

ARMED GUARD UNIT
S.S. ABBOT L. MILLS
ARMED GUARD CENTER (ATLANTIC)
C/O Fleet P.O. N.Y.

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20 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, Charleston, South Carolina.

Subject: Report of Voyage, S. S. Abbot L. Mills
From Baltimore, Maryland to Charleston, South
Carolina.

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 Steam Screw, Type of Cargo: None.
Owner of Vessel: U. S. A. War Shipping Administration.
Chartered to: Coastwise Pacific Far East Lines,
Ingvald Halversen Master.
- (b) Port of Departure: Baltimore, Maryland 17 February 1945
Convoyed or Independent: Independent
Speed Aver. 10.00 knots.
No. of ships in convoy: Independent
No. of escort vessels or aircraft: None.
Port of Arrival: Charleston, South Carolina 20 February
1945.
- (c) Contacts and Action with the enemy: None
- (d) General Resume of the Voyage: All Navy hands manned their
Battle stations at dawn and dusk during the voyage. On 17 February
burned stern lights, side lights and mast light at full brilliance.
On 18 February Burned No lights. 19 February Burned dim mast light
stern light and side light. Followed instruction did not zig zag.

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- (e) No delay due to lack of Port facilities.
- (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 freindly aircraft approaching the convoy.
- (k) Training at Sea: Lectures have been given on the following subjects: Orientation, Small Arms Instructions, Articles of the Government of the Navy, Abandon Ship, Liberty Instruction, Venereal (Health) Cargo Pilferage, Censorship, First Aid, Safety Precautions, Gas Mask Drill, Life Jackets, Recognition. This ship is operating with a reduced gun crew.
- (l) This report is not forwarded from abroad.

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 CHARLESTON, S.C.

22 February 1945

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