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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of
Captain of the Port

Philadelphia, Pa.
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From: Captain of the Port, Philadelphia, Pa.
To: Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa.

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

INTELLIGENCE

REC'D MAR 5 - 1942

1. The S. S. EL ORIENTE (PANAMA) was inspected this date and the armament equipment was found to be as listed below:

GUN: Caliber 4.50 Markings MK. 9 MOD. 6 No 1744L Elevation 15 Arc of train 240°
Sights TELESCOPIC Ready racks for 1-25 projectiles. Ready boxes for
 powder charges. Location

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AMMUNITION: Fixed 100 rds. of 4.50 caliber; rds. of caliber.
" Powder rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
PROJECTILES: H.E. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" S.A.P. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
" Pract. rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.
PERCUSSION CAPS: rds. of caliber; rds. of caliber.

SMALL ARMS: 4 LEWIS 30 CALIBER

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION: 9600 rds. of 30 Cal.
LOCATION OF MAGAZINE: LAZARETT
MEANS OF FLOODING MAGAZINE: HOSE
FIRE CONTROL: TELEPHONE FROM BRIDGE TO GUN

GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews Gun layers Status Seaman gunners
Officers in Naval Reserve Regular Navy Enlisted Men Army Men

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats Igniters Steel Helmets 54 Paravanes
Gas masks: Service type Civilian type Civilian duty type 54 Total
Depth charges Depth charge racks Pill boxes 4 2 on Poop Deck
2 on Bridge wing Is hull degaussed YES Vessel is under MARITIME COMM. orders.
Additional gun emplacements

REMARKS:

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

Copies to: Headquarters,
Fourth Naval District,
(Port Director).
File.

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