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Case No. 628-682
SS DAVID GAILLARD

IN THE MATTER OF
Certificate No. C-178025
Issued to Harvey E. Golden
Oiler, Z-664697

MERCHANT MARINE HEARING UNIT
FOURTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
Honolulu, T.H.
18 October, 1945

Report of Hearing

Hearing held on 15 October, 1945. Testimony not transcribed but on file in this office.

Sources: Coast Guard Intelligence memorandums dated 28 September, 1 October and 11 October, 1945.

Charges: Misconduct - 1 specification alleging unlawful pilfering of certain property from the cargo of the SS DAVID GAILLARD.

Plea: Guilty.

Facts: On 13 September, 1945, a group of crew members of the SS DAVID GAILLARD entered the Nos. 1 and 2 holds and pilfered certain articles. Subject was a member of the group, all of whom with the exception of one man, are quite young. Upon a rumor circulating the ship that the vessel would be searched, subject threw certain articles pilfered from the cargo over the side. It was evident to the Hearing Officer that in this particular case, Golden is not a criminal character and that the gravity of the episode was not fully understood. Subject is only 17 years of age.

Subject is registered with Local Board No. 2, Kilgore, Texas, Order No. 13133, Classification 2-B.

Conclusions: The facts were sufficient to support the plea of guilty.

Findings: Specification 1 proved by plea - Charge proved.

Order: One year's suspension effective in continental United States, the last ten months of which are subject to two years' probation.

Appeals: None indicated.

Certificate RETAINED BY HEARING OFFICER FOR FORWARDING TO HEADQUARTERS.

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