

EXTRACT OF INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THE 1931-1934 CRUISE  
OF U.S. FRIGATE CONSTITUTION  
CONTAINED IN BULLETINS #1-45 OF  
THE UNIVERSAL SHIP CANCELLATION SOCIETY

On July 2, 1931, the U.S. Frigate CONSTITUTION (Old Ironsides) departed Boston, Massachusetts on an historic cruise, visiting East and West Coast ports and Caribbean ports before returning to Boston, completing her journey on June 8, 1934. USF CONSTITUTION's 1931-1934 Cruise resulted in a unique cover collection experience unparalleled in previous cover events and not likely to ever occur again.

Various hobby and news publications of the time covered portions of the Cruise, but none so thoroughly as the Bulletins issued by the fledgling Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS).

The Universal Ship Cancellation Society (USCS) was born in October 1932 with York Briddell, its co-founder, elected as Temporary Chairman. Briddell was also the first and only editor of the USCS BULLETIN, the Society's bi-weekly newsletter. (In May 1935, following the publishing of Bulletin #59, the name of the newsletter was changed to USCS Log, still in existence today.)

This monograph starts with the first issue of the BULLETIN dated October 15, 1932 and extracts information of the U.S. Frigate CONSTITUTION 1931-1934 Cruise exactly as it appeared in the Bulletins. Bulletin #45, dated August 15, 1934 and subsequent Bulletins, contained no further reference to the Cruise.

Bulletin #4 was dated November 14, an obvious typographical error; the correct date is listed in the Extract as November 30, 1932.

Bulletins Nos. 19, 33, 34, and 35 are apparently lost to history. However, should any reader of this monograph have a copy of one or more of the missing Bulletins, please notify the Editor at the following address in order that arrangements for reproduction may be made.

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The Editor wishes to gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Jim Russell (now deceased) for providing a duplicate set of Bulletins in compiling the information.

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UNIVERSAL SHIP CANCELLATION SOCIETY

York Briddell---Temporary Chairman

(Information quoted is exactly as presented in each Bulletin, without editing of spelling or grammatical errors. Leon Field).

BULLETIN #1

October 15, 1932

H.A. Moore identified as the Mail Clerk aboard the U.S.S. Constitution.

Remember that Oct. 21st is the date of the launching of the U.S.S. Constitution the first time at Hart's Shipyard in Boston 1797, just 135 years ago, and more than likely the Constitution will have a cancellation for this event. Address Harry A. Moore, Mail Clerk U.S.S. Constitution, Washington, DC.

Received a personal letter from Commander Lewis J. Gulliver of the U.S. S. Constitution with a copy of the Special Cachet that will be used on all mail Navy Day October 27, 1932. He asks that a lot of mail be sent for this cancellation also that the covers be in several days before the 27th. Address Constitution Washington, C.C.

BULLETIN #2

October 31, 1932

Commander Louis J. Gulliver writes that they expect the largest mail Navy day of any day the Constitution has had so far, and that it will run over 25,000 covers. Old Ironsides he tells me will soon announce her schedule for this fall and winter from the Navy Department at Washington, D.C. He said the ship would make several stops to Florida ports enroute through the Canal.

A membership list shows 28 members with Harry A. Moore as an Honorary member.

BULLETIN #3

November 15, 1932

Commander Louis J. Gulliver of the U.S.S. Constitution writes me that the mail clerk aboard cancelled on Navy Day 32,685 covers, this being by far the largest number ever cancelled from this ship in one day. I received several special autographed

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covers from the Commander and they will be put away in my special album of Constitution covers.

The Editor reports that he received 2 autographed covers from the U.S.S. Constitution, Commander Gulliver and Harry Moore.

I also notice the presentation of the President's Flag to Old Ironsides by President Hoover, in the same issue of the Mid-Weekly Pictorial, and Commander Louis J. Gulliver is standing next to the President. This is quite an honor for the Constitution.

### BULLETIN #4

November 30, 1932

Mr. Wallster would like to hear from collectors of the Constitution covers as he is trying to get a complete check-list of the items in order to publish it at a later date. He wishes a complete check-list of various ports and their cachets. If you have anything of interest to him please send it. He writes that many ships use slogans and in the bars instead of the name of the port, especially on holidays and gives a list of ships you can take a chance on for Christmas--Constitution---.

In a box of stars, the following: The U.S. Frigate Constitution, the Navy's oldest ship will start Dec. 7 for a visit to the Pacific Coast ports. The ancient ship built in 1797 will sail under her own canvas and is scheduled to arrive at Cristobal in Panama Canal December 24, where she remains until Jan. 15. She will arrive in San Diego, Cal., Feb. 5th and make several visits to the Pacific Coast ports. On the return trip she is scheduled to arrive San Diego, Aug. 8, remaining for one week and then depart for the Atlantic Coast.

### BULLETIN #5

December 15, 1932

For the benefit of members not having itinerary of the U.S.S. Constitution for this Winter and next Spring and Summer, I am publishing same. Leaving Washington, D.C., December 7, 1932. Guantanamo, December 15-19. Cristobal, December 24 to January 15, 1933. San Diego, California, February 5, to 27, 1933. San Diego, California, San Pedro, Calif., Feb. 28, to March 20. San Francisco, Calif., March 22 to April 12. Oakland, Calif., April 13 to 26. Vallejo, Calif., April 26 to May. Astoria, May 5 to 10th. Portland, Oregon, May 10 to 22. Port Angeles, May 24-29. Seattle, Wash., May 29 to June 12. Tacoma, June 12 to 19. Bremerton, June 20 to July 5. Everett, July 6 to 12. Bellingham, July 12 to 19. San Francisco, July 22 to 28. San

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Pedro, July 30 to August 7. San Diego, August 8 to 15. Canal Zone, September 4 to 11.

Harry Moore listed as Member #11 on Membership List.

### BULLETIN #6

December 31, 1932

I received a letter from Harry Moore, Mail Clerk on the U.S.S. Constitution, dated December 13, written on the high seas. He mailed this from Guantanamo, Cuba, upon arrival of his ship. He stated in his letter that he would be glad to handle covers for the members of the USCS and for them to mail same to him to Cristobal Canal Zone, before January 15. The Grebe is towing the Constitution and he says their speed is about 8 knots an hour.

Briddell reports receiving 3 covers this month.

### BULLETIN #7

January 15, 1933

No reference to Old Ironsides.

### BULLETIN #8

January 31, 1933

Just in receipt of two fine CONSTITUTION covers, one from J. Gill, USCS 39 cancelled at Canal Zone and mailed and cancelled aboard when she arrived at San Diego. The other cover cancelled on the High Seas at 25-05 N Long. 113-9 Dated Jan. 18, and also cancelled aboard ship Jan. 21, San Diego Cal. This cover has two cachets, one in Green, and noe in red. Compliments of H Moore, No. 11-USCS.

The first naval act was passed in 1794, authorizing the construction of six frigates, one of which ws the CONSTITUTION. During the two years-----.

SPECIAL NOTICE. Bulletin No. 9 of February 15, 1933 will be devoted entirely to the history of the CONSTITUTION and its covers.

### BULLETIN #9

February 15, 1933

This bulletin is dedicated to the U.S.S. CONSTITUTION and its covers. The following articles have been written especially for this issue and I am sure will be enjoyed by all.

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### CONSTITUTION COVERS

The second voyage of this famous warship is taking her to the West Coast by way of the Panama Canal. She is now at San Diego, California, where the usual large crowds of visitors are being received on board. More covers are being mailed than the first cruise, it appears, as the ship's mail clerk gives us the following data: About 400 covers were mailed from Washington, D C on Dec. 7th. On account of stormy weather the ship did not sail until the 8th, - when about 200 more emergency covers were mailed. At Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, something like 2000 covers were mailed, and at Cristobal, C.Z. about 3000. For the transit of the Canal about 200 covers were mailed bearing the Cristobal, C. Z. cancel on the front and the Balboa, C.Z. cancel on the back. An increasing number of letters are being mailed aboard by the visitors who wish to surprise friends with an unusual postmark, or who wish a cover for their own scrap-book and for those of their children, etc. All told, about 15,000 letters were mailed at the Canal Zone, for collection purposes as mentioned above.

