

Case No. 628-19593
SS EDWARD L. SHEA

Merchant Marine Hearing Unit
United States Coast Guard
Third Naval District
New York, New York
23 January, 1946

IN THE MATTER OF OIL POLLUTION ABOARD THE SS EDWARD L. SHEA ON
27 OCTOBER, 1944.

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Letter from Supervisor of New York Harbor
dated 30 October, 1944.

FACTS: The SS EDWARD L. SHEA was cleaning tanks with the Butterworth System on 27 October, 1944, while berthed at the Tidewater Terminal, Bayonne, New Jersey. At that time Mr. J. R. Herries, Surveyor from the office of the Supervisor of New York Harbor, noted an oil slick in the water which he claimed he had traced to the EDWARD L. SHEA. According to the statement of Mr. George H. Welker who according to the articles of the SHEA was Chief Engineer, the vessel was cleaning tanks with the Butterworth System and the slop water from the tanks was pumped through a line connected to the piping system of the SHEA. This water was discharged into a tank ashore and separated and only the clean water was let into the waters of New York Harbor from these shore tanks. There was no discharge from the SHEA except the circulating and sanitary discharges, and at no time were there any bilges being pumped. There is no indication that any oil was pumped overboard from the SHEA.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Inasmuch as there is no evidence that any oil was discharged from the SHEA, it is recommended that the case be closed without any further action.

KNUD L. HANSEN
Lt. Comdr., USCGR
Examining Officer

Ind-1
23 January, 1946

To: The Commandant (OMP)

Forwarded, approved.

JOHN I. DUGAN
By direction

Closed

27 January, 1949
NVP-628-Misc.

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 3rd C. G. District (a)

Subj: Oil Pollution, various cases pending disposition

1. The following oil pollution cases are presently in a pending status on HQ records. In each instance, HQ file indicates no action since the cases were last referred to the New York office.

<u>N.Y. Case No.</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Last Action HQ records</u>
628-26734	F. SCOTT FITZGERALD	HQ dispatch 031824, Jan '46 to 3rd CGD
628-19893	HOWARD L. SHEA	H/L 10 Mar. '45 to 3rd CGD
628-16763	CHAMP CLARK	H/L 1 Nov. '44 to 3rd CGD
628-25654	ESSO CAMDEN	H/D 022258 June '45 to 3rd CGD
628-16127	B ENJAMIN RUSH	H/D 022140, Jan '45 to 3rd CGD
628-18419	BEACON OIL	3rd CGD ltr. 4 Nov. '44 further action indicated
628-23637	BEACON HILL	H/L 2 Mar '45 to 3rd CGD
628-16338	HENRY WATKINSON	H/L 19 Mar '45 to 3rd CGD

2. It is requested that the New York NMIS files be checked and HQ advised of any action which may have been taken in response to the various letters and dispatches. Copies are attached for your information.

C. H. BROACH
By direction

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SS EDWARD L. SHEA

Merchant Marine Hearing Unit
United States Coast Guard
Third Naval District
New York, New York
5 February 1945

IN THE MATTER OF
License No. Unknown
Issued to ^(copy) EDWARD L. SHEA
Chief Engineer
Comp. 3

*Not considered -
cannot identify
in article -
no further
to central
records*

10 March, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Letter from Rear Admiral J. W. Bunkley, Supervising Officer, New York Harbor, dated 30 October, 1944.

To: DCGG, 3RD

Subj: **CONFIDENTIAL** The letter from Admiral Bunkley, dated 30 October, 1944, indicated a report from the New York Harbor Office, New York dated 27 October, 1944 indicating that a charge of oil at Tidewater was made on the vessel in charge of 1944 with reference to your report of 5 February, 1945, case 628-19593 SS EDWARD L. SHEA, concerning subject violation by the vessel indicated. you are advised that said vessel is due to arrive at New York on 14 March. Chief Engineer, Oscar L. Franklin as to his responsibility for this.

2. Headquarters' records fail to disclose any information regarding Oscar L. Franklin, who was indicated in the above mentioned report as Chief Engineer of the vessel. No person of this name appears to have been issued a license or to have ever signed on the articles of captioned vessel. Headquarters Circulars on the Merchant Marine Personnel Circulation it is requested that this Unit be advised as to the final disposition of the case.

[Signature]
E. P. GUINANE
K. K. COWART, Lieutenant, USCGR
By direction Training Officer

Incl
Copy of letter from Admiral Bunkley
(30 October, 1944) and inclosed report.

MAR 8 1945

Done N.Y. - 14/3/45

Incl-1
5 February, 1945
To: The Commandant (OMP)
Forwarded, approved.

