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CACHET TEXAS STYLE... A Texan was visiting a farmer in Australia. While being shown around the ranch the Texan would remark that everything grew bigger in Texas. For example, When the Aussie pointed out a crop of big juicy cucumbers, the Texas farmer would remark, cucumbers grew as large as watermelons in Texas. A few minutes later a kangaroo came into view and the Texan asked what kind of animal that was. The Aussie replied, Now don't tell me that jack rabbits grow that big in Texas. The main object of this joke is to remind you to leave as much as of the envelope available for the Reliance Commissioning Day Cachet - it's a big one. Write to: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter RELIANCE, P.O. BOX 9638, Houston, Texas. 77015 - Date: About 15 March.

"NATO GUARDIAN OF THE ATLANTIC SACLANT" was the stamped motto on an envelope that I received the other day from the Public Information Officer, Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A. 23511

Correspondence received: Robert C. Moulton, 7 Mulberry St, Attleboro, Mass 02703 writes he has the following duplicate covers for exchange: (1) Operation Deepfreeze Taskforce 43, U.S. Navy/Seapower Supports Science canceled Byrd Station Antarctica USN AM/JAN 6, 1963 (2) Same as (1) canceled Pole Station Antarctica USN (3) No cachet canceled Byrd Station, Antarctica Jan 1, 1964. Mr. Moulton states that he includes Navy covers in his transportation collection....HERMAN RAFF, 2900 Shepard Drive, Rockledge, Fla., is interested in forming a collection of battleship and submarine covers. Prefers to exchange material the following material: Project Mercury FDC Cape Canaveral postmark, Cooper flight from Cape Canaveral 15 May 63, foreign paquebot, commemorative US FDC, Air Force Postal Service, etc... *****

PROJECT GEMINI PRELIMINARY PHILATELIC REPORT *****

Here is the report you requested in response to recent news items in the philatelic press. The response has been gratifying and I am using this means to keep you informed. Many of you who wrote to me indicated that you had a serious desire and interest in the U.S.C.S. cachet efforts to commemorate significant ship-n-space events. USCS Cachet Director Mr. Morris W. Beck, P.O. Box 116, Whitewater, Wisconsin and Mr. T.G. Nicholson, P.O. Box 8097 Norfolk, Va 23503 are our regular cover servicers. Mr. Beck usually provides covers for ship launchings, commissionings and other special events. Mr. Nicholson, a cover sponsor since he was a paperboy in the Norfolk Navy Yard back in the 30's remains loyal in his coverage of U.S. Navy and foreign ships visiting Norfolk. His cancellations are excellent (many which he strikes himself) and the foreign ship markings difficult to duplicate. The procedure for collectors to follow to obtain cachet covers are simple, inexpensive and, we hope rewarding. Send them 25 unsealed, stamped self-addressed 6-3/4 size envelopes containing stiffeners or fillers and bearing 5¢ postage. Foreign collectors must mark their covers "PRINTED MATTER". A service fee of 2¢ per cover is requested to assist in defraying the remaining expenses and printing costs. I am certain that you will all agree that it is almost impossible for these fine gentlemen and/or USCS to make any profit at 2¢ per cover. Surplus covers not used for Project Gemini events will be cacheted and postmarked on some significant U.S. Navy ship event. Mr. Don Schultz, 1225 E. Marquette Street, Appleton, Wisconsin - the backbone of the USCS Nuclear Ships Chapter offers to cachet Gemini event covers that will be postmarked at Cape Kennedy. He will accept ten covers for these cancellations and the service fee requested is 5¢ per cover. Surplus covers will be handled as per above. If you feel that you need more information and assistance on how to prepare (continued on the next page)..

NOTES ON PUTTING THE PAPER TO BED.... 22 February at New York commissioning USS LA SALLE (LPD-3); 25 February at Pascagoula, Miss; commissioning USS DACE (SSN-607); 27 February launching USS BRADLEY (DE-1041) at San Francisco, Calif; new date: 21 Feb at Newport News, Virginia commissioning USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN-625); 15 February at Weswego, La; launching (correct name) USS EDWARD MC DONNELL (DE-1043) and USS SIMON LAKE (AS-33) on 8 February at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington LATE NEWS from Bay City, Michigan.. the construction of a guided missile destroyer (DDG) for the Government of Australia in addition to the two DDGs previously built by Defoe for Australia. HMAS PERTH (DLG) will be commissioned at Boston, Mass on 22 May 1965. AGM-8 named Wheeling.. Watch for a couple more cruisers each coast to be put in reduced commissioned status probably cruisers with 8 inch guns. John F. Kennedy Stamp to be issued 29 May 1964 on what would have been his birthday. Transfer of a new patrol frigate (PF-103) to the Iranian Navy on 13 April at Charleston, S.C. and should be underway for Iran by mid June this year. Collectors desiring to improve the value and quality of their covers, reduce time and expense in the preparation of their envelopes should use the services of a cachet sponsor for best results Collectors might try writing to the builder of the USS HENRY CLAY-Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock for a company sponsored cover probably available without charge. Folks have been reporting better success by mailing their covers in the monarch size envelope due to the fact that a #10 is too long and when mail is tied into a bundle often times their covers take a beating or come back badly bent etc. Ray DuBeau, 17 W. 254 Babcock Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois 60127 writes he needs rocket launch covers but his list is too long to publish in this limited space. Why not write to Ray if you desire to trade..... World Wide Friendship Club .. where friendship is a chain. Write to: Knud Rasmussen, 1106 Concord Street, Salt Lake City, 4, Utah for more details (Send SSAE 6-3/4 or Monarch. (SSAE - stamped self-addressed envelope). POSTCARDS of U.S. Navy ships mailed postpaid 6 for 35¢ or 13 for 70¢- Skelley, 1210 Earle Avenue, W. Chesapeake, Va. 23506.....*** USCS HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER #63 held their January meeting at my home last week and among the business discussed was a "Weekend in Norfolk." We talked about a 1965 target date. It is hoped that interested collectors and friends might visit Norfolk and make up a tour that could include visits to U.S. Navy ships, Mariner's Museum and even swimming in the Chesapeake Bay. Those that think that they might be interested why not write to T.C. Miller, Jr., 627 Maryland Avenue, Norfolk, Va expressing your views and vacation intentions. A special note to those of you who some year back were in the Norfolk area wouldn't recognize it today. Yes, we got rid of the trolley, the neon jungle on East Main Street, the ferries but not the sailors. Today, a sailor is Norfolk's best friend - a city with a new look - look for yourself won't you. Let's discuss it. Now the MacArthur Memorial and the Azeala Gardens etc.***ORDERS FOR 6-3/4 and Monarch size envelopes being mailed this date. 500 (1 box) postpaid anywhere in the U.S.A. - \$3.00 a box. Not much space left..... The better half of this family has got the travelling fever again this year and although our plans haven't been discussed I can tell that the good woman wants to get away from it all - lookout all you folks North, East and West. PROJECT GEMINI CONTINUED HERE.....

