

ARMED GUARD UNIT

SS ABERDEEN VICTORY

Armed Guard Center (Pacific)  
Treasure Island  
San Francisco, California

DATE 6 August 1945



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From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit,  
SS ABERDEEN VICTORY Gross Tons 7,608.45  
Flag or Registry U.S.A.  
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.  
Via: Port Director 12th Naval District.  
Subject: Report of Voyage Ulithi, Carolines to Naha, Okinawa  
Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval  
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, Par. 4301.  
Enclosure: (A)

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

(a) Type of vessel Victory Cargo (type) Vehicles & General  
Owner of vessel War Shipping Administration  
Chartered to Waterman Steamship Co.  
Master's Name Andrew Anderson  
(b) Port of departure Ulithi, Carolines 29 July 1945  
Conveyed or Independent Conveyed Date  
Speed (Aver.) 10.6 knots  
No. of ships in convoy 33  
No. of escort vessels or aircraft 6 DD's  
Port of arrival Naha, Okinawa 5 August 1945  
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(c) Contacts and action with the enemy: There was no contact and no action with the enemy at any time during the voyage.

(d) General resume of the voyage: All Navy hands manned their Battle Stations at dawn and dusk during the entire voyage. On 30 July 1945 rough weather was encountered with typhoon conditions three to four hundred miles ahead across the course line. For two days the convoy sailed a circular course waiting for the storm ahead to move. Finally, at 1800 on 1 August 1945 we again pointed our bow towards Okinawa and held a steady course. The rest of the voyage was without event except for a short air alert early Sunday morning, 5 August. However, no planes were sighted and without further incident we arrived at Okinawa and anchored off Naha at 1255, 5 August 1945.

(e) There was no loading or discharging at Ulithi, Caroline Islands.

(f) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out wartime radio instructions and kept all intercepted messages confidential.

(g) There were no defects to report to the Port Director at Naha, Okinawa.

(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 classified.

(i) There are no recommendations to be made at this time for the improvement of the service.

(j) There were no occasions of improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.

(k) Practice in pointing, training and sightsetting was carried on when weather permitted.

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