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**Acquisition Information**  
SAFR-01479  
The grandson of Viktor Aagaard, sent the photographs to the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park in 1996. They were formally accessioned by the Park in 2000.  
**Historical or Biographical Note**  
Viktor M. J. Aagaard (March 14, 1888 - June 6, 1946) was an X-ray technician at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco, California. Born in Denmark, he immigrated to the United States in 1906. During World War I he served as an X-ray technician at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan. He relocated to San Francisco in the late 1910s/early 1920s. His hobby was photography.  
**Sources:**  
Correspondence from Earl M. J. Aagaard in the collection file for P00-007.
Collection Scope and Content
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Contains photographs by Viktor Aagaard of cargo ships and U.S. Navy vessels underway on San Francisco Bay and docked along the waterfront of San Francisco, California, 1940-1946. There are 33 color slides (2 x 2 in.). Aagaard used a pre-World War II Leica camera to take the photographs.

Photographs
Item 01. Cargo ship underway, port broadside view. Possibly MAYA.
Items 02-03. MORMACTERN (built 1942; cargo ship) docked, view off the starboard bow.
Item 04. PACIFIC QUEEN (built 1886; ship, 3m) docked, view off the starboard quarter.
Items 05-06. Cargo ship docked, view off the starboard bow, with the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the background. A U.S. Navy sailor is in view in Item 06.
Item 07. Cargo ship underway, view off the starboard bow, with a tugboat alongside.
Item 08. Cargo ship detail view including the stack. Possibly ALCOA PATRIOT (built 1941; cargo ship).
Item 09. ALCOA PATRIOT (built 1941; cargo ship) docked, view off the starboard bow.
Item 10. Unidentified vessel docked. Possibly a U.S. Navy barge with a two- or three-story structure on top.
Item 11. PRESIDENT TAFT (built 1945; cargo ship) docked, view off the port bow.
Item 13. Cargo ship underway, starboard broadside view.
Item 14. Cargo ship docked, view off port bow.
Item 15. Ferry passing under the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Distant view.
Items 16-17. DENNIS T. SULLIVAN (built 1909; fireboat) and two cargo ships docked with the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the background.
Item 18. Cargo ship underway past Yerba Buena Island. On the island are large white letters that spell out, "HI MATES - GREAT WORK."
Item 20. Cargo ship docked, bow view. A young boy is standing in the foreground with his back to the camera.
Items 21-23. SOUTH DAKOTA (built 1941; battleship: U.S. Navy) docked. Alcatraz Island is in the background of Item 23.
Items 24-25. PA-95 (cargo ship) docked.
Items 26. PA-12 (cargo ship) docked, view off the starboard bow as seen from an elevation.
Items 27-28. Dressed U.S. Navy warship docked, bow view as seen from an elevation. Numerous people are on board. A cargo ship is underway in the background of Item 27.
Item 30-31. U.S. Navy vessel, showing radar equipment on the mast.
Item 32. Cargo ship underway, distant view off the port quarter.
Item 33. U.S. Navy aircraft carrier underway, distant view. Mile Rock lighthouse is in the middle distance.

Collection Arrangement
No arrangement due to the small size of the collection.

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