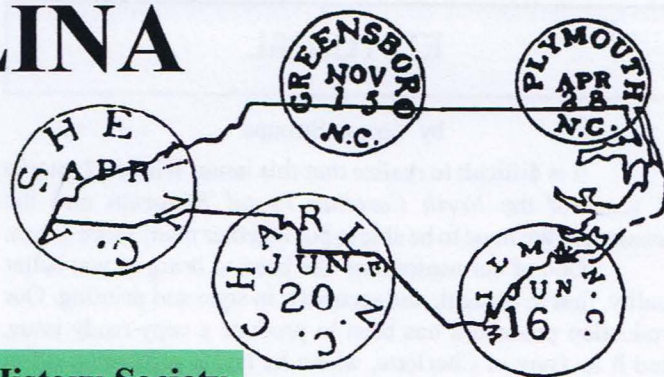


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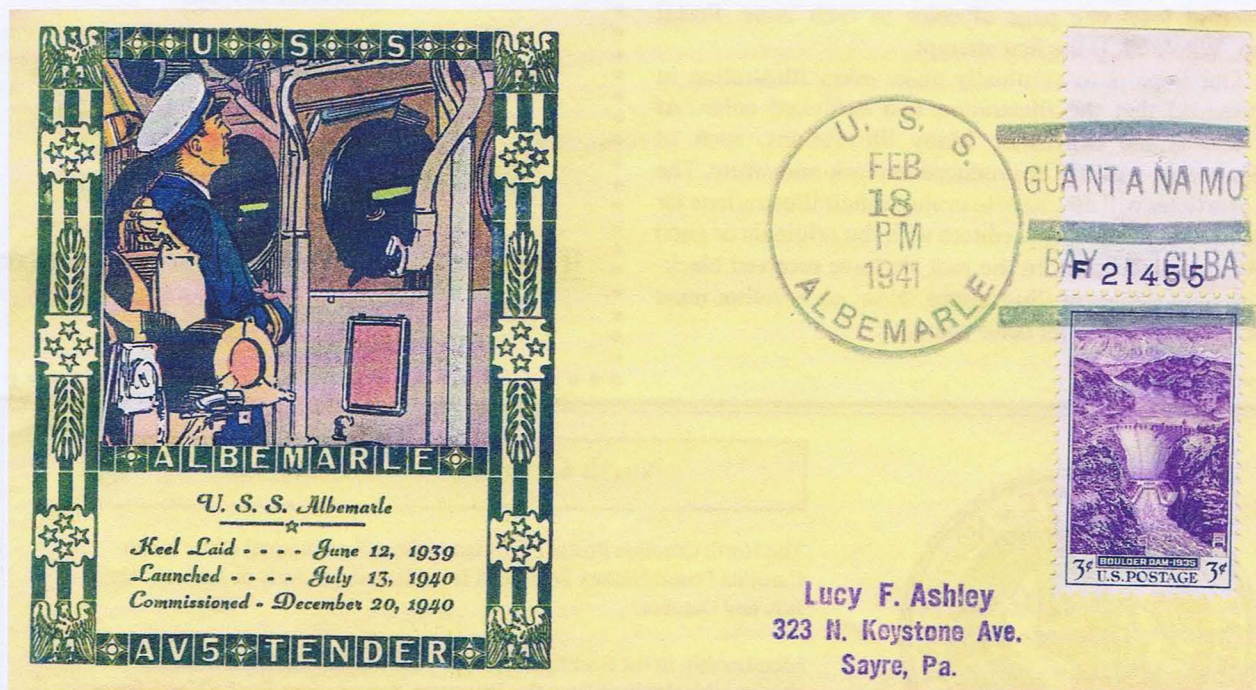


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by Vernon Stroupe

It is difficult to realize that this issue, Whole 72, marks 18 years of the *North Carolina Postal Historian* and the *Newsletter*. We hope to be able to put together many more issues.

One of our aspirations has been to bring to you better quality, first in content, and secondly, in style and printing. Our production procedure has been to produce a copy-ready issue, send it to Tony in Charlotte, where he had it printed on offset press. Tony then stuffed the copies into envelopes with labels provided by Tom Richardson, stamped and mailed them to you.

This procedure has worked very well, but the weak link from our editorial view has been the quality of printing by the offset process. Therefore, as an experiment, we will divert the monies spent on offset printing (paper, ink, collating, labor, etc.) to in-house printing on laser and ink-jet printers. The monies saved by using editors labor will be used in the more expensive process, better grade of paper, and some color inks.

In a few previous issues, we have been able to utilize color through the support of dedicated members. Now, we hope to produce at least one page of color in each issue. *Postal Historian*, Whole 72, is the first attempt.

Our hope is to eventually make every illustration in color, provided that the illustration had sufficient color. At present this is too expensive. Many illustrations, such as stampless covers, will still be produced in black-and-white. The authors of articles will now have to evaluate their illustrations for color content, and furnish the editors with the originals or good quality color photocopies. In the past we have received black-and-white photocopies of illustrations. Now, each author must evaluate the illustrations for color content.

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We can make, and offer, many technical improvements. The quality of the *Postal Historian* can be greatly improved. But, the members have the final word. Will the improvements be appreciated and supported? Will we continue to get members to write articles about what is in their collections? At present we have enough articles for one more *Postal Historian*.

Let us hear from you!

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North Carolina at Sea

by Tony L. Crumbley

In previous journals, I have focused on the postal markings in great detail from the USS North Carolina and the USS Raleigh. After the last article, I was asked how many other North Carolina related ships have there been. Quite frankly, I didn't know. The lack of knowledge presented a challenge.

Prior to 1900, U.S. warships traveled beyond the coastal waters of the United States only in time of war or dire necessity, thus the need for post offices on board ships of our Navy was minimal. Outgoing mails from on board U.S. Navy ships was handled by the post offices of the ports of call, carried to the post offices by Navy courier.

This procedure includes the famous U.S. Navy Lyceum markings. The Lyceum was a Navy training ship stationed at Brooklyn for the training of midshipmen from Annapolis, but which made training cruises along the east coast.

The situation changed when President Roosevelt sent off the "Great White Fleet" to travel the world with our troops on board. Navy department order number 74, approved by congress on May 27, 1908 and dated June 27, 1908, provided the terms and conditions for Navy mail clerks. It stated they must obey general postal regulations as well as special Navy department

regulations.

With order number 74, the birth of Navy shipboard post offices began. Since that time, more than 5,000 ships have had postal clerks and more than 210,000 different postal markings have been recorded from these ships. The universal ship cancellation society has done a yeoman task of recording and cataloging these markings. Markings can be found from ships of the U.S. Navy wherever they are stationed on this globe.

In reviewing their recent catalog of markings more than 70 ships with North Carolina names or names reminiscent of North Carolina are included. There are numerous ships with names like Charleston, Cleveland, Jamestown, Turkey and Nashville which could have been included but were not. This list is still a work in progress. Over the years, North Carolina namesake ships have included battleships, attack cargo ship, sea plane tender flagship, command ship, light cruiser, submarines, gunboats, and even tug boats.

The following list of ships is designed to give you a feel for the opportunities that abound in naval postmarks. Provided is the ship name, the key dates, type of ship and the number of different postmarks known from each ship.

ALAMANCE AKA 75 Br. #15339

K-L Sep. 15, 1944 Lau Nov. 11, 1944
FDC Dec. 22, 1944 LDC Jun. 25, 1946
POE Jan. 10, 1945 POD May 18, 1946
Postmarks 3
Attack Cargo Ship
Struck Jul. 19, 1946. Trans to Maritime Comm.

