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Happy Holidays to you all from all of us

SUBMARINERS COMMEMORATE 64 YEARS
SERVICE TO THE NATION ON 11 APRIL

On this date in 1900 the Navy accepted its first submarine "boat," the USS HOLLAND (SS-1), from inventor John Holland. Irish-American Holland had built nine submarines, one under Navy contract, before the Navy would accept his latest effort. The HOLLAND had the amazing speed of seven knots surfaced, powered by her 45 horsepower internal combustion engines, and an endurance of several hours submerged running on rechargable storage batteries. She was armed with three torpedoes and a gun recessed into the bow. Today, looking back 64 years is like looking at another world. Now nuclear powered submarines roam the seas at will. They explore new waters beneath the Arctic Ice and elsewhere. They disappear under waters of the vast oceans and reappear months later. From the beginning, men of the submarine service have fought a strange kind of war, a war of technology. The submariners problem has always been how to improve his ship. Early in submarine history, the problem was often to make the ship work at all. The first practical submarine was a rowboat covered with greased leather invented by Cornelius Van Drebbel in 1620. David Bushnell, a Yale graduate, designed and built a submarine torpedo boat in 1776. Several other submarines were built in the early 19th century but none were successful. The Confederate Navy proved the submarine could be a valuable weapon in time of war with the HUNLEY, a steam boiler converted into a submarine. Armed with a 90-pound charge of powder on a long pole, the HUNLEY attacked and sank a new Union ship, the HOUSATONIC, in Charleston harbor in 1864. The concussion wave swamped the HUNLEY however, and it sank with its victim, thus ending submarine warfare in the war between

the States. The typical submarine of World War II, while a highly developed machine, was still only a surface ship designed to sometimes run underwater. Its batteries had to be recharged often and as this had to be accomplished on the surface or just below it, using a snorkel, the sub was easily spotted by an enemy. Nuclear propulsion was the solution to this problem was amply demonstrated during the shakedown of the NAUTILUS. In May 1955, she steamed submerged from New London, Conn. to San Juan, P.R. - more than 1,300 miles. This was about 10 times the distance traveled by any previous sub underwater. Nuclear submarines have since filled the record books with such incredible feats as steaming around the world submerged, bettering speeds of 20 knots underwater, and traveling under the North Polar Ice Cap. They have easily fulfilled their initial theoretical potential; and with the advent of the POLARIS missile, they have become one of the mainstays of our national defense strategy. As of September 1963 - nine years after the commissioning of the NAUTILUS - we had 31 nuclear submarines in operation, and another 55 authorized or under construction.

NAVY'S LARGEST AUXILIARY - A new concept in naval logistics became a reality with the commissioning of the fast combat support ship USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1), a new class of tanker, ammunition and supply ship at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 14 March 1964. The second ship in this class will be named CAMDEN (AOE-2) scheduled for launching in February 1965....
FIRST U.S. MISSILE POSTAGE STAMP. White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, is our oldest national missile range and the only one ever honored by a United States postage stamp. Fort Bliss Centennial-1948 (face value 3¢).

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE
DUPLICATE COVER PROGRAM AS ANNOUNCED LAST
MONTH. IT'S YOUR TURN NOW..... IT'S
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD*REMEMBER SPRING

WANTED: MORE SHIPS BY 1968

A third 26 knot combat support ship(AOE); two more ammunition ships (AE's) and two additional combat store ships (AFS). The amphibious forces are seeking 10 fast amphibious assault ships which break down into the following categories:

- 4- Attack Cargo Ships (AKA)
- 2 -Amphibious Transport Docks(LPD)
- 1- Amphibious Assault Ships(LPH)
- 1- Amphibious Landing Dock ship(LSD)
- 1- Amphibious Force Flagship(AGC)
- 1-Landing Ship Tank (LST)

WORK STOPPAGE - A work stoppage has been ordered on the conversion of the SAIPAN (AVT-6) from an auxiliary aircraft transport to a command ship. The contractor is Alabama Drydock and Ship building Co., Mobile, Alabama. More info will be helpful.

Two U.S. Navy Branch Postmarks identify mail originating in Antarctica or any of the U.S. Navy Deepfreeze components are Br. No. 17038 and 17046

PAL is an organization offering constructive recreation to boys and girls, ages 11 -17. It is entirely supported by contributions, administered by the local police department and supervised by volunteer adults from the community. Among the activities these children are engaged are: ham radio, photography, first aid, railroading, covers and stamps. Mrs. Evelyn Zirkind writes "The children are well-behaved and phiatelically astute - The work is very rewarding."

AMERICANA COLLECTORS-NEW JERSEY TRICENTENARY
Bergen County Salute - April 18, 1964. The state where history was made. Have your own record of the event. Cacheted cover, descriptive filler, historical cancel. 20¢; 3 for 50¢ -Teaneck PAL Stamp Club, Box 242S, Teaneck, New Jersey - You know the story of PAL

HISTORICAL NOTE. John Cabot, the Venetian navigator, discovered the North American continent in 1497, while sailing under the sponsorship of King Henry VII of England...

