

SS LLOYD S. CARLSON
6614 (int)
10 104 45

CONFIDENTIAL

RECEIVED
INT

(int)
6614

45 NOV 5 PM 4 09

18 October, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Asst. DCGO, LAND

Subj: SS LLOYD S. CARLSON, Official No. 247195; report on

1. Captain Lars K. Gabrielsen, Master of Subject vessel, and Mr. Fred Roth, telephone-Honolulu 669881, agent for Subject vessel, contacted the District CG Intelligence Officer, LAND, Pier 11, Honolulu, T.H., at 1000 on Tuesday, 16 October, 1945, and stated that four members of his crew had taken unauthorized liberty by entering an Army barge around 1930 Sunday night and going ashore, and that the crew had large quantities of souvenirs and taxable items aboard that had not been declared. Captain Gabrielsen requested that the conduct of the four members of the crew be investigated and the ship searched. The Captain stated that he would return to the vessel at 1430 and suggested that the DCGIO accompany him. However, to avoid associating the actions of the DCGIO with the Captain, it was suggested that the DCGIO and a search squad board the ship at a later hour. Mr. W. C. Hiberly, Assistant Collector of Customs, was advised of the situation and stated that the Customs' search squad was not available, but in his opinion, the vessel should definitely be searched and that the squad would be available the following morning. The DCGIO boarded Subject vessel and advised Captain Gabrielsen that action would be taken the following morning.

2. Lt. V. D. Hubbard, USCGR, DCGIO, LAND, Sergeant Clarence S. Lua, in charge of the U. S. Customs' service search squad, and four Coast Guardsmen, assigned to Customs, boarded Subject vessel at 0910 on 17 October, 1945. Captain Gabrielsen stated that the four men involved in the incident were available. When interrogated, they stated:

- A. Stephen Sulligan, Z-172830d-1, Pa., USA, age 29, 5'5", White, Brown Hair, Utility Man, Address: Wife, Francis Sulligan, 141 So. 34th Ave., Coatsville, Pa., stated that on or about 1930, Sunday night, 14 Oct., 1945, an Army barge, name and number unknown, was passing and he hailed it. That he and Griggs, Austin, and Combs went aboard. That at the time, he (Sulligan) boarded the barge, he (Sulligan) had on a pair of swimming trunks. The two boat operators, two army men, didn't have any money so Sulligan agreed to buy beer if the

Handwritten:
 Sulligan
 Give: Sh Hubbard
 Carlson (2)
 X 14 ND (5)
 JEM

Handwritten:
 Carl
 10/18/45

SS LLOYD S. CARLSON
6614 (int)
18 Oct 45

CONFIDENTIAL

army men would take them to a place where beer could be obtained. All the men went ashore to some Army Post Exchange, but the Military Policeman on duty refused to allow the Merchant Seamen to enter the P.X. Sulligan then borrowed an army shirt with corporal stripes and a large pair of pants from the army men in the barge and had some beer in the P.X. The four Merchant Seamen and two army boat operators decided to return to Subject vessel to allow the Merchant Seamen to change to shore clothes. After changing clothes, the six men started ashore when Subject vessel relayed a blinker call from a speed boat. The speed boat's motor was dead and the craft was drifting to sea. The men in the barge gave the necessary assistance and then went ashore. Sulligan and Griggs and Austin later became involved in a fracas with civilians and sailors and were taken to the H.P.D. where they were released on condition that they go to the Coast Guard Base, Pier 4, and obtain transportation back to their ship. The three seamen were taken back to their ship by a COAST GUARD boat moored at Pier 4. Sulligan admits that he did not have liberty at the time he left his ship although he was off watch. Sulligan who was screened for security in the 4th NavDist, states that he served five (5) years in the Homesburg, Pa., State Prison for Larceny. Sulligan also states that the army barge again came alongside Subject vessel Tuesday night, 2 October, 1945, to bring back his (Sulligan's) swimming trunks. Therefore Sulligan must have returned to Subject ship in army clothes.

- B. Raymond Griggs, Z-170334d-2, born in Pa., age 20, Height 5'9", White, Utility Man, Address--Ms Viola Griggs, 198 Sanson St., Phila., Pa., substantiates Sulligan's story but states that he (Griggs) was the one who hailed the passing army barge, stating that he sang out "Will you take me ashore", as the barge passed closeboard. Griggs admits that he did not have liberty, that he was not on watch, that he was involved in a fight and returned to the Subject ship via CG Operating Base, Pier 4. Griggs also states that his shore clothes are ship's issue--khaki pants and shirts without a rating badge or ornament of any kind. Griggs also states that the reason they returned from the P.X. to the vessel was to get something to eat.

