

4 September, 1941

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter. 4 September, 1941 (wrl:cm)

1. The Panamanian SS BEACON OIL was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4 inch Mark IX M. 5 1919 No. 1589. Elevation 30° + 5°. Arc of train 240°. Telescopic sights. Located on special raised platform aft end poop deck. 100 rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4 - Lewis (cal. unknown) machine guns (mounts: 2 on wings of bridge and 2 forward end bomb deck). 16,500 rds machine gun ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Port side in tonnage space.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone, bridge to gun.

PERSONNEL: (No gun's crew)

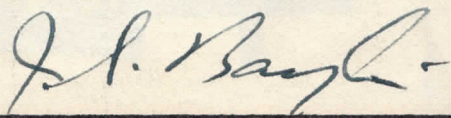
MISCELLANEOUS: 1 zig-zag clock, 1 convoy light and 1 buoy, 4 bomb-proof shelters (2) on wings of bridge and (2) forward end boat deck, concrete slabs around bridge and radio-room, DeGaussed (wired).

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