

SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY
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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, Bari, Italy

Subject: Voyage Report of SS Abner Doubleday from New York, New York to Italy Bari

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

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

(A) Name of Vessel	SS Abner Doubleday
Type of Vessel	Steamship
Owner of Vessel	War Shipping Administration
Chartered to	Marine Transport Lines
Type of Cargo	Munitions, Tanks, Jeeps
Gross Tonnage	<u>7176</u>
Net Tonnage	4374
Master	A. Eriksson
(B) Port of Departure	New York, New York
Date of Departure	21 October 1944
Sailing in Convoy	Yes
Number of ships in convoy	New York to Bermuda 24 Bermuda to Sicily 75 to 80 Sicily to Bari 25
Speed of convoy	9 knots
Number of Escort Vessals	8 DE's
Date of Arrival	16 November 1944

(C) There were no contacts with the enemy.

(D) General Resume of Voyage: All Navy hands manned their battle stations at dawn and dusk during the entire voyage. Stern lights were shown in convoy several nights. Periodic Fire and Abandon Ship Drills were held. Weather good.

(E) The vessel was not delayed.

(F) The commercial radio operators appeared to carry out the Wartime Instructions for Merchant Ships. There were two commercial operators, Green, B.P. and Higly, B.A. and two Navy signalmen Young, E.E. SM3C and Goodwin, A.L. SM3C. The communication complement appeared to be sufficient.

(G) None

(H) Master and Officers appeared to carry out Wartime Instructions for Merchant Ships.

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- (I) None.
- (J) No improper procedure on the part of friendly aircraft.
- (K) Progress tests, examinations, gun drills, and instructions on gunnery were given.

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 U. S. NAVY PORT OFFICE, BARI, ITALY
 21 November 1944.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: U. S. Navy Port Officer - Bari, Italy
 To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Commander, U. S. EIGHTH Fleet.

Subj: Voyage Report S. S. ABNER DOUBLEDAY.

1. Forwarded.
2. Inspection of rough log indicates daily setting of Condition watches as prescribed in paragraph 3102 General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval Armed Guards on Merchant Ships, 1944. Fourth Edition.

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2nd ENDORSEMENT
 FROM: COMNAVNAV
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(B) Master and Officers appeared to carry out wartime instructions for Merchant Ships.

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