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To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

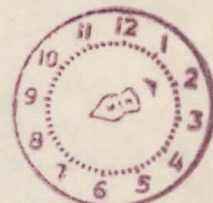
Via: Port Director, Fifth Naval District.

Subj: Voyage report of the S/S Abangarez, from Palermo, Sicily
to Norfolk, Virginia.

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
Type of Vessel : Refrigerator
Owner of Vessel : United Fruit Company
Chartered to : War Shipping Board, Sub
8 Chartered to Army Transport
Gross Tonnage : 4,538
Type of Cargo : Ammunition and Scrap Iron
- (b) Port of Departure : Palermo, Sicily
Date of Departure : 28 May 1944
Convoy or Singly : Convoy
Number of Ships : 62
Number of Escorts : 11
Port of Arrival : Norfolk, Virginia
Average Speed : 9.24
- (c) No Contact with enemy.
- (d) Passage was uneventful, The weather was favorable and a good average speed was maintained. Ship carried Vice Commodore and staff. Lights were shown in accord with instructions from the Convoy Commodore.
- (e) The Cargo Handling and Ship Turnaround were very good when compared with other trips to the same ports. Our unloading on this trip was half of what it was on the previous to the same ports.
- (f) Yes, as far as can be determined.
- (g) If possible the 4"50 now on the stern of this ship should be replaced by a 3"50. The 4"50 seems to be too much gun for the ship and considerable damage is caused each time it is fired.
- (h) Yes
(i) None
(j) None



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