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## Cancellations and event covers from U S Navy ships.

Part of the fun of collecting stamps is to see where the stamp was used. The U.S. Navy has a long history of interesting cancellations – Here are a few. To learn more about this subject go to [www.uscs.org](http://www.uscs.org) which is the website for the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, which has been in existence for over 85 years, and is going strong!

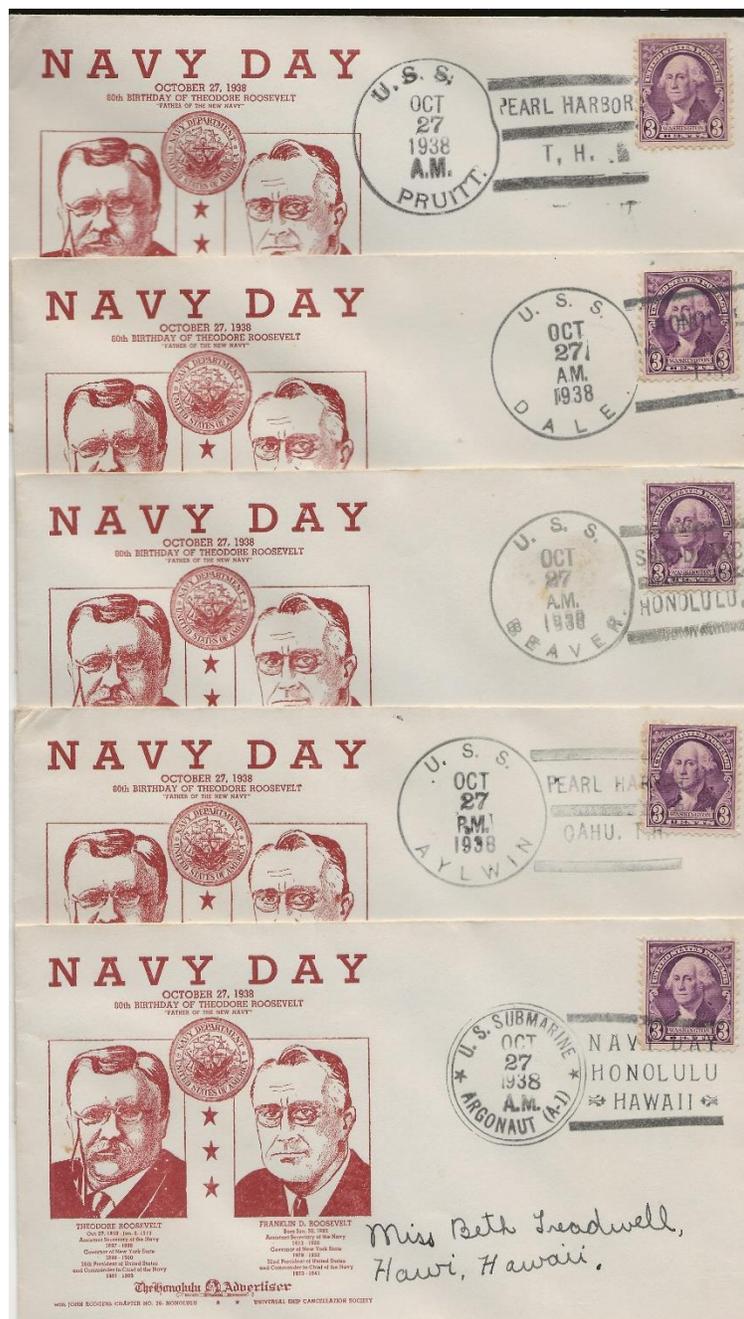
Note the cancel on the top cover at right says: “Pearl Harbor T.H.”

What do you think “T.H.” stands for?

Here’s a hint: Pearl Harbor is located at Honolulu, Hawaii. No... “T.H.” does not stand for Honolulu, Hawaii.

Another hint: Look at the dates on these covers. It was October 27, 1938. That was way before Hawaii became a state. In 1938 there were only 48 states in the United States. Alaska became the 49<sup>th</sup> state on January 3, 1959, and Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> state on August 21, 1959.

So, if in 1938 Hawaii was not a state, what was it? It was a territory of the United States. Hawaii has used stamps of the United States ever since it became a territory in 1900. Hence the postmark for Hawaii, prior to its becoming a state, was “Territory of Hawaii” or simply “T.H.”





Here are a few more interesting ship cancellations. Note these cancellations only list the name of the ship, but not a city or state.

Note the cancel does not cover all the stamps, but the pretty dolphins make this very special.



Look at this artwork!

I believe the names on the wall on the bottom cover are sailors who died on December 7, 1941 during the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. In very small handwriting it says "Remembrance Day 1991" just to the right of the name Jerry D Mallory. Remembrance Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, is on November 11<sup>th</sup> every year, so it is a bit of a mystery to me that the cancel is May 17, 1991. The year 1991 was the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



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