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Dear Jerry;

Thanks for your card. The mention of FEARLESS was timely since I had just encountered a couple of news items on the old Honolulu papers which I certainly would have overlooked, or skipped otherwise. Enclosing a couple of extracts for you, if it will be of any assistance.

Wasn't the FEARLESS still afloat in SF only a few years ago? Or am I thinking of some other tug, or a later FEARLESS?

I suspect that the Lt. Pond mentioned herein was the same Adm. Pond of 1917 who was also the admiral on the scene in So. California waters when the ALEX. AGASSIZ made her dash into the Gulf of California. The Honolulu papers do mention the USS OREGON being in port here, with the IROQUOIS close by, and Lt. Pond, who was promoted to Lcdr about this time, paying a visit aboard the battlewagon to see the commanding officer of the OREGON. I think you mentioned some years ago in your notes that RAdm Pond had his flag on the OREGON as flagship of the Pacific fleet which included a pretty motley fleet of converted yachts, old gunboats, etc.

I saw Agnes Conrad on the street at noontime yesterday and we had a quick exchange of words on the various registers in her Archives pertaining to the Hawaiian vessels. I don't have any of my books nor notes with me yet, so I cannot refer to your book on STAR OF INDIA to see how that ship acquired her Hawaiian Registry. Agnes says that FALLS OF CLYDE, EUTERPE and a couple of the STARS did not ever get confirmed Haw'n registry, but managed to skip over it lightly and acquired American registry anyway. The mystery of "how" is yet to be solved.

If you have any other pet subjects which might be dug out of these old Honolulu papers, I'd be glad to keep an eye open for them. I'm boring in now, while I'm still waiting for my family to get down here. After that, it may be harder to get to the library.

Regards,

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cc K. Kortum.

