

Philadelphia, Pa. 28 November, 1941  
 From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.  
 To: Collector of Customs, New York, 28 February, 1942.

Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter 28 November, 1941 (WILSON).

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

From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Fourth Naval District.  
 To: ~~COMMANDANT~~ ~~COMMUNICATIONS~~ ~~SECTION~~

Subject: Report of vessels in port over thirty (30) days.

1. The British S/S SELANDIA arrived this port on 28 December, 1941 from Baltimore, Maryland, and is now at Sun Shipbuilding Corporation, Chester, Pennsylvania for extensive repairs. It is expected that repairs will be completed about 15 March, 1942 and that vessel will sail approximately 1 April, 1942.

2. The Norwegian S/S DATA arrived this port on 30 December, 1941 from Carbanien, Cuba and is now docked at Pier 63 south Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This vessel is now waiting on new engines which the Norwegian Government is trying to obtain through the O.P.M. Vessel will be laid up indefinitely.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: NONE.

PERSONNEL: NONE.

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 Acting.

MISCELLANEOUS: 15-civilian gas masks; 1-Submucously pistol and 25 rockets (distress type); 1-sig-cig stock; 1-convey light and 1-convey lamp; concrete slabs around the bridge and radio room; Detonated (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 ~~20~~ ~~200~~ photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location. ~~see (20 guns)~~

NOTE: No photographs is reinspected.

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