NEW SHIP CONSTRUCTION DATA... 21 March 1964 at Bremerton, Washington USS RICHARD E. BYRD (DDG-29) commissioning and 27 MARCH at San Francisco, California USS BRADLEY(DE-1041) launching . These reports received after the March issue mailing and too late to be included at that time.

X CHANGE KORNER FOR COLLECTORS USE ONLY

Mr. Tom Dixon, P.O. Box 75, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11237 desires Mercury Rose Knot or Coastal Sentry covers, money recovery covers and Astronaut Shepard Mercury Recovery Force Ship covers. Has space and nuclear ship covers to trade plus. Will trade from your want list.. Joseph P. Todaro, 152 1/2 - 16th Street, Buffalo, New York, N.Y. 14213 desires contact with West German for the purpose of a mutual exchange of stamps and covers. Interested also in these items honoring the late President.

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: All keel covers for atomic submarines older than SSBN-629 plus 636 and 640. Write Don Schultz, 1225 E. Marquette St., Appleton, Wisconsin 54914 include SSAE #10 for information or reply.

STAMPS AND COVERS- Have four lots of 10 covers each, all postmarked with Christmas towns USA mostly on 25 Dec 1962. All bear Christmas stamps. Many cacheted-no duplicate covers. Will sell at cost, \$1.10 per lot of 10 diff plus SSAE #10 or will trade any ten different per 1961 ship or submarine covers with cachets Also have lots of ten slogan cancellations covers from 1960 to 1962 franked with U.S. commemorative stamps at same price. Have a large supply mint V.F., unhinged, original gum US Soctt #929, 944, 946, 947, 977 and 979 in blocks of four and singles. Will sell at 1/2¢ over face per stamp plus SSAE #10. Include a SSAE #10 for information or replies. Jerome Balin, 3025 North Nottingham. Chicago, Ill.

M.L. NICKEL, P.O. Box 3038, Cocoa, Florida 32924 will service covers at Cape Kennedy for 10¢ each.

Edward E. Colburn, 515 Ash St, Vandenberg AFB, California will service covers in that area for a 10¢ per cover fee also.

The "Rose Knot" and "Coastal Sentry" are ships operated by Pan American Airways but are U.S. Air Force owned. USNS SUNNYVALE(T-AGM-5), uses FPO, San Francisco and USNS RANGE RECOVERER(T-AGM-2), FPO, N.Y. Who can tell us about how to best obtain Gemini Recovery covers from these ships in detail.. See Page 10 - later

PROJECT GEMINI RECOVERY COVERS.... Readers of this publication have already received sufficient information on how to obtain Gemini Naval Recovery Ship covers through Mr. Beck, USCS Cachet Director. A list of the ships participating will NOT be furnished on a special list.

DUTCH SPACE TRAVEL ARCHIVES COVERS

By the time we go to press I am expecting to have 25 Glenn, Schirra & Cooper Mercury covers from Holland. These are available 3 for \$1.00 - All cacheted and postmarked on the appropriate dates. First come-first served.

QUESTION BOX::::::::::I read that a ship is to be commissioned at a certain shipyard. I do not have the slightest idea as to how to secure a cancel or cachet on that eventful day. Of course, Mr. Beck takes care of quite a few of these but on occasions a person might want several different cachets. What organizations plan for them?

Answer: There are several paths to follow and here are a few of the more popular methods:

- (1) Write to the Public Relations Director of the shipyard and request a shipyard sponsored cover.
- (2) Write to the ship, c/o the shipyard and request their cachet and postmark, if available on the appropriate date. Try the Public Information Officer.
- (3) Write to a friend that works in that yard, if all else fails.

Information on this subject welcomed. How about send me HOW and WHERE for publication.

MASONIC COVER STUDY UNIT PROPOSED

Vernon Hudson, 305 Revere Street, Clifton Forge, Virginia is interested in locating fellow collectors interested in ship covers with masonic backgrounds. The idea is to link the name of the ship to a U.S. stamp with the same name. Foreign collectors invited to participate. Send IRC or stamped self addressed envelope #10(SSAE #10). Replies will be mailed in June or July.

FIRST GERMAN DESTROYER - The first destroyer built in West Germany since World War II goes into commission March 23rd. Named the HAMBURG, she is armed with the latest ASW weapons. 35 knots, 3,400 tons carrying a crew of 280. Operations in the North Sea contemplated.

PROPOSED ATOMIC FLEET CHANGES

Plans are being discussed to consider the transfer of the ENTERPRISE now homported at Norfolk to the U.S. Pacific Fleet. USS LONG BEACH and BAINBRIDGE both are scheduled to deploy to the Mediterranean this spring. Commissioning of the nuclear frigate TRUXTON named after that grand old man of communications, now being built at New York Shipbuilding Corp, Camden, New Jersey will assist in balancing the nuclear fleet seapower. A carrier task force usually comprises from 4 to 6 destroyers and a guided missile frigate cruiser. More news as developments are available.

EXCERPTS FROM "DILL REPORTS THE NEWS"

S/S SHALOM, Zim Navigation Corporation, Haifa, Israel(P.O. Box 1723). Maiden voyage arriving New York April 30th.....

