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WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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War Cover Club

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Unit No. 19 - American Philatelic Society

CCI Stamp Club David M. Dermon informs that the CCI Stamp Club has a new director. Friends of penal philately can reach the Club through: Mr. Ralph Elliott, Director, CCI Stamp Club, P.O. Box 5500, Chillicothe, OH 45601. (The War Cover Club supports not only penal philately but clubs which help servicemen in hospitals and veterans philately. Stamp donations are always welcomed by these worthy organizations.)

Virginia Philatelic Federation Mr. Thomas Cox and members of the Virginia Philatelic Federation extend another invitation to the War Cover Club to attend the Federation's show in November 1978. (Our thanks to VPF for the invitation.)

AMPHILEX '77 "On behalf of the 'Nederlandse Vereniging van Poststukken- en Poststem-pelverzamelaars' (Society of Collectors of Postal History, Postmarks and Postal Stationery) all fellow-collectors are invited for an international meeting during AMPHILEX. We hope this informal meeting will result in permanent personal contacts for many collectors and in the exchange of philatelic knowledge and material. The meeting will take place in Rooms 5 and 6 of the RAI-Building, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday, 28 May 1977." AMPHILEX '77, Philatelic World Exhibition, 26 May - 5 June 1977 will be held in Amsterdam. Theo. van Dam will welcome War Cover Club members who attend.

Stamp Show News The publication is available from West Rock Show Associates, Inc., 1839 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538, \$3.00 per year in the U.S., 12 issues, over 50 pages per issue. The publication specializes in listings of stamp shows, auctions and sales, news items and special features which includes some very nice articles. May we offer our thanks to Stamp Show News for giving the War Cover Club a fine plug under the head line "Specialist Stamp Societies."

R.T. Murphy's Monograph "Location and Assignments, U.S.N.-U.S.M.C. Mobile Land Forces and Their Post Office Facilities, World War II and Later," First Edition, 200 plus pages. The War Cover Club will probably back publication. Murphy has sent the editor some sample pages which indicate extensive research went into compiling the detailed listings. The editor has received many favorable responses - Club members who wish to purchase one or more copies when the publication is available. A card from WCC member Myron Fox makes a typical expression, "Suggestion for book on WW II USN/USMC locations great idea. Though I only dabble here I wish I knew more about what I had. Such a book would make items (postal) a more popular area for collecting.... think the book would do as well as the APO book has. I think a simple format, similar to the APO book, will sell more copies..."

Bear Flag Post Last meeting featured "Mail from the Pacific islands, WW II APOs." Dr. Fred L. Dunn certainly "stole the show" with examples of covers from various Pacific islands and his considerable philatelic knowledge about the postal history of the APOs involved. Next meeting will be held at WESTPEX, in San Francisco, Sunday, May 1, the Jack Tar Hotel. The Bear Flag Post invites all to attend.

Base Post Office Update Lloyd Booth has discovered another early date - BPO 11 in cancel dated 12 AUG 1944, with return address of APO 887 (London, England). Early date before was 9 MAR 1945. Please report all date information to the editor.

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May we cordially welcome the following new Club members:

- 1493 Blake, Edward L. Jr., 185 Haight St., San Francisco, CA 94102
(Japan, Russia to 1924 and Mexico)
- 1494 McCluney, Carl L., 1921 S. Henderson, Fort Worth, TX 76110
(Navals, USCG, Merchant Marine, WW II Patriotics standard size)
- 1495 Brown, Major David J., Dept. of Military Science, St. Norbert College,
DePere, WI 54115 ()
- 1496 Mader, Howard A., 4496 Anderson Rd. SE, Aumsville, OR 97325 ()
- 1497 Bennett, Alan M.F., 4204 Stanby Court, Alexandria, VA 22312
(Congo, Katanga, South Kasai and United Nations Congo)
- 1498 Willshaw, Frederick A., 2124 Franklin St., Rock Hill, SC 29730
(German WW II Feldpost)
- 1499 Webb, Dr. Benjiman D., 15300 S.W. 109th Ave., Miami FL 33157
(World War II-European and Africian only)
- 1500 Hecker, Arthur, 112-36 69th Rd., Forest Hills, NY 11375
(German-Colonies, Offices Abroad, Censorship, Occupations)
- 1501 Merritt, Lt. Col. R.O., USMC, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command, J3 Box 24, APO
San Francisco 96263 (Boxer Rebellion)
- 1502 Higel, Tom, P.O. Box 2341, APO New York 09009
(World Military Markings sepecially Egypt and Sudan)
- 1503 Leslie, Peter, P.O. Box 23, Changewater, NJ 07831
(Postal History)
- 1504 Bailey, Earl L., 415 East 52nd St., Apt. 5-CC, New York NY 10022
(German WW II and Occupation and Channel Islands WW II covers)
- 1505 Postal History Society of Minnesota/Attention of L.C. Merriam, 1643
Maple Knoll Drive, St. Paul, MN 55113 (Postal History)
- 1506 Matsumoto, Nobuhiro, Ekimae 1-3-16, Sojashi Okayamaken 719-11, JAPAN ()
- 1507 McKain, F. Robert Jr., 5802 Herma St., San Jose CA 95123
(Alaska, General U.S., Air Mail Stationery)
- 1508 Leven, S.H., CPO Mess, USS Worden (CG 11) FPO San Francisco 96601
(Sarawak, North Borneo, Brunei and New Guinea Naval DDs #1-346)

Trading Post Ad Rates Please see previous Bulletin. All ads to Sec'y/Treasurer.

THE TRADING POST

HARD TO FIND! The Occupation of Vera Cruz Mexico 1914 by the U.S. Navy and Army. A nice selection of covers in my new list along with WW I Russian POWs in Germany and some Other Surprises. All it takes to get this illustrated list is a SASE to: Pete Leslie, P&O Stamp Co., P.O. Box 23, Changewater, NJ 07831

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Book Review (by Rev. Richard J. Bennick) A POSTAL HISTORY OF CURAÇAO, by Julsen, Frank W. and A.M. Benders, published by Van Dieten, The Hague, 1976, 626 pages.

