

EXCERPT FROM 4ND BOARDING REPORT, MV CHINA MAIL (U.S.), DATED 5 JANUARY 1944.

SHORE BRAWL BETWEEN ARMED GUARD CREWMAN AND MERCHANT CREWMAN:

On the evening of 7 November 1943, David D. DEHRING, Sea. 1/c, was in the British Legion, a bar in Dar Es Salaam. DEHRING unsuccessfully attempted to take one of a number of glasses of beer which Joseph A. WASNACHT, Z-400387, utilityman on Subject vessel, had before him. About a half hour later WASNACHT, without any further provocation or altercation, broke a glass on the table and slashed the back of DEHRING's neck with the broken glass. A long deep gash was inflicted which came very close to DEHRING's critical veins and arteries. DEHRING was given treatment and had his wound sutured at a native clinic. He will carry a permanent wound scar. (Port Director's office at Philadelphia cognizant.)

Dissemination: Coast Guard.

Cognizant: DIO 7ND: DIO 15ND: Routing Officer 4ND.

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10 January 1944.

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