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Office of  
Captain of the PortPhiladelphia, Pa.  
22 November 1941

From: Captain of the Port, Philadelphia, Pa.  
To: Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

1. The MAPLEWOOD BRITISH was inspected this date and the armament equipment was found to be as listed below:

GUN: Caliber 4" B.L. Markings Mk. 9, #4229 Elevation 30° Arc of train 270°  
Sights Telescope Ready racks for 15 projectiles. Ready boxes 2 for  
10 powder charges. Location Poop deck house after end

GUN: Caliber 40 m/m Markings Mk. 1, # L-3245 Elevation 85° Arc of train 360°  
Sights Open Ready racks for 120 ~~projectiles~~. Ready boxes     for  
    powder charges. Location Poop deck house forward end

AMMUNITION:	Fixed	rds. of	caliber;	<u>964</u>	rds. of	<u>40 m/m</u>	caliber.
"	Powder	<u>44</u>	rds. of	<u>4"</u>	rds. of	caliber.	caliber.
Projectiles:	H.E.	<u>40</u>	rds. of	<u>4"</u>	rds. of	caliber.	caliber.
"	S.A.P.		rds. of		rds. of	caliber.	caliber.
"	Pract.	<u>2</u>	rds. of	<u>4"</u>	rds. of	caliber.	caliber.
PERCUSSION CAPS		<u>45</u>	rds. of	<u>4"</u>	rds. of	caliber.	caliber.

SMALL ARMS: Machine guns: 2 Marlin .30 cal. 2 Hotchkiss, 1 Vickers .303 cal.  
3 Lee-Enfield rifles .303 cal.

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION: 1200 rds. .30 cal. 3650 rds. .303 cal.

LOCATION OF MAGAZINE: Poop deck house port side

MEANS OF FLOODING MAGAZINE: Flood valve from fire main

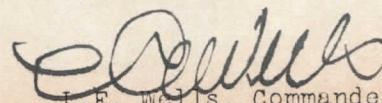
FIRE CONTROL: Telephone from bridge to guns, 1 Aldis Lamp

GUN CREWS: Total in gun crews 10 Gun layers 3 Status RN Seaman gunners 3  
Officers in Naval Reserve     Regular Navy Enlisted Men 4 Army men 6

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke floats 9 Igniters 11 Steel helmets 46 Paravanes      
Gas masks: Service type 10 Civilian type 36 Civilian duty type     Total 46  
Depth charges     Depth charge racks     Pill boxes      
Is hull degaussed? Yes Vessel is under Governmental orders.  
Additional gun emplacements    

REMARKS: Mounts for machine guns: 2 on bridge, 2 on boat deck.

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



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