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End-1 on report COAG, SS ABBOT L. MILLS of 18 Nov 1944.

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To: CNC.

Subj: SS ABBOT L. MILLS - REPORT OF VOYAGE OF.

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From: Lt. J.W. Bierhals, D-V(s), USNR
C.O. Armed Guard, SS Abbot Mills.

To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Port Director, Norfolk, Va.

Subject: Voyage Report. Voyage #3.

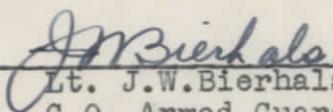
Ref: (a) General Instructions for Commanding
Officers of Naval Armed Guards aboard
Merchant Ships; par. 4301.

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

- (a) Type of Vessel E-C2 Liberty. Cargo empty.
Owner War Shipping Administration.
Chartered to Coastwise Pacific Far East.
- (b) Port of Departure ^{MARSEILLES} Toulon, France, 23 October, 1944.
Port of Arrival Norfolk, Va. 18 November, 1944.
Sailed alone to Oran, Algeria, thence
convoy 42 ships, 6 escorts, 1 carrier.
- Average Speed 8.7 Knots.
- (c) No contact with enemy.
- (d) No zig-zag. Running lights were shown in Mediterranean
as per instructions. Tail lights were shown in convoy
on inclement nights on Commodore's order.
- (e) Delays were encountered in Toulon and Marseilles due to
lack of barges and unloading berths.
- (f) Commercial radio operator carried out Wartime Instrs.
- (g) No defects in battery.
- (h) Master and officers carried out Wartime Instructions.
- (i) Recommendation: Installation of bell to summon signalmen
from bridge at night.
- (j) Friendly planes approached convoy properly.

(K) Training at sea - Class three times per week.
Subjects - Fire Controll, AA barrages.
Care and maintenance of guns.
Complete reveiw of Sl/c instruction.
Instruction in lifeboat lowering,
handling and sailing during layover
at Arzew , Algeria.

2. This report is not forwarded from abroad.



Lt. J.W. Bierhals
C.O. Armed Guard.