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ADDRESS REPLY TO

THE COMMANDANT (PMP)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received from a reliable source the following information concerning crew members of the SS CERRO GONDO.

Report states that Frank T. McDonald, Quarter Master, reported aboard ship drunk on July 24, 1943 after liberty in Avonmouth, England. He was not permitted to stand his watch due to his condition and thereupon returned ashore and never reported back again, missing the ship when it sailed.

The following men were among those given liberty in Avonmouth. They were due back aboard at 8:00 a.m. July 26, 1943, for the ship was scheduled to sail at 1:00 p.m. However, these men did not report back aboard until the time indicated opposite their names and consequently the ship was unable to sail at the scheduled time.

John Hunter, A.S. Returned aboard 1:30 p.m. July 26, 1943.

James E. Verner, A.B. Returned aboard at 5:50 p.m. July 26, 1943.

Chester J. Benben, A.B. Returned aboard at 4:10 p.m. July 26, 1943.

Also, on August 11, in Curacao, Benben went ashore after being refused permission to do so.

Bryant P. Gould, O.S. Returned aboard at 4:10 p.m. July 26, 1943.

Arnile Ardoin, Wiper, Returned aboard at 1:00 p.m. July 26, 1943.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in these cases.

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