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covers -write me. Collectors are reminded to enclose a #10 (long) stamped self-addressed envelope when writing to another collector requesting information that requires a reply, this is called philatelic courtesy. Remember in cover philately nothing can be guaranteed as we are subject to human error. We do understand that every collector has an investment in his hobby and we are doing our utmost to make our hobby the greatest. USCS experience and "know how" makes it possible for the collector to act accordingly, while there is still plenty of time. The first two un-manned P.G. flights will not involve recovery or ships. Late in May or June some more definite information is expected concerning PG flights that do involve ships. This report will be sent to you in the envelope **

HAWAIIAN MERCHANT... The only merchant ship to fly the flag of Hawaii when it was an independent nation in the 1890's has returned to the Islands to become a floating museum. The 85 year old, 300 foot "Falls of Clyde" was towed from Seattle to Pearl Harbor by USS MOCTOBI. This historic ship will be restored to her original appearance as a four masted square-rigger. The project will be paid for by donations from the public.

↑ ** that remains. Here is your opportunity. Seldom has any society done so much for so little. Thank you for being a Navy supporter and we all hope that you will be pleased with our efforts. *↘*

POST CARDS

Deltiology, or postcard collecting, is enjoyed by thousands of people throughout the world. The Windy City Club of Chicago, for example, has over 1,000 members. Many libraries and museums have collections of picture post cards on exhibit.

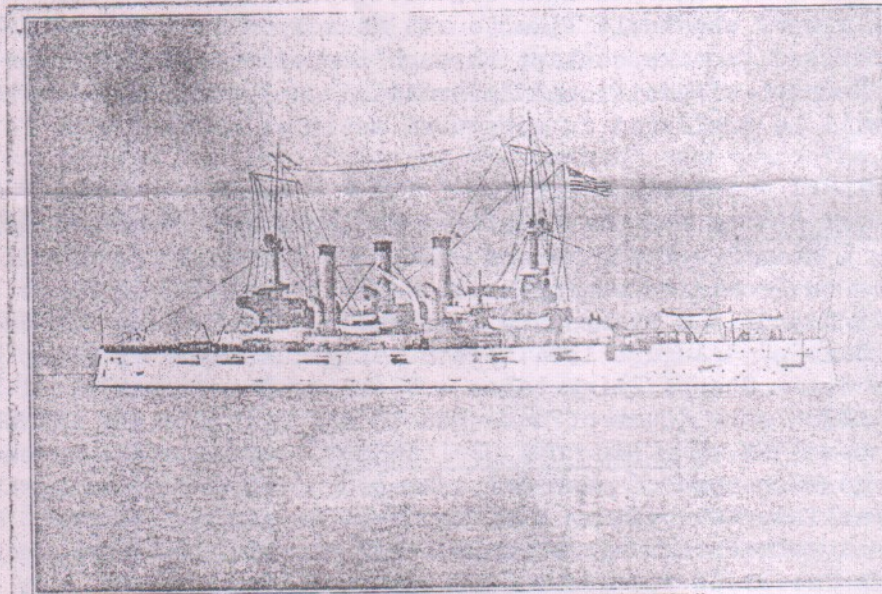
The picture post card is a development of the postal (Post Office) card and the early advertising card. The idea originated in Europe, where the post card was legalized in the early 1880s. In the United States they were authorized by the Post Office Department for use on May 19, 1898. However, some few had been improvised prior to that time.

The three major divisions of post cards are view cards, greetings and comics. Separate sub-divisions are usually made for cards depicting expositions and art subjects, novelty cards and advertising cards. Some collectors are only interested in cards printed prior to 1920, while others prefer modern cards. Some people collect by subject matter, while others collect cards printed by a particular publisher.

The range of cards is so great, that a person has no difficulty in finding a speciality that corresponds with his or her interests. Some of the most popular subjects for view card collectors are ships, trains, automobiles, airplanes, light-houses, disasters, capitol buildings and early scenes of home towns and cities. Sometimes the messages on these old cards are more interesting than the view.

Of particular interest to Navphilately readers would be the Edward H. Mitchell series of sixty four cards in color, showing U.S. Navy warships. Mitchell was an early San Francisco publisher and these cards were printed prior to 1920.

This article was written by Mr. Edward M. Lindsay, 5600 Oak Grove Avenue, Oakland, California and we are looking for more interesting articles on post cards during 1964. Thank you for sharing this knowledge with us. Ed,



No. 5001.—U. S. BATTLESHIP "CONNECTICUT."
 881 officers and men. Displacement, 16,000 tons. Speed, 18 knots. Coal supply, 2,200 tons.
 Armor: Belt, 11 in. to 4 in.; casemates, 7 in.; main turrets, 12 in.; secondary turrets, 8 in.;
 deck, 3 in. Torpedo tubes, 4 submerged. Complement, 803. Length, 450 ft.

