

19 September, 1941

From: Captain of the Port of New York.  
To: Collector of Customs, New York.

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 19 September, 1941 (WEL:cm)

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

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 4" gun mark IX mod. 5 1918, No. 604. Elevation 30° + 10°. Arc of train 280°, telescopic sights. Located on special raised platform aft end top of aft deck house.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION: 4-Lewis .30 machine gun. (Mounts: 4-mount disassembled).

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

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone.

PERSONNEL: none.

MISCELLANEOUS: 4-Bomb proof shelters, 2-on wings of bridge, 2-top of aft deck house; armor plate around bridge and radioroom; 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 two (2) photographs of this vessel, showing her guns and their location.

(NOTE: NO PHOTOGRAPHS IF REINSPECTED).

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