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Please take notice that Kevin Rogan has found it necessary to relinquish editorship of the War Cover Club Bulletin. Isadore Willinger will temporarily take his place until a new editor from amongst our members can be found.

On page 352 of this bulletin Mr. Rogan's letter explains why he had to step down from that job. However he is still a valued member of our group and will continue to help out as much as he can.

I would like to reminisce on my favorite collecting interest which is "U.S. APO's" of WW-II. From the beginning I have always found the collecting of APO postmarked covers a most interesting and fascinating field. The tremendous possibilities of trying to complete a collection of this kind, the challenge it represents never deterred me one moment, even though it seems impossible to complete.

Before the U.S. entered the war, many collectors started searching for all the different APO postmarked covers that they could get, from friends and relatives who were serving overseas, from dealers stocks, from exchanging with other members, from fellow workers and even from neighbors in their community.

I recall during those early years of the war, corresponding with about fifteen collectors, exchanging APO covers, to try to build up my collection, so that I would have as many different numbered covers as possible.

During this period all the different stamp magazines advertised patriotic covers. There was a demand for these items. The pattern was the same as from previous wars. Patriotic minded people usually are drawn to purchase these covers to use in their correspondence. There were hundreds of different types and designs available.

"Linn's Weekly Stamp News" organized a group called "P-C-E-C" or Patriotic Cover Exchange Club for collectors of War Covers. A yearbook was published with names of several hundred collectors interested in this field. An alphabetical code was used, listing nineteen different categories. Special emphasis was placed on patriotics. The code letter for APO postmarked covers was "N". Exchanging covers with "PCEC" members brought friendships which have lasted up to this day.

During this period no one knew which APO covers were scarce or which could be classed as common. Therefore we took those we were able to acquire and held on to them. Not too much research could be done to obtain locations. Post Office bulletins from Washington gave first day dates of opening and closing of APO's. The War Dept. took a dim view of locations being disclosed in mail sent home from servicemen. Censorship was very strict, therefore "loose talk" was absolutely forbidden.

Obtaining all of the "Lend Lease Bases" covers, mostly first days, was quite simple then. Gimbel's Dept. Store had many thousands of patriotic covers serviced at all of the different bases. They were all "Patriotics" and sold for ten cents each. At one time they were so numerous and common that no one wanted them. Now, you rarely ever see one, except in collections.

Attempting to obtain APO cancelled covers by sending your own to the APO's was a risky thing to do, because the authorities looked with suspicion on any such request, and in many cases these covers were not returned. Towards the end of the war, however, when it looked as if we were winning, covers of this kind were easier to obtain.

Through a brother of mine who was stationed at APO 919, located at Bora Bora, Society Islands, I was able to obtain a quantity of cancelled covers of that APO. I distributed these amongst the members of my exchange group and they were all happy to have them as #919 was a tough one to get at that time.

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Postal Markings under the United States Administration in
Cuba during and following the Spanish-American War

H. L. Lewis - Part II

On January 1, 1899, the American authorities set up an island-wide civilian postal administration, with about 350 postoffices, mostly the same ones that had been in operation under the Spanish colonial authorities prior to the war. In his article in the Collector's Club Philatelist Mr. Hill coins the word "Cubamer" to describe this civilian service, and it seems to be an excellent way of referring to it.

As will be seen from the list of military stations heretofore given, Military Postal Stations Nos. 15 to 39 were not established until after the Cubamer offices became operative. Temporary Military Stations No. 1 (Daiquiri and Siboney) had long since been discontinued, and the other thirty-nine were closed by March 18, 1899, by consolidation with the respective Cubamer offices.

Their postal marking devices continued to be used, however, for varying periods at the respective Cubamer offices, the latest dated military station marking known to me being one from Matanzas dated August 2, 1899. This continued use of the military sta. postmark at the Cubamer postoffice was possibly because the cancelling devices furnished for the Cubamer service by the United States authorities were not ready for use when the Cubamer service was established on January 1, 1899.

Dr. Berreras says in his article that the Cubamer markings were placed in use on July 1, 1899, but I have specimens from various offices dated in May and June, and my good friend and collaborator, Mr. Robert S. Gordon, who has furnished me so much information on these military station cancels, has a record of one dated in April.

The Cubamer service eventually supplied to each of the 350 odd civilian post-offices a despatching mark, a receiving mark, and many other markings, including registry, postage due, money order and miscellaneous markings. Dr. Barreras illustrates many of these.

At first the postage on mail sent out of Cuba by the American forces was paid with the ordinary United States stamps of the period, or the letters were sent without postage, which was collected at destination. When the Cubamer service was established, United States stamps overprinted for use in Cuba were provided, and the use of these stamps was made compulsory on March 24, 1899.

There is apparently no record of when these overprinted stamps were placed in use. Mr. Hill says "Overprinted stamps seem to have been ready for the opening of the civil system on January 1, 1899." The earliest date of use known to me is at Havana on January 11, 1899.

