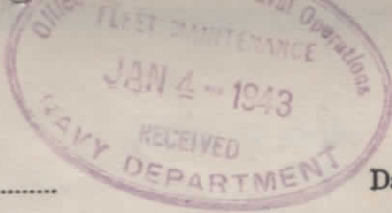


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SERIAL PD. 147503

Date December 23, 1942

From : Commandant Twelfth Naval District.  
(Port Director San Francisco, California)

To : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject : <sup>MS</sup> ARMING OF MERCHANT VESSELS SS ARNER DOUBLEDAY

7,176 Gross Tons Flag United States

References: (a) Confidential airmailgram # (P. D.)  
(b) Par. 6 CNO ltr. #063338 of Nov. 29, 1941.

Enclosure : (A) Consolidated report of bureaus concerned as directed by reference (b).

1. Confirming reference (a) the attached enclosure submits information required by reference (b) relative to the armaments supplied the subject merchant vessel.

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NELSON, Edwin Frederick	SI/c	USNR	632 35 49
STENDER, Charles Joseph	SI/c	USNR	662 43 34
WRIGHT, William Arthur	SI/c	USNR	618 42 37

1. Navy--Type Life Jackets			37
2. Life Rafts (Capacity 18 per raft)			4 (2-13)
3. Life Boat			2-1 (4-2 motor)
4. Communication Group			
5. Repair and Upkeep			
HANKS, William Dennies	SM3/c	USNR	61

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NAME OF SHIP:

SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY

OWNER:

War Shipping Administration

OPERATOR

or AGENT: General S.S. Co.

REGISTRY: U.S.

Class (Pass., Cargo or Tank Ship)

Cargo

ITINERARY: Sailing Date: December 15, 1944 From: San Francisco To: Fentan

LIST ALL GUNS (INCLUDING MACHINE GUNS) ABOARD VESSEL ON DEPARTURE

Number of Guns	Caliber and Type	Gun Mark and Model	Mount Model	SHIP'S CREW	Gun Location	Commissioned Rank
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MASTER J. THUNBERG Lt. Comdr. (D.M.) USNR

OFFICERS: J. BEHNKEN Ens. (D.M.) USNR

(Listed by name only)

If Commissioned)

Deck Department	Engineering Dept.	Steward's Department
Chief Mate 1	Ch. Engineer 1	Ch. Steward 1
2nd Mate 1	1st. Engineer 1	Ch. Cook 1
3rd Mate 1	2nd Engineer 1	2nd Cook 1
Quartermaster	3rd Engineer 1	3rd Cook 1
Boatswain 1	4th Engineer 0	Messman 3
Seamen-Able 6	Firemen 3	Utilitymen 2
Seamen-Ord. 3	Oilers 3	
Radio Operator 1	Wipers 2	
Cadets 4	Deck Engineer 1	
Clerk 1	Total Crew Including Master 43	
PASSENGERS	Number on Board 1	

U. S. NAVY PERSONNEL

Armed Guard Unit	Name	Rating	Branch	Service No.
Officer in Charge:	O'NEAL, Foy Elkins	Ensign	DV-(G)	USNR
Enlisted Men	AFFINE, Frank James	Cox	USNR	380 49 26
	BAGGENSTOS, Arnold John	SI/c	USNR	664 50 46
	CASSITY, Victor Lionel	SI/c	USNR	660 47 55
	DAUBENSPECK, Victor Edward	SI/c	USNR	670 83 09
	ROSEN, Sidney Theodore	SI/c	USNR	632 26 56
	HOFFMAN, Joseph Arthur	SI/c	USNR	639 38 36
	KLINKHAMMER, James Anthony	SI/c	USNR	730 04 25
	MARQUARDT, Irving (N)	SI/c	USN	300 60 23
Enlisted Men	MCCORD, Ralph (N)	SI/c	USN	291 75 99
Standby	McNALLY, Daniel Joseph	SI/c	USN	328 96 78
	MILLER, John Gordon	SI/c	USNR	662 26 42
	NELSON, Edwin Frederick	SI/c	USNR	632 35 49
	STENDER, Charles Joseph	SI/c	USNR	662 43 34
	WRIGHT, William Arthur	SI/c	USNR	618 42 37

- 1. Navy-Type Life Jackets
- 2. Life Rafts (Capacity 12 per raft)
- 3. Life Boat
- Communication Group

HANKS, William Dennies SM3/c USNR 660

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ARMED FOR AREA I

MS

SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY

GROSS TONS 7,176

DEADWEIGHT TONS 10,550

WHERE

ARMED (PORT) Portland, Oregon

NUMBER

DATE Nov. 28, 1942

Ocean Ship

YARD Bld. Corp.

LIST ALL GUNS (INCLUDING MACHINE GUNS) ABOARD VESSEL ON DEPARTURE

Number of Guns	Caliber and Type	Gun Mark and Model	Mount Mk. and Model	Gun Location	Ammunition
1	3"/50 DP	21-0	XX11 -0	Aft.	171 rds.
5	.20 MM	4-0	4-1	1 forwd, 2 aft 2 bridge.	6,060 rds.
4	.38 Cal. pistols	#VII3911, #VI16903 #VI 21393, #VII7920			250 rds.

BuOrd form Nr. 288 (rev. May 1942) submitted November 28, 1942, in triplicate

INSTALLATIONS

ITEM	DETAIL
1. Splinter Protection—Bridge	Concrete and steel.
Splinter Protection—AA Machine Guns	Steel shields and steel tubs
2. Gun Foundations, Number and Location	(6) 1 forward, 2 bridge, & 3 aft.
3. Magazines, Number and Location	(2) 1 forward, & 1 aft.
4. Painting	Grey.
5. Darkening Ship Facilities	Light locks, blue lights, auto. switches
6. Reinforce Sea Chests	Steel sea valves.
7. Fire Control Communication System	(7) 1 forward, 3 bridge, 3 aft.
8. Sky Look Out Stations, Number and Location	2 Stations on bridge.
9. Results Industrial Manager's Inspection	None made.
10. Messing Facilities	Good.

