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TEN STEPS ON COVER IMPROVEMENT.....

During the period Feb-May over 25,000 covers were processed for the last Project Mercury (flight) Recover Force Ships. It cannot be too strongly emphasized the value of cover improvement. Here are a few tips worthy of note:

1. Airmail stamps: Airmail stamps cannot be used on U.S. Mail except for airmail service. i.e. you cannot use airmail stamps for First, Second, Third or Fourth Class mail service. Airmail stamp are only to be used for airmail service.
2. European collectors should write or stamp "Printed Matter" on covers only 5 cents U.S. postage and none of the stamps may be airmail stamps. Be sure to leave the envelopes unsealed otherwise the envelopes must become First Class mail and bear 11 cents U.S. postage. Again no airmail stamps to make up this combination.
3. The most important area to be stressed is the envelope fillers. When sorting out your covers I scratched my head trying to understand why anyone would literally throw away good money needlessly. Upwards of 5,000 covers were received without any fillers.
4. Penmanship is an art not stressed in school, but if your handwriting is poor try using gummed address labels. A California offers 3000 for \$2.00
5. Navy Mail Clerks will not normally cancel envelopes bearing less than 5¢ postage. If they do the FPO or local postal clerks ashore will stamp your nice cover "POSTAGE DUE" right where it hurts.
6. Very few collectors sent in odd size envelopes and this indicates progress. European collectors could do themselves a great service by not using airmail envelopes without fillers or large size white envelopes without fillers. Result is a torn envelope in the mail tie bundles.
7. Envelopes with damaged corners are often due to your improper wrapping. Placing the stamp too close to the the envelope corner will cause some stamps to be torn in the shuffle.
8. Placing the stamps on the cover is important. If you do not think so look at some of the cancellations on hand. Did you place the stamp so close to the corner that the Postal Clerk would have a difficult time in giving you a complete cancellation. (continued on another page.....)

FOURTH OF JULY COVER ANNOUNCED

Special "Old Ironsides" USS CONSTITUTION (IX-21) Independence Day cachet announced. Postmarked aboard a U.S. Navy ship at Boston on the appropriate date. Send covers to Mr. Ray Duffy, 29 Jefferson Street, Winthrop, Massachusetts. Service fee of 5 cents per cover. No postage dues accepted.

MERCURY-ATLAS 9 "FAITH 7" COOPER-PILOTING
 "Faith 7" will be launched between 8-10:30 AM EST 14 May 1963 from Cape Canaveral unless delayed further. Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, Jr at the controls. If the mission continues through the 22nd orbit, retrofire will be initiated about 170 miles southeast of Kyushu, Japan, causing the spacecraft to land about 80 miles southeast of Midway Is. The pilot will remain aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific for a 48 hour rest and debriefing before returning to Cape Canaveral via Honolulu.

The 14 other astronauts will serve as flight controllers from vantage points around the world, and as trainee observers. Astronaut Schirra will serve as Cap Com (Capsule Communicator) at Cape Canaveral. Glenn will serve as Cap Com aboard the Pacific Command Ship, while Carpenter will be stationed as Cap Com on Kauai Island, Hawaii. Grissom will be Cap Com at the Guaymas, Mexico station.

The nine astronauts, who were selected to augment the original seven astronauts in future Gemini and Apollo flights, will be assigned to Cape Canaveral under the direction of Astronaut Slayton for mission orientation. They are: Neil A. Armstrong, Frank Borman, Charles Conrad, Jr., James A. Lovell, Jr., James A. McDivitt, Elliot M. See, Jr., Thomas P. Stafford, Edward H. White, II and John W. Young.

Main objectives of MA-9 are: study the effects of approximately one day in orbital flight on the astronaut; verification that man can function in space as a primary "system" aboard the spacecraft for an extended period of time; and, evaluate the combined performance of the astronaut with a Mercury spacecraft modified for a full day mission.

