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End-1 on report COAG, SS ABBOT L. MILLS of 28 February 1945.

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From: PD, 5ND.
To: CNO.

Subj: SS ABBOT L. MILLS - REPORT OF VOYAGE OF.
(26 Feb 1945 - 28 Feb 1945).

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S. S. ABBOT L. MILLS
ARMED GUARD CENTER (ATLANTIC)
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28 February 1945

From: ERICKSON, Carl Edward, 317348, D-L USNR.
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard.
(c/o Armed Guard Center Atlantic)
S. S. ABBOT L. MILLS Gross tons: 7176
Flag or Registry U,S.A.

To: Chief of Naval Operations

Via: The Port Director, Norfolk, Va.

Subject: Report of Voyage of S. S. ABBOT L. MILLS
From Charleston, S. C. to Norfolk, Va.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Vessels, Paragraph
4301.

Enclosure: (A)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

- (a) Type of Vessel: EC 2 Liberty Type of Cargo: Bombs, Fins.
Owner of Vessel: U. S. A. War Shipping Administration.
Chartered to: Coastwise Pacific Far East Lines.
Ingvald Halvarsen Master.
- (b) Port of Departure: Charleston, S. C. 1900 26 February 1945
Convoyed or Independent: Independent
Speed Average: 10.6
No. of ships in convoy: Independent
No. of escort vessels or aircraft: One escort vessel.
Port of Arrival: Norfolk, Va. 28 February 1945
- (c) Contacts and action with enemy: None.
- (d) General Resume of the Voyage: All Navy hands manned their Battle Stations at dawn and dusk during the voyage. Burned dim navigation lights according to instructions. Followed instructions did not zig zag.
- (e) Port Facilities were good as we loaded in 120 hours.
- (f) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out wartime instructions for merchant vessels and kept all intercepted messages confidential.

(g) No defects or deficiencies.
(h) The master and officers of the ship appeared to carry out Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels.

(i) Recommendations: None.
(j) There was no improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft approaching the convoy of one ship one escort.

(k) Training at Sea: Lectures have been given on the following subjects: Orientation, Small Arms Instructions, Articles for the Government of the Navy, Abandon Ship, Liberty Instructions, Venereal (Health) Cargo Pilferage, Censorship, First Aid, Safety Precautions, Gas Mask Drill, Life Jackets, and Recognition. This ship is operating with a reduced gun crew.

(l) This report is not forwarded from abroad.

Subject: Report of Voyage of U. S. Ship L. HILL
From: Charleston, S. C. to Norfolk, Va.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of United States Merchant Vessels, Paragraph 401.

Enclosure: (1)

In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted:

Carl E. Erickson

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Ens. D-L USNR.

- (a) Type of Vessel: U. S. Ship L. HILL, a Liberty Ship, 10,000 tons, built at Charleston, S. C., in 1943. Commanded by Lieutenant (jg) Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
- (b) Date of Departure: Charleston, S. C., 20 February 1945. Date of Arrival: Norfolk, Va., 25 February 1945. Total Distance: 200 miles.
- (c) Nature of Voyage: Independent.
- (d) Name of Escort: None.
- (e) Name of Commanding Officer: Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
- (f) Name of Officer in Charge: Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
- (g) Name of Officer in Charge of Deck: Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
- (h) Name of Officer in Charge of Engine Room: Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
- (i) Name of Officer in Charge of Radio: Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
- (j) Name of Officer in Charge of Gun: Carl E. Erickson, USNR.
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