



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT INTELLIGENCE
FOR NEW YORK HARBOR AND VICINITY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE
TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"
ROOM 11, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

REC'D JAN 8 1942
7 January, 1942

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From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.
To: Commandant.
Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX mod. 5, 1918, No. 601. Elevation 30° ± 10°.
Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform after
end of poop deck.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-wings of bridge,
2-poop deck). 1-Smith and Wesson .38 pistol. 15-rds pistol ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Port side in lazaret space. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: Taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-Buoy; 4-bomb proof shelters, (2) wings of bridge, (2) poop deck;
armor plate around bridge and radiator room; hull DeGaussed (wired).

2. It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned arm-
ament is carried for defensive purposes only, provided the vessel is employed
in normal trade.

FOR DEFENSE



3. Inclosed are two (2) photographs of this vessel showing
her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs if reinspected.

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