



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

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE  
TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"  
ROOM 11, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

45 January, 1942.

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

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-4" Mark IX Mod. 5, 1919 No. 2969. Elevation 30° / 10°.  
Arc of train 320°. Telescopic sights. Located top of after deck house. 97-rds.  
fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Marlin .30; 2-Hotchkiss. 303; 2-Lewis machine  
guns. (Mounts: 2-twin-wings of bridge; 2-each side of forward poop; 2-each side  
aft on poop). 13760-rds. machine gun ammunition.

MAGAZINE: port side in steering flat. Flooded by sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-gun layer(R.N.); 1-certified merchant navy defense officer; 2-  
merchant seamen gunners; 2-British soldiers (machine gunners). Balance taken  
from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 10-smoke floats; 14-igniters; 24-steel helmets; 5-ser., 16-civil.  
gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 1-convoy light; 2-buoys; 4-bomb proof shelters; located  
(2) wings of bridge, (2) forward part of poop; concrete slabs around bridge and  
radioroom; hull DeGaussed (wired).

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

Distribution:

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