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EXCERPT FROM 4ND BOARDING REPORT, SS "MORMACDOVE", (US), 2 OCTOBER 1943.

REMOVAL OF SEAMAN AT DURBAN, S.A.:

"The following notations were taken from the Captain's log:

"On Friday 23 July 1943, a quantity of stores were being received by the Chief Steward at which time he found a case of soap missing. One of the colored stevedores pointed out that Louis SOOS was the man who had taken the case. The Chief Steward, Ed SPALDING, questioned Louis SOOS who, in a fit of anger, slapped the Steward in the face. At 2130 on 24 July 1943, the same man, Louis SOOS, was on the gangway watch. Mr. Joseph FUNGE, Chief Engineer, came aboard the vessel with Ensign R.C. CORRIS, USNR, SOOS approached the Chief Engineer and grabbed his tie, asking for his pass. He did not give FUNGE an opportunity to produce his pass, but continued to push him around, knocking his hat off, etc. Ensign CORRIS summoned the Captain, who stopped the fracas.

"SOOS was brought before the American Consul at Durban and was removed from the vessel."

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