

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Kenneth Leicht, A.B. on the SS BELGIAN GULF. Report alleges that Leicht, while acting as helmsman on 11 October, 1943, negligently removed a key which linked the wheel to the steering gear resulting in the ship refusing to answer the helm and becoming a danger to the convoy. For this failure of duty as helmsman and his subsequent insubordination, Leicht was demoted to O.S. for the remainder of the voyage.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever further disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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Chief Operations Officer