

4 October, 1941

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 4 October, 1941 (WRL:em)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" gun mark IX mod. 16, 1919, No. 13186; Elevation 20° + 10°. Arc of train 360°, telescopic sights. Located after ~~end~~ <sup>end</sup> top of aft deck house. 100-rds fixed ammunition.

## INTELLIGENCE

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: <sup>REC'D OCT 7 1941</sup> 4-Lewis .30 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-wings of bridge, 2-aft boat deck). 9,600-rds machine gun ammunition. 1-Colt .38 <sup>ANS'D</sup> Colt .38 pistols.

MAGAZINE: Port side aft end of aft deck house. Flooded by hose connection on bulkhead.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone. 1-Aldis daylight signalling lamp.

PERSONNEL: 1-gun layer (2nd Officer); balance of gun's crew taken from ship's regular force; 1-certified merchant navy defense officer;

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-Civil. gas mask; 48-decontamination sets; 1-convoy light; 4-bomb proof shelters, 2-wings of bridge, 2-boat deck; concrete slabs around bridge and radioroom; hull 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 (2) photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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