



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 Norwegian S/S KIRSTEN was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1-6# Mark VII no. 217 Cal. N.S.N.G.F. 1897. Elevation 15° / 20°. Arc of train 360°. Open sights. Located special raised platform after end of poopdeck. 94-rds. fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 1-Colt .38 pistol; 50-rds. pistol ammunition.

MAGAZINE: after end starboard side poopdeck house. Flooded by sprinkler system.

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

PERSONNEL: 1-gun layer (R.Nor. N.). ~~2-convoy regular force~~ Balance taken from ships regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-steel helmet; 1-Kongsborg; 2-rockets; distress type; 1-convoy light; Hull reGaussed (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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