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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 Melvin Hepburn, formerly a messman aboard the SS LEW WALLACE. While his vessel was in Noumea on a recent voyage, Hepburn was caught broaching beer from the cargo. He was arrested for this offense, tried by a military tribunal, and sentenced to 6 months' hard labor.

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

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