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Mr. Ballard wrote that he worked as a welder for the Houston Ship-building Corporation located at Houston, Texas. He had had only sixty hours' experience as a welder. He, with the other fourth class welders were assigned to welding the bottom of ships. Stated the work could be knocked loose with a hammer. Should have been done by first class welders. He quite the job because he knew the ships are not sea worthy. They are death traps. Company will not pay him nor give him a release.