

13 September, 1941.

From: Captain of the Port of New York.  
 To: Collector of Customs, New York.  
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 13 September, 1941 (WBL)

1. The Panamanian S/S LOOKOUT was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 4" Mark IX, Model 5, 1918, No. 604. Stowed in No. 4 hold after end, tween deck.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine guns.

MAGAZINE: In 4" gun strengthening. Flooded by sprinkler system.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone and voice tube.

PERSONNEL: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS: Armor plates around bridge and radiroom. (4" gun and machine guns and equipment received in Baltimore, Maryland). Hull degaussed (wired).

2. It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned armament is carried for defensive purposes only, provided, that the vessel is employed in normal trade.

3. Inclosed herewith are NO photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED). \*\*Gun not mounted

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