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Via : The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

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From: Lt.(jg) John A. Hillier Jr., D-V(S), USNR,
Commanding Officer, Armed Guard, S.S. Abangarez

To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: (1) The U.S. Naval Liaison Officer,
Bristol Channel Area, Cardiff, Wales.
(2) The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.

Subject: Report of Voyage, S.S. Abangarez -
From New York N.Y. to Avonmouth, England.

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

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, 825
Type of Cargo : Food
- (b) Port of Departure : New York, N.Y.
Date of Departure : 7 July 1943
Convoy or singly : Convoy
No. of ships in convoy; 85 (65 out of New York balance ocean rendezvous.)
No. of Escorts : 6 and local defense from New York additional at
rendezvous points. Air coverage very light.
Port of Arrival : Avonmouth, England.
Date of Arrival : 22 July 1943.
Average Speed : 9.56
- (c) No direct contact with the enemy. However, the escort dropped depth charges on at least four occasions. On 13 July 1943 after escort dropped depth charges at 1445 and 1530 the Commodore signalled all ships to fly their ensigns at half mast beginning 0630 the following day. This procedure we were given to understand is observed after the sinking of a sub.
- (d) At 2120, 19 July 1943 object sighted by Starboard bow watch was identified as a floating mine. It passed within 1008 of the ship. The Commodore and ships to the stern were notified by signal. Position Lat. 55°53' N Long. 19° 05' W.
- (e) No loss of time except waiting for tide at Avonmouth, England.

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Subject: Voyage Report, S.S. Abangarez
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(f) Yes

(g) None

(h) Yes

(i) None

(j) None

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