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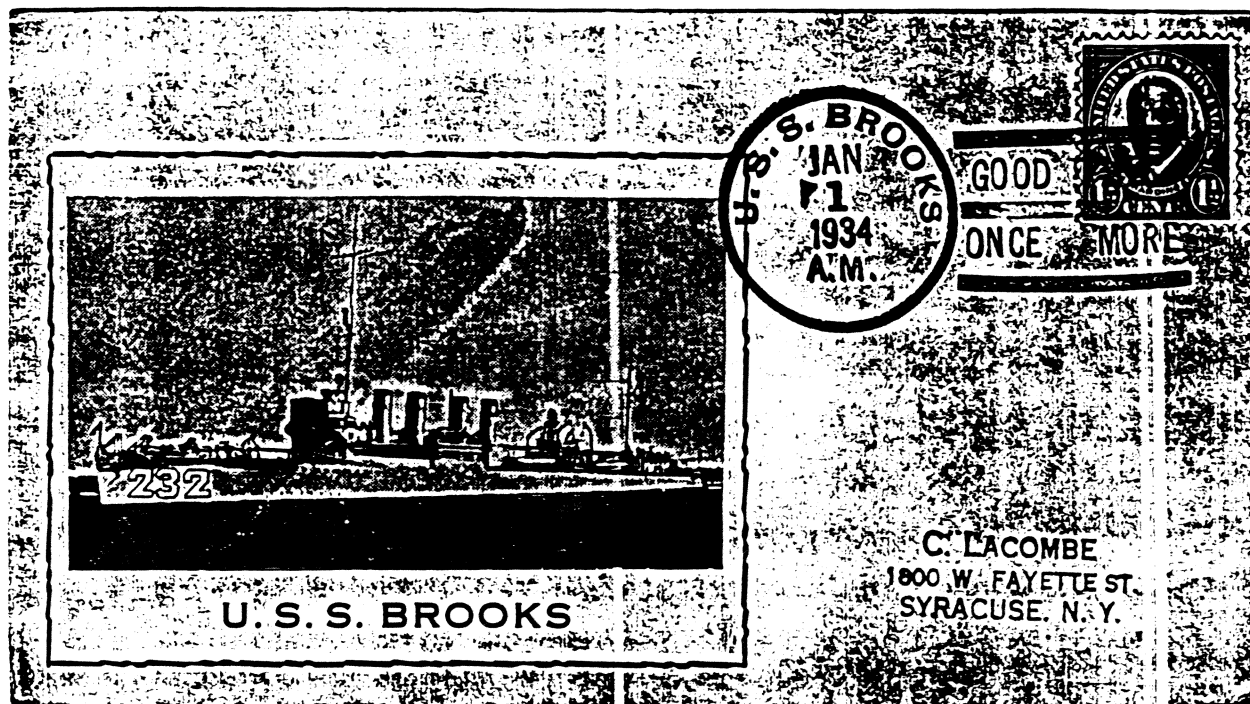
## SLOGAN CANCELS OF THE U.S.S. BROOKS DD- 232 (1932-34)

The destroyer, U.S.S. Brooks was recommissioned in April, 1932, as part of Rotating Reserve Squadron #20. During the period, 1932 through 1934, Charles Olasky, USCS #45 serviced and had serviced covers for collectors. The covers bore various wording between the killer bars which commemorated historical naval events and holidays.

It was during this period that cover collectors became interested in the collecting of naval cancels. The cancels were first collected according to locations, then the interest in holidays, and some mail clerks canceled the covers in colors, black, blue, magenta, and sometimes in green.

This data sheet lists the slogans used in the killer bars aboard the destroyer for a period of nearly three years, and a special thanks to Larry Groh, USCS #920 for sharing his cover collection of USS Brooks covers and his help and that of Keith Kraft in developing this data sheet.

John P. Young, USCS #8219



**USS BROOKS, by Chas. Olasky, USCS #45**

The USS Brooks, destroyer #232 was recommissioned on April 1, 1932, after having been in a decommissioned status for over a year, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Due to the pressure of work and the fact that personnel were not assigned to the vessel until the date of recommissioning, about two sacks of mail from collectors seeking the "First Day in Commission" cancellation remained at the yard's post office. The sacks were not picked up, until a day or two after the ship had been in commission. About 150 to 200 letters were mailed directly to the Brooks and did get the F.D.C., canceled either in blue or magenta.

