

IN THE MATTER OF License No. 12715  
Issued to: ALLEN ZEPP

DECISION AND FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMANDANT  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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ALLEN ZEPP

On 9 January 1950 an Examiner of the United States Coast Guard at New York, revoked License No. 12715 issued to Allen Zepp upon finding him guilty of "negligence" based upon a specification alleging in substance, that while serving as Master of the American S.S. PARK VICTORY under authority of the document above described, on or about 24 December 1947 he failed to cause an adequate anchor watch to be maintained while the vessel was at anchor in the Gulf of Finland and thereby contributed to the grounding and subsequent loss of said vessel.

At the hearing, Appellant was represented by counsel of his own selection, and plea of "not guilty" was entered to the charge and specification.

APPEARANCES: Messrs. Burlingham, Veeder, Clark & Hupper, by Adrian J. O'Kane

In view of the conclusion to be announced, no good purpose is served in prolonging this discussion by the usual preliminary recitations of fact.

OPINION

I must review and determine each case upon the issues and the evidence presented; and in my opinion the Examiner erred in his evaluation of the evidence.

The Record has been very carefully reviewed and it is my

CONCLUSION

The proof does not support the specification.

ORDER

The Order of the United States Coast Guard Examiner dated 9 January 1950, is VACATED, SET ASIDE and REVERSED.

Merlin O'Niell  
Vice Admiral, United States Coast Guard  
Commandant

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 8th day of August, 1950.