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**CONFIDENTIAL**

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER H. T. JEWELL

Subj: SS C. A. CANFIELD, alleged misconduct of Master

1. The following, contained in a letter dated 16 July, 1943, from the crew of the SS C. A. CANFIELD to Captain D. McKay, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Bayonne, N. J., and which was furnished the Intelligence Division by another Government agency, is forwarded for your information and such attention as may be deemed appropriate:

"I think that it's time you should know something about conditions on this ship.

"Since we left New York there has hardly been a day when the Captain was in a fit condition to be in charge of the ship. He has been intoxicated nearly all the time. He stuck the ship on a bank in one of the ports we were in out on the West Coast, coming into port he charges ahead of all the other ships in the convoy and one occasion he nearly put the S. B. HUNT on the rocks. I think you'll agree that we are under strain enough without having to put up with a Captain who is a crazy drunkard. You don't have to take the word of any one man on the ship. You can ask any man here and he will tell you the same. We are only hoping that we will get back to the States soon, so we can get rid of this Skipper; that is if we are not sunk or drove crazy by him.

"There is a limit to all things, and I think all of us here have reached the limit; we look forward to you to give the men on the ships decent Captains that we can trust but this man is not one of them. When we get to New York, or some place in the States, we here hope you will make an investigation into the whole and then you'll see what we have to put up with during the past six months.

The Whole Crew of the C. A. CANFIELD."

2. Headquarters records indicate that E. S. Johansen signed on as Master of the SS C. A. CANFIELD during January, 1943.

CC: Admiral Chalker

F. E. POLLIO  
Commander, USCG

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