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S. S. JAMES GORDON BENNETT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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HEADQUARTERS

G.H. Hines - Chief Officer

To: Captain J.F. O'Brien - M

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SUBJECT: W.K. HOAPILI - BOSN 2-120 April, 1943
D.E. LOCKARD - A.B. A-230692

From: Commandant.
To: Merchant Marine Inspector in Charge, Savannah, Georgia.

Subject: S.S. JAMES GORDON BENNETT, Misbehavior of crew members.

Inclosure: (A) Copy of Chief Officer's report to master relative 12/8/42 inclusive to subject, dated 28 December, 1942.

1. Inclosure (A) is forwarded for your information relative to William K. Hoapili, boatswain, and Douglas E. Lockard, A.B.

2. It is requested that the misbehavior of these men as indicated in inclosure (A) be investigated and the necessary action taken. The JAMES GORDON BENNETT is expected to arrive at Savannah at an early date. Since immediate action may be required, this letter is sent direct to Savannah.

Since Hoapili joined this vessel on September 29, 1942 at Wilmington, Calif. and while under my observation, /s/ ROBERT DONOHUE, trouble with him. He does not like to obey orders. By direction, utmost care and diplomacy that I have been able to handle him.

CC: DCGO 6th Naval District,
Charleston, South Carolina

Hoapili is a source of trouble on shipboard and a detriment to the running of the vessel.

1st endorsement. From MMIIC, Savannah, Ga.
D.E. LOCKARD - A.B. To: US Shipping Commissioner, Savannah, Ga.

unable to perform his duties while in the port of Bombay and other parts. Forwarded. Intoxicated and unable to perform his duties in Bombay while 12/8/42 to 12/17/42.

2. For action.

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In my unbiased estimation Merchant Marine until they are given by their superior officer

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S. S. JAMES GORDON BENNETT
DECEMBER 28, 1942

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From: G.H. Hines - Chief Officer 1943
To: Captain J.P. O'Brien - Master.

Mr. John Morel, War Shipping Administration, Savannah Bank & Trust Co., Savannah, Georgia

SUBJECT: W.K. HOAPILI - BOSN Z-109-513-BI
D.E. LOCKARD - A.B. A-230692
INTOXICATION OF AND UNABLE TO PERFORM
DUTIES WHILE IN PORT

I wish to report to you regarding the above mentioned men. W.K. HOAPILI, BOSN: This man has been repeatedly intoxicated while in the port of Bombay and unable to perform his duties from the period of 12/8/42 inclusive. During this period Hoapili has been very unruly and caused disruption among the sailors on this vessel and has repeatedly refused to obey any order given by me to turn to. The following is an excerpt from the ship's log book on December 15, 1942.

"Hoapili was aboard in a very intoxicated condition and when approached by me to sober up and turn to, made the following statement to me "That he absolutely would not turn to while the vessel was in port and that due to being at sea for two months he couldn't be expected to turn to especially in hot weather." Hoapili also stated that if he was logged for not turning to that I, the Chief Officer, would be sorry; this was said in a very threatening manner."

Since Hoapili joined this vessel on September 29, 1942 at Wilmington, Calif. and while under my observation, I have repeatedly had trouble with him. He does not like to obey orders and it is only with utmost care and diplomacy that I have been able to handle him.

In my most sincere estimation Hoapili is a source of trouble on shipboard and a detriment to the running of the vessel.

D.F. LOCKARD - A.B. This man has repeatedly been intoxicated and unable to perform his duties while in the port of Bombay and other ports. He was intoxicated and unable to perform his duties in Bombay while 12/8/42 to 12/17/42.

Lockard is absolutely useless while the vessel is in port. Being somewhat influenced to all appearances by Hoapili. He has been very unruly at times and has been missing when he has had watches to stand in port.

In my unbiased estimation both the men will be a detriment to the Merchant Marine until they are, in some manner, taught to obey orders given by their superior officer.

Respectfully,

/s/ G.H. HINES.

SS JAMES GORDON BENNETT

APRIL 15, 1943

to control what appears to be an entire disregard of the orders
 Mr. John Morel, District Manager, are acting upon orders from
 War Shipping Administration these vessels moving.
 Savannah Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.
 Savannah, Georgia this voyage there has been, on the part of
 some crew members, quite a bit of drunkenness and the failure to
 Dear Sir: ports, and the present penalty of logging such a man
 does not have much effect, as, with his present wages, he does
 not mind. In accordance with your directive of October 9, 1942 signed
 by Admiral Land, relative to the preservation of good order and
 discipline aboard ship, please be advised that the following breach
 of discipline occurred on this vessel while in the harbor of Colon,
 Panama Canal Zone on April 8, 1943.

