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THE 52 SUBMARINES LOST DURING WORLD WAR II

During World War II the U.S. Navy lost 52 submarines with 374 officers and 3131 enlisted men. This list gives the names of those ships, the building shipyard, cause, location and date of loss, and some indication of what cover collectors might expect to find when searching for covers from these ships

<u>NAME and NUMBER</u>	<u>YARD</u>	<u>CAUSE OF LOSS</u>	<u>LOCATION WHERE LOST</u>	<u>DATE LOST</u>	<u>CANCELS USED</u>	<u>SCARCITY OF COVERS</u>
ALBACORE SS-218	EB	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Nov 7, '44	C	C
AMBERJACK SS-219	EB	OD	Off New Britain	Feb 16, '43	C	C
ARGONAUT SS-166	PTS	SS	Off New Britain	Jan 10, '43	A	A
BARBEL SS-316	EB	OD	Off Borneo	Feb 4, '45	D	D
BONEFISH SS-223	EB	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Jun 18, '45	C	C-D
BULLHEAD SS-332	EB	OD	Java Sea	Aug 6, '45	B	D
CAPELIN SS-289	PTS	OD	Celebes Sea	Dec 9, '43	C	C-D
CISCO SS-290	PTS	OD	South Pacific Ocean	Sept 28, '43	C	C-D
CORVINA SS-226	EB	OD	Marshalls Archipelago	Nov 16, '43	C	C-D
DARTER SS-227	EB	GRD	Palawan Passage	Oct 24, '44	C	C
DORADO SS-248	EB	ODP	Canal Zone, Panama	Oct 12, '43	C	D
ESCOLAR SS-294	CRAMP	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Oct 17, '44	G	D
FLIER SS-250	EB	OD	Off Borneo	Aug 13, '44	C	D
GOLET SS-361	MAN	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Jun 14, '44	C	D
GRAMPUS SS-207	EB	OD	Off New Britain	Feb 5, '43	A	B
GRAYBACK SS-208	EB	OD	Ryukyu Archipelago	Feb 26, '44	A	B
GRAYLING SS-209	PTS	OD	Philippine Waters	Sept 12, '43	A	B
GRENADIER SS-210	PTS	OD	Malayan Waters	Apr 22, '43	A	B
GROWLER SS-215	EB	OD	Philippine Waters	Nov 8, '44	C	C
GRUNION SS-216	EB	OD	Aleutian Waters	Jul 30, '42	C	C
GUDGEON SS-211	MI	OD	Marianas Archipelago	Apr 7, '44	A	B-C
HARDER SS-257	EB	OD	Philippine Waters	Aug 24, '44	C	C-D
HERRING SS-233	PTS	OD	Kuriles Archipelago	Jun 1, '44	C	C
KETE SS-369	MAN	OD	Ryukyu Archipelago	Mar 20, '45	G	D
LAGARTO SS-371	MAN	OD	South China Seas	May 3, '45	G	D
PERCH SS-176	EB	SS	Java Sea	Mar 3, '42	A	A
PICKEREL SS-177	EB	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Apr 3, '43	A	A
POMPANO SS-181	MI	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Aug 29, '43	A	A
R-12 SS-89	FR	ODE	Off Key West, Fla.	Jun 12, '43	F	D
ROBALO SS-273	MAN	OD	Off Borneo	Jul 26, '44	G	C
RUNNER SS-275	PTS	OD	Japanese Home Waters	May 28, '43	E	C
S-26 SS-131	BETHQ	CCL	Gulf of Panama	Jan 24, '42	D	C
S-27 SS-132	BETHQ	GRD	Amchitka Is., Aleutians	Jun 19, '42	A	D
S-28 SS-133	BETHQ	ODE	Off Oahu, Hawaii	Jul 4, '44	A	B
S-36 SS-141	BETHS	GRD	Straits of Makassar	Jan 20, '42	F	D
S-39 SS-144	BETHS	GRD	Off Rossell Isl, Pac.	Aug 14, '42	F	D
S-44 SS-155	BETHQ	OD	Kuriles Archipelago	Oct 7, '43	A	D
SCAMP SS-277	PTS	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Nov 9, '44	C	C
SCORPION SS-278	PTS	OD	East China Sea	Jan 5, '44	F	D
SCULPIN SS-191	PTS	OD	Gilberts Archipelago	Nov 19, '43	A	A-B
SEALION SS-195	EB	BD	Cavite, Philippines	Dec 10, '41	A	A-B
SEAWOLF SS-197	PTS	OD	Off Morotai Is., NEI	Oct 3, '44	A	A-B
SHARK I SS-174	EB	OD	Molucca Sea	Feb 11, '42	A	A
SHARK II SS-314	EB	OD	Off Hong Kong	Oct 24, '44	C	C-D
SNOCK SS-279	PTS	OD	Off Hainan Is., SCSea	Apr 8, '45	C	C
SWORDFISH SS-193	MI	OD	Ryukyu Archipelago	Jan 12, '45	A	B-C
TANG SS-306	MI	OD	Formosa Strait	Oct 24, '44	C	C
TRIGGER SS-237	MI	OD	Ryukyu Archipelago	Mar 26, '45	C	C
TRITON SS-201	PTS	OD	Admiralty Archipelago	Mar 15, '43	A	B-C
TROUT SS-202	PTS	OD	Ryukyu Archipelago	Feb 29, '44	A	A-B
TULLIBEE SS-284	MI	OD	Off Palau Island	Mar 26, '44	G	D
WAHOO SS-238	MI	OD	Japanese Home Waters	Oct 11, '43	C	C

