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## WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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#### LAST CALL FOR APO BOOK !!!

Our new "Geographic Locations of U.S. APO's 1941-1978" are going fast! Suggest you order your copy right now before it is too late—they'll be sold out pretty soon. It may be years before we'll publish a new version.

★ According to data compiled by Horace W. Harrison, Insurance Plan Manager for the American Philatelic Society, over 80% of all stamp losses are the result of home burglary. The majority of those burglaries take place when homes are left unoccupied during vacations or regularly scheduled absences.

A short guide to appropriate burglary resistant safes approved under the APS stamp insurance plan is available from the American Philatelic Society, PO Box 800, State College PA 16801, at no charge if a large stamped, addressed envelope is provided. The guide, reprinted from *The American Philatelist*, monthly journal of the APS, describes the difference between burglary resistant and fire resistant safes. The guide warns against the use of fire resistant safes not only as a potential hazard for a collection, but because most are prone to entry even by amateur thieves.

Detailed information about the APS stamp insurance plan is also available from the Society. The plan allows collectors to obtain insurance coverage based upon the estimated replacement value of the collection, and does not require a detailed inventory. Individual items need not be listed unless their value exceeds \$1,500.00.

Stamps are money; the proper safe and the proper insurance policy are essential for their protection.

★ Congratulations to member Drew A. Nicholson who took a gold award, PHS third place certificate, special postal history bronze, and Universal Postal Stationery Society second place certificate with *The Herero Rebellion—Fieldpost Mail* at FRESPEX '80 held 15-16 March.

★ Lynne S. Warm, competing in the 400-frame FRESPEX, won the Grand Award with an outstanding exhibit of First U.S. Bureau Issues.

★ The APS announces that the long expected handbook: *The Postal History of the AEF 1917-1923* by the WWI-AEF Study Group of the War Cover Club will be published very soon. This will be a comprehensive study including all phases of this long neglected period and covers all aspects, including our forces in Western Europe, North Russia and Siberia. For more information drop a line to Richard L. Sine, American Philatelic Society, Box 800, State College PA 16801. [TvD

★ *The 4th Marines and Soochow Creek: The Legend and the Medal* by F.C. Brown, J.E. Lelle and R.J. Sullivan is a unique 28 page (8½" × 11") monograph covering the history of the 4th Marine Rgt. (the famed "China Marines") in Shanghai, with particular attention to their defense of the International Settlement in 1932 and 1937. Also gives in-depth coverage of the famous "Soochow Creek Medal," with photos and notes on the seven known varieties. Includes 57 B&W photos, 12 illustrations (including some of various appropriate covers) and 2 maps. Cover price is \$2.50 + 60¢ postage for mail orders; WCC members who order a copy before the next issue of the *Bulletin* comes out may purchase a copy for \$1.75 + 60¢ postage (\$2.35 total). This is a special one-time pre-publication offer; booklet to be published later this year. Order your copy today at this special price or send SASE for further details and order form (and listings of other titles forthcoming): International Graphics Corp., 218 Beech St., Bennington VT 05021.

★ I enjoyed David Howell's articles very much in the *Bulletin*, one on "975" and the other on censorship. The members might be interested in a few addenda to what David has written.

One has to do with the date that AEF censorship was discontinued in 1919. It was originally scheduled to end on 1 June 1919, but delays in the signing of the peace

#### ... OF MANY THINGS

by Theo. Van Dam

★ Elsewhere in this issue you'll find a detailed description of the forthcoming meetings during 1980. We hope that as many War Cover Club members will attend as possible. The nicest part of our "club" is that we conduct these meetings in an informal and friendly manner, and it is great to get together with old and new friends!

★ In my previous column we discussed some of our "colleagues"—other organizations of similar interests. Here are a couple more:

★ The Third Reich Study Group (of the Germany Philatelic Society). They publish a superb magazine, full of interesting "war" information and they also hold auctions, featuring many elusive "war covers." Contact Myron Fox, Box 283, Needham Heights MA 02194 for further information.

★ Another study group of the GPS, the "Vorlauffer", concerns itself with the Colonies. Their magazine is full of fascinating details regarding this important collection field. They also have auctions of stamps and covers, their catalogs, prepared by our Director Drew A. Nichol森, are veritable handbooks, as far as detailed descriptions are concerned. Contact Col. Wilbur E. Davis, 3313 Heritage Dr., Wilmington DE 19808 for details.

★ The third group I'd like to bring to the attention of our membership is the Spanish Civil War Study Group/Spanish Philatelic Society. They issue two magazines four times a year, one on Spanish philately, the other strictly Civil War (1936-1938), and recently published a handbook, *The Postal History of the International Brigades* by Ronald G. Shelley. For further information you can drop a note to me: Box 26, Brewster NY 10509.

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treaty forced censorship to continue. I have a copy of a memorandum from GHQ, dated 1 July 1919, which says, "All censorship of mail, telegrams and cablegrams prescribed by General Orders No. 146 and 210, these Headquarters, 1916, is discontinued. Press censorship over dispatches filed by accredited and visiting correspondents, is also discontinued."

I'm assuming from the date of the memorandum, and from the fact that the treaty was signed in late June, that censorship ended on 1 July rather than on Independence Day.

The other question has to do with where the censor stamps were manufactured. The stamps were manufactured by Maison Trovillet, 112 Blvd. Sebastopol, Paris, on the orders of Lt. Col. Homer Grant (Base Censor). From time to time, it appears, the rubber stamp manufacturers would make additional batches of 100, as from A401 to A500, at the request of Lt. Col. W. C. Swenney of the General Staff as relayed through Col. Grant.

*Richard W. Sackett, Bethesda MD*

★ The David G. Phillips Publishing Co., Inc., announces the beginning of work on a new publication: *A Guide to Spanish-American War Patriotic Covers* by J. Leonard Diamond, edited by Gordon Hudson. Mr. Diamond intends to list and illustrate every known design, based on his many years of experience in avidly seeking Spanish-American War covers as he built his award-winning collection. Scheduled for release in late 1980, this will be the first work to present a complete listing of the Patriotic designs of the "Splendid Little War."

In addition, Mr. Diamond will include information regarding military posts, the German fleet in the Philippines, Spanish patriotic designs, and other information invaluable to the student of Spanish-American War postal history.

Persons wishing to contact Mr. Diamond prior to publication with information relative to the proposed guide should write him at 407 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach FL 33139.

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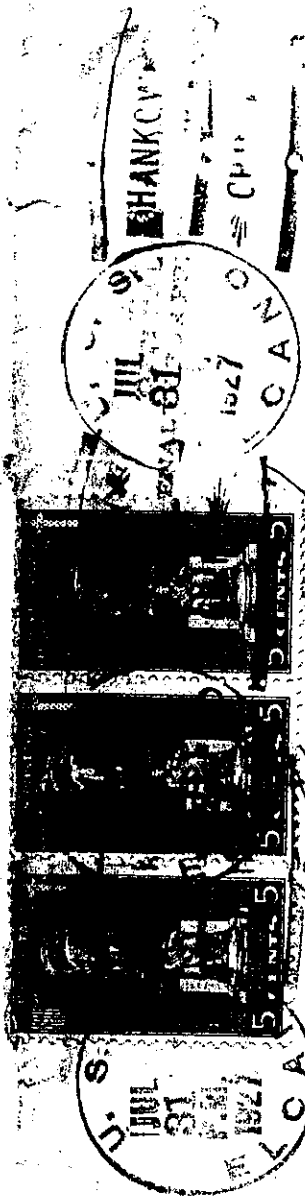
# SHIPS OF THE ASIATIC FLEET

By F. C. Brown

Ships covers of the old U.S. Asiatic Fleet (which included the famed Yangtze River Patrol) have long interested collectors of the military cover fraternity, and for good reason. The saga of the Asiatic Fleet — which endured for over a century — constitutes one of the most fascinating, albeit unknown, chapters in American naval history.

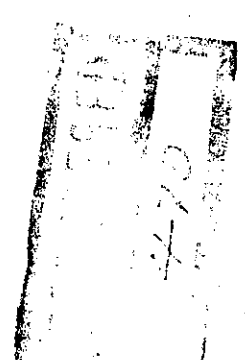
Activated as the East India Squadron in 1835, and later known as the Asiatic Squadron and, after the Spanish-American War, as the Asiatic Fleet, its mission remained essentially the same — protection of U.S. commercial and military interests in the Far East. The Asiatic Fleet endured until early 1942, meeting its untimely demise at the hands of the Japanese.

The following covers, from the author's collection, represent some of the ships, well known and obscure, which showed the flag in Asiatic waters in the early years of the 20th Century. ■

