

14 November, 1941.

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 14 November, 1941 (WRL:cm).

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX mod. 5, 1916 No. 524. Elevation 35° / 5°. Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located on a special raised platform on after deck house. 100-rds of fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine guns with portable mounts; 15,600-rds machine gun ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Port side in deck house space. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: None.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-convoy light; 2-bomb-proof shelters located on the flying bridge; concrete slabs around the radio room and concrete slabs and armor plate around the bridge; DeGaussed (wired).

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

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

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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