ACCOMODATIONS NAVY PERSONNEL

ARMED GUARD UNIT	SPACE	LOCATION
Officer in Charge 1	Room No. Gunner's Rm.	Portside amidships.
Petty Officer 1	No number	Starboardside, aft.
Seamen 5	" "	" amidships.
3	" "	Portside aft.
5	" "	" amidships.

COMMUNICATION GROUP

Enlisted Men 2	No number	Starboardside, amidships
Standee	Bunks No. None	Total

EQUIPMENT

ITEM	QUANTITY
1. Navy—Type Life Jackets	17
2. Life Rafts (Capacity 18 per raft)	4 (2-15)
3. Life Boat	3-31 (1-25 motor)
4. Emergency Rations	Complete
5. Repair and Upkeep Equipment Armament	Sati

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**PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ARMING MERCHANT VESSELS**

MS  
 SS ABNER DOUBLEDAY ..... 7,176 ..... GROSS TONS

WHERE  
 ARMED (PORT) Portland, Oregon ..... Date November 28, 1942 .....

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	INSTALLATIONS NUMBER	STOCK NUMBER	TITLE
1.	Each	BAG, extra, weighted #2 1/2 43479		24-B-67	C
2.	Cell	BATTERIES, Blinker-Signal Gun		17-B-7040	C
<b>Acoustic Warning Devices</b>					
3.	Cell	BATTERIES, Flashlight	0	None furnished.	
4.	Cell	BATTERIES, Dry, hand lantern		17-B-7800	C
5.	Each	BATTERY, pistol, automatic		A-2-B-1490	B
<b>Barrage Balloons and Equipment</b>					
6.	Pair	LAMPS, 6x30	0	"B-113"	C
7.	Pair	BENCHELARS, 7x36		18-B-1138	B
<b>Hydrogen Gas Equipment</b>					
8.	Each	BLINKER, Signal Gun, battery type	0	17-B-1600	C
9.	Each	VALVES, vacuum, 1/2 inch	0	"B-113"	C
10.	Each	COAT, first-aid armed guard		82-510	C
<b>Snowflake Flares</b>					
11.	Box	CLEANING, supplies (brushes, soap, buckets, etc., etc.)	0	" " "	C
12.	Set	FLARES, numeral #4		5-P-1517-10	C
<b>Snowflake Flare Projectors</b>					
13.	Each	LAMP, semaphore	0	" " "	C
<b>Smoke Floats</b>					
14.	Each	FLASHLIGHTS, 2 cell pocket type		17-P-36453	C
15.	Each	GAS MASKS	0	" " "	C
16.	Each	GOGGLES, hand lantern		31-G-270	C
<b>Smoke Float Racks</b>					
17.	Each	GOGGLES, for lookout, light density	0	" " "	C
18.	Each	GOGGLES, for lookout, dark density	0	" " "	C
<b>Outfits of Heavy Winter Clothing for NR Ships. (OpNav Serial 0200423 of NR 16, 1942).</b>					
19.	Each	COAT, steel standard	0	37-H	B
20.	Each	TRUNKS, steel to wear with headphones	0	37-H	B
21.	Each	WEAVERS, automatic pistol (Colt)		A-2-B-1436	B
22.	Each	LAMPS, blinker signal gun		17-L-6900	C
23.	Each	LAMPS, flashlight		17-L-6320	C
24.	Each	LAMP, hand, portable type "J"		17-L-7760	B
25.	Each	MEDICAL GUN BAG, equipment		8-2-08	C
26.	Each	MEGAPHONE, 18" small		37-M-390	C
27.	Each	MEGAPHONE, 32" large		37-M-335	C
28.	Pair	MITTENS, ammunition-handling ashes		A(L) 2-G-48116	C
29.	Each	PISTOLS, automatic, Colt, 45 #1911		A-2-P-5415	B
30.	Gal.	PAINT, dark gray, formula 5D		52-P	C
31.	Each	ROPE, 125 (1/2" V" manila for spar		23-B-345	C
32.	Each	SEARCHLIGHT, signal 8" (Crouse-Hinds)		15-S	B
33.	Each	SPAR, towlog		23-S-186	B
34.	Each	SPY GLASS, quartermaster, 16 powder		18-S-2015	B
35.	Each	STATIONERY, (#53 items) (not over \$50)			C
36.	Each	Compressed Signal Kit			
37.	Each	Multi-purpose signal kit.			
38.					
39.					
40.					
41.					
42.					
43.					
44.	Set	CONVOY LIGHTS, Colored			B
45.	Each	WALL LIGHT, Screened, Type #2			B

**DEGAUSSING OPERATION**

\* 38 Cal. Pistols  
 \* 12" Searchlight, belongs to ship.  
 Type of Coils (M only; MF & Q; MF Q & A) \_\_\_\_\_ Compass Compensated Yes.  
 If not Coiled \_\_\_\_\_ Date Wiped \_\_\_\_\_ or Date Flashed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Calibrated \_\_\_\_\_ January 6, 1942 \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Sea Refuel \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Wolf Trap, Newport, etc.)  
 Degaussing Factor \_\_\_\_\_ (From Range)  
 Date Depermed \_\_\_\_\_ December 1, 1942 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If chart necessary by range)

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