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## AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES

Ships will leave Atlantic Coast ports on 15 Oct for a Caribbean Amphibious Brigade Landing Exercise called "PHIBRIGLEX-62". Deployment of 40 ships and 20,000 men to the Caribbean will be operating about 500 miles from Cuba. Some of the ships participating are the USS OKINAWA (LPH-3), THETIS BAY (LPH-6), USS MT. MCKINLEY (AGC-7), USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62) and RANDOLPH (CVS-15). This exercise will be the first time that two LPH's have been employed at the same time.

The NEXT such exercise is scheduled for May 1963. Vice Admiral Horatio Rivero will relieve VADM A.G. Ward as Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet on the same day some of the ships get underway for PHIBRIGLEX-62.

## SECOND FLEET EXERCISE "COMMAND POST"

Scheduled for later this fall. VADM Ward will relieve VADM John McN. Taylor as Commander SECOND Fleet on 20 October.

## MARJORIE STERRETT BATTLESHIP FUND AWARD

The USS GRANT COUNTY (LST-1174) is one of the 14 Navy ships to receive the Majorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award for excellence in fleet competition. Majorie Sterrett, a 13 year old Brooklyn school-girl, started the fund when she wrote the Herald Tribune in 1916 that "Mama gives me a dime every week for helping her. I am sending you this week's dime to help build a battleship for Uncle Sam. I know a lot of other kids would give their errand money if you would start a fund." Two other Norfolk based ships the Amphion and the Newport News got the award also.

X-CHANGE NOTICE- R.D. JONES, USS KASKASKIA (AO-27), FPO, N.Y. advises that collectors may obtain a SIGMA 7 SCHIRRA cover in exchange for .10 cents and a stamped self-addressed envelope to defray cost and postal expenses. KSASKASKIA,

## LATEST NAVAL SHIPYARD ROUND-UP

New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, N.Y. Now working on LPD's VANCOUVER and LASSALLE

Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston, Mass USS ALBANY (CG-10) heading down the home-stretch of her conversion to a guided missile cruiser.

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, New commissioning date of USS COLUMBUS guided missile cruiser is 1 December and delivery expected about 1 Feb 1963.

San Francisco Naval Shipyard Working on USS HOOPER (DE-1026); BOLES (DD-755) USS HAMMER (DD-718); USS Lynde McCORMICK (DDG-8) CRAIG (DD-885) LOFBERG (DD-759) CHICAGO (CG-11) HALSEY (DLG-23)

ARCHERFISH (AGSS-311); USS VOLADOR (SS-490) and DLG-30. DLG-30 is the new guided missile frigate of the DLG 26 class assigned for construction which began 1 Aug. Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif No information at this time

Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Calif USS MANHATTAN, America's largest ship. The Enterprise is the only other American ship that is comparable to the new super-tanker being built in this port. Tonnage 135,000 displacement.

Philadelphia Naval Shipyard USNS KINGSPORT (TAG-164) -the nations first satellite communications ship, designed to participate in Project ADVENT has arrived for installation of technical equipment.

USS BLENNY (SS-324) in for repairs. U.S. Navy midget submarine X-1 (SSX-1) reactivated in 1960, 49 1/2 feet long and carries a crew of 2 officers and 6 men.

Charleston Naval Shipyard USS CLAMAGORE (SS-343) Guppy III conversion to be completed in Jan 1963. HENLEY, AND NORRIS operated on a recovery station near the Azores.

X-CHANGE KORNER

WANTED: James Trumpy, 707 14th Ave, Monroe, Wisconsin wants a naval cover with or without cachet postmarked 20 FEB 1962 aboard the GOODRICH, TURNER, DAMATO. Can anyone help? Speaking from experience some sailors write letters every-day to their wife or sweetheart and these wonderful girls may have saved these letters is this any help? The ship's mail clerk might help.

