

U. S. NAVAL ARMED GUARD UNIT  
S. S. ABIEL FOSTER  
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From: Lt. Paul Wallace Smith, 211112, (D)L, USNR,  
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard Unit  
(c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif),  
S.S. ABIEL FOSTER - Gross tons: 7,176

To: The Chief of Naval Operations

Via: The Port Director, San Francisco, Calif.

Subject: Report of Voyage, S.S. Abiel Foster, M. H. Barber, Master.  
From Yokohama, Japan to San Francisco, Calif.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval  
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, paragraph 4301.

Enclosure: (A)

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

- (a) Type of vessel: Liberty.  
Type of cargo: Oil and water ballast.  
Owner of vessel: War Shipping Administration.  
Chartered to: Matson Navigation Co., operators,- Capt. Barber,  
M. H., Master.
- (b) Port of departure: Yokohama, Japan,- 1 October 1945.  
Proceeded independently.  
Speed: 10.4 Knts.  
Port of arrival: San Francisco, Calif.,- 20 October 1945.
- (c) No contact with the enemy.
- (d) The voyage was routine with no special incident. Navigation  
lights were shown and the vessel was no longer blacked out.  
No zig-zag.
- (e) The vessel was delayed three days at Yokohama waiting to be dis-  
charged. Thereafter discharge was very slow due to lack of trans-  
portation and cargo handling facilities.

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- (f) Commercial radio operators (three) appeared to carry out "War Time Radio Instructions for Merchant Vessels".
- (g) No defects or deficiencies in location or arrangements of the battery, or in equipment as regards material, personnel or operation.
- (h) The Master and Officers carried out "War Time Instructions for Merchant Vessels" to the best of their ability.
- (i) No recommendations tending the improvement or greater efficiency of the service.
- (j) No improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft approaching the vessel.
- (k) All Armed Guard crew training consisted of signaling classes while in port and on the homeward bound voyage.

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