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## WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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### GENTLE REMINDER II

Many members have sent in their dues for two years promptly after the last appeal. Let's hope many others will pay their dues promptly so that we don't have to send a reminder again in a month or two.

### WAR COVER CLUB CONVENTION AT NOJEX 1981

The War Cover Club announces that it will have its annual convention at NOJEX '81, 23-25 October at the Holiday Inn, Jetport in Elizabeth, NJ.

There will be a lounge where members can leave their messages and get together with their friends. There will also be a special informal meeting on Saturday, the 24th, from 2 until 4 pm, and there will be two guest speakers.

Robert Houston will speak on the 1937 German Wehrmacht (Army) Maneuvers, a new and very interesting field, while James E. Lewis will talk on the German 16th Army in northern Russia during World War Two. There will be coffee and cookies, as usual and non-members are cordially invited to learn about our fascinating specialty.

As in most national shows there will be a special War Cover section and an award (a pewter-type Armental pitcher) for the best exhibit.

We have many members in the NY-NJ area so we are looking forward to a great show!

### APS PUBLISHES INFORMATION BROCHURE ABOUT STAMP INSURANCE

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risk coverage now may be purchased at \$46 per year. Under the basic policy, up to \$25,000 is covered against burglary, robbery, theft, and mysterious disappearance regardless of where material is stored. Coverage may be increased if material in excess of \$25,000 is kept in a qualified safe.

To obtain coverage equivalent to the APS plan under a normal homeowner's insurance policy requires a separate rider as most homeowner's policies limit coverage to \$500. The rates for a rider to a homeowner's policy rarely, if ever, compete with the APS group rates and often a costly appraisal and compilation of an inventory are necessary.

Membership in the APS is required before insurance may be obtained. Information about APS membership may be obtained from the same address.

*Postal History of the Chaco War (Paraguay)* by Anthony Shepherd covers the history of the war, army post offices, regimental and unit handstamps, soldier's envelopes, censorship, air force and naval handstamps, Paraguayan Army medical services, prisoners of war mail, welfare organizations, and slogan (propaganda) handstamps, in 19 pages (8¼ × 11½ in.) with 2 maps and 77 illustrations. Produced in a limited edition of only 100 copies. Cost is \$5.00 inclusive of postage direct from author, 3 Willowfield Rd., Halifax, West Yorkshire HX2 7JN, Great Britain.

Girogio Migliavacca produces a small catalog/magazine, *Rassegna Internazionale Letteratura Filatelica e Storico Postale* and consists of reviews and mentions (usually in Italian, sometimes in English) of various philatelic-oriented works, and not just war cover-oriented. Produced quarterly (Vol. 1 #2 dated April-June 1981, just out), cost is \$2 for a sample copy, and \$5.00 for a year's subscription. The catalog part comes in because most of the titles reviewed or listed are available from him. Casella Postale 250, 27100 Pavia, Italy.

Regarding your request for suggestions for articles for Clyde Carriker, I would like to

see more articles on World War II patriotics, particularly those done by Wm. Linto of Portland, Oregon. Linto was most prolific, issuing thousands of patriotics for World War Two and post-war eras.

—Jerold A. Nadel  
Albany NY

Just a note to shed a little light on Clyde Carriker's article on the World War Two covers illustrated in the February-March 1981 WCC "Bulletin."

I feel that the cachets were done by Mr. Walter Czubay. Mr. Czubay used several different identifications on his cachets including Walter Czubay, Walt Czubay, Zoo-Bay, RCD #134, and ZB. I think it quite possible that in this case he dropped the "C" from his last name to create another variety of his signature line. I have a number of his World War Two patriotics signed Walt Czubay.

From a publication of the American First Day Cover Society the following additional information is taken: Walter Czubay produced cachets for many, but not all, issues up until the 1950s. He started making First Day Covers in 1937.

—Kirk Wolford  
Twain CA

Here's a bit of information in response to the article on pages 8-9 of the February-March 1981 issue of the *War Cover Club Bulletin*.

The cachet maker in question was Walter Czubay. He also spelled his name phonetically as *Zoo-Bay* or, as on the cachets pictured, *Zubay*.

Czubay made thousands of naval and first day cover cachets, mostly in the very late 1930's and the 1940's. He made many "thermographic" or raised-ink cachets, some beautiful multicolored cachets, and also some cachets with pasted-on photos, similar to the famous Crosby Cachets. Czubay's pasted-on photos were quite a bit larger than Crosby's though.

Most covers I recall addressed to Czubay were to Astoria, Long Island, New York, so I presume he operated out of that area.

—James E. Smith  
Gobles MI

I noted Ken Simon's short item in the December-January issue of the Bulletin regarding the covers with the APO 3921 return address. His suspicion that the four-digit APO is an embarkation site appears to me to be correct. I prepared some comments which appeared on page 3 of the April-May 1979 issue of the Bulletin, in reply to another inquiry about an unlisted four-digit APO. Since I do not know whether he has the April-May 1979 issue of the Bulletin, I repeat my comments here:

"My first comment concerns the discussion on page 13 of the February-March 1979 issue of the Bulletin, regarding two covers from a Pvt. Allbright, one from an

unlisted APO 3932 in the return address (but cancelled at Norfolk, Virginia, on 31 May 1943) and a later cover he sent from APO 760. The four digit APO was probably a temporary APO assigned to Pvt. Allbright's unit while it was being processed through the port of embarkation at Norfolk. This number would have been used only for a few days while the unit was at Norfolk, until its personnel boarded a troop transport and departed for overseas. The reason I believe this to be the case comes from the recollection I have of my own experiences. Our unit, the 888th Signal Co., shipped out of Oakland, Calif., on 7 December 1943. We had arrived at

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**WAR COVERS** on approval: AEF, WWII, APO's, Ships, etc. World-wide censored, POW, etc. Write: War Covers, Box 13644, Kansas City MO 64199. 21-4

**Civil Censorship in the U.S. During World War II:** by Wilfried Broderick & Dann Mayo. Book contains a catalog section of visual descriptions of the Examiners (censors) Handstamps, Labels and Forms with location of Censor's Office and numbers assigned to that office. Price for War Cover Club members is \$8.00 postpaid. Evaluations are included to reflect scarcity. Available from Dann Mayo, 5443 Paseo, Kansas City MO 64110.

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**WANTED:** U.S. Army Post Office covers: APO 681, 28 Oct.-20 Nov. 1942; APO 682, 1942-46; APO 685, 27 Mar. 1943-15 Jan. 1944; APO 1221, 15 Jul.-16 Sep. 1942; APO 1227, 1942-43. Emmanuel H. Pearl, P.O. Box 582, Campbell CA 95009. 21-6

**WANTED:** Holy Land (Palestine) philatelic material—covers, stamps issued or used prior to the state of Israel. Pearl's Mandate, P.O. Box 582, Campbell CA 95009. 21-6

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**WANTED:** Different APOs from Leyte, Manila, Tokyo in early days. POW, commercial and official covers from Philippines under Japanese occupation. F. Yano, 1178-2 Uenoshiba Mukogaokacho, Sakai 593, Japan. 21-2

**WORLD WAR II U.S. Army post office covers,** first day of use, wanted. List available. Price irrelevant. A. Lewandowski, Box 1, New York NY 10040. 22-1

**PACIFIC ISLANDS, BRITISH BORNEO:** I'm always looking to buy, of course, but did you know that I also have a substantial stock of postal history material from those areas which can be seen on approval? Howard Lee, Box 636WC, New York NY 10163. 21-3

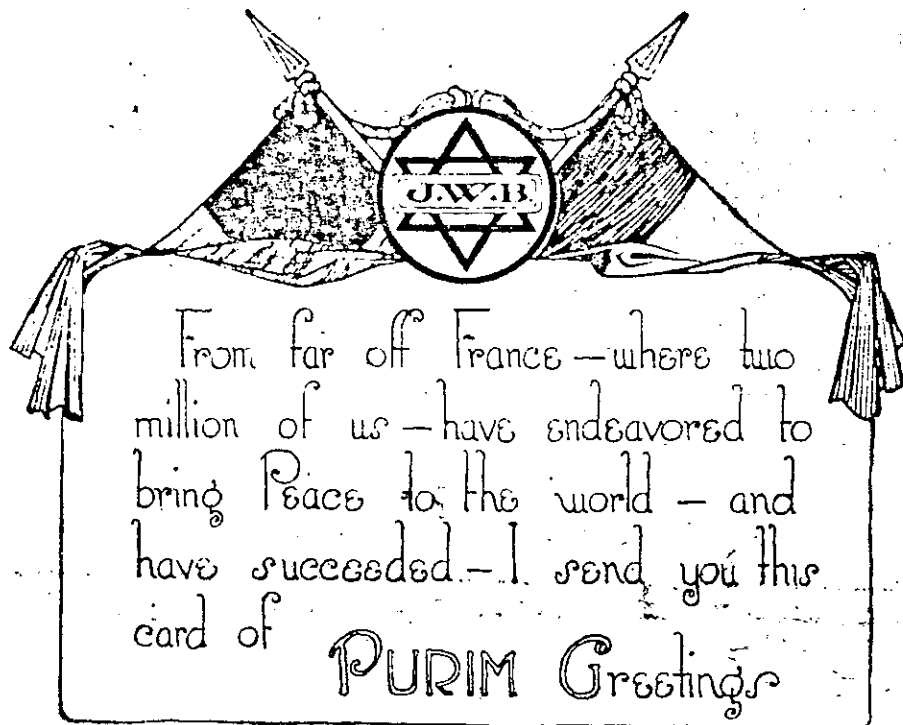
Camp Stoneman (Pittsburg, Calif.) on 3 December from San Antonio, Texas. Once we were at Camp Stoneman all mail had to be censored and we were assigned a temporary four-digit APO for those few days we were actually at Camp Stoneman. I cannot find any examples of this mail. I am not even sure that I wrote any letters either to my wife or to my mother from Camp Stoneman. I was one of the officers who had to censor the mail of the enlisted men and they wanted to send so many Christmas greetings to relatives and friends before departing for the South Pacific area that we were kept busy during most of our spare time just censoring mail. When I have time I will sort through the covers I have to see if I can find an example. At one time there were probably thousands of examples, since this system seemed to be in existence at all ports of embarkation."

