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Dear Jerry,

Your most welcome letter of the 9th came as a shock. Tho you had previously mentioned intrigues, I thought all was under control. I am real sorry this had to happen to you. I hope you can find suitable employment soon. I also hope that suitable opportunities come your way for marine writing jobs.

The CALISTOGA was burned on Sunday March 7, 1948, preparatory to scrapping. She was one of several ferries that Moores bought, burned off Alameda and scrapped. My STEAMBOAT BILL column for June 1948 features CALISTOGA and her running mates. It was ASBURY PARK, b. CITY OF SACRAMENTO that went to Puget Sound, and ~~ix~~ later became Canadian motorship KAHLOKE, now BC Ferry Authority's QUEEN. I have a small copy neg. about 120 size made from an 8x10 print and will get a blow up from it for you. I also have a few shots of CALISTOGA tied up in Suisun Bay after the war, in Navy grey and will dig out those negs. and see which would make a decent print. As I recall, they are box camera shots and the light not too good.

As a ~~xxxxxx~~ contribution to STAR OF INDIA, I'm sending a complimentary Library Subscription for 1964 and 1965. I want to be darn sure you see the Panama Canal number. of STEAMBOAT BILL.

I also sent you care of the Serra Museum, a reprint of the late Captain Oko's article on Drake from the CHS Quarterly. If they send it on to you, ok, if not, another copy is on the way to STAR OF INDIA. As Captain Oko died before the article was completely edited, the final editing, selection of illustrations, etc. fell to a Guild committee including myself.

Glad to hear STAR OF INDIA is doing well, both in progress of reconstruction, and financially. She is a beauty, and I look forward to seeing her again. I may have told you that in May, after the Sac. River Cruise (not the CHS \$45 or more "Romeria"), I went to Vancouver and came down on CANBERRA, and on to Long Beach. Then on to Grand Canyon for a few days, and home by Santa Fe.

Back to the CALISTOGA. She was Old Bay Line's FLORIDA on Chesapeake Bay. Pictures of her can be purchased from Mariners Museum (or maybe bummed).

Best of luck.

Sincerely

Bob.