Some colonial stamps of Scott's A-19 type were utilized here and there between the fall of Santiago and the establishment of the Cubamer service. The postage on all mail passing through the military postal stations and the Cubamer postoffices seems to have been paid (where the letter was not sent "collect") at first with regular United States stamps, later by the overprinted United States stamps, and still later (after the military postal stations had been closed and the use of their cancelling devices discontinued) by the Cuban issue of 1899, Scott Nos. 227 to 232.

All of these stamps except 232 were manufactured by the United States Bureau of Engraving & Printing, at Washington. No. 232 was a Bureau issue (Scott No. 229) overprinted with a plate made in Cuba.

The Puerto Principe provisionals were also made in Cuba. Just how necessary they were is open to question, but one thing is sure; for every genuine stamp there are hundreds of fakes, especially of the "errors". When I lived in Cuba some thirty years ago it was common knowledge among collectors there that a Cuban dealer with a downtown store had the original overprinting plate and Puerto Principe postmark

and was turning out the fakes in quantities, finding a ready market for them among the thousands of American tourists who flocked to the island at that time.

An American dealer there who had purchased from Cuban postal officials the remainders of the "baby head" issues of Cuba that had been left in the general postoffice when the Spaniards withdrew in 1899, and who had them in original packages of sheets piled eight feet high on the floor of a back room, told me that the dealer above mentioned used to come to him regularly to buy supplies of the particular stamps that had been used as the base for the genuine Puerto Principe overprints, adding "I know what he's doing with them, of course, but it's none of my business."

The Cubamer service also established many railway postoffices, mostly very short, as at that time there was no railroad the length of the island. There was an extensive network radiating out of Havana and covering the island west of Santa Clara, but east of that point there were only short lines here and there, mostly between a port and an interior town.

The only long RPO was Havana, Batabano & Santiago RPO, which operated over the railroad from Havana to Batabano on the south coast, and thence by steamer east to Santiago. Some of these RPO's, such as Manzanillo & Niquero RPO, were all-water routes.

In both the military station and Cubamer markings all wording (except place names, of course) was in English. This included abbreviations of months (but some abbreviations for months are the same in Spanish as in English), use of "RPO" instead of the Spanish "Ambulante," and markings such as "Registered," "Postage Due," "Forwarded," "Refused", and many others.

In a 1903 bulletin of the Cuban Philatelic Society there is a protest against the lack of tact displayed by the Americans in thus using English in a country whose native language was Spanish, and a much stronger complaint against the Cuban postal authorities because at the date of the complaint, although Cuba had been an independent republic for more than a year, no action had been taken to replace the American-style markings with others in Spanish.

Apparently no concerted action ever was taken by the Cuban government, as I have many Cubamer markings of both town and RPO styles running through 1906, and a few as late as 1910, and at one office at least the Cubamer postmarks, complete with English wording, were in use as late as 1942.

The Americans also misspelled some of the Cubamer and military station town names, and these Cubamer misspellings continued to be used for a number of years after Cuba became a republic.

Editor's Note: For a number of years Mr. Lewis has been accumulating information on the Spanish-American War Military Station markings of Cuba, and has a record of forty different basic markings, or seventy different if each change of station name and number is considered a variety. Because of his advanced age he feels that he should not delay much longer in writing up his information, and would like to hear from every member of the WCC who has even one of these markings. He will reply promptly to all letters received, and is especially interested in markings from stations Nos. 2,5,9,24,25,31,36 and 39. His address is: 1135 S.W. 12th St., Miami 36, Florida.

Note: Mr. Lewis calls our attention to the following typographical errors in the first part of his article which appeared in the October bulletin:

Sta. No. 1, Santiago de Cuba, closing date should be 2/18/99

Sta. No. 2, Daiquiri, closing date should be 2/27/99

Sta. No. 4, Date of opening as sub-station of Santiago should be 9/28/98

Tunisian Contingent

The Tunisian Battalion was withdrawn some time this summer, at this time I do not know the exact date, I am however trying to find out.

Indian Contingent

There are three line regiments serving with the Indian contingent in the Congo. They are the 3/1 Gorka Rifles, 2nd Jat Regiment, and the Dogra Regiment.

I recently received a cover from the 2nd Jat Regt., it was franked with the Congo overprints, and postmarked at Leopoldville.

The Jats were first raised as the 10th Bombay Native Infantry and acquired their present name in 1922. Immediately after being formed the unit saw service under the East India Co. Other assignments took them to Afghanistan (1837), Somaliland (1903), and during the first World War they fought in the Middle East. They acquitted themselves with honor during World War II on the battlefields of Malaya. This regiment arrived in the Congo March 31, 1961.

India now has four F.P.O.'s in the Congo, they are FPO 660, 716, 782 and 770. I have all of these FPO's.