Based on Simon's example I now begin to wonder if each port of embarkation was assigned one or more APO numbers to assign to units passing through. As best I can determine no cancellations bearing the four-digit APO numbers were used. In Simon's case it was a New York cancellation and in the other example it was a Norfolk cancellation. The only location at which the APO number can be found is in the return address. Simon's three covers appear to me to check out OK. The two covers having a New York cancellation are postmarked "April 29, 1943." If the 30 May cancellation is from APO 668, as it appears it may be, this would be Casablanca, Morocco, which would be logical, since it would take about a month for a troop transport to go from New York to Casablanca. Possibly Sgt. Hanks was able to send a letter from Casablanca before his transport proceeded on to Italy. He would not as yet have a permanent APO so the only APO he could use on his return address would be the temporary one assigned at the port of embarkation. The reason I wonder if each port of embarkation had its own APO numbers is that the New York example Simon cites is 3921 whereas the Norfolk number is 3932, two numbers which differ by only a small amount.

As yet I have found none of these four-digit APO return addresses on any of my own World War II covers. In case Simon finds any additional examples I would sincerely appreciate learning about them. In this way we might be able to piece together some more of the puzzle related to these APOs. As I said above, the fact that the New York APO and the Norfolk APO are only eleven digits apart makes me suspicious that these APOs may have been established on a more systematic basis than I at first believed.

—C. Sharp Cook  
El Paso TX

• The article by David Howell in the October-November *Bulletin* about Jewish Welfare Board stationery for the AEF reminded me of a few specimens I have



in my collection.

The first one is a greeting card similar to the Passover card illustrated in the *Bulletin*, but for Purim of 1919. On the back is written "France 5679-1919" and "Issued by/Jewish Welfare Board/Amex Forces." The card I have was dated 10 March 1919, and postmarked eight days later. [Fig. A1]

The other JWB card is one of a series showing troopships aboard which many AEF members came home; this one shows the S.S. *Mongolia*. Other cards in the

series, I remember, were offered in a WCC auction five or six years ago. [Fig. A2]

The JWB did not arrive in France and begin its work until July 1918. This may explain a predominance of 1919 dated postmarks on its stationery. All the JWB covers in my collection are either dated 1919 or (in one case) smudged! I wonder who has the earliest JWB postmarked cover or card?

Dick Sackett  
5005 Acacia Ave.  
Bethesda MD 20014



S. S. Mongolia



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Issued by the Jewish Welfare Board to Soldiers and Sailors of the U.S. Army & Navy

I was interested in Roger Bisch's contribution in the February-March 1981 *Bulletin* to solving the mystery of the "800" postmark that had been thought to be used at Paris (APO 702) in World War I.

Mr. Bisch's evidence seems very strong that "800" was used by APO 932, IX Army

Corps. I have another "800" cover with an APO 932 return address, which is consistent with it. I agree that APO 932 used "800."

However, I disagree that "800" and "932" were sub-stations of APO 757 (Nogent-en-Bassigny, Haute-Marne).

Here's the situation as I see it.

In accordance with The Military Postal Express Service's evident policy of passing out "800" series postmarking devices to any APO that needed an additional device, APO 932 got "800," maybe in February 1919, several months after the APO was established in late November 1918.

The headquarters of IX Corps was established first at Ligny-en-Barrois (Meuse) on 21 November 1918. Five days later the headquarters was moved to St.-Mihiel (Meuse), where it remained until 30 March 1919. Headquarters then moved to Nogent-en-Bassigny (Haute-Marne), its location until IX Corps was discontinued on 5 May 1919 (APO 932 closed on 15 or 16 May 1919;

Mr. Bisch's 10 May card is close to a "last day" cover).

The fact that IX Corps Headquarters was at Nogent-en-Bassigny explains the two postcards being mailed on the same day with postmarks from two different APO's. Some towns had two or perhaps more APO's crammed into them, depending on what units were stationed there. Coblenz was host to APO 927 (the Third Army) as well as its own APO 934, and APO's 774 (First Army Headquarters) and 913 occupied the same barracks building in Bar-sur-Aube (Aube) for a while in the late fall of 1918.

Thanks to Roger Bisch for offering the evidence which seems to "nail down" Postmarking Device No. 800 (A2101) as

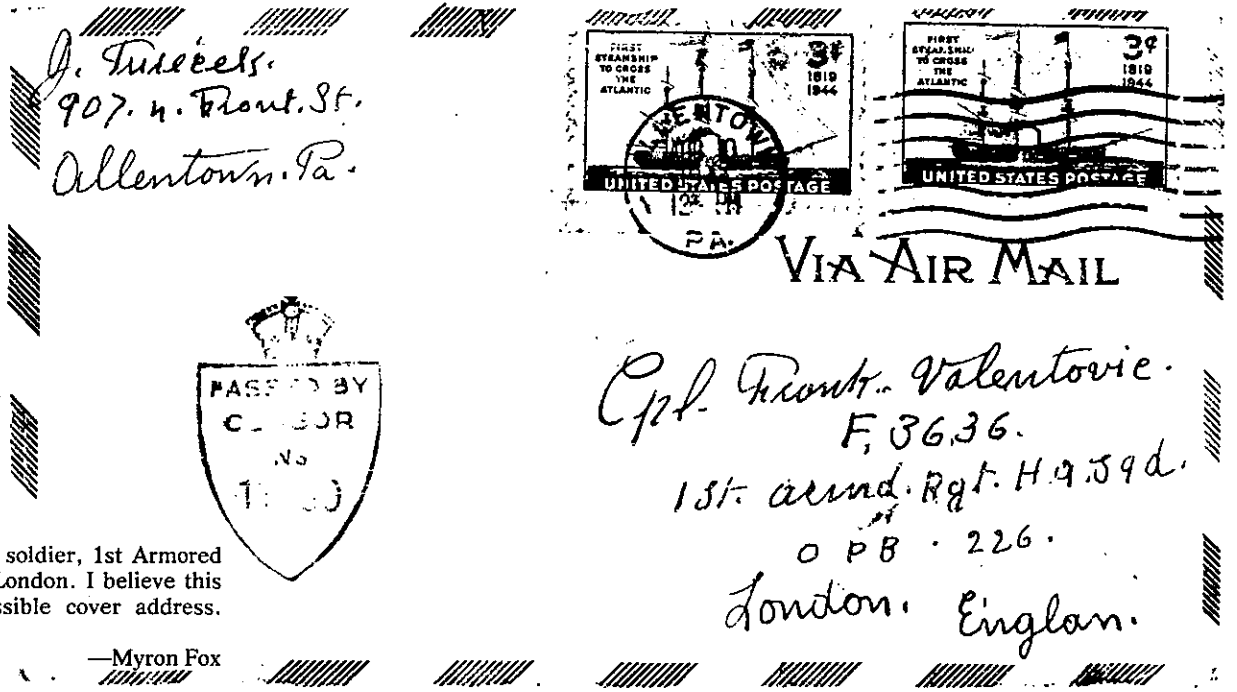
being used by APO 932. One more "800" series down!

[References: *Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War, A.E.F.: General Headquarters, Army Corps, Services of Supply, and Separate Forces*, pp. 341-345.

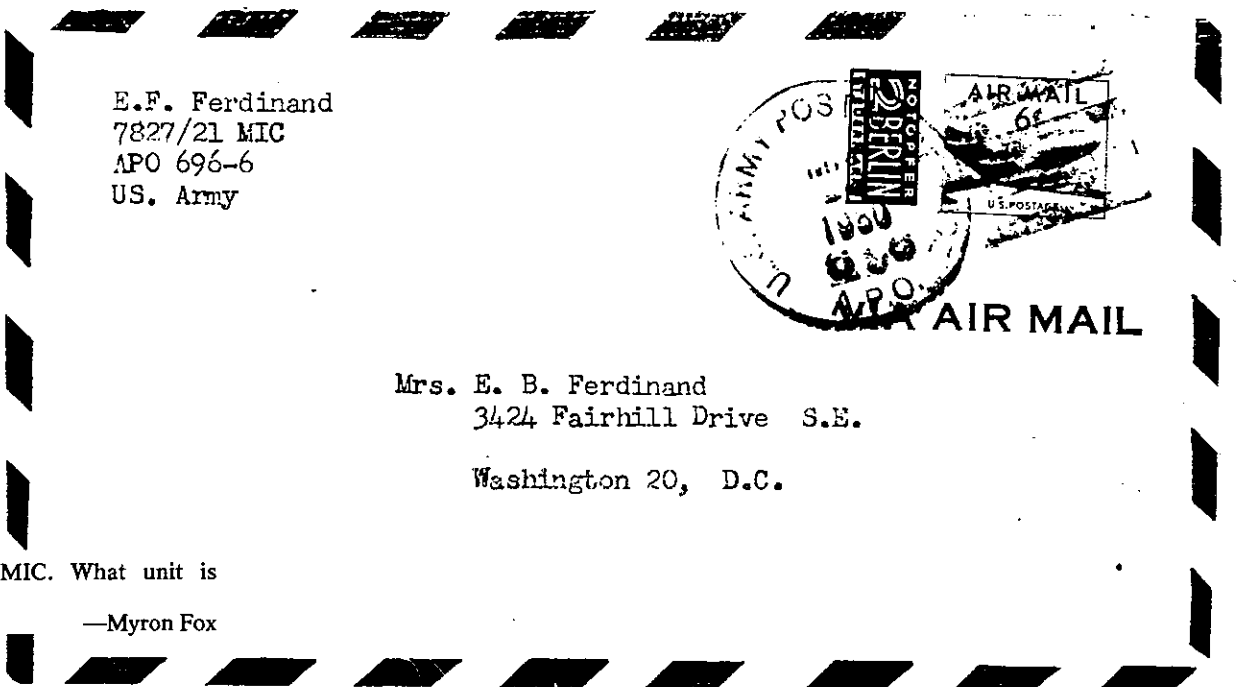
Ingerick, Wallace W. *Account of Personal Experiences with the U.S. Postal Agency in France* (unpublished). U.S.P.S. Library, Washington, D.C.

Van Dam, Theo. (Ed.). *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923.*]

—Richard W. Sackett  
Bethesda MD



Cover to Yugoslav (?) soldier, 1st Armored Regiment, OPB 226, London. I believe this is P.O. Box 226. Possible cover address. Anyone know?



Cover from 7827/21 MIC. What unit is this?

