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Sydney, Australia

12 April 1945

From: Lester S. Pearl, Lt(jg), USNR, Armed Guard Commander
S.S. Abiqua, 10,179 tons.
To : The Chief of Naval Operations
Via : Port Director, Sydney, Australia
Subject: Voyage report from Kabda (Abadan), Iran to Sydney, Australia
Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1944, Fourth Edition, Paragraph 4301.

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

(a) Type of vessel - T-2 tanker. Type of Cargo, 101,674 bbls of U.S. Navy fuel oil. Owner of vessel - War Shipping Administration, Washington, D.C. Chartered to - no Charter.

(b) Left Kabda, Iran at 0100 on 20 March 1945 sailing singly at an average speed of 4.5 knots with no ships in convoy and no escorts, and arrived Sydney, Australia at 1000 on 12 April 1945.

(c) No contacts or action with the enemy.

(d) No lights were shown during voyage, except as directed, no zig-zag movements were required.

(e) No unusual delays in port.

(f) Radio operators followed wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels.

(g) No defects or deficiencies in material, personnel or operation.

(h) Master and officers of the ship followed "Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels."

(i) No recommendations.

(j) No instance of improper procedure by a friendly aircraft or vessel.

(k) Training given at sea consisted of instruction in handling all guns aboard ship, safety precautions, firing practice with 3" -50, 20 mm. and 30 cal. riflts, fire and abandon ship procedure and drill, reading of the Articles for Government of the United States Navy, explanation of the procedure for voting in state and local elections, instruction concerning proper behavior ashore.

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