

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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THE COMMANDANT (OMP)

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17 December, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Subj: SS JANE A DELANO: misconduct of officers

1. In compliance with your request the inclosures are returned.
2. The memorandum suspension forms respecting action taken against E. R. Small, E. Westin, and M. E. Taylor have been forwarded to your office.

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1. Intelligence report Rio de Janeiro, 24 August, 1943
2. American Consulate, Colombo, Ceylon 26 May, 1943
3. USNLO Colombo, Ceylon report, 29 May, 1943 with inclosures
4. American Consulate Colombo, Ceylon, 22 June, 1943

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Colombo, Ceylon, June 22, 1943

SUBJECT: Misconduct of Mr. E. Westin, Second Mate, s.s. Jane A. Delano

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THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that upon the arrival of the s.s. Jane A. Delano at Colombo, on June 21, 1943, the First Mate, Louis VAN RILLAER, called at the Consulate and said that he wished to file a complaint against the Second Mate, E. WESTIN. This vessel is owned by the United States War Shipping Administration, registered at San Francisco, California, and operated by the General Steamship Corporation, of 465 California Street, San Francisco. The Master is E. R. SMALL.

Mr. Van Rillaer presented his complaint in the form of a letter addressed to the Consulate, which was embodied in an affidavit taken from him (with a slight subsequent technical change made at his request), a copy of which is enclosed. There were also two entries in the Official Log of the s.s. Jane A. Delano regarding the conduct of Mr. E. Westin, dated June 4 and June 5, respectively, 1943, copies of which are enclosed. At the time these log entries were shown to the Consulate, they were not signed by either the Master or any other licensed officer of the vessel.

It is believed that the aforementioned enclosures sufficiently cover the complaint, which was to the effect that Mr. Westin had on several occasions become intoxicated while the ship was in port, to the detriment of his duties aboard ship, and had inflicted personal injury on Mr. Van Rillaer.

Both Mr. Van Rillaer, the complainant, and the Master were separately questioned about Mr. Westin's conduct, and appeared to be in agreement, both regarding his behavior and the measures to be taken. As the vessel was only in Colombo for 24 hours, the Consulate did not have the opportunity of interviewing Mr. Westin himself. The

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First Mate, as complainant, preferred to limit his action to the filing of an affidavit, and wished to proceed further in the matter upon the vessel's arrival in the United States.

It was the opinion of the Master and the First Mate that all that could be accomplished by an interview with Mr. Westin would be to obtain his verbal promise to behave himself. This they stated had previously been done at Calcutta, and had proven ineffective. Both the Master and the First Mate stated that Mr. Westin's conduct and attention to his duties were reasonably satisfactory while the vessel was at sea when Mr. Westin could not obtain liquor.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Buell

Robert L. Buell
American Consul

✓ Enclosures:

1. Affidavit of Mr. Louis Van Rillaer, First Mate of the s.s. Jane A. Delano.
2. Copy of entries in the Official Log Book of the s.s. Jane A. Delano dated June 4, 1943, and June 5, 1943.

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Copy to Consulate General, Calcutta.

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Enclosure No.2 Despatch No.85
dated June 22, 1943, from Robert
L. Buell, American Consul at
Colombo, Ceylon, on the subject:
Misconduct of Mr. E. Westin,
Second Mate, s.s. Jane A. Delano

Entry in Ships Official Log

6.4.43 - 5.35 a.m. Ch. Mate L. Van Rillaer called me because 2nd Mate E. Weston was asleep in his room while on duty and was in an intoxicated condition. 5.40 I tried to arouse the 2nd Mate but he just grunted and did not get up from his settee where he was sleeping with his shoes off. 6.20 I again tried to wake up 2nd Mate. He sat up in his bunk mumbled, blinked at light and again laid down. 6.45 I again tried to wake up second mate. He sat up opened his eyes and said "what's the matter". I said you are on watch and the ship is discharging ammunition and I want you on deck. The 1st Mate asked him for the pass key and I started for my room I heard words then a blow and rushed back and got between the two men and sent the 1st Mate to tell the native watchman on gangway to call a police officer. When the police officer arrived I asked him to take the 2nd Mate from the ship. He went for his relief as they changed watches at 7 a.m. The 2nd Mate took a bath changed clothes etc. and left ship in custody of police.

6.5.43 - 3 p.m. E. Weston, L. Van Rillaer and myself were in U. S. Consul's office after much talking etc. Chief Mate refused to stay on ship if 2nd Mate returned said he would go to hospital and could make them take him in etc. etc. The U. S. Consul Mr. Middlebrook was disgusted and did not approve of action of either Mates. Chief Mate returned to ship with me.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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BRIEF—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

Captain E.M. Small (Master) Mr. Westin (fnu) Second Mate, S.S. Jane A. Delano, (US) reported to be habitual drunkards. Captain Small appeared in the routing office of the Naval Operating Base, Rio de Janeiro very intoxicated.

1. On August 23, 1943 E.R. Small, Master of the S.S. Jane A. Delano appeared in the routing office of the Naval Operating Base in an extremely intoxicated condition. He was arrogant, pugnacious and uncooperative. The Commanding Officer of the Armed Guard Detail of this vessel advised that Captain Small and the Second Officer of this vessel, Mr. Westin, are habitual drunkards and get themselves in trouble in every port of call. It is further reported that these officers, while intoxicated, make many indiscreet remarks regarding ship and convoy movements.

2. This report is rendered to caution routing officers regarding these individuals.

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