

Subject; Report of Voyage of S. S. Abner Doubleday 7176

6. May 3, 1943, at 1600, Departure from Puna Equador, bound for Panama Canal. On May 5, 1943 at 0750 our engine broke down at the position three degrees fifteen minutes north and seventy nine degrees thirty five minutes west. Ship adrift. Condition 2 watches started. 1130, Message goes on air asking for assistance. We drifted till May 8, 1943 with engineers working on engine to compound it so we could go ahead. On May 8th Tug, Favorite sighted. We took line from tug but got underway with our own engine compounded. May 10, 1943, at 0855 Arrival in Balboa, C.Z. After minor repairs on engine on May 13, 1943 ship transited Canal.

7. The following is from the Armed Guard Log Book: "To the Chief Engineer, Mr Lavados, much credit is due for readying the engine for use. Also to First Assistant, Mr. Martell, who aided with the job." This was a very difficult job with the ship adrift and not much to work with.

8. May 14, 1943, at 0800 we left Canal with convoy. There were thirteen ships in the convoy and eight escorts. Escorts were USS-PC 465 USS-PC 462, USS-PC 464, USS-PC 466, USCG Bronco, USS-SC 667, USS-SC 677, USS-SC 1039. Speed of convoy, eight knots. May 18, at 0930 Arrival in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with convoy.

9. May 19, 1943, at 0830, departure from Guantanamo Bay with convoy bound for New York. 15 ships in convoy that left Guantanamo Bay and later in the day fifteen others joined the convoy. Five escorts were: USS Fury, USS Brisk, USS-PC 484, USS-PC 554, USS-PC 565. Speed of Convoy eight knots. Ship arrived in New York May 27, 1943.

10. There was no action with the enemy to report on this voyage.

11. The radio operator seemed to carry out wartime radio instructions for merchant vessels. The Master and officers carried out "I" instructions for Naval Transportation and U.S. Merchant Vessels in time of War".

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

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May 27, 1943

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From: The Commander of Armed Guard Unit, S. S. ABNER DOUBLEDAY  
To: The Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Via: The Port Director's Office, Twelfth Naval District,  
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Reference: (a) General Instructions for Commanding Officers of Naval  
Armed Guards Aboard Merchant Vessels, Paragraph 38.

(b) Letter of Feb. 24, 1943.

1. The S. S. Abner Doubleday is a Steam Freighter type vessel, of 7176 gross tons, carrying a cargo of copper, balsa, and cocoa beans, owned by Sword Steamship Co. New York, N.Y. and Chartered by War Shipping Administration.

2. Letter of Feb. 24, 1943, (Ref.(b)), was a report of the voyage from San Francisco, Calif. to Numea, New Caledonia.

3. Ship remained in Numea from Feb. 24, till March 28, unloading cargo and at anchor waiting to be discharge. At 0800, March 28, Departure for Antofogasta, Chili. Condition two watches maintained till crossing of 180th maridian. On April 9, at 0834 stopped engines for repairs. While stopped a Liberty ship was sighted. Arrival, Antofogasta, Chili, April 22, 1943, at 0900. Went to dock to load.

4. April 24, at 1545 departure for Chanaral, Chili to load more copper. April 25, at 0804, arrival. Here 22 army enlisted men and 2 officers came aboard for transportation to Cañal.

5. April 26, at 1800, Departure for Puna, Equadore to load balsa and cocoa beans. May 2, 1943, at 1600, Arrival in Puna, Equador.