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JANUARY 24, 1944

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ARMED GUARD COMMANDER, S.S. ABEL  
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TO: THE VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
ARMED GUARD CENTER, BROOKLYN, N.Y. 7176

VIA: 1. U.S.N. P.O.  
BRISTOL CHANNEL AREA  
CARDIFF, WALES  
2. COMMANDER OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES  
IN EUROPE

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN NAVAL PERSONNEL MADE  
OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S.

REFERENCE: (A) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
COMMANDING OFFICERS OF NAVAL  
ARMED GUARDS ON MERCHANT SHIPS,  
3RD EDITION, PAR. 4308

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF CHANGE IN  
NAVAL PERSONNEL IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
REFERENCE (A):-

ARMED GUARD PERSONNEL REMOVED  
JANUARY 24, 1944; RIGNEY, FRANKLIN CREEL S1/C  
605 59 83; ARMED GUARD CENTER, BROOKLYN, N.Y.;  
REASON: TONSILITIS REQUIRING OPERATION.

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