**WORLD WAR TWO  
THREE-LINE POSTAL CACHET**

by Leopold Dickstein

This short study attempts to examine the meaning of a 3-line, red ink, handstamped cachet applied by U.S. postal authorities on a commercial airmail letter from abroad:

**SUPPOSED TO CONTAIN MATTER/  
SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF/  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 8389 AS AMENDED**

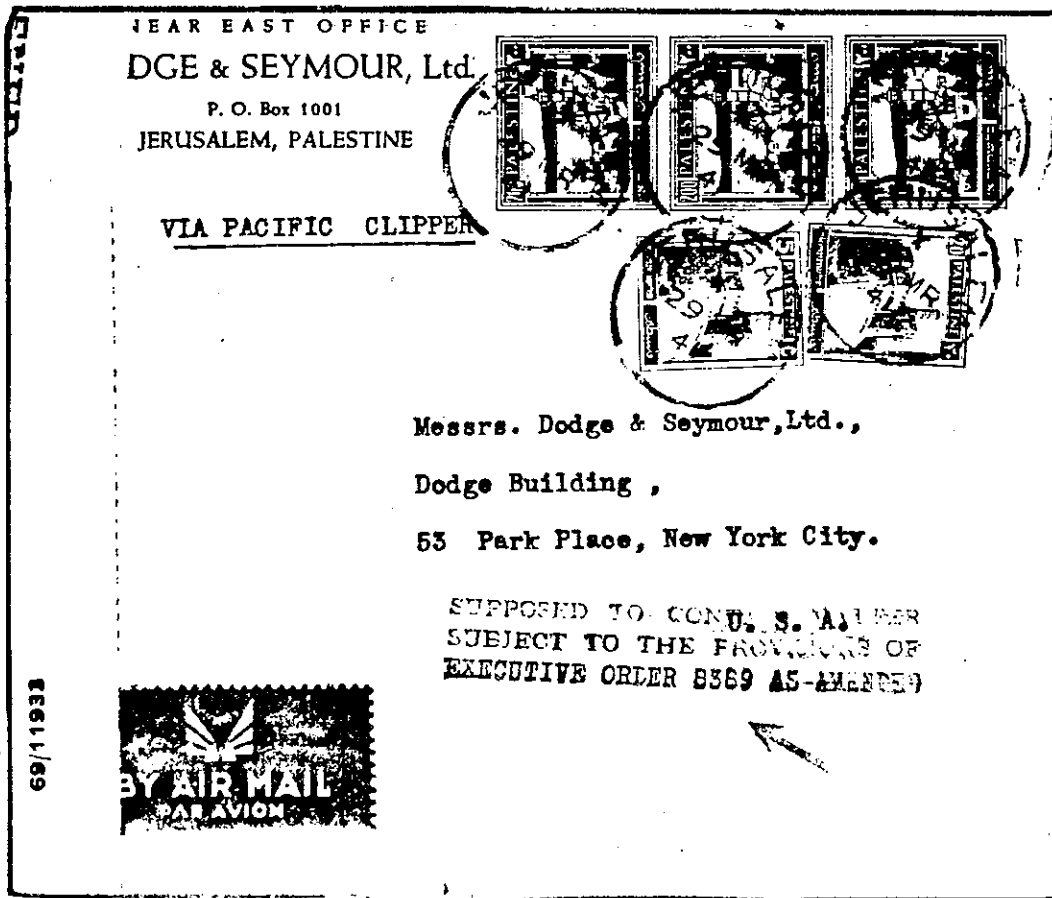
The cover was shown to me by Dr. A. Nitzberg of Baltimore who wondered what this Executive Order and its amendments

to the U.S. via the trans-Pacific route by Pacific Clipper. We can only surmise that the 3-line, red ink cachet was applied either in transit in San Francisco or on arrival in New York.

Executive Order, or E.O., 8389 is an amendment of E.O. 6560 of 15 January 1934, regulating transactions in foreign exchange, transfers of credit, and the export of coin and currency. Originally, the Order

E.O. 8446, 17 June 1940: Added France.  
E.O. 8484, 15 July 1940: Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

E.O. 8493, 25 July 1940: Emphasized the right of the Secretary of the Treasury to require any person to furnish under oath complete information relative to any financial transactions in which any foreign enemy country, so designated, has any interest.



were all about. I offered to research the cachet, not realizing at the time that I would receive one day in response to my inquiry a sheaf of pages almost 1/2 inch thick from the Library Division of the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C., spanning history from 1934 to 1966 through the administrations of three presidents: Roosevelt, Truman, and Johnson.

The reproduced cover as shown is a commercial letter from Jerusalem, Palestine, mailed to New York City on 29 March 1941. It was opened and censored by British censorship in Jerusalem as indicated by the 2 digit number "69" before the virgule of the examiner's identification number in the left lower corner of the censorship label. Incidentally, the code numbers for the other two chief censorship offices in Palestine were for a period of time "70" for Tel Aviv, and "71" for Haifa.

This wartime airmail letter was carried

was designed to protect American currency and property at a time of deep economic depression.

By 1940, when F.D. Roosevelt signed E.O. 8389 (on 10 April), World War Two was on and the German armies had invaded Norway and Denmark. This new amendment was designed to control or prohibit specifically any dealings involving the two Scandinavian countries.

Successive amendments to the provisions of E.O. 8389 mirror the subsequent events of World War Two. They gave censorship privileges to the postal services to examine or confiscate mail and valuables from countries occupied by, or allied with, Nazi Germany and Japan in Europe and in Asia.

A greatly abbreviated summary of the various successive Executive Orders follows.

E.O. 8405, 10 May 1940: Added the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg to the controls and restrictions.

E.O. 8565, 10 October 1940: Added Rumania.

E.O. 8701, 4 March 1941: Bulgaria.

E.O. 8711, 13 March 1941: Hungary.

E.O. 8721, 24 March 1941: Yugoslavia.

E.O. 8746, 28 April 1941: Greece.

E.O. 8785, 14 June 1941: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Danzig, Finland, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USSR.

E.O. 8832, 26 July 1941: China, Japan.

E.O. 8963, 9 Dec. 1941: Thailand.

E.O. 8998, 22 Dec. 1941: Hong Kong.

E.O. 9095, 11 March 1942: Establishes the Office of Alien Property Custodian.

From here on following, executive amendments quoted do not concern any more enemy foreign mail. However, they do show the interesting historical background of how amendments of various import may be tacked on one after another to an

executive order which originally had little in common with what finally emerged years later.

E.O. 9760, 23 July 1946, signed by Harry S. Truman: The Secretary of State releases control of his authority over diplomatic and consular property of Germany and Japan to the Alien Property Custodian.

E.O. 10348, 26 April 1952: All provisions as detailed in E.O. 8389 of 10 April 1940(!) and as amended, are hereby continued in force.

E.O. 11281, 13 May 1966, signed by

Lyndon B. Johnson: Transfers jurisdiction over certain assets, property, and interests of certain countries restricted or blocked under E.O. 8389 of 10 April 1940, as amended, from the Attorney General to the Secretary of the Treasury. Decontrols and terminates restricted and blocked assets, except properties of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and East Germany.

In retrospect, it seems then that this cachet on our cover, referring to E.O. 8389 as amended, aimed at a warning function

to the office of destination and distribution, rather than at censorship. What, if any, action was taken by the proper authorities before or at delivery of this piece of mail, we cannot tell.

Acknowledgement: I would like to thank sincerely Miss Catherine East, Senior Librarian of the Library Div., The U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C., for her invaluable help in the tracking down of numerous executive orders promulgated over a span of 32 years.

## TWO UNUSUAL CIVIL WAR COVERS

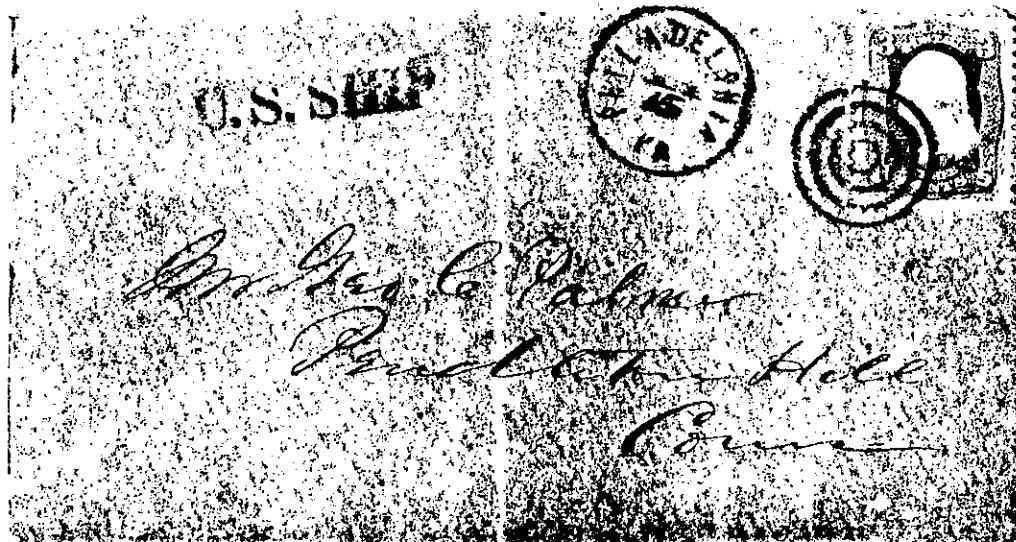
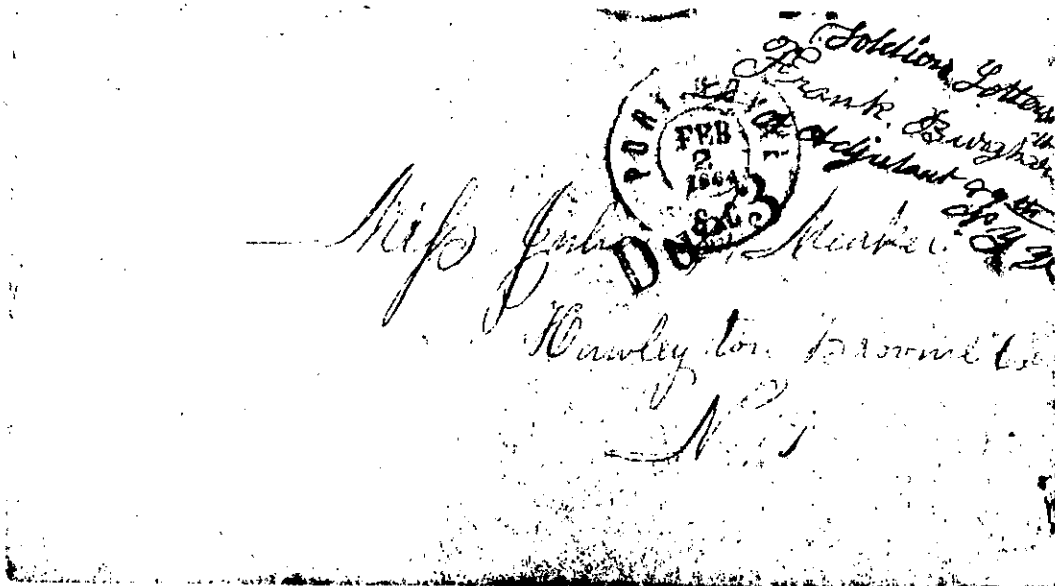
From Walter J. McNulty

The first cover is an unusual censored soldier's letter, postmarked Port Royal, South Carolina, 2 February 1864. The letter enclosure was much too faint to reproduce

to any satisfactory degree.

