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S. S. ABNER DOUBLEDAY
12 February 1944

From: Lt.(jg) Wade R. McKinney, D-V(S), USNR - Commanding
Officer, Armed Guard Unit, S.S. ABNER DOUBLEDAY.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : (1) U. S. Naval Port Officer, London, England.
(2) Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe.
Subj: Report of voyage - 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: St. John N.B. Canada by Halifax N.S. Canada.
Time of departure: 0400
Date of departure: 20 January 1944
Sailing in convoy: Yes
Escort vessels: corvettes & destroyers
Speed of convoy: 9½ knots
Port of arrival: London, England.
Time of arrival: 1430
Date of arrival: 12 February 1944
Master of ship: John C. Sturges
Nationality of master: U.S.A.

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

4. Summary of the voyage: Jan 20, 0400 Anchor aweigh, sailed for Halifax, NS Canada from St. John, NB. Canada. Jan 21 1704 let go anchor Halifax harbor. Jan 22 MOKRY, Harold, 638 82 68, Slc detached for medical attention. Jan 24 1103 Anchor aweigh for UK. Jan 25 0200 Neutral ship passed. Jan 27 0930 Emp. Monok (No 91) on fire, dropped astern of convoy. 1045 aircraft left carrier. Jan 30 running into stormy conditions, heavy seas, ship laboring and rolling heavily; shipping solid water fore and aft. Feb 1, 0325 #1 Life boat damaged due to heavy seas; 0530 #3 life boat damaged by sea; Feb 2, 1100 fired a few rounds from each 20MM practice. Feb 5, aircraft off carrier 1730; Feb 6, 1th land fall at 2300; Feb 7, 1452 left go anchor Loch Ewe, Scotland. Feb 8, 0525 Anchor aweigh for Methil tite Scotland. Feb 9, 1700 Let go anchor at methil tite Scotland. Feb 10, 1423 Departure from Methil, Scotland for London, England. Feb 11, 1800 additional escorts joined convoy. Feb 12, 1430 arrival London, England.

5. Received radio messages: JVD3-9: Jan 25..251842Z: Feb 1..010505Z:

Feb 1...01508Z: Feb 1...010458Z; Feb 2.....021542Z: Feb 7...070550Z

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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