FOREIGN SHIPS WITH POSTAL MARKINGS

Bill Luetge, 3211 North 44th Street
- USCS-3938 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53216

While France does not have as many known ship markings as the Federal German Republic Navy discussed in last month's issue, France does have some nice collectable items for the collectors to add to his album.

The following ships have a form of postal marking: Flugzeugtrager Arromanches, Flugzeugtrager Clemenceau, Flugzeugtrager Lafayette, Kreuzer Colbert, Kreuzer De Grasse, Gluzeugtrager Foch, Schlachtschiff Jean Bart and the Fregatte L'Agile.

Covers sent for these markings or cachet should bear at least 0.20Fr postage for "PRINTED MATTER" and 0.50 Fr. for the surface mail rate. French postage stamps may be purchased from most any stamp dealer or from the Ministry of Posts, Paris 7, France. The usual rules previously explained and discussed in this series concerning the procedure and procurement of foreign ship covers apply and should be reviewed.

Send your covers to: Monsieur le Commandant, (Name of ship), Toulon Naval Base, Toulon, France or to Monsieur le Gerant Postal, (Name of the ship), Bureau of Central Naval, Paris, France. Valid postage of France must be applied to your covers that you desire returned from the French warships unless you decide to use International Reply Cards. See your local postmaster for details.

International Reply Cards are available at most U.S. Post Offices and other countries belonging to the Universal Postal Union or from the Philatelic Sales Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D.C. Send them a long #10 stamped self-addressed envelope for a copy of their latest stamp and card sales order blank.

Economy is the idea behind using these International Reply Cards and they do receive airmail treatment each way. The International Reply Card is prepared in two portions. One portion you address to the ship and state briefly what you desire and the other portion is to be addressed by you and will be returned from the ship with the cancellation or cachet stamped thereon.

Collectors who would like to act as a sponsor a cachet for a particular ship are encouraged to make contact through correspondence with our friends overseas on ships. Receipt of additional information on foreign ship markings or cachets by the writer will be published in subsequent articles dealing with foreign ships in this journal.

West German Stamps - 1964: 3 stamps Progress and Technical Science -first day of issue unknown. 4 stamps - Youth issues -motiff - fishes 4 Oct 64. 11 stamps Capitals of German Countries or Provinces beginning in May. 1 stamp "1200 Years of the Abbey at Otto-beuren 29 May 64. 8 stamps and 1 s. sheet - Resistance 20 June 1964. 1 stamp Reformed Church (Calvin) 3 August 1964. Again religious issue -1 Stamp Roman Catholic Convention 2 Sep 1964. 4 Stamps Fairy tales - Sleeping Beauty Oct 64. 1 Stamp Olympics 8 Oct 64. 1 Stamp "250 Years Court of Account" 30 Oct 64. 1 stamp KENNEDY COMMEMORATIVE probably 22 November 1964. SPECIAL NOTE OF INTEREST... A mutual interest exists and is prevalent insofar as exchanges of material, stamps and covers honoring the late President are of particular interest between U.S. and West German collectors. Here is your opportunity to begin a mutual exchange of philatelic material and correspondence. Write to the editor in the event you are interested in making contact.

Amphibious ships in the Mediterranean.. USS FREMONT, TELFAIR, MULIPHEN, SPIEGEL GROVE, ASHLAND(LSD-1), GRAHAM COUNTY, 36TH Atomic submarine passes trials, the DACE and will be commissioned early in April at the Ingalls Shipbuilding Co, Pasagoula, Miss.ZANZIBAR, the spice island, recently witnessed most American staff members of the U.S. Project Mercury satellite tracking station and their dependents evacuated aboard the destroyer USS MANLEY.

Discussing stamps and covers with Harry Kunder, 157 Carrollton Road, Norfolk., a few weeks ago, we came to the conclusion that all that glitters is not gold but we are attracted.....Harry is a bug for fishing and nice stamps and his collection speaks well of his efforts. He doesn't have any navals to speak of but does have some darn nice US FDC and stamps. Interested? Well drop him a few lines and enclose a SSAE #10 for his reply. Please remember Harry's (retired) and his Navy Job Code (MOS in the Army) doesn't call for immediate replies as fishing has priority.

Some say the secret of successful collecting is obtaining stamps and covers as they are issued or sponsored. White hats in ship cover collecting can arrange for a steady and inexpensive stream of beautifully cacheted works of art from our USCS friends and cachet sponsors which, by the way, seems to be increasing. These cover sponsors are definitely our friends and need our support. The nominal service fee cannot pay their expenses. Please consider their time, postage, gas and oil, supplies and other necessary materials expended, while turning out a worthwhile cachet. The reason that they keep plugging with the rest of us is obviously simple. They enjoy helping other people and especially the deep water cover sailors. Who are these sponsors? USCS shipmates and home folks just like ourselves. They don't ride around in a "his" or "hers" caddy either.

Changing the subjects:: I want to tell you about an advertisement that appeared in a November issue of Linn's that really got me right below the pen and pencil set (in my shirt pocket). It was the one about Antarctic covers reading (1) getting scarce \$11.00 and (2) extremely scarce \$6.00 etc. The power of suggestion is tremendous as I have pointed out to you many times before but how gullible are collectors? What is the matter with offering polar covers in July? No, White Christmas in July - you say.

