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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREW DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE,
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION,

The Coast Guard has received reliable information concerning Robert Eycke, Captain of the Panamanian vessel SS MOTOCARLINE. During early 1943 he is reported to have been frequently drunk, inattentive and neglectful of his duties, the result on one occasion being that his ship missed her convoy. It is also reported he left members of the crew behind in one port.

No action will be taken in this case due to the fact vessel is of Panamanian registry.

January 8 Ship's boat of the GUFF badly damaged in attempting transfer of doctor to SS "MINOTAUR" for emergency treatment of an injured man.

January 9 SS "WILHELM WANDER" torched heavily and left formation (15 minutes later the second attack on PC-1 was made - this torching undoubtedly facilitated the efforts of the **H. T. JEWELL** Commander USCG to get in on the convoy.

January 10 GUFF starboard condenser salted and one engine operations was required for 7 hours 53 minutes. (It is noted that 3 depth charge attacks were made during this period).

January 12 GUFF steering engine out for 19 minutes.

January 13 PC-3 ran out of fuel 170 miles from port. She was towed in and reached port on January 16.

January 14 PC-7 had one engine go out of commission. It ran back in commission 4 days later.

Cyres on PC577 and PC689 went out of commission for 2 1/2 hours.

January 15 to 18 Refuelling operations, Convoy anchored inside Pass River entrance.

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