At the port of San Diego a special cachet is being applied and the number of letters mailed will very likely reach 15,000. Several of the ports to be visited will sponsor special cachets for the benefit of cover collectors. The Ship's official postmark on a letter makes a rare philatelic object due to the famous war record of this old vessel, and the fact that "Old Ironsides" was held in such great affection and esteem by our people. In the real active service days of the vessel, during the period 1800 to 1814, letter writing was not carried on to any great extent. Many of the seamen in those days could not read or write and often they sign official papers by making their mark X. This is an interesting contrast to the large volume of mail which passes through the ship's post office during her post-restoration cruises to U.S. ports.

Signed

Louis J. Gulliver  
Commanding U.S. Frigate CONSTITUTION

D.C. Bartley USCS No. 44, Writes that he is sending a special cover to each member of the USCS, on Washington's Birthday from the U.S.S. CONSTITUTION. This is certainly appreciated by each member I am sure. His broadcast over KOL from Seattle on the 5th, of which I have a copy was fine. He gave the society a nice boost.

Byrd L. Powell USCS no. 46 sends the following news:-----The City Prosecutor of Long Beach, Calif., is a blood relation of

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Commodore Isaac Hull of the Constitution fame. He is looking forward to the opportunity of walking the decks of the ship which his noted ancestor sailed to many glorious victoris in 1812.

### BULLETIN #10

February 28, 1933

Mr. Bartley states that he will be very glad to handle all covers for the CONSTITUTION which USCS members send him from any port in Oregon or Washington, and will see that proper cachets are applied.

### BULLETIN #11

March 15, 1933

W.G. Crosby of San Pedro, Californis sends the following news items: The total number of covers cancelled on the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION First Day Feby. 17, 1933 was 9000, and on Washington's birthday 6,000. The total number of visitors, San Pedro and Los Angeles, Calif, 219,625. The largest number of visitors in any one day on the first Cruise was at Houston Texas, 31,005 and this record was broken at San Pedro, there having 31,584 visited the ship in one day, and thousands turned away due to the visiting hours closing at 5 P.M. Mr. Crosby will report the number of covers cancelled March 4th and 9th from this ship. He has worked night and day getting out covers for the CONSTITUTION and it was through Mr. Crosby that the fine cachet was put out by the COC of San Pedro California. Mr. Crosby says he is in hopes that all collectors are satisfied with their San Pedro Cachets. He expects members of the USCS join me in a vote of thanks for his kindness in handling the cachet at San Pedro.

Wanted:-U.S. Frigate Consitution covers cancelled at ports visited on the Eastern Cruise. Will buy or trade, send list of your duplicates. USCS No. 44. D.C. Bartkey 6035 8th Ave. N.E. Seattle Washington.

### U.S.S. Constitution Check List

The covers mailed prior to opening of P.O. aboard ship:

7-1-31 Boston, Mass. Navy Yard Cancel type (recommisssoning)  
7-6-31 Portsmouth, N.H. Machine cancel (unofficial cachet)  
8-7-31 Providence, R.I. Machine cancel (No Cachet)  
7-31-31 New Bedford, Mass. Machine cancel (Official  
magentacachet)

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These covers all mailed aboard ship:

9-10-14-31 New York, N.Y. First day Postal Service  
 9-15-18-31 Wilmington, Del. No cachet  
 9-18-10-1-31 Philadelphia No cachet  
 10-3-9-31 Newport News, Va. No cachet  
 10-9-16-31 Norfolk, Va Cachet by C of C and Rotary Club  
 10-16 23-31 Yorktown, Va. Cachet same as Norfolk, Va.  
 10-19-31 Yorktown, Va. First Day Yorktown stamp  
 10-25-11-2-31 Baltimore, Md. No cachet  
 10-27-31 Baltimore-Navy Day No cachet  
 11-2-6-31 Annapolis, Md. No cachet  
 11-7-18-31 Washington, D.C. No cachet  
 11-21-27-31 Wilmington, N.C. C of C magenta cachet  
 11-28-12-4-31 Charleston, S.C. No cachet  
 12-5-11-31 Savannah, Ga. No cachet  
 12-12-15-31 Brunswick, Ga. No cachet  
 12-16-21-31 Jacksonville, Fla No cachet  
 12-23-30-31 Miami, Florida Oval purple cachet  
 12-25-31 Miami, Florida-Merry Xmas No cachet  
 12-31-31-1-4-32 Key west, Florida No cachet  
 1-7-11-32 Pensacola, Florida no cachet  
 1-11-18-32 Mobile, Alabama No cachet  
 1-21-27-32 Baton Rouge, La No cachet  
 1-28-2-12-32 New Orleans, La 2 cachets, blue by Item Tribune.  
 Magenta by American Legion  
 2-9-32 New Orleans-Mardi-Gras Green cachet by Aero Phila.  
 Club

(833 covers received this

cachet)  
 2-16-23-32 Corpus Christi, Tex Square Black cachet  
 2-24-3-1-32 Houston, Texas Map of Texas in magenta  
 3-1-7-32 Galveston, Texas C of C purple cachet  
 3-8-13-32 Beaumont, Texas Black Circle cachet  
 3-13-17-32 Port Arthur, Texas No cachet  
 3-17-19-32 Orange, Texas No cachet very scarce  
 3-19-22-32 Lake Charles, La Purple rectangular cachet  
 3-25-29-32 Gulfport, Miss. No cachet  
 3-30-4-1-32 St. Joe, Florida No cachet  
 4-2-7-32 Tampa, Florida Pictorial cachet, magenta, blue.  
 4-7-9-32 St. Petersburg, Fla C of C cachet also back stamped  
 by St. Petersburg Stamp Club.  
 4-16-32 Washington, D.C. No cachet -cancel exist blue and  
 black  
 5-12-32 Alexandria, Va. No cachet, scarce  
 5-30-32 Washington, D.C. Cachet in magenta Memorial Day  
 6-16-32 Washington, D.C. Cachet in green(1st Day Olympic  
 Stamps)

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7-4-32	Washington, D.C.	Cachet in magenta (July 4th)
9-17-32	Washington, D.C.	Cachet in green, Constitution Day
9-19-32	Washington, D.C.	Unofficial printed cachet
9-26-32	Washington, D.C.	Cachet in magenta, 1st Day 8¢ airmail
10-12-32	Washington, D.C.	Green cachet (Columbus Day)
10-25-32	Washington, D.C.	Cachet in blue (1st Day Webster) Cachet also in green.
10-27-32	Washington, D.C.	Green cachet for Navy Day (133,165 covers mailed)
11-11-32	Washington, D.C.	Green cachet for Armistice Day
11-24-32	Washington, D.C.	Green cachet (Thanksgiving Day)

This completes the Constitution's first cruise, up to the starting of the West Coast Cruise, which will be listed in Bulletin No. 12. The above list was compiled by Mr. Allan F. Schmahl, USCS No. 57 and is not complete and he requests that collectors co-operate with both the club and himself in bringing the list up to date.

(62 years later I find myself doing the same thing---Hi---Leon Field)

### BULLETIN #12

March 31, 1933

Many members have received their covers from San Pedro and Long Beach Calif. and from the news we read and from special letters to me by Air Mail from our friend Crosby at San Pedro, they do the covers under great difficulty as the earthquake struck as they were being sent out. Two of the post office employees were killed at their post at Long Beach, one hour and 54 minutes after Harry Moore Mail Clerk on the Constitution helped them back-stamp these covers. Mr. Crosby's place was damaged to some extent. He does not say how much, but he got out the covers just the same. We are all due Mr. Crosby A VOTE OF THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR COVERS UNDER SUCH TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES, as he was Cachet Director at San Pedro and handled the entire work. Hold onto these covers - they will be valuable.

