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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of
Captain of the Port

Philadelphia, Pa.

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From: Captain of the Port, Philadelphia, Pa.
To: Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

1. The S. S. AMERICAN ROBIN(American) was inspected this date and the armament equipment was found to be as listed below:

GUN: Caliber 4"/ 50 Markings Mk.9.Mod.5.No.1665 Elevation 20° Arc of train 200°
Sights Telescopic Ready racks for 24 projectiles. Ready boxes for
powder charges. Location Special platform on stern

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Sights Ready racks for projectiles. Ready Boxes for
powder charges. Location

AMMUNITION: Fixed rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" Powder rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
PROJECTILES: H.E. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" S.A.P. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" Pract. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
PERCUSSION CAPS: rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.

SMALL ARMS: 2---.30 Cal. Lewis Machine guns
2---.50 Cal. Browning Machine Guns

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION:
LOCATION OF MAGAZINE: Aft on Main Deck (Special Hatch)
MEANS OF FLOODING MAGAZINE: Hose
FIRE CONTROL:

GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews 5 Gun layers Status Seaman gunners
Officers in Naval Reserve 1 Regular Navy Enlisted Men Army Men
U.S.N.R.--4

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats Igniters Steel Helmets 35 Paravanes
Gas masks: Service type Civilian type Civilian duty type Total
Depth charges Depth charge racks Pill boxes 4. 2 Aft. 2 on Pilot deck.
 is hull degaussed Yes Vessel is under Gov. orders.
Additional gun emplacements

REMARKS: Ships cargo was general.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament listed above is carried for defensive purposes only, provided that the vessel is employed in normal trade.

Copies to: Headquarters,
Fourth Naval District,
(Port Director).
File.

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