

New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company

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S. S. AGWIMOON,
PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 26, 1923.

Captain Chas. C. Oakes
Ward Line,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The report referring to the loss of the Chief Officer Mr. Joseph Munsterman, on the S. S. AGWIMOON, in Tampico, Mexico, November 23rd, 1923, taken as a copy of the ship's official log book.

November 23rd, Tampico:

At 4:00 A. M. at the time stated I was called up by the Steward telling me the sad news that my Chief Officer Joseph Munsterman was drowned at midnight as he with others mentioned in report hereby given was returning to ship. Copy of statement given by undersigned.

Capt. J. T. Flymm, Master S.S. AGWIMOON in port of Tampico, Mexico.

Dear Sir: I am sorry to report to you the loss of your Chief Officer, Mr. Joseph Munsterman. He was in company with your Chief Engineer, First Ass't. Engineer, Third Ass't. Engineer, and myself the Steward when he left the city about 12:00 o'clock midnight yesterday, bound for the Steamer. To board a launch from the Fiscal Wharf- It was while getting on this launch from the dock when she tipped over and the First Assistant and Boatman were thrown into the river. The Chief Officer immediately jumped in to save their lives but he must have struck some object underneath and went down. We immediately got into another launch and searched around for about an hour without results however, and then proceeded to the Custom House and reported the accident. Immediately afterwards we boarded a launch and went aboard the ship to notify the Master.

Yours very truly,

Peter Olsen,
Chief Eng.

M. Garcia
1st Assist. Eng.

Arthur Stuart
Steward

We were at this time mentioned starting topping off the tanks and all was finished loading by 7:25 A. M. I the Master then went to town report to Ship's Agent, U. S. Consul, where affidavit and statement given of accident. Also reported to Harbor Master (Captain of Port) and other Marine Authorities, who already knew of the accident and were searching for the body. Our Agent made arrangements with authority about taking charge of body when such was recovered. My ship was given order to proceed on voyage. No licensed officer was to be had in this port so I had to go out short of Third Mate, my Third Mate, Mr. L.B. Rosselle was promoted to Chief Mate. And at 12:00 o'clock noon, ship was under way outward bound from the harbor.

Joseph Munsterman, Chief Officer Acct.

Earnings for 21 days November 2nd, to November 22nd.

Wages \$165 per month -----\$115.00

By balance due -----\$115.00

(sgd) John T. Flymm,
Master

Louis B. Rosselle
Chief Officer

Leon P. Therianon
2nd Officer

WARD LINE

NEW YORK AND CUBA MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES
FOOT OF WALL STREET

FILE NO.

NEW YORK, December 21, 1923.

Registrar of Records,
Department of Health,
Borough of Manhattan,
505 Pearl Street,
New York N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that we have received report from the Captain and Officers of the American S. S. Agwimoon, managed and operated by this company, of the drowning at Tampico at 9.30 a.m. Nov. 23, 1923, of First Officer, Joseph Munsterman, whose address, according to our records, is 854 Bigelow Avenue, Woodhaven, Long Island, N. Y.

For completion of your record I enclose copy of the Master's report embodying copy of the entry made in the Ship's Official Log Book.

I may add that the S. S. Agwimoon is now trading in the Gulf of Mexico and has not called at New York since the casualty.

Yours very truly,

Charles Baker

Marine Superintendent.

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