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Flight of Ideas

As a result of lots of publicity in the stamp magazines, of the War Cover Club auction sale, about 200 collectors sent in requests for a copy of the bulletin which contained the auction. Our group gained 13 new members, which is almost a record for the club. The energetic, hard-working Thomas McGrath did all this, alone and surely deserves a vote of thanks. We have planned other sales for the future and emphasis will be placed on good quality material.

26th American Philatelic Congress book has some good war articles; "Canadian Exped. Forces in Siberia 1918-19", "P.O.W. Frans of Canada", "Berlin Postal History 1945-60". Write to Mrs. Conway Zirkle, Sec. 2307 Secane Rd. Secane, Pa. for list of 15 articles in book. Several earlier Congress Books are still available.

U.S.A.P.O.'s in France (1960) 10, 11, 17, 21, 44, 55, 58, 62, 83, 84, 87, 110, 115, 119, 122, 163, 203, 204, 211, 213, 215, 216, 217, 219, 230, 247, 253, 255, 256, 258, 259, 287, 288, 322, 325. (F.P.H.S. #43).

U.S.A.P.O.'s in Alaska as of Jan. 28, 1960 (supplied by the Adj. Gen's Office to the Forces Postal History Society) 345, 346, 347, 348, 350, 701, 706, 714, 715, 716, 723, 728, 731, 732, 733, 735, 736, 937, 942, 949, 987.

I have been led to believe that we (WCC) couldn't publish recent info on AFO locations. Apparently FPHS not only publishes it but gets it given to it by Adj. Gen's Office. Why can't we go ahead and bring our AFO location book up to date? Send all location info to Kevin P. Rogan, Editor, 65 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

USAPO 153 is at Phnom, Cambodia. USAPO 633 uses a Pitney Powes Meter No. 369748.

Some more info on the WW-I "Gott strafe England" marking reported in a previous bulletin; Dick Major wrote that he has two Austrian Navy covers from 1915. The one from the destroyer "Dinara" has a red oval label over the flags with "Gott strafe / England" in black on it. The card from SMS "Arpad" (a battleship) has a violet hand-stamp "Gott strafe d. treulose / erpresserische Italien." (God punish faithless and extortionary Italy). The reverse of the card is a mock death notice for the former ally, Italy which lists Austria-Hungary, Germany and Turkey as the "delivered ones" and gives Krupp and Skoda as undertakers.

Bill Cipolli sent in another list of Ampersad's: Hand Cancels:- 12, 17, 21, 35, 36, 57, 58, 71, 75, 82, 83, 85, 94, 99, 114, 143, 153, 162, 230, 239, 254, 271, 283, 301, 331, 336, 377, 459, 503-1, 676, 677, 755, 757, 900, 958-1, 970, 971. Machine Cancels:- 7, 23, 24, (2 types), 34, 59, 63, 74, 81, 111, 168, 286, 301, 343, 677, 851, 925, 970. Vetereed Cancel:- 132.

"Israel Philatelist" in improved format. Get sample copies from N. Gittler, 1350 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 33, N.Y. Current issue has article on "Emergency Stamps of the Interim Period".

Wanted to Buy or Exchange

Civil War Naval Covers Naval Postmarks, 1908-1922
Capt. H.F. Rommell, U.S.N.
U.S.S. Amphion (AR-13) c/o F.F.O., New York, N.Y.

WANTED - Genuinely used R.F. covers (with overprinted U.S. airmail stamps) and covers of French Naval Forces addressed to U.S. in WW II.
Dr. Jerome Beller, 6927 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond 25, Va.

Additional Congo War Cover News
By Betty V. Miller

Since the last Congo news I sent you which appeared in the last bulletin, I have obtained further news of all the U.N. contingents on duty there and have also received many additional covers and here is the information on them:

SWEDEN - I have four covers from this contingent, all different and all from the same correspondent. No. 1. UNEF airletter with Swedish stamps and the SVENSKA BATTALJONEN CONGO cancellation. No. 2. UNEF airletter with Rhodesian Federation stamps and cancelled KAWAMBA NORTHERN RHODESIA. No. 3. Postal card with the CONGO overprint, and postmarked ELIZABETHVILLE. No. 4. UNEF airletter franked with Belgium Congo stamps overprinted KATANGA, and also cancelled at ELIZABETHVILLE.

MOROCCO - Cover with Belgium Congo stamps (no overprint) cancelled at Leopoldville.

IRISH - No. 1 Cover with CONGO overprinted stamps, and 32nd Inf. Batt. cachet. No. 2. Irish airletter with CONGO overprinted stamps postmarked GOMA. No. 3. Cover with RUANDA-URUNDI stamps and postmarked KISEM. No. 4. Airletter (Irish) no stamps postmarked BAILE ATHA CLIATH - OFFICIAL PAID, this is a DUBLIN cancellation.

