

Re: Merchant Marine

Australia is the only port where Merchant seamen are paid in American money

War Shipping Administration made a ruling that Merchant seamen be paid in money of the port they are in.

Merchant seamen pay taxes - 20%

Merchant seamen come back with lbs. Lb. is worth 4.04. Seamen get 3.24 in exchange, lose 84¢.

Seamen have insurance only at sea. Paid by War Shipping Admn. and the shipping company. War Shipping Admn. owns the ships, and the shipping company pays the bills.

Merchandise cost more on the ship than in the stores.
For example, rubber boots costing 5.85 in the stores sell for 7.00 on ships.
Ships are supposed to sell at wholesale plus 10%.

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