The Commanding Officer designated me to act as the mail clerk upon commissioning of the Brooks, and my first mail trip took place on the 2nd of April. It was then that I brought back all the requests for the first day cancel, but it was too late. However, I did place in the killer bars, FIRST WEEK IN/ COMMISSION and followed the with second, third and fourth week.

About the middle of the first week that the Brooks was in commission, I thought it would prove a novel idea and a boon to collectors to commemorate important naval happenings by inserting wording between the killer bars relative to these events. As I thought, these cancellations did prove popular, and acquainted many cover collectors with naval history.

I am no longer the mail clerk aboard the Brooks, having giving up that assignment last August, due to the piling up of other work in the office. The present mail clerk is James R. Power, Radioman, Second Class, U.S. Navy. He is gradually being taught to continue the use of these cancellations and to be more careful in the handling of collectors' covers.

The Brooks receives nearly 3,000 covers a week for canceling and considering this amount, anyone would agree that it is no easy task to tend to each collector's whim or fancy. It is my suggestion, that collectors should send five covers per month, instead of mailing 20 to 30 at one time and asking the mail clerk to cancel one cover for each event. It is seldom that special cancellations are more frequent than five per month, as noted.

Among interesting letters received from collectors is one I recently secured from a self-called "refugee", living in Paris, France and is collecting the Brook's covers for their historical notations. He deserted the American Army during the World War, and has since married and lives in France. There are quite a few persons in Naval Hospitals, whom I am aiding with some naval covers and I assure you, that their letters of thanks leads one to weep as to how much joy a little effort on our part brings another human being.

I said once before, and I repeat now, that there is much more romance and genuine historical value in naval covers than most collectors realize. For instance, every destroyer is named for a naval hero- one who has accomplished a daring deed, or completed a brilliant task. First, get the cancellation; second, read in history what that man had accomplished to have a naval vessel named after him, and then I sincerely know you will value the cover, not for the paper and ink, but for its intrinsic value.

**Source: USCS Bulletin #20 (pp.2-4) dated 31 July 1933**

# USS BROOKS- SLOGANS BETWEEN KILLER BARS, 1932- 34

This listing may not be a complete list of slogans used aboard the destroyer. It is from a listing that was prepared by Charles Olasky, USCS #45, USS Brooks which appeared in USCS Bulletin #20 (31 JUL 1933) and covers in the collections of Larry Groh, USCS #920 and John Young, USCS #8219.

## APRIL 1932

1 FIRST DAY IN/ COMMISSION  
  
6 PERRY DISCOVERS/  
NORTH POLE '09  
7 NAVAL ATTACKS/  
ON FORT SUMTER  
11 REVOLUTION/ TREATY 1783  
19 1st SHOT BY/ U.S. 1917  
22 VERA CRUZ/ CAPTURED  
  
24 1st US TROOPS/ SAIL 1917  
30 WASHINGTON'S/ INAUGURATION

## MAY 1932

1 BATTLE OF/ MANILA BAY  
4 DESTROYERS/ IN EUROPE 1917  
8 MOTHER'S/ DAY  
8 LITTLE SWEET/ DEAR MOTHER  
12 U.S. FLEET SHELL/ SAN JUAN 1898  
13 WAR WITH/ MEXICO 1846  
  
17 NC-4 REACHES/ AZORES 1919  
20 (no slogan)  
22 U.S.S. GANGES/ SAILED 1798  
27 LINDBERGH'S/ FLIGHT 1927  
  
27 NC-4 REACHES/ LISBON 1919  
30 MEMORIAL DAY/ PHILA PENNA  
31 NC-4 REACHES/ PLYMOUTH 1919

## JUNE 1932

4 U.S.S. FULTON/ SANK 1829  
4 TREATY WITH/ TRIPOLI 1805  
13 FORMOSA SAVA/ GES ROUTED '67  
14 STARS & STRI-/ PES FOREVER  
14 MR EDMOND/ L. MILLER  
15 WAR WITH/ ENGLAND 1812  
15 FIRST DAY/ OF ISSUE  
(Olympic Stamps, 1932)  
18 SAN DIEGO/ CALIF  
23 1st SHOT by/ U.S. 1812  
25 BOMBARDMENT/ OF VICKSBURG  
27 COMDR WARD/ KILLED 1861  
28 TREATY OF VER/ SAILLES 1919  
30 TREATY WITH/ ALGIERS 1815

