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CLUB NEWS

The members of the Club living in the New York area had another very successful meeting at the Collectors Club on Saturday, March 26. Of the dozen members present Kevin P. Rogan of Napanoch, N. Y., came the greatest distance. There was the usual showing of parts of collections and much exchanging of information and covers. Of particular interest was the exhibition of a specialized and almost complete collection of APO's from 1 to 100 from the last war made by Isadore Willinger. Plans were made to hold another meeting on October 15 or 22. Projected for this meeting is a radio broadcast about the Club in the morning and an exhibition and auction in the afternoon.

The New York meetings have been so successful that members living in other areas are urged to arrange similar gatherings. The president and secretary of the Club will be glad to pass on suggestions for the successful conduct of such meetings based on the experience gained from the New York meetings.

President Klinger has accepted an invitation to a meeting of collectors to be held in June at Jamestown, New York, probably on the occasion of the Tri-State Convention in that city.

The thanks of the Club are extended to member Maxwell Halpern of New York who assumed the expense of printing new Club stationery and membership application blanks.

NEW MEMBERS

- 285 - Alfred Clement, Heinrichstrasse 27/1, Graz, Austria. All countries. Desires exchanges.
- 286 - R. Tocila, Linnaeuskade 57, hs, Amsterdam-O, Netherlands. All countries. Desires exchanges.
- 287 - Miss Nellie B. Sergent, 435 W. 119th St., New York, N. Y. Greeting cards from service men.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 234 - Jesse B. Thomas, 31 North H St., Georgetown, Mass.
- 249 - Gordon F. Johnson, Box 672, Station A, Champaign, Illinois.

 FLAG-CANCELLED WAR COVERS

In the Bulletin for February 1948 appeared an article on the Mexican Border Campaign of 1916-17. As a supplement to that article we are able to offer certain information that may be of interest to some collectors for several reasons. This information is supplied by the well-known specialist Frederick Langford of Pasadena, California and is taken from the Post Office Department archives in Washington.

A number of the post offices on the Border, most of them in small towns, suddenly found that they had a huge increase in business as a result of the troop units assigned to station in or near their towns. To help care for this increase in business the Post Office Department shipped to a number of these towns cancelling machines using the current flag type cancellers. Covers bearing these flag cancels have been seen or reported from almost all the post offices thus supplied. Certain of these offices may not have used their machines until after the troops had left. A few others may have used theirs for a very short time or not at all. They are all scarce, some of them exceedingly so. Anyone who has one of these cancels on a cover from a participant in the Border Campaign not only has a scarce war cover, but he probably has a rare flag cancellation as well.

The following list of post offices to which these flag cancels were furnished, together with pertinent data, was prepared by Mr. Langford.

	<u>Shipped</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Nogales, Ariz.	7/17/16	Discontinued Oct. 1920
McAllen, Tex.	7/13/16	Recalled Aug. 1917
Mission, Tex.	7/13/16	Discontinued Oct. 1920
Mercedes, Tex.	7/14/16	Recalled Aug. 1917
Pharr, Tex.	7/24/16	" " "
Eagle Pass, Tex.	7/25/16	Discontinued June 1926
San Benito, Tex.	7/25/16	Recalled Aug. 1917
Mercedes, Tex., Llano Grande Mil. Br.	7/27/16	" " "
Donna, Tex.	7/27/16	" " "
El Paso, Tex. (applied at Fort Bliss)	no date	Changed to Fort Bliss June 1917
Harlingen, Tex.	no date	
Brownsville, Tex., Sanfrdyce RPO (2 machines)	Aug. '16	Both recalled Oct. 1918
Deming, Tex.	no date	Discontinued July 1922
Columbus, N. Mex.	no date	Discontinued end 1923?

(While on the subject of flag cancels, it might be recalled that the same type of cancel is anything but common used earlier during the occupation of Vera Cruz and later with the A. E. F. in France.)

In the article ALLIED MISSIONS AND TRAINING UNITS IN THE U.S. published in the December 1948 Bulletin it was stated that no covers made especially for the British Air Training Fields in this country were known. Since then member Norman Hill has submitted a cover bearing the black printed corner card: No. 1 BRITISH FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL/Royal Air Force/Terrell, Texas.

In addition to A.P.O. 633, previously reported, A.P.O.'s 124 and 125 are said to be currently operating in England.

Miscellaneous U.S. Markings, World War II

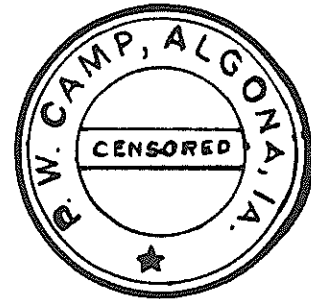
CENSORED
POW CAMP
FORT JACKSON, S. C.