SS LLOYD S. CARLSON
6614 (int)
18 Oct 45

CONFIDENTIAL

- C. Walter Austin, Z-294299, born in Texas, U.S. citizen, age 29, Height 5'7", White, Black Hair, O.S., Add- Mo. Mrs. F. Austin, 726, McDaniels St., Houston, Tex., substantiates Sulligan's and Griggs' statements and admits he left the ship without authorized liberty although he was not on watch. Austin states that he put on a corporal shirt in the barge when it returned to the Subject vessel from the P.X. It would appear, however, that he used such garb to gain admittance to the P.X.
- D. William Ronald Coombs, born in Oklahoma, age 27, Height 5'7", White, Brown Hair, A.B. acting, Add- Wife: Elizabeth Coombs, Rd#3, Cornopolis, Pa., confirmed the story of the other three men but stated that he (Coombs) was not apprehended as a result of the fight and returned to his ship on an army tug. Coombs stated that he was in his quarters when he heard someone sing out that there was a boat alongside that would take them ashore. Coombs stated that he went ashore dressed in black trousers and khaki shirt.
3. Captain Gabrielsen stated that when the army barge came alongside, he was able to obtain its number and the name of the operators. That the barge was the WTL-1250 operated by PORTEUS, A. T., #42171691, and JOHNSON, M. E. #34875111.
4. Ischer Harper, Z-313482, born in Texas, 20 years of age, 5'7", Brown Hair, A.B., Deck Delegate, stated that Sulligan and Griggs were trouble-makers and agitators and believed that they were representatives of another union aboard to cause trouble.
5. Jeff B. Ross, Z-412547, born in Texas, USA, age 39, 5'6 1/2", White, Brown Hair, 3rd Cook, Address-Wife, Pauline Ross, 1236 Alzama, Phoenix, Ariz., Cooks and Stewards delegate, stated that Sulligan and Griggs were agitators, that Coombs "was a good lad but not very intelligent and easily lead". Ross stated, "I think that Sulligan and Griggs are representatives of another union aboard to raise trouble".
6. Robert Yonce, Va., Z-496137, Va., USA, age 24, 5'11", White, Brown Hair, Oiler, Engine Room delegate, stated in regard to Sulligan and Griggs, "They have caused confusion and agitate the men to do things they wouldn't otherwise do. Sulligan is really tough and says he served time in the penitentiary so we don't want to say anything and get pushed over the side some dark night".
7. The Captain also has the following log entry: Insofar as this vessel is anchored in local waters, it is suggested that a representative of the DOWP, Honolulu, T.S. board the vessel each day to see that safety regulations are being enforced.

SS LLOYD S. CARLSON
6614 (int)
18 Oct 45

CONFIDENTIAL

12. It September, 10, 1945 copy of this report be released to the Commanding Officer at sea 0355 Port and Service Command and the OinC, ONI, Honolulu, T.H.

13. Mr. P. Gonzalez, 1st Asst. Engr., directed Mr. Frank Maloof, Oiler, to perform some work connected with his job. Mr. F. Maloof refused and after a heated exchange of words struck Mr. P. Gonzalez. Mr. Andrew Prounchick, Oiler, then stepped into the squish and held Mr. Maloof away from Mr. P. Gonzalez, thereby stopping the assault. It was also noted that Mr. F. Maloof appeared to be in a somewhat of a drunken condition all during his watch.

Pedro Gonzalez

Witnesses:

Ray E. Beeler
OinC, ONI, Honolulu, T.H.

The Captain stated that Frank Maloof, Z-87300, age 59, 6', White, Brown Hair, Oiler, had not been given an opportunity to read and sign the log as it was feared that he would knife Gonzalez if he (Malooof) knew Gonzalez had logged him, and that Malooof was suffering from Peptic Ulcers and Arthritis and was a medical case.

8. Subject vessel has 8,000 tons of High Explosives as cargo and arrived at anchorage 6 on 10 October, 1945, where it has remained to date. That none of the crew have been given liberty. The cargo was loaded at Brest, France, in June, 1945, and has since been routed to Cherbourg, Christopal, Balboa, Manila, Okinawa, and Honolulu. It is being held at Honolulu, T.H., because of labor trouble in the states. The ship is carrying a Navy Gun Crew and Navy passengers and will have to enter Port for fuel, supplies, and water. While it is believed the vessel will go to West Lock, insofar as it has army ammunition, it could go to Pier 39 or 40, Honolulu, T.H. The crew is orderly and appear to have confidence in the Master.

9. Insofar as Sukligan and Griggs are concerned, the problem is for the unions to handle and other than the actual leaving of the ship without liberty, the Coast Guard would not appear to be interested.

10. The Senior Hearing Officer, MMHU, was verbally advised of the above matters on 17 October, 1945, and arrangements have been made to have Malooof appear at that office. The Master was advised to contact the Port Director's Office and request authority to give liberty to a few of his crew members every day. Such permission has been obtained and the first liberty party went ashore 18 October, 1945.

11. While the DGGIO was on board, he found it necessary to order three members of the crew to stop smoking on the open deck. Insofar as this vessel is anchored in local waters, it is suggested that a representative of the COTP, Honolulu, T.H. board the vessel each day to see that safety regulations are being enforced.

- 3 -

- 4 -

78 Oct 13
ACTY (11-9)
LLOYD S. CARLSON

LLOYD S. CARLSON
6614 (int)
18 Oct 45

CONFIDENTIAL

12. It is suggested that a copy of this report be released to the Commanding General, Army Post and Service Command and the OinC, OMI, Honolulu, T.H.

13. The U. S. Customs found large quantities of taxable goods and souvenirs that had not been declared. They were very appreciative of Coast Guard action in the matter.

V. D. HUBBARD
Intelligence Officer

CC: Comdg.Gen., AP&SC
OinC, OMI, Honolulu, T.H.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NW 32-8311
By [Signature] NARA. Date 5/14/77