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## BRITISH ARMY AND NAVY POSTAL MARKINGS, WORLD WAR II

(See illustrations on separate pages)

This issue is devoted to the postal markings found on the mail of the British Army and Navy during the recent war. The postal markings of the Royal Air Force will be presented at a later date. We give a fairly comprehensive survey of the kinds and types of markings used, without making any pretense at completeness. For the Army, we list most types of postmarks and censor marks, but the "directional", official, and other subsidiary markings are so numerous, that we can give only an indication of what this group comprises. It is frankly our hope to interest more collectors in this field by showing them some of its possibilities. For those who already collect British war covers we also offer certain items of miscellaneous information which may interest them.

British Field Post Office numbers are said to go as high as 911. Several specialists are at work on a list of these offices and their locations. It is not yet possible to indicate the really rare numbers, but among them are certainly nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, which were used by the ill-starred expedition to Norway in 1940. Of these 112 was used at Narvik and 115 at Harstadt. No. 307, used for a short time at a small outpost in Iceland, is another scarce one. The double-ring F.P.O. postmark (No. 1) is by far the most common. It had been in use for some years before the war started and was used throughout the war. The other postmarks were restricted to relatively few post offices, some of them to one. The type shown as No. 2 was used in Egypt in the early part of the war. It is also found with the letters M.P.O. and B.P.O. in the upper panel. Type No. 3 was used in Malaya before the British were driven out. No. 4 had long use in the Orkneys. Types 6 and 7, used by only a few offices, were first seen in the last months of the war. No. 5 is a recent introduction in the Army of Occupation. Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 are continuous machine cancellations of a type used in the First World War. The last of these is used at the Zone Postal Depot, Hq. B.A.O.R., Herford, Westphalia.

Base Post Offices known to have been used during the war are 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15. It is thought that B.P.O. 7 was opened at Rangoon after the liberation, but this has not been verified. Several types of B.P.O. directional or identification marks came to hand too late to be illustrated.

No. 14 is a temporary postmark used by the Postal Censor Office in Karachi throughout the war. It probably should be classed as a civil marking, though it is found on military mail.

Censor mark No. 20 was used during the first year of the war. There seem to be about three varieties, distinguished by different positions of the crown. No. 21, patterned on a First World War mark, seems to have come into use after Dunkirk. It is found in several sizes and with serified letters. Then No. 26 appeared about D-Day with the army invading France. It was later replaced by No. 29. Types 22, 23, 24 were used in Egypt in the early part of the war. No. 24 was used in Malta. Another triangle, a little larger, was used at Gibraltar and can easily be identified from the letters "GIB." on it. No. 28 was used in Italy and is frequently found on Canadian covers. Types 28 and 31 are believed to have been used in India. No. 30 was used at Singapore before it fell.

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The markings in the upper section of Page 7 (32-46) are "directional" markings and hand stamps used to indicate the office of origin, identify the office through which a letter has passed, and so on. These marks are quite numerous and we merely give a sample here to show the types and varieties that may be found among them.

We come now to the markings used by the British Navy. It appears that when war broke out naval vessels had hurriedly to devise their own censor stamps. Nos. 48-55 are examples of these early provisional censor marks. So far as is known, the Hood was the only ship to use its name in its stamp. After a few months the so-called "tombstone" censor stamp (No. 70) became standard throughout the Navy and remained so until the latter part of the war when it was replaced to some extent by No. 79. No. 77 is a hand stamp found on a censor label. Nos. 68 and 76 were used in Ceylon, and No. 74 at Port Tewfik, Egypt. No. 69 is a Canadian naval censor mark from which the "C" of "H. M. C." has been removed, so as to make a provisional British naval stamp. At Singapore a censor mark was used that is identical with the Army mark No. 30, with "NAVY" replacing the word "ARMY".