## APRIL 1933

1 1 YEAR IN/ COMMISSION  
Note: 3LK/ First Anniversary/  
Recommissioned At/ Philadel-  
phia, 1932.  
6 WAR WITH/ GERMANY 1917 (t-5)  
6 U S ENTERED/ WORLD WAR  
\*6 PEARY DISCOVS/ N. POLE 1909  
11 REVOLUTION/ TREATY 1783  
\*12 NAVY YARD/ BROOKLYN  
13 JEFFERSON/ BORN 1743  
\*19 1st SHOT BY/ U.S. 1917  
22 PEARY RETURNS/ TO N.Y. 1854  
27 NAVAL ATTACK/ ON DERNE '05

## MAY 1933

\*1 BATTLE OF/ MANILA 1898  
4 DESTROYERS/ IN EUROPE '17  
  
\*11 CREW DESTROY/ MERRIMAC '62  
14 MOTHERS DAY/ BROOKLYN  
\*16 NC-4 LEAVES/ TREPASSY '19  
  
20 LINDBERGH'S/ FLIGHT 1927  
23 ENROUTE/ CANAL ZONE  
24 (no slogan)  
Note: Brooklyn Bridge Cachet  
27 AT BALBOA/ CANAL ZONE  
30 BOXER/ UPRISING 1900  
30 (no slogan)

## JUNE 1933

\*3 THE SANTIAGO/ BLOCKADE '98  
  
12 1st REV. NAV./ BATTLE 1775  
  
14 FLAG DAY/ SAN DIEGO  
18 FATHER'S DAY/ AT SEA  
18 THE FORMOSAN/ INCIDENT '67  
18 AT SEA EN/ ROUTE SEATTLE  
\*25 THE PEIHO/ INCIDENT

\* printed cachet by Camille  
Lacombe, USCS #68

# USS BROOKS (con't)

## JULY 1932

- 4 BIRTH OF/ THE NATION 1776
- 5 LAST DAY OF/ 2 CENT RATE
- 5 USS S-51/ FLOATED 1926
- 6 FIRST DAY OF/ 3 CENT RATE
- 6 BIRTH OF/ J.P. JONES 1747
- 7 HAWAII/ ANNEXED 1898
- 8 PERRY ARRIVES/ JAPAN 1853
- 9 U S FLAG OVER/ YERBA BUENA
- 13 REPRISAL/ CAPTURES PETER
- 15 FARRAGUT/ ADMIRAL 1866
- 18 DEATH OF/ J.P. JONES 1792
- 22 SAN DIEGO/ CALIF
- 22 PIRATES/ REPULSED 1802
- 25 SAN DIEGO/ HARBOR CALIF
- 26 FIRST POST/ OFFICE DAY
- 26 SPAIN BEGS/ FOR PEACE '98
- 30 Xth OLYMPIAD/ OPENING DAY
- 31 TREATY WITH/ FRANCE 1801
- 31 TREATY WITH/ TUNIS 1815
- 31 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 2nd DAY

## AUGUST 1932

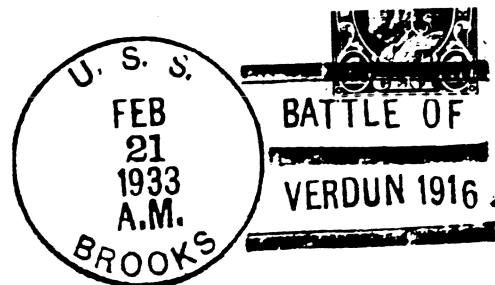
- 1 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 3rd DAY
- 2 Xth OLYMPIAD/ FOURTH DAY
- 3 Xth OLYMPIAD/ FIFTH DAY
- 4 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 6th DAY
- 5 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 7th DAY
- 6 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 8th DAY
- 7 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 9th DAY
- 7 FRIENDSHIP/ DAY
- 8 Xth OLYMPIAD/ TENTH DAY
- 9 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 11th DAY
- 10 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 12th DAY
- 11 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 13th DAY
- 12 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 14th DAY
- 12 PEACE TREATY/ WITH SPAIN '98
- 13 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 15th DAY
- 13 FALL OF/ MANILA
- 14 Xth OLYMPIAD/ 16th DAY
- 14 Xth OLYMPIAD/ CLOSING DAY
- 28 (no slogan)

## SEPTEMBER 1932

- 2 ORDERS TO/ HANNA 1775
- 3 SHENANDOAH/ WRECKED 1925
- 5 LABOR DAY/ SAN DIEGO
- 6 BATTLE OF/ MARNE 1914
- 10 DEATH OF LT. BROOKS 1813
- 17 CONSTITUTION/ ADOPTED 1787
- 19 WASHINGTON'S/ ADDRESS 1796
- 19 UNKNOWN/ SOLDIER 1931
- 22 NATHAN HALE/ HANGED 1776
- 23 USS S-51/ LOST 1925
- 27 LANCASTER CAP/ITOL OF US '77

