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The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to do family research. As one of the nation's premier genealogy institutions, it is our mission to inform the public about the National Archives' holdings that relate to family history and to make those holdings available.





About the Lecture Series



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Lectures demonstrate how to use federal records and other resources for genealogical research for beginning to experienced family historians. Our presenters include experts from the National Archives nationwide representing our facilities in College Park, MD; Denver, CO; New York City, NY; St. Louis, MO; and Washington, DC.



Join the conversation!

Participate with the presenters and other family historians during the live event.



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May Schedule



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Date	Session Title	Presenter
Tuesday, May 4 1 p.m. ET	Preserving and Digitizing Personal Photo Albums and Scrapbooks	Sara Holmes Conservator in Preservation Programs National Archives at St. Louis, MO
		Noah Durham Supervisory Preservation Specialist National Archives at St. Louis, MO
Wednesday, May 12 1 p.m. ET	Finding Genealogy Resources and Tools on Archives.gov	Sarah Swanson Website Liaison National Archives at College Park, MD
Wednesday, May 19 1 p.m. ET	Tips and Tools for Engaging Family with Your Research Finds	Missy McNatt Education Specialist National Archives in Washington, DC
		Dorothy Dougherty Virtual Public Programs Director National Archives at New York City, NY



June Schedule



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Date	Session Title	Presenter
Tuesday, June 1 1 p.m. ET	From Here to There: Researching Office of Indian Affairs Employees	Cara Moore Lebonick Reference Archives Specialist National Archives at St. Louis, MO Cody White Archivist and Native American Related Records Subject Matter Expert National Archives at Denver, CO
Tuesday, June 8 1 p.m. ET	Civil War Union Noncombatant Personnel: Teamsters, Laundresses, Nurses, Sutlers, and more	Claire Kluskens Genealogy/Census Subject Matter Expert and Digital Projects Archivist National Archives in Washington, DC
Tuesday, June 15 1 p.m. ET	Merchant Marine Records at The National Archives at St. Louis	Theresa Fitzgerald Director National Archives at St. Louis, MO



Merchant Marine Records at the National Archives at St. Louis



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Theresa Fitzgerald will introduce you to the core collection of Merchant Marine Licensing Files, which were recently accessioned and are now open to the public for the first time at the National Archives at St. Louis. She will go over our auxiliary collections of Merchant Marine records that are complex and closely connected.

Presenter Biography



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Theresa Fitzgerald

Director
National Archives at
St. Louis, MO

Theresa Fitzgerald joined NARA in 2007 as a temporary student employee with the National Archives at St. Louis. Her position then transitioned to the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), and she became a permanent archives technician upon completion of her education. Theresa was selected as an archivist under the Archivist Development Program (ADP) in 2010. She then became the reference supervisor for the National Archives in St. Louis in 2015 and was selected as the Chief of Archival Operations and Director of the National Archives at St. Louis in 2018.



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Merchant Marine Records at The National Archives at St. Louis

June 15, 2021

Theresa Fitzgerald

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Merchant Marine Records History/Background

The Shipping Act of 1916 established the U.S. Shipping Board, the first federal agency tasked with promoting a U.S. Merchant Marine and regulating U.S. commercial shipping.

- Enacted in part because of the severe disruptions in shipping caused by World War I.
- Specifically established the Shipping Board “for the purpose of encouraging, developing, and creating a naval auxiliary and naval reserve and a Merchant Marine, to meet the requirements of the commerce of the United States with its Territories and possessions and with foreign countries; to regulate carriers by water engaged in the foreign and interstate commerce of the United States.”

www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/history/short-history-maritime-administration



Merchant Marine Records History/Background

August 10, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt abolished the USSB and created the interim United States Shipping Board Bureau (USSBB) within the Department of Commerce.

- Roosevelt preferred that the regulation of U.S. shipping remain under partial control of a cabinet department.

Merchant Marine Act of 1936

- Replaced the USSBB with the independent regulatory body, the U.S. Maritime Commission.
- Referred to as the “Magna Carta of American Shipping.” As part of the New Deal, it intended to revitalize U.S. merchant shipping and strengthen the nation’s national defense.
- Created the United States Maritime Service (USMS), the organization responsible for mariner training.



