

Confidential

Fremantle, Australia
20 February 1945

From: Lester S. Pearl, Lt.(jg), USNR, Armed Guard Commander
S.S. Abiqua, 10,179 gross tons.

To : The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via : Port Director, Fremantle, Australia.

Subject: Voyage Report from Abadan, Iran, to Fremantle, 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 70,272 bbls. Furnace Oil (Fuel Oil) 33,925 bbls. Diesel Oil.
Owner of the Vessel - War Shipping Administration, Washington, D. C.
Chartered to - Not chartered, Allocated to British Ministry of War Transport (unofficial information)
- (b) Left Abadan, Iran on 2 February 1945 sailing singly at an average speed of 15 knots with no ships in convoy and no escorts, and arrived at Fremantle, Australia on 20 February 1945 at 1400 .
- (c) No contacts or action with the enemy.
- (d) No lights were shown during voyage, vessel zig-zagged during the part of course as directed, average speed 15 knots.
- (e) There were 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, firing practice with all guns, proper standing of watches, safety precautions, fire and abandon ship procedure and drill, ship and aircraft recognition, communications, instruction, reading of the Articles of Government of the United States Navy, explanation of provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights and of income tax responsibility of members of the Armed Forces.

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