

After my enlistment I was sent to Charleston, S.C. for training. In two weeks I was put aboard ships as men of my rating were very much needed. I was first detailed to a destroyer <sup>Painbow</sup> and later to a submarine chaser. <sup>(135)</sup> On this boat I had my hardest experience which I will tell briefly. We left Charleston, S.C. around the latter part of Sept. for Bermuda. We encountered very severe storms and was very much tossed about in so small a boat. However we made our first port without mishap, which was Hamilton. In about three days we put to sea with a convoy for the Azores. This trip took about 12 days which became very tiresome. We were at the Azores about a week and then made for Gibraltar and arrived in time to battle with the German subs from Austria trying to get through the Straights and back to Germany as they had no base there after Austria gave up. We ourselves were once mistaken for a sub. and fired at by Brazilian destroyers but owing to their poor marksmanship came out very lucky. After the armistice we remained in Europe until the latter part of Dec. we had orders to go to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. There we rec. orders to proceed to the Island of Hayti. There we saw more service on this side as a

revolution was in full there.

after a while I was transferred to a  
transport <sup>attery</sup> and later sent back to  
Charleston S.C. where I received my  
discharge

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