Merchant Marine Records

History/Background

WWII

February 7, 1942, President Roosevelt created the War Shipping Administration (WSA)

- To handle the operational demands that World War II placed upon the Maritime Commission.

Between 1939 and 1945, the Maritime Commission:

- Built 5,171 ships of over 2,000 gross registered tons.
- Oversaw the construction of the more modern “Victory” type cargo ships, tankers, combination passenger/cargo ships, tugs, barges, and military auxiliary vessels.
- The Maritime Commission used a variety of training programs to produce 262,474 mariners.



Merchant Marine Records

History/Background

Post WWII

1946, Congress abolished the WSA, and its responsibilities reverted to the Commission.

May 24, 1950, Congress created the Maritime Administration and Federal Maritime Board (FMB) to replace the Maritime Commission.

- MARAD maintained all U.S. merchant shipping promotional programs and the NDRF
- FMB took on a regulatory role.

1961 Congress implemented Reorganization Plan No. 7

- FMB renamed the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)
- Responsible for regulating U.S. international maritime shipping.



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Merchant Marine Licensing Files, RG 26



RG 26: Merchant Marine Personnel and Licensing Records, 1967 and prior

Series consists of individual files that document the service of merchant seamen licensed by the United States in 1967 or prior.

- Files consists of an envelope/jacket providing:
 - Seaman's name and address
 - Place and date of birth
 - License numbers
- Also contains:
 - Vessels served on, seaman's status, certification of identification number ("Z" number), continuous discharge book number, date and place issued, dates of renewal, as well as other certifications
- The record may contain:
 - Applications, certifications, licenses, correspondence, photographs, birth certificates, and documents related to union membership



Benefits

National Maritime Center will issue benefits from the following records series:

- Merchant Marine Licensing Files
- Deceased Merchant Marine Licensing Files
- Officer Licenses

The Coast Guard National Maritime Center is the approving official for World War II Merchant Marine separation documents. United States Merchant Mariners who served in ocean-going service during December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, are considered “active duty” under the provisions of Public Laws 95-202 and 105-368. To determine eligibility for a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD Form 214, or a Report of Casualty, DD Form 1300, please refer to the National Maritime Center (NMC) website.



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RG 26, Merchant Marine Licensing Files: Avery, Kenneth



NAME OF APPLICANT (LAST, MIDDLE, AND FIRST—PLEASE PRINT)
~~AVERY, KENNETH~~ *Avery* Raymond Kenneth

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
 917 Park Ave. Bremerton, Washington

DATE OF BIRTH (DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR) PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY)
 30 Nov. 1921 Bremerton, Wash.

HEIGHT WEIGHT COLOR COLOR OF HAIR
 5' 10" 140 Wht. Blk

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN
 Mrs. Lucile M. Avery

ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
 917 Park Ave. Bremerton, Washington

SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
 NAVY FORM 715-B (REV. 7-45)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. DATE MAY 19 1945

TYPE OF CERTIFICATE CONTINUOUS EXCHANGE BOOK CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY AS LIFE BOATMAN CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AS Ordinary Seaman

NAME OF APPLICANT (LAST, MIDDLE, AND FIRST—PLEASE PRINT)
~~AVERY, KENNETH~~ Raymond Kenneth

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
 917 Park Ave. Bremerton, Washington

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NAME OF NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP
 Mrs. Lucile M. Avery Wife

ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
 917 Park Ave. Bremerton, Washington

CITIZENSHIP RECORD

DATE NATURALIZED COURT OF NATURALIZATION CITY STATE

IF NATURALIZED THROUGH FATHER, STATE HIS NAME PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP SUBMITTED
 Cert. photo, Copy of Wash. birth cert., bread box #251 Filed 12/30/21

IF NOT NATURALIZED, IS DECLARATION OF INTENTION FILED? (IF SO, STATE PLACE, DATE, AND FILE NUMBER OF INTENTION PAPERS)

IF AN ALIEN, STATE PLACE AND DATE OF PAYMENT OF HEAD TAX

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE RECORD
 (Number all licenses or certificates now in your possession)

DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS	PLACE OF ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE	No. OF ISSUE

IF ANY LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE HELD BY YOU HAS EVER BEEN REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, SO STATE, GIVING ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES

SERVICE RECORD
 (Must be certified by official discharge or letters from masters or such other authority deemed reliable, for the past 3 years if possible)

NAME OF VESSEL	NATIONALITY	SERVICE	GROSS TONNAGE	RATING OF SEAMAN	DATE OF SHIPMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE
		Satisfactorily completed training at USMSTS, Avalon, Calif.				