I have been checking my covers from my friend with the 3/1 Gorka Rifles, I note five covers from this correspondent, the first is cancelled FPO 660 on Indian stamps, number two is cancelled FPO 770 on Indian stamps, the third and fourth have Katanga stamps, and both are postmarked MANONO, the fifth is by far the most interesting, it is an ONOC envelope franked with Swedish stamps and received the "SVENSKS FN-BATALJONEN KONGO" cancellation, the only way that it can be identified as being from the Gorkas is the return address.

Irish Contingent

The 35th Irish Infantry Battalion left Dublin Airport on June 20, 1961, they replaced the 34th Battalion. It was the 35th battalion that was involved in the recent fighting in Katanga. According to the reports in the Irish Press the 35th battalion was attacked while they were attending outdoor mass. Three men were killed in the fighting, several were wounded and all the men at Jadotville were taken prisoner. I have written to several of the men who are P.O.W.'s, but at the time of writing have received no answers. I have two ONUC airletters from the Adjutant of the 35th, one was addressed to England, the other to me here in USA, both received the ONUC handstamp.

Ireland also has the 1st Infantry group serving with the ONUC.

I attended the Niagara Frontier Federation show at Rochester last week and picked up a couple of ONUC covers for my collection. On top of the first cover is typed "Postes Aux Armees De La Federation Du Mali Au Congo Onuc". It is franked with the 10 Franc Congo Independence stamp and postmarked Leopoldville, 12.8.60. The second cover is franked with a mixture of Congo overprints, Belgium Congo stamps, and the Independence issue, it is also cancelled at Leopoldville, and the R/A is that of a Yugoslav with the ONUC Air Force. I was very happy to be able to obtain these covers.

United States Military Sea Transportation Service

The M.S.T.S. have three ships operating a troop lift in the Congo. They are the USNS Eltinge, the USNS Blatchford and the USNS Sgt. Truman Kimbro. I understand that all of these ships were withdrawn from the Congo in July of this year. My letter from the executive officer of the Blatchford said that United States ships were no longer permitted entry into the Congo, however my letter would be passed to the Naval Attache stationed in Leopoldville, and so I would receive a cover from the heart of the United Nations operations, my cover was cancelled Washington, D.C.

The information on the Military Sea Transportation Service in the Congo was obtained from the "Sealift" magazine sent to me by Mr. Kevin Rogan

Canadian Contingent

I have just received a copy of the "Roundel" magazine, it's a RCAF publication, the September 1961 copy carries an article "A Year in the Congo" telling the story of the RCAF operations with the ONUC.

Greek Air Force

I have seen a newspaper report to the effect that there is a Greek Air Force Detachment with the ONUC, at this time I have not been able to establish if and when this detachment arrived in the Congo.

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During the early part of 1943, the War Dept. ordered the APO's, for security reasons to discontinue the use of the APO numbers from the postmarks. The order specifically stated that all of the number slugs be removed from the cancelling devices. As a result of this, for a period of about a year, APO covers received had no number showing in the postmarks. The only way you could identify the sender's APO number was by reading the return address. This posed a problem amongst APO collectors, as most of us had fixed ideas on that subject. We collected only APO covers with the number showing in the postmark, and no other. Some collectors realized, however, that an APO cover with number in R.A. was good enough for them, regardless of what others might think. Even to this day there are a few collectors who are stubborn in the belief that they must have all of their covers with number in postmark. Of course, they are wrong in their way of thinking, because they could never hope to complete their APO collection.

In the "type chart" of postmarks of the U.S. Army Postal Service issued by the WCC on page five, there appear illustrations of the hand struck and Machine cancellations used during that period. Incidentally this type chart was issued in 1951 and prepared by members C.D. Brenner and M.R. Baggett, photography by A.J. Tripp. Your sec. still has a few copies left of this eleven page booklet which sells for 35¢ each. The booklet actually has all of the cancellations in use during the second World War from 1941 - 1946.

If any member wishes to add to my reminiscing, or wishes to make corrections, I would be more than glad to correspond with them and perhaps publish their statements later. I will have more to say on this subject in the next bulletin.

Wanted to Buy or Exchange	
Civil War Naval Covers	Naval Postmarks, 1908-1922
Capt. H.F. Rommel, U.S.N.	
Circlant Flt. Box 100, Code 43, Norfolk, Va.	

Will exchange U.N. - Korea, Thai or Philippines for Columbia, Ethiopia, Greece, Luxemburg or Norway, Detachment Army Mail in Korea.		
E. Hopps	2246 Medill	Chicago 47, Ill.

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Cloth Naval Rating Badges, 20 for \$1.00.
W. T. Gmahle 818 Park Ave. Hoboken, N.J.

Wanted to Purchase or Exchange	
Covers of Anglo-Boer War, Egypt-Postage Prepaid of World War II, Sudan British African Colonies, FPO, APO, Censored, EAF, APO-U-MPK of South African Colonies. Prompt Reply assured.	
Walter Bjork	365 West End Ave. New York 24, N.Y.

