

SHIP:

SS EZRA MECKER

DATE OF OCCURRENCE:

Not given, about January 25, 1943

DATE OF ORIGINAL
COMPLAINT:

January 26, 1943

CREW INVOLVED:

Howard Pumphrey, Jr, Seaman

CHARGE:

U. S. Customs intercepted a letter in San Francisco from this seaman addressed to Art Jacobs, Lou Gothe, Lee Roosman, Vic Bimrose aboard the SS RICHMOND, c/o Standard of California, San Francisco. Excerpts follow:

"Our cargo is consigned to Anafegascar, Peru. We are going to load copper in Valaperiso, Chile for the return trip."

"I am on the Ezra Meeker, a 10,500 Liberty ship operated by the States S. S. Co. of Vancouver, Washington. This mate doesn't give a damn so the men knock off 'about half the time and go ashore'

"We are going to Ports in Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Chili, and Callao, Peru, which is just 7 miles from Lima."

U. S. Customs condemned this letter, as it was not possible to excise.