The New York Mid-Weekly Pictorial of March 25th has some fine photos of the American Navy in the Pacific, showing the fleet maneuvers during their Gigantic War Games. Also, a photo of Commander-in-Chief Richard H. Leigh on inspection tour of the



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Constitution when the historical old Ship became the Flagship for a day of America's Sea Forces in the ceremonies off Los Angeles. The official count of the Constitution covers cancelled at San Pedro California., Follow:

First Day Cachet covers cancelled	Feb 17	1933	8000
Washington's Birthday	Feb 22	1933	6000
Inauguration President Roosevelt	Mar. 4	1933	2000
United States Fleet Review	Mar. 9	1933	6000

(The Bulletin showed the Mar. 4 date as 1944, a typo --- L.F.)

The fore-going figures were ascertained at the Naval Station Post Office located 100 feet from "Old Ironsides" where covers were backstamped through the cancellation machine. Mr. Crosby obtained this information from Mr. Barnes Supt. of this Naval Station Post Office. Mr. Crosby was cachet Director for the Chamber of Commerce at San Pedro, Cal., and to him much credit is due for the splendid cachets turned out at that port. Should any of the members need any of the above special covers Mr. Crosby can supply them at a low cost.

Another list you will find in this bulletin, continued from the last, by Mr. Allan F. Schmahel on CONSTITUTION covers, concerning which he is quoted as follows: "Thanks are due the following members who wrote me and assisted with additions to the check-list: John Grove, Franklin Ervin, Dr. Harry H. Kretzler, H.L. Thomas, L.T. Ayrault, and D.C. Bartley.

A list of CONSTITUTION covers started by Mr. E. Wallster of Boston will be issued in next bulletin. It will be well to save these lists and check your covers.

Mr. Edwin J. Bisack USCS No. 6 advises that he has information from Mr. Harry E. Gray, Pres. of the Oakland Phil. Society, Oakland, Cal. that the Chamber of commerce will sponsor a cachet for the visit of "Old Ironsides". There will be no special design, just a few words stating the visit to this port. I wish to correct Mr. Bisack's address to -31 - 57, 37th. Street, L.I. City, N.Y.

West Coast Cruise of the U.S.S. Constitution 1932-1933 Allan Schmahel Dec 7th. 1932 Washington, D.C. Magenta Cachet (Start of West Coast

Cruise) (About 400 covers)  
Dec 8th. 1932 Washington, D.C. Magenta Cachet, departure

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delayed until 8th. (About 200 covers.)

Dec 12th 1932 Guantanamo, Cuba No cachet use type 3 began here.  
(All

Dec 22nd 1932	Cristobal C.Z.	covers previously listed 5k.)
Dec 25th 1932	Cristobal C.Z.	Green Cachet.
Dec 31st 1932	Balboa C.Z.	Green Cachet Christmas
Jan 1st 1933	Blaboa C.Z.	Green Cachet
Jan 21st 1932	San Diego Cal.	Green Cachet New Years Day
Feb 12th 1933	San Diego Cal.	Black Cachet
		Magenta Cachet (Lincoln's Birthday)

USCS members wishing the names and addresses of living officers and crew of the old Constitution, before she was rebuilt and on her last commission, may obtain them by sending the bulletin manager a self-addressed stamped envelope. I have a list of (25) so far.

Members can save much and time if they will send (13) covers stamped and addressed to D.C. Bartley No. 44 USCS, who will take care of them and see that they reach the right party for the special cachets and cancellation of "Old Ironsides" during its stay on the Pacific Northwest. This is a splendid offer and all members should take advantage of same.

Over 2,000 covers have arrived at Seattle for the Constitution cancel and Mr. Bartley expects 20,000.

-----While the CONSTITUTION is at Seattle, a special cachet will be issued on Flag Day June 14th. This is an additional cachet from that port and will not be advertised and the issue will be limited. Mr. Bartley will be glad to handle covers for USCS members. The Washington State Phil. Society will open a down-town office next month under the direction of Curator, which will be open to all visiting collectors during the visit of Old Ironsides to Seattle. The Washington Phil. Society will probably sponsor a cachet during fleet week in August or September, when 20 to 30 ships are there.-----

The inclosed is a complimentary special envelope from D.C. Bartley USCS No. 44 which will be used during "Old Ironsides" visit to Seattle. Additional envelopes may be secured at two cents each.

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Mr. D.C. Bartley writes that he has secured (11) cachets from (11) ports in Washington, this is a record. The largest number of ports in one state visited by the CONSTITUTION. He will be glad to take care of all members on 11 ports.

W.G. Crosby USCS No. 44 reports that Long Beach cancelled during the CONSTITUTION 1933 stay 6666 covers. He also stated that San Pedro and San Francisco, were the only ports so far that back-stamped covers, which in his opinion, made covers 100% perfect.

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April 15, 1933

Roy H. Sherman USCS No. 34 Sec. of the North Bay Stamp Club, will take care of covers from members of the USCS upon Old Ironsides visit to Vallejo California. Mail same to him fully covered with postage.

CONSTITUTIONS WANTED; New Orleans, Feby. 10., 11th, 12th, Orange March 17; Washinton April 23rd. Arbor Day Stamp; Corpus Christi Feb 14th. Exchanging. Address John Gill, Grove hall, Mass USCS No. 39.

The Washington State Philatelic Society is now mailing a press Bulletin each week giving information in regards to the Constitution cachets in Washington. All Naval Cover Societies and Column Editors in Philatelic Journals are receiving this service.

Old Ironsides Cachets will be sponsored by the following cities; Bremerton Washington, July 1st to 6th. Chamber of Commerce. Mail covers to J.A. Harader, Sec;k Bremerton. Bellington, Washington, July 14th. to 29th. Mail covers to Paul P. Wells, Sec. Chamber of Commerce. Anacortes, Washington. July 20th to 24th. Cachet sponsored by Chamber of Commerce. Covers C.P. Stapp, Cachet Director. Members can save time and trouble by mailing to D.C. Bartley (11) covers Cachet Director, Washington State Philatelic Society, Green Lake Station, Seattle Washington and they will be forwarded to the eleven ports of call in Washington that the Constitution visits.

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Clarence L. Gwynne, USCS No. 26, Sends the following: "The John Hancock Insurance Company, Boston Mass, sometime ago printed a booklet on "Old Ironsides" and it contains a nice history and sketches of the ship." He says they may still have some copies left and members ordering be sure and inclose postage to cover mailing of the booklet.

## ITINERARY OF THE U.S.F. CONSTITUTION REVISED TO APRIL 25, 1933

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Ports</u>	<u>Depart</u>
12 April	San Francisco Cal	12 April
	Oakland	26 April
26 April	Vallejo	2 May
5 May	Astoria, Oregon	15 May
16 May	Gray's Harbor, Washington	25 May
27 May	Port Angeles	31 May
31 May	Seattle	15 June
15 June	Tacoma	22 June
22 June	Olympia	1 July
1 July	Bremerton	6 July
7 July	Everett	14 July
14 July	Bellingham	20 July
20 July	Anacortes	24 July
24 July	Friday Harbor	26 July
26 July	Port Townsend	31 July
2 August	Portland Oregon	14 August
14 August	Kalama, Washington	16 August
16 August	Long View	21 August
23 August	San Francisco, California	1 September
	(San Pedro, San Diego, Canal Zone)	

The small photo of the USS CONSTITUTION is the complements of the Bulletin Manager, Y. Briddell, and I trust that it will find a place in your collection some where. Thsi photo is very recent, in fact made during last month's visit to San Pedro.

Harry Moore Mail Clerk aboard the USS Constitution, also a member of the USCS, will broadcast over KOC when his ship arrives in Seattle. The time and date will be announced later.

