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

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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 F.H. BEDFORD JR. was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" mark IX mod. 5, 1919, No. 2892. Elevation 30° / 10°. Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform on stern, protective shield. 97-rds fixed ammunition.
1 - Emplacement for 3" gun. Located special raised platform on forecastle head, protective shield.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Colt .50 machine guns. (Mounts: 2-wings of bridge; 2-after end of bot deck). 3700-rds ammunition.

MAGAZINE: Starboard side, after end in poop space. Flooded by sprinkler system.

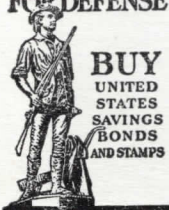
FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone. 1-Aldis (day) lamp.

PERSONNEL: 1-Naval Reserve Officer (U.S.). Balance of crew taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-Convoy light; 1-buoy; 6-bomb proof shelters, (1) forecastle head, (2) wings of bridge, (2) after end of boat deck, (1) top of after deck house; concrete slabs and armor plate around bridge and radio room; hull DeGaussed (wired).

2. It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned armament 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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