ALBEMARLE AV 5 (see cover)

K-L Jun. 12, 1939 Lau Jul. 13, 1940
FDC Dec. 20, 1940 LDC Aug. 14, 1950
POE Dec. 19, 1940 POD May 19, 1950
FDR Oct. 21, 1957 LDC Oct. 21, 1960
POR Oct. 21, 1957 POD Aug. 2, 1960
Postmarks 29
Seaplane Tender
Struck Sep. 1, 1962; but reinstated Mar. 27, 1965, renamed CORPUS CHRISTI BAY (ARVH-1) and assigned to Military Sealift Command Re-struck Dec. 31, 1974; sold for scrap Jul. 17, 1975.

APPALACHIAN AGC 1

Lau Jan. 29, 1943 Acq Feb. 27, 1943
FDC Oct. 2, 1943 LDC May 21, 1947
POE Sep. 15, 1943 POD Feb. 28, 1947
Postmarks 4
Amphibious Force Flagship
Struck Mar. 1, 1959; scrapped.

ASHEVILLE PG 21 (Figure 1)

K-L Jun. 9, 1917 Lau Jul. 4, 1918
FDC Jul. 6, 1920 Sunk Mar. 3, 1942
POE Jul. 8, 1920 POD Mar. 3, 1942
Postmarks 15
Gunboat
Sunk by Japanese surface craft in the Java Sea Mar. 3, 1942.

ASHEVILLE PF 1 ex PG 101 (Figure 2)

K-L Mar. 10, 1942 Lau Aug. 22, 1942
FDC Dec. 1, 1942 LDC Jan. 14, 1946
POE Feb. 15, 1943 POD May 1, 1945
Postmarks 4
Frigate
Designation changed Apr. 15, 1943. Built in Canada. Struck Feb. 25, 1946; sold to Argentina Jun. 13, 1946; named HERCULES (P-31).

BEAUFORT AK 6 ex NOTS-3008

Built 1909 Acq Apr. 6, 1917
FDC Sep. 20, 1917 LDC Nov. 16, 1919
POE Jan. 8, 1918 POD Nov. 15, 1919
FDR Mar. 1, 1920 LDC Dec. 23, 1925
POR Mar. 9, 1920 POD Dec. 21, 1925
Postmarks 2
Cargo ship
Former German collier SS RHEINGRAF, later RUDOLPH BLUMBERG. Desig. changed July 17, 1920, Sold Oct. 22, 1926



Figure 1

as SS FJORDEN.

BEAUFORT PF 59 EX PG 167Br. #15076

K-L Jul. 21, 1943 Lau Oct. 9, 1943
 FDC Aug. 28, 1944 LDC Apr. 19, 1946
 POE Nov. 1, 1944 POD Mar. 31, 1946
 Postmarks 3
 Frigate
 Desig. changed Apr. 15, 1943. Sold Apr. 11, 1947.

BEAUFORT ATS -2 (Figure 3, unlisted)

BELMONT AGTR 4 ex AG 167

Built 1944 Acq 1964
 FDC Nov. 2, 1964 LDC Jan. 16, 1970
 POE Nov. 12, 1964 POD Dec. 17, 1969
 Postmarks 6
 Technical Research Ship Postmarks 0
 Former Victory ship SS IRAN VICTORY.
 Designation changed Apr. 1, 1964. Struck Jan. 16, 1970; sold.

BLUE RIDGE AGC 2

Lau Mar. 7, 1943 Acq Mar. 15, 1943
 FDC Sep. 27, 1943 LDC Mar. 14, 1947
 POE Sep. 20, 1943 POD Aug. 29, 1946
 Postmarks 4
 Amphibious Force Flagship
 Struck Jan. 1, 1960. Sold for scrap Aug. 18, 1960.

BLUE RIDGE LCC 19 ex AGC (Figure 4)

K-L Fed. 27, 1967 Lau Jan. 4, 1969 1, 1975.
 FDC Nov. 14, 1970 LDC

POE Nov. 14, 1970 POD

Postmarks 20
 Amphibious Command Ship
 Designation changed to command ship Aug. 14, 1968.

BURKE APD 65 ex DE 215

K-L Jan. 1, 1943 Lau Apr. 3, 1943
 FDC Aug. 20, 1943 LDC Jun. 22, 1949
 POE Aug. 20, 1943 POD Jan. 20, 1947
 Postmarks 4
 High Speed Transport
 Postmarks used after POD. Designation changed Jan. 24, 1945.
 Struck Jun. 1, 1968. Transferred to Columbia as ALMIRANTE
 BRION (DT-7).

BURLINGTON PF 51

K-L Oct. 19, 1943 Lau Dec. 7, 1943
 FDC Apr. 3, 1944 LDC Aug. 26, 1945
 PO Cancelled Jul. 8, 1944
 FDR Jan. 5, 1951 LDC Sep. 15, 1952
 Frigate
 Trans. to Columbia in 1953; named ALMIRANTE BROWN
 (PF -282). Struck by Colombia in 1968 and scrapped.

CATAWBA ATA 210

Lau Feb. 15, 1945 Acq Apr. 18, 1945
 FDC Apr. 18, 1945 LDC Feb. 1, 1972
 Postmarks 1
 Auxiliary Ocean Tug
 Had no post office. The marking reads "ATA 210" and does
 not have the ship's name.
 Ordered as ATR-137; reclass. ATA-210 May 15, 1944

Transferred to Argentina Feb. 10, 1972 as COMODORO
SOMELLERA (A-9); struck Feb.

CHARLOTTE CA 12 ex NORTH CAROLINA

K-L Mar. 21, 1905 Lau Oct. 6, 1906
FDC May 7, 1908 LDC Feb. 18, 1921
POE Nov. 13, 1908 POD Feb. 18, 1921
Postmark 1
Heavy Cruiser
Name changed to CHARLOTTE Jun. 6, 1920.
Struck Jul. 15, 1930; sold Sep. 29, 1930.

CHARLOTTE PF 60

K-L Aug. 5, 1943 Lau Oct. 30, 1943
FDC Oct. 9, 1944 LDC Apr. 16, 1946
POE Oct. 20, 1944 POD Mar. 30, 1946
Postmarks 2
Frigate
Sold May 13, 1947 as SS BAHIA.

Charlotte SSN 766 (Figure 5)

Lau 3 Oct 1992
LDC 16 Sep 1994
LA Class Attack Submarine

CHEROKEE ATF 66 ex AT 66 (Figure 6)

K-L Dec. 23, 1938 Lau Nov. 10, 1939
FDC Apr. 26, 1940 LDC Jun. 29, 1946
POE May 28, 1940 POD Oct. 13, 1945
Postmarks 15
Fleet Ocean Tug
Type 3 retained after POD. Designation changed May 15,
1944. Transferred to Coast Guard Jun. 29, 1946 as WATF-165;
reclassified WMEC-165 in 1968. De-commissioned by the
Coast Guard Feb. 28, 1991; sunk as a target 1993.

CONCORD CL 10 ex CS 10

K-L Mar. 29, 1920 Lau Dec. 15, 1921
FDC Nov. 3, 1923 LDC Dec. 12, 1945
POE Nov. 11, 1923 POD Dec. 11, 1945
Postmarks 25
Light Cruiser
Designation changed Jul. 17, 1920. Sold Jan. 21,
1947.

CONCORD AFS5

K-L Mar. 26, 1966 Lau Dec. 17, 1966
FDC Nov. 27, 1968 LDC Oct. 15, 1992
POE Nov. 27, 1968 POD Oct. 15, 1992
Postmarks 11
Combat Store Ship
Assigned to Military Sealift Command and
placed "In Service" Oct. 15, 1992.

