

17 September, 1941

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, ~~17 September, 1941 (wrl:cm)~~

1. The ~~British SS ELISHA WALKER~~ was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION:

1 - 4" mk IX Mod. 5 1918 No. 1647. Elevation 30°. Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform on after end of poop deck.
No ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION:

4 Lewis .30 machine guns. Mounts: 2-wings of bridge and 2-aft end of boat deck.

MAGAZINE LOCATION:

Starboard side in steering engine room. Permanent flood line.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION:

Telephone.

PERSONNEL:

1 certified merchant navy defense officer. Balance from ship's force.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1 convoy light, 2 buoys, concrete slabs and armor plate around bridge and radiator room, 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 photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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