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NAVY DEPARTMENT

21 November, 1941.

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

Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter 21 November, 1941 (WRL:cm).

1. The British S/S DEAN EMERY was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX mod. 5, 1919 No. 734. Elevation 30° + 10°. Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located on a special raised platform after end of the poop deck. 96-rds of fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Marlin .30 and 4-Lewis .303 machine guns; mounts located, wings of bridge and after end of boat deck; 1-Lee Enfield rifle .303; 5430-rds ammunition for machine guns.

MAGAZINE: Starboard side after end in steering flat. Flooded by sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-Gun layer (R.C.N.); 4-merchant seamen gunners; balance of gun's crew taken from ship's regular force; 2-enlisted men (R.N.) and 4-British soldiers (machine gunners).

MISCELLANEOUS: 9-smoke floats and 9-igniters; 10-steel helmets; 7-service, 35-civilian and 8-civilian duty gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 4-PAC projectors, 8-rockets, 8-snowflake rockets and 8-fouling calbes; 8-decontamination sets; 1-convoy light and 2-convoy buoys; 8-kites flown from mainmast; 4-bomb-proof shelters located, 2-wings of bridge and 2-after end of the boat deck; concrete slabs and armor plate around the bridge; 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 in normal trade.

3. Inclosed are no photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs is reinspected.

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