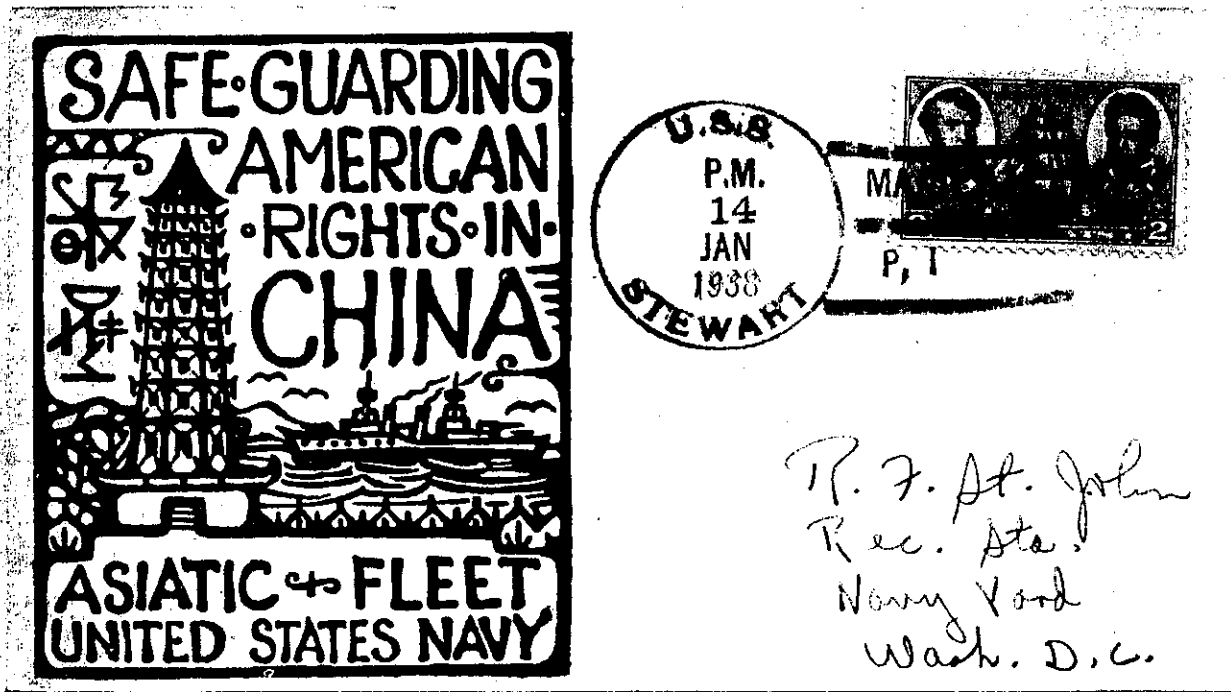


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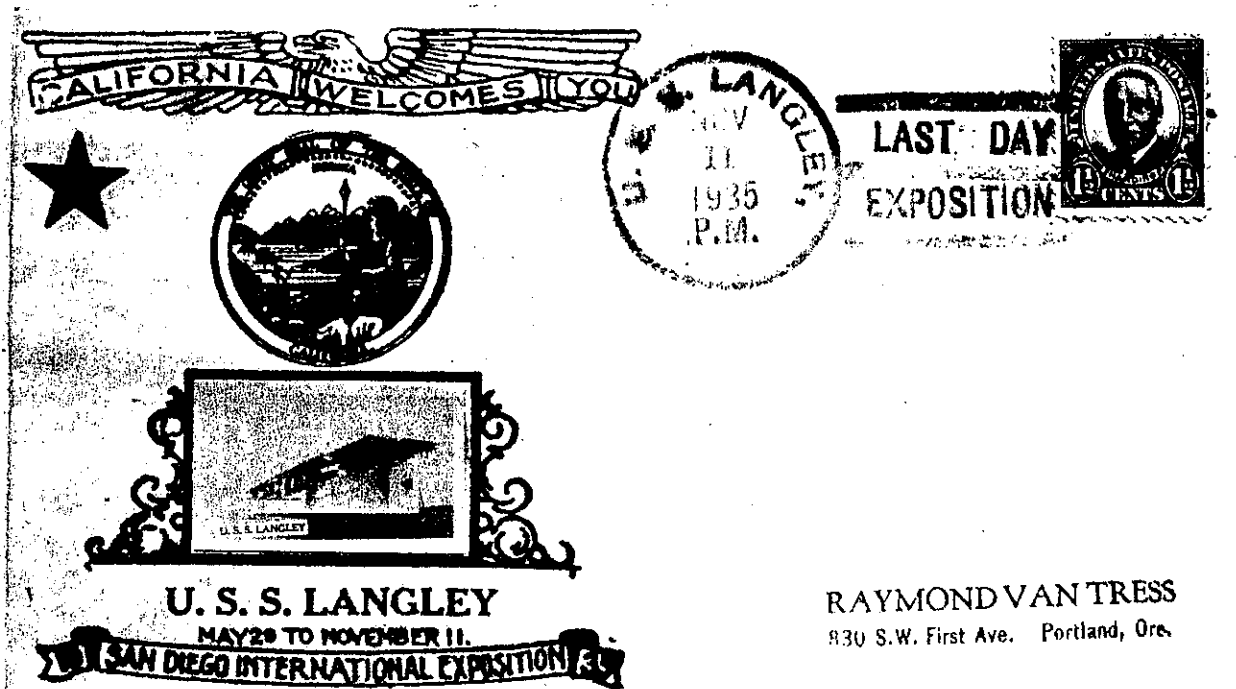
Registered cover from the gunboat USS Elcano, dated 31 July 1927 and postmarked "HANKOW, CHINA". Originally built as a Spanish gunboat, she was captured in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, refitted and thereafter spent many years cruising the China Station. Aside from patrolling the Yangtze River, she also served on the Great Poyang Lake. Elcano was decommissioned on 30 June 1928, towed to sea and sunk in target practice on 9 October 1928.



Unusual cachet cover from the USS Stewart (DD-224) postmarked "MANILA, P.I." An old four stacker who survived the Battle of the Java Sea, she went into drydock at Tjilatjap in the Dutch East Indies to

repair battle damage. As the Japanese drew closer it was decided to destroy her, and she was riddled with explosions from charges planted by American demolition teams. Although the Allies believed they

had rendered her useless, the Japanese succeeded in repairing her, and she later joined the Imperial Japanese Fleet.



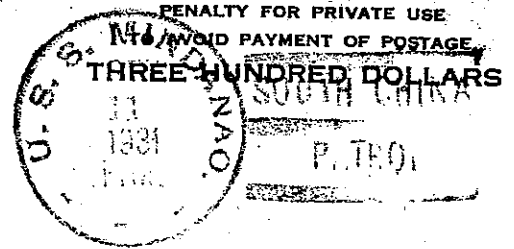
Crosby cover from the USS Langley (CV-1) celebrating the San Diego International Exposition. Originally laid down as a collier, she was later converted and emerged

as America's first aircraft carrier. After a long career in Asiatic waters, she was sunk by Japanese bombers while enroute to the Dutch East Indies with a load of

desperately needed fighter planes. The "gold star" in the upper left hand corner indicates she was sunk in WWII.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.  
 UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET.  
 SOUTH CHINA PATROL.  
 U.S.S. MINDANAO, FLAGSHIP.  
 C/O POSTMASTER, SEATTLE, WN.  
 OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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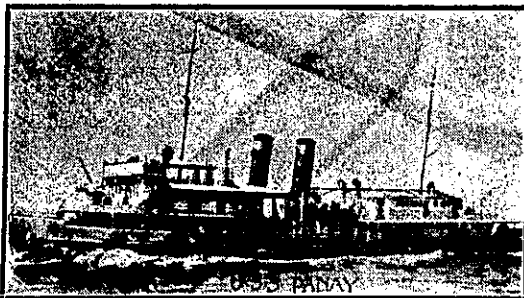
Bureau of Engineering,  
 Navy Department,  
 Washington,  
 D.C.

1931 #10 printed cover from the gunboat USS Mindanao (PR-8). Killer bars read "SOUTH CHINA PATROL". Constructed at the Kiangnan Dock & Engineering

Works in Shanghai she journeyed to Chungking on her shakedown cruise in August 1928. In December 1941 she moved to the Philippines, fought the Japanese off Bataan

and Corregidor, and was finally destroyed by Japanese bombing on 5 May 1942.

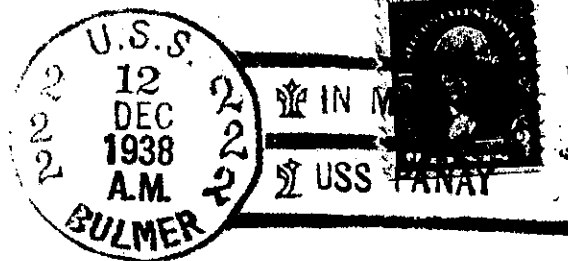
In Memoriam  
**U.S.S. PANAY**  
 PR-5



Built—Kiangnan Dock & Engineering Works, Shanghai, China.  
 Launched—Nov. 11, 1927. Commissioned—Sept. 10, 1928.  
 Cost—\$234,770.00. Length, 191' 4". Beam, 28' 1". Draft, 5' 3".  
 Displacement, 450 Tons. Speed, 15 Knots.  
 Sunk in the Yangtze River, 35 miles upstream from Nanking

**12 DECEMBER, 1937**

RCD 145 USCS 1286



Ed. Hodgson  
 108 State St.  
 Belle Vernon, Pa.

1938 cover from the USS Bulmer (DD-222) issued In Memoriam of the sinking of the USS Panay (PR-5), which was sunk exactly one year previously. Note the Bulmer's

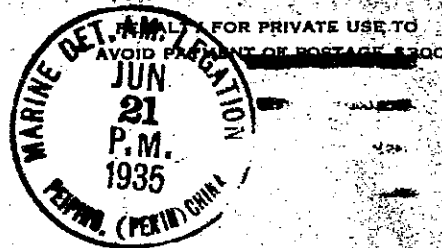
hull number, "222", in the cancellation. Killer bar reads "IN MEMORIAM USS PANAY". Bulmer played an active part in early WWII action in Asiatic waters,

was damaged, and in February 1942 was sent to Australia for repairs.

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**POST DISPENSARY,  
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Legation, Peiping, China.**

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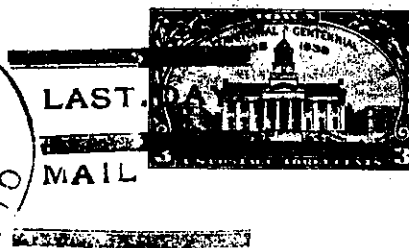
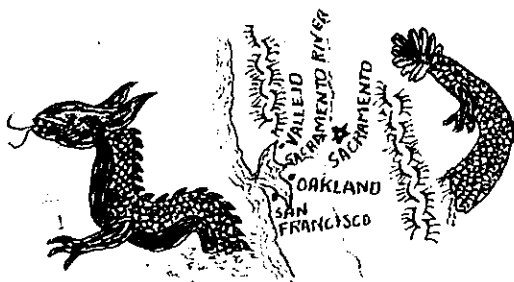
Commander in Chief,  
U.S. Asiatic Fleet,  
U.S.S. Augusta,  
c/o Naval Purchasing Office,  
Shanghai, China

1935 printed cover from the Post Dispensary, Marine Detachment, Legation

Guard, Peking, China. Note actual cancellation actually contains two varieties

of spelling of Peking — "Peiping" (Northern Peace) and "Pekin" (Northern Capital).

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**PG-19  
ASIATIC FLEET  
GOOD-BYE PALS**

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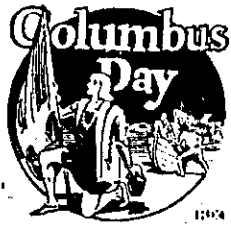
*MRS. W. BENSCHOFF  
205 S. OAKLAND AVE.  
PASADENA  
CALIFORNIA*

Hand-drawn cachet cover from the USS Sacramento (PG-19) commemorating "LAST DAY MAIL" prior to decommissioning.

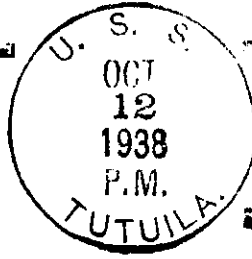
A 1,200 ton coal-burning gunboat, she originally served off Central America in the "Special Service Squadron" before

being transferred to Asian waters.