CACHETS RECEIVED ON COVERS SINCE 1 JANUARY 1963 which does not include nuclear submarines or the 20 Years of Destroyers, Shield of Republic or Power at Sea cachets... Thanks to.. The credit for the article belongs to Mr. Walter Zapchenk, 16029 Halstead Street, Harvey, Ill

P.S. Here is a chance for you to recheck covers on hand.

| SHIPS NAME (all USS) | HULL No. | |
|----------------------|----------|-----|
| GROUPE ** | AGSS-214 | -NY |
| SEA DEVIL | AGSS-400 | -NY |
| CHUKAWAN | AO-100 | -NY |
| PAUL REVERE*** | APA-248 | -SF |
| FRANCIS MARION | APA-249 | -NY |
| HUNLEY | AS-31 | -NY |
| OKLAHOMA CITY | CLG-5 | -SF |
| TICONDEROGA | CVA-14 | SF |
| HANCOCK | CVA-19 | SF |
| SARATOGA | CVA-60 | NY |
| FORRESTAL | CVA-59 | NY |
| RANGER | CVA-61 | SF |
| CONSTELLATION | CVA-64 | SF |
| INTREPID | CVS-11 | NY |
| BUCK | DD-761 | SF |
| ROBERT L. WILSON | DD-847 | NY |
| DECATUR | DD-936 | NY |
| PARSONS | DD-949 | SF |
| C.F. ADAMS | DDG-2 | NY |
| LYNDE MCCORMICK | DDG-8 | SF |
| SAMPSON | DDG-10 | NY |
| BERKELEY | DDG-15 | NY |
| MACDONOUGH | DLG-8 | NY |
| KING | DLG-10 | SF |
| WILLIAM V. PRATT | DLG-13 | NY |
| DEWEY | DLG-14 | NY |
| OKINAWA | LPH-3 | NY |
| WESTCHESTER COUNTY | LST-1167 | SF |
| WOODPECKER | MSC-209 | SF |
| BREAM | SS-243 | SF |
| SABLEFISH | SS-303 | NY |
| BANG | SS-385 | NY |
| TIGRONE | SS-419 | NY |
| WAHOO | SS-565 | SF |
| HYADES | AF-28 | NY |
| SALMON | SS-573 | SF |

** - Recommend use of Higher Education Stamp. *** Recommend Pony Express stamp to enhance your covers.

Many thanks sir for the assistance and welcome aboard.

TRIESTE ARRIVED AT BOSTON ABOARD USS POINT DEFIANCE (LSD-31).. "Trieste Test Dive Cover-considered very appropriate as Thresher's hull is being sought in deep water off the Massachusetts coast. INFORMATION PLEASE... My records probably contain the most complete directory of ship cover collectors. Would you like to meet collectors in your area? Perhaps this summer you'll be taking a trip? Write and include a stamped long self-addressed envelope for the reply.... SSBN-642 is the KAMEHAMEHA

FANCY CANCEL...

USS WHETSTONE (LSD-27) FPO, SF has a postmark but no cachet. The cancellation has the ship's name inscribed within the double circle plus four killer bars. Very clear and neat....

 Speed Record - Fastest cargo ship ever to cross the Atlantic - SS American Challenger New York to England in 4 days, 20 hours and 50 minutes..

 Willamette Iron & Steel Co, Portland, Oregon will convert two victories into the (un-named) AG-167 & 168. KINGSPORT work was performed by this firm.

 BLUE RIBBONS FOR CACHET ARTWORK.....

Cachets prepared for the last Project Mercury flight (14 May 1963) were all a genuine contribution to naval cover philately. Miss Lorraine Carlson, Mr. Morris W. Beck, P.O. Box 116, Whitewater, Wisconsin and Mr. Goldey of Texas were my favorites. IF USCS Blue Ribbons were awarded to contributors of artwork and cachets my votes would have been in that order. Miss Carlson's cachet gave a complete detailed picture of large sized Recovery Force. Mr. Beck's work was excellent as usual as many of you will be seeing within a few days. Mr. Goldey's work was printed in blue ink and again in reddish brown. The blue covers were excellent but the cacheted covers printed in reddish brown just didn't blend with the red-white-blue color themes of the Navy blue and gold. Miss Carlson and Mr. Beck both generously provided extra copies of their handiwork for each Navy Postal Clerk aboard Recovery Ships. Competition is keen as more collectors are surging toward improved covers. The hobby is enjoying a revival which we hope someday will exceed the active thirties.

Mr. Beck continues to offer on a non-profit basis cachet covers to naval cover collectors furnishing the standard 6-3/4 size envelope (stamped and self-addressed) on a year around basis. Include a stamped self addressed postcard also. Service charge is two cents per envelope submitted to defray the cost of printing and remailing to the important ship event.