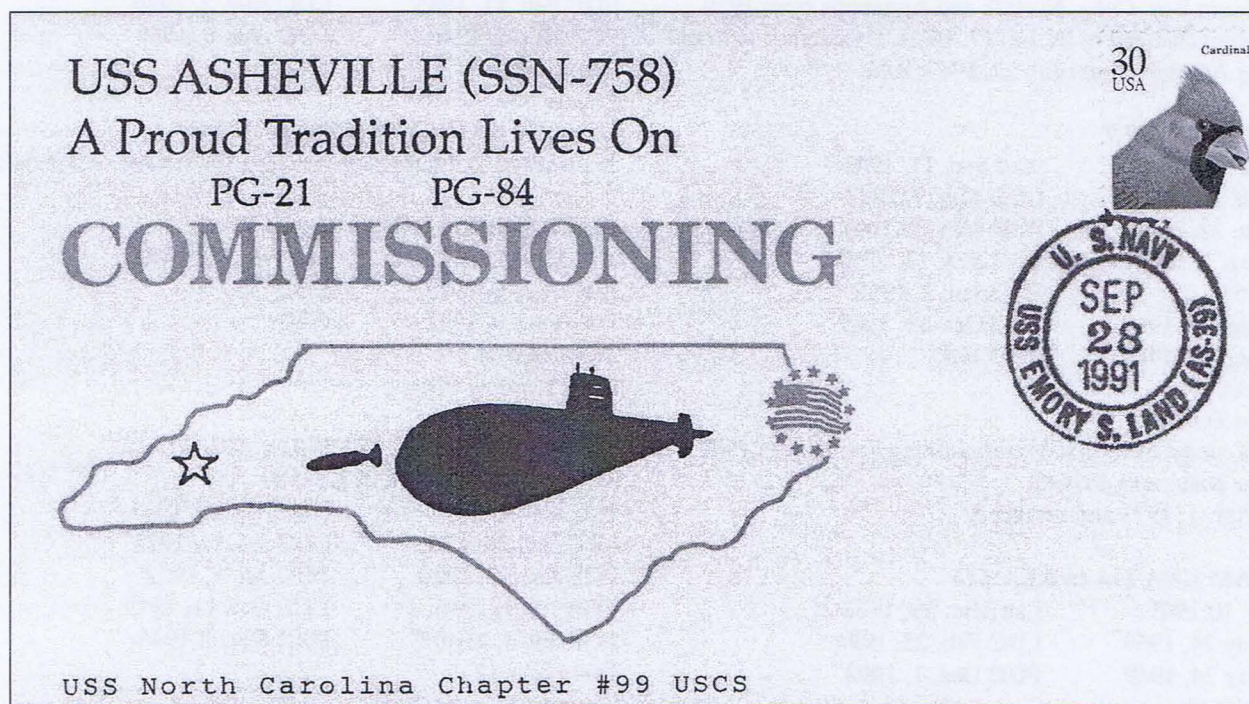


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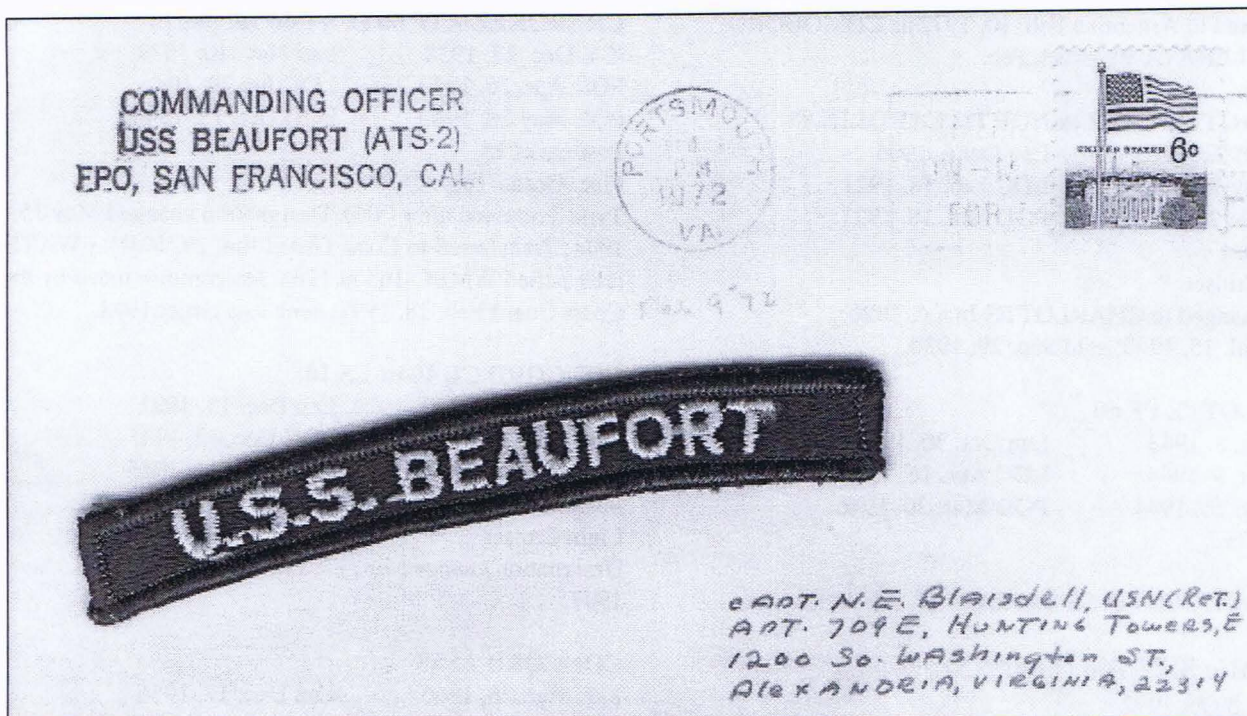


Figure 3

CUMBERLAND IX 8

K-L Jan. 21, 1904 Lau Aug. 17, 1904
FDC Jul. 20, 1907 LDC Oct. 31, 1946
POE Dec. 5, 1912 POD Dec. 29, 1913

Postmarks 5

Unclassified Miscellaneous Vessel

Assigned as a training ship at Newport, R.I.,
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Norfolk and Annapolis from 1919.
Designation changed to IX Jul. 17, 1920. Transferred to War
Shipping Administration Jul. 22, 1947; sold.

CURRITUCK AV 7

K-L Dec. 14, 1942 Lau Sep. 11, 1943
FDC Jun. 26, 1944 LDC Aug. 7, 1947
POE Jun. 22, 1944 POD May 20, 1947
FDR Aug. 1, 1951 LDC Feb. 12, 1958
POR 1951 POD Jan. 2, 1958
FDR Aug. 20, 1960 LDC Oct. 31, 1967
POR Aug. 11, 1960 POD 1967

Postmarks 19

Seaplane Tender

The 2(n) cancel from first commissioning was used in 1951
until new postmarks arrived.

Struck Apr. 1, 1971 and scrapped.

DURHAM LKA 114 ex AKA 114

K-L Jul. 10, 1967 Lau Mar. 29, 1968
FDC May 24, 1969 LDC Feb. 25, 1994
POE May 24, 1969 POD Dec. 1, 1993

Postmarks 10

Amphibious Cargo Ship

The LDC straight line is a "Directory Service"
marking. Designation changed Oct. 1, 1968.

Assigned to Naval Reserve Force Oct. 1, 1979; returned to
active service Oct. 1, 1982.

FORSYTH PF 102 Br. #15532

K-L Dec. 6, 1943 Lau May 20, 1944
FDC Feb. 11, 1945 LDC Aug. 2, 1946
POE Feb. 1, 1946 POD Apr. 8, 1946

Postmarks 2

Frigate

Loaned to the Coast Guard Mar. 15, 1946.

Transferred to the Netherlands July 1947; named CUMULUS.

