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EXCERPT FROM 3ND BOARDING REPORT, SS KITTANING (U.S.), 11 JANUARY 1944.

On the eastbound voyage of this vessel, on 19 Dec at 1550 ship's time, in a moderate, choppy sea, wind SE-5, speed 9 knots, course 085 true, while preparing to refuel an escort destroyer which was coming up on the starboard hand, the destroyer suddenly sheered to port and struck subject vessel just forward of the after-house, smashing and knocking the No. 3 raft overboard, denting the upper shell plating of the poop and the vertical plate on the boat deck. Numerous stanchions and part of the guard rail were torn out. There was no apparent damage below the waterline. It was stated that subject vessel had just previously finished fueling another destroyer, and the operation on that occasion had been successful. It was stated that no report of this damage had been made to Naval authorities in Britain.

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