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CONFIDENTIAL

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

The Coast Guard has received information concerning the Master and members of the crew of the SS JANE A. DELANO.

1. It is reported that E. R. Small, Master, during a recent voyage was guilty of neglect of duty in that he refused to station a member of the crew in the crew's nest of his vessel as lookout; failed to inspect the crew's quarters for liquor and arms; refused to give radio messages to the Armed Guard officer aboard as required and refused to share the contents of the slop chest with the Armed Guard. It is noted that Small refused to sail in a convoy and attend a convoy meeting in Sydney and that the WSA officials there found him negligent on this account.
2. Milton Taylor, 3rd Mate, is reported to have continually refused to man his General Quarters Station.
3. Robert A. Durrett, Radio Operator, is reported to be incompetent in that he has repeatedly received radio messages incorrectly.

The Coast Guard will instigate the necessary disciplinary action in these cases.

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