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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

GUN: Caliber 4 1/2/50 Markings Mk. 9, Mod. 5, #3593 Elevation 150 Arc of train 280°
Sights Telescopic Ready racks for - projectiles. Ready boxes 1 for
25 ~~300000~~ charges. Location Aft on poop deck
Fixed/

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

AMMUNITION: Fixed _____ rds. of _____ 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: 2 Brownings of .50 cal. , 2 Lewis of .30 cal.

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION: _____

LOCATION OF MAGAZINES: _____

MEANS OF FLOODING MAGAZINES: _____

FIRE CONTROL: _____

GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews _____ Gun layers _____ Status _____ Seaman gunners _____
Officers in Naval Reserve _____ Regular Navy Enlisted Men _____ Army Men _____

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats _____ Igniters _____ Steel Helmets _____ Paravanes _____
Gas masks: Service type _____ Civilian type _____ Civilian duty type _____ Total _____
Depth charges _____ Depth charge racks _____ Fill boxes _____
_____ Is hull degassed Yes Vessel is under _____ Owners orders.
Additional gun emplacements _____

REMARKS: Vessel has no ammunition on board or gun crew yet.

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).
File.

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