Secretary's Report

No doubt the news that Kevin Rogan has given up his editorship of the War Cover Club bulletin will come as a big surprise to the members. Mr. Rogan has done such a fine job up till now, and we had taken it for granted that he would hold on to the editor's job for as long as he wanted to. However the time has finally come, that he must regretfully step aside and let someone else carry on as editor. Your Sec. will do the best he can, until such time as someone in the club will volunteer to take Rogan's place. At this time Kevin Rogan surely deserves a standing vote of thanks. Mr. Rogan's letter follows:

"I took over the job as Editor of The War Cover Club on November 1952, supposedly until we could get a qualified person to take over. I thought in a year we would have a new one rolling along. Well, last year, for personal reasons I had to slow down on WCC work. Our Sec.-Treas. Willinger took over one more job and now that I can't give any time, he is taking over entirely, (let's face it - he has been doing the job for a year). I hope to periodically do some research work on certain phases for WCC.

Please back up "Willy" as you have me since 1952. I know there are lots more members who can come up with a little help for the bulletin. Remember, without the bulletin the club is lost. ----- Kevin."

Congratulations are in order to Thomas McGrath who has been elected President of Fort Orange Stamp Club in Albany, N.Y. The club is planning an exhibition in April and entry blanks are available from Mr. McGrath. Incidentally, a special award will be given in the category "Covers". I will be rooting for one of our members to win that award.

Miss Barbara R. Mueller, WCC #391, who is editor of the Philatelic Congress Year Book has informed me that Stanley Jersey's article "The History of the 4th Marine Regiment" was accepted and will appear in the book. The book contains twenty-one articles devoted to many subjects and will be issued during the 27th American Philatelic Congress held at Philadelphia, Pa. November 3-5, 1961.

The Universal Ship Cancellation Society starts its 29th year with its new President Raymond St. John of Long Island City. The new president of the U.S.C.S. has been a member for 25 years and has served two terms as Vice President. He is an active member of Farragut Chapter #3 functioning in the New York City area. A retired U.S. Navy officer, Mr. St. John was on active duty from 1937 to 1957.

The U.S.C.S., organized in 1932 is composed of collectors interested in Naval cancellations, Naval and Merchant Marine cachets, seaposts and paquebot markings and similar material. Its journal The U.S.C.S. Log is edited by leading authorities on cover collecting subjects; is sent free to members in good standing. The U.S.C.S. is the most active and progressive naval cover society in America. A sample copy of the society's journal "The Log" may be obtained from its membership director Eugene W. Schelcher, 34-59 89th St., Apt. 6F, Jackson Heights 72, N.Y.

Member Gale Raymond reports covers from the special LAOS operation. Mail from the U.S. Marine helicopter unit at UDORN Airfield, Thailand (across the Meking River from Vientiane, Laos) is cancelled by a large handstamp of AFO 143-1.

The Mitty Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St. has on hand for sale a collection of six albums of Red Cross covers from all over the world including P.W. covers. Any member interested in purchasing this collection, the telephone number is BE 3-9232, or write to the firm.

New WW-II books which have recently appeared and have a good deal of information to War Cover collectors are; "Wake Island Command" by Rear Adm. W. Scott Cunningham, U.S.N. Retired - "Combat Camera Man" by Joswick Keating - "Savo" by R.F. Newcomb.

A question has been asked "when was the last day of V-Mail Service?" From an old Postal Bulletin it states that the War & Navy Depts. effective Nov. 1, 1945 will discontinue microfilming service for V-Mail. Also Sol Whitman reported that the last day V-Mail from the Philippines was Oct. 15, 1945. These facts appeared in a previous WCC bulletin.

Patriotic Covers World War II		
Why not try 600 different on approval. Keep up to 100 at 10¢ each, 100 to 200 at 9¢ each, 200 to 300 at 8¢ each, over 300 at 7¢ each.		
William V. Hannay	186 West Lawrence St.	Albany 3, N.Y.

It is gratifying to note that the Post Office Dept. finally did see fit to release an 8¢ stamp honoring John J. Pershing, war time commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. This stamp was long overdue and should have been issued in 1960, the 100th anniversary of his birth. General Pershing was the fifth man in U.S. history to become a full four-star general. The other four were Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. The stamp is due to be released in New York on November 17th in conjunction with the ASDA show. No doubt there will be many beautiful cacheted designs on envelopes which will be used as first day covers. I am sure that members who attend the show will obtain those covers.

A suggestion to members who collect WW-I, A.E.F. covers: place a single stamp, a plate block and a first day cover with suitable cachet on album page. This page will fit in with the A.E.F. collection.

Along the same lines, the 3¢ Iwo Jima stamp issued in 1945 could be used in a U.S. Marine Corps collection.

The new Kessler catalogue of Aerogrammes and Air letter sheets of the world has just been issued. It consists of two multiple ring loose leaf binders fully illustrated with complete explanations.

