

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE COMMANDANT

WASHINGTON

REFER TO FILE:

(OMP)

(3) Owner of vessel CG-628-COMP STANDARD OIL CO. OF N.J.

*(Give under remarks complete information as to ownership, Charter and status of Officers and crew).

(4) Arrived within jurisdiction of the United States. 9 December, 1943. Hour 0230 Date 9 DECEMBER 1942. Place AMERSON

(5) Last CONFIDENTIAL Port LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND Port bound to UNKNOWN

(6) MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, IN TRANSIT WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

(7) * 55 IN CREW INCLUDING 9 OFFICERS & 14 IN THE CREW

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning John J. Purcell, formerly A.B. on the Panamanian tanker BEACON HILL.

It is reported that Purcell assaulted the Chief Mate on 10 October, 1943; assaulted, stabbed and wounded a crew member on 11 October, 1943, and on numerous other occasions was involved in fights with other crew members.

(8) It is also alleged Purcell deliberately remained away from his ship when it was about to sail, thereby causing a delay in its departure.

Purcell was confined to the brig on board ship after his misconduct on 11 October; was subsequently removed from his vessel and confined in Maimaksa, Russia, and recently returned to the United States as a prisoner.

No suspension or revocation proceedings will be instigated by the Coast Guard in this case due to the fact the BEACON HILL is a Panamanian vessel.

Freq. calibrated to 147, 143, 152, 158, 160, 375, 400, 425, 450, 454, 500 KCS.

(9) Brief description of sealing operation H. T. JEWELL Commander, USCG Chief, Merchant Marine Personnel Division

(10) Brief description of any signaling apparatus NONE LAMPS.

(11) Time sealed 1100 3/4 Stern War Time.

(12) I hereby certify that I have, in accordance with orders of the District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District, sealed the radio apparatus of the above named vessel. The serial number(s) of the seal(s) are (13).

UNIT NO. USC A 321936 - 321937 - 321938 - 321940 INTACT Pkg USC

APPROX (YES) DEGAUDED (YES) SPEED (11) KNOTS.

(Signature) Bruno J. Roberts H. M. 3/e

(Rank or rating) Attached to Office, District Coast Guard Officer, Third Naval District.

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