

Case No. 628-24965
SS JEROME K. JONES

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Merchant Marine Hearing Unit
United States Coast Guard
Third Naval District
New York, N. Y.
23 March, 1945

IN THE MATTER OF OIL POLLUTION OF THE SS JEROME K. JONES.

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Letter Port Security Command
dated 15 March, 1945.

FACTS: This Unit is in receipt of a letter from
Port Security Command dated 15 March, 1945, marked "Received
MMHU 20 March, 1945, 10:30" stating that said vessel had
occasioned an oil pollution while at Pier 19, Hudson River,
New York Harbor. This vessel departed New York Harbor
17 March, 1945, at 1315, this departure occurring prior to
such time as an investigation could be made of the afore-
mentioned oil pollution.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Since it is not
possible at this time to determine whether the JEROME K.
JONES will return to this port, it is recommended that this
report be forwarded to Headquarters for appropriate action.

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Examining Officer

Incl
Report of oil pollution, PSC

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23 March, 1945

To: The Commandant (OMP)

Forwarded, approved.

John I. Dugan
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By direction

PORT SECURITY COMMAND, U. S. COAST GUARD

REPORT OF VIOLATION

K.L.H.

(Every question must be answered, or a line drawn if inapplicable)

1. TIME AND DATE 1045, 15 March, 1945. 2. PLACE Pier 19, North River, N.Y.
 3. NAME AND OFFICIAL NUMBER OF VESSEL JEROME K. JONES 4. REGISTRY, TYPE American Freighter
Liberty
 5. OWNER War Shipping Administration 6. AGENT South Atlantic SS Co.,
 7. CAPTAIN J. Lewis 8. MATE ON WATCH _____
 9. ENGINEER ON DUTY W. C. Batman 10. PERSON RESPONSIBLE (NAME & ADDRESS)

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11. PRODUCT CAUSING POLLUTION oil (Name) Fuel oil (Type or grade)

12. VIOLATION CLASSIFICATION:

- (a) Overflowing of tanks while topping off ()
 (b) Siphoning of oil through vents while bunkering (X)
 (c) Errors in valve manipulation ()
 (d) Pumping contaminated ballast water ()
 (e) Other (Explain) ()

13. Place on vessel from which product causing pollution was discharged

Vent from No. 3 Deep bottom tank, port side.

14. Describe how you established this.

oil running down side of ship.

15. Scuppers (plugged) (unplugged), strike out inappropriate.
 If plugged - (before) or (after) spill.

16. Direction vessel heading? East 17. Ship side moored to dock? Port

18. Condition of vessel:

- Down by head () Port list ()
 Down by stern () Starboard list (X)
 Even keel ()

19. Direction of drift of pollution in relation to vessel (if moving or anchored)

West

20. TIDE & CURRENT: State: Slack tide 21. Direction of wind: West

22. Force of wind: (Beaufort scale): 2.

23. Estimated amount of spill and area covered: 1/2 barrel.

24. Action taken to stop pollution, as observed by person reporting Covered with sand.

