

26 August, 1941.

From: Captain of the Port of New York.
 To: Collector of Customs, New York.
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.
 Reference: (a) Your letter, 26 August, 1941 (WRL:cm)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX model 5, 1919 No. 798. Elevation 30° + 5°. Arc of train 300°. Telescopic and open sights. Located on special raised platform aft end of poop deck. No ammunition on board.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis machine guns .30; mounts disassembled and stowed in the Captain's stateroom. No ammunition on board.

MAGAZINE LOCATION: Starboard side in steering flat. Flooded by permanent flood line.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone from bridge to gun. 1-Aldis daylight signalling lamp.
FRIGATE LIGHTS: NONE.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-convey buoy; 4-bomb proof shelters located two on wings of bridge and two on aft end of boat deck; concrete slabs used around the bridge and radio room for protection; DeGussed (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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