FREE COVERS -OVERSEAS COLLECTORS ONLY

Mr. Richard A. Hoffman, 6 Geneva Street, Worcester 2, Mass writes" he will be happy to give away to overseas collectors only while they last his surplus covers. Send 2 International Reply Cupons for two ships covers some are with cachets. No country refused. Mr. Hoffman is not a dealer. Also any overseas collector sending him an IRC, he will service a ship cover for you and furnish the envelope. Limit 5 covers per collector. What is the most important thing to do? PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY.....

INAUGURAL COVERS - WANTED

Louis C. Vincent, 3310 Indigo Rd, Norfolk 19, Va., would like to obtain Woodrow Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower Inaugural Covers. Will exchange Project Mercury FDC.....

CACHET SPECIAL

USS PERMIT IS FIRING IT'S FIRST SUBROC weapon and a special cachet has been arranged for this event. No advanced information will be available. All covers MUST be addressed:

LTJG D.L. PARKINSON, USN-USS PERMIT(SSN-594), F.P.O., San Francisco, California.

MARK OUTER ENVELOPE -COVERS LST SUBROC FIRING(Courtesy of USCS Nuclear Chapter) "ole Schmutz"

Germans call it "ole Schmutz" but we in America call it oil pollution. Regardless of what name we call that clinging, black mess that ruins bathing suits, suffocates waterlife, waterfront tar that damages small boats and befouls piers, and some times makes harbors smell like rotten fish. The twin ports of Bremen-Bremerhaven have freed the Weser River area of oil pollution. The Weser River ports were once a serious pollution in Germany. U.S. Coastal waters mostly affected by oil pollution lie northward from Cape Hatteras according to a recent international report. The cause is simple: SHIPS When the North Atlantic blows and his ship is light, a sea captain takes(continued on the next page).....

PUBLICATIONS

"BIRTH OF A ROCKET", by Bergaust, describes the steps involved in the manufacture and assembly of a rocket. Illustrated with numerous photographs.

SEALIFT MAGAZINE is the magazine of the Navy's MSTs. Published monthly - it describes the world-wide activity of MSTs ships of some 120 cargo ships, tankers, transports and special project ships. Write to Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. \$2.25 per year plus .75 cents for overseas mailing.

"THIS HOBBY CALLED STAMP COLLECTING"- Free Send your postcard request to The Washington Press, Maplewood, N.J.

THE AMERICAN FIRST DAY COVER SOCIETY has prepared a free brochure for collectors and is available free of charge to anyone sending in a stamped self-addressed envelope. Send to: AFDS, 32E. 22nd St, Bayonne, New Jersey.

USCS NUCLEAR CHAPTER #61, 1225 East Marquette St, Appleton, Wisconsin publishes a monthly newsletter dealing with the nuclear ships. If you are a member of USCS you should look into Chapter membership.

SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1963

New construction:

New York Naval Shipyard: 2-LPD

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard: 1-SSN

UNSUNG AVIATION PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mr. Alpheus W. Drinkwater, the man who relayed the first message of the historic Wright Brothers flight on December 17, 1903 while on special duty at Corolla, N.C., reporting the salvage operations of a U.S. submarine which had gone ashore. Mr. Drinkwater relayed a brief message from Wilbur and Orville Wright to their sister in Ohio. "Flight successful be home for Christmas. Wilbur and Orville." Newspapers around the nation refused to print the story except the Norfolk papers. Mr. Drinkwater, before his death recently resided in Manteo, N.C. where he had lived since his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard Communication Service. (45 years service). The biggest newspaper story of 1903 was missed that day by most newspapers.

MERCY FLEET - An international Mercy fleet recently saved 49 plane crash victims from the stormy Atlantic. The super Constellation was carrying at least 78 persons - 68 of which were U.S. servicemen and their families. Ships taking part in the

rescue operations are the 7,004 ton Cunard freighter ANDANIA and 9,041 ton Swiss ship Celerine. Planes and ships worked frantically to save the survivors from the 10 foot waves, cold and the darkness of another night before it could sniff out their lives.