CANADA - No. 1. Forces airletter with Congo Independence stamps cancelled at LEOPOLDVILLE. No. 2. Cover with Congo overprints cancelled at ELIZABETHVILLE. No. 3. Forces airletter with cancellation similar to that used by the UNEF, reads ORGANIZATION DES NATIONS UNIES AU CONGO, with the date across the center, this cover is addressed to the USA, and of course carries no stamps. No. 4. Cover to the USA franked with Canadian stamps and postmarked C.A.P.O. 5046.

PAKISTAN - Cover with CONGO Independence stamps, postmarked Leopoldville.

ETHIOPIA - Cover with CONGO overprints cancelled at Leopoldville.

LIBERIAN Cover is unstamped and is postmarked LULUABOURG.

NORWEGIAN (Air Force) UNEF airletter with both CONGO overprints and Independence stamps cancelled at Leopoldville.

UNTSO Military Observers.

NEW ZEALAND - No. 1. Belgium Congo airletter with the CONGO overprint, postmarked at LEOPOLDVILLE. No. 2. UNEF airletter with CONGO Independence stamps cancelled at Leopoldville.

BURMA - Cover franked with both CONGO and KATANGA overprints, and postmarked ELIZABETHVILLE.

I also have a cover from the Commander of the KATANGA army. I sent a self addressed envelope, and wrote the return address "Commanding Officer, Katanga Provincial Army, Katanga Province, Congo." When the cover was returned to me the words "Provincial, Province and Congo" had been deleted and I was informed that Katanga was an independent State. This cover was franked with the KATANGA overprints and has a cachet which reads "Forces KATANGAISES GENDARMERIE" and across the center "ETAT-MAJOR".

Here is a list of all of the Countries which have troops with the O.N.U.C.:
Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Ireland, Liberia, Mali Federation, Morocco, Sudan, Sweden, (although I believe most of this Battalion has been withdrawn), Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Canada (57 Canadian Signal Sqdn), India (Supply Platoon, Military Police, and Air Dispatch Team), Denmark, (Maintenance Unit), Norway (Maintenance Unit), Pakistan (Ordinance comp.), Indonesia, Federation of Malaya, and I believe also a contingent from Nigeria, and a Hygiene Team from Netherlands. (con. p. 271)

Airforce personnel from Argentina, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Norway, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

UNTSO Military Observers from Canada, Italy, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden.

The Irish contingent expects to be in the Congo for six months, their tour of duty should expire on January 6, 1961. This contingent left Ireland on the 26th, 27th and 28th of July 1960. They were flown to the Congo by the U.S. 322 Division in C130 aircraft.

The Pakistan contingent consisting of 6 officers, 15 junior officers and 219 other other ranks of the Pakistan army ordnance corps, left Karachi on 31 August 1960 in 5 C130 aircraft (U.S.A.) and arrived in the Congo the same day, stopping only at Aden to refuel.

From member Walter Bjork I have the following Congo news:

In the early part of July 1960 I wrote to approximately 12 persons or units requesting autographs and cachets (if available). I have received five replies, of which I list as follows:

a. A letter from Major General H.T. Alexander, on his personal stationery printed as follows: "From Major General H.T. Alexander, DSO, OBE, Chief of Defense Staff, Accra 7621, Ministry of Defence Giffard Camp, Accra" dated 30 July 1960. The envelope has Ghana stamps cancelled "Accra 3 AU 60 GHANA".

b. A letter from Ralph Bunche, Special Representative of the Secretary-General from Leopoldville, dated 2nd August 1960, on United Nations stationery. Belgian Congo stamps overprinted "Congo" cancelled "Leopoldville -4-8-60".

c. A letter from Lt. Col. Mortimer Joseph Buckley, O/C 32nd Infantry Battalion, (Irish)Goma, Kivu, dated 9/8/60. At this time he states that they don't have a cachet. Belgian Congo stamps overprinted "Congo" cancelled "Leopoldville -11-8-60".

d. An air letter from Major A.A. Crabbe, U.N. Forces, 2nd Batt. Ghana Regt., Ghana Forces Post Office 2, Leopoldville, Congo. He dates this air letter 13.8.60 - Officers Mess -. He states that he hadn't realized that they don't have any stamps at all and will send this air letter to his wife in Ghana to have stamps applied and forwarded to me. He was also kind enough to apply a double-line oval cachet "2ndBn. Ghana Regt. of Infantry 16 AUG 1960 BY. ORDERLY ROOM", the date is in the center. Mrs. Crabbe applied a Ghana stamp, however, it wasn't cancelled. The air letter has a double circle cancel on the back rather blurred "F.P.O. No. 1 franked Ghana 24 AU 1960".

e. A letter from Rajeshwar Dayal, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on "United Nations Organization in the Congo" printed stationery from Leopoldville dated September 22, 1960. This letter came via United Nations pouch to the United Nations, in New York where a U.N. 4¢ stamp was affixed and cancelled on Sept. 27, 1960.

I know that I would have received more replies if I had enclosed an international reply coupon which I hadn't realized at the time. I have written 13 letters with international reply coupons enclosed and hope to have additional listings in our next War Cover issue.

