

as an American merchant vessel. The commanding officer of the OMAHA, Captain Theodore E. Chandler, (now Rear Admiral, deceased) identified the motorship as a hostile craft even though she was disguised as the S.S. WILLMOTO of Philadelphia, and was flying the U. S. flag. Although an attempt was made by the Germans to scuttle their ship, a landing party from the OMAHA was sent aboard, effected repairs and took her under her own power to San Juan, arriving eleven days later. After the outbreak of the war in December 1941, the OMAHA continued her South Atlantic patrol.

Detached from the OMAHA in August 1942, Captain Claiborne was transferred to duty in the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., where he is now serving as a member of the Joint Intelligence Staff ^{under} the combined Chiefs of Staff.

Captain Claiborne has the Nicaraguan Campaign Medal (U.S.S. TULSA), the American Defense Service Medal (U.S.S. OMAHA), and the American Area Campaign Medal (U.S.S. OMAHA).

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