In the November issues the usual dealer ads still perked along with a variety of 75¢ to \$1.25 covers at their usual tab. Nuclear sub covers are and were available at a very nominal service fee from USCS Nuclear Ships Chapter #61, when the events occurred less than three months before. Now, dealers offer these same items at \$1.25 to \$2.00 per. How many times must a collector be reminded to subscribe to the cover services of the various sponsors as announced in the USCS Log and other philatelic papers. To substantiate this reasoning further Linn's (my favorite stamp paper) carried another advertisement: NOA (DD-841) postmarked 2-20-62 @ \$7.50 small supply (probably 2 or 3 covers) with other autographed Project Mercury covers @ \$17.50 ea. The one cover that they didn't mention that is really scarcer than hen's teeth is the PM KASKASKIA cover with the "special postmark" (fancy cancel). These covers were and are very limited and probably not more than 50 are in existence today. If they are asking these prices - what would they ask for a Kaskaskia, the most sought after cover of 1962.

Let me make this prediction for 1964. During the ensuing two years the field of ship cover collecting will fan out abroad. A call for your duplicates is already in demand providing you are willing to exchange covers for stamps or more ship covers. A good sound basis for exchange values of your cacheted covers is .25¢ (US) each. Remember you have kept the best covers for your album collection. Covers mailed overseas may be sent as "PRINTED MATTER" not as Third Class mail in unsealed envelopes. The rate of postage to be applied is 5¢ per 2 ounces providing that you do not include any written or typewritten messages. Take out the envelope fillers to save mailing costs and mail them between two pieces of cardboard (shirt boards). Be certain that the parcel is weighed and plainly marked "PRINTED MATTER" with Post Office Department form 2976 applied on the outer container. Use only the top portion of the green form and throw away the remainder of the form. Obtain a small supply of these forms from your local post office as they will come in handy on weekends and evenings during cover activities. You will be surprised how many covers without fillers that you may send to other countries of the world between two pieces of light cardboard in a kraft type envelope for 5¢ or 8¢ for four ounces. Five cents for the 1st two ounces and three cents for each additional 2 ounces, etc. I usually conduct my correspondence with foreign friends using the 11¢ US airletter sheet because airletter sheets receive faster airmail service inasmuch as they do not have to be weighed before leaving the US.

THINGS TO WRITE FOR.....

Publications: From the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. -World Port Index \$1.50 but not much value to the naval cover collector. Could be of some interest to the Paquebot collector. Available for loan and review providing postage is pre-paid to and from here. Ed.

SHIPS PATCH OR INSIGNIA. LTJG D.V.SLOAN, U.S.NAVY USS SOUTHERLAND(DD-743).FPO, San Francisco, Calif has available a handsome embroidered ship's jacket patch about 4 x 4 1/2 inches form of a shield in color. \$1.00 plus SSAE#10. European collectors may obtain this cloth emblem in exchange for 10 German Naval Covers or 10 IRC or \$1.00 in cash or money o order. Southerland has begun FRAM conversion at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, her resting place till October 64. She will be redesignated a DD and you can put this down on your cover planning calander for Nov-Dec 64. Maybe a cachet will be prepared by then also. COVERS SERVICED....Robert D. Ekas, P.O. Box 146, Chicora, Pa advises he is also servicing anniversaries of conventional subs and auxiliaries. Service fee is 2¢ per cover. State whether you want these sub covers or the nuclear ships and aircraft carriers mention in last Dec's issue. A SSAE#10 will bring you a list of ships and commissioning dates that he's planning to cover - of course, T. G. NICHOLSON, P.O. BOX 8097, Norfolk gives us a delightful surprise by servicing a "Last Day of Postal Service" from the Thetis Bay decommissioned on January 9th.

SPECIAL USCS LOG ISSUE.... Collectors writing to me for membership applications are advised that by joining USCS you may obtain their special eight page issue free. Other interested collectors may send 50¢ to Howard Koeppen, 414 Church Street, Clinton, Wisconsin 53525 for a copy of the SPECIAL issue - Membership suggested instead- \$2.50 will pay you up to April 65. Don't delay act today and meet some of the world's best people-interested in each other.

ABOUT PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS: Most philatelic publications, newsletters and society journals usually remind me of naval warfare in the earliest days. The battle tactics of the navies resembled the tactics for land warfare. Gathering into a phalanx, the galleys would cruise into battle several columns abreast.(continued on the next page) 6

X - CHANGE KORNER * FREE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Still needed for a friend KL SSEN-619,624, and 640 (postmarked 5-25-63) write to Skelley * * * * *

BYING - YES BUYING.. Cacheted Project Mercury U.S. Navy Recovery Ship covers with clear & complete postmarks. Send details concerning quantity and price desired. Skelley, 1210 Earle Ave, W. Chesapeake, Va. 23506, * * * * *

CONTEST WINNDR ANNOUNCED... Navphilately's "Know your ships" crossword puzzle contest was championed by: J. Bean, 110 North 5th, Quincy, Illinois. Congratulations sir.....

HISTORICAL NOTES: Before July 1862, there was no rank of Admiral in the U.S. Navy.

Columbia is the personification of the United States, the capital of South Carolina and a river in the northwestern U.S. between Oregon and Washington. Six U.S. naval ships have borne this name. The sixth COLUMBIA(CL-56) received ten battle stars for her World War II service.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The art of getting along with people includes the art of being able to disagree with them and still have a friendly relationship. Here is one that I am throwing in free.. *philatelic joke* -----

Man: I'm returning that green suit I bought.
Clerk: For what reason?

