

TRANSMIT

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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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DEFERRED
MAIL ROOM

MEMO FOR FILES

Subj: Navy Blue Band Tanker MISSION DOLORES

1. Captain Jewell and Captain Cleave called this date with the information that the Navy Tanker MISSION DOLORES, manned by a civilian crew, was presently in the Port of San Francisco with a full cargo of gasoline; that this vessel was unable to sail because they had found the boilers salted, the turbines salted and the emergency trips jimmied up. Further, that on a brass ~~VALVE~~ had been found imprinted the approximate following words:

U.S. Naval Tanker - Navy ha ha ha This ship will never leave San Francisco

Captain Cleave further advised the background of this ship is that she has been in the repair yards once or twice before in the past month, that after leaving the Yard this time it was felt that the ship was ready for sea and that she was fully loaded with gasoline for that purpose, but when about to sail the foregoing described condition was found on board.

2. The following action was taken:

Notified Captain S. W. DuBois, Chief, Domestic Branch, ONI as to the above conditions. Captain DuBois requested that we include in our dispatch to the 12th District the following wording:

Office Naval Intelligence Washington cognizant DIO 12th Naval District being directed by ONI to contact you and assist in the investigation.

This information was transmitted to Captain Cleave who promised to insert it in his dispatch to the Commander, 12th Coast Guard District.

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