



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

FOR NEW YORK HARBOR AND VICINITY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE
TO THE "CAPTAIN OF THE PORT"
ROOM 10, BARGE OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

21 December, 1939.

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

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels.

Reference: (a) Your letter dated 21 December, 1939.

1. The French SS MOUNT EVEREST was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS: 1 - 90 M.M. LeGrouzet et Cie, No. 216, open sights, 45° elevation. Located on starboard side poop deck aft.

1 - 90 M.M. Vaireux, J.H. 1883, No. 272, open sights, 45° elevation. Located on port side poop deck aft.

AMMUNITION: 96 - rounds U.S. shells, 96 cordite charges.

SMALL ARMS: 2 - Mafield rifles, 1895.

AMMUNITION: None

MAGAZINE: In wooden ready boxes on top of after poop deck

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: None

GUN CREWS: 3 Royal Navy men in gun crew. Rest taken from regular ship's force.

REMARKS: 16 smoke floats, walk lighters.

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

Inclosed herewith are _____ photographs showing the guns of this vessel.

By direction,

J. S. BAYLIS,
Commander, New York District.

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