Man: I yawned in the street yesterday and two people dropped letters in my mouth....
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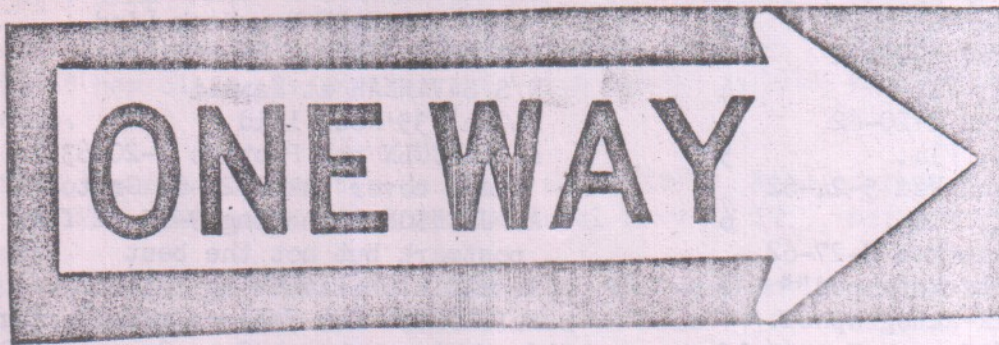
A drunk lost his balance while leaning out of a fourth floor window and fell to the ground. A crowd gathered. "What happened?" a woman asked. "I dunno." replied the drunk, "I jush got here."
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I think in all fairness that I should remind you that your not paying for these jokes I am throwing them in. Okay,Okay one more.....

If you think those old time Western gunslingers were quick on the draw, just open a joint checking or savings account with your wife. _ _ _ _ _

BACK ISSUES OF THIS PUBLICATION ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND IT IS NOT COMTEMPLATED THAT THEY WILL BE REPRODUCED DUE TO THE EXPENSE. HOWEVER, I AM WORKING ON A SPECIAL ISSUE "THE BEST IN NAVPHILATELY" WHICH WILL BE A SELECTION OF OUR BEST ITEMS PICKED BY THE READERS THEMSELVES.....

DID YOU OBTAIN THESE???? To those collectors who have not obtained cacheted Astronaut Glenn, Carpenter and Schirra cacheted covers cancelled on the appropriate dates on board USS ALSTEDE(AF -48) may still obtain them from me at 50¢ each. A sufficient quantity is this offer worth mentioning. I try not to write about things or covers that collectors missed.



THE EXPRESSION "ONE WAY" HAS SEVERAL MEANINGS IN OUR DAILY LIVES. THE SIGN ABOVE COULD MEAN THE PROPER TRAFFIC PATTERN OR WAY IN THE CITY. ANOTHER USAGE OF "ONE WAY" IS USED IN REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUALS. A SLANG EXPRESSION TO DENOTE SOME INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ONLY INTERESTED IN HIS OWN SELF BETTERMENT. PHILATELISTS USE THIS MENTAL EXPRESSION OR THOUGH IN REGARD TO AN UNFAIR EXCHANGE OF MATERIAL. SOME COLLECTORS ARE RIGHTLY NICKNAMED "ONE WAY" BUT SELDOM DOES THIS HAPPEN IN THE WAKE OF SHIP COVERS. THE VITAL PART OR SURVIVAL OF ANY SOCIETY OR FRATERNITY MUST DEPEND ON "FRESH MEAT" AND IN THE CASE OF OUR SOCIETY(USCS) IT IS NEW MEMBERS. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS IN WHICH SOCIETY MEMBERS CAN REFRAIN FROM BEING LABELLED "ONE WAY" HERE ARE JUST A FEW TO KEEP THE SOCIETY FROM BEING BRANDED A "ONE WAY" OUTFIT::::

"ONE WAY" - take an active part in the organizational affairs by relieving some other worker to take on more important tasks. Vote in an election, submit beneficial suggestions for the overall improvement of the entire group and thus make it possible for "two way" communication of ideas to exist. Many members in the past have resigned or were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. Did you ever consider their reasons or bother to write and find out? I suspect their reply would read something like this; "The lack of understanding of a new collector that needs information to begin collecting and the failure by more experienced collectors to recognize these new members, often contributes to the withdrawal of an enthusiastic collector. In other words, please do not encourage someone to enlist as a member in the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and then drop him or her like a hot potato, just when they need you most. Share - Share all you have learned with them about the adventures of cover collecting.

"ONE WAY" - Volunteer to assist your USCS President and Secretary in research projects, writing articles and letters for publication or more important take it upon yourself to write to these new members and suggest the buddy system or pen pal method until they understand the mechanics of collecting. I am certain that you will not regret helping someone else get started, after all someone helped you didn't they.....????.....?

"ONE WAY" - Contribute more as an individual today by writing to one of these for-members. Tell them about the big strides we are making as a group, the splendid cachets produced by our own cover sponsors, tell them about the expanded and informative issues of the U.S.C.S. Log, also the greater interest and participation on behalf of collectors as well as naval personnel, increased membership enrollment and the most important ingredient of all - membership in a society of friends and collectors all working together for the mutual benefit of all. FRIENDSHIP IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT....REMEMBER THE IDEA IS TO TELL THEM ABOUT IT.....TELL THEM ABOUT THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT WE ARE HAVING - EVERYBODY LIKES HAVING FUN AND A GOOD TIME...TELL THEM ABOUT THE COMING CONVENTION...THE CATALOGREPEAT TELL THEM..... TODAY.

