

ARMED GUARD VOYAGE REPORTS
S.S. KOTA GEDE
LIBERTY SHIP
March 14, 1945 to July 17, 1945

Howard V. Hoskins, Armed Guard Onboard



Armed Guards On Board In Alphabetical Order

- 1. Bernstein, Abraham V.**
- 2. Brook, Harley W.**
- 3. Brown, Paris Jr.**
- 4. Bryson, James L.**
- 5. Coitz, Louis R.**
- 6. Collier, Estes**
- 7. Cooper, Leslie R.**
- 8. Cowell, Joseph W.**
- 9. Diehl, Enos W.**
- 10. Firestone, Wayne E.**
- 11. Frost, Raymond G.**
- 12. Gallus, Frank J.**
- 13. Goitz, Louis E.**
- 14. Guarnacci, Frank J.**
- 15. Hall, Junior E.**
- 16. Hoskins, Howard V.**
- 17. Hunt, Walter S.**
- 18. Jimerson, Ernest B.**
- 19. Kinzel, Fredrick**
- 20. Martin, Everett A.**
- 21. McCormick, David (n)**
- 22. Musumeci, Armando**
- 23. Nichols, Stanley B.**
- 24. Pettersen, Jacob**
- 25. Petty, Archie D.**
- 26. Poland, Paul P.**
- 27. Ray, Robert F.**
- 28. Riel, Robert P.**
- 29. Reish, John R. Sr.**
- 30. Torres, Johnnie J.**
- 31. Svoboda, Everettee J.**
- 32. Thomas, Richard W.**
- 33. Tkach, John (n)**
- 34. Tomblin, Charles S.**
- 35. Vance, Henry F.**
- 36. Wolf, George L. Jr.**
- 37. Zeuner, Howard C.**

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1st Endorsement

CONFIDENTIAL 17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.
SERIAL PDNYF 047429 14 March 1945.

From: The Port Director, Third Naval District.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Voyage Report SS KOTA GEDE.

- 1. Forwarded.

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F. G. Reinicke

For F. G. REINICKE

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By MIA/DAK

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ARMED GUARD UNIT
M.S. KOTA GEDE
Armed Guard Center (Pacific)
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

Date 7 April, 1945

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From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit,
M.S. Kota Gede Gross Tons 7 3 2 3

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: U.S. Naval Port Officer, Antwerp, Belgium
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, France

Subject: Report of Voyage Fifty-Five (55)

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

Enclosure: (A)

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

(a) Type of vessel Cargo and Passenger Type of Cargo Flour
Owner of vessel Rotterdamche-Lloyd Co. (Netherlands)
Chartered to War Shipping Administration (U.S.A.)
Masters Name Johan C.H.L. Baan

(b) Port of Departure New York, New York 19 March 1945
Convoyed or independent CONVOYED (date)
Speed (Aver) 10 knots
No. of ships in convoy Seventy
No. of escort vessels Five
Port of arrival Antwerp, Belgium Date 5 April, 1945

(c) No enemy vessels or aircraft sighted on entire voyage.

(d) The M.S. Kota Gede left New York, New York at 0100, 19 March, 1945, in a convoy of seventy ships and five escorts, and arrived in Southampton, England at 1745, 2 April, after traveling 3292 miles, in 14 days, 7 hours and 44 minutes at an average speed of 9.58 knots. The twenty-three women passengers debarked at Southampton, and seven men passengers embarked at 1300, 3 April.

The M.S. Kota Gede sailed from Southampton, England at 1645, 3 April, 1945, in a convoy of twelve ships and one escort, bound for the Downs, England. The M.S. Kota Gede arrived at the Downs at 0730, 4 April, after traveling 123 miles at an average speed of 8.36 knots, and anchored in stream awaiting orders.

