

File No.
AGC/PAC
S24/Ca-ee

U. S. NAVAL ARMED GUARD CENTER (PACIFIC)
TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
Treasure Island
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

JUL 12 9 25 AM '44

OP-23

7 12 73

RESTRICTED

7 July 1944

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Procedure Contrary to Instructions Contained in OpNav 23L-2 -
Report of.

Ref: (a) Paragraph 2402, OpNav 23L-2.

1. The following is quoted from a report received from Lieut. Walter B. Stafford, Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit, SS ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY.

Paragraph 2.

Captain Quinn of the ship on June 20 demanded that the Armed Guard post a gangway watch to prevent American Soldiers from coming aboard to fill their canteens, and other water containers. As this was contrary to Armed Guard instructions concerning gangway watches, I refused. Captain Quinn then brought an Army officer, Lieut. Ott, of the Finschaven Port Battalion, aboard who also demanded we post such watch, declaring ships previously in the harbor had done so. As I still declined, Army MP's were ultimately stationed at the gangway. The Armed Guard also maintained a gangway watch to control the movements of Naval Personnel aboard and to see that no Navy equipment was removed by unauthorized persons.

Paragraph 3.

Obtaining cigarets for Armed Guard personnel in the Southwest Pacific area has become a serious problem since the Army stopped furnishing Merchant Marine slop chests with sufficient to sell Naval Personnel aboard.

2. The item quoted as paragraph 2 above is contrary to procedure as outlined in reference (a).
3. The item quoted as paragraph 3 above is forwarded for your information and any suitable action.

W. D. Flaherty
cc

W. D. Flaherty
E. D. FLAHERTY
Commander, USNR
Commanding Officer

RECEIVED
JUL 12 1944
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

259

PRINT