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- (I) Speed of vessel about 12½ knots.
- (J) No lights shown.
- (K) No fog signals given.
- (L) Vessel zig-zagged in accordance with instructions.
- (M) Master carried out war time instructions.

H. M. Ramsey

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First Endorsement

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Headquarters, Eighth Naval District
Federal Building, New Orleans, La.
1 June, 1942

From: Port Director, Eighth Naval District.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Report of Voyage S.S: ABANGAREZ from Cristobal,
C. Z. to New Orleans, Louisiana.

1. Forwarded.
2. Action initiated on paragraph F of subject report through office of Industrial Management.

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ARMED GUARD REPORT

S.S. ABANGAREZ

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New Orleans, La.
1 June, 1942

From: RAMSEY, H. M., BM2/c, 346 56 41, USN
Commander Armed Guard Unit 5-A, S.S. ABANGAREZ.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Port Director, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Subject: Report of Voyage S.S. ABANGAREZ from Cristobal,
C.Z. to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Reference: (A) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guards aboard Merchant Vessels,
paragraph 38.

(A) Left Cristobal, Canal Zone, May 24, 1942; arrived
New Orleans, Louisiana, May 30, 1942.

(B) 2000 May 28, 1942, Lat. 21-30 N., Long. 86-33 W.,
sighted life raft, looked to be about six (6) by eight (8) feet
by two feet high; no sign of life aboard.

At 0030 May 29, 1942, Lat. 22-15 N., Long. 86-49
W., sighted light on port quarter; could not make it out.

At 0200 May 29, 1942, Lat. 22-37 N., Long 87-00
W., sighted bombing plane on port beam. Plane flew over our bow,
circled and came back over the bow, left in the direction it ap-
proached from.

(C) As routing orders directed.

(D) No orders received from any foreign government.

(E) No items of general interest gathered ashore.

(F) Battery is in good condition except not sufficient
room on gun platform to handle ammunition supply.

(G) More Naval personnel assigned to these ships to
fill key positions on the guns and to furnish a better lookout
system.

(H) Commercial radio operator carried out instructions.