DEALER OFFERS "RECOVERY COVER".. A dealer advertising in a stamp periodical offers to take advanced orders for Cooper "Recovery" ship cacheted covers at an unstipulated price and is very vague in exactly what you will receive in return. Collectors should carefully weigh advertisements that do not pin point or specify exactly the merchandise being offered.

FLASHER'S RECENT FIRE RESULTED IN SLIGHT DAMAGE AND NO CHANGE IN LAUNCHING DATE OF JUNE 22ND.

LITTLE ROCK (CLG-4) departs Norfolk (8 May) to become the Sixth Fleet Flagship in the Mediterranean relieving the SPRINGFIELD which is scheduled for overhaul at the New York Naval Shipyard Look for Little Rock's return to Norfolk about December 24th just in time to begin Christmas holidays. Bon Voyage....

***** A TRIBUTE TO VALIANT LADY *****

A wooden auxiliary powered ship was born the day she was launched. It has been said "In the baptism of launching, a ship receives her name the moment her keel touches the water she is transformed. She acquires a personality of her own. Nothing else man builds or creates with his hands becomes so nearly a living thing. Sailors are ever ready to ascribe consciousness and even sympathy to her. She stands into the channel and walks to the sea. The man at the wheel speaks to her and she answers. Ships no longer seaworthy are said to give forth moaning sounds."

So it was christened "BEAR" built by Alexander Stephens in Scotland(1874) as a stout sealing ship (751 tons, beam 29'9" with a 12 foot draft).

For 11 years she sailed out of her first homeport of St. Johns, Newfoundland before she was purchased by the U.S. Navy for \$10,000. Not long after her Navy commissioning in March 1884, she sailed on her first U.S. Navy mission. She was purchased for use in the rescue of Lieutenant A.W. Greeley, USA and his expedition, who were marooned in the Arctic. She had been built to batter her way through heavy ice floes in the North Atlantic. BEAR and THETIS accomplished the rescue at Cape Sabine on June 23, 1884. Later BEAR was transferred to the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service. After 40 years service with the Bering Sea Patrol, she was retired.

Riding at anchor at Oakland, California and lamenting her ill fate the property of a marine museum, the BEAR regained new life from an American lover. It was here that Admiral Richard E. Byrd bought her and gave her renewed life. Recognizing her untouched strength he set the "BEAR of OAKLAND" free to toss her head proudly again into the wind as he began his First Antarctic Expedition(1933-1935). Repurchased by the Navy, she continued to display her usefulness by completing two more Antarctic voyages before serving with the Greenland Patrol during World War II. She returned to Boston on November 15, 1943 with a German supply ship in tow.

This ship, said by Adm. Byrd to be the strongest wooden ship ever built, once again fell to idle days upon decommissioning after the war.

Beached and all but abandoned on a Nova Scotia shore feeling forsaken and sapped of her former strength, she rallied forth under tow enroute to Philadelphia. Learning of her new owner's decision to preserve her as a maritime relic, she beckoned to her old comrades the wind and the sea to her plight..... They seeing no man at the wheel to speak to her set her free.. Free of her tow the 90 year old warrior moaned as she wallowed in the Atlantic. Sailor everywhere grieve that the barkentine, BEAR did not make harbor. Much has been written about BEAR's demise even suicide has been suggested. Do you think the BEAR would deliberately take this way out? My version is that her constant companions (wind and sea) since birth walked with her to a glorious end recognizing that the sea is a better grave for a ship than a beach.....

AF FORCE TRACKING SHIPS.. Dedicated 1 May at Cape Canaveral General H.H. ARNOLD(formerly Gen. R.E. Callan AP-130). Second of 2 ARIS ships(Advanced Range Instrument Ships) for the Atlantic Missile Range. Sister ship Gen. Harry Taylor(AP-145) now under conversion. The Navy MSTs Operates seven missile tracking ships soon to be eight later this year. These ships support missile and space projects for all government agencies. 8 of the MSTs ships are converted Victory ships approximately 10,680 tons, 455 feet with speed up to 18 knots or some 16,600 tons, 523 feet with a speed of 17 knots. One ship is a small 55 ton, 176 foot vessel. The Air Force ships will be manned by civilian crews.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS...Navphilately subscribers that have payed their 1963 subscription fee may obtain some cacheted covers without charge as a substitute for joining late in the year. This is a substitute for the Jan, Feb and March issues that you payed for but did not receive. This equalization to balance my records and keep this paper on a calander basis. All subscriptions begin in Jaunary of each year and end with the December issue. If you are agreeable drop me a postcard and tell me the month or months you did not receive a copy of the 1963 Navphilately issues. The covers (cacheted) will be mailed to you promptly. This offer expires on 30 June 1963. Fair enough????

