

April 28 '00

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Dear OM Bill: Thanks very for the article on my career on old Nacocchee, KFP.

Sure dont recall the lil ladies name or where she came from. Hi

She sure was attached to me the whole trip, Hi.

I'll be 92 years old June 20th. Born in Sudbury, Mass

I still have the Coheror RX I built when only 8 years old. Still works.

I worked for Marconi 1910 to 1917 then 2 years USN WW 1

In WW 1 I and Milton Grinnell were arrested in Germany as spies and sentenced to be shot, but Amassadore Gerard got us released as we were hauling baled hay et to Germany before we entered the WW 1 time. Hi



Arthur E Ericson 70-SGP

The War Incidents

An extract from *Wireless Age* April 1915

Operators M.W. Grinnell and A.E. Ericson, of the American Marconi Company, who were detailed on the *City of Macon* when she steamed from this country recently, bound for Bremen, Germany, underwent an eventful experience, having been arrested as suspected spies and imprisoned. When the steamship arrived near the mouth of the River Weser the wireless men took several photographs, among the objects which they snapped being a torpedo boat destroyer and a floating mine. While the *Macon* was steaming up the River Weser they also photographed an aeroplane which was soaring above the vessel.

They were considerably surprised a short time afterward when the vessel was boarded by German officers and they were placed under arrest. The explanations not being satisfactory, their camera and photographs were confiscated and they were taken from the vessel and locked up. It was not until several days later, after their stories had been thoroughly investigated, that they were released.

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P.S. Marconi told
mw he didnt
invent wireless.

A HAM SINCE 1902
1st RX COHEROR 1902



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Xmtr TEMPO 2020. Dipole ant. Member SOWP OOTC, OCWA, MTC, ARRL
WAC DXCC. Mode _____ CW _____ SSB _____ AM. CB KHf 3860.

