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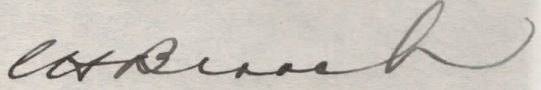
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Subj: Barrios, Emmett, messman, SS EASTERN GUIDE

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Make separate report for each main title.)From Naval Attache at Lima, Peru Date 20 Sept., 1943  
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(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)Source Personal observation; Grace Co. Evaluation A-1  
Brit. (As official, personal observation, publication, press, conversation with identity when practicable, etc.) Mer. Hospital A-1 to E-O etc.  
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BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

EMMETT BARRIOS, gun crew messman of the SS EASTERN GUIDE, signed off at Callao and hospitalized for venereal disease. He was unofficially signed off for reason of unsatisfactory conduct and service, whereas venereal disease was used as an excuse. BARRIOS considered somewhat of a mental case by medical officer at British-American Hospital. Subject has aroused sympathy of many American citizens in Lima by telling fantastic tales of being torpedoed at sea; being sole survivor, etc., on at least two different occasions. Many versions of ship sinkings given to different people. When questioned by Naval Attache, he admitted that he had told the fantastic stories and, in reply to a direct question, admitted that he had never been torpedoed or on a ship that had been stranded at sea. Subject is being returned to the USA by the vessel's agent at first available opportunity.

The following memorandums are quoted for background information in the case of EMMETT BARRIOS, former crew member of the SS EASTERN GUIDE:

QUOTE

Letter from Dr. V. T. DeVault, British-American Hospital, to W. R. Grace & Co., Callao, dated August 13, 1943.

Dear Sirs:

RE: EMMETT BARRIOS "EASTERN GUIDE"

Mr. Emmett Barrios was admitted to the hospital suffering from a urethral discharge which was found to be due to the gonococcus. The patient was hospitalized and started on appropriate treatment at once.

Thanking you for referring this patient to us, etc.

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Letter from Dr. V. T. DeVault, British-American Hospital, to W. R. Grace & Co., Callao, dated August 18, 1943.

Dear Sirs:

RE: EMMETT BARRIOS

To further our correspondence regarding Mr. Barrios, I am sorry to have to inform you that this patient has been most uncooperative and has persisted in roaming around the hospital in spite of his strict orders for precaution and has been disobeying all orders. He sneaked out of the hospital about 7 p.m. last night, stayed out all night and returned this morning at 7 a.m., in spite of strict orders to stay in his room.

We again examined Mr. Barrios this morning and found what appears to be an additional secondary infection. This man has been most unmanageable and dangerous to have in the hospital and has been a general disgrace to his country.

Please advise us as to what future steps we should take in his management.

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W. R. Grace & Co., Callao, inter-office memorandum to Mr. H. J. Jackson, Lima, dated September 14, 1943.

EMMETT BARRIOS - GUN CREW MESSMAN - SS EASTERN GUIDE

Captain Cox of the "Eastern Guide" insisted that the above man be hospitalized at the British-American Hospital, as he had contracted a venereal disease, therefore he was signed off in Callao and his wages amounting to S/721.00 were left with Mr. Hartwell Johnson at the Consulate.

Barrios entered the hospital on August 11th and on August 19th, we received a letter from Dr. DeVault, copy attached, informing that Barrios was making a nuisance of himself and that he was most unmanageable and dangerous to have in the hospital. We showed this letter to Commander Adler and he phoned right away to Mr. Johnson and the latter agreed to visit Barrios at the hospital to see what could be done about his future behavior.

On September 9th, Dr. DeVault advised that Barrios was fully cured and ready to leave the hospital. We arranged then board and lodging for him at the Hotel Italia until the time of his repatriation, which should be some time at the end of this month.

Yesterday Barrios came to the office and requested money to buy cigarettes and we told him to draw his money from the Consulate to which he replied that he had spent all of the money but S/50.00 to buy shirts, etc. I said then that he had to handle the remaining S/50.00 very carefully as we had no authority to advance him other funds.

He also inquired under what condition he was being shipped and I explained to him that unless there is a vacancy aboard a vessel, the captain and the Consul would sign him on as a workaway to which he objected stating that he wanted to get paid for his work aboard.

S/ Max Garni jr.

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On Saturday, 11 September, 1943, the Naval Attache received several calls requesting information relative to a man who was reported as having been torpedoed 200 miles off the coast of Peru and who further stated that he was the sole survivor, having arrived in Callao in a whaleboat which originally contained fourteen survivors. After checking with the British Intelligence and others, it was discovered that the man in question, EDMETT BARRIOS of the SS EASTERN GUIDE, had been in Lima for nearly a month. The further the Naval Attache checked, the more fantastic the stories became. Barrios had described to many people at least two different sinkings by torpedoes, the first in the Atlantic and the second off Peru.

The Naval Attache discussed the subject with the American Consul, who had originally signed the discharge papers in the case. The Naval Attache requested that Barrios be called in for a conference. The following day Barrios reported and when asked by the Naval Attache if he had been telling various people in Lima of his experiences at sea, he admitted that he had made up the stories, but he was unable to explain why unless he had possibly had a little bit too much to drink. This is not verified by informants, who stated that he was perfectly sober when telling the stories. At other times he had been seen in an inebriated state, however.

When asked by the Naval Attache if he had ever been on a ship that had been torpedoed or stranded at sea, he replied that he had not. After the Naval Attache explained to Barrios the seriousness of such stories and the possible results, he stated that he would not make up such stories in the future and would be more careful of his conduct. He advised that he was very anxious to return to the United States and ship on another ship.

COMMENT: The Naval Attache has learned, unofficially and unconfirmed, that the Captain of the SS EASTERN GUIDE got rid of Barrios because he was a nuisance on board, rather than because of the fact that he had contracted a venereal disease. At the same time, the medical officer at the British-American Hospital advised the Naval Attache, unofficially, that he felt that the man is somewhat unbalanced mentally:

The Naval Attache recommends that EDMETT BARRIOS be watched, as he may cause additional trouble.

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