M/S SEVEN SEAS- Covers serviced by Frau Ilse Horn, Otto Hahn-Str 26, 874 Bad Neustadt/Fraenk, Saale, West Germany - one IRC per cover for postage and servicing.

N/S SAVANNAH is using a new cachet with a nuclear design. Send your SSAE 6-3/4 covers to Purser, N/S SAVANNAH - see schedule below.

Probably special cacheted covers will be available from the Dynamic Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 849, Groton, Conn at 25¢ each.

CORRECTION #1 to SHIP CONSTRUCTION SCOREBOARD

USS COCHRAN DDG-21 -Comm-Bremerton-21 Mar
USS BRADLEY DE-1041-Lau-San Fran. 26 Mar
USS DACE SSN-607-Comm-Pascagoula - 4 Apr
USS D. WEBSTER SSBN-626-Comm-Groton-9 April
Please correct the schedule listed herein...

Fast Combat Support Ships(AOE) are named for cities on rivers having the same name, or simply, for cities sited on rivers.....

Home Steamship Lines, New ships SS OCEANIC-1st Atlantic crossing late this fall. Italian Line-SS MICHAELANGELO and SS RAFFAELLO to enter service late this year. More information please....

MORE SHIPS NAMED = = = =

DE-1047 VOGEL DE-1049 KOELSCH
LPD-9 DENVER AOE-2 CAMDEN
AGOR-9 SILAS BENT - AGOR-10 THOMAS WASHINGTON
DLG-32 THOMAS H. STANDLEY

N/S SAVANNAH -American Export and Isbrandtsen Lines are the agents for the Maritime Administration. Renters service in May 1964.

Departs-Houston-10 May Arr. New Orleans-12 May
Departs-New Orleans-16 May Arr. Baltimore -20th
Departs-Baltimore 24 May-Arr. Boston 26 May
Departs Boston 1 Jun and Arrives New York 2 Jun

HERE IS A HOT ONE - ARLIS III Cachet

The Ice Island Station named ARLIS III was opened 11 Feb for 6 to 8 weeks. Located N.E. of Barrow, Alaska about 175 miles. Has nice cachet and mail is postmarked Barrow, Alaska. Send covers to: Commanding Officer, ARLIS III, c/o Arctic Research Laboratory, Point Barrow, Alaska. Thanks to Dennis Carpenter USCS #4595

PROJECT MERCURY STATESIDE COVERS CANCELLED

Charles C. Jarrett, P.O. Box 24, Granite Quarry, N.C. Send SSAE #10 for list that is available.....

FOR REFERENCE: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts and Lamont Geological Observatory, Palisades, N.Y.

Dear Recruiting Officer Official Navy bear trap operator that is.. but I like it!
I like it!

You asked me to tell you if I decided not to join the Waves. You are in luck, kid, I decided not to. You should have it so good.

Doubt if you remember me from all of the 3,472 other females who call you daily to join up... but just the same, you said tell you and heah ah am!

It is nothing against the Navy and nothing against you and nothing against the U.S. Government ... don't just sit there! Get up and salute!....but I just wanted to stay a Wave about 2 years and handn't planned to devote my girlish (oooh! I'm laffin') charms to 4 years. Man! In 4 years, I'll be an ole bag.... and while I am a young bag now,,,I just can't see it. I feel sure that the Navy would be nasty about changing the rules for sweet little me, so I'm taking the yellow coward's way out...so long, it's been good to know you.

Still being possessed of wander-lust(and since the Marines were so un-cooperative and insisted on 3 years) I'm shopping around for a tres chic bandana...large type... and a stick to fit my right shoulder... and off I'll go, free to return in 10 minutes or so. That's the way it is with me...here today and here tomorrow too! Oh! The humiliation of it all.

I feel sure that you'll get your quota by the 29th or whenever the dead line was. (Do I sound ominous when I say Dead Line??? I'm trying to!) I know that there will be many volunteers, who will come just to see if that voice on the phone was for real. Are you? Well, I luff you anyhow. Bye now.....

CONTROVERSY - - Personally, I don't think USCS is the place or the paper to air individual political gripes and views of collectors insofar as the naming of U.S. Navy ships is concerned. My reason for this statement is it takes up too much Log space in name calling. The anon. writers are evidently prejudiced and not historians - Bolivar, Pulaski and Von Stueben were all Champions of Liberty and many played important roles in our early American History. The editor and Howard Koeppen report the news as it is received. Speaking of Log space fillers in a most constructive manner brings me around to those dedications on the front page. Although, many of the USCS members listed in this column deserve this mark of honor and more but there are many listed that do not. I used to devote space in this paper for stamp club covers notices but after learning from Brother Olander's mistakes. I have discontinued this type publicity as Bro. Olander(O.F.M.) had over 100 covers mixed in with his navals which nobody wanted.

The real controversy that has been plaguing U.S.C.S. for some years should occupy top priority at the convention next month.

WHEN: Weekend 29-31 May 1964

WHERE: LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

HOW: Write to: Howard C. Koeppen, 414 Church St, Clinton, Wisconsin
for a copy of the prospectus and exhibit entry blanks.