The British Navy does not have post offices on board its ships. During the war mail, after being censored on board, was for the most part flown to England, although some of course was sent ashore when ships put into a home port. All this mail was deposited with the civil post office which applied postmarks specially reserved for naval mail. Such marks are illustrated by Nos. 56-63. Of these, Nos. 56 and 58 are the least common. The first (I. S. = Inland Section) is found in black and violet ink. Nos. 57 and 62 were very extensively used, the latter with black or red ink. It is thought that most of these postmarks were used in both London and Edinburg where most naval mail was processed. Covers that passed through the civil post office of other ports usually bear one of the ordinary postmarks used there. In the early months of the war No. 57, which is a machine mark, was used with an ordinary London or Edinburgh machine postmark. Then for security reasons these postmarks were entirely omitted. Later the diamond-shaped "census" mark was used in place of the postmark. No. 59 is often found with the date in the center omitted. No. 60 has been seen only in red and never with the date indicated.

During and after the war the British Navy established fleet mail offices in many parts of the world. A list of these offices and an explanation of the manner in which they functioned may be found in the BULLETINS for November 1945, and March 1946. No. 66 illustrates the type of postmark used by most of these offices. A few of them used oval or rectangular postmarks of individual design. Nos. 67 and 72 were used by the San Francisco office. This office and the one in New York used a number of subsidiary marks.

There are almost certainly a number of P.O.W. and internment camp marks that we have not seen, so that our listing is very incomplete. We do not show numerous varieties of hand-stamped franks used throughout the Empire. No. 80, a design inherited from the First World War, seems to have been used by the central censor office for P.O.W. mail on incoming and transit mail for prisoners. Late in the war it appears to have been replaced by No. 81. No. 82 is probably the commonest type of censor stamp used in England. It is also found without the outer circle. The Isle of Man seems to have been given over largely to internees. At least four internment camps are known to have been located there. Nos. 92 and 97 are franks, not censor marks. The latter also occurs with a frame line. Similar to it is a stamp which reads EAST AFRICA instead of MIDDLE EAST. Censorship of mail of P.O.W.'s in the Middle East was indicated by a multiple-printed label.

The major part of the information on British military and naval markings given above has been supplied by Norman Hill. We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to him.

BRITISH F. P. O'S. IN JAPAN, 1947R.A.F. POST

<u>Inscription in Postmark</u>	<u>Location</u>
R.A.F. Post/Japan/No. 11 Base P. O.	Iwakuni
" " " /No. 320/F.P.O.	"
" " " /No. 321/ "	Miko
R.A.F.P.O./28	Bofu
" " /30	Iwakuni

INDIAN F.P.O.

F.P.O. 56	Iwakuni
" 77	Okayama
" 112	Yonago
" 148	Kure
" 651	Tottori
" 652	Hamada
" 653	Tokyo

NEW ZEALAND F.P.O.

N.Z.A.P.O. 222	Iwakuni
" " 333	"
N.Z.F.P.O. 2	Yamaguchi
" " 3	Chofu
" " 4	Mizuba
" " 5	Kiwa

AUSTRALIAN F.P.O.

AUST. A.P.O. 214	Brit. Com. Sub Area, Tokyo
" " 215	Base P. O., Kure
" " 216	B.C.O.F. Holiday Clubs, Kyoto
" " 241	Hq., B.C.O.F., Eta Jima
" " 512	Det. 34 Bde., Postal Sec., Kaitachi
" " 0130	Brit. Com. Sub Area, Kobe
AUST. F.P.O. 080	Hq., Aust. Inf. Bde., Hire
AUST. U.P.S. 452	B.C.O.F. Press Unit, Osaka
" " 453	130 A.G.H., Eta Jima
" " 495	65 Aust. Inf. Bn., Kukuyama
" " 496	116 Aust. Con. Depot, Miya Jima
" " 497	Hq., Brit. Com. Base, Kure
AUST. Base P. O. No. 8.	Kure Docks

For the information of new members attention is called to the fact that at present this Bulletin appears five or six times a year, depending upon the condition of the Club's treasury. The high cost of printing places this limitation on the Bulletin. Obviously a greater membership will mean more Bulletins, so it will be to the advantage of all to be on the alert for prospects for Club membership. The Secretary will be glad to supply membership application blanks.

