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An Interesting World War I Correspondence

By Karl E. Becker with James N. Boyden

I recently had an opportunity to study a correspondence of 17 letters written between August 9, 1918, and May 18, 1919, by a soldier in the AEF to his girlfriend in upstate New York. I believe a summary of the contents of these letters might be of interest to WCC members. In addition, I have prepared a study of the way this mail was carried, and it raises some questions about statements in the latest (Second) Edition of *The Postal History of the AEF, 1917-1923.*

The soldier, Orin J. Richardson from Eden (Erie County), New York, originally enlisted in the Army in February 1916 to become, in his words, a "Villa Chaser". He apparently spent the first 18 months of his enlistment in the southern part of the United States where it was warm and he had a snowless Christmas mentioned at Camp Greene. In the first letter of the correspondence, however, he has just arrived in France with his unit, the 17th Company, 4th Regiment A.S.M. D.M.A. at an air base, St. Jean de Monts. The base was new and located near the coast, south of Nantes, the largest city in the surrounding area. It was classified as an Advance Gunnery School, but apparently also did aircraft engine repairs. Richardson is now a sergeant and classified as Aviation Service Mechanic. The companies in the regiment that came to St. Jean were the 17th through 20th, but the 20th left a week later for the front. The 17th through 19th remained together until the base closed in January 1919. The 20th did rejoin them before they left France however.

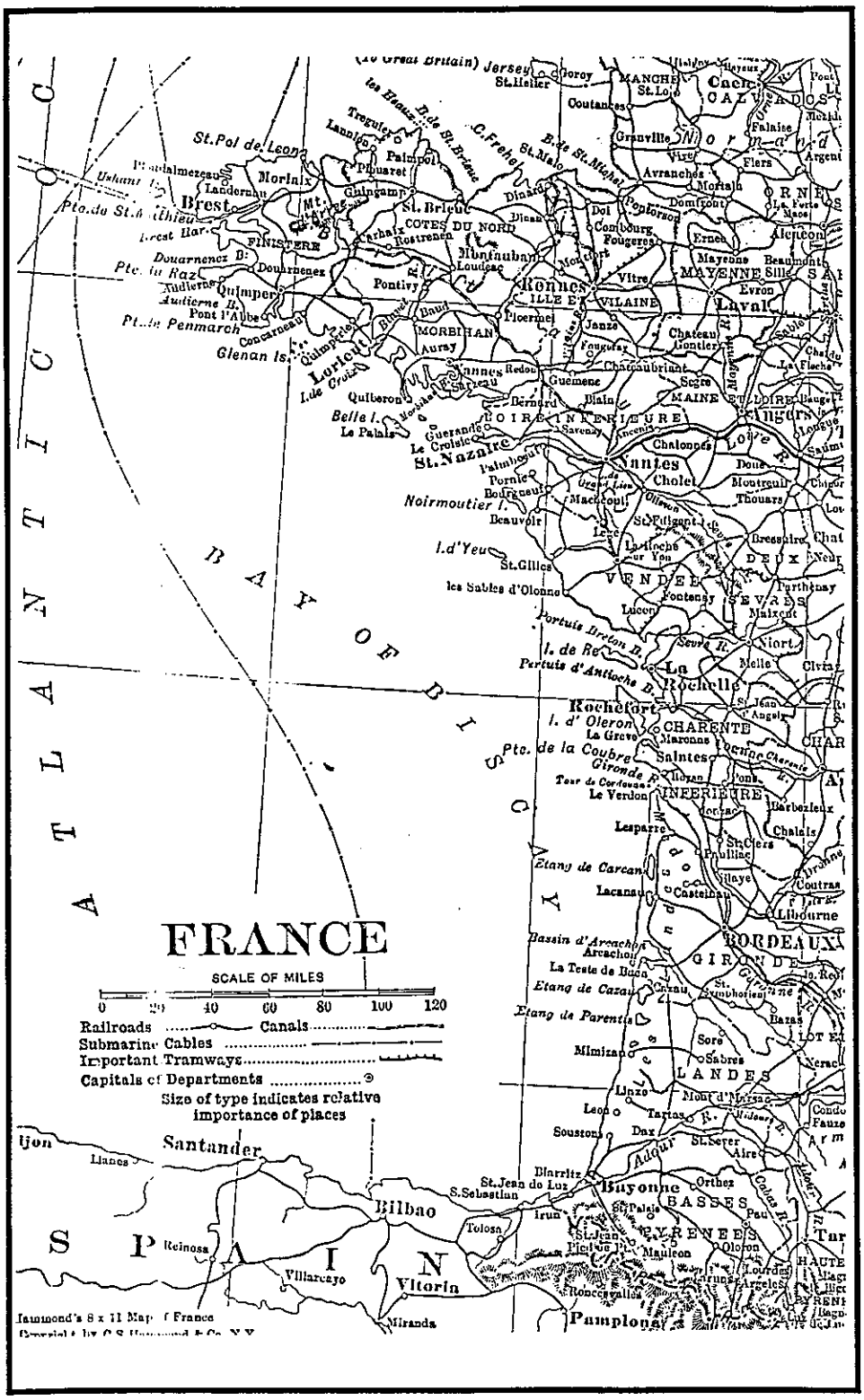
Our writer describes St. Jean as an "Aviation and Aerial Machine gun camp for flyers". He notes that "all aviators make their test flights at this base and that many famous flyers are here now" (August 1918). Unfortunately, no names are given. There obviously were several other units stationed in St. Jean, because in January 1919, just before the base closed, Sgt. Richardson received a letter from a buddy on leave who listed his address as "341st Observation Squadron, St. Jean de Monts."

After the war ended, Richardson's letters became more descriptive and he details the pull-out of the American Expeditionary Force. He notes on December 17th that "all flying stopped last night except test lines". On Christmas Day he states "the air was full of planes yesterday leaving this camp." His company left St. Jean in mid-January for Cugnard, "a town between Clisson and Cholet". In February his unit was assigned to Nantes where they became a transport unit driving supplies to the port and bringing material back to the hospitals and remaining bases. He notes the morale problems among the troops awaiting transport back to the United States. Some waited there at Nantes over two months and with nothing else to do, drinking and brawling were commonplace both in town and in the barracks. He describes one barrack brawl that became quite dangerous in considerable detail. In one letter he is quite pessimistic about the troops, the number in confinement and hospitalized. He notes "if Washington knew what was going on in the A.E.F., the trickle of returning ships would become a swelling stream" just to get them home and out of trouble. Finally, on May 19, 1919, the correspondence ends as Sgt. Richardson is about to leave for home, months after his enlistment expired, and determined never to get into the Army again.

QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE CORRESPONDENCE AND ANSWERS COMMENTS BY JAMES N. BOYDEN

1. Upon arrival at St. Jean de Monts, the writer notes that the base is just building up and should become quite large. His return address is "17th Co., 4th Regt. DMA, Aero Production Center #2, but he states that he is not at Aero Prod. Ctr. #2, just using it because the mail comes through faster. In fact, he says that the Center is a "days ride" from where he is located.

Problem 1A: If Aero Production Center #2 was at Romorantin, it would be about 150 miles due east of St. Jean and the very large supply base at Tours (APO 717) was on the same road only 100 miles away. Also the APO (701) at St. Nazaire



The west coast of France, ca. 1917.

was operational at this time. Unfortunately the postmark on the envelope is partially cut away, but it could be 717 (Tours). Question, how did the mail get routed?

Problem 1A Response. This question asks, "How did the mail from St. Jean-de-Monts get "routed"? The most probable answer is that there was no set postal route for mail from that location or, for that matter, from any location having AEF troops, but no Postal Express Service post office. It appears to me that units in a location without an APO sent and received their mail along the regular supply and courier routes used by their organization for support purposes. Thus, where several units were at one location, those units might use different routes for their mail. In Mr. Becker's case, the regular route for his unit may have been from St. Jean to Tours. Other units at St. Jean may have used St. Jean to St. Nazaire, etc. I do not think that individual unit members "shopped around" for the best route to send and receive mail.

PROBLEM 1B: In the above correspondence the writer lists his unit as 17th Co., 4th Regt. D.M.A., and the censor lists himself as 2nd Lt. S.R.C.A.S., D.M.A. Question, what do these letters stand for?

Problem 1B Response. I am not certain, but believe, D.M.A. may be either Department of Military Aviation or Division of Military Aviation. The initials S.R.C.A.S. after that of the censoring officer represents his branch of service: Signal Reserve corps Air Service. The Air Service was part of the Signal Corps until sometime in 1918. The letters A.S.M. refers to Air Service Mechanics with the writer's unit also commonly referred to as the 4th Air Service Mechanics Regiment.

