

DATA SHEET # 6

CRUISE OF THE US FRIGATE CONSTITUTION

1931 - 1934

Departed Boston, Massachusetts, 2 July 1931. Commander Louis J. Gulliver in command. She covered the entire coast line of the United States, from Maine to Texas and than California to Puget Sound, Washington. She visited seventy-five different ports including Guantanamo Bay and the Panama Canal Zone. She was decommissioned on 8 June 1934 with a total of 4,647,578 visitors having walked her decks.

All covers cancelled from ports visited prior to 10 September 1931 had the local post office cancel. These were all Type #6 hand cancel or Type #7 machine cancel.

Only a very few registered covers with the Type #9v cancel were issued 19 October 1931. There were many Crosby photographic covers issued with three different type photos. Old Ironsides had many type cancel's and also of many colors.



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Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioned - 1 July 1931

Departed - 2 July 1931

Covers issued - 61

Cancel: T-7, Boston City Cancel & T-6, Boston Navy Yard

Gloucester, Massachusetts

Arrived - 2 July 1931

Departed - 3 July 1931

Covers issued - 2

Cancel: T-6, Gloucester Hand Stamp

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Arrived - 3 July 1931

Departed - 12 July 1931

Covers issued - 59

Cancel: T-6, Portsmouth Hand Stamp & T-7 Portsmouth Machine Cancel

Bar Harbor, Maine

Arrived - 13 July 1931

Departed - 13 July 1931

Covers issued - 2

Cancel: T-6, Bar Harbor Hand Stamp

Bath, Maine

Arrived - 14 July 1931

Departed - 17 July 1931

Covers issued - 5

Cancel: T-6, Bath Hand Stamp & T-7 Bath Machine Cancel

Portland, Maine

Arrived - 17 July 1931

Departed - 23 July 1931

Covers issued - 15

Cancel: T-7, Portland Machine Cancel

Gloucester, Massachusetts

Arrived - 23 July 1931

Departed - 29 July 1931

Covers issued - 5

Cancel: T-7, Gloucester Machine Cancel

Marblehead, Massachusetts

Arrived - 29 July 1931

Departed - 30 July 1931

Covers issued - 11

Cancel: T-6, Marblehead Hand Stamp

New Bedford, Massachusetts

Arrived - 31 July 1931
Covers issued - 1,425
Cancel: T-7, New Bedford Machine Cancel

Departed - 6 Aug. 1931

Providence, Rhode Island

Arrived - 6 Aug. 1931
Covers issued - 25
Cancel: T-7, Providence Machine Cancel

Departed - 10 Aug. 1931

Newport, Rhode Island

Arrived - 10 Aug. 1931
Covers issued - 14
Cancel: T-6, US Naval Training Station Hand Stamp & T-7, Newport, RI
Machine Cancel

Departed - 13 Aug. 1931

New London, Connecticut

Arrived - 13 Aug. 1931
Covers issued - 10
Cancel: T-6, US Submarine Base Cancel

Departed - 20 Aug. 1931

Montauk, Long Island, N.Y.

Arrived - 20 Aug. 1931
Covers issued - 4
Cancel: T-6, Montauk Hand Stamp

Departed - 25 Aug. 1931

Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y.

Arrived - 25 Aug. 1931
Covers issued - 15
Cancel: T-7, Oyster Bay Machine Cancel

Departed - 28 Aug. 1931

New York, New York

Arrived - 29 Aug. 1931
Covers issued - 35
Cancel: T-6, New York Station P Hand Stamp
T-7, New York Machine Cancel
T-6, New York, G.P.O. Hand Stamp

Departed - 14 Sept. 1931

First Day Postal Service
10 September 1931

Covers issued - 50
Cancel: Type 5hks, Killer Bar Slogan: NEW YORK/NY

Wilmington, Delaware

Arrived - 16 Sept. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: WILMINGTON/DEL.

Departed - 18 Sept. 1931

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Arrived - 18 Sept. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PHILA/PA.

Departed - 1 Oct. 1931

Newport News, Virginia

Arrived - 2 Oct. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: NEWPORT NEWS/VA

Departed - 9 Oct. 1931

Norfolk, Virginia

Arrived - 9 Oct. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: NORFOLK/VA.

Departed - 16 Oct. 1931

Yorktown, Virginia

Arrived - 16 Oct. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: YORKTOWN/VA

Departed - 23 Oct. 1931

Baltimore, Maryland

Arrived - 24 Oct. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BALTIMORE/MD.