There is only one " Voice in Naval Covers" - U.S.C.S. Log. It is our responsibility to see that this item of important business has top convention priority and the responsibility rests with YOU. I feel strong enough about my arguement that I'd go to the "Windy City" and argue my case but I cannot afford two trips in one year and besides I owe my family a restful vacation this year. WE WANT A DIFFERENT LOG WITH MORE AND MORE COVER INFORMATION AND THE DETAILS ON HOW TO OBTAIN THOSE COVERS BEFORE THE EVENTS HAPPEN.....HOWDY.....

Don Schultz, 1225 E. Marquette St., Appleton, Wisconsin 54914 informs me that covers that are sponsored by the USCS Nuclear Ships Chapter can be obtained by anyone regardless of chapter membership. Price is 30¢ for U.S. covers and foreign nuclear ship covers prices depend upon prices the chapter has to pay and the cost of servicing. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope for a list of the covers available at 30¢(US) and 60¢ for foreign events. Don advises that collectors should send covers directly to the GATO and GREENLING for a cachet and postmarking on launching in April or May. It is anticipated that a special cachet will be used by these ships before they are cut into and made longer. 4-See Page 10 also

MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD, VALLEJO, CALIF

SSBN-629	D. BOONE	C- 23 Apr 64
SSBN-634	S. JACKSON	C- Sep 64
SSBN-642	KAMEHAMEHA	L-Nov 64
" 658	<u>GEN. VALLEJO</u>	_____
" 660	_____	_____

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

SSBN-636	N. GREENE	L- Mar 64
SSN-646	GRAYLING	L-Dec 65
AGSS-555	DOLPHIN	L- Aug 64

BETHLEHEM STEEL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF

DE-1040	GARCIA	C- Late 64
DE-1041	BRADLEY	L-27 Mar 64

ELECTRIC BOAT CO, GRANTON, CONN

SSBN-626	D. WEBSTER	C- Apr 64
" 628-	TECUMSEH	C- Jun 64
" 631	U.S. GRANT	C- Aug 64
" 633	PULASKI	C-Aug 64
" 640	B. FRANKLIN	L- Jul 64
" 643	G. BANCROFT	L- Oct 64
" 645	J.K. POLK	L- Jan 65
655	_____	L- 1 Aug 65
657	_____	L- L Dec 65
659	_____	L-1 Apr 66
SSN-613	FLASHER	C- May 65
614	GREENLING	C- Aug 65
615	GATO	C-Jul 65
637	STURGEON	L- Jul 65
650	_____	L-Feb 66

AVONDALE SHIP BLDG CORP, AVONDALE, LA

DE-1043	E. MCDONNELL	C- Late 64
DE-1044	BRUMBY	C-Mid-65
DE-1045	DAVIDSON	C-Late 65

DEFOE SHIPBUILDING, BAY CITY, MICH

DDG-25	_____	C- Mid 65
DDG-26	_____	C- Late 66
DE-1047	<u>VOGE</u>	L-Sep 64
DE-1049	<u>KOELSCH</u>	KL- 1964
DE-1051	_____	KL-1964

TODD SHIPYARD CORP, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF

DLG-33	FOX	L Jun 64
DDG-23	R.E. BYRD	C- 7 Mar 64
DDG-24	WADDELL	C-Jul 64

PUGET SOUND BRIDGE CO, BREMERTON, WASHINGTON

DDG-21	COCHRANE	C- Mar 64
DDG-22	B. STODDERT	C-Jul 64
DEG-1	BROOKE	C-Early 65
DEG-2	RAMSEY	C-Mid 65
DEG-3	SCHOFIELD	C-Late 65
DE-1048	SAMPLE	L-Apr 64
DE-1050	A. DAVID	L-Aug 64
AGEH-1	_____	_____

NEW YORK NAVAL SHIPYARD, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

LPD-3	LASALLE	C-22Feb 64
LPD-4	AUSTIN	L-Apr 64
LPD-5	OGDEN	L-Apr 64
LPD-6	DULUTH	C-
LPD-7	_____	L- May 65
LPD-8	_____	L-Jul 65

SAN FRANCISCO NAVAL SHIPYARD

DLG-30	HORNE	L-Aug 64
CG-11	CHICAGO	RC-Apr 64

PUGET SOUND SHIPBUILDING CO, SEATTLE, WASH

LPD-9	<u>DENVER</u>	C-Late 66
LPD-10	_____	C-Late 66

PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, SEATTLE, WASH

DLG-24	REEVES	C-May 64
DLG-29	JOUETT L-6-6-64	C-Mid 65
DLG-31	STERRETT L-Jul 64	C-Late 65
AS-33	SIMON LAKE	C-Oct 64
AOE-1	SACRAMENTO	C-Mar 64

NATIONAL STEEL CO, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

AFS-2	SYLVANIA	C-Jun 64
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PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD, PHILADELPHIA, PA

IPH-9	GUAM	L-Jun 64	C-Late 64
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BETHLEHEM STEEL, QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

