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## Feature Cover

### USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38)



*April's feature cover shows an item cancelled aboard USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38) during the 1935 Fleet Maneuvers in the North Pacific. The cancel is a Locy Type 3y reading ("DATE/ CENSOR/ED") in the dial and (1935 IN N.E. / PACIF. TRIANGLE) in the killer bars. This cover is one of the illustrations used in James Moses' article on Fleet Problem XVI Censorship beginning on Page 12.*

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## From the Editor's Desk

It is a dangerous world out there these days. I hope you all are taking precautions to stay well and healthy. Some of the suggestions made by the medical experts certainly are appropriate for many of our older members. Certainly, the suggestion to avoid large crowds and non-necessary travel has merit. Thus, this looks like a good season to stay at home and review your albums and boxes of covers. Over the years, you may have changed focus or topics in your collection or you may have several duplicates that are taking up space. Why not consider selling off these extra covers through an ad on page 31 of a future **Log**. You may also send your better covers on consignment to the Bernsteins for one of the Special Auctions. Either way, the covers get back into circulation to help other members build out their collections.

Early in March, **Bob Lamb** (11,832) sent the file for the Volume 86 **USCS Log** Index. This file covers the entire 2019 **Log** run and is an important tool to quickly find topics and ships covered during the run. Additionally, the index is an expected item for the package when the **USCS Log** year series is submitted in philatelic literature competitions. Usually, the yearly index is posted on the USCS website. It will be posted once the new website is built. In the meantime, I will send a pdf copy to all of the **eLOG** addressees along with the April **eLOG**. Those who receive only the print issue, may request a copy to be emailed to them. Send request to: [bmcjmjones@yahoo.com](mailto:bmcjmjones@yahoo.com).

A look at page 32 for the Secretary's Report shows that 76 members had to be dropped for non-renewal of dues. Often, many of these drops will renew once they discover they forgot to send in their renewals. For those who did renew on time, thank you for continuing your support. Please recruit a new member for 2020.

Please look at Page 13 for an overview of the contents of the new **Reference Collection No. 2**. This collection of reference material will certainly keep you busy for many evenings. So much material all in one small flash drive!

**Collect-Share-Enjoy your hobby.**

## Send for Your Own Covers

### USS HARRY S. TRUMAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)  
 USS LASSEN (DDG 82) Deployed 12 September  
 USS FARRAGUT (DDG 99)  
 USS NORMANDY (CG 60)  
 USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)

### USS BATAAN AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP

USS BATAAN (LHD 5) Deployed 19 DEC 2019  
 USS NEW YORK (LPD 21)  
 USS OAK HILL (LSD 51)

### USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) Deployed 17 January  
 USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52),  
 USS RUSSELL (DDG 59),  
 USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60),  
 USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91)  
 USS KIDD (DDG 100)  
 USS RAFAEL PERALTA (DDG 115)

### Recently/Currently Deployed

USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) Fifth Fleet AOR  
 USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) Deployed December 2019  
 USNS WALLY SCHIRRA (T-AKE 8) 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR  
 USS TEXAS (SSN 775) 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR  
 USS MINNESOTA (SSN 783) Deployed NAVFOR Europe  
 USS LEWIS B. PULLER (ESB 3) 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR  
 USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728) 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR  
 USNS ARCTIC (T-AOE 8) 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR  
 USS ALASKA (SSBN 732) Eastern Atlantic  
 USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) WESTPAC  
 USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Carrier Strike Group  
 USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Deployed 18 February  
 USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56)  
 VELLA GULF (CG 72),  
 USS STOUT (DDG 55)  
 USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95)  
 USS TRUXTON (DDG 103)

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## Out of the Past

Naval History and  
Heritage Command

### 1 April 1893 (Classic)

Navy General Order 409 establishes the rate of Chief Petty Officer.

### 4 April 1854 (Classic)

American and British naval brigades of 90 and 150 men engage Chinese Imperial troops at Shanghai after acts of aggression against American and British citizens. The American party fell under the command of CDR. J. Kelly, the commanding officer of USS PLYMOUTH.

### 9 April 1943 (WW II)

Due to World War II, the rank of commodore is reestablished as a temporary rank. During the 1986 Defense Authorization bill, O-7 officers are called rear admiral (lower half).

### 11 April 1970 (Modern)

Apollo 13 is launched, commanded by Navy Capt. James A. Lovell. The ship endures an explosion forcing an immediate return to Earth. Recovery is by helicopters from USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2).

### 16 April 1944 (WW II)

USS GANDY (DE 764) intentionally rams German submarine U 550 off Nantucket Shoals in Atlantic Ocean. USS JOYCE (DE 317) and USS PETERSON (DE 152) join GANDY and deploy depth charges and gunfire to sink the submarine.

### 18 April 1906 (Classic)

U.S. Navy assists in relief operations during the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Sailors and Marines fight fires and ships carry the homeless and injured to Vallejo, where medical personnel established emergency facilities.

### 24 April 1884 (Classic)

USS BEAR leaves New York Naval Shipyard on its way to the Arctic as part of the Greely Relief Expedition. USS THETIS and USS ALERT Join USS BEAR on the mission. On 22 June, the relief ships rescue the remaining seven members of the 27-man Greely Expedition at Cape Sabine.

### 25 April 1957 (Modern)

USS FORRESTAL (CVA 59) and USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CVS 39), with accompanying destroyers, enter the Eastern Mediterranean to support King Hussein of Jordan's government from a possible coup conspiracy. The planned coup failed.

### 27 April 1952 (Korean War)

During the Korean War, USS SAMUEL N. MOORE (DD 747) conducts counter-battery fire against enemy shore batteries off Kosong, Korea. The enemy guns are silenced. Also on this date, USS WAXBILL (AMS 39) is damaged by enemy shore battery off Wonsan, Korea.

### 29 April 1945 (WW II)

USS COMFORT (AH 6) is hit by a kamikaze plane off Okinawa, which kills 28 persons (including six nurses), wounds 48 others, and causes considerable damage.

## Calendar of Events

Dates listed represent the best information available at the time of printing. Delay/change is beyond the control of the Log.

Send #10 SASE with a 55-cent or 'Forever' stamp to **Richard D. Jones**, 137 Putnam Ave., Ormond Beach FL 32174 for updated shipyard address list. **OR** request via e-mail: [bmcjones@yahoo.com](mailto:bmcjones@yahoo.com)

*Send only two covers per request and one request per event.*

? notes a tentative or uncertain date.

# signifies a change from previously published date.

### April 2020

4 PCU DELAWARE (SSN 791) Commissioning, Wilmington DE  
18 PCU VERMONT (SSN 792) Commissioning, Groton CT

### May 2020

?? PCU FORT LAUDERDALE (LPD 28) Christening, Pascagoula

### June 2020

?? PCU HARVEY MILK (T-AO 206) Keel Laying  
#?13 PCU TRIPOLI (LHA 7) Commissioning, Pensacola FL

### Summer 2020

### August 2020

#?1 PCU ST. LOUIS (LCS 19) Commission, NAS Pensacola FL

### Summer 2020

?? PCU MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (LCS 21) Comm,DuluthMN

*Thanks to: Bob Lamb for providing the 2020 Anniversary Updates. Thanks to Mike Brock, & Rich Hoffner for ship event updates.*

### 2020 Ship Anniversaries

**75 YEARS** – PUEBLO AGER-2, 4/7; **50 YEARS** – BLUE RIDGE LCC-19, 11/14; 45 YEARS – NIMITZ CVN-68, 5/3; **35 YEARS** – ALABAMA SSBN-731, 5/25; PROVIDENCE SSN-719, 7/27; **30 YEARS** – ALBANY SSN-753, 4/7; MONTEREY CG-61, 6/16; DEVASTATOR MCM-6, 10/6; WEST VIRGINIA SSBN-736, 10/20; TORTUGA LSD-46, 11/17; SCOUT MCM-8, 12/15; **25 YEARS** – RUSSELL DDG-59, 5/20; PAUL HAMILTON DDG-60, 5/27; FIREBOLT PC-10, 6/10; WHIRLWIND PC-11, 7/1; RAMAGE DDG-61, 7/22; MAINE SSBN-741, 7/29; TUCSON SSN-770, 8/18; CARTER HALL LSD-50, 9/30; THUNDERBOLT PC-12, 10/7; COLUMBIA SSN-771, 10/9; FITZGERALD DDG-62, 10/14; STETHAM DDG-63, 10/21; JOHN STENNIS CVN-74, 12/9; **20 YEARS** – TORNADO PC-14, 6/24; OSCAR AUSTIN DDG -79, 8/19; ROOSEVELT DDG-80, 10/14; **15 YEARS** – HALSEY DDG-97, 7/30; BAINBRIDGE DDG-96, 11/12; **10 YEARS** – MISSOURI SSN-780, 7/31; GRAVELY DDG-107, 11/20; **5 YEARS** – JOHN WARNER SSN-785, 8/1; MILWAUKEE LCS-5, 11/21; JACKSON LCS-6, 12/5

### FPO Updates

*Thanks to Neal Mills and Foster Miller III for these updates. Please make these changes to your January 2020 Log listings.*

**USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)**  
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**USS HUE CITY (CG 66)**  
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## Naval News

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### **PCU KANSAS CITY Delivered**

Austal USA delivered its 11th littoral combat ship (LCS) to the U.S. Navy on 12 February. The future USS KANSAS CITY (LCS 22) is the first LCS delivered in 2020.

Five small surface combatants are presently under various stages of construction at Austal's Alabama shipyard. The future USS OAKLAND (LCS 24) and USS MOBILE (LCS 26) are preparing for sea trials. Assembly is underway on the future USS SAVANNAH (LCS 28) and USS CANBERRA (LCS 30), and modules for the future USS SANTA BARBARA (LCS 32) are under construction in Austal's module manufacturing facility. Three more LCS are under contract through LCS 38.

### **USNS CHEROKEE NATION Keel Laid**

A keel laying ceremony was held 12 February for the future USNS CHEROKEE NATION (T-ATS 7), the second ship of the Navy's NAVAJO-class of Towing, Salvage, and Rescue vessels. The ceremony was held near Gulf Island Shipyard at the Houma Terrebonne Civic Center.

In attendance to authenticate the keel was Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, The Honorable Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and the ship's sponsor and Deputy Speaker of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, The Honorable Victoria Mitchell Vazquez.

During the ceremony, the keel authenticators etched their initials into the keel plate and declared it to be "truly and fairly laid."

In addition to the future USNS CHEROKEE NATION (T-ATS 7), Gulf Island Shipyard is constructing the future USNS NAVAJO (T-ATS 6) and is under contract for the detail design and construction of the future USNS SAGINAW OJIBWE ANISHINABEK (T-ATS 8).

### **PCU COOPERSTOWN Christened**

PCU COOPERSTOWN was christened on 29 February 2020 at Marinette Marine in Marinette WI.

Mrs. Alba Tull now serves as the ship's sponsor. In a time-honored Navy tradition, Mrs. Tull christened the ship by breaking a bottle of sparkling wine across the bow. Ms. Jane Forbes Clark, Chairman of the Board of Directors of The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, delivered the christening ceremony's principal address.

### **USS MAINE Conducts Trident II Tests**

The U.S. Navy conducted a scheduled, one-missile test flight of an unarmed life-extended Trident II (D5LE) missile from USS MAINE (SSBN 741), an OHIO-class ballistic missile submarine, on the Western Test Range off the coast of San Diego, California, on 12 February. This was part of a Demonstration and Shakedown Operation, designated DASO-30.

USS MAINE launched a second Trident II on 16 February. Test launches are conducted on a recurring basis to evaluate and ensure the continued reliability and accuracy of the strategic weapon system. Strategic Systems Programs is the Navy command that provides cradle-to-grave lifecycle support for the Navy's Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) Trident II (D5LE) strategic weapon system.

### **Ex-USS ORLECK Set to become Jacksonville Naval Museum**

The GEARING-class destroyer ORLECK has made its home in Lake Charles for the past decade but will soon make a 16-hour trip to Port Arthur, Texas, then trek for a week to Jacksonville, Florida, to join the [Jacksonville Naval Museum](#).

The [Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association](#) intends to have ORLECK (DD 886) as its main attraction for museum-goers and ship enthusiasts everywhere.

The ship came to Lake Charles in May of 2010, and was open to the public by April of 2011.

After drydocking and repairs, ORLECK will move on to downtown Jacksonville.

### **USNS NEWPORT Launched**

Alabama shipbuilder Austal USA rolled and launched the future expeditionary fast transport NEWPORT (T-EPF 12) into the Mobile River on Friday, 21 February three months after the vessel was christened.

The transport now enters sea trials and is slated to be delivered to Military Sealift Command later in the year.

### **PCU TRIPOLI Delivered**

The Navy accepted delivery of the future USS TRIPOLI (LHA 7), the Navy's newest America-class amphibious assault ship, from Ingalls Division 28 February.

With Tripoli delivered, the ship will focus on moving crew aboard and preparing for commissioning and sailaway later this year. Commissioning is tentatively set for **13 June 2020** at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida

### **ICEX 2020**

Commander, Submarine Forces officially commenced Ice Exercise (ICEX) 2020 in the Arctic Ocean with the construction of a temporary ice camp, Camp SEADRAGON, and the arrival of two U.S. Navy fast-attack submarines 4 March 2020.

