

SHIP:

S.S. ANTHONY WAYNE

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: Jan. 23, 1943

DATE OF ORIGINAL
COMPLAINT:

Feb. 17, 1943

CREW INVOLVED:

Unnamed crew members

CHARGE:

Writer of communication states, rudder being in the hard right position and the hand gear also hard right, and the telemotor being disconnected, makes it an out and out case of sabotage, as after checking with both the man at wheel and mate on watch, there had been, at no time for hours before any right rudder, as ship was for some time carrying left rudder to hold her in wind. "As near as can be figured, some one went into steering room and pulled this pin and put it in the hand gear and set the rudder in the hard right position and then pulled the pin out and hung it in the telemotor hold as far as he could get it to make it look like an accident. This pin of course can't be inserted in the telemotor with the telemotor midships and the rudder in a hard over position."

Army investigation while Vessel was in port; "simmered it down to a few suspects, and I expect the investigation will go on upon our arrival at the next port."

Some trouble with crew member on way over. Messman struck Captain, "and he and I demanded that something be done about it" at point of arrival. He received court martial and was sentenced to seven years hard labor; believes "recap of this trial is being mailed to the Co. at San Francisco." "This man is also one of the suspects in the collision."

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FLAG: U. S. A.

OPERATOR: Matson Navigation Company

UNION: SUP

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Postal Censorship, Record No. NY 209960

PLACE: En route to Casablanca

DATE REFERRED TO THE COAST GUARD: Hq. April 14, 1943

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