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UNITED STATES FLEET  
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE  
PORT LIAISON OFFICE  
THE CLYDE

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29 December, 1943.

From: The U.S. Naval Port Officer, Gourock-The Clyde.  
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.  
Via : (1) The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.  
Subj: S.S. ABIQUA - Voyage report of.

1. Forwarded.
2. The repairs asked for in paragraph (g) will not be done because time does not permit.

*E. R. Davis*  
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By direction.



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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.  
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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DEC. 26, 1943

From:

Lt. (jg) CHARLES PARUD

Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard

(c/o Armed Guard Center NEW ORLEANS, LA.).

WEX

SS ABIGUA

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To:

The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via:

The Port Director, U. S. N. PORT OFFICER - Gourock, Scotland

Subject:

Report of Voyage, WEX.

S.S. ABIGUA

From NEW YORK CITY To Gourock, Scotland.

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

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

- (a) Type of vessel TANKER Type of Cargo 80 OCTANE GAS  
Owner of vessel WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION  
Chartered to CITIES SERVICE COMPANY
- (b) PORT OF DEPARTURE---NEW YORK CITY---DATE---DEC. 15  
( CONVLOYED OR IND. CONV'DXXX.  
SPEED (AVERAGE) 15 KNOTS (MORE ACCURATELY-14.41 K)  
NO. OF SHIPS IN CONVOY -- 18  
NO. OF ESCORT VESSELS OR AIRCRAFT---6 ESC. VES.  
PORT OF ARRIVAL CLYDE (2340) DATE DEC. 25, 1943
- (c) THERE WERE NO CONTACTS NOR ACTION WITH ENEMY.
- (d) NO INCIDENTS OUT OF ROUTINE. ZIG-ZAGGED O.K.
- (e) THERE WAS NO LOSS OF TIME IN PORT.
- (f) THE RADIO OPERATOR CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS.
- (g) NEED NEW SIGHT(OPEN) FOR 3"/50 AND SIGHT GUARDS.  
NEED "STOPS" FOR 20MM GUNS. NEED BETTER VENTILATION  
AND HEATING FOR AFTER GUNS CREW QUARTERS.
- (h) MASTER AND OFFICERS OBEYED ALL WARTIME INSTRUCTIONS.
- (i) NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE.
- (j) FRIENDLY AIR-CRAFT APPROACHED PROPERLY AT ALL TIMES

SIGNED:

*Lt. (jg) C. G. Parud*

(ARMED GUARD OFFICER)