WORLD WAR II SUBMARINE LOSSES

LEGEND

SHIPYARDS:

EB - Electric Boat Co., Groton, Connecticut
PTS - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
CRAMP - Cramp Shipbuilding Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
MAN - Manitowoc Shipbuilding Co., Manitowoc, Wisconsin
MI - Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California
FR - Fore River Shipbuilding Co., Quincy, Massachusetts
BETHQ - Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, Massachusetts
BETHS - Bethlehem Steel Co., San Francisco, California

CAUSE OF LOSS:

OD - Overdue from Patrol
SS - Sunk by surface ship
ODP - Overdue from Passage
GRD - Grounding
ODE - Overdue from Exercises
COL - Collision
BD - Bombed in Dry Dock

DATE LOST:

Reference is United States Submarine Losses World War II,
CNO Washington DC 1963

CANCELS USED:

A - Used name cancels
B - Used Branch Number cancels
C - Used Type Z (U.S. Navy) cancels
D - Cancels issued but details unknown
E - Never had postal service but used Type F or FZ cancels
F - Never had postal service but used straight-line or corner
card markings
G - Never had postal service; no markings known

SCARCITY:

A - Common
B - Fairly scarce
C - Very Scarce
D - Covers virtually unknown

Note - scarcity refers to covers from the boat itself and not
commemorative covers (such as keel laying, launching
or commissioning) cancelled ashore or on other ships.

U.S. SUBMARINE DISASTERS IN PEACETIME

<u>Name/Number</u>	<u>Date Lost</u>	<u>Men Lost</u>	<u>Survivors</u>	<u>Salvaged</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Postal Facs.</u>	<u>Place and Cause</u>
F-1(SS-20)	10-11-12	2	--	Yes	--	No	Port Watsonville, Monterey Bay, Calif. Broke her moorings during heavy storm.
F-4(SS-23)	3-25-15	21	None	Yes	306'	No	1½ m. off Honolulu Hawaii corrosion of lead lining of battery tank permitted seawater seepage into battery compartment causing loss of control.
G-2(SS-27)	7-2-19	3	1	Yes	80'	No	In Two Tree Channel, Long Island Sound East of Niantic Bay, Connecticut; flooded by rip currents washing over engine hatch.
H-1(SS-28)	3-12-20	4	--	No	50'	No	Off Redondo Pt, Magdalena Bay, Lower California Foundered during salvage operations after grounding.
S-5(SS-110)	9-1-20	0	38	No	172'	No	40 m. southeast of Delaware Cape flooded by main induction. Crew raised stern and hole cut in hull by crews of steamers Atlantis and General Goethels for escape.
R-6(SS-83)	9-26-21	2	18	Yes	35'	No	Sank while moored in San Pedro Harbor, California alongside Tender Camden, sinking due to opening inner Torpedo Tube Door while outboard shutter was open.
S-48(SS-159)	12-7-21	0	41	Yes	60'	Yes	In Long Island Sound off Bridgeport, Connecticut Failure to replace hatch cover on after ballast tank, stern compartments flooded.

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S-38(SS-143)	7-17-23	0	--	Yes	102'	No	Anchorage Bay Alaska, sank by stern due to accidental flooding of the motor room, cover of sea valve located below waterline had been removed by crew member.
O-5(SS-66)	10-29-23	3	18	Yes	42'	No	Limon Bay, Panama Canal Zone--collided with United Fruit steamer Abangarez.
S-51(SS-162)	9-25-25	33	3	Yes	132'	No	Off Block Island Long Island Sound, collided with passenger ship City of Rome, rammed forward of her conning tower on portside.
S-4(SS-109)	12-17-27	40	None	Yes	102'	No	Off Provincetown Mass.--collided with U.S.C.G. Destroyer Paulding--rammed on starboard side just forward of amidship.
SQUALUS(SS-192)	5-23-39	26	33	Yes	243'	Yes	Off Portsmouth N.H., failure of main induction valve during dive.
O-9(SS-70)	6-20-41	33	None	No	440'	No	Forty miles southeast of Portsmouth N.H. Foundered while on training cruise.
Cochino(SS-345)	8-25-49	1-(6)*	77	No	840'	No	In Greenland Sea 100 m. north of Hammerfest Norway, foundered after battery explosion.
Stickleback (SS-415)	5-30-58	0	82	No	9,000'	No	19 m. south of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii collided with USS Silverstein (DE-534) broached during maneuvers and was struck between control room and forward battery room.

