

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MERCHANT VESSEL BOARDING REPORT

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DATE BOARDED: 4/2/45 BOARDED AT: Chas., S.C. DATE OF REPORT: 4/2/45

VESSEL: SS MORMACSWAN NO. IN CREW: 49

CREW CHECK: NEGATIVE: XX POSITIVE: (See Below)

OPERATIONS IN PORT: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded herewith.

By Direction of the DCGO, 6th NavDist.

ITINERARY: ARRIVED CHARLESTON, S. C. FROM GIBRALTER 4/1/45

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District CG Intelligence  
Officer, 6th NavDist.

1. Crew list was checked thru the files of this office with negative results. The following aliens produced their documents which had been previously endorsed in another district:

- BLACK, Robert A. A., Z-342689, Native of Great Britain.
- KOPONEN, Einar, Z-484236, Native of Finland.

2. KORTUM, Harold A., Wiper, Z-314258, signed aboard at Port Said, 3/15/45. See attached letter.

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4 APRIL 1945

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Authority NW 3-26-83-11  
By RH NARA. Date 6/30/17

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BOARDING OFFICER: W. S. Jefferson

APPROVED: HARVEY F. JOHNSON, JR.,  
District CG Intelligence  
Officer, 6th NavDist.

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5. SUBJECT had the following maritime documents in his possession:

- Certificate of Identification Z-314258
- Seaman's Passport #-88457
- "B" Certificate E-91500
- "A" Certificate A-82600
- "E" Certificate E-376958
- CGIC (Issued Portland, Ore.) #-13570430
- Card Number (688600)

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6. SUBJECT was fingerprinted on form 2515 and his maritime documents were endorsed for security this date.

7. The files of this office were checked re SUBJECT with negative results.

8. Forms 2515 and 2765 are forwarded herewith.

By direction of the DCGO, 6th NavDist.

1. SUBJECT signed on the SS NORMANCSMAN on 15 March, 1945 at Port Said, Egypt, and arrived in Charleston, S. C., on 1 April, 1945.

2. SUBJECT was born 20 February, 1924 at ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. He had in his possession a birth certificate issued ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ County of Carbon, County File 2842, registry #214, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ naturalized American; was born in Germany and migrated to ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ 1910. His mother is American born. The SUBJECT has resided with his parents at Columbus, Montana most of his life. SUBJECT's last employment on shore was with the Victory Construction Company, Great Falls, Montana.

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3. The SUBJECT joined the Merchant Marine and sailed aboard the Tanker CHARLES S. JONES on 6 July, 1944 from Los Angeles, California. SUBJECT stated that he signed off the Tanker CHARLES S. JONES at Abadan, Iran, on 10 March, 1945, after receiving a letter from home advising him that his father was seriously ill. He had the consent of the Master, and wanted to get home to his father at the earliest possible date.

4. The SUBJECT stated that he stayed Saturday night, 10 March, 1945 at the United Seamen's Service Hotel, at Kooranshair, Iran (three miles from Abadan, Iran). On Sunday, 11 March, 1945, he proceeded to the airport staying at the airport hotel, at Bassa, Iraq that Sunday night, (Bassa, Iraq is about 25 miles from Kooranshair, Iran). SUBJECT left Bassa, Iraq via British Airlines at 0800, 12 March, 1945 and arrived at Cairo, Egypt, at approximately 1700 the same day. KORTUM advised that he spent the nights of 12th and 13th of March, 1945 at the United Seamen's Service Hotel in Cairo, Egypt. On the 14th of March, 1945, he was transported by War Shipping Administration officials to Port Said, Egypt, and spent the night of 14 March, 1945 at the United Seamen's Hotel in that city. SUBJECT signed aboard the SS NORMANCSMAN at Port Said, Egypt on 15 March, 1945.

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3 April, 1945

To: COMMANDANT (INT)

Subj: KORTUM, Harold A., Z-314258, Oiler, SS NORMACSWAN.

1. SUBJECT signed on the SS NORMACSWAN on 15 March, 1945 at Port Said, Egypt, and arrived in Charleston, S. C., on 1 April, 1945.
2. SUBJECT was born 20 February, 1924 at Red Lodge, Montana. He had in his possession a birth certificate issued by the State of Montana, County of Carbon, County File 2842, registry #216. SUBJECT'S father is a naturalized American; was born in Germany and migrated to this country about 1910. His mother is American born. The SUBJECT has resided with his parents at Columbus, Montana most of his life. SUBJECT'S last employment on shore was with the Victory Construction Company, Great Falls, Montana.
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