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Dear "Doc",

Well, here I am back aboard the U.S.S. Aquila. It doesn't seem like I had 6 days away from her, but it says so on the books.

I didn't hardly recognize her when I got back here. They are really getting her fixed up for things. She's better than ever.

When I returned to the ship, we had a new Captain and 2 other men had been transferred; so we have a smaller happy family. I have assumed the positions of Asst Gunnery Officer and the 2nd Division Officer now; so I have some more duties that will make our future voyages more interesting. The present Gunnery Officer was made Executive Officer, so after a couple of days in gunnery school studying and brushing up on the type of guns we have aboard, I hope to be the Gunnery Officer - that's what I'm shooting for and really want.

You know where I went on my 1st trip to sea. It was really a pleasure