These covers will be available until February 29th - after all its Leap Year

	LOT #		
ENTERPRISE- Navy Day-1962	1	KEEL LAYING GERMAN ATOMIC SHIP	8
JFK in Germany 6-25-63 PC	2	BOY SCOUT COVERS -several different	9
JFK in Germany 6-25-63 COV	3	CUBAN BLOCKADE-New-Hank-Lind	10
PM GLENN postmarked 2-20-62		THRESHER SSN-593 launching	11
at Port Canaveral, Fla	4	N/S SAVANNAH at Hawaii	12
PM GLENN postmarked 2-20-62		DLG(n) 35 Keel laid	13
at Cape Canaveral, Fla.	5	A. LINCOLN pmk Proteus 1-20-63	14
PM CARPENTER postmarked 5-24-62		and 1 cover pmk 1-25-63 Groton	
at Port Canaveral, Fla	6	A. JACKSON launching 9-15-62 fair	15
N/S SAVANNAH postmarked 8-27-62		postmark but not the best	
Savannah, Ga and backstamped**	7	A. HAMILTON launching 8-18-62	16
8-30-62 at Norfolk-autographed.		A. JACKSON 1st Polaris missile fired	
T. JEFFERSON SSBN618 pmrk 7-4-63	18	from atom sub pmk Cape Canaveral, 10-3-63-17	
at Newport News, Va		Deep Freeze-U.S. Navy pmrk Byrd Sta.	
** Maiden Voyage Cover		13 November 1961	- - - - - 19

Here are 19 cover offers to help you fill in the spaces that you missed. I won't set a price but let you bid on the above lots on a postcard. Covers will be sold to the highest bidders and the minimum bid of 35 cents each is reserved. Bids must be received by midnight February 21, 1964. The usual philatelic bidding rules apply. Mostly cacheted & clear clean postmarks. I have about three covers of each but in some cases only one exists....

W. R. SKELLEY, JR., 1210 Earle Avenue, West Chesapeake, Va. 23506 - *Have fun you all*

Otto A. Swoboda, Route #1, Box 257,
Lorton, Virginia
Franklin S. Gates, 178 Summer St.
Athol, Massachusetts
John A. Willis, 3132 Akl Ave, S.W.,
Seattle, Washington
Stephen W. Dietrich, 4178 Cresta Ave,
Santa Barbara, California
Howard R. Junker, 14 Baldwin St.,
Vallejo, California
Mrs. Harriet S. Stevens, 201 E. Walton
Place, Chicago, Illinois
William R. Johnson, 212 Church Road,
Philadelphia, Pa
Allen T. Nelson, Pauline, Kansas
John Gatchel, 2909 20th St.,
Rockford, Illinois
Eugene T. Peterson, 3409-B South
Stratford, Arlington 6, Va
Ernest B. Born, 423 Post Terrace,
P.O. Box 77, Nebraska City, Nebr.
Archie Larriau, 1026 Broadmoor Drive,
Napa, California
Mrs. Mildred J. Brej, 2861 Wilson Ave,
Bell, ore, L.I., N.Y.
Michael Mathieson, Lincolnville, Maine
Bill Bowen, 207 E. Washington,
Shenandoah, Iowa
Robert Spors, 4508 Shenandoah Ave,
St. Louis, Missouri

William J. Svec, 15 Fourth Avenue,
Farmingdale, L.I. New York
Robert H. Kerwin, 430 Mt. Pleasant Ave,
West Paterson, New Jersey
Czerna C. Lafler, 6307 Columbus Ave,
Van Nuys, California
Mrs. Georgiannah Engstrom, Box 203,
Vacaville, California
Mary M. Scandling, 423 Maple Ave,
Vallejo, California
Walter Hayward(junior member), 24
Dickerson Road, Darien, Conn
Heinz Dreier, 2716 Del Monte Ave,
El Cerrito, California
Mrs. Gertrude Materne, 11035 Peerless,
Detroit, Michigan
Karl Kärrolin, 1610 N.W. 31st Avenue,
Miami, Florida
Michael Vachet, 6580 20th Ave, Apt #4,
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H. M. DANAE

H. M. light cruiser DANAE, fifth ship of the name in the Royal Navy and nameship of her class, is another ship that served in both World Wars and the uneasy peace.

DANAE was named after the daughter of ARCISIUS, King of Argcay, great-grandson of DANAUS. The name came into the Royal Navy in 1759, being worn by a captured fifth rate.

She was built by Wallsend Slipway Co, Wallsend-on-Tyne, England, being launched in December 1917 and commissioned in June 1918. The ship was of 4850 tons displacement on dimensions 445 x 46½ x 14½ feet. Her armament consisted of 6 - 6", 3 - 4" AA and 12 - 21"TT in triple mounts; as ORP CONRAD: 5-6", 2-4"AA, 8-40mm AA, 8-20mm AA and 1 multiple pompom.

DANAE served with the 5th Light Cruiser Squadron during 1918 and later had the distinction of serving with all British Fleets. She was escort ship to HRH the Prince of Wales during the World Cruise in 1924, steaming some 53,000 miles. During her service with the American and West Indies Squadron, she again accompanied HRH, this time on a tour of South America. She rendered valuable assistance at Santo Domingo during the earthquake disaster and hurricane of 1930. She was also credited with practically rebuilding the city of Belize in British Honduras following the tidal wave of 1932. DANAE was a well known visitor on both coasts of the United States and Canada during her service with the Indies Squadron. She was paid-off for decommissioning 29 November 1935 at Devenport, having steamed nearly a million miles since her first commission.

It was the intention to keep DANAE in reserve for three years and then send her to the scrap yard. By the end of 1938, the Admiralty knew that war was inevitable and DANAE returned to service. She served with the British Fleet until 1944 when she was transferred to the Polish Navy, becoming O.R.P. CONRAD. She earned the Battle Honor; Normandy 1944 while in Polish Service. She was returned to the Royal Navy after World War II and broken-up in 1948.

DANAE was a ship that greatly enriched the collections of 1932-35 as she had two unofficial cancels as well as the usual Royal Navy markings. AS ORP CONRAD, she had two official postal cancels and several rubber stamp markings.

DANAE is represented in my collection by several covers, including a cacheted decommissioning cover dated 29 November 1935. This cachet features a silhouette of the cruiser against the Union Flag. Another pre-war cover has the oval "Regulating Office" stamp and is cancelled by a two line stamp "Rec'd from/H.M. SHIP."

Yours truly, Art Mears, USCS #189, *Canada*

Like the infantry phalanx such tactics were weak because of their lack of flexibility. Papers published to serve readers or a membership with news events must therefore be more flexible. More emphasis will be exercised in this direction in 1964.

