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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Earl E. Dickerson, former Messman on the MS CITY OF DALHART and former ordinary seaman on the SS POCAHUNTAS. Report states that Dickerson missed the SS POCAHUNTAS on 6 March, 1943 in Freemantle due to his drunken condition. He signed on the CITY OF DALHART shortly thereafter and on 7 April, 1943, as a result of intoxication, he became involved in an altercation aboard the CITY OF DALHART with another messman whom he struck and threatened with a knife. He was confined to his quarters for this offense but was taken off this ship subsequently at Balboa for trial. In the Magistrate's Court, Balboa, he was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment after a plea and finding of guilty to a charge of simple battery. In the U.S. District Court in the Canal Zone he was sentenced to 5 months imprisonment after a plea and finding of guilty to a charge of battery on the high seas.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever further disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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