

NAME OF SHIP:

SS ABANGAREZ

OWNER: United Fruit

OPERATOR
or AGENT: Same

ITINERARY: Sailing Date: 2/28/42 From: New York To: West Indies

Via: _____

SHIP'S CREW

Commissioned
Rank

MASTER: F. W. DECKER

OFFICERS:
(Listed by name only if Commissioned)

Deck Department

Engineering Dept.

Steward's Department

Chief Mate	<u>1</u>	Ch. Engineer	<u>1</u>	Ch. Steward	<u>1</u>
2nd Mate	<u>1</u>	1st "	<u>1</u>	Ch. Cook	<u>1</u>
3rd Mate	<u>1</u>	2nd "	<u>1</u>	2nd Cook	<u>1</u>
Quartermaster	<u>-</u>	3rd "	<u>1</u>	3rd Cook	<u>-</u>
Boatswain	<u>1</u>	4th "	<u>-</u>	Messmen	<u>8</u>
Seamen - Able	<u>6</u>	Firemen	<u>3</u>		
Seamen - Ord.	<u>3</u>	Oilers	<u>4</u>		
Radio Operator	<u>1</u>	Wipers	<u>2</u>		
		Ref. Engineers	<u>3</u>		

PASSENGERS - Number on Board _____

U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL

<u>Armed Guard Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Service#</u>
Officer in Charge:	<u>RAMSEY, Hermon Mason</u>	<u>BM2c</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>346-56-41</u>
Enlisted Men:	<u>BLAIR, James Le Roy</u>	<u>F2c, 0-1</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>410-81-93</u>
	<u>HARRISON, Newson Hoyt, Jr.</u>	<u>AS</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>263-51-96</u>
	<u>SMITH, Thomas</u>	<u>Sea2c, 0-1</u>	<u>USNR</u>	<u>400-88-25</u>
	<u>TRUITT, Joseph Pittman</u>	<u>AS</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>262-99-19</u>
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Communication Group

to: OPMAV
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SHIP SS ABANGAREZ

AREA OF OPERATION

2

COMPLETED

ARMAMENT DATE February 25, 1942

WHERE

ARMED

Robins, Brooklyn

ARMAMENT

GUN SIZE

1-4" 50

LOCATION

Stern

MACHINE GUNS

LOCATION

INSTALLATIONS

ITEM

DETAIL

- 1. Splinter Protection Steel and concrete
- 2. Gun Foundations & Magazines Mag. aft tween deck, mag. fwd tween deck.
- 3. Painting Dark gray
- 4. Darkening Ship Facilities Installed
- 5. Reinforce Sea Chests Yes
- 6. Fire Control Communication System Installed
- 7. Sky Look Out Stations No
- 8. Results D.M.O. Inspection _____
- 9. Messing Facilities With crew

ACCOMMODATIONS NAVY PERSONNEL

ARMED GUARD UNIT

SPACE

LOCATION

- Officer in Charge Room # Spare Fwd main deck
- Petty Officer _____
- Seamen 4 men Under poop
- 4 " Under forecastle
- 4 " Stbd midship main deck
- 4 " Port midship main deck

COMMUNICATION GROUP

Enlisted Men (3)

Standee:Bunks No. _____

EQUIPMENT

ITEM

QUANTITY

- 1. Navy - Type Life Jackets - - - - - 32
- 2. Life Rafts (Capacity 18 per raft) - - - 4

TO: OPNAV
C/c Rm 604
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PORT DIRECTOR'S MATERIEL REPORT
FOR ARMED GUARD UNIT

