

PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ARMING MERCHANT VESSELS

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MS

SERIAL PD 149081 NAME OF SHIP: SS ABBOT L. MILLS

OWNER: War Shipping Administration OPERATOR Coastwise Line
or AGENT Coastwise Line

REGISTRY: United States Class (Pass., Cargo or Tank Ship) Cargo

ITINERARY: Sailing Date: 13 Nov 1943 From: San Francisco, Calif. To Epic

Via:

SHIP'S CREW

Commissioned Rank

MASTER Otto Jaeger None

OFFICERS: A. HORNTON Ensign (DM), USNR

(Listed by name only H. F. MC MANN Ensign (EM), USNR

If Commissioned)

Deck Department	Engineering Department	Steward's Department
Chief Mate <u>1</u>	Ch. Engineer <u>1</u>	Ch. Steward <u>1</u>
2nd Mate <u>1</u>	1st. Engineer <u>1</u>	Ch. Cook <u>1</u>
3rd Mate <u>1</u>	2nd. Engineer <u>1</u>	2nd Cook <u>1</u>
Quartermaster	3rd. Engineer <u>1</u>	3rd Cook <u>1</u>
Boatswain <u>1</u>	4th. Engineer	Messmen <u>4</u>
Seamen-Able <u>6</u>	Firemen <u>3</u>	Utilitymen <u>2</u>
Seamen-Ord. <u>3</u>	Oilers <u>3</u>	
Radio Operator <u>1</u>	Wipers <u>2</u>	
TOTAL CREW INCLUDING MASTER		<u>42</u>

PASSENGERS — Number on Board 28

EXPANDED CREW LIST

Deck Department	Engineering Department	Steward's Department
First Mate	Deck Engineer <u>1</u>	2nd Steward
Junior Mates	Lic. Jr. Engrs.	3rd Steward
Carpenters <u>1</u>	Electricians Mate	Cabin Chief Steward
Cadets <u>1</u>	Maintenance Men	Head Waiters
	Plumbers	Aud. of Supplies
Staff Department	Refrig. Engrs.	Yeoman
Pursers <u>1</u>	Unlic. Jr. Engrs.	Storekeepers
Doctor's Asst.	Storekeepers	Janitor
Printers	Yeoman	Messmen
	Cadets <u>1</u>	Porters
		Concessionaires
		Chef
		Sous Chef
		Leading Cooks
		Asst. Cooks
		Bakers
		Butchers
		Scullions
		Waiters
		Pantrymen

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U. S. NAVY PERSONNEL

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SS ABBOT L. MILLS

Armed Guard Unit Name Rank Branch Classification

Officer in Charge: Carl S. WHITE Lt. (jg) D-V(S) USNR

Assistant O. I. C. : _____

Enlisted Men: Name Rating Branch Service No.

· ALLEN, Douglas Clayton	S1c	USNR	293 11 34
· BAILEY, Eugene Calvin	GM3c	USNR	671 37 51
· FARRAR, William Robert	S1c	USNR(SV)	837 67 87
· FRITCH, Rex Arlington	S1c	USNR(SV)	862 36 97
· GAINER, John Walter	S1c	USNR(SV)	829 10 56
· GANTT, Steve Eugene	S1c	USNR	637 94 61
· GEBHART, Robert Eugene	S1c	USNR(SV)	851 01 81
· GENTER, Chester Stanley	S1c	USNR(SV)	857 60 86
· GEORGE, Leonard Charles	S1c	USNR(SV)	857 24 62
· GERLACH, Harold Leonard	S1c	USNR(SV)	862 36 74
· GLASSTETTER, Robert Edwin	S1c	USNR	285 31 57
· GLOVER, Donald Calvin	S1c	USNR(SV)	851 02 18
· GORAK, John (n)	S1c	USNR(SV)	862 32 14
· GRAHAM, William Oscar	S1c	USNR(SV)	855 57 78
· GRAVLIN, John Curtis	S1c	USNR(SV)	862 37 61
· HALES, Billy Earl	S1c	USNR(SV)	843 80 81
· HALL, Clifford Eugene	S1c	USNR	828 31 43
· HAMMEL, Burnell William	S1c	USNR(SV)	852 85 17
· HARDY, Russell Eugene	S1c	USN	256 53 68
· HARTLEY, Wayne Tyrus	S1c	USNR	313 12 85
· HELMS, Lane Howard	S1c	USNR(SV)	835 22 05
· HIPPLE, John Francis	S1c	USNR(SV)	862 39 02
· HOLLIS, Forrest Herman	S1c	USNR(SV)	875 05 79
· SCHMIDT, William Frederick	BM1c	USNR	662 43 56

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Communication Group

Officer in Charge: _____

Enlisted Men:

· ALLEN, Harrison Dee	RM3c	USNR	633 99 03
· ANDELL, Frank John, Jr.	S1c(RM)	USNR	645 82 52
· DIXON, William Bernard	S1c(SM)	USNR	654 78 48

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ARMED FOR AREA I

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SS ABBOT L. MILLS

GROSS TONS 7,176 DEADWEIGHT TONS 10,550

WHERE ARMED (PORT) Portland, Oregon DATE 30 Oct 1943 YARD Oregon Ship-building Corp.

