

## Navy Announces '65 Deep Freeze Cover Service

The US Navy's radar picket ship USS Calcaterra (DER 390) leaves the United States early in August to participate in Operation Deep Freeze 1965-66, according to LTJG John P. Spath of the US Naval Reserve.

The return trip will include a round the world cruise terminating in May, 1966, at the ship's home port of Newport, Rhode Island.

Three cachets and cancellations will be provided for cover collectors. The first will be the standard ship cachet applied at any time during the cruise. The second will be the standard Deep Freeze cachet applied while on picket duty. The third will be an around the world cruise cachet.

Using the ship's cachet, unless otherwise requested, special event stamps will be applied to covers for the first crossing of the Equator, the first crossing of the Antarctic Circle and the crossing of the International Date Line.

At this time, Lieutenant Spath writes, there is no limit on the number of covers requested by individuals. However only stamped and addressed envelopes in the 6 3/4 size will be accepted. Cover requests will be accepted during the entire deployment, but it is requested that all requests be postmarked before Aug. 1 to facilitate handling and stowage. Anyone requesting cachets after Aug. 1 must use first class mail to insure delivery.

All correspondence and requests for covers should be addressed to LTJG John P. Spath, USS Calcaterra (DER 390), FPO, New York, N. Y. 09501. All correspondence should be marked "Deep Freeze Covers" to expedite handling and use of commemo-ratives will be appreciated.

### CACHETS ANYONE?

Undoubtedly the most popular man aboard the CALCATERRA recently has been LTJG John SPATH the Operations Officer. In his spare time he is an avid stamp collector and in addition enjoys collecting cachets. He decided that the coming trip of the CALCATERRA in support of Operation DEEPFREEZE would provide an excellent opportunity for cachet collectors everywhere to add to their collections.

He mailed letters announcing the opportunities available to various philatelic societies as well as stamp editors of prominent newspapers throughout the country.

The expected response of 5,000 letters was quickly reached and now it appears that 18,000 requests will be received prior to deployment. Requests have come from all 50 states as well as 12 countries.

The work involved with the cancellation and mailing of these cachets will prove an excellent way to occupy the long hours on picket during the next few months.