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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 sanitary conditions on the SS EWING during a recent voyage. However, no names of persons responsible for reported conditions are presently stated, but, if any further information is received, it will be forwarded.

The information reported reveals that sugar and flour were stowed aboard the SS EWING in an undesirable location and that considerable spoiled meat in the cooler was allowed to remain there in a foul condition. Also, a container of gelatin covered with mold remained in the icebox for days subjecting other food to contamination. Toward the end of the voyage the food served became so intolerable that the Captain made an inspection and thereupon ordered 2200 pounds of meat thrown overboard.

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