In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Commandant Eighth Naval District, Federal Building, New Orleans, La.



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28 April 1944

End-1 (Lt. (jg) Carl S. White's report dtd. 30 March 1944.)

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

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

1. Forwarded.

- 2. The request for the forward gun tub to be cut out, as shown in paragraph (g), could not be completed in this port due to lack of time. This request has been forwarded to Galveston, Texas by the Industrial Manager where this work will be completed.
- 3. Since this ship has the correct number of ready service boxes allowed for a ship of this type, the additional ready service boxes requested in paragraph (g) will not be provided.

Acting Port Director, N.T.S.

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ARMED GUARD CENTER (PACIFIC) Treasure Island San Francisco, California

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March 30, 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, Yew Orleans

Subject:

Report of Voyage, S. S. Abbot L. Mills

From; Antofagasta, Chile To: Arica, Chile

Reference:

General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guard s on Merchant Ships. Par. 4301.

Enclosure: (A)

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

(a) Type of vessel Liberty. Type of Cargo-Copper bars and ores. Owner of vessel-War Shipping Administration. Chartered to-Coastwise Pacific Far East.

(b) Port of departure, Antofagasta, Chile March. 19, 1944. Sailed Independently. Speed Average. 12.5 Port of Arrival, Arica, Chile March 209 1944.

(c) No contact with the enemy.

(d) Average speed 12.5. Lights were turned on dim. (running lights only). No zig-zigging.

(e) No delay in port. Loading facilities excellent.

(f) Radio operator carried out war time instructions for merchant vessels.

(g) Forward gun tub needs to be cut out so ready boxes may be more easily to get to. Extra ready service boxes need at all stations.

(h) Master and officers of the ship carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels."

(i) No aircraft approached the ship.

This was not forwarded from Arica, Chile. 2.

Carl S. White

Lt. jg. D-V(X), USNR.

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