

25 July, 1941.

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 25 July, 1941 (VRL:cm)

1. The British 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 B.O.W. 1911. No. 1122. Elevation 15° & 40°. Arc of train 27°. Telescopic and open sights. Located on a special raised platform top of the after deck house. 36-rds cordite charges; 39-rds H.E. shells and 38-percussion tubes.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Hotchkiss machine guns .303; 2-Marlin machine guns .30; 1-Ross rifle .303; 4629-rds ammunition for the machine guns.

MAGAZINE LOCATION: In steel lockers top of the after deck house. Flooded by a permanent flood line.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone from bridge to guns. 1-Aldis daylight signalling lamp.

PERSONNEL: Gun's crew taken from ship's regular force; 2-certified merchant navy defense officers and 2-British soldiers (machine gunners) on board.

MISCELLANEOUS: 10-smoke floats and 10-igniters; 5-common port fires; 12-steel helmets; 2-service gas masks; 28-civilian gas masks; 1-Rifle and 3-rockets; 2-P.A.C. projectors, 4-rockets and 4-fouling bables; 30-decontamination sets; 1-convoy light and 1-convoy buoy; 3-kites flown from the foremast; 4-bomb proof shelters located two on top of the flying bridge and two on the after boat deck; concrete slabs used around the bridge and radio room for protection; DeGaussed (wired) (protected by canvas).

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~~ two photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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