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346 Coolidge Ave., Manchester, N.H.

Copy of letter received from
Ensign R. A. Gosselin July 6th

Dear Mrs. Hill:

I was very pleased to hear from you as I have been wanting to drop you a line ever since that fateful day of April 28th.

I knew your husband very well as we are both from N. E. My home is in Manchester, N.H. and have spent a good deal of time in and around Boston. He was a fine man and was very well liked by everyone aboard the ship.

He did all his own work and then helped the others out on their work too.

Soon after we arrived in England, we went on exercises and on one such exercise we made contact with the enemy and after some action, we were torpedoed twice and sank rapidly. The last time I saw John was earlier that evening before the action began. One of the handful of survivors said he saw him after we were hit, and he seemed alright, but no one has since seen him.

I broke my leg and got a few minor wounds and managed as best I could to swim to a raft after the ship had gone down. There were several men there already, and I picked up several others afterwards, those were the only ones I found. Mr. Hock did about the same on another raft.

Mr. Hock expects to be back in the States soon and said he would try and see you if at all possible. I am going back to duty over here soon. But if and when I get home, I 'll certainly call on you and talk it all over with you.

I'm very sorry about John, Mrs. Hill and know how badly you, his mother and sisters must feel.

Sincerely

Ensign R. A. Gosselin