

In the Matter of Merchant Mariner's Document Z-52561 and all other  
Seaman

Issued to: George R. Dineen

DECISION AND FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMANDANT  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

1365

George R. Dineen

This appeal has been in accordance with Title 46 United States Code 239(g) and Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations 137.11-1.

By order dated 4 January 1960, an Examiner of the United States Coast Guard at New York, New York suspended Appellant's seaman documents upon finding him guilty of misconduct. Four or five specifications found proved allege that while serving as Third Mate on board the United States SS AFRICAN CRESCENT under authority of the license above described, on various dates in September and October 1959, Appellant failed to stand his watch on two occasions; he failed to join his ship; and he was under the influence of intoxicants while attempting to perform his duties on the bridge. The fifth specification alleges that, while serving as deck maintenanceman at a latter date in October on the same ship, Appellant addressed the Master with threatening and disrespectful language.

The hearing was adjourned once due to Appellant's absence and then proceeded in absentia when he failed to appear on the second date set for the hearing.



kill the Master.

It is my opinion that the order is not excessive in view of Appellant's lack of responsibility while serving as a ship's officer and his lack of respect for the Master's authority. The latter is essential in order to maintain discipline on board ships.

*ORDER*

The order of the Examiner dated at New York, New York, on 4 January 1960, is AFFIRMED.

E.J. ROLAND  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commandant

Signed at Washington, D. C., this 1st day of February 1963.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF DECISION NO. 1365 \*\*\*\*\*

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