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4 October, 1945

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To: DCGO, 12ND (int)

Subj: McCOY, Harry Lewis, Z-506847, Deserter from SS LAWRENCE  
GIANELLA, apprehension of; report on

1. Subject was reported a deserter from the SS LAWRENCE GIANELLA by the attached dispatch 021545 dated 2 October, 1945.
2. On 3 October, 1945, Subject was located on board the SS HALUALA VICTORY at K-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Subject was interrogated by Lt. V. D. Hubbard, USCGR, DCGIO, 14ND, and Lt. (jg) Lewis F. Gerber, Jr., USCGR, MMHU, Honolulu, T.H. Subject made the following statement:

"I signed on the SS LAWRENCE GIANELLA as Purser the 27th of June, 1944, before a U. S. Shipping Commissioner in San Francisco, California. When the ship arrived at Okinawa, I received a Summons and Complaint of divorce from my wife. Insofar as she, my two months old baby and home are all I have, I felt that I must return to the States to defend the action. I went to the Captain, Cliff Oliver, of the ship and told him I had to go home. He said that the only way I could leave the ship was to desert because there wasn't any U. S. Shipping Commissioner handy, and before I left I should teach the Radioman and Deck Engineer my job. The Captain said he would go and see Mr. Holbrook, the W.S.A. Port Representative, with me but failed to do so. I left the ship on 29 Sep 1945, and went to see Mr. Holbrook who gave me twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) advance. I then went to the 316 Wing at Okinawa and showed them my divorce papers and told them I had to get home. They put me on a plane for Tinian. At Tinian they told me that a plane had just been ordered out for General Kimball, and his Adjutant gave me permission to go in the plane. I was the only passenger. When I arrived in Honolulu, I went to the W.S.A. and told them the whole story. They looked at my divorce papers and had the Port Represent-

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tative, Mr. Murphy, sign an order to have me repatriated to San Francisco, California, as a passenger on this ship, (SS HALAULA VICTORY, Number 247217, W.S.A. Freighter, General Agents, Watson Navigation Company). I don't care about my papers. I intend to settle my domestic problems and get a job on land."

3. An examination of Subject's papers revealed that he had a temporary Junior Assistant Purser certificate for one voyage. Such certificate was voluntarily surrendered to the MMHU officer, Honolulu, T.H. Subject has an Honorable Discharge #955561 from the Army of the United States. Such discharge certifies that Subject, Service No. 12030787, Private, A.C.R.T.C., Sheppard Field, Texas, was discharged at the O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, on 1 April 1942, by reason of Sec. II, AR615-360 and C.D.D. That Subject was born in Leiplic, Ohio, on 26 September, 1919; Occupation-Machinist, Blue Eyes, Lt. Brown Hair, Fair complexion, Height 5'9", Address-4521 Pampas St., Oakland, California.

4. Insofar as Subject has voluntarily surrendered his temporary papers and forfeited his pay and personal effects, it is suggested that Intelligence Units consider the case closed and remove "WANTED" ticklers from their files.

J. W. RYSSY  
Asst. DCGO

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