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By JEM Date 8/25

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By T.M. HWA, 10/10/05

The M.S. Kota Gede departed the Downs, England, at 0410, 5 April, 1945, for Antwerp, Belgium in a seven knot convoy of eight ships and three escort vessels. The M.S. Kota Gede arrived in Antwerp, Belgium at 2055, 5 April, after traveling 132 miles in 16 hours and 45 minutes at an average speed of 7.88 knots

- (e) None
- (f) The Commercial radio operator appeared to carry out Wartime instructions for Merchant Vessels and kept all messages confidential.
- (g) None
- (h) The Master, Johan C.H.L. Baan and other officers of the M.S. Kota Gede carried out "Wartime Instruction for Merchant Vessels Blackout regulations were strictly adhered to, waste materials were emptied after nightfall, and routing instructions were obeyed.
- (i) None
- (j) None
- (k) Frequent training was given in Pointing and training on the 3"/50 and 4"/50 guns, and gun drills were held on these guns every three or four days. Instructions on gas masks were given, and classes were held on aim-off and eyeshooting for the 20mm gunners and loaders.

SIGNED: *Richard T. Adair Lt(jg) USNR*
RICHARD T. ADAIR, LT.(jg) USNR
ARMED GUARD COMMANDER
M. S. KOTA GEDE

End-1 to AGO S.S. KOTA GEDE
Ltr. of 7 April 1945

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U.S. Naval Port Office
Antwerp, Belgium
10 April 1945

Serial: 812

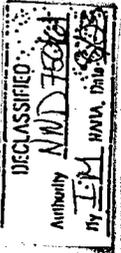
C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: U.S. Naval Port Officer, Antwerp.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, France.
Subj: Voyage Report, S.S. KOTA GEDE.

1. Forwarded.

Bernard Glazer
Bernard Glazer
Lt., (D)L, USNR
By direction

cc: ComNavEu.



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ARMED GUARD UNIT

M.S. KOTA GEDE
Armed Guard Center (Pacific)
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

DATE 2 MAY 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit
M.S. Kota Gede Gross Tons 7 3 2 3

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Port Director New York, New York

Subject: Report of Voyage Fifty-Six (56)

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

Enclosure: (A)

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Authority NND 7506
By EM HNVA DRP 825

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

(a) Type of vessel Cargo-Passenger Type of cargo Ballast
Owner of vessel Rotterdamche-Lloyd Co. (Netherlands)
Chartered to War Shipping administration (U.S.A.)
MastersName Johan C.H.L.Baan

(b) Port of Departure Antwerp, Belgium 13 APRIL 1945
Convoyed or independent: Convoyed (date)
Speed (Average) 10 knots
No. of Ships in convoy Ninety
No. of escort vessels Six
Port of arrival NEW, YORK, NEW YORK DATE 2 MAY 1945

(c) No enemy vessels or aircraft sighted on entire voyage.

(d) The M.S.Kota Gede left Antwerp, Belgium at 0910, 13 April, 1945 in a convoy of twelve ships and three escorts. She arrived in Southend, England at 0445 on 14 April, after traveling one-hundred and sixty-three miles (163) at an average speed of 6.5 knots

On the 17th. of April, 1945, at 0405, in a convoy of thirty-two ships and three escorts, the M.S. Kota Gede departed Southend, England - destination New York. At several points along the Coast of England other ships joined the convoy, and within three or four days, the convoy reached the proportions of approximately ninety ships, and an escort of six.(Corvetts and Destroyers)

The M.S. Kota Gede arrived in New York, New York May 2, 1945 after traveling 3387 miles at an average speed of 9.53 knots.

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By J.M. HAWK, Date 8/2/83

- (e) None.
- (f) The Commercial radio operator appeared to carry out Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels and kept all messages confidential.
- (g) None.
- (h) The Master, Johan C.H.L. Baan and other officers of the M.S. Kota Gede carried out "Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels." Blackout regulations were strictly adhered to, waste materials were emptied after nightfall, and routing and convoy instructions were obeyed.
- (i) None.
- (j) None.
- (k) Frequent gun drills were held on the 3"/50 and 4"/50 guns. Classes in aim-off and eyeshooting for the 20mm gunners and loaders were held, and a class in breakdown on the .45 revolver were given.
- (l) Attached herewith is copy of the Crew list.

MAY 17 1945

SIGNED: *Richard T. Adair*
 RICHARD T. ADAIR: LT. (JG) USNR
 ARMED GUARD COMMANDER
 M. S. KOTA GEDE

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 Serial PDNYF 051530

1st Endorsement
 17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.
 10 May 1945

From: Port Director, Third Naval District.
 To: Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Voyage report MS KOTA GEDE.
 1. Forwarded.

