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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORTConfidentialConfidential

DATE BOARDED: 10-12-44 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 10-13-44.

VESSEL: U.S.A.H.S. "CHARLES A. STAFFORD" NO. IN CREW: 152

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

OPERATIONS IN PORT: Disembarking the crew, who signed aboard the above

missed the ship in Liverpool:

GOENAGA, Jose E. Z-231-407-D-1 Messman

ITINERARY: Unknown at this time. Z-281830 Messman

1. Files of another government agency indicated that LABELLA, Saverio Joseph, Carpenter, aboard the above ship was convicted in court martial proceedings while an enlisted Storekeeper, 1c, in the U. S. Navy, of falsehood, forgery, and stealing U. S. Government property; that LABELLA had been sentenced to be confined to prison for four years, and then to be discharged from the U. S. Navy. The sentence had been reviewed and approved by the Acting SecNav, 7 October, 1941. The Portsmouth Naval Prison had been designated as the place of confinement.

LABELLA was interviewed aboard the "CHARLES A STAFFORD", and admitted the facts in the above paragraph. He advised that he had served approximately one year of the sentence imposed, and then had been released; he had signed aboard the "STAFFORD", when it was the transport "SIBONEY", and has been aboard the ship for the past year. LABELLA states that he made known to A.T.S. Officials the facts involving court martial proceedings. Ship's officers aboard the "STAFFORD" were interviewed, and advised that LABELLA has behaved himself, and been no source of trouble; SUBJECT originally signed aboard the "STAFFORD", as Carpenter's Mate, and after one month of service was promoted to Carpenter. The master of the vessel advised that LABELLA'S employment was satisfactory in all respects.

2. The files of another government agency indicated that Julio RAMIREZ, Z-268863, born Puerto Rico, Age 26, was discharged as galley utilityman or scullion from the USAHS "SEMINOLE", for assaulting a fellow crew member. Interview with Julio RAMIREZ, aboard the above vessel, inbound from U.K.; is identical with SUBJECT.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
DCGIO, 6ND (1)
File (1)

BOARDING OFFICER:.....

APPROVED:.....

HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.,
District CG Intelligence
Officer, 6th NavDist.

SUBJECT advised that while aboard the "SEMINOLE", he had been attacked by a fellow crew member also of the steward department, whose name the SUBJECT did not remember; SUBJECT stated that his attacker, to his own personal knowledge, was an habitual marihuana smoker, and that it was while under the influence of marihuana that his attacker acted, using a butcher knife of at least half an arm's length. SUBJECT stated that he struck his attacker a blow in the face, rendering the attacker unconscious. SUBJECT concluded that his attacker used marihuana for his own personal use only, and as far as he knew had never attempted a sale of the drug, either ashore or aboard ship. Ship's officers aboard the "STAFFORD" were interviewed and advised that RAMIREZ has behaved himself, and been no source of trouble. The master of the vessel advised that RAMIREZ' employment was satisfactory in all respects.

3. The following two members of the crew, who signed aboard the above vessel in the United States, were left in England when they reportedly missed the ship in Liverpool:

GOENAGA, Jose E.	Z-231-407-D-1	Messman
PINTO, Alfred V.	Z-281830	Messman