ICEX 2020 is a three week biennial exercise that offers the Navy the opportunity to assess its operational readiness in the Arctic and train with other services.

USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) from Bremerton, WA, and USS TOLEDO (SSN 769) from Groton, CT will conduct multiple Arctic transits, a North Pole surfacing and other training evolutions during their time in the region.

The Navy's Arctic Submarine Laboratory (ASL), based in San Diego, serves as the lead organization for coordinating, planning and executing the exercises.

### **PCU LOUIS H. WILSON, JR First Steel Cut**

Construction of the US Navy's future USS LOUIS H. WILSON JR. (DDG 126) officially began at General Dynamics Bath Iron Works (BIW) shipyard on 3 March.

DDG 126 will be the first ARLEIGH BURKE-class destroyer built in the Flight III configuration at BIW.



## President's Message

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As a non-profit, tax Exempt Corporation (IRS 501(c)(3)) USCS is required to serve an educational role. Thus, we are very pleased to offer our newest compilation of research material offered on flash drive. *USCS Reference Collection No. 2* is now available for your purchase for only \$9.00 postpaid to U.S. addresses. See Page 13 for a list of the many reference items contained in this collection. Certainly, I want to thank all members who contributed to this compilation. And a special 'Thank you' to **Lloyd Ferrell**, **Steve Shay** and **Arthur Cole** for their efforts in getting author permissions, scanning original resources and organizing the material for the flash drives. For \$9.00, this will be your best purchase in 2020 and keep you busy for the rest of the year!

Another resource just produced by **Art Cole** is a pamphlet listing all of the print and electronic versions of USCS educational resources. Each of the USCS members, who receive the *USCS eLOG* for April, will receive a pdf copy of the pamphlet which has ordering information.

Additionally, as I noted in the Editor's column on Page 2, **Bob Lamb** has completed the Index for the run of the 2019 *USCS Log*. The Index is always a great resource for potential authors to see what subjects were covered in the previous year and to find areas needing additional coverage and research articles. A pdf version of the 2019 has also been sent to *USCS eLOG* members.

On Page 27 of the March issue of the *Log*, I ran an overview of the named annual awards USCS presents to members who meet the criteria in each of the categories. So far, I have not received any nominations. **Please** take the time to review the awards and criteria. Nomination letters should detail why you believe your nominee should be selected for the award with specific examples of how the member is an outstanding candidate for the selection.

In response to **David Bernstein's** report on the USCS Auctions on Page 13 in the March issue. They note that **Bob Weed** has sent a very generous donation of covers for the auctions.

As you can see from the items above, USCS functions best when our members take an active part in sharing their resources, knowledge and skills with our membership. Want to join in supporting USCS? Consider running for a position on the board of directors. Let one of the members of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee of your interest:

**David Kent-Chair**  
**Ted Bahry**  
**Paul Huber**  
**John Johnson**

## USCS Auctions – take a look!

**USS SQUALUS Launching Invitation**  
**Japanese Bataan Stamp FDC**



*Just two of the covers featured in the April USCS Log Auctions—check the listings on Pages 28 and 29.*

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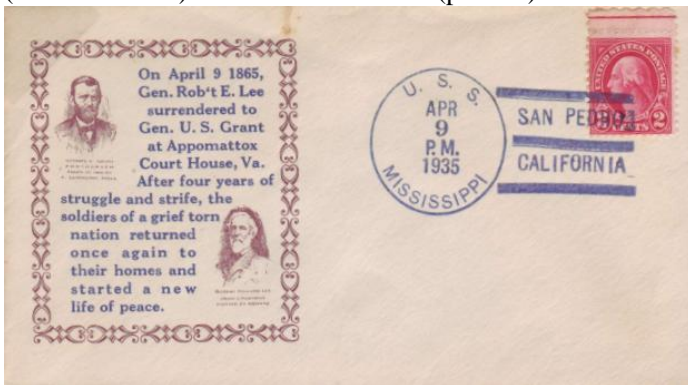
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## The Goat Locker

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We start off this month's column with two covers that document historical events, rather than any holidays. In the golden age of cachets, the cover sponsors advertised their upcoming events in philatelic publications or provided the information that was printed in the *USCS Bulletin*. Deane Bartley would introduce the *USCS Log* in May 1935. Here's a couple of printed STANLOS cachets by John von Losberg (cachet director) and Michael Sanders (printer.)



**Figure 1: Printer's cuts of U.S Grant taken from 1866 photograph by Guterunst, Phila and a painted portrait of Robert E. Lee by Browne with text document the end of the Civil War, posted aboard USS MISSISSIPPI (BB 41) on 9 APR 1935. Ship's location: San Pedro CA in killers. Rufus Faulkner (ANCS #250) was mail clerk aboard.**

Cover obtained from the Lobdell Collection (April 2005) as Wilbur Lobdell (ANCS #84 & USCS #999) was a mail clerk aboard USS CALIFORNIA and NAS San Pedro. Lobdell sponsored covers 1933-36. Rufus Faulkner (ANCS #250) was mail clerk aboard the Rebel Ship.



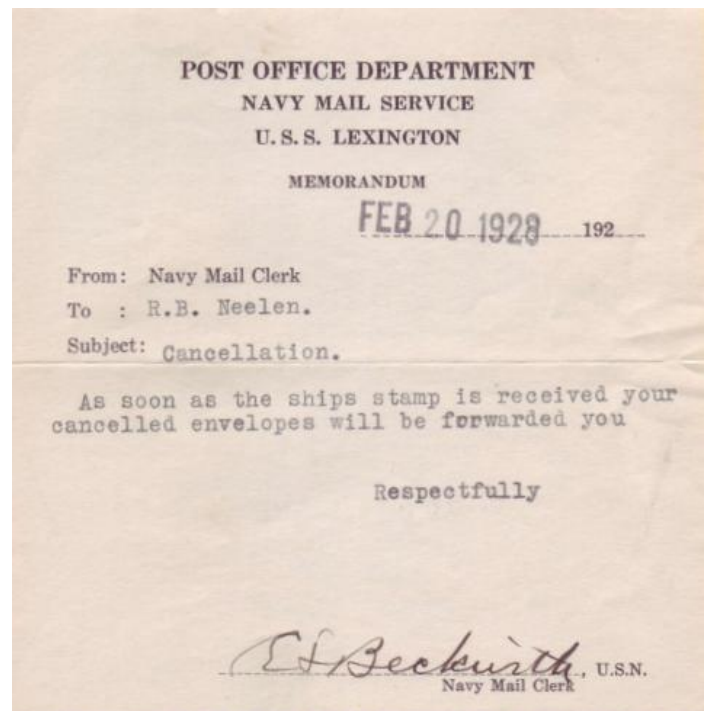
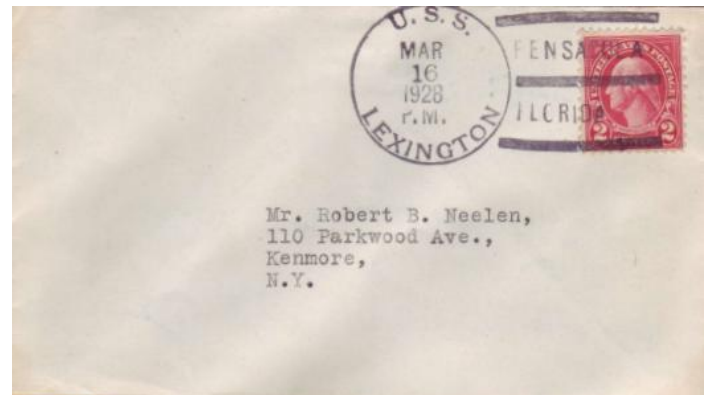
**Figure 2: Minutemen printer's cut (blue) on red background turns purple & text tells the story of the shot heard around the world, posted aboard USS LEXINGTON 19 APR '35 with wording BATTLE OF LEX & CONCORD between killers. Reverse- penciled 15 issued & 15 cents indicates quality and selling price by STANLOS.**

### "Lady Lex" and Her Mail Service

Her keel was laid on 8 JAN 1921 at Fore River Shipbuilding, Quincy MA as one of six battle cruisers but

four were cancelled because of the post war naval disarmament treaties. Only LEXINGTON & SARATOGA were authorized to be completed as aircraft carriers in July 1922. According to data "Lady Lex" was launched on 3 October 1925 and commissioned on 14 December 1927.

Covers from her during the period 1928 to 1932 appear to be scarce, as there were probably 50 naval cover collectors. Many were members of either the International Postal Marking Society (re-organized October 1930) or North Bay Stamp Club in Vallejo CA (established August 1928.) These collectors relied on information about ship movements from the daily newspapers or philatelic publications.



**Figures 3-4: Type 3s cancel, dated 16 MAR 1928 with PENSACOLA/FLORIDA in killers addressed to Robert Neelen, Kenmore NY with signed enclosure from Navy Mail Clerk documents carrier's First Day Postal Service. Cancel is rated (R-2) with 10 to 25 known copies. E.L. Beckwith (later USCS #240A) was the first mail clerk.**

Ship's records indicate "Lady Lex" supplied electrical power to the city for 30 days, ending on 16 January 1930. Enclosure: another Type cancel- same date.

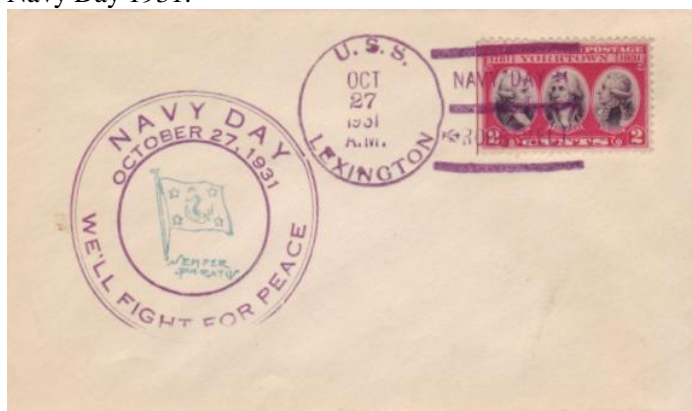




**Figure 5:** Stamp dealer, C.L. Elliott sent embossed 2 cent envelopes that were canceled with Type 6 cancel 13 JAN 1930 with Beckwith's signature and typed at Tacoma, Washington.

Our *Naval Cover Museum* has LEXINGTON cover, canceled with Type 6 cancel dated a day earlier, 15 MAR 1928. The earliest reported Type 6 with a 29 FEB 1928 date addressed to Harry Klotzbach that was back-dated, according to an article in March '89 *USCS Log*. The saga of the FDPS aboard "Lady Lex" is well written in *USCS Log* and according to former mail clerk, Milt Nalibow (USCS #1791) who admitted to backdating covers for specific dates

Other Type 3s cancels with wording documents her first cruise to the Hawaiian Islands: 28 MAR 1928 BABLOA (misspelled) / C.Z. and 10 JUN 1928 HONOLULU/ HAWAII. Beckwith & company (he had an assistant mail clerk and a striker) started servicing covers with holidays on Navy Day 1931.

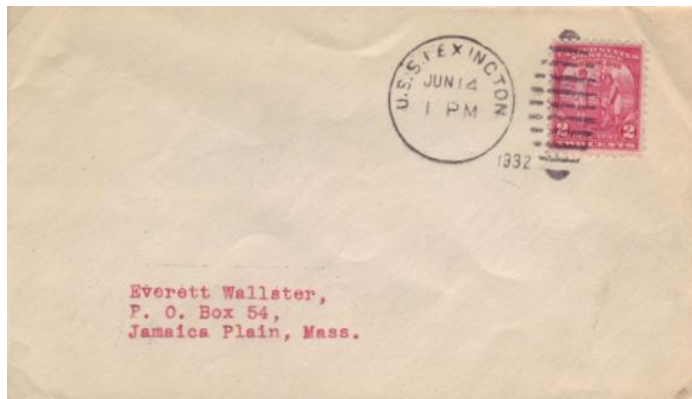


**Figure 6:** Walter Crosby used stamp cachet (two parts- #1 We'll Fight for Peace & #2 Navy Sec'y Flag with Semper Paratus) cancelled aboard LEXINGTON on 27 OCT 1931 with wording NAVY DAY/ ROOSEVELT between the killers. They sold for 35 cents.



**Figure 7**

**Figure 7:** Printed (hectograph) cachet documents the George Washington Bi-centennial Year posted aboard USS LEXINGTON on 22 FEB 1932 with words WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY between killers. "Lady Lex" had participated in Fleet Problem XII and was visiting Hilo, Hawaii with the rest of the U.S. Fleet.