Orders are being taken at \$4.50 per set of two volumes. Sol Whitman, 1462 Taylor Ave., Bronx 60, N.Y. will accept orders and postage is extra.

A collection of V-Mails is on hand for immediate sale. This is a highly specialized collection of every phase of V-Mails, including samples of all the early experimental types, and different cuts with explanations. Also included are many hundreds of different holiday greetings, both processed and unprocessed, used and unused. If interested, write for further particulars to Sec. I. Willinger, 314 E. 163 St., New York 51, N.Y.

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- Member No. 485 - Sidney S. Goodkin, 231 E. Jackson, Ottawa, Ohio
Collects A.P.O. Covers of World War II
- " " 486 - George Tucker, 510-29th Road, Grand Junction, Colorado
Submarine Covers, Arctic, Antarctic, Korean War, Everything relating to United Nations, First Days and First Flights.
- " " 154 - George T. Turner, (reinstated) 408 - A St. S.W., Washington 3, D.C.
Philatelic Literature.
- " " 489 - Colin Robert Bruce, 389 Warner Ave., No. Tonawanda, N.Y.
Japanese Occupation of Brunei, Burma, China, Dutch Indies, Hong Kong, No. Borneo, Sarawak & Straits Settlement. Arctic & Antarctica.
- " " 490 - Raymond St. John, 41-44 39 Place, Long Island City 4, N.Y.
Naval Covers.

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- " " 365 - Walter Bjork, 365 West End Ave., New York 24, N.Y.
- " " 380 - Eugene W. Schelcher, 34-59 89th St., Jackson Heights 72, N.Y.
- " " 328 - A. Lewandowski, P.O.Box 1, Fort George Sta., New York 40, N.Y.
- " " 308 - Sterling S. Taylor, 9612 Fremont Ave. North, Seattle 3, Wash.
- " " 433 - F.H. Unlandherm, 8 Johnson Mansions, Queens Club Gardens, London, England.

Miss Betty V. Miller has informed me that in her next "ONUC" news report she expects to have further notes on the 35th Irish Bn. Miss Miller has been receiving copies of the "Irish Press" from Ireland which gave terrific coverage to the fighting in Katanga, also names and addresses of men who were wounded and taken prisoner of war. Miss Miller has written to several of the POW's with the object of obtaining a cover or two and we wish her luck, hope to hear that she gets them.

Sterling Taylor has written me that he finally did get a letter (no cover) from the infamous Confederate prison camp Andersonville, this one is from an original find. This letter doesn't have much philatelic value but it does have greater historic value. If only the cover had accompanied the letter, it would be a fabulous item. Only three covers are known to exist from Andersonville.