DUE TO THE INCREASED MEMBERSHIP BACK ISSUES OF NAVPHILATELY DO NOT EXIST AND THEREFORE DO NOT DELAY IN ADVISING ME IN THE EVENT YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR MONTHLY ISSUE BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING. i.e. May issue by 1 June or June issue by 1 July etc. REMEMBER NO ISSUES PUBLISHED IN JULY AND AUGUST UNLESS SOME REAL HOT DOPE IS FORTHCOMING.

KATALOG KORNER (continued)

| SHIP(all USS) | POST OFFICE | CACHET | FPO | REMARKS |
|--------------------|---|--------|-----|---|
| WILKERSON DL-5 | Yes | No | NY | Note #1 |
| ABNAKI ATF-96 | No | No | SF | Note#1 J.L.RYDENBARK, YN2 |
| VALCOUR AVP-55 | Yes | No | NY | Note #1 |
| SABALO SS-302 | No | No | SF | Note#1 |
| NEREUS AS-17 | Yes | No | SF | Note#1 |
| SHIELD | Yes | No | NY | Not interested |
| NOTABLE MSO-460 | No | No | NY | Note#2 C.R.FORREST, YN2 |
| SIERRA AD-18 | Yes | No | NY | Note#1-Collectors on board |
| ANTIETAM CVS-36 | D.N.Morefield PC2 advises post office is decommissioned and that the ship will be decommissioned on 8 May 1963..... | | | |
| SABINE AO-25 | Yes | No | SF | Note#1 |
| R.E.KRAUS DD-849 | Yes | No | NY | Note#1 |
| PERSISTENT MSO-491 | No | No | SF | Note#1 Mail clerk advises other collectors on board. |
| ACME MSO-508 | No | No | SF | Note#1 |
| ASHLAND LSD-1 | Yes | No | NY | Note #1 |
| STALLION ATA-193 | No | No | NY | Note#1 |
| SEA ROBIN SS-407 | No | No | NY | LT J.F.LYDING, USN and P.F. MC CORMACK, YN1(SS) collectors. |

Note#1 - Postal Clerk or mail orderly will assist collectors in obtain postmark, ship's return address stamp or ship seal as applicable or available.....

Note #2 - Uses ship's seal or return address.

COOPER PROJECT MERCURY RECOVERY SHIPS - U.S. NAVY

PACIFIC FLEET

ATLANTIC FLEET

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| TAUSSIG DD746 | MANSFIELD DD728 | ✓ C.R. WARE (DD-865) | PURDY (DD-734) |
| J.W. THOMSON DD 760 | KNOX DDR-742 | ✓ HYMAN (DD-732) | ✓ COMPTON (DD-705) |
| ✓ KEARSARGE CVS-33 | DUNCAN DDR-874 | ✓ BEATTY (DD-756) | ✓ HARWOOD (DD-861) |
| ✓ BOLE DD-755 | ✓ EPPERSON DD-719 | ✓ WASP (CVS-18) | ✓ MCCAFFERY (DD-860) |
| ✓ LOSBERG DD-759 | DE HAVEN DD-727 | ✓ NANTAHALA (AO-60) | ✓ M.C. FOX (DDR-829) |
| ✓ FLETCHER DD-445 | | ✓ CORRY (DDR-817) | ✓ GAINARD (DD-706) |

"DILL REPORTS THE NEWS" is not an unfamiliar publication to European collectors of stamps and ship mail. My Easter gift from Mr. Dill, was a cacheted cover postmarked at Hamburg "LaFlotte Francaise M-758 AIRES". May Peace and friendship continue between us and may we be thankful for freedom. Thank you sir.... How may I be of assistance?

