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S.S. Abner Doubleday
22 March 1944

From: Lt.(Jg) Wade R. McKinney, D-V(S), USNR-Commanding officer, Armed
Guard Unit, S.S. Abner Doubleday. 7176 GT.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Port Director
Subject: Voyage report of S.S. Abner Doubleday

Ref: (A) General instructions for Commanding officers of Naval Armed
Guards on Merchant ships, 1943 paragraph 4301.

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

Name of vessel: S.S. Abner Doubleday.
Type of vessel: Steamship
Charter operated under: A.T.S.
Gross Tonnage: 7176
Type of cargo: General, Grain, Ammunition
Owner of vessel: Marine Transport Lines, Inc.

2. Port of departure: London England by Methol & Loch Ewe Scotland
Time of departure: 0740
Date of departure: 1, March 1944
Sailing in convoy: Yes
Escort vessels: Corvettes & Destroyers
Speed of convoy: 9 1/2 knots
Port of arrival: New York N.Y.
Time of arrival: 1430
Date of arrival: 22 March 1944
Master of : John C. Sturges
Nationality of master: U.S.A.

3. Contacts with the enemy: There were no contacts with enemy.

4. Summary of voyage; March 1, 1944 0740 away for N.Y. by Methol, &
Loch Ewe Scotland. 1059 at anchor South end Thames river, awaiting
orders. March 2, 0740 away for Methol Scotland. March 4, 0810 at
anchor Methol Scotland. March 5, anchor aweigh for Loch Ewe Scotland.
March 7, 0133 arrival Loch Ewe Scotland. March 8, 0833 anchor aweigh
for New York USA. March 9, 0530 met Hospital ship. 1000 joined main
convoy. March 11, reported sub. sunk by plane in early morning. 1700
bodies of men floated by. March 13 Prince Rupert sank sub. Picking
up, 7 survivors. March 15 0350 red flares from ship on port beam
cause unknown. March 19, 0415 temperature dropped 22 degrees in 1 1/2
hrs. Have had wonderful weather to date. March 20- visibility poor
snow began 0250

5. Received radio messages: QHD3-9 March 9.091133z March 13. 131613z
6. Commercial radio operator did carry out war time instructions for Merchant vessels.
7. Master and officers did carry out their Wartime instructions.

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