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Bob Bowman war correspondent whom we took across the Atlantic while back has just sent us his records of trip for us.

He tells of how we went our into snow and gale tossed sea to search in storm for our convoy and how for three days we covered two thousand square miles before we finally located one, then two with corvette, then few more.

How of the ships he sailed in, he has never and will never forget this trip aboard the St. Francis when the waves that come over the bridge we rolled to 58 degrees.

He says to draw a letter T and turn it upside down, then tip it to two thirds over and see yourself.

He says the corvette is bad but nothing compared to ours. He tells of how the officer was thrown out of the bunk and split his head open requiring nine stitches of how the officer on the bridge was thrown down and smashed his arm.

He tells of how we attacked German submarine and depth charges from us knocked the skipper out of his seat in trawler five miles off us.

How we were all covered in ice, how we kept busy around convoy and in centre to keep U boats down.

How we got a submarine to our credit and are awaiting confirmation for it. How the officers cabin and the crew's mess deck were flooded and we continued boiling buckets, how we lost two ships and corvette damaged in storm who turned back.

How the boys spewed their guts out and refused to allow anyone to stand their watch. How it was impossible to eat and had to stand holding on to support.

How he honestly felt like throwing his hat in the air and cheering at the work we were doing and how the carley floats and stock were smashed off into the sea.

He says he hoped he told that crossing like we wanted it told and says believe me, the boys doing their job aboard here have plenty of guts. Well I think he did and so do the rest of the boys here, regardless of our feelings toward it, we are all proud when we get these mass of ships into their ports with none lost.

A GOOD RECORD MR. BOWMAN

Thank you from H.M.C.S. St. Francis