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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 H. M. FLAGLER was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: U. S. 4" Mark IX Mod. 16 No. 1864 L. Elevation 30° / 100° . Arc of train 190° . Telescopic ~~and~~ sights. Located after end top of after deck house. 94-rds. fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .303 machine guns (Mounts: 2-wings of bridge 2-after end of boatdeck). 1100-rds. machine gun ammunition. 1-Savage .22; 1-Moosberg .22 rifles. 800-rds. rifle ammunition.

MAGAZINE: forward end in after lazaret space. Flooded by sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-gun layer (R. N. (Br). 1-navy enlisted man; 3-merchant seamen gunners. Balance taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 6-smoke floats; 6-igniters; 17-steel helmets; 2-ser., 44-civilian gas masks; 1-zig-zag clock; 2-PAC projectors; 4-rockets; 12-snowflake rockets; 4-sets fouling cables; 1-convoy light; 3-buoys; 3-kites, flown from mainmast; 4-bomb proof shelters, located 2-wings of bridge; 2-after end of boatdeck; plastic armor around bridge, armor plates around 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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