Declassified NARA Project: NW 63684 601-64 CONFIDENTIAL Commander, Norfolk District. From: Collector of Customs, To: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents. Subject: (a) Department letter, 3 September, 1939, to Collectors of Reference: Customs, "Strictly Confidential." MIEL CHIKCHT Letter _ was inspected this deterand the Ufornewing armament was found on board: One 4" B.L. MACNETIC BELT: Yes AMNUNITION: 40 H.E. Shells, 44 Cordite Charges, 47 Percussion tubes. SMAIL ARMS: 1 Double barrel shot gun, 1 repeating shot gun, 1 pistol, 2 revolver's 48cart 55cart 49 shells 73shells AMNULTION: MAGAZINE: Aft on deck, Steel lockers. FIRE CONTROL AND COM- (Telephone) bridge to gun-deck MUNICATION EQUIPMENT: GUN CREWS: Seclected members of the crew. REMARKS: 111 rockets (DESTRESS) various colors. 7 Holman'S projector's No bombs 3 rockets for life-saving app. NUMBER GAS MASKS ON BOARD: 60 AMOUNT GAS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ON BOARD: none It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned armament is carried for defensive (offensive) purposes only, provided that is vessel is employed in normal trade. (Signature) (Rank)