This immense volume contains everything anybody ever wanted to know about the philately and postal history of the group of six islands in the Caribbean known as the Netherlands Antilles. The book is profusely illustrated and printed on the best glossy paper. The purpose of this review is to highlight the 39-page chapter entitled "Censored Mail Markings and Labels." The book is printed in English.

It is impossible to do justice in describing briefly the total comprehensiveness of this portion of the book. Some of the material presented was earlier covered by our own Lincoln Kieffer in articles he composed but treatment here is the only complete account of the World War II censoring of mail in these Dutch-owned islands. Julsen and Benders provide background data on the actual decrees, the censorship operations in various post offices, the mail to and from internment camps and the little-known Royal Netherlands Navy censor.

In the sections which discuss the rubber handstamps and resealing labels, the authors have presented a slightly different classification system than the one most to which most of us have grown accustomed. However, the system includes both the Curaçao and Aruba markings rather than separating them and this is a welcome integration. The summary catalogue at the conclusion of the chapter provides quick and easy access to the listing of the wide variety of labels, handstamps and identification numbers.

The actual illustrations of covers as well as the censor markings themselves makes identification a relatively simple task. Like any attempt to provide earliest and latest known dates, someone inevitably has an earlier or later date on a cover. Yet, knowing the authors, they would not tend to believe their dates are final. In fact, those having dates which differ may want to inform the authors so that they might continue to update their time table.

The cost of the volume may prevent some collectors from purchasing it but no respectable philatelic library should be without it and those who desire to have the most significant study of WW II censorship should have it. The book is available in the U.S.A. from the American Society of Netherlands Philately (ASNP), Paul E. van Reyen, Secretary, P.O. Box 555, Montclair, NJ 07042, for \$36.00 plus postage.

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FOR SALE - COVERS - POSTAL HISTORY: APOs and Navals-U.S. and Foreign, Seaposts and Paquebots, RPOs, Westerns and Territorials, Better Foreign especially Germany, Japan and Russia including Flights and Zeppelins and so forth. Many, many unusual items especially Markings and Cancellations as well as better Frankings. No Lists...Send your wants and interests to:

The Cancel Collector (Fred Scheuer), P.O. Box 2356, Mesa, Arizona, 85204 U.S.A. 5

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Barry Hoffman, 739 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116 5

Reference book for sale: THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR-BEFORE AND AFTER-1903-1929, by A. Kennedy and George Crabb, 300 pages. This is a 300-page (size A4) reference book with all known British Army Postmarks in World War II and maneuvers, etc. Fifteen years research results in extensive description of war and all APO services, a complete numerical listing of usage of 130 known types of Army Post Office, Field Post Office, etc. postmarks with a valuation listing for each usage. Further sections cover each of 20 campaigns, etc. with maps, postmarks, and further relevant information. Ninety pages of illustrations of datestamps and scarcer covers. Order from George Crabb, Charlwood, Howard Avenue, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, U.K. U.S.A. funds: \$22.00 plus \$1.50 check charge unless Postal or I.M.O. 6

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Kenneth Mears, 274 Hsrvey Avenue, Lindcroft, NJ 07738 0
- FOR SALE: Over 2,500 ship covers on 30-page lists. Keel-laying, launching, commissioning. Locations in "killer"-bars of naval postal markings. One page of Crosby Covers. One page of China locations. Send 50¢ in postage to:
Roger Creighton, 1070 - 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 1
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- I SELL: A.M.G. stamps (U.S. Occupation Stamps). These are related to War Covers in that they involve the Occupied or liberated country and the mail used by civilians there.
A COMPLETE BASIC SET: (132 F-VF mint)...\$47.00
You may split in 3-4 portions. Also, we accept
Early APO covers from Okinawa in trade for the above. For example,
20¢ U.S. accepted at full face. Literature: "What Are AMGs"...20¢.
- Joe Bush, P.O. Box 665, Bonita, CA 92002 2
- WANTED - WW I and WW II Australian civilian censored covers.
Robert Saunders, 5032 - 38th Avenue, S.W., Seattle, WA 98126 2
- WANTED: Spanish Civil War material - locals, seals, postcards, pictures, censorship and so forth.
T. Ramon, 314 Jackson, Park Forest, IL 60466 2
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Dr. Walter Elwell, 1535 E. Forest, Wheaton, IL 60187 2
- WANTED: WAR COVERS - ALL QUANTITIES, 1939-1945:
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Howard Lee, P.O. Box 5959, New York, NY 10017 4
- WANTED: A.P.O. First day of use covers for my own personal collection. List of those I have is available.
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- AUCTIONS: Three separate catalogues available: 1) Stamps and Postal History of the Far East; 2) Worldwide Postal History; 3) Stamps, Proofs and Essays of the World. Let us know what catalogues you would like to receive.
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- WANTED TO BUY - COVERS FROM: Falklands, Br. Virgin Is., Cayman Is., Br. Honduras, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Most British and French Islands, Manchuria, Early China, Japan, Austrian and Italian Offices, all "odd-ball" countries, in fact, any good cover from anywhere. No lot too small, from one to one-hundred. Send with your price or our offer. Immediate reply.
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OUR MILITARY DIRECTORY SERVICE
Russell A. Morse

Collectors of military covers from time to time come upon an item which shows marks of handling by more than one military postal unit. In the majority of cases it appears as a cover addressed to a member of the Armed Forces rather than one from a member of the service.

It seems most collectors prefer covers which originate with the military. "Complete" collections are desirable showing one example of each POSTMARK of some class of military unit, ship or base. In many instances it appears that the unusual backstamps or forwarding markings are ignored. In military mail forwarding is a critical part of postal service. This phase of collecting is called "DIRECTORY MAIL."

Letters from home have always been recognized as a valuable morale booster in the Armed Forces. From the earliest days systems were developed to forward mail to service personnel. In the 19th century, sailors often addressed "IN CARE OF _____" some agent or perhaps even through the Naval Lyceum in New York. Hotel covers, showing forwarding or "DIRECTORY" type service, are a recognized part of the latestampless period.