More ships in Oceanography..A recent article in the Navy Times indicates ocean going mine-sweepers EXULTANT, FIDELITY, AVENGE and FEARLESS are assisting in oceanographic work while deployed with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

RUMORS....Asking price THRESHER covers autographed by her first Commanding Officer is \$4.50

 NEW CACHETS REVEALED.. (All USS) CREVALLE AGSS-291; IWO JIMA LPH-2; BON HOMME RICHARD CVA-31 has no fancy cancellation but unusual cancellation. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Collectors are reporting better cover results when addressing the requests to the Public Information Officer of the ship concerned rather than the mail clerk. Why? sometimes they are able to get some additional information with the cover such as a ship's history or the ship's seal when a cachet is not available.

USS BURTON ISLAND claims a new Navy record for time below the Antarctic Circle formerly held by EDISTO. Ship's log indicates 13 Nov 62 to 22 Feb 63 piling up a total of 101 days below the freezing line.

ASTRONAUT COL. JOHN H. GLENN will board the tracking ship, Coastal Sentry during the Cooper flight and then will take about ten days vacation in Japan with his family. Coastal Sentry will be stationed about 300 miles off the coast of Japan. Col Glenn will be the voice communicator between the tracking ship and Astronaut Cooper. Bon Voyage.....

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SURFACE POSTAL UNION MAIL

| Letters except Canada & Mexico | Small Packets | Regular printed matter & samples (*) exc. Can. & Mex. | Lbs. Oz. | Regular printed matter & samples (*) to Canada & Mexico only | Books & printed sheet music | |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------|---|--|---|
| | | Comm. papers (*) to all countries | | PUAS countries exc. Spain | Non-PUAS countries & Spain | |
| 11¢ first oz. 7¢ ea. add'l. oz. | 5¢ ea. 2 oz. (Min. 25¢) | 5¢ first 2 oz. 3¢ ea. add'l. 2 oz. (* min. 12¢) | | 4¢ 1st 2 oz. 2 ea. add'l. oz. (* min. 10¢) | 2¢ 1st 2 oz. 1¢ ea. add'l. 2 oz. | 3¢ 1st 2 oz. 1½¢ ea. add'l. 2 oz. |
| \$0.11 | \$0.25 | \$0.05 (*\$0.12) | 0 1 | \$0.04 (*\$0.10) | \$0.02 | \$0.03 |
| .18 | .25 | .05 .12 | 0 2 | .04 .10 | .02 | .03 |
| .25 | .25 | .08 .12 | 0 3 | .06 .10 | .03 | .04½ |
| .32 | .25 | .08 .12 | 0 4 | .08 .10 | .03 | .04½ |
| .39 | .25 | .11 .12 | 0 5 | .10 | .04 | .06 |
| .46 | .25 | .11 .12 | 0 6 | .12 | .04 | .06 |
| .53 | .25 | .14 | 0 7 | .14 | .05 | .07½ |
| .60 | .25 | .14 | 0 8 | .16 | .05 | .07½ |
| .67 | .25 | .17 | 0 9 | .18 | .06 | .09 |
| .74 | .25 | .17 | 0 10 | .20 | .06 | .09 |
| .81 | .30 | .20 | 0 11 | .22 | .07 | .10½ |
| .88 | .30 | .20 | 0 12 | .24 | .07 | .10½ |
| .95 | .35 | .23 | 0 13 | .26 | .08 | .12 |
| 1.02 | .35 | .23 | 0 14 | .28 | .08 | .12 |
| 1.09 | .40 | .26 | 0 15 | .30 | .09 | .13½ |
| 1.16 | .40 | .26 | 1 0 | .32 | .09 | .13½ |
| 1.23 | .45 | .29 | 1 1 | .34 | .10 | .15 |
| 1.30 | .45 | .29 | 1 2 | .36 | .10 | .15 |
| 1.37 | .50 | .32 | 1 3 | .38 | .11 | .16½ |
| 1.44 | .50 | .32 | 1 4 | .40 | .11 | .16½ |
| 1.51 | .55 | .35 | 1 5 | .42 | .12 | .18 |
| 1.58 | .55 | .35 | 1 6 | .44 | .12 | .18 |
| 1.65 | .60 | .38 | 1 7 | .46 | .13 | .19½ |
| 1.72 | .60 | .38 | 1 8 | .48 | .13 | .19½ |

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SURFACE PARCEL POST

Canada, Mexico, Central America, Caribbean Islands,
Bahamas, Bermuda, Saint Pierre and Miquelon

