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To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: 1. U.S. Naval Port Office, Bristol Channel Area, Cardiff
Wales.
2. The Commander U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Subject: Voyage Report of the S.S. Abangarez from Avonmouth, England
to Cherbourg France to Cardiff, Wales.

Ref: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
Armed Guard on Merchant Ships, 1943.

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

- (a) Name of Vessel : S.S. ABANGAREZ
Captain of Vessel : C. Dahlgard
Owner of Vessel : United Fruit Company
Chartered to : War Shipping Board, Sub-
Chartered to Army Transport
- Gross Tonnage : 4,538
Type of Cargo : Meat
- (b) Port of Departure : Avonmouth, England, 26 Sept. 1944.
: Cherbourg, France, 24 Oct. 1944.
Convoy or Singly : Convoy
Number of Ships : Ships continually attaching to
convoy, no accurate count kept.
Number of Escorts : All convoys well escorted.
Average speed : 8 knots.
- (c) No contact with the enemy.
- (d) Passage uneventful, Lights shown in accord with instructions.
- (e) Loss of time occurred only when waiting for orders.
- (f) The radio officer carried out wartime instructions.
- (g) The 4/50 should be replaced by a 3/50.
- (h) The captain and the ships officers carried out wartime instructions.
- (i) No recommendations submitted.
- (j) All friendly aircraft followed the proper procedure on approaching convoy.
- (k) Classes are held daily for men qualifying for rates, Gun drills are held as
often as is possible.

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