The second cover is a fine Civil War cover, with the U.S. SHIP marking quite clear and distinct. A copy of the letter

enclosed in the cover is being included also. It would appear from the letter that it was written while on board the USS *Massachusetts* on 12 April 1865.



1845

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Dear General Palmer,

You undoubtedly  
will be surprised to receive this letter  
which is a letter by which you will be  
sure that I am on my way out.

I am sorry that you may have returned  
from the school the same as I am  
but I am obliged to drop you a few  
lines to let you know my situation,  
and also to give you a few lines to  
read to our best to read in the  
future.

I am anxious to know how you get  
along with the Honorable Hospital  
School. I have no doubt you have  
this year the rewards desired  
from the consciousness of being  
valued by the world as a doctor  
to their respect and esteem.

I applied to the Department on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of February for a leave of absence for  
30 days. I had some two weeks since  
disappointed in finding my application



granted. a relief was sent down  
to take my place and I was detached  
from the 40<sup>th</sup> Regt, and ordered  
north. Where it will be well  
I do not know. Possibly I may resign  
and leave the service provided the  
regulations see fit to accept my res-  
ignation. I have had the pleasure to see  
Charleston captured and also of visiting the  
rebullious city. It gives you an idea of  
the destruction resulting from fire and  
and our shell and shot would be im-  
possible with my feeble pen. Hoping to see  
you while north I shall forbear any de-  
scription at this time.

As soon as you receive this please reply  
and let me know when you are and  
whether there will be an opportunity for  
us to meet. I would be very glad to have  
you visit me at Beckett. If you can  
I probably shall not run around much  
as time will be anxious to have me with  
her while at home. Her health is getting  
but improving constantly.

Don't delay to write. I expect to be at  
home on Saturday of this week.

Your constant friend  
D. J. Harris

## AMERICA'S FIRST AVIATOR SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE

by Herman Herst, Jr.

The first days of World War One saw a curious novelty in the history of warfare. Airplanes in their infancy, were pressed for observation purposes by both sides. For a few days they followed a gentlemanly code of conduct and ignored each other. Then one day one side fired at a plane belonging to the other, and aerial warfare in the sense in which we know it had begun.

But in another sense, aerial warfare had taken place decades before. Even during our American Civil War, balloons were used for observation purposes. Professor Lowe, the famed barnstorming balloonist, who made a living making ascents from public gatherings and country fairs in the 1850s, was convinced that his balloon could give the Union Armies the advantages over the Confederates that, in the early days of the war, it could not seem to get on the field of battle.

Professor Lowe cooled his heels for days in a White House ante-chamber, waiting for an interview with President Lincoln. When he finally received the interview, Lincoln was unimpressed. He listened briefly, and then more with the desire to turn to more important things, he gave Prof. Lowe a note to Secretary of War Stanton. Stanton was told to listen to Lowe's fanciful idea, and send him packing or give it a try, if the idea seemed worthwhile.

Stanton was willing to try anything to turn the tide of battle which was running against the North in the early years of the war. Professor Lowe was given what he requested, and told to go to Virginia and place himself at the disposal of officers there. He requested a railroad flat car on which he could put all his equipment, including the balloon, to give it mobility.

Virginia was the focal point of the fighting at this time, as each Army strove to reach the other's capital. Washington and Richmond were scarcely one hundred miles apart, and the war's bloodiest battles were fought in an area of several hundred square miles. Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Winchester—these names, and many more, including Gettysburg—were within a few days' march of either Washington or Richmond.

Lowe followed the line of track into Virginia. Railroads played a great part in the speedy movement of troops, ordnance and materiel during the Civil War, and the destruction of the rails to impede such movement was a prime object of many skirmishes.

The balloon was tethered to the railroad flat car by a stout cable, and the car was pulled as close as this would permit it to be, to the field of battle. With his binoculars, Lowe could peer over hills into valleys, and see Confederate forces, and report the movement of their troops to support an attack or initiate about



Sergeant Baldwin at the age of 22.



Baldwin in 1951.

Baldwin celebrating his 82nd birthday with a tight-wire walk across a Colorado Rocky Mountain Canyon.

the appearance of Lowe's balloon was no surprise to the Confederates. They had also thought of the idea, and dispensed with it, since it would not only give away the location of troops beneath, for easy shelling, but it would disclose the exact location of the railroad tracks. Accurate Confederate shelling concentrated on the rail line, ignoring the balloon, and Lowe ordered his balloon pulled back, for his safety and that of the ground troops around him. Stanton dismissed the idea of observation balloons thereafter.

More than three decades later, during the Spanish-American War, the Army was once again reluctant to use balloons for observation purposes, but the persistence of one man, a sergeant in the Signal Corps, Ivy Baldwin, finally induced them to give it another trial.

Lieutenant Col. Maxfield, of the U.S. Volunteer Corps, listened to Sgt. Baldwin's plea for an opportunity to show the value of a balloon in battle. He took Baldwin to Chief Engineer, Col. George McDevley, who was attached to the staff of Maj. Gen. Shafter. Maxfield felt that the scheme was impractical, but McDevley decided to see if it had merit. General Shafter, with an air of indifference, told Maxfield and Baldwin to go ahead, and a balloon was constructed.

On 1 July 1898, American troops began marching through the Cuban jungles to begin their attack on the Spanish entrenched on San Juan Hill. Many Americans died that day in the jungle, without ever seeing a Spanish soldier. They were perched in trees as snipers, reducing the ranks of the American volunteers as they sought to reach the open spaces of San Juan Hill.

Sergeant Baldwin, in his balloon just above the treetops, was ready to do his observing, but with the enemy hidden by the foliage, there was nothing to observe. On the other hand, his guideline, held by troops on the ground, was not only becoming

entangled in trees, but as it snaked along, the Spanish artillery on San Juan Hill had a perfect knowledge of the part of the dense jungle in which the American troops were marching. Their shells fell on the American troops, causing many additional casualties.

Sergeant Baldwin bravely continued his advance, shouting information to the troops below whenever he had something to report. The Spanish declined to fire on the balloon, since it was providing them with such useful information, but as the troops emerged from the jungle into the clearing, to prepare for the ascent on San Juan Hill (in which Col. Theodore Roosevelt showed such heroism that it catapulted him into national fame), sharpshooters went for the balloon.

Riddled with shots, the balloon collapsed and fell. Fortunately, it landed in the Aguadores River, not much of a stream, since it was less than a foot deep, but the soft mud served to break the fall, and Sgt. Baldwin was uninjured. In an investigation after the war, Gen. Shafter was blamed for what the Committee called a "costly blunder." Baldwin himself was discharged honorably, taking with him as a souvenir as much of the balloon as he could carry.

Baldwin had been a balloonist since childhood. The balloon ascents at fairs and celebrations were always the highlight of the day, and Baldwin would always attempt to play a part. He built his own balloons, holding the bag open over a hot fire until the hot air accumulated in it was sufficient to permit it to rise. In 1894 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and as instructor in ballooning, he became the Army's first aviator.

During the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition in Omaha in 1898, Sgt. Baldwin, though technically still in the Army (he was honorably discharged in 1900), exhibited himself as the "air hero of the late War," and to some extent

he sold bits of his balloon fabric for a modest sum. These fabrics, usually with a hand-written note of certification and signature, still turn up, and it was through obtaining one of these that the writer's interest in Ivy Baldwin developed. In 1952, the writer did a story on him, in the course of which his present whereabouts, if then still alive, was conjectured.

Ivy Baldwin was very much alive in 1952, and still the showman that he had been in his balloons in his youth. Several people in Colorado who knew of him from his exploits wrote that he was alive, although 82 years old. He had celebrated his birthday just a few months before by walking across a Colorado Rocky Mountain Canyon on a tightrope, and the newspaper clippings were sent to prove it. The rope stretched 63 feet from one rim to the other, and at

the center the drop was 582 feet, but Baldwin accomplished it in a breeze.

He had given up ballooning years before, but he himself sent along a note, and with it his picture, taken when he was 22. A finely-dressed young gentleman, bowler hat in hand, he was quite the opposite of the picture that accompanied, taken on his 80th birthday, a shrivelled, wizened old man.

A note accompanied it:

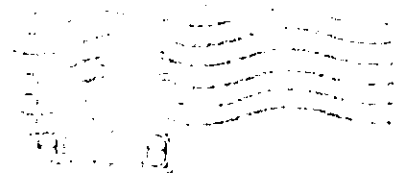
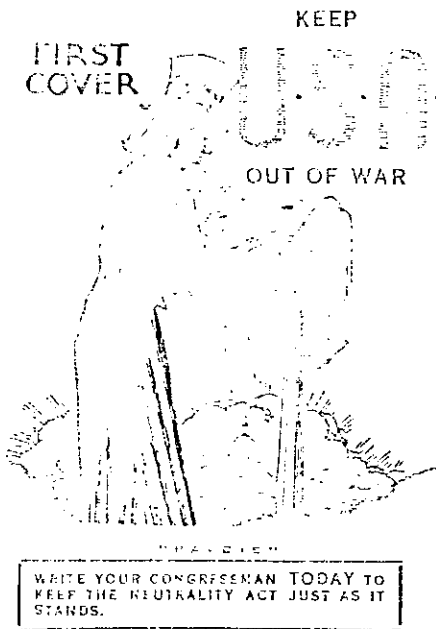
"I am an old man, forgotten by everyone except my neighbors. Before I die, I would like more than anything else to have my government remember me for one thing. I was the first American aviator to be shot down in battle. Can you help me?"