All other countries

| 80¢ first 2 pounds—30¢ ea. add'l. lb. | | | | 90¢ first 2 pounds—35¢ ea. add'l. lb. | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|------|---------|
| Lbs. | Rate | Lbs. | Rate | Lbs. | Rate | Lbs. | Rate |
| 2 | \$0.80 | 24 | \$ 7.40 | 2 | \$0.90 | 24 | \$ 8.60 |
| 3 | 1.10 | 25 | 7.70 | 3 | 1.25 | 25 | 8.95 |
| 4 | 1.40 | 26 | 8.00 | 4 | 1.60 | 26 | 9.30 |
| 5 | 1.70 | 27 | 8.30 | 5 | 1.95 | 27 | 9.65 |
| 6 | 2.00 | 28 | 8.60 | 6 | 2.30 | 28 | 10.00 |
| 7 | 2.30 | 29 | 8.90 | 7 | 2.65 | 29 | 10.35 |
| 8 | 2.60 | 30 | 9.20 | 8 | 3.00 | 30 | 10.70 |
| 9 | 2.90 | 31 | 9.50 | 9 | 3.35 | 31 | 11.05 |
| 10 | 3.20 | 32 | 9.80 | 10 | 3.70 | 32 | 11.40 |
| 11 | 3.50 | 33 | 10.10 | 11 | 4.05 | 33 | 11.75 |
| 12 | 3.80 | 34 | 10.40 | 12 | 4.40 | 34 | 12.10 |
| 13 | 4.10 | 35 | 10.70 | 13 | 4.75 | 35 | 12.45 |
| 14 | 4.40 | 36 | 11.00 | 14 | 5.10 | 36 | 12.80 |
| 15 | 4.70 | 37 | 11.30 | 15 | 5.45 | 37 | 13.15 |
| 16 | 5.00 | 38 | 11.60 | 16 | 5.80 | 38 | 13.50 |
| 17 | 5.30 | 39 | 11.90 | 17 | 6.15 | 39 | 13.85 |
| 18 | 5.60 | 40 | 12.20 | 18 | 6.50 | 40 | 14.20 |
| 19 | 5.90 | 41 | 12.50 | 19 | 6.85 | 41 | 14.55 |
| 20 | 6.20 | 42 | 12.80 | 20 | 7.20 | 42 | 14.90 |
| 21 | 6.50 | 43 | 13.10 | 21 | 7.55 | 43 | 15.25 |
| 22 | 6.80 | 44 | 13.40 | 22 | 7.90 | 44 | 15.60 |
| 23 | 7.10 | | | 23 | 8.25 | | |

