

(OMI)
CG-MIN-KITTANNING

2 September, 1944

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Federal Communications Commission
Pennsylvania Av. Bet. 12 & 13 St.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The KITTANNING, a United States tank vessel of 10,195 gross tons was hit by three torpedoes in latitude $9^{\circ} 50'N$, $79^{\circ} 40'W$, but did not sink. In the investigation of this case David E. Van Orden, F.C.C. Second Class, commercial radio operator on board this vessel recommended as follows:

That clamps be afixed to the bottom of the Buffer Stage Tube in the main transmitter, which is of Type RCA-8019-CA. He stated that as the result of concussion from this first explosion this tube had jarred out of the transmitter, making it inoperative. He stated that his recommendation also applied to the occilator stage tube in the main transmitter. He also recommended that metal bands be placed on top of the crystals in the high frequency transmitter, Type RCA-8010-A. He stated that the concussion of the first explosion jarred three of the crystals out of their sockets and made the high frequency transmitter also inoperative.

This information is for such attention as you may deem appropriate.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. A. PARK
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Operations Officer

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