OUR ASIATIC FLEET  
CELEBRATES



October 12, 1938  
446th Anniversary of the  
Discovery of America

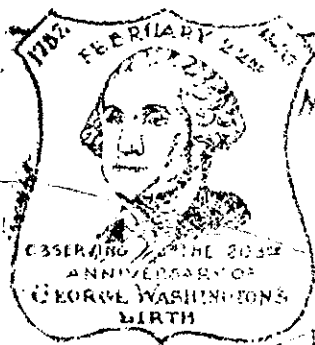


Harry A. Stockwell  
53 Traverse St  
Athol, Mass

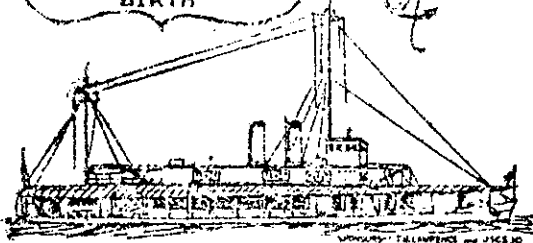
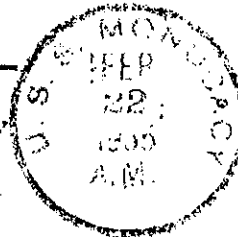
Asiatic Fleet cachet cover celebrating Columbus Day, 1938, from the gunboat USS Tutuila (PR-3). Note the unusual "CHUNGKING/WEST CHINA" killer

bar. Tutuila was upriver at Chungking when war broke out between the U.S. and Japan in December 1941. She was later turned over to the Chinese, renamed MEI

YUAN (American Origin), and joined the miniscule WWII Chinese fleet.



U. S. S.  
MONOCACY  
FLYING-  
OLD GLORY  
ON THE  
YANGTZE  
RIVER.



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1301 S. BIG BEND  
ST. LOUIS, MO.

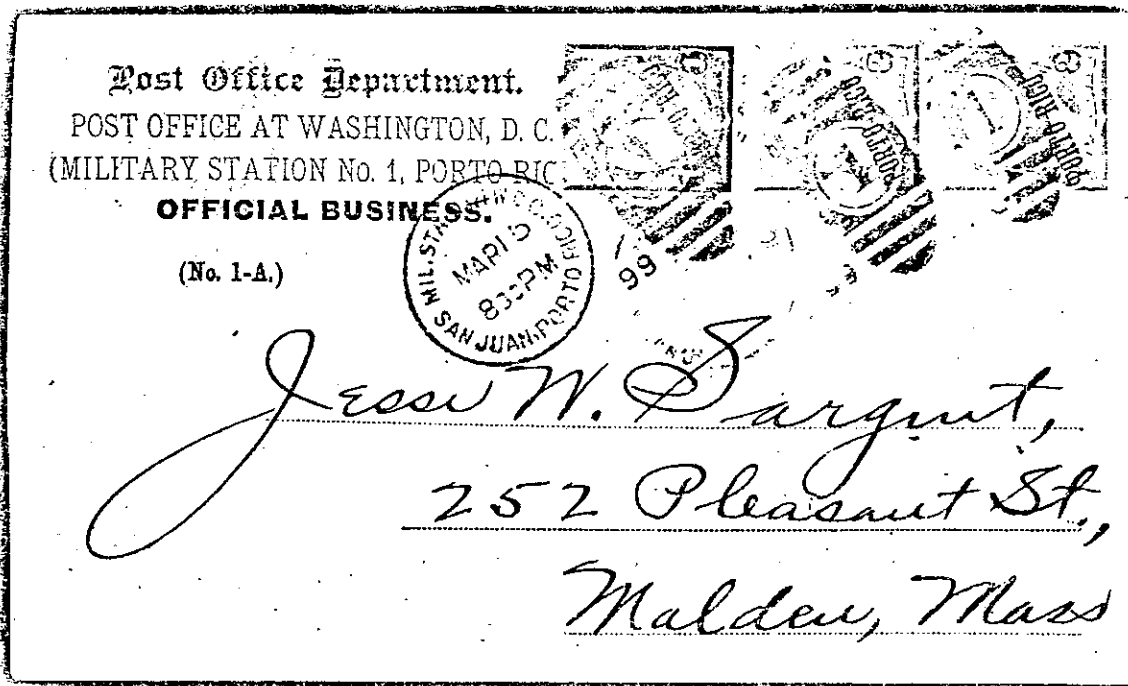
1935 Washington's Birthday cachet cover from the USS Monocacy (PR-2). Postmark is "I CHANG/CHINA", a city more than 1,000 miles up the Yangtze. Monocacy was a shallow draft gunboat who was the

namesake of an earlier Monocacy which had arrived off Shanghai in 1867. The second Monocacy (above) had her keel laid in 1913, was shipped to Shanghai in sections, assembled and launched on

27 April 1914. After near a quarter century of service, she was decommissioned and sunk off the China coast on 10 February 1938.



## A MILITARY FIRST DAY COVER FROM PUERTO RICO, 1899



By Ovidio Davila

On the 15th of March, 1899, United States stamps, overprinted for their use in Puerto Rico, were for the first time placed on sale in the Island. On that same date, the military postal stations of Puerto Rico ceased to be operated as sub-stations of the Washington, D.C., Post Office, and passed over the jurisdiction of the newly formed Department of Posts of the Military Government (U.S.) of Puerto Rico. The Director-General of the Department was Captain W.H. Elliot. The overprinted stamps issue consisted of a series of 1, 2, 5, and 10 cents values, which were received by the Department on the 10th of March, that is, five days earlier than the

actual date of being placed on sale. The overprinted 8¢ stamp and the 1, 2, and 10 cents postage due stamps were received by the Department in a separate shipment on the 10th of May, 1899. It is not known when they were placed on sale for the first time.

Of the overprinted issue for Puerto Rico only three first day covers have been reported. Two of them are from military station number 1, in Ponce. The other one is the only one known from military station number 4, at San Juan, which was the central station of the Department of Posts. In this article we illustrate this rare cover. The same was franked with

a vertical pair of the 2¢ "PORTO RICO" overprinted stamp, and with a single 1¢ "PORTO RICO" overprinted stamp. The stamps were cancelled with the regular postmark of the military station number 4 (San Juan) bearing the date MAR 15, 1899. The envelope is an official cover of military station number 1 (Ponce), and evidently was used to mail a private letter, possibly of an American postal clerk. This first day cover is surely a great rarity.

The author will appreciate very much any further information in regard to first day covers during the U.S. Military Postal Service in Puerto Rico, 1898-1900. ■

## MARINE AVIATION IN FRANCE, 1918

by James H. Sorenson

Marine Corps Aviation, in the form of the 1st Marine Aviation Force, arrived in France on 30 July 1918.

The original Marine mission was to have been to fly anti-submarine patrol over the North Sea and the English Channel. The Marines were to operate as the Day Wing of the Northern Bombing Group in Northern France. Operations were to take place from airdromes in the vicinity of Calais and Dunkirk.

A lack of planes for the squadron led the commanding officer, of the Marine Aviation Force, to offer the services of his flyers for assignment with the British Aviation Forces in the vicinity until the Marine planes could be delivered.

When the planes of the Squadron did finally arrive, in France, the original mission assignment had become less necessary

and the assignment was changed to one in which the Marines would operate with the British and French forces in Belgium and northern France.

"Flying Coffins," de Havilland DH-4 pursuit bombers, were the planes flown by the Marines.

The cover (folded for illustration) is one from the 1st Marine Aviation Force, A.E.F. It is apparent that the cover lacks the usual American Military Postal Express postal cancellation usually applied by the Army Postal Service. It appears somewhat unusual also to find the naval forces type of censor stamp applied to the cover, in lieu of the censor stamp normally used by the Marine censors in the other Marine detachments throughout France.

The A.P.O. cancellation, used on this cover, was applied by the British Army

Postal Service, namely Army Post Office #4 (Calais, France) which is indicative of the relationship of the U.S. Marine Aviation Force with that of the British service. (Serving with the British Expeditionary Force for orders, the 1st Marine Aviation Force was included in U.S. Naval Aviation Forces.)

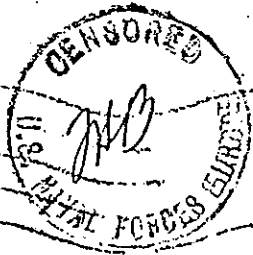
Note: Appearing in the *War Cover Club Bulletin*, other WWI aviation articles may be found in the following issues: January 1970, October 1970, December 1970, June 1970, August 1967, December 1968, April 1969, February 1968, etc. ■

Cover has return address of 1st Marine Aviation Force and penalty cachet "U.S. MARINE CORPS/Penalty for Private Use: \$300."

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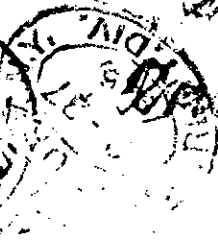
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★ A violet handstamp consisting of a 3 or 4 digit number (ca. 5 mm high) followed by a "4" symbol appears occasionally on covers from, or via, the Levant to the U.S. An example is illustrated. Can anyone shed any light as to its origin and use?

I have data on 23 covers bearing this handstamp mailed between 22 October 1943 and 19 May 1945. The numbers in this handstamp do not increase progressively in chronological sequence, but appear

to be random, and in this small sampling there is only one case of duplication—three covers all from the same writer to the same addressee, postmarked Beyrouth 11 December 1944, and backstamped New York City 22 January 1945, all three bearing "1824." There appear to be four points in common to these 23 covers:

1) all were censored by the Free French in the Levant, where they originated, or through which they transited;

2) all were either addressed to, or transited New York City;

3) all were censored in the U.S.;

4) all were registered.

These facts suggest that this handstamp was employed by either Free French or U.S. censors, but was used only on registered mail. David M. Zimmerman, Jr., PO Box 625, Glen Echo MD 20768.

