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From: PD, 5ND.
To: CNO.

Subj: SS ABANGAREZ - VOYAGE REPORT OF.
(Palermo, Sicily to Norfolk, Va.)

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1. Forwarded.
2. Contents of paragraph (g) have been brought to the attention of appropriate authority.

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From: Ward E. Bakken, Ensign D-V(S), USNR
Armed Guard Commander, S/S Abangarez

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: The Port Director, Fifth Naval District.

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

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
	Type of Vessel	: Refrigerator
	Owner of Vessel	: United Fruit Company
	Chartered to	: War Shipping Board, Sub Chartered to Army Transport
	Gross Tonnage	: 4,538
	Type of Cargo	: Ammunition and Wine
(b)	Port of Departure	: Palermo, Sicily
	Date of Departure	: 20 March 1944
	Convoy or Singly	: Convoy
	Number of Ships	: 91
	Number of Escorts	: 15
	Port of Arrival	: Norfolk, Virginia
	Average Speed	: 7.8

(c) The following air raid and air alerts took place in the port of Naples, Italy.

2 March 1944 - 3 air alerts, Shore batteries opened fire, this ship did not fire.

7 March 1944 - 1 air alert, Shore batteries opened fire, this ship did not fire.

11 March 1944 - 5 air alerts, Shore batteries opened fire, this ship did not fire.

Air Attack

15 March 1944 - 1 air raid, Shore batteries opened fire, Flares were dropped, Bombs fell on shore and in the harbor, Quantities of shrapnel fell on the deck of this ship, No casualties. The damage as reported by NCSO - Bomb hits on two buildings in city of Naples, Bomb hits on four ships in the Harbor. An estimated 50 planes took part in the raid.

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- (d) Passage was uneventful, had almost continuous head winds and heavy seas which cut down the speed of the ship. Running light were shown as directed by the Convoy Commodore
- (e) Vessel was delayed in Naples, Italy due to lack of unloading facilities and weather conditions. (See turnaround report)
- (f) Yes, as far as can be determined
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to remove* (g) The firing steps installed in the six 20 M.M. Gun Tubs are dangerous and do not serve the purpose for which intended. It is recommended the above mentioned steps be removed.
- (h) Yes
- (i) None
- (j) None

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