

ARMED GUARD UNIT
SS ABEL PARKER UPSHUR
ARMED GUARD CENTER (ATLANTIC)
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

CONFIDENTIAL

14 April 1945

From: LARSON, Berger C. 347971, Lieutenant (jg), (D) L, USNR.
SS ABEL PARKER UPSHUR GROSS TONS 7177.

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: The Port Director, Charleston, South Carolina.

Subject: Report of Voyage, SS ABEL PARKER UPSHUR.
From Marseille, France to Charleston, South Carolina.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed
Guard on Merchant Vessels, paragraph 4301.

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

(a) Type of Vessel: Liberty Type of Cargo: None
Owner of Vessel: U.S.A. War Shipping Administration.
Chartered to: International Freighting Corporation.
Master's Name: Robert Mauldin.

(b) Port of Departure: Marseille, France Date: 23 March 1945
Independent: Marseille to Oran, Algeria.

Convoyed: Oran to off Bermuda.

Independent: Off Bermuda to Charleston, S.C.

Speed (Aver.) 9.3 Knots Marseille to Oran.

9.3 Knots Oran to off Bermuda.

11.3 Knots off Bermuda to Charleston, S. C.

No. of ships in convoy:

Oran to Gibraltar 27

Gibraltar to Casablanca 32

Casablanca to off Azores 35

Azores to off Bermuda 37

Off Bermuda to break off 35

No. of escort vessels or aircraft:

1 DD

4 DE'S

On several occasions friendly aircraft were seen circling the
convoy, while others swept nearby areas.

Port of Arrival: Charleston, S. C. Date: 13 April 1945

(c) There was no contact or action with the enemy.

(d) General resume of voyage. General quarters were held at
dawn and dusk during the entire voyage. There was no contact
with the enemy. Drills were held regularly during the voyage.
Navigation lights were used from sunset to sunrise while in the
Mediterranean. Lights were used in the Atlantic only during
adverse weather conditions. Little rough weather was en-
countered during voyage.

CONFIDENTIAL

- (e) The ship anchored for two days, at Oran anchorage, awaiting convoy.
- (f) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels and kept all intercepted messages confidential.
- (g) There were no defects or deficiencies to report to the Port Director, Charleston, South Carolina.
- (h) The master and officers of the ship carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels". Blackout regulations were strictly adhered to, bilges and waste materials were emptied at nightfall, routing instructions were obeyed, codes and signals were kept as classified, etc.
- (i) No recommendations.
- (j) No improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.
- (k) Instructional classes were held in communication and anti-aircraft gunnery. Progress tests were also given.
- (l) A correct copy of the crew list of Armed Guard and Communication Liaison Personnel is attached.

Berger C. Larson
 Berger C. Larson
 Lt. (jg), (D) L, USNR

A4-3:A9
 (37-ER)
CONFIDENTIAL
SERIAL 0375898

1st ENDORSEMENT
 PORT DIRECTOR, CHARLESTON, S. C.
 SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
 CHARLESTON, S.C.

1177
 14 April 1945

From: Port Director, Charleston, S. C.
 To : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subject: Report of Voyage, S.S. ABEL PARKER UPSHUR from
 Marseille, France to Charleston, S. C.
 1. Forwarded.

F. C. Lee
 F. C. LEE
 Acting.

L-JM

Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
 FLEET MAINTENANCE
 APR 13 1945
 RECEIVED
 NAVY DEPARTMENT

450

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED
 Authority 750161