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End-1 (Lt. (jg) Carl S. White's rpt. dtd. 21 April 1944.)

To: Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C.

Subj: Report of voyage of S. S. ABBOT L. MILLS.

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S.S. ABBOT L. MILLS  
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April 21, 1944

From: Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit,  
S.S. Abbot L. Mills. Gross Tons 7176  
(c/o) Armed Guard Center (Pacific)

To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Port Director, New Orleans, La.

Subject: Report of Voyage, S. S. Abbot L. Mills.  
From: Guantanamo, Cuba. To: New Orleans, La.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of  
Naval Armed Guards on Merch. Ships, par. 4301.

Enclosure: (A)

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

- (a) Type of vessel--Liberty. Cargo--Copper bars and ore, nitrates, and balsam wood. Owner of vessel--War Shipping Administration. Chartered to--Coastwise Pacific Far East.
- (b) Port of departure--Guantanamo, Cuba. April 14, 1944. Sailed in Convoy--Commodore's ship. Average speed 9.1. 15 ships in convoy. 5 escorts, YMSs. Port of Arrival New Orleans, La. Apr. 20, 1944.
- (c) No contact with the enemy.
- (d) No lights were shown except when a small ship went through the convoy the night of April 16, 1944. No zig-gagging.
- (e) No delay in port. Service good.
- (f) Radio operator carried out wartime instructions of merchant vessels.
- (g) Forward gun tub needs to be cut out so ready service boxes may be reached more easily. Extra ready service boxes needed at all stations.
- (h) Master and officers for the ship carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels.
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