October 9, 1930

To the Librarian of the
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me when electric lights were first used in ships on the United States Navy? A correspondent of the New York World says that the U.S.S. Trenton was first equipped and that the plant was put in by Thomas Edison at his own expense. Is this correct?

Very truly yours

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