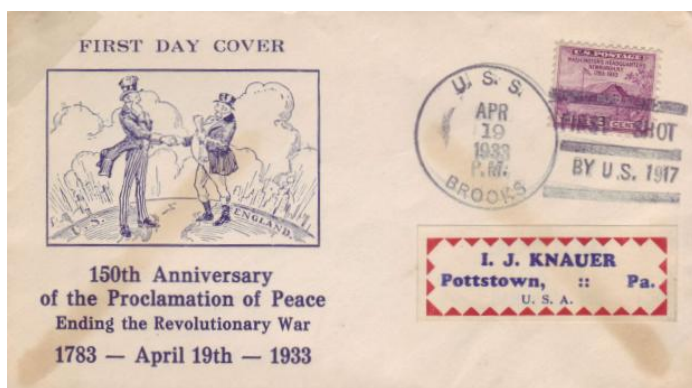


**Figure 8:** Everett Wallster's sending to "Lady Lex" was canceled on Flag Day 1932 with ship's cancel (Type 6) that was first used in 1928. Rated "C" the duplex cancel is quite scarce, it appears Wallster (USCS #14) might have requested it.

It should be noted that *Stamp Magazine* started publication in September 1932, about the same time that York Briddell and Alfred E. Newman started the USCS. About the same time, Roy Sherman, Secretary of the North Bay Stamp Club mentions that a society whose scope is collecting all maritime postmarks (naval & merchant) was being formed in the state of Florida. He gives Briddell's mailing address in St. Petersburg.

**To be Continued**

### Cover of the Month



**Figure 9:** Printed cover (Edward Hacker RCD #167) documents 150th ANNIVERSARY: Peace Treaty between Uncle Sam (Colonies) and John Bull (England) posted aboard USS BROOKS on 19 APR 1933 with words FIRST SHOT/ BY U.S. 1917 between the killers.

It looks like Olasky or mail clerk got the wrong war!

"Remember Happy is a man (women) with a hobby, for he (she) has two worlds to live in" as Charlie Noble used to end his auctions. I changed it for the ladies!

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## For Beginning Members

*Long John Silver, Ship's Cook*

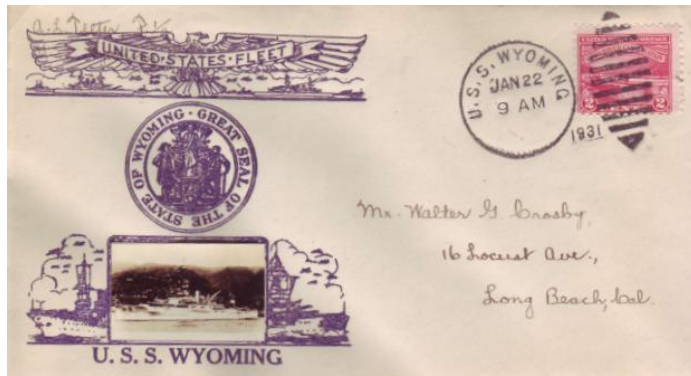
### Collecting Crosby Covers

Most naval cover collectors are familiar with the cachet maker Walter "Bones" Crosby and his paste-on photo & thermograph printed cachets. A retired Navy Gunner's Mate Chief Petty Officer, he served aboard battleships and other naval ships (1898-1925).

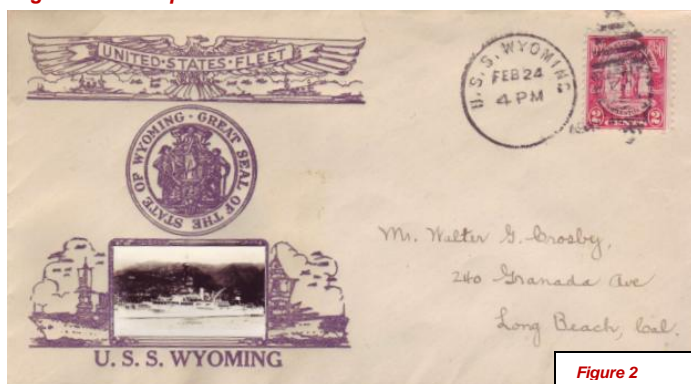
After retirement, he owned and operated "Bones' Place" at Beacon & Front Streets in San Pedro (1928.) Sailors kept a locker ashore and he kept-up a relationship with the sailors. Many a mail clerk would frequent his establishment and would service covers for the retired Navy chief.

He later operated a small print shop in the Jargins Trust Building (Arcade), Long Beach where he produced business cards and envelopes. A well-known Crosby collector, Sandy Scher told a friend that Crosby employed sailor's wives who cut and pasted small photos on the envelopes. They earned a penny, per cover. He also sold his photo stamps, fifty for 50 cents. There were 20 photos, per sheet.

Crosby's first known (FDC) cover was on his business envelope (Jargins B'ldg) for 2 cents Fallen Timbers (Sc #680) m.c. Erie PA on 14 September 1928. A two-part article by Anthony Cataldo (cover dealer) on "Bones" Crosby appeared in *Stamp Show News* (1980.) A good source is a monograph on him by William Strobel that is available from AFDCS Sales- American FDC Society.



**Figure 1:** The earliest naval cover addressed to Crosby was posted aboard USS WYOMING on 22 JAN 1931 from Fireman 1/c A.L. Teeter. His signature is partially covered (upper left) by winged eagle U.S. Fleet printer's cut.



**Figure 2**

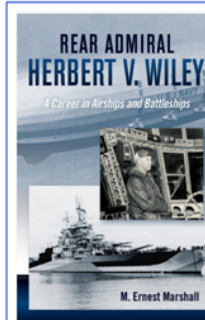
**Figure 2:** Same individual (Teeter's handwriting) addressed cover to Crosby (240 Granada Ave) posted aboard battleship on 24 FEB 1931 (unreadable.) Year was determined 1931 because 2 cents Massachusetts Bay Colony (Sc #682) was issued on 8 April 1930 therefore its '31 rather than '30 in the duplex cancel.

What's wrong with these two covers? Nothing except the thermograph printed cachets are add-on by Crosby. Yes, Bones started to produce this style of printing in May 1935- multi-colored cachets for the California Pacific Exposition.



**Figure 3:** Thermo-printed "Exposition" cachet with watercolor tint (orange, green & blue) posted aboard USS HOLLAND on 10 JUN 1935 with SUBMARINE/ DIVISION 12 in killer bars. Photo of submarine tender was placed over a thermo-printed BEAR.

It should be noted that Flexo Embossing Powder (two tablespoons) was sprinkled over wet ink and then pour onto the next envelope. Then Crosby subjected the powered prints to an intense heat- a hot plate or toaster for a few seconds. That's how "Bones" produced his works of art.



This peer-reviewed book, newly released by the Naval Institute Press on September 15, 2019, is simultaneously a biography of Rear Admiral Herbert V. Wiley and a seamless history of the U. S. Navy's lighter-than-air program. The history of the Navy's four airships (the *Shenandoah*, the *Los Angeles*, the *Akron*, and the *Macon*) is given in detail, including the Courts of Inquiry investigations into the crash of the *Shenandoah*, *Akron*, and *Macon*. Wiley survived the crash of the *Akron* and *Macon*.

The book also details Wiley's time with the surface fleet including such moments as being on board a battleship with the Naval Academy's summer cruise in 1915 – the first time Navy warships traversed the Panama Canal; details are presented of the mail drop from planes of the *Macon* to President F. D. Roosevelt on board the U.S.S. *Houston*. Wiley commanded the battleship U.S.S. *West Virginia* at the famous battle of Surigao Strait during WW II. This battle is presented in great detail.

This 352-page hard-cover book includes a center spread of black-and-white photos on glossy paper. It is available from the Naval Institute Press

([www.usni.org/book](http://www.usni.org/book)) or from amazon.com.

M. Ernest Marshall, M.D. is an author/historian and retired Professor of Medicine residing in Charlottesville, Virginia. His first book, published by Sunbury Press was *That Night at Surigao – Life on a Battleship at War*. He is currently writing the biography of Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl.

Marshall is a member of the APS, the AAMS and the USCS.

## Donations Needed for Convention Auction at MILCOPEX

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The first call for donations was in the March *Log*, but because of printing deadlines I'm writing this just as that is being published. Hopefully some donations will be coming in soon. Our annual convention is coming up in five months, which isn't that far away. It's being held September 25-27 at MILCOPEX in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The traditional live auction at the convention is always a lot of fun, but more than that, it also helps defray some of the costs. The key to success, of course, are the covers that are donated. It's the generosity of USCS members that makes the difference.

In the past month, a couple of early donations were received from **Art Cole**, Huntsville, AL, and **Joseph Connolly**, Orange, CT. They are much appreciated. Next month I'll provide an update on other donations that come in.

When a donation is received, you can expect to get a letter from me on behalf of USCS acknowledging receipt. Any naval cover you care to donate is fine, and last year we had an excellent variety of material, including classic ships, cachets (both old/new), and even some interesting WWII items. Hopefully we'll have a similar response this year, even with the short time frame. Donations can be mailed to me as the auction coordinator:

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No specific categories are targeted, but generally we are looking for individual covers or a grouping worth about \$10 or more. Historically, USCS members have been quite generous, and it would be great to have similar success for the MILCOPEX auction. Thanks for your help.

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### **Special Collection No. 18**

#### **Locy Type 8 Flag Cancels**

**Greg Ciesielski** has added a new item to the Special Collection section of the Naval Cover Museum. The Type 8 is a machine "flag" cancel. It is similar to the Type 7, but the wavy lines of the killer have been made into the form of a waving flag. They were very popular in civilian post offices between 1900 and 1940, but only 15 different ships used them, between 1927 and 1935.

[https://www.navalcovermuseum.org/wiki/Type\\_8\\_Flag\\_Cancels](https://www.navalcovermuseum.org/wiki/Type_8_Flag_Cancels)

## Opportunities to Exhibit At MILCOPEX

MILCOPEX's World Series of Philately exhibition provides an opportunity for new and experienced exhibitors to tell a story using stamps, covers and other related material. It may be the story of a single stamp, a set of stamps, one area's postal history or even your favorite subject illustrated using philatelic material. The **Prospectus** and **Application** for our WSP exhibits can be reached at the link below and on the documents page. We expect to be oversubscribed so early entries are encouraged. As an APS World Series of Philately show, the Milcopex Grand Award Winner is eligible for the annual "Champion of Champions: competition at Stampshow 2021.

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received no later than **July 25, 2020**, or until such time as all frames have been fully subscribed. Contact the Exhibits Chair if in doubt about availability of frames.

USCS members are encouraged to visit the exhibit link and download the Prospectus and Application as soon as possible. Let's have a good representation of naval philately to show the attendees.

In addition to our WSP exhibits, we will have two additional non-competitive opportunities to exhibit.

Exhibitors may enter a 4 or 8-page exhibit dealing with the postal history of their hometown or any specific city using stamps, covers or postcards. The application for entry is below and on the documents page. There are no entry fees in this category. Your application is due by August 31, 2020.

A second new exhibiting category is specifically set up to encourage collectors to share their philatelic material and to promote the hobby to the public by making them aware of the wide range of collectible covers. This is to be a **one page** non-competitive exhibit. Examples of such covers include but are not limited to first day covers, airmail, advertising, registered, postal stationery, and picture postcards. Each one-page exhibit must be on 8-1/2" x 11" vertical paper and in a sheet protector. More information is included in the application. The application for entry is below and on the documents page. There are no entry fees in this category. Your application is due by August 31, 2020.

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## Norfolk Navy News

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### USS HERSEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS Commissioned

The Navy commissioned its newest Expeditionary Sea Base, USS HERSEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS (ESB 4), on 7 March, in Norfolk, Virginia.

USS HERSEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS is the first ship to bear the name of Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer Four Hershel Woodrow Williams, the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient recognized for heroism at the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia delivered the commissioning ceremony's principal address.

Delivered as USNS, the ship has an aviation hangar and flight deck that include four operating spots capable of landing V-22 and MH-53E equivalent helicopters, accommodations, work spaces, and ordnance storage for an embarked force. The platform will also provide unmanned aviation vehicle operations, enhanced command and control, communications, computers, and intelligence capabilities to support embarked force mission planning and execution. The reconfigurable mission deck area can store embarked force equipment including mine sleds and rigid hull inflatable boats.

### USS COLORADO Returns from Maiden Deployment

USS COLORADO (SSN 788) returned from her maiden deployment to her homeport at Naval Submarine Base Groton in Groton, Connecticut, 20 February 2020.

Under the command of Capt. Jason Geddes, COLORADO returns from a deployment to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility.

During the deployment, COLORADO steamed approximately 39,000 nautical miles with the crew supporting diplomatic relationships by conducting port visits in Haakonsværn, Norway and Faslane, Scotland, and celebrated the milestone of crossing into the Arctic Circle.

### EISENHOWER CSG Deploys

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) and the ships and aircraft of Carrier Strike Group TEN (CSG-10), departed for deployment after successfully completing the Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX).

Deploying ships and aircraft of the strike group, commanded by Rear Adm. Paul J. Schlise, include flagship USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), commanded by Capt. Kyle P. Higgins; the nine squadrons of Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW 3), staffs of Carrier Strike Group TEN (CSG 10) and Destroyer Squadron TWO SIX (DESRON 26), the guided-missile cruisers USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) and USS VELLA GULF (CG 72), the guided-missile destroyers of DESRON 26, USS STOUT (DDG 55), USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95), and USS TRUXTON (DDG 103) stationed at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

Squadrons of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3, commanded by Capt. Trevor Estes, embarked in EISENHOWER include

the "Fighting Swordsmen" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 32, the "Gunslingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-105, the "Rampagers" of Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-83, "Wildcats" of VFA-131, the "Screwtops" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 123, the "Zappers" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 130, the "Dusty Dogs" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 7, and the "Swamp Foxes" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 74.