Number of Guns	Caliber and Type	Gun Mark and Model	Mount Mk. and Model	Gun Location	Ammunition
1	3"/50 DP	22-0	XX11-0	Aft	300 AA
1	3"/50 DP	22-0	XX11-0	Forward	150 AP
8	.20 MM	4-0	6-0	4 Bridge 2 Aft, 2 Fow'd	26,820 HEI 13,500 HET
4	.38 Cal. Revolvers	#366462, 371489, 367795, 371109			--
2	.30 Cal. Rifles	#3586144, 3590348			600
2 - 3"/50 Disl. Shells, 4 - 3"/50 Dummy Shells, 360 - B.L.&P. for .20MM					

BuOrd form Nr. 228 (rev. May 1942) submitted October 30, 1943, in triplicate

INSTALLATIONS

ITEM	DETAIL
1. Splinter Protection - Bridge	Concrete and steel.
Splinter Protection - AA Machine Guns	Steel tubs and shields.
2. Gun Foundations, Number and Location	(10) 4 Bridge, 3 Aft, 3 Forward.
3. Magazines, Number and Location	(2) 1 Aft, 1 Forward.
4. Painting	Grey.
5. Darkening Ship Facilities	Night locks, blue lights, auto switches
6. Reinforced Sea Chests	Steel sea valves.
7. Fire Control Communication System	(12) 6 Bridge, 3 Aft, 3 Forward.
8. Sky Look Out Stations, Number and Location	1 Bridge.
9. Results Industrial Manager's Inspection	None made.
10. Messing Facilities	Good.

ACCOMODATIONS NAVY PERSONNEL

ARMED GUARD UNIT	SPACE	LOCATION
Officer in Charge 1	Room No. Gunnery Officer	Port Side Amidships
Assistant O. I. C.		
Petty Officers 2	Gunner's	1 Port Aft, 1 Stb'd Amidships
Seamen 2	"	Starboard Amidships
6	"	Port Side "
14	"	" " Aft

COMMUNICATION GROUP

Officer in Charge	Room No.	
Petty Officers 3	"	Port Side Amidships
Seamen		

BUORD TYPE ALLOWANCE LISTS

3"/50	15722	12-23-41
	15930	12-18-41
	15932	12-20-41
	16088	1-17-42

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 SS ABBOT L. MILLS GROSS TONS 7,176
 WHERE ARMED (PORT) Portland, Oregon DATE 30 October 1943

INSTALLATIONS

ITEM	NUMBER	DETAILS
Acoustic Warning Devices	0	None Furnished
Barrage Balloons and Equipment	0	" "
Hydrogen Gas Equipment	0	" "
Snowflake Flares	0	" "
Snowflake Flare Projectors	0	" "
Smoke Floats	5	MK I floats
Smoke Float Racks	10	5 Port Side Aft 5 Starboard Side Aft

EQUIPMENT

ITEM	QUANTITY
1. Merchant Marine Type Life Jackets	Complete
2. Gas Masks for Merchant Crew	45
3. Helmets for Merchant Crew	38
4. Life Rafts (Capacity <u>20</u> per raft)	4, 2 - 15 floats
5. Life Boats	2 - 30, 2 - 26 motor
6. Emergency Rations	Complete
7. Repair and Upkeep Equipment Armament	Complete
8. Wake Light Screened	0

DEGAUSSING OPERATION

Type of Coils M Compass Compensated Yes
(M only: MF & Q: MFQ & A)

If not Coiled _____ Date Wiped _____ or Date Flashed _____

Date Calibrated 13 November 1943 Range Treasure Island

Degaussing Factor _____
(From Range)

Date Depermed Never
(If shown necessary by range)

