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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

Savannah, Georgia.

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Savannah Intelligence  
Office, Sixth Naval District

DATE BOARDED: 1-11-45 BOARDED AT: Sav. Ga. DATE OF REPORT: 1-11-45.

VESSEL: S/S "BETA" NO. IN CREW: 35

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below) XXXXX

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Discharging

Subj: Ship / Clearance of.

ITINERARY: Arrived from Texas City on 10 January 1945, will depart Savannah, Georgia for Smith's Bluff on 11 January, 1945.

1. Information on file revealed that Harry I. HAUGH, CDB-231391, Acting 2nd Mate aboard SUBJECT vessel, was reported as having deserted the S.S. "ESSO HARTFORD". Examination of HAUGH'S Continuous Discharge Book shows that he sailed on the "ESSO HARTFORD" as an AB from 30 December 1942 to 28 January 1943 with the discharge properly certified before a Shipping Commissioner. Interrogation of HAUGH disclosed that after the crew was signed off on 28 January 1943 at Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, HAUGH signed on again and was granted 24 hours shore liberty, spending that time in Bayonne, New Jersey but due to transportation difficulties was 1 or 2 hours over-leave in returning to port - the "ESSO HARTFORD" departing in the meantime. HAUGH tried to catch the ship on a launch but was unsuccessful and upon returning to the dock immediately phoned the Standard Oil Marine Office to explain his failure to join ship. On 12 February 1943 he was re-assigned to another Standard Oil Tanker, S.S. "E. G. SEUBERT" and continued to sail for the company as AB until 16 December 1943 when he enrolled at the U. S. Maritime Officers Academy, New London, Connecticut where the school officials in questioning him about this incident accepted his explanation that it was unintentional and upon satisfactorily completing the three month training course HAUGH was issued a 3rd Mate license.

2. HAUGH'S fingerprints on form NCG 2515 with photograph attached are submitted herewith. *2 m above 1/16/45*

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DIO, 6ND (2)  
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