SSN-638	WHALE	KL-Feb 64	L-Sep 65
649	_____	_____	L-Aug 65

MARIETTA MFG CO, WEST VIRGINIA

AGOR-7	LYNCH	C-Late 64
AGOR-9	SILAS BENT L-Jul 64	C-Mid 65
AGOR-10	THOMAS WASHING L-Jul 64	C-Mid 65

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FOREIGN SHIPS WITH POSTAL OR SHIP MARKINGS

By: William J. Luetge, 3211 North 44th St., Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin - U.S.C.S. 3938

The country of New Zealand has several naval ships which has a form of postal markings. These ships are named H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO, HMNZS ENDEAVOUR, HMNZS LACHLAN, HMNZS PUKAKI, HMNZS ROTOTITI, HMNZS ROYALISTS and HMNZS TARANAKI. Covers may be sent with 8d in New Zealand postage affixed to :

(Name of the ship)
c/o General Post Office
Auckland, New Zealand.

These markings or cachets are either box shaped or oval in size as is the general practice for foreign navals.

New Zealand Postage stamps may be obtained from your stamp dealer or from the Government Post Office, Director of Posts, Philatelic Department, Wellington, New Zealand. Send an International Reply Coupon for a free copy of their stamp sales order blank.

Experience indicates that collectors should include a coupe U.S. or foreign stamps with their covers as many sailors and officers in Her Majesty's Naval Service are collectors and you may strike up some excellent exchanges or covers.

The writer is presently working on a "Foreign Ships Cancellation Chart" which I hope will list all the known postal markings of foreign military ships. Please keep me informed of new markings, cancels or stamps that are applied to the covers that you send to foreign military ships. See you next month same paper...Your comments and recommendations are welcomed.

COMBINE - means Collectors of Match Books in the Navy Exclusively) - The Ship's Bell official organ of COMBINE is edited by Geo. H. Lewis, 103 12th Street, S.E., Winter Haven, Florida, Future issues of the Ship's Bell appear six times a year in Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct and December. Paper is nicely illustrated and has a ship cover swap section. *service to its.*

SUMMER PLANS..... All of us are planning to take off in our new Chevrolet the first three in August for our vacation. Many of you have invited us to stop by and visit but time will not allow us to visit everywhere and personally I don't think the cash will last that long either. The Commodore (my wife-Polly) and the boss around here appreciates your friendly gesture but considers it would be a greater imposition. We are definitely planning to visit our kin folks in Detroit and hope to get to New Hampshire and Massachusetts also. If, the troops do not pack my automobile trunk to full of junk I will try to bring along a camera and some movies of Navy life plus a few trading covers behind the spare tire. The mailing of the last issue ushered in the spring season around here and it won't be long before we will be changing to Khaki and white uniforms. *insects*
The girls are beginning to wear shorts and instead of allowing *6* the brilliant sun to stare you in the eye.

IGNALLS SHIPBUILDING CO, PASAGOULA, MISS

SSN-607	DAGE	C-25 Feb 64
621	HADDOCK	L-Feb 64 C-
639	TAUTOG	L-Aug 65
648	_____	L-Jan 66
652	_____	L-Jan 66
AS-34	_____	
LPH-10	_____	L-Mar 65 C-Late 65

AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING CO, TOLEDO, OHIO

AGS-26	_____	L-2 Sep 64 C-Late 65
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NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING CORP, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

CVA-66	AMERICA	C-Early 68
SSBN-627	J. MADISON	C-15 May 64
630	J.C. CALHOUN	C-31 Jul 64
632	VON STEUBEN	C-30 Sep 64
635	S. RAYBURN	C-Dec 64
641	S. BOLIVAR	L-Jun or Jul 64
644	LEWIS & CLARK	L-Sep 64 C-Mid 65
654	_____	L-30 Apr 65
656	_____	L-13 Aug 65
SSN-651	_____	KL- May 64
SSN-653	_____	KL-Aug 64
SSN-654	_____	KL-May 64
SSN-656	_____	KL- Jun 64

BATH IRON WORKS, BATH, MAINE

DLG-26	BELKNAP	C-Late 64
DLG-27	J. DANIELS	C-Early 65
DLG-28	WAINWRIGHT	L-25 Apr 64
DLG-32	THOMAS H. STANDLEY	L- Oct 64
DLG-34	_____	L- Mar 65
DEG-4	_____	L-May 65
DEG-5	_____	L-Sep 65
DEG-6	_____	L-Dec 65
ADGE-1	CLAWSON	L-Sep 64