Books for Sale

Foreign Mud - Being an account of the opium embroglio at Canton in the 1830's and the Anglo-Chinese War that followed. By M. Collins - 305 pages. Illus. with famous paintings of the far east. After the war the City of Hong Kong was est. Very fascinating book Pub. at \$5.00, my price \$3.50 -Write for other books-magazines on far east. W.Rozmin, 1452 W. 103 St. Chicago 43, Ill.

Secretary's Report

The reports are coming in from many members of success in receiving Congo covers they sent away for. Gale Raymond reports as follows: Re. UN Forces in Congo, today I received a cover from Leopoldville, Congo, from a Canadian. Cover bears Canadian stamps neatly postmarked with small die steel datestamp of C.A.P.O. 50¹/₆, dated 24/60. My favorite so far is a cover from an officer in Irish Unit, with oval HEAD-QUARTERS 33RD INF. BN. 26 SEPT 1960 cachet at left front, with "Katanga" 10-Franc (highest value) postmarked "Albertville-1", of same date. Genuine Katanga covers of any kind are quite scarce, as the overprinted stamps sold out immediately and ordinary Belgian Congo have used since.

Dick Major writes that he has a cover from the Irish Battalion in the Congo and that this cover has a free privilege. He also enclosed a clipping from an Irish newspaper which gives the whole story of the Irish Battalion being the first to use the free Frank. Return address on this cover is "B Company, 32nd Battalion, ONUC (UNO Congo in French). Postal Box Leo (Leopoldville), GPO Dublin". He has another similar one on Irish Air-Mail stationery with Albertville postmark on 5 Franc "Congo" overprint on Belgian Congo stamp.

Several weeks ago, on a Saturday, Walter Bjork and I. Willinger visited Rev. H.K. Robinson in his Patchogue, L.I. home and enjoyed looking through the many albums of WW-I and WW-II which included some very rare A.E.F. covers as well as North Russia, Siberia and Navals in the Reverend's collection. Rev. Robinson is planning to retire next year and will move to his Sheffield, Mass. home where he plans to become more active with cover collecting. He also expects to engage in more activity in our club.

Getting back to Dick Major, he saw the write-up about "Gott strafe England" in a previous bulletin, and writes that he has two Austrian Navy covers from 1915. The one from the destroyer "Dinara" has a red oval label over the flags with "Gott Straf/England" in black on it. The card from SMS "Arpad" (a battleship) has a violet hand-stamp "Gott Strafe d. treulose/ erpresserische Italien". (God punish faithless and extortionary Italy). The reverse of the card is a mock death notice for the former ally, Italy which lists Austria-Hungary, Germany and Turkey as the "delivered ones" and gives Krupp and Skoda as undertakers.

The W.C.C. meeting at the Collectors Club was a very pleasing and interesting one. There were about 20 members present on Saturday, November 19th at the meeting and the feature was the main speaker, Paul Klinger of Havertown, Pa, who showed a fabulous collection of covers which have Generals' autographs in the return address of each cover. Included was one album which contained 13 covers mailed from Japanese Prisoner of War camps by the Generals who were captured at Corregodor. Sol Whitman, President of our group presided at a short business meeting and amongst other things suggested that Kevin Rogan and Isadore Willinger be made Honorary-Life members. The members present voted in favor of the motion made to Whitman's suggestion. Irving Keiser, a new member, traveled from Honolulu, Hawaii to attend our meeting as well as the ASDA show. A vote of thanks is due member Albert Higgins for making arrangements so that our group can hold these meetings at the Collectors Club.

Our new member H.L. Lewis who collects Cuban Postal Markings and U.S. Military Stations during Spanish-American War period would like to correspond with other members who collect the same items, for the purpose of exchanging information. His address is 1135 S.W. 12th St., Miami 36, Fla.

Mr. Lewis in his letter mentioned that, in the Collectors Club Philatelist for January, 1937, there is a 20 page article by George S. Hill, on the Cuban Military Stations, and he evidently did a great deal of research in the POD archives at Washington before he wrote it. However it does not deal very much with the postmarks but rather with the establishing and administration of the postal stations, the difficulties involved, the number and kind of stamps used, dates of opening and closing of offices, etc.

The first one was established June 23, 1898, and the last ones in January 1899. The peace treaty was signed on Dec. 10, 1898, and the Americans took over from the Spaniards Jan. 1, 1899. On that date a civil postal system for the entire island was set up, embracing substantially the same postoffices as the Spaniards had oper-

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Deutsche Dienstposten (German Service Post Offices)
George Hammerschmidt

With the German occupation of the various European States in World War II, a civil administration for occupied territories was in most cases instituted. This Civil administration created a need for a postal service capable of handling the requirements of the civilian employees and civil servants within this administration and Nazi party Offices.

German Military Forces utilized Field-Post units and these were unable to offer their facilities to the use of the civil administration because of their strained duties.

The regular postal services in the occupied territories were either disrupted or closed by military operations or were operating on a very limited scale or were being reorganized. There was an official hesitancy to entrust military service mail and mail from the German Civil Administration in the Occupied area to non-Germans because of possible sabotage.