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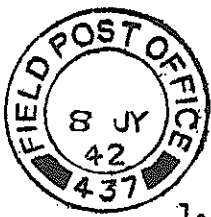
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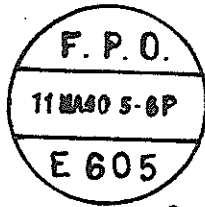
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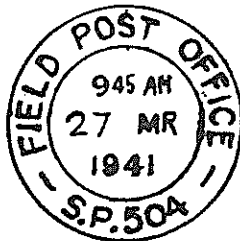
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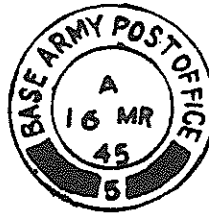
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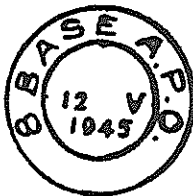
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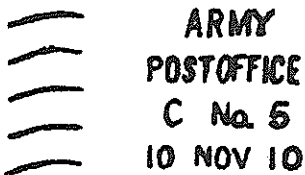
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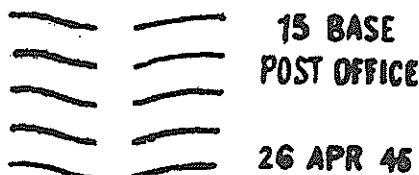
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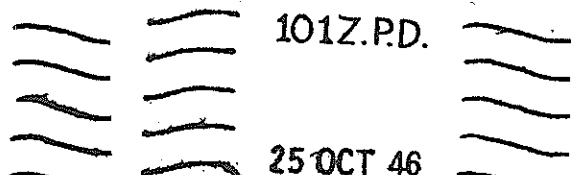
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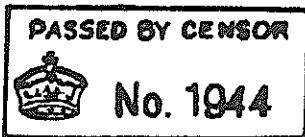
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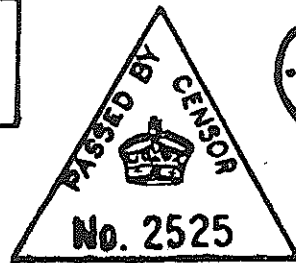
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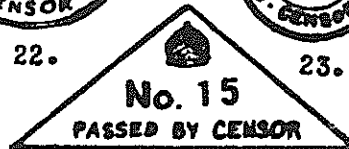
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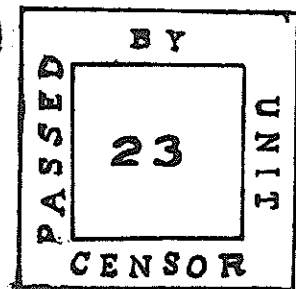
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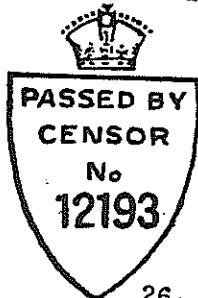
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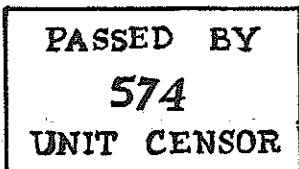
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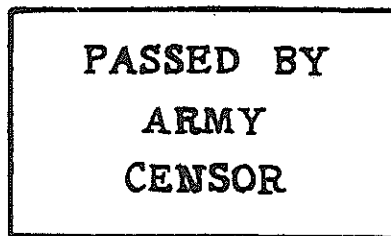
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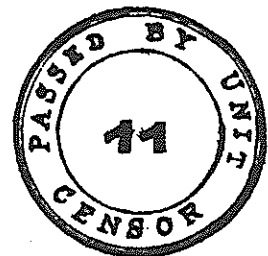
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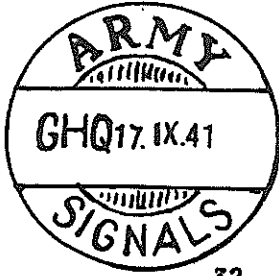


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BRITISH ARMY POSTAL MARKINGS, WORLD WAR II



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LAST LOCATION AT GHQ, D.Z.E.

