



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS.....

Thomas Jefferson wrote " Let us, fellow citizens, unite with one heart and one mind... every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle." Let us remember the great distinguishing characteristic of a man is sympathy with his kind. He recognizes in the human race one great family, all connected with himself by those invisible links and that mighty network of circumstance, forged and woven by God. With these thoughts the entire family bids you all the most peaceful and joyful Yuletide season ever. Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

FOREIGN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS ANNOUNCED: Unfortunately US cover collectors interested in foreign polar covers most of the time receive the "word" too late as to make a cover event incomplete or even insure a successful attempt. This problem is the responsibility of each and every collector and it is placed on his or her shoulders to furnish the information, if and when available, to some editor who in turn can make it available to the multitude. Maybe someday we will get organized but for some reason it appears almost to be an impossibility. To eliminate confusing you will a lot of details and different ways to obtain some more polar covers here is something that you can do and expect some measure of success. A French Polar Expedition now enroute to Australia and points South are aboard the Danish Ship THALA DAN and it has a philatelist for a skipper. He will apply the special cachet for this year's expedition until about 20 Jan 1964 to covers. He also requests that you use some nice commemoratives on your outer wrapper or envelopes. Write to: Captain, Danish Polar Ship THALA DAN, c/o Consulat de France, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Covers must bear Australian, French or Danish Stamps. The Australian covers bearing Danish stamps will be posted from Hobart, French from LeHarve in March and the covers bearing Danish stamps from Denmark upon completion of the cruise. One IRC is generally sufficient payment to pre-pay the required foreign postage needed on covers marked: Surface Mail.....The other expedition is a Belgian-Dutch expedition departing Belgium about December 8th aboard the Danish ship MAGGA DAN returning the same time as the THALA DAN next year. Write to: Monsieur le Chef du Bureau de Poste, Base Antarctique Belge via Brussels X, Belgium or to the Captain, Navire Polar Danish Ship MAGGA DAN, c/o Bureau de Poste, Brussels X, Belgium before the sailing date. Be certain to include covers bearing foreign stamps or IRC's to prepay the postage on each cover requested. Airmail to these overseas destinations is recommended and advised. MOST IMPORTANT: U.S. postage is not valid on covers mailed or posted from foreign ships or territories. REMEMBER they must bear sufficient postage each way. Mail destined for foreign countries must be prepaid otherwise guess work and here comes that postage due. In my younger days Grandma saved everything from bits of string to old newspapers and lampshades. Nowadays with supermarkets, frozen foods, cans, bottles, bags and spray net pressurized cans, I think we discard more weight into the trash can than we consume or use.....Remember those odd ball Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaise stamps that you gave the heave ho (normally those found in stamp approvals). Well right about now they could be used on covers sent to the THALA DAN for polar covers serviced from that territory.

"KNOW YOUR SHIPS CONTEST" - Winner was Ray Duffy USCS 4655-the first in a series of three. Illustrated literature...Back issues of any spare magazines dealing with the Navy and ships are yours for the asking providing you prepay the postage normally about .25c. Will accept mint foreign sets of birds, flowers, scouts, space, animals, Israel, Austria, Saar, Liechtenstein, Italian Colonies, Switzerland etc. Will swap covers for stamps in these categories - offer expires 31 December 1963. COMMUNISM MENACES FREEDOM.....

CONSTRUCTION SCOREBOARD CHANGE #1 - MONROE SSBN-622 11-30-63; CLAY SSBN625 2-28-64; MADISON SSBN 627 5-15-64; CALHOUN SSBN630 7-31-64; VON STEUBEN SSBN 632 9-30-64; RAYBURN SSBN 635 12-64; BOLIVAR SSBN 641 Launching July 1964; LEWIS & CLARK Lau-Oct-64; SSBN 651 May-1964; SSBN 653; AUG -64; SSBN 654-Keel Lay: Mar-64; SSBN 656 June-64. SSBN 651,653, 654, 656 - all keel laying dates tentative.

S-H-O-O-T-I-N-G T-H-E B-R-E-E-Z-E ...ABOUT THE SERIES

This issue rounds out another year reporting and gathering ship cover news. A review of the 1963 USCS scoreboard indicates success in all facets of ship cover collecting with the space bugs rubbing elbows with the deep water sailors.

The season opened in the Tidewater Virginia ballpark with the faithful team of Captain Rommel, T.G. Nicholson, T.C. Miller, Jr, Louis C. Vincent and yours truly launching USCS Hampton Roads Chapter #63. Astronaut Cooper Recovery ship covers then became foremost in our minds and the cry was let's play ball from the fans in the bleachers. Early news releases are important as ever and everyone is urged to keep this in mind with the approach of Gemini and the 1964 season. Publications need 60 days plus to make any cacheted event successful.