THINGS TO WRITE FOR

Mr. Don Schultz, 1225 E. Marquette Street, Appleton, Wisconsin offers to cachet your un-cacheted N.S. SAVANNAH MAIDEN VOYAGE covers postmarked during her homeport visit last month. The requirements for this service is to send your covers in and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for their return. Service charge of five (.05) cents per cover. This cachet will fit very nicely on your envelopes providing you used the standard collector size. When visiting your favorite stationary dealer or printer as for the 6-3/4 size.

SPECIAL SCHIRRA CACHET ANNOUNCED

USCS Nuclear Chapter #61 announces they will cachet your blank Schirra envelopes providing they are not cacheted by the Recovery Force. Navphilately made a similar announcement in the July issue but leading philatelic papers did print it until late September. Do not forget to send the Nuclear Chapter a stamped self-addressed envelope and five cents(.05) for each cover serviced.

USS ANDREW JACKSON(SSB(N)619 is the 36th nuclear powered submarine built for the U.S. Navy. This is the second SSB(N) Polaris and the 7th nuclear submarine of various types and capabilities, built by the Marine Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. Since the Mare Island yard was first established in September 1854, the shipyard has built 501 ships for the U.S. Navy. COMMUNISM MENACES FREEDOM.....

GOLD STAR COVERS.....WORLD WAR II

Bob Linsley explains Gold Star covers are those from ships that were sunk in World War II. Many of these ships were in commission before the war and he advises that it's not difficult to pick up some good covers from them. However, ships commissioned after 1941 and subsequently sunk are some of the toughest items to obtain. They get their name from the Gold Star widows. During the war it was considered a mark of honor and intense pride for a widow to display a large Gold Star in her window signifying that she had lost a husband or a son in combat. Here are a few ships at hand who are in the Gold Star class: Arizona, Utah, Hornet, and McCall(sunk as HMS STANLEY-one of the famous fifty).

"ole Schmutz"(continued from page 2)  
takes cargo aboard the only way he can. He pumps ocean water into tanks in the ship including his empty fuel tanks. This procedure solves a problem. His modern well-loaded ship becomes easy to handle. However, it creates a problem too. In port, the water must be pumped out to make space for fuel and new cargo. The water now in the fuel tanks has become contaminated with heavy oil residue.

The Germans solved the problem by operating a converted tanker "Pose Mary" as a waste disposal vessel. She plies the port soliciting a cargo of contaminated ballast. This craft is similar to the converted Navy tanker "Commonwealth" formerly used in Hampton Roads. This system tried in the U.S. has proven to be expensive in the United States since the enactment of the Oil Pollution Act of 1924.

NEW MINESWEEPERS " ONE OF THE BEST PRODUCED"

USS ALBATROSS(MSC-289) and the GANNETT(MSC-290) which are assigned to the Pacific Fleet are considered of the best class ever produced.

JAMES MONROE - Polaris submarine keel laid 31 July 1961. Building time from keel to launching 1 year and 4 days. Delivery expected summer - 1963.

SCHIRRA CACHET

The envelopes you sent me for the Schirra cachet have been postmarked appropriately but time hasn't been available for me to apply the cachet. Please be patient with me a little while longer. The cachet will be similar to the previous type used on the Glenn covers. Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

TURKEY RUN CACHET

O.R. FOSTER, HMC, USN will cachet envelopes during Alstede's next Mediterranean Deployment. Details on the cachet haven't been completed yet but send him your envelopes. Doc, just started collecting mint stamps of the world. The voyage is scheduled from mid-November and to end at Norfolk about 23 December. Mail your covers for the "Turkey Run" Cachet now to: O.R. FOSTER, HMC, USN USS ALSTEDE(AF-48), FPO, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.....

SHIP PICTURES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM -OUR NAVY PHOTOS, 1 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N.Y  
DID YOU KNOW? That the MARION COUNTY(LST-975) is now the CAM RANH (HQ-500) the largest ship in the Republic of Vietnam Navy.