Date..... Initials.....

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IT IS REGRETTED THAT THIS ITEM COULD NOT BE DELIVERED BECAUSE THE ADDRESSEE IS REPORTED DECEASED.

39.

IT IS REGRETTED THIS ITEM COULD NOT BE DELIVERED AT THE ADDRESS STATED.

40.



41.

LEFT UNIT ADDRESS UNKNOWN

42.

NO TRACE AT R. A. T. D. DATE..... INITIALS.....

43.

BELIEVED RETURNED TO UNITED KINGDOM. PRESENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN. RETURN TO SENDER.

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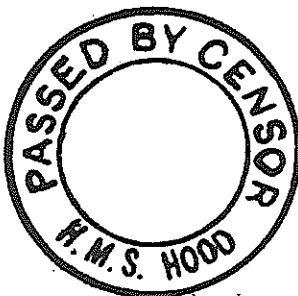
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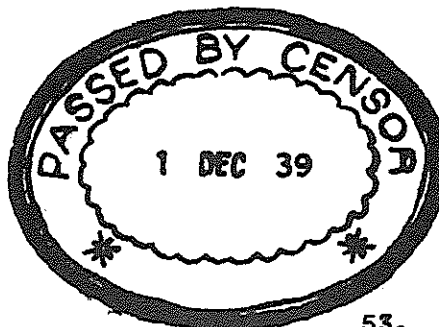
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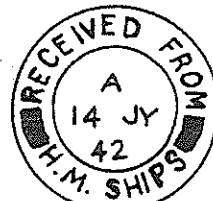
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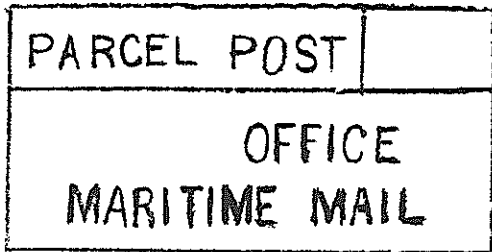


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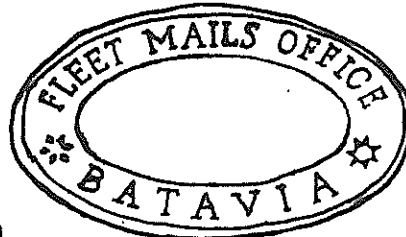


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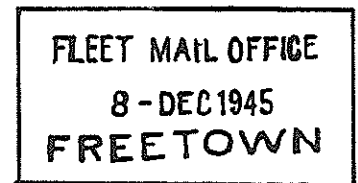
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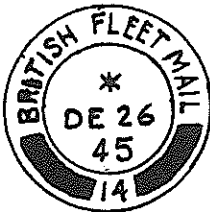
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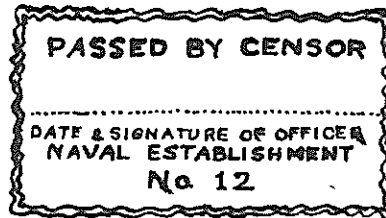
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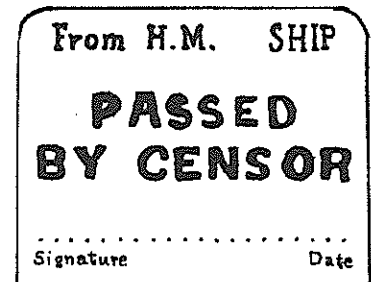
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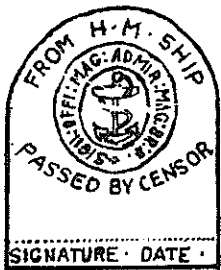
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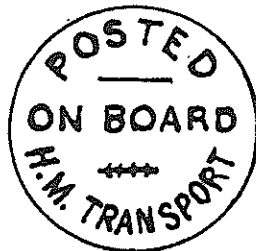
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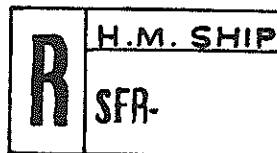
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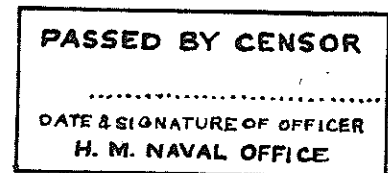
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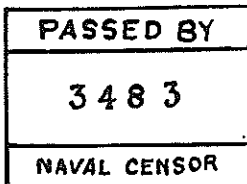
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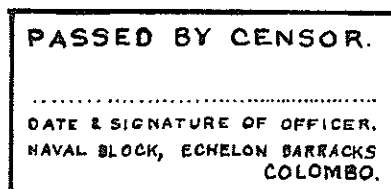
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BRITISH PRISONER OF WAR MARKINGS, WORLD WAR II