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1. Civil War. 1 Stampless "Soldier's Letter", "Due 3", w/unclear Wash. canc. Stained.
 2. U.S. Pension Office Free Frank env. canc'd 1872, containing 2 signed forms for War of 1812 survivor's pension. VF.
 3. U.S. War Department env. w/Washington canc. 1870, w/enclosure denying application for discharge based on under-age enlistment; signed by Inspect. General. VF
 4. India. 1886-93. 9 Postal Stationery items (8 used) from Gwalior(1); Travencore(1) Bamra; East India; Br. India, incl'd'g 2 very clear "Sea Post Office" cancels.
 5. Gr. Britain. 1900-08. 7 Covs. (4 Regis.) canc'd "Br.P.O. Salonica" w/British stamps overprinted 40 & 80 Paras. F-VF.
 6. Boer War. 1 Z.A.R. 1/2p p.c. canc to order "Veld-Post ZAR Ingaganz 4/14/00". VF.
 7. Ceylon emboss. env. to POW w/ZAR stmp added w/"Opened under martial law" label & 3 dif. censor markings, incl'd'g Uitenhage censor & Camp censor. F.
 8. Boxer Rebelliom. 1 sm. Indian env. ovrpt's "CEF" (Chinese Exped. Force) canc'd FPO No. 11, 1902, w/added stmps on back and other cancels. VF.
 9. Russo-Japanese War. 3 Jap p.c.s 1905. w/APO cancels 1,5,12. 1 card depicts a Jap. soldier handling 3 Russians with ease. VF.
 10. 1 beautiful multi-color p.c. depicting Jap. leaders, w/fancy cancels on face "Triumphant Manchurian Headquarters" and "Triumphant Military Review". VF.
 11. Another beautiful p.c. depict. Naval leaders w/fancy canc. "Tokyo-Naval Day 1906." VF
 12. 1 p.c. depict. Jap ships w/2 fancy canes on face- Mil. Review & Naval Day 1906 VF
 13. Gr. Britain. 1 color p.c. for Nelson Centenary 1905, depict. "HMS Victory" & flags. VF
 14. Complete set of 8 full color p.c.s of Bath Historical Pageant 1909. Depicting Battle of Lansdown, Sack of Bath by Saxons, etc. Beautiful items & fresh. VF.
- UNITED STATES NAVAL COVERS THROUGH WORLD WAR I
15. 1 P.C. w/Jap stmps stmps canc'd "Port Arthur IJPO '09" & "USS Hancock 10/15/09" Ty. 1. VF
 16. 1 P.C. canc'd on face "USS Denver Rec'd 9/9/09". Ty. lay. VF.
 17. 1 P.C. canc'd "USS Denver 4/27/09". Ty. 1. VF.
 18. 1 P.C. canc'd USS Wabash Rec'd 1911. Ty. lay. Cancel not too clear.
 19. 1 P.C. canc'd "USS Louisiana '13" w/"Vera Cruz, Mexico" in killer. VF.
 20. "USS Vestal - Vera Cruz" on piece & "Guantanamo, Cuba" on p.c. (ship name unclear).
 21. 1 P.C. canc'd "USS Nebraska '19" & on piece '17 (ty 3,3b) & USS Denver Reg '26 (9v) piece.
 22. "USS Utah '20" & USS Marblehead '30" Regis. Cancels, both on piece (Ty 9v) VF.
 23. "USS Raleigh '30" & USS Richmond '30", Regis. Cancs. both on piece. (Ty 9v #1) VF.
 24. "USS Birmingham '23" & "USS Cleveland '26". Regis. Cancs. both on piece (Ty. 9v) VF.
 25. 1 sm cov. w/clear pink circular canc. "US NAV Forces..Censored..Europe". VF.
- WORLD WAR I /VF
26. 2 sm. prtd "US Signal Corps" envs. w/insignia, add'd in France, no stmps or canc.
 27. 1 lg. O.B. env. canc'd APO 722, mk'd "Interpreter's Mail F.M.", add'd in France. F.
 28. 4 AEF Red Cross, Cens. Covs. add'd to Paris, canc'd APO 709;762;789. F. /parade
 29. 1 R.C.-AEF cov. from US. sold. canc'd Br.APO S15, Br. Cens & 1 P.C. US Army on
 30. 1 sm cov canc'd APO 848, with French spelling of August (Aout) in Canc. Cens. VF
 31. 10 AEF covs (9 cards) 708;772;923;927; Field Service p.c.; Flag MPO canc (2); Red Cross p.c.; Army of Occupation cover. Nice lot.
 32. 28 covs, mostly AEF, incl. 5 unused comic p.c.'s; K of C Xmas card; Naval Aviation (2); YMCA covs.; mint Blue Env.; Stars & Stripes wrappers. Poor to Fine.
 33. 1 lg. Regis. cens. cov. to Russia, w/New York cancels on bk 1917 & 1919 (?) F.
 34. Austria. 1 cov w/clear canc. "KUK Marinefeldpost Pola '17" w/cens. "SMS Prinz Eugen" VF.
 35. Austria. 100 Feldpost cards w/cancs betw. 3/600, mostly dif. Fine lot. MB \$5.50.
 36. Canada. 3 Sold. Ltrs; 2 w/cachet "20th Res. Bat. Orderly Room" canc'd Pranshot Camp, England & 1 from Bracton Camp, Eng. w/mkg "No. 1 School...for Infantry." F.
 37. Corsica. 1 cov w/rubber stmp of Comm. POW Camp Chiavari; Corsica canc & cens. VF
 38. Germany. 10 p.c.'s. Photo pics of Bismark, Kaiser Wilhelm, Von Hindenburg; & full color views of Von Mackensen, Ludwig, Wilhelm & others. Scarce. MB \$3.00
 39. Germany. 40 Multicolor p.c.s- Battle scenes, patriotics, flags. Fascinating MB \$5.00
 40. Germany. 100 mix. Feldpost canc on p.c. & Feldpostcards, var units. F-VF. MB \$6.00
 41. Germany & Aus-Hungary. 115 pict. & Feldpost cards, mostly feldpost canc & many interesting mkgs, some comics & military designs & 2 handdrawn. Nice lot. MB \$6.00