We did more. We wrote the War Department. We wrote the Veterans' Administration. We even wrote the Post Office

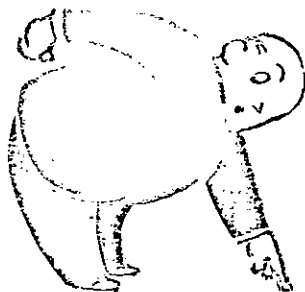
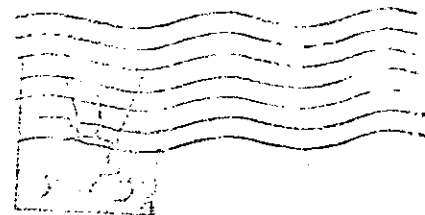
Department. After all, we have had a stamp honoring the first chicken to lay an egg in New Haven (honestly, we did!), and a gymnastic society in Cincinnati, so it did not seem that a stamp for Ivy Baldwin was too much to expect. And as in the earlier article on Baldwin's military exploits, the please were made again.

Alas! They all fell on deaf ears. War Department and the Veterans' Administration did not answer. But in 1952 the Post Office issued a stamp to commemorate the 125th birthday of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Sergeant Ivy Baldwin is, of course, now dead, and only in the words in this publication does he live again. The tens of thousands of airmen who fought in all of our wars can look back to him as the first of their kind.



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TWO  
THREE!  
IN AMERICA, THAT MEANS



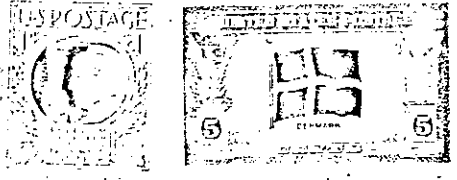
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NO FOURTH TERM!

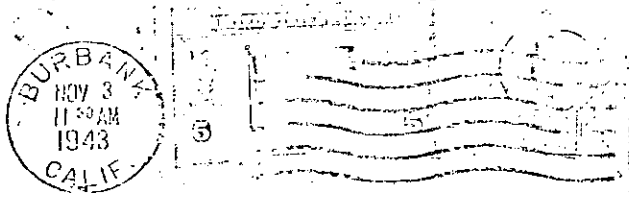
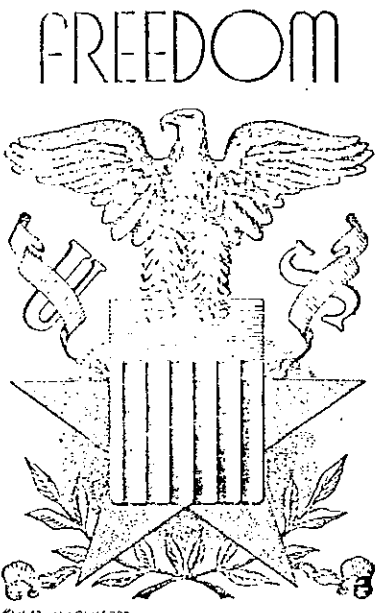
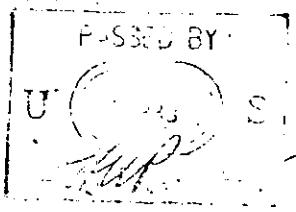
Member Harry Blackman sent the following four cover illustrations. He says that the first two covers are very interesting and that he has never seen any more like them. The last two covers are all in red, white and blue colors.



FROM: *Dr. Harry Blackman # 2621498*  
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189	10.50	NS Means Not Sold	
190	17.00	WD Means Withdrawn	

These lots are being sent out a little late due to the pressures of my job. It started at the end of March when I was privileged to attend some maneuvers in Germany with the U.S. 7th Army and has continued till the present. I am starting to send out these lots just a week before the close of the 111th sale. Right now it looks like I may have to skip one issue of the Bulletin or risk making it very late. I'll try my best. Unfortunately I still must work for a living.

I'd like to thank all those who sent lots for the Auction. I now have enough for the next sale. However, I can always use more.

The return of this invoice is appreciated as it simplifies my bookkeeping.

Philatelic franking always appreciated.

Please no "or" or "best" bids. Also no maximum limits. Without a computer it is very difficult to honor such requests.

#### WAR COVER CLUB AUCTION #112

1. U.S. Civil War. 4 unused patriotics: "The Innocent Cause of the War," Comic Ft. Munroe, "The Bragg fruit of Palmetto Treason" by Upham, and "Where is Beauregard" in yellow and red. Some soiling. Mixed. AVE-F. [117]

2. Franco-Prussian War. Stampless small envelope with cancel of 15 K.Pr.Inf.Div. Boxed blue unit stamp of Sanit Det. No.1. Slight stain and opening tear into cancel. Still F. [310]

3. Spanish-American War. 2 patriotics. Complete flag cover, red, white and blue with 2¢ stamp tied by Chicago 1898 flag cancel to N.Y. Slight tear and soiling. AVE-F. Plus flag advertising cover, fertilizer, from Troy, Ind. to Rockport. Unusual faint Rockport receipt cancel. 1899. Cut short on opening. Slight whole. AVE. [117]

4. Spanish-American War. Philippines. Greeting card size cover with 5¢ Grant overprinted Philippines tied by MIL. STA. NO.1 Manila, PHIL ISL. Oct. 21, 1899 cancel. To Hong Kong and backstamped on receipt. Slight tears at top on opening. Manila not completely legible in cds. AVE-F. [117]

5. Philippines. 1900 greeting card size cover from soldier 90th U.S. Band Manila to U.S. Badly torn on opening including 2¢ U.S. stamp overprinted Philippines. Folds. Clear Manila Oct. 9, 1900 cds. AVE. [005]

6. Boer War. Cover with Orange Free State stamp overprinted VRI and Lady brand July 21, 1900 cds. To POW Groenpunt camp, Kaapstad. Circular POW censor strike. Slight staining and tear. F. SB \$15.00.[341]

7. Boer War. Africa Republic 2½ pence stamp tied by Fieldpost Office British Army South Africa cds. April 12, 1901. To U.S. backstamped Seattle. Cover rather tatty with wrinkles. Cancel blurred. AVE. [035]

8. Boer War. Cover from refugee camp Brandfort ORC Nov. 15, 1901. To POW Delliner Camp. Yellow censor label tied by straight line censor handstamp. Partial circular camp censor. Piece missing. AVE. [310]

9. Boer War. Registered cover from Italy to Transvaal. Pink censor label tied by oval censor strike in purple and Johannesburg squared-circle cds. Scotch tape stains on back. F. [310]

10. Boxer Rebellion. Stampless Fieldpost card with cancel of Station #2. Sender German Marine at Peking. Card dated 6 May 1901. Faint unit seal in red. Kiel receipt stamp. F. [310]

11. Russian-Japanese War. Military cover from Liaoyan Line of Communications Hospital, 11 Field Post Office, 6th Army to Expeditionary Forces, 6th Army Transport Div., 4th Rgt. 2nd Co. Rare Unit to Unit sending. Slight opening tear. Cancel slightly blurred (9 July 1905). Ryoyo cancel. F. RES \$95.00. [129]

#### WORLD WAR I

12. Australia/New Zealand. First day cover for 50 years Jubilee ANZAC. Special multi-colored cachet. 2 stamps tied by ANZAC Day 25 April 1965 cancel. Addressed. Special enclosure on stamps. F. [295]

13. Austria. Cover from Italy to POW in Theresienstadt camp. Italian and Austrian censor marks. No cancel. Plus package enclosure to same POW with Italian Red Cross handstamp on front and back as well as list of contents on back. F. [017]

14. Austria. Picture postcard Bad Moos with KUK 601 cds. Tranmer rates 100 points. Slight wrinkles on corners. Cancel slightly blurred in places. RES \$10.00. [116]

15. France. 5 covers and 5 cards. Mostly to/from French soldiers or related. We note Units 135, 178, 57, 150; Plus numerous civilian cancels. One Oran WWII. AVE. [341]

16. France. French business cover Bierres, Ardennes. Used by Germans. German Fieldpost #11, 30.10.15 cds and Handstamp Orstkommandantur Bierres. To German soldier in France. Cut short on opening at top. Otherwise F. Sb \$3.50. [341]

17. France. Stampless cover from Germany to POW in France. Circular Dieppe POW censor mark plus 2 line German censor. F-VF. SB \$5.00. [341]

18. Germany. Photo card of Army battalion. Feldpost label and partial unit handstamp. No cds. Endorsed Metz. AVE. [116]

19. Germany. Special printed POW envelope from Dulmen camp to Scotland. AVE. [102]

20. Germany. Special printed POW parcel receipt card from Langensalza Camp. British POW. Various camp markings. Cuts and folds on card. Corner missing. AVE. [102]

21. Great Britain. 1916 cover with pair of ½d Edward VII postal stationery cut squares USED AS STAMPS obliterated by black ink and tied by hexagonal Field Censor #2064. Straight line 25 Sept. 1916 on reverse. To London. F-VF. RES \$10.00. [059]

22. Great Britain. Registered 2d envelope with cancel of FPO #1X 22 Mr. 1917 (Canadian Brigade). To London. Oval censor. F-VF. RES \$10.00. [059]

23. Netherlands. Stampless postcard from Rotterdam to Dutch(?) soldier at Zeist POW camp. Legeplaz receipt cancel and Amersfoort censor strike. Endorsed SM. Some wear at corners. Slight tears. AVE. SB \$10.00. [116]

24. Poland. Large registered cover with 2 German occupation of Russian Poland stamps. To Germany with Posen censor. Wrinkles. Cancels not completely legible. AVE. [310]

25. Russia. Registered cover Berditchew to USA. Russian censor label and hand stamp. US Censor tape. Mailed 1915. Received 1918(?). F. [310]

26. Misc. 1919 map illustrating results of peace treaty and war statistics. F. [181]

#### World War I—U.S. AEF

27. Colored picture postcard of coastal artillery used from Camp Dix, NJ (307th Field Artillery). Plus YMCA cover from Jersey City, Merritt branch. F. [269]

28. Nine covers from Ft. McClellan with variety of cancels (one flag). 3 covers to soldier with AEF. Mixed. [269]

29. AEF. 2 French postcards from APO 747. One with Base censor cancel without circular date. Other with date. Rare according to WCC Bulletin Feb. 1980. AVE. [116]

30. AEF. 16 picture postcards with censor marks APOs 721, 747. Mixed. [116]

31. AEF. 7 covers/1 card APOs: 711 (2), 717, 763 plus 3 covers with French cancel. Plus humorous card from Marine major uncancelled. Also 2 1916 colored postcards Ft. Boyard, N.M., apparently from soldier. Mixed. [138]

32. AEF Naval. Viewcard of Bordeaux with U.S. Bordeaux cancel and return address of U.S. Naval Air Station Pauillac, France. Slightly shortened. F. [116]

#### PRE-WORLD WAR II NAVALS

33. 10¢ Washington (Scott 68) on small package front to Ensign on USS Lyaney Panama. San Francisco CAL Aug. 6 PAID cds. Marking per Str Sacramento(?). No year in cds. Civil War vintage. Stamp heavily damaged. AVE. [008]

34. Package front with 3¢ Washington of 1861 series cut short. Tied by South Bend, Ind., July 2 cds. No year. To Midshipman U.S. Ship Macedonia. AVE. [008]

35. Small package front sent to crewman U.S. Steamer Ossipee Brazil. With U.S. 2¢ Jackson, Scott #73, with very close perforations; 10¢, #68 badly centered; 30¢ Franklin, #71 may be undamaged. Plus 3¢ Washington heavily damaged. Various forwarding cancels incl. New York, London, Annapolis, Calais. Partial 24 in red. 1866. Interesting. AVE. [008]

36. Small package front with 2 heavily damaged 2¢ Jackson and 30¢ Washington tied by incomplete South Bend, Ind. cds to U.S. Battleship Valparaiso. VF Panama AP 9, 1867 cancel. 24 red handstamp. AVE. [008]

37. 11 cacheted covers with cds of USS Constitution.