BULLETIN #15

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Chapter No. 2 of the USCS has been formed at Seattle Washington and sponsored the first cachet on President's Day

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April 30th. The cachet is in the form of a shield with the spread-eagle over it, anchor on each side, and a pair of cannon at the bottom. Wording over cachet "President's Day April 30 1933", at the bottom

wording "U.S.C.S Chapter Two". Mr. Bartley advises that the Chapter will sponsor a special envelope during the visit of the CONSTITUTION, of which the inclosed is a sample. The Chapter offers to address them for members and only requires postage and addresses for as many envelopes as you may wish mailed.-----

I have received from the USF Constitution three covers dated April 25 at Vallejo California, cachet black, blue and purple. It is a circle showing the Constitution under full sail, and an anchor holding the circle. The wording on the cachet as follows: "Welcome U.S. Frigate Constitution. "old Ironsides" and below the cachet, "To Vallejo and Mare Island California". Between the killer bars "Vallejo California". On President's Day April 30 the same cachet as above, except in red and below the cachet wording, "President's Day April 30th. 1933.". Also a special printed cover with Presiden Roosevelt's likeness and on same the following wording "President's Day, Sunday April 30 1933. In honor of our President Franklin Delano Roosevelt". On the back a cachet of CONSTITUTION under full sail and the wording, 'U.S. Frigate-Constituion, Old Ironsides". All of the above covers bear the back stamp of Vallejo California.

The Seattle Stamp Society APS Branch No. 70 will have a dinner meeting on the evening of Wednesday June 14th, Flag Day, and will have as guest of honor Mr. Harry Moore, Naval Mail Clerk from The U.S.F. CONSTITUTION.

U.S.C.S. MEMBERS.- When the CONSTITUTION visits Seattle there will probably be the finest set of cachets ever issued for Old Ironsides or any other event. There will be of course some last minute cachets and I want you all to have a complete set, and you must admit I am doing my best to see that this aim is carried out. Mail at once 10 or 15 plain covers so I can hold them for you so they will have my personal attention. Signed D.C. Bartley, Seattle Washington.

BULLETIN #16

May 31, 1933

The following news items from Byrd L. Powell USCS No. 46 of Long Beach Calif. "Efforts to keep the frigate CONSTITUTION in San Francisco Bay District for the entire year, incidentally depriving Long Beach of a promised two weeks return visit next September, are being pushed by San Francisco officials. (San

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Francisco newspapers announce that Secretary Swanson has informed the Supervisors that the CONSTITUTION can be tied up there indefinitely if all facilities are provided without cost. Such facilities are free dockage, police and fire protection.

San Pedro Chamber directors today urged the Los Angeles Chamber to aid in having Old Ironsides returned to Lon Beach Los Angeles Harbor next fall."

-----The inclosed is an Official Program of the U.S.F. Constitution during its stay in Seattle. This is compiled by the Associated Oil Company of Seattle, and sent to the members through the John Paul Jones Chapter.

Harry Moore, Naval Mail Clerk of the U.S.F. Constitution will be interviewed by the "Stamp Man" of the Washington State Philatelic Society, over station KOL, Seattle on Sunday June 11 at 5:15 P.M. (Day-light Saving Time). Mr. Bartley, Society Curator and Cachet Director, USCS No. 44 will be the "Stamp Man" and interview Mr. Moore. The questions he will ask Mr. Moore will be those mailed by radio and stamp fans.

Mr. Bartley will forward a copy of the broadcast for inclusion, in part or whole, in bulletin of June 15.

All members who have forwarded covers to Longview and Washington for "Old Ironsides" cachet either direct or to me, which would have arrived there April 22, are advised to duplicate these covers as a fire in the Chamber of Commerce destroyed practically all of them.

Mr. Bartley advises that the Constitution my stop at Richmond Californis and if so a cachet will be applied. Address M.J. Curtis 544 30th Street, Richmond California.

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June 15,

Old Ironsides covers ffrom Port Angeles Washington Have arrived and show the Constitution under full sail: Wording "May 27-31, 1933 "Old Ironsides" Port Angeles Washington Welcomes you. The Sportsman's Paradise. Playground of the Northwest, Summer Home of the Pacific Fleet." Cachet in blue.

-----Nr. Wallster states that Chapter No. 1 is starting a collection of Old Ironsides covers for permanent display, and that donations of these covers will be gladly received and due

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credit given. Let us all help Mr. Wallster and Chapter No. 1 and send some covers.

John P. Colby Jr. USCS No. 80 wishes to complete his collection of CONSTITUTION covers and will appreciate very much if members will write him listing covers they have for sale or trade. Address him 36 Franklin St., Newburgport, Mass.

The U.S.F. Constitution arrived at Seattle Washington May 31. The following list of covers were delivered to Harry Moore Mail Clerk Aboard:

Mau 31	12,407
June 1	1,525
June 2	2,812

Total covers for Washinton Ports received to June 6th	14,107
Total covers for Seattle	" " " " 20,180
Total covers for Scouting	" " " " 1,980
	<u>36,267</u>

June 7, Seattle Cachet for CONSTITUTION has reached 23,000 covers with thw Seattle Cachet and same mailed from ship. John Paul Jones Chapter No. 2.

Harry Moore Naval Mail Clerk was the guest of Honor for dinner at the home of D.C. Bartley on Tuesday evening and among the guests to honor Mr. Moore was Mr. L.M. Ryer Pres. of the Seattle Stamp Society who drew the Seattle Cachet.

----The last day Cachet for Old Ironsides will be something nice in the way of a cachet. It will have a small cut of Old Ironsides and the wording: "Good bye Old Ironsides and Good Luck." This cachet will be sponsored by D.C. Bartley, Cachet Director and USCS No. 44 and there will be a place in the cachet for his autograph. He will personally autograph each one. 120 of these will be cancelled and held by Mr. Bartley for each member with his comoliments and will be distributed with July 1st Bulletin.

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This Bulletin consisted of a complete membership list.

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MISSING

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BULLETIN #20

July 31, 1933

Dr. H.H. Kretzler USCS No. 55 of Edmonds Washington sends the following item, with a sample of two photos he made from paintings of the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION in combat with the GUIERRIER, August 19, 1812. Dr. Kretzler has them for sale at five cents each plus postage. They are well worth adding to your collection of CONSTITUTION covers and Dr. Krtzler is selling to members at cost. He has only 100 so that is the total number he had made up.

BULLETIN #21  
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August 15,

\_\_\_\_In the last bulletin came a fine engraved cover of the Constitution and Guerriere. This anniversary occurs on August 19, but the envelope was in every members' hands in time to shoot along to old Ironsides, at Portland Oregon for cancellation on that date.---

Navy Mail Clerks Banquet Seattle Wash. July 20th

---10 large sheets of cardboard were used on which were displayed over 200 covers - a complete set of Constitution West Coast covers.

---(CONSTITUTION NOT REPRESENTED).

Cachet Summary of John Paul Jones Chapter No. 2

Constitution at Seattle.....33,617  
Covers to Washington Ports.....19,010

BULLETIN #22

August 31, 1933

It may interest the members of the USCS to know that the booklet which Mr. Bartley is getting up on the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION Covers of the Pacific Cruise is coming along fine. Plates of all cachets are practically assured and there will be a reproduction of each cachet. Dr. H.H. Kretzler USCS No. 55 is preparing a historical write-up with the assistance of Prof Meany of the University of Washington. Dr. F.R. Cole of Whittier California, No. 98 USCS has made a splendid sketch of Mld Ironsides with two historical panels for the frontispiece.



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The John Paul Jones Chapter is sponsoring a free Old Ironsides cachet for "Old Ironsides" day September 16. Covers will be printed free by the undersigned if received not later than September 8. Covers should be standard 6 3/4 size unstuffed and unsealed. Commemoratives on wrappers will be appreciated. H.S. Groat Secretary John Paul Jones Chapter No. 2. USCS. 6123 Arcade Building, Seattle Washington.

I have the pleasure of announcing that Commander Louis J. Gulliver, commander of the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION is an honorary member of the U.S.C.S. I wish to quote a paragraph from the Commander's Letter to me, "I am happy to accept the membership card in the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, and I appreciate very greatly the honor you have conferred on me. You may be sure we are happy on board here to participate in the cancellations sent by the Society." (Became USCS No. 140).

FOR SALE; - Longview Washington cachet of Old Ironsides in blue for .25¢. Only 125 exist. Wayne Erwin, Kelso Washington. Route One. USCS 115.

