

# U.S. Naval Armed Guard Training for Convoy CU 49

Bantam - No training noted.

Cape Nome -

(j) NO IMPROPER PROCEDURES BY CREWMEN  
(k) SIGHTSETTER DRILLS; LOADING DRILLS ON 20MM, #/50 & 5/38 guns; AIM-OFF DRILLS; ABANDON SHIP DRILLS; FIRE DRILLS; SEAMAN CLASSES; FIRST AID CLASSES; CASUALTY DRILLS; TELEPHONE TALKER DRILLS.

Champoeg -

Third. (k) Classes were held in Seaman First and Gunner's Mate

Chantilly -

(k) Description of training at sea: Gun drills were held as often as weather conditions would permit. All hands were again instructed on convoy signalling and a class in knot tying was held. Members of the merchant crew designated to assist the Navy gunners were instructed in their respective duties.

Crown Point -

The several gun crews were exercised and trained in the use of their respective guns. Special attention was given to instruction in proper maintenance during cold weather.

The communication group was instructed in methods of calibrating and of repairing the TBY. They group also studied proper R/T Voice Procedure and WIMS Vol.1.

The Communication Officer held signal classes in semaphore and blinker for members of the gun crew qualifying for higher ratings.

The Boatswain's Mate 2/C is studying for BM1/C.

The two Signalmen 2/C are studying for SM1/C.

One Signalman 3/C is studying for SM2/C.

Two Gunnersmates 3/C are studying for GM2/C.

Three S1/C are studying for Cox.

Two S1/C are studying for GM3/C.

Fourteen S1/C (Prob.) are studying for SL/C.

The Communications Officer is taking the Naval Reserve Correspondence Course in Navigation.

The Armed Guard Officer is taking the Naval Reserve Correspondence Course in Diesel Engineering.

Only two men (one GM3/C and one S1/C) are not studying for advancement. Advancement for these two men is not recommended because of limited mental ability.

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## Esso Hartford -

*FREQUENT DRILLS, LECTURES AND TESTS AT SEA.*

## Esso Wilmington -

Men taking seaman first progress are given aid and instruction as necessary. Men working for rates are helped in their work, and the men work on the different guns for experience.

## Exanthia -

Instructions To Crew During Voyage:

- 1) Gun Drills On 3"/50 And 4"/50.
- 2) Preparation For A-N Exams For (2) SL/C Probation.
- 3) Preparation For GM1/C Tests (1) GM2/C.
- 4) Preparation For GM3/C Tests (2) SL/C.
- 5) Preparation For COX. Exams And Tests For (3) SL/C.
- 6) Religious Services Each Sunday At Sea.

Exceller -

CONDUCTED GUN DRILLS, PHYSICAL TRAINING AT DAILY MUSTER WHEN WEATHER PERMITS, LECTURE COURSE FOR THOSE ADVANCING TO PERMANENT SEAMAN 1/C, PROGRESS TESTS FOR STRIKERS AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES EACH SUNDAY.

Excelsior -

- 1 Gun drill held twice daily (weather permitting)
- 2 Special training and drilling of sight setters on all broadside guns.
- 3 Educational program
- 4 Gas mask instructions and drill
- 5 Fire and Boat drill.

Exchequer -

Training at sea: Routine instructions for advancement in rate, Loading drills, Gun drills.

Exhibitor -

Instructions at sea: all hands were given instructions in First Ais, Gunnery and Seamanship. Progress test were given for all instruction courses.

Exminster -

(k) The following training was given the Armed Guard during the voyage: numerous gun drills including loading drills, Pointer, Trainer and Sight Setter drills, spotting drills and two periods of instructions for merchant crew loaders and ammunition details and several general quarters drills for all hands.

Supervised periods of instructions on maintenance and upkeep of all guns; two abandon ship and fire drills with the merchant; instruction periods for those taking Progress Tests; lectures and discussions on enemy submarine and air attack tactics, proper reporting of objects sighted, military courtesy, proper care and safety precautions with side arms and proper stowing and handling of ammunition.

## Fort Stevens -

Basic training given and repeated to all Armed Guards: (1) local fire control, (2) 20MM fire control, (3) night fire control, (4) AOL and AWOL lecture.

## Golden Fleece -

Drills and instructions were held daily on proper firing and maintenance of guns.

## Grand River -

Gun drills. Instructions and drills to members of merchant crew on 20MM and 5"/38 where these men will have battle stations.

## Great Republic -

Training in gunnery was conducted at sea.

## Kernstown - To: Bangor, Northern Ireland

(k) Gun drills and general quarters held every day. Educational tests given.

## To: Heysham & Liverpool, England

(k) Daily gun drills. General quarters. Lectures and instructions. P.O. advancement test.

## Markay -

(k) Adequate gun drills were conducted during the voyage.

## Midnight -

Daily drills were held, weather permitting, on all guns. Progress tests were given; eight men are striking for ratings. Men were mustered every other day and talks were given on subjects suggested in the Armed Guard Manual, such as magazine safety precautions, safety precautions for carrying sidearms, antiaircraft gunnery, venereal disease control and lookout duties. Articles for the Government of the Navy were read.

### Paoli -

GAVE INSTRUCTIONS IN GUNNERY, PLANES MINES AND GAVE TEST FOR ADVANCEMENT IN RATINGS.

### Perryville -

gun drills and PTS drills were held daily. Lectures on A.A. and surface procedure were conducted and educational classes and A-N lectures.

Raphael Semmes - No training noted. This was likely because the entire compliment of officers and men were exchanged out on January 25, 1945.

### Sachem -

Instructions in Seamanship, First Aid, Gun Drills, and for advancement in rating were given.

### Sag Harbor -

Description of training given at sea. Loading drills, sight-setting drills, misfire procedure drills, and speed drills, as well as fire and lifeboat drills were given the crew. Both AA Gun drills as well as surface fire drills were given on the broadside guns.

### Turkey Island -

Forty Minutes Gun Drills every nite preceding Condition 1, when weather permits.  
Two hours instruction to Merchant personnel assigned to 20 MM.  
One hour per week instruction on Seamanship.

### White Falcon -

(k) Daily gun drills were held on the 3" 50, 5" 38 and 20 MM guns, all men being drilled on each gun. Crews were drilled in loading, sight-setting, training and pointing. All men were instructed in the care of the 20 MM gun and .45 calibre pistol. Classes were held on the safety precautions in the handling of side arms and in training for non-rated men.

### Yellow Tavern -

Lectures in Seamanship and Gunnery given to men while at sea, also instructions in proper use of small arms.

## Marine Wolf -

Training: Instructions and drills on all broadside guns and 20 MM. A.A. guns were held daily for both United States Navy personnel and United States Army troops assigned gun stations. Lectures on various subjects and progress tests were given daily.

## Santa Rosa -

(k) Prior to sailing, crew was drilled in surface and AA fire in accordance with doctrines taught at the Armed Guard Gunnery School, South Ferry, N.Y. At sea gun drills and inspections are held at the time of ship's fire and boat drills twice each week, and additional drills are held during Condition I periods at dawn and dusk whenever practicable. In the daily routine, the period from 1500 to 1615 each afternoon is set aside for men taking tests for advancement in rating.

NO reports found for U.S.S. Lejeune, H.M.S. Patroller, Arawa, Britannic, Empire Milner, Karsten Wang and Santa Paula.

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