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From: Ensign Christie E. Lyttle USNR, Commanding Officer Naval Armed Guard Unit, SS Abner Doubleday.

To: Chief of Naval Operations

Via: The Port Director

Subject: Voyage Report of SS Abner Doubleday from Matanzas, Cuba to New Orleans, La. via Tampa, Fla.

Reference: (A) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1944 Fourth Edition, paragraph 4301.

In accordance with Reference (A) the following information is submitted:

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| (A) Type of Vessel | Steamship |
| Type of Cargo | Sugar to Tampa; Empty to New Orleans |
| Owner of Vessel | War Shipping Administration |
| Chartered to | Marine Transport Lines |
| Master | A. Eriksson |
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| (B) Port of Departure | Matanzas, Cuba |
| Date of Departure | 4 January 1945 |
| Convoyed | No |
| Speed | 10 knots |
| No. Escorts | None |
| Port of Arrival | New Orleans, La. |
| Date of Arrival | 22 JAN 1945 |
- (C) There were no contacts with the enemy.
- (D) General Resume of the Voyage:
 All Navy hands manned their battle stations at dawn and dusk during the voyage. Fire and Abandon Ship drills were held. Sailed with running lights on all the way. Had good weather and there were no delays.
- (E) There were no unnecessary delays in port.
- (F) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out Wartime Radio Instructions for Merchant vessels.
- (G) None.
- (H) The Master and the ship's officers appeared to carry out Wartime IM Instructions for Merchant Vessals.



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(I) None

(J) There was no improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.

(K) Progress tests, gun drills, aircraft recognition and instructions on small arms were given.

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