USS NORTON SOUND (AVM-1) now undergoing reconversion and slated for completion about April 30, 1964 at the Maryland Shipbuilding and Drydock Co, Baltimore, Maryland will be testing the re-oriented TYPHON missile development program. Westinghouse Electric Corp. of Baltimore will do the testing on board the ship.

USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2) commissioning scheduled in June 64 and will be homeported at Norfolk. USS SAIPAN (CG-3) commissioning scheduled for July 1964. GET THOSE ENVELOPES TO YOUR FAVORITE CACHET SPONSOR BEFORE YOU FORGET... 9

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT: It is well know, of course, that all men are

not cut out for a career in military service. We would be a most peculiar nation if they were. But this does not seem to justify the view that military service in these times should be viewed as repugnant. The Navy is a difficult life, the hours are long, the absences from home are many, promotion is not automatic, the pay - compared to some - seems at times inadequate. But the rewards are almost unlimited. Unlimited though they may be, almost all these rewards can be described by two words - self satisfaction. I think that all men desire - most of all - two things in life. First, they must feel that they are contributing something - contributing to an individual or to several people individually or to a group. Many people, of course, seem to think that the taxpayer will never get any appreciable return from the money which he invests in the Navy until, or unless, we have a war. This simply isn't true. We always have and we still are making many contributions to the general progress of our country in such fields as scientific research, development experiments, and operations. For instance, the Navy was the first in our country to utilize and further the development of that now commonly known phenomenon called radar. In the field of science, it was a Navy man - the late Rear Admiral Parsons, who assisted in the development of and served as weaponeer of the very first atomic bomb ever dropped. And, in the field of nuclear power, it is the Navy which today, by means of its nuclear-powered submarines and nuclear powered surface ships, is pointing toward and actually leading the way to the ultimate economical peacetime use of this great source of unlimited power. Furthermore, the Navy contributes appreciably to what one might call the vocational training of literally thousands of our citizens. A ship is like a city - it requires all of the community services generally required in a small town. A ship at sea is like an isolated city and must therefore be self-sufficient in all these community services. Of course, a ship has its commanding officer, its navigator and the men who shoot the guns, but it must also have doctors, lawyers, cooks, bakers, mail clerks, engineers, cobblers, barbers - in fact, almost every profession which you find in a small town is found aboard ship. With the exception of a few such as doctors and lawyers, the Navy actually trains its men in these various professions. Although I dislike having to say it, I must admit that for every 100 men the Navy takes from the community today - 80 are returned to civilian life at the expiration of four years. They are returned not only better disciplined, but far better trained, and consequently, we believe, far better citizens.....Helpful hints.. Collectors are urged to obtain covers or postmarks from the destroyers that HAVE NOT as yet undergone a FRAM conversion. "Thrift" is a nickname for the President's announced economy program to reduce government spending prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year(1 July 64). This could involve laying up more un-converted destroyers and ships thus saving taxpayers the expense. As you already know THETIS BAY was a sudden surprise when she was decommissioned in Philadelphia last January. Fleet maintenance does however continue. During the period 1 August to 31 October 1963, a total of 63 ships started overhauls, 30 regular and three FRAM II overhauls in the Atlantic Fleet and 27 regular and three FRAM II reconversions in the Pacific Fleet. 33 of these overhauls were accomplished in commercial shipyards.

Ed. H. Lameck, 1854 Wyandotte Street, E., Windsor, Ontario, Canada writes that he has personal friends on RCN ships that will cancel his personal mail which is not subject to the philatelic mail rule. He is your man in Canada, servicing covers @ 5¢ per cover and will accept U.S. mint stamps in exchange for the Canadian stamps used on your covers. In other words, covers mailed from RCN Ships must bear Canadian postage. Will accept a supply of your self-addressed envelopes. Servicing USCG ships also. Ed reports that the three tribal class ships of RCN to be paid off 22 February are the Nootka, Cayuga and Micmac. Reports indicate that the USS JOHN C. CALHOUN(SSBN-630) may be the first missile firing submarine to conduct tests at Cape Kennedy. Commissioning date in August 64. Three Oberon Class conventional attack submarines to be launched in Chatham near London next month(named: ONYX) and two more sub will be built at this yard.

WORLD NEWS REPORTS CONCERNING SHIPS

CANADA...Canadian Naval tidbits are quite varied and rather disturbing. Canada like the United States has inaugurated a "Thrift Program" in military expenditures. Fourteen ships are to be laid up, 3- tribals, 1-maintenance ship and 10 minesweepers. Royal Canadian Navy will no longer have a minesweeping section as this eliminates both squadrons. Reductions are also anticipated in stations, divisions and personnel. President Johnson has decided he no longer requires Air Force and Naval aides. The Presidential Aide, Captain Tazewell T. Shepard, U.S. Navy has by an earlier request received orders to command the USS AUCILLA(AO-56), a ship of the Atlantic Fleet. On the bright side, RCN is to obtain 3 OBERON Class submarines, the remaining SALLY RAND's modernized and the new supply-oiler-ammunition ship PROVIDER now in commission is the largest ship in the Canadian Fleet. The so-called modernization of Canadian and U.S. ships is actually a rebuilding program. The ships are stripped down in some cases to below decks, rebuilt they will have twin funnels, helicopter hangar and landing areas plus the VDS gear at the stern. Living and messing spaces are to be much improved also. It is believed that reconversion will extend to the sister class since the 15 GP frigates were cancelled.