U.S. COAST GUARD
 RECEIVED
 JUN 13 1945
 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.



RG 26, Merchant Marine Licensing Files: Avery, Kenneth (continued)

OATH
(To be administered by issuing officer)

I hereby swear (or affirm) that all the statements on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that I have never received from the United States Government the document(s) for which I now make application; and I further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and honestly perform all the duties required of me by law and carry out the lawful orders of my superior officers on shipboard.

Kenneth Raymond Avery
(Signature of seaman)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this MAY 19 1945 day of May, 1945, at Los Angeles, Calif. County of Los Angeles, Calif. State (Territory or District) of Los Angeles, Calif.

I have accordingly issued the documents listed below.

A. W. Hilding
(Signature and title of issuing officer)
(ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

I have this day examined the physical condition of *Avery K. B.* and have found him competent incompetent for the rating of _____

Daniel J. Daley, M.D.
(Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service)

CERTIFICATE ISSUED
(Applicant will not write in this space)

1. Continuous discharge book No. _____	5. Certificate of service as Able Seaman No. _____
2. Certificate of identification No. <u>3 609916</u>	for the waters of _____
3. Certificate of efficiency as lifeboat man No. _____	6. Certificate of service as Q. M. E. D. No. _____
4. Certificate as tankerman No. _____	7. Certificate of service as <u>Ordinary Seaman</u> No. <u>8619184</u>

FINGERPRINTS (Left hand)					FINGERPRINTS (Right hand)				

NAVCG-719-B REV. 7-44 (BACK) 16-40002-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE



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Serial No. G 3271867

FORWARD THIS COPY TO HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES COAST GUARD Certificate of Discharge

Kenneth R. Avery
(Signature of Seaman)

J. C. Voth
(Master of Vessel)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above entries were made by me and are correct and that the signatures hereto were witnessed by me.

Dated this 25 day of July, 1945

R. S. Smith
United States Shipping Commissioner
(or Master of Vessel)

NOTE—Whenever a master performs the duties of the shipping commissioner under this act, the master shall sign the certification on the line designated for the shipping commissioner's signature.

Name of Seaman *Kenneth R. Avery*
(In full)

Citizenship U. S. A. Certificate of Identification No. Z 609916

Rating A. S.
(Capacity in which employed)

Date of Shipment 5/19/45

Place of Shipment San Pedro Cal.

Date of Discharge 7/25/45

Place of Discharge Portland Me

Name of Ship Sirclair Parkline

Official No. 240993 Class of Vessel Steam
(Steam, Motor, Sail or Barge)

Nature of Voyage Foreign
(Foreign, Intercostal or Coastwise)



RG 26 Merchant Marine Licensing Files, Avery, Kenneth (continued)

NAVCG 884 ^{Certification of Identification} 3609916 Book No. _____
RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ISSUED TO SEAMAN

Name Kenneth R. Avery Rating Ordinary
Address 917 Park Ave. Bremerton Department Deck
Citizen of U. S. A. Native, naturalized or alien _____
Date of Birth Nov. 30, 1924 Place of Birth Washington
Serial number of certificate **E619184**
Date of issue of certificate MAY 19 1945

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
Issued by Officer in charge, Marine Inspection at _____
A. L. WOODRUFF
(ACTG.) MERCHANT MARINE
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection

(To be forwarded to Bureau)





RG 26, Merchant Marine Licensing Files, Avery, Kenneth (continued)

(If a food handler)
Examined physically and found free from communicable disease

(Date)

Signature of Seaman *Kenneth R. Avery*

Thumb Print





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Name of Seaman AVERY, Kenneth Raymond Deck _____
 Address 917 Park Ave., Bremerton, Wash. (Department)

Certificate of Identification No. 2-609 916
 Continuous Discharge Book No. _____
 Port of Issue Los Angeles, Calif.
 Date of Issue 5-19-45
 Date of Birth 11-30-21
 Place of Birth Bremerton, Wash.

