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1st. Endorsement to S.S. ABEL PARKER UPSHUR,
Voyage Report of 24 July, 1944.

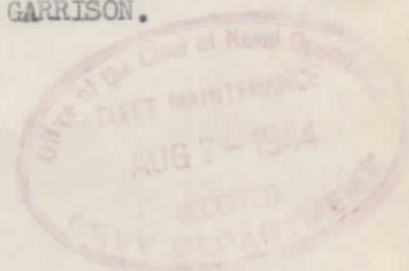
U. S. NAVAL PORT OFFICE,
361 Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool, England.

26 July, 1944.

From: U. S. Naval Port Officer, Liverpool, England.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe.
Subject: Report of Voyage - S.S. ABEL PARKER UPSHUR.

1. Forwarded. 71770
2. With reference to paragraph (g), DEMS have been requested to repair the 5"-51 stern gun; no action is being taken concerning the gear locker.

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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Report of Voyage,

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H. L. ASHENFELTER,
By direction.

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S.S. ABEL PARKER UPSHUR

U.S. Naval Detachment Bldg.,
ARMED GUARD CENTER (ATLANTIC)
SOUTH BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

24, JULY 1944

From: Lee D. Rishel, 280284, Ensign, D-V-(S), USNR.,
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center Brooklyn)
S.S. Abel Parker Upshur Gross Tons 7177

To: The Vice Chief Of Naval Operations
Via: The Port Director, Liverpool, England

Subj: Report Of Voyage, S.S. Abel Parker Upshur
From Boston, Mass. To Liverpool, England

Ref: (a) General Instructions For Commanding Officers Of Naval Armed Guards
on Merchant Vessels, paragraph 4301

Encl: (A)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.
(a) Type of vessel: Steam screw, Type of cargo: General (Tanks & U.S. Army Supplies)

Owner of Vessel: U.S.A.- War Shipping Administration
Chartered to: International Freightling Corporation; General Agency Agreement

- (b) Port of departure: Boston, Mass. Date 9, July 1944
Convoys: Boston to Halifax, Nova Scotia & Halifax to Liverpool, Eng.
Speed: (Average) 10 Knots
No. of ships in convoy: Boston to Halifax, 11
Halifax to Liverpool, 93
No. of escort vessels or aircraft: Boston to Halifax, 2 escorts
Halifax to Liverpool, 10 escorts & 4 aircraft carriers.

Continuous air coverage was provided from Boston to Liverpool, Eng. by U.S. Army & Navy & R.A.F. Numbers of aircraft ranged from one to nine at one time. Types seen were, Kingfishers, Catalinas, Venturas, Swordfishs, Wellingtons, & Beaufighters.

Port of Arrival: Liverpool, England, Date 24, July 1944

- (c) Contacts and action with the enemy: None
- (d) General Resume of the Voyage: Navy Gun Crew manned their Battle Stations at dawn & dusk during the entire voyage. No submarine alerts were sounded or called by Convoy Commodore. Air Coverage was very good. Convoy speeds averaged 10 knots. The vessel practiced zig-zagging during the crossing. Adequate drills were held aboard the ship during the voyage. Stern lights were used once or twice during adverse weather.
- (e) No comment.
- (f) The commercial radio operator appeared to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels and kept all intercepted messages confident.
- (g) Following defects & deficiencies have been brought to the attention of officials concerned.
5" 51 Stern Gun cannot be trained 360° only 90° to either side.
Lack of storage space, a gear locker is needed.
- (h) Master & Ship's Officers carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels". Blackout regulations were strictly observed, bilges & waste materials were emptied at nightfall, & Commodore's instructions were followed to the letter.
- (i) None
- (j) There was no improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft approaching this vessel in convoy.

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