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F. G. Reinicke
 For F. G. REINICKE

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 Authority NND 7306
 By T.M. HAWK, Date 11/1/00

ARMED GUARD

M.S. KOTA GEDE

NAME	RATE	SERVICE #	CLASS.	R.O.B.	A.G.O.
MARTIN: EVERETT A.	COX.	825 79 91	V-6(SV)	28/2/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
MUSUMECI: ARMANDO	GMS/C	204 97 03	V-6	28/2/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
SVOBODA: EVERETT J.	GMS/C	619 18 14	V-6	23/8/44	Treasure Isl..
McCOHMICK: DAVID (N)	SME/C	706 03 76	V-6	23/8/44	Treasure Isl..
COLLIER: ESTES	SGS/C	863 71 20	V-6	28/2/44	Treasure Isl..
BRUNSTEIN: ABRAHAM V.	SI/C	814 87 60	V-6(SV)	23/8/44	Treasure Isl..
BRYSON: JAMES L.	"	864 54 45	"	28/2/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
BROOK: HARLEY W.	"	860 42 49	"	24/7/44	Treasure Isl..
BROWN: PARIS Jr.	"	861 60 32	"	23/8/44	"
COOPER: LESLIE R.	"	874 15 59	"	24/7/44	"
COWELL: JOSEPH W.	"	860 44 45	"	24/7/44	"
PIRESTONE: WAYNE E.	"	249 60 51	U.S.N.	23/8/44	"
GOITZ: LOUIS R.	"	601 64 95	V-6	28/2/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
HALL: JUNIOR E.	"	554 24 59	V-6	23/8/44	Treasure Isl..
HOSKINS: HOWARD V.	"	867 38 11	V-6(SV)	28/2/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
HUNT: WALTER S.	"	894 05 91	"	23/8/44	Treasure Isl..
JIMMERSON: ERNEST B.	"	840 25 46	"	23/8/44	"
KINDEL: FREDRICK	" (SO)	576 89 98	V-6	28/2/44	"
NICHOLS: STANLEY B.	"	895 74 45	V-6(SV)	23/8/44	"
POLAND: PAUL P.	"	256 53 98	U.S.N.	23/8/44	"
RAY: ROBERT F.	"	707 30 29	V-6	9/8/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
REISH: JOHN R. Sr.	"	895 74 49	V-6(SV)	23/8/44	Treasure Isl..
THOMAS: RICHARD W.	"	285 40 94	V-6	23/8/44	"
TOMBLIN: CHARLES S.	"	895 17 06	V-6(SV)	23/8/44	"
BRACH: JOHN (N)	"	855 80 51	"	23/8/44	"
VANCE: HENRY F.	"	894 14 48	"	23/8/44	"
WOLF: GEORGE L. Jr.	" (SM)	712 29 90	V-6	23/8/44	"
KEWNER: HOWARD G.	"	909 01 28	V-6(SV)	1/2/45	Brooklyn, N.Y.
ADAIR: RICHARD T.	LT.(jg)	29 78 12	D(L)	27/7/44	Treasure Isl..

SIGNED: *Richard T. Adair Lt(jg)*
 RICHARD T. ADAIR: LT.(jg), USNR
 ARMED GUARD COMMANDER
 M. S. KOTA GEDE

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By: J.M. HWA, Date: 3/25/03

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New York, N. Y.

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15 April 1945

SECOND ENDORSEMENT To:
USN Armed Guard Officer
S.S. **KOTA GEDE**,
letter of 7 April 1945.

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

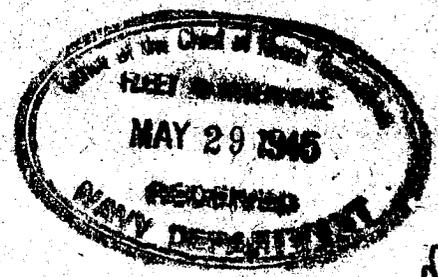
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Subject: Merchant Ships - Reports of voyages of by Armed Guard Officer, S.S. **KOTA GEDE**.

- 1. Forwarded.

