

30 October, 1941.

From: Captain of the Port of New York.
To: Collector of Customs, New York.

Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter 30 October, 1941 (WRL:cm).

1. The Panamanian S/S ANEROID was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX model 5, 1915 No. 505. Elevation 30° + 5°. Arc of train 320°. Telescopic sights. Located on special raised platform after end of poop deck. 100-rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine guns; machine gun mounts located (2) wings of bridge, (2) aft end poop deck; 11,000 rounds of ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Port side aft in lazaret space. Flooded by permanent flood line.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: Gun's crew taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-civilian duty gas mask; 1-convoy light and 1-convoy buoy; 4-bomb-proof shelters located (2) wings of bridge, (2) after end poop deck; armor plates around the bridge and radio room; DeGaussed (wired).

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

3. Inclosed are two (2) photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs is reinspected.

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