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SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY
OCT. 23, 1943

FROM: WADE R. MCKINNEY, ENSIGN USNR
TO: THE VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
VIA: PORT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: VOYAGE REPORT OF SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY
REFERENCE: (A) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMANDING OFFICERS
OF NAVAL ARMED GUARDS ON MERCHANT SHIPS 1942

Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
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OCT 28 1943
RECEIVED
NAVY DEPARTMENT

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING
IS SUBMITTED:

1. NAME OF VESSEL*****SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY
TYPE OF VESSEL*****STEAMSHIP
CHARTER OPERATED UNDER*****A.T.S.
GROSS TONNAGE*****7176
TYPE OF CARGO*****BALLAST
OWNER OF VESSEL*****MARINE TRANSPORT CORP.
2. PORT OF DEPARTURE*****LIVERPOOL
TIME OF DEPARTURE*****0330
DATE OF DEPARTURE*****OCTOBER 5, 1943
SAILING IN CONVOY*****YES
NUMBER OF SHIPS*****81
ESCORT VESSELS*****CORVETTES & DESTROYERS
SPEED OF CONVOY*****10
PORT OF ARRIVAL*****NEW YORK
TIME OF ARRIVAL*****
MASTER OF SHIP*****JOHN THUNBERG
NATIONALITY OF MASTER*****U.S.A.

3. CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY

THERE WERE NO CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY.

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4. SUMMARY OF THE VOYAGE

OCT 4, 1943 1200 SEA WATCH SET, 2 MEN FORE, 2 MEN AFT,
4 MEN BRIDGE.
OCT 5, 1943 1346 ANCHOR A WEIGH; MODERATE TO HEAVY SEA
VESSEL ROLLING HEAVILY SHIPPING SPRAY OVER
FORE DECK, WIND S WLY
OCT 6, 1943 0937 FIRED 2 ROUNDS EACH 3 50 & 4 50
10 ROUNDS EACH 8 20 MMS
OCT 7, 1943 0900 LIFE BOAT DRILL
OCT 9, 1943 LIFE RAFT SIGHTED 1400 EMPTY, SEA ROUGH
SHIP PITCHING & ROLLING HEAVILY
OCT 12, 1943 RAIN AND SLEET OCCASSIONAL, HEAVY S WLY SEA
AND SWELL SHIP LABORING HEAVILY PULLED WATCH OFF
3 50 AND STATIONED ON WINGS OF BRIDGE.
OCT 13, 1943 SLEET & RAIN FROM TIME TO TIME, SHIPPING
WATER FORE AND AFT, SHIP ROLLING & PITCHING
AND LABORING HEAVILY.
OCT 14, 1943 BAR. READING 29.02 0500 STBD GANGWAY
SMASHED BY HEAVY SEAS, SHIPPING SEAS FORE
AND AFT STBD SIDE.
0830 #3 LIFE BOAT HIT BY SEA DENTED INBOARD
SIDE.
1815 #1 LIFE BOAT SPAR BROKEN BY HEAVY SEA.
BOAT TAKEN IN AND MADE FAST, 1900 #1 LIFE RAFT
WATER LIGHT CARRIED AWAY BY SEA. HEAVY N WLY
SEAS SHIP LABORING, PITCHING AND ROLLING
VERY HEAVILY.
1930 PULLED 4 50 WATCH DUE TO DANGER OF LOOSING
MEN, SHIP HARD TO HANDLE SOME TIMES; MANY SHIPS
DROP OUT.
OCT 15, 1943 1600 BOAT AND FIRE DRILL, HEAVY N WLY SEA
OCT 17, 1943 0220 FOG SET IN VERY THICK, POSTED 3 50 AND
4 50 WATCH
OCT 18, 1943 FOG BETTER, LIFTS THEN THICK-VICIBILITY
AT TIMES 2 MILES 1900 FOG BETTER.

5. RADIO MESSAGES RECEIVED;

ALL OF THESE WERE CODED

CODED MESS. ADDRESSED TO UGD3-9

OCT 6, 1943	NO OF MESSAGE	-----	061015Z
OCT 7, 1943	"	"	-----071018Z
OCT 10, 1943	"	"	-----101107Z
OCT 12, 1943	"	"	-----120952Z
OCT 14, 1943	"	"	-----132216Z

6. COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATOR DID CARRY OUT WAR TIME
INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERCHANT VESSELS.

7. THE 3/50 MAGAZINE BECOMES TOO HOT IN HOT WEATHER.

8. MASTER AND OFFICERS DID CARRY OUT THEIR WARTIME
INSTRUCTIONS.

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1st Endorsement

17 Battery Place, New York, N.Y.
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From: The Port Director, Third Naval District.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: Voyage report of S.S. ABNER DOUBLEDAY.

1. Forwarded.
2. Ventilation in the 3"50 magazine will be improved (Par. 7).

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