KL- keel laying C- commissioning
L- launching RC-re-commissioning

NAVY EVACUATES AMERICANS FROM ZANZIBAR - all in a day's work

Sailors of the U.S. Sixth Fleet destroyer USS MANLEY(DD-940) responded to an unusual situation in characteristic Navy "Can do" fashion. The Charleston-based destroyer successfully effected an overnight evacuation of American citizens from the strife-torn island of Zanzibar, located off the East Coast of Africa. Ninety-one persons, including 55 American citizens, were evacuated. The Charge D' affairs of the U.S. Embassy in Zanzibar notified MANLEY that due to an overthrow of the government on the spice island, the Americans living and working in the area were in danger and assistance might be needed. MANLEY responded quickly, arriving in Zanzibar harbor in mid-afternoon on 13 January and anchoring a mile offshore. MANLEY's boat went ashore and established contact with the American all grouped together under one roof. Negotiations for permission for them to depart Zanzibar, then under martial law, were made. An embassy official, with the MANLEY executive officer, went to the Revolutionary Headquarters and obtained final permission to evacuate those people who desire to leave the island. The landing of MANLEY'S boats began at sunset and continued into the night. The first boat from the shore carried all the young children and some mothers. The evacuees found the warm hospitality of the typical American sailor hard to believe. Hot food, fresh beds, baby-sitting service, hot showers and a new innovation - - a destroyer diaper service - were all part of the touch of home the MANLEY men provided. After an overnight trip to the African mainland at Dar Es Salaam, Tanganyika, the evacuees were off-loaded into small boats and sent safely ashore.....

TORONTO, CANADA - A 107 foot Canadian vessel the Northland Princess, will try to make the first two-way crossing of the Arctic's Northwest Passage this summer in an attempt to show commercial sea traffic could be feasible.

ISRAEL - I couldn't help but grin as I read a newspaper account about Rear Admiral Strauss, former chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. It ~~seems~~ that Admiral Strauss is in Jerusalem investigating the possibility of cross breeding his prize Angus cattle with a local Israeli breed. With all due respect to the Admiral and his efforts, my mind recalled some conversations that transpired immediately after World War II. A great many retiring Chiefs speculated on raising chickens to supplement their retired income. From chickens some shifted to turkeys and ~~now~~ its bulls. These chatter sessions, of course, seemed as absurd to me than as now. The odds against a sailor making a "go" of it on a chicken ranch were tremendous except in the "bull sessions."

FORMOSA - USS OAK HILL (LSD-7) taking part in U.S. - Nationalist Chinese Amphibious Exercise called "Operation Backpack" off the Coast of Taiwan.

NORFOLK - About 1 June the USS BIDDLE(DDG-5) will welcome officers and men of six European Navies. The Norfolk based ship will be used as an experiment in "Mixed manning" of a warship. The nations participating are West Germany, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Turkey & Netherlands and the U.S.

HMCS ATHABASKAN(DDE-219) arrived in Halifax, N.S., March 2nd with the survivors(34) of the Greek Tanker "AMPHIALOS". The tanker split into on 29 Feb. The 300 foot bow section of the 630 ft, 15,800 ton ship sunk almost immediately. A RCAF plane on a training mission spotted the stern section, 1 March and radioed the ATHABASKAN, which only 8 miles away was un-aware of the plight of the Amphialos. Tnaks to R.V. Gittings for the above news...

ZANZIBAR AGAIN - NASA is concerned over the loss of its Zanzibar tracking station due to the recent uprising on that Island. Prospects of a tracking ship is another possible substitution. However, another possible and more probable solution would be to set up a portable station on the Seychelle Island, east of the Spice Island just above the Equator. Zanzibar was an important link in the Mercury flights because the Zanzibar Station was the last command station just before U.S. Astronauts had to fire retro-fire rockets.

FIRST GEMINI - Grissom and Armstrong. Unconformed reports that the first Gemini Astronaut Team will be Virgil Grissom and Neal Armstrong. Official announcement is expected about 1 May 1964.

TIGER MOUTH - A Navy radar picket destroyer, USS NEWMAN K. PERRY(DDR-883), ^{Charleston based} rammed into a 260 foot sulphur-laden barge near Edgemont Key at the entrance of Tampa Bay. Due to poor visibility and heavy fog the Perry received a gaping wound in her bow resembling a tigers mouth. The Perry displaces 3,560 tons and has a top speed over 30 knots. Mrs. Fagar covered the event with a cachet and postmark from the ill-fated ship. 7

GEMINI TWINS MAY FLY IN 1964: (AP) Project Gemini, the United States' next man-in-space program, is named for a constellation with twin bright stars, Castor and Pollux.

By years' end, twin American astronauts may ride into space together in the Gemini Spacecraft. Eventually, Gemini astronauts will stay in orbit up to two weeks, join their craft with other orbiting satellites and step outside to see what it's like more than 100 miles above the earth. The flights will practice techniques necessary for rocketing men to the moon and planets.

Whether Gemini spacemen will meet a first flight deadline in 1964 depends on results of two un-manned launchings. The first is scheduled late this month or early April from Cape Kennedy.

The initial attempt will hurl a dummy model of the Gemini capsule into orbit. It will tell engineers many things: the structural compatibility of the spacecraft and booster, temperatures and pressures which will affect the combination, performance of the guidance system, and Titan 2's ability to place a payload in a precise orbit. The first full-scale Gemini spacecraft will be flown on the second un-manned test flight, scheduled for mid-summer. The vehicle is to be fired on a brief up-and-down course, parachuting into the Atlantic Ocean several hundred miles southeast of Cape Kennedy. A "mechanical man" will be aboard to simulate oxygen consumption and output of carbon dioxide. Success of this mission would open the way for a launching in November or December of the first manned Gemini.