### PCU JOHN F. KENNEDY Begins Reactor Operations

Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN 79) marked another milestone leading up to the commissioning of the second Ford-class aircraft carrier on 27 February, as Reactor Department Sailors began to operate on board the ship this week.

Capt. Todd Marzano, PCU JOHN F. KENNEDY's commanding officer, praised the efforts of his crew and the shipbuilder in moving Sailors on board the aircraft carrier three months ahead of schedule.

The Sailors will begin working on board where they will continue their training and certification process. The milestone recognizes the first Sailors to take ownership of newly completed ship spaces—one of many construction milestones that await the crew of PCU JOHN F. KENNEDY.

### USS SAN ANTONIO Begins Sea Trials

USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD 17) began Sea Trials 29 February. This is the ship's first underway following a three-year Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) maintenance availability.

The short underway was the first time SAN ANTONIO had been underway since February of 2017.

During Sea Trials, SAN ANTONIO held multiple training scenarios for each department designed to evaluate the performance of the ship after an extensive maintenance period.

SAN ANTONIO is the first ship named for the city in Texas and the first amphibious transport dock ship in the SAN ANTONIO-class.

### Change of Command

Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 28 held a change of command ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) in the Arabian Sea on 13 February.

Capt. James Kenny relieved Capt. Jennifer Couture as commodore of DESRON 28 during the ceremony. Rear Adm. Andrew Loisselle, commander, Carrier Strike Group 8, was the presiding officer for the ceremony.

### USS NORMANDY Seizes Weapons

On 9 February, USS NORMANDY (CG 60), while conducting operations in the U.S. Central Command area of operations, boarded a dhow and discovered a large cache of weapons which were seized.

Those weapons were determined to be of Iranian origin and assessed to be destined for the Houthis in Yemen, which would be in violation of a UN Security Council Resolution.

*Regards,*

**Darrell**



**Website Revision News**  
**(In Case You Missed it Last Month)**  
*John Germann*  
*(Chair, Website Revision Committee)*

A reminder that our website revision is underway, and that we have a lot of new features in store, including:

- 1) A slideshow
- 2) A forum
- 3) Our monthly auction listings
- 4) A directory
- 5) New and improved membership and financial sections
- 6) Inclusion of back issues of the **Log** (except for the recent issues)
- 7) A powerful, comprehensive search engine for the site

Plus, we have a lot of updating to do for information already existing on our old website. We need many members' help with these.

And once we are "up to snuff" we will need members to focus on maintaining it and monitoring it - to keep it so. Otherwise we will wind up with an out-of-date website which will disappoint both members and visitors alike.

You don't have to be a techie to help out, as my involvement well proves. When it comes to updating, for example, if you can use Microsoft Word or type, you can update. Kreck Design will help us. So too will the USCS Officers, the Directors, and the Managers of specific areas. Just ask.

This is an exciting and exceptionally important opportunity. We are a long-established, well known, and very well respected society which has the chance now to aid members and attract online viewers/recruits like never before. Will you take an active part in helping to make our website the best that it can be, now and in the years ahead?

To let me know what areas you might like to assist with or "adopt," or if you have any questions about doing so, please email me at [jghist@comcast.net](mailto:jghist@comcast.net).

Thanks very much.....**John Germann** (Chair, Website Revision Committee)

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This fall will mark five years since the Pearl Harbor Chapter was formed, and I can hardly believe how fast the time has gone. Our **Facebook** group has grown to 143 members, and it's here that we regularly post cover scans and share information. Outside of **Facebook**, however, there are other activities the chapter sponsors and is involved with.

A few months ago, I was contacted by USCS member Capt. Keith Graham of Lathrop, California who was working on a presentation about Pearl Harbor. On behalf of the chapter, I was able to send some PowerPoint pages and handouts. Keith spoke before a large group that even included several Pearl Harbor survivors, and reports that his talk went very well.

There are two projects that the Pearl Harbor Chapter continues to sponsor: **Late Date Pearl Harbor Ship Project** – documenting covers postmarked 1 Nov – 7 Dec 1941. This is an ongoing project that I'm coordinating, and we have a special section for it on the **Naval Cover Museum**. If you have any late-date covers, I would appreciate receiving a scan. The **Navy 128 Project** – is being spearheaded by **Gregory Finnegan**. Covers with the familiar Navy 128 postal code (Pearl Harbor) often have box numbers added, but little is known about them. By documenting and researching these covers, we're trying to shed light on what these numbers were for. We've had some success already, but need a lot more examples to work with. If you have covers like this, please send scans to **Greg Finnegan** ([g.finnegan@comcast.net](mailto:g.finnegan@comcast.net)) or to me.

Recently was surprised to find a cover in my mailbox from Dick Weber—a beautiful hand-drawn and colored Pearl Harbor cachet. Dick has done many cachets for the Puget Sound Chapter over the years, but not many recent recently. He is an artistic genius, and his cachets are small treasures.



**New hand-drawn cachet by Dick Weber depicts a Japanese Zero at Pearl Harbor. The cancel is 7 December 2019 at Coupeville, Washington where Dick lives.**

**The tug HOGA (YT-146) is featured on this cachet by Mike Brock. The cancel is dated 7 December 2016 at Pearl Harbor.**



Lastly, there will be a combined **Pearl Harbor, Columbia, and Puget Sound Chapter** meeting at PIPEX in Portland, Oregon on Saturday, May 11, 2020 at 11 AM. Bill Nix will do the main presentation about covers related to ships visiting Portland, which included a number later at Pearl Harbor. I'm also planning a short presentation. Thanks.

## Fleet Problem XVI Censorship

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Fleet Problem is the term used by the Navy to describe each of 27 pre-war naval exercises. The initial 21 of these were conducted between 1923 and 1940. They are labeled with Roman Numerals from Fleet Problem I through Fleet Problem XXI. A 22nd Fleet Problem exercise, scheduled for 1941, was canceled because of WWII.

This mark is an indication the Navy was considering the need for censorship as established in WWI.



While philatelic and not actually a censored cover, the mark indicates censorship was being considered as part of the cancellation process and so is a valid precursor to actual Navy censorship. In this case the mark was incorporated into the standard ship cancellation found on a 25 May 1935 cover from the battleship USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38), lead ship of the PENNSYLVANIA-class engaged in the Fleet practice and battle tactics of Fleet Problem XVI.



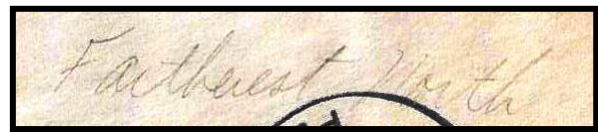
The front cancel is a Locy Type 3y reading ("DATE/ CENSOR/ED") 1935 IN N.E. / PACIF. TRIANGLE; the reverse cancel is a Locy Type 3 RETURN HAWAII / WAR GAME OVER



Fleet Problem XVI was held 29 April to 10 June 1935 in the northern Pacific off the coast of Alaska and in waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands. It was the largest mock battle ever staged, conducted over an area covering five million square miles of the North Central Pacific between Midway, Hawaii, and the Aleutian Islands and involving 321 vessels and 70,000 men. The operation was divided into five separate exercises (considered phases), none of them related. These were thought to be aspects of some real naval campaign of the future in which the U.S. would take the strategic offensive, with Japan the probable enemy. This was the last major fleet problem. That the cancel on the reverse announces the end of the war game on 25 May, this may refer to the participation of USS PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38).<sup>[1]</sup>

PENNSYLVANIA was the lead ship of her of super dreadnaught battleships built for the Navy in the 1910s. They were part of the standard-type battleship and marked an incremental improvement over the preceding NEVADA-class. During the 1920s and 1930s, she served as the flagship of first the Atlantic Fleet and after it was merged with the Pacific Fleet in 1921, the Battle Fleet. For the majority of this period, the ship was stationed in California, based in San Pedro occupied with a peacetime routine of training exercises, port visits, and foreign cruises, including a visit to Australia in 1925. The ship was modernized in 1929–1931.<sup>[2]</sup>

Per the cover, this was one of 67 thermographed official cachets designed by Robert M Graham, for the Universal Ship Cancellation Society's (USCS) Chapter 24, and signed by its president Pat Sinnott. The recipient is Earl J Brown, also of the USCS.



There is also a lightly penciled notation between the cache and cancel 'Farthest North'



Dutch Harbor, Alaska 1935<sup>[3]</sup>

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## USCS Reference Collection No. 2 An Overview

*Lloyd Ferrell, Steve Shay, Art Cole*

Two years ago, *Reference Collection No. 1* was made available to USCS members and it has been well received. Almost immediately we began gathering material for *Reference Collection No. 2*, which is now ready for release.

These efforts are in the spirit of the fundamental purpose of USCS, to promote the hobby of collecting naval covers, and the study of naval history and postal cancellations. Our *USCS Constitution* even includes that we are “to disseminate knowledge” related to those goals. We believe the new *Reference Collection No. 2* does that, and builds on the earlier collection. The new material includes:

**Coast Guard Study Group Newsletters** – A complete set of newsletters (1984 – 1998), with an enormous amount of detailed information and illustrations. (**John Young** provided originals that **Lloyd Ferrell** scanned for the collection.)

**CONSTITUTION “Scott 951” Catalog** – Focuses on and documents covers utilizing the 1947 USF CONSTITUTION postage stamp (Scott #951). **Skip Eckel** provided information along with several hundred scans of covers. His PowerPoint slides (about 1200 pages) have now been converted to PDF format.

**Early Navy Postal History** – This is a consolidation of two *USCS Log* article series on the earliest days of naval ship cancels. The first is titled “In The Beginning” (1994-1998), and the other is “A Short Account of the Great White Fleet...” (2008). These were put together and provided by *Log* Editor, **Richard Jones**.

**Early Postmark Classification and Misc. Info** – Prior to the 1997 *USCS Postmark Catalog*, there were many articles and other publications about naval postmarks. This collection is a varied accumulation of material from more than 25 sources. Much of it comes originally from **Frank Hoak III**, who sold it to **Steve Shay** in 2018, shortly before Frank died.

**Exhibits** – There are two exhibits included: (1) the famous *USS OREGON Exhibit* by **Bob Rawlins**, that was photocopied in color by **Paul Huber** before being broken up; and (2) the *2019 Tokyo Bay Exhibit* by **Steve Shay**. NOTE—we would like to add more exhibits if you have one to share.

**Navy Mail Clerk Manuals and Shipping Guide** – The mail clerk manuals from 1912 and 1939 are included, along with the 1930 Navy Shipping Guide. Thanks to **Greg Finnegan** for these items.

**Paquebot Marks of the Americas** – by **Gustav Lund**—This book was done by USCS member **Gus Lund** in 1984, carefully cataloging 193 pages of paquebot marks in North, Central, and South America. Permission to

use the book for this collection was obtained from the family by **Art Cole**.

**Project Mercury, Gemini & Apollo Books** – by **Donald Schultz** – This collection consists of three books by **Don Schultz**, two done in 1967 and the other in 1970. Detailed information about the space program is included, along with examples of covers.

Permission for USCS to use these books was obtained from the family by **Art Cole**, and **Richard Jones** then found copies of the books.

**System for Naval Postmarks** – by **Delf Norona** – About 1932, before the Locy System became fully accepted, **Delf Norona** published this interesting classification system. This copy was provided by **Don Tjossem**.

Those who contributed materials for the new Reference Collection are: John Young, Frank “Skip” Eckel, Steve Shay, Art Cole, Don Tjossem, Richard Jones, Paul Huber, Greg Ciesielski, and Gregory Finnegan. (I think that’s everyone). Without these individuals, there would be no collection.

The USCS Board recently approved the pricing and funding for flash drives to disseminate this collection.

The price for *Reference Collection No. 2* with flash drive (postpaid in US) is \$9.00

The price for *Reference Collection No. 1* is also set at \$9.00.

Since we have room on the flash drive--- Collection #1 and #2 together will be sold for \$13.00 (postpaid in US).

*Reference Collections #1 and #2* individually are the same price, at \$9.00 each. -OR- both together in same purchase for \$13.00 combined on one flash drive.

