

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

CONFIDENTIAL

5 March, 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard,
S.S. Abigail Adams, Gross tons: 7,176.

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: The Port Director, Auckland, New Zealand.

Subject: Report of voyage, S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS, Gross tons: 7,176;
From Melbourne, Victoria, Australia,
to Auckland, New Zealand.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval
Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1943, Paragraph 4301.

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

- (a) Name of vessel: S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS. Type of vessel: EC-2, Cargo. Gross tonnage: 7,176. Type of cargo: Canned foodstuffs and flour for U.S. Army. Owner of vessel: U.S.A., represented by War Shipping Administration. Chartered to: De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc.
- (b) Departed Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 26 February, 1944, sailing singly. Ave. speed: 9.5 knots. Arrived Auckland, New Zealand 5 March, 1944.
- (c) Contacts and action with enemy: NONE.
- (d) General resume of voyage: Average speed: 9.5 knots. Lights shown (in New Zealand coastal waters only): Running and masthead (reduced brilliancy). Instructions regarding zig-zag complied with.
- (e) Delays in port: NONE.
- (f) The commercial radio operator appeared to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels, in all respects.
- (g) Defects and deficiencies: 20MM machine gun No. 8 lacks a telephone outlet (jack-box). Telephone outlet (jack-box) at bow 3" 50 Cal. gun should be transferred from forward splinter-shield to base of mount.

- (h) Master, and ship's officers carried out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels".
- (i) Recommendations: NONE.
- (j) Improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft: NONE.

From: The Commanding Officer, U.S. Ship [redacted]

To: The Chief of Base, [redacted]

Via: The Port Director, Melbourne, New Zealand

Subject: Report of voyage, U.S. Merchant Ship, [redacted] from Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, to Auckland, New Zealand.

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Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of United States Merchant Ships, 1945, Paragraph 201.

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

- (a) Name of vessel: U.S. Merchant Ship, [redacted] (Type of vessel: [redacted])
 (b) Name of master: [redacted]
 (c) Name of commanding officer: [redacted]
 (d) Name of ship's officer: [redacted]
 (e) Name of ship's crew member: [redacted]
 (f) Name of ship's passenger: [redacted]
 (g) Name of ship's cargo: [redacted]
 (h) Name of ship's equipment: [redacted]
 (i) Name of ship's supplies: [redacted]
 (j) Name of ship's other equipment: [redacted]