All but one 1933. With var. Washington State cities in cancel bars. Addressed. F. RES \$26.00. [009]  
 38. 7 covers USS *Monaghan* 1935: Commissioning (cacheted), Shakedown Cruise, Europe Bound (cacheted), Glasgow, Long/Lat, Amsterdam, Plymouth, Journey's end. Gum showing through on S. Otherwise AVE-F. [316]  
 39. Cacheted cover Keel laying USS *Wichita*. Cancel Marine Barracks, Phila., League Is. Pa. 1935. F. SB \$3.00. [019]  
 40. Airmail cover 1936 to Lt. with USS Whipple Manila. Handstamp "Forwarded Address Changed/Due to Official Orders." Backstamped USS Whipple, Manila. Franked with 3 copies of Scott C20. Via Clipper. F. SB \$3.00. [016]  
 41. 4 Bird class minesweepers 1938-40: USS Woodcock Canak Zone; USS Oriole (2); Kingfisher. Mixed. SB \$5.00. [009]  
 42. Antarctic cacheted cover for launching of USS Albatross with cancel of USS Bear, 13 July 1940. Addressed. F. SB \$12.50. [333]

#### BETWEEN THE WARS

43. **Japan.** Colored picture card showing tanks, planes, soldiers with commemorative cancel of 1929 maneuvers. Slight corner wear. Philatelic. RES \$7.50. [129]  
 44. **China.** 2 cacheted covers of California-Pacific Exposition. One with 1935 cds. of 4th Rgt. USMC Shanghai (double strike). Other Mar. Det. Am. Legation Peking 1935. (Blurred). Otherwise F. [138]  
 45. **Italian-Ethiopian War.** Unused sepia postcard showing charging soldiers with Italian flag at battle of Aruba Aradam. AVE. [116]  
 46. **Spanish Civil War.** Cover with U.S. stamp cancelled USS Raleigh 27 Nov. 1936. Valencia, Spain in killers. Boxed cachet "Evacuation American/Consul Madrid/Refugees and Consul/Aboard Ship." Cover ageing. Otherwise F. [143]  
 47. **Sino-Japanese War.** 7 original French War Observer wired press photos depicting fighting scenes, casualties, etc., at Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking. Each with French explanatory label attached. Unusual. [159]

#### WORLD WAR II

48. **Australia.** 4 Australian Forces covers: 2 Salvation Army, 2 YMCA cachets. 2 "No stamps available." 2 with concession rate handstamps. 3 censored. 2 home bases. 2 FPO 54-1943. AVE. SB \$8.00. [016]  
 49. **Australia.** 3 covers. 1 from army, 2 with civilian censor stamp labels to member of RAAF Canada. Backstamped MPO 105, NPO 1206. Plus 4 postwar 1950's RAAF/Naval. Mixed. [316]  
 50. **Burma.** 4 censored covers. AVE-VF. SB \$4.00. [016]  
 51. **Canada.** POW postcard from German POW in camp 132. German and Canadian censor. POW 132 cds. Slight wrinkles corner. F. [117]  
 52. **Canada.** 10 covers from Canadian forces overseas. Various British cancels and censors. Canadian handstamps. Mostly clear cancels. Mixed. [316]  
 53. **China.** 3 U.S. APO covers 1945. #211 (2) and 1162 with U.S. Navy 13759 cds. Mixed. [138]  
 54. **China.** Cover U.S. to China 18 Nov. 1941. 2 line Return Service Suspended handstamp on front and rear. U.S. censor label. Slight running of ink of address. F. [138]  
 55. **Czechoslovakia.** Airmail cover to U.S. with 6 British stamps tied by Czech. boxed bi-lingual Fieldpost cancel 30 April 1942. Backstamped Chicago. PC 90 censor label. Stains, otherwise F. [035]  
 56. **Fiji.** Censored airmail cover from U.S. APO 913. With 6/24/43 cds and return address Navy 201. AVE. [138]  
 57. **France.** 2 airmail covers US to France 2 & 4 Nov. 1942. Both with Returned Service Suspended handstamps. PC 90 British censor label with Trinidad IC marking and 1943 backstamp. Lining of envelope has run badly staining covers. Poor. [138]  
 58. **France.** Airmail letter from Internment Camp de Gurs to U.S. Camp cancels 20.2.41. Faint oval censor strike. Wrinkles. Slight tears. Otherwise F. SB \$15-20. [001]  
 59. **Germany.** Official propaganda forgery of 2 1/2 King George VI with star of David, etc. and cancelled. Mounted on copy of Hosang article and copy of Hitler presentation note. VF. RES \$12.00. [006]  
 60. **Germany.** 11 covers to U.S., Switzerland. Mostly Frankfurt censored. 2 British PC 90 tapes. Plus 1 Italy WWI. Some nice franking. AVE. [002]  
 61. 5 censored airmail covers from Quakers in Berlin. Plus stampless Feldpost to soldier. [016]  
 62. **Germany.** 10 covers with variety of censors from various cities. Mixed, SB \$10.00. [016]

63. **Germany.** Book. *The Tirpitz and the Battle for the North Atlantic.* Wooman 1954. 225pp. Few pages torn. Cover wear. [036]  
 64. **Germany.** Book. *Inside the Third Reich.* Speer. 1978. 524pp. [036]  
 65. **Great Britain.** Isle of Man. POW letter sheet to U.S. with official cancel Paid 14 Aug. 1940 in red and oval PEVERIL Internment Camp Peel. I.O.M. handstamp. German Intermee. PC 66 label. Slight wear. SB \$10. [001]  
 66. **Great Britain.** 9 processed V-Mail. Various addresses. 5 with envelopes. Plus processed V-Mail from A USAHS Charles Stafford without envelope. Most F. [089]  
 67. **Great Britain.** POW letter sheet to U.S. POW Camp 132 handstamp and octagonal crowned PW 6918 censor. From Italian POW. Usual wear of paper. SB \$5.00. [001]  
 68. **Iceland.** Minkus patriotic tied by American Base Forces APO 810 10/26/41 cds. and U.S. censor mark. FACIT \$28.00. F. RES \$15.00. [007]  
 69. **Iceland.** Official U.S. War Dept. penalty cover with cds. and return address of APO #5 6/26/42. 5th Div. High Facit value. Slight tears. F-VF. [005]  
 70. **Iceland.** Airmail cover to U.S. APO 860. Manuscript markings deceased and Boxed handstamp (faint). Verified 10 BPO. Iceland. Backstamped APO 154(?). F. Unusual item. [035]  
 71. **India.** 6 censored covers to U.S. with various handstamps and tapes. AVE. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 72. **India.** 4 censored covers to U.S. From Bombay, Madras 1939-40. Some cut short on opening. Censor stamps F-VF. Covers AVE. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 73. **Italy.** British Base Army Postoffice #6 cds. 11/11/43 from Canadian Forces to Canada. Knights of Columbus lah Envelope. Mid East censor at Bari. Very short lived according to Crouch and Hill. Opening tears. Cover repaired. F. RES \$12.00. [007]  
 74. **Jamaica.** Cover to Canada with local stamp canceled Kingston. Circular military censor Y Force #4. From private with Y Forces. Some "bleeding" of cancel. F. [316]  
 75. **Japan.** 2 unused postcards with military scenes. One with slight tear, cut. F. [117]  
 76. **Japan/Okinawa.** U.S. Forces. APO 25 with Navy cds., APO 331 (Okinawa), 453. Also 2 Navy 1945 cds.'s with return address 8 Serv. Rgt. USMC. Not in Murphy but one has Sasebo, Japan, cachet. Mixed. [138]  
 77. **Japan.** Cover to U.S. POW in Camp #1 Philippines 1944. U.S. and Japanese censor markings. F-VF. [035]  
 78. **Japan.** Letter from U.S. POW in Tokyo Camp 1 to USA. Various Japanese markings. Also POW in French. U.S. cellophane censor has separated and envelope opened out. Letter enclosed on special paper endorsed No. 2(1) Camp Sept. 8, 1943. No cancel. Unusual. AVE. [035]  
 79. **Kreila.** Finland Occupation. Scott's N16-21 on registered cover from Aanislinna 27.11.42 to Helsinki. F-VF. SB \$15.00. [138]  
 80. **New Caledonia.** 4 diff. U.S. election ballots: APO's 502(3), Navy 131. F. [007]  
 81. **New Caledonia.** Greeting card envelope from soldier U.S. APO 502. Weak 1942 A APO 502 cds. tying New Caledonia stamp. Force censor handstamp. F. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 82. **Newfoundland.** Greeting size cover with printed address Newfoundland Base Command. U.S. Army APO 801. APO 801 cds. Boxed Newfoundland Base Censor. Some wear. Genuine commercial usage. AVE. [269]  
 83. **New Guinea.** 3 Airmail covers from same sender U.S. APO 41. AVE-F. SB \$4.00. [016]  
 84. **Northern Ireland.** 5 British Army Post Office Machine Cancels: A6, B6, C5, C6 (2), 4. Different Army censors. RAFTombstone censor. Mixed. RES \$4.00. [007]  
 85. **Philippines.** 2 processed V-Mail LST 640 with return address Philippines. Plus processed V-Mail USS LST 470, USS Lackawanna, and 21 Repl. Bn. All FPO San Francisco. Location not known. F. [089]  
 86. **Russel Islands.** 2 covers from same sender with 19 USN Const. Bn. Co. A-1. Censored U.S. Navy. July, Aug. 1944 cancels. Opening tears. Small piece missing off one. AVE. SB \$5.00. [016]  
 87. **Russia.** Pleskau (pskov) 20 Kop issue (Michel 14B) on official Labor Office card. Cancelled Pskov in Cyrillic style 10.3.42 (Michel 1977/78-200DM or about \$80.00). F. [035]  
 88. **Samoa.** Airmail cover to U.S. with 1945 Pago Pago cancel, paper sealing tape and American Samoa censor handstamp. Slight tears, stains. F. [138]  
 89. **South Africa.** Two OAS covers. One with boxed cachet No. 7 Air School with Krronstad cancel. Other boxed No. 24 Air School Dunnottan with no cancel. Cut short. AVE. [316]  
 90. **South America.** 16 covers airmail to U.S. Nicaragua, Costa Rica (15). 2 fronts. Mostly U.S. cellophane censor. Mixed. [316]

