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FROM: ENSIGN EDWIN A. GEHRING, U.S.N.R.,  
ARMED GUARD COMMANDER,  
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TO: THE VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,  
THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL,  
ARMED GUARD CENTER, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

VIA: THE PORT DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MASS.

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

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

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

GM3/C RUSSEL LUCAS, 611 85 43, U.S.N.R. REPORTED ABOARD  
AT 1700, OCTOBER 5, 1943 AT GOUROCK, SCOTLAND ON ORDERS  
FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY PORT OFFICE, GOUROCK, SCOTLAND.  
HE WAS RECEIVED AS THE RESULT OF A REQUEST BY THE ARMED  
GUARD COMMANDER FOR REPLACEMENTS FOR TWO MEN DETACHED  
BECAUSE OF HOSPITALIZATION.

2. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUBMIT THIS REPORT  
THROUGH THE GOUROCK OFFICE BECAUSE LUCAS DID NOT ARRIVE  
ABOARD UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE SAILING TIME AND WHEN SHIP  
WAS ANCHORED IN THE STREAM.

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