

31 October, 1941

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 31 October, 1941 (WRL:cm)

1. The Panamanian S/S GOLD HARBOR was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" gun mk. IX mod. 5 - 1918, No. 746. Elevation  $30^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$ .  
Arc of train  $230^{\circ}$ , telescopic sights. Located after end of poop deck.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-wings of bridge, 2-aft boat deck).

MAGAZINE: Port side in lazaret space. Flooded by permanent flood line.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: Gun's crew taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-ser. gas mask; 4-bomb proof shelters, (2) wings of bridge, (2) boat deck; concrete slabs 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, 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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