

8ND ZONE OFFICE BOARDING REPORT

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COMMERCE & TRAVEL SECTION

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Port of: Pensacola

State: Florida

Name of Vessel: S. Tkr. "KEWANEE"

Nationality: United States

Master's Name: P. DIGGENES

Home Port: San Francisco, California

Mate's Name: Stanely E. RIDLEY

Number of Passengers: None Crew: 36 - Armed
Guard of 8.

Information from ship's officers concerning belligerent activities: Unusual amount of black oil observed all over the water in the area West of Mobile, Alabama, toward Cat Island.

Cargo: Gasoline

Passengers: None

Crew: First Mate says he has had less crew trouble last two trips than in some time. Believes it may be the results of maintaining a policy of firing drunkards and trouble makers. See remarks for further information.

Itinerary of Vessels: From Texas City, Texas. Departed 6/16/42. Arrived Pensacola, Florida, 6/19/42. Departed (expected) 6/20/42. Next Port: Port St. Joe, Florida. (Expects to arrive June 20, 1942.)

Remarks: Ship anchored off Barataria Bay first night out; anchored off Chandeleur Island second night out.

Second Mate reports ship has sighted two or three patrol planes a day the last two voyages, which is a great improvement over earlier experiences.

The First Mate gave the following information concerning previous crew members.

Arthur J. DUQUETTE, Z No. 99-499, signed on as a member of the crew for present voyage in Texas City, Texas, but failed to appear at sailing time. It was reported to the First Mate that he was drinking in a bar and would not come aboard, whereupon the vessel sailed one man short without loss of time. Approximately six weeks ago the same man signed on the same vessel and was not on hand at sailing time. The First Mate sent men in a taxi who located DUQUETTE drinking in a bar, and on that occasion he refused to accompany them, and on that occasion he refused to accompany them, and on that occasion also the ship sailed with a man short and with more than an hour's delay. The First Mate stated that DUQUETTE would not be signed on the SS "KEWANEE" again.

Emile SCHUBERT (subject of 8ND card dated May 12, 1942) has made one and possibly two voyages on the SS "KEWANEE". He was a radical type and did not do satisfactory work. He was signed on as First Engineer. Two trips back (approximately three weeks ago) SCHUBERT was supposed to be ready to make a trip from Texas City, Texas, but failed to appear at sailing time although his gear was aboard. There was a five hour delay while a replacement was obtained. On the ship's next round trip to Texas City, Texas, the First Mate was still unable to obtain any word of subject. On the last trip to Texas City, Texas, the First Mate received a wire from the ship's owners advising that SCHUBERT had requested that his gear (stored in a suitcase) be put ashore. The gear was left on the dock and the First Mate is still not advised of SCHUBERT'S whereabouts, or the explanation of SCHUBERT leaving the ship.

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Paul B. ETHERIDGE, formerly a member of the crew of this vessel, and subject of 8ND card, serial No. 2388, dated November 26, 1941, was reported to have been a serious agitator and trouble maker while aboard the SS "KEWANEE". It was First Mate RIDLEY'S information that ETHERIDGE was now ashore in either New Orleans, Louisiana, or Port Arthur, studying to become a ship's radio operator.

Arthur BROWN, previously a steward aboard the SS "KEWANEE", is the subject of 8ND card, serial No. 2374, dated November 26, 1941. The First Mate stated that this man was a real "bad actor", and he considered him a menace to the Merchant Marine Service wherever he might be. While a member of the crew of the SS "KEWANEE", BROWN constantly incited the crew to rebellious actions, was often drunk, kept liquor aboard and repeatedly offered liquor to the watch on deck while ship was at sea. It is the First Mate's information that Arthur BROWN is presently Chief Steward aboard the SS "THERMO".

John LEE, formerly a member of the crew of the SS "KEWANEE" and subject of 8ND card dated November 24, 1941, is reported to be a Nazi sympathizer who assisted Nazi organizations in the United States. If it is desired to check on his activities, his address can be obtained through C. F. CRAWFORD, 3845 Rosendale, Houston, Texas, presently Chief Mate aboard the SS "PACO" (Pennsylvania Oil Company). CRAWFORD had been on the SS "KEWANEE" with LEE, who wrote to CRAWFORD to forward his radio which he had left aboard the ship.

Arthur J. DUQUETTE appears on the Merchant Marine Suspect List as a Bos's and subtle agitator. He is also apparently the subject of ONI card, subject A. J. DUQUETTE, dated July 9, 1941, and 8ND cards, subject, Arthur DUQUETTE, dated respectively September 27, 1941, and October 7, 1941.

Emile SCHUBERT is the subject of 6ND, 7ND, and 8ND cards, same name, dated respectively December 27, 1941, June 11, 1942, and May 12, 1942, and may be identical with subject of 6ND card, same name, dated December 4, 1941.

Paul B. ETHERIDGE appears on the Merchant Marine Suspect List, and is also the subject of 6ND card, same name, dated November 5, 1941.

Arthur BROWN appears on the Merchant Marine Suspect List as a constant agitator. He is the subject of 6ND card, same name, dated November 5, 1941, and may be identical with the subject of ONI card, and with the subject of 1ND card, both same name, dated respectively June, 1941, and September 18, 1941.

John LEE is listed on the Merchant Marine Suspect List as a pro-Nazi supporter; is the subject of 5ND cards, same name, dated respectively October 29, and December 6, 1941, as well as 8ND cards, same name, dated respectively November 12, and 27, 1941. He is probably identical with subject of 1OND and 3ND cards, same name, dated respectively March 21 and April 14, 1942. He may be identical with subject of 1ND card, same name, dated July 22, 1941.

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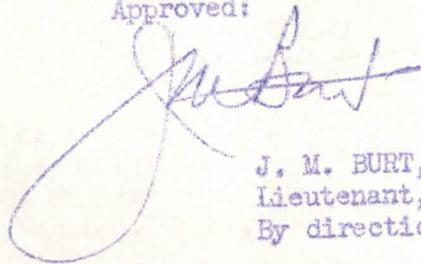
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EVALUATION: Of general interest.

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Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, USCG, 8ND, cognizant.

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