


EXCERPT FROM LOND BOARDING REPORT, SS "BELVA LOCKWOOD", (US), 27 SEPT 1943

CREW -- LEAKAGE OF SHIPPING INFORMATION:

YATES, PAUL E. "Subject is Oiler on Subject vessel; holds Z No. 118388-D1. Born in Nebraska; age, 48; height, 5'6"; ruddy complexion; grey hair. Next of kin, George YATES, 5007 Binnvy Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

"YATES was described by the Master and by the Armed Guard Commander as being a habitual drunkard. While at Walvis Bay, South West Africa (former German territory), subject frequented a bar (the only one there), which is run by Germans. Several crew members are said to have seen him in a back room of this bar, before opening time, talking freely with the proprietors; he was overheard relating the itinerary of the vessel and the nature of her cargo. He was removed from this bar several times by local authorities, at the request of crew members, because of the nature of his talk while intoxicated. The Master and Armed Guard Commander stated that they had overheard German spoken by the owner and other frequenters of this bar. They said this matter was reported to the American Consul at Capetown, South Africa. The Master stated that he considers subject unfit to sail during wartime, because of his carelessness in revealing confidential information."

"Subject was interviewed, and at first claimed that he did not drink much. When confronted with the incidents at Walvis Bay, he admitted that he was drunk, and did not know what he talked about at that time."

Dissemination:  CG; DIO-8ND; PD., Trin.

Op-16-B-5
JRT/ks
10/8/43

CONFIDENTIAL