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~~SAN DIEGO~~ Coronado

Dear Friend

The Star of India Number on Mainsail Haul was very interesting " Sweetheart Jack " got this name because he was in charge of a yacht years before that, called " Sweetheart " His wife was working in Wickersham's office a Custom Broker, and many jobs went that way to him. Have you a small color photo of the " Star of India " under Sail I am going to send this to the German Cap Horniers I use the French name, which they use.

I would like also a copy of " Mainsail Haul " that shows the " Homeward Bound : as she was originally the " Otto Gildemeister and launched as " Zemindar " A friend of mine in Bremen, a Christian wrote up the history of " Gildemesiter & Ries, he did not mention this ship

Herewith a copy of my license Not many mates or skipper have as high an Issue Number as that 11- 12 That means that I had 12 Masters Licences. Of course that counts my Master of Sail License that was issued to me first in 1918 I think it was in January or February. I had this license also Chief Mate for Steam unlimited then and went Chief Mate in the " Star of Poland " on that voyage to Manila, from which she never returned. She was wrecked Sept 16th 1918 at Toso Misaki (East Cape) near the village of Hamanagawa Sekei Mura Shib Ken, this is about ten miles SW of Katura Wan from here a railroad goes to Tokio

I have not been any too well lately I had an attack of Vertigo and will have to see the doctor now and then. I was glad that it was not worse The Cataracts on both eyes do not bother me too much, they grow so slow, that my doctor thinks I may never need an operation But at that I am very fortunate, and when people say " Have a fine Day " I may say " Any day is a very Fine Day to me " that is even if it blows great guns and rains Cats and dogs

Will you know how it is

Regards from your friend

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