2. The writer is constantly making minor changes in his address in hopes of getting faster mail delivery. On one occasion (Oct. 21) he even puts APO 717 in parentheses after 17th Co., 4th Regt. A.S.M. in the address inside the envelope. Also, one letter to Sgt. Richardson was routed with a ms. notation "Try 717". During his stay at St. Jean, there are 14 covers from Sgt. Richardson of which 12 were to the United States via APO 705 (Bordeaux). Of the remaining, one (the first) went via APO 717(?), another (also 8/17) is a Blue Envelope without APO

cancel. Interestingly, of the 12 via Bordeaux, 10 covers show Ref. No. 7301 postmarks; one is Ref. A6012, the other Ref. A7109.

PROBLEM 2A: The AEF book (page 176) list St. Jean de Monts as post office APO 701 (St. Nazaire) yet nearly all of this outgoing correspondence used APO 705 (Bordeaux) and the incoming was routed via APO 717 (Tours). Using Bordeaux for outgoing seems rather odd considering the distance involved as against St. Nazaire or Nantes (both operational). Question, is it possible that St. Jean, although close to St. Nazaire/Nantes, fell into the Base Section No. 2 lines of communication (page 75), and therefore should be listed under APO 705 in the A.E.F. book?

PROBLEM 2A Response. Regarding the listing of APO 701 in the AEF book for St. Jean-de-Monts, I refer to my comments under 1a above. Covers I have come across from St. Jean-de-Monts with identifiable strikes were mainly cancelled at APO 701, but were from units other than the 4th A.S.M. Regt. It has been the conclusion of several AEF collectors that the use of the "Recd from Army Bordeaux" (A7301) canceler is found on mail that was received at Bordeaux from other areas without having been cancelled at the point of origin. Mr. Becker mentions two covers having gone via Bordeaux, one with an A6012 and the other with an A7109 cancellation. It is my understanding that those two cancelers are associated with APO 702 (Paris) and most probably are connected with base censorship. I do not believe that the main postal route from St. Jean-de-Monts was to Bordeaux, but I do believe that the presence of the Bordeaux cancellations are for the reason I have previously discussed above. If anything, the listing for St. Jan-de-Monts in the new AEF book could be amended to add APO 717 as an additional APO.

USS ZEPPELIN RESEARCH QUESTION

Karl E. Becker, 45 Wordsworth Rd., Short Hills, NJ 07078 writes with a question concerning the USS Zeppelin. Karl says that the Zeppelin was a liner which was converted to a troop ship during World War I, but he would like to know the name of the liner before it was converted and what eventually became of the vessel. If you can help Karl out, please write him direct.

BOOK REVIEWS

How to Defeat Saddam Hussein by Col. Trevor N. Dupuy, U.S. Army (Ret.) and Curt Johnson, David L. Bongard, Arnold C. Dupuy. Published 1991 by Warner Books, Inc., New York, NY. Softbound, 202 pages. Price and availability may be obtained from Warner Books, Inc., 666 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10103.

This timely book on the Gulf Crisis was first published on January 11, 1991, under the title If War Comes: How To Defeat Saddam Hussein, and was published in it's present form just 10 days into the air campaign. Although this book did not hit every facet of the recently concluded Desert Storm Campaign, the authors were remarkably close to the strategies eventually used by the Coalition Forces.

There are 13 chapters devoted to the Gulf Crisis background, strategic options, logistics and the immediate postwar situation. In addition, there are numerous maps, diagrams and appendices dealing with weapons, force organization and combat effectiveness.

This book should be invaluable to all War Cover buffs, and will serve as a timely guide to an armed conflict in which our military performed magnificently.

John Azarkevich

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Unusual P.O.W. Mail

By A. K. Schoenbucher, M.D.

In my collection are two pieces of P.O.W. mail that differ considerably from other such mail of WWII. The pieces, a card a foldletter Illustrated) are not easy to make out, so I will try to describe in chronological order the postal and other markings.

Both are sent by Lt. Colonel H. M. Smail, POW #1138, from Officers Camp VII C/H. They are originally addressed to mrs. Ian Campbell, Hotel Parque, Estoril, Portugal, and then readdressed (over the original) to Mrs. Smail, Aincroft, Auchterarder, Perthshire, N.B.

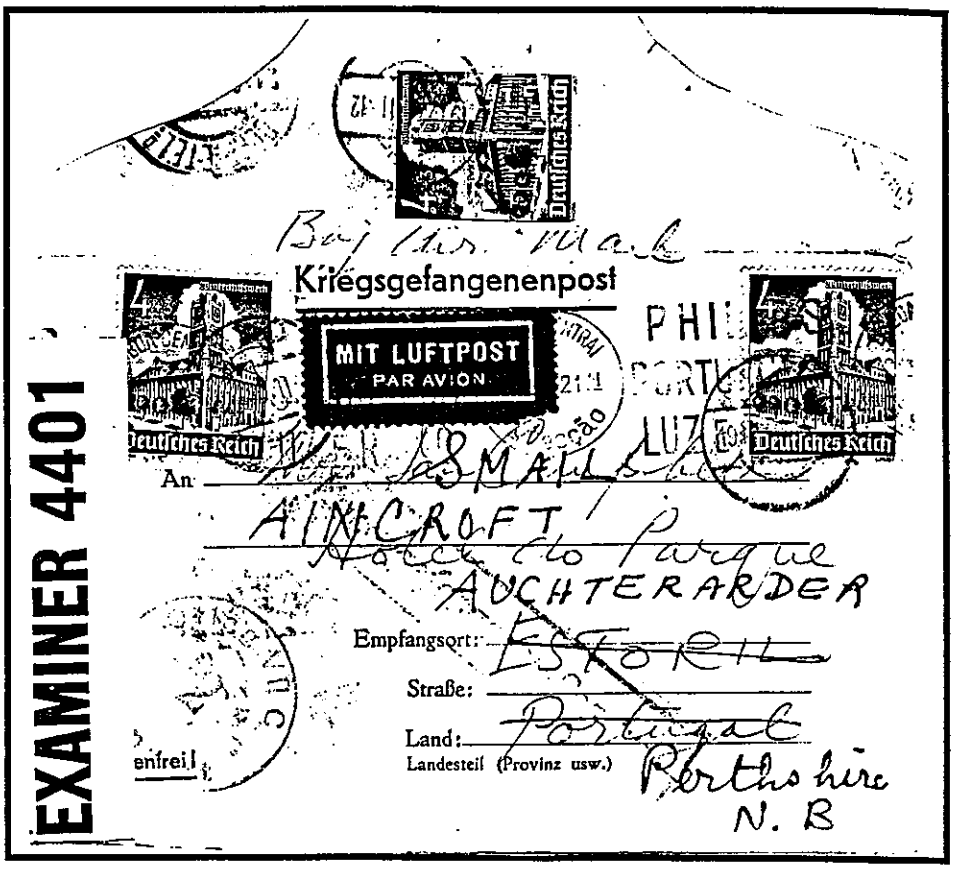


Figure 1. Face of the foldletter mailed by Lt. Col. Smail

The face of the foldletter marked "KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST" carries two copies of Michel 752, with three more copies on the back, making 20 pfg. postage. There is an Airmail label and the words in English "By Air Mail". The stamps are cancelled with a dumb canceller dated 19.12.40-11-12 (the letter was written 10 Dec.). There is also a circular handstamp "Oflag VII C/2/Gepruft" on the lower left. A long boxed "KRIEGSGEFANGENEN SENDUNG" is obliqued across the address. Next is "LISBOA CENTRAL/23.12.40 12H/1 Seccao" slogan cancel "PHILLIPS/PORTUGUESA/LUZ e RADIO". On the back partly on the flap is "CORR e TEL.24.12.40/ESTORIL". Last is the Censor label "OPENED BY EXAMINER 4401".

The messages are interesting, dealing with domestic and family matters, and items of clothing needed. Mentioned also are food packets and a referral to "Mrs. Campbell is also being stopped unless she can get money". (Is this the primary addressee?) Finally, the tone of the letter and card suggests that life was not too harsh for POWs of the rank of Lt. Colonel at this early stage of captivity.

I would like to hear from anyone who can tell me more about this routing of POW mail, why was postage required, etc.

