abiel Josta 21 May 1942 A16-2/A9 A16-2/QS1 (IM-GKG-hw) Serial IM-SP-807 (8) Recoil cylinders; filled and primed. Withdrew one-half pint of liquid for expansion. (9) Gun sight telescopes: installed and aligned. (10) Boresighted gun at 4,600 yards range. 3. Reference (b) directs additional armament of: One (1) 3"/50 caliber AA D.P. gun and mount.26 42 PM Four (4) .50 caliber machine guns. NONE AVAILABLE. R. S. HOLMES R. R. WALLACE 15 ..... By direction cc: BuOrd The following more was postformed by personner BuShips Mar. Comm., Wash. Mar. Comm., SF Mar.Comm., SF 4"/50 caliber S.P. gon and Jane Caliber Served (2)

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Serial IM-SP-807

From: To :

The Commandant, Eleventh Naval District.

The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject:

U.S. Flag Merchant Ship SS ABIEL FOSTER Arming of -Work in Connection with.

Reference:

(a) BuOrd ltr. Al6-2(Mn5) of 19 Nov. 1941, Par. (10).

(b) OpNav ltr. Op23-1-MFTP (APC) QS15/A1401(420203) Serial No. 18623 of 24 Feb., 1942.

Enclosure: (A) Armament Data.

Reference (a) directs assistance of the Assistant Ordnance Office, San Pedro, California, to the Maritime Commission with subject work.

The following work was performed by personnel of that Office accordingly:

The 4"/50 caliber S.P. gun and mount were received from Navy Yard, Mare Island, California; and the two (2) .30 caliber Browning machine guns were received from Destroyer Base, San Diego. For Serial Numbers and data, see Assistant District Ordnance Officer's report on N.Ord. Form No. 228 to the Bureau of Ordnance and Maritime Commission. The armament was installed at the California Shipbuilding Corporation, Terminal Island, California.

- On 4"/50 caliber gun and mount, mounted on raised platform on bow.
  - (1) Trunnion bearings; checked, clearance: top .002" bottom .002".

(2) Elevating gear; tested - satisfactory. (3) Training gear; tested - satisfactory.

(4) Holding down bolts; checked - satisfactory. (5) Holding down clips; checked - clearance .01" (6) Breech mechanism; checked - satisfactory.

(7) Firing mechanism, combination percussion electric, checked - satisfactory.

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MACHINE GUN DATA (.30 caliber Browning, Mount 19-1)						
No. Location	Reg.No.	Cradle	Carriage	Stand	Sight Mount	
1. 3"/50 platform,Stbd.	231867	Model 19	917-A1	Tripod	1149	
2. Port	231608	11	п	11	1292	
3.						
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	4"/50 cal.	3"/50 cal.	Machine Guns Nos.
Location - Gun Platform	Stern	Bow	See above
Ready Service boxes	2	2	2 2
Splinter protection	Cable rail	5/8" steel,cir 45" x 16' dia.	Plastic armor
Magazines	Aft 2nd deck	Fwd. 2nd deck	
Marazine sprinkler system	Installed	Installed	
Amerinition heists	11	11	
Fire control Communication Jacks Installs	d 1	1	1111
System		phones available	e.
Armedition Aboard	1000 rds.		3000 rds30cal
Splinter Protection - Bridge			4200 rds50 " 180 " .45 "

Deadweight tonnage - 10,500 tons Seachests reinforced - Yes XXX Lookout crow's nest in foremast has one (1) telephone jack.

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