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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD *Guard Office,*
Norfolk, Virginia,
WASHINGTON 13 October, 1942 1942.

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Fifth Naval District.
Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

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Subject: Refusal of licensed personnel of American SS JARED *5373*
INGERSOLL to sail with vessel.

Reference: Forwarded for Headquarters' information and action.

Summary of Information:

The following, which is the substance of an official report regarding the Subject, is forwarded for your information:

All of the licensed personnel who formed the original complement of the Subject vessel refused to sign articles and sail with her when she departed from Baltimore, 13 September, 1942. Their refusal apparently was predicated upon the fact that her cargo included 2,000 tons of high explosives. The attitude of the ship's officers was said to have been brought about by the agitation of the Chief Engineer M. D. Lund.

The names of the officers concerned are set forth below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Address</u>
✓ P. C. Rishaw	Master	153452 4-6	104 Whitman Ave., Collingwood, N. J.
✓ J. W. Murphy	Chief Officer	165189 6-7	Baltimore, Md., Tel: UN. 3591
✓ M. D. Lund	Chief Engineer	No. No. (unknown)	Brooklyn, N. Y., S. S. Card #092-12-4523
- J. K. Shauck	2nd Mate	60146 1-4	506 E. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.
✓ H. Pruitt	3rd Mate	63803 2-3	3123 Belmont Ave., Baltimore, Md.
- D. Romain	Radio Operator	T-21343	124 Romain Ave., Pompton Lakes, N. J.
✓ W. C. King	Chief Steward	No. No. (unknown)	569 Main St., Orange, N. J.
✓ W. Dunbar	1st Asst. Engr.	167675 5-7	21122 Northwood Ave., Fairview Village, Ohio
✓ C. D. Clarke	2nd Asst. Engr.	123710 1-2	Clark's Summit, Pa.
✓ J. Doherty	3rd Asst. Engr.	No. no. (unknown)	S. S. No. 213-12-8052

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COAST GUARD BASE

5th Naval District,
Baltimore, Maryland,
2 October, 1942.

U. S. COAST GUARD

NORFOLK DISTRICT

From: Commanding Officer, Baltimore Base
 To : Commandant

Via : District Coast Guard Officer, 5th Naval District

Subject: Refusal of licensed personnel of American S/S JARED INGERSOLL to sail with vessel

Reference: (a) First Assistant Engineer, S/S JARED INGERSOLL, letter, 17 September, 1942.
 (b) List of ship's personnel involved.

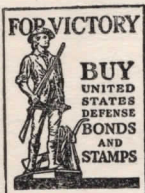
Inclosures: (A) Copy of reference (a)
 (B) Copy of reference (b)

1. Attention is invited to the fact that all licensed personnel who formed the original complement of the "JARED INGERSOLL" refused to sign articles and sail with the vessel when she departed from this port on 13 September, 1942, for an undisclosed destination overseas. This strange and lamentable state of affairs on the part of the ship's officers is the first instance of its kind reported to this office. Their refusal to take the vessel out was apparently predicated upon the fact that she included in her cargo 2,000 tons of high explosives. The ring-leader of this particular clique of officers was the "JARED INGERSOLL's" Chief Engineer, M. D. Lund. It was his agitation which culminated in the refusal of the officers to sail with the vessel. This is substantiated by Reference (a), which is a copy of a letter written by Walter Dunbar, ex-First Assistant Engineer of the "JARED INGERSOLL", to Mr. A. Schneider, Manager for the ship's local agents, 'Ramsay, Scarlett & Co.' The original of this letter is now in Mr. Schneider's possession. From the penitent tone of this letter, there can be little doubt that the leader of the vessel's malcontents was none other than the Chief Engineer.

2. The attitude of the "JARED INGERSOLL's" agents was reflected by Mr. Schneider, who advised that the officers concerned had enjoyed an easy time of it for thirty days prior to the vessel's loading; i.e. pending the completion of the ship they were drawing in addition to their regular pay, six dollars per diem subsistence. This reprehensible attitude of the ship's officers caused considerable difficulty among the crew also.

3. Reference (b) lists the officers concerned and is forwarded for such action as can be taken to stop such hampering actions to the war effort.

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346 Prospect Park,
Y. M. C. A.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
September 17, 1942.

Mr. Schneider,
Ramsay, Scarlett & Co., Inc.,
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Much to my regret, I must admit I made a mistake in listening to Martin Lund, who said he would have a boat in a day or so, and wanted me to go along. So I am now out for myself. If you have a 1st Assistant or Chief's berth, would be glad to hear from you. If not, and there is a stand-by or night Engineer's job open temporarily, would take that. I am tired of New York, and also tired of loafing. You can reach me at the above address.

Thanks in advance, and also for past favors.

Sincerely,

(sgd.) Walter Dunbar

Enclosure (A)

Enclosure (B)

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AMERICAN S/S JARED INGERSOLL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
P. C. RISHAW	MASTER	153452 4-6	104 Whitman Ave., Collingwood, N. J.
J. W. MURPHY	CHIEF OFFICER	165189 6-7	Baltimore, Maryland, Tel: UN. 3591
M. D. LUND	CHIEF ENGINEER	no. no.(unknown)	Brooklyn, N. Y. S. S. CARD No. 092-12-4523
J. K. SHAUCK	2ND MATE	60146 1-4	506 E. North Ave., Baltimore, Maryland
H. FRUITT	3RD MATE	63803 2-3	3123 Belmont Ave., Baltimore, Maryland
D. ROMAIN	RADIO OPERATOR	T-21343	124 Romain Avenue, Pompton Lakes, N. J.
W. C. KING	CHIEF STEWARD	no. no.(unknown)	569 Main Street, Orange, N. J.
W. DUNBAR	1ST ASST. ENGR.	187675 5-7	21122 Northwood Ave., Fairview Village, Ohio.
C. D. CLARKE,	2ND ASST. ENGR.	123710 1-2	Clark's Summitt, Pa.
J. DOHERTY	3RD ASST. ENGR.	no. no.(unknown)	Social Security No. 213-12-8052

Enclosure (B)

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