Over the years the military developed its own forwarding system and records checks. "ADDRESS SUPPLIED" or "NO RECORD" markings can be found on covers of the late 19th and early 20th century. In almost every case these markings bear the military unit's own identification as the unit which processed the particular cover.

By World War II these checks were called "DIRECTORIES" and were often likely to forward a piece of mail without indicating the location of the processing agent. This does not mean that some (postal units) did not provide a directory service rubberstamp to indicate that a record check had been made.

At some point after the Second World War an attempt was made to standardize these markings. By the middle 1960s, the Army and Air Force postal authorities developed a large circular hand-backstamp and cancel machine dies to backstamp this type of mail. Local bases frequently developed their own (backstamp). Often a DIRECTORY SERVICE rubberstamp was used with the REGISTRY hand-stamp to show directory services.

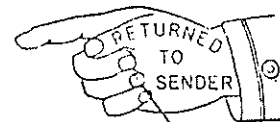
There appears to be two distinct "systems" in operation with regard to these backstamps. Both have their own standards for the size and shape of the markings and both their individual variations. Because the stamps seem to be a local problem of the individual military postal officials, the shapes and sizes present a wide variation within the scope of military postal systems requirements. Thus, at the present time, there exists a unified system of Directories which apply postal markings to mail addressed to members of the military but the type and size of these markings represent highly individualized choices by local clerks or Post Officers. Sometimes these markings are in direct conflict with existing regulations. In most cases the forwarding stamp is acquired locally, often from non-military sources, and, other than the occasional inspections by the equally ignorant inspecting Officers, no check on the size and shape requirements seems to be made.

Naval regulations indicate that their Directory Service Backstamps must: give the name or branch number to identify the unit or command, have a narrow line border, contain spaces for date forwarded and clerks' initials, not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size. Thus, when each stamp is locally made on a one-stamp-at-a-time basis, the shape and design can vary with the clerk or the rubberstamp he happens to pick up that day to use.

The Army, by contrast, seems to have several standard designs for overseas APO use but in their Bases in CONUS the same kinds of local controls are used.



NO RECORD
IN RECSTA
NAVY No. 3002



REASON CHECKED

Unclaimed Refused
Address unknown
Insufficient Address
No such street number
No such office in state
Do not remain in this envelope

Evidence of Directory Service includes hand-stamps, machine markings and "hand" cancel. The latter was applied on mail with a naval address. Navy No. 3002 may be traced as to location.

It is important to remember that Directory Service and forwarding stamps are Official Postal Markings vital to the rapid delivery of Military Mail. In many cases they are signs of hours of checking and rechecking lists and card files for names of long-transferred personnel. As such, they can be very meaningful to the collector or student of the Military Postal systems. In order to enable the collector to understand these markings, the following explanation is offered of the working of the Directory Service system as observed by the author.

(A) -"No longer a member of this command"-

The heart of Naval and Marine Corps postal directory is a 3 by 5 inch card and daily work sheets. When a new member of a military unit arrives for duty he fills out a card which gives name, rank, service number and new address. The former duty station is recorded in that unit. It is usually kept on a higher level than his service records. If his records are kept on a Company level, the card will be on file with the Battalion mail room in a stateside base. His mail will be sorted and delivered by battalion and company mail orderlies who usually have other duties as well. When service personnel leaves the unit, it is necessary to check out with the mail room where the card is kept. The card will be refiled in "dropped file" and held for six months. They readdress the mail and on occasion have a Directory type stamp to indicate this service. Usually, however, a master directory service is established for the entire base, ship or division. This attempts to sort out those people who are no longer with the unit and the mail room serves as check for what they miss.

If mail arrives before a card has been made, it is held by the Directory to determine that the person is enroute. It can be held for 30 days and then will usually be returned to the sender or to a larger Directory Service for a recheck. If other units are closeby, their Directories will also be checked.

(B) -"No record"-

When No Record has been found the clerk will write "NR" or "No Record" or rubber-stamp it, along with the date and his number or, if he has no clerk number, his initials. Covers can be found with more than a dozen such markings which are usually on the reverse side. Directory Service Stamps have spaces for such markings and are often placed on the cover when it first arrives and then completed only if the person is not found by filling in the date forwarded space. Daily copies of lists of arriving and departing personnel are checked to locate addressees. If the name is found, it will usually cite a new location where the mail may be forwarded and this is placed on the face of the cover. If 30 days of checking yield no results, the cover is then returned to the sender or sent to a higher directory.

In the Marine Corps there was a Central Directory for Vietnam and a Directory for the Western Pacific. The Third Marine Amphibious Force Directory was used in Vietnam and the Western Pacific Directory used in Okinawa at Camp S.D. Butler. Both of these

master directories use (or used) several types of Master Directory Service rubber-stamps, the markings of which appear on many covers. These exist in addition to the local Directories, some of which have their individual DS handstamps. Army Directories, bearing an APO number in a large CDS reading "Directory Service Given" or the use of the APO Handstamp, appear to serve the same purpose. Covers bearing both Army and Naval or Marine unit markings, while unusual, are not too scarce.