FORT FISHER LSD 40 (Figure 7)

K-L Jul. 15, 1970 Lau Apr. 22, 1972
FDC Dec. 9, 1972 LDC
POE Dec. 9, 1972 POD

Postmarks 11

Dock Landing Ship

GOLDSBOROUGH DD 188 ex APD 32

ex AVD 5 ex AVP 18 ex DD 188

K-L Jun. 8, 1918 Lau Nov. 20, 1918
FDC Jan. 26, 1920 LDC Jul. 14, 1922
POE Jan. 27, 1920 POD Jul. 1, 1922
FDR Jul. 1, 1940 LDC Oct. 11, 1945
POR Jul. 1, 1940 POD Oct. 9, 1945

Postmarks 12

Destroyer

Designation changed to AVP Nov. 15, 1939, and cancelled.

Designation changed to AVD Aug. 2, 1940, and to APD Mar. 7, 1944. Reverted to DD Jul. 18, 1945. Struck Oct. 24, 1945. Scrapped.

GOLDSBOROUGH DDG 20 (Figure 8)

K-L Jan. 3, 1961 Lau Dec. 15, 1961
FDC Nov. 9, 1963 LDC Apr. 30, 1993
POE Nov. 9, 1963 POD Apr. 30, 1993
Postmarks 11
Guided Missile Destroyer
Struck Apr. 30, 1993. Sold to Australia for spare parts.

GRAHAM DD 192

K-L Sep. 7, 1918 Lau Mar. 22, 1919
FDC Mar. 13, 1920 LDC Mar. 31, 1922
POE Jun. 2, 1921 POD Aug. 30, 1921
Postmarks 1
Destroyer
Damaged in a collision with SS PANAMA Dec. 16, 1921 off the New Jersey coast. Struck May 4, 1922, sold for scrap Sep. 19, 1922.

GRAHAM COUNTY AGP 1176 ex

LST 1176
K-L Feb. 4, 1957 Lau Sep. 9, 1957
FDC Apr. 17, 1958 LDC Mar. 1, 1977
POE Jan. 7, 1961 POD Feb. 17, 1977
Postmarks 7
Motor Torpedo Boat Tender

A forgery of G-56a exists. Designation changed to AGP Aug. 1, 1972. Struck Mar. 1, 1977. Sold.

GRANVILLE APA 171

Lau Oct. 23, 1944 Acq. Nov. 21, 1944
FDC Nov. 21, 1944 LDC May 10, 1946
POE Oct. 30, 1944 POD Jan. 31, 1946
Postmarks 3
Attack Transport
Transferred to Maritime Comm May 11, 1946.
Struck May 21, 1946.

GREENSBORO PF 101 Br. #15520

K-L Sep. 23, 1943 Lau Feb. 9, 1944
FDC Jan. 29, 1945 LDC Mar. 14, 1946
POE Feb. 1, 1945 POD Mar. 1, 1946
Postmarks 2
Frigate
Struck Apr. 23, 1947. Scrapped.

HENDERSON DD 785 Br. #16182

K-L Oct. 27, 1944 Lau May 28, 1945
FDC Aug. 4, 1945 LDC Sep. 30, 1980
POE Aug. 20, 1945 POD Jun. 30, 1975
Postmarks 13
Destroyer
Struck Sep. 30, 1980. Trans. to Pakistan.

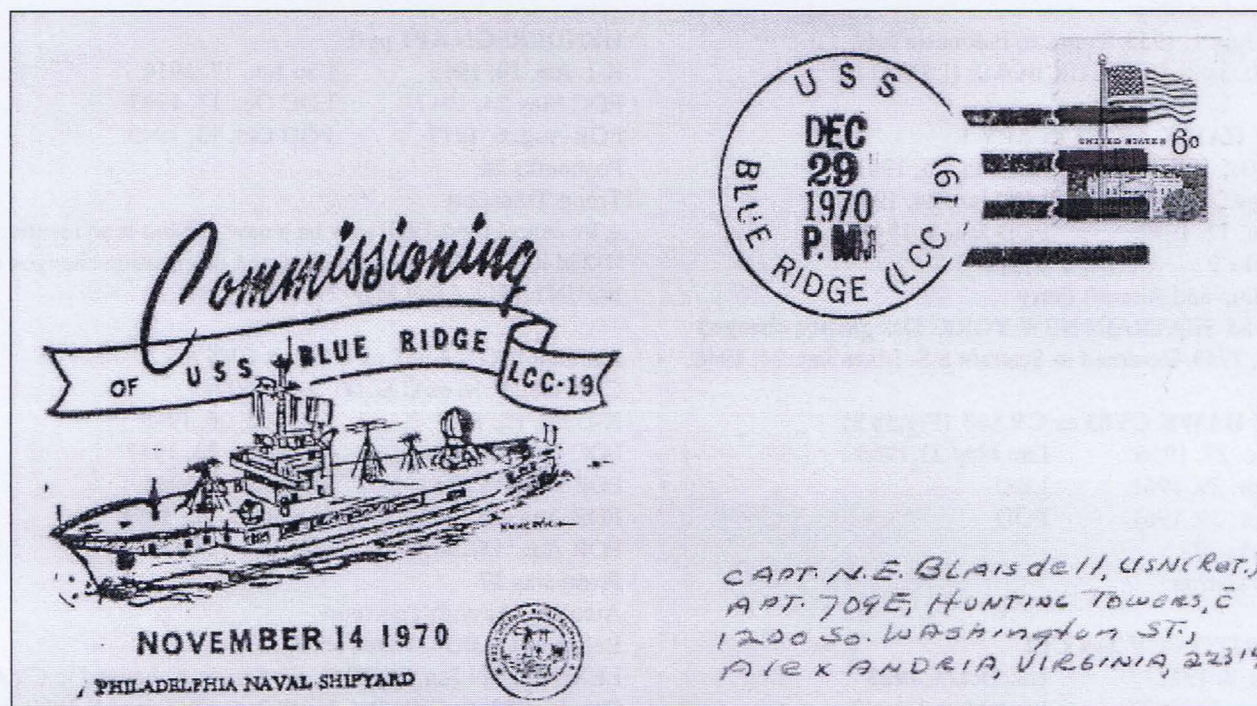


Figure 4



Figure 5

IREDELL COUNTY LST 839 ex LST 839

K-L Sep. 25, 1944 Lau Nov. 12, 1944
 FDC Dec. 6, 1944 LDC Jul. 24, 1946
 FDR Jun. 18, 1966 LDC Jul. 1970
 POE POD 1970
 Postmarks 2
 Tank Landing Ship
 Named July 1, 1955. Trans. to Indonesia July 15, 1970, named TELLUK BOME (LST-511).

KITTY HAWK AKV 1 ex APV 1

Built 1932 Acq Jun. 25, 1941
 FDC Nov. 26, 1941 LDC Jan. 24, 1946
 POE Jan. 12, 1942 POD Jan. 3, 1946
 Postmarks 9
 Cargo Ship and Aircraft Ferry
 Former SS SEATRAN NEW YORK. Designation changed Sep. 15, 1943. Returned to Seatrain S.S. Lines Jan. 24, 1946.

KITTY HAWK CV63 ex CVA63 (Figure 9)

K-L Dec. 27, 1956 Lau May 21, 1960
 FDC Apr. 29, 1961 LDC
 POE Apr. 29, 1961 POD
 Postmarks 37
 Aircraft Carrier

LEXINGTON CV 2 ex CCI

K-L Jan. 8, 1921 Lau Oct. 3, 1925
 FDC Dec. 14, 1927 Sunk May 8, 1942
 POE Jan. 11, 1928 POD Jul. 2, 1942
 Postmarks 25

Aircraft Carrier

It is most likely that postal service began on Mar. 16, 1928. Type 6 cancels exist with earlier dates, but they are believed to be backdated. Designation changed to CF on Jul. 1, 1922. Sunk as a result of enemy action during the Battle of Coral Sea. Struck Jun. 24, 1942.