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JOHN I. LUGAN
By direction

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Merchant Marine Hearing Unit
United States Coast Guard
Third Naval District
New York, New York
5 February 1945

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Letter from Rear Admiral J. W. Bunkley, Supervisor of New York Harbor, dated 30 October, 1944.

FACTS: The letter from Admiral Bunkley inclosed a report from J. R. Herries, Deputy Surveyor, Customs Office, New York dated 27 October, 1944 indicating that a discharge of oil at Tidewater Terminal, Bayonne, New Jersey on 27 October, 1944 was traced to the SS EDWARD L. SHEA as a result of a bilge which contained a mixture of oil being pumped into the water. It is desired to interview the Chief Engineer, Oscar L. Franklin as to his responsibility for this.

CONCLUSIONS: Inasmuch as there is no record in the Shipping Commissioner's Office as to the whereabouts of subject, it is recommended that this case be forwarded to Headquarters so that his name can be placed on the Merchant Marine Personnel Circular. It is requested that this Unit be advised as to the final disposition of the case.

E. P. Guinane
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Lieutenant, USCGR
Examining Officer

Incl
Copy of letter from Admiral Bunkley
(30 October, 1944) and inclosed report.

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Ind-1
5 February, 1945
To: The Commandant (OMP)

Due N.Y. - 14 March

Forwarded, approved.

John I. Dugan
JOHN I. DUGAN
By direction

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COPY
WAR DEPARTMENT
SUPERVISOR OF NEW YORK HARBOR
17 BATTERY PLACE
NEW YORK 4, N. Y. October 27, 1944

SH 800.224 (SHEA EDWARD L SSTK-KILL 30 October 1944
The Surveyor V KULL)

Subject: Pollution of Waters of Kill Van Kull

S i r :

Subject: Lieut. Report of oil violations - SSTK EDWARD L. SHEA
Precinct and on October 27th on duty with the First Platoon
To: reports that at Merchant Marine Hearing Unit, U. S. Coast Guard
on duty with the 42 Broadway, New York, N. Y. and assigned to
the inner gate of the Tidewater Terminal, Bayonne, N. J. tele-
phoned the office Attention: Commander John R. Dugan, Room 808
being discharged from the American tanker EDWARD L. SHEA into
the waters of Kill Van Kull.

1. There is forwarded herewith for your information and appropriate action copy of report received by this office relative to pumping of oil into New York Harbor. outlet on the port side of the vessel.
2. Owner and Agent of vessel: Tidewater Associated In Oil Co. 17 Battery Place, New York City. Information is submitted:
Under time charter to War Shipping Administration.
 - (a) Name of vessel - American tanker EDWARD L. SHEA
3. Will you please advise what action you will take in this case.
 - (c) Name of Local Agents "
 - (d) Name of Master - R. Schwarz
 - (e) Name of Engineer - Oscar L. Franklin
 - (f) Time of violation - 2:40 A.M.
 - (g) Place of violation - Kill Van Kull Waters
J. W. BUNKLEY, Bayonne, N. J.
 - (h) Name and Address of Witness - None
 - (i) Sample of water and oil forwarded herewith

Chief Yeoman Jackson of the Port Coordinator's Office was notified on October 27th.

Respectfully,

J. R. HERRIES
Deputy Surveyor

C O P Y

October 27, 1944

The Surveyor

Subject: Pollution of Waters of Kill Van Kull

S i r :

Lieutenant V. A. Morrell assigned to the New Jersey Precinct and on October 27th on duty with the First Platoon reports that at 2:40 A.M. today, Customs Guard E. A. LIPPMAN on duty with the First Platoon of this date and assigned to the inner gate of the Tidewater Terminal, Bayonne, N. J. telephoned the office of the Lieutenant and reported that oil was being discharged from the American tanker EDWARD L. SHEA into the waters of Kill Van Kull.

The discharge from the ship was a mixture of bilge water and oil which was being pumped from a bilge outlet on the port side of the vessel.

In connection with this report, the following information is submitted:

- (a) Name of vessel - American tanker EDWARD L. SHEA
- (b) Name of Owner - Tidewater Oil Co.
- (c) Name of Local Agents "
- (d) Name of Master - R. Schwarz
- (e) Name of Engineer - Oscar L. Franklin
- (f) Time of violation - 2:40 A.M.
- (g) Place of violation - Kill Van Kull Waters
Tidewater Terminal, Bayonne, N.J.
- (h) Name and Address of Witness - None
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Respectfully,

J. R. HERRIES
Deputy Surveyor