The vessel arrived alongside Pier 8 to take bunker fuel on
 the afternoon of April 7, 1943. It was arranged to take bunkers
 throughout the night and to get the vessel away from the dock the
 following morning, this according to port authorities instructions.

In view of this the crew members were notified to be aboard
 at 7:00 AM the following morning and a notice was also posted on
 the gangway blackboard. At 9:20 AM April 8 the pilot arrived
 aboard and it was found that the following men were not aboard to
 move the ship:

JSG/n

W. K. Hoapili, Bosn - Z-109-513-DI
 G. W. Robinson, A.B. - Z-298557
 V. Edvardson, A.B. - Z-57045
 B.L. Lynch, O.S. - Z-243501
 L.H. Dibble, O.S. - Z-86483

It was later found that some of these men had been aboard
 and then had gone ashore just before sailing. As a result we left
 the dock with only five sailors aboard and it was necessary to call
 out the cooks and other department men to let go the lines. I,
 myself, the master, having to take the wheel.

The following men did not return to the ship and turn to on
 the dates opposite their names.

W.K. Hoapili, Bosn - April 9
 R.G. Crawford, A.B. - " 9 & 10
 L.H. Dibble, O.S. - " 9
 G.W. Robinson, A.B. - " 9, 10 & 12

It is, in my opinion, as a man of over forty years experience
 at sea, twenty years as a ship master, that some measures should be

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Captain J. P. O'Brien, Master of the JAMES GORDON BURNETT, was interviewed and he stated that W.E. Hoopilli and D.E. Lockard had a great deal of trouble from the time they boarded ship in California until arriving in Savannah Harbor. Lockard was removed from ship in Tasmania with a very bad case of venereal disease. He was therefore paid off and the voyage continued without him. Captain O'Brien further stated that Hoopilli has been to control what appears to be an entire disregard of the orders of the master and the officers who are acting upon orders from higher authorities to keep these vessels moving.

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Throughout this voyage there has been, on the part of some crew members, quite a bit of drunkenness and the failure to work in ports, and the present penalty of logging such a man does not have much effect, as, with his present wages, he does not miss the few dollars involved.

Notice of this breach of discipline in the far east was handed to the War Shipping Administration representative, Mr. Getchel and the officer in charge at the U.S. Naval Liaison Office at Bombay, India to be forwarded to the states.

Yours very truly,

MASTER

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He has Coast Guard Identification Card No. 387720, issued by Captain of the Port, Los Angeles, California. He is a Merchant Seaman and has 22-1095130, 22-71851, 22-146186, Social Security No. 576-13-2774. He registered for the draft on 1 November, 1940, giving full name as William Edwin Hoopilli, address 25 Clay St., San Francisco, California, local board #77, San Francisco, California. Hoopilli states that he signed aboard the above vessel at San Francisco, California, and that he has been a Merchant Seaman for many years. He does not deny the solicitations of the Captain nor of the Chief Officer. He stated that he was drunk and remained in this condition for a period of one month while the ship was in Bombay, India. He further stated that he was drunk in Cristobal. He does not deny the fact that every time the ship reaches port that he immediately went ashore and proceeded to get under the influence of liquor. When questioned as to the performance of his duty and why he neglected work duties he stated that he does not know to maintain any watches while the ship is in port. He also stated that he is to work from the hours of 0600 to 1800, but that when he gets under the influence of alcohol he loses all sense of responsibility and neglects his duties. Hoopilli expects to go to the Hospital for treatment. At the present time he is in the U.S. Marine Hospital, Savannah, Georgia, being treated for alcoholism.

This information is being forwarded for further action. W.E. Hoopilli will be kept under close observation while this ship is secured in Savannah, Georgia.

J.R. FINEY,
Investigating Officer.

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Savannah, Georgia
28 April, 1943.

Captain of the Port, Savannah, Georgia
District Coast Guard Intelligence Officer, 6th Naval Dist.
Forwarded for District Information.

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Savannah, Georgia
28 April, 1943.CAPTAIN OF THE PORT,
128 East Bay Street.

From: Lieutenant (jg) J.D. Perry, U.S.C.G.R.
To: District Coast Guard Intelligence Officer, 6th NavlDist.

Via: (1) Captain of the Port, Savannah, Georgia.
(2) District Coast Guard Officer, Sixth Naval District.

Subject: W.K. HOAPILI, Boatswain, Z-109-513-DL and D.E. LOCKARD, A.B.
A-230692; information concerning:

Reference: (a) Headquarters' Letter 20 April, 1943 (CG-P-JAMES GORDON BENNETT, Comp. 3 MIN). addressed to Merchant Marine Inspector in Charge, Savannah, Georgia.

