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Well, Al, just as this was coming off her old man come at me
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CHAPTER I

AND MANY A STORMY WIND SHALL BLOW

On the Ship Board, Jan. 15.

FRIEND AL: Well Al I suppose it is kind of foolish to be writing you a letter now when they won't be no chance to mail it till we get across the old pond but still and all a man has got to do something to keep themself busy and I know you will be glad to hear all about our trip so I might as well write you a letter when ever I get a chance and I can mail them to you all at once when we get across the old pond and you will think I have wrote a book or something.

Jokeing a side Al you are lucky to have an old pal thats going to see all the fun and write to you about it because its a different thing haveing a person write to you about what they see themself then getting the dope out of a newspaper or something because you will know that what I tell you is the real dope that I seen myself where if you read it in a newspaper you know its guest work because
in the 1st. place they don’t leave the reporters get nowhere near the front and besides that they wouldn’t go there if they had a leave because they wouldn’t be to scared like the baseball reporters that sets a mile from the game because they haven’t got the nerve to get down on the field where a man could take a punch at them and even when they are a mile away with a screen in front of them they duck when somebody hits a pop foul.

Well Al it is against the rules to tell you when we left the old U. S. or where we come away from because the pro German spy might get a hold of a man’s letter some way and then it would be good night because he would send a telegram to where the submarines is located at and they wouldn’t send no 1 or 2 submarines after us but the whole German navy would get after us because they would figure that if they ever got us it would be a rich hall. When I say that Al I don’t mean it to sound like I was swell headed or something and I don’t mean it would be a rich hall because I am on board or nothing like that but you would know what I am getting at if you seen the bunch we are taking across.

In the 1st. place Al this is a different kind of a trip then the time I went around the world with the 2 ball clubs because then it was just the 1 boat load and only for two or 3 of the boys on board it wouldn’t of made no difference if the boat had of