Accordingly, immediately after occupying any enemy territory, the "Deutsche Dienstposten" was set up and it would be found in most conquered lands. The leading positions in these Service Post Offices were staffed by Postal Civil servants ordered to duty directly from Germany. Lesser administrative and clerical positions were usually filled by local personnel who underwent a thorough screening to assure their reliability.

The Dienstpost was to maintain postal service for the Civil Administration, their personnel and agencies; Nazi Party Officers; traffic to and from Germany, and with the Military occupation, these services were also utilized by those agencies engaged in the construction of the Westwall and Eastern defenses. Among these were the organizations Todt and Speer; Construction firms with government contracts. Official Branch Offices; and Labor Recruiting Services.

The following Dienstposten were established:

(1) Deutsche Dienstpost Osten (East) This service originally incorporated all territory occupied by German Forces during the Polish campaign, including those lands which had been German prior to 1918 such as Upper Silesia, Danzig, East Prussia, Posen, and after the incorporation of Danzig, West Prussia and German and Polish Upper Silesia into the Greater German Reich, the service Post was replaced by the German Reichpost in the winter of 1940.

(2) Deutsche Dienstpost General-Gouvernement. This agency developed out of the Dienstpost Osten after the establishment of the General-gouvernement on 5 November, 1939 and incorporated the existing Postal Service of former Polish Territory with the exception of that area directly absorbed by the Greater German Reich. This Dienstpost maintained service throughout the Polish occupation.

(3) Deutsche Dienstpost Norway. This service was established after the occupation of Norway with a Civilian Commissioner appointed with headquarters in Oslo. It was chiefly responsible for Postal Service of the Reichkommissar and his offices in various harbor towns. It operated up to the capitulation.

(4-6) Deutsche Dienstpost Elsass, Lothringen and Luxemburg. These offices were established after the occupation of these Western Lands in the summer and fall of 1940. In 1941 most service Post Offices were incorporated into the Greater Reich Postal Service.

(7) Deutsche Dienstpost Niederlands. Established in 1940 to serve the Reichkommissar and his offices, it was used by numerous firms engaged in defense building, armaments, etc. and was maintained until capitulation or withdrawal by German forces from that area.

(8) Deutsche Dienstpost Ostland. With the occupation of Russian territory in August 1941, this service was maintained until the occupation ended. Several offices in the Kurland continued to operate until the actual surrender.

(9) Deutsche Dienstpost Ukraine. Established in the fall of 1941 and remained until the withdrawal in 1944.

(10) Deutsche Dienstpost Bialystock. Grodno District was serviced from October to November 1941 by the Service Post Office "Garten" of the Dienstpost Osten. Bialystock was incorporated into the Province of East Prussia and the Reichpost assumed responsibility for postal matters including the district of Grodno.

(11) Deutsche Dienstpost Galicien. Established in the fall of 1941 in Galicia, east of the San River. Incorporated into the General-Gouvernement in 1942, postal services were maintained by that agency.

(12) Deutsche Dienstpost Adria. Postal service for the Adriatic coastal line of Fiume and Trieste as far as Udine and including the Provinces of Iaibach and Friaul.

(13) Deutsche Dienstpost Alpenvorland. Created in November 1943 after the surrender of Italy and servicing the Tyrol and Trantino. After this surrender, Italy was considered administratively as an occupied country. Offices were established for economic and labor exploitation. The existing Italian postal system was considered unreliable for service mail. The Italian Post Office remained active until war's end.

(14) Deutsche Dienstpost Poesmen and Poeshren. With the protectorate administration in 1939, this service was maintained until the end of the war serving numerous official offices; several army installations; and logistical support units.

(15) Deutsche Dienstpost Sued Steiermark, Sued-Kaernten and Krain. Established in the summer of 1941 after the German occupation of Yugoslavia, it was operating in that part of the country which was later incorporated into the German Reich. The Reichpost took over postal services later.

In France, Belgium, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Roumania, Bulgaria and Albania, no Service Post Offices were established. The Mail Facilities of the Field Post or the respective Air Command Post Offices were used to transmit and distribute official mail. Most of these countries maintained pacts with Germany prior to 1939 or later allied themselves with Germany and accordingly it was politically impossible to establish Service Post Offices on friendly soil. With the Netherlands and Norway, Reichkommissars were appointed and Dienstposts established.

Major Herman L. Halle has written a very complete record of these Deutsche Dienstposten for the German Postal Specialist of June, 1951.

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ated. This civil postal service continued under American control until May 20, 1902 when the Americans stepped out and Cuba became a republic. Will calls this period from Jan. 1, 1899 to May 20, 1902 the Cubamer period and that is a good name to distinguish it and save a lot of explanation whenever it is desired to refer to it. All of the Military postal stations were merged with the respective civil post-offices by March, although the postmarks continued to be used for a while later, and I have one dated as late as September. Your Matanzas postmark at top left on your sheet of sketches is a Cubamer postmark. I have more than 100 different Cubamer postmarks on pieces of cover. But I am not sure they should be considered war postmarks. What do you think? I would like the opinion of other members who collect these items.