91. **South Pacific.** 9 better U.S. military: APO 719 (Morotai), 32 and Navy 722 (2) (New Guinea); APO 502 and Naval Advanced Base Noumea (New Caledonia); 51st Def. Bn. and VMF 224 (2) (Marshall Is.). Mixed. [138]  
 92. **Southern Rhodesia.** 2 small covers with faint meter stamps 1941 and triangular censor. Both with scarce label "WE REALIZE IN RHODESIA THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF THEIS LETTER IS DUE TO THE BRITISH NAVY." AVE. SB \$6.00. [016]  
 93. **Spain.** 3 censored covers to U.S. La Corona, Sugri-0 dad, and Barcelona censors. Cuts. One cut off window envelope. Poor to AVE. SB \$1.00. [016]  
 94. Misc. Set of 6 books by Winston Churchill "The Second World War" series. In original jackets. Slightly torn. Almost new. [999]

#### WORLD WAR II UNITED STATES

95. V-Mail. From 90th Gen. Hosp. at 5 diff. APO's in Europe. Processed with envelopes: 350, 513, 515, 137, 121. F. SB \$5.00. [007]  
 96. V-Mail. 22 processed letters. Most with envelopes. 1942-45. APO's 24 (8), 959 (2), 1 Mother's Day. Mixed. [316]  
 97. 7 covers with diff. Camp Carson cachets, cancels, and Gen. Hosp. cachets. Unaddressed. F. [016]  
 98. **Ration Books.** #1 (2), #3 (2), and #4 (3). #1 has only a few stamps. AVE. [077]  
 99. 14 postcards free from domestic Army camps. 3 change of address. VE. [016]  
 100. Misc. APO 4158 with cork undated cancel and Base censor, APO 188 in States, Navy colored cachet for Neptune rites, Navy Comm Unit 47, USS Lycoming, VB-6, S/S Wm Cushing (Front). Mixed. [214]  
 101. 3 covers from same soldier APO 45 1943 with var. Army Directory Markings. [138]  
 102. **Desert Maneuvers.** 4 covers 1942-43: APO 254 LA (4th Armored), 256 LA (50th Air), 50th Air (Camp Young) (2). Baarstow, Los Angeles, Indio, and U.S. Army cancels. Mixed. Scarce. SB \$20.00. [001]  
 103. Approximately 50 covers 1942-45 from home bases. Mostly Eagle Pass and Randolph Field, Texas. AVE. [316]  
 104. **Naval/Marines.** 3 covers: 2nd Mar. Oct. 4, 1944; 6 Base Depot FMF Navy 128. Plus 1945 V-Mail UNMTAD-CEN. [316]  
 105. **Alaska.** APO 935-1943, 942 (1949, 195? ), civilian censored 1942 no APO, Navy 1945 USCG Station Radio Ketchikan. Plus 1954 cover USS Serius Dutch Harbor. Mixed. [138]  
 106. **Canal Zone.** 3 censored APO covers APO 831. Number not legible in cds. Navy 121 in return address. Navy cds. Plus mint commercial size Canal Zone entire. Mixed. [138]  
 107. **Hawaii.** U.S. APO's: 959 (25), 957 (5), 960 (3), 1052. AVE. Plus 4 covers from open addresses various censor marks. [316]

#### WORLD WAR II PATRIOTICS

108. 2 1942 censored Navy covers. Each with military cartoon from newspaper affixed as cachet and tied to cover by cancel and censor strike. Unusual. [016]  
 109. 7 diff. Crosby cachets all used from Army camps. F. SB \$10.00. [016]  
 110. 10 covers postally used. All diff. Several Minkus. Mixed. [225]  
 111. 7 postally used patriotics by Thornton Shaw. 6 are from Shaw to Sergeant at APO's 610, 860 Iceland 1944-45. Mixed. [225]  
 112. 4 postally used from Randolph Field, Texas (3), Eagle Pass Army Base. Mixed. [316]  
 113. Dog Team Cachet with Win the War Stamp cancelled Victory, Vermont Sept. 2, 1945. VJ Day. VF. SB \$2.00. [016]

#### WORLD WAR II NAVAL

114. Misc. 6 covers: USS YMS-92 with missent markings; USS Herald of the Morning AP 173; U.S. NOB Bermuda; Armed Guard; Guantanamo Bay. Plus 1937 cover with Scott C21 and USS Ranger cds. AVE-F. [102]  
 115. Book. *The Navy in Review* by Curtis L. Erickson. 4th printing, 1943. 215pp. 50 photos. Copies of forms, schooling, etc. [999]  
 116. 15 covers from Naval Aviation schools in Georgia/North Carolina. AVE. SB \$2.50. [016]  
 117. Misc. Navy 117 (Trinidad), APO 816 (Bahrain), APO 883 (India), cacheted cover Navy Day 1939, APO 7354 censored but no cds., 41st NCB (Port Hueneme). 3 APO 201's (poor). Mixed. [138]

#### WORLD WAR II APO'S

118. 18 covers: England 350, 546, 555 (3), 578 (2), 649 (3); Algeria 538. Italy 34 (3), 45, 368, 700. France 20BPO. Mixed. [138]

119. Pacific. 7 covers: Philippines 4 BPO, 7 BPO, APO 74. Hawaii APO 27. Australia APO 922, 7 BPO (2). Mixed. [138]  
120. 16 APO covers. 467 (India); England 508, 634, 871 (2); Morocco (759), Hawaii 955, 956, 958, 961 (2), 968; States (3797). Also 2 APO covers no number, 3 home bases, plus 3 postwar. Mixed. [102]

#### POST-WAR MILITARY

121. UN Forces in Congo. Cover from member of Malaysian medical forces home. British Air envelope with 11/28/1960. UN Congo handstamp. Boxed Malaya Special Force handstamp. Water stains, folded and cut short. [022]  
122. UN Forces in Congo. UN Congo envelope from Malaysian soldier with HQ SQN Singala Camp to Malaya. Jan. 26, 1962 UN Congo handstamp. One corner bent. F. [022]  
123. UN Forces in Congo. Stampless cover from Katanga to Ghana. Poor cancel. AVE. RES \$30.00. [187]  
124. UN Forces Congo. Irish Contingent to Ireland. Indistinct UN Forces cds. in red. Aug 12 19\_\_\_. Sender's address crossed out but still legible. Opening tears. AVE. RES \$12.00. [187]  
125. UN Forces in Congo. Special airmail envelope from UN in Congo from member of Irish contingent to Ireland. Red UN cds. Aug. 7, 1962. Stampless. Opening tears and slight stains. AVE. RES \$10.00. [187]  
126. UN Forces in Congo. Special UN Airletter from member of Irish contingent to Ireland. UN Cancel Sept. 29, 1961 (not complete). With message. Opening tears. F. Said to be rare. RES \$45.00. [187]  
127. UN Forces in Cyprus. 6 covers with Canadian stamps all cancelled CFPO 5001 1973-74. We note 2 diff. cachets for UN Forces Cyprus, 2 official Canadian. One definitely philatelic has examples of all handstamps of UN MP COY's. AVE. [295]  
128. UN Emergency Force. Commercial size cover from Danish contingent to Denmark. UN Emergency Forces 2 star cds. 29 Dec. 1964. F. [187]  
129. UNEF Lebanon. UN Emergency Forces envelope, early usage, from Scandinavian Captain at HQ UNEF Beirut to Germany. Lebanese stamp torn cancelled 18.3.1960. AVE. RES \$12.00. [187]  
130. UNEF Lebanon. Stampless airletter sheet to Norway. UN Interim Forces in Lebanon cancel 15 April 1980. With internal Norwegian BN UN handstamp. F-VF. RES \$10.00. [187]  
131. UNEF Lebanon. Airmail cover to Norway. Swedish stamp tied by special Swedish circular cancel SV FN-KONT LIBANON \*AA\* 20.09.80. Said to be Swedish hospital. VF. RES \$10.00. [187]  
132. UNEF Lebanon. Stampless airmail envelope. 2 line handstamp PORT-BETAALD/VELDPOST UTRECT with circular bridge cancel Veldpost 95 24.IV.79. From member of Netherlands contingent to Holland. F-VF. RES \$10.00. [187]  
133. UN Forces Mid-East. Canadian contingent. 5 covers with CFPO 5002 cds. 1974 to 75. 4 with Canadian CFPO cds. One with UNEF cds. Various sender addresses or cachets. Two are special Forces yellow airletter. Apparently philatelic. F. [295]  
134. UN Forces Syria. Special UN Radio card for Golan, Syria. United Nations Forces Austrian Batt. UNDOF. UNDOF AUS BATT. 1500 4.8.80 cds. F-VF. RES \$10. [187]  
135. UN Forces. 2 UN airletter used by member of Malaysian Forces to Malaya. One 1961 with UN machine cancel from Bde. HQ. Folded and part of back missing. Other 1962 from Recce Rgt. No messages. [022]  
136. UN Forces. 6 covers to UN forces. Includes registered England to Cyprus backstamped, and 5 Canadian covers to forces in Israel, Egypt (3), Cyprus. Mixed. [316]  
137. China. 1946 airmail cover from member of Chinese Det. Chanute Field, Illinois. Rantoul cds. Opening tears and ink running of address. Unusual. [295]  
138. Great Britain. 25 diff. FPO covers 1949-69. Most 1960's. 2 registered. All numbers legible. One large. AVE-F. [102]  
139. Korea. U.S. APO cover APO 59 1948. Plus APO 207 1947 (Germany). Also WWII USS Goldsborough, U.S. Sub Base Canal Zone, U.S. engineers Puerto Rico. Mostly F. [269]  
140. Sweden. 2 unused Faltpost cards. One envelope with stamp still attached for return. Years of use not known. AVE-F. Some discoloring. SB \$2.00. [016]  
141. Suez Campaign. British airmail cover with FPO 190 JU 28, 1951 cds. From RAF S. Hallofa M.E.A.F.16. Piece of flap missing. Plus cover FPO 376 28 Dec. 1950 (Korea?). AVE. [102]  
142. French Indo China War. 5 covers from CBS Television newsmen to U.S. Army WAC officer. 3 with

stamps. 2 with meters. Both Saigon and Hanoi postings. 3 commercial size. Roughly opened. One poor. AVE. Stamps catalogued \$2.00. [006]  
143. Misc. 3 covers: Regiment Tchad, RAF Changi (Malaya) and Singapore. Philatelic. F-VF. [102]

