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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:  
CO, Naval Armed Guard,  
SS ABEL PARKER UPSHUR,  
ltr. of 25 August 1945.

From: The Port Director.  
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.  
Via : The Commander, South Pacific Force.  
Subject: Voyage report.  
1. Forwarded.

*C. W. Eshom*  
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COMDR. (D), USNR.

Date 25 August 1945

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

From: Austin J. Lilly, Jr., Lieut, D., USNR.

Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard

(c/o Armed Guard Center (Gulf) New Orleans, La.).

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 : Abel Parker Upshur Gross tons 4177  
 S.S.)

To : The ~~Vice~~ Chief of Naval Operations.Via : The Port Director Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands

Subj: Report of Voyage, ~~XXXX~~ S.S.)  
 : Abel Parker Upshur. (Voyage No 11 cont.)  
 S.S.)

From Guadacanal, S.Is. to Tulagi, S.Is. to Russell Is. to  
Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.

Ref : (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval  
 Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, paragraph 4301.

Encl: (A)

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

(a) Type of vessel Freight SteamType of cargo Empty drums, U.S. Mail, Personal Baggage, deck cargo 6x6 trucks.Owner of vessel United States Maritime CommissionOperated by International Freighting Corp., Inc.Chartered to U.S. Army.

Port of Departure	Date	Port of Arrival	Date
<u>Guatacanal, S.Is.</u>	<u>15 Aug.</u>	<u>Tulagi Is., S.Is.</u>	<u>15 August 1945</u>
<u>Tulagi, S.Is.</u>	<u>17 Aug</u>	<u>Russell Islands</u>	<u>17 August 1945</u>
<del>XXXX</del> <u>Russell Islands</u>	<u>19 Aug</u>	<u>Espiritu Santo, N.H.Is.</u>	<u>22 August 1945</u>

Convoyed or independent IndependentSpeed (average) 8½ KnotsNumber of ships in convoy IndependentNumber of escort vessels or aircraft NonePort of arrival See above. Date \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) Contacts and action with the enemy.
- No contact with the enemy.

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- (d) General resume of voyage: Routine voyage, continuing watches and General Quarters, Ship Blackout as before.

Any incidents out of routine: On 15 August 1945, Herbert C. Lawrence, Lieut. USCG and J.D. Gilmore, Lieut., C(I), USNR disembarked at Guatacanal for further transport.  
 Speed of vessel: 10 Knots./ Draft No 505 - 45 FFT aboard as before.

What lights were shown: Navigation lights only, nightly when underway.

Did vessel zig-zag in accordance with instructions: None ordered.

- (e) Any delay in port due to lack of port facilities or for any other reason that resulted in loss of time of reasonable turn-around of the vessel: No. Part cargo taken aboard at each port ~~exp~~ of call reported herein.
- (f) Did commercial radio operators appear to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels, particularly in regard to keeping intercepted messages confidential: Yes.
- (g) Any defects or deficiencies in location or arrangements of the battery, or in equipment as regards material, personnel, or operation: Only as previously reported.
- (h) Did master and officers of the ship carry out "WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES MERCHANT VESSELS"?: Yes.
- (i) Recommendations tending to the improvement or greater efficiency of the service: Not at the present time
- (j) Any improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft approaching a merchant vessel. (State date, time and location of merchant vessel at time of the occurrence. Accurate identification of the aircraft should be noted if obtainable).: No improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.

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Austin J. Lilly, Jr.

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Lieut. D., USNR.