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SS ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY

Armed Guard Center (Pacific)
Treasure Island
San Francisco, California

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DATE 23 DECEMBER 1945

From: The Commanding Officer, Armed Guard Unit,
SS Abigail S. Duniway Gross Tons 7176

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Port Director NTS ~~Naval District~~.
SAN PEDRO, CALIF.

Subject: Report of Voyage S. S. Abigail S. Duniway (Under U.S. Flag)

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

Enclosure: (A) Crew List

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

(a) Type of vessel Cargo (Liberty) Cargo (type) General (Military)
Owner of vessel W.S.A.
Chartered to U.S. Navy thru Weyerhaeuser S.S. Co. (agents)
Master's Name Charles R. Quinn

(b) Port of departure San Francisco 1 August 1945
Convoyed or Independent Independent DATE
Speed (Aver.) 10 1/2
No. of ships in convoy _____
No. of escort vessels or aircraft _____
Port of arrival Port Hueneme 13 August 1945
DATE
Port of departure Port Hueneme 11 August 1945
Convoyed or Independent Independent DATE
Speed Average 10 1/2
Port of arrival Eniwetok 29 August 1945
DATE
Port of Departure Eniwetok 2 Sept 1945
Convoyed or Independent Independent DATE
Speed 10 1/2
Port of Arrival Guam 6 Sept 1945
DATE
Port of Departure Guam 7 Oct 1945
Convoyed or Independent Independent DATE
Speed Average 10 1/2
Port of Arrival Okinawa 12 Oct 1945
DATE
Port of Departure Okinawa 25 Oct 1945
Convoyed or Independent Independent DATE
Speed Average 10 1/2
Port of Arrival Tsingtao, China 29 Oct 1945
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(b) Con't.

Port of Departure	<u>Tsingtao, China</u>	<u>28 Nov 1945</u>
Convoyed or Independent	<u>Independent</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Speed Average	<u>10 1/2</u>	
Port of Arrival	<u>San Pedro, Calif.</u>	<u>22 Dec 1945</u>

Mines
(c) No contact was had with the enemy. A floating mine was sighted in position Lat 35 00 N Long 123 05 E on Oct 28, 1945. This ship did not circle to sink the mine because darkness was coming on and it was feared that there might be other mines in the vicinity. Fire was opened with 20 mm guns however distance was too great for the fire to be effective.

(d) In compliance with BAMS message 103 all defensive ammunition was thrown overboard. All 3"50, 20mm, and small arms ammunition was thrown overboard 140 35 E 34 05 N on Dec. 3, 1945-66--1400 fathoms. All 5"38 ammunition was thrown overboard 146 05 E 35 05 N on Dec. 4, 1945. Depth of water 2800 fathoms.

(e) No unusual delay was experienced; however a noticeable decrease in efficiency of loading and discharging is apparent, especially since the Japanese surrender.

(f) Commercial radio operators have returned to FCC rules in compliance with present directives.

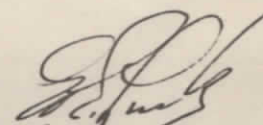
(g) All armament, navy equipment and materiel has been made ready for removal from ship in compliance with directives now in effect.

(h) Master and officers carried out Wartime instructions for merchant ships until instructions were received to go back on a peace time basis.

(i) No recommendation.

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

(k) The Armed Guard Crew and the Merchant Crew were trained at their battle stations in accordance to and in compliance with existing instructions.


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