

9 October, 1941.

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 9 October, 1941 (WRL:cm)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - B.L. 4" wire mark VII C.O.W. 1918 No. 1122. Elevation  $15^{\circ} + 10^{\circ}$ . Arc of train  $270^{\circ}$ . Telescopic and open sights. Located on special raised platform top of aft deck house. 48-rds cordite charges; 40-rds H.E. shells; 6-rds practice shells and 48-percussion tubes.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Hotchkiss machine guns .303; 2-Marlin and 2-Lewis machine guns .30; 6-machine gun mounts located two on the flying bridge, two on aft boat deck and two on the poop deck; 1-Ross rifle .303; 6940-rds ammunition for the machine guns.  
MAGAZINE: Steel lockers top of aft deck house. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: 1 - Gun layer (2nd officer); 4-merchant seamen gunners; balance of guns crew taken from ship's regular force; 2-certified merchant navy defense officers on board.

MISCELLANEOUS: 10-smoke floats and 10-igniters; 5-common port fires; 12-steel helmets; 28-civilian duty gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 2-P.A.C. projectors, 4-rockets and 4-fouling cables; 30-decontamination sets; 1-convoy light and 2-convoy buoys; 4-kites flown from the foremast; 4-bomb-proof shelters located two on flying bridge and two on the poop deck; concrete slabs around the bridge and radio room for protection; 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 no photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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