Departed - 2 Nov. 1931

Annapolis, Maryland

Arrived - 2 Nov. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ANNAPOLIS/MD

Departed - 5 Nov. 1931

Quantico, Virginia

Arrived - 6 Nov. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: QUANTICO/VA

Departed - 7 Nov. 1931

Washington, District of Columbia

Arrived - 7 Nov. 1931
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: WASHINGTON/DC

Departed - 18 Nov. 1931

Wilmington, North Carolina

Arrived - 21 Nov. 1931

Departed - 30 Nov. 1931

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: WILMINGTON/N.C.-Nov. 26th. THANKSGIVING/DAY

Charleston, South Carolina

Arrived - 1 Dec. 1931

Departed - 6 Dec. 1931

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: CHARLESTON/S.C.

Savannah, Georgia

Arrived - 7 Dec. 1931

Departed - 11 Dec. 1931

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAVANNAH/GA.

Brunswick, Georgia

Arrived - 12 Dec. 1931

Departed - 15 Dec. 1931

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BRUNSWICK/GA

Jacksonville, Florida

Arrived - 16 Dec. 1931

Departed - 21 Dec. 1931

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: JACKSONVILLE/FLA

Miami, Florida

Arrived - 23 Dec. 1931

Departed - 30 Dec. 1931

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: MIAMI/FLA. - Dec. 25th MIAMI,FLA/MERRY XMAS

Key West, Florida

Arrived - 31 Dec. 1931

Departed - 11 Jan. 1932

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: KEY WEST/FLA. Jan 1st. H.N.Y.

Pensacola, Florida

Arrived 6 Jan. 1932

Departed - 11 Jan. 1932

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PENSACOLA/FLA

Mobile, Alabama

Arrived - 11 Jan. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: MOBILE/ALA

Departed - 18 Jan. 1932

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Arrived - 20 Jan. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BATON/ROUGE, LA

Departed - 27 Jan. 1932

New Orleans, Louisiana

Arrived - 27 Jan. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: NEW/ORLEANS LA.
Feb. 9th. NEW ORL'NS/MARDI GRAS

Departed - 12 Feb. 1932

Enroute to Corpus Christie, Texas
Lincoln's Birthday 12 Feb. 1932

Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: LINCOLN'S/BIRTHDAY

Corpus Christie, Texas

Arrived - 14 Feb. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: CORPUS/CHRISTIE,TEX

Departed - 23 Feb. 1932

Galveston, Texas

Arrived - 24 Feb. 1932
Covers issued - none
Stopped here to wait for ebb tide to enter the Houston channel.
Mast's would have struck high tension wires crossing channel.

Departed - 25 Feb. 1932

Houston, Texas

Arrived - 25 Feb. 1932
Covers issued - 1,000
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: HOUSTON/TEXAS

Departed - 1 Mar. 1932

Galveston, Texas

Arrived - 1 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: GALVESTON/TEXAS

Departed - 7 Mar. 1932

Beaumont, Texas

Arrived - 8 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BEAUMONT/TEXAS

Departed - 12 Mar. 1932

Port Arthur, Texas

Arrived - 12 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PORT ARTHUR/TEXAS

Departed - 17 Mar. 1932

Orange, Texas

Arrived - 17 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ORANGE/TEXAS

Departed - 19 Mar. 1932

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Arrived - 19 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: LAKE/CHAS., LA

Departed - 22 Mar. 1932

Gulfport, Mississippi

Arrived - 25 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: GULFPORT/MISS.

Departed - 29 Mar. 1932

Port Saint Joe, Florida

Arrived - 30 Mar. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PORT ST. JOE/FLA.

Departed - 1 Apr. 1932

Tampa, Florida

Arrived - 3 Apr. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: TAMPA/FLA

Departed - 7 Apr. 1932

St. Petersburg, Florida

Arrived - 7 Apr. 1932
Covers issued - 4,800 plus
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ST. PETERS-/BURG, FLA

Departed - 9 Apr. 1932

Washington, District of Columbia

Arrived - 16 Apr. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: WASHINGTON/D.C.

Departed - 11 May 1932

Alexandria, Virginia

Arrived - 11 May 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ALEXANDRIA/VA

Departed - 12 May 1932

Washington, District of Columbia

Arrived - 12 May 1932
Covers issued - 9,045 plus
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: WASHINGTON/D.C.

