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17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.
May 5, 1943

From: The Port Director, Third Naval District.
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Voyage Report S.S. ABANGAREZ.

1. Forwarded.

2. The torpedoing of ship #41 of Convoy ON-178
on April 21 is reported (Par. 3).

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DATE May 2, 1943

From: C. O., Armed Guard Unit, S. S. Abangarez
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Port Director, Third Naval District
Subject: VOYAGE REPORT OF S.S. Abangarez
Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships 1942. (Page 74)

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following is submitted:
Particulars of voyage,
 - (a) Port of Departure- Swansea, S. Wales, England
 - (b) Date of Sailing- April 11, 1943
 - (c) Date of Arrival- May 1, 1943
 - (d) Port of Arrival- New York, N.Y.
 - (e) Owners- U. S. Maritime Commission
 - (f) Agents- United Fruit Co.; Chartered to Army Transport Service
 - (g) Tonnage- 4539 Gross
 - (h) Master- H. Friswold, U.S. Citizen
2. A report of the voyage of the S. S. Abangarez from New York City to Swansea, England dated April 5, 1943 was forwarded via U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Cardiff, England.
3. The S.S. Abangarez traveled in convoy (O.N. 178) of 45 ships and 9 escort vessels. Submarine flags were flown at 1000, April 21. At 1500, weather clear and heavy swell, ship #41 was hit forward by a torpedo, and after 30 minutes was still afloat. Three escort vessels fell astern and dropped depth charges. The S.S. Abangarez arrived in New York on May 1, 1943 without further incident.
4. The commercial radio operator appeared to carry out "Wartime Radio Instructions For Merchant Vessels", and the Master and officers carried out "Instructions For Naval Transportation And U. S. Merchant Vessels In Time Of War". I consider them capable, efficient, and cooperative in every respect.
5. Throughout the voyage, cordial relations existed between the Armed Guard Detachment and the ship's officers and crew.

Charles Wolin

Charles Wolin, Lt. U.S.N.R.

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