The tragic loss of Thresher stunned us all a bit but Ray Duffy another USCS player protected left field. Morris Beck and his 4.0 non-profit cachet service keeps the fans in the stands. Ed Heim was sitting on the bench waiting for the Savannah to make her New York visit. Ed is still waiting - burr it's cold outside. The loss of Andy Fernandez and Miss Lorraine Carlson reduced the willing and able hands in the USCS workshop. W.W. Glenn, PCC,USN - the ex- Enterprise short stop injured in the second game by an LMD(large mahogany desk) took up skating ashore. Ensign D.V. Sloan slipped into the ballpark hitting two runs Coral Sea Celebration and SOUTHERLAND cachets(Whoops - er Jaygee - Sir). Art Mears from Canada keeps plugging right field with informative ship write-ups. Third baseman, T.G. Nicholson coming into the league in 32 slapped a couple of runs with local ship event cachets and by the way his batting average 32-63 seasons "You never got a bum cancel from Nick" Ray DuBeau helped keep the score by shooting in news items. Geo Finn, USCS PIO keeps covers in the lime-light. Howard Koeppen - USCS 1st base magician keeps us from going in the red and swats those rookie memberships like crazy. Lt. Joyce, USS ANDREW JACKSON and LT Swengel, USS DACE doctored the injured players with two more cachet runs. J.R. Alexandre, New Zealand protected the outfield with ship cover servicing. A.L. Groeneveld, Rotterdam continues to make visiting U.S. servicemen feel at home in Holland. Ulrich Naumann, W.Germany, a good second baseman and his "SCHIFFSPOST NEWS" gives European coverage. From the active retired's W.T. Gmahle, Tampa umpired the first in a series of "Know your ships" contests - Well Done. J.R. Fitzpatrick of Spacecraft covers rigged up the Space Stamps Contest. Next came Mrs. Fager, Tampa and Mrs. Zirkind, Teaneck, N.J. slugging for more USCS Chapters. The boys of the infield (Detroit & Windsor, Canada) along with Ed, Lameck popped up with Dobbins Chapter #20. Ray Costa, Don Schultz, Bill Luetge, Walter Zapchenk, Ray St. John and Bill Lockett kept filling in as we retired the sides. The series closed with LCDR S.J. Sowinski, U.S. Navy, CO-SURFBIRD (ADG-383) giving us the winning run we needed to cop the series. His outstanding triple-decker- selling the Navy - promoting the people-to-people program - and his "coupe de maitre" with the pen on those "Honorary Shipmate" certificates - executed a high standard of Navy-community relations.

I might not know much about baseball but I do know the Dodgers won which brings us to the most valuable player - USCS President Boylan. Believe me, without his leadership and understanding we wouldn't have had one of the most successful years in baseball - Oops sorry - ship covers in many a year.

Did I overlook your name? Sorry but it wasn't intentional but perhaps it's your turn at bat.

I do not know how many USCS members were gained in 1963 and could care less about the actual figures. The really important statistic is the one, two three: (1) we never "took in" a member (2) the members that we gained were quality membership and (3) USCS is a stronger organization today than it has been for many years.

Come on - Come on...let's play ball. Next year's season opens January 1st and USCS members cannot afford to loose our most valuable player.

The largest missile tracking ship in the world was placed in commission by the U.S. Air Force at Cape Canaveral on May 1, 1963. The gleaming white and grey vessel, a converted troop transport that saw service in two wars, was named GENERAL H.H. ARNOLD in honor of the air force pioneer.

It was early in 1960 in 1960 that the need for missile tracking ships was suggested by Robert W. Jaque, the range co-ordinator for Sperry Rand. A group of specialists was formed to study the problem. The group included management and engineering specialists from the several units of Sperry-Rand and the UNIVAC Division. Later groups were added from International Telephone and Telegraph, Gibbs and Cox, the naval architects and Bethlehem Steel's Shipbuilding Division. The final result of their conferences was a nine volume recommendation, or well over a foot of books.

In July 1961, a contract was signed calling for Sperry to manage the conversion and instrumentation of two missile tracking ships for the Air Force.

Six days later, the troopship R.E. Callan was taken out of stowage(mothballs) at Tomkin's Cove and towed to Bethlehem's Brooklyn Yard for conversion.

In twenty-one months the ship was ready: a major ship construction project that included hull modification, quarters for a 200 man crew, installing radar, instruments and a complete navigation system.

As shipfitters, welders and painters worked on the hull over eighty miles of cable was installed, connected to 540 "black boxes" that make the instrumentation. Three turbine generators, rated at 6,000 watts, were included to supply power for the system.

The decks were covered by an array of telemetry, radar and communication antennas as well as huge structures housing weather radar and star tracker systems.

Originally classed as a Mobile Atlantic Range Station(MARS) the ship was reclassified as an Advanc Range Instrumentation Ship(ARIS).

The GENERAL ARNOLD, a converted C4-S-A1 troopship, is of 14,300 tons displacement, full load, or 10,500 tons, light, on dimensions of 520 x 72 x 25 feet. She is rated at 17.3 knots and carries 2,000 tons of fuel oil. Among the many features are the "six-in-one" Integrated Instrumentation Radar, the telemetry antenna, a navigation system similar to the one used in Navy Polaris submarines, Univac for data processing, a complete weather station and an optical system to remove the errors caused by the twisting and bending of the steel hull between the various systems. The ship can carry food and fuel for a six month cruise.

Through the courtesy of Sterling Cameron of Bethlehem's Brooklyn Yard, I received a cover from this ship. It was postmarked at Cape Canaveral, Florida and has a square cachet showing a missile encircling the globe. Around the upper section of the globe is the ship's name, USAFS GEN. H.H. ARNOLD. The cover is autographed by the ship's master.

