

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE COMMANDANT (OMP)  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,  
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received from a reliable source the following information concerning J. Fraser, Chief Steward on the SS KANSAN. During a voyage beginning February 1943, report alleges that Fraser continually discriminated against the Navy Armed Guard crew aboard in such matters as serving food, issuing soap, and allocating time for their mess. Report also alleges that food was improperly prepared and sanitary conditions in the galley, iceboxes, and mess halls were poor.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

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