

RECOMMENDATIONS.

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S. S. ALASKAN 11-28-42

Seabury Cook, Second Mate.

Drills. Drills should be more thorough and of a longer duration, and in them speed should be considered only as commensurate with speed and efficiency. Weekly drills should be held during a different watch each week. I make the above recommendation because two lifeboats left the ship prior to receive of orders to abandon ship.

Spear. A fishing spear for each boat strongly recommended. We had a fishing line in the boat, but the fish would never bite, whereas they would swim alongside the boat on the surface and could have been taken easily with a spear.