Lt. Commander Henry Hartley of the USF CONSTITUTION advises me that he is a cover collector and I have mailed him a complete set of Fleet Week Covers with which he was very much pleased. ----

Commander Gulliver has returned to the CONSTITUTION after a leave of absence and is again in command of the ship. September 16 will be observed as Old Ironsides Day, and John Paul Jones Chapter No. 2 USCS will sponsor free printed cachet on all covers 6 3/4 size sent unstuffed and unsealed, to H.S. Groat, Sec., No. 6123 Arcade Building, Seattle Washington. Covers must be in by September 8.

Commemoratives on your wrappers will be appreciated.

### BULLETIN #23

September 15, 1933

The Chamber of Commerce of San Pedro California will sponsor a cachet for the return of Old Ironsides and Mr. W.G. Crosby Cachet Director of the C of C of San Pedro, will handle your covers. Mail them to him care of the San Pedro C of C San Pedro California covers unsealed and they must be in not later than October 15.

Byrd L. Powell USCS No. 46 sends me a copy of the cachet which Long Beach will sponsor upon the return of Old Ironsides October 3 to 19. This cachet is very attractive, and the

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following is a description of same. Wording at the top of cachet "Long Beach again welcomes Old Ironsides. Second visit October 3-19." The Old Ironsides is shown sailing into the harbor under full sail, with the Municipal Auditorium in the background. Below the wording "1797 - U.S. Frigate CONSTITUTION - 1933. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Long Beach California, Home Port of United States Battle force."

John J. Walsh 741 Charlotte Street Utica N.Y. is compiling a section on U.S.F. CONSTITUTION covers for the 1934 edition of the United States Historical Cover Catalog formerly the American Airpost Catalog. Any assistance from the members of the USCS will be appreciated. Please contact Mr. Walsh direct. Credit this item to Edwin H. Brennecke USCS No. 122.

This may be news to some of the "Old Ironsides" Collectors; Dr. C.C. Albright of the university of Richmond Va., a new member of the USCS advised the following Latitude and Longitude Covers; Jan-12-33 Lat 14-49-N Long 92-52-W Jan 13-33 Lat 15-19-N Long 96-12-W, and Jan 18-33 Lat 25-05-N Long 122-09-W.

BULLETIN # No.24

September 15, 1933

The historical old Frigate USF CONSTITUTION, has been ordered for a visit to Ventura Harbor on October 4, and will be there the entire day. Though originally scheduled to be in Ventura on September 10, a change in plans occasioned a delay it was stated by Commander Gulliver, her commanding officer.

Mr. Franklin Erwin USCS No. 8, sends the following news item:

A working model of "Old Ironsides", historic war frigate, was sent the century of Progress Fair at the request of President Roosevelt. The model is the work of Theodore Morales, an instructor in wood carving at Evanston, Ill. It was to the White House and won such high commendation that the President suggested it to be sent the World's Fair. President Roosevelt wrote on one of the sails, "It is a marvelous model of my favorite ship".

COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 12, 1933

Byrd L. Powell USCS No. 46 of Long Beach California, advises that on this day he will sponsor a cachet, and inclosed with each copy of this bulletin you will find one envelope for your use. Mr. Powell requests that the envelope be used ONLY ON THE U.S.F. CONSTITUTION. Members please abide by his request. The cachet is very attractive as you will see, showing the fleet

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of Columbus under full sail. The inclosed envelope to each member is sent with the compliments of Byrd L. Powell USCS No. 46.

Dr. H.H. Kretzler USCS No. 55 sends me two fine photos made by Lt. Flokner while flying over the USF CONSTITUTION at Everett Washington. These photos are very clear and shows the wonderful detail. Many thanks for the photos which were also cancelled on the Constitution.

The crew of Old Ironsides showed some old-time seamanship recently when they resteped the main top-gallant mast. They housed the mast 17 feet to make sure of getting under the bridge near Portland, Oregon., where the ship was on display at Swan Island. The job was done perfectly although it is far from an easy task for modern seamen.

W.G. Crosby advises that their chapter will sponsor several cachets and that he will run their "Welcome Return Old Ironsides: cachet in two colors. On Navy Day will run the same cut in two different colors, Oct 27, 1933. He will try also to have another cut made for the last day of Old Ironsides. Dr. Cole of Whittier, California who is a member of the USCS, is making the last day cachet, and Mr. Crosby says it is very fine.

Mr. Crosby says their chapter will also sponsor a cachet for the arrival of the U.S.S. MACON. This design will show the Macon flying over San Pedro Harbor. Old Ironsides will be lying here at the time and all covers will be cancelled aboard. The Macon is due there October 22, 1933. This cachet wording will read:

"Old Ironsides Welcomes the visit of the U.S.S. MACON".

Mr. Crosby wishes all members to mail covers for th U.S.S. Macon cancel to him in care of Mr. Harry Litton, 2236 - 23rd Street, San Pedro, Claifornia. This is done so as to not get the covers for Old Ironsides mixed with the U.S.S. Macon covers. Covers for Old Ironsides Cancel address W.G. Crosby P.O. Box 602, San Pedro California.

FOR SALE.

Old Ironsides West Cosast Cruise Covers at .15¢ each.  
Address W.G. Crosby, Box 602, San Pedro California.

D. C. Bartley, Correspondent

To each chapter organized by January 1, 1934 I will mail a large picture of Old Ironsides in colors, with my compliments.

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September 10, cachet commemorated the second anniversary of Postal Service on board the USF CONSTITUTION. Cachet in purple with purple letters at the bottom, "Old Ironsides" at the top in green letters "Second Anniversary Postal Service".

Mr. Wayne Ervin, USCS No. 115 advises that he is in no way responsible for the poor cancellation on covers from Longview during the visit of the USF Constitution. He says that arrangements had been made for him to apply the cachet to all covers and upon arrival to take over his duty, he found that most of the covers had been cacheted and that boys had been delegated to do this work, and without any previous knowledge or advice were stamping these covers with no thought of care. Most of you who received these covers will understand the situation.

John Paul Jones chapter No. 2 USCS will sponsor a cachet Navy Day October 27, 1933. Covers will be cancelled on the Consitution or other Naval vessels in this section. No charge, just a courtesy from our chapter. Mr. W.Y. Chester the artist who designed the fine Bellingham Constitution cachet will also design this one. Commemoratives on your wrappers will be appreciated. Address all covers to D.C. Bartley, Cachet Director Green Lake Station, Seattle Washington.

When the USF CONSTITUTION passed Crescent City California, the C of C had a three line caachet "US Frigate CONSTITUTION Crescent City California, August 30, 1933", applied to all covers there. The ship did not stop and so none fo the covers were however cancelled at Crescent City, California and dated August 30, and mailed.

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Mr. Faust also advises that there were only four members who entered the contest sponsored by him for guessing the date of probable de-commissioning of the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION. They, and the dates they guessed, were as follows: D.C. Bartley January 11th, 1934, A.K. Roberts February 22nd, 1935, G.W. Smith January 2nd, 1934 and I.M. Wolf February 14th, 1934.

Lee H. Young No. 90 USCS sends the following news item: Ship 87 of the Santa Monica Sea Scouts yesterday had the unique distinction of transferring a sack of mail from shore toe the Frigate CONSTITUTION for mailing. Th letters stamped with a special cachet, were mailed mostly to Santa Monica stamp collectors and their friends. The cachet was sponsored by Lee H. Young USCS No. 90.

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Mr. D.C. Bartley sends the following news item: Through the courtesy of the Seattle Stamp Society and Station KOL at Seattle Washington. Mr. Bartley will broadcast every third Sunday over KOL Seattle at 4:30 P.M. His talks will deal with covers, cachets and naval cancels. Many new members are enrolling in the USCS since the visit of Old Ironsides to the Pacific Northwest.

The old Frigate CONSTITUTION exploit made her famous, became the temporary flagship of the United States Fleet October 21. It was her 136th birthday. Old Ironsides, which was at San Pedro, California for a fortnight's display to the public, was launched in Boston October 21, 1797. When Admiral Davis F. Sellers, Commander-in-Chief of the fleet stepped aboard for an inspection, his four-star flag was raised from the CONSTITUTION'S main truck and she automatically became the flagship. The CONSTITUTION'S started on her cruise July 2, 1931, from the east coast and has since been visited by more than 4,000,000 persons.

