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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION.

The Coast Guard has received information from a reliable source concerning Benjamin K. Ward, former Radio Operator on the SS KNUTE ROCKNE. Report states that Ward was removed from his vessel in Guantanamo, Cuba, for having committed the following offenses during a voyage from May 1943 to July 1943. He is reported to have been drunk aboard ship and to have failed to perform his duty; to have been insubordinate and destructive to good order and discipline; to have failed to obey a lawful order of the Master to stand his watch and to have threatened the Master with bodily harm.

Action has been taken by the Coast Guard in this case and Ward's certificates were revoked August 26, 1943.

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