

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO ALL MASTERS:

SUBJECT: Lack of observance of proper convoy discipline.

1. Recent reports on convoy discipline indicate a definite tendency of masters of many vessels to disregard their responsibilities while in convoy.
2. Inexperience cannot be considered as a valid excuse for failure to observe the regulations concerned with the following:
 - (a) Blackout restrictions;
 - (b) Attention to signals from Commodore;
 - (c) Proper station keeping when matters of weather and condition of ship are not unfavorable.
3. It is requested that masters sailing in convoys be advised that the menace of enemy action is still constantly present. Failure to cooperate with Commodore and Escort Commander by strict observance of convoy regulations may result in loss of vessel and possible casualties from enemy action or disciplinary action by those in charge of effective convoy operation.

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In compliance with proper convoy discipline, the following " violations " were noted for convoy CU 49:

A. Blackout restrictions:

1. S.S. Santa Rosa (twice)
2. U.S.A.T. Excelsior
3. S.T.K. Markay

B. Attention to signals:

1. S.T.K. Yellow Tavern (twice)

C. Proper station keeping:

1. S.T.K. Kernstown (twice)
2. S.T.K. Markay (twice)
3. S.S. Exceller
4. S.S. Exchequer (as a column leader – three times)
5. S.T.K. Sag Harbor (as a column leader)
6. S.S. Great Republic (as a column leader)
7. S.S. Santa Rosa (seven times)
8. The entire column four.
9. Columns one, two, three and four after re-positioning.

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