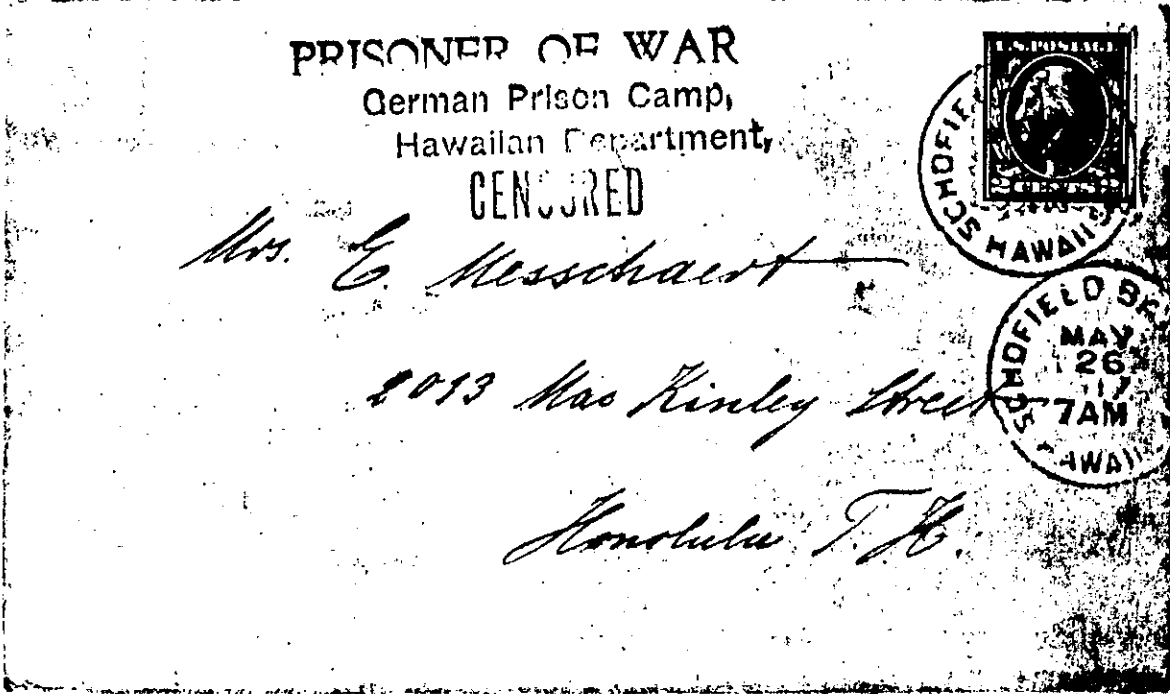
*William Horndage  
A.P.O. 10-440  
New York*



*Mrs. Mrs. Chas. Kinley  
Cibola  
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★ Shown above is an interesting cover that was offered in the 105th WCC Auction. It is from Chaplain George Fox listed at APO 10-440. Chaplain Fox was stated to have been one of the famous "Four Chaplains" that went down with their ship in World War II after giving their life preservers to others.

★ Member William Horndage wants to know were there any U.S. Forces on Pitcairn Island? Possibly manning a radio station. Also, were there letters censored by a New Zealand censor? Anyone who can supply some information contact Mr. Hornadge at 1 Sterling St., Dubbo, NSW 2830, Australia.



★ Information needed on a German prisoner of war camp in Hawaii in World War II! Recently I found a cover as illustrated, postmarked Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 5/26/1917 with black straight line handstamp: "PRISONER OF WAR/German Prison Camp./Hawaiian Department./CENSORED." Does any member have any information about this? Theo. Van Dam, Box 26, Brewster NY 10509.

★ Vern Ardoff notes that the mention in the Feb./Mar. 1980 *Bulletin* R.S.V.P. on p. 9 of his research need for reports of covers with coded return address Navy No. 905 should be corrected to read No. 950. No. 905 was a Hawaii location, not pertinent to his interest. His concern is with No. 950, which was Clipperton Island. Those who can help please note and write to Vern at P.O. Box 118, Sunnymead CA 92388.

## WAR COVER CLUB SCHEDULES, MEETINGS, AND CONVENTIONS FOR 1980

The War Cover Club will have its annual convention at SEPAD to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 17th St. and JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, 17-19 October 1980. There will be an "old fashioned" War Cover meeting, place and time to be announced later. All War Cover collectors, members or not, are invited to exhibit at this major national exhibition. There will be a special award for the best "War Cover" collection if there are more than three exhibits. For brochure and details write our area representative: Mrs. Dianne Boehret, 4922 Grant Dr., Brookhaven PA 19015.

In addition there will be several regional meetings this year:

First at the NAPEX show 4-6 July at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, near Washington, DC. Our regional representative: Richard W. Sackett, 5005 Acacia Way, Bethesda MD 20016, will arrange for a table and meeting at this show. Also War Cover exhibits are welcome. If there are more than three, there will be also here a special award from the War Cover Club. Contact Dick at the above address if you are interested in exhibiting or participating any other way. Incidentally, we have the promise of a "major" expert: none other than Richard M. Major, to give a talk on the Austro-Hungarian Navy in World War I.

On 21-24 August there will be the annual "Philatelic Show." Members in the New England area, should get in touch with our Director Myron Fox, Box 283, Needham Heights MA 02194.

The popular NOJEX show will be held this year 31 October-2 November, at its usual location, the Elizabeth Jetport Inn, NJ. Here we are planning a combined meeting with our friends: The Third Reich Study Group, of the Germany Philatelic Society. Our Director, Robert J. Houston, 11 Yorktown Dr., Clark NJ 07066, is making all arrangements for the WCC. Incidentally, the Club will hold its 1981 Convention at NOJEX!

The final get-together of the WCC will be at COMPEX in Chicago, as mentioned in last Bulletin. Here we will also give a Special War Cover Award if there are more than three "War Cover" exhibits. Contact Mark Isaacs, Box 531, Chicago IL 60690.

Just a final word about War Cover exhibits: we follow generally the FIP rules for Postal History Exhibits, no mint stamps, keep "collateral" material such as picture postcards to a minimum. Unaddressed (First Day) covers are not acceptable, "Patriotic" covers should have some military connotation, not simple "civilian" use, especially in peace time.

### ... of many things

★ The Civil Censorship Study Group announced the publication of a new handbook, *Free French Censorship in the Levant* by David M. Zimmerman, Jr. I received an advance copy and it looks terrific. About 100 pages, 8½" x 11", spiral bound. It gives detailed information and illustrations on the "FFL" censor handstamps, used in Syria and Lebanon by the Free French troops; also discusses the various censor tapes, dates of usage, etc. Mr. Zimmerman ought to be recommended for this exhaustive study. A "must" for war cover collectors. Price \$6.00 (\$4.80 for CCSG members). Make your check payable to "The Civil Censorship Study Group" and send to Dann Mayo, 5443 Paseo, Kansas City MO 64110.

★ Going to the LONDON '80 SHOW? The British Caribbean Philatelic Study

★ Linc Kieffer sent me a Weekly Administration Bulletin of the U.S. Naval Academy/Annapolis Area, 14 March 1980. It says that there will be an establishment of Zip Codes for ships:

"The Navy Dept. has expanded present Zip Code assignments to speed the sorting process. The expansion provides individual Zip Codes for selected larger ships and collective Zip Codes for other ships, where appropriate, by alphabetical breakdown. Refer to OPNAVNOTE 5110 of 13 February 1980, Subj: Establishment of Zip Codes for Ships, for new Zip Codes. New Zip Codes are effective 1 May 1980."

This is something for our Navy collectors to investigate! ■

WCC AUCTION #105									
PRELIMINARY PRICES REALIZED									
A popular sale with 94 bidders. Lot 118 (WWII Philippine POW) was most sought after with 19 bidders. Next came lot 10 (Italian Turkish War) and lot 40 (Marine WWI) with 12 bidders each. Lots 9 and 27 were close behind with 11 bids. Also popular were lots 29, 48, 71, 87, 153, and 189 with 9 bids each.				95	NS	157	3.25		
As you can see by the prices realized you can do well at the WCC auction.				96	1.75	158	5.50		
**=Tie Bid    WD=Withdrawn    NS=Not Sold				97	2.00	159	5.25		
Lot	Realized	Lot	Realized	98	3.75	160	2.75		
1	4.25	48	12.50	99	NS	161	3.25		
2	1.00	49	6.50	100	NS	162	3.75		
3	25.00	50	3.25	101	NS	163	2.75		
4	4.25	51	2.50	102	6.00**	164	1.50		
5	12.50	52	NS	103	5.00	165	NS		
6	12.50	53	5.75	104	13.50	166	NS		
7	5.25	54	26.00	105	12.25	167	5.75		
8	2.75	55	2.75	106	5.50	168	3.25**		
9	21.00	56	10.50	107	NS	169	2.50		
10	13.50	57	1.00**	108	2.75	170	NS		
11	5.25	58	NS	109	2.00	171	WD		
12	5.00**	59	3.00	110	5.25	172	2.25		
13	5.25	60	2.00	111	3.00	173	NS		
14	NS	61	7.25	112	NS	174	1.75		
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16	4.25	63	3.25	114	3.25	176	7.25		
17	NS	64	32.00	115	2.75	177	2.25		
18	NS	65	10.50	116	4.00	178	3.00		
19	9.25	66	3.00	117	2.50	179	7.50		
20	4.75	67	9.25	118	33.00	180	6.00**		
21	10.00	68	14.00	119	4.25	181	5.75		
22	5.00	69	7.50	120	11.00	182	2.00		
23	WD	70	5.50**	121	4.25	183	NS		
24	1.75	71	12.50	122	NS	184	1.75		
25	3.75	72	2.25	123	NS	185	5.00		
26	4.75	73	6.25	124	2.25	186	NS		
27	7.00**	74	WD	125	NS	187	1.00		
28	7.75	75	2.00	126	1.50	188	1.00		
29	3.50	76	2.75	127	5.75	189	5.25		
30	23.00	77	NS	128	10.50	190	5.00		
31	4.75	78	NS	129	3.00	191	2.00		
32	10.00	79	NS	130	5.75	192	17.00		
33	1.25	80	NS	131	3.25	193	5.00		
34	9.00	81	NS	132	6.00	194	3.25		
35	5.75	82	4.25	133	NS	195	3.25		
36	5.25	83	3.25	134	8.50	196	2.50		
37	1.25	84	7.50	135	9.00	197	NS		
38	3.25	85	1.50	136	22.00	198	3.75		
39	6.00	86	3.25	137	NS	199	3.00		
40	31.00	87	5.25	138	4.50	200	3.75		
41	2.00	88	5.75	139	6.50	201	2.25		
42	1.50	89	3.75	140	4.25	202	5.00		
43	10.50	90	3.25	141	2.00	203	4.25		
44	14.00	91	2.50	142	2.75	204	2.75		
45	1.75	92	10.50	143	1.25	205	2.00		
46	2.50	93	6.50	144	1.75	206	4.00		
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			6.75	146	10.25	208	4.25		
				147	9.25	209	21.00		
				148	6.75	210	6.25		
				149	7.25	211	9.00		
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				151	NS	213	NS		
				152	29.00	214	6.50		
				153	26.00	215	9.00		
				154	23.00	216	3.00**		
				155	11.00	217	5.25		
				156	16.00	218	21.00		

## THE TRADING POST

**WANTED:** U.S. WWII APO 741 covers post-marked from September 1944 to May 1945. Myron Fox, PO Box 283, Needham Hts. MA 02194 20-5  
**WANTED:** Beginning collector wants to buy U.S. WWII cacheted covers. Interested in singles or lots. Can use most any cover at this time. References can be supplied for approvals. Contact: James R. Townley, 3401-88th St., Lubbock TX 79423 20-3

