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10 January 1945

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
Naples, Italy 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, Sub-Chartered to Army Transport
Gross Tonnage : 4,538
Type of Cargo : Refrigerated Products
- (b) Port of Departure : Naples, Italy
Date of Departure : 7 January 1945
Convoy or Singly : Singly from Naples, Italy to Ajaccio, Corsica. Convoy from Ajaccio, Corsica to Marseille, France
Number of Ships : Two
Number of Escorts : One French Patrol Craft
Port of Arrival : Marseille, France
Average Speed : 8 Knots
- (c) No contact with the enemy was made.
- (d) Weather was favorable. No navigation lights were shown.
- (e) The partial unloading of the vessel at Naples, Italy and partial loading was efficient.
- (f) The radio operators appeared to carry out "Wartime Radio Instructions of merchant vessels". The radio log was signed daily by the Master and myself.
- (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.

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- (j) All friendly aircraft followed the proper procedure in approaching the convoy.
- (k) Classes are held for men who are qualifying for S1c and for those that are striking for Petty Officer Ratings. Gun drills on all of the guns are held as often as possible to perfect the working of the gun crews.

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

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1st Endorsement U. S. NAVY PORT OFFICE, MARSEILLE, FRANCE.
15 January 1945

From: U. S. Navy Port Officer.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Detachment.
(2) Commander EIGHTH Fleet (USNAVPOMED).

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

Thomas C. Platt
THOMAS C. PLATT,
Lieut., USNR.

2nd Endorsement U. S. NAVAL DETACHMENT, MARSEILLE, FRANCE.
15 January 1945

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Detachment.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Commander EIGHTH Fleet (USNAVPOMED).

1. Forwarded.

R. E. Carr
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Comdr., USNR.