Contents of the Letter:

10 Dec. This is an extra Glad "79" is sold but sad when I think of happy days spent there. See that insurance of furniture is adjusted. Possibly you will cancel all "79" owes and George can see to Clothing parcel arrived 5th. Willie seems to have a hand in it? Many thanks. Dressing gown is lovely. I have now practically all I want for the moment. A khaki tie sometime. A parcel from Menzies Edinburgh with cards and books - Many thanks to someone. I did not see the cover. Sorry to hear of John Muir Scott. I wish Mac, or Jim Balderstone or Derek would write. Wish I could have joined you all with Chota and Willie in Perth. I could do with a laugh. Air mail will get letters here quicker. Latest is 25 Sept. Love to hear about Colin and Pam and their cycles. Your auto will be laid up now? Parcels from Switzerland are stopping. We are supposed by London to be getting Red X food parcels. So far only six have arrived here. We get along quite well. I get an odd one from Ann's friend and 2 each month from Budapest. Mrs. Campbell is also being stopped unless she can get money. Kathrine could send either money to Mrs. C. or parcels direct. Parcels from America are very good. I am very well. Plenty to occupy my time. Music -- both piano & orchestra & dance band. First play last week was Galsworthy's "Escape". Mostly professionals. Pantomime at Xmas. Highland dancing display etc.. A little snow but not so cold. Very much like home. Don't send any shoes. I have got some more. Love HERBERT

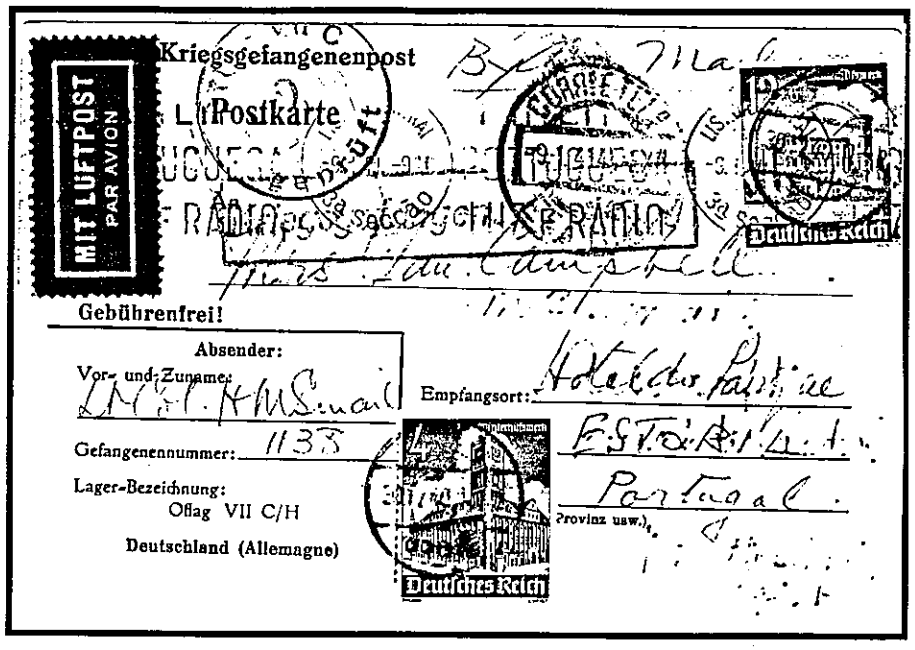


Figure 2. The post card mail by Lt. Col. Smail

Contents of the card message:

KRIEGGEFANGENENLAGER Datum 18th December 40

Letters of 16, 18, 22 & 30 Sept - 10, 18, 24, 27 Oct - Pamela & Colin 23 Sept Aunt Ethel 22 Sept Eliz. 25 Sept. Many thanks to all. All news is very much looked for. Has bank paid George balances of Army pay? Very cold - last night zero. Sleeping bag is very fine & so comfortable. No private parcels other than clothes have arrived. Hope your foot is better. No more Clothes required. A typewriter is not costly. Love Dads.

This article was originally published in the magazine of the Germany and Colonies Philatelic Society of Great Britain, hence the use of the Michel Catalog numbers for the stamps (Scotts #'s B178 & B182).

I have had some correspondence with other collectors without any real solutions, although one did answer a question, and proposed several intriguing possibilities.

Mr. Wolfgang Vogt, Geraerstrasse #1, D-5400 Koblenz 1, Germany, stated that although ordinary P.O.W. mail was sent free, special services such as Airmail and Registered mail required the sender to pay the usual tariff. The postage on the airmail letter and card were usual for out of country mail at that time.

Mr. Vogt then goes on to say that "Mrs. Campbell" may have been the addressee for an organization which rerouted P.O.W. mail through neutral countries to the other belligerent nations. There were several of these in Portugal. Or perhaps she may have been a close friend or relative of the prisoner.

His most intriguing response suggests that Mrs. Campbell was the cover name of a secret service agency of the British. He points out that there are a lot of numerals and names, more than are usually found in P.O.W. mail. He also questions the reference to "Galsworthy's play 'Escape'", stating he has never heard of such a play! He believes that this could possibly be a coded message from a senior British officer to an intelligence or covert operation. Such organizations had been established by most of the belligerent nations prior to the war.

I would like to know if any other members of the War Cover Club can shed any light on these two interesting pieces of P.O.W. mail. If anyone can help, please address me in care of the Bulletin.

BOOK REVIEWS

Combat Infantry Mail: A Catalog of Postmarks Used by World War II U.S. Infantry Divisions by Richard W. Helbock. Published 1991 by La Posta Publications, Lake Oswego, OR. Cardbound, 152 pages. Price is $24.00 postpaid from La Posta Publications, P.O. Box 135, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

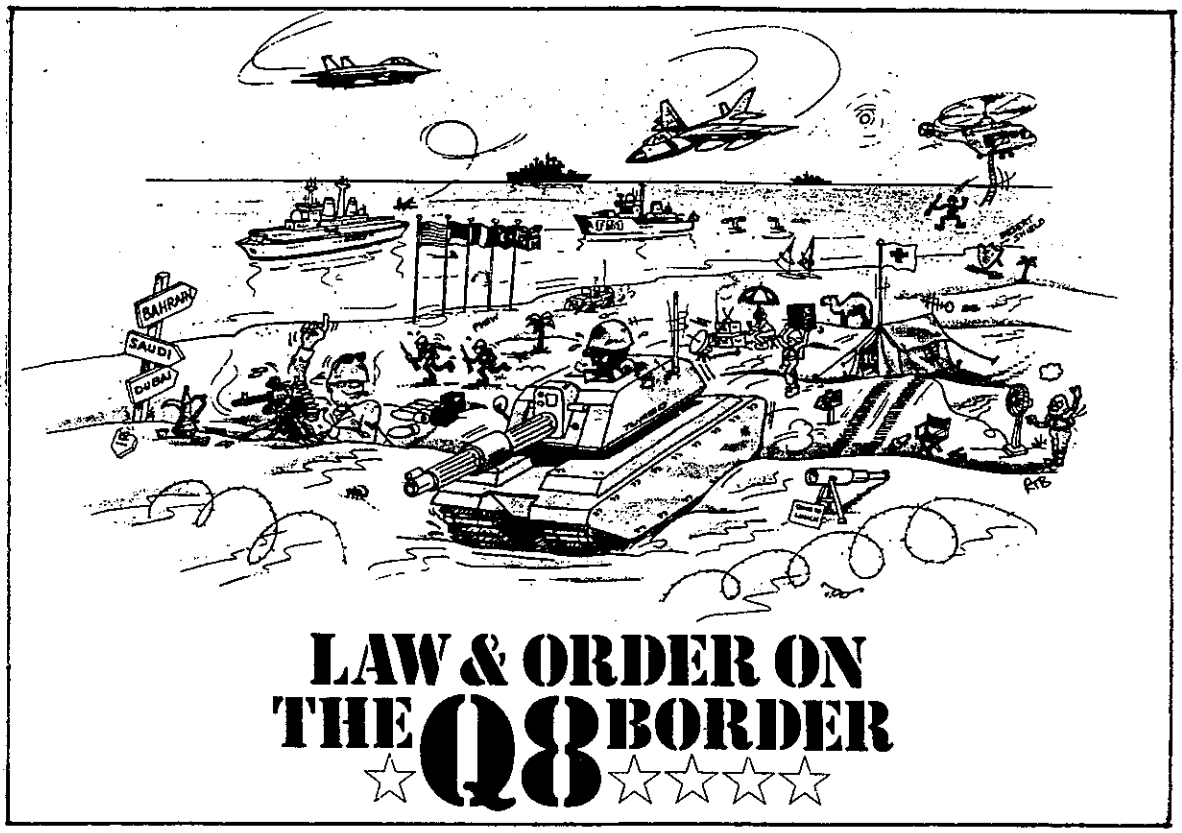
This profusely illustrated book is the first attempt to catalog postmarks used by World War II Infantry Division APOs. The author lists all the information necessary to build a collection of covers tracking each of the 72 combat infantry divisions beginning with stateside training assignments through overseas deployment in the campaigns of Europe, North Africa and the South Pacific. The five Airborne Divisions and the Mountain Infantry Division are also included.