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Both Collections on one flash drive = \$13.00 postpaid within the U.S.  
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## Mystery Navy Ship Cancel on Coast Artillery Cover --

(Later Identified as **USS CRESCENT CITY**)

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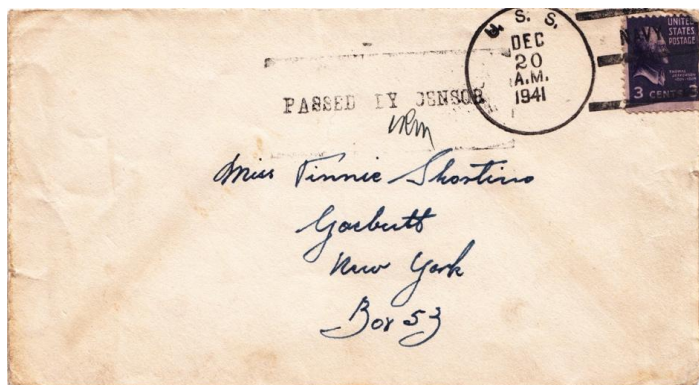
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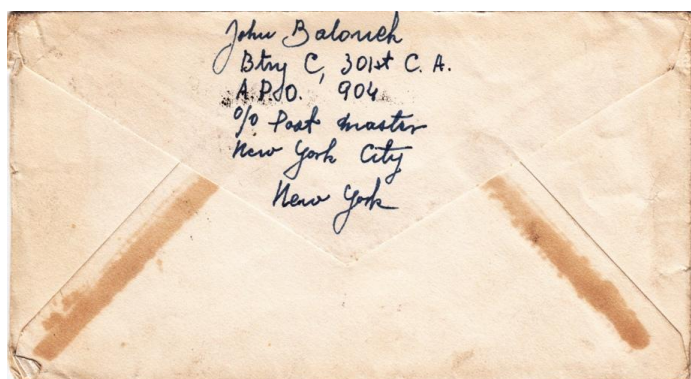
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What first caught my eye about this cover was the date, 20 December 1941, and that it was mailed from an unknown navy ship. Then I noticed that the sender, John J. Balonek was not a sailor—he was a soldier in the Coast Artillery. Very unusual.



The postmark, dated 20 Dec 1941, shows "U.S.S." in the cancel, but the ship's name is blocked out. It was later identified as transport CRESCENT CITY (AP 40). Also note the unusual censor mark. Miss Winnie (Vinnie) Shortino, who was apparently a friend of the sender, and she was also the postmaster at Garbutt, NY



The sender is John J. Balonek, Battery C, 301<sup>st</sup> Coast Artillery. This is an early example for APO 904, a seldom seen number thought to have been used in the Canal Zone. When this was mailed, the 301<sup>st</sup> Battalion was on board CRESCENT CITY at Norfolk, but headed for Panama.

The philatelic details for the cover are also quite interesting. The cancel shows "U.S.S." (Locy Type 3) instead of the expected "U.S. Navy" (Type 3z), but the ship name is missing. As most collectors know, after 7 December 1941, cancels with the name of the ship were not allowed. In this case, the vessel probably did not yet have the new Type 3z device, so they modified the Type 3 device they did have. On the back of the cover, Balonek identifies his unit as the

301<sup>st</sup> Coast Artillery, adding "APO 904" for his address. This is very early usage for an APO.

At the time I purchased the cover, I didn't really think there was much chance of identifying the ship. Even the location of the APO number is an unsettled issue. Sources said it was established in December 1941, probably was a temporary number. They speculated that the location might be the Canal Zone.

After some research, I found that the 301<sup>st</sup> Coast Artillery was actually a Barrage Balloon Battalion. With that, I then got lucky. In December 1941, the battalion was transported from Norfolk, Virginia to the Canal Zone via USS CRESCENT CITY (AP 40). Among the army passengers listed is Pfc. John J. Balonek, the soldier who wrote the letter. Finally, I had the name of the ship.



**USS CRESCENT CITY**

The ship was commissioned in October 1941, just two months before this cover was mailed. She had a green crew, and carrying the barrage balloon unit to Panama was her very first assignment. —NavSource

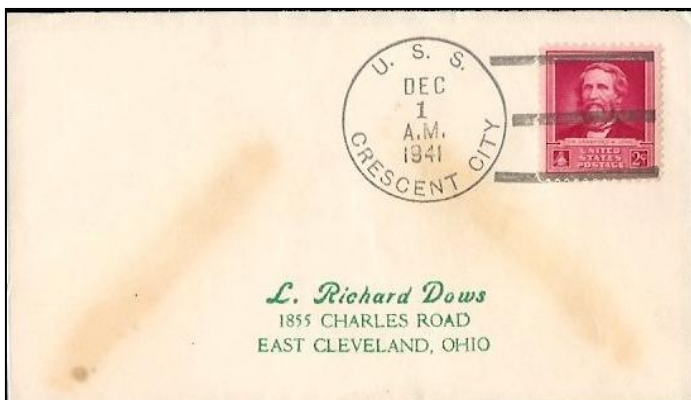
### USS CRESCENT CITY

When this letter was mailed, CRESCENT CITY had only recently been commissioned as a naval vessel. She was originally built as SS DELORLEANS in 1940, and completed several trips to South America before being acquired by the navy in June 1941. With that, she was renamed CRESCENT CITY, converted into a transport, and in October was placed into commission. The majority of her crew was inexperienced navy reservists.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked on 7 December 1941, CRESCENT CITY was at the navy yard in Charleston, and the next day got underway for Norfolk. With the United States now at war, there was an immediate need to move ships, personnel and supplies to strategic locations. At Norfolk, she took on board about 900 men of the 301<sup>st</sup> Barrage Balloon Battalion, and also some from the Navy Patrol Wing Three. CRESCENT CITY could accommodate up to 1100 troops, so this was no problem.

On 21 December, the ship got underway and joined a convoy for the Panama Canal. They later recorded, "The trip south was rough and proved to be a test for the green crew. On Christmas Day first contact with the enemy was experienced when a submarine was discovered close aboard. The attack was successfully repulsed by the escort and the convoy continued to Panama with[out] further incident." They arrived on 1 January 1942, unloaded the troops and equipment at Cristobal and Balboa, and on 4 January, CRESCENT CITY continued on to San Diego.

For the purposes of this article, I will not cover the later history of CRESCENT CITY other than to say she operated in the Pacific for the remainder of the war. Instead, I will focus on John Balonek and the 301<sup>st</sup> Barrage Balloon Battalion.



**Locy Type 3 (A-BBT) - First day of postal service for USS CRESCENT CITY, 1 December 1941. -Naval Cover Museum**

### The 301<sup>st</sup> Barrage Balloon Battalion

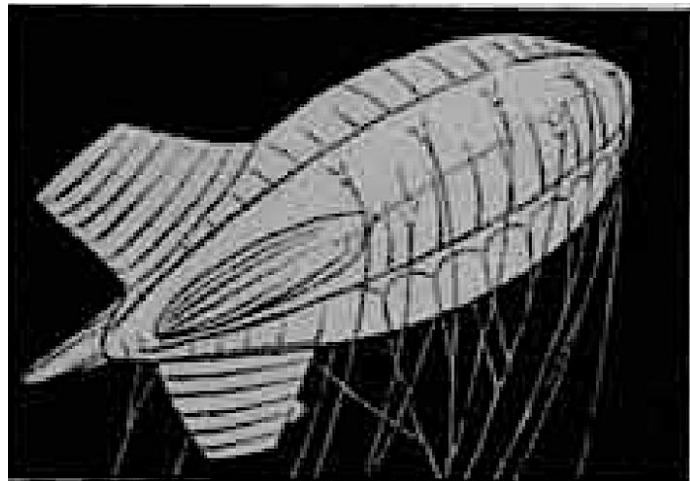
In 1941, with an eye on what was happening with the war in Europe, the Coast Artillery began a transformation from its traditional role into new areas. They still had the familiar big gun emplacements protecting harbors, but now in addition, they were also focusing on establishing mobile anti-aircraft gun batteries. Another innovation, successfully used by the British and now embraced by the Coast Artillery, was the barrage balloon. Lifted high in the air, these balloons helped protect against air attacks from bombers by forcing them to higher altitudes. The balloons also had steel cables hanging down that were a threat if enemy aircraft got too close.

The U.S. barrage balloon program got underway at Camp Davis, North Carolina in June 1941, drawing recruits mostly from New York and the northeast. The newly established 301<sup>st</sup> Barrage Balloon Battalion was the first one, and it was a learning experience for everyone involved with the program. It was also at this time, on 18 June 1941, that John Balonek and his cousin Stephen (Steve) Balonek went to Buffalo, New York and enlisted in the Coast Artillery. They apparently went directly to Camp Davis and the 301<sup>st</sup>, as John is mentioned by one source as being there in July 1941.

There was quite a bit of public interest about the new barrage balloons, and they were mentioned in several magazine and newspaper articles. In early November 1941, a radio station even did a broadcast with the 301<sup>st</sup> Battalion at Camp Davis, describing and taking its audience "through the intricate paces of barrage balloon maneuvers." The 301<sup>st</sup> remained at Camp Davis until after the attack on Pearl Harbor and on 16 December was sent to Norfolk where they boarded the transport CRESCENT CITY. John and Steve Balonek, both Pfc's with Battery C, are shown together on the ship's muster. It was while on board CRESCENT CITY, on 20 December 1941, that John Balonek mailed the letter to

Vinnie (Vinzie) Shortino, a young lady back home in New York. The ship got underway the next day.

After the 301<sup>st</sup> reached the Canal Zone, Battery A was assigned to Fort Randolph, and Batteries B and C went to Fort Clayton. In early 1944, the battalion was briefly reassigned to Camp Cooke in California before being deactivated. According to a July 1944 newspaper, "Sergeant John J. Balonek" was now stationed at Camp Murphy, Florida. He likely remained there until he was discharged in 1945.



**The 301<sup>st</sup> Barrage Balloon Battalion was created in June 1941, the first of its kind in the United States. The entire battalion was transported to the Canal Zone in Dec. 1941 on the transport CRESCENT CITY.**

### Background of John Balonek

While researching this cover, I found that all roads led to the small mining community around Oakfield, in western New York. This area is rich with gypsum and dolomite deposits, and at the turn of the century, many immigrants came there to work in the mines. Many of them were from Poland, including the Balonek family.

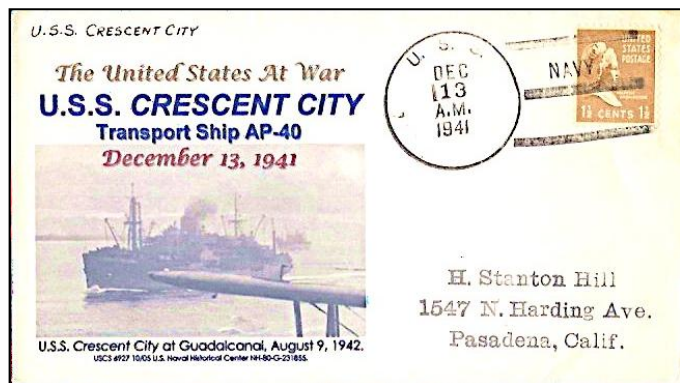
John Joseph Balonek was born in Buffalo, New York in June 1917, the son of Kaiser (Kazimierz) Balonek and Helen Kocowska. Both parents were originally from Poland. His father arrived in 1910, joining two brothers who were already working in the mines at Oakfield. It was a rough life, and there were sometimes bitter labor disputes with the mining companies.

The 1920 census shows John, age 2, living at Oakfield with his parents and two little sisters, Sylvia and Anna. Surprisingly, about 1924, John, his sisters, and his mother left the United States and went to live in Warsaw, Poland. It's unclear whether his father was temporarily with them, but if he was, he soon returned to Oakfield. John remained in Poland until March 1938, and then traveled alone on the M/S BATORY back to New York. Now almost 21 years old, he'd mostly grown up in Poland, so readjusting to life in the United States must have been very difficult.

When he got to Oakfield, John lodged with one of the local families and worked at the mines as an electric motor car operator. Kaiser Balonek, his father, died unexpected in



in August 1940 while working in the dolomite mines at Garbutt. It was only a few months after this, in June 1941, that John enlisted in the Coast Artillery.



**Locy Pz – philatelic example of the modified CRESCENT CITY cancel dated 13 December 1941. Note the word “Navy” in the killer bars. –Naval Cover Museum**

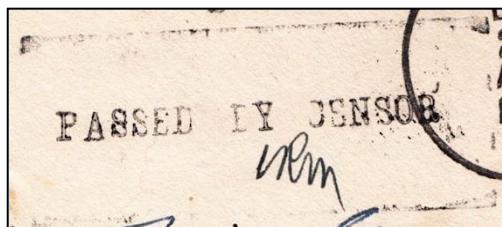
### Wrap-up

After the war, John married Norma Meyer and settled at Rochester, only about 40 miles from Oakfield. City directories show him working as a carpenter in the 1950’s and 60’s. In 1972, John Balonek passed away at the age of 55, and Norma died in 2003. So far as is known, John’s mother never returned to the United States from Poland, nor did his sisters Sylvia and Anna, who were still living there at the time of his death.

The recipient of John Balonek’s letter was Miss Vinnie (actually Vinzie) Shortino of Garbutt. She was about the same age as John, and was the daughter of Italian immigrants. Her family also worked for the gypsum mines. Interestingly, in May 1941 Vinzie Shortino became the postmaster at Garbutt. She had the position for only a year, and it was during this time that John’s letter was mailed to her. Vinzie married another local boy, James Pulvino, and she lived in the general vicinity until her death in 2006.



