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 CG-MIN-PROBEE A. HEARST W-11
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To: DCCO, 11th Naval District

Subj: Statement of Survivors of PROBEE A. HEARST

1. Records at Headquarters indicate that the PROBEE A. HEARST was constructed, inspected and certificated in your district. This vessel was attacked and lost by enemy action on 30 April, 1943 in the South West Pacific. The survivors of the subject vessel made the following comments on the better security of life at sea equipment:

- (a) Bilge pump was difficult to prime and would not pump to full capacity.
- (b) Sea anchor was blown out and full of holes as it was made of canvas that was too light for the purpose.
- (c) The rings on pelican hooks of life rafts did not slide freely.
- (d) The remote control for the main engine was very stiff and practically unworkable.

2. In view of the foregoing survivor's comments, it is desired that Headquarters be furnished the following information with respect to the equipment on the subject vessel:

- (a) The type and name of manufacturer of the bilge pumps installed in the life boats, together with all pertinent details of installation.
- (b) The dimensions, design, construction and weight of canvas of the sea anchors in the life boats.

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- (c) The design, construction and other pertinent details of installation of the pelican hooks and remote control for the engines.

3. The above information is desired for the determination and improvement of better security of life at sea equipment under actual service conditions.

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