

15 October, 1941.

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 15 October, 1941 (WBL:ca)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 3" mark III model 4, 1906. No. 570. Elevation 30° + 10°. Arc of train 360°. Telescopic sights. Located on a special raised platform aft end poop deck. 49-rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Hotchkiss .303 machine guns; 2-Colt .50 machine guns; 4-machine gun mounts located two on wings of bridge and two on the boat deck; 1-Lee Enfield rifle .303; 1750-rds .50; 1300-rds .303;.

MAGAZINE: Port side aft in steering flats. Flooded by a sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-Gun layer (Ex. Norwegian Navy); balance of gun's crew taken from ship's regular force; 2-certified merchant navy defense officers on board.

MISCELLANEOUS: 6-smoke floats and 6-igniters; 14-steel helmets; 32-civilian duty gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 2-P.A.C. projectors, 4-rockets and 4-fouling cables; 32-decontamination sets; 1-convoy light and 1-convoy buoy; 3-kites flown from the mainmast; 4-bomb-proof shelters located two on wings of bridge and two on aft boat 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 two (2) photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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