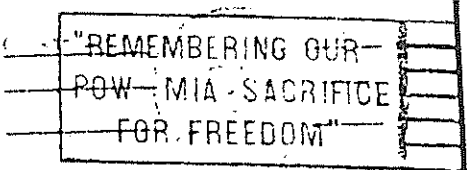
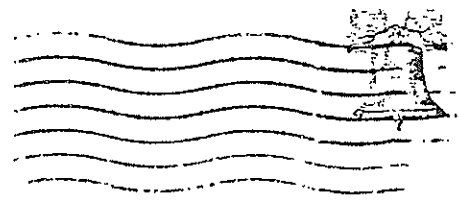
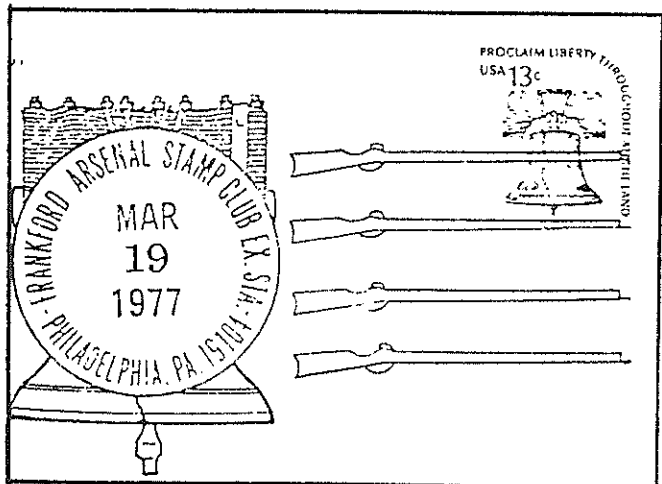
How to display these covers becomes a problem because two sides of the cover are involved. However, modern copying machines and their widespread use have opened a new era. By their use, one of the sides may be photo-copied and mounted next to the other side of the original cover; thus both front and backside of a cover may be shown without damage. With the wide range of markings and the use of copiers some exchange of information may well be within the scope of researchers.

It would appear that the best time to begin a collection of Directory Service covers would be while the material is still current. Returning service personnel have usually saved many of their letters. Often a word of interest will net several attractive covers. Certainly, as time passes, these covers will find their way into collections and our knowledge of them will increase. Any expression of interest in their variety and lack of uniformity may tend to cause the Military to standardize the DS markings. This may be predicted with some degree of accuracy. When this occurs the provisional and local character of these useful backstamps will disappear and some of their flavor lost. In the meantime a representative collection will allow the tracing of many fine covers around the world by their markings.

With the widespread use of the helicopter and Medevac, covers can now be found which trace the history of a wounded serviceman (for example). Directory Markings of Vietnam Hospitals, Hospital Ships and the new duty stations can appear on a single cover. In rare cases covers with literally dozens of different markings can be traced with great success.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this type of cover collecting can be seen in the great effort made to trace and retrace one single man. This reflects, at least to this writer, the high degree of basic human respect we have for our fellow countrymen and for the sincere intentions and efforts of our Military to see that the mail does get through. I suggest checking your military covers now and see if you discover any "Directory Service" covers.

From APO 96263 (Taipei, Taiwan) Lt. Col. R.O. Merritt, USMC writes that the U.S. military is scheduled for phase-out (as reported in the press) and they are just closing down the Air Force Base. There will be a follow-up report in the next Bulletin. Cancels also contributed by Ted. Bahry, USMC and Michael Stefanowicz in Philadelphia.



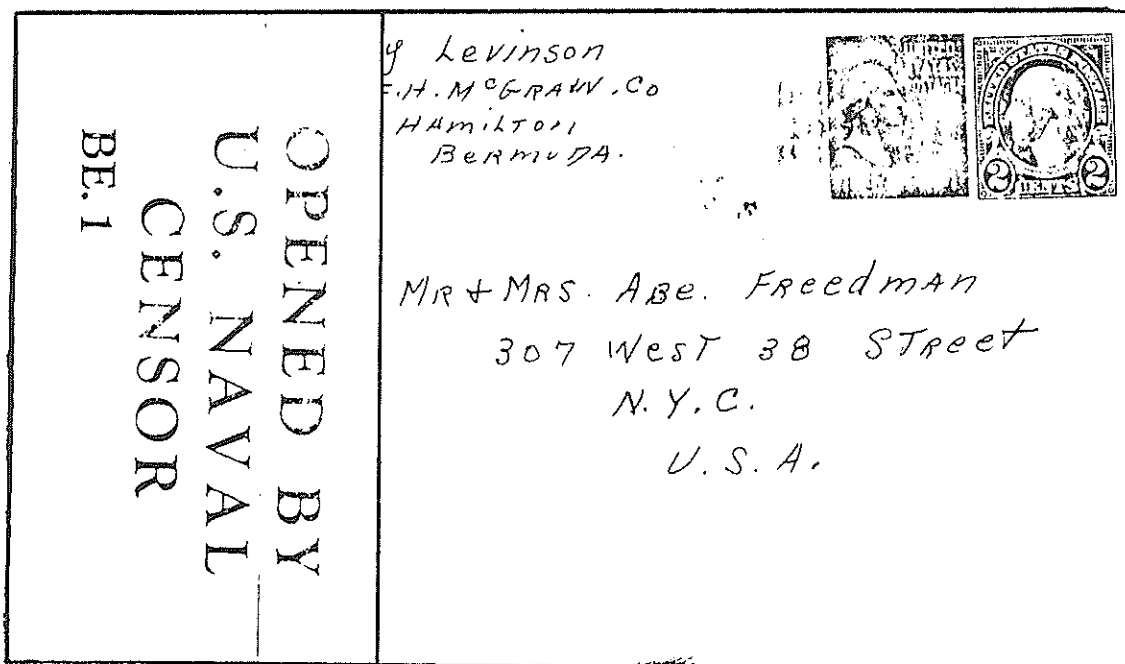
AMERICAN BASE FORCES

D.D. Howell

How did the American Base Forces come about? World War II had begun in Europe. United States was a neutral at that time. In 1940, United States leased bases from Great Britain in exchange for 50 destroyers, vintage four-stackers which dated from World War I. The original Base Forces were the military sent to these bases.

Delf Norona, in The War Cover Philatelist, Vol. 4, March, 1941, illustrates the first American cancel and registry markings of the Base Forces, "AMERICAN FORCES IN NEWFOUNDLAND/JAN 15 2 PM/1941." Further issues of the WC Philatelist and the WCC Bulletin continued the illustrations. Little knowledge has been added since that time.

Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Corps units assigned to these bases comprised the first American Base Forces. In some instances civil constructors, building bases and air strips, preceded the military commands (as in the cover illustrated below). The cover has three cents U.S. postage cancelled by the CDS, "U.S. NAVY/DEC 15 1941," indicating an extension of the domestic postal rate to U.S. personnel at the leased bases. "BE. 1," in the distinctive censor label, is believed to stand for "Bermuda."



