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Navy 3205 Boarding Report, SS "ETHIOPIA VICTORY" (SS-167)
28 October 1944

According to the MASTER, on 3 October 1944, at Aberdeen, Washington, Frank P. McDONNELL, Messman, Z#44193, disappeared from the ship sometime after 1100, after having been checked aboard by the United States Immigration Service Inspector. The ship was thoroughly searched without results. The Coast Guard authorities were notified.

On 25 October 1944, Samuel SETZER, Messman, Z#122630, was admitted to the Base Hospital, Navy 3205, because of a severe case of asthma.

The MASTER reported that the Chief Steward had been having considerable trouble with Charles Russell KELTZ, Pantry Utilityman, Z#489471. When interviewed, the Chief Steward, Frank S. ROBUCH, stated that KELTZ has directly refused to carry out his orders and that he has failed to maintain sanitary conditions in the pantry assigned to the Armed Guard crew. The steward accused KELTZ of throwing overboard some of the equipment checked out to KELTZ. KELTZ denied this accusation and the steward was unable to submit proof. The Armed Guard Officer, Darold BARNUM, Lieutenant (jg), USNR, confirmed the fact that KELTZ had not maintained sanitary conditions. He stated however, that KELTZ was young (16 years of age), inexperienced and that he had improved since the beginning of the voyage.

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