

U. S. COAST GUARD  
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CG-MIN-628-2466  
SS JOHN D. WHIDDEN

Merchant Marine Hearing Unit  
United States Coast Guard  
Fifth Naval District  
Baltimore, Maryland  
24 January, 1945

IN THE MATTER OF CERTIFICATE OF FRED JONES, Ordinary Seaman,  
Z-245990-D1; Certificate of Service E-408940

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT: Voluntary surrender of certificate by  
subject man.

FACTS: During investigation of the collision between the SS  
JOHN D. WHIDDEN and the Motorboat MAMMY when an attempt to question  
Fred Jones, who was on watch as lookout on the SS JOHN D. WHIDDEN, was  
made, it was ascertained that he did not know which was right and which  
was left. The Master stated that subject had shown other incompetency  
during the voyage and also some lapses of memory. It was therefore felt  
that Fred Jones should be admitted to the Marine Hospital, Baltimore,  
for observation and that a full report should be received from the  
hospital in reference to subject's mental capacity. Whereupon, Fred  
Jones voluntarily surrendered his certificate to this officer and was  
given a certificate by the Master to report to the Marine Hospital,  
Baltimore, for observation and treatment.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Since subject is undergoing  
observation and treatment at the present time, it is recommended that  
his certificate be deposited with this Unit, pending receipt of medical  
evidence of cure and fitness for sea duty.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE E-408940 ISSUED FRED JONES WAS DEPOSITED WITH  
THIS UNIT ON 21 JANUARY, 1945, PENDING RECEIPT OF MEDICAL EVIDENCE  
SHOWING SUBJECT'S FITNESS FOR SEA DUTY.

Incl  
Original letter of Temporary  
Deposit, dated 21 January, 1945

DAVID F. MCGINNIS  
Lieutenant, USCGR  
Examining Officer

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24 January, 1945

To: The Commandant (OMP)  
Via: DCGO, 5ND  
Forwarded, approved.

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By JA NARA. Date 5/19

WILLIAM T. CORFIELD  
By direction