The introduction defines the organization of a typical infantry division and suggests various ways to assemble a cover collection. Sections devoted to each of the divisions contain a brief account of the unit's important battles, the APO history, and an illustrated listing of postmarks used along with the earliest and latest known dates for each type. Combat Infantry Mail is illustrated throughout with clear photocopies and halftones of actual covers and photocopies of over 300 postmarks. Shoulder patches of each of the divisions are also illustrated.

Combat Infantry Mail is invaluable as a reference tool for all students of WWII postal history, and contains many references that I have never seen before. Bill Helbock should be congratulated on another job well done!

John Azarkevich

DESERT SHIELD/STORM REPORT

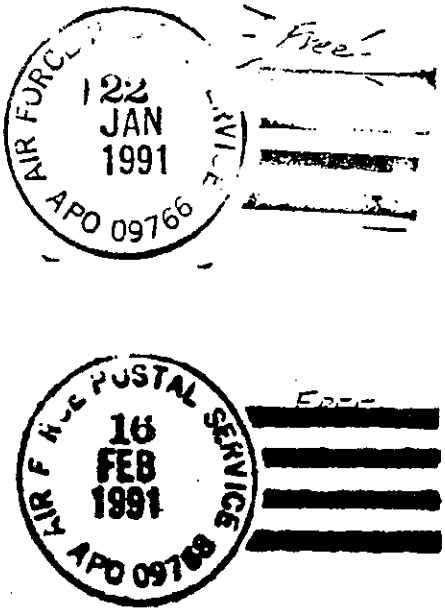


This post card was mailed through APO 09306 from the 1st Cavalry Division along the northern Saudi border in late February 1991. (Courtesy of Myron Fox.)

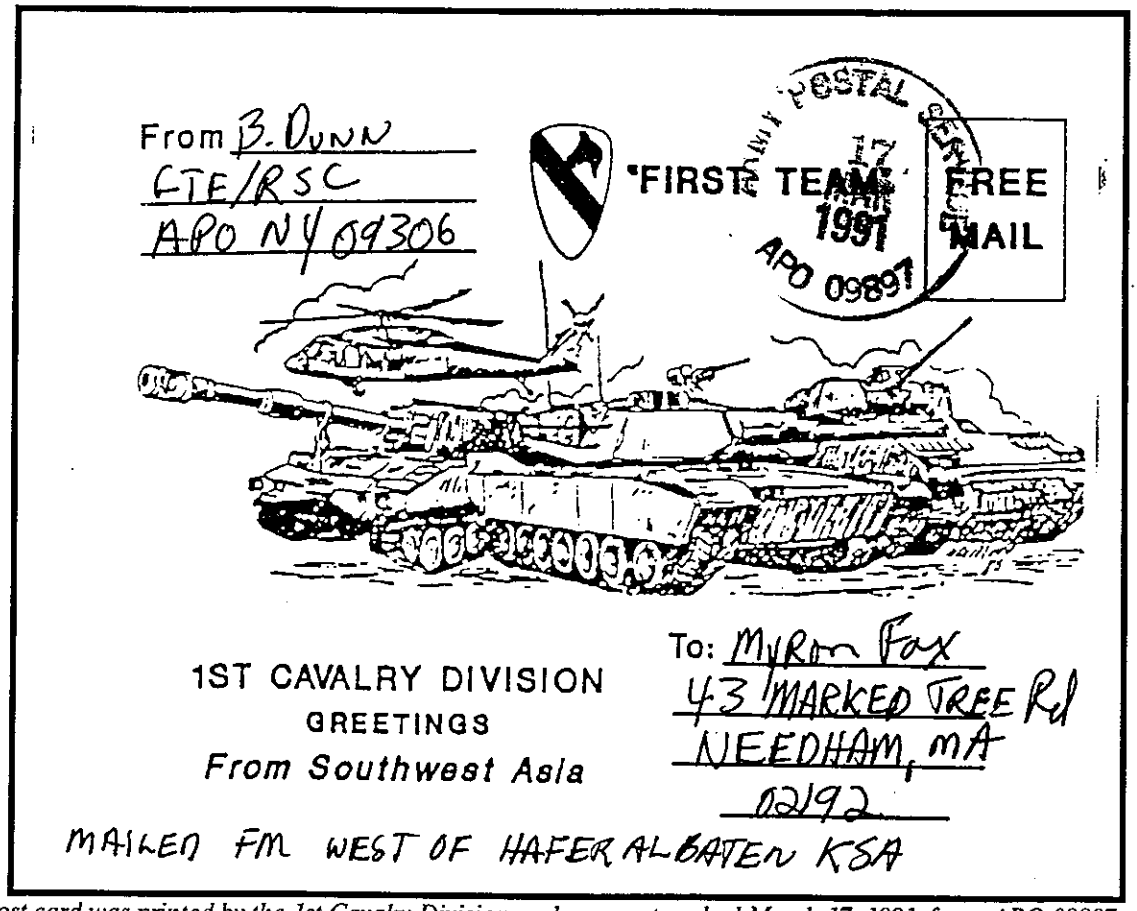
Reports by WCC members of new postmarks and APO assignments declined drastically after the cease fire as American military forces began to withdraw from the Gulf. The few additions which appear in this issue are courtesy of Myron Fox, George Cossentini, Bob Collins and Larry Thibodeau.

Perhaps the biggest news of the past few months is the publicity received by the WCC for its effort to record the postal history of the Gulf War. The American Philatelic Society featured George Cosentini's article "Desert Shield - Desert Storm" in the June 1991 issue of *The American Philatelist*, and reproduced much of the postmark illustration and APO listing information originally published in the *Bulletin*. Similarly, *The Philatelic Observer*, Voice of the Junior Philatelists of America, for May-June 1991 reproduced our "Desert Shield Becomes Desert Storm" report and illustrated examples of Desert Shield APO postmarks.

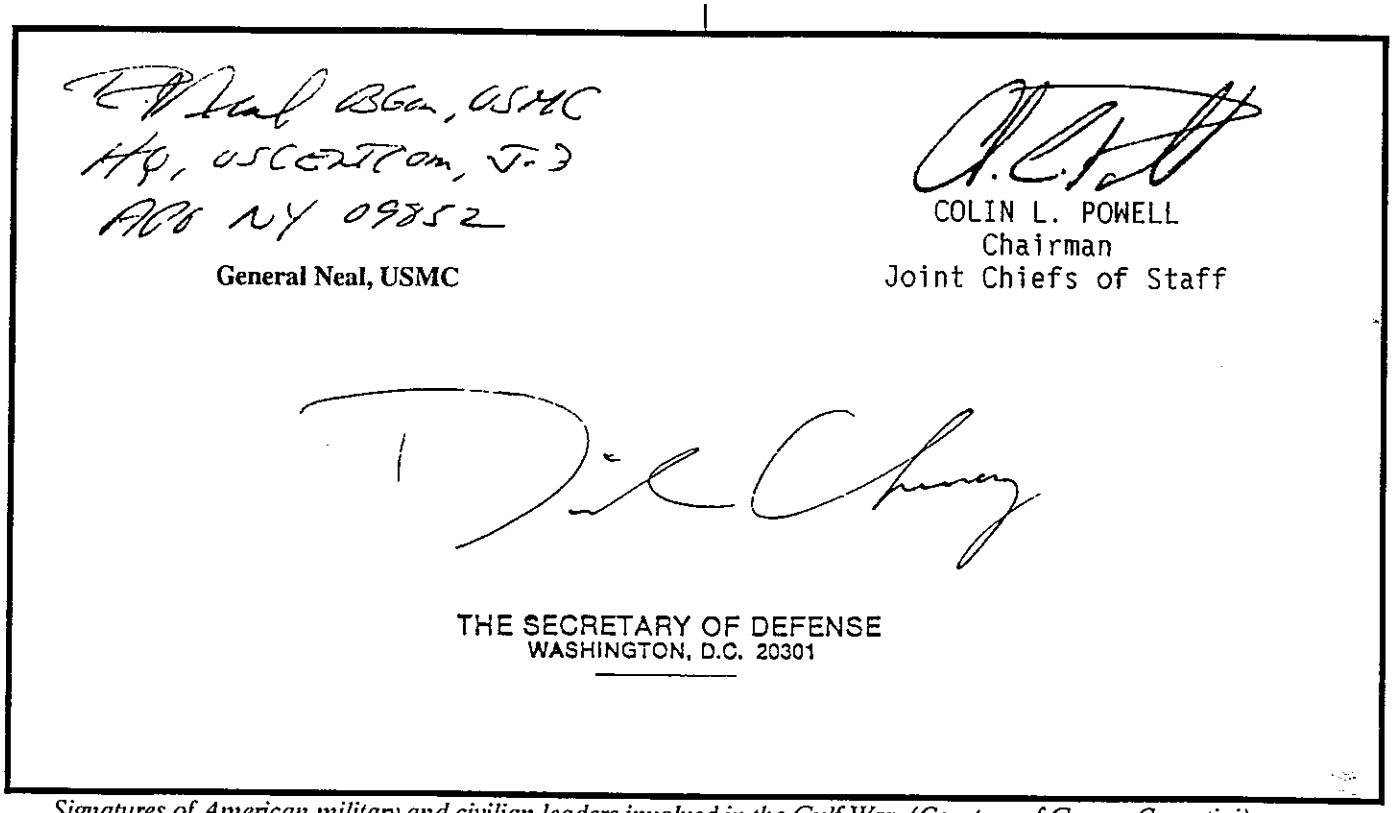
In short, we got lots of mileage from what amounted to only fragmentary information, but don't forget that old saw about one-eyed men in the land of the blind. If you come across information we haven't published regarding APO and the postmark, please send it along.



