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From: The U.S. Naval Port Officer,
Bristol Channel Area, Cardiff, Wales.
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
Subject: Report of voyage, S.S. ABEL PARKER UPSHUR.
1. Forwarded.
2. The work requested in paragraph (g), has been referred to D.E.M.S. authorities.

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UNITED STATES NAVY
Armed Guard Detachment
s. s. Abel Parker Upshur

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3, November, 1943

FROM: Lt.(jg), Edward R. Golob, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Armed Guard Detachment, (c/o Armed Guard Center, South Brooklyn, N. Y.); s. s. Abel Parker Upshur, Gross Tons 7177.

TO: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

VIA: The U. S. Naval Liaison Officer; Swansea, Wales.

SUBJECT: Report of Voyage Outward, s. s. Abel Parker Upshur (7177), from BOSTON, MASS.; to SWANSEA, WALES.

REFERENCE: (a) Paragraph 4301, pages 44-45; General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1943, 3rd ed.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted for the outward passage.

(a) Name and Class: s.s. Abel Parker Upshur.
Type: - - - - Liberty.
Tonnage: - - - - Gross, 7177; Net, 4375.
Cargo: - - - - General.
Owner: - - - - International Freighting Corp., Inc.
Charter: - - - - United States Lines.

(b) Port of Departure: Boston, Mass., 17, October, 1943, sailing in convoy of fourteen ships and four escort vessels. Arrived Halifax, N. S., 19, October, 1943; average speed 7.5 knots.

Departed from Halifax, N. S., 20, October, 1943, sailing in same convoy to which four ships had been added, one being a converted aircraft carrier. Arrived Swanses, Wales, 3, November, 1943; average speed 9.04 Knots. On leaving Halifax convoy sailed south to meet main convoy out of New York, which we joined on the morning of 21, November, 1943. Total convoy numbered sixty-two vessels and could count six escort vessels. Some days later were joined by four more escort vessels and another aircraft carrier wich stayed with us for three days and then went ahead with the faster section of the convoy.

(c) There were no contacts with the enemy.
(d) None; lights shown last two nights out by order.
(e) No delay, efficiently handled, at Halifax.
(f) Radio Operator appears to carry out wartime instructions.
(g) 5"51 Gun Projectile Ready Box location change in Boston,

Mass., but not according to our request. As a result, it is improperly placed, so that, at certain angles of firing, the third shellman almost beside the muzzle of the gun. We are requesting that it again be moved as we wish it.

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(h) To the best of knowledge and belief, the Master and Officers have in general carried out the Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels.

(i) A short course for Masters and Officers in "General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships" and "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels".

Such a course would help to reduce the unnecessary misunderstandings that arise. The Master of the ship should also receive a copy of all new, revised and corrected orders received by the Naval Officer.

(j) None.

*Port Directors duty
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Edward R. Gold