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

22 June, 1942.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE
 TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"
 ROOM 10, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District.
To: Commandant.
Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

1. The British S/S FORT FRASER was inspected this date
 and the following armament was found on board:

ARTILLERY AND AMMUNITION: 1-U.S. 4" Mark IV Mod 5 No. 2153, 1919. Elevation 20° / 10°. Arc of train 270°. Telescopic sights; located after end top of after deckhouse. 60-rds. fixed ammunition.

1-emplacement for Bofors Gun. Located special raised platform, forward end of after deck house.

1-Oerlikon 20 m/m; top of flying bridge. 1200-rds. 20 m/m ammunition

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 2-Colt-Browning .303 machine guns (Mounts: top of flying bridge). 1150-rds. machine gun ammunition. 1-Ross .303 rifle. 2-Luger .38 pistols; 200-rds pistol ammunition.

MAGAZINE: starboard side after end in after deckhouse. Flooded by sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-gun layer (R.N.) 2-navy enlisted men; 1-certified merchant navy defense officers; 2-merchant seamen gunners. Balance taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 4-smoke floats; 4-igniters; 2-Paravanes; 18-steel helmets; 3-ser. 20-civilian gas masks; 1-Schermuly pistol; 4-rockets; distress type; 1-zig-zag clock; 2-PAC projectors; 4-rockets; 4-snowflake rockets; 4-sets fouling cables; 8-decontamination sets; 2-racks; 1-convoy light; 3-buoys; 4-kites flown from main-mast; 4-bomb proof shelters, located 2-flying bridge; 2-after end of boatdeck; armor plate and plastic armor; around bridge and radiator 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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