

ARMED GUARD UNIT  
S. S. ABEL STEARNS  
ARMED GUARD CENTER (PACIFIC)  
Treasure Island  
San Francisco, California

28 December 1942

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From: Commanding Officer of Armed Guard Unit, S.S. Abel Stearns

To: The Chief of Naval Operations Navy Department  
Washington, D.C.  
The Chief of the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department  
Washington, D.C.  
The Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Via: Officer-in-charge, Armed Guard Center (Pacific), Treasure  
Island, San Francisco, California

Subject: Structural test firing of guns installed on the  
S.S. Abel Stearns, Armed U. S. Flag Merchant Vessel.

Reference: (a) OpNav. ltr. Serial 396123, 1 December 1941.

1. Four (4) rounds were fired from 4"/50 caliber gun on  
centerline at stern of vessel on 28 December 1942.
  - (a) one (1) round at zero (0) degrees elevation.
  - (b) three (3) rounds at five degrees less than maximum  
elevation.
2. The foundation holding down bolts, the gun platform and  
other installations were examined and found to be in good condition.
3. The 4"/50 caliber gun is ready for further use.

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