Postmarks from APO 09766 (above) and 09768 (below). (Courtesy of Bob Collins)



This post card was printed by the 1st Cavalry Division and was postmarked March 17, 1991, from APO 09897. (Courtesy of Myron Fox).



Signatures of American military and civilian leaders involved in the Gulf War. (Courtesy of George Cosentini).

Updated APO numbers

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Several new Army Post Office, or APO, addresses have been established in Saudi Arabia to serve soldiers and units assigned to Operation Desert Shield.

The addresses should be used as New York APO numbers. Military postal officials here at the Total Army Personnel Command said the additional addresses will reduce transit time and assist in the delivery of personal mail by reducing the amount of sorting required at military post offices.

Soldiers and their correspondents should use the following address formats for personal and official mail:

■ **Personal:**
Rank/Name/Social Security number
Operation Desert Shield
Unit of assignment/attachment (for deployment)
APO New York 09XXX.

■ **Official:**
Unit designator
Operation Desert Shield
APO New York 09XXX.

Officials said Desert Shield soldiers should use the APO numbers of the organization to which they are assigned or attached. When required, major commands will coordinate directly with Army postal authorities in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, concerning postal matters.

"While using the designated APO numbers is the most expeditious method of ensuring the timely arrival of mail in Saudi Arabia, [the new] addresses also will assure correspondents that mail addressed to soldiers at home stations [and in the process of deploying] will be redirected to the theater without delay," a spokesman said.

Mailing addresses for Army units assigned to Desert Shield follow:

Deployed units APO New York
XVIII Abn Corps (HQ) 09775
III Corps 09218
XVIII Corps Arty 09776
1st COSCOM 09877
360th Civ Aff Bde, XVIII Corps 09874
1st Cav Div (HQ) 09306
1st Bde, 1st Cav Div 09778
2d Bde, 1st Cav Div 09779
Cbt Avn Bde, 1st Cav Div 09780
DISCOM, 1st Cav Div 09781
1st Bde, 2d Armd Div 09371
24th ID (M) (HQ) 09315
1st Bde, 24th ID 09789
2d Bde, 24th ID 09790
DISCOM, 24th ID 09791
Avn Bde, 24th ID 09873
82d Abn Div (HQ) 09656
1st Bde, 82d Abn Div 09796
2d Bde, 82d Abn Div 09797
3d Bde, 82d Abn Div 09798
DISCOM, 82d Abn Div 09799
Cbt Avn Bde, 82d Abn Div 09782
101st Abn Div (AA) (HQ) 09309
1st Bde, 101st Abn Div 09783
2d Bde, 101st Abn Div 09687
3d Bde, 101st Abn Div 09688
DISCOM, 101st Abn Div 09699
Cbt Avn Bde, 101st Abn Div 09660
1st ID (HQ) 09310
1st Bde, 1st ID 09786
2d Bde, 1st ID 09787
Cbt Avn Bde, 1st ID 09784
DISCOM, 1st ID 09785
197th Inf Bde 09733
3d Armd Cav Regt 09209
11th ADA Bde 09735
12th Avn Bde 09849
20th Engr Bde 09736
16th MP Bde 09737
89th MP Bde 09738
35th Sig Bde 09739
36th Engr Gp 09740
937th Engr Gp 09741
525th MI Bde 09744
513th MI Bde 09745
48th Inf Bde (ARNG) 09792
155th Armd Bde (ARNG) 09793
256th Inf Bde (ARNG) 09795
194th Armd Bde 09769
47th Field Hosp 09867
7th Trans Gp 09770
7th Avn Bde 09771
ARCENT Fwd/PERSCOM 09772
44th Med Bde 09773
11th Sig Bde 09774
795th Postal Co 09859
834th Postal Co 09861
341st Postal Co 09863
320th Postal Co 09864
312th Postal Co 09788
351st Postal Co 09895
124th Postal Co 09896
300th Postal Co 09897
1015th Postal Co 09898
129th Postal Co 09657
336th Postal Co 09767
755th Postal Co 09766

5th SF Gp 09734
Misc Units 09850
18th Avn Bde 09875
75th FA Gp 09876

43d Corps Spt Gp 09652
46th Corps Spt Gp 09653
101st Corps Spt Gp 09654
171st Corps Spt Gp 09655
507th Corps Spt Gp 09878

U.S. Army Europe Follow-on Units
VII Corps (HQ) 09756
VII Corps Arty 09685
2d Spt Command 09754
7th Engr Bde 09689
11th Avn Bde 09684
30th Med Gp 09698
7th Spt Gp 09749
14th MP Gp 09746
16th Spt Gp 09750
207th MI Bde 09748
32d ADA Command 09752
115th Postal Co 09857
1st Armd Div (HQ) 09761
2d Bde, 1st Armd Div 09663
3d Bde, 1st Armd Div 09665
4th Bde, 1st Armd Div 09676
DISCOM, 1st Armd Div 09753
DIVARTY, 1st Armd Div 09639
3d Armd Div (HQ) 09760
1st Bde, 3d Armd Div 09680
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2d Armd Div (Fwd) 09758
3d Bde, 3d ID 09661
2d Armd Cav Regt 09759
30th Spt Gp 09623
42d Arty Bde 09631
127th Med Gp 09632
142d Arty Bde 09635
159th Spt Gp 09636
210th Arty Bde 09637
231st Med Bde 09638
93d Sig Bde 09650
1st Sqdn, 1st Cav Regt 09649
4th Sqdn, 7th Cav Regt 09651

This article listing APO numbers assigned to units in the Persian Gulf was provided to WCC member Larry Thibodeau by a member of the 101st Airborne Division. It reportedly updates information which appeared in the Jan-March issue of the WCC Bulletin

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2. **Frames and Mounting.** Material exhibited (stamps, covers, and collateral material supporting the exhibit) must be mounted on loose-leaf pages. Each frame size allows the display of sixteen (16) vertically placed album pages approximately 8½" x 11" in size. No advertising on pages is permitted. Each page must be in a separate plastic protector.

3. **Fee.** The entry fee per frame is $7.00 payable with the application to exhibit. Make fees payable to **FLOREX '91.** Any exhibit reduced to use of fewer frames will have a pro-rata adjustment for which a portion will be refunded. Postage for return of the exhibit by whatever means (i.e., First Class, Insured, Registered, Express Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or other class of mail, etc.) is required. (See under 9.)

4. **Exhibits.** Limitations: **a)** Two frames are the minimum number allowed for competition (in accordance with APS rules). **b)** Each exhibitor is limited to one exhibit; however, a second exhibit **may** be requested but acceptance hinges on availability of frames. Ten (10) frames are the most allowed per exhibit. **c)** Exhibits entered "Not for Competition", on a frame available basis, that have won the Grand Award at **FLOREX** within the past 10 years will not be judged.

5. **Entries and Closing Date. a)** Each request to exhibit must be accompanied by the **FLOREX '91** application form. All applications must be received by the Exhibit Chairman prior to midnight, **August 15, 1991,** the closing date to exhibit. **b)** Each applicant will provide a description of the exhibit for the show program in **25 words or less.** The title will be one line only. **c)** Each applicant will submit with the application, if possible, eight (8) copies each of the title page and a synopsis of the exhibit on 8½" x 11" paper. The synopsis should have a one inch margin at left. These copies will be furnished to the judges in advance to help them assess your exhibit. The title page and synopsis should accompany the prospectus, but not to **exceed one page each.** It is recognized that the title page or synopsis may not be ready to accompany the application to exhibit. The title page or synopsis must reach the Exhibit Chairman no later than September 1. He will forward the data to the presiding judge. This proviso insures the exhibitor that he or she will receive the full benefit of the judges' assessment. **d)** If an exhibitor does not wish his or her name to appear on

the program, then the exhibitor shall so state on the application form. Send application with remittance to:

Melvin M. Kessler
526 Cheshire Avenue NW
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547
(904) 862-4091

After the entries close, exhibitors will be notified of their frame assignment.

