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MINESWEEPING BOAT MSB 5

HAER TX-120

(Admiral A. B. Vosseller)

Pate Museum of Transportation, 18501 Highway 377 S

Cresson

Hood County

Texas

These photos were taken while the vessel was located at the Pate Museum of Transportation. However, the vessel was expected to be removed or demolished soon after the photos were taken.

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| TX-120-1 | Port side elevation. |
| TX-120-2 | 3/4 view of port side from bow looking aft. |
| TX-120-3 | Detail of port side showing cable reel on deck. The light colored strip on the hull is a masker air-emitter belt, made up of a flat, perforated pipe that generated a screen of bubbles to mask the sound of the boat's machinery and protect it from acoustic mines. |
| TX-120-4 | Bow elevation. |
| TX-120-5 | 3/4 view from stern looking forward along starboard side. |
| TX-120-6 | Stern elevation showing cable sweep guides. Note the transom shape below the waterline with a deep skeg and double-tunnel construction protecting the twin propellers and allowing them to operate in shallower waters. |
| TX-120-7 | Detail of cable guide. |
| TX-120-8 | Deck view looking from the stern forward towards the sweeping cable reel. The engines are below the hatch covers on the deck. |
| TX-120-9 | Detail of cable reel looking aft towards the cable guide. |

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- TX-120-10 Detail of pilot house forward of the cable reel showing
workbench and control box.
- TX-120-11 Interior of pilot house looking forward towards helm station.
The windows are blacked out.
- TX-120-12 Interior of pilot house looking aft towards port showing
electronics equipment.