WANTED; I am desirous of obtaining numerous east coast CONSTITUTION covers and will trade or buy. Approvals of covers will be gladly accepted. Mail me want list and prices. Homer Drake USCS No. 134 P.O. Box 1153, Seattle, Washington.

The cachet that was sponsored by Chapter No. 7 "Fighting Bob Evans" of San Pedro California is as fine as I have ever seen. Mr. W.G.Crosby sends the following report of the number of covers cancelled:

Old Ironsides Welcomes U.S.S. Macon.....	Blue cancel	415
	Orange	258
	Black	297
Air Mail.....618.....	Green	275
Domestic.....901.....	Red	274
	Total	<hr/> 1519
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All covers were cancelled on the CONSTITUTION October 15, 1933 at 8 A.M. and backstamped at Long Beach, Post Office October 15, 1933 at 11:00 A.M. Mr. W.G. Crosby No. 69, was Cachet Director and handled all the covers of the designer, Mr. C.G. Morris. I will not try to describe the cachet, because I am sure all members have received theirs and can see what a wonderful cachet it is.

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November 15, 1933

Byrd L. Powell USCS No. 46 of Long Beach California, sends the following news items: Cacheted covers aboard the USF CONSTITUTION during her second visit to Long Beach California.

October 6, 1933 - 1st Day.	Official C of C Cachet in Red.	No. of
Covers 3161		
7, " 2nd "	" " " " " " Blue	" "
" 668 " 3rd "	" " " " " " Black	" "
" 543 " 4th "	" " " " " " Green	" "
" 420 " 5th "	" " " " " " Brown	" "
" 419 " 6th "	" " " " " " Red-Blue	" "
" 504 " 7th "	" " " " " " Pur/R/B	" "
" 1365 " 8th "	" " " " " " Yellow	" "
" 497 " 14, " 9th "	" " " " " " " "	" "
Brn-Green " " 278		
" 15, " 10th "	" " " " " " Purple	" "
" 301 " 11th "	" " " " " " Yel-Blue	" "
" 357 " 12th "	" " " " " " Red-Brn	" "
" 335 " 13th "	" " " " " " Pur-Grn	" "
" 330		
Last Day Oct. 19th	Small C of C	Black
" 744		

10,042

On October 1st the USS MACON flew over and Admiral "Fighting Bob Evans Chapter No. 7 USCS., sponsored an "Old Ironsides Welcomes USS MACON" cachet. This cancelled aboard the CONSTITUTION and was printed in (5) varieties, as follows: Yellow 258, Red 274, Green 275, Black 297 and Blue 415., a total of covers cancelled this day in the (5) colors.....1519

	Grand Total.....	11,561
Total number covers cancelled on first visit 3/10-20.....		6,666
" " " " " last " 10/6-19.....		11,561
	both visits.....	18,627

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Number of visitors first visit 68,872  
Number of visitors last visit 154,000  
Total number both visits 222,872

The above signed by the CACHET DIRECTOR, Byrd L. Powell USCS NO.46.

Chapter No 2 USCS "John Paul Jones", Seattle Washington, through their Cachet Director, Mr. D.C. Bartley, reports the following Navy Day Cancellation:

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Chapter No. 7 "Fighting Bib Evans" of San Pedro California, through their Cachet Director, also C of C Cachet Director, reports the following covers cancelled on the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION:

First Day October 19 C of C	3,150
Anniversary October 21 Ship's Cachet	995
Navy Day October 27 C of C	5,316
Last Day, November 2 C of C	2,084
Avalon Cachet November 2 Business Men Assn	<u>2,002</u>
	13,547

Mr. Crosby obtained his figures from Mr. Barnes Supt of Mails stationed at the Navy P.O. Station. Mr. Crosby advises that T.A. Majerowski was detailed to substitute for Harry Moore the last day of the SAN PEDRO covers. Mr. Moore is now a patient on the USS RELIEF hospital ship, sue to an accident on Oct 31 at Los Angeles.

Mr. W.G. Crosby writes that Harry Moore, Navy Mail Clerk on the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION was badly hurt in an auto wreck October 31 while in Los Angeles. We are very sorry to hear to hear this sad news and trust he will soon be well and out again. Mr. Crosby also reports that over 2,000 covers were cancelled the last day of the CONSTITUTION visit at San Pedro.

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November 30, 1933

### NOTICE

THIS BULLETIN IS BEING HELD FOR SEVERAL DAYS SO THAT TWO COVERS SPONSORED BY THE COLUMBUS CHAPTER NO. 5, CAN BE INCLOSED.-  
---Second cover to be cancelled on "OLD IRONSIDES" Christmas Day, San Diego, California.

Admiral H. Standley USN, Chief of Naval Operations, announced that the US Frigate CONSTITUTION will remain in San Diego California until March 15, 1934. Commander Louis J.

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Gulliver USN, of the USF CONSTITUTION, reports that the CONSTITUTION has, since July 1, 1931, been visited by more than 4,500,000 persons without an accident. On her cruise the CONSTITUTION has travelled 20,000 miles visited 79 different ports in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi, and the Pacific Coast. She left Washington Navy Yard December 8, 1932, by way of the Panama Canal to the West Coast, and passed the Canal December 27, 1932. Credit Claude W. Parker USCS No. 97 for the above item.

The Bulletin manager is in receipt of a card cancelled on the CONSTITUTION at San Diego, California November 18, mailed by Commander Louis J. Gulliver. This card bears a likeness of the Commander in the left hand corner with his naval record below, and the following message, "To my friend York Bridell" above his signature. This card is highly appreciated by the recipient.

I am in receipt of three covers from W.G. Crosby at San Pedro that are certainly fine. They are on legal size envelopes and cover events May 26, cancelled at Gray's Harbor on the CONSTITUTION, Navy Day on the CONSTITUTION and from the USS RELIEF on November 13th. during the tactical Maneuvers of the USS MACON with the Battle Fleet. These covers backstamped at S n Pedro California. Many Thanks.

### BULLETIN No. 29

December 15, 1933

D.C. Bartley of the John Paul Jones Chapter No. 2 USCS reports a resolution passed by the Chapter asking that a stamp be issued in honor of the USF CONSTITUTION. This is a fine movement and Mr. Bartley suggests that all Chapters of the USCS, local stamp clubs, papers and business clubs enter into this movement, to have a stamp issued in the near future. Write your senators, and representatives in Congress, also write Postmaster General Farley regarding this matter.

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December 31, 1933

Wanted. Will trade a colored naval or five navals for your duplicate CONSTITUTION covers - or - will pay cash if price is right. Donald Schramm, USCS No. 194 - 1972 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

D.C. Bartley sends me a letter which was written to Mr. Raymone R. Freshwater USCS No. 258 of Ogden Utah, by the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D.C. regarding the stamp which has been proposed in honor of Old Ironsides. Quote-



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"Your interest in calling attention to the matter is appreciated and you may be assured that if conditions are found to be more favorable at some later time, the Department will be pleased to provide a stamp in commemoration of "Oold Ironsides". This is good news and I wish every chapter would take up this matter in a concerted effort to get this stam issued.

### BULLETIN No. 31

January 15, 1934

Mr. D.C. Bartley 's book on Old Ironsides and its covers will soon be in the making I understand from him. He writes that there will be 100 pictures in this booklet. I know that all USCS members are looking forward to the date of issue when they will be able to purchase a copy.

Mr. M.R. Hall asks that the following item be mentioned in this bulletin: D.C. Bartley ran a note in the Western Stamp Collector telling collectors to send covers to Hall for the pringed Ironsides and Perry cachets. This was only for USCS members and only one cover was allowed each member. Well, several hundred covers were sent M. Hall for this cachet. He will hold them for future events on return them to senders if they furnish postage for the same. Mr. Bartley misinterpreted Mr. Hall's letter regarding this event. Mr. Hall sys, he is very sorry that he will be unable to carry out the request as it was for USCS members only. I am sure this will explain the matter.