**The pre-war Type 3 and modified Pz cancels displayed side-by-side. They appear to be the same device, but one has “CRESCENT CITY” removed. The modified cancel also has “Navy” in the killer bars, the same as the philatelic illustration shown elsewhere.**



**Close-up of the censor mark on the letter. The initials “VRM” do not match any known naval officers on CRESCENT CITY. Even though cover has a navy cancel, the censorship was probably done by one of the 301<sup>st</sup> Coast Artillery officers.**

This December 1941 cover presented several mysteries and curiosities. Why was an army cover cancelled on a naval ship? What ship was it? The odd cancellation by a modified pre-war device. And finally, the early use of a seldom seen APO number. For me, this has been a very interesting project, and far more successful than anticipated in addressing these questions. I’ve also enjoyed learning about barrage balloons, gypsum mines, and immigrant workers from Poland. The story behind this cover was more involved than I expected, but well worth the effort.

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Computer vended postage aka personalized stamps/postage, custom stamps, photo stamps, logo stamps, pc postage stamps, IBI stamps and meter labels. For a better understanding on CVP's see: USPSDDM chapter 604.



**USS GEORGE WASHINGTON** gives an example of Computer Vended Postage with this commercial Peace on Earth design.



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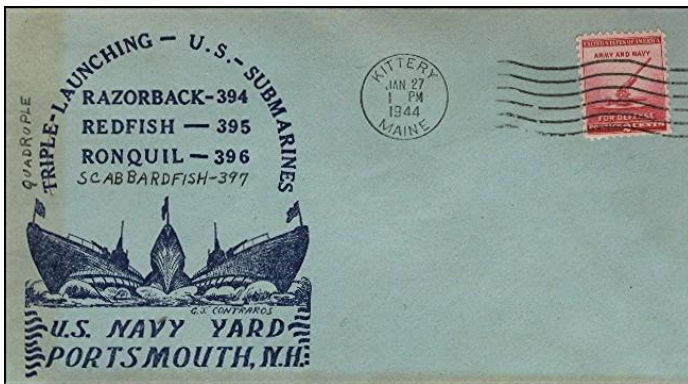
## USS REDFISH: Veteran of World War II and the Big and Small Screens

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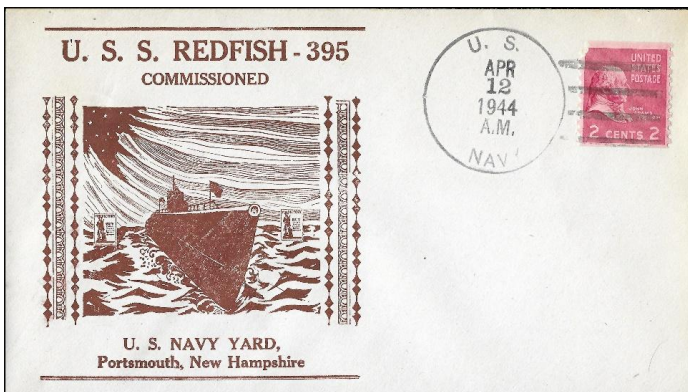
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USS REDFISH (SS 395), a BALAO-class submarine, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for Redfish – a common name for several species of fish. Her keel was laid down on 9 September 1943 at Portsmouth Navy Yard of Kittery, ME. She was launched on 27 January 1944 and commissioned on 12 April. [Figures 1 and 2]



**Figure 1: Event cover commemorating the launching of four submarines, including USS REDFISH, at the US Navy Yard Portsmouth, NH on 27 Jan 1944. (The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is located in Kittery on the southern boundary of Maine near the city of Portsmouth, NH, and New Hampshire laid claim to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until the U.S. Supreme Court dismissed the case in 2001.)**



**Figure 2: Event cover commemorating the commissioning of USS REDFISH on 12 April 1944.**

After shakedown and training exercises, REDFISH made for her wartime base at Pearl Harbor, HI. Under the command of LCDR (later RADM) Louis D. "Sandy" McGregor, she departed Pearl Harbor for the Luzon Strait on her first war patrol on 23 July 1944. After damaging the Japanese merchant tanker EIYO MARU on 18 August, REDFISH sank the 5,954-ton Japanese cargo ship BATOPAHATMARU on 25 August, sank the 7,311-ton Japanese tanker OGURA NUMBER TWO on 16 September and sank the 8,506-ton Japanese transport ship MIZUHO MARU on 21 September. [Figure 3] Having used up 21 of

her 24 torpedoes, REDFISH made for the US Navy advanced base for submarines at Midway Atoll to re-load (and give the crew a chance to unwind, take a swim, watch the gooney birds, and drink some beer at the recreation center).



**Figure 3: Postcard by the Japanese transport company Osaka Sosen Kaisha with a photo of the Japanese luxury liner MIDZUHO MARU that was later converted to a hospital/transport ship and sunk by REDFISH.**

REDFISH departed Midway for the East China Sea on her second war patrol on 25 October 1944. After sinking Japanese sailing vessels with gunfire on 20 November and 22 November, she sank the 2,345-ton Japanese transport ship HOZAN MARU on 23 November and combined with USS SEA DEVIL (SS 400) on 9 December to heavily damage and put the Japanese aircraft carrier HAYATAKA out of action for the remainder of the war. On 9 December, she torpedoed and damaged the Japanese carrier JUNYO and on 19 December she sank the newly built 18,500-ton Japanese aircraft carrier UNRYU. However, REDFISH was heavily damaged by shells from the aircraft carrier and depth charges from escort destroyers, and in a daring escape from Japanese pursuit, made it back to Portsmouth on 17 February 1945 for major repairs. She celebrated her first birthday with a party on 28 April and returned to Pearl Harbor on 23 July 1945 where she remained until the end of the war. REDFISH received two battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation for her World War II service.

After duty at Guam from September 1945 to January 1946, REDFISH arrived at San Diego on 30 January 1946. Departing 3 March 1947, she voyaged to Guam and Japan before returning 21 June. After operations off the west coast and Hawaii, she sailed toward Korea 2 February 1951, and operated out of Yokosuka, Japan in support of UN forces until 24 June. Returning to San Diego 3 July, she operated off the west coast. [Figure 4]

**Figure 4: Photo of REDFISH at sea shortly after World War II (before the two deck guns were removed).**





In the spring of 1954, diesel electric-powered REDFISH was chosen to play the part of Jules Verne's nuclear-powered Nautilus in the Walt Disney motion picture *"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"* starring Kirk Douglas, James Mason, Paul Lukas and Peter Lorre. The bullet-shaped REDFISH looked nothing like the NAUTILUS – a Victorian ornamented cross between an alligator and a shark – and the film makers had many models and mock-ups from six feet to 150 feet long to portray the Nautilus above and below the water. However, for a scene early in the movie in which Captain Nemo puts his uninvited visitors on the deck of NAUTILUS and submerges, they constructed a large mock-up of NAUTILUS' afterdeck on the deck of REDFISH and filmed stuntmen clinging to the dorsal fin as REDFISH actually submerged. [Figures 5-7]



Figure 5: Photo of REDFISH fitted with the NAUTILUS fin mock-up.



Figure 6: Walt Disney Productions postcard showing a NAUTILUS passenger vehicle in the *"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: Submarine Voyage"* attraction that was at Walt Disney World from 1971 through 1994.

Figure 7: Mali 1994 Motion Picture Centenary Kirk Douglas souvenir sheet depicting the NAUTILUS fighting a giant squid in the foreground of the selva illustration.



In the fall of 1957, REDFISH played the part of the fictional submarine NERKA in the United Artists motion picture *"Run Silent, Run Deep"* starring Kirk Douglas and Clark Gable. Much of the movie was filmed aboard REDFISH with World War II deck and armament modifications. However, scale models were used for exterior shots of submarines seen moving during the undersea sequences. [Figure 8]



Figure 8: United Artists Corporation 1957 photo of Kirk Douglas and Clark Gable in *"Run Silent, Run Deep"*.

REDFISH finished her film career by making several appearances in the 1957 and 1958 American syndicated anthology television series *"Silent Service"* produced by Twin Dolphin Productions, Inc. and narrated by RADM Thomas Dykers, USN (Ret). [Figure 9] (Two actors who appeared in various roles in the 30-minute episodes of the series, DeForrest Kelley and Leonard Nimoy, later served together on the impulse and warp-drive powered USS ENTERPRISE (NCC 1701-D) as Leonard "Bones" McCoy the ship's doctor and Spock the ship's science officer in the Star Trek television shows and movies.)

Figure 9: Screen capture of a commercial for the television show *"The Silent Service"*.



In 1960, REDFISH was reclassified as an auxiliary submarine (AGSS 395), and after Western Pacific deployment and annual western Pacific training cruises, she was decommissioned and struck from the Naval Vessel Register on 30 June 1968. [Figures 10 and 11] On 6 February 1969 the veteran of World War II and the big screen and small screens was sunk as a target by USS MEDREGAL (AGSS 480).



Figure 10: Cover by Desmond Jagyi with a REDFISH (SS 395) return address stamped on it and postmarked 5 Feb 1956 from the submarine tender USS SPERRY (AS 12). (In 1968, prolific cachet maker and author Desmond Jagyi was granted honorary Life Membership for 33 years of service to USCS.)



Figure 11: Cover with a REDFISH (AGSS 395) Corner Card postmarked 27 Mar 1961.



### Sailors Write Home

**Charles H. Bogart (8489)**  
**201 Pin Oak Place**  
**Frankfort KY 40601-4250**

Sailors always write home. Below are six postcards written by sailors during the first two decades of the 20th century.



**Cancelled - USS South Carolina, May 12, 1912**  
**Addressed to:**  
**Mr. Jack Zember, #329**  
**Harold Str.**  
**Reading PA**  
**USS So.**  
**Carolina, % R.M.**  
**New York, NY.**

Dear Brother just have received mail and I think I will take your word that you wrote me the last letter but not till next month in July for what, but now I want to send some ??? and make a ??? will strike. Think I will write more and a lot more in the next letter and to help you out of your death

stopped for a couple of days after the maneuvers. We were about 40 miles from land and had some pretty rough weather. but I didn't get sea sick at all. I bet you must feel mighty lonesome there by yourself and I only wish that we heard more from Atchison because it must seem like home at all down in Kansas City, I am just thinking for some more of those rumbles thru the country and down along the river. I will write a letter when we get to Portland, Maine. I think I can get more time then since we change for the battleship there on the fifteenth. What is Carl doing now, Yours Hugh.



**Cancelled - USS Maine, February 24, 1909**  
**Addressed to: Miss Josie Lehigh, 5101 Fleet Ave, Cleveland, Ohio**  
**From J. Rody.**

Received a Postal card from you So I that I would answer. I hope that I will return the same way. I think this is all for this time So I will send my best regards to all, Good by.



3. HABANA. Maine sunk and Kentucky. — El Maine y el Kentucky.



**Cancelled - Greenport, New York, July 3, 1905**  
**Addressed to: Mr. Howard Stough, Midland Coll, Atchison, Kansas.**  
**USS Hartford July 1, 1905.**

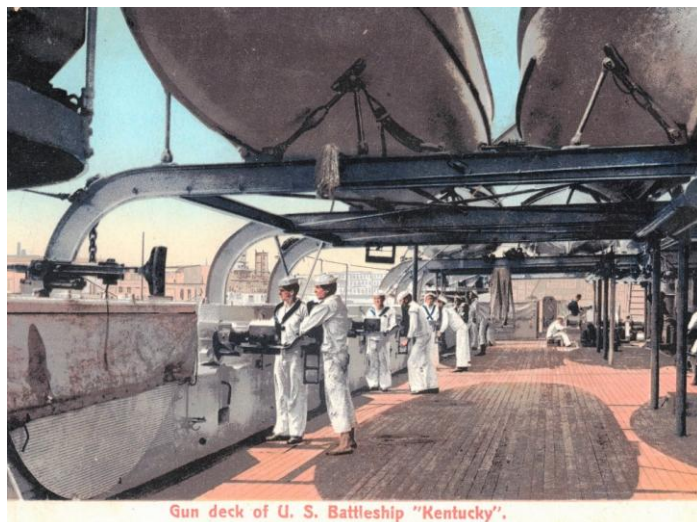
Dear Howard, I bet you think I am measly tramp for not writing to you oftener. But you can't imagine how hard we are worked on this ship Hartford which is a full rigged sailing ship. We just got back from a week cruise to Greenport, Long Island from Norfolk, Virginia. Where we



**Cancelled - USS Idaho Sept 15, 1912**  
**Addressed to: Mr. C Himistert, 540 John St, Little Falls, NY**



Newport, Rhode Island: well old scout how is the world treating you. Suppose this looks pretty soft to you, but it is not what it looks to be. Well now lend an ear and listen. I just have 72 more to do. As ever A.H.



Gun deck of U. S. Battleship "Kentucky".

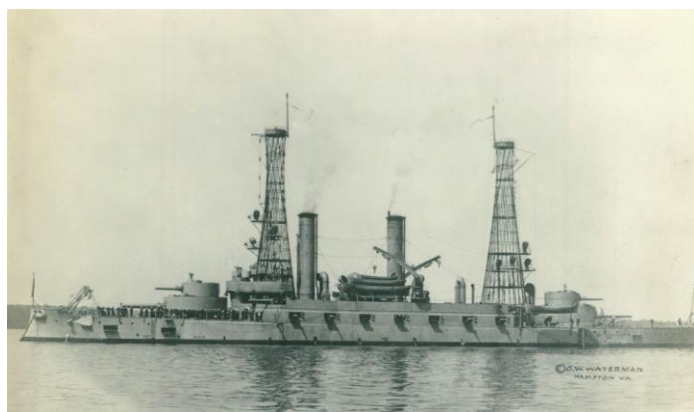
Dear Arthur I hope that you enjoyed your vacation and you had lot of fun before you go back to your daily work. I wish you a Merry Christmas with many greetings to you, your mother, and your brother, With love your father, Adolf Hauber, U.S. Bandmaster Asian Station Fleet



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31, 1918**

Addressed to: Ben Drain, USS ALABAMA, Fortress Monroe Virginia.