HENDERSON AP1 pytl

K-L Jun. 19, 1915 Lau Jun. 17, 1916
 FDC May 24, 1917 LDC Oct. 13, 1943
 POE Aug. 6, 1917 POD Oct. 13, 1943
 Postmarks 24
 Troop Transport
 A 9v cancel used 1940 may be a new one but is so identical to H-28d it is not illustrated. Name and designation changed to BOUNTIFUL AH-9 Mar. 23, 1944.

LEXINGTON A VT ex CVT ex CVS ex

CVA ex CV 16 ex CABOT Br. #16094
 K-L Jul. 15, 1941 Lau Sep. 26, 1942
 FDC Feb. 17, 1943 LDC Apr. 23, 1947
 POE Mar. 15, 1943 POD Jun. 8, 1946
 FDR Aug. 15, 1955 LDC Nov. 26, 1991
 POR Aug. 15, 1955 POD Nov. 26, 1991
 Postmarks 37
 Auxiliary Aircraft Transport
 Begun as CABOT. Name changed to LEXINGTON Jun. 16, 1942. Designation changed to CVA Oct. 1, 1952; to CVS Oct. 1, 1962; to CVT Jan. 1, 1969; and to AVT Jul. 1, 1978. Struck Nov. 30, 1991 and trans. to the City of Corpus Christi, Tex. Jan. 23, 1992 as a memorial.

NORTH CAROLINA ACR 12

K-L Mar. 21, 1905 Lau Oct.6, 1906
 FDC May 7,1908
 POE Nov. 13,1908
 Postmarks 8
 Armored Cruiser
 Name changed to CHARLOTTE Jun. 7, 1920.
 See CHARLOTTE for further history.

NORTH CAROLINA BB 55 (Figure 10)

K-L Oct. 27, 1937 Lau Jun. 13, 1940
 FDC Apr. 9, 1941 LDC Jun. 27, 1947
 POE Apr. 9,1941 POD 1947
 Postmarks 18
 Battleship
 Transferred to State of North Carolina for use as a war memorial Sep. 6, 1961.

ONSLAW AVP 48

K-L May 18, 1942 Lau Sep. 20, 1942
 FDC Dec. 22, 1943 LDC Jun.1947
 POE Dec. 10, 1943 POD Jul. 10, 1947
 FDR Jan. 1951 LDC Apr. 22,1960
 POR Mar. 23, 1951 POD Mar. 31, 1960
 Postmarks 8
 Sea Plane Tender
 Struck June 1, 1960

PIEDMONT AD 17

K-L Dec. 1, 1941 Lau Dec. 7, 1942
 FDC Jan. 5, 1944 LDC Sep. 30, 1982
 POE Jan. 5, 1944 POD Sep. 15, 1982
 Postmarks 30
 Destroyer Tender
 Leased to Turkey Oct. 2, 1982 as DERYA (A-576). Struck Aug. 6, 1987. Struck by Turkey in 1994.

PITT APA 223 Br. #15328

Lau Nov. 10,1944 Acq. Dec. 11, 1944
 FDC Dec. 11, 1944 LDC Apr. 9, 1947
 POE Jan. 17, 1945 POD Feb. 28, 1947
 Postmarks 6
 Self Propelled Barracks Ship
 Struck Apr. 23, 1947.

PRESIDENT POLK AP 103

Built 1941 Acq. Sep. 6, 1943
 FDC Oct. 4, 1943 LDC Jan. 26, 1946
 POE Oct. 20, 1943 POD Jan. 25, 1946
 Postmarks 2
 Transport
 Former PRESIDENT POLK. Struck Feb. 25, 1946; returned to American President Lines.

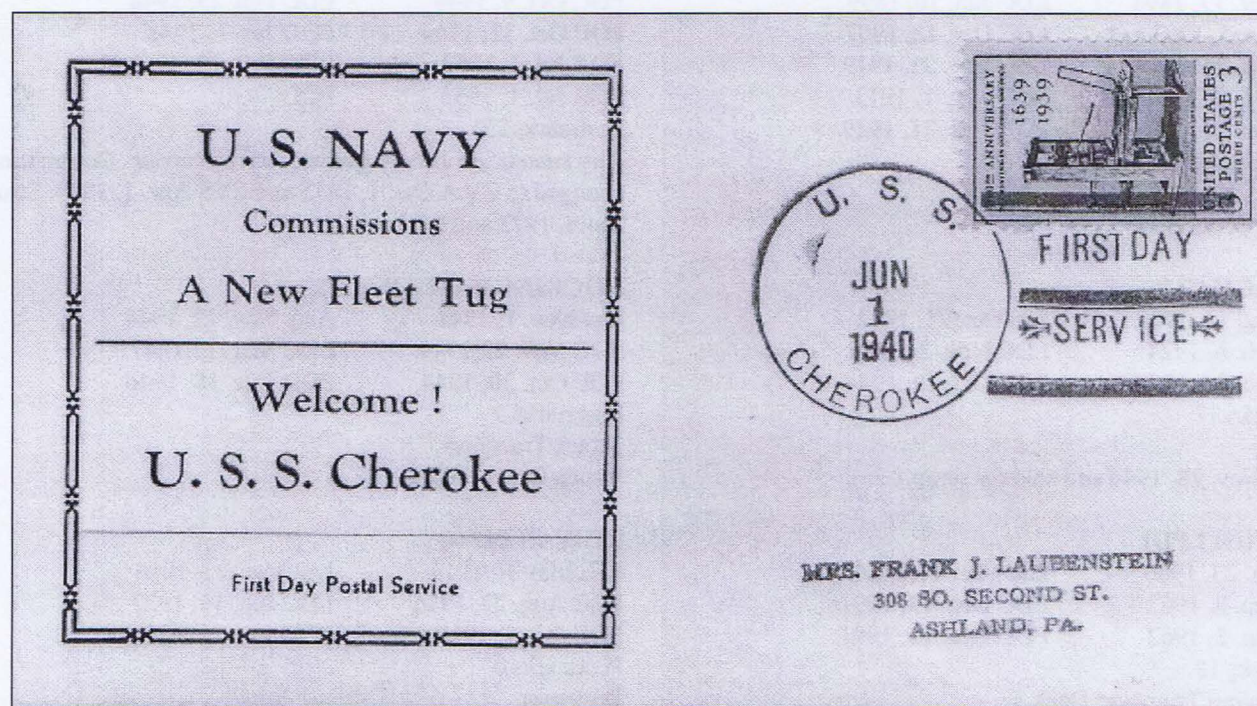
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Figure 7

RALEIGH C8

K-L Dec. 19, 1889	Lau Mar. 31, 1892
FDC Apr. 17, 1894	LDC Jun. 10, 1899
FDR Jan. 5, 1903	LDC Oct. 12, 1907
FDR Feb. 21, 1911	LDC Apr. 21, 1919
POE Dec. 2, 1911	POD May 1, 1913
POR Sep. 25, 1914	POD Apr. 21, 1919

Postmarks 4
Cruiser
Sold for scrap Aug. 5, 1921.

RALEIGH CL7

K-L Aug. 16, 1920	Lau Oct. 25, 1922
FDC Feb. 6, 1924	LDC Nov. 2, 1944
POE Feb. 20, 1924	POD Oct. 19, 1944

Postmarks 37
Cruiser
Struck Nov. 28, 1944 and sold for scrap.

RALEIGH LPD1

K-L Jun. 23, 1960	Lau Mar. 17, 1962
FDC Sep. 8, 1962	LDC Dec. 13, 1991
POE Sep. 8, 1962	POD Dec. 13, 1991

Postmarks 13
Amphibious Transport Dock
Struck Jan. 25, 1992. Sunk as a target Dec. 4, 1994.