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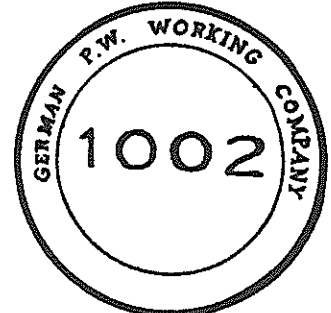
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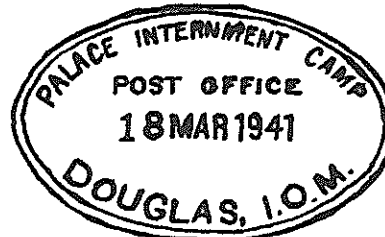
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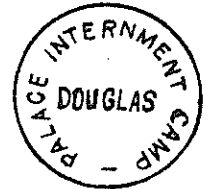
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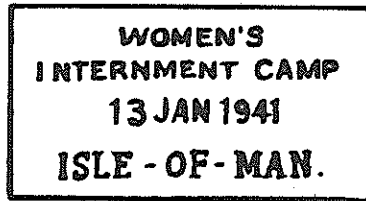
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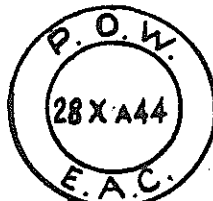
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MOORAGH INTERNMENT CAMP

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Addressee Reported  
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DELIVERED BECAUSE THE  
ADDRESSEE IS REPORTED  
PRISONER OF WAR.

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P/W MIDDLE  
EAST 275

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G.H.Q. No. 1 O.2.E., M.E.F.  
CERTIFIED  
PRISONER OF WAR.

98.

## MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF AUGUST 18, 1947.

- 227- Acker, Geo. J., 652 Belden St., Peekskill, N. Y. (APO, Censored War II)
- 167- Ahman, Bernard L., Jr., 3213 Frisby St., Baltimore 18, Md. (APO, Camp, Naval and Marine Since 12/7/41.)
- 252- Ainsburg, Maurice G., Jr., 38 Seaman Ave., Castleton-on-Hudson, N. Y. (Any Censored)
- 132- Aldrich, Fred W., 515 East Garfield St., Glendale 5, Calif. (Censored covers of War II)
- 36- Artist, Homer G., Adair, Iowa. (A.E.F.)
- 169- Ashwill, Wm. S., 122 McClelland St., Salt Lake City 2, Utah. (Censored)
- 258- Babowicz, Dr. C.S., 1132 Parade St., Erie, Pa. (A.P.O.)
- 90- Baggett, M. R., 1615 No. McDowell St., Charlotte 6, N. C. (All wars)
- 189- Baker, Philip E., 76 Edwin St., Ridgefield Park, N. J. (War I and II APO, Marine and Navals such as Shanghai, Nicaragua, Shore Stations)
- 57- Bartley, D. C., 6035 - 8th Ave., N.E., Seattle 5, Wash. (Naval Cancels)
- 214- Beatty, Wm. S., 232 Hilands Ave., Ben Avon, Pittsburgh 2, Pa. (ALL APOS with Nos. in Cancel)
- 260- Bellard, Ernest H., 1940 Staunton Rd., Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio. (W.W. I and II. Also all types Gen. Foreign)
- 163- Benjamin, Lt. Col. Robt. E., Hq. Eighth U.S. Army F.D., APO 343 PM, San Francisco, Calif. (U.S. Army, Also Navy and Foreign)
- 140- Berman, Leon, 4081 Humphrey Ave., Detroit 4, Mich. (Camp, Fort, Airfield Postmarks all countries)
- 235- Billingsley, Lt. Col. S.G., 3511 Oakwood Place, Riverside, Calif. (A.P.O. I and II)
- 74- Black, Arthur F., 144 Providence Rd., Charlotte 4, N.C. (W.W. I and II)
- 46- Brenner, C.D., 5 Montrose Road, Berkeley 7, Calif. (W.W. II)
- 239- Brock, Dr. Fred C., 600 So. Reese Place, Burbank, Calif. (W.W. II Covers and other War Covers)
- 263- Browne, David B., 466 Fillmore St., Pasadena 5, Calif.
- 102- Burr, David H., 25 N. Main St., Gloversville, N. Y.
- 52- Case, Wm. O., Pleasant Valley, Conn. (World War Covers)
- 211- Cipolli, Wm. J., Tillson, N.Y. (APO, FPO, POW, Naval Wars I and II)
- 200- Cole, A.C., 136 E. Como Ave., Columbus 2, Ohio. (All types war covers)
- 202- Cole, Redmond S., 1312 S. Owasso, Tulsa 5, Okla. (Overseas, campsite Patriotic Covers)
- 259- Copestake, Chas. H., 1023 Park Ave., Schenectady, N. Y. (W.W. II and Censored Covers of Period)
- 91- Cummings, Eugene P., 1106 Glen Drive, San Leandro, Cal. (U.S. All Wars)
- 187- Dermody, Harold, 2317 S. 50th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill. (ALL U.S., POW)
- 172- Dickel, John C., 6711 Souder St., Phila 24, Pa. (All Kinds War Covers)
- 138- Faulstich, Fred, 190 West Burnside Ave., Bronx 53, N. Y. (US All)
- 230- Felter, John C., 3851 Albemarle Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa. (Borderless Air-Mails, Service Patriotics)
- 151- Fusmer, Homer, Wm., Box 183, Canajoharie, N. Y. (All Censored Air Mails)
- 7- Gray, Eva, 166 Irving Ave., Providence 6, R.I. (W.W. I and II)
- 243- Grounds, Chas. H., 1 Columbia Pl., Albany, N. Y. (W.W. II Civilian Censored)
- 63- Hahn, Dave, 4041 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 3- Halpern, Maxwell, 1351 Noble Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y. (A.E.F. Only)
- 201- Hassan, Wm. J., 406 N. Tioga St., Ithaca, N. Y. Civil War Patriotics - Spanish American - World War - U.S.
- 31- Hertzberg, B., 554 Merritt Ave., Oakland 10, Calif.
- 30- Hertzberg, M., 736 Hillgirt Circle, Oakland 10, Calif.
- 222- Hill, Norman, Netherleigh, Old Wortley Road, Rotherham, Yorkshire, England. (British Army & Navy, All Wars, Allied, Pmks in G. Brit.)