Departed - 8 Dec. 1932

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Arrived - 14 Dec. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: GUANTANAMO/CUBA

Departed - 19 Dec. 1932

Cristobal, Canal Zone

Arrived - 22 Dec. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: CRISTOBAL/CANAL ZONE

Departed - 27 Dec. 1932

Balboa, Canal Zone

Arrived - 27 Dec. 1932
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BALBOA/CANAL ZONE

Departed - 7 Jan. 1933

Enroute to San Diego, California

Covers issued - unknown
These markings were all placed in the killer bars. 10 Jan. to 18 Jan.
Lat. 10-48n Lat. 14-48n Lat. 15-19n Lat. 16-22w Lat. 18-03n
Long. 87-18w Long. 92-53w Long. 96-12w Long. 99-24w Long. 103-10w

Lat. 25-05n
Long. 113-09w

San Diego, California

Arrived - 21 Jan. 1933
Covers issued - 16,441
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN DIEGO/CALIFORNIA

Departed - 16 Feb. 1933

San Pedro, California

Arrived - 17 Feb. 1933

Departed - 10 Mar. 1933

Covers issued - 25,135

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN PEDRO/CALIFORNIA

Long Beach, California

Arrived - 10 Mar. 1933

Departed - 19 Mar. 1933

Covers issued - 6,666

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: LONG BEACH/CALIFORNIA

Santa Barbara, California

Arrived - 20 Mar. 1933

Departed - 20 Mar. 1933

Covers issued - 900

Due to rough seas there was no stop made. Layed off this port for two hours. Covers back cancelled 24 Mar. 1933 at San Francisco.

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN FRANCIS-/CO, CALIF.

San Francisco, California

Arrived - 24 Mar. 1933

Departed - 12 Apr. 1933

Covers issued - 11,310

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN FRANCIS-/CO, CALIF.

Oakland, California

Arrived - 12 Apr. 1933

Departed - 26 Apr. 1933

Covers issued - 6,000

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: OAKLAND/CALIFORNIA

Vallejo, California

Arrived - 26 Apr. 1933

Departed 2 May 1933

Covers issued - 5,149

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: VALLEJO/CALIFORNIA

Enroute to Astoria, Oregon

Covers issued - unknown

Lat. 41-16n

Long. 124-12n

Astoria, Oregon

Arrived - 6 May 1933

Departed - 15 May 1933

Covers issued - 12,239

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ASTORIA/OREGON

Grays Harbor, Washington

Arrived - 16 May 1933

Departed - 26 May 1933

Covers issued - 15,000

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: GRAY'S/HARBOR, WN.

Port Angeles, Washington

Arrived - 27 May 1933
Covers issued - 13,623
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PORT/ANGELES, WN

Departed - 31 May 1933

Seattle, Washington

Arrived - 31 May 1933
Covers issued - 32,359
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SEATTLE/WASHINGTON

Departed - 15 June 1933

Tacoma, Washington

Arrived - 15 June 1933
Covers issued - 9,285
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: TACOMA/WASHINGTON

Departed - 22 June 1933

Olympia, Washington

Arrived - 22 June 1933
Covers issued - 7,850
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: OLYMPIA/WASHINGTON

Departed - 1 July 1933

Bremerton, Washington

Arrived - 1 July 1933
Covers issued - 11,140
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BREMERTON/WASHINGTON

Departed - 7 July 1933

Edmonds, Washington

Arrived - 7 July 1933
Covers issued - 800
No stop made here. Covers were sent aboard and cancelled.
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: EVERETT/WASHINGTON

Everett, Washington

Arrived - 7 July 1933
Covers issued - 8,513
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: EVERETT/WASHINGTON

Departed - 14 July 1933

Bellingham, Washington

Arrived - 14 July 1933
Covers issued - 12,000
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BELLINGHAM/WASHINGTON

Departed - 20 July 1933

Anacortes, Washington

Arrived - 20 July 1933
Covers issued - 11,305
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ANACORTES/WASHINGTON

Departed - 26 July 1933

Port Townsend, Washington

Arrived - 26 July 1933

Departed - 30 July 1933

Covers issued - 10,000

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PORT TOWN-/SEND, WASH

Enroute to Portland, Oregon

Covers issued - 157 plus

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: Lat. 47-08n/Long. 124-36w

Off Tongue Point, Oregon
Astoria, Oregon

Arrived - 31 July 1933

Departed - 2 Aug. 1933

Covers issued - unknown

This stop necessary to "unstepp" and "lower the de-gallant top masts and wait for the ebb tide"; so there would be ample clearance under the Longview bridge over the Columbia River.

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: TONGUE PT./ASTORIA, ORE

Portland, Oregon

Arrived - 2 Aug. 1933

Departed - 22 Aug. 1933

Covers issued - 15,000

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: PORTLAND/OREGON

Kalama, Washington

Arrived - 22 Aug. 1933

Departed - 24 Aug. 1933

Covers issued - 8,207

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: KALAMA/WASHINGTON

Longview, Washington

Arrived - 24 Aug. 1933

Departed - 28 Aug. 1933

Covers issued - 7,947

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: LONGVIEW/WASHINGTON

Enroute to San Francisco, California

Covers issued - 140 29 Aug. 1933

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: OFF OREGON/COAST

Crescent City, California

Cachet director could not get aboard on passing of this port so covers were cancelled - Hand stamped - 30 Aug. 1933 Crescent City, California.
Covers issued - unknown

San Francisco, California

Arrived - 15 Sept. 1933

Departed - 15 Sept. 1933

Covers issued - 5,500

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN FRAN-/CISCO, CALIF

Oakland, California

Arrived - 15 Sept. 1933
Covers issued - 31,847
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: OAKLAND/CALIF.