*Six men from Tusk (SS-426) lost assisting in rescue.

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Thresher (SSN-593)	4-10-63	129	None	No	8,400'	No	In Atlantic, 200 miles east of Boston, Mass. Cause unannounced.
Scorpion (SSN-589)	5-21-68	99	None	No	10,000'	No	In Atlantic, 400 miles south of Azores, cause unannounced.
guitarro (SSN-665)	5-16-69	0	--	Yes	35'	No	Mare Is. Naval shipyard, Vallejo, Calif., flooded at dockside due to negligence of workmen.

"OPERATION HIGHJUMP"

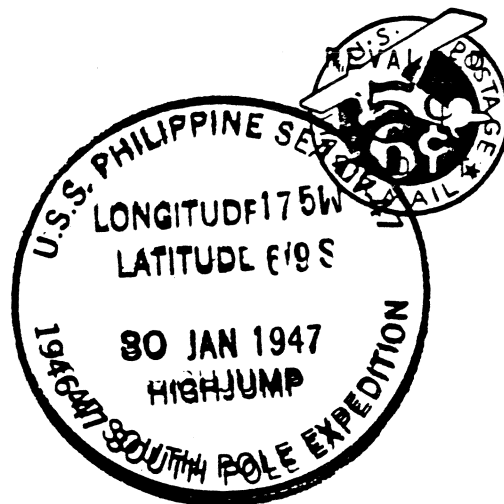
On 3 December 1946, the largest Naval Expeditionary Force ever to depart for the Antarctic regions sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, and San Diego, California. The expedition was under the command of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, U.S.N.

The expedition conducted surveys to determine whether the southern polar regions has any value to national defense and long term United States economy.

It also prospected for all metals, particularly uranium, which at that time was a critical metal used in the Atom Bomb.

A further objective of the expedition was to strengthen this country's claim, never previously formally asserted, to Antarctic areas.

The Commander of the Task Force was Captain Richard H. Cruzen, U.S.N., who had served as Executive Officer of the Byrd Expedition of 1939-1941.

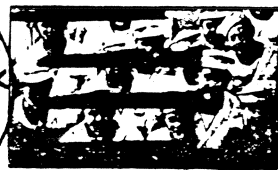


TASK FORCE 68

Mount Olympus (AGC-8) Flagship
Brownson (DD-868)
Burton Island (AG-88)
Cacapon (AO-52)
Canisted (AO-99)
Currituck (AV-7)
Henderson (DD-785)

Merrick (AKA-97)
Northwind (WPG-282)
Philippine Sea (CV-47)
Pine Island (AV-12)
Sennet (SS-408)
Yancey (AKA-93)

The expedition was assigned the code name "Operation Highjump" and many of the ships used a cachet that looked similar to this:



Captain M.E. Borden USNR
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New Bedford, Mass.

"OPERATION INLAND SEAS"

The greatest fleet of naval ships ever to sail the Great Lakes occurred in the summer of 1959 when 28 U.S. ships participated in "Operation Inland Seas". These U.S. ships were joined by many Canadian ships in conjunction with the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway by President Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth.

The Following Ships Comprised the Fleet

Ault (DD-698)	***Macon (CA-132)
Cambria (APA-36)	Oglethorpe (AKA-100)
Charles H. Roan (DD-853)	Putnam (DD-757)
Charles R. Ware (DD-865)	*Quillback (SS-424)
*Corsair (SS-435)	Sablefish (SS-303)
Donner (LSD-20)	Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823)
Dupont (DD-941)	San Marcos (LSD-25)
Forrest Royal (DD-872)	Suffolk County (LST-1173)
Forrest Sherman (DD-931)	Terrebone Parish (LST-1156)
Haynsworth (DD-700)	**Torsk (SS-423)
Henley (DD-762)	Waldron (DD-699)
John W. Weeks (DD-701)	Warrington (DD-843)
Jos. P. Kennedy, Jr. (DD-850)	Willard Keith (DD-775)
Kleinsmith (APD-134)	Willis A. Lee (DL-4)

The ships were all issued a special rubber stamp cachet which depicts a cruiser against a background of the five Great Lakes. The cachet reads:

"The United States Navy sails the inland seas."
The Salt Water Fleet visits Americans in the fresh
water inland seas.
24 June - 25 July 1959.

*The Corsair (SS-435) and Quillback (SS-424) modified their cachet slightly, by cutting away a portion of the ship design to conform to the lines of a submarine. During this operation, Corsair (SS-435) became the first submarine ever to submerge in all five of the Great Lakes.

**The Torsk (SS-423) had a cachet made which was similar to the one issued but had a submarine instead of a cruiser against the background.

***The Macon (CA-132) used a rubber stamp cachet of their own design depicting an outline of the ship below an outline map of the Great Lakes, and "USS Macon (CA-132)" above the map, "Great Lakes" on either side of the map, and "Operation Inland Seas June-July '59" below the ship's outline.