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Date June 12, 1944.

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

To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: U.S. Naval Authority, Manchester, England.

Subject: Report of Voyage, SS Abbot L. Mills.  
Galveston Texas to Manchester, England  
via New York.

Referende: 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 E\*C2 Liberty  
Cargo General Sulpher, Cotton, Tanks, Mach.
- (b) Owner War Shipping Administration.  
Chartered to Coastwise, Pacific Far East.
- (c) Departure Galveston, Texas. 14 May 1944.  
Convoy Yes.  
Av. Speed 9.5K  
Port Of Arrival Liverpool England, via N.Y.  
Convoy 104 ships, 6 escorts  
3 carriers.  
9 June, 1944.
- (d) No contact with the enemy. Escort appeared  
to have made contact on May 29 but no trouble  
developed and no report was forthcoming.
- (e) Speed of vessel averaged 9.5 knots. Tail  
lights and running lights were frequently  
shown while running in fog. No orders to  
zig-zag.
- (f) No delays in port were experienced.

- (g) Commercial radio operator carried out Wartime Instructions.
- (h) No defects in battery.
- (i) Master and ships officers carried out Wartime Instructions.
- (j) No comment on efficiency of service.
- (k) No friendly planes were seen other than those launched from our carriers.

2. This report is forwarded from abroad.

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