

EXCERPT FROM VOYAGE REPORT OF "SS BULKOIL", (US), DATED 6 AUGUST 1943.

"July 28, 1943 between 2100 and 2200, at the loading pier of the Refinery at Point Fortin, Trinidad, BWI, there occurred the death of the ship's purser, Jay Corbett. He was returning from Port of Spain to the ship with Captain A. M. Anderson, Master of the S. S. Bulkoil; the two had been gone all day on ship's business. The Captain reports that they were walking the 12 inch cat-walk (with no rail) (this with the oil pipes constitutes the pier, which is 1.9 miles in length, and at the end of which the ship was taking on cargo.) The two had traveled approximately 3/5 of the distance when the purser toppled to the right, falling into the swift current below. The Captain shimmied down the piling to lend a hand, the victim began swimming towards him then sank and failed in the darkness to reappear or respond to call. The Captain had been walking approximately five yards ahead at the time."

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