1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
1951	1952	1953	1954	1955

OFFICER'S LICENSES

GRADE	NUMBER	DATE

SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATES

	DATE	ISSUED AT
Seaman's Protection Certificate		
Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboat Man		
Certificate of Service as Able Seaman		
Certificate of Service as Qualified Member of Engine Department - Rating		
Certificate of Service as		
Certificate of Service as		
Certificate of Registry as Staff Officer		
Certificate as Tankerman		



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Deceased War Casualty Seaman's Records, RG 26



Deceased and War Casualty Merchant Seamen's Records (continued)

Series consists of individual files that document the service of merchant seamen licensed by the U.S. who died during the period 1937–1950, many as a result of enemy action during World War II.

- Files consists of an envelope/jacket providing:
 - Seaman's name and address
 - Place and date of birth
 - Date of death
- If the loss was due to war casualty, the name of vessel, date lost, and seaman status (missing, deceased) is noted.
- Also contains:
 - Identification number ("Z" number), continuous discharge book number, date and place issued, dates of renewal, as well as other certifications, applications, licenses, and correspondence relating to the circumstance of death and notification of next of kin
- The record may contain:
 - Photographs and documents related to union membership



Deceased and War Casualty Merchant Seamen's Records (continued)

- *The Coast Guard National Maritime Center is the approving official for World War II Merchant Marine separation documents. United States Merchant Mariners who served in ocean-going service during December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, are considered “active duty” under the provisions of Public Laws 95-202 and 105-368. To determine eligibility for a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD Form 214, or a Report of Casualty, DD Form 1300, please refer to NMC’s website.*
- Section 401 of **Public Law 95-202**, The GI Bill Improvement **Act** of 1977, authorized the Secretary of Defense to determine whether the service of members of civilian or contractual groups should be considered active duty for the purposes of all **laws** administered by the Veterans Affairs (VA).



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RG 26, Deceased War Casualty Seaman's Records, Rocchio, Dominico

MISSING
(and presumed lost)

Name of Seaman ROCCHIO, Dominico Joseph SS LOUISIANA
 Address 65 Elizabeth Ave., Oceanside, N.Y. 8-17-42

Certificate of Identification No. 2 265 815
 Continuous Discharge Book No. _____
 Port of Issue New York, N.Y.
 Date of Issue 3-25-42
 Date of Birth 11-20-98
 Place of Birth New York, N.Y.

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
1951	1952	1953	1954	1955

OFFICER'S LICENSES

GRADE	NUMBER	DATE

SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATES

	DATE	ISSUED AT
Seaman's Protection Certificate		
Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboat Man		
Certificate of Service as Able Seaman		
Certificate of Service as Qualified Member of Engine Department—Rating		
Certificate of Service as OS	3-25-42	New York, N.Y.
Certificate of Service as		
Certificate of Registry as Staff Officer		
Certificate as Tankerman		

Form No. 733a
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation



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Records of Licenses Issued to Merchant Marine Officers, RG 26



Records of Licenses Issued to Merchant Marine Officers, 1910–1946

- Forms contain the following information:
 - Seaman's name and address
 - Place and date of birth
 - Place and date license issued
- If naturalized, date, place, and court of naturalization are shown
- Also provides:
 - Type of license (first assistant engineer, chief engineer, second mate, first mate, master, pilot, or motor vessel operator)
 - Type of waters for which the license is valid (lakes, bays, sounds, rivers, or oceans)
- The card may contain:
 - Licenses renewals or increases in rank

RG 26, Licenses
Issued to Merchant
Marine Officers,
Billings, Daniel





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Form 716

SERIAL NUMBER
Z226025

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION

SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION
(TO BE RETAINED BY THE SEAMAN)

DCCG 2nd ND
EXAMINED FOR SECURITY
Approved JUN 29 1945
Investigator USCGR

Port of BOSTON, MASS.
April 10, 19 41



The bearer, Daniel Hollis Billings
(Name of seaman, in full)
whose home address is Deer Isle,
Maine born in Maine
(State or Country)
on August 17, 1915 is a citizen of U.S.A.
(Date of birth)
Naturalized since if not naturalized since if citizen
- date of head tax, if any.

