

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO

THE COMMANDANT (PMP)

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CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning the Master of the SS F.M. SIMMONS. The Master's name is not stated in the report and records fail to disclose a vessel named the F.M. SIMMONS. However, as dates given in the report received indicate that the SS FURNIFOLD M. SIMMONS, of which H.A. Von Phlugh is presently the Master, may be the vessel concerned, the information reported is herewith forwarded.

It is stated that (1) the Master of the F.M. SIMMONS on May 14, 1943, refused to allow practice firing to be held by the Armed Guard; (2) refused, in Calcutta, to issue the Armed Guard crew shore leave passes required by certain ports; (3) refused to provide adequate quarters for the Armed Guard crew notwithstanding the availability of such quarters on board; (4) refused to permit members of the Armed Guard crew to purchase articles other than cigarettes from the slop chest; (5) refused to notify the Armed Guard Commander, on March 25, the day before the vessel left Cristobal, C.Z., concerning the ship's next port of call and the route to be taken; (6) continually maintained that he had sole jurisdiction in preparing the watch, quarter and station bill for the Armed Guard crew.

When further information is received the Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted.

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