RANDOLPH CV S 15 ex CV A 15 ex CV 15

K-L May 10, 1943	Lau Jun. 28, 1944
FDC Oct. 9, 1944	LDC Feb. 25, 1948
POE Oct. 11, 1944	POD Jan. 5, 1948
FDR Jul. 1, 1953	LDC Feb. 13, 1969
POR Jul. 1, 1953	POD

Postmarks 25
Anti submarine aircraft carrier, aircraft carrier. Designation changed to CV A Oct. 1, 1952 and CVS Apr. 1, 1959. Struck Jun. 1, 1973 and scrapped in 1975.

ROCKINGHAM AP A 229

Lau Nov. 1, 1944	Acq. Nov. 22, 1944
FDC Nov. 22, 1944	LDC Mar. 17, 1947
POE Oct. 30, 1944	POD Dec. 18, 1946

Postmarks 3
Attack Transport
Struck Oct. 1, 1958.

ROWAN DD 64

K-L May 10, 1915	Lau Mar. 23, 1916
FDC Aug. 22, 1916	LDC Jun. 19, 1922
POE Jan. 5, 1917	POD Jun. 1, 1920

Postmarks 0
Destroyer

Struck Jan. 7, 1936. Sold for scrap Apr. 20, 1939.

SALEM CL3

K-L Aug. 28, 1905	Lau Jul. 27, 1907
FDC Aug. 1, 1908	LDC Apr. 20, 1912
POE Sep. 2, 1908	POD 1912
FDR Apr. 23, 1914	LDC Dec. 2, 1916
POR 1914	POD Sep. 21, 1916
FDR Jul. 25, 1917	LDC Aug. 16, 1921
POR Sep. 28, 1917	POD Aug. 16, 1921
Postmarks 10	
Cruiser	
Struck Nov. 13, 1929. Sold for scrap Feb. 11, 1930.	

SALEM CM11

Built 1916	Acq. Jun. 8, 1942
FDC Aug. 9, 1942	LDC Dec. 6, 1945
POE Sep. 15, 1942	POD Oct. 11, 1945
Postmarks 3	
Mine Layer	
Name changed to SHAWMUT Aug. 15, 1945,	
No SHAWMUT postmarks were issued.	
Struck Jan. 3, 1946, sold for merchant service	
Mar. 7, 1947, and named SS JOSEPH R. P ARROTT .	

SALEM CA 139

K-L Jul. 4, 1945	Lau Mar. 25, 1947
FDC May 14, 1949	LDC Jan. 30, 1959
POE May 14, 1949	POD Oct. 31, 1958
Postmarks 10	
Cruiser	
Struck Jul. 12, 1991. Became a memorial at Quincy, Mass. Oct. 13, 1993.	

SAMPSON DDG 10

K-L Mar. 2, 1959	Lau May 14, 1960
FDC Jun. 24, 1961	LDC Jun. 24, 1991
POE Jun. 24, 1961	POD May 6, 1991
Postmarks 14	
Guided Missile Destroyer	
Struck Nov. 20, 1992. Sold for scrap.	

SHELBY APA 105 Br. #15431

Lau Oct. 25, 1944	Acq. Jan. 20, 1945
FDC Jan. 20, 1945	LDC May 14, 1946
POE Jan. 15, 1945	POD May 8, 1946
Postmarks 4	
Attack Transport	
Struck Jun. 5, 1946 and sold for merchant service in 1948.	
Named SS EXETER and later SS ORIENTAL PEARL.	

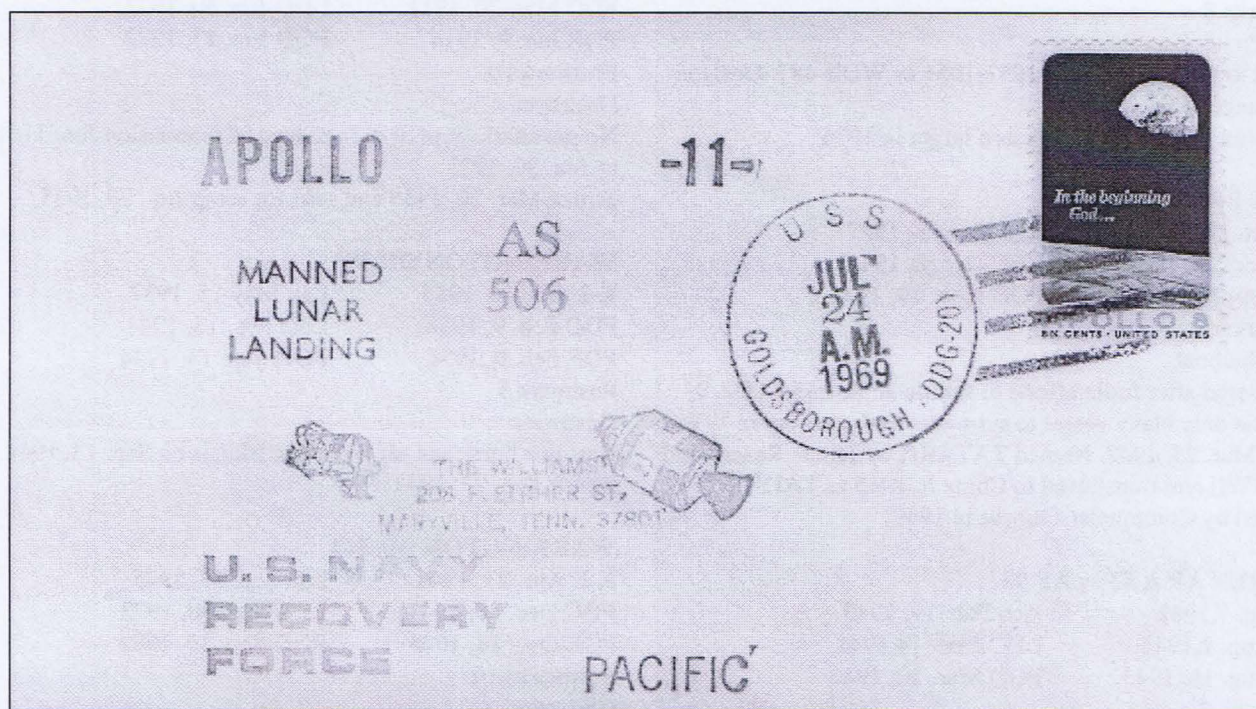


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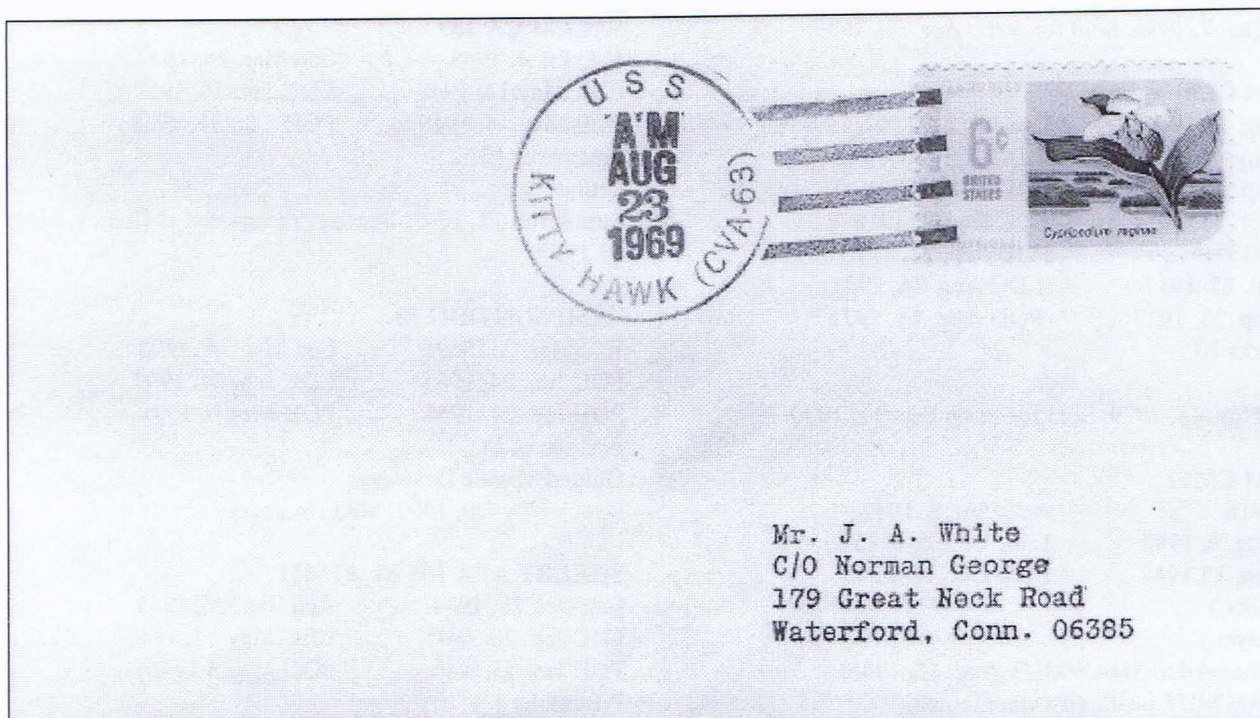


