

Marine Basin
Brooklyn N. Y.
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Dear Sir:

Received your letter several days ago and was much pleased with it. It kind of put a bunch of new life in me. I was feeling pretty much disgusted about that time.

You see I drew a patrol boat instead of a chaser and I don't suppose I will ever get any farther than N. Y. harbor. We are doing patrol duty in N. Y. harbor now, we drew

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a lemon of a boat. It is the Osprey II, she is about eleven years old and for the last couple of years its owner has been letting it out to anyone who would lease it. So you can imagine what shape the engines are in. Each party that would lease it would have to furnish their own crew and none of them cared anything about the boat, only to get by while they were running it. Then before that it laid up in some out of the way place for a couple of years. The boat was made for a pleasure yacht in southern waters and not for the rough water around N. Y. She is 84 feet long and is pointed at both ends and has about a 14 ft. beam and two 50 horse Standard engines of

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1907 model and they are sure trick engines. If I remember correctly, Dembre had a standard in the Silicum, and never had any luck with it. There is always something wrong with them and think of it, we have two of them.

We go out on patrol for three days at a time and then come in and tie up for three days and stock up with provisions and water, gas and oil and other necessities. We also get about a day liberty out of the three.

We were coming out of the Marine Basin today and went to a supply base to load up for a three days run, so when we left the dock, which was being repaired we fouled a line on

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on one of the piling which was only sticking in the sand and broke the piling off. Then we had to turn around and return the stub to the dock.

The O spray II would make a good tow boat but she is slow in answering to her engines.

I am keeping a diary and will have a lot to show you and the boys when I return. I don't think I will ever get to see a sub tho, so I won't have anything real exciting at that.

Well Chief I thank you for your excellent letter and will await the next patiently.

Give all the boys my regards, and the best of luck to you.

J. A. Crosscup.