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SS ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY ltr of
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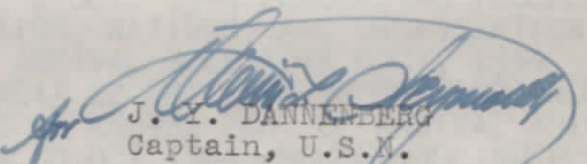
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From: Port Director, NTS, Twelfth Naval District.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: SS ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY - Voyage Report of.

1. Forwarded.
2. Paragraph 1(g) -

- (1) A phone jack was installed in the bow gun tub.
- (2) Shock pads were installed between the 5"/38 switches and the bulkhead.
- (3) Remote control starter switches for the 5"/38 generator motor were not approved by the office of Assistant Industrial Manager for merchant ships.
- (4) As the #1,2 20MM gun tub pedestals were already partially enclosed, the work was completed providing an extra 64 sq. feet of gear stowage.
- (5) Separate buzzers from flying bridge to gunnery officer's quarters are not authorized.
- (6) A loud speaker system for an EC-2 cargo ship is not authorized.


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S.S. ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY
ARMED GUARD CENTER (PACIFIC)
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (T.I.)

DATE JAN 21 1945

FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ARMED GUARD UNIT,
S.S. ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY GROSS TONS 7176

TO: THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
VIA: THE PORT DIRECTOR TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
C/O ARMED GUARD CENTER (PACIFIC)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF VOYAGE, S.S. ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY

REFERENCE: (A) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMANDING OFFICERS OF NAVAL ARMED
GUARDS ON MERCHANT SHIPS, PAR. 4301.

ENCLOSURE:

(A) TYPE OF VESSEL EG2 LIBERTY CARGO 20,000 CASES OF BEER
OWNER OF VESSEL W.S.A. WEYERHAEUSER S.S.CO.
CHARTERED TO US ARMY
MASTER'S NAME C.B. QUINN

- (B) 1. PORT OF DEPARTURE - SANSAPOR SEPT, 15, 1944
PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY AT 10 KNOTS SPEED
ARRIVED IN HOLLANDIA SEPT. 18, 1944 - NO CARGO
2. PORT OF DEPARTURE HOLLANDIA SEPT. 22, 1944
PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY WITH NO CARGO AT SPEED 10 KNOTS
PORT OF ARRIVAL AITAPE 22 SEPT. 1944
3. PORT OF DEPARTURE AITAPE 26 SEPT. 1944
PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY CARRYING TROOPS, AMMUNITION, RATIONS AND
ORGANIZATION EQUIPMENT. SPEED 10 KNOTS
PORT OF ARRIVAL HOLLANDIA 26 SEPT. 1944
4. PORT OF DEPARTURE HOLLANDIA 29 SEPT. 1944
PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY CARRYING AMMUNITION AND RATIONS SPEED 10 KNOTS
PORT OF ARRIVAL AITAPE 30 SEPT. 1944
5. PORT OF DEPARTURE AITAPE 6 OCT. 1944 PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY
CARRYING TROOPS, AMMUNITION, RATIONS, AND ORGANIZATION EQUIPMENT
SPEED 10 KNOTS; PORT OF ARRIVAL HOLLANDIA 6 OCT. 1944
6. PORT OF DEPARTURE HOLLANDIA 22 OCT. 1944 PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY
CARRYING NO CARGO MAKING 10 KNOTS; PORT OF ARRIVAL AHIOMA 26 OCT. 1944
7. PORT OF DEPARTURE AHIOMA 30 OCT. 1944 PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY CARRYING
TROOPS AND CARGO FOR ORO BAY AND CARGO FOR K2 OPERATION PORT OF ARRIVAL
GILI GILI FOR REFUELING ONLY 30 OCT. 1944 PORT OF ARRIVAL ORO BAY 31
OCT. 1944 PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY CARRYING TROOPS, ORO BAY CARGO, AND K
K2 OPERATIONS CARGO SPEED 10 KNOTS.
8. PORT OF DEPARTURE ORO BAY 3 NOV. 1944 PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY CARRYING
CARGO AS ABOVE MAKING SPEED OF 10 KNOTS-PORT OF ARRIVAL FINSCHAFEN 3
NOV. 1944 THOUGH DIDN'T ANCHOR OR DOCK UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.
9. PORT OF DEPARTURE FINSCHAFEN 7 NOV. 1944
PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY CARRYING TROOPS, RATIONS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES
T.N.T., TIRES, AND MISCELLANEOUS MACHINERY FOR K2 OPERATIONS. SPEED 10
KNOTS. PORT OF ARRIVAL HOLLANDIA 9 NOV. 1944 IN CONVOY
10. PORT OF DEPARTURE HOLLANDIA 22 NOV. 1944 OF APPROXIMATELY 20 SHIPS
CARRYING ABOUT 28 TROOPS AND OFFICERS, AND SAME CARGO SET FORTH

