S.S. NORMANDIE

Souvenir Postal Cards Showing
The Greatest Salvage Effort in History
August 4 to November 3 1943
8 Spectacular Full Color Views

8 Cartes Postales En Couleurs
Du Paquebot "NORMANDIE"

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After nearly 18 Months of hard work readying the ship for salvage, full scale pumping on the NORMANDIE began August 4, 1943. This photograph was taken shortly afterwards. U.S. National Archives Photograph
NORMANDIE presented the most difficult salvage effort in history. In early August 1943, shortly after pumping operations began the ship begins to right herself. U.S. National Archives Photograph
August 6, 1943 pumping was halted so that the remainder of what used to be the promenade deck which had been buried in mud could be removed. This photo was taken shortly thereafter.

U.S. National Archives Photograph
FRENCH LINE
S.S. NORMANDIE  83,423 TONS
LENGTH  1,000 FEET  BREADTH  117.8 FEET

A slightly different view of the NORMANDIE taken after the resumption of the pumping operations. The ship's own natural buoyancy would play a key role in her epic self-righting.

U.S. National Archives Photograph
November 3, 1943 and the NORMANDIE is seen being backed out of New York’s pier 88
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Still an impressive sight, NORMANDIE is towed toward the new Navy dry dock in Bayonne, NJ November 3, 1943 for a rebuilding that would sadly never take place.
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