

Armed Guard Unit
SS Abbot L Mills---

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From: Lt. J.W. Bierhals, D-V(s), USNR.
Commanding Officer Armed Guard
SS Abbot L. Mills, 7176 Gross Tons.

To: Vice Chief Of Naval Operations.

Via: Port Director, New York City.

Subject: Report of Voyage, SS Abbot L. Mills, #2.
From Liverpool, England To New York.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guards aboard Merchant Ships,
Para. 4301.

1. In Accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted:

- (a) Type of vessel EC-2 Liberty Cargo Cotton Sulphur Tanks
Owner War Shipping Administration
Chartered to Coastwise, Pacific Far East.
- (b) Port of departure Liverpool, England July 3 '44
Convoy or independent Convoy
Speed (av.) 8 Knots
No. of ships in convoy 99
Escort 2 Frigates, 3 corvettes, 2 carriers.
Port of arrival NEW YORK Date 7/18/44
- (c) No Contact with enemy.
- (d) Speed of convoy averaged 8 knots. Lights were shown on occasion in heavy fog. No Instructions for zig-zag.
- (e) Some delay was encountered. It is the opinion of the writer that this was due to the limited facilities at Manchester and the terrific pressure on that port.
- (f) Commercial radio operators carried out Wartime Inst.
- (g) No defects in battery.
- (h) Master and officers of ship appeared to carry out Wartime Instructions faithfully.
- (i) No comment on efficiency of service.
- (j) All friendly planes approached properly.

2. This report was not forwarded from abroad.

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