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FROM: Lt. B.H. Woodyard, USNR.
Commanding Officer, Naval Armed Guard
% Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, La.
S.S. Abner Doubleday, Gross tons 7176
Flag or Registry--United States

TO: Chief of Naval Operations
VIA: Port Director, Manus Island

SUBJECT: Report of Voyage S.S. Abner Doubleday
From 1 February 45 to 16 March 45

REF: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers
of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1944
Fourth Edition, par 4301

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

- (a) Type of Vessel: Liberty. Cargo: General
Owner of Vessel: War Shipping Administration
Chartered to: Marine Transport Lines
- (b) Port of Departure: New Orleans, La.
1 February 45
Independent
Average speed 10.5 knots
Number of Escort Vessels; One
Port of Arrival: Manus Island, Admiralty Is.
16 March, 45
- (c) No contacts or action with enemy were made.
- (d) Resume of Voyage: Ship departed Breathwater dock
6336 on 1 February 45 and proceeded independently
via Panama to Eniwetok Island anchoring at 1540 on
6 March 45. On 11 March 45 ship departed Eniwetok
at 1200 with one escort vessel and proceeded to
Manus Island arriving on 16 March 45.
Ship observed all instructions for U.S.
Merchant vessels.

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- (e) No delay was encountered in port due to lack of port facilities or other reason that resulted in loss of time.
- (f) Commercial radio operators appeared to carry out war time instructions for merchant vessels.
- (g) There were no defects or deficiencies in location or arrangement of battery, equipment, personnel or operation.
- (h) Master and Officers appeared to carry out Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels.
- (i) No new recommendations tending to increase efficiency of service can be made at this time.
- (j) There were no instances of improper procedure of friendly aircraft approaching vessel.
- (k) Training at sea consisted of daily gun drills in loading, sight setting, pointer-trainer drills, methods of air-barrage under different attack, and the mechanism of the armament.

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