**CANADA MILITARY COVERS** for sale incl.: WWII mil., naval and civil, meters, slogans, recent postage dues and FDCs, etc. Over 200 covers; price \$160.00 postpaid and insured. Specific details on request. Dave Howell, 1049 Northoak Dr., Walnut Creek CA 94598 20-3

**WANTED:** Navy Nos. 49, 68, 950 and Westa No. 1, also covers at Clipperton, Navassa, Swain's and Swan Islands, and Tortugas, FL and ship covers with location cancels of these places. Send, priced: Vern Ardiffe (WCC 1492), PO Box 118, Sunnymead CA 92388. 20-5

**WANTED:** Covers U.S. M(ail) Agency, Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Vera Cruz, Mexico 1914 cancels tying other than U.S., Mexico postage, viz., e.g., Cuba, France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, etc. Send, priced: Vern Ardiffe (WCC 1492), PO Box 118, Sunnymead CA 92388 20-5

**BUYING US WWII Patriotic covers, especially fancy cancels, foreign usage. A-bomb, "hand painted", autographed; plus pre-war appraisement, preparedness covers. Also wanted: Information exchange concerning research, cachet lists, ideas about patriotics. Lawrence Sherman, M.D., Queens Hospital Center, Jamaica NY 11432. 20-4**

**WANTED:** USS Gold Star covers, any port or date. R. L. Haddock, Box 1840, Agana GU 96910. 20-5

**FOR SALE:** Album pages for APO covers. FOUR types, 8 1/2" x 11" printed vertically for #10 envelopes; 6 3/4" too. Four pages for \$1.25 sample group postpaid; 50 for \$11.90; 100 for \$21.00. We will trade pages for covers. Let us know what you have. Joe Bush, PO Box 626, Bonita CA 92002. 20-4

**WANTED:** German and Japanese WWII naval covers. E. J. Davis, 1049 Elmwood Ave., Sharon Hill PA 19079. 20-6

**WANTED:** WWII A.M.G. covers. Tov Tobias 130 N. Hamilton Dr Beverly Hills CA 90211. 20-3

**WANTED:** U.S. & British cacheted F.D.C. to 1950. Also U.S. patriotics and inaugurals. What do you need? (Dealer) Frequent Mail Sales. Tom Baron, PO Box 699, Midtown Station, New York NY 10018. 21-1

**WANTED:** APO First Day or Use covers. These are the ones I have. Need all others. Price irrelevant or will exchange. (APO) 3, 6, 9, 11, 24, 27, 30, 31A, 32, 42, 44, 45, 50, 52, 57, 58, 62, 70, 71, 78, 79, 80, 81-I, 85A, 85C, 88A, 88B, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 98, 100, 101, 102, 116, 121A, 122, 139, 140, 142, 145, 154, 55, 159, 163, 164, 168, 179, 184, 196, 204, 205, 208, 219, 239, 242, 246, 248, 252, 253, 255, 256, 258, 259, 261, 262, 316A, 322-I, 333, 339, 345, 348A, 357, 364, 375C, 378, 405, 408, 409A, 410, 412, 413, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 460, 462, 464, 466, 470, 481, 503-6, 513A, 514A, 514B, 516A, 519A, 520, 528, 528-I, 528-3, 544, 559, 565, 565-I, 574-A, 575, 578A, 581, 588, 596, 600, 605, 616, 617, 633A, 637A, 627, 646A, 654, 655, 675, 678, 705, 706-I, 711-2, 719-I, 742, 748, 759, 762, 776, 668, 781, 794, 801, 801A, 801B, 801C, 801D, 802, 803, 803A, 803B, 804, 805, 806, 807, 809, 809A, 810, 811, 812, 814, 816, 828, 830, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 845, 848, 849, 851, 855, 857, 869, 870, 877, 882, 884, 886, 891, 895, 895-I, 920, 923, 928A, 928-I, 928-2, 930, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 942, 943, 944, 950, 952, 953, 954, 955, 957, 958, 959, 967, 975, 1057, 1058, 1104, 2714. A. Lewandowski, PO Box 1, New York NY 10040. 20-4

## WAR COVER CLUB AUCTION NUMBER 107

### 107th WAR COVER CLUB AUCTION

1. **U.S. Civil War.** Small cover to Rhode Island with 3¢ Washington endorsed Charles Alden, Jefferson Barracks, 17 Nov 1861. Faint Jefferson, Mo. cds. (Union Hospital). Historical notes accompany. F. [016]
2. **U.S. Civil War.** 9x6" centennial card with special centennial issues for Civil War (1178-82). First Day Cover for 1182 at Appomattox. Retail for \$6.50. VF. [006]
3. **War of 1812.** Book "The Age of the the Fighting Sail" by C.S. Forester. Publ. in 1956 at \$7.95. A classic by author of Hornblower series. [036]
4. **Early Navy.** Cut sheets of articles: Life on Board Man of War from Harper's, Mar 1873. 12 illus. pages; also The Wyoming in the Straits of Shimaneki. Century Magazine 1892. 9 pages illus. [036]
5. **Spanish-American War.** Cover cancelled "Havana, Mil. P.O. No. 1, N.Y.P.O., March 1, 1899." Printed Morro castle cachet with printed address of Camp Columbia, Habana. From Dr. with 2nd Rgt. Ill. Volunteers. Double rectangular handstamp of Chaplain same unit. Cover ragged at top with portion of cancel and stamp (229B) missing. Fine if not for damage mentioned. [143]

### WORLD WAR I

6. **Austria.** Booklet "Austro-Hungarian Military Post 1914-18." 16 pages by Keith Tranmer. Good introductory material. F. SB \$3.00. [116]
7. **Austria.** 8 Feldpost cards/covers with numbers and cachets. We note Tabori 50, KUK 57, 80, 512 (3). 2 with cachet but no cancel. AVE. [116]
8. **Austria/Hungary.** 4 censored covers/picture cards. 1 registered. Mixed. [116]
9. **British Expeditionary Force-Holyland.** Cut squares. British stamp with cds of APO SZ20 4 Dec 1918 and hexagonal censor stamp #784. (Lydda, Palestine, 20 faint but readable (F); APO SZ 33 for 4 Jan 1918 with no stamp. (Jericho), VF; plus 1 shilling and 1 4p stamps with poor FPO 9. Note these are not covers. [005]
10. **Germany.** 2 Feldpost cards with hospital cachets. AVE. Plus unused card with red cross markings. VF. [116]
11. **German.** POW. 4 covers from Russian POW's. F-VF. [116]
12. **German.** Feldpost. Picture card of beaches at Sylt from soldier with L.J.B. Rendburg at Sylt. Boxed unit cachet. Tondern censorship strike (now Denmark). No cancel. Card written 29.8.18. Card shows erased "doodling," wear. [005]
13. **Italy.** 5 unused Italian Red Cross picture post cards depicting soldiers at Austrian front. F-VF. [116]

### WORLD WAR I U.S. AEF

14. 1918 K of C. Christmas card to USA with blurred APO 796 (?) cds. Corner missing and creases. AVE. Also used safe arrival card from 51st Pioneer. F. [116]

15. French/English postcard showing captured gun with US Naval cancel Feb 1919. From sailor USS New Mexico at Brest. "We sailed from states . . . to escort Pres. Wilson." F. [116]
16. 3 French picture postcards from APO's 738, 736, and 708. Censored. AVE-F. [016]
17. 12 mint samples of AEF stationery including YMCA card, covers, letter sheets. SB \$1.00. [016]
18. Mint B&W picture postcard of Chicago Daily News series depicting Marines first hand battle. (Belleau Woods?) Slight crack on surface of one corner. F. [143]
19. **Naval.** 3¢ cover postmarked Fortress Monroe, Va. March 1918. Passed by censor and endorsed USS Tacoma. Also 2¢ card with US Navy 6/30/18 cds and no sender identity. AVE. SB \$1.50. [016]
20. **Naval.** YMCA cover with US Navy 4 Oct 1918 cds and 2 line US Naval forces in Europe censor. Letter identifies sender with USS Wyoming. Cover delicate. AVE for WWI. [143]
21. **Naval.** Cover with US Navy 16 Dec 1918 cds with US Naval Forces in Europe. Return address USSC 135 c/o New York PM. Mail handling stains in front. Otherwise fine. [143]
22. **Naval.** Cover with US Navy cds and 2 line US Naval Forces in Europe handstamp. Letter identifies as USS Wyoming. Roughly opened away from cancel. AVE. [143]

### PRE-WORLD WAR II NAVAL

23. 6 3 1/2 x 2 1/2" photos of US naval vessels Holland, Medusa, Argonaut, Omaha, Arizona, and Lexington. VF. [143]
24. USS Pennsylvania—2 covers. One with old obsolete cancel with New York (1927). Other 1928 now with New York removed. F-VF. [144]
25. 14 cacheted covers from heavy cruisers: 7 USS Pensacola including 1930 shakedown cruise official as well as various other locations and events. Also 7 from USS Minneapolis including First Day and shake down cruise. Mounted on exhibit pages with photos. Foreign locations in cancels. F. [144]
26. 6 USS Macon related cacheted covers: USS Pennsylvania at sea 1934 "Macon and Flight Maneuvers 6 Dec." in killers, Christmas 1934 Moffett Field. Also 1935 In memoriam USS Mississippi; Big Sur; Macon Georgia, and Moffett Field. F-VF. [006]
27. 8 special event covers for heavy cruiser USS Northampton CA-26. 1930 commissioning cover uncacheted. Plus 6 official cacheted penalty covers for shakedown cruise plus misc. with foreign locations in cancel. AVE. [144]
28. **China.** 3 covers with China locations in cancel: John Ford, Tsingtau 1936 with USS Blackhawk on reverse; Shanghai 1932. Also USS Bittern-Shanghai 1937. 2 cacheted all addressed. AVE. [144]
29. **Destroyers.** 27 covers written up on exhibit pages and well illustrated with photos. All cancelled in 1930's

