

SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY
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From: Ensign Christie E. Lyttle USNR, Commanding Officer Naval Armed Guard Unit, SS AbnerDoubleday.

To: Chief of Naval Operations

Via: The Port Director

Subject: Voyage Report of SS AbnerDoubleday from Ancona, Italy to Matanzas, Cuba.

Reference: (A) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guardson 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 | None |
| Owner of Vessel | War Shipping Administration |
| Chartered to | Marine Transport Lines |
| Master | A. Eriksson |
| (B) Port of Departure | Ancona, Italy |
| Date of Departure | 4 December 1944 |
| Convoyed | Sailed alone to Oran, N. Africa
In convoy from Oran to about Bermuda
Sailed alone from Bermuda to Matanzas |
| Speed | Ancona to Oran - 10 knots
Oran to Bermuda - 11 knots
Bermuda to Matanzas - 8.5 knots |
| No. Ships in Convoy | 72 |
| No. Escorts | 6 DE'S and 2 DD'S |
| Port of Arrival | Matanzas, Cuba |
| Date of Arrival | 1 January 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 entire voyage. Periodic Fire and Abandon Ship Drills were held. From Ancona to Oran ship sailed alone with all running lights on. Average speed of ship was about 9.5 knots.

- (E) There were no unnecessary delays in port.
- (F) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out Wartime Radio Instructions for Merchant Vessals.
- (G) Flag bag is located so that many flags are torn on the guy wires to the Christmas Tree. If flag bag were moved to the other side of the wheel house there would be no interference.

(E) The Master and the ship's officers appeared to have read the Wartime Instructions for Merchant Vessels.

(I) None

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

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

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By direction of Port Director, NTS, Tampa, Florida:

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