Cover courtesy Isadore Willinger, WCC Bulletin Editor, 1961-65.

American Base Forces originally were located in such places as, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Trinidad, Jamaica, Windward Islands, Leeward Islands, British Guiana and, later, Northern Ireland and other British locations. By agreements with other countries Base Forces were located in Iceland, Greenland, Netherlands West Indies and many other countries around the world especially after United States entered the war.

Cover collectors and stamp dealers endeavoured to obtain cancellations from the Base Forces. As a result, many of the covers have cachets. One distinctive cachet, a Walter Czubay special, picture a four-stacker destroyer with background map of the U.S. and the East Atlantic Ocean with the bases and the APOs clearly marked. The philatelic cover is cancelled, "AMERICAN BASE FORCES, A.P.C. 803/OCT 23/P.M./1941."

Naval covers are probably scarcest. One such cover is cancelled, "AMERICAN BASE FORCES/A.P.C. 813/MAY/11/P.M./1942. It has the return address of, "U.S.N.O.B./Londonderry, No. Ireland" and is censored with provisional naval censor. Another cover is cancelled, "U.S./NAVY/SEP 14 1942" with return address of "N.O.B.-ICELAND." It also has a provisional naval censor.

CANADIAN MILITARY METERS, 1963 CHECK LIST*
R.V. Furneaux

Civilian Type Meters Used by Royal Canadian Air Force

RCAF not indicated in townmark or slogan. (A-province abbreviated; F-province in full. Unless otherwise indicated, the month is indicated by a Roman numeral.)

<u>Townmark</u>	<u>Meter No.</u>	<u>Holmes Type</u>	<u>Earliest Date Seen</u>	<u>Latest Date Seen</u>	<u>Slogan</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Calgary, Alberta	146240	F 16	14 Dec 53	25 Jul 63	No	Used by RCAF Station, Calgary. See also Lincoln Park (below).
Cite-de-Jacques Cartier, P.Q.	148925	A 16	29 Nov 62	27 Dec 63	No	Also used at St. Hubert. Used by Air Defence Command Headquarters.
Cite-de-Jacques Cartier, P.Q.	153875	A 16	26 Oct 62	16 Dec 63	No	See St. Hubert (below).
Downsview, Ontario	145327	F 16	2 Aug 61	19 Dec 63	No	#1 Supply Depot, RCAF Station.
Downsview, Ontario	147877	F 16	12 Apr 60	17 Jun 63	No	Used by #1 Supply Depot. See Toronto, Ontario.
Edmonton, Alberta	146919	F 16	9 Mar 54	11 May 54	No	Changed to Lancaster Park.
Halifax, N.S.	148153	A 16	28 Mar 56	23 Oct 62	No	Used by Maritime Air Command HQ, 17 South Street, Halifax.
Halifax, N.S.	148902	A 16	10 Nov 62	22 Nov 62	No	Used by Aviation Supply Depot, Dartmouth, N.S.
Halifax, N.S.	140286	? 16	29 Jan 43	29 Jan 43	No	On one envelope FMB 299.
Lancaster Park, Alberta	146919	F 16	Oct 61	21 Oct 63	No	Used by #7 Supply Depot, RCAF Station, Namao.
Lancaster Park, Alberta	147224	F 16	26 Mar 56	3 Oct 60	No	Used by #7 SD as above.
Lancaster Park, Alberta	148322	F 16	10 Mar 60	23 Oct 63	No	Used by RCAF Station, Namao.
Lincoln Park, Alberta	146240	F 16	29 Jul 57	15 Mar 60	No	RCAF Station, Lincoln Park.
London, Ontario	150760	F 16	27 Aug 57	27 Aug 57	No	RCAF Station, London.
Montreal, Quebec	146548	F 16	4 Dec 53	20 Dec 63	No	Used by #11 Technical Services Unit, RCAF, 2585 Bates Road, Montreal 26.
Moncton, N.B.	147334	A 16	4 Feb 54	29 Sep 54		Slogan reads, "NUMBER 5/RCAF/SUPPLY DEPOT," added before 12 Apr 60.
Ottawa, Ontario	94105	F 11	29 May 41	21 Dec 43	No	Principal Chaplain. Also with black signature, "K. MacLachlan." English date.
DO	140715	F 16	26 Oct 62	13 May 63	No	Used by RCAF Station, Uplands. See under RCAF Station, Uplands, Ont.

