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Hi! Ed,

Thanks for your interesting letter of August 22nd, I am sorry that My experience on west Coast started in the Spring of 1919. and would therefore come outside of the book material you are getting together.

My experience on the East Coast started in April, 1950 and continued until April of 1912. During that period I was in close contact with Dr. Lee deForest and part of that contact consisted of transmitting the first wireless messages across the Atlantic ocean, in the fall of 1905. The Doctor received these messages in Ireland. He considered that experience as one of the principal high lights of his career. I made a trip on the USS West Virginia from New Orleans to the Cheseapeake Bay with Pres. Teddy Roosevelt and handled his message work. This was to demonstrate the ability of the deForest wireless equipment to take care of the needs of the Navy.

This demonstration was so successful that it settled the issue for all time. I was the only civilian on board the 4 vessels in the convoy. After this trip I was scheduled to go to the North Pole with Wellman, but fortunately the arrangements were changed and I spent 3 1/2 years as wireless telegraph operator on a magnificent yatch "Lysistrata". I left the yatch when I married in the fall of 1909 and took charge of a Station at Eastport Maine. I remained there until I retired from wireless in 1912 and took up Tel. Engineering. I stayed in Engineering work until going with the RCA in San Francisco as District Manager in the spring of 1920.

I'm sorry that this experience does not seem to fit in with your needs, but I would be happy to get in touch with you in any further undertaking of this nature.

Sincerely,

"Uncle Fred"