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Summary
Title: F. Barreda Sherman postcard collection,
Date: 1905-1907
Collection No: P05-019
Creator: Sherman, F. Barreda
Extent: 19 items.
Repository: San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (Calif.)
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Abstract: The collection consists of postcards primarily of the Great White Fleet.
Physical Location: Historic Documents Department
Language: In English.

Indexing Terms
The following are indexing terms related to the description of this collection.
Pacific Mail Steamship Company
United States. Navy--Cruise, 1907-1909--Pictorial works
Postcards
Photographic prints
Color lithographs

Access Information
Access
This collection is open for research.
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Processing/Project Information
Processing and Cataloging
ANCS+ Catalog No. SAFR 20707.
The collection is cataloged in the National Park Service (NPS) Automated National Catalog System (ANCS+). A portion of the ANCS+ catalog record can be viewed on the NPS Museum Collections on the Web Catalog by searching on the catalog number 20707 at http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm. Do not include the acronym "SAFR" in the search.

Administrative Information
History
Historical Note
The Great White Fleet was a fleet of sixteen new battleships of the Atlantic Fleet, sent around the world by U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. The fourteen-month long voyage was a grand pageant of American sea power. The squadrons were manned by 14,000 sailors, and covered 43,000 miles and made twenty port calls on six continents. The fleet departed Hampton Roads, Virginia, on December 16, 1907. The fleet arrived at San Francisco on May 6, 1908, and departed San Francisco for Honolulu on July 7, 1908. The fleet returned to Hampton Roads on February 22, 1909. Several of the ships in the fleet were built by Union Iron Works in San Francisco. WISCONSIN (BB-9) was built in 1897, and OHIO (BB-12) was built in 1899.

The MONGOLIA (built 1904; passenger vessel) was a steamship owned by the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company, and carried passengers and freight across the Pacific between San Francisco, Honolulu and Hong Kong until 1915, when she was sold to the Atlantic Transport Company and transferred to service out of New York. On its last Pacific voyage, in October 1915, it was discovered that 86 illegal Chinese stowaways were being smuggled aboard her. In March 1917, she was outfitted with three six-inch guns, and was the first ship to sail after the Kaiser’s proclamation of a submarine blockade. On April 25, 1917, MONGOLIA sunk or disabled a German U-boat off the coast of England, the first American shot fired on the high seas after the declaration of war. Later in 1917 she was used as a troop ship by the U.S. Navy.

After the war, she was chartered to American Line for the New York to Hamburg route. In 1923, she was purchased by the Panama Pacific Line, for the New York to San Francisco run. In 1923, she was sold to the Dollar Line of San Francisco and renamed PRESIDENT FILLMORE. In 1940 she was sold to Cia Transatlantica Centroamericana, a Panamanian company, and was renamed PANAMANIAN. She was scrapped in Hong Kong in 1946.

The ST. PAUL (built 1895; passenger vessel) was a steamship owned by the American Steamship Company, traveling primarily between New York and Liverpool during her career. She was sold for scrap and broken up in 1923.

Custodial History
The items were donated to the San Francisco Maritime Museum by F. Barreda Sherman prior to 1979. The materials were accessioned into the National Park Service when the museum was made a unit of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA-735) and then were transferred to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park after the establishment of the new park in 1989 (SAFR-1).

Acquisition
Accession number SAFR-00001.

Administrative Information
Scope and Content
The collection consists of postcards primarily of the Great White Fleet.
One of the postcards is a six-panel postcard panorama of the Great White Fleet at Hampton Roads, Virginia in 1907. The bulk of the cards are color lithograph cards. Of the remaining, 5 depict U.S. steamships the American Line’s ST. PAUL and the Pacific Mail Co.’s MONGOLIA. The 2 remaining views are of electric railroad locomotives circa 1910.

Arrangement
Organized in three series: Great White Fleet, steamships, and electric railroad locomotives.