



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

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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 JOHN CABOT was inspected this date
and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-U.S. 3" Mark III Mod. VII No. 425 L. 1906. Elevation 16° / 7°; Arc of Train 300°. Telescopic sights. Located special raised platform after end of poopdeck. 40-rds. Fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 1-Lee Enfield .303 rifle; 350-rds. rifle ammunition.

MAGAZINE: None. In steel lockers on gun platform. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: None. 1-Aldis (day) lamp.

PERSONNEL: 1-gun layer (R.N.). 2- Navy enlisted men. Balance taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 6-smoke floats; 6-igniters; 3-steel helmets; 3-seg., gas masks; armor plate 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.

3. Inclosed are two (2) photographs of this vessel showing her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs if reinspected.

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