ON BOARD SS ABANGAREZ

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION	STOCK NUMBER	TITLE
	NO.	UNIT			
1.	1	Each	BAG, canvas, weighted #C&R 434791	24-B-60	C
2.	-	Cell	BATTERIES, Blinker Signal Gun	17-B-7040	C
3.	20	"	BATTERIES, flashlight	17-B-7210	C
4.	8	"	BATTERIES, Dry, Hand lantern	17-B-7600	C
5.	4	Each	BELTS, pistol, automatic	A-2-B-1490	B
6.	2	Pair	BINOCULARS, 6 x 30	18-B-1135	B
7.	-	"	BINOCULARS, 7 x 35	18-B-1138	B
8.	-	Each	BLINKER, Signal Gun, battery type	17-B-1600	B
9.	4	"	BOTTLES, vacuum, 1 quart	63-B-500	B
10.	1	"	CASE, first-aid (armed guard)	S2-510	
11.	Yes	Misc.	CLEANING, supplies (brushes, soap, buckets, rags, etc)		
12.	-	Set	FLAGS, alphabet code #4	5-F-255-80	C
13.	-	Set	FLAGS, numeral #4	5-F-4375 to 4384	C
14.	-	Set	FLAGS, semaphore	5-F-5100 to 5110	C
15.	5	Each	FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type	17-F-13452	C
16.	-	"	GAS MASKS		B
17.	4	"	GLOBES, hand lantern	31-G-270	C
18.	2	Pair	GOGGLES, for lookout, light density	37-G-3555	C
19.	2	"	GOGGLES, for lookout, dark density	37-G-3450	C
20.	35	Each	HELMETS, steel standard	37-H-	B
21.	-	"	HELMETS, " to wear with headphone	37-H-	B
22.	4	"	HOLSTERS, automatic pistol (colt)	A-2-H-1435	B
23.	-	"	LAMPS, blinker signal gun	17-L-6300	C
24.	10	"	LAMPS, flashlight	17-L-6320	C
25.	2	"	LANTERNS, hand, portable, type "J"	17-L-7760	B
26.	1	"	MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment	S-2-03	
27.	1	"	MEGAPHONE, 18" small	37-M-330	C
28.	1	"	MEGAPHONE, 32" large	37-M-335	C
29.	2	Pair	MITTENS, ammunition-handling asbes.	A(L)2-G-48116	C
30.	4	Each	PISTOLS, automatic, colt 45, #1911	A-2-P-3415	B
31.	1	Gal.	PAINT, dark gray, formula 5D	52-P	C
32.	-	Each.	ROPE, 125 fath. 3" manila, for spar	21-R-413	C
33.	-	"	SEARCHLIGHT, signal 8" (Crouse-Hinds)	17-S	B
34.	-	"	SPAR, towing	23-S-180	B
35.	-	"	SPY GLASS, quartermaster, 16 power	18-S-2255	B
36.	yes	Misc.	STATIONARY (#53 items) (not over \$30)		C
37.	1	qt.	Tinting material, formula 5-T-M	52-T-841	C
38.					
39.					
40.					
41.					
42.					
43.					
44.		Set	CONVOY LIGHTS, Colored		B
45.		Each	WAKE LIGHT, Screened, Type #2		B

DEGAUSSING OPERATION

- A. Coiled Yes
- B. Wiped _____
- C. Calibrated _____
- D. Flashed _____
- E. Depermed _____
- F. Compass Coiled _____

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REMARKS/

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Authority 750161

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INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICER - SS ABANGAREZ

1. Ordnance and Gunnery Instructions for Armed Guards.....YES
2. General Instructions for Commanding Officer of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, Nov. 15, 1941.....YES
3. Instructions for operating Naval Transports and
Merchant Vessels in Time of War - Part I.....YES
4. Test Firing of Guns After Leaving Port --(CNO ltr.
No. 396123 of 1 December, 1941 -- Attach to Orders.....YES
5. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS --(Condensed from Naval Regulations,
for Armed Guard Officers).....YES
6. SILHOUETTES, ::::::::::::::::::::Surface Raiders.....NO
Aircraft.....YES
7. Signals for Control of Merchant Vessels by Aircraft.....YES
8. Publication of German Raider Tactics.....YES
9. Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Training Centers.....YES

MOVABLE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD UNIT

	ITEM	QUANTITY	SPECIFICATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
SPECIAL	1		72-A	Arctics, 4 buckle, cashmerette
	2		37-C-4	Coats, baloon cloth) Special
WINTER	3		37-C-4	Trousers " ")Submarine
	4		37-C-5	Coats, woolen)Clothing
CLOTHING	5		37-C-5	Trousers, ")
	6		N.37-G-15	Gloves, leather, not lined
	7		N.72-C-1	Sou'westers, baloon cloth
	8			Coat, Sheepskin
	9		N.27-B-7 Spr-11	Blankets, regular Navy
FOUL	10	5	N.72-C-1	Overalls (Type C)
	11	5	N.72-C-1	Coats, short (Type B)
WEATHER CLOTHING	12		N.72-C-1	Coats, long (type A)
	13	5	N.72-C-1	Sou'westers, baloon cloth

WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

As furnished by the Supply Officer, Armed Guard Center,

and by the Red Cross.

COMMENTS:

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