- including First Days, last days, commissionings, some foreign stations. One official: USS Blue (2), Cassin, Downes, Ford, Goff (2), Greer, Gregory, Gridley, Helm, Hovey, Jacob Jones, Parrott, Paul Jones, Pillsbury, Ramsay, Talbot, Tarbell, Taylor, Upshur. Most addressed and cacheted. AVE. [144]
30. Heavy cruiser USS Tuscaloosa CA-37. 7 cacheted covers for diff. events incl. South American visit, and 6 diff. from 1934 shakedown cruise with locations in cancels. On exhibit pages with photo. F-VF. [144]
31. 18 cacheted covers from heavy cruisers: New Orleans (11) incl. commissioning and shakedown cruise; 7 Louisville. Mounted on exhibit pages with foreign locations in cancels. Most F-VF. [144]
32. Large ships mostly cacheted on exhibit pages: Arkansas (2), Portland (3), Salt Lake City (3), San Francisco, Utah, Wyoming (4). Foreign locations in cancels. AVE. [144]
33. 6 cacheted covers mounted on exhibit pages with photos of USS Shaw DD 373 including First Day Mail, shakedown cruise (5) and writeup of Pearl Harbor attack. F. [144]
34. 6 misc. cacheted covers: Pelias First Day, US Fleet 1932, 1934, Tuscaloosa Presidential Cruise 1939, 1940 Farragut Presidential escort 1935. Mounted on exhibit pages with several photos. Addressed. AVE. [144]
35. 10 former WWI destroyers: McCook (1940), Trenton (1936), Dupont (1931), Manley, Herbert launching, Williamson (recom.). Sturtevan (last day), Fox, MacLeish, Tarbell. AVE-F. [009]
36. Cacheted cover USS Dorset visiting Pearl Harbor. F-VF. [022]
37. Addressed cacheted (Czubay) cover for shakedown cruise of USS Sailfish with Sailfish Brooklyn cancel. Former Squalas sunk, raised and renamed, 1940. [143]
38. **Between the Wars. Haiti.** Large airmail cover with Scott US C10 and USMC Par a Prince 1/27/31 cancel. Actual usage from sailor. "We get to send 3 each week..." Opening tears. F. [143]

### WORLD WAR II

39. **Australia.** 25 censored covers from US Forces identified in Australia. Mixed. [022]
40. **Austria.** German Occupation. Stampless picture postcard of mountains near Innsbruck sent via Feldpost. Cachet of POW labor command 21-502L at Bergitz. From guard. Innsbruck cancel. Faint Bergitz handstamp. Slight stains. F. [005]
41. **Belgium.** 4 large censored covers. 1 German 1941, 3 Belgium/US 1945. AVE-F. [016]
42. **Belgian Congo.** 9 Dec 1941 registered cover with cachet of first flight. Delayed by censor. Congo censor label. Interesting franking catalog \$4.75. Small tear on reverse. Nice item. F. [237]
43. **Bermuda.** 2 covers. One 1942 with open address of

USO Club Bermuda and censored. Other NOB Bermuda cancelled Norfolk, Va. F. [222]

44. **Borneo.** 4 propaganda leaflets (2 each of BM-14, BM-15) with official English translation. File holes otherwise F-VF. SB \$20.00. [106]

45. **Brazil.** Censored APO cover to US from member of first Brazilian Fighter Sqn. APO 525 8 Dec 1944. Roughly opened away from postal markings. RARE. [022]

46. **Canada.** 12 censored covers to US. Mostly currency control. 1 registered. AVE-F. SB \$2.50. [016]

47. **Caribbean.** US military censored covers: British Guinea APO 807 patriotic, Trinidad (AP 695, 803 (3)), Cuba, (2), Puerto Rico 851, Ascension 877. [022]

48. **China.** Anti-Japan propaganda poster (USA #105) in Chinese with official English translation from APO 627 29 May 1945. F-VF. SB \$10.00. [106]

49. **China.** 4 covers APO 430, 627, Marine MCPO 715Br. Official, plus 5th Marines Nov 1945. AVE. [022]

50. **Christmas Is.** Large censored airmail cover from soldier APO 86, 24 Dec 1944. Slight wrinkle. F. RES \$2.50. [185]

51. **Croatia.** German Feldpost cover to Vienna with straight line and circular unit seal of #17796. Normal circular date stamp 5 Nov 1942. Identified as Command of 369th Inf. Div. of Croatian Volunteers. Opened slightly short. Otherwise F. [005]

52. **Czechoslovakia.** German Occupation. Stampless Feldpost cover with cancel of German Dienstpost in Prerau and handstamp of Inf. Pion. Ers. Kp. 131. Some blurring of address. Paper clip rust stain on reverse. Also picture postcard of Pilsen with Dienstpost cancel with Pilsen barely visible. [005]

53. **Dutch East Indies.** Japanese Occupation card 3 3/4¢ DAI NIPPON. Mint with very slight stain on reverse. F-VF. RES \$6.00. [016]

54. **England.** Newspaper *The Bulldozer* published by APO 644 9/19/43 by 831st Avn Bn. F. SB \$3.00. [016]

55. **England.** 7 censored covers from US APO's including Naval APO 506, patriotic, Blue envelope, APO 15177, 12490, 17827 in address; English stamp plus APO 34 cancelled leap year 2/29/44. Only possibility in war. SB \$4.00. [016]

56. **Fiji.** Nov 1941 first flight to Noumea cacheted with Australian censor and handstamp. Interesting franking catalog \$7.65. F-VF. RES \$3.50. [237]

57. **France.** 4 US 1944 APO's plus 7 more items. [016]

58. **France.** 3 covers to US APO's in France from French civilians with French cancels. 1 APO backstamped. F. SB \$1.00. [016]

59. **French Guinea.** 8 diff. stamps, Scott C1-8, on registered airmail letter with unusual cancel "Cayenne France Libre." Jun 1945 Freedom cancel. US censor label. F-VF. [237]

60. **French Guinea.** Registered cover Dec 1944, Conakoy with US censor label. F-VF. [237]

61. **French Oceania.** Registered cover from Tahiti to Australia. French and Australian censorship. F. [022]

62. **Germany.** Censored (2). 1941 cover from annexed Austria to ski master Hannes Schneider North Conway, NH with Berlin censor. Also Belgium to Germany Cologne censor. F-VF. [237]

63. **Germany.** 1941 German censored cover to US with propaganda leaflet enclosed. F-VF. SB \$3.00. [237]

64. **Germany.** 4 Feldpost covers 1943-44. 3 with Luftfeldpost stamps. [237]

65. **Germany.** 15 mostly airmail censored covers to US. AVE\*. F. SB \$3.50. [016]

66. **Germany.** V-mail 1945 APO 758, 739, 230. Plus postwar registered 09107 and 09154. SB \$2.00. [016]

67. **Germany.** Special green and black Feldpost facing slip used for identifying bundled mail with printed strike of mail collection station Breslau (Postsammelstelle). To Kenn number 335. Dated 17.10.43. Slight stains. AVE. [005]

68. **Germany.** Special post office envelope for money orders to Stuttgart postal check office. Reused as military mail facing slip with special Feldpost green and black facing slip (large letters) attached and straight line handstamp of postal collection station (Postsammelstelle) Stuttgart. Also 6 Sep 1940 dated handstamp. Envelope cut. Slip. F. [005]

69. **Germany.** POW. Stampless Feldpost cover with unit seal of #31979. Identified as Front Stalag 132 France. Special collection point for POW's. Feldpost cancel 5 Jun 1941. F-VF. [005]

70. **Greece.** Postal stationery cover with 2 stamps imprinted to Germany 1941. German and Greek censorship. F. [237]

71. **Guadalcanal.** 7 covers: Marines (4), Army (3), plus 9 other covers: Bougainville, Engebi, Tinian (2), New Caledonia, Russell Is., Guam, Alaska, India. Mixed. [022]

72. **Guam.** 5 large War Dept. covers privately used with letters enclosed from APO 234 Feb-Aug 1945. AVE.

SB \$13.75. [185]

73. **Iceland.** Large penalty cover with APO #5 cds 10 Jun 1942 at Baldurshagi. Slight opening tears and stains. High face value. F. [005]

74. **India.** Cover 1942 with no APO # but identified by sender as Atlahaa APO 86. Also one roughly opened 4 Jan 1943 from APO 886 with censor markings. Both from same sender. SB \$5.50. [185]

75. **India.** 3 US V-Mail with envelopes from Col. at APO's 628, and 15107. AVBE. [016]

76. **Indo China.** 2 US Air Force WWII leaflets, AFA #103, in French and Vietnamese and Ca-111 in Chinese. Pictures and text deal with aid to downed flyers. F. SB \$10.00. [106]

77. **Iran.** 8 US APO's: 523 (3), 788, 795 (2), 797, and 824 with Lend-Lease cachet. All censored. One with cachet for US Military Mission with Iranian Army. AVE-F. [022]

78. **Italy.** Airmail cover 1944 with 3 AMG stamps to soldier at APO 50. Italian censor label and stamps. Faint cancel, slight tears. F. [237]

79. **Italy.** 11 US APO's: 758 (V-mail), 9404, 785 (2), change address card 9404, 2nd Base PO, 379, 650, 777 (2). AVE. SB \$4.50. [016]

80. **Japan.** 3 Allied anti-Japanese propaganda leaflets 1944-45 (SJM-11, SJM-32, SJ-117). All with official English translation from Forward Base, Psychological Warfare Div. SEAC. File holes otherwise F-VF. Sb \$15. [106]

81. **Japan.** Allied propaganda leaflet #2515 in Japanese. Staple hole. F. SB \$5.00. [106]

82. **Japan.** Allied propaganda leaflet in Japanese #2117. Staple hole F. SB \$5.00. [106]

83. **Japan.** US Occupation 9 covers/cards 1945/49\*: APO's 24 (2), 25 (3), 500 (2), 713, 7BPO on Japanese card. SB \$5.00. Most F. [016]

84. **Japan.** Cover from sailor on board USS Pasadena 5th Div. Navy cancel 16 Nov 1945. Faint Tokyo Bay in killers. Slight opening tears. F. [022]

85. **Latin America.** 7 commercial censored, US or British, airmail covers: Argentina, Columbia, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador & Venezuela. SB \$3.00. [237]

86. **Latin America.** 18 covers censored by US: Bolivia, Brazil, Canal Zone, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic (3), Haiti, Mexico (2), Panama, Peru (5), Uruguay. AVE. [016]

87. **Luxembourg.** Luxembourg semi-postals B121-23 on US patriotic with US APO 9/29/45 cds and APO 513 in address. F-VF. SB \$5.00. [016]

88. **Luxembourg.** Maximum card showing cemetery at Hamm where Patton is buried. Stamp shows Patton's grave. VF. Plus multicolored sheetlet to commemorate Roosevelt's promise to return Luxembourg to Duchess. Special cancel on #223 and 227. VF. [006]

89. **Malaya.** OAS cover from Capt. Penang Fortress Field Post Office SP 502 16-00 (?)—1941 cds. Triangular censored to Penang. Reused envelope. [022]

90. **Malta.** Cacheted FDC (#263-5) for award of George Cross to Malta for war effort. Cancelled Vallette 15 Apr 1957. VF. [006]

91. **New Guinea.** 18 censored covers with US APO and BPO cds's. Some duplication. Mixed. Some poor. [022]

92. **New Caledonia.** 9 greeting card size commercially used covers to Australia. All censored Australia. 1 registered. Interesting franking. Seldom seen. Most F. [022]