1.



3.

Westover Field, Mass.



5.

CENSORED
POW Camp, Houlton, Me.

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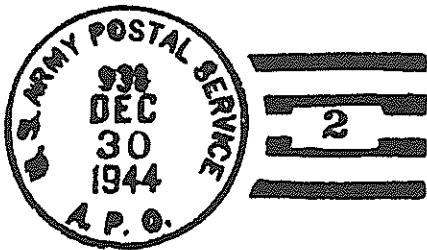
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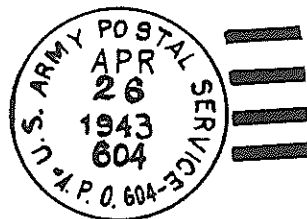


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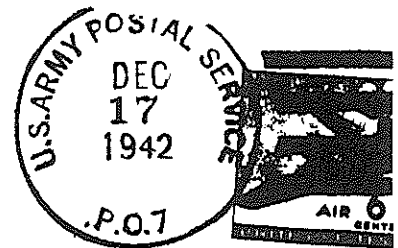
P. O. W. Censor Marks Used in U.S. Camps



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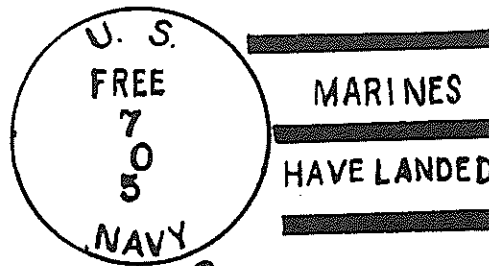


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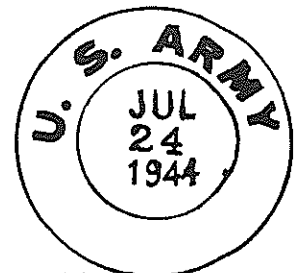


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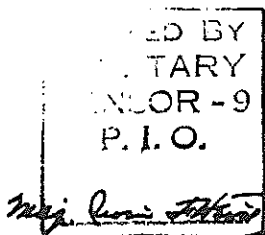


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10.

A.P.O. 95



11.



12.


Ft. Richardson
Alaska


CENSORED
U.S. ARMY

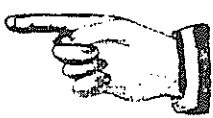
By

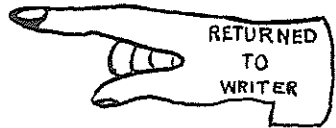
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U.S. Army & Navy Directory Markings, World War II

 RETURN TO SENDER
 USE FULL NAME AND RANK
 FLEET RECORDS OFFICE
 SAN FRANCISCO
 1.


 RETURN TO WRITER
 ACTIVITY DECOMMISSIONED
 2.

RETURN TO SENDER

 RETURNED TO U.S.
 LEFT NO FORWARDING
 ADDRESS
 3.

 RETURNED
 TO
 WRITER
 FOR BETTER ADDRESS
 FLEET RECORDS DIVISION
 FLEET POST OFFICE
 SAN FRANCISCO 7, CALIF.
 4.

Return to Sender

 Unclaimed
 By F.P.O., Directory
 Service, Wash., D. C.
 5.

THIS LETTER WAS UN-
 CLAIMED AT ORIGINAL
 ADDRESS AND ADDRESS
 TO WHICH FORWARDED.
 6.

THIS LETTER
 WAS
 UNCLAIMED
 AT ORIGINAL
 ADDRESS AND
 ADDRESS TO
 WHICH FORWARDED
 7.

REVIEWED
 OFF. SEC.
 8.

THIS MAIL WAS DELAYED
 BECAUSE THE SENDER FAILED TO
 WRITE YOUR APO NUMBER ON IT.
 SPEED UP DELIVERY BY REQUEST-
 ING CORRESPONDENTS TO USE
 YOUR APO NO. (SFPE-APO)
 9.

NO RECORD
 NATOUSA
 PW DIRECTORY
 DATE.....
 10.

APO DIRECTORY SERVICE GIVEN
 NOPE 5 DEC 20 1943
 11.

AMERICAL DIVISION
 NO.....
 MESSAGE CENTER
 12. A.P.O. 716

OMGGUS
 AG
 REG. NO.....
 13. A.P.O. 742

NOT AT SPEED
 FEB 18 1946 REL
 14.

NO SUCH NUMBER SHB 20 MG.
 16.

NO RECORD
 8TH N. CONST. BATT.
 15.

NO RECORD
 APO 511
 17.

PASSED UNEXAMINED
 A.P.O. 937 18.