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ON BOARD SS ABBOT L. MILLS

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY NO. UNIT	DESCRIPTION	STOCK NUMBER	TITLE
1.	1	Each	BAG, canvas, weighted #C&R 43479	24-B-60 C
2.		Cell	BATTERIES, Blinker-Signal Gun	17-B-7040 C
3.	108	Cell	BATTERIES, Flashlight	17-B-7210 C
4.	8	Cell	BATTERIES, Dry, Hand lantern	17-B-7600 C
5.	4	Each	BELTS, Pistol	L2-B-1520 B
6.	3	Pair	BINOCULARS, 6x30	18-B-1135 B
7.		Each	BLINKER, Signal-Gun, battery type	17-B-1600 B
8.		Each	BOTTLES, Vacuum, 1 quart	63-B-500 B
9.	1	Set	BRUSHES, Varnish, various sizes	38-B-5220-25 C
10.	1	Set	BUNTING, Spare	5-B-228-38 C
11.	2	Each	CASE, First-aid armed guard	S2-510
12.	1	Misc.	CLEANING, supplies (brushes, soap, buckets, rags, etc.)	
13.	1	Set	DECONTAMINATION GEAR	
14.	1	Set	CONVOY LIGHTS, colored	B
15.	2	Set	FLAGS, alphabet code #4	5-F-255-80 C
16.	2	Set	FLAGS, Semaphore	5-F-5100 to 5110 C
17.	27	Each	FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type	17-F-13452 C
18.	9	Pair	GOGGLES, for lookout, light density	37-G-3555 C
19.	3	Pair	GOGGLES, for lookout, dark density	37-G-3450 C
20.		Each	GOGGLES, Variable density	37-G-3755 C
21.	3	Ft.	HALYARDS, signal 3/4"	21-H-112 C
22.	28	Each	HELMETS, steel standard	37-H B
23.	11	Each	HELMETS, steel to wear with headphone	37-H B
24.	4	Each	HOLSTERS, .38 cal. revolver	L-H-1140 B
25.	Complete	Each	HOOKS, snap-bolt, swivel eye with rings	None C
26.	4	Each	LAMPS, hand lantern	31-G-270 C
27.	2	Each	LAMPS, blinker signal gun	17-L-6300 C
28.	12	Each	LAMPS, flashlight	17-L-6320 C
29.	2	Each	LANTERNS, Hand, portable type "J"	17-L-7760 B
30.	1	Kit	LIGHT, signal, multi-purpose kit	17-L-12929 B
31.	18	Each	LOCKS, Pad 1 1/2"	42-L-15130 C
32.	28	Each	MASKS, Gas, NDO Mk. I	B
33.	6	Each	MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment	S-2-03
34.	2	Each	MEGAPHONE, 18" small	37-M-330 C
35.		Each	MEGAPHONE, 32" large	37-M-335 C
36.	2	Pair	MITTENS, ammunition handling ashes	A(L)2-G-48116 C
37.	10	Gal.	PAINT, dark gray, formula 20 B	52-P C
38.	1	Each	PAULINS, No. 2 canvas, 7'x8'	24-P-23 B
39.	2	Set	PENNANTS, 1st, 2nd, 3rd repeaters	5-P-1127-77 C
40.	29	Each	PRESERVERS, life jacket type kapok Navy type	23-P-160 B
41.	2	Set	PENNANTS, Numeral, Set #4	5-F-4375 to 4384 C
42.	4	Each	REVOLVER, .38 cal. S and W special	(L)2-4-705 B
43.	12	Each	ROCKETS, white, marine distress	4-R C
44.	1	Each	ROPE, 125 fath. 3" manila for spar	21-R-413 C
45.	1	Set	SAILMAKER'S TWINE, needles, wax, etc.	C
46.	1	Each	SEARCHLIGHT, elect signalling 12" or better	17-S-4000 B
47.		Each	SEARCHLIGHT, signal 8"	17-S B
48.	1	Each	SPAR, towing	23-S-180 B
49.	2	Each	SPY GLASS, quartermaster, 16 power	18-S-2255 B
50.	1	Misc.	STATIONERY, (#53 items) (not over \$30)	C
51.		Each	VERY'S PISTOLS, and cartridges	2-P & 4-C B
52.	2	Each	.30 Cal. Rifles	
	16	Each	Army Cots	
RECREATION GEAR: 1-Complete Set				
	25	Each	Target balloons	
	1	Tank	Helium gas	

**ARMED GUARD CENTER REPORT OF MATERIALS
FURNISHED TO ARMED GUARD UNITS**

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INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD OFFICER—

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| 1. Ordnance and Gunnery Instructions for Armed Guards | <u>Yes</u> |
| 2. General Instructions for Commanding Officer of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships | <u>"</u> |
| 3. Wartime Instructions for U. S. Merchant Vessels | <u>"</u> |
| 4. Test Firing of Guns After Leaving Port — (CNO ltr.)
No. 396123 of 1 December, 1941—Attached to Orders | <u>"</u> |
| 5. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS — (Condensed from Naval Regulations,
for Armed Guard Officers) | <u>"</u> |
| 6. SILHOUETTES Surface Raiders | <u>"</u> |
| Aircraft | <u>"</u> |
| 7. Signals for Control of Merchant Vessels by Aircraft | <u>"</u> |
| 8. Publication of German Raider Tactics | <u>No</u> |
| 9. Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Training Centers | <u>When Available</u> |

MOVABLE EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO ARMED GUARD UNIT

ITEM	QUANTITY	STOCK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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FOUL WEATHER CLOTHING

1.	27	37-C-2148	Coats, short
2.	1	37-C-2130	Coats, long
3.	28	37-H-665	Hats
4.	28	37-T-305-50	Trousers

WATCH STANDERS COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

5.	28	72-A-600	Arctics
6.		37-C-2350	Coats (submarine woolen)
7.		37-T-325-62	Trousers (submarine woolen)
8.	28	37-J-154-164-5	Jackets (Jungle cloth)
9.	28	37-T-326	Trousers (Jungle cloth)
10.		38-M-410	Mittens

SPECIAL WINTER CLOTHING

11.	28	Suits, complete
12.	1	37-C-2172	Coats, sheepskin

HEAVY WINTER CLOTHING

13.		Coats, sheepskin
14.		37-C-2172	Suits, complete

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