Statement of personal description: Height 5 ft. 6 inches
Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Hazel Complexion Ruddy

[Signature]
(Signature of issuing officer)
Dep. U. S. Shipping Commissioner

[Signature]
(Signature of seaman)

Seaman's Thumb Print



RG 26, Licenses
Issued to Merchant
Marine Officers,
Billings, Daniel
(continued)

Form 974

Certificate of Identification *3-556025*

SERIAL NUMBER **B59532** BOOK NUMBER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION

CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY TO LIFEBOAT MAN

This is to certify that *DANIEL HOLLIS BILLINGS* having proved to the satisfaction of the undersigned, designated by the Secretary of Commerce, that he has been trained in all the operations connected with launching lifeboats and the use of oars; that he is acquainted with the practical handling of the boats themselves and further, that he is capable of understanding and answering the orders relative to lifeboat service, is hereby rated an efficient Lifeboat Man.

Issued by the undersigned Board of Local Inspectors on this *7th* day of *Sept.* 1914

Daniel H. Billings
Signature of Seaman

J. B. [unclear]
James V. [unclear]
U.S. Board of Local Inspectors
Port of **Boston, Mass.**

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.



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Merchant Marine Enrollee Files, RG 146



Merchant Marine Enrollee Files

Records of the Civil Service Commission, RG 146

- 1940; a training division was created within the U.S. Maritime Commission.
- February 28, 1942; this division was transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard.
- July 11, 1942; the training functions were transferred to the Training Organization of the War Shipping Administration.
 - With the increased need for experienced seamen, training for both licensed and unlicensed seamen was planned.
 - Three types of schools were operated: Merchant Marine Cadet Corps Division, Merchant Marine Service Division, and the State Maritime Academies Division.
- 1946; with the termination of the War Shipping Administration, the Division of Training was reestablished in the US Maritime Commission.
 - Later became the Division of Maritime Training and Office of Maritime Training.
 - Currently all maritime training is under the US Merchant Marine Academy.



Employment Records

The National Archives at St. Louis holds records for the Training Organization—U.S. Maritime Commission

- Civil service employees in the various administrative offices. Records date to 1952
- Most of the staff at the schools, including instructors, as well as those in training (students, cadets, seamen, etc.) were not civil service appointees. They were “Trainee Enrollees,” with instructors and supervisory personnel called “Administrative Enrollees.” Their records date 1938–1955



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M. S. Form 2.
March 1943

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
TRAINING ORGANIZATION

UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE

ENROLLMENT FORM
AS
OFFICER CANDIDATE

Service No. 4401-00711

SUMMARY OF STATUS *Sinclair*

Name BRIDGES Lee Sinclair Age 36
(Last name) (Given name) (Middle name) (Years)

Residence 478 Florida Ave. Atlanta Georgia
(Number) (Street) (City or town) (State)

Place of birth Sasser, Georgia Date of birth June 14, 1909
(Country, if foreign) (City and State, if in U. S.) (Month, day, year)

Citizenship: Native Naturalized _____

Race White Marital status Married Dependents (2), Wife & Child
(Place) (Date)

Name and address of nearest relative: Wife Nellie Lou Bridges
Wife (Relationship) (Address) (Name)

Military service: Yes _____ None

Previous enrollment, Maritime Service: Yes _____ Date of enrollment _____ None

Length of sea service None Present position None
(Years)

Number of License (or) Certificate None Grade of License (or) Certificate None

Military and naval record. Check (v) to indicate branch, and give branch of service, dates of enlistment and discharge, and type of discharge:

