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SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY  
SEPT. 16, 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

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.....General  
Owner of vessel.....Marine Transport Corp.
2. Port of departure.....New York, U.S.A.  
Time of departure.....0830  
Date of departure.....Sept. 2, 1943  
Sailing in convey.....Yes  
Number of ships.....52  
Escort vessels.....Corvettes & Destroyers  
Speed of convey.....10  
Port of arrival.....Liverpool  
Time of arrival.....0546  
Master of ship.....John Thunberg  
Nationality of Master.....U.S.A.
3. Contacts with enemy  
There were no contacts with the enemy.

4. Summary of the voyage

September 2, 0600 Sea watches set. 11:00 Dropped pilot. Clear  
 hazy, small ENE sea. 1830 boat drill. Sunset watch.

September 3, Sunrise watch, heavy NE swell, wind ESE

September 4, Moderate sea, NE swell.

September 5, Advanced clocks one hour. Cloudy, slight mist, Wind SE.

September 6, Clear weather, smooth sea, SE swell, wind S, find all 20 MM  
 guns all well.

September 7, Wind SE, held fire and boat drill. Foggy

September 8, Clear weather, wind SE, calm sea.

September 9, Thick fog, SW wind, advanced clocks one hour.

September 10, SE wind, NE swell, foggy.

September 11, Wind SE, cloudy, choppy sea.

September 12, Wind NE, cloudy, calm sea, advanced clocks one hour.

September 13, 0830 held fire and boat drill, wind W, overcast, cloudy.

September 14, Wind NW, cloudy, choppy sea.

September 15, Wind SW, overcast sky, W'ly swell.

September 16, Wind SW, cloudy during nite, 0546 arrived at pilot  
 station. 0700 pilot aboard. 0740 starboard anchor let  
 go. Docked at

5. Radio messages received:

Some of these were not decoded.

September 2	No. of message.....	1547Z
September 6	Nos. of message.....	1852Z, 2019Z ASD 3-9
September 7	No. of message.....	2353 GMT
September 9	No. of message.....	<del>1209</del> 2057Z
September 10	No. of message.....	1209
September 12	Nos. of messages.....	0659Z ASD 3-9, 0714Z ASD 3-9
September 14	Nos. of messages.....	1040Z ASD #3, 1045Z ASD3, 2235Z

6. Commercial radio operator did carry out wartime instructions for Merchant vessels.

7. Master and officers did carry out their wartime instructions.

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