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16 November, 1942.

COAST GUARD BASE

5th Naval District,
Baltimore, Maryland,
7 November, 1942.

Subject:

Fire, S. S. ESSO AUGUSTA, Baltimore, Md.

Reference:

From: Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland.
To: Commandant.

Summary of Information:

The following is the substance of an official report from the Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Md.

Subject: Fire and other disasters along the waterfront; investigation of.

On November 7, 1942, about 0400 fire was discovered on Subject vessel at Bethelam Upper Dry Dock, Baltimore, in the quarters of the Chief Engineer. A mattress was found to be burning and was extinguished without appreciable damage. The Chief Engineer was found in the room, but uninjured by the fire, and is said to have been unconcerned, remaining in bed.

- 1. In accordance with instructions contained in Reference (a), Inclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information of Headquarters.

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From: Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland.
To : Commandant.
Via : District Coast Guard Officer, 5th Naval District.
Subject: Fire and other disasters along the waterfront; investigation of.
Reference: (a) H/L 8 April, 1942 (SC-661)
Inclosure: (A) Report of fire, 7 November, 1942, aboard S/S ESSO AUGUSTA, Bethlehem Upper Dry Dock, Baltimore, Md.

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Report

7 November, 1942.

0400 - On routine check-up of Am. S/S ESSO AUGUSTA, Bethlehem Upper Dry Dock, with Maxwell, T.E. - C.B.M., and escorted by Bethlehem Police Officer, Lupton, a crew member reported to us that he smelled smoke. With a Bethlehem fireman we traced the smoke to the Chief Engineers Quarters. Door was locked and flames could be seen through glass panel in door. Knocking and shouting we failed to rouse the Chief Engineer. Crew member brought key, opened door, showing quarters, comprising office and bunk, filled with smoke from burning mattress. Fire was quickly and easily extinguished with chemical at 0407. Chief Engineer was not injured, and apparently unconcerned, remaining in bed.

Title: District Coast Guard Officer, 2nd District, Norfolk, Virginia.
Subject: Fire and other disasters along the coast; Investigation of.
Reference: B.L. CLARKE, Ensign.
Reference: (a) R/L 8 April, 1942 (32-511)
Inclosure: (A) Report of fire, 7 November, 1942, aboard U.S. S/S ESSO AUGUSTA, Bethlehem Upper Dry Dock, Bethlehem, PA.

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