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Armed Guard Unit
S.S. Abigail Adams
Armed Guard Center (Pacific)
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

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31 August 1945

From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit
S.S. Abigail Adams Grass Tens: 7176

To: Chief of Naval Operations
Via: The Port Director, San Francisco, California
Subject: Report of Voyage of S.S. Abigail Adams
Ref: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards
on Merchant Ships, Paragraph 4301.

Enclosure: (A)

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

(a) Type of Vessel: EC2, Liberty, Steam. Cargo: none

Owner of Vessel: WSA

Chartered to US Army, Agents: De La Rama Steamship Company

Master: Olaf Wimmes

(b) Port of departure: Tacloban, Philippines Islands. Date, 13 July 1945
Independent, Av. speed, 11.7 Kts.

(c) Arrived Ulithi on 19 July 1945

Left Ulithi on 22 July 1945,

Arrived Guam on 25 July 1945

Left Guam on 12 August 1945

Arrived at San Francisco, California on

30 August 1945

(d) Routine voyage with exception of breakdown as shown under e.

(e) On the 15 July 1945 tail shaft broke causing loss of propeller. Were towed
into Ulithi for repairs and thence to Guam for repair in dry-deck.

(F) Commercial radio operator carried out instructions.

(G) Deficiencies:

1. Forward magazine needs installation of ventilation system with fan
for forced draft.

2. Three twenty MM ready boxes are so placed in shields that it is
impossible to use dogs to secure covers properly. Need to be raised and
placed on longer braces.

3. Need gear locker in steering engine room.

4. Antennae for TBY needs to be mounted on jury mast.

5. Wring sights are needed for both 3"/50 guns.

6. Replacement of telephone boxes at 6 20 mm stations is needed to
provide boxes large enough for phones.

7. Check sights are needed on one 3"/50 gun.



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(h) Maritime Instructions for Merchant Vessels were carried out.

(i) Recommendations:

1. More ammunition be allowed for target practice.
2. For the guidance of Armed Guard Officers a definite letter of policy be provided showing the exact amount of painting maintenance to be done by armed guard crews, the responsibilities of the master in furnishing limen etc.
3. It is my understanding that Coast Guard Regulations prohibit the use of lif beats for any use other than drills and actual emergency. If possible this regulation should be liberalized to allow for use of beats to get mail and limited recreation use.

(j) No improper procedure on part of friendly aircraft.

(k) Training:

On the job training was stressed in the matters of watch standing, lookout reporting, fire control routine, casualty procedure, general maintenance, care of materials and equipment.

Lectures and discussions were held on the following subjects:

Aircraft identification	2 hrs.
Health	2 hrs.
Duties of petty officer	3 hrs.
Safety, all angles	2 hrs.
Care, safety and use of small arms.	3 hrs.
Fire control	2 hrs.

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