42. Germany. 10 POW cards from Ruhlebev(Scarce); Havelburg; Quedlinburg, Sennelager, Göttingen, Doeberitz, Schmiedemuhl, etc. (9 dif camps add'd to Eng). Fine lot.
43. 11 more POW covs. Ingolstadt, Limburg(cov & cd), Munster(3), Senne(2) etc. F.
44. Gold Coast. 1 G.C. p.c. canc'd "Lome Togogebiet" (Germ. Occup) 1915. VF.
45. Gr. Britain. 1 hand drawn colored p.c. from German POW w/cir. mkg "POW 5/15/15 H.M.T. Uranium- Hyde, I.O.W. (Isle of Wight)" Cens. VF.
46. Gr. Brit. 10 POW covs incl 3 from "Knockaloe, Isle of Man" (1 Reg.) w/lg oval mkg.; 1 from Douglas Isle of Man Camp; others "Post-Free POW", var camps in r.a. F.
47. Gr. Brit. 13 Honour envs. w/FPO canc. incl SX1(Salonica), RC3, SL7, 17, Z. F.
48. 5 covs. 4 add'd to Br. sold. interned in Switz; 1 from him. Var mkgs. Poor-VF.
49. Holland. 5 POW covs. from Camps in Holland - 4 add'd to U.S. Var. POW mkgs. F.
50. India. 2 sm POW covs from German POW's at Ahmednager. Dif. Cens mkgs. VF. MB \$4.00
51. Japan. Beaut. P.C. depict. Jap ships w/fancy canc on face "Coronation Nav. Rev. '15".
52. Roumania. Austrian Occup. 1918. 3 Covs. w/complete set of Occup stmps (IN 1-17) with Feldpost cancel. Unusual and VF.
53. Russia. 1 Russ. POW card w/ Russ. & Austrian Cens. mkg. from Camp Werchoturge(?).
54. 21 Cens. covers. Germany (6), N.Z.(2), Australia(2), Port., Bermuda, etc. Int. Lot.
55. 1 cov. w/Fr. stmp w/st. line canc. "Versailles Congres de la Paix" & same circ. cancel. Unaddressed. VF.
56. Gr. Britain. 12 covs (fronts only) canc'd Br.P.O. Smyrna; Constantinople. 1920-2. F.
57. 7 covs. (1920-34) (Fronts only) w/Morocco Ag. ovpt'd stmps canc'd British P.O. Fez, Saffi, Rabat, Mazaban.
58. 6 mint, historical, full-color p.c.s for 1922 Royal Tournament depicting sailors & soldiers of past, & Br. Bulldog w/Br. flying boat & ships. VF.
59. 22 mint p.c.s depicting var Br. units on parade, drill, tournaments, ect. VF.
60. Palestine. 1 Regis. cov from Jerusalem to Greece 1936. w/Greek cens. mkgs(?) F.
61. Ethiopian War. 1 cov w/Ethiopian & Eritrean stmps canc'd '36 Addis Abeba. VF. MB \$1.50
62. 1 cov w/Eritr. stmp canc'd "Posta Mil N.105" w/Auto Transp. cach on bk. VF. \$1.75
63. 1 cov w/Somalia stmps canc'd "Ginna '38" w/typed r.a. 18th Col. Pack Transp. Fair
64. 1 cov. w/Somolia stmps canc'd "Posta Mil. 01-S '36". F.
- WORLD WAR II- UNITED STATES /stmp.
65. 2 P.Cs from APO 175-655; 1 w/farewell note to Fr. madamoisselle & APO canc on Fr.
66. 2 sm covs w/r.a. & cancel of APO 418 - Scarce number from Fr. Guiana. VF.
67. 2 covs (1 lg) APO 75 w/cachet "More ships. Keep em moving home"; APO 464 w/5th Army cachet.
68. 105 dif APO covs betw. 1/986 & few BPO's. Var sizes. Condition Poor-Very Fine.
69. 59 USN covs (3 lg), w/USN cancels, var ships & stations overseas in r.a. P-VF.
70. 29 USN covs (8 lg). All with Branch cancels between 1945-58. F-VF.
- OTHER COUNTRIES
71. Austria. 1938. 1 cov from Vienna w/swastika mkg. "Der Fuhrer in Wien". VF.
72. Austria. 1946. 3 Cens covs incl'd g 2 "Taxe percue" stampless. F.
73. France. 1944. 1 cov w/DeGaulle "FFI-MIN" stmp & Fr. stmp overpt'd w/Cross of Lorraine w/"Post Speciale FFI '44" cancel. VF.
74. France. 2 covs (1 p.c.) addr to POW camp in Fr. w/mkg "Fr Stalag 122 Gepruft". VF.
75. Germany. POW card from English POW in German camp w/mkg Stalag XIB. VF.
76. Germany. 1 cov w/blue Luftfeldpost stmp w/Feldpost cancel. 1942. F.
77. Germany. 1 cov w/Hitler Gen. Gouv. stmp canc'd Krakow, Poland '44. "Dienstpost". VF
78. Germany. 1 cov w/Hitler stmp 1944-45, add'd to POW in U.S. & mk's "Repatriated", w/German & U.S. Censor mkg. Unusual & VF.
79. Gr. Brit. 1 act. serv. cov. canc'd "Egypt - 34 - Prepaid" w/box censor mkg. VF.
80. Gr. Brit. 1 cov w/MPO Cairo canc & Crown mkg & 1 Pi. B.F. in Egypt Letter seal on b.F
81. Gr. Brit. 6 act. serv. covs, var censor mkgs. all addressed to Casablanca. F.
82. India. 4 Cens covs; 2 w/Bombay & Madras War Fund Seals (not tied on). F.
83. Japan. 3 p.cs. from servicemen w/stmps & Cens mkg; 2 from Japan, 1 from Korea. VF
84. Korea. (Postwar) 1 native cover w/stamp & lg purple cancel. Censored. Fair.
85. Norway. 1 sm cov. w/6 stmps, lg box cancel w/anchor '43 "Norsk Skipspost Handel-stlater". Br. Censor marking. VF.
86. Poland. 1 sm cov. w/8 stmps (3K9-16) w/box fancy ship cancel. 8/3/44. VF.
87. Poland. 1 cachet card "Anniv. of New Polish Postal Serv. 1941-2" w/fancy ship cancel. & pink "Polish FPO #1", & other markings. VF.
88. Portugal. (3) Spain (1). 3 covs to Ital w/var cens mkgs (Sp., German, Italian) F.