Figure 9

VANCE DER 387 ex DE 387 Br. #15591

K-L Apr. 30, 1943	Lau Jul. 16, 1943
FDC Nov. 1, 1943	LDC Feb. 27, 1946
POE Nov. 10, 1943	POD Nov. 1, 1945
FDR Oct. 5, 1956	LDC Oct. 10, 1969

Postmarks 8

Radar Picket Escort

Loaned to the Coast Guard 1952-1954 as WDE-487. Designation changed Nov. 1, 1956.

Struck Jun. 1, 1975 and sunk as a target in 1976.

WAKE PR 3 ex GUAM

K-L Oct. 17, 1926	Lau May 28, 1927
FDC Dec. 28, 1927	LDC Dec. 8, 1941
POE Feb. 16, 1928	POD Nov. 29, 1941

Postmarks 5

River Gunboat

Surrendered after futile efforts to scuttle at Shanghai Dec. 8, 1941, the only Navy vessel to surrender to the enemy in WWII.

Struck Mar. 25, 1942. Named TATARA by Japan. Reacquired after WWII and transferred to China in 1945 as TAIYUAN.

Captured by Communist Chinese in 1949.

WARREN AP A 53 ex AP 98

Lau Sep. 7, 1942	Acq Feb. 19, 1943
FDC Aug. 2, 1943	LDC Mar. 14, 1946
POE Aug. 16, 1943	POD Mar. 10, 1946

Postmarks 4

Attack Transport

Former SS JEAN LAFITTE. Designation changed upon

acquisition. In Ferry Commission Feb. 19 Mar. 10, 1943. Struck Apr. 17, 1946, sold for merchant service and named ARIZPA.

WARRINGTON DD 30

K-L Jun. 21, 1909	Lau Jun. 18, 1910
FDC Mar. 20, 1911	LDC Jun. 30, 1922
POE Jun. 9, 1914	POD Jun. 17, 1922

Postmarks 0

Destroyer

No postmarks reported. In reduced Commission Jan. 31, 1920 to Jun. 30, 1922.

Struck Mar. 20, 1935 and sold for scrap Jun. 28, 1935.

WARRINGTON DD 383

K-L Oct. 10, 1935	Lau May 15, 1937
FDC Feb. 9, 1938	Lost Sep. 13, 1944
POE Feb. 9, 1938	POD Sep. 13, 1944

Postmark 5

Destroyer

Lost in a hurricane off Bahamas Islands on Sep. 13, 1944.

Struck Sep. 23, 1944.

WARRINGTON DD 843

K-L Apr. 23, 1945	Lau Sep. 27, 1945
FDC Dec. 20, 1945	LDC Sep. 30, 1972
POE Dec. 18, 1945	POD Sep. 30, 1972

Postmarks 10

Destroyer

Severely damaged by underwater explosions off North Vietnam Jul. 16, 1972. Struck Sep. 30, 1972 and sold to Taiwan for spare parts and scrap Apr. 24, 1973.

WASHINGTON CA 11

K-L Sep. 23, 1903 Lau Mar. 18, 1905
 FDC Aug. 7, 1906 LDC Mar. 31, 1916
 POE Aug. 15, 1908 POD Feb. 22, 1914
 Postmarks 12
 Cruiser
 Evidently retained cancels after post office was closed in 1914 while in reduced commission. Name changed to SEATTLE Nov. 9, 1916.

WASHINGTON BB 56

K-L Jun. 14, 1938 Lau Jun. 1, 1940
 FDC May 15, 1941 LDC Jun. 27, 1947
 POE May 15, 1941 POD Feb. 28, 1947
 Postmarks 19
 Battleship
 Decommissioning covers dated Jun. 30, 1947 are in error. Struck Jun. 1, 1960 and sold for scrap May 24, 1961.

WAYNE APA 54 ex AP 99 Br. #15957

Lau Dec. 6, 1942 Acq Apr. 30, 1943
 FDC Aug. 27, 1943 LDC Mar. 16, 1946
 POE Aug. 30, 1943 POD Mar. 16, 1946
 Postmarks 8
 Attack Transport
 Former SS AFONDRIA. In Ferry
 Commission May 1-11, 1943. Designation changed Aug. 27, 1943. Struck Apr. 17, 1946, sold for merchant service in 1947 as SS BEAUREGARD.

WILMINGTON PG 8

K-L Oct. 8, 1894 Lau Oct. 19, 1895
 FDC May 13, 1897 LDC Jun. 30, 1904
 FDR Apr. 2, 1906
 POE Dec. 5, 1908 POD Sep. 30, 1922
 Postmarks 6
 Gunboat
 Name/designation changed to DOVER (IX-30) Jan. 27, 1941.

WILMINGTON CL 79

K-L Mar. 16, 1942
 Postmarks O
 Cruiser
 Designation changed to CV-28 Jun. 2, 1942. Name changed to CABOT Jun. 23, 1942.

WILSON DD 408

K-L Mar. 22, 1937 Lau Apr. 12, 1939
 FDC Jul. 5, 1939 LDC Aug. 29, 1946
 POE Jul. 5, 1939 POD Jan. 9, 1946
 Postmarks 8
 Destroyer
 Scuttled off Kwajalein Mar. 8, 1948 after use as a target ship in the Bikini Atoll atomic tests. Struck Apr. 5, 1948.