Ottawa, Ontario (list continued)	143325	F	16	13 Oct 59	27 Dec 63	No	Used by #5 Supply Depot, RCAF, Rockcliffe, Ontario. (Also note Feb.-Mar. <u>Bulletin</u> .)
DO	143350	?	16	23 Mar 50	23 Mar 50		Slogan "CM Drury" signature.
DO	144807	F	16	25 Feb 54	8 Apr 54		Slogan "CM Drury" signature.
DO	144807	F	16	24 Jan 51	24 Jan 51	No	(slogan-a catchword or phrase) (below - definitions -above)
DO	144807	F	16	6 Aug 57	6 Aug 57	No	(signature-in slogan die-space)
DO	144807	F	16	23 Jan 56	15 Sep 60		Slogan "FR Miller" Used by AFHQ.
DO	144807	F	16	26 Sep 60	5 Oct 60		Slogan "EB Armstrong" Also AFHQ.
DO	146112	F	16	29 Oct 53	27 Feb 59	No	Used by RCAF Stn., Rockcliffe.
DO	146125	F	16	29 Oct 53	23 Feb 54		Slogan "CM Drury" signature.
DO	146125	F	16	9 Dec 55	8 Jul 58		Slogan "FR Miller" Used by AFHQ.
DO	146404	F	16	27 Dec 56	7 Nov 58	No	Used by AFHQ. See Rockcliffe.
DO	146450	F	16	2 Oct 62	2 Oct 62	No	Used by Dept. of National Defence Inspection Services, 75 St. Patrick St.
DO	146890	F	16	5 May 59	11 Dec 63		Used by RCAF Stn., Rockcliffe.
DO	146929	F	16	7 Jul 59	11 Apr 60		Slogan "FR Miller" Used by AFHQ.
DO	146929	F	16	24 Jan 61	3 Dec 62	No	Used by AFHQ, Surgeon General and Director of Records (Army) without slogan.
DO	146929	F	16	29 Sep 60	27 Dec 63		Slogan "EB Armstrong" Also AFHQ.
DO	147769	?	16	29 Jun 56	27 May 58	No	Used by DPP & S.
DO	151135	F	16	21 Jul 60	16 Dec 63	No	
DO	151989	F	16	15 Jul 58	20 Jan 59		Slogan "FR Miller" Used by AFHQ.
DO	154056	F	16	23 Feb 62	27 Dec 63		Slogan "EB Armstrong" Used by AFHQ and Director of Army Records; also without slogan.
Rexdale, Ontario	140895	F	16	28 Sep 62	28 Sep 62	No	Used by #1205 Technical Services Detachment with Orenda Engines.
DO	543686	A	new	24 Nov 62	24 Nov 62	No	
St. Hubert, Quebec	47368	F	10	21 Nov 53	7 Apr 54	No	Used by Air Defence Command HQ.
DO	143989	F	16	5 Feb 58	22 Oct 60	No	Used by RCAF Station, St. Hubert.
DO	148101	F	16	10 Sep 54	4 Sep 56	No	Used by Air Defence Command HQ.
DO	148925	F	16	6 Apr 57	18 May 61	No	Used by ADCHQ. See also Cite-de-Jacques Cartier and RCAF Station, St. Hubert.
DO	150867	F	16	1 Oct 56	11 Apr 57	No	Used by ADCHQ.
DO	153875	F	16	5 Oct 60	5 Oct 60	No	See Cite-de-Jacques Cartier.
St. John, Quebec	82717	F	10	16 Dec 53	16 Dec 53	No	(Town north of Quebec)

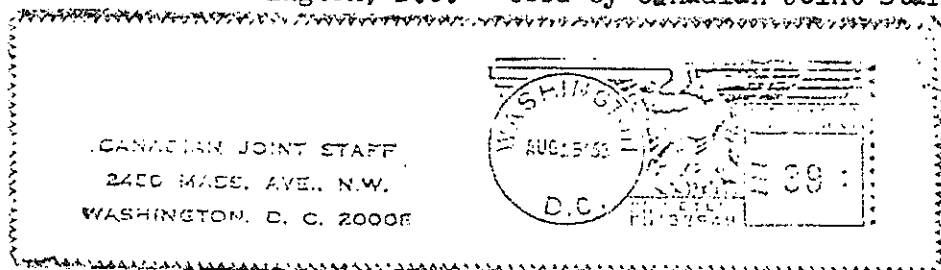
Toronto, Ontario	147579	F	16	29 Oct 53	22 Jun 54	No	
DO	140755	F	16	20 Jun 61	20 Jun 61	No	
DO	145774	F	16	8 May 57	4 Nov 58	No	
DO	147877	F	16	13 May 54	14 Feb 58	Used by RCAF Stn. Toronto, 1107 Avenue Road. See also Downsview, Ontario.	
Trenton, Ontario	143507	F	16	13 Jun 58	7 Oct 58	Used by CHQ.	
DO	146121	F	16	10 Nov 53	3 Apr 58	Used by Training Command HQ.	
DO	150721	F	16	18 Jul 56	14 Jul 58	Changed to RCAF Station, Trenton.	
Vancouver, B.C.	152670	A	16	31 May 61	4 May 62	Used by RCAF Stn., Vancouver.	
DO	152670	F	16	13 Jun 62	21 Oct 63	Used by RCAF Stn., Vancouver.	
DO	150751	?	16	12 Jan 58	12 Jan 58	Slogan "A Century to Celebrate" Used by #5 Air Div. HQ.	
Weston, Ontario	151773	F	16	10 Jan 62	19 Nov 63	No Used by #12 Technical Services Unit, RCAF, 1 Winoka Avenue, Weston.	
Westwin, Man.	148766	A	16	30 Jan 62	25 Nov 63	No Used by RCAF Stn., Winnipeg.	
DO	151993	A	16	15 Oct 62	17 Apr 63	No	
Winnipeg, Man.	148766	F	16	29 Mar 56	26 Feb 59	No Used by RCAF Stn., Winnipeg	

Canadian Army Post Office (CAPO) Meters, Overseas Bases

CAPO 5050	147229	16		61	24 Oct 62	No	Townmark reads "Canadian A.P.O. 5050" Used by Canadian Army, Germany.
CAPO 5051	151132	16	14	May 62	14 Oct 63	No	Townmark reads "Canadian A.P.O. 5051" Used by Canadian Joint Staff, London, England.
CAPO 5051	153040	16	31	Jan 61	26 Mar 63	No	Townmark reads "C.A.P.O. 5051."
CAPO 5052	152423	16	11	May 60	24 Jul 63	No	Townmark reads "C.A.P.O. 5052" Used by #1 Air Division HQ, RCAF, Metz, France.

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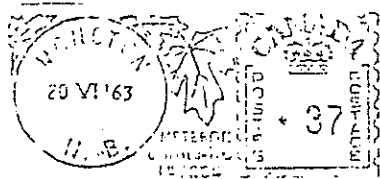
Nottingham, England	UE 56	8	Feb 62	10 Oct 62	Slogan reads "Commanding Officer/ 30 Air Material Base RCAF/Langer, Notts/England" boxed.
Brussels, Belgium	B1546	4	May 62	23 May 62	Slogan letter "S" over horizontal lines. Townmark reads "Bruxelles 13 Brussel 13." Used by #3144 Technical Services Detachment, RCAF, Sabca Evere.
Washington, D.C.	138948		62	63	Slogan "Canadian Joint Staff/2450 Mass. Ave. N.W./Washington, D.C." Townmark reads "Washington, D.C." Used by Canadian Joint Staff.



