

ARMED GUARD UNIT
S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS
Armed Guard Center (Pacific)
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

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From: Lt.(jg) Robert D. Pearce Jr., D-V(S), USNR. Armed Guard
Commander, SS ABIGAIL ADAMS, Gross tons: 7,176

To: Chief Of Naval Operations.

Via: Port Director, Tacloban, Leyte Is., Phillipine I.

Subject: Report of voyage, S.S. Abigail Adams, Gross tons: 7,176.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1944, paragraph 4301.

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

(a)

Name of Vessel:	S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS
Type of Vessel:	Cargo (EC-2)
Gross Tonnage:	7,176
Type of Cargo:	Gasoline, Oil, Rations.
Owner of Vessel:	U.S.A. represented by War Shipping Adm.
Chartered to:	De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc.

(b)

Departed San Francisco, California October 23, 1944, Sailed Singly.
Arrived Finschhafen, British New Guinea, November 17, 1944.
Departed Finschhafen, British New Guinea, November 17, 1944 Sailing
Singly.
Arrived Humbolt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, November 19, 1944 Sailing
Singly.
Departed Humbolt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, December 13, 1944 Sailing
in Convoy of sixty three vessels plus six escorts.
Arrived San Pedro Bay, Leyte Is, Phillipines, December 21, 1944.
Average speed sailing singly, 10.5 knots.
Average speed in convoy, 8 knots.

(c) Contacts and action with enemy: None.

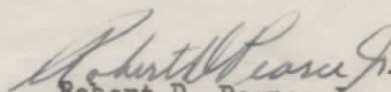
(d) General resume of voyage: Held target practice with all eight
20mm guns and after 3:50, November 6, 1944.
Supervised Voting by Federal Ballot October 30, 1944.
Running lights were used first night leaving San Francisco, two
nights from Finschhafen to Humbolt Bay and for one hour during a
heavy rain squall just before arriving at San Pedro Bay.

(e) Delayed in Humbolt Bay for three weeks before continuing voyage.
Reason not definitely known.

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- (f) The Commercial radio operator appeared, in all respects, to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels.
- (g) Defects and deficiencies: None.
- (h) The Master, and ships officers carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels".
- (i) Recommendations for improvement of the service: For reasons of Morale it would be well for the Armed Guard Crew to have free use of one of the ships life boats for use in going ashore after mail during long periods at anchor. Frequently Masters are very hesitant in letting any life boat be lowered for use.
- (j) Improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft: None.


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