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OCTOBER 27th is NAVY DAY

ASTRONAUT COVERS AUTOGRAPHED

Information has been received from the USCS Nuclear Newsletter that Col. Glenn and Malcolm Carpenter will autograph your covers providing you do not expect fast results. Special instructions are that you send only one cover and provide a stamped self addressed envelope for the cover to be returned. Send to: Col. John Glenn, c/o Project Mercury Flight Test Center, Cape Canaveral, Fla (or LCDR M.S. Carpenter). Collectors are reporting results. Suggest you send Glenn covers in a separate envelope from the Carpenter covers.

DID YOU KNOW???????????

The King of England and the King and Queen of Spain are among those who have made submerged cruises in submarines. As a result of a trip in an early U.S. submarine President Theodore Roosevelt ordered extra compensation for those serving in the "Silent Service". President Harry Truman made a 440 foot dive on a captured German submarine and the first president to cruise aboard an atomic submarine was President Eisenhower who rode the Seawolf out of Newport, R.I. on 26 Sep 1957.

CATALOG OF U.S. NAVY SHIP CACHETS

The first batch of letters seeking information of individual U.S. Navy ship cachets has been mailed. Distribution of the catalog is anticipated next Spring. Work on this project is contingent upon postage and time available for preparation. Does anyone have any suggestions on the format. Coverage of 1000 ships proposed.

ENGLISH-GERMAN TRANSLATORS

Mr. Werner Friedemann  
625 Limburg/Lahn  
Moritz-Hilf-Str 8  
W. Germany

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PUBLICATIONS - All Hands Magazine, the Bureau of Naval Personnel (monthly) Bulletin is a wonderful magazine containing sea stories about ships, polar expeditions, missiles, naval history and photographs. Available from the : Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Price \$2.50 for a 1 year subscription. If you like ships - you'll like "All Hands"

VIRGINIA BEACH MAN MAY BE FIRST ON MOON

LCDR James A. Lovell, USN may be among the nine new astronauts named recently who could go to moon when Project Apollo monshots begin in about six years. LCDR Lovell is 34 and due to this factor the 1959 astronaut group will be much older then. CDR Alan P. Shepard, the first American to be rocketed into space was also living at Virginia Beach and he is now age 37. The other eight are:

Major Frank Borman, USAF; Captain Thomas Stafford, USAF; Lieutenant Charles Conrad, Jr, USN; Captain F.H. White, II, USAF; Captain James McDivitt, USAF; LCDR J.W. YOUNG, USN and two civilians Neil Armstrong and Elliott M. See, Jr.

HYDRO SKIMMER WARSHIPS

Small aircraft carriers which could zoom along at 115 miles per hour and carry three nuclear armed aircraft. The aircraft would be ready for high speed launching without catapults. This proposed striking force could support an attack by Polaris missile submarines.

ITALIAN GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER

The Italian GM cruiser Guiseppi Garibaldi commanded by Captain Glicerio Azzone arrived at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard on 15 Sep for a one week visit. This is Garibaldi's first U.S. visit while on her shakedown cruise. She is equipped with Terrier missile system(surface to air). Garibaldi is the only guided missile ship in the NATO complex that does not belong to the U.S. The original ship, has been completely rebuilt and practically everything aboard is new.

Reviewing Italian history for a moment let us reflect on another Champion of Liberty Giuseppe Garibaldi (1808-82), Italian patriot and often called the "George Washington of Italy". Get out your encyclopedia and read up on this great and beloved man revered by Italians everywhere.

SHIP CONVERSION

SS SETON HALL VICTORY to be converted to a missile range instrument ship(AGM). Boland Machine & Mfg. Co., Inc New Orleans, La., had been awarded the contract.

NORWALK VICTORY - Will be converted into a Navy fleet ballistic missile cargo ship by the Board Machine and Mfg. Co, New Orleans, La.. She will be converted to the Seton Hall Victory.

