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Historical or Biographical Note
The RUTH ALEXANDER (built 1913; steamship), a passenger liner was part of the Pacific Steamship Company’s Admiral Line. As an ocean liner, it carried passengers along the West Coast, from San Francisco to Seattle and Victoria (and, perhaps, down the coast, to Los Angeles, San Diego and Ensenada, Mexico) between 1923 and 1938. The ship was built in 1913, in Stettin, Germany by A.G. Vulcan. It was the North German Lloyd ship, SIERRA CORDOBA and served as a passenger liner, traveling between Germany and South America. In September 1917, the ship was seized by Peruvian authorities. The U.S. Shipping Board charted it from the Peruvian government and turned it over to the U.S. Navy for use as troop transport in April 1919. At that time, it was commissioned as the U.S.S. CALLAO and made two voyages between the U.S. and France before it was decommissioned in September 1919. In 1921, the ship was sold to the American-owned Dollar Line and, subsequently, chartered to the Admiral Line in Seattle for coastal passenger services. In 1923, Admiral Line owner H.F. Alexander rechristened the ship, RUTH ALEXANDER. In 1938 the Dollar Line was taken over by the U.S. Maritime Commission, and in 1939 the American President Lines took over the RUTH ALEXANDER, rebuilt it as a cargo ship and placed it under the Panamanian flag. The ship
was sunk by Japanese torpedo bombers off Balikpapan in December 1941.


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Related Materials

William Rustad photographs, SAFR 15279, P79-019. One photograph of Captain Fred Nystrom on the ship, circa 1935.

Menu, SAFR 15646. Luncheon menu from 1934.

Menu, SAFR 15698, January 21, 1934.

Booklet advertising the RUTH ALEXANDER, 1923, SAFR 16614.


Menu, SAFR 16743. Luncheon menu from June 19, 1932.

Menu, SAFR 16744. Breakfast menu from June 19, 1932.

Menu, SAFR 16753. Dinner menu from June 19, 1932.

Menu, SAFR 16856. Breakfast menu from December 2, 1932.

Menu, SAFR 16858. Dinner menu from September 28, 1937.

Newsletter, SAFR 16891, December 2, 1932.

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