The Officers of The War Cover Club wish to extend
Happy Season's Greetings to all of its members.

New Members

- Member No. 438.- David M. Dodd, 228 Grant St., Washington, Pa.
Collects Naval & Maritime covers, War Covers, APO, FDC & Cacheted Covers.
- Member No. 439 - Henry F. Kahn, 7812 Roanoke St., Philadelphia 18, Pa.
P.W. Covers, Concentration Camp Covers, Soldier Letters, etc.
- Member No. 440 - Herbert Bernstein, 315 Landis Ave., Vineland, N. J.
British FPO in Danish Faroe Islands, Canary Is. Provisional AM, 1936-38.
- Member No. 441 - Joseph J. Gabry, P.O. Box 576, Albuquerque, New Mexico
General collector of all types of Military covers.
- Member No. 442 - Irving Keiser, 3783 Pukalani Place, Honolulu 16, Hawaii
Topical subjects: "Insects", Navy ships, "Hornet, Wasp Sphinx, "Mosquito Fleet, "Mothball Fleet, Seabees, Any cachet with insect flavor, Order of Cooties. Also Lincoln- Cachets, Birthday cachets or War mail with Feb. 12 Postmark.
- Member No. 443 - Major Edward W. Gordon, Jr. 7523 Lawrence Rd., Baltimore 22, Md.
Anglo-Boer War and Associated Material.
- Member No. 444 - Edward E. Crowell, 3604 Shenandoah St., Dallas 5, Texas
General War Covers; also U.S., Confederate, Philippines, Japan stamps.
- Member No. 445 - Donald O. Schulyz, 1225 E. Marquette St., Appleton, Wisconsin
All U.S. Historical covers and War Covers.
- Member No. 446 - Scott Nixon, SFC Bldg., Augusta 5, Georgia
Civil War, Spanish American, World Wars I and II.
- Member No. 447 - H. L. Lewis, 1135 S.W. 12th St., Miami 36, Fla.
Cuban postal markings, especially those of U.S. Military Stations during the Spanish-American War, 1898-99.
- Member No. 448 - Myron N. Roth, 828 Bronx River Road, Bronxville 8, N. Y.
FDC, Maritime markings, Special Events.
- Member No. 449 - Ken Pierce, 870 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo 9, N. Y.
Egypt, incl all related material, censored, Foreign used in Egypt, etc.
- Member No. 450 - Wallace R. Postwick, H.D., Main St., Blairstown, N. J.
Great Britain, 1743-1921 inclusive.
- Member No. 451 - Charles E. Hall, P.O. Box 1396, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
War Covers and Philatelic Errors & Oddities.
- Member No. 452 - Irvin E. Faunce, 8506 Glenville Rd., Takoma Park, Md.
Red Cross Covers only. Will purchase or exchange.
- Member No. 453 - Robert H. Taylor, 27 Roseville Ave., Roseville, New South Wales, Australia. Boer War Covers & War Covers of the Central & Southern Pacific including Australia & New Zealand.
- Member No. 454 - Lawrence E. Madole, 716 Sandra Ave., West Islip, N. Y.
FDC, First Flights, Military Cachets, Military writings, letters, diaries of Service men, etc.
- Member No. 455 - John M. McGarry, 189 Ashuelot St., Dalton, Mass.
Postal History of Ireland & French Guiana.
- Member No. 456 - Charles E. Fisher, 25 52 - 35 St., Long Island City 3, N. Y.
German Naval Covers.

Change of Address

- Member No. 138 - Fred Faulstich, 37 Inwood St., Yonkers, N. Y.
- Member No. 341 - Robert S. Gordon, Box 13135, Phoenix, Arizona
- Member No. 350 - Chester S. Knowlson, 98 Queenlily Road, Levittown, Pa.

Japanese Soldier Mail of Russo-Japanese War, \$1.00 each.		
"	"	" of World War II, 40¢ each.
Philatelic matter translated, send for list, Unusual Japan Material		
Farry Weymer	5243 Pine St.	Phila. 43, Pa.

Wan to Buy

Covers of Anglo-Boer War, Egypt- Postage Prepaid of World War II		
Sudan, British African Colonies, FPO, AFO, Censored, SAF,		
APO-U- MPK of South African Colonies. Prompt Reply assured.		
Walter Bjork	139 80 - 85th Drive	Jamaica 35, N.Y.

The Beginning of Military Aviation
in the United States Air Force

Aviation history, from its inception, one warm windless day in July 1909 unquestionably can be attributed to the inventiveness of the Wright brothers who designed, constructed and ultimately flew the first aircraft. However, of no less importance is the part played by Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois, who accompanied Orville Wright as an observer on that memorable though short flight. Based upon Foulois' report of the satisfactory performance of the plane and compliance with the requirements imposed by the army, the sum of \$25,000 with a \$5000 bonus was paid to the Wright brothers for their plane.