6. **Forwarding.** All mailed entries should be securely wrapped or boxed and properly insured or registered. Entries should be packed in a manner that allows the original wrappings or boxes to be used to return the exhibit to the exhibitor. **Send exhibits to:**

FLOREX '91
William McP. Jones
P.O. Box 2284
Winter Park, FL 32790

Exhibits will be kept in the vault of the 1st National Bank of Central Florida, Longwood, Florida, taken there by a Florex official. Your Exhibit must be sent to reach the bank not before October 10 and no later than October 15, 1991.

7. **Mounting Exhibits.** An exhibitor wishing to mount his or her own exhibit or have an agent mount it must so indicate this fact on the application form. The exhibit must be in place for mounting no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 31, 1991,** the eve of the show.

8. **Exhibitors or Agents Dismounting Exhibits.** Exhibitors or agents dismounting exhibits will not be permitted to do so before November 3, at 3:00 p.m. (one hour before the show closes). This is necessary for security reasons. This also insures that the public will not be denied seeing the various exhibits. Arrange your transportation requirements so as not to require earlier dismounting.

9. **Return of Exhibits.** All exhibits sent by mail will be returned upon conclusion of the show in the manner directed by the owners. Exhibits to be returned by mail must have on the application (see page 1 under 3. Fee, and page 5) the exact postal method desired for return of the exhibit with sufficient funds to cover the cost. Exhibits will not be returned until full payment is received. Overpayments will be returned to the exhibitors. Unless instructed otherwise by an exhibitor, or his or her agent, the exhibit will be returned to the owner with an evaluation of $100.00. If higher evaluation is desired, the exhibitor must include sufficient funds to cover the extra shipping cost.

10. **Banquet.** Those exhibitors who choose to attend the banquet on November 2, 1991, will be offered a 10% discount if they pay $22.50 per person before noon Wednesday October 30, 1991. Make checks payable to **FLOREX,** and send to:

FLOREX '91
P.O. Box 560837
Orlando, FL 32856

JUDGING. The Chief Judge will preside over the other judges. All judges will be A.P.S. accredited. Judging of the exhibits will be "open judging" in accordance with A.P.S. rules.

AWARDS. Awards will be made at the discretion of the judges. Lack of competition, or quality, may justify no award. Duplicate awards may be made as the judges see fit. The judges' decision is final.

The awards of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc., are Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Medals bearing the official Seal of the Federation. Other special awards will be given. (see pages 3 and 4)

The Grand Award shall be determined by the judges following review of all the Gold Medal winners. The Grand Award winner will receive an invitation to compete in the World Seri[illegible] f Philately. The Reserve Grand Award will be given to the next be[illegible] Gold Meda[illegible]ner.

PLEASE RETURN FRAME ASSIGNMENT AND RECEIPT WITH APPLICATION

FRAME ASSIGNMENT FOR FLOREX '91

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Frame Nos. _____
have been assigned for your exhibit.

Melvin M. Kessler, Exhibit Chairman

RECEIPT FOR FLOREX '91 PROSPECTUS

The application for your exhibit (_____ frames) has been received by the **FLOREX '91** Exhibits Committee.

$ _____ received for exhibition entry at **FLOREX '91.**
You will be notified no later than September 25 whether or not your application has been accepted for participation. If not accepted a refund will be made to you.

Melvin M. Kessler,
Exhibit Chairman

Frames	Nos

Print clearly or type name and address below

Full name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone ( ) _____

Signature _____

I am a first-time exhibitor: _____

Material to be exhibited is primarily:
Pre - 1900
1900 - 1940
Post - 1940

I am a member of the following organizations including Florida Federation local club affiliations: _____

Highest three prior awards for this exhibit, _____

Show	Award	Level
Show	Award	Level
Show	Award	Level

☐ Attend the show ☐ Not attend show

No of persons attending banquet _____

☐ Attend banquet ☐ Not attend banquet

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

How exhibit was received:

Hand Delivered / ☐ Self / ☐ Agent / ☐ Mailed

Returned by _____ Date _____

How exhibit was returned:

Picked up by ☐ Owner or Agent / ☐ Parcel Post / ☐ Registered Mail / ☐ Express Mail

☐ Other _____

Returned by _____ Date _____

exhibits are in place. It should be understood, however, that no responsibility of any kind attaches to the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc., **FLOREX '91**, 1st National Bank of Central Florida, or the Orlando Expo Centre where **FLOREX '91** will be held, or to any officer, member, or any employee of the above for loss or damage to any exhibit or material submitted in competition or not in competition arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.

The signing of the application by the exhibitor or his or her agent shall indicate acceptance of these rules. All conditions printed herein shall be binding.

IMPORTANT SECURITY PROCEDURES

Security for your exhibit is of paramount importance. The most dangerous time from a security viewpoint is the "take-down" period of your exhibit. In addition to having a police officer on hand, the following steps will be taken:

1. The exhibit portion of **FLOREX '91** will close at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 1991, before the 4 p.m. closing of the show.
2. The exhibit area will be cordoned off and entry will be strictly controlled.
3. At 3 p.m. on Sunday a drawing will be held for those exhibitors present or their agents who want to take down their own exhibits, or others, so that an orderly procedure may take place to facilitate take-down.
4. At 3 p.m. **FLOREX** Committee members will begin removing the bottom screws from all frames. As soon as this is accomplished, teams of exhibitors and committee members may begin removing exhibits in accordance with the order of the draw.
5. Under no circumstances will early removal be allowed. In the past this has been allowed for one or two exhibitors who had to catch an early plane, etc. In the long run, while meaning well, this has caused problems with other exhibitors and overall control of the situation. Exhibitors who have to leave earlier because of an emergency will be given due consideration.

SOCIETIES PARTICIPATING IN FLOREX '91

FLOREX '91 is honored to be the host to the following two philatelic societies:

P.H.S. (Postal History Society)

Military Postal History Society (formerly the War Cover Club)

*SPECIAL AWARDS

The following awards will be presented if exhibits of participants fall within the scope of the award:

American Youth Stamp Exhibit Award. (Youth Championship)
Special award for youth grand winner (18 and under)

Apfelbaum Award

American Topical Association Award

Ingeborg Herst Award

Bureau Issues Association Award

U.S. Cancellations Club Plaque

Collectors Club of Chicago Award

APS Research Award

APS, Pre-1900

APS, 1900 - 1940

APS, Post - 1940

Henry M. Gobie Award

Hollywood Stamp Club Award

Florida Stamp Dealers' Award

AAPE Awards (3)

U.S. Classics Society Award

Orlando Postmaster's Award

American Air Mail Society Award

John J. Britt Foundation Award

Puerto Rico Philatelic Society Raul Gandara Trophy

Scandinavian Collector's Club Award (three required)

Postal History Society Award

Military Postal History Society Award

*Plus any additional "Late Arrival" Awards

MEMBERS OF THE JURY

Clyde Jennings, Chief, Jacksonville, FL

Jim Adams, Indianapolis, IN

Jesse Boehret, Virginia Beach, VA

Paul Jensen, Oslo, Norway

Stan Jersey, Calsbad, CA

Dan Walker, Lisbon, MD

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS, INC.
FLOREX 1991 - APPLICATION

(An A.P.S. Accredited Show)

November 1-2-3, 1991

(Please read Rules for Exhibiting before filling out the application.
Use a separate form for each entry).

ORLANDO EXPO CENTRE

500 West Livingston St.
Orlando, Florida 32801

Date of application: _____, 1991

Please enter the following exhibit subject to the rules for exhibiting which I have read and by which I agree to abide.

TITLE, (One Line): _____

Describe my exhibit in the official program as follows (25 words or less):

_____

_____

_____

I DO _____ or DO NOT _____ want my name to appear in print as owner of this exhibit.

My exhibit will require _____ frames.

Mounting Exhibit: Committee _____, Self _____, Agent _____

Dismounting Exhibit: Committee _____, Self _____, Agent _____

Reserve for me _____ frames (at $7.00 per frame). I enclose $ _____ + _____ return postage. Indicate the postal method desired to have your exhibit returned to you. Sufficient postage must be received for return of an exhibit. Overpayments will be refunded. Exhibit will be delivered:

☐ In person, ☐ By agent, ☐ By mail or private express

Send remittance together with this application to:

Melvin M. Kessler
526 Cheshire Avenue, N.W.
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 15, 1991

If an agent, or an exhibit helper, dismounts the exhibit, print his or her name followed by the dismounter's signature.