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AIR POSTAL UNION MAIL

| AIR MAIL LETTERS | | | | | AIR MAIL OTHER ARTICLES | | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| OZ. | Can. & Mexico | C. Am. & W. Indies | S. Am., Eur. & N. Afr. | USSR & others | Lbs. Oz. | Mex., C. Am. & W. Indies | S. Am., Eur. & N. Afr. | USSR & others |
| | 8¢ per ounce | 13¢ per half oz. | 15¢ per half oz. | 25¢ per half oz. | | 30¢ first 2 oz.; 10¢ ea. add'l. 2 oz. | 40¢ first 2 oz.; 20¢ ea. add'l. 2 oz. | 50¢ first 2 oz.; 30¢ ea. add'l. 2 oz. |
| ½ | \$0.08 | \$0.13 | \$0.15 | \$0.25 | 0 2 | \$0.30 | \$0.40 | \$0.50 |
| 1 | .08 | .26 | .30 | .50 | 0 4 | .40 | .60 | .80 |
| 1½ | .16 | .39 | .45 | .75 | 0 6 | .50 | .80 | 1.10 |
| 2 | .16 | .52 | .60 | 1.00 | 0 8 | .60 | 1.00 | 1.40 |
| 2½ | .24 | .65 | .75 | 1.25 | 0 10 | .70 | 1.20 | 1.70 |
| 3 | .24 | .78 | .90 | 1.50 | 0 12 | .80 | 1.40 | 2.00 |
| 3½ | .32 | .91 | 1.05 | 1.75 | 0 14 | .90 | 1.60 | 2.30 |
| 4 | .32 | 1.04 | 1.20 | 2.00 | 1 0 | 1.00 | 1.80 | 2.60 |
| 4½ | .40 | 1.17 | 1.35 | 2.25 | 1 2 | 1.10 | 2.00 | 2.90 |
| 5 | .40 | 1.30 | 1.50 | 2.50 | 1 4 | 1.20 | 2.20 | 3.20 |
| 5½ | .48 | 1.43 | 1.65 | 2.75 | 1 6 | 1.30 | 2.40 | 3.50 |
| 6 | .48 | 1.56 | 1.80 | 3.00 | 1 8 | 1.40 | 2.60 | 3.80 |
| 6½ | .56 | 1.69 | 1.95 | 3.25 | 1 10 | 1.50 | 2.80 | 4.10 |
| 7 | .56 | 1.82 | 2.10 | 3.50 | 1 12 | 1.60 | 3.00 | 4.40 |
| 7½ | .64 | 1.95 | 2.25 | 3.75 | 1 14 | 1.70 | 3.20 | 4.70 |
| 8 | .64 | 2.08 | 2.40 | 4.00 | 2 0 | 1.80 | 3.40 | 5.00 |
| 8½ | .72 | 2.21 | 2.55 | 4.25 | 2 2 | 1.90 | 3.60 | 5.30 |
| 9 | .72 | 2.34 | 2.70 | 4.50 | 2 4 | 2.00 | 3.80 | 5.60 |
| 9½ | .80 | 2.47 | 2.85 | 4.75 | 2 6 | 2.10 | 4.00 | 5.90 |
| 10 | .80 | 2.60 | 3.00 | 5.00 | 2 8 | 2.20 | 4.20 | 6.20 |
| 10½ | .88 | 2.73 | 3.15 | 5.25 | 2 10 | 2.30 | 4.40 | 6.50 |
| 11 | .88 | 2.86 | 3.30 | 5.50 | 2 12 | 2.40 | 4.60 | 6.80 |
| 11½ | .96 | 2.99 | 3.45 | 5.75 | 2 14 | 2.50 | 4.80 | 7.10 |
| 12 | .96 | 3.12 | 3.60 | 6.00 | 3 0 | 2.60 | 5.00 | 7.40 |

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

Letters have a special appeal and attraction to all but particularly to a sailor. Whether at sea or ashore you can sense this anticipation every "mail call".

Letters arouse emotions of joy, sorrow, love, worry or hate. Some letters have given enduring quality to the height and depth of passion and romance.

In letters there is power. The power to cheer the sick, power to comfort and be comforted. The bible speaks of "epistles" which are letters to the Christians and those who use the bible as the rule and guide for their faith. The french had "lettres de cachet", letters of credit attest to an individual's integrity and character. Letters reveal hunger, as well as humor. Political convictions and history emanate from letters. Letters of introduction are like a handshake of friendship. Letter writing is a powerful instrument in expressing appreciation and thanks.

The self-expression available to all through the magic of personal letters is beauty, love, understanding, friendship and peace. Dont' letters have special meaning to you also?

CHANGE #1 to NAVPHILATELY SCOREBOARD

- SSN-640 assigned to Beth. Steel, Quincy, Mass
- SSN-650 assigned to EBCO, Groton, Conn
- SSN 651 & 653 assigned to Newport News, Va
- SSN-648 & 652 assigned Ignalls Shipldg.
- SSN-647 assigned New York Ship, Camden, NJ

Did you know?? That all thresher type subs are equipped with bow sonar and 4 torpedo tubes amidship.

MORE ON THE ELEVEN IMPROVEMENT STEPS (from pg 1)

9. Philatelic mail from U.S. Navy ships is considered as First Class Mail except for covers marked "Printed Matter" designated for overseas destinations. This is in the postal manual...

10. For the first time since Project Mercury Recoveries began collectors had 3 months lead time to get their covers to Chief Walsh or myself. Most of them could have been mailed to us as Third Class or Printed Matter provided no writing was placed inside. When time permits try it and save your money.....

KATALOG KORNER CONTINUED (All ships USS)

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| WHIPPOORWILL | MSC 207 | No | No | SF | Note #1 |
| INTERPRETER | AGR-14 | Yes | Yes | SF | Note #1 -Ship's seal |
| TRUTTA | SS-421 | No | No | NY | Note #1 -Will use name & address stamp |
| QUAPAW | ATF-110 | No | No | SF | Note #1 |
| RADFORD | DDE-44 6 | Yes | No | SF | Note#1 R.K.Koeppen, SN |
| ARCADIA | AD-23 | Yes | No | NY | Note#1 -R.H.Mullen, PCL |
| NICHOLAS | DD-449 | Yes | No | NY | Note#1. Cachet in preparation |

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL????