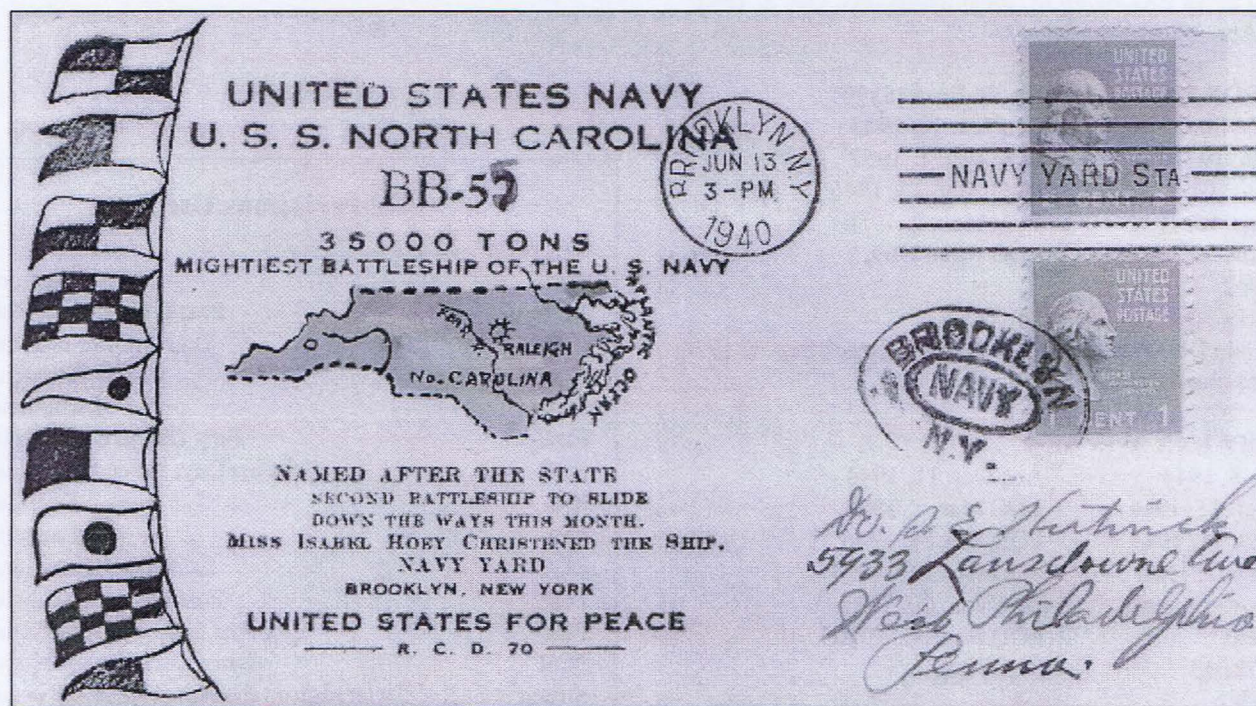


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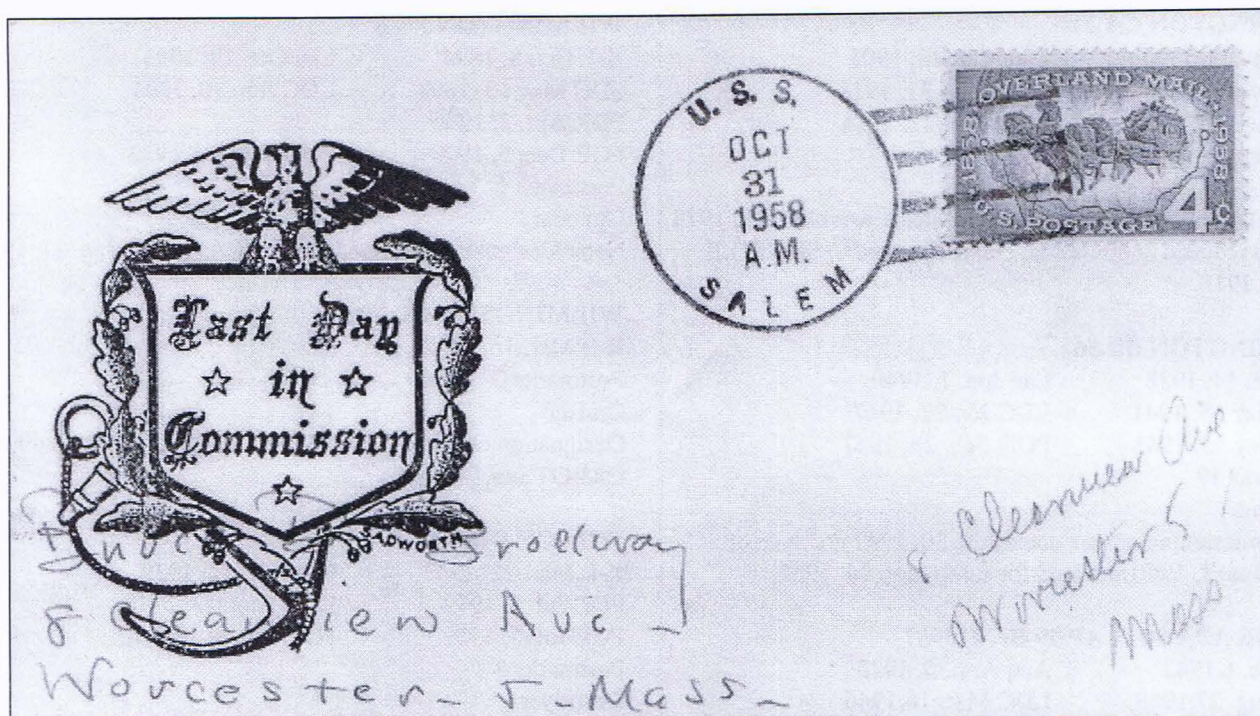


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WINDSOR APA 55 ex AP 100

Lau Dec. 28, 1942 Acq Jun. 17, 1943
 FDC Jun. 17, 1943 LDC Mar. 4, 1946
 POE Aug. 2, 1943 POD Feb. 18, 1946
 Postmarks 3
 Attack Transport
 Ordered as SS EXCELSIOR, renamed/reclass. Oct. 5, 1942.
 Struck Apr. 12, 1946.

ZEBULON B. VANCE (Unlisted)

Source: *Catalog of United States Naval Postmarks*, 1997,
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WINDSOR LKA 94 ex AKA 94 Br. #15190

Lau Nov. 30, 1944 Acq Jan. 18, 1945
 FDC Jan. 19, 1945 LDC Feb. 1, 1957
 POE Dec. 10, 1944 POD Aug. 13, 1946
 POR Sep. 15, 1949 POD Nov. 2, 1956
 FDR Nov. 24, 1961 LDC Nov. 1969
 POR 1962
 Postmarks 10
 Cargo Ship Desig. changed Jan. 1, 1969. Struck Sep. 1, 1976;
 sold for scrap.

YANCEY LKA 93 ex AKA

Lau Jul. 8, 1944 Acq Oct. 11, 1944
 FDC Oct. 11, 1944 LDC Mar. 1, 1958
 POE Oct. 11, 1944 POD Sep. 24, 1946
 POR Dec. 1, 1950 POD Nov. 27, 1957
 FDR Nov. 17, 1961 LDC Jan. 20, 1971
 POR 1961 POD Sep. 30, 1970
 Postmarks 13
 Cargo Ship
 Designation changed to LKA Jan. 1, 1969, but received no
 LKA postmarks. Struck Jan. 1, 1977; scrapped.

Abbreviations Used

Acq.	Acquired
Br. #	Post Office Branch No.
Built	Year Built or launched
Chr	Christened
Desig.	Designation
FDC	First Day in Commission
FDR	First Day, Re-commissioned
K-L	Keel Laid
Lau	Launched
LDC	Last Day Comissioned
POE	Post Office Established
POD	Post Office Disestablished
POR	Post Office Re-established
Struck	Deleted from the Naval Vessell Register
Trans.	Transferred

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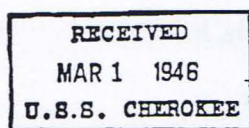
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K-20a



K-20b



K-20c



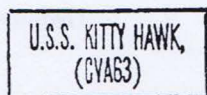
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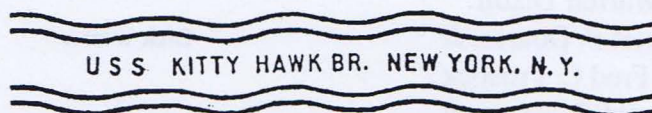
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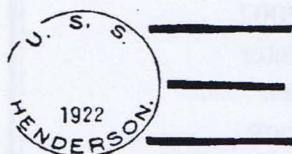
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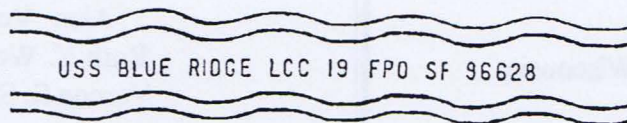


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