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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of  
Captain of the PortPhiladelphia, Pa.  
9 February 1942

From: Captain of the Port, Philadelphia, Pa.  
To: Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

1. The FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (USA) was inspected this date and the armament equipment was found to be as listed below:

GUN: Caliber 4"/50 Markings Mk.9, Mod.5, #2073 Elevation 15° Arc of train 280°  
Sights telescopic Ready racks for - projectiles. Ready boxes 2 for  
50 powder charges. Location Poop deck after end  
Fixed/

GUN: Caliber \_\_\_\_\_ MARKINGS \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation \_\_\_\_\_ Arc of train \_\_\_\_\_  
Sights \_\_\_\_\_ Ready racks for \_\_\_\_\_ projectiles. Ready Boxes \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ powder charges. Location \_\_\_\_\_

AMMUNITION: Fixed 100 rds. of 4"/50 caliber; \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber.  
" Powder \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber; \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber.  
PROJECTILES: H.E. \_\_\_\_\_ RDS. OF \_\_\_\_\_ caliber; \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber.  
" S.A.P. \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber; \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber.  
" Pract. \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber; \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber.  
PERCUSSION CAPS: \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber; \_\_\_\_\_ rds. of \_\_\_\_\_ caliber.

SMALL ARMS: Machine guns: 4 Browning of .50 cal., 2 Lewis of .30 cal.  
4 Pistols (Colt) of .45 cal.

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION: 2000 rds. ball of .30 cal. 1000 rds. .30 cal. Tracer. 240 rds. .45 cal. A.P. of .50 cal. 1400 rds. .50 cal. ~~ball~~ Tracer.  
LOCATION OF MAGAZINE: Stern  
MEANS OF FLOODING MAGAZINE: Sprinkler  
FIRE CONTROL: Telephone from bridge to gun

GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews 8 Gun layers \_\_\_\_\_ Status USN Seaman gunners \_\_\_\_\_  
Officers in Naval Reserve 1 Regular Navy Enlisted Men 8 Army Men \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats \_\_\_\_\_ Igniters \_\_\_\_\_ Steel Helmets 35 Paravanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gas masks: Service type \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian type 50 Civilian duty type \_\_\_\_\_ Total 50  
Depth charges \_\_\_\_\_ Depth charge racks \_\_\_\_\_ Pill boxes \_\_\_\_\_  
Is hull degaussed Yes Vessel is under Owners orders.  
Additional gun emplacements \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: Mounts for machine guns: 2 on fly ing bridge, 2 on poop deck.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament listed above is carried for defensive purposes only, provided that the vessel is employed in normal trade.

Copies to: Headquarters.  
Fourth Naval District,  
(Port Director).  
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