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8 June 1944

Mr. Welborn E. Pardew  
Roaring River  
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Pardew:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter in which you request the name of the ship to which your son, Oscar Walter Pardew, Seaman first class, United States Naval Reserve, was attached.

According to the records of this Bureau, your son was a member of the armed guard crew serving on board an armed merchant ship, the SS SAMUEL HEINTZELMAN, when that ship failed to return and is presumed to be lost. Please do not release the name of this ship for publication.

The Navy Department extends sincere sympathy to you in your anxiety. Should further information concerning your son be received, you will be advised immediately.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. C. Jacobs".

W. C. Jacobs  
Commander, USNR  
Head of Casualties and  
Allotments Section