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Date June 11, 1944

From: Lieut. (sg) Charles Pahud  
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard  
(c/o Armed Guard Center New Orleans, La.).  
MS Abiqua Gross Tons 10,172  
SS Abiqua  
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.  
Via: The Port Director, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS  
Subject: Report of Voyage, U.S.S. Abiqua  
From ALGIER, ALGERIA To PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS.

Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships 1943, paragraphs 4301, 4307.

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

- (a) Type of vessel Tanker Type of Cargo NONE  
Owner of vessel War Shipping Administration  
Chartered to Cities Service Company
- (b) Port of departure ALGIER, ALGERIA Date MAY 13, 1944  
Convoyed or independent Convoyed  
Speed (Aver.) 10 to 12 knots while in convoy; 15 independent.  
No. of ships in convoy 10 to 12  
No. of escort vessels of aircraft 13  
Port of arrival PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS Date JUNE 11, 1944
- (c) There were no enemy contacts nor action.
- (d) No incidents out of routine. Vessel zig-zagged properly.
- (e) Delayed in last port for repairs to ice machine. Four days.
- (f) Commercial radio operators carried out wartime instructions.
- (g) No defects in equipment.
- (h) Master and officers carried out wartime instructions.
- (i) I recommend that a definite system be worked out for all merchant ships regarding the assigning of the Armed Guard to life boats.
- (j) Friendly aircraft approached properly at all times.

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Signed: Lt. (sg) Charles Pahud

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