- 127- Hourvitz, Clarence, 5916 Douglas St., Pittsburgh 17, Pa. (War II)  
181- Hurdis, Mrs. E. C., 109 Smithfield Rd., No. Providence, R.I. (APO, Naval, Patriotics, Censored- US and Foreign)  
65- Hurlburt, A. K., 1100 Balfour Rd., Detroit 30, Mich. (Free Covers, APO, V-Mail, V-Mail Sheets)  
192- Ivey, R. K., Box 842, Lynchburg, Va.  
246- Jagger, Eugene, 10 Kings Rd., Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Eng. (APOS of All Wars and all Countries, U.S. Items Preferred)  
257- Johnson, Conrad H., 1621 Mission Ave., San Rafael, Cal. (APO NOS)  
249- Johnson, Gordon, F., P.O. Box 768, El Paso, Texas. (W.W. I and II, Civil War Patriotics, Navals, Pows, Etc.)  
106- Jones, Mrs. Stephen, W. 4325 Erie Ave., Madisonville, Cincinnati 27 (Censored W.W. II, U.S.)  
29- Klinger, J. Paul, 31 Hastings Ave., Havertown P.O. Pa.  
210- Langer, Alfred F., 35 Lenox Ave., Glenbrook, Conn. (Overseas Army Covers of War II)  
136- Leach, Floyd S., Noroton, Conn. (U.S. War Covers)  
176- Leighton, Leroy G., 16926 Endora Rd., Cleveland 12, Ohio. (W.W. II)  
217- Lemponen, Carl T., 976 Broad St., Conneaut, Ohio. (Borderles Air Mail and V-Mail War II)  
255- Lichtig, Allen, D., 140 Glynn Court, Detroit 2, Mich.  
253- Litchfield, Lloyd W., 81 Dedham Ave., Needham 92, Mass. (All Wars - All Countries)  
250- Lovell, Edward, 119 East Third St., Charlotte 2, N.C. (War Covers of the Whole World)  
209- Lund, Gustav J., 136 Highland Blvd., Berkeley 8, Calif. (APO, Naval FPO, P of War.)  
23- Mallette, Frank, 907 Birch St., Atlantic, Iowa.  
122- Mangum, Robert, 604 Howard Ave., Burlingame, Calif. (W.W. II, Censored and Military)  
178- Martin, Florence L., 846 -W- Santa Barbara, Los Angeles 37, Calif. (APO and Naval - Censored Foreign)  
137- Martin, Geo. M., 216 S. 28th Ave., Yakima, Wash. (W.W. I & II All Kinds, Censored Especially)  
115- Mathys, Della, 608 Belmont Rd., Grand Forks, N. Dak. (W.W. II)  
254- Meyer, Adolf, G., 4017 Doris Ave., Detroit 4, Mich.  
208- Meylan, Gustave, J., 18 Woodruff St., Cortland, N. Y. (APO, W.W. II and Patriotics)  
81- Mikucki, Chester J., 1844 N. Winchester St., Chicago 22, Ill. (Occupied Poland W.W. I and II)  
216- Miller, Paul J., 48 West 6th St., Pottstown, Pa. (All War Covers)  
185- Mitchell, Miss Myrtle, 500 So. Market St., Winimac, Ind. (APO War II)  
6- Montgomery, Wm. H., 30 Pine St., NYC 5. (AEEF and Stat. R of War)  
56- Morgan, Ian C., 1455 Union Ave., Montreal 2, Canada. (Bermuda, Canada, British Covers)  
218- Motz, A.W., 1231 Grotto St., Pittsburg 6, Pa. (U.S.-Fields, Camps, Bases, APOS, FPOS, Foreign)  
248- Mundy, James R., 1021-B Tacoma Rd., Erie, Pa. (APO of W.W. II)  
207- Musser, Dwight L., 1301 Payne Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. (War Cachets - U.S. Censored)  
212- Muzzy, Ernest J., 142 Prospect St., Jamestown, N. Y. (Patriotics and All of War II)  
229- McFarlan, Wm. M., 356 East Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, Pa.  
261- Nixon, Larry, 42 W. 56th St., N.Y.C. 19 (A.P.O.S)  
190- Ott, F.F., Rosenbaum Co. 6th, Liberty & Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.  
58- Pellerin, Chas., 49 Bradley St., Lewiston, Maine. (W.W. I and II)

