



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.

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

1. The Panamanian BELGIAN GULF was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: One (1) U.S. 4" Gun Mark V 1918, Number 901. Elevation $30^{\circ} 10'$. Arc of train 350° . Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform after end of poopdeck. 100 rounds 4" ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 1-Colt .50 caliber, 2-Lewis .30 caliber, 4-Marlin .30 caliber machine guns; One (1) Ross .303 rifle; 5-Colt .45 caliber Pistols.

MAGAZINE: Located starboard side after end in steering flat. Flooded by Sprinkler system.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone. One (1) Cotton hand portable, range finder.

PERSONNEL: 1-Gun layer (USN Ensign); 8-USN enlisted men; 1-Certified merchant Navy defense ~~gunner~~ Officer; 1-Merchant seaman gunner, rest of gun crew taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 6-smoke floats; 6-igniters; 33-steel helmets; 10-service, 30-civilian gas masks; 1-zig zag clocks; 2-PAC projectors; 6-rockets; 12-snowflakes; 6sets fouling cables; 1-Convoy light; 1-Buoy; 5-bomb proof shelters. Located 2-wings of bridge, 2-downward end and 1-after end of boatdeck; Hull Degaussed, wires protected by canvas.

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 2 photographs of this vessel showing her guns and their location.

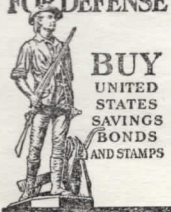
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