Departed - 29 Sept. 1933

Santa Cruz, California

Arrived - 29 Sept. 1933
Covers issued - 7,607
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SANTA CRUZ/HARBOR

Departed - 30 Sept. 1933

Monterey, California

Arrived - 30 Sept. 1933
Covers issued - 1,500
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: MONTEREY/HARBOR

Departed - 1 Oct. 1933

Port San Luis, California

Arrived - 2 Oct. 1933
Covers issued - 4,954
Because of fog Frigate Constitution could not enter the harbor and proceeded to Santa Barbara. All covers were sent to the ship and cancelled aboard.
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: OFF PORT/SAN LUIS

Santa Barbara, California

Arrived - 3 Oct. 1933
Covers issued - 2,000
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SANTA BARBARA/HARBOR

Departed - 4 Oct. 1933

Ventura, California

Arrived - 4 Oct. 1933
Covers issued - 1,000
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: VENTURA/HARBOR

Departed - 5 Oct. 1933

Santa Monica, California

Arrived - 5 Oct. 1933
Covers issued - 798
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SANTA MONICA/HARBOR

Departed - 5 Oct. 1933

Long Beach, California

Arrived - 6 Oct. 1933
Covers issued - 11,561
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: LONG BEACH/CALIF.

Departed - 19 Oct. 1933

San Pedro, California

Arrived - 19 Oct. 1933
Covers issued - 11,543
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN PEDRO/CALIF.

Departed - 2 Nov. 1933

Avalon, California

Arrived - 2 Nov. 1933
Covers issued - 2,002
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: AVALON/CALIF.

Departed - 2 Nov. 1933

San Diego, California

Arrived - 3 Nov. 1933
Covers issued - 4,456
Ship cachets exist at San Diego. No's S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6 and S7.
Covers issued - 4,565.
There were about 11,000 more covers known issued by USCS Chapters, organizations and individuals too numerous to mention. The actual known amount of covers will probably never be ascertained as odd covers by individuals keep popping up all the time.
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: SAN DIEGO/CALIF.

Departed - 20 Mar. 1934

Enroute to Balboa, Canal Zone

22 March 1934 to 1 April 1934
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: GULF OF/ TEHAUANTEPEC
Killer Bar Slogan: AT SEA
Killer Bar Slogan: ENROUTE/BALBOA,C.Z.
Killer Bar Slogan: LAT.16-26N/LONG. 99-45W
Killer Bar Slogan: OFF COAST OF/REP. PANAMA

Balboa, Canal Zone

Arrived - 2 April 1934
Covers issued - 255 plus
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BALBOA/CANAL ZONE

Departed - 7 April 1934

Passage through the Panama Canal

7 April 1934
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: TRANSIT PED/MIGUEL LOCKS
Killer Bar Slogan: TRANSIT OF/PANAMA CANAL

Cristobal, Canal Zone

Arrived - 7 April 1934
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: CRISTOBAL/CANAL ZONE

Departed - 8 April 1934

Enroute to St. Petersburg, Florida

10 April 1934
Covers issued - unknown
Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: LAT.15-36N/LONG. 81-06W

St. Petersburg, Florida

Arrived - 14 April 1934

Departed - 23 April 1934

Covers issued - 13,109 plus

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: ST. PETERS-/BURGH, FLA.

Charleston, South Carolina

Arrived - 23 April 1934

Departed - 3 May 1934

Covers issued - 3,586 plus

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: CHARLESTON/S.C.

Enroute to Boston, Massachusetts

4 May 1934

Covers issued - unknown

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: OFF CAPE/HATTERAS

Boston, Massachusetts

Arrived - 7 May 1934

Decommissioned - 8 June 1934

Covers issued - 13,616 plus

Cancel: Killer Bar Slogan: BOSTON/MASS.

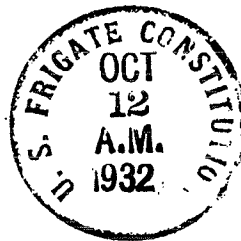
Approximately 1,500 photographic cards were cancelled and 5,572 printed stickers were issued all on the West Coast.

Return from
1931-1932
Southern Tour

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