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Dear Jerry:

I came across a fine old gentleman whom you may remember from your waterfront days, Captain Carl Carlson, of the DAISY, DAISY MATHEWS, DAISY GADSBY, SAN DIEGO, HIMALAYA and the STAR OF INDIA, among others.

He is eighty years old and his memory is clear. I made a copy of his experiences in the STAR OF INDIA. Karl asked that if you find need for any of this material to get it cleared with the individual to lessen any possibility of criticism from relatives, etc., even to obtain initials on the margin of material used. As this project moves along there has been occasion when one person will vilify another - 'He's a dirty so and so' 'His wife is a no good ---'. Being word hungry and transcribing word for word without editing, to save time, I have included everything. None of this has cleared the Museum attorneys, hence his caution. It is Karl's intention to bury this material for ten years or so, until chance of repercussion lessens, I guess.

To date I have come across the following persons whom have served in the STAR OF INDIA:

Captain Carl Carlson
2501 34th Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Captain Otto Phillipsen
3111 Marina
Alameda, California

Mr. William H. Meyer
22222 Garden Avenue
Hayward, California

Captain Eugene Beausang
3131 26th Street Apt 403
San Francisco, California

Mr. Oscar Ommundsen
1727 Bay Street
Alameda, California

If there is anything you wish to ask of these men I'll be glad to talk to them. I ask for possible photographs or pictures but so far, nothing on the STAR OF INDIA other than one you already have from Commander Ransom of San Carlos. Karl said that you are working on a book of the INDIA; that's the best news in a long time.

Happy Columbus Day

Jack

