

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJ: SS ABIQUA, 10172 G.T. -- T-2 Tanker.

1. This tank ship has been operating between the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean ports including Singapore for the British Admiralty. It is armed with the following guns:

1-5"/38 D.P.
1-3"/50 A.A.
8-20 MMS.

2. The operations office of the W.S.A. advises that the ship is scheduled to arrive in a United Kingdom port about 8 May 1946. The writer requested Admiral Fairfield's assistant to instruct W.S.A., London to disarm the ship if it is intended to return to the Persian Gulf trade. If the vessel is ordered back to the continental U.S., the guns and Armed Guard Maintenance Crew are to be left aboard pending ultimate disarming in a U.S. port.

3. If the W.S.A. disarms the ship in a U.K. port, they are to ship the guns and Armed Guard equipment to the Atlantic Coast port on one of their ships.

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