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Room 10, Barge Office, New York, N.Y.

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office  
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

From: Captain of the Port.  
To: Collector of Customs, New York.  
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels:  
Reference: (a) Your letter dated 8 April, 1940 (WRL).

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

GUNS: 2 - 90 M/M guns, open sights (40°-15°) elevation, arc of train 300° on both guns. Port gun C. de 90 M. 1877, No. 2519, located on after promenade deck. Starboard gun C. de 90 M. 1877, No. 4137, located on after promenade deck.

AMMUNITION: 100 - rounds H.E. shells; 82 rounds practice shells; 182 rounds cordite charges, and 226 percussion tubes.

SMALL ARMS: 3 - St. Etienne 8 M/M rifles, and 3 pistols 8 M/M. 2 Bayonets.

AMMUNITION: 309 - rounds 8 M/M for rifles, and 90 rounds 8 M/M for pistols.

MAGAZINE: Located in after end of tourists promenade deck. No means of flooding except hose through door.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Telephone from bridge to guns.

GUNS CREWS: 5 Regular Nanyemen in guns crews. 5 seamen gunners. Rest of guns crews taken from regular ship's force.

REMARKS: 8 smoke floats; 4 steel helmets; 5 service type gas masks; 50 ready racks, and 50 ready boxes.

It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned armament is carried for defensive purposes only, provided that this vessel is employed in normal trade.

2. Inclosed herewith are two (2) photographs showing the guns of this vessel.

FOR THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT:

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