E. B. Zook, USS KENTUCKY, Fortress Monroe, Virginia, August 13, 1918. Dear Brother Drain, am sending this card in haste to let you know that Lyle Best died at the Lakes Thursday morning. He neglected a cold which turned into diphtheria and he couldn't pull through. My mother just sent word today. Let me hear from you. Fraternally yours.



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One of the newest members of the US Navy fleet may be futuristic, but she carries with her the heroic ethic that has always marked American history.

Commissioned 29 January 2019, USS MICHAEL MONSOOR is the second of three ZUMWALT-class stealth guided missile destroyers. She carries with her the memory of Navy SEAL, PO 2/c Michael Monsoor, the Medal of Honor and Silver Star recipient that gave his life 29 September 2006, using his body and his very ethic to shield his teammates from an exploding grenade.

The new ship's motto describes her future – and that of Monsoor's very life essence:

**'I will defend'*****The Man***

Michael Monsoor was the type you wanted to have your back – and for too short of a time, he had the world's back as he helped defend against terrorism. Machine gunner and communications officer for Delta Platoon, SEAL Team Three, Monsoor did the heavy, hard work of taking lead on counter-insurgency missions in the absolute worse place to carry out such a mission – Ramadi, Iraq.

He would give his life saving others.

From childhood, Monsoor fit the bill of the guy who would always do the right thing. Nothing got him down. Diagnosed with asthma as a youngster, he strengthened his lungs racing his three siblings in the family's Long Beach, California swimming pool. He was one of the best football players to come out of Garden Grove High School when he graduated in 1999.

In 2001, he joined the Navy. The trainee excelled near or at the top of every class he went through. Naturally, he decided to become a SEAL. First time through the grueling 25-week training, he broke an ankle and had to bow out. He made it the second time, earning SEAL status March of 2005, along with a promotion to Master-at-Arms.



**Master-at-Arms Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Class Michael Monsoor,  
Navy SEAL**

His first assignment would not be easy. As part of Naval Special Warfare Task Group – Arabian Peninsula, he was assigned to Operation Kentucky Jumper, jumping into

the hottest action on the planet to defend Coalition operations in Ramadi, Iraq. He served on a SEAL team led by Jocko Willink; Chris Kyle was a teammate. They were all in the worst spot possible.

Before Hussein's fall, Ramadi was a key spot for his regime, and many military and terrorist factions remained in the city and in active battle against the Coalition. Monsoor and SEAL Team Three spent their time training Iraqi soldiers and conducting counter-insurgency missions. Three-quarters of the missions drew enemy fire - count this team as fighting some of the hairiest gun battles in 2006 Iraq. And count Monsoor as taking much of the fire. As radioman and the one holding the team's heavy MK48 machine gun, he was a natural target. He just happened to be good at firing back. Countless times, he defended his team against short odds.

He'd only be in-country a short time when he proved what a hero he could be. On 9 May 2006, the SEAL team and Iraqi forces were under fire when a SEAL fell in the street, in the open. With a complete, utter disregard for his safety, Monsoor rescued his comrade, leading his effort with the MK48 blazing as he dragged the wounded man to safety. Then he went back to fighting. Monsoor was awarded the Silver Star for his action.

That selflessness, that innate desire to protect those around him caused Monsoor to pay the ultimate price on 29 September 2006. On yet another brutal patrol in the Ramadi streets, the group took on a band of insurgents. As things went sideways, the SEALs and their Iraqi Army Brigade comrades took shelter on the rooftops, continuing the battle while waiting for reinforcements. Posted near the only exit off a roof, Monsoor screened three SEAL snipers as they picked off the enemy. The situation grew from bad to worse as civilians began blocking off streets to keep out reinforcements while loudspeakers on a nearby mosque urged citizens to massacre the group. A truck carrying insurgents blanketed the rooftop with machine gun and RPG fire. Under that cover, a man darted up close enough to throw a grenade on the roof.

The grenade bounced off Monsoor's body armor and fell to the floor. This gave Monsoor a split second to do what was right. He could have fled – the stairs were right there. Or he could protect his people, two of whom were 15 feet away. Monsoor fell on the grenade, covering the explosion with his body.

His actions saved not only the two SEAL snipers near him, but another SEAL and three Iraqi soldiers. Monsoor's final action surprised no one that knew him. Platoon leader LCDR Seth Stone told the *Washington Post* that Monsoor's action it made sense in keeping with the man he knew.

All SEALs understood. When Monsoor was buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, his coffin was transported between two lines of SEALs. Each man removed the prized gold Trident pin from their uniforms and placed it on the passing coffin. President Bush recalled, "After half an hour, a simple wooden coffin became a gold plated memorial to a hero who will never be forgotten."



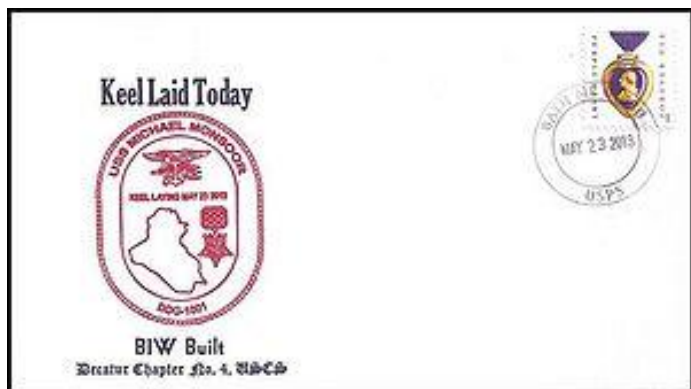
### The Ship

Monsoor's ultimate memorial ensures he isn't forgotten.

The vessel his name is attached to sums up one of his personal sayings - *you never quit*. It's a slogan he wrote on the inside of his hat while training at Coronado – and it should be the slogan for a class of destroyer that insisted on being able to prove itself despite set-backs and controversy.

Monsoor's name is part of the most advanced ship ever crafted by naval architects, the second ZUMWALT-class guided missile destroyer. Although she is 610-feet long and comes in at 15,000-ton displacement, her specially designed stealth hull and low, pinched upper profile give Mich the radar cross section of a fishing boat. That small radar ping comes from a vessel forty-percent bulkier than ARLEIGH BURKE-class destroyers while carrying a much smaller crew.

Not long after President Bush presented Monsoor's Medal of Honor to his parents, the second ZUMWALT project was named for the hero. Her keel was laid 23 May 2008 at Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. She was christened by her namesake's mother and ship sponsor, Sally Monsoor, 21 June 2016 and launched that same day.



**Keel Laid cachet by the Stephen Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS with a Bath, Maine double-ring cancel crossing a Purple Heart stamp (Scott 5035). (Image Naval Cover Museum)**

Monsoor was in high school when naval architects began designing the ZUMWALT-class. Dubbed the Land Attack Destroyer, the new ship's stealth design and shallow draft would enable her to sneak up on the enemy to bombard enemy positions, taking the role of past battleships without all the inconvenience of being spotted nine million miles away.

But plans changed drastically for the Land Attack Destroyer. By the early-2000s, her design was well under way, including installation of smart gun technology thanks to the humbly named Advanced Gun System. The weapon was to fire a Long Range Land Attack projectile; they not only carried a big bang, they could be guided to scene just the same way as your favorite brand of smart bomb - by GPS and internal guidance systems. ZUMWALTS were to carry two of the 155-mm/62 caliber guns capable of flinging out ten rounds per minute, each holding a 920-round magazine.

Then someone saw the price tag... It was estimated each round would cost between \$800,000 and one million bucks. The buck stopped at the Navy's budget cut-back desk, already quite busy by the late '00s and into the 'teens snipping holes in the military budget and orders for the rounds were, ahem, denied.

Thusly, minus rounds for their super-guns, the ZUMWALT-class has for now been tasked for on-ocean support. Thanks to the stealthy design, ZUMWALTS can still be put to use sweeping ahead of larger forces, clearing the cobwebs. Taking lead, if you will, much like Monsoor.

Hope remains for the ammo-less guns. The Navy has identified three options to tuck rounds inside the weapons. Modifications to the gun system (or even replacement altogether) won't be cheap, but the future could still see ZUMWALTS doing exactly what they were designed to do.

As it is, they're not exactly toothless. MICHAEL MONSOOR is a floating missile menace; built into her outer hull are eighty Vertical Launch System units, each capable of firing from one to four missiles. She also carries two Mk 46 two-gun systems for close-in fire support. Plus, she'll tote two SH-60 helicopters, or one MH-60-R, or even three Fire Scouts depending on the mission.

There will, however, be a lot less ZUMWALTS carrying out those missions. Back in the Land Attack Destroyer days, visions of a 62-ship class danced in admirals' heads. Instead, only three will be built. At \$4.5 billion each, on top of a \$10 billion development cost, the ZUMWALT-class will continue to shock bean counters for many years to come.

It is, however, not the cost but the mission that matters. Both Michael Monsoors understand that well.

### Commissioning

*You never quit* – these words are featured throughout MICHAEL MONSOOR. Most importantly, that very camouflage hat upon which Monsoor wrote those very words to spur himself on through SEAL training will always sail in a place of honor on the ship's quarterdeck.

That hat and USS MICHAEL MONSOOR began their new journey 26 January 2019 when Sally Monsoor gave the order, "man our ship and bring her to life."

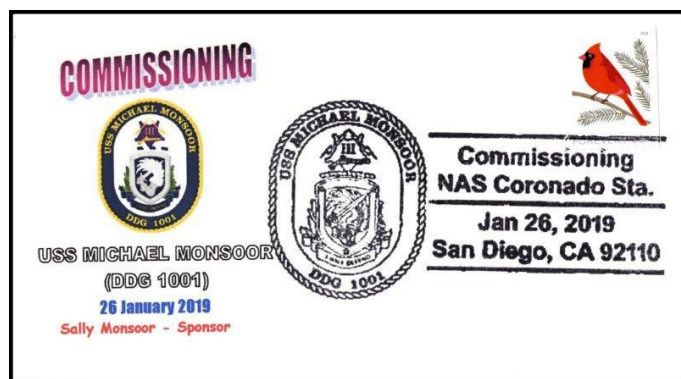
Held in Coronado, California, the ceremony featured some of Monsoor's comrades, and they got the chance to visit with the ship and her 148 officers and men.

Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin Oleson, one of Monsoor's teammates in Ramadi said, "MONSOOR is an incredible honor that the Navy has bestowed upon him and his family. I think if Mikey saw that ship, he's be like 'That's too much. That's not for me. I'm just laid back.' But I think it's truly an honor that the Navy did this, especially the type of destroyer that it is... (with) its cutting-edge, advanced technology. I think, with Mikey in the platoon, always in the front, leading the way, the way the ship is designed, it's going to be leading the way in the future."

In honor of Monsoor's rank, the ship's command set her first watch as all 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officers. Scott M. Smith, MICHAEL MONSOOR'S commanding officer, says he and his crew will always understand the importance of their namesake, adding, "He was good. He affected the lives of those who served alongside him and through his example, he continues to affect history and will as long as this ship sails."



**USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001) passes the San Diego, California skyline ahead of her 29 January 2019 commissioning at Naval Air Station North Island. (US Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Nicholas Huynh)**



**USS MICHAEL MONSOOR Commissioning 26 January 2019 with USPS Pictorial Postmark (Richard D. Jones cachet)**

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#### Collecting Foreign Navy Covers Now

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Shown here is a 1993 cover sent during the cruise of the Russian Ice Breaker YAMAL to the North Pole. It has a printed cachet as well as three additional rubber stamp cachets and the ship's own pictorial postmark as well as the captain's own personal rubber stamp cachet. The cover was obtained at the March 2020 monthly meeting of the USS NEW JERSEY CHAPTER No. 90 of the USCS. Member **Frank Faustino** attended and brought along a box of about 200 similar covers and offered them at very affordable prices. Another chapter member showed up with a crate of used cover albums in very good shape at give-away prices. It was the kind of meeting that sustains cover collecting today. That... along with the efforts of those who actually sponsor covers and create cachets and prepare pictorial postmarks.

My responses from ships for postmarks and covers have not been encouraging. Most U.S. Navy ships do not respond, or have no postmark or cachet. Even visits to ships are not productive. Obtaining covers from foreign navy ships is even more difficult. A recent attempt to learn their mailing addresses was not productive. I sent letters to naval attaches at foreign embassies in Washington DC. The U.S. Department of State lists them on their website, but many of my letters were returned to me undelivered with the USPS "red finger."

A noteworthy exception was the naval attaché of the Philippines who sent me the mailing addresses of the two Philippine Navy ships sent to Saudi Arabia to evacuate their nationals employed there following the Iranian missile attack on the oil fields. I'm waiting to hear from them.

