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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT  
FOR NEW YORK HARBOR AND VICINITY

24 January, 1942

From: Captain of the Port of New York, Third Naval District,  
To: Commandant.  
Subject: Armed merchant vessels.

1. The Norwegian S/S MARATHON was inspected this date  
and the following armament was found on board:

GUNS AND AMMUNITION: 1 - 3" mark III mod. 7, 1906, and 1914, No. 434L.  
Elevation 15° + 10°. Arc of train 300°. Telescopic sights. Located special  
raised platform after end of poop deck. 52-rds fixed ammunition.

SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION:

MAGAZINE: 3" gun strengthening. Flooded by hose only.

FIRE CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION: Telephone. 1-Aldis (day) lamp.

PERSONNEL: Gun's crew taken from ship's regular force.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1-Kongsberg pistol, 4-rockets, distress type; 1-convoy light;  
2-buoys; 4-bomb proof shelters, located (2) wings of bridge, (2) after end of  
boat deck; concrete slabs around bridge and radioroom; hull DeGaussed (wired).

2. It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned arm-  
ament is carried for defensive purposes only, provided the vessel is employed  
for defense trade.

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3. Inclosed are two (2) photographs of this vessel showing  
her guns and their location.

NOTE: No photographs if reinspected.

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