

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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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 A. W. Haslam, Master of the SS EZRA MEeker. Captain Haslam was relieved of his command on July 25, 1943, in Oran, and placed under arrest by authorities on the following charges.

1. Drunkenness.
2. Disclosing information from sealed orders concerning the destination of his vessel prior to sailing.
3. Having knowledge of cargo pilferage and failing to take action.
4. Possession of enemy arms and military supplies.
5. Conducting himself in a manner unbecoming an officer, and thereby imperiling discipline aboard his ship.
6. Shackling a crew member to his bunk when the vessel was in submarine infested waters.

On July 26 Captain Haslam was sent to a military hospital for observation. August 12 a diagnosis was completed and it stated Captain Haslam was suffering from "Generalized arterio-sclerosis-with organic brain disease."

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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