

There are a number of very important historical elements in Jerry MacMullen's book which have not been covered very carefully or accurately in your reviewer's opinion by other writers of San Diego history. One is the excellent presentation which appears on page 62 and extends through page 63. The title is The Unsung Hero of the Bennington. In it Jerry MacMullen briefly describes chief bosn's mate, L. J. "Whitey" Gauthier's heroic activities on that terrible day when the boilers blew up on the Bennington. It is a story I have never heard before and Jerry outlines it in terse and seamanlike language. And this is not the only small item tucked away between the covers of this remarkable little book in which I discovered new and fascinating information. Any old time resident of San Diego will find a wealth of memories stored in They Came By Sea. He will look upon the pictures so carefully collected and once again re-live the scenes of the San Diego waterfront as it was in better, quieter days. For those who are new to the area, the book presents an accurate and interesting picture of the past which will add greatly to the newcomer's enjoyment and understanding of the problems in the development of the bay at San Diego.

Your reviewer recommends to you most heartedly They Came By Sea, A Pictorial History of San Diego Bay by Jerry MacMullen. Every page breathes the sweet fragrance of salt water and the language is simple and clear as are all commands on shipboard. All in all a pleasant sailorman journey into the past by an author whose heart and love are expressed on every page.