Inclosure: (A) Statement of G.H. Hines, Chief Officer aboard the JAMES GORDON BENNETT, to Captain J.P. O'Brien, Master.
(B) Copy of Master's letter to District Manager, War Shipping Administration, Savannah, Georgia.
(C) Copy of reference (a).

1. On 23 April, 1943 the JAMES GORDON BENNETT arrived in Savannah, Georgia under confidential orders for purpose of discharging of cargo. With reference to reference (a) an investigation was conducted aboard the JAMES GORDON BENNETT relative to subject named men in order to determine the character and misbehavior of these men while in port.

2. G.H. Hines, Chief Officer, was interviewed and he states that W.K. Hoapili was still on board, but that D.E. Lockard was paid off at Hobart, Tasmania. Lockard was confined to Hospital in Tasmania with a venereal disease. Mr. Hines further states that Lockard and Hoapili both signed aboard the ship in California and that during the entire voyage they were constant trouble makers. He believes that Hoapili was a bad influence on Lockard inasmuch as Lockard is only 20 years of age.

Mr. Hines further states that since Hoapili joined the vessel on 29 September, 1942 at Wilmington, California that he has repeatedly had trouble with him. Hoapili refused to obey orders and while in port would remain intoxicated until the ship was ready to leave. Mr. Hines stated that Hoapili is a very good seaman and when he is performing his duties will do them to the best of his ability, but on the other hand he will not follow instructions; is continuously drinking in ports and is a bad influence to younger men of the Merchant Marines; and he firmly believes that Hoapili should be restricted from sailing on any vessels until he is able to follow orders issued by his Superior Officer.

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3. Captain J. P. O'Brien, Master of the JAMES GORDON BENNETT, was interviewed and he stated that W.K. Hoapili and D.E. Lockard had given him a great deal of trouble from the time they boarded ship in California until arriving in Savannah Harbor. Lockard was removed from ship in Tasmania with a very bad case of venereal disease. He was therefore paid off and the voyage continued without him. Captain O'Brien further stated that Hoapili has been a constant trouble maker. He is reluctant as to obeying orders and upon arriving in any port, whether foreign or American, Hoapili immediately left ship and proceeded to get under the influence of alcohol. He refuses to work while the ship is in port and is a bad influence to the fellow Merchant Marinemen. While the ship was moored in a far eastern port, Hoapili went ashore and became intoxicated and remained from his duties for a period of about four days. Captain O'Brien feels that some action should be taken with reference to Hoapili.

4. W.K. Hoapili, Boatswain, aboard the JAMES GORDON BENNETT, was interviewed aboard ship upon its arrival in Savannah, Georgia on 23 April, 1943, and was questioned relative to his misbehavior in accordance with statements from Captain O'Brien and Chief Officer Hines. Hoapili stated that he was born in Hawaii on 29 November, 1909, is single, has dark hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, is 5'8" tall, weighs 135 pounds, has a tattoo of a bird on his left arm, tattoo of woman on right arm, and a tattoo of indian head on lower left forearm. He gave his address as 822 Upland Street, San Pedro, California. He has Coast Guard Identification Card No. 589780, issued by Captain of the Port, Los Angeles, California. He is a Merchant Seaman and has Z#-109513D, A#-91851, B#-146186, Social Security No. 576-16-8979. He registered for the draft on 1 November, 1940, giving full name as William Kekoa Hoapili, address 25 Clay St., San Francisco, California, local board #77, San Francisco, California. Hoapili states that he signed aboard the above mentioned vessel in Los Angeles, California, and that he has been a Merchant Seaman for many years. He does not deny the acquisitions of the Captain nor of the Chief Officer. He states that he was drunk and remained in this condition for a period of one month while the ship was in port in Bombay, India. He further stated that he was drunk in Cristobal. He does not deny the fact that every time the ship reaches port that he immediately went ashore and proceeded to get under the influence of liquor. When questioned as to the performance of his duty and why he neglected such duties he stated that he does not have to maintain any watches while the ship is in port. He also stated that he is to work from the hours of 0800 to 1700, but that when he gets under the influence of alcohol he loses all sense of responsibility and neglects his duties. Hoapili expects to go to the Hospital for treatment. At the present time he is in the U.S. Marine Hospital, Savannah, Georgia, being treated for alcoholism.

5. This information is being forwarded for further action. W.K. Hoapili will be kept under close observation while this ship is moored in Savannah, Georgia.

J.D. PERRY,
Investigating Officer.

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28 April, 1943.

From: Captain of the Port, Savannah, Georgia
To: District Coast Guard Intelligence Officer, 6th Naval Dist.
Via: District Coast Guard Officer, Sixth Naval District.

1. Forwarded for District Information.

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