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Case No. 628-683
SS DAVID GAILLARD

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

IN THE MATTER OF
Certificate No. E-621012
Issued to William A. Monce
Messman, Z-643465

Report of Hearing

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

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

Charge: Misconduct - 1 specification alleging receipt of property stolen from the cargo of the SS DAVID GAILLARD.

Plea: Guilty.

Facts: On 15 September, 1945, a group of crew members of the SS DAVID GAILLARD entered the Nos. 1 and 2 holds and pilfered certain articles. Subject received some of these stolen articles from some of those members of the crew, knowing them to have been stolen. Upon a rumor circulating the ship that the vessel would be searched, subject threw the articles which had been pilfered over the side. It was evident to the Hearing Officer that in this particular case, Monce is not a criminal character and that the gravity of the episode was not fully understood. Subject is only 17 years of age.

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

Findings: Specification 1 proved by plea - Charge proved.

Order: Two months' suspension with eight months' probation.

Appeal: None indicated.
CERTIFICATE RETURNED TO PERSON CHARGED UPON CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.

THE COMMANDANT (INT) ✓
LEWIS F. GERBER
Lieut. (jg), USCGR
HEARING OFFICER

Wm. A. Monce - 11/17/45