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29 June, 1945

To: The Commandant
Via: DCGO, 8ND

Subj: Violation of the Oil Pollution Act of 1924, 33 USC 431-437, by the tank vessel MARNE, owned and operated by the War Shipping Administration, at the Magnolia Oil Docks, Beaumont, Texas, at 1500 on 28 June, 1945.

Inclosed will be found all statements and letters of transmittal covering subject violation.

Andrew Johansen
ANDREW JOHANSEN

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Subject statements and letters

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DCGO, 8ND (ops)
5 July, 1945

To: The Commandant (OPS)

Forwarded.

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By direction

Port Arthur, Texas

COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. COAST GUARD GROUP

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29 June, 1945

District Engineer
United States Engineers
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to report a violation of the Oil Pollution Act of 1924, 33 USC 431-437, by the tank vessel, MARNE, owned and operated by the War Shipping Administration, at the Magnolia Oil Decks, Beaumont, Texas, at 1500 on 28 June, 1945.

At 1500 on 28 June, 1945, the tank vessel, MARNE, owned and operated by the War Shipping Administration, was docked at the Magnolia Oil Decks, Beaumont, Texas, washing and stripping tanks No. 1, starboard and port, and No. 2 cross. It was noted that 100 octane gasoline was coming through the stripping lines, and as soon as this was noticed, the stripping was stopped. The gasoline had already covered an area approximately ten feet by forty feet between the ship and the deck. The Chief Mate, Erling Strand, who was the officer in charge at the time of the spill, reported that the ship was issued a gas free certificate on departure from New Orleans, La., and that the valves were checked at Baton Rouge, La., after loading 100 octane gasoline.

There was no evidence of drunkenness, and this was not a case of emergency imperiling life or property, or unavoidable accident, collision or stranding. There was no evidence of negligence on the part of the officers or crew of subject vessel.

Samples of gasoline were taken by J.M. Britton, Sp(PS)1/c, USCGR, and written statements were made by J.M. Britton, Erling Strand, Chief Mate, George T. Museth, 2nd Mate and D.A. Lindquist, 3rd Mate. The originals of these statements and samples of gasoline will be retained by this office for use of the U.S. Attorney.

The only available witnesses for proof of subject violation are those named above.

Very truly yours,

ANDREW JOHANSEN, Lt. Comdr., USCG
Commanding Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Group
Port Arthur, Texas.

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Ltr. to CO, Port Arthur
Copies of subject statements

CC: HQ, DCGO, SMD, U.S. Attorney
District Engineer, MMI

S/T "Marna" June 28th - 45

When washing and stripping tanks no. 1 st.b. and port, and tanks no. 2 cross, gasoline was coming out through the stripping lines. The gasoline covered an area of about 10 feet by 40 between the ship and wharf. Upon noticing it the stripping was stopped immediately and a hose was connected to the wharf.

Upon leaving New Orleans the ship had an gas free certificate and the valves checked after leaving Baton Rouge where tanks no 5-6-7-8 and 9 cross was loaded with 100 gasoline.

In my opinion this is nobody's fault, but we are taking steps to investigate where the gasoline is coming from.

/s/ Erling Strand
Ch. Mate

/s/ Geo T Museth 2nd Mate

/s/ D.A. Lindquist 3rd Mate

Port Arthur, Texas

COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. COAST GUARD GROUP
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Port Arthur, Texas
28 June, 1945

29 June, 1945

On June 28, 1945, at 1500 while making a routine inspection at Magnolia Decks at Beaumont, Texas, I noticed gasoline spreading from the S/T Marne. I immediately checked with the Chief Mate, Erling Strand, who was aboard the vessel, as to the cause of the spill. They were cleaning and washing out the tanks. I asked the Chief Mate to stop the pumping at once, which he did, and I informed him that the Oil Company had sloop lines for the disposal of wash and bilge water. The gasoline had covered an area of about 10 feet by forty feet. I took a sample of the water, and statements from the Chief Mate, 2nd Mate and 3rd Mate. There was no indication of drunkenness aboard the ship.

/s/ Jean M. Britton, Spl/c

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Enclosed herewith are copies of subject violation.

Very
ANDREW JOHANSEN

ANDREW JOHANSEN, W. Comdr., USCG
Commanding Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Group
Port Arthur, Texas

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