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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 the following officers and crew members of the SS LOUIS MCLANE. It is reported that William J. James, messman, failed to join his ship in Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, on June 1 1943. Louis Montegari, wiper, failed to join in Suva, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands in June 1943. Also reported were facts alleging that Emile Rosol, 1st Mate, and various members of the crew including William J. James, messman and George T. Goon, Bosun's Mate, 2nd class, were involved in pilfering or drinking beer pilfered from the cargo. Report states Rosol gave up the keys to the hold so that the crew could help themselves to the beer cargo. Goon, in connection with this offense, was taken off this vessel in Cristobal on July 13, 1943 for disciplinary action. Also, two members of the crew, not named in report, were removed in Noumea and found guilty at a trial held there and fined \$ 100.00 for breaking into a hold and stealing cargo. Report further states that Harlan Dupuis, 2nd Mate was under the influence of liquor while on watch.

The Coast Guard will instigate whatever disciplinary action, or further disciplinary action, is warranted in these cases.

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