

DANIEL AT FRONT WITH SCOUT SHIP

Former Reporter on The Bee Ensign on U. S. S. Harvard, Now in European Waters, Writes Experiences.

Hawthorne Daniel, of this city, brother of Herbert Daniel, attorney, former reporter for The Bee has written a most interesting letter home to his mother, from "somewhere near Europe." He is an ensign on board the United States scout patrol boat Harvard. Following is his letter in part:

"Dear Mother: I was on the bridge, and all the other officers were at dinner, when we sighted a big steamer going across our course, about eight miles ahead. Shortly after we sighted it, it changed its course until it headed directly for us, and it seemed to be under forced draft, as great clouds of smoke poured from its funnel and it steered a zigzag course. It seemed as if it was trying to get away from something that was chasing it. It approached to within about 4,000 yards, and then we saw quite plainly several splashes in the water near it, as if shells were falling close by it. By this time I had called the captain, and he was on the bridge. General quarters was sounded, and we all went to our battle stations. I am in charge of the gun that was bearing on the ship, and I took my post up the rigging, about ten feet over my gun. I gave the range, and the gun crew stood by, ready to load. Suddenly something black rose to the surface of the water directly between us and the steamer, and immediately submerged again. Then in a minute it came to the surface again, a little astern of the steamer. Once again it came up, and this time it was headed directly for us. The gun was loaded, I shortened the range and again the thing came up. We fired, and the shell struck almost on the spot where the thing had submerged. It was thrilling, and I was just hoping for it to come to the surface again, so that we could get another shot when it did come to the surface, to lie rolling in the sun. We trained our glasses on it, and the darned thing was a great big whale. Why the steamer was trying to get away I do not know, unless it, too, was fooled, but the splashes that looked like shells falling were made by the whale blowing. It was very realistic, and we got all the sensations of being actually firing on a submarine.

Seems Like Hunting.

"It made me feel just as I do when I am hunting. I have always been anxious to know how I would feel in a position of that kind, and now I know. It seemed to me that we were out to bag some big game, and that's what we are. If I were hunting elephants I imagine I should feel about the same, only less safe. I believe that we have the advantage over the submarine. Sometimes, of course, he may get the drop on one, but taking it all in all he is at a great disadvantage. If we feel a bit anxious as to whether or not he will get us, just think how anxious he must feel as to whether or not some one will get him. There are at the worst only a couple of hundred submarines—probably a great deal less than that—whereas there are thousands and thousands of patrol ships, each one looking out for nothing better than a chance to shoot at a submarine, or to run him down. He never knows when he comes to the surface, whether or not he will find a patrol boat waiting for him. He can't hide unless he gets where he can't see, and when he can see, we can, too, although of course, his periscope makes a very small object to pick up at a distance. But to offset that we have good, clear glasses, while his periscope doesn't show a clear image, and looks only one way at a time. Taking it all together I believe that life on the roving German submarine must be a very joyless existence.

Little Time to Sleep.

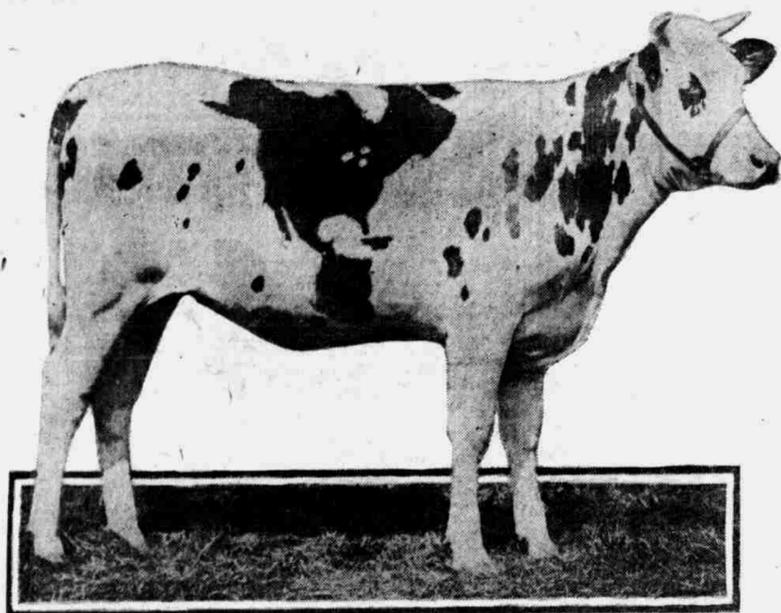
"Three of us are standing watches on the bridge, but for two days one of my reliefs was sick—very sick with stomach trouble—and so two of us had to stand watch and watch. Four hours on and four off, with meals to eat, and drills to go through while off watch, pretty nearly put me on the retired list; but everything is going all right now, and I have caught up on my sleep. I even get a chance to read some, but there are too many things to learn to read a great deal. And, besides, sleep interests me too much.

