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Mr. Weiborn E. Pardew  
Roaring River, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Pardew:

Your inquiry of January 24 in which you ask about the U.S.S. SAMUEL HEINTZELMAN has been referred to this Office for reply.

The SAMUEL HEINTZELMAN on which your son was lost was a 7100 gross ton liberty ship with a speed of 11 knots. At the time of her disappearance, according to the records of the War Shipping Administration, she was carrying ammunition, aircraft spare parts and other miscellaneous cargo. There were forty-two merchant seamen who made up her crew plus twenty-seven Naval personnel which constituted her armed guard.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your son and his gallant ship.

Sincerely,

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