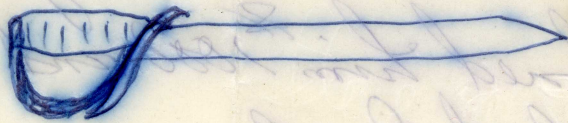


I did not keep the letter from Briggs relation, but
Sam sending a clipping from the Montreal Times
March 18th 1952

I did not know your name until I wrote to you,
or I would have asked if you knew an Angus Deale
or his brother Ray Deale, I sailed with Angus in
1917 was discharged in Halifax on Dec 3 - and
left Halifax on the fourth, the explosion was on
the morning of the sixth December.

Ray and Angus and Sam Whitman came from
Congerall Bank, N.S.



(The sword looked like this) I never kept the letter
from Briggs, N.S.A. But I found this story of the sword.
The old guy who wrote it must have forgotten what I
told him as he raised the salvage money a couple of
hundred. I wrote the story two weeks before 1952

Father died as that night he told me the story and it
was published after his death. This was written 15 yrs
after as I presume this "Beers" fellow had forgotten
But anyway I guess he had to change things as he
would get another pay check for it.

The only thing I found was this story and a picture
from a calendar. I did find a couple of letters
from Hal Banks head of the S.I.U. at that
time. "the man from Alcatraz" Maybe you have
heard of how the C.I.U. was done away with
and how the Canadian ^(Beers) Gouda put S.I.U. men
on all ships. George was in British Guiana
then, on strike, they fined him \$1000 and he
had to pay his way back by plane.

Hal Banks killed some captain and escaped
to U.S.A.