



*Weather like this slowed us down to 9 knots*

in Norfolk in the afternoon of 19 November. Her average speed for the eastward crossing had been 20.2 knots and for the westward crossing 16.6 knots.

After spending Thanksgiving day in port the ADMIRAL CAPPS sailed in the afternoon of 21 November, bound for Marseille. Rough seas were encountered on this trip, but they were not sufficient to necessitate slowing down. The average speed was 19.9 knots which brought her into Marseille in the morning of 2 December. The embarkation of 4604 passengers was completed in the evening of 3 December and preparations were made to get underway on the morning of the 4th. That was where things stopped though. A high wind which the French

have named *mistral* started blowing from the north and the pilot said that we would wait until it died down before we tried getting out of the harbor. Such winds frequently blow for several days, but fortunately for the ADMIRAL CAPPS this one died down during the night and we sailed for Norfolk on the morning of the 9th.

On this trip we thought we would fool the weather and take a southern route home. It would be several miles longer but it was thought that the saving of time due to less rough weather would make up for the difference. We don't know what the weather would have been if we had taken the northern route but it certainly couldn't have been much worse than on the southern route. We slowed down so much that the average speed was a mere 16.6 knots. There was also a little trouble



*Thanksgiving dinner and decorations on the mess deck*