## JULY 1933

- 4 TACOMA/ WASH
- 8 MANEUVERS/ AT SEA
- 8 PERRY IN/ JAPAN 1853
- 18 JOHN PAUL/ JONES DIED
- \*20 CONSTITUTION/ EVADES BROOK
- 27 PLANE/ GUARD DUTY
- 29 PLANE/ GUARD DUTY



## AUGUST 1933

- \*3 COLUMBUS/ LEFT PALOS
- \*5 BATTLE OF/ MOBILE BAY
- 12 PEACE WITH/ SPAIN '98
- 13 FALL OF MANILA 1898
- 15 PANAMA CANAL/ OPENED 1914
- 24 BATTLE OF/ BLADENBURG

\* IN COMMEMORATION \*  
BATTLE OF VERDUN  
FEB. 21, 1916  
\* 17TH ANNIVERSARY \*

## SEPTEMBER 1933

- \*2 SHENANDOAH/ WRECKED 1925
- 3 CHAMPLIN A/ PRISONER 1814
- 10 DEATH OF/ LT. BROOKS 1813
- \*13 MEXICO CITY/ STORMED 1847
- 17 CONSTITUTION/ ADOPTED '87
- \*22 NATHAN HALE/ HANGED 1776
- \*23 U.S.S. S-51/ LOST 1925

\*printed cachet by C. Lacombe

**USS BROOKS (con't)**OCTOBER 1932

1 MAJOR ANDRE/ HANGED 1780  
4 BATTLE OF/ GERMANTOWN  
7 BATTLE OF/ SARATOGA  
8 TREATY WITH/ HOLLAND 1782  
11 PULASKI DAY/ 1779- 1932  
    Note: Pulaski cachet  
12 DISCOVERY OF/ AMERICA 1492  
12 DEATH OF/ R.E. LEE 1870  
  
17 BUROGYNE/ SURRENDERS  
19 CORNWALLIS/ SURRENDERS  
21 OLD IRONSIDES/ LAUNCHED 1797  
27 NAVY DAY/ ROOSEVELT DAY (t-5)  
    b.s. type 3 SAN DIEGO/ CAL  
28 BATTLE OF/ WHITE PLAINS  
28 STATUE OF/ LIBERTY 1886

NOVEMBER 1932

1 STAMP ACT/ BECOMES LAW '65  
5 1st U S SHIP/ SUNK 1917  
11 IN FLANDERS/ FIELD 1918  
14 CHAS CARROLL OF/ CARROLLTON  
    Note: cachet (red or blue)  
17 1st SESSION/ OF CONGRESS  
19 GETTYSBURG/ ADDRESS 1863  
23 SAN DIEGO/ CALIFORNIA  
24 THANKS-/GIVING DAY (t-3)

    Note: 4LK/ NOV 24 Official End of/ George Washington/  
    Bicentennial Celebration/ 1732- 1932.

18 NOV thru 20 DEC 1932 CRUISE OF/ SAGINAW GIG

    Note: 4LK/ Nov 18- Dec 20, 1870/ Cruise of Gig Saginaw/  
    To Find Rescue For/ Shipwrecked Crew

DECEMBER 1932

1 1st KILLING/ FOR MUTINY  
2 MONROE 1823/ DOCTRINE  
3 1st FLEET PUT/ IN COMM 1775  
7 THE MILAN/ DECREE 1807  
11 VALLEY FORGE/ WASHINGTON  
14 WASHINGTON/ DIED 1799  
20 CRUISE OF/ SAGINAW GIG  
22 LAFAYETTE/ SAILS HOME  
    Note: 4LK/ Marquis Lafayette/  
    Returned to Native France/  
    Dec 22, 1781. (1932)  
25 MERRY XMAS/ SAN DIEGO  
25PM WASHINGTON/ AT TRENTON  
29 CONSTITUTION/ & JAVA 1812  
31 MONITOR/ SANK 1863

    Note: where 3LK or 4LK appears, it indicates a stamped  
    three or four line cachet documenting the event, applied  
    by the Brooks' mail clerk or Charles Olasky.