J. H. Simpson
J. H. SIMPSON,
By direction. R. F. K.

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Voyage Report

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Date 11 June 1945

From: Ens. Archie D. Petty (D)L USNR
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center Brooklyn)
MS Kota Gede Gross Tons 7323
Flag or registry Dutch

DECLASSIFIED
Authority ND 7806
By JEM
Date 11/11/00

To; Chief of Naval Operations

Via: Port Director, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Subject: Report of Voyage, MS Kota Gede
From New York To Rotterdam

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of
Naval Armed Guard on Merchant Ships, 1944, Fourth
Edition, paragraph 4301.

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

- (a) Type of vessel Motor ship Type of cargo soya, general
Owner of vessel Rotterdam-Lloyd
Chartered to Dutch Government
- (b) Port of departure New York Date 23 May 1945
Convoyed or independent convoyed and independent
Speed (aver.) 11 knots
No. of ships in convoy 64
No. of escort vessels or aircraft 4 escorts
Port of arrival Rotterdam, Netherlands Date 9 June 1945

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By: JEM
Date: 11/11/00

(c) There were no contacts with the enemy. The voyage was without any incident whatsoever.

(d) The MS KOTA GEDE left New York in convoy 23 May 1945. On 27 May 1945 the convoy Commodore gave all ships in the convoy permission to burn navigation lights at full brilliancy and need not be blacked out. All ships replied with these instructions and remained this way throughout entire voyage. On 31 May 1945 Commodore instructed the MS KOTA GEDE to leave convoy and proceed to our destination independently. This order was followed at once. At least one other ship in the convoy was seen to do so also, before the convoy was out of sight. Navigation lights were burned and the ship was not darkened for rest of voyage. On 27 May 1945 Commodore instructed convoy to keep a sharp lookout for ice. Armed Guard Officer and Captain decided it would be best if Armed Guard watch was stood on the 3"50 forward instead of on the stern. The MS KOTA GEDE was the lead ship in column 8 and it was decided that a better watch could be kept for ice in this way. Merchant crew also had a lookout on the bow. The watch was stood in this manner from 27 May 1945 to 31 May 1945 when the danger from ice was past. The Armed Guard watch was again secured from stern to bow on 3 June 1945 on approaching shallow water off the Irish coast. It was believed a better lookout for floating mines could be kept in this manner. The Armed Guard watch was stood on the bow for rest of voyage. On 24 May 1945 Commodore gave convoy permission to fire A.A. guns. This ship did not participate. Also on this same date the Commodore ordered all ships to burn a smoke float. The MS KOTA GEDE participated in this exercise. The MS KOTA GEDE reached the anchorage in The Downs on 5 June 1945. On 6 June 1945 the MS KOTA GEDE proceeded to the anchorage at Ostend, Belgium which it reached the same day. On 9 June 1945 the MS KOTA GEDE left anchorage at Ostend, Belgium and proceeded to Rotterdam, The Netherlands where it arrived the same date.

(e) There were no delays in port due to lack of port facilities.

(f) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels.

(g) No defects or deficiencies in location or arrangements of the battery or in equipment.

- 1) Master and officers of the ship carried out "wartime instructions for Merchant Vessels.
- i) No recommendations.
- j) No improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.
- k) Classes were held for those who wished advancements in rating and gun drills were held at frequent intervals.

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 Authority *ND 7806*
 by *JM* RANA, Date *8/25*

Archie D. Petty
 Ens. USNR

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

SENIOR U.S. NAVAL OFFICER, NETHERLANDS
 NAVAL HEADQUARTERS
 350 Van Alkemadeaan
 The Hague

14 June 1945

From: Senior U.S. Naval Officer, Netherlands.
 To: Chief of Naval Operations.

- 1. Forwarded.

