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MERCHANT MARIN
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21 November, 1947

From: Commander, 8th Coast Guard District (dmi)
To: The Commandant (MVI)

Subj: Violation of Oil Pollution Act of 1924, 33 USC 431-437, oc-
curring at The Texas Company Terminal Dock #2, Port Arthur,
Texas, on 7 November, 1947

1. In further reference to the above subject, you will please find
inclosed report of the MMIU, Port Arthur, Texas, copy of letter from this
office to the Corps of Engineers, 606 Santa Fe Building, Galveston, Texas,
and copy of reply thereto, all in reference to the above subject, the con-
tents of which are self-explanatory.

2. From the attached copy of letter received from the Corps of
Engineers office at Galveston, Texas, you will note that they consider
the case as closed.

John F. Oetzel
JOHN F. OETTEL
By direction

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Office of the District Engineer
606 Santa Fe Bldg.
Galveston, Texas

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19 November 1947

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (dmi)
313 Customhouse
New Orleans, Louisiana

ATTENTION: John F. Oettl
District Marine Inspection Officer

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 17 November 1947, reference CG-MIN-1200, regarding violation of Oil Pollution Act of 1924, occurring at The Texas Company Terminal Dock No. 2, Port Arthur, Texas.

This office is of the opinion that the subject oil pollution resulted from an unavoidable accident and is in accord with the opinion of the Investigating Officer that the Texas Company could not be held responsible therefor. We are, therefore, marking our file closed.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Drummond
F. W. DRUMMOND
Attorney
Chief, Legal Branch

JOHN F. OETTLE
District Marine Inspection Officer

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S/O, MBTU, Port Arthur, Texas
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

File: 628-01340

313 Customhouse

13 November 1947

Commander, 8th Coast
Guard District (dmi)

CG-MIN-1200

Eighth Coast Guard District

Via: OIC, MI, Port Arthur, Texas

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U. S. War Department
Corps of Engineers
606 Santa Fe Building
Galveston, Texas

GLEN W. ELMS

Subject: Violation of Oil Pollution Act of 1924, 33 USC 431-437, oc-
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Port Arthur, Texas
Gentlemen:

In further reference to the above subject, please find inclosed copy of
a report received from the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, Port
Arthur, Texas, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

Since, however, this matter comes strictly under your jurisdiction, the
inclosure is forwarded to you for your information, files and such action
as you may deem necessary in the premises.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would be kind enough to inform
this office as early as possible what action you desire to take in the
premises, in order that the files in this office may be closed.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By direction of Rear Admiral G. T. Finlay, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard
District.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. GETTL
District Marine Inspection Officer

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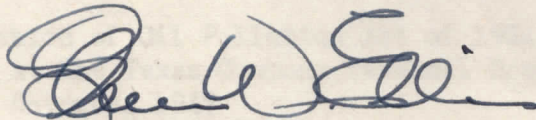
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SIO, MMIU, Port Arthur, Texas
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To: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

Via: OIC, MI, Port Arthur, Texas

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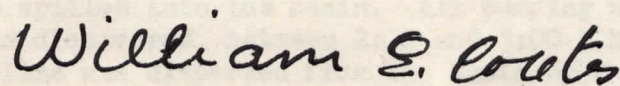


GLENN W. ELLIS
By direction

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OIC, MI, Port Arthur, Texas
13 November 1947

To: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

Forwarded.



WILLIAM E. COATES

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Merchant Marine Investigating Unit
Eighth Coast Guard District
416 Bluestein Bldg.
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Via: 1. SIO, MMIU, Port Arthur, Texas
2. OIC, MI, Port Arthur, Texas

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1. The following report is submitted pursuant to instructions contained in USCG MMII: 3-3-4 B(1).

2. At approximately 0200, on 7 November 1947, the SS CANEY, due to a rain squall, accompanied by NW'ly winds of force 7-9, broke mooring lines, while moored at McEwans Terminal, Port Arthur, Texas, and was set down across the channel into the Texas Company Terminal Dock #2, damaging the wharf and severing loading gasoline pipe lines. Pumping was being done at the time, resulting in gasoline spilling into the basin. Approximately 1000 barrels of gasoline were spilled into the basin. All pumping was shut down, when the collision was discovered, between 2:30 and 3:00 A.M., by Texas Company watchman. Gasoline was dispersed from the basin by the wind and tide, and no samples were available.

- Conclusions and Recommendations -

3. Due to the fact that the SS CANEY was considered to be properly moored, and broke moorings due to excessively strong winds and rain squall, it is believed that the collision was unavoidable, and that the Texas Company could not be held responsible for resultant oil pollution. It is recommended that report be forwarded for suitable disposition.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'H. W. Stinson, Jr.'.

H. W. STINSON, JR.
Lieut.(jg) USCGR
Investigating Officer