Lt. Foulois was subsequently ordered to learn the technique of flying. Although he had logged but 54 minutes of passenger time with Wilbur Wright before the final flight, and had operated the controls, he had never taken off or landed or had been up alone. Further orders from the War Dept. instructed the Lieutenant to proceed to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Shortly after his arrival he began what may very well be the only correspondence course in Flying. A steady stream of correspondence from Lt. Foulois to Orville Wright made inquiries as to the execution of basic maneuvers, how to avoid basic disasters and most aspects of flying. When Army Airplane No. 1 arrived at Fort Sam Houston, the Lieutenant was ready.

The world's first military airplane had arrived in 17 crates, and when assembled looked like "a collection of bamboo poles attached to a gasoline engine". The craft was a pushed type, having two chain driven propellers located behind the pilot, powered by a four-cylinder engine which under ideal conditions could produce 25 H.P.

Over a period of time Lt. Foulois made many short flights during which he experimented so as to improve the plane's performance and suitability for the Army's use. Eventually No. 1 was replaced by a new Wright Model B airplane, the No. 1 was restored by the Wright brothers and presented to the Smithsonian Museum where it now hangs alongside the Kitty Hawk.

By 1917 when the former Lieutenant arrived in France, he had risen to the rank of Brigadier General. Put in command of the Air Service of Europe by General Pershing, General Foulois with General (Billy) Mitchell utilized the airplane as a combat weapon as opposed to reconnaissance for which it had been used up to that time.

Following the Armistice, Major General Foulois was named Chief of the Army Air Corps in which post he served from 1931 to 1935. Following his retirement the General continued to be active in aviation and still is to this day. At present General Foulois is President of the "Air Force Historical Foundation".

It is to be noted that the foregoing is intended to spotlight three World War I Covers which will be up for sale in our next auction. The covers mailed by General Foulois while in France bear his autograph alongside the censor mark, and should be of interest to every War Cover Collector as well as every Postal History Student.

The above article appeared in the October, 1960 Reader's Digest issue, and Sec. I. Willinger copied certain parts of that story for our bulletin.

Those members who visited the "Interpex" show last year and who also attended our meeting at the show enjoyed it very much. Have just received word that the next Interpex show will be held from March 17 to 19th at the Center Trade Bldg., 44th St. and 8th Ave., N.Y.C. This show will be bigger and better than the previous ones. Would suggest that you make a note on your calendar, of the date and the place.

PRICES REALIZED - NOV. 20 AUCTION

1.	.30	28.	1.20	57.	.25	91.	2.10	122.	.70
2.	1.00	29.	1.60	58.	3.00	92.	3.75	123.	.70
3.	.75	30.	2.10	60.	5.00	93.	5.50	124.	.25
4.	2.00	33.	.25	61.	2.75	94.	3.50	125.	.50
5.	2.50	34.	1.10	62.	.85	95.	.60	126.	1.45
6.	2.60	35.	2.00	63.	.60	96.	5.50	127.	.40
7.	2.10	36.	2.60	64.	.50	97.	1.50	128.	1.60
8.	3.10	37.	1.70	65.	.25	98.	1.50	129.	1.20
9.	10.00	38.	1.40	67.	.40	99.	1.30	130.	3.75
10.	6.00	59.	2.25	68.	.50	104.	2.20	131.	2.25
12.	1.10	40.	3.50	69.	6.00	105.	.85	132.	1.60
13.	.30	41.	1.50	70.	3.00	106.	.50	133.	1.25
14.	1.10	42.	2.60	72.	.80	107.	1.10	134.	1.00
15.	1.00	43.	6.75	73.	.50	108.	3.25	135.	1.45
16.	1.50	45.	4.50	74.	.50	109.	3.50	136.	1.45
17.	1.80	46.	4.25	75.	1.35	110.	.25	137.	2.50
18.	1.75	47.	3.75	76.	3.00	111.	.25	138.	3.25
19.	.70	48.	.70	77.	.70	113.	2.25	139.	3.25
20.	1.20	49.	1.60	78.	1.75	114.	1.60	140.	1.10
21.	.35	50.	1.50	79.	.50	115.	.80	141.	.80
22.	1.10	51.	4.50	82.	.25	116.	1.25	142.	4.75
23.	.80	52.	3.00	83.	.25	117.	.60	143.	2.60
24.	1.00	53.	1.80	84.	1.25	118.	1.00	144.	2.50
25.	1.60	54.	.70	86.	1.60	119.	.60	146.	.50
26.	.50	55.	1.60	89.	1.40	120.	1.25	147.	.60
27.	1.30	56.	1.50	90.	.40	121.	.40	88.	2.50

The November auction resulted in a tremendous response with 51 bidders submitting over 435 bids on the 147 lots in the auction. The bidding generally, was very high and, by far, the most popular and sought after item was the General Stillwell cover (Lot #69). Other very popular items, on which many bids were received, were the Marine covers of all periods, the Tokyo Bay cover (Lot #88), WWI Navals, All POW covers, Japanese covers, Boxer Rebellion items, the Canadian covers, airmail crash covers and Korean items.