ASROC -- is a new rocket primarily a destroyer weapon. The Navy plans to install it on 95 destroyers and 35 frigates.

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

PROJECT MERCURY NEWS RELEASES

The future looks brighter concerning earlier news releases on space flights and recovery force ships. More timely news releases will allow for greater collector participation thus enabling you to obtain your covers in the NORMAL way. Blanche(my daughter) and I did the best job we could on her Glenn and Carpenter covers. We DO NOT intend to prepare any more of these covers in quantity due to the time and expense necessary. Thank you for the nice comments we both have been receiving on our effort to allow every naval cover collector to have something worthwhile inasmuch as past news items failed to give collectors the results desired. Suggest you as an individual write your favorite editor and request he include this valuable news to collectors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THREE USCS HARD WORKING MEMBERS

Mr. Don Schultz, USCS Nuclear Chapter #61 has been nominated by "NAVPHILATELY" as the

"Collector- Shipmate of the Month."

I am sure that many of you folks do not realize the conscientious and painstaking work Don has done for the Chapter and the hours it has consumed. I'll bet Mrs. Schultz can tell you. Chapter members will be reporting good results with membership in the Chapter.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Dorothy Fordham and Mr. Arthur W. Mears for their informative articles in Linn's Stamp News(24 Sep). Mrs. Fordham reported on "Botany of Biblical Days" and Mr. Mears "The Death of a Ship". Both articles do indicate hours of concentration, research and proved facinating.....

COLLECTORS ARE ASKING FOR TOO MUCH....

Don Crawford(ex-Boatswain's Mate) wrote me a nice friendly letter recently and brought my attention to an old and honest gripe among most Navy Postal Clerk. Collectors of naval covers send in their envelopes to Navy ships for a cachet and postmarks. Enclosed is usually a courteous note requesting a neat and clear postmark, the Captain's autograph or some other favor. Many times a collector thinks the Postal

Clerk should dig into his pocket and furnish the postage also. Some folks even request a postcard size or larger photograph of the ship and the ship's history. Mr. Crawford recalls duty on the old "ARKANSAS" when the mail clerk had a collector request for Admiral King's autograph. Naturally, he didn't obtain his signature. Let's face it many of our CO's and Flag Officers are still working when you go to bed. The Nations security, commitments and command positions do not give us the right to impose additional burdens. The Captain of a ship underway is often "on deck" more hours in a day than any other individual. He is keenly aware of his responsibilities to his Country, the Navy and his ship. I sailed with four different skippers during my extended tour aboard Alstede and I know. In short, be considerate and give the Postal Clerk a break. Don't send him fifty covers-be content to have two. This problem exists particularly on submarines, recovery force ships & polar deployments. Have you ever wondered, why you received poor postmarks or cachets? Postal

Clerks may hand cancel upwards of 2000 envelopes on special event days. The all-purpose cancel is used on packages but naturally you ask for that one too. Every ship in the Navy doesn't have a post office or a Postal Clerk. This job is a collateral duty on some ships and is in addition to his regular job or other duties. His rating maybe most anyone of the sixty odd rates in the Navy today. Thank you Don for reminding us all that we are collecting cachets and postmarks NOT autographs or signatures.

Happy  
Holidays  
to  
our  
Jewish friends  
and  
collectors

SICK: Geo. D. Rose

Des Moines,  
Iowa

Miss Blanche Skelléy still has several hundred cacheted Glenn and Carpenter covers @.25 each. These covers were all cancelled on the appropriate dates and \$1.00 will bring you these two plus three others or two sets of the Man-in-Space covers. All covers are sent to you post-paid. No approvals and currency sent at your risk. 1210 Earle Ave, So. Norfolk 6, Va.

## BIGGEST ITALIAN LINER LAUNCHED

Genoa - 43,000 ton SS Michelangelo biggest since World War II built in Italy was recently launched at Genoa. 825 feet long and accomodates 1,850 passengers and a 720 crew. A North American voyage is anticipated in the summer of 1964. Her sister ship Raffaello is now under construction in Trieste.

