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Dear Mr. MacMullen,

This time a year ago, I had the pleasure of a visit from my long-time correspondent, Bob Weinstein, and he brought a copy of your book "They Came by Sea". I enjoyed it so much that I was determined to write you immediately and tell you so but my dilatory nature prevailed so please excuse this late acknowledgment of a pleasurable experience. You have told your story well and with a sense of humor that makes it easy reading. The illustrations add a great deal to the book although I could wish they were a bit larger. As Bob explained, this would have put the book over the budget so we mustn't complain. I do think however that the AMIRAL DE CORNULIER is misnamed. I have no photo of her but one of her twin sister AMIRAL COURBET in Lacroix's book "Les Dernier Grand Voilier" as well as a sail plan of that class of barks. Their charthouse was close to the mizzenmast, they carried their boats closer to the mainmast, they were not bald-headed, were probably not port-painted, the top-gallant poop had a half-round section aft and was carried farther forward than the vessel in the photo, which looks British to me.

That's long enough for one paragraph. I have visited San Pedro briefly when I was going to sea before WW2, and later been in Seattle and San Francisco including a wonderful three weeks in the latter city in 1955 when I first met Karl Kortum. Sometime soon I hope to be able to make another trip out your way and have the pleasure of seeing the STAR OF INDIA and of meeting you.

I don't have your book on the STAR OF INDIA, and if you have any left would appreciate your sending me one with the bill.

Sincerely,

Andrew Nesdall