#### POST-WAR NAVAL

144. Polar Regions. 3 covers: 1947 USS Mount Olympus, Operation Highjump; 1957 Little America USN APO 942 with special cachet for North/South Pole flight from Sir Hubert Wilkins; 1963 commercial size cover from Explorer's Club with cachet of Deep Freeze South Pole station and Pole station USN cds. AVE. [138]  
145. 10 cruisers. All official but one: Wichita (1939), Wilkinson (2), Salem (3), Baltimore, Norfolk (2), Albany. Most 1950's. F. [009]  
146. 25 official covers from destroyers. Name cancels. All but one from 1950's. Slight duplication. [009]  
147. 8 covers commercially used with special cachets. USS Topeka "Amphibious Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet 25th Year 1942-67" (4), USS Algol (3). Some opening tears. Some cachets weak. Mostly F. [138]  
148. 234 official covers from ships. All FPO New York with 1967 cds's. Duplication. Mixed. [138]  
149. 3 cacheted covers for Skylab 2 and 3. USS New Orleans and Ticonderoga. From Recovery Force. Franked with Canal Zone stamps 1973-74. VF. [185]  
150. Submarines. 23 cacheted covers of launchings, etc. All addressed to Representative James Cleveland in Washington. Several with printed card from Adm. Rickover. Mixed. Most F-VF. A few opening tears or paper clip stains. Interesting. [138]  
151. 4 ship covers including 2 cacheted USS Barber. One FPO 96699 (Singapore). Plus 4 misc. military including #96240 (Viet Nam). All 1970s. AVE. [269]

#### KOREAN/VIET NAM WARS

152. Korean War. Netherlands Forces. Stampless letter sheet used by Dutch soldier to Holland with message. AS APO 1951 cds. but APO number not clear. Sender's address not clear looks like S100. Roughly opened. Piece missing from top. Rare. RES \$35.00. [187]  
153. Korean War. Cover with 3/2d King George stamp tied by British FPO 790 10 JU 1952. To England. Stamp-  
153. Korean War. Cover with 3/2d King George stamp tied by British FPO 790 10 JU 1952. To England. Smudges. Plus 2/2d Maritime mail handstamp. Said to be in Korea. [035]  
154. Cambodia. Airmail letter with Cambodian stamps 1970. To England. 3 line red censor "CENSURE/CAMBODIA ADRESSE PAR IMPERIALISTES/VIET CONG ET NORD VIETNAM ENS" VF. RES \$3.00. [006]  
155. Cambodia. Official airmail cover American Embassy Phnom Penh. U.S. Navy 17041 cds. 1958. Scotch tape on back. F. [006]  
156. Laos. Registered cover Higgins and Gage B24 plus ICC Laos #6-8, 9 stamps in all. FPO 744 (Vientiane) F9.3.65 to India. Backstamped. From interpreter ICSC in Laos. APO 56. F. RES \$7.50. [006]  
157. Viet Nam. 6 free covers to Switzerland all with bilingual handstamp "Postage Paid/Port Payee" Return address USS Repose, Hancock, Rowan, Constellation, Cochrane, Bon Homme Richard. Plus 1967 cover to US from USS Garrett County 1967 APO 96320. 2 not cancelled. AVE. [009]  
158. Viet Nam. Indian stamp tied by Indian Army PO International Commission 1 Dec 1954 Saigon cds. To New Delhi. Backstamped. Philatelic. Scuffed. F. RES \$3.50. [006]  
159. Viet Nam. Special printed letter sheet for Korean contingent. Shows soldier. Used to Korea. Unknown markings. Cut short. F. RES \$24.00. [006]  
160. Viet Nam. 2 postcards. One from U.S., one Germany 1967 and 1968 to Secretary Gen. of UN urging him to seek peace in Viet Nam. F. [006]  
161. Viet Nam. 3 diff. safe conduct passes. F. RES \$12.00. [006]  
162. Viet Nam. 3 propaganda leaflets. One is safe conduct. One with pieces missing. Others VF. RES \$5. [006]  
163. 3 propaganda leaflets. One is safe conduct. VF. RES \$5.00. [006]  
164. Viet Nam. Uniform crest patch for Vietnamese postal corps. Plus Vietnamese mail bag tag Quam Bum 1973. F-VF. [006]  
165. Viet Nam. Free airmail cover U.S. Navy 14009. Roughly opened. Viet Nam picture card APO 143 (1965). Also 96345 1965. Plus 3 special cacheted envelopes mailed with no postal markings 101st Abn., Armed Forces Vietnam (2). AVE. [006]  
166. Viet Nam. 4 commercial size covers free from APOs 96307 (2), 96490, 96348. All diff. addresses. Mounting

stains/wrinkles. One with Viet Nam cachet and inverted APO. AVE. [006]  
167. Viet Nam. 2 covers with Viet Nam Scott #M1 and M2 FDCs. M1 genuine. M2 imitation. M1 shows poor inking of cachet. Otherwise F. RES \$5.00. [006]  
168. Viet Nam. Special green/red airletter for Indonesian ICCS team Vietnam. Jakarta 26.2.74 cds. Postally used. F-VF. RES \$15.00. [006]  
169. Viet Nam. Christmas card from Saigon showing multi-colored map of Southeast Asia. No postal markings. Separating. [006]  
170. Viet Nam. Mint N. Viet Nam propaganda envelope showing North Viet Nam plane shooting down U.S. plane. VF. RES \$4.50. [006]  
171. Viet Nam. 54 Australian stamp tied by faint Australian FPO 3 cds. Boxed Defence Forces Postage Concession #21 on front and back, some handling and slight stains. AVE. RES \$3.75. [006]  
172. Viet Nam. Special Australian Forces Overseas fund cover with Australian FPO #3 20 Aug. 1967 cds. Postage paid handstamp. Also registered FPO #s handstamp but not backstamped. VF. RES \$4.50. [006]

#### MISCELLANEOUS

173. Antarctica. Byrd Antarctic Expedition stamp tied by Little America 1/31/34 machine cancel. 3 line handstamp delayed mail due to transportation difficulties. Backstamped San Francisco 3/25/35 Little America receiving. Wrinkles and flap gum showing through. SB \$5.00. [138]  
174. Antarctica. 5 covers; Little America 1934 cds on 3¢ Byrd Expedition stamp. Cachet. Delayed for one year because of transportation difficulties. Backstamped 1935. 1935 cacheted cover Little America with special Penguins cachet for second cancellation. Plus 3 covers with Byrd imperforate stamp with special cachet for Byrd Day 18 Feb. 1934. AVE. [138]  
175. Germany. 3 post-WWII U.S. censored covers to U.S. [002]  
176. Germany. AMG issues. 5 items. 3 British censored poor to AVE; one unaddressed with 3 pfg to 25 pfg 31.7.46. Said to be American printing. F. Plus 2 20 pfg on piece with Hannover 1945 "Der Neue Weg" cancel. [138]  
177. Great Britain. 1895 UPU card with reply still attached to New York. London and New York P.O.N.Y. cancels. Some ink smudges, starting to separate. F. RES \$3.00. [059]  
178. Sudan. Cacheted unaddressed cover with cachet of First Camel Post Khartoum to Libya. Sudan stamp with faint cancel. 3 line handstamp in English Camel Post Interruption by Revolution. Returned. VF. [006]  
179. U.S. 6 cacheted early flight covers 1929-31. Tennessee (2), Missouri, Colorado, California, Arkansas. Plus 2 misc. cachets Arkansas 1931-32. AVE-F. SB \$7.00. [016]  
180. U.S. 2 stampless early commercial size penalty covers. Dept. of Agriculture 1912 and Committee of Public Information 1918. Cut short on opening. AVE. SB \$1.00. [016]  
181. U.S. Cachet for Railroads New York World's Fair 1940. World's Fair RPO handstamp tying Famous American stamp. British PC 90 censor label. Ageing. F. SB \$2.00. [016]  
182. U.S. Cacheted Aircraft FDC of 1963 mail delivery stamp to U.S. Representative Cleveland. Enclosure special printed message to Congress from National Association of Letter Carriers. Unusual. F-VF. [138]  
183. U.S. First Flight Covers (4). Miami to Nassau 1929 and back. U.S. and Bahamas stamps. Stamp extends over envelope slightly. Denver 2/20/34 8¢ airmail endorsed First Army Air Mail; Wake Island 1951 First Airmail Service signed by Postmaster (2). Also cover 1946 U.S. to Pan American Airway system airmail test Guatemala. Returned U.S. and Guatemala stamps. One missing. Mixed. [138]  
184. U.S. Damaged in Mail. 2 stampless covers. 1941 with handstamp "Mail Damaged by Water/Postage Paid" 1941 St. Louis. Plus 1948 Officially sealed in Minneapolis, Minn. Damaged by cancelling machine. Also 1899 mint card, 1918 picture card, and Ike Inauguration cover. [138]  
185. U.S. Dirigibles. 1943 cover for dedication of U.S. Naval Air Station Houna Los Angeles. Navy cds. Plus 1954 cover with 3-color cachet for 30th anniversary Lakehurst, NJ airport. Both showing drawings of dirigibles. F. [102]

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