## NEW MINE SUPPORT SHIPS

The first of the "new" mine support ships will be the former OZARK now in mothballs. The converted OZARK is one of 6 vehicle landing ships built by the Navy (World War II). The GALILEA, CATSKILL, OSAGE, SAUGUS and MONITOR ARE IN THE Reserve Fleet.

OZARKS's normal displacement is 8575 tons, 455½ feet long and after conversion will be able to transport 36 minesweeping launches (MSL) and 2 helicopters. OZARK will have maintenance shops, air support facilities and accomodations for 100 men for the launches plus a ship's allowance of about 400. She will probably relieve the modified USS ORLEANS PARISH (MCS-6) formerly an LST, now tending minsweepers at Charleston, S.C. The still unnamed (maybe CATSKILL) LSV will be converted and replace the USS EPPING FOREST (LSD-4) now in service at Sasebo, Japan. USS SURFBIRD (ADG-383), a mobile degaussing and deperming facility is used by 30 minesweepers operating in the Western Pacific. The repair ship USS PANDEMUS (ARL-18) is Surfbird's equivalent. The net laying ship USS NAHANT (AN-83) is serving as a practice mine layer in the Atlantic.

## WHY IS STAMP COLLECTING CALLED PHILATELY?

Stamp collecting started around 1840, soon after the first postage stamps were invented. The ladies of Victorian England were charmed by the pretty scraps of paper with their romantic histories of world travel. At first, collecting stamps was just a fad and people called it timbro-mania. The word philately was invented when the fad developed into a serious hobby. Philately is coined from 2 Greek words and usually the origin of a word gives a clue to its meaning. But this one is baffling. The Greek words from which philately is coined means someone-who-loves-tax-free-things or in other words, someone who hates taxes. It is hard to see how this word applies to an earnest collector of government postage stamps. In the early days of postal service, the postage rate was paid by the person who received

the letter. This was changed when the postage stamp was invented in 1840. The cost of mailing was then paid by the sender and the little stamp on the letter was proof that the cost of mailing had been paid. The person who received the letter got a tax free stamp because the tax had already been paid.

## PORT CANAVERAL CHANGES NAME

Now, Cape Canaveral and the postmaster will be using a machine to cancel mail received from Navy ships at Cape Canaveral goes through the Patrick Air Force Base Post Office. There are no military installations at Cape Canaveral. Prior to 1 September all mail was postmarked Port Canaveral.

## SHIPS LEAVE NORFOLK (17 Sep)

The FREMONT (APA44), TELFAIR (APA210) MULIPHEN ((AKA61), FORT MANDAN (LSD-21), ASHLAND (LSD-1) and WALDO COUNTY (LST-1162) left today for a five month deployment with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

## SHIPS AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

USS HYADES (AF-28) and USS SIERRA (AD-18) (FFO, NY) are participating in Refresher (Underway) Training in Cuba.

## SUBMARINE NOTES

USS ALBCORE (AGSS-569) completed her 1000 th dive in August. World's fastest sub..

## HUMOR OUT OF UNIFORM

T.G. Nicholson, a "regular" naval cover enthusiast and collector's friend almost got a free ride to Charleston, S.C. What happened? Well, Nick went aboard the Pakistan Navy Ship "MOMIN" to cancel your envelopes with a postmark or some other special stamp available. In the midst of stamping your envelopes a U.S. sailor rushed up to Nick and told him they were getting underway. I've have been wondering how Nick would have gotten along for a couple of days eating from Pakistan Navy Menu (fish heads & rice) He! He! Better watch that Nick....

## FOUND: 1-Louisiana FDC

POSTAL REGULATIONS forbid retaining any envelopes awaiting special cachets or dates except FDC. COLLECTORS should make every effort to find Navy friends aboard ships to help overcome this situation and pass along the word in order to assist other collectors as well. This correspondence relationship between collector and Navy personnel has long been advocated by me but few collectors seem willing to help themselves.