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17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.
11 January 1944

From: The Port Director, Third Naval District.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Voyage report of SS ABIQUA.

1. Forwarded.
2. Recommendations made in (par.g) have been referred to the departments concerned for the necessary action.

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By Jm McNeely

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LIEUT. (JG) CHARLES PAHOD
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center NEW ORLEANS, LA.)

~~MS.~~ ABIGUA Gross tons 10,172
S.S.)

To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations
Via: The Port Director, Naval Transportation Service, NEW YORK CITY N.Y.
~~Tampa, Florida~~

Subject: Report of Voyage, ~~MS.~~ ABIGUA
Four Rock S.S.)
From GUROCK, SCOTLAND To NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

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

Enclosure: (A)

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 Four Rock
GUROCK, SCOTLAND Date DEC. 31, 1943
Convoyed or independent CONVOYED
Speed (Aver.) 13 TO 14 KNOTS.
No. of ships in convoy 24
No. of escort vessels or aircraft 6
Ports en route NONE

Port of arrival NEW YORK CITY N.Y. Date JAN. 10, 1944

- (c) THERE WERE NO CONTACTS NOR ACTION WITH THE ENEMY.
(d) THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OUT OF ROUTINE. THE VESSEL
ZIG-ZAGGED AS PER INSTRUCTIONS.
(e) THERE WERE NO UNDUE DELAYS TO BE REPORTED.
(f) THE COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATOR CARRIED OUT ALL WARTIME
INSTRUCTIONS, FOR MERCHANT VESSELS.
(g) DEFECTS IN EQUIPMENT ARE: NO STOPS ON 20MM. GUNS;
ESPECIALLY THOSE INBOARD ON THE BRIDGE. THESE GUNS
ARE A DEFINITE HAZARD WITHOUT STOPS. THE SHIP IS NOW
EMPTY OF ANY DANGEROUS CARGO. THE JOB SHOULD BE DONE.
GUNS CREW QUARTERS AFT AT THE 5"/38 ARE NOT PROPERLY
HEATED NOR VENTILATED. THIS CONDITION IS SE-

(over)

- (H) MASTER AND OFFICERS CARRIED OUT ALL "WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNITED STATES MERCHANT VESSELS."
- (I) I RECOMMEND THAT IN SO FAR AS TANKERS ARE CONCERNED, THAT SOMETHING BE DONE TO GET REPAIRS, ADDITIONS, ETC., DONE SOME WAY OR OTHER WHILE THE SHIP IS IN PORT. REGULATIONS SEEM TO STAND IN THE WAY EVERY TIME THE ARMED GUARD OFFICER MAKES A REQUEST OF ANY KIND.
- (J) THERE WAS NO IMPROPER PROCEDURE ON THE PART OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT.

(ADDITIONAL REQUEST UNDER "G" ON OTHER SIDE)

- (G) FOR SOME REASON, THIS TANKER WAS EQUIPPED WITH A SOLID 3"/50 PILL BOX WALL OR SIDING. THERE IS NO ENTRANCE FOR THE GUNNERS INTO THE PILL BOX WITHOUT THEIR GOING UP AND OVER THE TOP EXPOSING THEM TO FULL EFFECTS OF MACHINE GUN AND OTHER FIRE. JUST A SMALL OPENING WILL DO THE TRICK NICELY. WE CAN MAN THE GUN FASTER BY TWENTY TO THIRTY SECONDS, IF THIS IS DONE. THE FORWARD MAGAZINE FLOOD VALVE WILL NOT OPERATE BECAUSE THE ARM WHICH OPENS AND CLOSES THE VALVE IS TOO LONG AND STRIKES METAL ABOVE IT. (STBD. SIDE).

Signed

Lt. (j.g.) C. G. Rahud

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OFFICE OF THE PORT DIRECTOR, NTS, TAMPA, FLORIDA
1003 Peninsular Telephone Building
Date _____

From: The Port Director, NTS, Tampa, Florida
To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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CHARLES WALKER

By direction