

A Letter from Ludvig Hareland

We were misinformed as to some of the facts in an item printed last week, and are glad to make the correction in this issue, by publishing the following letter from Ludvig Hareland at Duluth, Minn.:

"See you had a note about me in the Sept. 10th issue. But the one who reported that was wrong in regard to concrete construction. It is steel all through except the bridge and flying deck which are of planks, and all the cabins and crew's quarters are finished with wood. Everything is up to date.

"You know Uncle Sam has the record that he always wants to finish a job and finish it right. They have been building ships on four ways, but now they have four new ones ready to receive the keel any day, and a finishing dock where there is room for three ships, is also ready and has been in use now for a few weeks. This yard has a contract from the government for 25 ships of 4000 tons capacity which are to be ready in a year. Wages are set by the government and the ships are built on percentage to this yard. If any one is a slacker in work the company makes so much more, and you know none of us like to see the company make too much so the only remedy for that is to go to it hard.

"The ships when completed are loaded with flour mostly here in Duluth or Superior and go down to some eastern port where they join a convoy for "Over There." The one that was sunk was on its way back in ballast. She had a chance to do some duty anyhow, as she landed there safely with two trainloads of flour which were loaded into her here in Duluth.

"When the kaiser and his bunch of murderers have American handcuffs on, I will be back in good old North Dakota to stay. I want to be where I can do the best service, even if I have to sacrifice home and family for a while."

LUDVIG HARELAND.