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To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

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

Subject: Voyage report of the S.S. ABANGAREZ, from Cherbourg to Glasgow, Glasgow to Cherbourg, and Cherbourg to Avonmouth.

Reference: (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 : Cherbourg, France, 14 August 1944  
Gourock, Scotland, 7 September 1944  
Cherbourg, France, 17 September 1944  
Convoy or Singly : All Channel trips were in Convoy.  
Singly up and down coast.  
Number of Ships : Ships continually attaching to convoys  
no accurate count could be kept.  
Number of Escorts : All convoys were well escorted.
- (c) No contact with the enemy.
- (d) Passages were uneventful. Lights were shown in accord with instructions from the commodores.
- (e) Loss of time occurred only from waiting for orders, unloading was very well done considering the facilities in the new ports.
- (f) The radio officer carried out wartime instructions.
- See end.*  
(g) *gm* 4/50 should be replaced by a 3/50. The 4/50 is too much gun for this ship.
- (h) The captain and the officers carried out wartime instructions.
- (i) No recommendations are 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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