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Cover fillers. An offer of free cover fillers still goes until the supply is exhausted. The only charge is for the packaging and postage. Send me 50 cents in coin or stamps for over 160 flexible fillers. For best results use two in each envelope and remember your going to get them back too.

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Reminder: USS STONEWALL JACKSON SSBN 634 launching 30 November and at Bath, Maine USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS(DLG-27) another launching same day. San Pedro, California USS ENGLAND (DLG-22) commissioned at Todd Shipyard and USS SCHOFIELD(DEG-3) at Seattle, Washington both on December 7th. An another important date in history.

The Oct meeting of a local stamp club was an unusual experience for me and I will attempt to pass along briefly what happened. In the lobby, I was confronted by a man, who from his outward appearance, I would have never picked him out in a crowd as a philatelist. Spending a few minutes in chatter, he revealed to me that he had received a letter from a girl friend bearing the new 5¢ E. Roosevelt commemorative. He was careful not to divulge too much information about the girl or the source of the new stamp scheduled to be issued the following Saturday. The man, however, was most anxious to learn in an equally deceiving manner, if he had a philatelic treasure. I assured him that he did not own anything of the sort. Finally, after much questioning on his part, I learned that he had concocted the story about the girl and had by accident actually purchased 10 of the new stamps from a local postal clerk. He knew little about philately but the knowledge he had gave him some wild and fancy speculative notions. The only good that came out of this discussion was an idea for you folks that collect for relaxation. What do you think of putting the new 5¢ E. Roosevelt plus an FDR commemorative on cover and obtaining the USS F.D. ROOSEVELT(CVA-42) postmark?(FPO, N.Y.) Covers bearing cancellation dates on stamps before the First Day of Issue are not uncommon and least of all Speculative. Oh well....

Japanese Submarine: OYASHIO(SS-511) High Speed, Deep Dive - snorkel submarine.....
Laid down 25 Dec 1957, launched 25 May 1958, commissioned 30 June 1960, Builder: Kawasaki Dockyard Co., Kobe, Japan. Commanded by: CDR O. IWAMOTO - 8 officers and 57 enlisted. All Japanese military forces are combined under the title of "Japanese Military Self-Defense Force" and their military forces are therefore not broken down like ours. OYASHIO is the first Japanese sub built since WW II and named for the great current surrounding the northern part of Japan. She is used in ASW training and submarine crew training. She is assigned to the First Division, JMSDF. HAYASHIO and WAKASHIO - two newer subs that were completed in 1962. A newer and larger type sub class was projected in 1961 but atomic energy may be forthcoming instead of another conventional. Definite plans, are underway. Thanks to H.Y.H. Chang and T.C. Miller, Jr..

CHEER UP!! One day as I sat musing, sad and lonely and without a friend, a voice came to me from out of the gloom saying "Cheer up, things could be worse." So I cheered up and sure enough things got worse....

NS SAVANNAH...well we are working on that ship...MORE USNS Ships noted: -All USNS - MIZAR FPO, SF..NEW BEDFORD, FPO,NY..BARRETT FPO, SF..PISCATAQUA, FPO, SF..MIRFAK, FPO, NY..AMERICAN EXPLORER, FPO, NY FIDDLER, FPO, SF, BROSTROM, FPO SF...

CHEERS FOR THE SAILORS THAT FOUGHT ON THE WAVE FOR IT, CHEERS FOR THE SOLDIERS THAT ALWAYS WERE BRAVE FOR IT, TEARS FOR THE MEN THAT WENT DOWN TO THE GRAVE FOR IT, HERE COMES THE FLAG...LONG MAY IT WAVE.. Arthur Macy..

NAVY DESIGNS SEAGOING PAD TO LAUNCH SATELLITES AT SEA..... Resembling some futuristic battle wagon, the navy is proposing a satellite-launching ship, designed by the Navy's Bureau of Ships. What is envisioned is a 17,700 ton ship with an overall length of 565 feet and a 76 foot beam. It would cruise 10,000 miles at 20 knots. Bulging above deck, a hangar aft houses up to three satellite-launching rockets. One at a time, they are erected and fired from a launcher hanging out over the stern. Another bulge, forward, serves as a blockhouse during the countdown. Stabilizing tanks and an oversize rudder linked to an autopilot, steady the ship enough for launching while underway at 15 knots, in a sea with waves up to five feet. Such a craft would have important advantages over the present U.S. launching sites in Florida and California. Roaming the globe, it could put up a satellite from anywhere.

Cover and cachet sponsors Dynamic Philatelic Society, Box 849, Groton, Conn will sponsor launching covers for GRANT SSBN-631 and NATHAN HALE commissioning. Price: 25cents each.

FORMER COLLECTOR DESIRES TO DISPOSE OF HIS COLLECTION... are you interested. A friend of ours and a former USCS member, who now is a Franciscan Monk has requested that I dispose of his collection by the auction method. The procedure will apply as on the previous sale and all you have to do is send me ten cents in coin or stamp to receive the details and the list of material being offered for sale. The collection consists of about 500 items and was obtained in the 1960-1962 period. I still believe the auction method is the fairest and most equitable manner for a buyer or seller. The minimum reserve bid on these covers had been dropped to 15 cents but there are certainly some nice covers in the batch/.

