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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, MERCHANT MARINE PERSONNEL DIVISION

Subj: SS FRANK B. KELLOGG; pilferage of cargo on

The inclosure regarding the Subject is forwarded for your information and such action as you may deem advisable.

(A) Copy of Ltr. from COMNAV, Batavia, to COMNAV, Australia and New Guinea, Serial 63-40, dated 2 Mar 46, same copy.

S. Y. HAMMOND
Lieut. Comdr., USCG

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MEMORANDUM for Lt. Comdr. Waskeen, USCG, Room 8200,
 1300 E. St., N.W.

SUBJECT: SS FRANK B. KELLOGG - Pilferage of Cargo.

Reference:

Enclosures: (A) Copy of Ltr. from USNLO, Batavia, to
 ComNavFor, Australia and New Guinea,
 Serial 63-46, dated 8 Mar 46, same Subj.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for
 information.

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 an investigation of an individual, shall the report be shown to the
 subject, nor shall copies be made of it, nor shall the Office of Naval
 Intelligence be mentioned in connection with any action taken on the
 basis of such report.

3. ~~Immediate~~ Prompt return of this correspondence to ONI, Room L-2062,
 is requested.

C. R. Wilson
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 Comdr., U.S.N.R.

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Serial 63-46

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8 March 1946

From: U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Batavia, Java.
To : Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Australia and
New Guinea.
Subject: S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG - Pilferage of Cargo.

1. The S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG completed discharge in Batavia on 10 February 1946 and was released to the U. S. War Shipping Administration in accordance with instructions contained in COMNAVFORAUS/NO despatch 160423 January 1946 and sailed for Singapore a few days later for further orders. The S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG left Batavia leaving a most unfavorable reputation, it being generally known that more pilferage of cargo took place than from any other ship being discharged in Batavia since the reoccupation.

2. It is regretted to report that some officers and crew members were guilty of this practice and were responsible for a considerable quantity of their cargo reaching the black market instead of the legal owners, the N.E.I. government.

3. Through lack of sufficient manpower the N.E.I. government was not in a position to supply the necessary supervisors nor were they able to obtain a complete check on the cargo actually received and the Master of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG, according to information reaching this activity, was furnished with a receipt for the cargo.

4. The reason this matter was not reported any sooner is that the Liaison Officer just a few days ago obtained from a Chinaman running a somewhat questionably roadhouse, located between Batavia and the harbor, an exact description of the Master of the ship, Louis Guillerette, in connection with the delivery of over 120,000 cigarettes.

5. The ten full cases of Lucky Strike cigarettes contained the following numbers and markings:

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NUMBERS

80272
74290
79265
80476
79405
79584
79791
79211
74787
74897

MARKING ON EACH CASE

Order No. 336-15
Cont. NES-X 75981
500 pkgs cigarettes
Lucky Strike 20s
American Tobacco Co.

Naval Supply Depot
San Pedro, Calif.
Berth 230-A

In Bond
Cigarettes for Sea Stores
Factory #30 DST. N. NC.
Imported Sept. 25, 1944
S.E. Woods, D.C.

6. It was further reported to the Liaison Officer that two cases of cigarettes were sold to the Chief Officer and Chief Engineer of the British Steamer HETTRICKBANK by two wireless operators of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG who insisted on payment in pound sterling. According to the crew list of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG the following wireless operators are listed:

William V. LAMDA, Z-180853, Age: 24 yrs, Chief Radio
Patrick A. PRICE, Z-699085, Age: 18 yrs, 2nd Radio

7. On or about 20 January a number of Indonesian dock workers were apprehended by the harbor police, each with a carton of cigarettes and a chit signed by the Chief Officer from the KELLOGG stating that the cigarettes were given to them for one days work performed aboard.

8. On 30 January the Liaison Officer informed the Master of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG that the harbor police apprehended Billy E. Hassell, Z-642094, Age: 18 yrs., FM WT and John J. White, Z-627547, Age: 17 yrs, FM WT carrying out 93 cartons of Lucky Strike cigarettes. The Master of the ship, under date of 11 February, informed this activity that these two men were restricted to the ship until its arrival in a U. S. port.

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9. It was further reported to this activity by Lieutenant Christie, in charge of guarding that particular section of the harbor, that members of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG crew had been apprehended with large quantities of locks and aspirin.

10. The War Shipping Administration representative was of great assistance in the unloading of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG and also the S.S. HENRY JOCELYN and at various times complained to the Liaison Officer of the lack of co-operation received from the ship and also of the terrific amount of pilferage taking place.

11. On 29 January Indonesian laborers were ordered by the local port authorities to the ship to work on the discharge. The ship refused to accept these Indonesians and insisted on Japanese POWs. The Master of the ship was instructed that he had to cooperate to the fullest extent in the discharge of his ship and was to accept any labor furnished by the port authorities. He blamed the incident on the Chief Mate stating he was not aboard. In this regard the Master of the ship was informed that he was held responsible for his ship.

12. About two weeks after the departure of the S.S. FRANK B. KELLOGG, 59,400 cigarettes were located on the black market, of these there were three full cases of Lucky Strikes numbered 73764, 74021 and 80028 and with the same markings as above.

P. H. RABURN

cc: CRO(CNI) ✓
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