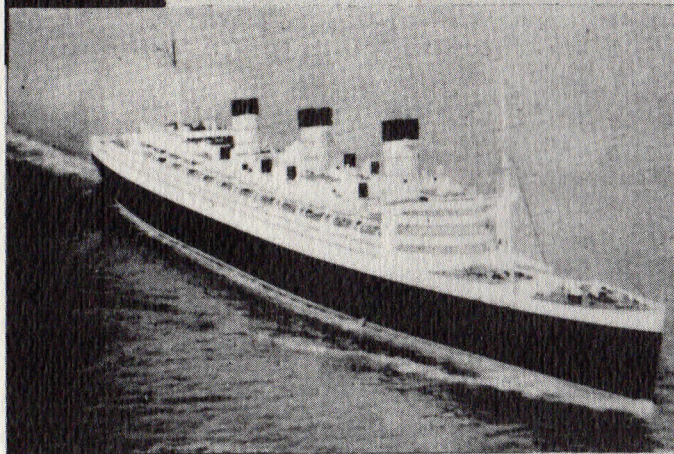


# Queen Mary



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Thurs., Nov. 2  
Lisbon, Portugal



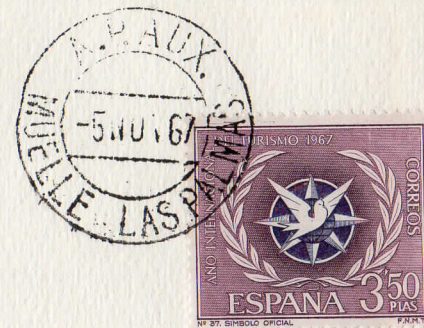
Tues., Oct. 31  
Southampton, England



Rounding Cape Horn



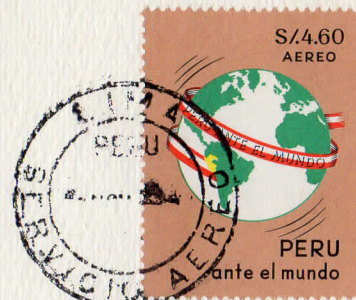
Sun., Nov. 12  
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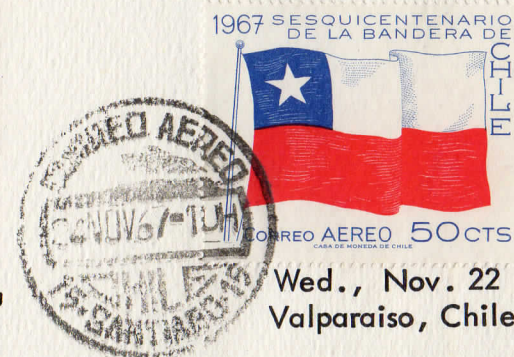
Sun., Nov. 5  
Las Palmas, Canaries



Fri., Dec. 1  
Balboa, Panama



Mon., Nov. 27  
Callao, Lima, Peru



Wed., Nov. 22  
Valparaiso, Chile



Sat., Dec. 9  
Long Beach, California



Tues., Dec. 5  
Acapulco, Mexico



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Long Beach, California  
December 9, 1967

Dear Friend:

At last, 39 days after sailing from Southampton, we have come to the Queen's new, permanent home, with nothing but pleasant memories of the "Last Great Voyage" ! And, as soon as I can get back to New York, and assemble the portfolios, your valued order will be despatched.

It was a much more arduous task than I had anticipated - getting ashore at each of the nine ports, buying the appropriate stamps, and then, persuading the Postmaster to cancel them. In most instances, he was willing to cancel, but urged me to leave the envelopes for airmailing to our next port of Call. That was too big a risk, although I DID do something similar, at the start of the voyage, at Southampton. We sailed from that port, at 9.30 AM, October 31st. At noon, on the 30th, I took my envelopes, on which I'd affixed the Chichester Stamp, to the head Postmaster, hoping he would authorize the 31st Oct. cancel, at midnight. But, NO ! The first cancelling is done at 3.30 AM; the first carriers went out at 7.30 AM, and my envelopes would have to be delivered to the Cunard Building at 8.30 ! From there the envelopes would be delivered to the Ship - I could count on it ! Well, at 9.10, they hadn't come; BUT, at 9.15, they came! Perhaps YOU heard my sigh of relief !

At our various Ports-of-Call, I sometimes enlisted the services of our Embassy, or an influential member of the Esso Co. who had big establishments in nearly every one of the places visited. (Since 1951, I've been an Annuitant of that great Company.) Once, I had the assistance of my Bank - the local branch, of the First National City of New York !

At Last Palmas, we arrived on a Sunday morning and sailed the same evening. I discovered an Auxilliary P.O. on the dock. There, I bought my stamps, but the lone individual in charge was too busy to cancel. I persuaded him to let me have the seal and do the job. He concurred !

At Valparaiso, the P.O. was on strike, and closed up tight. So, I made an eighty mile bus trip to Santiago, got a hotel room for the night, and obtained stamps and cancellations in the morning. Then hustled back to the ship, with just 16 mins. to spare !

Many other amusing experiences. Thanks for your support, and for giving me the time of my life !

Sincerely Malcolm C. Dizer



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# The Last Great Cruise.

On October 31st, the Queen Mary will depart Southampton for the last time. She will call at Cherbourg, Lisbon, Las Palmas, Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso, Callao (Lima), Balboa, Acapulco, arriving in Long Beach December 9th.