ARMY	NAVY	MARINE CORPS	COAST GUARD
<u>None</u>			
(Branch of service)	Enlisted (Date)	Discharged (Date)	Type of discharge
(Branch of service)	Enlisted (Date)	Discharged (Date)	Type of discharge
(Branch of service)	Enlisted (Date)	Discharged (Date)	Type of discharge
(Branch of service)	Enlisted (Date)	Discharged (Date)	Type of discharge

Record of arrests and convictions, if any (describe fully):

PLACE	DATE	OFFENSE	FINAL DISPOSITION OF CASE
<u>ATLANTA</u>	<u>Nov. 21, 36</u>	<u>Disorderly Conduct</u>	<u>Fine Paid</u>
<u>ATLANTA</u>	<u>April 22, 36</u>	<u>Illegal Parking</u>	<u>Fine Paid</u>

Record of service on merchant vessels:

COMPANY	SHIP	POSITION HELD	PERIOD	
			From—	To—
<u>None</u>				



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RG 146, Merchant Marine Enrollee Files, Bridges, Lee (continued)

MS-103 (April 1944)
APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION IN THE U. S. MARITIME SERVICE
 (Under Supplement 1 to General Order No. 23)

Date March 31, 19 45

From: BRIDGES Lee Sinclair
(Last name) (First name) (Middle name)

Via: The Commandant, U. S. Maritime Service.

Via: Official channels.

I hereby make application for promotion in the U. S. Maritime Service, submitting the following information, which I certify to be full and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. Official address 478 Florida Avenue, S.E., Atlanta, Georgia
2. Mailing address Same
3. Date of birth June 14, 1909 Place of birth Sasser, Georgia
4. If ever known by any other name(s), list None
5. Present rank in the U. S. M. S. Warrant Machinist U. S. M. S. Service No. 4401-00711
6. Date of last physical examination in the U. S. M. S. December 2, 1944
7. Present license or certificate:

<u>3rd Assistant Engineer</u> <small>(Grade)</small>	<u>Any</u> <small>(Tonnage or hp.)</small>	<u>Ocean</u> <small>(Waters)</small>	<u>A-3251</u> <small>(Serial number)</small>
<u>1-1</u> <small>(Issue number)</small>	Issued at <u>Savannah, Georgia</u> <small>(Port)</small>	on <u>November 19</u> , 19 <u>44</u> <small>(Date)</small>	
8. Present vessel SS Lawrence J. Gallagher Present position Third Assistant Engineer
(Name) (Official number)
9. Reason for request for promotion Hold Third Assistant Engineer's license and have two and one half months sea time from 12/15/44 to 2/23/45 aboard the SS ISAAC HAYTER WISE in substantiated by letters from employers)
(Give full details) (Service must be the same capacity. Also presently assigned as Third Assistant Engineer aboard the SS LAWRENCE J. GALLAGHER for a voyage.)
10. (To be filled out only if the applicant has not previously been allotted a full issue of uniform.)
 It is requested that I be furnished with the articles of uniform checked below if I am entitled to them:

(a) Officer's cravatnetted topcoat	} Check one; not both.
OR (b) Officer's overcoat with insignia	
(c) Blue service uniform with insignia	
(e) Uniform cap with insignia (One blue and one white cap cover included.)	
11. I (do) ~~(do not)~~ desire active duty as an instructor in a War Shipping Administration Training Unit, if vacancies occur.

Copy filed in Lee file & connect with 4401-00711

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Lee Sinclair Bridges
(Signature in full)
 Lee Sinclair BRIDGES



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RG 146, Merchant Marine Enrollee Files, Bridges, Lee (continued)

MS-92
(August 1940)

The appropriation act governing expenditures for the Maritime Service provides that "No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purpose hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act, shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law." The Hatch Act, 2 August, 1939, provides in Section 9A that "It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation or any part thereof is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any act of Congress to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of Government in the United States" and "any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person."

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"I, Lee Sinclair BRIDGES
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Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at EO, Atlanta, Georgia this
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Title Enrolling Officer, Atlanta

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- Full name of service member
- Z number, if known
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National Archives - St. Louis

ATTN: RRPOR

P.O. Box 38757

St. Louis, MO 63138-0757



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Attn: Correspondance (NMC-41)
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