RE 1BER - Send exhibits by Registered Mail to **FLOREX,** c/o Mr. William ' ones,

By-Laws of the (Name as Voted) Society

1. **Name.** This Society shall be known as the (select one):

a. Military Cover Society (formerly War Cover Club)

b. Military Cover Collectors Society (" " ")

c. Military Postal History Society (" " ")

d. War Cover Club

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Society is to promote the study of the postal history of military forces and collection and study of the postal markings of military campaigns and related material, to disseminate knowledge relative to such material and to foster a spirit of fellowship and cooperation among collectors.

3. **Membership.** Membership in the Society shall be open to any person, unless such person shall be denied membership for cause in accordance with the procedure set forth below.

a. Applications for membership shall be made to the Secretary on a form provided by the Society and shall be accompanied by membership dues in the amount required on the date of application. Upon receipt of an application for membership, the Secretary shall: assign a membership number, place the new member's name upon the rolls of the Society, forward payment and membership information to the Treasurer and include the information on the next membership report forwarded to the Editor for publication in the Bulletin.

b. Any member of the Society may challenge a new member within sixty days of the mailing of the Bulletin listing such membership by writing to the Secretary, who shall then forward the challenge to the President. Challenges shall be acted upon by the Executive Committee, a majority of which may order the membership voided and the membership dues refunded.

c. A member may be dropped from membership for cause by a two-thirds vote of all of the officers.

4. **Membership Dues.** Membership dues shall be as specified by the Executive Committee. Payment shall be made to the Secretary in U.S. funds only.

A member whose membership dues for the current fiscal year are not paid by October 1 shall be dropped from the rolls. A former member may be reinstated by paying membership dues at the current annual rate for that year. Reinstated members shall be assigned the same membership numbers previously held.

Members are expected to resign when they wish to terminate their membership. Resignations should be sent to the Secretary.

5. **Officers.** The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and five Directors, one of whom shall be the immediate past President. The officers shall have duties, responsibilities and privileges as set forth in these By-Laws and all powers requisite to the proper performance of their duties. They shall be elected in the manner hereinafter provided for a term of two years, which term shall commence at 12 o'clock noon on the first day of October of every odd year.

a. Any officer may succeed him(her)self in office, except that no officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms as President.

b. Any officer may be removed for cause from office by a two-thirds vote of all the officers.

6. **President.** The President shall be the chief executive of this Society and shall be responsible for the observance and enforcement of these By-Laws, overall operation of the Society and such other requirements as noted in these By-Laws. He may appoint committees for such purposes as he deems necessary and require reports from the chairmen. He shall appoint the Bulletin Editor,

and Publicity, Convention and Membership Chairmen and shall keep the Board of Directors informed of appointments and other matters of interest.

7. **Vice President.** The Vice President shall advise the President and perform such duties as required of him by the President.

8. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the membership of the Society and make a quarterly report to the Bulletin Editor, for publication in the next issue, listing new members, reinstatements, changes of address, resignations, deceased members and members dropped for cause.

9. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of and be responsible for all funds of the Society. Funds shall be deposited, as received, in a bank insured by an agency of the Federal Government. All disbursements shall be made by check signed by the Treasurer who shall expend no funds except as authorized by the President. He shall make a periodic financial report as specified by the Executive Committee to the officers and shall submit an annual financial report within thirty days after the end of the fiscal year for publication in the Bulletin. The President shall also be authorized to sign checks on the Society's account, such authority to be exercised only in the event that the Treasurer is incapacitated for any reason.

The Treasurer shall obtain a position bond the cost of which shall be paid by the Society.

The records of the Treasurer shall be audited in November for the previous fiscal year.

10. **Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Board shall appoint the Society Auction Manager, be responsible for observance of the annual budget and conduct the routine business and administration of the Society within the policy guidelines of the Board of Directors.

The Auction Manager shall obtain a position bond the cost of which shall be paid by the Society.

11. **The Board of Directors.** The government of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors for the purpose of promulgating policies and practices. The Board shall be composed of the Executive Committee, and the four Directors.

a. The President shall be Chairman of the Board and shall preside at all meetings of the Board; however, in his absence, the Vice President or Secretary, in that order, shall preside.

b. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the officers. Each officer shall be entitled to cast one vote, five being necessary to carry the vote of the Board. When it is not possible for a quorum to meet together, the President shall submit all questions for vote to the officers in writing with five votes necessary to carry the question.

c. Any officer may submit a proposed policy or instruction for the President to all other officers by mail; the other officers will send their votes to the President, with a copy to the originator of the proposal.

d. It is the intent of these By-Laws to invest the President with powers and discretion in the performance of his/her duties, but to retain final control in the Board of Directors.

12. **Succession to Office.** In the event of the absence, death, incapacity or removal of an officer of the Society, succession to office until the next regular election shall be as follows:

President: Vice President.

Secretary, Treasurer or Director: As appointed by the Board of Directors.

13. **Financial.** No member shall create a debt against the Society without having first obtained written authorization from the President. In no case shall such authorization exceed $100 unless approved by the Board of Directors. No additional expenditure shall be authorized for any office or committee, unless further approved by the Board of Directors.

a. The fiscal year of the Society shall be from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

b. The President, within thirty days after receipt of the end of the year financial statement, shall submit a proposed budget to the Board. When the budget has been approved by the Board, this will constitute authority for the Treasurer to make the budgeted disbursements from Society funds.

14. **Bulletin.** The official newsletter of the Society shall be known as the (as voted above) Bulletin and shall be mailed to each dues paid member. The Bulletin will be published four times per year. The Editor shall be responsible that the expenditures for the Bulletin are kept within the budget and that the contents of the Bulletin do not conflict with these By-Laws or any written order of the President or Board of Directors.

a. Advertising space in the Bulletin may be sold at rates set by the Executive Committee; all funds received for advertising shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

15. **Convention.** The Convention of the Society, shall be held at such time and place as the President may direct upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

16. **Elections.** The election of officers shall take place on July 15th of each odd year in accordance with the following procedures.

a. The President shall issue a call for nominations for office in the October-December Bulletin and shall appoint a nominating committee to propose a slate. Additionally, any two members may endorse a third for any office with that member's agreement to run for office and serve if elected. All nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary by March 1st.

b. Candidates for all offices must have been members of the Society for a minimum of two years. Candidates for President must have previously served as a Society officer.

c. The President shall appoint a Ballot Committee, including its Chairman, composed of three members who are not candidates for office and who reside in a proximate geographical area.

d. By June 1st of the election year, the Secretary shall mail to each member a ballot listing all nominees. Ballots shall be signed and returned to the Chairman of the Ballot Committee by July 15th. Unsigned ballots and those arriving after the deadline shall not be counted.

f. The Ballot Committee shall forward a written report signed by its members to the President, copy to the Secretary, listing the totals for each nominee. The Secretary shall notify all candidates and the Editor of the results and the Editor shall publish the results in the next Bulletin. In case of a tie vote for any office, the election shall be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

17. **Chapters.** A chapter of this Society may be started by providing the Secretary with details of the chapter's name, meeting location and contact point.

18. **Indemnification.** The Society shall indemnify, as provided by law, members of the Board of Directors and any person appointed by the President or the Board of Directors who may act for or in behalf of the Society. The Board of Directors may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of those persons indemnified.

19. **Amendments.** Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the President in writing, sponsored (signed) by at least six members. At the option of a majority of the Executive Board, consideration of the proposal may be deferred to the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, if not more than six months distant. Otherwise, within 60 days of receipt by the President, the proposal shall be voted by mail by the Board of Directors, a two thirds vote being necessary for approval. Following such approval, the proposal shall be published in the Bulletin for consideration by the membership. Members shall submit their signed vote, approving or disapproving the proposal, to the Secretary. Un-

signed votes or those received after the specified deadline shall not be counted. The amendment shall become effective thirty days after the mailing of the Bulletin in which it appears unless a majority of the members voting do not approve it, in which case, it will be void.

20. **Dissolution.** Upon dissolution of the Society for any reason, all assets of the Society shall be donated to the American Philatelic Research Library in State College, PA.

21. **Effective Date.** This general revision of the By-Laws, if approved by a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors and the majority of the membership voting, shall become effective sixty days after the date of mailing of the Bulletin in which it is published.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On the reverse side of the current membership application, the first paragraph outlines the scope of the WCC. It is worth mentioning that:

"While the term "war covers" appears at first glance to raise connotations of a very limited or specialized field of collecting, reflection on the subject will reveal the tremendous scope encompassed under this meaning. The collecting interests of the membership are not limited to soldier campaign covers, but include patriotic, prisoner-of-war, naval, occupation and internment covers as well as picture postcards of a military nature, camp cancels, propaganda labels and leaflets, V-mail, censored mail and other related materials and covers." Are those was covers or postal history - or both?