    \* Printed cachet by C. Lacombe

OCTOBER 1933

\*11 PULASKI DAY/ SAN DIEGO  
    CAL  
12 COLUMBUS/ DAY (t-3)  
12 COLUMBUS DAY/  
    SAN DIEGO CAL (t-5)  
  
27 NAVY/ DAY  
    Note: Navy Day cachet  
    by Philatelic Printing  
    Co., Memphis, TN

NOVEMBER 1933

5 1st U S SHIP/ SUNK 1917  
11 IN FLANDERS/ FIELD 1918

30 THANKSGIVING/ DAY

DECEMBER 1933

2 MONROE/ DOCTRINE  
  
7 6th BATRON/ AT SCAPA FLOW  
    Note: 4LK/ 6th Battle Squadron/  
    of U.S. Navy/ Arrived at Scapa  
    Flow/ Dec. 7, 1917

25 HOLIDAY/ GREETINGS

# USS BROOKS SLOGANS (con't)

## JANUARY 1933

- 1 WELCOME/ PROSOERITY
- 2 COLONIAL FLAG/ FIRST RAISED
- 6 T. ROOSEVELT/ DIED 1919
- 9 1st U.S. MAIL/ AIR 1793
- 19 PANAMA/ CANAL ZONE
- 22 CRISTOBAL/ CANAL ZONE
- 24 U.S. SALUTES/ PERU 1826
- 25\*\* MAINE AT/ HAVANA 1898

Note: printed cachet- U.S. Battleship/ Maine Arrives at/ Havana Harbor/ Never to/ Leave Again/ January 25, 1898. (100 covers)

30 MONITER/ LAUNCHED 1862

## FEBRUARY 1933

- 1 GERMANY'S SUB/ CAMPAIGN
- 1 NAVY YARD/ BROOKLYN NY
- 2 IN MEMORIS- / MID. JARVIS
- 2 U.S.-MEXICO/ TREATY 1846
- 3 1811 HORACE/ GREELY BORN
- 6 PIRATE TOWNS/ DESTROYED '32
- 9 NAVY YARD/ BROOKLYN
- 11 YAP TREATY/ SIGNED 1922
- 12 LINCOLN'S/ BIRTHDAY
- 13 FLAG FIRST/ SALUTED 1778
- \*15 SINKING OF/ THE MAINE
- 19 CONSTITUTION/ & PHONEIX 1814
- 19 PANAMA/ CANAL ZONE
- 20 CONSTITUTION/ & LEVANT 1815
- Note: year error 1932
- 20 CHAMPLAIN/ DIED 1870
- 21 BATTLE OF/ VERDUN 1916
- Note: 4LK/ IN COMMEMORATION/ BATTLE OF VERDUN/ FEB. 21, 1916/ 17TH ANNIVERSARY.
- 22 NAVY YARD/ BROOKLYN
- 22 WASHINGTON/ BORN. 1732
- 23 1811 BATTLE/ BUENA VISTA
- 25 MAINE AT/ HAVANA 1898

## MARCH 1933

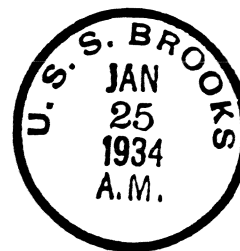
- 1 1845 TEXAS/ ANNEXED (AM, t-3)  
(PM, t-5)
- 3 WAR AGAINST/ ALGIERS 1815
- 4 USS CYCLOPS/ LOST 1918
- Note: 4LK/ IN MEMORY USS CYCLOPS/  
Left Barbados With A Cargo/ Of  
Nitrate, Never Heard From/ MARCH  
4, 1918.
- 4 ROOSEVELT/ INUAGURATED
- 5 1770 BOSTON/ MASSACRE
- 6 A.J. CERMAK/ DIED 6:57 AM
- 8 EX-PRES TAFT/ DIED 1930
- 9 1862 MONITOR/ & MERRIMAC
- Note: Commemmorating/ The Battle  
Between/ The Cheese-box and the  
Raft/ Hampton Roads, VA 1862.

## JANUARY 1934

- \*1 GOOD TIMES/ ONCE MORE
- 4 1st CALORIC/ SHIP 1853
- \*25 MAINE AT/ HAVANA 1898
- 30 LONG LIFE/ F.D.R.

