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Information taken letter to Commandant (CAM) (Subject: Bi-weekly Report for period ending 12 April, 1946) dated 12 April, 1946.  
Letter signed by A.G.HALL, Acting Commander, LCGD.

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Received report from Lt. D. S. Bangs, Commanding Officer, Gloucester Group, at 1100, April 5, 1946, reporting that salvage company working on stranded S.S. CHARLES S. HAIGHT planned to sink after-part of hull which contained a large amount of fuel oil. Lt. Bangs further stated that complaints were being received from local civic organizations who feared that the crude oil released would damage beaches and destroy fish in that vicinity. Lt. Bangs directed to inform Salvage Master to communicate with District Engineer, U. S. Army, before proceeding further with scuttling operations. A court injunction against the salvage company proceeding with work was issued locally on complaint of the citizens of Rockport. The salvage company abandoned vessel 6 April, 1946 and did not sink after-part of hull. Reports recently received indicate that greater part of oil seeping from hull of stranded vessel has been dissipated by off-shore winds.