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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
OFFICER IN CHARGE, MARINE INSPECTION  
ROOM 204 CUSTOM HOUSE  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Fitzgerald  
J-2  
1945 MAR 28 AM 9 26

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
OFFICER IN CHARGE  
MARINE INSPECTION  
REFER TO FILE: CG-MIN-V-16,237

MAR 29 1945



MERCHANT MARINE  
INSPECTION DIVISION



27 March, 1945

To: The Commandant  
Via: DCGO, 5ND  
Subj: Identification of Life Raft  
Ref: (a) Headquarter's letter 24 March, 1945 - CG-MIN-C-203

It sent to 5ND 3-24-45  
Requested by Lt.  
Courad of ONI.  
Raft was found  
drifting around JHJ

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Ref: (a).
2. Our records indicate that Life Raft with Serial No. 144, built 6 October, 1944 by the Manteo Boat Building Company, Manteo, N. C., was carried by the SS HENRY S. FOOTE, Official No. 243373, having been placed on board at this port 6 November, 1944. This raft was lost on the ship's next voyage. Another improved type Life Raft with Serial No. 20-234, built by the Manteo Boat Building Company was installed 18 January, 1945 at this port.

*C. P. Etheridge*  
C. P. ETHERIDGE  
By direction

Ind-1  
DCGO, 5ND (omi) Norfolk, Virginia  
28 March, 1945

To: The Commandant  
1. Forwarded.

It Courad of ONI  
informed on 3-31-45  
JHJ

*Eugene Carlson*  
EUGENE CARLSON  
By direction C

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(OMI)  
CG-MIN-C-203

24 March, 1945

To: DCGO 5 ND

Subj: Identification of life raft

HQ is desirous of determining the name of the ship which carried a life raft bearing the following identification:

Serial Number 144  
Built 6 October, 1944  
Manteo Boat Building Co., North Carolina  
Inspected by Lt (j.g.) J.F. Wilson, USCGR

R. E. COOMBS  
By direction

U. S. COAST GUARD  
MAIL SECTION (4)  
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JH2. Ret to 8-2  
JHF:bw