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Colombo, Ceylon, December 17, 1943

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Discipline on board the s.s. Furnifold M. Simmons

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, 25, D.C.

With reference to this Consulate's despatch no.254 of November 26, 1943, and to previous correspondence in regard to crew difficulties on board the s.s. Furnifold M. Simmons, I have the honor to enclose copies of additional log entries against Frank Rappel, Frank Lindstrum, Byron Keyhan, John Lane and W. Fuller.

The enclosures to this despatch were inadvertently placed in the confidential files instead of being forwarded to the Department at the time of the departure of this vessel. Since this despatch will reach the Department only a very short time before the arrival of the s.s. Furnifold M. Simmons at an east coast port in the United States, a copy of this despatch and its enclosures should be promptly forwarded to the United States Coast Guard for transmission to the officer designated to board this vessel upon its arrival and conduct an inquiry.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Buell
American Consul

Enclosures:
Log Entries.

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Enclosure to Despatch no. 272 dated December 17, 1943,
from Robert L. Buell, American Consul at Colombo, Ceylon,
on the subject: Discipline on board the s.s. Furnifold
H. Simmons.

Copy of Log Entry on Frank Rappel

Colombo, Ceylon Frank Rappel (43) Utility Section 4596 Second.
Sept. 21st.

Rappel absent from ship and duties on Sept. 21st
without permission and in defiance of orders contrary to good
order and discipline in time of war.

Two days pay and 2 days bonus pay \$ 11.00

This entry has been read to Rappel this day, September
22nd, 1943. A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to
Rappel this day, Sept. 22nd, 1943.

Reply: Admits offense. Sgd: F. Rappel
Witnesses:

Sgd: H. Mogensen, Ch. Officer
" J. Golden Sgd: H.A. von Pflugk
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet. Master

Copy of Log Entry on Frank Lindstrum

Colombo, Ceylon Frank Lindstrum (14)
Sept. 25th, 1943, at about 9 a.m. Lindstrum on being given
an order by the Bos'n, replied, "I tell you this, you better
watch your step aboard ship and also when we get back to the
States". This repeated insolent, insubordinate and
threatening attitude towards properly constituted authority,
contrary to good order and discipline in time of war will be
brought to the attention of the proper authorities in the
U.S. and Lindstrum is hereby once again warned to discontinue
such an attitude forthwith. Meanwhile a copy of this log
entry will be submitted to the U. S. Consul, Colombo, with
a request that it be forwarded to the State Department,
Washington and such other government authorities as may be
concerned.

This entry has been read to Lindstrum this day, September
25th, 1943. A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to
Lindstrum this day September 25th, 1943. No reply, refuses
to sign.

Witnesses:

Sgd: H. Mogensen, Ch. Officer
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet Sgd: H.A. von Pflugk
" E. L. Johansen, Bos'n Master

Copy of Log Entry on Byron Keyhan

Colombo, Ceylon
Sept. 27th to 30th Byron Keyhan (45) Section 4596 Second.
inclusive. Keyhan absent from ship and duties on
Sept. 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th without
permission. For this offence 2 days pay and two (2) days
bonus pay for each day so absent. Total 16 days \$ 46.67

This entry has been read to Keyhan this day, October
2, 1943. A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to

Keyhan

Keyhan this day, Oct. 2, 1943.

Reply: Claims he obtained permission from Steward the previous week. (Steward says no). Refuses to sign.

Witnesses:

Sgd: W. Mogensen, Ch. Officer
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflugk
Master.

Log Entry on John Lane

Colombo, Ceylon, John Lane, (11), Section 4596, Second.
Oct. 2nd, (Sat.)

Lane absent from ship and duties on
Oct. 2nd without permission (one half day).

One day's pay and one day's bonus pay \$ 6.66

This entry has been read to Lane this day, Oct. 5th, 1943. A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to Lane this day Oct. 5th, 1943.

Witnesses:

Sgd: W. Mogensen, Ch. Officer
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflugk
Master.

Log Entry on W. Fuller

Colombo, Ceylon W. Fuller (44) Messman, Section 4596.
Sept. 27th to 30th Fuller absent from ship and duties without
inclusive. permission on Sept. 27th, 28th, 29th and
30th. First offense of this nature.

One day's pay and 1 day's bonus pay for each day so absent,
8 days \$ 23.33

This entry has been read to Fuller this day October 12th, 1943.

A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to Fuller this day, Oct. 12, 1943.

The above matter has just been brought to the Master's attention, hence the delay. No reply. Refuses to sign.

Witnesses:

Sgd: W. Mogensen, Chief Officer
" J. G. Golden, Chief Officer

Sgd: P. Fagan,
Dk. Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflugk
Master

Log Entry on John Lane

Colombo, Ceylon John Lane, (11) Section 4596, Second.
October 11th, 1943. Lane absent from ship and duties without

This entry has been read to Lane this day, October 13th, 1943.

A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to Lane this day, October 13th, 1943.

No reply, refuses to sign.

Witnesses:

Sgd: H. Mogenson, Chief Officer.
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflugk
Master

Colombo, Ceylon, John Lane (11) Section 4596, Second.
October 16, 1943. Lane absent from ship and duties
without permission on the forenoon of
October 16th. For this offense 1 day's pay and 1 day's
bonus pay.