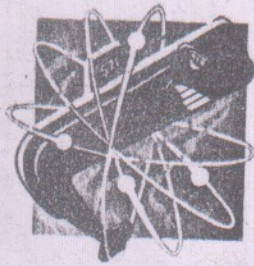
It occurred to me as I was putting the finishing touches on the Atlantic Cooper Recovery Force Covers that "Skelley" might become a bad word, if all didn't go as planned or scheduled. Twenty-five thousand covers were sorted into 12 groups instead of the original 20. These haunting thoughts raced through my mind between 6:30 PM and midnight one night last month as I was sorting the covers. Talking to myself - "now let me see - Oh yes - put the odd or extra cover in the box designated for the carrier." "Suppose a destroyer makes the actual recovery? What then?" Suppose, I mail these to the Recovery Ships when directed and the flight slips to a new date again. Do you think they will hang me in effigy? How horrible it would be if the flight was a failure and no recovery was possible. Twenty five thousand covers representing more than \$2,500.00 investment by collectors all over the United States and abroad. A great responsibility to be placed on the shoulders of any one person. Our time, investment and labor could vanish plus the hopes of many collectors. Talking to myself could have been dangerous if one of my neighbors looked in around 11 P.M. because I am sure they would have jumped to the conclusion that I had robbed a mail train or needed to call the wagon and the man with the white jacket. It was these thoughts that reminded me to tell collectors that this is a hobby. A hobby where results are NOT guaranteed or implied. Satisfaction with postmarks is anyone's guess. Twenty thousand covers divided among 12 ships participating in Atlantic Fleet Recovery will provide all 12 of these postal clerks with a real physical fitness test. Cancelling hand, arm, legs, back, appetite and eyes. Oh Yes! before I forget the collectors who sent covers to the Public Information Officer were delivered to me just prior to mailing the big packages. Please understand it was my pleasure to be able to serve you in this capacity and let's hope you will be pleased..

CORRECTION TO PAGE ONE APRIL ISSUE - Mr. J.R. Alexandre, P.O. Box 32, Blenheim, New Zealand should have appeared in the article.. Oops..

FIVE SHIPS OFF ON PHIBULEX 2-63 CARIBBEAN are the BOXER LPH-4; FORT SNELLING LSD-30; EARLE B. HALL APD-107); LORAIN COUNTY (LST -1177) and RANKIN (APA -103) and are due to return to Norfolk late in July 1963..



U S S THOMAS A. EDISON



U S S NAUTILUS



U S S SEAWOLF



U S S LAFAYETTE

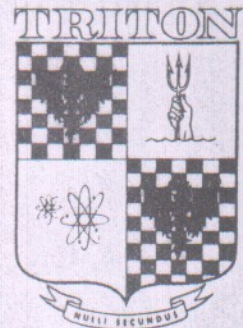
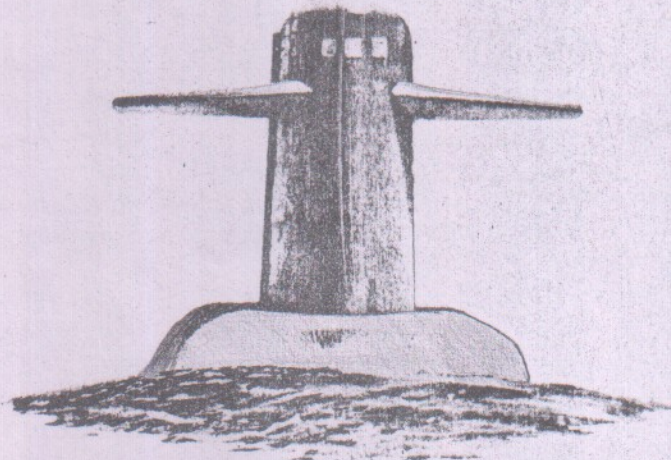
SYMBOLS OF STRENGTH



U S S SKATE



U S S ETHAN ALLEN



U S S TRITON



U S S TULLIBEE

DESIGNED FOR PEACE



U S S SCORPION



U S S PATRICK HENRY



U S S GEORGE WASHINGTON



U S S SKIPJACK