Charles Matthews, project manager, reported the first astronaut flight will be relatively short, probably only three orbits lasting about five hours. "If all works well, we will build up the program rapidly after that," he said. Beginning in 1965, length of the flights will be increased to a week and then two to gather data on the pilots reaction to the extended space weightlessness. During the long flights, Gemini teams will conduct rendezvous experiments. This will be done by ejecting a 65 pound target satellite from the nose of the main spacecraft. The target will carry a radar beacon and the crew will attempt to home-in on the radar beacon and approach the tiny satellite. No effort will be made to join with it.

Once confidence has been gained, a 22 foot Agena satellite will be fired into orbit. The Gemini team will be launched a day or so later in an attempt to catch the Agena. The first attempt is set for late 1965. Major Virgil I. Grissom, who made the second manned space flight, is a prime candidate for an early Gemini mission. "The Agena is put into an 185 mile high circular orbit, then its engines are shut down," Grissom said. "After its orbit has been established, the Titan 2 will launch the Gemini spacecraft approximately 24 hours later into an orbit ranging from 100 to 185 miles high.

"With the aid of an onboard computer and radar and with ground assistance, the pilot will determine the exact moment to fire the transitional thruster rockets to align the orbit of the Gemini so it will coincide with the Agena's orbit. Then the pilot will perform the final overtake by applying small amounts of thrust. When the pilot is within 20 miles of the Agena, he should be able to see a flashing light. By visual reference and by using small pulse jets, the pilot will thread the nose of the Gemini into the docking collar of the Agena and they will clamp together. Once the two vehicles are locked, the astronauts could use the Agena fuel supply and engine to alter course, possibly scooting more than 2,000 miles into space or maneuvering over any spot on earth.....

Signs of the Times:..Training of Atlantic Fleet ships began two weeks ago in preparation for Gemini Recovery events and evaluations of these training drills will enable a smooth and on the spot recovery....Bob Boudwin, 1119 Harker Street, Woodbury, N.J. elected Vice-President- U.S. Rocket Mail Society....U.S.C.S. Chapters making headway in St. Louis, Baltimore, Houston and Phoenix and Wilmington, N.C.. Peelable add ress labels work fine on top grade quality envelopes but not very very on cheaper grades...T.C. Miller, Jr., reports the USS NORTHAMPTON (CG-1) postmark changed with ships designation from CLC-1 to CC-1....Israel does not accept Internation Money orders to prepay postage on mail.....

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some collectors report that the Post Office Department has been returning mail marked "insufficient address - please use zip code" It might be well to point out that in view of this new requirement many of you may not be getting the mail that you should including this publiction- DO I HAVE YOUR ZIP CODE? LOOK ON THE ENVELOPE AND SEE

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

Man is constantly purging the impurities through medicine, law, politics and sin. The ocean tides, ebbing and flowing twice in 24 hours, also clears away undersirable foreign matter as the sea spews hers on the shoreline. Purification comes only from the Supreme. Whether it be the ocean tide or the tide in men's lives each is capable of great achievement achievements. This is the world in which we live. A series of ups and downs with tribulations and jublations. This has been my life, your life and is symbolic of those around us. The numeral two reminds me of the divisibility of the world and lives we know. The tides, flood and ebb, day and night, eyes and ears, sun and moon, good and bad, not to mention life and death. A time of surgery is like that period at high or low water marking the transition between tides, during which no significant change can be detected called - STAND. It is here at STAND(nautically less than 30 minutes) that man amid his splendor, wealth and intelligence stands before that all powerful force, unprepared, naked, begging, trusting, promising and seeking communion with WHOM he puts his trust. He knows nothing else is OMNIPOTENT. Just as magically as the flood tide moves the water in a direction from sea toward land, so do we revive each day with new strength. Some of us not so fortunate are like an ebb tide, flowing back toward the sea. A wearing away, weakening or lessening with a decline of health and hope, so gradual and slow, yet barely visible or noticable to us. Mixed with the turbulence of wind and water, we as the sea speak below one's breath - a murmur. The tide of my life for the past five years has been flood rather than ebb. No more semi-annual visits to the Naval Hospital. The doctors through modern medicine and research, x-rays and new techniques, found no further carcinoma disease. Surgery had cured. The approach of Easter and the Passover can mean new tides and experiences for you - at least I hope so. I thank God for the daily tides of living and breathing. Remember the impression we will make upon this world compares to putting your hand into a pail of water. Take it out -- how significant is the change ?

THE ELEGANT STEAM SHIP

Today, when the ship's name SAVANNAH is mentioned one thinks of the nuclear powered ship of the Maritime Administration. Only sea buffs or marine historians will recall 144 years ago her early predecessor, New York built, was the first steam-powered ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

Only 98 feet long and grossing but 319 tons, the SAVANNAH was about the size of a modern tug boat. She was three masted, square-rigged sailing ship, beefed up with a steam engine and removable paddle wheels which, in calm seas, could propel her at about six knots. She had accomodations for 32 passengers, and the amount of coal needed to keep her boilers steaming precluded much cargo. The Savannah was an un-economical ship even by the standards of her time. Yet, when she dropped anchor in June, 1819, in the Mersey River, Liverpool, 20 days out of her namesake Georgia port, she had puffed and churned her way into indelible history.

