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Subj: CONVOY ORDERS, Alleged Refusal to obey

1. A First Naval District Intelligence Office Board Report on the SS CHARLES L. O'CONNOR dated May 31, 1943 is quoted in part for information:

"ALLEGED REFUSAL TO OBEY ORDERS WHILE IN CONVOY - Boarding Officer's attention was directed to a report that SUBJECT vessel while in convoy had straggled and refused to obey the orders of the captain of the sub chaser escort while southbound on May 23, 1943. Questioned concerning this incident, Captain HANSON stated that his ship had full steam on at the time but was unable to keep up with the convoy. He said that the sub chaser escort came alongside and verbally directed him to speed up and maintain his correct position in the convoy. This irritated the captain and he told the escort captain that if they would give him a tow he would be glad to keep his position. Captain HANSON further stated that his ship was headed in the correct direction and that he was doing all in his power to obey the orders. He blamed part of his trouble to Maritime School firemen. He repeated the often-heard complaint that these boys had no training in firing coal and did not want to stay aboard to learn. He further complained about convoy speeds and stated that it often happened that his ship was placed in a fast convoy and could not maintain its position."

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