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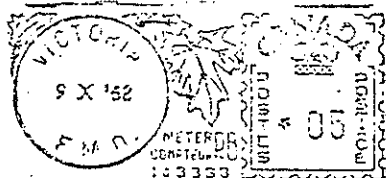
Camp Borden, Ont.	541673	A	new	10 Oct 62	18 Nov 63	No
Kingston, Ontario	148749	F	16	30 Sep 60	30 Sep 60	Slogan reads "The/Royal Military College/of Canada"
Montreal, Quebec	143923	F	16	14 Apr 54	11 Apr 60	Slogan reads "Headquarters/Quebec Command" boxed in rectangle.
DO	148600	A	16	21 Apr 60	16 Jun 61	Slogan as above. No slogan with cancel dated 23 May 61
DO	154579	A	16	21 Sep 62	2 Dec 63	Slogan reads "Headquarters/Quebec Command" boxed in rectangle 33 mm. long.
DO	154579	A	16	16 Dec 63	27 Dec 63	Slogan same as above but letters larger and and rectangle 43 mm. long.
DO	140812	F	16	4 Dec 63	4 Dec 63	Slogan reads "RCOC/Diamond Jubilee/1903-1963" (Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps).
Petawawa Camp, Ont.	543268	A	new	3 May 62	11 Oct 62	No
Quebec, Quebec	144794	F	16	24 Sep 62	23 Dec 63	No Used by Quebec Military Hospital and District Treasury Officer, Du Fort St.
DO	146178	F	16	22 Feb 56	31 Jul 57	Slogan reads "Headquarters/Eastern Quebec Area" boxed in rectangle.
DO	151438	F	16	30 Aug 57	5 Oct 60	Slogan same as above.
Regina, Sask.	144572	?	?	22 Dec 58	22 Dec 58	Slogan reads "Join the Army for the 3 Greatest Years of Your Life"
Rivers Camp, Man.	83104	F	16	11 Mar 57	26 Nov 62	No Date in English.
Valcartier Camp, P.Q.	143938	A	16	27 May 57	17 Dec 63	Slogan reads "C.A.R.D.E./P.O. Box 1427 /Quebec 2, Canada" in a rectangle. (Below)
Vancouver, B.C.	143285	?	16	30 Oct 51	10 Feb 59	Slogan reads "Go Places, Join the Canadian Army" Also without slogan during 1951. English date. Used by HQ BC Area.
DO	143285	?	16	25 Feb 60	21 Oct 60	Same slogan as above. Roman date.
DO	151085	?	?	20 Dec 63	31 Dec 63	Slogan reads "Go Places/Join the/Canadian Army"
Vedder Crossing, B.C.	148032		16	16 Sep 58	16 Sep 58	No
Winnipeg, Man.	147878		16	12 Aug 57	12 Aug 57	Slogan reads "For the Three Greatest Years of Your Life"

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Above, RCAF informational slogan and Navy appeal, below.

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GO PLACES—
GO NAVY!



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P.O. Box 1427
Quebec 2, Canada.

Canadian Army Research and Development Establishment (C.A.R.D.E.).

Left, typical slogans. Sometimes information fills the die-space.

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VIET CONG MAIL
Mark Isaacs

At the recent INTERPHIL, in Philadelphia, it was my pleasure to meet fellow War Cover Club member Stephen Cohen. He is also an avid enthusiast of Vietnam philately. During our exchange of philatelic experiences and knowledge, Steve mentioned that he had some information he would like written up for the War Cover Club Bulletin. We exchanged addresses and have corresponded on and off since that time.

One letter Steve sent me seems important enough to print intact because it describes the Viet Cong postal system as of March, 1970. The letter follows.

"9 March 1970

Mr. Cohen:

I was very glad to hear that someone is interested in the American troops over here. I'm sorry to say that all the letters have been turned into Army Intelligence (reference to captured Viet Cong letters) and have probably been destroyed. However, the next time I run across any letters which S-2 will classify as "of non-military value" I will be glad to send them to you with a translation.

You are right about the non-cancellation of letters by the Viet Cong. The letters are very small (about 2½" square usually) and they don't use envelopes but rather a thin piece of paper or newspaper. The man's name is written on the front of the paper and his unit designation. They are carried by messengers in small plastic bags sometimes containing up to 100-200 letters. The messenger or postman also carries military orders, battle plans, and operation orders. The letters are of great intelligence value when captured as they provide unit location as well as information about the enemy troop situation and morale.

As I said, NVA and VC don't use stamps while they are in conflict. However, they all carry stamps for some reason which I do not know. Almost all of the VC we run across have at least one or two stamps from North Vietnam. There are many variations and most have strong communist sentiment. One which I unfortunately gave away showed a small girl carrying an AK 47 assault rifle leading an American pilot away from a crashed jet fighter. The stamps are very interesting and I'll send you some as well as letters in the near future.

