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From; Ens. H. Cottrell, In command of Armed Guard Unit aboard
S.S. Abiel Foster.

To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Port Director, Naval Transportation Service, City of
Boston, Mass.

Subject: Voyage, report of

Reference: Gen. Inst. for C.O. Naval Armed Guard on Merchant Ships,
1943, Chap. 4. Sec. 3.

1. In accordance with reference (A), the following information
is submitted.

A. Name and type of vessels: S.S. Abiel Foster, Cargo
liberty. Owner of vessel: W.S.A.
Gross tons: 7176 Cargo: ~~General~~ None Charter: Oper. by
Matson Steamship Co.

B. Port of Departure: Liverpool, Eng.
Time and date of departure: Aug. 14, 1943 1030
Sailing in convoy: X Alone: No. of ships in convoy: 54
No. and types of vessels: several corvettes and destroyers
No. and types of escort aircraft: none
Port of arrival: Boston, Mass Time and date of arr:
Aug. 27, 0900

C. Detailed account of contact with enemy:

none

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D. Speed of vessels: 10 Kts. Lights shown: No Fog Signals:
Regular convoy whistle. Zig Zag: Course as indicated by commodore.
Incidents out of routine:

none

E. Copy of written or radio orders received by vessels from
foreign government officials attached. none

F. Did commercial radio operator appear to follow wartime
radio instructions? Yes.

G. Defects or deficiencies in location or arrangement of
battery and of armed guard quarters, or in equipment as regards
material, personnel, or operation.

none

H. Did master and officers of ship carry out Instructions
for Naval Transportation and U.S. Merchant Vessels in Time of War?
yes

I. Recommendations for Improved Armed Guard Services:

none

J. Report of improper procedure on part of friendly aircraft
approaching a merchant vessel.

none

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