- 251- Pelletier, Irving, 111 Allds St., Nashua, N.H., (APOS W.W. II)  
 110- Perkins, J. M., 5-05 - 125 St., College Point, N.Y. (War I & II)  
 25- Perry, A. E., 314 State St., Albany 6, N. Y. (AIF-War I - APO, FPO W II)  
 165- Powers, Simon P. 229 Bon View, R 3, Ontario, Calif. (APOS)  
 156- Puls, E. E., 156 E. Frank St., Birmingham, Mich. (APOS with No.)  
 225- Rankin, Hershel, E., 927 N. Highland St., Memphis 12, Tenn. (APO, Camps, Navy,  
 Historical Dated, B.A.M., V-Mail)  
 37- Rauch, O., 186 Adams St., Delmar, N. Y. (AEF W.I - APOS War II)  
 233- Ray, Frank, 1400 Bryan St., Old Hickory, Tenn. (APOS & Censored)  
 168- Risser, Jonas E., P.O. Box 352, Lancaster, Pa.  
 236- Roberts, Earl R., 2308 Roosevelt Ave., Indianapolis 1, Ind. (APO, Censored,  
 Post-war Inflation of War II Only)  
 2- Robinson, H. K., 315 Mulry Lane, Lawrence, N. Y. (W.W., U.S.)  
 186- Rosell, Frank W., 291 Myrtle Ave., Albany 2, N. Y. (APO W.W. II)  
 224- Ryan, Francis W., 649 - 9th Ave., N.Y.C. 19 (APOS W.W. II)  
 32- Sanford, Hennen M., 17473 Norton Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio. (General W.W. I and II)  
 203- Shellhamer, Robt. H., 910 Clark Bldg., Pittsburg 22, Pa. (W.W. II - APOS, Naval  
 Censored, Censored Civilian or Commercial Covers)  
 262- Shull, Lt. Col. Lewis F., 1504 Roosevelt Ave., Tyler Park, Falls Church, Va.  
 (A.P.O.'s)  
 114- Sickel, Arthur M., 317 Delaware St., Leavenworth, Kans. (W.W. II)  
 237- Simard, A. G., Garneau Jct., 127, P.Q. Canada.  
 145- Smith, K. H., 3925 Murial Ave., Cleveland 9, Ohio. (Military Armed Forces)  
 179- Storm, Harry O., 104 No. Washington St., Clay City, Ind. (APO W.W. II)  
 72- Stringham, Orville, L., 1403 Chenango St., R.D. 3, Binghamton, N. Y.  
 (All Censored)  
 264- Strouse, Earl H., 550 Willow St., Pottstown, Pa. U.S. Government Penalty  
 Envelopes, Penalty Cards, Penalty Labels.  
 223- Titus, Wm. E., 384 New York Ave., Huntington, N. Y. (APO and Official World  
 War II)  
 234- Thomas, Jesse B., 31 North St., Georgetown, Mass.  
 256- Treichler, Warren H., Route 1, Box 57, Fogelsville, Pa. (Censored, Maritime,  
 APO and Navals)  
 41- Tripp, Almon J., 16533 Mendota Ave., Detroit 21, Mich. (W.W. II)  
 171- Tuttle, Lowell H., 9424 Longwood Drive, Chicago 20, Ill.  
 180- Uhrig, Carl S., 46 Henry Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. (Censored W.W. II)  
 228- Vacura, Capt. H. J., Jackson, Minn. (APOS)  
 241- Van Sickle, T. Earl, Jr., Super-Exchange, Cranford, N. J. (V-Mail, British  
 Airgraph)  
 199- Ward, C. C., 539 N. Winter St., Salem, Ore.  
 220- Wettach, Geo. H., 243 North 19th St., East Orange, N. J., (W.W. II)  
 242- Wheat, J. C., 2222 Carroll Park, Bay City, Mich. (Censor Markings-All Wars)  
 247- Willinger, Isadore, 314 E. 163 St., Bronx 56, N. Y. (APOS)  
 213- Willson, Thomas E., 20 Union Sq., N.Y.C. 3. (APO, CAMPS, Navals)  
 135- Woodbury, Bruce E., P.O. Box 1294, Wilmington, N.C. (APO Overs)  
 231- Woodward, J.D., Box 6, Clifton Heights, Pa. (APOS and Navals)  
 83- Zimmerman, Geo. J., 986 So. 50th St., Omaha 6, Nebr.

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