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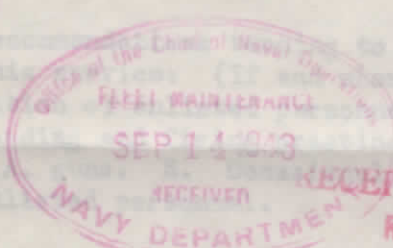
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On voyage report S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS, dated  
30 August 1943.

To: Vice CNO.  
Subj: Report of voyage of S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS.  
Gross tonnage 7176.

1. Forwarded.
2. The deficiencies referred to in paragraph (g) of basic report were referred to the Assistant Industrial Manager, San Pedro. These deficiencies were not corrected prior to sailing of the vessel.

*G.W.D. Dashiell*  
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Port Director (NTS), San Pedro.



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ARMED GUARD UNIT  
S.S. ABIGAIL ADAMS

ARMED GUARD CENTER (Pacific)  
Treasure Island  
San Francisco, California

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August 30, 1943

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From: Lieut. (jg) John H. Todd, D-V(S), U.S.N.R.  
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard  
S.S. Abigail Adams Gross tons: 7,176

To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations

Via: The Port Director, San Pedro, California

Subject: Report of voyage, S.S. Abigail Adams,  
from Sydney, N.S.W., Australia to San Pedro, California,  
via Havannah Harbor, Efate, and Segund Channel Harbor,  
Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.

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

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

(a): Type of vessel: Cargo (EC 2 "Liberty").  
Owner of vessel: U.S.A. represented by War Shipping Administration.  
Chartered to De La Rama Steamship Co., Inc.

(b): Port of departure: Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. Date: July 25, 1943.  
Convoyed or independent: Convoyed.  
Speed (Aver.): 12 Knots.  
Number of escort vessels or aircraft: 1 escort vessel.  
Port of Arrival: Havannah Harbor, Efate, New Hebrides.  
Date: July 31, 1943.  
Sailed: August 1, 1943.  
Convoyed or independent: Convoyed.  
Speed (Aver.): 10 Knots.  
Number of escort vessels or aircraft: 1 escort vessel.  
Port of Arrival: Segund Channel Harbor, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.  
Date: August 1, 1943  
Sailed: August 9, 1943.  
Convoyed or independent: Convoyed for three days, independent there-  
after.

Date: August 30, 1943.

- (c): Contacts with enemy: None.
- (d): General resume of voyage:  
Average speed of vessel:  $11\frac{1}{2}$  knots. Lights shown: None.  
Vessel did zig zag in accordance with instructions.
- (e): There was no delay in port due to lack of port facilities.
- (f): Commercial radio operator appeared to carry out war-time radio instructions for merchant vessels, - with regard to keeping intercepted messages confidential, and otherwise.
- (g): Defects and deficiencies: (1) In equipment as regards materiel: Sound power telephone connection should be installed at 20 MM gun No. 8, and telephone for that station should be supplied. It is desirable that a telephone connection be installed and a sound power telephone be supplied for the radio shack. A sound power telephone should be supplied for the wheelhouse. Additional general alarm bells should be installed (a) in the fire-room, (b) on the main deck forward, and (c) on the gun deck aft.
- (h): Master and officers of the ship appeared to carry out "Wartime Instructions for United States Merchant Vessels".
- (i): Recommendations tending to the improvement or greater efficiency of this service: (If and when possible) 1. More thorough Naval indoctrination of enlisted personnel. 2. More frequent opportunities for loading and firing practice at moving targets, with both surface and A.A. guns. 3. Occasional shore leaves of more than four days for enlisted personnel.
- (j): Improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft approaching the vessel: None.

John H. Todd