

ARMED GUARD UNIT

SS Aberdeen Victory

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



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DATE 8 Febr. 1945

From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit,
SS Aberdeen Victory Gross Tons 7608.45
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Port Director 12th Naval District.
Subject: Report of Voyage Garapan, Saipan to San Francisco, Calif.

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) No cargo on return trip.
Owner of vessel W.S.A.
Chartered to Waterman Steamship Co.
Master's Name H. M. Jones
- (b) Port of departure Garapan, Saipan 16 January 1945
Convoyed or Independent Convoy Eniwetok. DATE
Speed (Aver.) 9 k.
No. of ships in convoy Seven.
No. of escort vessels or aircraft 2 YMS escorts.
Port of arrival San Francisco, Calif. 7 Febr. 1945
DATE
- (c) Action with enemy: 26th Nov. 1944: Jap aircraft strike Aslito air-
field at Saipan. We are at anchor in harbor. 27th November 1944:
Jap aircraft strike Aslito airfield at Saipan, we are at anchor in
harbor and Jap aircraft fly over us but do not directly attack us.
29th Nov. 1944: Jap planes are in over the area again but we are
not under direct attack. 5th Dec. 1944: Jap plane is in over the
area, tracer fire is seen but not the plane. 7th Dec. 1944: Ten
Jap Bettys are in over the B29 base and the harbor area. Bombs
fall heavily on the island. There is much AA fire. Two Jap planes
fall, one into the water and one on the beach, on our starboard
bow. Nearest plane (aflame) is about 1500 yards off our stbd. bow.
Our ship is not under direct attack.
- (d) No incidents out of the routine. Speed of vessel was 17.5 No
lights were shown. Vessel zigzagged according to orders.
- (e) Vessel was delayed in Saipan. We lay at anchor for three weeks
and two days, awaiting orders.
- (f) Commercial operators carried out wartime instructions and did keep
intercepted messages confidential.

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- (g) No defects or deficiencies in all batteries, location or arrangement, personnel or operation.
- (h) Master and officers did carry out Wartime Instructions for Merchant ships.
- (i) No recommendations.
- (j) No report of improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.
- (k) Study was accomplished in the following: (also see outboard voyage report) Lookout Duty, Procedure and Reports; Navy Regs; Ammo Handling and Stowage; Jap Aircraft I. D.; Training and Pointing Drills; Sub and Aircraft Tactics; Care of Battlephones; and Merchant Marine Relationship.

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OFFICE OF COMMANDANT
 TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
 San Francisco, 2, Calif.

1st ENDORSEMENT. 16 FEB 1945

From: Port Director, NTS. 12 ND.
 To: Chief of Naval Operations.

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W. F. LaFrenz
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 Asst. Port Director.

NOTE:

FULLA

STRON

MASON

WILLI

WALKER

STURC

STROM

STEELE

OLIVER

MONOSKY

MOTTLE

LETNEY

BAELER

KING

JEREB

HAGER

FISHER

CEREAX

GOLLINS

COYLE

CHAPMAN

GATER

BAKANAS

CRIST

HOLLENBER

HORESOVSK

VOGT

SURNAME

LIST OF AF