

2 March 1942

OFFICE OF
SENIOR COAST GUARD OFFICER
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

From: Senior Coast Guard Officer, Eighth Naval District.
To : Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Subject: Report of armed Merchant Vessel of Belligerent.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter, 21 February, 1940 (IOF-601-
64-Confidential).

(b) Report of Palmer, R.A. EMIC, Galv. IR Str

(c) Date 26 February 1942.

(d) On armed Merchant Vessel ATLANTIC
Norwegian MV Tkr.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (b).

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for the information of
Headquarters.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the armament
mentioned therein is carried for defensive (~~offensive~~) purposes.

3. No request was received from the Collector of Customs
for the inspection of this vessel's armament.

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Galveston Life Boat Station,
(Unit)

Galveston, Texas

(Place)

26 February, 1942

(Date)

From: PALMER, RALPH A. (108-105)

To: Senior Coast Guard Officer, 6th Naval District.

Via: Commanding Officer, GALVESTON BASE.

Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

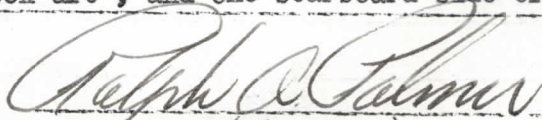
1. The ATLANTIC ** NORWEGIAN-

(Insert name and nationality of belligerent)

was inspected this date and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS: 1- 3" American, Mark 3, Model 7, # 429 L. Has telescopic Sights.Arc of train 45 degrees - 315 degrees. Arc of elevation, 30 degrees.Arc of depression 10 degrees. Gun is located on platform on poop deck.1 Ready Rack (48 shells)AMMUNITION: 48 Shells. S.P.D.X.SMALL ARMS: 3 Hotchkiss, 1 Lewis, 1 Colt, and 4 Ross Rifles.RESERVE: 1,650 rounds for Hotchkiss, 500 rounds for Lewis, 1,000 for Colt,
and 200 rounds for the riflesMAGAZINE: 1- located under platform on poop deck.FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: Telephone from bridge to gun. Gun
fired by hand at gun.GUN CREW: 2 Norwegian Navy Gunners and 3 trained merchantmenSUPPLIES: 12 Snow flakes, 10 Smoke floats, 5 P.A. C. Rockets, and 37 Gas masks.All have steel helmets and protective clothing. Machine gun nests are located:1 ea. wide of bridge, 1/2 poop deck aft, and one starboard side of boatdeck.
The ship is degaussed

(FOI A-1):



Ralph A. Palmer (signature)

Boarding Officer B.M. lc.

(and or rating)