The membership should be aware that two other polls were conducted in the past to seek a name change; both times a name change was voted against. Thus the "War Cover" name was retained.

In the past poll, 86% of the voters decided to adopt a new name for our organization. A name need which will reflect the interests of the members as well as perk interest among other collectors.

Why a name change in a 53-year old organization? The thought was that the WCC had found itself with a dubious reputation and a staleness and dormancy was beginning to set.

A name change would help reflect new activity within the organization -- an organization which has not been very active. Before I go any further, there is nothing that can be changed until the By-laws are rewritten. It is a 53-year old document which is not dated, or signed, and surely requires a major overhaul. There have been no amendments to the original record. As an example, the dues 53 years ago were established at $5 when the postal rates were 3 cents per ounce, and they are still five dollars! A minor point, but important in 1991 with increased costs that started escalating years ago.

A draft of the new By-laws are published elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin. Please read them over carefully, and then vote yea or nay for their adoption on the ballot which accompanies this issue. Also appearing on this ballot is an opportunity for you to choose a name for our organization.

More interesting information:

FLOREX will be the site of our 1991 Convention in Orlando, Florida, November 1 to 3 at the Omni Hotel and Convention Complex in downtown Orlando. This exhibition is considered one of our premier exhibitions, and we will associate with the Postal History Society in a joint exhibition. Added to this, there will be an all day postal history seminar on Thursday, 31 October. Outstanding speakers are being scheduled by the Postal History Society. It will include notables like: Richard B. Graham, David Phillips, Paul H. Jensen (Norway), Ernst Cohen, Robert Ian Johnson and Dr. Roberto M. Rosende, to name a few of the many involved in the outstanding program.

The FLOREX Committee has reserved 75 frames for the WCC and a number of frames for the Postal History Society, so I would urge you to "show your stuff" by exhibiting. I would encourage our Club to fill up our allotment of frames as this is a National Exhibition and the demand for frames at all Nationals has over exceeded the supply.

A copy of the FLOREX Prospectus has been reproduced as the centerfold for this issue of the *BULLETIN*. A list of talented postal history judges will be on this jury, including a representative of the FIP Postal History Committee. This show should be a most interesting exhibition and seminar. You are urged to exhibit and also urged to attend. Orlando's weather is delightful in October and November. See you there? I will look for your exhibit.

Auction Manager:

This post still remains open.

Back issues of the Bulletin:

Who has a full run of our publication? Who has almost a complete set? Who has the first 20 years? The last 30? Please write and let me know what you have available. This is for a future planned project in the planning.

Sincerely

Stan Jersey

WAR COVER CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME		1990	1989
Dues		1485.00	1590.00
Sale APO Book		962.00	268.00
Sale other books		55.00	43.50
Sale of Back Issues		85.00	387.00
Sale of Ads		48.82	198.82
Misc. Income		14.00	3.00
Interest		1110.71	982.38
TOTAL INCOME		**3760.53***	**3472.70***
EXPENSES			
Postage		54.24	229.50
Editorial Services		1000.00	750.00
Newsletter		2380.99**	1703.86
APO Royalty		00.00	204.00
Refunds		10.00	20.00
Purchase books for sale		28.00	38.50
P.O. Box Rental		28.00	24.00
Supplies		42.00	85.93
Petty Cash	- Kulpinski	83.83	
	- Jersey	25.00	
	- Walters	50.00	
	- Mayo	150.00	
SEPAD	- Meeting Expenses	53.28	
	- Ad	125.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		**4030.34**	**3055.79**
(LOSS)-GAIN		(269.81)	416.91

*Total does not include funds due from five auctions.
**Figure includes layout, printing and mailing of four newsletters

CASH POSITION

Checking Account Balance 12/31/89 6,384.59 (floating interest)
CD Mat. 4.17.91 10,000 + interest @ 9.53%
Total 16,384.59

Checking Account Balance 12/31/90 3,896.85
C.D. cashed 8/15/90 (10,873.29)
TOTAL 3,896.85

Change in Cash Position (12,487.74)
Note: $14,700.00 used to subsidize the publication of the hard bound AEF book.
Statement is on a calendar year basis. Payments and deposits are credited to the year in which they are made.

CONVENTION NEWS

By now you should all have marked your calendars for November 1-3, 1991, the dates of our annual convention. This year we are meeting at FLOREX which will be held at the Expo Center in Orlando, FL. This year we are joined by the Postal History Society which is also convening at FLOREX. To insure reserving frames for your exhibit, you should complete and send in the prospectus as soon as possible. A copy of the prospectus is reproduced in this issue of the Bulletin, or you can obtain one by sending your request with a #10 stamped and addressed envelope to FLOREX, Box 560837, Orlando, FL 32856.

With two important organizations exhibiting postal history and war material, you would expect an impressive panel of judges. And such is the case, with six jurors, consisting of Clyde Jennings as Chief Judge, Jim Adams, Jesse Boehret, Stan Jersey, Dan Walker and Paul Jensen of Norway. Paul is the FIP postal history division president.

FLOREX offers a bourse of 50 dealers, daily drawings for $100 in merchandise, free stamps for juniors, an auction of Friday by David G. Phillips and the usual show cancel and cachet. The War Cover Club will have a table at the show. We need WCC members to help "man" the table, pass out club materials, and entice visitors to join the club. This is an important function. One of the most embarrassing things is to have a club table at a show and no one behind it.

Therefore I am calling on our Orlando area members and other convention attendees to donate some time for "table duty." If you can help out, drop a line to Alan Warren, Box 17124, Philadelphia, PA 19105, and I will work up a schedule. So mark your calendars, send in your exhibit application, and plan to bring your family to the Sunshine State for a good time.

Alan Warren

Convention Chairman

On The Show Circuit

by Alan Warren

At SANDICAL, a gold award went to Ted Bahry, along with the APS Research Award, for "U.S. Marines in China". Vermeil awards were presented to Thomas P. Allen for "Civil War POW Mail from Northern Prisons", and to Regis M. Hoffman for "Allied Forces in East Africa, World War I" at the March Party in Cleveland. At MILCOPEX a gold medal went to Fred Blau, also with the APS Research Award, for "K.U.K. Fieldpost WW I in the Territory of Palestine."

A number of war related exhibits were on display at New York's INTERPEX. A vermeil was received by Jerry Hart for "Aden: Civilian Censored and Military Mail 1939-1967". Hart was also awarded the APS Medal of Excellence for post-1940 material, as well as an AAPE presentation award. Gold medals went to Robert Lana for "Italian Military Mail, WW I Forces Abroad"; Diane Boehret for "The Post of the German Military Mission in Turkey 1914-18"; and Jesse Boehret for "German Prisoner of War Mail: Camps in Japan 1914-20". Jesse also received the APS Medal of Excellence for 1900-1940 material.

John Fluck of Fullerton, CA, received the David Howell Memorial Award from the Bear Flag Post of the War Cover Club for his exhibit, "World War I P.O.W. Mail: Austrians in Russia" at WESTPEX. John's exhibit was also awarded a vermeil by WESTPEX judges.

BOOK REVIEW

Historia Postal de la Tripulacion del Acorazado ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE. By Andres J. Schlichter and Julio R. Spinetto. Published 1989 by Histpost Ediciones, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Softcover, 68-pages + numerous photo plates. Price $15 (US) + postage from Dr. Julio R. Spinetto, Jose Juan Biedma 720, 1405-Buenos Aires, Argentina.

This book presents a study of the postal history of the German cruiser Admiral Graf Spee from December 1939 to June 1946. The Battle of Rio de la Plata between the German cruiser and the three British cruisers Ajax, Exeter and Achilles ended with the sinking of the German ship in December 1939 near Montevideo, Uruguay. Almost all of the crew of the Graf Spee were rescued -- 1,055 men -- and were interned in Argentina throughout the remainder of the war. In February 1946 the German sailors were repatriated by way of a British ship to a transit prison camp at Munsterlager. They spent six weeks there and were then released. All throughout their internment in Argentina, the crew of the Graf Spee sent and received mail, and this richly illustrated book examines the different types of mail involved in these exchanges.

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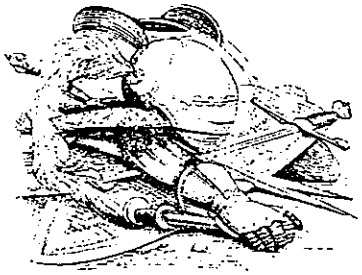

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