93. **New Zealand.** New Zealand YMCA cover 1946 to USA with US stamp and 7BPO 1946 cds. Plus New Zealand APO 222 cds from New Zealand corporal with 27th Bn. care of US APO 301. [022]

94. **North Africa.** US military: 2 APO's Libia, 2 covers Morocco (2 with Navy 216 in cds). Plus 1 post-war. [022]

95. **Okinawa.** 10 covers: APO 331—1946 (2), Navy 1945 (4), plus post-war 1960-71 (4). Mixed. [022]

96. **Persia.** Cover to US with Persian stamp and Anglo-Soviet-Persian censor handstamp over Persian censor label. Slight opening tears on top. Censor stamp slightly blurred. F. [022]

97. **Persia.** Airmail cover to USA with scarce Pan American airmail label with printing error "Sekvice." Anglo-Soviet-Persian censor label and stamp. AVE. SB \$3. [237]

98. **Philippines.** Airborne ed. of "Free Philippines" Apr 1945. Plus copy of message in English from Pres. Osmina to his people. VF. SB \$20.00. [106]

99. **Philippines.** US APO 6 (2). One from Gen. Hurdie; 310 (2) on Philippine postal cards; patriotic cover with Victory overprint on block of 4 from APO 77; Navy 7th Fleet. Most F. SB \$6.00. [016]

100. **Philippines.** 19 covers from Naval and Marine units. Some Navy numbers in cancels. AVE. [022]

101. **Philippines.** Japanese air letter sheet used by soldier at APO 41 censored 4/22/45. F-VF. [022]

102. **Philippines.** Japanese paper money for occupation. 8 notes: 1 Centavo, 50c, 1 Peso (2), 5 Peso (2), 10 P, and 100 P. AVE. [006]

103. **Poland.** Polish Forces with Allies. Cover to US with 6¢ stamp cancelled by Polish Feldpost cancel. Number not completely clear. 10 May 1944. Also Polish English censor stamp. No return address. Slight opening tears. Genuine usage. F. [022]

104. **Portugal.** 4 censored airmail covers to US plus registered Turkish cover to US. All with British censor labels. AVE. SB \$2.00. [016]

105. **Salpan.** 14 covers. 10 same sender Sep-Nov 1945 18th AAA Bn FFM USMC, also 2nd Mar Div Sep-Dec 1944. Mixed. Some poor. [022]

106. **Samoa.** American. Cover with weak Pago Pago cds. 31 Aug 1944 with Amer. Samoa censor stamp over neutral sealing stamp. Roughly opened. F. [022]

107. **Sudentenland.** German Occupation. Special printed matter card to dealer Kohler with 3 pfg. Hindenburg stamp and "Greetings from German Sudetenland." Cancelled Gruenberg-Eubeberg 10.XI.38 with Czech name excised from top of cancel. Philatelic. F-VF. [005]

108. **Sweden.** 3 censored airmail covers to US. 2 roughly opened. 2 meters. F. SB \$1.50. [016]

109. **Thailand.** Allied propaganda leaflet in Thai SS#16. SB \$5.00. [106]

110. **Ukraine.** German Occupation. Stampless cover with German Dienstpost cancel Kamenkoje 11 Sep 1942. 3 line handstamp in German "Stamps for collectors returned to sender postage free in accordance with postal regulations." Cover folded for mailing. City barely legible in cds. SB \$7.50. [005]

111. **Ukraine.** Military postcard unaddressed with 8 German occupation of Ukraine stamps. Each cancelled with special Dienstpost cancel for Cherson. Philatelic F. SB \$5.00. [005]

112. **Yugoslavia.** US censored cover with return address of military liaison HQ Yugoslavia. APO 512 Jun 1945. F-VF. Rare. SB \$3.00. [016]

113. **Censored Covers.** Canada, England (2), India (2), Italy (2), Lebanon, Ireland (5), US. Plus Thailand official date unclear. 2 misc. Mixed. [002]

114. **Book. Man Called Intrepid.** British Secret Service in WWII. 470pp. 1976. Orig. jacket, tears. Priced new at \$12.95. OPEN. [036]

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115. Cacheted cover from Naval Center Memphis with Free for Victory label tied by Sep 1943 Navy cds. See Herst article in WCC Bulletin. F-VF. SB \$2.50. [016]

116. 2 large US covers to Mexico with return to sender labels affixed 1942 AVE. SB \$2.00. [016]

117. 2 censored covers from APO 838 1945 to Sgt. at POW Camp Wheeler. AVE. SB \$3.00. [016]

118. Cover from US to Col. at APO 512. With Ill. Bataan Prisoner Relief label not tied. Corner bent. AVE. SB \$4.00. [016]

119. Japanese picture postcard used by US soldier Nov 1944 with large green circular "Passed by Joint Intelligence #63." No other postal markings. [116]

120. V-Mail 1945. 2 processed greeting cards: Hula Girl Hawaii and Easter Greetings. Both APO 309 and censored. 1 envelope. [237]

121. US Army Basic Field Manual—Soldier's Handbook 23 Jul 1941 (FM 21-100). Almost new. RES \$6. [106]

122. Cover from APO 464 with special postage free label. Label uncancelled but letter backstamped 3 May 1945. Plus copy of Herst 1979 WCC article. F-VF. [069]

123. POW. 2 official covers from POW Camps Trinidad and Camp Clark, Mo. Roughly opened at top, otherwise F. [005]

124. Signal Corps cacheted cover Gen. MacArthur postmarked Wash., DC, and handstamp Japan Surrenders (8/14/45). Also 24 Philippines overprinted Victory cancelled Leyte, Philippines 2 Sep 1945 with APO 932 3 Sep registry type cancel and handstamp for Japan Surrender. Cancel slightly blurred and slight stains. Plus 21 July 1959 cover Agama, Guam, with cachet for 25th anniversary of liberation. F-VF. [006]

125. Airmail cover US to Argentina forwarded to Brazil. Trinidad censor. Addressee moved "Retour" handstamp. Various postal cancels/routing stamps. Franked with Scott US C21. 1 uncancelled. SB \$5.00. [016]

126. Essential military mail. 2 penalty envelopes 1943. One specially printed red and white. Other with handstamp "WD Essential Official Airmail." Both sent by airmail. AVE. SB \$2.00. [014]

127. **Alaska.** 12 covers APO 702 (5), 918 (2), Navy/Marines (5). 1943-44. Several open Alaska or Seattle APO cancels. Mixed. SB \$6.00. [016]

128. **Hawaii.** 1 APO 960 registered, 3 patriotics with civilian cancels, APO's 357, 956, 37th NCB (#13889), Navy 10. All but one censored. Mixed. SB \$5.00. [016]

129. **Hawaii.** 2 1944 censored covers APO 951, 953. F-VF. SB \$4.50. [185]

130. **Hawaii.** 32 censored APO covers from units in Hawaii 1942-45. Most F. [022]  
 131. **Hawaii.** 30 censored covers from naval units: Navy 15 (2), 28 (2), 91 (4), 128 (16), 11 with Navy numbers in cancels. Plus 4 Naval air (one official). One open address and 1.1959 #17017. Some duplication. Mixed. [022]  
 132. **Hawaii.** 73 censored covers from Marine units: 2d Mar Div (9), 4th Mar (2; 1 official registered), 5th Mar (1), 28 misc combat forces, 4 Mar Air. Mixed. [022]  
 133. **Puerto Rico.** 6 airmail covers to US. 5 censored. AVE. [016]

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134. 25 postally used cacheted diff. patriotics with var. themes. F-VF. [181]  
 135. 25 diff. patriotics postally used with diff. themes. 136. 7 postally used cacheted covers from army camps with Crosby cachets. 1 registered. F-VF. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 137. 5 cacheted covers from APO 34 1944-45. Most censored. AVE. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 138. 9 mint large colored by Portoserver. F. [036]  
 139. 9 diff. mint Pent Art "Women in War." Gum toning. F. [036]  
 140. 7 diff. mint Pent Arts "Plowshares into swords." Slight wrinkles. F. [036]  
 141. 5 meters with patriotic themes all diff. to Curacao. All censored Curacao. Mixed. Some poor. [036]  
 142. 6 US patriotics all with MacArthur theme: 2 APO's, 1 registered, 3 camps. Most F. [016]

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143. 2 censored covers. Navy 140 6 Feb 1944—Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. Tears away from postmarks. AVE. Also Navy 207 1945 Wallis Is. Cancel not completely legible. F. [222]  
 144. 8 addressed covers with 5 cachets. Most 1940's. Includes Dickman, Stratford, Chateau Thierry, First Days. F-VF. [009]  
 145. 35 censored covers most censored. All from ships or floating units. Includes cacheted cover from Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet 7 Dec 1942. Includes 1 1955 cover. Mixed. [022]  
 146. 92 mostly naval or marine covers with no army APO or navy #'s. Work with Murphy could identify many of these. Mixed. [022]  
 147. 42 covers Navy/Marines with either open addresses in states or identified by Murphy in states. Some censored. Some official. AVE. [022]  
 148. First Day of Service Advanced Carrier Training Group Pacific Fleet cds. 12-15-41. Cacheted unaddressed. Plus First Mar Div FMF 4-25-41. SB \$3.00. [007]  
 149. 2 censored covers USS Helena 5/29/43 sunk on 9/6/43 and USS Block Island 8/15/43 sunk 5/29/44. AVE. SB \$2.00. [016]

150. **WWII U.S. APO's.** 3 censored covers APO's 4590, 9887, 17753. Clear postmark. Not identified in WCC book. AVE. [022]

