCKS, pad, 1 1/2"	42-L-15100	C
33.	Each	MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment	S-2-03	
34.	Each	MEGAPHONES, 18" or 32"	37-M-330 or 335	C
35.	Pair	MITTENS, ammunition handling, asbestos, 21"	A-37-M-392	B
36.	15	Gals. PAINT, white paste	52-P-5335-5	C
37.	2	Each PISTOLS, automatic, .45 cal.	A-2-P-3415	B
38.	Fms.	RATLINE, tarred hemp, 1 1/2" circumference	21-R-135	C
39.	Each	RIFLES, .30 cal. & complete accessories	A(L)2-R-1036	B
40.	1	Each SEARCHLIGHT, signal, 8" GE	400-S-4291	B
41.	Each	SEARCHLIGHT, signal, 12"	10000-17-S-4292	B
42.	Kit	SIGNAL LIGHT, AC multipurpose	17-L-12929	B
43.	Each	SPAR, towing	23-S-180	B
44.	Each	SPY GLASS, quartermaster 16 power	18-S-2255	B
45.	yes	Misc. STATIONERY	53-	C
46.	Each	TARPAULINS, No. 2 canvas	24-P-23-5	C
47.	3	Gals. TINTING MATERIAL, Formula 5-T-M-A	52-T-842-5	C
48.	yes	Misc. MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, TOOLS & ACCESSORIES		C
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Type of Coils M Compass Compensated yes
(M only; MF & Q; MF; Q & A) Standard yes
Steering yes

Not Coiled-Date Wiped _____ or Date Flashed _____
Date Calibrated 2/44 Ranged Baltimore
Date Depermed 2/44 Baltimore (Wolf Trap, Newport, etc.)
(If shown necessary by range)

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U. S. NAVAL ARMED GUARD CENTER (BROOKLYN, N.Y.)
REPORT OF MATERIALS FURNISHED TO ARMED GUARD UNITS

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8 August 1944

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICERS - ~~SS~~ SS RAYMOND B. STEVENS

1. General instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. (1944 Fourth Edition)
2. Recent Supplementary Information for Armed Guard Commanders.
3. Bulletins from VCNC to Armed Guard Commanders to date.
4. Manual for Lifeboatmen and Able Seamen-Published by U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, August, 1941.
5. Censorship regulations.
6. Ordnance and Gunnery Instructions for Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships. (1944 Fourth Edition)
7. Wartime Safety measures for Merchant Marine, Educational Series #2, published January, 1943.

ALL ABOVE BULLETINS ISSUED NO EXCEPT#
MOVABLE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD UNIT

WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL GEAR ISSUED TO 0 OFFICER & 0 ENLISTED MEN
TYPE OF CLOTHING LISTED BELOW ISSUED TO 0 OFFICER & 2 ENLISTED MEN

STANDARD SPECIAL WINTER

NO.	QUANTITY	UNIT	ITEMS
1.	1	No.	HELMET, WINTER N-1
2.	1	No.	HELMET, WINTER N-2
3.	1	Pr.	ARTICS, SEA, N-1
4.	1	No.	JACKET, WINTER, N-1
5.	1	Pr.	TROUSERS, WINTER, N-1
6.	1.	No.	JACKET, PARKA, RAIN, N-2
7.	1	Pr.	TROUSERS, RAIN, N-2
8.	2	No.	UNDERSHIRTS, WINTER, N-1
9.	2	Pr.	DRAWERS, WINTER, N-1
10.	3	Pr.	SOCKS, WINTER, N-1
11.	1	Fr.	MITTENS, WATERPROOF, N-1
12.	1	Fr.	MITTENS, WINTER, N-2
13.	1	No.	FACE MASK, WINTER, N-2
14.	1	Fr.	GOGGLES, N-1
15.	1	No.	COAT, PARKA, WINTER, (OFFICER) N-1
16.	1	Comp.	RED CROSS OUTFIT.
17.	SCUMBSTER HAT, OILSKIN COAT, TROUSERS FOR 1/3 OF CREW PLUS (2) SPARE OUTFITS.		
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COMMENTS: Item #17 plus rubber boots and mittens issued one man

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U.S. NAVAL PORT OFFICE,
GOUROCK (THE CLYDE), SCOTLAND.

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23 August 1944.

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From: U.S. Naval Port Officer, Gourock-The Clyde.
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
Subj: SS RAYMOND E. STEVENS - Report of voyage.

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E. R. Davis
E. R. DAVIS,
By direction.



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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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H.L. ASHENFELTER,
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From: JOHN J. KELLY, LT. (JG) USNR
 COMMANDING OFFICIER NAVAL ARMED GUARD
 (% ARMED GUARD CENTER, BROOKLYN, N. Y.)

TO: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

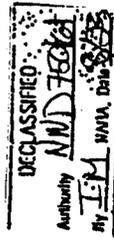
Via: US. NAVAL FORT AUTHORITIES, MOLOTOVSK, RUSSIA

SUBJECT: Report of Voyage of S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS
 From GOROCK, SCOTLAND TO MOLOTOVSK, RUSSIA, Via
 LOCK EWE And MURMANSK.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of
 Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, Paragraph 4301.

