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to CO Armed Guard Unit
SS ABIGAIL ADAMS ltr
of 13 September 1943.

29 September 1943.

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From: Port Director (NTS), Twelfth Naval District.
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Armed Guard Unit SS ABIGAIL ADAMS - Voyage
Report of.

1. Forwarded.

2. Concerning the deficiencies listed in paragraph 1-(g), a telephone outlet for No. 8-20mm machine gun, while desirable, is not a necessity as other outlets are available close by. Such is also the case of the relocation of the telephone jack box connection in the bow gun tub. Both items, however, can probably be accomplished when the ship is available for overhaul.

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From: Lieut. (jg) John H. Todd, S-3(S), U.S.N.R.,
Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit, S.S. Abigail Adams,
Gross tons: 7,176, c/o Armed Guard Center (Pacific)

To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: The Port Director, San Francisco, California.

Subject: Report of voyage, S.S. Abigail Adams,
From Hueneme, California to San Francisco, California

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

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

- (a) Type of vessel: Cargo, EC-2. Type of Cargo: Misc. supplies and equip-
ment for Naval Advance Base/s. Owner of vessel: U.S.A. represented
by W.S.A. Chartered to: De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc.
- (b) Port of departure: Hueneme, California. Date: September 11, 1943.
Convoyed or independent: Independent. Speed (Aver.): 10.2 knots.
Number of escort vessels or aircraft: One escort vessel, for departure
from Hueneme Harbor only. Port of Arrival: San Francisco (*Oakland*),
California. Date: September 13, 1943.
- (c) Contacts and action with enemy: None.
- (d) Resume of voyage: Speed: 10.2 knots. Lights shown: Running lights
(only when passing other vessels). No zig-zag instructed; none per-
formed.
- (e) There was no delay in port due to lack of port facilities.
- (f) Commercial radio operator appeared to carry out wartime radio instruc-
tions for merchant vessels, in all respects.
- (g) Defects: 20 MM machine gun (No. 8) still lacks a telephone outlet
(jack-box connection). Telephone outlet (jack-box connection) at bow
3" 50 Cal. gun should be transferred from splinter shield to base of
gun mount.
- (h) Master and ship's officers carried out "Wartime Instructions for United
States Merchant Vessels".
- (i) Suggestions: Minimize paper work, providing more time for drills and
instruction.
- (j) Improper procedure by friendly aircraft: None.

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ARMED GUARD UNIT
S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS

September 5, 1943
(DATE)

From: Lieut. (jg) John H. Todd, D-V(S), USNR,
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center (Pacific))
~~XXXX~~
S.S.) Abigail Adams Gross tons 7,176 .
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations,
Via: The Port Director, Hueneme, California .
Subject: Report of voyage, ~~XXXX~~ Abigail Adams
S.S.)
From San Pedro, Calif. To Hueneme, California .
Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships,
paragraph 4301., 1943.

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

- (a) Type of vessel Cargo EC-2 Type of Cargo None .
Owner of vessel U.S.A. represented by W.S.A. .
Chartered to De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc. .
(b) Port of departure San Pedro Date Sept. 5, 1943 .
Convoyed or independent Independent .
Speed (Aver.) 9-1/2 knots .
No. of ships in convoy --- .
No. of escort vessels or aircraft None .
Port of arrival Hueneme, Calif. Date Sept. 5, 1943 .
(c) Contacts and action with the enemy: None.
(d) Resume of voyage: Speed 9-1/2 knots. Lights shown: None.
No zig zag instructed, None performed.
(e) There was no delay in port due to lack of port facilities.
(f) Commercial radio operator appeared to carry out wartime
radio instructions for merchant vessels, in all respects.
(g) Defects: None not previously reported.
(h) Master and ship's officers carried out "Wartime Instruc-
tions for United States Merchant Vessels".
(i) Minimize paper work, thus providing more time for drills
and instruction.
(j) Improper procedure by friendly aircraft: None.

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and typewritten if practicable.

John H. Todd