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(C/O ARMED GUARD CENTER, SOUTH BROOKLYN, N.Y.)
S.S. ABEL STEARNS, GROSS TONS 7176.

TO: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

VIA: THE PORT DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, N.Y.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE VOYAGE S.S. ABEL STEARNS FROM NAPLES, ITALY
TO NEW YORK, N.Y. VIA REGGIO, ITALY AND PORT AGUSTA, SICILY.

REFERENCE: (a) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMANDING OFFICERS OF
NAVAL ARMED GUARDS ON MERCHANT SHIPS, PARAG. 4301 THRU 4308.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (a) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED:

- (A) TYPE OF VESSEL: FREIGHTER (LIBERTY)
TYPE OF CARGO: ARMY FLATTING AND 633 TONS OF BRIAR WOOD
AND MISCELLANEOUS CARGO. TWO FIELD PIECES.
OWNER OF VESSEL: U.S. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
CHARTERED TO A.H. BULL & CO. OPERATORS, J.J. BROWNE, MASTER.
- (B) PORT OF DEPARTURE: NAPLES, ITALY.
DATE: SEPTEMBER ~~11~~ 9, 1944.
CONVOYED
SPEED (AVERAGE) 10 KNOTS
ARRIVED REGGIO, ITALY 1830 SEPT. 10, 1944.
DEPARTED REGGIO, ITALY 0920 SEPT. 13, 1944.
UNESCORTED
SPEED 10 KNOTS.
ARRIVED PORT AGUSTA, SICILY 1448 SEPT. 13, 1944.
DEPARTED PORT AGUSTA, SICILY 1730 SEPT. 16, 1944.
CONVOYED
SPEED IN MEDITERRANEAN 7 KNOTS.
SPEED IN ATLANTIC 10 KNOTS.
ARRIVED NEW YORK, N.Y. 2150 OCTOBER 7, 1944.

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- (J) NO IMPROPER PROCEDURE ON THE PART OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT APPROACHING THIS VESSEL WAS NOTED.
- (K) WHILE AT SEA AND IN PORT FREQUENT GUN DRILLS WERE HELD AS WELL AS A DAILY CLASS IN SIGNALING AND SEAMANSHIP. SMALL ARMS INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE WAS HELD WHENEVER CONDITIONS PERMITTED.

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1st Endorsement
17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.
13 October. 1944

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From: The Port Director, Third Naval District.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Voyage Report of SS ABEL STEARNS.

1. Forwarded.

2. All repairs requested were referred to the Maritime Commission.

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