T I P S

DEEP FREEZE NEWS...HISSEM(DER-400) assisted by HMNZS ROTOITI into Dunedin, N.Z. for minor emergency repairs. USS GLACIER (AGB-4) expected at McMurdo Station joining ATKA, BURTON ISLAND. USOGC EASTWIND(WAGEB-279) departs Boston on Dec 8 then route via Panama Canal, Lyttelton, N.Z. for Ross Sea operations. HMNZS ENDEAVOR will deliver two tanker loads of fuel this deployment while USNS CHATTAHOOCHEE(T-ACG-82) will depart Lyttelton and deliver four different kinds of fuel during the Antarctic Summer. USNS PVT. J.R. TOWLE(T-AKA-24) departs Davisville Rhode Island Nov 17th and departs Lyttelton on Dec 11th. USNS PVT. J.E. MERRELL (T-AK-275) departs Port Hueme, California on Dec 12th with a full load of cargo for Antarctica stopping briefly at Lyttelton. USNS WYANDOTT(T-AKA-92) leaves Davisville Jan 3rd, Lyttelton on Feb 1st, and evacuating the final summer support personnel leaving Antarctica at the close of the season on 3 March 1964. HMNZS ROTOITI again will participate as alternate ocean station vessel with HISSEM, reporting on station for her first assignment on October 12, 1963.

HMS DEVONSHIRE -Britain's first of the new COUNTY class guided missile destroyers visited Washington, D.C. 18-23 Oct and was in Norfolk on October 24th. She is armed with Seaslug and Seacat missiles...T.G. Nicholson might help with covers and/ or send you a comparable substitute. Send him .15cents plus a stamped self-addressed envelope #10 for cover return.

Publication available - Triumph of Astronaut L.G. Cooper & the Faith 7 May 15-16, 1963. Cat. # NAS1:2:C78 48 pages illustrated. Price .40 cents -Write to: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Wash,D.C. Also available Wright Bros National Memorial(N.C.) - Tells the story of their successful flight at Kitty Hawk etc., Price is .30 cents.

T.C. Miller, Jr recommends collectors use larger notorial seals than #21 as previously recommended herein. Get them about 2 inches in diameter and remember they come in blue, red and other colors besides gold.

Cover - "Freedom by Choice" - A passing thought occurred to me with the issuance of the 5¢ commemorative honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Internation Red Cross. It was have some covers stamped or mailed with or without cachet from the S.S. MORNING LIGHT. The stamp theme depicts a scene from the Cuban Prisoner & Refugee Exchange based on a photograph by Rudolph Vetter at Port Everglades, Florida on May 24, 1963. Who knows more about the S.S.MORNING LIGHT? Where? Seems to me that a cover of this kind might be a good tie in with the Cuban Blockade covers and the stamp tells a story picture.

Covers from the ship that is really making history - USNS KINGSPORT(T-AG-164) by writing to: G.P. Tamplin, ETCS,USN, U.S. Naval Communications Group, USNS KINGSPORT (T-AG-164), F.P.O., New York, N.Y. Kingsport has a nice cachet and be certain to leave the left half of your envelope blank to get the best results.

Covers of French warship LaGuprotte @.20;HMAS PERTH launching @.20; Navy Day aboard HMAS PERTH @ .20; NAVY DAY USS GATO (AGSS-225) @.20 keel laying of DE-1047 @.20 \$1.00 plus a SSAB #10 brings you 5 different covers from our USCS Chapter #20. Write to: Ed Lameck, 1854 Wyandotte St, E., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The chapter is also accepting covers for servicing at .02¢ ea. Ed reports dealers are offering the MNCS NOOTKA covers for \$8.50 canceled 1 July and \$7.50 for the 4 July covers. Somebody made out in the disposal of my dupes this month. That's the idea of auctions - only obtaining what you need.

The starboard lookout reports Toronto USCS Chapter is about to raise the commissioning pennant and come alongside.

Robert E. Ekas, P.O. Box 146, Chicora, Pa offers to service 15 SSAB #6-3/4 covers for a .02¢ service fee. Also he has a rubber stamp cachet that he will apply without charge to covers for U.S. Naval Stations without charge include a SSAB #10 for return. Foreign collectors send IRC's.

X-CHANGE KORNER

Covers of all kinds..Have 1st flight, airport dedications, convention stations, slogan cancellation, HPO, U.S. & U.N. FDC, also miscellaneous almost all 1960 except US FDC that go back into the 30's. These are not for sale but will trade for launching, commissioning or special event ship covers. Big bargains on all bigger nuclear ship covers. Send #10 stamped self-addressed envelope and specify wants: Robert Ekas, P.O. Box 146, Chicora, Pa..

CORRECTION.. Lt. Richard Mayerson's notice last month should read "folders" in lieu of covers where appearing. C- Commission, L-Launch, SH- ship history.....

SHIP NAMED: ADGE-1 has been the name of GLOVER. General John Glover, in whose honor the ship will be named, commanded the first major amphibious offense operation of the Revolutionary War, the crossing of the Delaware River, by Gen. Geo. Washington's troops before the attack on Trenton. He was born in Salem, Massachusetts on November 5, 1732. General Glover died in January 30, 1797. From reading a resume' of General Glover's life, he is considered to be an American Patriot.

