



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT  
FOR NEW YORK HARBOR AND VICINITY

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TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"  
ROOM 10, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

15 January, 1942.

From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.  
To: Commandant.  
Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-4" Mark IX mod. 5, 1919 No 3489. Elevation 30° / 10°. Arc of train 360. Telescopic sights. Located top of poop deck house - protective shield. 100-rds. fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 (Mount: not unpacked yet). 26,500-rds. machine gun ammunition. 1-Colt .38 pistol; 7-rds. pistol ammunition.

MAGAZINE: starboard side in lazaret space. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: 1-certified merchant navy defense officer; 1-merchant seaman gunner. Balance taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 2-civil. gas masks; 1-convoy light; 2-kites; 4-bomb proof shelters, (2) wings of bridge, (2) on poop deck; concrete slabs around bridge and radiator room; hull 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 if reinspected.

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