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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 Robert Daniel Tompkins formerly a wiper on the SS BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON. Tompkins was removed from this vessel in Oran, Algeria, tried by a court there, and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for 30 days and fined \$ 140.00. He was found to have hampered the prosecution of the war while in a theatre of operations by committing the following actions.

1. On July 4, while at Gibraltar, he made detrimental remarks about the U.S. Navy and its personnel.
2. He brought liquor aboard ship.
3. He was a trouble maker and a bad influence on crew members.

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

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