No bids were received on Lots 11, 31, 32, 44, 59, 66, 71, 80, 81, 85, 87, 100 - 103, 105 and 112. The auction manager will hold these lots for two weeks in the event that anyone is interested in obtaining any of these items. 25¢ plus postage will take any of these lots except Lots 32, 59 & 80.

Tips to bidders. On a number of lots in the auction, identical bids were received and, under the usual auction rules, the bid received first, has priority. In fact, on several lots in this auction, identical bids were received from 3 and 4 bidders. I am sure that any one of the bidders would have upped his bid slightly to ensure his obtaining the particular lot, but, in all fairness, the first bidder obtained the lot. Therefore, I would suggest bidding a little higher on lots that you particularly want, as all lots are sold at one advance over the next highest bidder. Another interesting note - there were a practically identical lots of German POW covers in the auction (Lots 40 & 41). A large number of bids were received on Lot 40, but very little action occurred on Lot 41, and Lot 41 sold for \$2.00 less than Lot 40. In such a case, it would be wise for bidders to submit a joint bid, that is, a single bid covering both lots and indicating to the auctioneer that the bidder will take either lot, at the lowest price obtainable.

The above report from Thomas McGrath, auction manager, is a very fine report and again I will say (editor) that Mr. McGrath deserves a fine round of applause, for a job well done.

WAR COVER CLUB AUCTION

1. U.S. Civil War. 2 stampless soldier's letters; 1 patriotic, canc'd "Nashville, Tenn." "Due 3"; other uncanc'd but r.a. "T.B. Rodgers, Maj. 14th P.V." "Due 3" f. MB \$2.50
2. U.S. Cover canc'd Marblehead Mass. 1887, with cc "Headquarters 8th Inf.M.V.M." vf.
World War I Covers
3. AEF Cover, mailed by Brig. Gen. B.D. Foulais, Asst. Chief of Air Service, with his signature as censor, Mailed to Mrs. S.A. Foulais, APO 717 cancel.vf MB \$2.00
4. Same as Lot #3, with APO 702 in cancel, Cover ragged at left but f. MB \$2.00
5. Same as Lot #3, but no cancel. APO 702 in r.a.
6. Long cover cancelled U.S. Postal Agency, Siberia, Feb. 5, 1919, Censored MB \$5.00
7. A North Russia Exp. Force cover canc'd Army Post Office, P.B. 1.Jy. 27, 1919 \$5.00
8. USN - US Naval Forces in Europe - Cover canc'd USS Olympia 5/13/18 w/unclear slogan. f.
9. USN - US Naval Forces in Europe - 2 covers w/letters enclosed, indicating mailed from USS New York & USS Concord; 1 canc'd "US Naval Base 9/1/18; other "US Naval Force Europe 9/7/18, Censored" vf.
10. USN - 2 covers - 1 cens. & canc'd 3/24/18, r.a. "USS Florida on Foreign Service"; other cens. & canc'd U.S. Atlantic Patrol Forces 4/28/18. vf.
11. 4 Reg. Covers (lg) mailed from US to Russia and Returned to sender 2 years later, 1919, w/F.O. label stating that service suspended. Censored.
12. 1 Reg. Cover as above, w/out P.O. label, but w/markings in French to same effect.vf
13. 4 Covers w/slogan canc."Food will win the war don't waste it" & 1 Patriotic.p.c.
14. 2 AEF Covers, 1 Flag type 717; other APO 710. f.
15. Canada - 2 sm. neat covers - 1916-7 - Canadian Army Overseas - Canc'd FPO 6W - w/diff. type cens. mkg. and Canadian stamp added and canc. at Vancouver. vf.
16. Canada - 3 pic. p.c. - 1916 - FPO 6X - "Off. Photos of captured German trenches," etc.
17. Canada - 2 sm. Soldier's ltrs. 1 YMCA, both stmp's "Orderly Room 236th O.S. Bn. The N.B. Kilties (Sir Sam's Own)" with added English cancel. vf.
18. Belgium - 12 covers from occupied Belgium, w/German stamps overprinted "Belgien" from 3 to 20 Centimes, varied cancels and interesting markings. vf.
19. 48 German & Hungarian Military, Feldpost & KUK cards & covers; all diff MB \$4.50
World War I Prisoner-Of-War
Cards and Covers
20. 1 sm. vf cover from Germany to POW in Japan, 1915, w?German canc. on face; Large purp. double circle stamp "POW Aonogahara-Japan" w/Jap. cens mkg on face and Russian and Japanese backstamp. Int. and vf. MB \$1.50
21. Same as above, with Jap. camp mkg. in Green; w/out Russian backstamp. MB \$1.50
22. 12 page typewritten history of Jap P.W. camps, w/4 pages of hand drawn illustrations of all Jap. Mkg. in use & explanations, by Capt. Carl W. Ehlerding \$2.00
23. 1 sm. vf cover from "Kochaloe Camp, Isle of Man" to US, canc'd "Post Free POW"
24. 1 printed Italian POW card from Russenlager Rostatt" to Italy, w/German & Italian cens. mkg. & "F.A." and "F.I." markings. vf. 1915.
25. 1 POW Red Cross postcard & attached reply card - from Italian POW in Austrian Mauthausen camp. Triangle Austrian cens. & Italian cens. mkg. vf and unusual.
26. 1 cover from India. Printed on face "POW letter. No stamp required." Also "Passed by Commandant, POWs, Ahmednagar" w/Rombay Cens. mkg. to R.C. in Switzerland. vf.
27. 1 cover from S.W.Africa. Red. Cens. mkg. w/off. mkg. "Commandant POW Camp, Official Free, Protectorate, S.W. Africa". vf.
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28. France. 1 mint Military postal card w/attached reply card & 1 mint postal card, imprinted "Corps Expeditionnaire de Madagascar" vf.
29. Germany. 1 cover w/German stamps canc. "Deutsches Postamt SPA Wattenstillstands-Kommission". Armistice cover, Spa, Belgium. vf
30. U.S. postal card, canc. "US Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, 3/21/16" vf.
31. 1 Postal Card w/imprinted Czechoslovakia stamp & stating on face "This card is issued by the Prague Branch of the American Relief Admin..." Mint and vf.
32. Italian stamp on cover canc. "Battag-Italian Tientsian" 1935. Printed on back is lion and "Battaglione Italiano in China". Unusual and f.