Collecting navy covers today is now more like an archeologist digging for artifacts. It takes patience and a positive attitude; and lots of luck. But it is still fun.



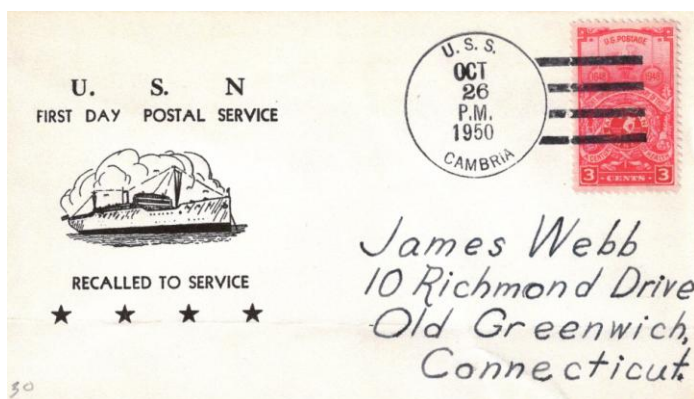


**USCS Sales Circuit "Treasure"**

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The USS CAMBRIA (APA 36) cover shown here is interesting for numerous reasons. One of which is directly related to the divisiveness today of the U.S. population due to politics.



**USS CAMBRIA (APA 36) with Locy Type 2 FDPS 26 Oct 1950**

Other interesting reasons to follow are unrelated.

The political reason deals with the cachet stating "Recalled to Service" referring to the re-commissioning of USS CAMBRIA and the date of the postmark. The reason for both, although not stated here, was the start of the Korean War shortly before. It also concurrently was my own re-call to active duty aboard CAMBRIA, and that of a neighbor and friend who also served in CAMBRIA, which was the flag ship of TRANSPORT DIVISION 24, and also the site of a nation-wide media program observing and reporting the work of the ship's crew and her large complement of U.S. MARINES with which my friend Jack McGreevy was associated. We watched and listened to the "anchor man" report what he saw and in our eyes he was broadcasting as an outright lie: He said he saw a crew of Navy and Marine Reservists "recalled, kicking and screaming back into service." My reservist colleagues and I had voluntarily enlisted in the reserves following World War II service, just because of the possible eventuality that resulted in our recall. The navy's policy was not to interfere with the "press" (who did not ask us how we felt about our recall). Since that day my view of what I hear and see "on the news" has been that they can see things differently than the rest of us. Today's political climate is shaped by the same forces.

During this period, CAMBRIA's homeport was Norfolk, an immense naval base that gave me access to collecting covers of all kinds. I went aboard many ships for postmarks and met their crews: British, Canadian, French, Italian and Israeli. USCS member Tazewell Nicholson lived in nearby Portsmouth and worked at the naval base. He created the cachet shown here, and we were able to get together many times thereafter. Many U.S. NAVY mail

clerks also knew Taze personally and how seriously he viewed our hobby. I'm sure that he had a very positive influence on how they responded to collectors.

My duty aboard CAMBRIA gave a number of privileges since I was a radioman assigned to the "flag allotment" of the Commodore. It opened doors for me to the other ships at the base and resulted in many nice covers and other contacts. When I reported for duty from the Receiving Base in Brooklyn, the chief radioman of the Flag told me of the "great duty" and warned me not to "abuse it" lest I be re-assigned elsewhere. As a "flag boy" I was exempt from other duties such as shore patrol although I had one shot to do it voluntarily on New Year's Day so a shipmate could go home on leave (my family was already local). My "station" was along the bar room and bordello section of Norfolk's Granby Street which got lively enough for me to actually use my billy club to subside some of the action.

My wife and daughter rented a home in nearby Oceanview near the Naval Air Station, right on the beach and I was home for weekends. The week days were occupied at sea training the MARINES who we picked up Monday mornings at nearby Morehead City or Atlantic Beach, North Carolina where my friend and neighbor, a Marine Reservist, would come aboard with his unit. We are still "buddies" because of our veteran's group memberships and each year we visit Fleet Week New York together, now with the assistance of our daughters. I believe that I could write a book about my CAMBRIA days. But you now know why this cover is a treasure to me.

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**Tokyo Bay Ships**  
 U.S. Ships Present in Tokyo Bay  
 During Surrender Ceremony,  
 2 September 1945

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The *Naval Cover Museum* Special Collection Section #5 lists U.S. ship present in Tokyo Bay during the surrender ceremony on 2 September 1945. The goal of this section is to display the United States Ships that were present in Tokyo Bay on that date to participate in the surrender of The Japanese Empire ceremony. Only U.S. vessels with a recognized post office or known to have used a device are included here. Many smaller craft were present, as well as vessels from Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. Other U.S. vessels arrived in the following months.

This list is compiled from *The Report of Surrender and Occupation of Japan 11 February 1946, Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas (CINPAC/CINPOA)*

**The U.S.P.O.D. Metal Duplex Handstamp  
History and its use in the U.S. Navy Post  
Office through the Years 1908 - 1958**

**Part 3 – Pitney Bowes Company**

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This company was the second to hold a contract with the POD for the Steel Duplex handstamp from 1931-1934 and 1935-1958.

Mr. Walter Bowes was born in England and moved to the United States. In 1908, Mr. Bowes was selling check endorsing machines and a year later he bought Universal Stamp Machine Co. and established relationships with the USPOD providing stamp cancelling machines on a rental basis. While selling stamp cancelling machines, "Bowes felt that postage stamps would become obsolete and that a more automatic way to apply postage could present opportunities". A postal official suggested that he contact Arthur Pitney, an inventor who had been working on such a device for nearly two decades. When they had met in 1919, "Pitney had already invested \$90,000 in his invention, his patents were expiring and his company, the American Postage Meter Co. had little to show for his efforts".

In 1902, Arthur Pitney patented his first "double locking" hand cranked postage stamping machine, and with patent attorney Eugene Rummier founded the Pitney Postal Machine Co.

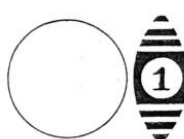
In 1917, Mr. Bowes moved his company and operations to Stamford, Conn. By 1919, the two men had combined their firms and the Pitney Bowes Co. was born. Mr. Pitney remained the inventor while Mr. Bowes concentrated on lobbying for legislation in Washington DC.

After regaining the Post Office contracts, they managed to keep them and their production to about 1958+/-, for productivity of almost 26+/- years. No actual date can be established at this time. The differences in the Pitney Bowes and the International Postal Supply Co. postmarks are distinguished by the bolder block-style of the engraved lettering. In trying to find factual information on Pitney Bowes, POD Model 715 steel duplex handstamp was not forthcoming. The Pitney Bowes Record Retention Group did not have any hits to retrieve or any hardcopy documentation on this product or any information that I requested.

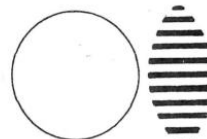
However, the archivist did contact some of the old timers from the Pitney Bowes engineering group and the oral information was that "they believe that the production of the duplex handstamp ended in the mid-1950's "and that all documentation of the product, i.e. drawings, prototypes and contracts were destroyed when the main plant was dismantled and the building sold in March of 2005.

The duplex hands were produced in the main plant which was located on Walnut and Pacific Street in Stamford Conn. The main plant was built off the Universal Stamping Machine Co. which was Walter Bowes original company.

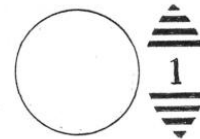
The Pitney Bowes Co. from Stamford, Conn. took over the Chambers tradition to be awarded the POD contract for the steel duplex handstamp between 1931 and 1934. They produced a "barrel type cancel" much like the Chambers cancel. The postmark retained the post office standard CDS of 31mm's. Like the Chamber cancels, the name of the office appeared on the top of the dial with the state on the bottom, and sometimes the office and state were separated by a comma, were both positioned at the top of the dial. The date and time featured the month and day on the same line with the year below. The type slugs from the Pitney Bowes devices were not interchangeable with the Chambers devices. The cancel section takes the form of an ellipse with a long axis. Classified as a Locy T-6g (**Figure 7**)



(Figure 7)



(Figure 8)



(Figure 9)

The second cancelling device introduced by Pitney and Bowes was in the "Chambers Ovate" style. The postmark was the standard 31 mm's with removable type slugs for date, hour and year. The cancel consisted of eleven horizontal bars tapered at the ends to form a 32-mm high ellipse. This is classified as a Locy T-6 (**Figure 8**). All Pitney and Bowes CDS's were on average 31 mm's. This cancel saw a lot of use with the dash ornaments in the lower dial.

In 1935, Pitney Bowes produced the third design of the duplex hand canceller. The postmark remained the standard issue with its CDS. The cancel consisted of eleven horizontal bars in which bars 5-6-7 are missing, giving the middle section an open field with a number in its center. The remaining horizontal bars are tapered at the ends to form an ellipse. This is classified as a Locy T-6d (**Figure 9**). In the years of 1935 through 1958, Pitney Bowes produced the last duplex cancels and an end to the steel duplex handstamp postmark style.

The 1935 contract for the steel duplex handstamp was awarded to the low bidder, Pitney Bowes Co. and there is much speculation that Pitney Bowes had sub-contracted this award back to the IPSC to concentrate on the main feature, the postal meter machine. The archivist at Pitney Bowes stated that most of the paper records for that time period had been destroyed.

You can distinguish a Chambers CDS from a Pitney Bowes CDS in that the lettering in a Chambers is hand cut with a chisel into a soft steel which was case hardened after



preparation while the Pitney Bowes company used a different process for engraving. Lettering was arranged on a large model, with a font size depending on how many letters appeared in the dial. A pantograph extension with a pointer following the letters in the model and with a router cutting away the steel on the die created the finished post marker head, which then was heat treated to hard steel.

The only things in this research that I could not answer for are the reason for the numbers in the cancellers and the ornaments in the CDS. The general thinking is that it was the procedure to send duplex handstamps with a 1/1" in the canceller indicating general use with a postmaster or clerk with accountability with number "2" and upward, and these numbers could also provide larger offices with a greater accountability for the handstamp and to identify assigned clerks or postal working areas such as Special Delivery, Registry, Air Mail and Nixies. The question of ornaments in the CDS will remain a mystery.

The design progression of the steel duplex handstamp:

1895 - Chambers Stamp Factory - cancelling devise has a hollowed out circle with a single line circle within that circle. A number appears within the smaller circle. This style cancel would be a T-6c.

1898 - Chambers Stamp Factory - cancelling device has 8-9-10 horizontal to form an ellipse. This style cancel has been classified as a Locy T-6.

1907 - Chambers Stamp Factory - cancelling device has a hollowed out circle with a number within that circle. This style of cancel has been classified as a Locy T-6g.

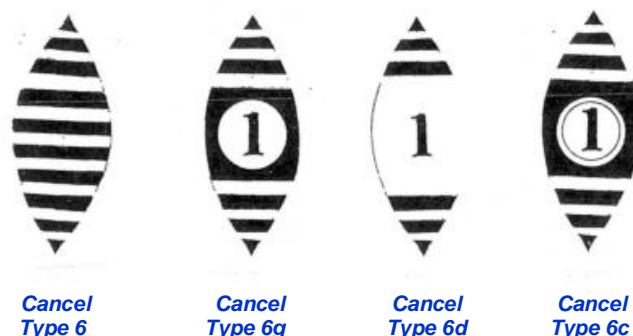
1931 - Pitney Bowes - cancelling device has a hollowed out circle with a number within that circle. This style cancel has been classified as a Locy T-6g.

1932 - Pitney Bowes - Cancelling device has 11 horizontal lines to form an ellipse. This style cancel has been classified as a Locy T-6.

1934 - International Postal Supply - cancelling device has a hollowed out circle with a number within that circle. This style has been classified as a Locy T-6g.

1935 - Pitney Bowes - cancelling device has an open center in the ellipse with a number inside that center. This style has been classified as a Locy T-6d.

There are three Locy T-6g cancel styles of which each one can be recognized by its manufacturer, (Chambers, Pitney Bowes and International) and there is no sound reason to identify this style but only as T-6g's. There are two different styles of the T-6 cancel by the Chambers and Pitney Bowes companies. These can be distinguished by the number of horizontal bars that form the ellipse. Again the single classification of T-6 is enough.



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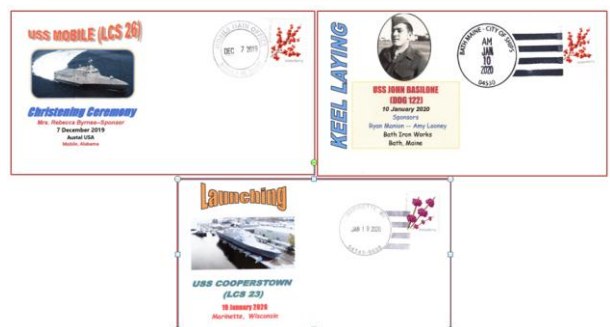
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12589 Houston Moore, 2613 Wolf Lair, New Braunfels TX 78132-4151  
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- 9197 Arlie Henry

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New Members.....	4
Resigned.....	4
Deceased.....	1
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