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Authority NND 7806
By T.M. HANA, Date 3/2/83

UNITED STATES NAVAL ARMED GUARD

MS KOTA GEDE

Petty, Archie D.	362802	Ensign	(D)L	USNR	4-5-45
Martin, Everett A.	823 79 91	Cox.	V-6	USNR(SV)	28-2-45
Diehl, Enos W.	820 59 93	GM 3c	V-6	USNR(SV)	4-5-45
Musumeci, Armando	204 97 03	GM 3c	V-6	USNR	28-2-45
Guarnacci, Frank J.	803 43 24	SM 3c	V-6	USNR(SV)	22-5-45
Torres, Johnnie J.	662 72 22	SM 2c	V-6	USNR	4-5-45
Gallus, Frank J.	801 86 04	SC 2c	V-6	USNR(SV)	4-5-45
Kiel, Robert P.	606 47 24	SC 2c	V-6	USNR	4-5-45
Bryson, James L.	864 54 43	S 1c	V-6	USNR(SV)	28-2-45
Frost, Raymond G.	861 56 59	S 1c	V-6	USNR(SV)	22-5-45
Goitz, Louis B.	601 64 95	S 1c	V-6	USNR	28-2-45
Hoskins, Howard V.	867 38 11	S 1c	V-6	USNR(SV)	28-2-45
Pettersen, Jacob	907 79 95	S 1c	V-6	USNR(SV)	4-5-45
Zauner, Howard C.	909 01 28	S 1c	V-6	USNR(SV)	1-2-45

The records and accounts of all the above men are carried at the Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, New York.

Archie D. Petty
Ensign USNR

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COMPLETE ARMAMENT CONSISTING OF ONE 5"/38 CALIBER
DOUBLE PURPOSE GUN ONE 3"/50 CALIBER DOUBLE PURPOSE GUN
AND EIGHT 20MM AA GUNS INSTALLED AT NEW ENGLAND SHIP-
BUILDING CORP PORTLAND MAINE ON 25 APRIL 1944 X ARMED
GUARD PLACED ON BOARD

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Authority NND 7804
By L.R. HMM Date 8/28

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Supplementary Report of Supplies and/or Personnel Issued By Port Director, To:

MS-~~NY~~ KOTA GEDE AREA II

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OR
ARMED GUARD/COMMUNICATION LIAISON PERSONNEL REMOVED

Surname	First	Middle	Rating	Branch	Service No.	AGC	Date	
REISH,	John R.,	Sr.	Sle (SV)	V-6, USNR	895 74 49	12	5/4/45	
THOMAS,	Richard W.		Sle	V-6, USNR	285 40 94	12	"	
TOMBLIN,	Charles S.		Sle (SV)	V-6, USNR	895 17 06	12	"	
TKACH,	John (n)		Sle (SV)	V-6, USNR	855 80 51	12	"	
VANCE,	Henry F.		Sle (SV)	V-6, USNR	894 14 48	12	"	
RAY,	Robert Francis		Sle	V-6, USNR	707 30 29	3	5/22/45	
MC CORMICK,	David (n)		SM2a	V-6, USNR	706 03 76	12	5/4/45	
WOLF,	George L., Jr.		Sle	V-6, USNR	712 29 90	12	"	
			(Seaman Signalman)					

ARMED GUARD OR COMMUNICATION LIAISON PERSONNEL PUT ABOARD

PETTY,	Achie D.		Ensign	(D)L, USNR	362 802	3	5/4/45
DEIHL,	Enos William		GM3c(SV)	V-6, USNR	820 59 93	3	"
GALLUS,	Frank Joseph		SC2c(SV)	V-6, USNR	801 86 04	3	"
RIEL,	Robert Paul		SC2c	V-6, USNR	606 47 24	3	"
PETTERSEN,	Jacob (n)		Sle (SV)	V-6, USNR	907 79 95	3	"
FROST,	Raymond G.		Sle (SV)	V-6, USNR	861 56 59	3	5/22/45
QUARNACCI,	Frank J.		SM3c(SV)	V-6, USNR	803 43 24	3	5/22/45
TORRES,	Johnnie Jim		SM2c	V-6, USNR	662 72 22	3	5/4/45

MATERIAL FURNISHED: UNDER COGNIZANCE OF THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE

NONE.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, CLOTHING & PUBLICATIONS.