33. 2 Military covers (1923-8) from Macenta, Guinee, & Cotonou, Dahomey addressed to Commanding General of "A.O.F." at Dakar. vf cancels and backstamps.

WORLD WAR II

United States

34. A.M. Cens. Cover addressed to Italy 11/12/41, w/added m.c. "Return to Sender, Service Suspended 7/24/42. vf
35. Same as Lot 34 but add. to Germany w/added hand stamp "This article has been held by the office of censorship" and backstamped 9/12/45. Held for 4 years. vf
36. USN - 4 covers & p.c., incl 1 from USS Marblehead, 4/5/43 w/lge cens. mkg.
37. USN cancel on A.M. cover to N.Y. from New Zealand A.F. w/N.Z.A.F. cens. stamp.
38. 1 APO 740 Cover w/r.a. of 442nd Inf. Reg.-- Famous Wisei Regiment. vf 1.10.46.
39. 1 Cens. Cover 8/24/43 from US addressed to "Mrs. Carl Nydans, Repatriate from Philippine Islands due to depart from Goa on Gripsholm, c/o P.M. N.Y." vf.
40. 1 APO 520 Cover (Tunis) ARC cc, from Red Cross Nurse & 1 APO 38 (Luzon) cover to Med. Theatre, w/added Postal Directory company cancel. vf.
41. V-Mail. 4 Processed Env. & Enclosures (2 w/message clipped off) from New Guinea (3) & Germany: APO's 151, 713, 713-1, 503. vf.
42. 26 Covers - Mixed APO's (9 large) 1944-7; incldg 125, 151, 175, 178, 358, 501, 925, FPO 22, 887, 707. Many revalued air mail envs. included.
43. 1 sm. cover canc'd "Aust Army P.O. 5/8/47 with Australian stamps, overprinted "B.C.O.F. of Japan 1946". Seldom seen. vf.
44. 1 Reg. Cover from France to Italy - 1942 - w/German and Italian Cens. mkg. One end of env. sealed w/German Cens. mkg. Other end Italian. French stamps. f.
45. 1 Cover from Portugal to Rome, w/Portugese stamps; German & Italian cens. mkg. on both ends and crown cens. stamp "Commissione Provincials de Cesura", other mkg. "Prelevata per la censura" etc. Another unusual item.
46. 2 Czechoslovakia Field Post Covers, 1 with beautiful blue cancel on British stamps (large cover); 1 w/red cancel on British & Czeck. stamps. 1944. vf. MB \$1.00

47. USS Mount Olympus "Operation Highjump" Cacheted cover "Anarctic Expedition 1946-7" w/signature of Rear Adm. R. H. Cruzen, Commander Highjump Task Force, in r.a. MB \$1.50
48. Korean War. Cover from French contingent, canc'd "Poste Au Armees, 26-10-53, T.O.E. vf. MB \$1.00
49. USN Air Mail Cover w/m.c. "Seattle, Wash 10/12/51 USN 230 Br." vf.
50. USN Free A.M. Cover, 12367 Br., Unit 5, w/r.a. of 5th Mar. Reg. vf. (pencil add.)
51. USN - Misc. Lot of 12 covers (5 large) incldg 7 Br. Cancels; 2 Guam, etc. f-vf.
52. Great Britain. 1950-1. 4 covers canc'd FPO 174, w/British stamps and rubber stamped return address "2047 Mauritian Guard Company." f.
53. Great Britain. 1954. 9 covers w/British stamps & 1 w/Mauritius stamp, mostly canc'd FPO 256, 1056, (Nairobi) from member of "1st Bn; The Buffs". f.
54. Israel. 1 unused Military air letter sheet with triangle mkg 2922. vf. MB \$1.35

The Auction Manager has also been asked to help dispose of a collection of some 7000 to 8000 World War II different patriotic covers. If anyone is interested, kindly contact him.

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