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From: Captain of the Port of New York.  
To: Collector of Customs, New York.  
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 26 September, 1941 (VRL;cm)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX model 5 1919 No. 1771. Elevation 30° ± 10°. Arc of train 270°. Telescopic sights. Located aft end top of aft deck house. 40-rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 1-Steuer rifle .303; 4-Iver Johnson .32 revolvers; 2-Kroon R\*/J 9 m/m pistols; 190-rds ammunition for the rifle and 333-rds ammunition for the revolvers and pistols.

MAGAZINE: Starboard side forward end in aft deck house. Flooded by sprinkler system.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone from bridge to gun. 1-Aldis daylight signalling lamp.

PERSONNEL: 2-Gun layers (Dutch Navy); balance of gun's crew taken from ship's regular force; 1-certified merchant navy defense officer on board.

MISCELLANEOUS: 2-smoke floats and 2-igniters; 10-civilian duty gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 10-decontamination sets; concrete slabs around the bridge and radio room for protection; 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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