

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE COMMANDANT (OMP)
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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 Byron E. Counts, George E. Lewis and Justo Lopez, members of the crew of the SS EDMUND F. DICKENS. (No ratings are reported). Report alleges that all three men are "perennial ship-jumpers and troublemakers." Further, Counts is reported to have attempted to dictate to the Captain of the Armed Guard with regard to the standing of watches, and also to have ridiculed the Armed Guard with respect to the disparity of pay between the Navy and the Merchant Marine.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action may be warranted in these cases.

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