

Small Categories Series

Foreign Navy Ships

Are you a Navy Ship collector? Have you ever given any thought to collecting Foreign Navy Ships? They exist! They're scarce as hen's teeth, though. You could go for years and never even see one. No country on earth has ever produced as many covers/boxes from their Navy ships as the United States. Add to that, the difficulty in acquiring foreign covers, in the first place...and specific type of foreign cover, at that. But, it's like everything else...it helps to know the right people (collectors in other countries would be good contacts in this case).

You have to be careful when dealing with collectors overseas, though. What's acceptable to them is often not acceptable to us. They have no problem with 'flats,' for example, and they're not particular when it comes to condition, so you need to specify right up front not only *what* you are looking for, but also what you *don't* want.

Being foreign covers, you can expect just about anything in the way of size and shape. Remember, though, Canadian Navy Ships are collected as a separate category and are not counted as "foreign" Navy Ships (even they they are!)

Just to give you an idea, in my own very small collection, I have covers from ships in the Brazilian, French, Spanish, Australian, Columbian, Argentinian, Chilean, and British navies. The late Bill Thomas, FL, reported having 45 Foreign Navy Ships in his collection in 1993.

