

601-64-CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

DATE 11 May, 1942.

From: District 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 STREMLO, Frank B.M.c Galv.L/P Sta. Galveston,
(c) Date 7 May, 1942. /Tex.
(d) On armed Merchant Vessel MARATHON St.Tkr. Norwegian.

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 Lifeboat Station.

Galveston Texas.

(UNIT)

(PLACE)

May 7 1942

(DATE)

FROM: Frank Stremlo, Boarding Officer Rating, B. M. 1c.

TO: District Coast Guard Officer, 5th Naval District.

VIA: Commanding Officer, GALVESTON BASE.

SUBJECT: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents.

1. The Marathon Norwegian.

(Insert name and nationality of belligerent)

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

GUNS: 1- 3" 50 Cal Aft on poop Amidship Depression 10 Degrees Arc of train

290- Arc of Train Machine Guns 8-7

Marlin Twin 2- Singls 2-

AMMUNITION: 1- 48 Rds. Twin Marlin 2400 Single 1900

SMALL ARMS: Lee ~~En~~ Enfield Ross Air Cooled Colt Machine Gun.

AMMUNITION: 1150- Rds.

MAGAZINE: Under Gun on main deck.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: ~~None~~ Hose Manned By

Crew.

GUN CREW: Merchant Gunners 4- British Crew Members 4

Paravanes No Snow Flakes 18 Smoke Floats Igniters 5 P. A. C. Rockets ~~2-2-2-2~~

REMARKS: Igniter 4 Port Fires No Kites 3 No Balloons

Shrapnel Helmets 8 Machine Gun Nest 4 On ^m Bridge 2- Boat Deck 2

Degaussing Cable Yes Armored.

Frank Stremlo B. M. 1c.

Frank Stremlo
(Signature)