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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 Malcolm Trnum, carpenter aboard the SS CHARLES GOODNIGHT during a recent voyage.

Report states that Trnum came aboard ship in a drunken condition at Valparaiso just as his ship was leaving the dock. In view of the fact Trnum was not aboard prior to sailing time, the Master had ordered his gear packed in order to leave it ashore. Trnum, on arrival aboard, went to the bridge and berated the Master for having molested his gear and, furthermore, refused to leave the bridge on the Master's order.

It was also reported that on the voyage from Valparaiso to Balboa in March, 1944, Trnum made attempts to induce crew members to sign a spurious statement that the Master was an excessive drinker.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action may be warranted in this case.

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