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CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

Refer to file: CG-6613

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To: Commandant (OPS)

Via: DCGO, 5th Naval District

Subj: Oil Pollution; report on

In accordance with instructions contained in Commandant's letter of 16 February, 1945 (OPS) file CG-6613, inclosed report on oil pollution occurrence is submitted in triplicate.

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Incls: Oil Pollution Report

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DCGO, 5ND (ops)(6613)
18 May, 1945

To: The Commandant (OPS)

Forwarded.

J. E. Stika

J. E. STIKA,
District Port Security Officer

SIGNED:

OFFICE OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
PORT SECURITY DIVISION

26 April, 1945
(DATE)

To: PORT SECURITY OFFICER, COTP, BALTIMORE, MD.

Subj: ~~M/XX~~ s/s JOHN PHILIP SOUSA; OIL POLLUTION REPORT
THE FOLLOWING DATA COMPOSE THE REPORT OF OIL POLLUTION VIOLATION ABOARD THE SUBJECT VESSEL:

1. NAME OF VESSEL: JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

2. TYPE VESSEL: Freighter

3. LOCATION OF VESSEL: Hawkins Point Ammunition Pier

4. VESSEL'S OWNERS: War Shipping Administration

5. VESSEL'S OPERATORS: War Shipping Administration

6. VESSEL'S LOCAL AGENTS: Lykes Brothers

7. MASTER'S NAME: M. J. Wyatt

8. CHIEF ENGINEER'S NAME: Huber R. Boyer

9. DECK WATCH OFFICER'S NAME: B. Waage, Ch. Mate

10. ENGINE ROOM WATCH OFFICER'S NAME: Robert W. Crawford, 2nd Ass't Eng.

11. NAMES OF OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED: None

12. NAMES OF ALL WITNESSES: James G. Finotti, C.Sp. (PS), COTP, Lt. J.Q. Barnes, Fire Division

13. TYPE OIL: Fuel Oil

14. WAS SAMPLE OBTAINED? Yes

15. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF OIL SPILLED: over 5 barrels

16. TIME OF VIOLATION: 1040, 26 April, 1945

17. DISCRPTION OF VIOLATION: CG-MIN-628-2857 - S.S. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA in the matter of license No. A-37035 issued to Robert W. Crawford, Ass't Engineer

(2nd) Z-188575 (over)

SIGNED: _____

REPORT OF HEARING

Hearing held on 27 April, 1945.

Charge: Inattention to duty, one specification alleging oil pollution of Baltimore Harbor.

Plea: Guilty

27 April, 1945 (DATE)

Facts: Robert W. Crawford served as 2nd Ass't. Engineer aboard the S.S. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA. On or about 26 April, 1945, during oil transfer operations, subject failed to properly check the oil level in the starboard settling tank, whereby it overflowed thru the vents and into the harbor waters. Person charged stated he was pumping up the starboard settling tank, using the pneumercator to gauge the oil level. During this operation the tank overflowed while the pneumercator showed the tank to have some 2,000 gallons of free space. A subsequent examination of the pneumercator system revealed a faulty pump plunger. However, Crawford admitted he failed to check the pneumercator system or oil level by sounding before or during the oil transfer operations.

Plea of accused sufficient to prove charge and specification. Mr. Crawford is a young man making his first trip as 2nd Ass't Engineer. It is the opinion of this officer that his lack of experience with pneumercator systems rather than outright inattention to duty was the cause of the oil pollution.

Findings: Specification proved by plea. Charge proved.

Order: That you be and are hereby admonished for failing to properly check oil level in settling tank before and during transfer operations.

License returned to person charged on completion of hearing.

S/ WILLIAM T. CORFIELD, Lt. Comdr., USCGR
Hearing Officer

SIGNED: