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Flight of Ideas

I have a news clipping from the "Post-Intelligencer" published in Seattle, Wash. with the heading, "One Man's Hobby--War Prisoner Letters" giving the full story of our member Sterling S. Taylor that he has a collection of 4000 all different Prisoner of War covers. The oldest goes back to the early 1600's and to a war between Turkey and the Venetian Republic. A Turkish soldier has been captured and is being held for ransom. The most valuable of Taylor's covers are three letters from Andersonville prison where Union soldiers were confined during our own Civil War.

Duchess County (N.Y.) Judge Schwartz has a large collection of Civil War telegrams the originals written by longhand by Civil War leaders and telegraphed by the judge's grandfather, an army telegrapher. I'm just waiting for a chance to see these.

George Hammerschmidt, 155 Hanna St. East, Windsor, Ont., Canada writes in listing German Units engaged in the Ardennes offensive 16 December - 23 January:

Army Group B -

Fifth Panzer Army - Division Nos. 2, 116, and Panzer Lehr. - 47th Panzer Corps and 150 Panzer Brigade.

Sixth S.S. Panzer Army - Division Nos. 1 S.S., 12 S.S.

Seventh Army - Fifteenth Army. - Infantry and Volksgrenadier Division Nos. 12, 18, 26, 272, 276, 277, 326, 352, 560. -

First Parachute Army - Division No. 3.

A.P.O. 209 - Re-established 4/17/47 - was this at Seckenheim, Germany? Sometime in Sept. 1947 it went to Trieste. I have cancels from 209-1, 209-3 & 209-4. Where were they located? I understand there was a 209-5 but it was discontinued by Sept. 1953. 209-2 was in Rome 10/8/54. U.S. troops began leaving Trieste 10/26/54 was last day of occupation of Trieste. Where did APO 209 go then? I have a cover dated 10/26/54

I notice quite a few APO's have SERVICE spelled wrong - it is "SERIVCE". How did this come about and why that word? How many different APO's had this oddity?

I found an APO 123 dated 7/12/45. Although this is listed in our APO location book there is no record of where it was located. Just a blank space after the number. Perhaps Research Editor A. J. Tripp can help us with this one.

During WW-II how did mail enter Switzerland? Why couldn't a letter from Poland go through Germany to Switzerland? I've seen many that went from Poland thru Egyptian censorship and then to Geneva. How did it go from Poland to Egypt in the first place? How from Egypt to Switzerland?

Your editor needs APO 308 during December 1944. Will trade for what you need.

Just saw Vol 1, #2 of "Stamp World", a new monthly philatelic review. Price \$5.00 yearly. P.O. Box 89, Brooklyn 36, N.Y. Well written on good grade paper. It reminds me of the "Philatelic Gossip" magazine.

Who has a set of photos of the 6¢ Air Mail overprinted on 2¢ embossed envelope? I note very little use by Marines, Navy or in the Pacific.

I note a cover with 398-R in return address cancelled 398 on 10/7/44. This was sent from the 411 Rep. Dep. On that date it was located in Leghorn, Italy.

I have a cover R.A. - 29th BPO, APO 407, dated 9/30/47 from 407. Another cover R.A. Hq. Bayreuth Sub-Post, APO 696-6 P.M. 696, 3/8/48. New APO is 777-A dated 12.21.45.

O.N.U.C. (Congo) Report
Betty V. Miller

Liberian Contingent.

The Liberian Contingent arrived in the Congo on July 25, 1960, being flown in by U.S. Air Force planes.

The first Liberian contingent was scheduled to return home during the first week of January 1961, to be replaced by the 2nd contingent due to arrive the last week in December.

United Arab Republic

On January 26th I received a letter and greeting card from the C.O. of the U.A.R. Contingent. The cover was franked with Belgium Congo stamps, and the c.d.s. reads "GEMINA A 13.1.61." Col. Saad El Shazly, commanding officer of the U.A.R. battalion tells me that this battalion is made up of paratroopers from the 1st Syrian Army and the 2nd Egyptian Army. This contingent was moved by air from Cairo to Khartoum, and on to the Congo by U.S. C130 aircraft in successive waves, starting the night of Aug. 20 & 21st, 1960. I understand that this contingent has been withdrawn, but have not yet been able to obtain the date of withdrawal.

Irish Contingent.

I received a Christmas card from the C.O. of the 32nd Irish Infantry Battalion. The card is in black and white and reads: "Kamina Base, Katanga" on left "United Nations Emblem" in center, "32 Irish Battalion, UNOC" on left, and on bottom part of card, "Christmas 1960, Peace To Men Of Goodwill." Also the following: "Christmas greetings from the officer Commanding, Chaplains, Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 32 Irish Battalion serving the cause of peace in the Republic of the Congo." Cover was franked with Katanga overprints, C.D.S. reads Elisabethville 20.12.60. I also received an Irish airletter from the Press Officer with the 34th Irish Batt.

Danish Contingent

The first Danish officers were flown into the Congo on July 27, and the MP group on August 10, 1960, both by commercial flights.

I have two covers from the contingent, both of which I got the hard way. I had written several letters to the commanding officer, and all to no avail, so I wrote a note to the Danish UN delegate explaining what I was trying to do and asking for help, the reply was, sorry, I cannot help you. I thought to heck with this, and promptly wrote to the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Danish Army. I was lucky. I received a note from the secretary to the C. in C. along with two covers for my collection. The first cover is an ONUC airmail cover, franked with Belgian Congo stamps, cancelled at Leopoldville 6.2.61., and backstamped Kobenhavn 10.2.61. Cachet on the back reads "Dansk ONUC Kommando." The second cover was somewhat larger, but the markings and cancellation are the same.

Indonesian Contingent.

The Indonesian Contingent is known as the Garuda 11 Battalion. (Garuda 1 was with the UNEF in Egypt). The word "Garuda" means eagle. This battalion arrived at Matadi by sea, traveling on the U.S.S. Bexar. Date of arrival was October 1, 1960. The advance party consisted of the C.O. and five officers which arrived September 1, 1960. My cover was franked with a combination Belgium Congo and Congo overprints, C.D.S. reads 11.2.61. This contingent is preparing to return home.

Malaya Contingent

From this contingent I received the information that the main body travelled by sea to the Congo, arriving at Matadi on October 29, 1960. I received a cover from the C.O. addressed to Canada, it really is a beauty, the badge of Malaya is in the upper right hand corner, it also received the Malayan Special Force cachet, and the ONUC hand cancel dated February 2, 1961.

Morocco Contingent

The Force Royale Marocaine arrived in the Congo on July 15, 1960 being flown in by Globemaster aircraft.

Cover from the battalion to Canada is franked with the Congo overprints, c.d.s. reads "Leopoldville 14.11.1961." It received a double circle cachet in red that reads, "Force Royale Marocaine - O.N.U.C." and across the center "Le Vaguemestre."

Brasil Air Force

Air mail cover franked with Belgium Congo stamps, cancelled Leopoldville, 30.1.61.

Austrian Liason Officer

ONUC airmail cover franked with the Congo overprints, c.d.s. reads, Leopoldville 4.2.61. This liason officer is with the Austrian Government Medical Team, and they got quite a reception in the Congo. The following was extracted from "Newsweek" magazine, December 26, 1960: "Congo - Biting the Hand - The 50 Austrian nurses, 49 males and one intrepid woman had come as their country's contribution to the UN effort to heal the wounds of the suffering Congo. To make the mission more effective, the Austrian government had also sent along an interpreter who spoke Lingala, the principal lingua franca of the Congolese tribes. And that, it turned out last week was the cause of the trouble.

When the Austrians arrived in the town of Bukavu, Capital of the Kivu Province, their first move was to send their Lingala interpreter to the local Congolese Army Hq. to ask directions. Suddenly, they were surrounded by Congo soldiers, guns at the ready. A white man who speaks Lingala must be Belgium, the soldiers shouted, and his friends must be Belgium too. And in Bukavu the place for Belgians is jail. "But we are from Austria". "Never heard of it" shouted the soldiers as they clapped the nurses in jail. They were released only after UN Nigerian troops launched a six hour assault on the jail and killed or wounded ten Congolese soldiers.

R.A.F. in Congo

According to the R.A.F. Flying Review of January 1961 the Royal Air Force is flying three round trips a week from Accra to Leopoldville. This Ghana-Congo airlift is a regular airlift of reinforcements and supplies to the Ghanaian Infantry Brigade forming part of the United Nations security force in the Congo.

I have written to the commanding officer of this squadron (114 Squadron based at Colerne, Wiltshire) and asked that a self addressed cover may be carried by this squadron, and mailed to me at one of the Ghana F.P.O.'s. So far I have not received any cover.

Belgian Carabiniers

Belgium soldiers from the Carabiniers regiment were taken into custody during late January when they strayed from Ruandi - Urundi into Kivu Province. I was most fortunate in obtaining a letter and cover from Soos Lieutenant serving with this regiment.

Secretary's Report

With regard to Rogan's question in the February bulletin, here are some of the answers supplied by A. J. Tripp and your Secretary:

APO 230-1 and 887-2 have never been reported. 230 1st army no doubt did have one or more branches. 887-2, Gen. Ike had forward Hq at Rheims, France at one time, also 887-A-B-C while in England. Checking covers may provide some info. the rest may be filled in by reading Ike's story of his campaign. "Dates" can explain much.

The question re APO 44 ½ P.M. N.Y. 35, - Zone 35 in N.Y.C. is the Triborough Sta. P.O. which is a brance Post office located in the upper east side of N.Y.C. The sender of cover probably lived in that section and inadvertently wrote that number in the R.A.

Another question re "Registry hand stamps". The answer is no. these registry hand stamps have never been permitted to be used on ordinary mail, and in the case registered letters, to be backstamped only on the back of letters twice where the flaps meet. Occasionally during WW-II, a cover turns up with the double ring registry hand stamp applied on front of cover. Probably done by an inexperienced clerk or as a favor.

A non-member wrote in the following question, will quote from his letter; I collect sport-philatelic material. In my possession is a little sheetlet franked with Czeckoslovakian stamps privately cancelled by the US Army (some armored Division) showing a tank with a lightning across it. This was for the occasion; I Olympic Games of American Army in Checkoslovakia, Klatow, 21-28 July, 1945. The question is: what sort of games were these, what division(s) were involved and what sports were included? Any member who can supply the answers, please write to your secretary.

Some news from Gale Raymond who quotes from the French Journal of "L'Union Marco-ophile" that in France today there are 35 American APO's, 3 British FPO's and one Netherlands Veldpost. The West German troops on maneuvers at Camp de Sissone and Camp de Mourmelon use ordinary French stamps but letters are cacheted with either a large or a small "eagle" (banner?) according to which unit. The same journal reports French Naval postal agencies are now closed at Porte-Avions, Bearn, Cruiser Emil-Bertin, Cruiser Montcalm, Batiment de Ligne, Jean Bart, and Port Avions Bois-Belleau, the latter having been turned back to the USA. New French Navy P.O.'s are now open aboard the Cruiser Colbert, aircraft carrier (Porte Avions) Clemenceau, Escort L'Aventure, and at "C.I.O.A. Marine". The last named is a dispersing center of Amphibious Operations said to be on the coast of North Africa. ll above ships use a six-sided dotted-line datestamp with ship name and small anchor below the date. The escort ship "L'Aventure" is a French Navy Frigate which accompanied the French fishing fleets to the Barents Sea (and previously to the Newfoundland and Greenland banks). It serves to represent French interests in foreign waters, to protect lives and give medical assistance, uplift morale and provide oceanographic and weather reports to the fisherman. Best of all, it collects and distributes mail to and from the fisherman from boat to boat, and on 1 August 1960 was granted its own French Postal Agency. Thus the fisherman wishing to purchase stamps, register letters, etc. can hail the post office to come to their ship, certainly a fascinating experience. Mail deliveries to and from the ship are expedited by French consuls primarily in the closest ports, via the Central Naval Bureau in Paris, France.

Members who reside in a foreign country and wish to have the auction pages only mailed to them by air mail, should contact the secretary and make proper arrangements to pay the air mail postage.

The secretary has been quite generous with sending out bulletins to non-members who wish to enter bids for items in our auctions. However in all fairness to our members, he will mail bulletins just twice to a non-member and if after that, the person does not join our group, then, that ends it.

Wish to correct an error which appeared in last bulletin re Philip E. Baker. The news item should have read, "promoted to Major Philip E. Baker."

Received an attractive pictorial Post Card from Kevin Rogan who is vacationing at Offutt Air Base, Omaha, Nebraska, while visiting his son.

New Members

- Member No. 465 - Samuel Ray, 350 Oakdale Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.
Collects Pacific area including China, Proofs & Essays.
- Member No. 466 - Mrs. A. A. Blauvelt, 5511 E. Spring St., Tucson, Arizona
Worldwide (used) War Covers, (Mil. & Civ.), Precancels.
- Member No. 467 - Yand L. Chung, 611 Shipley St., Wilmington 1, Delaware
China, Germany, Japanese Occup., U.P.U.
- Member No. 468 - Peter C. Rickenbeck, 152 Finchley Road, London N.W. 3, England
Dealer in all Feldpost material pertaining to German Philately.
- Member No. 469 - Howard Lee, 6 Vine Road, Larchmont, N. Y.
Australian and U.S. Post Offices in Borneo.
- Member No. 470 - Mrs. William W. Vaughan, 31-17 Crescent St., Long Island City 5, N.Y.
War Covers, Navals, F.D.C.
- Member No. 471 - Thomas W. Carr, M.D., 1300 Park Place, Brooklyn 13, N. Y.
World Covers.
- Member No. 472 - A. J. Paul, 4315 Alice Ave., Austin 5, Texas
All types War Covers.
- Member No. 473 - Paul K. Ploomquist, 4077 Elenda St., Culver City, Calif.
War Covers and Railway Mail Cancels.
- Member No. 474 - Horace P. Barringer, 464 Pawling Ave., Troy, N. Y.
Navals, Marine, A.P.O. - Shore Stations, etc.

Change of Address

- Member No. 138 - Fred Faulstich, 37 Inwood St., Yonkers, N. Y.
U.S. (all), Anglo-Boer War, General.
- Member No. 435 - George Hammerschmidt, 85 Clovelly Road, St. Clair Beach, Ont.,
Modern Germany, 1900-1950, Canada, Canada.
- Member No. 423 - Harold H. Griffin, 21 Woodland Lane, Arcadia, Calif.
All Military Occupations of WW-I, WW-II, Korea and Spanish American War.
- Member No. 438 - David M. Dodd, 709 Division St., Plainfield, Illinois.
Naval & Maritime Covers, War Covers, APO, FDC, Cacheted Event Covers.

Correction in listing of Collecting Specialty

- Member No. 453 - Robert H. Taylor, 27 Roseville Ave., Roseville, N.S.W., Australia.
Boer War Covers & War Covers of the Central & Southern Pacific excluding
Australia & New Zealand.

Will Trade For Better War Covers

Cancellations; World's Fair - Portland 1905- Post Cards (2), Jamestown Exposit.
1907- Postmarked Richmond, Va. 1907; Cover Wilkins-Ellsworth Trans-Arctic Sub.
Exped. 1931 Cachet, Postmarked N.Y. and England, New York to North Pole; Cover
franked "Anna Eleanor Roosevelt" rare handstamp; Cover Canada 1857 stampless to
U.S. "Canada Paid 10¢; Stampless French covers 1805 to 1829; U.S. advertising
covers. K. P. Rogan - 65 Hooker, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Wanted

Genuinely used R.F. Covers (U.S. stamps overprinted), also covers sent by
Free French Naval Forces to U.S. in World War II.
Dr. Jerome Beller, 6927 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond 25, Va.

Wanted

For inspection - Marine Covers, WW-II Cancelled with a Navy Date stamp
reading: U.S. Marines 1200 or U.S. Marines - P.O. 1200.
Stanley Jersey - 631 No. Kenilworth Ave. - Oak Park, Ill.

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There are still several contingents yet to be heard from, and I just keep on trying, hoping that some day my letters will be answered.

In the Canadian Philatelist Nov/Dec. 1960 there is an article "Canadian Forces Mail from the Congo Republic" by Lt. Col. R. H. Webb. Mr. Webb was the senior administrative officer of the reconnaissance party sent by Army Headquarters, preliminary to the Canadian Contingent joining the United Nations Forces in the Congo.

According to this article the ONUC frank (handstamp) was first used on Sept. 6, 1960. First day of use of CAPO 5046 cancellation was 16.IX.60, this cancellation was used previously but only to backstamp redirected mail. CFPO 25 was brought into use also on 16.IX.60.

Not included in this article was the information that the ONUC machine cancellation (similar to that used by the UNEF) was first used on Oct. 8, 1960, and the ONUC airletter was first used in the Congo on Oct. 22, 1960, these notes too were supplied by Lt. Col. Webb.

Slogans Used by Seabee Battalions
James Russell

Of the many different cancels which appear on the covers mailed by C.B. service men an occasional cover turns up with a two line slogan between the killer bars of the U.S. Navy cancel on the cover. All of these slogans are interesting and significant in as much as they indicate a spirit of "A strong determination to win the war". Herewith is a list of all of the slogans from different C.B. battalions which have showed up to the present: Regular Battalions:

2nd - The/ Stingers (Cancel very large)	
6th - Home's the Place / 4 Me.	69th - 69th NCB. / Snafu
6th - Keep on / Writing.	70th - 70th Const / Battalion
8th - Sailor's / Mail	72nd - Seabees / Build & Fight
8th - Sea Bees / Mail	73rd - Axis sigh if / Bonds U Buy
11th - The Fighting / Builder's	76th - 76 Const / Battalion
12th - Buy ?? Bonds	79th - 79th / Seabees
13th - ... - V ... - / Victory	84th - We Build / and Fight
19th - Okinawa / Shima	
22nd - 22nd Naval / Constr. Bat	<u>Special Battalions</u>
24th - No Peace / For Tojo	1 - #1 - On We Go / To Tokio
24th - Navy / 8130	2nd - Back Us - With Bonds
65th - Const. / Batt. (T inverted)	6th - 6th Spec / Can-Do
66th - "Fighting / Builders"	13th - N.Y. N.Y. / 10826 Br.

Members who have C.B. covers with slogans not shown in above list please send the data along to James Russell, 2209 Brighton St., Phila. 49, Pa.

For Sale or Trade

Have number 10 size envelopes with registered mail markings from Naval Construction Battalions. Price 25¢ each or will trade for other Seabee Material I need. - James Russell, 2209 Brighton St., Phila. 49, Pa.

Wanted - Covers from various Forces used in Malaya.

Information on Australian Forces in Malaya

Howard J. Selzer - 5035 C.W. Jackson Blvd. - Chicago 44, Ill.

Wanted to Buy or Exchange

Civil War Naval Covers

Naval Postmark, 1908-1922

Capt. H.F. Rommell, U.S.N.

U.S.S. Amphion (AR 13)

c/o FPO New York, N.Y.

Some Notes on APO 798, Located at Erivan, Russia
BY A. J. Tripp

This is the first report of APO 798 being found with the number showing in the cancel. I have no proof that the Postal Unit was at Erivan in Russia (sometimes printed on maps as "Ivan" and also as Yervan) which is located just N.E. of Iran border. Lend-lease to Russia consisting mostly of planes and trucks, were delivered to the Persian Gulf Command at Adadan, Iran. The last lend-lease plane was assembled at Abadan late Feb. 1945. (Abadan APO 824). All supplies to Russia then went overland to Russia. Along the route to Erivan, was the truck assembly plant #2 at Khorramshahr, APO 795, -Tap-11 and Tpa #1 at Andimeshk, APO 797. - & PRS #6, all under the Persian Gulf Command; APO 3310 was assigned to the 18th Field Hospital which is only found in the RAs. Some cancelled early at APO 680, Ahwaz, Iran also the address of 7 PRS, 113th General Hospital, Quarry Camp 8 miles from Ahwaz, with Camp Lowe and the Quartermasters Depot near by Ahwaz.

I have seen British covers addressed to APO 3310 as early as June 1943, and one from APO 36 dated Nov. 21, 1942.

All this data indicates many units were in Iran, and the shuttle services Pases were active sometime before 798 was used at Erivan. And as I have stated, I do not believe there would be a Postal Unit in Russia.

As the mail went through 8 BPO - APO 616 in Egypt, all such records in Iran would be kept at 8 BPO. It then went to one of the two PRS units in Iran. Then was cancelled and sent by Safe Hand Courier who would hand it over to the Mail Officer at the U.S. Airfield at Erivan.

We have never had enough covers to examine or do research work on the various branch numbers, fact is, this is the first item received on the subject in over a year.

In answer to James Russell's request for info. on APO 963, Mr. Tripp sen in the following:

963 - Fort DeRussey, Oahu, T.H. March - May ? 1942

963 - Not listed in Jan. 1950 Directory.

X963 - Jan. 1951, Yong Dong Po, Korea

(The X indicates address) All this is from Official Directories. Also is the fact that 963 is still listed at Ft. DeRussy Feb. 1949. Recorded cancels on covers C/963, March 3, 1952, C/963-1, April 8, 1953.

You should remember, such APO numbers at times were not in operation, but had to be used for incoming mail.

Perhaps at some time during the retreat of the Allied army, this number would not be active. In order to clear up this matter, Russell could check on the Korean battle charts and other info I sent him, he should be able to find out if and when Yong Dong Po was evacuated, by the forces, then later retaken. According to Stanley Jersey, APO 963 is presently located at Brady Air Base, Japan.

Japanese Soldier Mail of Russo-Japanese War, \$1.00 each		
"	"	" of World War II, 40¢ each.
Philatelic Matter translated, send for list, Unusual Japan Material		
Harry Weyner	5243 Pine St.,	Phila. 43, Pa.

Wanted to Purchase or Exchange		
Covers of Anglo-Boer War, Egypt- Postage prepaid of World War II		
Sudan, British African Colonies, FPO, APO, Censored, EAF,		
APO-U - MPK of South African Colonies. Prompt Reply assured.		
Walter Bjork,	139-80 - 85th Drive,	Jamaica 35, N.Y.

Copy of a letter enclosed in a Cacheted Tokyo Bay cover
from the U.S.S. Greenlet, date stamped October 16, 1945

Yokosuka Ko, Japan
October 15, 1945

Hello Folks,

Just a few lines to let you know that I've changed my address, so that you can keep sending the bulletins to me at the new address. That way they'll get here faster.

As you can see by the stationery, at least one of Ward Leonard's employees has reached Tokyo.

I'm on a submarine salvage ship that hit Japan with the big armada on August 28. I suppose all you folks back home have read the account of the ships arriving at Japan. Well, the thrill of being part of the fleet is worth reading about it a hundred times.

We arrived outside of Japan a few days before we entered Sagami Wun. There was a mild typhoon going on at the time so they didn't figure it was smart to enter. The initial entrance to Japan was made at Sagami Wun, some 30 miles away from Tokyo Bay. The heavy ships went in first and later in the day the auxiliaries and small ships went in. If a painter happened to be on the island as the fleet entered, he would have a picture that ranked with the flag raising at Iwo Jima. It seemed as if the fleet was just painted on the water. They arrived so fast and there were so many of them, (221 American and 17 British ships) that it seemed an artist had just painted them there.

It was August 28 when we hit Sagami Wun. Only July 30th the big Men-O-War entered Tokyo Bay. They had a ring of aircraft carriers guarding the entrance. The small ships went into the bay on July 31st.

We've been able to make liberty in the towns. There isn't much left of Yokohama or Tokyo. We've made most of our liberties in a town called Yokosuka. There wasn't any trouble with the people, they didn't bother anybody, but they sure made their money by selling any trinket they could get their hands on. Every home in town became a shop, selling anything a sailor wanted to buy, well almost everything.

Well, folks, that's all for now and keep the news coming.
J. M. Piedmont, RM, 2/c

The meeting of the War Cover Club held at the "Interpex" show on Saturday, March 18th was very interesting. 16 members of our group were present. The guest speaker was Walter Bjork and he showed part of his Anglo-Boer War collection. Some of the covers shown were from New Zealanders, Canadians & Indian Troops and are very rare items. We all enjoyed Mr. Bjork's talk which was very interesting.

Incidentally, your Sec. exhibited two frames (32 pages) of U.S. Marine Corps covers at this show and won a second award, a gold plated cup.

Met several members of the WCC at the show who are officers of other stamp clubs. Miss Louise Clemenson is President of The Women's Philatelic Society of N.Y. and I noted that Miss Clemenson won a first in her group with her exhibit of "Reunion". Miss Ann Britney is Secretary of the Metropolitan Air Mail Cover Club and of the Ghana, Togo Club, is very active in those groups and it was a pleasure meeting these ladies.

<p>Wanted: "Order of the Cootie" covers; also Seabees, Hornet, Wasp. I also collect any war cover with old Lincoln stamps. I. Keiser, 3783 Pukalani Place, Honolulu 16, Hawaii</p>
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U. S. S. TRIGGER SS-237

Albacore Class Submarine. Launched 22 October 1941, commissioned 30 January 1942.

On first patrol left Pearl Harbor, arrived at Midway 6 June 1942, then proceeded to Alaska in company with the submarine GRUNION SS-216. The GRUNION patrolled Attu and the TRIGGER patrolled Kiska for one week, then they exchanged areas. On 30 July 1942 the GRUNION was sunk while attacking two enemy destroyers.

On her second patrol the TRIGGER proceeded via Pearl to Kyushu, the southernmost island of Japan, where she sunk a freighter 20 miles from shore. At Bungo Suldo, at the southern entrance to the Inland Sea she was depth charged for the first time. She then sank a tanker and returned to Pearl.

In early December 1942 the TRIGGER went on her third patrol, planting a mine field at Inubo Saki which sank an enemy destroyer and a freighter. She sank another freighter at the entrance to Tokyo Bay, a destroyer at Okikase and a freighter loaded with airplanes on 31 December. She then returned to Midway for overhaul.

On 11 June 1943 while stationed off Tokyo she attacked the Japanese aircraft carrier Hiyo and got one torpedo into her, another hit the ship and did not explode and another exploded short. The light cruiser Isuzo towed the damaged carrier into Yokosuka. The depth charge attack that followed caused damage necessitating two months of repairs at Pearl.

On 8 September 1943 she departed Pearl and proceeded to Formosa where she sank three tankers and one freighter. In November 1943, in company with two sister subs, she sank eight ships out of a 17 ship convoy off Nanyo Shoto.

The TRIGGER was back at Pearl for Christmas in 1943 but on 26 December departed for patrol between Guam and Truk and after one month of waiting she sank an escort vessel and the Yasukuni Maru, resulting in the death of the head of COM JAP SUB FAC!

During her next patrol off Haha Jima Retto in the Mariannas the TRIGGER was attacked for 17 hours with depth charges and suffered the worst beating of any sub in our Navy. She escaped and 3 weeks later sank 4 freighters and one escort and also ran one freighter and 4 escorts aground. The TRIGGER then spent six weeks in the States having battle damage repaired.

The TRIGGER then completed two patrols without finding any victim and on her 12th and last patrol left Guam 11 March 1945 for the Okinawa area. She sank two ships and was last heard from on 26th of March. She was probably sunk 28 March, with the loss of all hands, by enemy ant-submarine vessels and aircraft, according to Japanese records.

This ship was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for her 5th, 6th and 7th patrols and the Navy Unit Commendation for her 9th patrol. Her total score was 18 enemy ships, abotu 86,550 tons.

PRICES REALIZED - MARCH 15 AUCTION

1.	2.85	28.	1.20	54.	2.70	81.	1.40	108.	.60
2.	.40	29.	15.50	55.	4.70	82.	.60	109.	.70
3.	2.50	30.	10.20	56.	.50	83.	5.50	110.	2.10
4.	.45	31.	5.25	57.	.90	84.	.50	111.	.70
5.	3.10	32.	2.00	58.	1.00	85.	2.80	112.	.40
6.	2.50	33.	1.60	59.	2.00	86.	.50	113.	1.10
7.	.90	34.	2.60	60.	1.00	87.	.70	114.	1.10
8.	1.60	35.	1.25	61.	.90	88.	.70	116.	2.00
9.	2.70	36.	1.50	62.	1.25	89.	1.00	117.	.70
10.	3.10	37.	5.50	63.	.50	90.	1.15	118.	.40
11.	2.10	38.	.90	64.	4.10	91.	.40	119.	1.50
12.	.70	39.	4.10	65.	.25	92.	1.70	120.	1.10
13.	.50	40.	1.60	66.	.70	93.	6.50	121.	.80
15.	2.60	41.	1.20	67.	1.20	94.	1.70	122.	.90
16.	2.40	42.	2.00	68.	.60	95.	3.50	123.	.25
17.	3.20	43.	3.60	69.	.60	96.	.60	124.	.70
18.	2.70	44.	2.10	70.	.70	97.	2.00	125.	.40
19.	1.60	45.	3.10	71.	.80	98.	2.15	126.	1.10
20.	1.50	46.	1.50	72.	.25	99.	1.00	130.	2.90
21.	1.60	47.	1.50	73.	.25	100.	.50	131.	9.00
22.	2.50	48.	.90	74.	.70	101.	1.70	132.	.25
23.	2.60	49.	.80	75.	.70	102.	1.40	133.	2.20
24.	2.80	50.	3.10	76.	1.00	103.	.20	134.	1.00
25.	2.20	51.	1.20	77.	2.40	104.	.50	135.	1.50
26.	1.60	52.	.80	78.	2.50	105.	.50	136.	20.00
27.	1.50	53.	4.10	80.	2.60	107.	2.25		

The March auction was highly successful, with 55 bidders submitting over 600 bids on the 137 lots. The most popular item was the Tokyo Bay cover (Lot #53). It seems that almost every bidder took a chance on that item. The next most popular item was the group of Channel Is. covers (Lot #93) followed closely by the Ethiopain War covers (#37), the WW1 Navals, the railway crash covers (#131), Boer War items and the POW covers. As usual, the lots of WW1 and WW2 APO's stirred little interest, except for the individual, unusual covers.

Auction Manager Notes. The Coast Guard has published a pamphlet entitled "Ships, Planes & Stations", with approximately 40 pages of photos of every type of ship operated by the C.G., from the famous Icebreaker "Eastwind" down to a self-bailing surf boat. Available from C.G. Recruiting Offices. If you don't care to join the outfit to get one of these pamphlets, send 12¢ postage to the Auction Manager.....Canada operates a number of Arctic Meterological Stations at Alert, Resolute, Eureka, Clyde River, Isachen and Mould Bay and cachets are supplied, showing the Latitude and Longitude of each Station. Send self-addressed covers, with Canadian stamps affixed, to Station Master, (Name of P.O.), North West Territory, Canada and request the service.....Cachets also available from "Camp Century - The City under the Ice", in northern Greenland by sending self-addressed covers (maximum 3) to Commanding Officer, Camp Century, Polar R & D Center, APO 23, New York, N.Y.BMEWS cachet also available by sending covers to Master Control Station, RCAS Co., Thule, c/o APO 23, N.Y., N.Y.

Ships of the West German Navy ("Bundesmarine") do not have in use any cachets like those used by USN ships. They have a one-line rubber stamp with the name of the ship which, I understand, will be applied to self-addressed covers sent by collectors. However, the covers must be franked with West German stamps (40 pf.) or accompanied by an International Reply Coupon. Some of the ships are: Zerstoerer Z1, Schulfregattee Hipper, Schulfregattee Scheer, Schulfregattee Spee, U-Boot Hai, U-Boot Hecht. Send covers to "Commanding Officer of (Name of ship)..., 24b, Kiel, West Germany. (Courtesy of Joachim Dill)

If the above type of information is of interest to WOC members, kindly advise the Auction Manager the next time you send in bids or material for auction.

WAR COVER CLUB AUCTION

1. Austria - Newspaper stmp (Sc.#P1) canc'd "Pesth", on wrapper w/"Soldatenfreund" printed in corner. Stamp fine. M.B. \$10.00
2. Sp.American War - Patr. env. slit at ends & used as wrapper from Cp. Thomas. Poor.
3. Italy - P.C. w/20 Para ovrrpt'd stmp (Sc.#2-Off. in Turkey) canc'd Smyrna, 1910. VF.
4. Canal Zone - P.C. w/CZ stmp canc'd "Cristobal"; w/st. line handstamp at left, "USS Hannibal, Jun 1, 1913". VF.

United States - WW1 Covers

5. 1 sm. Cover canc'd "US Postal Agency Siberia" (blurred) w/clear but faint, cens. mkg. "AEF Siberia RM Elliot, 2nd Lt. Inf." same typed r.a.
6. 12 AEF Covers, incld'g flag cancels (2), 728, 744, 755, 762, 784-5, 909, 918, 939. F.
7. 1 AEF Blue Env. APO 744 & 19 st. size covers all w/domestic Army camp cancels. F.
8. 13 dif. Army Camp life picture post cards, all w/domestic Army camp cancels. VF.
9. 1 Cov. franked w/US & Mexican stmps (not tied on) canc'd "USS Kentucky 2/10/16"; & 1 cancel on piece "USS Delaware 1/3/15" w/"Vera Cruz, Mexico" in killer.
10. USN - 2 Lg. Official Business Envs., both clipped, Censored & both w/corner card of USS Connecticut; 1 w/ship canc. 6/12/19 other "USN" canc. 8/29/19. F.
11. USN - 2 Lg. OB Envs. (fronts only) canc'd USN 1918, w/handstamped cc. of USS Ohio & USS Maine. "Maine" cov. censored but torn across cancel.
12. USN - 1 Lg. OB Env. w/Handstmp Penalty cc. of "USS Nebraska, Supply Dept". USN canc.
13. USN - 4 Covers (2 Lg); 3 w/cens. mkg. "USN Forces, Europe"; 1 canc'd "USN 3/21/18"; 1 YMCA "Sailors Mail", etc. (3 uncanceled)
14. USN - 2 Lg. OB Envs w/US Army APO cancels; 1 w/Army Cens & 1 w/Navy Cens. mkg.
15. USN - 3 Sm. Covers - 1 w/JWB cc, canc'd "USN Dec. '18"; 1 w/US Naval Base 7 (?) Cancel, mss. "European Waters"; 1 w/Norfolk can. w/Navy seal. Poor.
16. USN - 2 Lg. OB Cens. Envs. - 1 USS Mississippi w/pr. cc canc'd "USN 6/13/18"; 1 canc'd "US Atlantic Patrol Forces, 11/4/18". Both creased 7 part of bck cut.
17. USN - 5 Sm Covers w/Naval Shore Sta. Cancels, incld'g 3 Flag Canc. (Pelham & Gr. Lakes Rec. Ship); 1 canc'd Fortress Monroe (1912) from sailor on Idaho.
18. US Marines - 3 sm covers - Alexandria, Va. Mil. Br. flag canc(2); Paris Is. (1) F.

WW1 Covers - Other Countries

19. Austria. Feldpostkarte - 1918 - Canc'd "KUK Feldpostant #486". Regim. Hkgs. F.
20. Austria. 2 Mil. P.C., canc'd "KUK Feldpost" w/military stmps (Sc.#M26(pr)27) VF.
21. Austria. Regist'd Feldpost Ltr. w/Sc.#120 canc'd "Neu-Sandec"; Censored, with markings of "Bezirks-Commando No. 32" VF.
22. Belgium. 10 Cens. Covers from Occ. Belgium; w/Germ. stmps overprinted "Belgien"; varied cancels and interesting markings. VF.
23. Canada. 12 Covers - all concern 1 Canadian soldier - 7 "Soldier's Letters" from camp in Eng., w/1st Res. Batt. Orderly Room mkg & cens.; 1 from APO S22; 2 Regis. env. from Ottawa Mil. Dept.; 1 Reg. env. from Estates Branch, & 1 Registered wrapper marked "Effects of"
24. Costa Rica. 1 sm. censored cov. w/C.R. stmps canc'd "Puntarenas 5/4/18". VF.
25. Egypt. 1 sm. cov. canc'd "Buez, 3/20/16, w/pr Sc.#60, British Cans. mkg. and Indian Expeditionary Force circular red cens. mkg. vf.
26. France. 1915-16 - 2 soldier's ltrs (1 poor) w/French Mil. Hospital cachets.
27. Germany. 1 sm. Cov. canc'd "Riga 7/18/18" w/7 dif. Germ. stmps; 2 overprt'd "Postgebiet Ob. Ost" (Sc. Lithuania LN7-8). Other mkg unclear, may be POW. VF
28. Germany. 1 POW card from Camp Giessen to France - 1918 - var. mrkgs. F.
29. Germany. 2 POW covers, addr. to Denmark Red Cross. Cens.
30. Gr.Britain. 1918 - 3 prnted voting registration cards from servicemen under the "Representation of the People Act." APO cancels. VF.
31. Gr.Britain. 3 sailor's ltrs, each w/ld franking, dumb canc.; Cens, 1 w/Cens. mkg. "HMS Imperieuse 11/25.15". F.
32. Gr.Brotain. 32 sm. British Field P.O. covers; mstly dif.; all legible; Cens. VF lot.

33. India. 1 Cov. prntd on face "POW letter.No Stamp Required. Passed by Commandant, POW, Abnednagar". Cens. mrkgs; Circ. red cachet "Post Free" 1916. VF.
34. Samoa. S. #117 ("Samoa" on NZ stmp) on Cens. cov. Canc. illegible & Cov. torn.poor
35. Togo. Anglo-French Occ. $\frac{1}{2}$ & 1d on 2 Cans. Post Cards, canc'd "Lome,Togo",1915-6.VF
36. Germany. 1922 - 2 Feldpost cards altered for civilian use, w/inflation stmps.VF.
37. Ethiopian War. 1936-38 - 6 Covers w/Eritrean stamps & var. Mil. Post cancels. F.
38. Spanish Civil War. Canary Islands. 1937 - 2 beautiful A.M. Reg. covers to Switz., w/Span. & Canary Is. stmps (Sc.#9LC28/29,31-33). Cens. on backs; Unusual, VF.
39. Spanish Civil War. Canary Islands. 1937 - Patriotic folded ltr. sheet, vari-colored, w/Franco photo cachet & "Arriba Espana"; opens into Propaganda leaflet. Addr. to US w/Sp. & Canary Is. stamps (Sc #9LC4/6/10; San.#8) Beautiful item. VF.
40. Spanish Civil War. Cens. A.M. Cov. "Censura Milita Malaga" on face. VF.
- U.S.N. Covers. The following 5 lots are large USN Penalty envs. w/printed or handstamped corner cards w/name of ship,address etc.Cancels all clear.all 1938.
41. 8 Covers from ships lost during WWII (6 w/slogans in killers) - USS Chicago, Hull, Cushing, Indianapolis, Kanawha, Oklahoma, Preston, Vincennes. VF.
42. 5 Covers w/slogans in killers - USS Tutuila (Ichang,China0; Ramapo (At Sea); Memphis (San Fran.); Trenton (San Fran.); Dobbin (San Diego). VF.
43. 5 Covers w/slogans - USS Tutuila(Ichang); Whitney (Mare Is.); Vega (Bremerton); Ramapo (At Sea); Hamilton (Newport). VF.
44. 6 Covers w/slogans - USS Conyngham, Dewey, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Pensacola; Ramapo. VF.
45. 16 Covers. Nice cancels - USS Arctic, Detroit(2), Tuscaloosa(2), Oklahoma, Colorado, New York(2); Idaho, Tennessee, New London Sub Base, Pensacola A Sta., etc. VF.

U.S. Covers Through WW-II

46. USMC - 6 Covers (1 Lg) w/var. Marine cancels, incld'g 4th Marines, Shanghai; Jamaica; Fleet Marine Forces; FDC of Constitution stamp canc'd "Mar. Barr. Phil." - 1938-41.
47. 1 sm Cov canc'd 8/10/41 "Am. Base Forces APO 801-C" w/Newfound. Base Cens.1kg.VF
48. 2 sm Cov (1PatR) w/FD of use cancels of APO 804 (Jamaica) & 805(St.Lucia)1941 VF.
49. 8 APO Cov. (1 Lg) incld'g 5 Regist.-APO 3;505;785;95 (3 Bl.Env.Mail) Poor to VF.
50. 1 Lg. Cov. (Creased) w/Reg. canc. APO 960, Un. 2, 10/16/42
51. A.M. Cov. UC 4, die B2, Legal size, Bicolor border, clipped at left. APO 627. F.
52. 20 APO Cov. (stand. size) mostly A.M., incld'g Guadalcanal (3);Fiji(3)etc. F-VF
53. 50 APO 757 Covers (all sizes) w/var. corner cards - UNRRA; Stars & Stripes; WAC; Press; Industrial Control; Attorneys; Civilians, etc. Interest. Poor to fine.
54. 100 all dif. APO sm. covers. All numbers show in cancel. Fine condition.
55. 1953 - 1 prepared cov. (small) w/5 dif. cancels of APO 209 (Trieste), incld'g Registry cancel, Units 1, 3 & 4. Cacheted and VF.
56. First Day Cover of issue in Europe of Gen. Patton stamp (11/18/53) w/spec slogan APO 42 cancel & 2nd Arm. Div. cachet. VF.
57. 1 US Internment Camp Cover canc'd "Ft. Stanton, N.M." 3.3.42 w/box Censor marking, "Detained Alien Enemy Mail Examined by ... U.S.I. & N.S." VF.
58. 1 Cov. 10/18/42 addr. to Switz. mkd. "Return to Sender. No serv. avail." Bckst. 7/9/43.
59. 1 Patriotic Cov., canc'd Ft. Hunter, N.Y. 5/8/45, autographed Gen."J. H. Doolittle." VF.
60. 1 Pat. Cov canc'd "Mahomet, Ill. 12/7/43" at left; w/added slogan canc. over stamp, "Second Anniversary of Pearl Harbor" Neat but looks like an inside job. VF.
61. 10 Patriotics from Servicemen, APO's; Armed Guard; Xmas seal as postage, Private printed "Free" stamps, etc. Interesting Lot. VF.
62. 70 sm Patriotic covers - 1941-46; Domestic usage but vf condition.
63. 60 dif Patriotic Meter strips 1942-3; Cut 2 x Length of env. What next?

WWII - Other Countries

64. 6 Censored Covers to U.S. from Burma, Cyprus, Jamaica, Tr. & Tobago, Newf., Sweden. Nice stamps used. VF.
65. Australia (1943-47) 47 mixed sm. covers w/var. Mil PO & rel mks; common stmps. Poor-VF.
66. Br. Solomon Isls. 1 sm. cov. Canc'd "Lunga-Br. Sol. Is." 12/28/44 w/3 Sol. Is. stamps, VF.
67. Canada. 1 sm. cov. "RCAF on Act. Serv." canc'd "C.A.P.O. #10. RCAF Cens. VF.
68. Curacao. 1942-1 sm. cov. to US canc'd Aruba; Triangle Dutch & Circ. US Cens. VF.
69. France. 1942- 4 cov. addr. to Italy(2 Reg) Fr.stamps; all w/Germ & Ital.Cens. F.
70. Germany. 1938-41. 10 VF postcards, incld'g Hitler photos, Nazi propaganda cards, Sudetenland fancy cancel; "Deutschland uber alles" card; Philatelic Stamp Days (3). Interesting lot, worth a Minimum Bid of \$2.00.
71. Germany. P.C. w/fancy box cancel. "Der Fuhrer in Kratzan" w/slogan "Ein volk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuhrer", 10/6/38. VF.
72. Germany. P.C. w/Czech & Germ. stamps canc'd w/fancy Nazi "Day of Liberation" cancel 10/3/38 at Bodenbach & Czech cancel. Sudetenland item. VF.
73. Germany-Italy. 1 Cov. w/German (Sc #B189) & Italian (Sc #418) stamps both depicting Hitler & Mussolini. Ital. stamp canc'd Rome, Germ. stamp canc'd "Feldpost". VF.
74. German POW cov. w/Czech stamp canc'd "Kurim" w/"Zajatecka Posta" mkg., addr. to US Zone w/US cens. mkg.; Russian Cens. mkg. on back. VF.
75. Germany - 1946 - Reg. Cov. "Murnberg 1/21/46" w/9 AMG stmps (Sc #3n2-10) VF.
76. Germany - 1946 - 2 Cov.-- 1 w/1946 issue (5 stmps Sc #535/54) of Germany & US Air Mail stamps canc'd APO 124; 1 cov w/civ cens canc'd "Plattling". F.
77. Gr.Britain - 1942-3 - 4 processed Airgraphs to & from Gr.Brit(2) & India(2). VF.
78. Gr.Britain - 1943-4 - 4 Cov. incld'g 2 A.F. Air Ltrs; 1 Maritime Mail & 1 Privilege Envelope. Poor to Fine.
79. Gr.Britain - 1942-54 - 12 sm FPO's and Navals, incld'g Malta, Trieste, Egypt, India, Trieste, etc. F.
80. Greece. 1945 - 1 Reg. Ltr to US, Greek Cens. mkg. & 1 Reg. Ltr. to Greece, mked "Returned to Sender by censor." Fair only, but int. mks.
81. Italy. 10 Covers, mostly 1940-42 (1 1928) w/var Mil. cancels and mks. F
82. Italy. 1943 - 6 Mil. P.C. w/var Mil. mks; all w/quotes of Mussolini or similar Propaganda. VF.
83. Italy. 1944 - Patriotic (US) Env. w/AMG stamp (#1N4) used as post. w/APO cancel and US Censor marking. VF.
84. Italy. 1945-7 - 2 Covers from UNRRA camps in Italy. Camps I.T. 17 & 36 in return address only. No camp cancel. F.
85. Palestine. 1936-40 - 4 VF Cens. covers from Jaffa, Nahalal, Safad, Jerusalem.
86. Israel. POW Cover - 1949 - w/Egypt st. overprinted "Falestine"(N8). Arabic Censor marking and Geneva Red Cross cachet. VF.
87. Israel. POW Cover - w/Israel Cens. mkg. and boxed cachet in Arabic & Eng. "Military Governor...District". VF but needs a little translation.
88. Israel. 1955-60. 11 Dif. Field Post Office covers (no stamps) incld'g 2 Censored and 4 w/slogan cancels. Fair to VF.
89. U.A.R. - 1959 - New Years card and Cover(Large) from Pres. Nasser addr. to one of our well-known members w/UAR stamps (Sc.#7-25(B1 of 4) & Egyptian stamps (Sc. #052,56,58). VF. M.B. \$2.00.
90. Philippines. Bl. of 4 of 2¢ Victory issue on cov. canc'd w/green cancel. "Unconditional Surrender of Japan, Sept. 2, 1945, P.O. Manila." VF.
91. Poland - Cov. Canc'd Polish Field PO #101 (mostly blurred); mss. "O.A.S."
92. Fishery War Cover w/Br. Stamps canc'd "PO Maritime Mail" w/cachet "The Capt. Fifth Fishery Protection & Minesweeping Sqn. HMS Wave" w/added Greenland stamps but uncanceled. VF. 1958. M.B. \$1.00

93. 2 USN covers - canc'd USS Shangri La (11/28/60) & Boxer (12/2/60) off Nicaragua & Guatemala during Communist led rebellion. No cachets or other spec. marking to indicate location of ships at time of cancellation.
94. UNEF - 1960 - Egypt - Registered receipt w/postal cancel "Svenskaen-Batalionen 14-3-60 Egypten." VF. (Note: Not a cover but a receipt)

Miscellaneous

95. Falkland Islands - Large Cov. w/10 Falk. I. Dep. Stps. from $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1 Sh. (Sc #1119-28) each canc'd "Fort Lockroy, Grahamland" 12/10/55. VF. but extra Lg. Env.
96. Norfolk Island. Ex. Large Cov. w/complete set of first issue (Sc. #1-12) cancelled on First Day 6/10/47 at "Norfolk Island, Aust." VF.
97. U.S. - 2 Cvs. 1 canc'd US Ger. Sea Post Pres. Roosevelt, Oct. '29 & 1 canc'd "USTP Seapost, Pres. Hoover, Sept. 26, 1931. VF.
98. U.S. - 1 Lg. cover w/Pres. widow autograph frank "Helen H. Taft", 2/9/38, Wash., D. C.

AUCTION CLOSES MAY 5

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