## FEBRUARY 1934

- 1 GERMANY'S SUB/ CAMPAIGN
- 12 LOG CABIN TO/ WHITE HOUSE
- 14 ST. VALENTINES/ DAY
- 15 USS MAINE/ SANK 1898
- 22 WASHINGTON'S / BIRTHDAY
- 26 CANAL ZONE/ PURCH. 1904



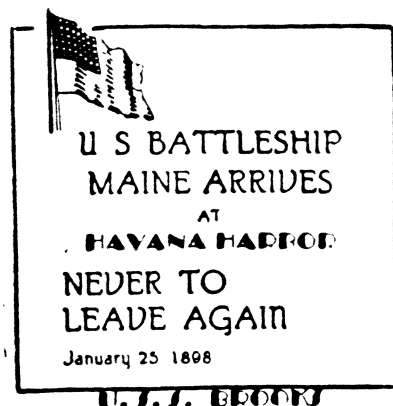
## MARCH 1934

- 9 MONITOR &/ MERRIMAC 62
- 17 ST. PATRICKS/ DAY SAN  
DIEGO
- 20 BON VOYAGE/ OLD IRONSIDES
- 31 LAST DAY IN/ FULL COMM

# USS BROOKS SLOGANS (con't)

March 1933

10 1st PHONE/ MESSAGE 1876  
15 SS VANDALIA/ WRECKED 1889 (t-3)  
\*15 THE APIAN/ DISASTER 1889 (t-5)  
\*17 1st SUBMAR-/ INE DIVE 1898 (t-3)  
17 ST. PATRICKS/ DAY (t-3)  
17 ST. PATRICKS/ DAY BROOKLYN (t-5)  
18 G. CLEVELAND/ BORN 1837  
21 SPRING IS/ HERE  
22 STAMP ACT/ 1765  
23 CONESTOGA/ LOST 1921  
24 PERRY SAILS/ TO JAPAN  
25 F-4 SUNK/ 1915



Note: The USS Brooks was placed in Reserve Commission on April 1, 1934 and went into the Rotating Reserve Squadron.

## APRIL 1934

1 1st DAY IN/ RES COMM  
4 IN MEMORIAM/ USS AKRON  
9 PLEASANT/ TRIP FLEET  
11 REVOLUTION/ TREATY 1783  
25 WAR WITH/ SPAIN 1898  
29 HORNET ELUD/ ES BRITISH '13

## OCT '34- JAN '35 Fancy type(B-60)

27 OCT 34 THE US NAVY/ SECOND  
TO NONE  
7 NOV 34 MACON AT CAMP/ KEARNEY  
SAN DIEGO  
11 NOV 34 ARMISTICE DAY/ SAN  
DIEGO  
29 NOV 34 THANKSGIVING DAY/  
SAN DIEGO CALIF  
19 DEC 34 ----/ SAN DIEGO CALIF  
25 DEC 34 XMAS DAY/ SAN DIEGO  
CALIF  
1 JAN 35 NEW YEARS DAY/ SAN  
DIEGO CALIF  
17 JAN 35 ----/ SAN DIEGO

## MAY 1934

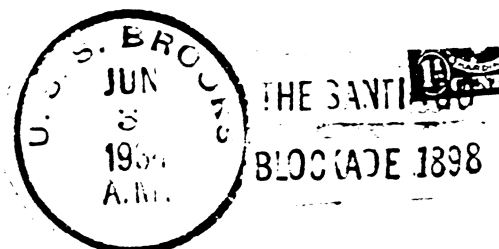
6 BYRD FLEW O'ER/ NO. POLE 1926  
13 MOTHERS DAY/ SAN DIEGO CAL  
19 USS MACON AT/ SAN DIEGO CAL  
22 MARITIME DAY/ SAN DIEGO CAL  
30 MEMORIAL DAY/ SAN DIEGO CAL

## JUNE 1934

\*3 THE SANTIAGO/ BLOCKADE 1898 (type 5bhks) Missing bars  
14 FLAG/ DAY  
25 THE PEIHO/ ATTACK 1859

## JULY 1934

4 INDEPENDENCE/ DAY 1776- 1934  
12 USS MACON AT/ MARE ISLAND  
17 USS MACON AT/ MARE ISLAND  
26 SPAIN BEGS/ FOR PEACE '98



## AUGUST 1934

7 MACON TO/ CAMP KEARNEY  
27 POST REPAIR/ TRIAL RUNS (type 5bhks) Bottom of dial-cut  
28 LT. CMDR. LOCY/ 1889- 1932 off

## SEPTEMBER 1934

12 ZRS 5 AT SAN/ DIEGO CAL

## OCTOBER 1934

12 COLUMBUS DAY/ SAN DIEGO  
12 COLUMBUS DAY/ DIEGO CAL