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BuNav (Complies with C. L. 27-42)

Frank G. Reinicke
For F. G. REINICKE

7-3-45

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VOYAGE REPORT

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Date 3 July 1945

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Authority NND 78061
By JM NAVA, DAIS

From: Ens. Archie D. Petty (D)L USNR
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center Brooklyn)
MS Kota Gede Gross Tons 7323
Flag or Registry Dutch

To: Chief of Naval Operations

Via: Port Director, New Orleans

Subject: Report of Voyage, MS Kota Gede
From Rotterdam To New Orleans

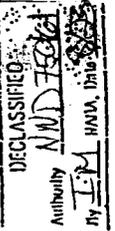
Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships,
1944, Fourth Edition, paragraph 4301.

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

- (a) Type of vessel motorship Type of cargo ballast
Owner of vessel Rotterdam-Lloyd
Chartered to Dutch Government
- (b) Port of departure Rotterdam Date 17 June 1945
Convoyed or independent independent
Speed (aver.) 13 knots
No. of ships in convoy none
No. of escort vessels or aircraft none
Port of arrival New Orleans Date 3 July 1945

Archie D. Petty
Ens. USNR

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- (c) There were no contacts with the enemy.
- (d) The MS Kota Gede left Rotterdam, Holland, 17 June 1945 at 0525 and proceeded to The Downs for orders, where it arrived at 2045 17 June 1945. The MS Kota Gede left The Downs 18 June 1945 bound for Key West for orders. At 1830 18 June 1945 a floating mine was seen in the English Channel. The ship opened fire with number 2,4, and 8 20 MM guns and fired 5 magazines. One direct hit was observed but the mine was not seen to sink or explode. 10 rounds of .30 cal. rifle ammunition was also fired. While traveling thru the English Channel and the North Sea the Armed Guard watch was stood in the bow 3" 50 gun tub in order to keep a better lookout for mines. The ocean voyage was made without incident. The lower Mississippi river pilot came aboard at 2030 2 July 1945. The MS Kota Gede traveled independently and exhibited its navigation lights at full brilliancy and was unblacked out during the entire voyage.
- (e) There was no delay in port due to lack of port facilities.
- (f) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out wartime instructions for merchant vessels.
- (g) Request that cocking locks on 4 aft 20MM guns be reversed. When guns are cocked now they are pointing either towards the bridge or inboard.
Request that fence type sight on 3" 50 gun be replaced by Mark 4 cartwheel ring sight.
- (h) Master and officers of the ship carried out "Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels".
- (i) No recommendations.
- (j) No reports of improper procedure on part of friendly aircraft.
- (h) Gun drills were held at frequent intervals and classes were held for those men who desired advancement in rates.

Archie D. Petty
Ens. USNR

7-3-45

UNITED STATES NAVAL ARMED GUARD

Name	MS KOTA GEDE	Rank	Grade	Service	Start Date
Petty, Archie D.	362802	Ensign	(D)L	USNR	4-5-45
MARTIN, Everett A.	823 79 91	Cox.	V-6	USNR SV	28-2-45
DIEHL, Enos. W.	820 59 93	GM3c	V-6	USNR SV	4-5-45
MUSECCI, Armando	204 97 03	GM3c	V-6	USNR	28-2-45
GUARNACCI, Frank J.	803 43 24	SM2c	V-6	USNR SV	22-5-45
TORRES, Johnnie J.	662 72 22	SM2c	V-6	USNR	4-5-45
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GALDUS, Frank J.	801 86 04	SC2c	V-6	USNR SV	4-5-45
RIEL, Robert P.	606 47 24	SC2c	V-6	USNR	4-5-45
BRYSON, James L.	864 54 43	Slc	V-6	USNR SV	28-2-45
FROST, Raymond G.	861 56 59	Slc	V-6	USNR SV	22-5-45
GOETZ, Louis E.	601 64 95	Slc	V-6	USNR	28-2-45
HOSKINS, Howard V.	867 38 11	Slc	V-6	USNR SV	28-2-45
PETTERSEN, Jacob	907 79 95	Slc	V-6	USNR SV	4-5-45
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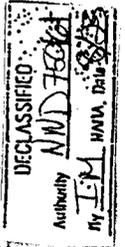
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. The following action was taken in this port with regard to defects and deficiencies listed under paragraph (g):

1. The cocking hook on the 4 aft 20MM guns were rearranged so that guns could be cocked pointing out board in the usual manner.
2. Sights on the 3 inch 50 gun were repaired with cartwheel type ring sights.

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