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Dear Jerry;

What a delightful surprise to see the new "Mains'l Haul", with the HOMEWARD BOUND on the cover. You may not have known it, but I hunted for a long time, back in the 1950's, for such a photo showing the ship under that rig, but without any success. I guess I overlooked contacting you at the time, but I was not aware that you had the extensive collection of the Title Ins. & Trust Co. photos to refer to. Or rather, I didn't know it was that extensive.

I think I got acquainted with the HOMEWARD BOUND'S "unique rig" through the correspondence I had then with a Captain Thos. W. Sheridan, of Little Neck, Long Island. He was in the ship about 1908 or so and from that ship went as mate with Capt... so and so in the ACME. Capt. Sheridan was a good correspondent, and I think Lyman put me onto him to begin with. So I struck up quite a correspondence with him, before he died in the late 1950's or 1960's. He talks about the HOMEWARD BOUND and the ACME at some length, but I did not exhaust him on either ship as much as I wanted to. That old correspondence is buried; filed, that is.

At that time, in the early 1950's, I had high hopes and plans to cover in detail each and all of the iron and steel Alaska Packers' ships, for the Neptune, much as John had done with the STAR OF SCOTLAND, STAR OF GREENLAND, and I had done with the ALASKA, CHILE, PERU, INDIA, POLAND, and LAPLAND and FALKLAND. Then I got hooked on the German ships, and never got back to the APA ships. But I did start an article, on the STAR OF HOLLAND, which was next on the agenda, and got some preliminary work done on it. Eventually, I'll do them all, but will have to live to about 2012 to do it. So if you come up with anything special on the HOMEWARD BOUND, besides that photo and others of the rig with the two yards, I hope you'll keep me in mind. I tried some sources in Australia, notably, the late Arthur Edwardes, but failed completely to find any photos of her in those ports. Now, it may be worth another try since they have some organizations there, and perhaps more interest in saving photos in a central location.

Mrs. Paynter came through with some good clippings and photos. The photos were the usual shipboard stuff, small prints and mostly rigging and deck views.

Could the little schooner be, by any remote chance, the ALEX. AGASSIZ? Did you know she ended her days at Mare Island as a garbage barge called VIOLET. No kidding. I got that from an old sailor around Vallejo in the short time I lived in Mill Valley. He was named Somers, and had been in the BALCLUTHA when wrecked. Kortum knows more about him than I do.

Regards,

PS I had a whole complete set of voyage records extracted from Lloyd's Index years ago, from 1885 through 1901. If you get into this further, I'll send you a copy, since it costs like hell to have that sort of work done now. These are ZEMINDAR voyages, I might add.

Ward Paynter

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