MSTS will celebrate her 15th Anniversary on October 1st next. Plans to cover this historic event should begin now to make it worthwhile..

HERE....and.....THERE.....

Naval Cover collecting is facinating writes Mrs. Vera Knott of Altadena, California. Mrs. Knott was particularly pleased with the USS SURFBIRD cover and honary shipmate card from the CO. Thank you..Mike Festa, Philadelphia says the CO, Chesterfield County LST 551, gave him some nice cover service also.. Ed Note: Of course, it's your Navy in action. Three Cheers for Navy - Say you shoulda seen those VMI bums at the Oyster Bowl game last month..we moidered them.

QUICKIE QUIZ....The first collector who sends me the solution to this daffy riddle on a postcard receives a few naval covers free. Think carefully now - a well-known living person. Ready...here goes:

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(What name)

~~USS WIPHO~~(SS 565) at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for overhaul....USS NORFOLK(DL-1) has a large UNITAS IV cachet - large rubber stamped cachets are difficult to apply so allow plenty of room on the left side of the cover..The other Unitas ships are COURTNEY: CROMWELL HAMMERBEG, SENNET -all are due home in December - via Panama Canal.

Auction comments: I note that the covers I was the successful bidder on were mailed Nov. 5th but as Third Class mail did not receive them until today. I am enclosing my check for \$5.18 for the amount of my purchase. Thank you and I might add I am very pleased etc..

EDITOR'S NOTE

October seems to be "What have you done for philately month". Congratulations to Mr. Alfred G. Boerger, USCS #4543 on his outstanding contribution on behalf of the Fort Stephenson Stamp Club Exhibition at Toledo. Here is another example of collectors who collect for fun and pleasure rather than profit.

POTENTIAL COLLECTOR- You all remember LTJG D.V. Sloan, USN, USS SOUTHERLAND(DDR-743) FPO, SF and the swell cachets he has been sponsoring. He writes that the ship is without a Navy Postal Clerk but a Radarman Third Class named URMSTROM is getting the bug. Let's send him a duplicate. The ship should be back in San Diego late in Nov. Mr. Sloan advises Southerland still has quite a bit of steaming time remaining before they pass Point Loma. Welcome home and congratulations on making Jaygee - SIR...

SPACE SAVER NOTICE... Future abbreviations of SSAE #6-3/4 and SSAE-#10 will be interpreted to mean "send stamped self-addressed envelopes or SSAEPC for postcards."

DESIGN CHANGES IN POLARIS LAUNCH EQUIPMENT

The Navy will make two design changes aimed at the improvement of Polaris missile launching equipment installed in nuclear-powered fleet ballistic missile submarines. The first nuclear powered FBM (SSBN) to incorporate the steam/gas generator is NATHAN HALE(SSBN-623) which was launched on Jan 12, 1963. The first sub equipped with the foam supported launch tubes and the steam/gas generator is JAMES MADISON(SSBN-627) launched March 15, 1963. 22 remaining new construction Polaris subs will be equipped with both. There are no plans at the present time to fit the systems into earlier submarines...

Lake Winnepesaukee R.P.O. When it came into being again on the Uncle Sam is not known. Thomas C. Burke of Malden, Mass sent a cover to Linn's several weeks again and the note read in use again.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE--"KNOW YOUR SHIPS CONTEST"

The announcement of this contest is open to USCS MEMBERS only whose membership number is 3000 or beyond with the exception of 4496 and USCS members having numbers assigned before 3000. Send in a SSAE #10 for entry blank and rules.

SERTOMA is an organization that supports college scholarships, girl scout and other community projects. The sale of KOMIC KARDS helps these worthy efforts. A \$1.00 donation will bring you a package or 20 assorted subjects. Write to: Sertoma Club of Norfolk P.O. Box 1874, Norfolk, Va. Here is a fund raising idea for your club, church or chapter and it's fun too. Insert a Komic Kard with some of those ship covers and let the Navy Mail Clerks enjoy a good giggle or smile too.

Do you want a stamp column?

FOREIGN SHIP COVERS AND MARKINGS * * * * *

Bill Luetge USCS #3938.....

Here is the first in a series of articles on foreign ship markings or postal markings. These markings are somewhat different from those used by U.S. Navy postal facilities and ships. Generally, they may be considered to fall into two basic categories:

(1) Ships having a device to cancel postage AND (2) Ships not having a device to cancel postage but use some other postal activity or source. Ships in this category usually have a ship's stamp, seal or insignia that they will apply to collector covers.

