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UNITED STATES COAST GUARDOffice of
Captain of the Port
Philadelphia, Pa.

From: Captain of the Port, Philadelphia, Pa. 29 Sept., 1940.
 To: Collector of Customs, Philadelphia, Pa. (Date)

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels:

1. ~~Ville d'~~ The ANVERS, Belgian was inspected
 this date and the armament and equipment was found to be as listed.

GUNS: One 4" Gun. Markings, B.L. 4" AVII to VIII - 1911.
 Gun No. 985. Elevation 80 degrees. Arc of train 260 degrees. Sights, telescopic (2).
 Ready racks for 18 projectiles; ready boxes for 18 charges of powder. Location
 stern of vessel.

AMMUNITION: 36 rds. of powder; 40 rds. of H. E. projectiles;
 4 rds. of practice projectiles; 34 rds. of percussion caps; for 4" gun.

SMALL ARMS: One Ross rifle of .303 cal.

AMMUNITION: 260 rds. of .303 cal.

MAGAZINE: Location stern of vessel (poop)

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Means of
 flooding is by canvas hose. Telephones, (2). Day signal devices, 2 Klaxon horns.
 No range finder, etc.

GUNS CREW: Total in gun crews 10. Gun layer 1. Status,
 3rd. Officer. Seamen gunners 1.

REMARKS: Smoke floats 4. Igniters 4. Steel helmets 7.
 Pill boxes 2. Location top bridge. Hull is degaussed. Vessel is under govern-
 ment orders. Emplacement & strengthening for present guns only.
 Cargo - ballast.

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

Respectfully,



L. E. WELLS, Commander, USCG

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