The steamship was the dream of her Captain Moses Rogers, a native of Gronton, Connecticut, who gambled his experience, his reputation and his fortunes on the Savannah. Her voyage had been a sensation. Great Britain's Royal Navy was so non-plussed that it steamed in all its majesty out to assist a " vessel on fire" naturally enough never having sighted a trans-atlantic steamship.

The King of Sweden tried to purchase the odd ship during the Savannah's call at Stockholm. The Tsar of Russia received Rogers and his mates and, it is believed, also came on board for a regal reception at St. Petersburg(now Leningrad).

Yet, the ship would never cross the Atlantic again. A financial headache, she was sold upon her return home, and reverted to her obvious Dr. Jekyll role as a sailing ship. Her wonderous steam engines were ripped out and discarded to make room for cargo. Two years after her historic crossing the Atlantic, the Savannah ran aground on Fire Island, off Lower New York Bay, and was abandoned as a hopeless wreck. It was as though, in shame and humiliation, like the famous ship BEAR, the Savannah had a will for self-destruction. Rogers himself died the same year of typhus. An old salt himself when it comes to weaving se sea yarns, Frank Braynard, has done a masterful, painstaking job of research on the subject of evengreat nautical interest. Laboriously piecing together all the tales that evolve about the Savannah, all the way from Savannah to Leningrad. Relax and read SS SAVANNAH, the Elegant Steam Ship - Check with your public library or favorite book store.....

SPACE FLEET - NASA and the Department of Defense have agreed to form a pool of 20 instrumentation ships for U.S. Space Programs. The Navy will handle their design, construction and modifications and MSTS will operate them. The pool consists of 10 ships now run by the Air Force, Seven already operated by MSTS and three new ones. The three new ships will be taken out of the Maritime Reserve Fleet and converted for tracking. Two of the existing 17 will be extensively modified for the manned-moon shot, Project Apollo. Another vessel run by MSTS, the instrumentation ship WHEELING, is now being converted for use with the seven MSTS Pacific Fleet Tracking Ships. Ranger Recoverer is employed in the Atlantic Fleet Missile Range. Three T-2 tankers from the Maritime Reserve Fleet will be lengthened with new mid-sections for the Atlantic Fleet. Ships of the Atlantic Missile Range now run by the Air Force are the USAF ships General Arnold, General Vandenberg, Twin Falls Victory, American Mariner, Coastal Crusader, Sampan Hitch, Sword Knot, Timber Hitch, Coastal Sentry and Rose Knot.

PUTTING THE PAPER TO BED ... Don Schultz sends information that collectors should know. The Greenling and Gato (SSN 614 and 615) are going to be launched before they are cut into and made longer as previously reported. Therefore, collectors who do not send covers for the launch will miss out. Then there is a possibility of an additional event later after reconstruction is completed. Don suggests that collectors send covers direct to the ships or Dynamic Philatelic Society. Thanks Don. Have a nice Easter too.

BROOKLYN(the capital of the world) The Brooklyn Metal Trades Council is selling "Brooklyn Navy Yard" stamps 50 to a sheet for \$1.00 per sheet to help defray the cost of a Shipyard Memorial to the late President Kennedy. The memorial at New York Naval Shipyard will be dedicated May 28th on the late President's birthday..... MARE ISLAND...Mare Islanders who are constructing the Polaris-submarine named for Hawaii's King Kamehameha, were all smiles recently when they received official word that the uncompleted Polaris submarine SSBN 685 on the Mare Island building ways will be named the General Vallejo honoring General Mariano Vallejo, founder of Mare Island's home city and Mexican-born friend of the United States in pre-statehood days. He was credited more than anyone else with the entrance of California into the Union in 1850.....MORE POLARIS SUB BASES.... The Navy recently announced that the third and fourth bases for Polaris submarines will be located at Charleston, S.C. and Melville, Rhode Island. Patterned after the one in use at Holy Loch, Scotland, the two new East Coast bases will each have a submarine tender and a floating drydock in addition to replenishment anchorages. The Pacific base is at Guam. Delivered at the rate of about one per month, Polaris submarines are expected to make their first appearance in the Pacific sometime this year(probably in November according to newspaper reports). Each submarine armed with 16 missiles, represents an investment of \$150 million. The authorized total of 41 polaris subs will be reached in 1967.

ALFRED ROMAN, 5119 Chestnut, Philadelphia, Pa 19139 offers his cover list for a SSAE #10.

INFORMATION WANTED: Needed and who can tell me the story about a cover from the M.V. BRIGHTSTAR(U.S.M.M.) marked Pusan, Korea, Paquebot, Posted on the High Seas, Ships Mail- and dispatched under UPU regulations.....

STEFAN JANUSCZCZYK, SZCZYTNO, ul. SWIERCZEWSKIEGO 27/1 Poland would like to exchange postage stamps - no other details available understands English to some degree...

T. C. Miller, Jr., 627 Maryland Avenue, Norfolk, Va wants keels and launching covers of SSN and SSBN and has some to trade....

NORMALLY I WOULD HAVE HELD THE PAPER BUT THE NEWS DICTATES
SENDING IT TO YOU EARLIER.