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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 British S/S CAPE BRETON was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - B.L. 4" wire mark IX** E.O.C. 1918, No. 3336. Elevation 30° / 10°. Arc of train 300°. Telescopic and open sights. Located after end top of poop deck house. 49-rds cordite charges; 40-rds H.E. shells; 18-rds practice shells; 50-rds percussion tubes.
1 - Emplacement for 12 pdr. gun. Located forward end top of poop deck house just forward of 4" gun. Protective shield.
1 - Emplacement for Oerlikon gun, located after end of bridge deck.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 6-Marlins .30 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-twin, wings of bridge; 2-after end of boat deck). 3600-rds ammunition.
700 rds of 20 m/m ammunition. 1-Ross .303 rifle.

MAGAZINE: Port side in steering flat. Flooded by permanent flood line, and sprinkler system.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone. 1-Aldis day lamp.

PERSONNEL: 1-Gun layer (R.N.); 3-Navy enlisted men; 3-certified merchant navy defense officers; 2-merchant seamen gunners; 2-British soldiers (machine gunners).

MISCELLANEOUS: 11-Smoke floats; 10-igniters; 2-common port fires; 40-steel helmets; 6-ser., 48-civil., 6-civil. duty gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 4-PAC projectors; 8-rockets; 8-sets fouling calbes; 12-snowflakes; 8-decontamination sets; 3-depth charges; 4-racks; 1-convoy light; 1-buoy; 10-kites; flown from mainmast; 7-bomb proof shelters; located (1) flying bridge; (2) wings of bridge; (2) forward end, and (2) after end of boat deck; armor plate and plastic armor 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 for defense 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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