

3 September, 1941

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 3 September, 1941 (wrl:cm)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" Mark IX M. 5 1919 No. 1783. Elevation $30^{\circ} + 5^{\circ}$. Arc of train 330° . Telescopic sights. Located on special raised platform aft end of poop deck. 40 rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - Steyer 6.5 mm rifle, 2 - Colt .32 pistols and 1 - J. P. Saver .45 pistol. 200 rds rifle and 117 rds pistol.

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

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone, bridge to gun.

PERSONNEL: 2 - gun layers (merchant seamen), 1 certified merchant navy defense officer. Balance of gun's crew taken from regular ship's force.

ISCELLANEOUS: 2 smoke floats, 2 igniters, 1 zig-zag clock, concrete slabs around bridge and radiator 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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