FAMED SEA CAPTAIN MURDERED!

Gruesome Death for Commander Douglas

NEW YORK (AP)—J. B. Douglas, fifty years old, was discovered last night in his hotel room, brutally murdered.

“There was blood everywhere,” says Daniel Blair, the concierge who found the body. Mr. Blair also indicated that Commander Douglas had been mutilated, perhaps even decapitated.

Police are looking for a suspect described by Mr. Blair as a “pale German man.” It is believed the suspect is using the name “Anthony Sothcott,” which is likely an alias.

A respected officer of the Merchant Marines for many years, Douglas will be remembered as the captain of the SS Arkham, one of the vessels that carried the ill-fated Miskatonic University Expedition to the Antarctic in 1930.

Douglas was reportedly in New York City to speak with the leaders of the Starkweather Moore Expedition, which will leave in a few days. The expedition expects to retrace the route of Douglas’ ship three years ago.

After discovering the savage crime, Mr. Blair immediately notified the police. Douglas’ room had been completely demolished, and many of his belongings stolen. It was not known if the Commander had any valuables in his possession.

Anyone with information about this terrible crime should contact Detective Hansen at the Battery Precinct Station.