

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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It is requested that the following named seamen who signed on Shipping Articles of S/S 4472 on the
DATE BOARDED: 9-28-44 BOARDED AT: Jax. Fla. DATE OF REPORT: 10-3-44

VESSEL: JOHN RINGLING (new vessel) IN CREW: 40

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: POSITIVE: (See Below) X

OPERATIONS IN PORT: LOADING WAR MATERIAL

ITINERARY: DEPART JACKSONVILLE 1 OCTOBER, 1944 FOR U.K. VIA DELAWARE BAY

1. DCGIO, 6ND advised by dispatch as follows:

CHARLES VAN TRIER LISTED IN MMSL OF 1 SEPT 1944 WITH Z-112314, BORN BELGIUM, DUTCH, SPEAKS VERY FLUENT FRENCH, 5' 9" REPORTED MEMBER OF NMU AND AN ADMITTED COMMUNIST AND CLAIMED AS HIS OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY A CASE OF COMMUNIST BOOKSTAND LITERATURE WHICH WAS FOUND ABOARD SS ANDREW MOORE

2. A discreet interview with Charles Johannes VAN TRIER, Z-112314, 2nd Mate aboard the SS RINGLING, disclosed that he is the same person as the SUBJECT of the above dispatch. SUBJECT advised that he served as Chief Mate aboard the SS ANDREW MOORE from May or June, 1943 to 6 December, 1943, making two trips to the Mediterranean. He was born in Belgium on 24 February, 1901, naturalized 31 January, 1925 at San Francisco, California, and holds duplicate citizenship papers number 2001010, issued 20 November, 1933. SUBJECT also possesses U. S. Passport No. 95858 issued 8 April, 1943 and Captain of the Port Identification Card No. 147877 issued at New York. He is 5' 9" tall, has light brown bald hair, grey eyes, and scar on forehead.

3. Harry J. LANDRY, Z-231590, Chief Mate aboard the SS RINGLING, advised that he was a shipmate of VAN TRIER aboard the SS ELIAS BOUDINOT from March, 1943 to April, 1943, during which time he found VAN TRIER to be a jolly shipmate and a very good sailor. Informant knew of nothing which would reflect upon VAN TRIER'S loyalty; believes him to be a patriotic citizen; and is glad to have him aboard ship.

DISSEMINATION: CIO (1)
DIO, 6ND (2)
DCGIO, 6ND (1) ✓
File (1)

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