Prepare your covers in the same manner that you would for U.S. ships. It is most important to apply postage stamps of the country (rather than U.S. postage) on the covers that you want returned. Collectors report best cancellation results are obtained from foreign ships by using a stiff envelope filler inside your unsealed covers. Enclose a brief but courteous note (printed or typewritten) in English and/or a foreign language. It is recommended that you do not confuse the receiptient aboard ship by asking for unusual cover service such as autographs and colored cancels. Shipboard personnel are most willing to assist you, if they understand what you want. Commemorative stamps are most always appreciated by the crew and tends to encourage better relationship. This month let's start with some Belgian ships. Send your covers bearing valid Belgium postage stamps to:

Capitaine, (Name of the ship), c/o Naval Force, Ostende, Belguim. Ships know to have some ship or postal marking are: Fregatte Adrien De Gerlache; Fregatte A.F. DuFour; Fregatte DeMoor; Fregatte De Brouwer; Fregatte George LeCointe and Transporter Kamina. Current Belgian postage may be procured from almost any dealer or direct from the Belgian Philatelic Sales Office. Write to: Director Posts, 162 Ave. Bogier, Brussels, Belgium and include an IRC(International Reply Coupon) to obtain a copy of the latest sales order blank. Postal Rates: Printed Matter - Unsealed envelopes containing absolutely blank fillers - 1 Franc. Surface Mail - 6 Francs. Airmail is expensive and not recommended. Several weeks or months may elapse before foreign covers are returned. Collectors desiring to submit more detailed information on these ships or have knowledge of other ship markings are invited to send details to: W.J. Luetge, 3211 North 44th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216. Pertinent information will then be passed on to other collectors for the mutual benefit of all. Editor's Note: Research is being conducted with correspondents in Sweden, Norway, France, Spain and West Germany. Reports of this research will be published periodically by announcement in the philatelic press.

COLUMBIA, was the first ship to display the American Flag around the world, when Capt. Gray circumnavigated the globe in 1787-1790....

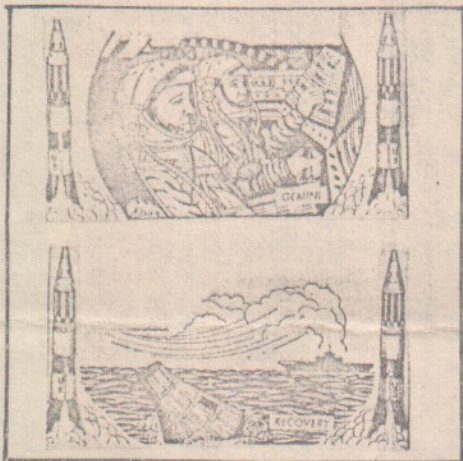
CVA-67 authorized in the Fiscal Year 1963 Shipbuilding and Conversion Program will be awarded to the successful bidder in April 1964. Bethlehem Steel, Quincy, Mass; Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co and New York Shipbuilding Corp, Camden, N.J. have received "bid" kits.

Covers acknowledged., J.R. Alexandre, N.Z. HMAS VOYAGER; Six from M. Polak -Rotterdam M.S. SEVEN SEAS; CARMANIA; MS GRIPSHOLM; SS WATERMAN; Hr. Ms Karel Doorman (Dutch Carrier) Greek -H.H.M.S. IERAX; J.R. Alexandre-N.Z., Campbell Island cancel & cachet-antarctic research station. M. Susije -USS VON STEUBEN (SSBN 632) launching; Mrs. F. Searle E. Roosevelt 5¢ FDC James Fagan, III -All of the 1963 U.S. FDC. H.Y.H. CHANG -Hawaii USS GALVESTON Cancel and cacheted plus USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) "Aloha Pearl Harbor" Porter C. Wright, Louisa, Va cover from USS J.R. PIERCE DD753 "Navy Day" Cachet. USS HOEL (DDG-13) Pearl Harbor Naval Ship Yard from H. Chang.

Your 1964 subscription has been recorded:

YES _____ NO YES

THE
POWER
OF
SUGGESTION



They say the power of suggestion is greater than we think or believe. This must be a true saying because everytime the family goes over ten miles in our Chevy II, little David (soon to be eight) has to go. It isn't that he really has to go but the highway advertising signs have convinced him by that time that he does, and this is a way of getting out of the car, hoping to chisel a soft drink, ice cream, candy bar or chewing gum etc....Here is a suggestion. The Gemini Poster Stamps released Nov 1st to help publicize the 15th National Postage Stamp Show has adopted the slogan "America's Future in Space." Two striking poster stamp designs have been printed in 4 different color combinations. One stamp depicts the recovery of a space capsule and the other shows the Gemini Space Twins in a space craft. Send SSAE#10 to: P.G. Keller, c/o ADSA 116 Nassau St, New York 38, NY with 206 per set or \$1.00 purchases a set of four sheets (40 stamps). These are available perforate and imperforate. Consult Linn's for more details. The illustration above is what remains after remodeling with a pair of scissors. P.S. No the barber doesn't get paid to cut my hair but to find it. Oh well, some folks were born into money but me -well let's face it-you can't have money and good looks too.....Be nice.....

