CONFIDENTIAL F51A DATE Nov. 15, 1943

From: Lt. (jg) Charles Pahud.
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
(c/o Armed Guard Center New Orleans, La.).
MS
SS Abiqua Gross Tons 10,000.

To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: The Port Director, New York City, N.Y.
Subject: Report of Voyage, M.S.
S.S. abiqua.
From baytown, Texas To New York City.

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 Heating Oil
Owner of vessel war Shipping Administration
Chartered to Cities Service Co.(colling and Grissel

(b) Port of Depature Baytown, Texas Date Nov. 3, 1943
Convoyed or independent Ind.

Speed (Average) 15.5 Knots

No. of Ships in Convoy None

No. of Escort Vessels or Aircraft None

Port of Arrival New York City, N. Y. Date Nov. 15, '43

(c) no Contacts or action with enemy.

(d) no incidents out of routine.

(e) time lost in Baytown, Texas due to shallow water at dock lost several hours.

(f) The commercial radio operator carried out wartime radio instructions.

(g) Battery is allright so far as large calibre guns, but must have stops for twenty m.m. guns as safety precaution against firing into personell and ships structure.

(h) Master and Officers carried out wartime instructions for United States Merchant Vessels.

(i) Recommend careful inspection of all new shps in regard to installation of training stops for all guns requiring same.

(j) No improper procedure on part of friendly aircraft.

Lt. (j.g.) Charles Pahud

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17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.
16 November 1943

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

Subject; Voyage report of SS ABIQUA.

1. Forwarded.

2. (par. g). Stops will be provided for the 20m.m. guns,

F. G. REINICKE,
By [signature]

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