#### POST-WORLD WAR II MILITARY

151. Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS). Covers from 3 radar sites. 1961 cover APO 23 cacheted BMEWS Survival Insurance Thule, Greenland. Also 2 more large cachet covers 1961 APO 23 with autograph of Lt. Col. 1961 cover with cachet for First Day of Operations Clear, Alaska and Clear, Alaska cancel and autographs of key participants. Only 12 issued. Cover from English site at Flyngdale with English stamps cancelled Pickerly, Yorkshire 1961 and handstamp of resident engineer. Plus 3 35 mm slides of Clear Alaska and var. related clippings. Unusual. F-VF. [006]  
 152. British Guided Weapon Range (Royal Arty), St. Kilda, Hebrides. One cover to St. Kilda 16 Apr 1960 delivered by airdrop with special Benbecula-St. Kilda oval airmail handstamp 30 Apr. Other small war economy OHMS envelope cancelled St. Kilda 1959 on British stamp with 2 line return address cachet of St. Kilda detachment and circular handstamp St. Kilda—the furthest station west and Puffin. Rare. Write-up enclosed. F-VF. RES \$6.50. [006]  
 153. British Misc. Cover cachet Nuclear sub HMS Rempulse 1967, HMS Adrian 1974 (Malaysia), HMAS Vampire (Austrian), British Fleet Mail cds. 1971, BFPO 76 1958 HMS Eagle, FPO 164 Cyprus 1956. Plus 1956 illegible. Mixed. [022]  
 154. DEW Line (Distance Early Warning) cacheted cover for 10,000 Atlantic Barrier flight 3 Mar 1961 with rare cancel on date of 10,000 flight. Form letter enclosed from Adm. Moore US Naval sta. Argentina, Newfoundland explaining DEW line. Cover Pacific Navy 17005 11 Jan 1962. Also postcard with handstamp and cancel of USCG Eastwind. Special Arctic Operations and DEW Line polar bear cachets. Plus National Geo-

graphic and other clippings. Interesting. [006]  
 155. **DEW Line.** Canadian cover with Canadian stamp and 1963 cancel Rankin, Inlet NWT. Handstamp of same and typed DEW Line Sta., Protection of North America and Latitude and Longitude. Clipping enclosed. Addressed. Slight smudge from postal handling. F. [006]  
 156. **Denmark.** Internee cover with Danish stamp. Uncanceled. Return address of refugee camp Oksbol, Denmark, and faint handstamp of camp. Cover shows effects of poor storage with toning and slight water streak. Seldom seen. Poor. [005]  
 157. **Germany.** POW. Special letter sheet with message with printed return address "Centre d'Internement Administratif Fort Kaserne Landau." From Dr. Internee 1946. Faint Gebuehr Bezahlt cancel. One line "zensiert" handstamp. F. [005]  
 158. **Germany POW.** Special letter sheet with message with printed address of Landau camp to internee. With French Zone stamp and faint cancel 1946. Straight line "Zensiert" handstamp with Z missing. F. [005]  
 159. **Germany—DP Mail.** 6 covers with return addresses of Latvian DP camps: Eggelshold, Fellbach, Hell, Hannover/Stoecken, Memmingen Airport, Luebeck, Rotenburg. AVE. [116]  
 160. **Germany.** 2 1948 US military covers with return address cachet of HQ APO 696 Nuernberg. SB \$3.00. [016]  
 161. **Germany.** 20 diff. recent US APO's all located in Germany. SB \$1.00. [036]  
 162. **Germany.** 14 diff. recent US APO's from Germany. AVE. [036]  
 163. **Iceland.** Greeting size envelope with US Navy 17067 Br. 1967 cds. (Keflavik). Slight tear on front from staple. AVE. [022]  
 164. **Indo China.** Cover from French Foreign Legionaire Dec 1949 posted on USS Nantes enroute to Indo China. Postmarked Djibutu, Post Aux Armees 222. Var. markings. F. [237]  
 165. **Japan.** Occupation—38 covers: 20 APO's, 11 Navy/Marines including 1945 Navy 12942, 12924 cds's. 1945-48. Heavy in 1945 (19). Plus 7 later. Mixed. [022]  
 166. **Malaya.** British anti-communist leaflet in Chinese. F-VF. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 167. **Malaya.** 24 covers 1955-73 with Malayan or British stamps. All with military addresses. Mostly forces mail. Some with cachets. 2 censored Straits Settlement dates not clear. Mixed. Mostly F-VF. [022]  
 168. **Trieste.** June 1947 airmail cover with 2 Lire AMG stamp and AMG censor label and handstamp cancelled Trieste. Censor label torn in opening. Cancel faint but legible. F. [237]  
 169. **UNEF In Congo.** Cover to Malaya with boxed Malaya Special Forces handstamp. Weak UN in Congo cancel with illegible date said to be 1961. Plus military airsheet postally used to Malaya. Faint UN handcancel 16 Mar 1962. Both actual usages. F except as noted. [022]  
 170. **UNEF Cyprus.** Airlitter from Cmdr. 1st Royal Rgt. 1st Canadian contingent in Cyprus to US. CAPO 5001 cds. Forces letter genuinely used with message. Slight tear on reverse. [116]  
 171. **UNEF Cyprus.** 3 covers. One Austrian stamps plus 2 line UNFICYP Austrian Battalion strike; Canadian cover CFPO 5001 25-VII 74 cancel and CANCON HQ boxed handstamp (Walsh cover); airlitter sheet, damaged Cyprus stamp, Nicosia cancel 27 Apr 1964 from Brit. Contingent Red Devils. CFPO 111 cancel (Mallot Cover). Philatelic. F-VF. [006]  
 172. **UNEF Liaison Pisa.** Cover with cachet of Norwegian high command cancelled Oslo 11 Jan 1962 to UNEF, Pisa. Boxed UNEF Liaison Office Pisa dated handstamp. Plus Norwegian forces bilingual handstamp. Folded in middle. Genuine usage. F. [006]  
 173. **UNEF Cyprus.** Official 9 1/2 x 6" cover with printed UN cachet to Denmark. Danish stamp with Copenhagen cancel plus DANCON UNFICYP 6 Aug 1974 cancel. Slight tear and cover has been folded. Looks genuine. F. [006]  
 174. **Misc. Post-War. Military.** 1 card/3 covers: Libya 1951 (2), 1954; Copenhagen 1957. [016]  
 175. **Misc. Military.** 11 covers: Canadian WW censored, Office of War Information US Embassy, London WWI used by civilian to APO, 2 stamped envelopes mint with cachets LOGEX 61, 1959 cover to Commanding Gen. 1st US Army from Brit. War Office, cover with cachet US Army Mission Venezuela, 3 1962 airmail covers with cachets of 20th anniversary US Army aviation. (Cachets are all diff.) cacheted cover first flight B25 H 6 Mar 1961; cacheted cover last flight Naval Airship Lakehurst, New Jersey 1961. Interesting. Most F. [006]

#### POST WORLD WAR II NAVAL

176. **Apollo 15.** 2 cacheted covers for recovery force. USS Austin 7 Aug 1971 and USS Okinawa 7 Aug 1971. Large cachet slightly stained. F. [143]

177. **Antarctica.** 3 cacheted addressed covers 1972 McMurdo Sta.; 1972 Pole Sta.; and 1971 USCG Staten Island. All with suitable cancels on 1959 Arctic Exploration stamp. VF. [143]  
 178. 8 covers mostly 1940's-1950's. One Apollo 17. Most VF. [009]  
 179. **Arctic Ocean.** Printed cacheted cover Operation Ice Skate—Ice Island T-3 Arctic Ocean IGY and handstamp. APO cds. on US IGY stamp. Faint cancel. Cover F-VF. Plus 1975 cover USS Coronado with printed cachet for Ocean Safari. F-VF. [006]  
 180. 117 regular covers all from aircraft carriers (CV's) 1950's-early 1960's. 28 diff. Mixed. [138]  
 181. 46 regular size covers from destroyers 1950's-1960's. 38 diff. Plus 1954 USS Iowa. [138]  
 182. 142 official covers from all diff. ships all cancelled 1967 FPO NY. Most F. [138]  
 183. 139 official covers from all diff. ships FPO San Francisco 1967. Many expected to be Viet Nam. Most F. [138]  
 184. 165 official covers from diff. naval facilities in US mostly 1967-68. Some ships/subs. Most F-VF. RES \$15.00. [106]  
 185. 120 Viet Nam era official ship covers from all diff. ships/subs 1967-68. AVE. RES \$15.00. [106]  
 186. 9 covers/4 cacheted 1950's-60's, 1 1971, 4 late WWII USS Lanson, Sarsfield. [016]

#### KOREA AND VIET NAM

187. **Korea.** Cacheted cover US and Korean flag "In remembrance of Korea's Oppression by Japan." Korean stamp and faint US APO 59 Jan 1952 cancel. Endorsed Free Air Mail to US. Philatelic. F. [006]  
 188. 2 covers with UN cachets. One overprinted Task Force 77. One handstamp and registry stamp USS Duncan 12 Sep 1952. Other USS Boxer 4 Oct 1952. Philatelic. VF. [143]  
 189. **Korea.** 6 free airmail covers from APO's 20, 90, 102, 301, 970 (2). One a Hubba-Hubba. F-VF. [222]  
 190. **Korea/Viet Nam.** 2 Free covers 1953 1st Mar Div Navy 12867 US, APO 468 1952 and APO 909 1953. Plus 3 free covers Navy 14030, 14030 U8, 17078 all 1967. Plus Brit. FPO 707 1952. [022]  
 191. **Viet Nam.** Patriotic flag cover with unusual private(?) double-dated handstamp US Forces Pleiku II Corps. Interesting humorous form letter to telling girlfriends he is on way home. From APO 96318. Plus cover with printed decorative cachet same sender. 504th MP Bn Pleiku. No cancel. Interesting letter with same cachet. VF. [143]  
 192. **Viet Nam.** 5 free covers 1967-68: 96205, 96307 (2), 96312, 96491. Plus stamped card 96307 Saigon cds. AVE. [022]  
 193. **Viet Nam.** 22 covers from Australian forces 1968-71: FPO 3 (4), FPO 4 (12). 6 with no cancel. Many with special Australian Viet Nam stationery. Good mix of senders. Machine and hand cancels. Mixed. [022]  
 194. **Viet Nam.** Australian forces 1968-71: FPO 1, FPO 3 (5), FPO 4 (14). 4 uncanceled. Many with special Australian Forces in Viet Nam envelopes. Good mix of senders. Machine and hand cancels. Mixed. [022]  
 195. **Viet Nam.** 3 UNEF covers. Operation Galland with US APO 96215 on 2 Canadian Forces covers. Plus Canadian Forces letter with CFPO 5001 cds. 1972. UN Forces Cyprus. Philatelic. F-VF. 2 USS Hancock 1967 covers off Viet Nam. F. SB \$5.00. [016]

#### MISCELLANEOUS

196. Mint photo card of the **Titanic** under construction at Belfast. VF. [143]  
 197. **Guam.** 1979. 7 covers with diff. cancels including Directory service, NMCB 74 and 62. 3 cacheted. F-VF. [185]  
 198. **Guam.** Guard Mail. 1979 cacheted cover for first flight following liberation of Guam. US Navy Agana cancel. Guam Guard Mail Marianas Turkey Shoot stamp with Guam Guard Mail cancel. Unaddressed. Story enclosed. RES \$2.50. [185]  
 199. 8 picture postcards from Rubber City Stamp Club with photos of famous dirigibles: Akron (4), Macon (2), Graf Zeppelin (2). All with writeups of characteristics on card and stamp show cancels 1963-66. 4 diff. photos. F-VF. [006]  
 200. **Book.** "A Postal History Cancellation Guide of the US Pacific Islands." by Robert T. Murphy. Publ. at \$6. Almost new condition. SB \$4.00. [016]

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