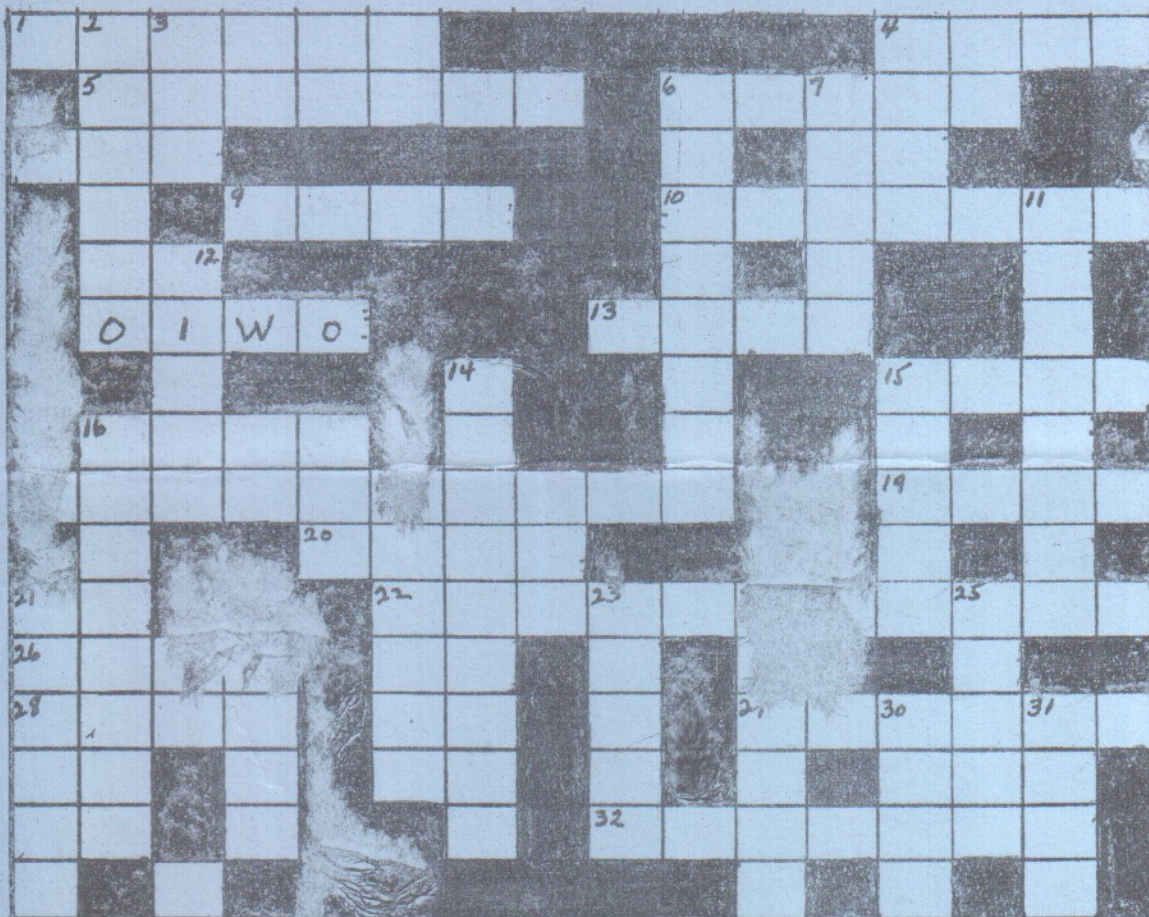
X-CHANGE KORNER.. Bob Szczepanski, 19732 Runyon, Detroit 34, Michigan needs the following sub covers:
Commissionings: 571 to 587, 589-590, 597-601, 608, 610
Launchings: 571 to 587, 589-593, 596-600, 602, 603, 608-610. First firings: 598-602, 608, 609....He has for trade: 584 '63 NAHA VISIT, 594C, 595L&C, 596C, 604L, 605L, 607L, 609C, 611C, 616C, 617L, 620L, 622-632L. These and many more in a 2 page list, also Mercury Recovery ships, rocket launchings, X-15 flights, polar, etc., He welcomes correspondence to trade for other naval covers include SSAE#10 for reply. He also has as Thresher dated 10-25-62 with CDR AXENE autograph to trade for another Thresher cover.....
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Nick has some duplicates of his past events these both T-2 and T-9 cancels, same cover. 7 for \$1.00
Write: Tazewell, P.O. Box 8097, Norfolk 3, Virginia

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Chuckle... A golfer, on a green near the highway saw a funeral procession passing. He took off his cap, standing bare-headed until the last car had passed. His golfing partner commented, "That was respectful of you to show such courtesy, Hank." "Well," returned the thoughtful golfer. "You know, we would have been married 28 years in February."

Something to remember...If you do not receive your Navphilately by the last day of the month then do not delay write-right away. The next issue will be mailed late in December depending upon the news available but it could be delayed until the 1st half of January. Why? Santa Claus will be cluttering the mail boxes and I am really lazy at heart...
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Space does not permit me to justify the full significance of the 60TH Anniversary of Powered Flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. This much I will reveal in a condensed form and get the newsletter out in time to be of some value to it's readers. Six of the world's leading Astronaut's (Glenn) and pilots will meet at Kitty Hawk, N.C. on December 17, 1963. This conference with youthful delagates from nearly 50 states will probe into the impact of flight, its social and economic influence upon our life and work. The Norfolk Philatelic Society has prepared a printed and a rubber stamped cachet to commemorate this historic event. This is the 60th Anniversary of the Wright Brothers 1903 flight and the dedication of First Flight Airport near the sight of the epic lift-off. For collectors desiging a 60th Anniversary Cover send .25cents to Kitty Hawk Committe, 1005 Bank of Commerce Bldg, Norfolk 10, Va. Collectors desiring only to use their own envelopes ans stamps send SSAE #6-3/4 plus ten cents service fee to defray the cost of transportation and other incidental expenses. Deadline: December 14th.....