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- 11. PORT OF DEPARTURE LEYTE 15 DEC. 1944 DEPARTING EARLY AND APPROXIMATELY 40 TROOPS AND OFFICERS IN CONVOY OF 24 SHIPS. SPEED 9 KNOTS
PORT OF ARRIVAL HOLLANDIA 21 DEC. 1944
- 12. PORT OF DEPARTURE HOLLANDIA 24 DEC. 1944 INDEPENDENTLY AND EMPTY
SPEED 10 KNOTS. PORT OF ARRIVAL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. JAN. 21, 1945

- (C) NO CONTACTS OR ACTION WITH ENEMY
- (D) NO INCIDENTS OUT OF ROUTINE SPEED OF VESSEL 10 KNOTS
- (E) UPON ARRIVAL HOLLANDIA 6 OCT. 1944 FOUND NO DOCKING SPACE AVAILABLE AND SCARCITY OF UNLOADING CRAFT WHICH DELAYED TURN AROUND OF VESSEL. VESSEL WAS DELAYED AT AITAPE BECAUSE OF LACK OF DOCK FACILITIES, LACK OF LCT'S AND TRUCKS FOR HAULING. VESSEL DELAYED AT HOLLANDIA BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT DOCKING FACILITIES FOR SHIPS IN HARBOR. VESSEL DELAYED IN LEYTE BECAUSE OF FREQUENT AIR RAID ALERTS, AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR NIGHT UNLOADING TO CEASE, UNLOADING AT TACLOBAN APPEARED DISORGANIZED. AT TIMES UNLOADING OF A HATCH WOULD BE STOPPED DUE TO LACK OF TRUCKING FACILITY WHEREAS EMPTY TRUCKS WOULD BE STANDING IN LINE WAITING AT ANOTHER HATCH.
- (F) COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATOR APPEARED TO CARRY OUT WARTIME RADIO INSTRUCTIONS AND TO KEEP INTERCEPTED MESSAGES CONFIDENTIAL.
- (G)
 1. A PHONE PLUG IS NEEDED IN THE FORWARD GUN TUB.
 2. 5"38 RAMMER START BOX AND ELEVATING AND TRAINING BOX SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM BENEATH THE GUN TO THE ENGINE ROOM FOR VIBRATION FROM FIRING THE GUN THROWS THE MECHANISM OUT OF ORDER.
 3. A REMOTE START FOR THE ENGINE SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON THE 5"38.
 4. GEAR LOCKERS SHOULD BE BUILT UNDER THE TWO FORWARD 20MM GUN TUBS. GEAR LOCKER AFT NOW OVER CROWDED.
 5. SUGGEST BUZZER SYSTEM FROM FLYING BRIDGE TO SIGNALMAN AND GUNNERY OFFICERS QUARTERS.
 6. LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM WOULD BE OF BENEFIT.
- (H) THE MASTER AND OFFICERS OF THE SHIP CARRIED OUT GENERALLY "WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS FOR U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS."
- (I) RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE EFFICIENCY OF ARMED GUARD IS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PORT IN THE PACIFIC WHERE ONE OR MORE OFFICERS AND SEVERAL YEOMAN ARE STATIONED TO LOOK AFTER THE MANY ARMED GUARD PROBLEMS. AT THE PRESENT TIME HOLLANDIA OR TACLOBAN ARE THE SUGGESTED LOCATIONS. AS THE FRONT MOVES FORWARD THE LOCATION WOULD NATURALLY CHANGE WITH IT. AN OFFICER INTERESTED IN THE EFFICIENCY OF ARMED GUARD SERVICE COULD, BY FAMILIARIZING HIMSELF WITH THE FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL OF THE HOLLANDIA BASE, FOR EXAMPLE SAVE A VISITING OFFICER SEVERAL DAYS OF TRIAL AND ERROR. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE PORT DIRECTORS OFFICE IN HOLLANDIA ARE AUSTRALIANS AND ARE NO ASSISTANCE.
- (J) NO REPORTS ON INPROPER PROCEDURE ON THE PART OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT APPROACHING VESSEL.

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VOYAGE REPORT S.S. ABIGAIL S. DUNIWAY
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