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19th April, 1944.

VANCOUVER

6058 "BRENTWOOD BAY PARK", 6092 "CLEARWATER PARK",  
 6066 "FORT ST. ANTOINE", 6091 "GREEN HILL PARK"  
 6090 "LEASIDE PARK" 6098 "MEWATA PARK", 6097 "MOOSE MOUNTAIN  
 PARK, 6081 "SAPPERTON PARK" 6082 "WILDEWOOD PARK".

Each of the above named vessels has today been assigned the class and notations recommended by you subject to the mast head and sidelight wiring and all other P.V.C. cables fitted on deck being examined in two years' time. In this connection your remarks regarding the P.V.C. insulated cable requiring special examination within two years are noted but it is thought well to point out that, although this type of cable is not permitted in boiler rooms, there is no objection to its use in machinery spaces, provided the ambient temperature or the surfaces in contact with the cable do not exceed 113°F. From the schedule of cables in your First Entry Reports, it is observed that P.V.C. or synthetic resin cables have not been installed in the boiler rooms and I shall be glad to learn whether your recommendation regarding such cables in machinery spaces was due to a probability that a temperature of 113°F might be exceeded. Pending the receipt of your reply, however, no special condition has been attached to the vessel's class in this respect. With regard to the recommendation that the paper insulated Degaussing cables in some of the vessels should be removed at the end of the war emergency, it was thought that this suggestion might have been made owing to the fact that these cables might not have been lead sheathed and I therefore made a cabled enquiry of you on the subject on the 14th instant. From your reply it is noted that the Degaussing cables in the tanker conversions are lead sheathed in accordance with the Rules and it is therefore not considered that any special condition regarding their removal at the end of the war is necessary.

In the cases of the "BRENTWOOD BAY PARK" and "CLEARWATER PARK", I shall be glad if you will state whether an echo sounding device has been fitted.

Will you kindly state the overall length of the "MOOSE MOUNTAIN PARK"?



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