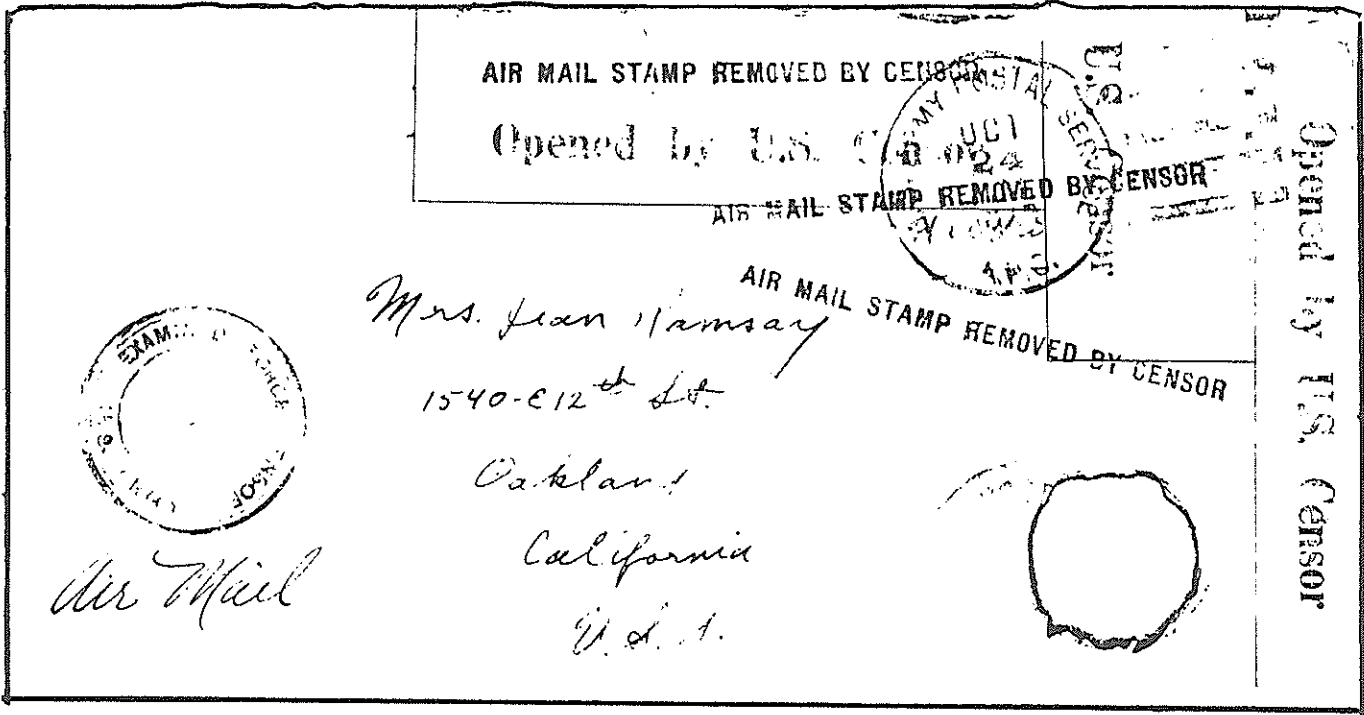
Sincerely,
(signed by Lt.)
C Co. 2/12 25 Division
APO SF 96225"



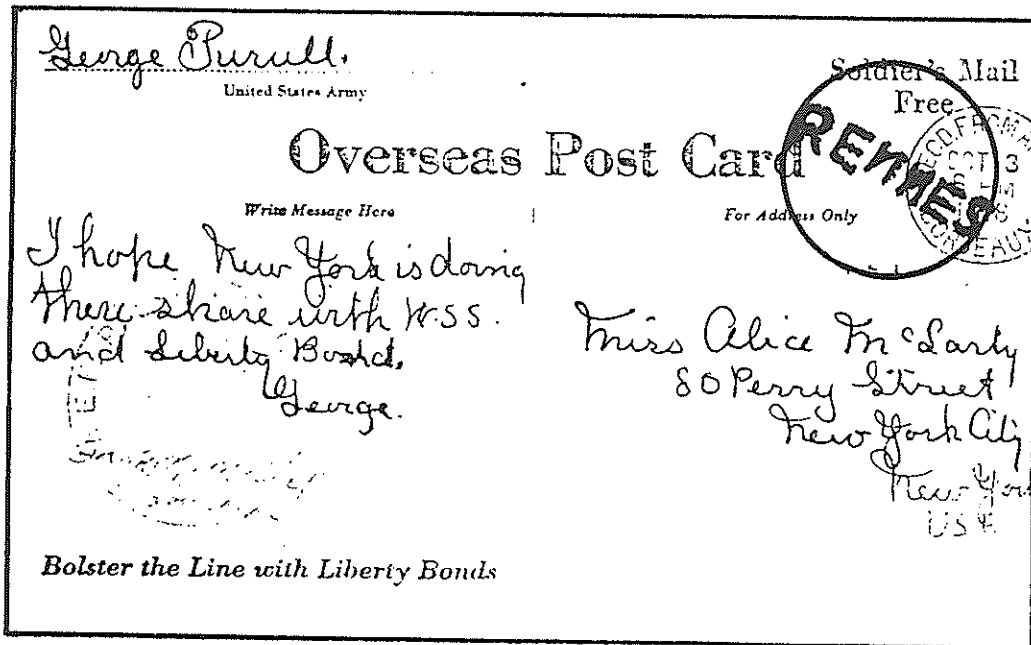
For the benefit of the War Cover Club members, the stamp referred to in the letter was one of a set of two stamps issued by North Vietnam, on June 5, 1967 commemorating the 2000th plane shot down over North Vietnam. The design was adapted from a photograph of Airman William H. Robinson being captured on September 20, 1965 at Hatinh, North Vietnam.

(Editor's Note: The stamps may be described as "patriotic, philatelic, white." Ostensibly, the stamp's purpose is to weaken the morale of American troops in Vietnam. A strong point is that the stamp depicts a true incident although embellished somewhat. A point that can go either way is the "2000th plane shot down." Is it credible? The weak point is the assumption that the scene the stamp depicts would weaken morale; it doesn't. On pages nine and ten, June-July issue of the WCC Bulletin, are listed the closed APOs and FPOs, Vietnam. From this list we note that APO 96225 was located at Cu Chi.)

"R.S.V.P."



Lincoln Kieffer submits a most unusual WW II cover. He says, "The blacked-out circle could be a cancellation. It is about the size of those used in the French Pacific Islands. It could be a cover from a Merchant Marine member who used a local stamp. My guess is that the cover originated in the New Caledonia area because of the censor marking." The cancel reads, "ARMY POSTAL SERVICE/APO/OCT 24 19(42)". The censor mark and "AIR MAIL STAMP REMOVED BY CENSOR" are both in purple ink. The area of the air mail stamp is excised and covered by a label.



Jack Elder (864 Sunnyhills Road, Oakland, CA 94610) has an interesting postcard, Army issue, WW I, and would like to know more about it. The censored card has the unusual "RENNES," with backwards Ns across a skeleton CDS. Cancel reads, "OCT/3/1918."