### BULLETIN No. 32

January 31, 1934

Dr. C.L. Albright of the University of Richmond at Richmond Va., writes me under date of January 25 that his book will be on the market early in February. This book is published by the Dietz Press, 109 Cory St., Richmond, Va. The edition is limited to 500 copies at \$2.00 each. I am sure every member will want a copy of this book, the title of which is, "The East Coast Cruise of the U.S.F. Constitution". A check list of dates of departures and arrivals, along with the number of visitors at each port is given. The dates found in this book are indispensable to Old Ironsides cover collectors. The covers mailed at each port are described.

The following item sent me by Dr. H.H. Kretzler USCS No. 55 of Edmonds Wash.: A.H. Voss USCS No. 204-A of the USS relief, San Pedro, Calif., will sponsor a cachet Feby 20. It will commemorate the victory of the CONSTITUTION over the Cyane and Levant, and will also boost the Old Ironsides stamp. Members must have covers in Mr. Voss's hand not later than Feb. 13.

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WANTED. East Coast Constitution covers 6 3/4 size, clear cachet and cancel. Clean port name in killer bars. Pay cash or give good West Coast and Merchant Marine in exchange. C.E. Ceder USCS No. 138 South 13., Tacoma, Washington.

Chapter No. 4 of Philadelphia is going ----- . Also, that his chapter is working hard on the stamp in honor of the USF CONSTITUTION. They are enlisting aid of the public schools, all local stamp clubs and also near by stamp and cover clubs, and so far, are getting excellent cooperation from them all.

R.L. Ruzzette Q.M. Sgt. USMC Marine Barracks, Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay Cuba. sends me the following items; Old Ironsides Historical Anniversaries;

Dec 23 1803	Captured Turkish ketch MASTICO 2/70 Tripolitans
" 24 1814	Captured and sank British Merchant ship Lord Nelson
" 29 18	Captured and burned British Frigate Java.
Jan 16 1799	Captured English ship Spencer from French Frigate L'Ubsurgente
Feb 16 1804	Lt. Stephen Decatur fired the captured Philadelphia in Tripoli.
" 28 1813	Returned to Boston for overhaul.
" 14 1814	Captured and sent to Barbados merchant ship Lovely Ann.
" 15 1814	Captured Ship Pictou.
" 18 1814	Captured and sank British merchant schooner Phenix.
" 19 1814	Captured and sank British Brig Catherine.
" 17 1815	Captured and sent to N.Y. British merchant ship Susannah.
" 20 1815	Captured and ordered sent in British ships Cyane and Levant,

latter subsequently recaptured by British squadron.

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### MISSING

BULLETIN No. 36.

March 31, 1934

Please note the following AP news item received here, regarding the U.S.F. CONSTITUTION;

WASHINGTON, March 21. - Chairman Trammell of the senate naval affairs committee was informed by radiogram from Louis J. Gulliver today that the frigate "Old Ironsides" would arrive at St. Petersburg, Fla., April 13 for The Last APPEARANCE of thirty

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months tour. We understand Charleston, S.C. stop is for fuel and provisions. I mentioned Bulletin No. 35 regarding cachets here which are being sponsored by the C of C of which the Bulletin Manager is chairman, and also a cachet being sponsored by Mr. Newman Sec-Treas and myself for USCS members only, on the day of arrival will have time to send them in after receiving this bulletin. Please get them in by April 11, as none will be received after that date.

The following is the intinerary of the USF CONSTITUTION to the East Coast.

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
	San Diego, California	20 March
2 April	Canal Zone	7 April
13 "	St. Petersburg, Fla.	20 April
24 "	Charleston, S. C.	27 April
1 May	Boston, Mass	

After arrival Navy Yard Boston CONSTITUTION will be placed in service - not commissioned and retained as a Naval relic.

Chapter No. 11 Washington, D.C. was organized-----.  
This Chapter will probably sponsor special cachets when the USF CONSTITUTION and also the USS MACON pay visits to the capitol city.

All USCS members that want covers cancelled while the USF CONSTITUTION is here at St. Petersburg, Fla., please mail them at once as no covers will be accepted after April 11, 1934. No postage dues or cards accepted.

### BULLETIN No. 37

April 15, 1934

Due to the heavy head winds the CONSTITUTION will not arrive at St. Petersburg, until late the afternoon of the 14, or the morning of the 15 of April. This is a radiogram from Commander L.J. Gulliver of the CONSTITUTION. All covers will be cancelled the first and last days of the visit of the vessel.

The Chamber of Commerce of Charleston, S.C. Advises they will have a special cachet for the visit of the CONSTITUTION. This report reached me April 12.

Received from W.G. Crosby a selection of stamp photos of the CONSTITUTION, LEXINGTON, PORTLAND, and others. A fine little

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photo and sells to members for .15¢ per sheet of 16 stamps if self-addressed stamped envelopes are furnished.-----

L. Gwynne USCS No. 26, 248 Park Street, Dorchester, Mass will handle a chapter cachet for the return of Old Ironsides to Boston, Mass.

Covers unstuffed, unseaked, and size 6 3/4 only.

Commander Louis J. Gulliver of the USF CONSTITUTION sends me a number 10 cover autographed and mailed aboard the CONSTITUTION at the Gulf of Tehuantepec, on March 27, P.M. This fine cover is rreatly appreciated.

Many thoughtful friends, sending in covers to be cancelled on Old Ironsides, kindly included a cover for the bulletin manager, while others posted their wrappers with commemoratives. Thank you for those favors. To those few who mailed in postage dues, he does not feel so grateful as he has to pay this himself. However, they have been stamped and all covers eill go forward.

Word was received in St. Petersburg, that the CONSTITUTION left the canal on Friday for this city, and arrangements have been made to receive the ship upon her arrival.

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April 30, 1934

During the visit of the USF CONSTITUTION to St. Petersburg, Commander Gulliver told me that he has never refused his autograph to anyone requesting it. This is a splendid record. The Commander and his charming wife spent an evening ot our house while here and we thoroughly enjoyed their delightful society. Fully two hours were passed looking through my albums of covers, in which the Commander was very much interested. Your president arranged a trip for them over the city in the Goodyear blimp Resolute, the party consisting of Commander and Mrs. Gulliver, Captain Smith of the Resolute, Mrs. Briddell and myself. A very enjoyable event was the tea on board ship, given by Mrs. Gulliver. We were amon those fortunate enough to receive invitations.

At a recent meeting the Richard Admiral Byrd Chapter USCS No. 11 of Washington, D.C. a plan was submitted to the members, who delegated Mr. H.P. Faust No. 3 to present it to the Society. Harry Moore, mail clerk of the CONSTITUTIION, was married just before his ship left for the west coast. Members of the USCS are indebted to him for his kindness, his patience and willingness to be of service to us. It has been suggested that if each member

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of the USCS contributed the very small sum of ONE DIME, the resulting total would be very close to \$50.00 which would purchase a nice gift for Harry and his bride, as a token of our appreciation. I think this is a wonderful idea and I am sure all the members of our society will be glad to accept this plan and contribute. I am appointing Mr. Faust as chairman of the committee, leaving him to select a 100% donation of Chapter No. 11. Mail your dime to Mr. Faust, P.O. Box 129C - Greensboro, N.C. Mr. Faust will report progress of the fund through the bulletin.

Have you purchased a copy of D.C. Bartley's book "Cachets of the U.S.F. Constitution Pacific Coast Cruise 1933-1934"? If not, you have missed a buy. This book gives a complete history of the cancels on the Pacific Coast as well as cuts of cachets, etc. Mr. Bartley will be glad to mail you a copy of his book for the price of \$1.00. Address D.C. Bartley, Green Lake Station, Seattle Wash.

