

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
POin Comd., A.G. Maint
Crew SS ABEL STEARNS
Ltr. of 10 Jan. 1946.

PORT DIRECTOR, N.T.S.,
Navy Number 1164,
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

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From: Port Director.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: Report of Voyage, SS ABEL STEARNS.
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S S ABEL STEARNS

From: Anthony Ernest Polcaro Cox, Maintenance
Petty Officer, Naval Armed Guard Unit.

To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Port Director, Yokohama, Japan.

Subject: Report of Voyage, S S Abel Stearns.

Ref: (a) General Instructions for Commanding
Officers of Naval Armed Guard on Merchant
Ships. Paragraph 4301.

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

a. Type of Vessel--Freighter, EC-2.
Type of Cargo to Okinawa--Construction equipment and materials consisting of rock crushers, road graders, bulldozers, cranes, cement, lumber, explosives and miscellaneous materials. One hundred jeeps were also in cargo.

Type of Cargo to Yokohama--U.S. Mail and general cargo.

Owner of Vessel--W. S. A.
Chartered to--U.S. Army.
Ships Master--Capt. John S. Swerbywas.
Gross Tonnage--7176.

b. Port of Departure, San Francisco, California, 30 June 1945, 1830.

Proceeded independently.
Speed 9.9 knots.
Air Escort-None.

Arrived, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, 19 July 1945, 1705.

Departed Eniwetok, Marshall Islands 22 July 1945, 1200.

Proceeded Independently.
Speed - 10 knots.
Air Escort-none.

Arrived Ulithi, Caroline Islands, 28 July 1945, 0630.
Departed Ulithi, Caroline Islands, 30 July 1945, 1415
Convoyed.

Number of Ships in convoy-13.
Number of Escorts-3.
Speed of convoy-9 knots. Air Escort--none.

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Arrived, Hagushi, Okinawa, 5 August 1945, 1030.
Departed, Naha, Okinawa, 7 Jan 1946, 0710.
Proceeded-Independently.
Speed-- 8.54
Arrived--Yokohama, Japan, 12 Jan. 1946, 1020.

- c. No contact was had with enemy during voyage.
- d. In general voyage was routine throughout with the exception of engine trouble between San Francisco and Eniwetok. This caused a reduction of speed during part of the voyage between the two mentioned ports and required laying up in Eniwetok to repair main engine. Speed of vessel for whole voyage averaged 9.5 knots. Lights were burned in accordance with orders at positions so indicated in said orders.
- e. Vessel was delayed on account of poor Port facilities.
- f. The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out war time instructions for merchant vessels, particularly in regard to keeping intercepted messages confidential.
- g. No defects or deficiencies in location or arrangement of the battery, or in equipment as regard to material, personnel or operation.
- h. Master and officers of the ship were diligent about carrying out "War Time Instructions for Merchant Ships".
- i. No recommendations tending to the improvement or greater efficiency of the service.
- j. There was no improper procedure on the part of any friendly aircraft approaching vessel.

*Note. Not signed -
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ANTHONY ERNEST POLCARO COX.

29 JAN 1946