

ARMED GUARD UNIT

SS ABERDEEN VICTORY

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

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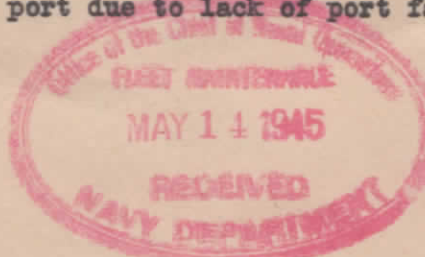
DATE 3 May 1945

From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit,  
SS ABERDEEN VICTORY Gross Tons 7608.45  
Flag or Registry U.S.A.  
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.  
Via: Port Director Naval District Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa  
Subject: Report of Voyage no. 3, S.S. ABERDEEN VICTORY from Port Chicago to Okinawa.  
Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, Par. 4301.  
Enclosure: (A) Crew list of Armed Guard and Communication Liaison personnel

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

- (a) Type of vessel Victory Cargo (type) Ammunition  
Owner of vessel Maritime Commission  
Chartered to Waterman Steamship Corp., 19 Rector St., New York, N.Y.  
Master's Name Capt. A. Anderson
- (b) Port of departure Port Chicago 20 March 1945  
Convoyed or Independent convoyed from Ulithi Date  
Speed (Aver.) 14 kts.  
No. of ships in convoy 15  
No. of escort vessels or aircraft 3 escort vessels  
Port of arrival Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa 3 May 1945  
Date
- (c) There were no contacts or action with the enemy.
- (d) Islands of call were Oahu (5 days), Eniwetok (5 days), and Ulithi (14 days). Speed of vessel while travelling independently was approximately 15.5 kts.; in convoy, 14 kts. The vessel observed blackout regulations strictly, and zig-zagged in accordance with instructions.
- (e) There seemed to be no delay in port due to lack of port facilities.

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- (f) The two commercial radio operators appeared to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels, particularly in regard to keeping intercepted messages confidential.
- (g) No significant defects or deficiencies in location or arrangement of the battery, or in equipment as regards material, personnel or operation, have been noted.
- (h) The master and officers of the ship carried out "Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels".
- (i) There are no recommendations tending to the improvement or greater efficiency of the service to be made at this time.
- (j) No improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft approaching a merchant vessel was noted.
- (k) Training given at sea consisted principally of gun drills, use of cartwheel sights, spotting practice, American and Japanese aircraft identification, semaphore, use of Springfield rifle and .45 cal. Colt pistol, and safety precautions for ordnance on board, magazines and gunnery. Training courses were distributed for private study, but to date no classes in them have been held.
- (l) A correct copy of the crew list of Armed Guard and Communication Liaison personnel aboard is attached hereto.

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Port Director,  
Naval Operating Base,  
Navy #3256,  
c/o FPO, San Francisco

From: Port Director.  
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Forwarded. Appropriate action taken.

*J. V. Cawley*  
J. V. CAWLEY,  
By direction.