### 2,000,000 Letters Stamped By Frigate Clerk on Cruise by John Watts

It takes a good right arm and infinite patience to handle a job like that of Harry Moore, navy mail clerk on Old Ironsides. Imagine starting on a Cruise like that of less than three years ago and looking back now on more than 2,000,000 letters stamped with the old ship's cachet and cancelled with her own postal department stamp: For that's how many pieces of mail Moore, who occupies that little cubby-hole on the lower deck of the CONSTITUTION, has stamped since the frigate left Boston in July, 1931, on her present and final cruise. Practically everyone who visits the grand old ship wants some memento of her and as the sale of souvenirs, tokens, etc., is expressly forbidden by the navy, the crowds usually look to the ship's postal department for that memento. In addition, philatelists, knowing the value of a CONSTITUTION stamped letter, bring their letters on board for stamping and mailing. One day said Moore, shortly after the ship entered a big port, he personally stamped 12,000 letters, a record. The number here, he said, he was unable to estimate but it is several a day. He takes the mail bag ashore himself, he says, and delivers it to the postoffice. Moore has a boxful of cachets which have been used from time to time on the old ship. One of the most popular, he said, is one that was given the ship by the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce when it visited here two years ago. Many thousand letters have been stamped with the cachet, said Moore, on the present cruise. The Chamber of Commerce's present cachet was comparatively easy for Moore to handle as it is printed on the envelope and does not have to be affixed with a rubber stamp. According to H.E. Warner, cachet

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director for the Chamber, and York Briddell, chairman of the Chamber's aviation department a total of 5,078 letters stamped with the Chamber's new cachet was cancelled by the Constitution's postal department, Sunday April 15, commemorating the arrival of the ship in port. The next cancellation will be on April 23 marking the departure. The number that day will exceed the arrival day Briddell said Tuesday. The little cubbyhole on the lower deck of the ship that Moore uses for his office was originally a warrant officer's pantry, used in preparing meals for the officers. It was fitted out as a postoffice when the ship was reconditioned in modern times and Moore does a complete post office business there including the issuance of mail orders, etc.

The total number of covers cancelled by the Chamber of Commerce and USCS at St. Petersburg, Fla., during the visit of Old Ironsides were as follows:

Chamber of Commerce cancelled April 15, 1934	5,078
" " " " " 23, "	<u>5,583</u>
	10,661

Cachet sponsored by Y. Briddell USCS No. 1 and Alfred E. Newman USCS No. 2 for Old Ironsides visit was as follows:

Cancelled April 15, 1934	625
" " 23, "	<u>750</u>
	1,375

Many covers came in too late for our cachets and were put on board ship for the ship cancel. Many postage due and requests that could not be complied with, were received.

With St. Petersburg its last official port of call, the historic frigate Constitution - better known as "Old Ironsides" - arrived in port here early this afternoon of April 14 for a ten day stay. The frigate could be seen coming up Tampa Bay under convoy of the mine-sweeper Grebe and ocean-going tug Umpqua, by crowds on the pier. The ship entered the bay at 9 o'clock and slowly approached Myllet key, arriving there at 11 o'clock. Two tugs, the Ralph E. Haven furnished through the courtesy of the Floridan Power Corporation, and the Neptune of Port Tampa, met the ship and its convoy at the mouth of the bay to escort it here. As the Constitution approached Muut key, a group of city officials, headed by Major Blair flew over the ship in the Goodyear blimp Resolute. The party included the Mayor, City Manager C.F. Sharpe, Lt. Commander Franke and York Briddell, Chamber of commerce Aviation Committee Chairman. The frigate has made last leg of a cruise with the Pacific navy fleet from San

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Diego, Cal., to the Atlantic seaboard, via the Panama Canal. In view of her majesty of American waters, the Constitution led the fleet as far as Cuban waters. St. Petersburg had it first glimpse of "Old Ironsides" April 7, 1932 when it arrived for a three day stay. Thousands of school children and adults visited her during her stay. The ship is filled with relics of the past, throughout. When it was restored at a cost of more than a million dollars several years ago, everything was replaced on the ship as it was the day it was placed in water in 1797.

It is possible that the USS Grebe upon release from duty with the USS CONSTITUTION, may overhaul at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., about May 14, 1934.

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May 15, 1934

The fund for the wedding present for Harry Moore, mail clerk of the USF CONSTITUTION, and his wife, is increasing steadily.-----

Soon after, the arrival of the CONSTITUTION at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., she will be decommissioned and put into service, not commissioned. Sufficient personnel will be kept on board to assure satisfactory material maintenance, protection of relics on board, and safety from hazards. The CONSTITUTION will be maintained in permanent mooring, accessible to visitors.

To show the appreciation of collectors of naval cancellations to Commander Gulliver for his many courtesies to members of the USCS who have enjoyed so many unusual things from the USF Constitution in the past two years. It has been suggested that the USCS procure a complete file of all cachets on cover at points at which the Constitution had officially stopped during its series of tours of the past two years. One cover of each. To be assembled and mounted in a handsome album and presented to Commander Gulliver as a memento of his term as "Skipper" on this historic old ship. We find Commander Gulliver much interested in cachets and covers, and is a lasting memory of the USCS, it has been suggested that all covers come from members of the organization only. Send in a list to secretary Alfred E. Newman, St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, Fla., of various cachets and covers you have available that you could spare. We hope to have sufficient offers that only one cover from a member will be necessary to complete this collection. When we have a complete list, we will notify members what cover to send in. Donors can then autograph the covers, before sending them in. When advising of covers available, name, cachet, date, color, and other pertinent data so as to enable this office to make a

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complete check list, and eliminate duplication.

A copy of the book published by Dr. Charles Leonard Albright, USCS No. 162, of the University of Richmond, Va., has been received by the bulletin manager, the title being "The East Coast Cruise of the U.S. Frigate Constitution". This book is well written and the description of each cachet and cancel is worked out in detail. The editor gives many of the members, as well as the USCS bulletin, much credit for the help given him in securing the data he required. Collectors of Old Ironsides covers certainly cannot afford to be without a copy of this book, which the author will be glad to mail postpaid for the price of \$2.00. Address Dr. C.L. Albright, University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

Here is another nice donation from USCS No. 251 C. Wright Richell. This is a sticker boosting a stamp for Old Ironsides. Mr. Richell has a few of these stickers left which he will sell to members at 10¢ per package of 25 to 30, assorted colors, plus postage. Address Mr. Richell, 2382 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

### BULLETIN No. 40

May 31, 1934

D.C. Bartley of Seattle, Washington wishes to announce that he will mail to each chapter, a beautiful colored copy of the USF Constitution. All that is necessary, write Mr. Bartley an inclose postage to cover mailing.

### BULLETIN No. 41

June 15, 1934

No reference to Old Ironsides.

### BULLETIN No. 42

June 30, 1934

No reference to Old Ironsides.

### BULLETIN No. 43

July 15, 1934

I am in receipt of an interesting letter from Commander Louis J. Gulliver, who is now located in San Francisco, California in charge of the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station. I wish to quote from his letter, regarding the decommissioning of the USF CONSTITUTION. "We placed the good ship out of commission on June 8. Two officers and twenty-three men will remain on board to care for the ship and the priceless relics and gifts that have



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come to her from every port on our cruise. To visitors who will come on board, everything will seem the same. Her commission pennant no longer flies from her main truck, signifying that she is not in active commission and by this token she has no Captain. The Constitution is under the care and custody of Admiral H.H. Hough, who is the Commandant of the Boston Navy Yard. By special permission of the Secretary of the Navy, the Stars and Stripes flies from the Constitution's gaff and Admiral Hough's flag is hoisted to the mizzen truck. It is my honor to have been the last captain and my service as such extended over a longer period of time than any Captain she has had in her long life."

The mail auction catalog of Elmer R. Long, 511 Seneca Street, Harrisburg, Pa., is at hand and we note 105 lots with Naval covers. A free catalog will be gladly sent upon request.

The USS GREBE which was the vessel towing the USF CONSTITUTION on both cruises, is being reconditioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and July 2 was the first day of cancel. Mr. D.E. Howard is to be mail clerk on this vessel. Credit Mr. Green, USCS No. 27.

### BULLETIN No. 44

July 31, 1934

The splendid CONSTITUTION cover which was designed and contributed by the artist Frank R. Cole, USCS No. 98, of Redlands, Calif., is to be cancelled on any vessel the members wish, as it is a booster for all members except those on the Pacific Coast which he writes he has taken care of. So I will send them to those I think he has not covered. Many thanks to Mr. Cole.

### BULLETIN No. 45

August 15, 1934

No reference to Old Ironsides.