This entry has been read to Lane this day, October 19,
1943.

A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to Lane
this day, October 19th, 1943.

No reply, refuses to sign.

Witnesses:

Sgd: H. Mogenson, Chief Officer,
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflugk
Master

Log entry on Frank Rappel

Colombo, Ceylon, Frank Rappel, Mess. Section 4596, Second.
October 19, 1943. Rappel absent from ship and duties
without permission on October 19, 1943.
Two days pay and two days bonus pay.

\$ 5.82

\$ 6.67

\$ 12.49

This entry has been read to Rappel this
day, October 19, 1943. A typed copy of this entry has been
supplied to Rappel this day, Oct. 19th, 1943.

Admits offense, expresses regrets.

Sgd: F. Rappel.

Witnesses:

Sgd: H. Mogenson, Chief Officer,
" J. A. Golden, Ch. Steward.
" P. Fagan, Dk. Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflugk
Master

Copy of log entry on Byron Keyhan on
October 23rd, 1943

Colombo, Ceylon
October 23, 1943

Byron Keyhan, Messman (45)

Keyhan claims that he fell on Tuesday, October 12, 1943 and hurt his back. Due to previous items of misconduct, insubordinate attitude, disobedience of orders and repeatedly absenting himself from the ship in defiance of orders during working hours and also due to wearing an officer's cap and insignia ashore, which he as a messman is not entitled to wear, his police pass had previously been taken up. Furthermore, if there was anything seriously wrong with his back it would not have been advisable to have him negotiate the vertical gangway ladder in order to go ashore for medical treatment. A doctor was therefore sent for that day to examine his back. Apparently there was nothing wrong excepting minor muscle bruises for which the doctor prescribed a salve to be rubbed on the sore part. Keyhan at that time, apparently eager for an excuse to go ashore, tried to get the doctor to require him to do so, presumably for medical attention, but did not succeed. The doctor did not seem to think it necessary to give further treatment but agreed to come out again should that become necessary. On Saturday, October 16th, Keyhan requested the Master to have an x-ray taken of his back. He was informed that the doctor would be consulted and an x-ray taken if it was deemed advisable and that the Master would ask the doctor to come out and reexamine Keyhan. This was done but the doctor did not come out. On Tuesday morning, October 19th, the Master learned that the doctor had not been out and that Keyhan has once again absented himself from the ship and duties during the previous day. Keyhan was then informed that if he so wished the Master would take him ashore to have an x-ray taken. Keyhan replied that he did not think an x-ray would be necessary. It has since been learned that Keyhan had had an x-ray taken the previous day, (Monday). He did not mention that to the Master on Tuesday morning. The x-ray showed no bone injury whatsoever. On Thursday morning, October 21st, the Master had a long talk with Keyhan in the presence of the Chief Officer, Chief Steward and Deck Cadet and endeavored to point out to Keyhan the error of his ways and attitude and to induce him to fall in line and do his bit both mentally and physically. It was also pointed out to him that the turning in of his shoulder boards and officer's cap device had been and still would be considered as a token of good faith upon his part that he would assume a more cooperative attitude. He was also urged to be guided by the advice of the U. S. Consul who also apparently considers the turning in of these officer's insignia for the balance of the voyage as a token of good faith. Keyhan thereupon promised to surrender these officer's insignia, which he hasn't the right to wear, on the same Thursday afternoon. Keyhan failed to keep this promise and on Friday, October 22nd, informed the Master that on the advice of his lawyer he intended not to surrender these officer's devices for the balance of the voyage

and

and Keyhan adopted a rather defiant attitude toward the Master.

On Wednesday, October 20th, in the presence of the Master, Keyhan adopted an insolent, insubordinate and defiant attitude towards the Chief Officer and threatened him with bodily violence and harm and suggested that they go ashore and have it out.

Keyhan is once again warned not to make threats and urged to discontinue his defiant, insolent, disobedient, and non-cooperative attitude, contrary to good order and discipline in time of war.

This entry is made as a matter of record and will be brought to the attention of the proper government authorities in the United States for such action as they may decide to take.

This entry has been read to Keyhan this day October 23rd, 1943.

A typed copy of this entry has been supplied to Keyhan this day, October 25th, 1943.

Reply: Will reply after receiving typewritten copy.

Refuses to sign.

Witnesses:

Sgd: H. Hognson, Chief Officer,
" J. Golden, Chief Steward,
" P. Egan, Deck Cadet.

Sgd: H. A. von Pflug,
Master.

The above facts are correct with reference to Keyhan's injury from a fall, with the single exception that the reason why I did not visit Keyhan on board on Saturday, October 16, 1943, was that I had a chit from Keyhan delivered to me at my Chambers requesting me to get him ashore. I have handed this chit to the Master. The only reason for seeing Keyhan a second time was to have him X-rayed.

On Monday, 18th October, 1943, Keyhan came ashore during the afternoon, and was sent to the X-ray Institute. The skiagraph confirms my clinical diagnosis that there was no injury to bone.

Sgd: V. R. Schokman
L.H.S.

25.10.43.