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BOSTON, MASS.,
OCTOBER 22, 1943

FROM: ENSIGN EDWIN A. GEHRING, U.S.N.R.,
ARMED GUARD COMMANDER, S.S. ABEL STEARNS,
(C/O ARMED GUARD CENTER, BROOKLYN, N.Y.)

TO: THE VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.
THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF SHIPS.
THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE.

SUBJECT: STRUCTURAL TEST FIRING OF GUNS INSTALLED ON
ARMED U.S. FLAG MERCHANT VESSELS.

VIA: PORT DIRECTOR, BOSTON, MASS.

REFERENCE: (A) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMANDING
OFFICERS OF NAVAL ARMED GUARDS ON MERCHANT
SHIPS, THIRD EDITION, PARAGRAPH 4309.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) 3"50 CAL.
AA(DP) GUN NUMBER 10077, MARK XXI, INSTALLED ON THE BOW
OF THE S.S. ABEL STEARNS JUNE 26, 1943, WAS TEST FIRED
AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY ON AUGUST 11, 1943.
2. AFTER FIRING TEST SHOTS THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY,
FOUNDATIONS, HOLDING-DOWN BOLTS, ETC. WERE EXAMINED FOR
DAMAGE THERETO. NO DAMAGE OR DEFECTS WERE DISCOVERED.
THE GUN FUNCTIONED PERFECTLY.

Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
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(EMP:JMG)
FIRST ENDORSEMENT

Headquarters, First Naval District
150 Causeway Street, Boston, Mass.
23 October, 1943

From: The Port Director, N.T.S., Boston, Mass.
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
The Chief of Naval Personnel.
The Armed Guard Center, Brooklyn, New York.

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By direction of the Port Director: *L. A. Keating*
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Commander, U.S.N.R.

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