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NAVY DEPARTMENT,
NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE,
U. S. NAVAL RADIO STATION.
Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, N.Y.

January Ninth,
Nineteen Twenty.

Mr. Wellington E. Gordon,
Local Historian,
Patchogue, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of recent date, I have filled out card, and am enclosing same herewith.

In addition to filling out the card, I am giving you all the information I can, that could possibly be of any interest to you. My experiences are as follows:

I was at Halifax at the time of the explosion on December 6, 1917. On December 27, 1917, my ship, the "Florence H", was in a brush with a submarine, which was subsequently sunk by an English patrol boat. On February 12, 1918, we were shelled and hit by a submarine, but escaped still afloat. On March 1, 1918, we were rammed by an English transport, causing the latter to return to New York. Finally, on April 17, 1918, while loaded with ammunition, my ship was blown up in the Bay of Biscay, off the coast of France.

As to photographs, I am exceedingly sorry, but I have none to give you.

I sincerely trust that the information I have given you will prove satisfactory. Should there be anything else I can do for you, I am always at your service.

Yours very truly,

R H Smith.