UNITED STATES USS PROTEUS is scheduled to return to Holy Loch, Scotland for her refresher training with the HUNLEY for about one month....Polaris subs to get the new MARK 84 Fire System - an electronic wonder-brain that has shown in tests it can, while submerged plop a missile into a "pickle barrel" 2500 miles away - has been ordered for all future Polaris submarines. The SSBN LAFAYETTE is at present the only sub with the Mark 84 operational...Overall 31 of the 41 authorized will be equipped with the new system....WASHINGTON, D.C. The United States has agreed to assist in the training of German and Japanese crewman aboard the SAVANNAH. Japan is planning a 9,000 ton oceanographic nuclear ship scheduled for completion in 1967. Germany on the other hand is building a 15,000 ton merchant ship to be ready in the spring of 1965.

WHITE SANDS, NEW MEXICO - Mr. Frank Ramirez, Branch Superintendent, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, U.S.A. will service covers with postmarks ONLY and without supplying any cachet to interested collectors sending stamped self-addressed covers. Send Mr. Ramirez a reasonable quantity of covers but don't overdo it.. NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Italian President Antonio Segni visited the Norfolk Naval Complex and aboard two ships. The wardroom was buzzing with conversation on the evening of January 16th as T.G. Nicholson commemorated the historical event with the special SEAWOLF (SSN-575). Covers were postmarked aboard the USS VERMILLION(AKA-107) inasmuch as United States submarines do NOT have postal facilities on board. President Segni also visited the guided missile frigate WILLIAM V. PRATT (DLG-13) but to date no covers from this ship have been seen.

WEST GERMANY...West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard strongly urged Britain to join a mixed manned atomic fleet as the best way of preserving Atlantic defense ties.

AUSTRALIA...HMAS PERTH (DLG) to be commissioned 22 May 1965 at Boston, Mass., Ed Lameck writes that USCS CHAPTER DANIEL DOBBINS #20 is handling covers for H.M.A.S. ships by Appointment of the Royal Australian Navy. Covers sent direct to these ships will be returned un-serviced. DO NOT put U.S. postage on covers to be serviced or posted from Australian Navy Ships. Send covers with Australian Postage or remittance to pre-pay the required postage. HAWAII..William H. Carpenter, Naval Radio Station, Navy No. 66, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California desires information on the availability and purchase of ship and station patches or insignias. FRANCE...

The Soviet Nuclear submarine force, contrary to official Soviet proclamations, is small. This startling statement by Captain Claude Huan, Corvette, French Navy, is one of the many surprises in the treatise on the Russian Submarine Force. Soviet SSBN's, says Huan, have a displacement equivalent to that of the Nautilus, but their missiles have a range of only 500 miles. To offset the short range and the fact that the Russian Navy has only five in service, according to Huan, conventional "X" and "G" subs are armed with missiles, bringing the total of missile carrying submarines to 31. //

COVER ESTATES.... The naval cover collection of the late Calvin E. Seabold consisted of about 40 albums. His niece sought the assistance in the disposal of his naval and paquebot covers from various societies and probably by now the collection has been broken up and dispersed among the many. This brings me to a discussion that has been echoing in many quarters of cover philately but more especially ship covers concerning the proper disposal of a worthwhile collection.

Personally, I was more than a little surprised to learn that collector's of long standing seldom leave proper written instructions for the adequate disposal of the collection, in the event something unforeseen happens. Collectors should not impose the added burden upon the executor or his or her estate or surviving heirs and expect them to dispose of their collection properly. Ship covers is a subject that they may know little about or care to be concerned with any further. To me a mounted collection represents a great deal of care, work, expense and not to mention the pride, enjoyment and value. Why will a serious collector go to the trouble of building a fine collection of historical and informative ship covers? Why will he participate in auctions, sales and cachet events and then allow this haphazard attitude to prevail? Why is he sometimes so fanatic about obtaining this or that postmark and then it must be "socked right on the nose" or perfectly clear? Why will he leave it un-attended and at the mercy of some informed or un-informed person or persons? The answer is the same that we witness everyday in our society-lack of estate planning which I cannot stress the importance of "estate planning" to strongly.

There is within the framework and membership of USCS qualified members available to assist the beneficiaries of a collection. Captain Rommel and others for example have had experience in disposing of collections and in most instances I feel reasonably certain that the heirs received a fair evaluation and compensation.

When the grand old lady, the late Miss Lorraine Carlson, passed away last year I wrote to Captain Rommel at once seeking to obtain the associated material of news items, back USCS Logs, magazines and photographs she probably had accumulated in her reference library. The covers didn't interest me because I was, and, still am seeking reference material to put into a series of articles to be issued under the name of "Cover Research". This series will be published in loose-leaf format to allow greater flexibility and revision periodically without being issued in a bound volume. By the time Captain Rommel had an opportunity to inquire and receive a reply from a New York friend, it is my understanding that Miss Carlsten heirs had as, I presume, it was their perfect right, disposed of most everything into the trash pile except for a few family photographs. It is most unfortunate indeed for the continuity of our hobby and that we as a society are not better organized and equipped against this incident being repeated again and again.

Another point that I would like to make perfectly clear is that the early ship covers are beginning to become antiques and when someone offers to purchase them at \$5.00 each they are cracking at the seams but accumulating some valuable collection material with a potential. Could this happen to you right now? Well, it won't happen to me, if I can prevent it. Many times non-collectors observe us from the sidelines are unable to understand the reason living philatelists were so careful to select the best postmarked cover or stamp copy only to see that investment and care wind up in the trash can or purchased for a meager few dollars. Frankly, they just don't understand it and neither do I. Rather, selfish don't you think? Collecting for oneself, using money from the family income and taking time from family events and community projects - Yes, I think I would put this type collector in that category. **WANTED:** Loan of black and white photographs of you and your cover activities in action for publication....**NEEDED MOST:** The cachet sponsors need assistance with cachet artwork and designs. Collectors are needed to supplement the artwork or assist with contacting ships that have patches and insignia. More and more U.S. Navy ships are cacheting envelopes with the ship's insignia(patch design). If you come across a ship with an insignia your assistance is needed. 12