 "Know your ships Contest"

Contest rules are published on the reverse side of this sheet.....Contest dates have been changed to 15 December to 31 December.



ACROSS

1. provisions stores ship
4. submarine
5. destroyer
6. Escort- PCE
8. cravat(see dictionary)
9. ammunition ship
10. amphibious transport dock
13. cable laying ship
15. destroyer
16. aircraft carrier//17. landing dock
19. high speed transport
20. submarine
22. destroyer
26. submarine(stricken & sunk)
28. destroyer
29. destroyer
32. MSC(first name only)

DOWN

2. icebreaker
3. destroyer leader
4. fleet ocean tug
6. submarine
7. minesweeper
11. submarine rescue
12. fleet ocean tug
14. fleet oiler
15. submarine
16. escort DER
18. net laying ship
21. destroyer
23. ammunition ship
24. submarine
25. AGSS
27. Name of state.
30. repair ship
31. submarine

COVER SUGGESTION:::: Since December 17, 1963 is the 60th Anniversary of the First Powered Flight and the Dedication of the Air Field at Kitty Hawk, N.C. some collectors might like to obtain a USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-62), FPO, San Francisco, California and perhaps later some collector will have designed a cachet to apply to these neatly postmarked covers. Printed cachets are more in demand than rubber stamped cachets and the standard collector 6-3/4 size is most suitable. This idea plus the write^{up} in the December issue of Navphilately will be covers most sought by European collectors as we come to the close of 1963.....

Contest Rules - Please read carefully repeat please read carefully.....

1. This contest is open to USCS Members only whose membership number is 3000 or beyond with the exception of 4496 and USCS members having membership numbers assigned before 3000.
2. Complete the crossword entry blank and mail to: Mr. Knud Rasmussen, 1106 Concord Street, Salt Lake City 4, Utah 84104. Mr. Rasmussen is beginning to collect navals & remember it's Christmas. DO NOT have your entry postmarked earlier than 15 December and not later than midnight, December 31st.
3. The contestant's entry received by the judges as being correct or nearest correct to the answer key will be declared the winner and awarded a gift. The decision of the judges will be final and all entries must be on the crossword puzzle blank on the reverse side. You may cut it out upon completion or leave the sheet as is.
4. Neatness in preparation and handwriting will be factors considered in judging. Pencil or pen may be used to complete the blank.
5. In the case of a tie, the entry postmarked earliest during the contest period will be declared the winner.
6. Additional entry blanks will not be available after the contest period begins.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TOO IT. GOOD LUCK...MERRY CHRISTMAS...HAPPY NEW YEAR ETC....

DECEMBER GET ACQUAINTED OFFER....Alstede Independence Day Cover printed monarch size envelope, Alstede 20 Years 1942 to 1962 Mobile Support to the Fleet postmarked 31 December 1962 probably last day of use...Norwegian Lady with picture of ship on cover postmarked on board USS BOXER (LPH-4)...Norwegian Lady with ships official insignia postmarked BOXER (LPH-4).....plus one more for \$1.00 postpaid - here is a chance to obtain some good trading material and are items in quantity that were unsold from last month's auction. When, I said I wanted to get rid of my duplicates I mean't it. Will consider trade of mint foreign stamp sets my choice. Correspondence not desired. Postmarks are all in good condition. -----

ATTENTION autograph and nuclear collectors... Captain Gaston de Groote, the first skipper of the N/S Savannah has been awarded a Medal of Honor by Belgium see his signature on those maiden voyage covers. Captain De Groote is a naturalized United States citizen. -----
Australian Navy submarines get missiles.. Missiles "Seacat" anti-aircraft system are now being installed in four anti-submarine frigates. The Seacat launcher holds four missiles that can be fired in rapid succession. HMAS DERWENT now in the final stages of construction at Melbourne, is slated to carry out the first Australian firing of the new system during sea trials in 1964. Here is another opportunity to stress the importance of the People-to-People Program. More follow up news information will be appreciated from you folks in Australia. Sam Rayburn's gavel will occupy a honored site in the Submarine Rayburn when the ship puts to sea in about a year from now. USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN-635) is presently under construction at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drycock Co, Newport News, Va. Idea for cachet? Si or No ARM-2 under construction at Gibbs Shipyard, Jacksonville, Florida and I mention it because Nick did such a swell job on the ARM-1 ARM = Polaris Submarine Repair Ship.. Have fun you all
USS STATEN ISLAND AND USCGC NORTHWIND DEPLOYED to the Beaufort and Chukchi Sea sectors of the Arctic Ocean from Alaska. Your 1963-64 Arctic ships are conducting extensive seismic testing in support of the Oceanography Program. Men of the two ships continue to battle heavy ice and sub zero temperatures to complete the project before total darkness of the Arctic winter sets in. -----

Collectors of ship covers and stamps are only as far away from assistance in their collecting habits as a five cent stamp. Please include SSAE #10 for the reply requested.....

1. More information on new picture postcards and ships pictures as they become available.....

2. This month's newsletter is pretty dog gone full and this is due to the fact we plan ahead.