"Last night while I was on watch—everything seems to happen while I am on watch—we got a radio message from some ship which said it was sinking, and it gave a position that was so close to where we were that we should have been able to see it, but the radio operator said it sounded as if the message had been sent from some considerable distance. It sounded so suspicious that we paid very little attention to it, inasmuch as we were already as near to the position as we could get, but after we had kept on our course for about four hours the ship that was with us got an order from the flagship to go back and look into the matter. It hasn't showed up yet, so we don't know whether it has found a sinking ship or whether it ran into a trap, although we would have heard from it if it had found anything suspicious.

Evidence of War.

"For two days we have been sailing through all sorts of driftwood, spars, barrels, a dresser drawer, life preservers, planks, a life raft, a couple of swamped lifeboats and a lot of other

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stuff. There must have been lots of destruction around here in the last year. The weather continues fine, and we have made the whole trip, so far, without a minute of bad weather. I am afraid that this continued stretch, during which our friends the elements have not tried their strength, will give some of these newly made sailors a wrong impression of the sea.

"It is now July 5. Shortly after I finished writing what just precedes we took the disabled ship in tow, and made port in about two hours. We are now tied up at a buoy, and yesterday all the ships were decorated for the Fourth. The foreign ships in the harbor had American flags up, too.

"I mentioned one of the ships of our flotilla going back to answer an S.O.S. It proved not to be a fake, and all of us on the Harvard are sick over not being allowed to go back. It was the Orleans—the first American ship to run 'be blo'ade that Germany told us it was going to enforce.

Three Men Lost.
Thirty-seven men were picked up

in lifeboats, three men having been lost. According to the story as it is told by the Sultan, which is the ship that went after the Orleans, they found two lifeboats crowded with men. After the ship had been sunk, the submarine came to the surface alongside the lifeboats, and asked for the captain. It was at night, and the mate told them he had been drowned.

The submarine said they were sorry for there was a prize of 20,000 marks on his head, if he was brought to Germany dead or alive—also that applies to the captain of the Rochester. Then the submarine disappeared, and later the lifeboats located the captain and the gunnery officer, both of whom had been swimming around in the water, trying to locate the lifeboats by using a pocket flashlight, which they had with them, and which they had managed to keep dry. I certainly wish we had been sent after them.

"Patrol boats and mine sweepers are thick and we see observation balloons and aeroplanes almost any time. I

wish I could tell you about everything I see, but my letter would probably never get through if I did. We are told, by the way, that an American destroyer sank a German submarine they caught attacking one of our transports. I don't know any of the details and am not sure that it is true; but it is generally accepted as true around here.

Hopes to Bag Subsea.
"I was officer of the deck yesterday, so that I didn't get ashore after we tied up, but I shall probably go ashore today and get some more 'piggoty money' to add to what I already carry around in my jeans. I have been rather unfortunate in getting rid of most of the coins I have picked up so far. I believe that we will be here for some time, and whether we will be allowed to tell where here is, or whether we will be forced to call it merely by that unsatisfactory cognomen, I cannot say. At any rate 'here' is interesting, and I am delighted with the prospect. I only

hope we can bag a nice fat German submarine, the hide of which I would like to have tanned and painted with the story of the hunt, like Bath's elk hide. That would make quite a trophy, but one would need ancestral halls of greater magnitude in order to properly drape it on the walls.

"I do not know yet what the town looks like. I am told by the officers who have been ashore that almost every woman is in black and that wounded soldiers are ever where. However, the sailors look healthy, as the only danger they have to face is an occasional unpremeditated bath in the cool, cool water of this part of the ocean. However, we wear life preservers while we are on duty, and I swim pretty well. Besides I understand that when we are finally given our work to do, we will not get far from land at any time."

John Banks Killed By Lightning While Watching Storm

While standing in the doorway of his barn yesterday, arm in arm with his brother, Jeff, John Banks, 3305 North Thirty-sixth street, was struck by lightning and instantly killed, while his brother was only stunned.

Both were looking out over their little farm, discussing the value of the rain to them and their crops, when the flash broke upon them, killing John and a horse, which stood five feet behind him.

John Banks for 46 years old and was unmarried. His brother Jeff, is the father of a large family. The body was turned over to Undertaker Crosby for burial.

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