- Inlosures: 1. In accordance with reference (a) the following
 information is submitted.:
- (a) Type of Vessel: LIBERTY Type of Cargo: Locomotives/General
 Owners: War Shipping Administration
 Agents & Operators: R.A. Nicol & Co., Inc.
 - (b) Port of departure: Gourock, Scotland 9 September 1944.
 Convoyed to Lock Ewe, Murmansk & Molotovsk. Speed 9.1 Knots.
 Number of ships in Convoy: Six to Ewe, Thrity-two to Murmansk,
 Eight to Molovsk. Ewe to Murmansk covered by Raf, Two air-
 craft carriers, two cruisers, battleship and several escorts,
 destroyers. Air Cover & escorts to Molotovsk. Arrived at
 Ewe on 15 September 1944. Left Ewe 15 September 1944.
 Arrived at Murmansk 23 September 1944. Left Murmansk on
 30 September 1944. Arrived Molotovsk 2 October 1944.
 - (c) No enemy action
 - (d) Vessel zigzagged in accordance with instructions.
 - (e) None
 - (f) Commercial radio operators carried out wartime instructions.
 - (g) No defects or deficiencies.
 - (h) Master carried out WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES
 MERCHANT VESSELS.
 - (i) No recommendations
 - (j) No reports on friendly aircraft
 - (k) Gun drills, Rating lessons, Physical Exercise, Pointer-Trainer
 practice.

John J. Kelly



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Archangel, USSR.,
9 October 1944

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By JEM
Date 8/25

Assistant U. S. Naval Attache.
The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
: The U. S. Naval Attache, American Embassy, Moscow.

ct: S. S. Raymond B. Stevens - voyage report.

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MOSCOW, USSR

18 October 1944.

om: U. S. Naval Attache.
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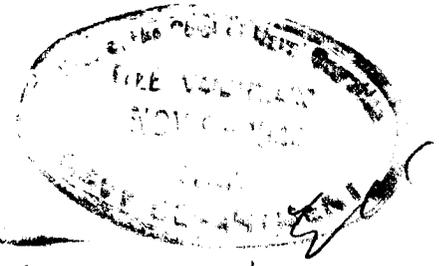
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The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
The U. S. Naval Attache, American Embassy, Moscow.

Subject: S. S. Raymond B. Stevens - voyage report.

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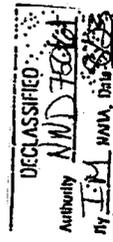
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11 November 1944

JOHN J. KELLY, LT. (JG) USNR
 COMMANDING OFFICIER, NAVAL ARMED GUARD
 (% Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS (U.S. REGISTRY) - Gross Tons 7176

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Naval Port Authorities, Liverpool, England

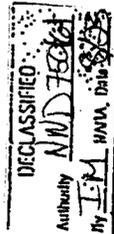
REPORT: Report of Voyage of S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS from
 MOLOTOVSK, RUSSIA to LIVERPOOL, England via MURMANSK, RUSSIA

REFERENCE: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
 Armed Guards on Merchant Vessels. Fourth Edition (1944) Paragraph 4301

SUMMARY: 1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information
 is submitted:

- (a) Type of vessel LIBERTY Type of cargo LUMBER & ASBESTOS
 Owners W.W. SHIPING ADMINISTRATION
 Agents R.A. NICOL & CO., INC.
- (b) Port of departure MOLOTOVSK, RUSSIA, 30 October 1944. Cruiser and
 several destroyer escorts (RUSSIAN) to MURMANSK on 1 November 1944.
 Departed from MURMANSK on 2 November 1944. Convoyed by Cruiser
 and about thirty (30) destroyer escorts and three (3) air craft
 carriers. Thirty-two (32) ships. Average speed about 9.1 knots.
 Arrived in Liverpool Bay on 11 November 1944.
- (c) No enemy action
- (d) Considerable number of depth charges
- (e) Vessel was not delayed
- (f) Commercial radio men seemed to carry out war time instructions
- (g) No defects or deficiencies
- (h) Master seemed to carry out "War Time Instructions For United
 States Merchant Vessels"
- (i) No recommendations
- (j) No reports on friendly air craft
- (k) Gun drills, physical drills, lessons in elementary mathematics,
 advancement study periods and tests.

John J. Kelly



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Voyage Report of 11 November 1944.

U.S. Naval Port Office
361 Royal Liver Building
Liverpool, England.

14 November 1944.

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Authority: NND 7006
By: JIM
Date: 11/11/05

From: U.S. Naval Port Officer, Liverpool, England.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
Subj: Voyage Report - S.S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS.
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To: Chief of Naval Operations.

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H. L. Ashenfelter

H. L. ASHENFELTER,
By direction.

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5 December 1944

JOHN J. KELLY LT(JG) USNR
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(% Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

S. S. RAYMOND B. STEVENS (U.S. Registry) - Gross tons 7176

The CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
Port Director, New York, N.Y.

Report of voyage of the S. S. Raymond B. Stevens from
Liverpool, England to New York, N.Y.

References: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers Of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Vessels, 1944 Edition Paragraph 4301

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is
submitted:

- (a) Type of Vessel LIBERTY Type of cargo LUMBER, ASBESTOS & BALLAST
Owners: WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
Agents: R. A. NICOL & CO. INC.
- (b) Port of Departure LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND 19 NOVEMBER 1944. Six or
seven Destroyer escorts one carrier (inactive) as convoy. Fifty
Ships in convoy. Average speed 9.4 knots. Arrived at New York,
N.Y. on 5 December 1944.
- (c) No enemy action
- (d) Several depth charges close to ship
- (e) Vessel was not delayed
- (f) Commercial radio men seemed to carry out war time instructions.
- (g) No defects or deficiencies
- (h) Master seemed to carry out "WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED
STATES MERCHANT VESSELS"
- (i) No recommendations
- (j) No reports on friendly air craft
- (k) Gun drills, physical drills, advanced lessons. Individual instruction
in mathematics.

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To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

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