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From: Ralph K. Brafford, Ensign, (D)-L, USNR.
Armed Guard Commander
S.S. Abangarez

To: The Chief of Naval Operations

Via: U.S. Navy Port Office, Marseille, France.

Subject: Voyage Report of the S.S. Abangarez from New York,
New York to Marseille, France.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guard on Merchant Ships, 1944.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

- (a) Name of Vessel : S.S. Abangarez
Owner of Vessel : United Fruit Company
Captain of Vessel : C. Dahlgard
Chartered to : War Shipping Board, subchartered
to Army Transport
Gross Tonnage : 4,538
Type of Cargo : Refrigerated Products
- (b) Port of Departure : New York, New York
Date of Departure : 16 February 1945
Convoy or Singly : Convoy
Number of Ships : 25 to time of meeting Norfolk
section; 63 until reaching
Gibraltar; 19 from here to
Marseille, France
Number of Escorts : 3 until joining Norfolk section;
6 until reaching Gibraltar; 2
from Gibraltar to Marseille.
Port of Arrival : Marseille, France
Average Speed : $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
- (c) No contact was made with the enemy although depth charges were dropped at 1235 on 23 February 1945 and at 1943 on 24 February by the escort.
- (d) Navigation lights were not shown in the Atlantic.
Navigation lights were shown in the Mediterranean.
Weather was favorable.
- (e) The loading of the vessel was efficient.
- (f) The radio operators appeared to carry out "Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels". The radio log was signed daily by the Master and myself.

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- (g) No recommendations are submitted.
- (h) The Captain and Officers of the ship appeared to carry out "Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels".
- (i) No recommendations are submitted.
- (j) All friendly aircraft followed the proper procedure in approaching the convoy.
- (k) Classes are held for men who are qualifying for Slc and for those that are striking for Petty Officer ratings. Gun drills on all the guns are held as often as possible to perfect the working of the gun crews.

Ens. Ralph K. Brafford U.S.N.R.

Ensign Ralph K. Brafford USNR.

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**U. S. NAVY PORT OFFICE
MARSEILLE, FRANCE**

10 March 1945

From: U. S. Navy Port Officer.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Commander EIGHTH Fleet (USNAVPOMED).

1. Forwarded.
2. Condition I properly observed and indicated in log.

Thomas C. Platt

THOMAS C. PLATT,
Lieut., USNR.

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U. S. EIGHTH FLEET

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From: Commander U.S. EIGHTH Fleet.
To: Chief of Naval Operations (Op39).

1. Forwarded.
To: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.
From: U. S. NAVAL FLEET OFFICER.

W. W. Teller
W. W. TELLER,
By direction.

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The following are the names of the...

- (K) All those who are applying for...
- (L) All those who are applying for...
- (M) All those who are applying for...
- (N) All those who are applying for...
- (O) All those who are applying for...

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