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To : The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

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From: U. S. Naval Port Officer, London.
To : The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : The Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe.

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2. The following services and repairs were rendered this vessel while in the Port of London:

Mail was delivered to Armed Guard and Merchant crews.
All enlisted members of Armed Guard were given casual medical checkup.

The following was accomplished by DEMS:
Armed Guard Officer and 19 men attended DEMS 2 day refresher Course

Five smoke floats put aboard and instructions in their operation given.

Six padlocks furnished

Miscellaneous supplies furnished included waste, calico, kerosene and grease.

Snowflake rockets furnished and projectors for their use installed.

Gas system on 5" gun serviced.

Trigger hook for 20MM furnished.

3. BRYANT, James Christopher, 929 22 99, Slc, USNR, Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn was removed from this ship via Corvette to Grimsby, Lincolnshire on August 16, 1943 for an appendectomy. BRYANT was replaced by DIPZINSKI, Victor, 622 97 50, Slc, USNR, Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn from pool in Londonderry. McCORMICK, Jack Kin, 575 31 53, Slc, USNR, Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn was removed from this ship for medical attention and sent to Naval Hospital, Londonderry for further assignment to the pool. This man was replaced by REARDON, Desmond Lee, 312 76 81, Slc, USNR, Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. *Bu-Pine*

4. By conferences held by this office it was attempted to create a better understanding of responsibilities between the Armed Guard Officer and the Captain.

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me to take him off the Bridge. I did and placed him with the Gun Crew and have had good reports of his work as well as being satisfied with it myself. The fault was with the ship's officers who would not allow Clark to organize his work. No matter what of two or three things he did with regard to signaling they always wanted him to be doing the other thing. For example, if he hoisted a signal first, they wanted him to read it first, if he read it first, they wanted it hoisted first, the same thing occurred with regard to executing and reading signals. Then too while they would be trying to read a blinker message one of the ships officers would try to read it too and neither would get it right but Clark got the blame for it. It is to be considered too that this was his first voyage and he had to do some organizing of his work aboard ship. He never got this chance. If they were a few minutes getting from their bunk to the Bridge, they were "a half hour getting there".

When the Cadet replaced Clark, the First Mate and I had worked out a schedule that would divide the work between the two equally, but the Master cancelled it without telling me and said the Cadet would take the watch from 0600 to 1200 and the signalman from 1200 to 2100.

It is impossible to please the Captain and it is my suggestion that Commanding Officers be given more jurisdiction over Navy signalmen in matters of their duties and responsibilities and hours of work. Also that the Captain be informed of the line of demarcation of authority with respect to Navy personnel

James Christopher Bryant, 829-22-99, S1/c, V-6, USNR was taken with an attack of appendicitis, August 6, and responded to treatment. He had another attack August 15, and this time did not respond to treatment. By August 16, at 1730 he had severe pains and we signaled for the assistance of a Doctor. Destroyer L-55 sent a doctor aboard and ordered Bryant transferred to Sweeper K-30 to be taken to a hospital at Grimsby, England. It should be noted that Bryant had had an attack of appendicitis at Little Creek, Virginia, and been in the hospital. He requested that his appendix be removed but they refused. It is questionable if a man under such circumstances should be sent to sea.

(e) No comment.

(f) Appears to carry out instructions.

(g) Typewriter should be furnished Commanding Officer or the loss of his personal typewriter be made reimbursable.

(h), (i), and (j) None, except as mentioned above.

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