

SHIP: SS AFRICAN SUN

FLAG: OCCURRENCE: January 9, 1943

OPERATOR: COMPLAINT: February 8, 1943

UNION:

EXAMINER: Examiner No. 3430 - D.A.C. 3339, 14400, 3330 - 2/6/43
SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Postal Censorship, previously censored by U.S. Army Examiner #00099 - Postal Censorship Record No. 39663-43

PLACE: Cristobal, Canal Zone

DESCRIPTION: A letter written by the Master to his 6-year-old son, Mr. William, 1425 Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was intercepted by Postal Censorship. The letter was written on the ship and was of the length of 1000 words. The subject will follow. In addition to discussing the role of his ship, the SS AFRICAN SUN, and also the fact that the ship was being used as a transport for the enemy and was on the GUNNY before the war.

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"I definitely have a much better beach of water on this ship than on the SS AFRICAN SUN. By all account and reason I thought over with me from the SS AFRICAN SUN. The reason is you see me in the company and was on the GUNNY before the war was over."

"That's all I can tell you in PORTLAND for I can't tell you more. I've just here to give you that much do you much good as you will probably guess wrong. Because it is my that nothing has gone wrong and so are all well and happy as usual and I am disabled to death with the fact of that that was an all time INTERESTING case."

"That's all for you and best regards and love letters till I get back up it is probably wanted to you. Love letters. Should be back in April."

This letter was intercepted by Censorship and did not reach its destination.

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CREW INVOLVED: A. G. Graham, Master

CHARGE: A letter written by the Master to his father, Captain A. B. Graham, 525 S.E. 16th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was intercepted by Postal Censorship. In this letter the Master reveals the present location and destination of his ship, and the approximate length of time the voyage will take. In addition he discloses the run of his former ship, the STAR, and also the fact that the Navy has taken over the COMET. He writes:

"I definitely have a much better bunch of mates on this ship than on the STAR. My old steward and purser I brought over with me from the STAR. The former is our ace man in the company and was on the COMET before the Navy took her."

"Don't ask me what I am doing down in PANAMA for I can't tell you now. You'll just have to guess and that wont do you much good as you will probably guess wrong. Suffice it to say that nothing has gone wrong and we are all well and happy on board and I am tickled to death with the turn of luck that took me off that LIVERPOOL run."

"That's all for now and dont expect any more letters till I get back as it is probably useless to write from AFRICA. Should be back in April."

This letter was condemned by Censorship and did not reach its destination.