89. 10 Dif. Propaganda leaflets (Eng & U.S.O in German & Dutch. Fascinating-Scarce.
90. 2 dropped Allied Propaganda booklets (30 pgs) in German & Dutch. Many photos. VF.
91. 6 Cens.covs from Fr.India; Port.India; Iran(3) w/anglo-Soviet cens.; Turkey. F.
92. 10 Cens covs Germany(4 to Greece '40-1); France; Poland(2); Belgium ('41 to US). F.
93. 10 Cens covs Germany(4-U.S.Civil); N.Z.Forces FPO201; Norway; Canada(HMC ship). F.
94. 21 Cens covs Aden; Dutch Indies(4); Grenada; Iraq(2); Indo-China; Holland; Sweden. F.
- Collection of Tokyo Bay - US Navy Covers
95. 1 sm cov w/circular cancel "USS Teton, Tokyo, Japan 8/29/45. Censored. F. /VF.
96. 1 sm cov canc'd as above "9/2/45 Tokyo Bay" w/map cachet "Initial Occ. USS Teton." VF.
97. 1 lg cov w/USN cancel "9/2/45 Tokyo Bay" in killer w/hand-drawn lg cachet USS Lind. F.
98. 1 sm cov cancel "USN 16039 Br 9/2/45" w/st line mkg "USS Taussig off Tokyo V-J Day. F.
99. 1 lg cov w/lg cancel "USS St. Paul 9/2/45" w/lg red Tokyo Bay cachet. (Ragged at top)
100. 1 sm cov. cancel "9/3/45" w/ship cachet "USS Braxton - First Naval Transport to enter Tokyo Bay and land forces..." VF.
101. 1 sm cov w/provisional cancel "USS Lexington 9/6/45 Tokyo Bay". Bk of cov rep. but F.
102. 1 sm cov cancel "USS St. Paul 9/9/45 Tokyo". Ship & rising sun cachet in black. VF
103. 1 lg cov cancel "USS Piedmont 9/10/45, Tokyo Bay" w/eagle & dragon color.cachet. F.
104. 1 lg cov cancel "USN 9/13/45" w/5 inch cachet "Tokyo Bay Occup Force 9/2/45". Ship & Mt. Fuji, Jap. characters, etc. in black. USS Proteus. Beautiful.
105. 1 lg cov. from USS Rowe cancel 9/13/45 w/mkg "Tokyo" & 1 cov. w/prov. cancel from USS Virgo "9/17/45 Tokyo Bay". F.
106. 1 lg cov cancel "USN 9/18.45 15852 Br" w/st lime mkg "Tokyo Bay" w/2 added Jap. cancels & map of Tokyo Bay cachet w/USS Ticonderoga in center. Beautiful. VF.
107. 1 sm cov from USS Proteus cancel 9/21/45 w/black Tokyo Bay Occup Force cachet. VF.
108. 1 sm cov. cancel 10/21/45" w/USS Ancon, Tokyo Bay" in killer bars. VF.
109. 2 sm covs USS Cook (9/22-15737 Br) w/Jap mkg & USS Cabana(9/21) w/Tokyo cach. VF.
110. 1 sm cov cancel 9/23/45 13987 Br" w/circ mkg "Sasebo Japan, USS Mt McKinley. VF
112. 1 sm cov cancel 10/10/45 w/hand dr. color cachet USS Sebec Tokyo Bay. Cov.Repaired
113. 1 sm cov cancel USN 10/27/45 w/Tokyo Bay Area in killer from USS Proteus. F.
114. 1 sm cov cancel in pink "USS Webster Navy Day Tokyo" w/rising sun cachet. VF.
115. 2 sm covs from USS Fillmore(9/27) & USS Newberry(10/12). Both w/Aomori cachets. F.
116. 1 cov from USS Monitor 9/24 w/lg purple cach "Yokosuka Naval Base-Hit Beach 8/30" VF
117. Box w/over 325 WW-II covs. incl'd 100 Patriotics. Many APO, Naval, V-Mail, and some WW-I items. Not bad. Clear cancels and only about 25 large size covers.
118. USN. 25 dif cacheted covs cancel "USS Frigate Constitution". 25 ports 1932-4. VF
119. USN. 6 covs (4 cach.) w/cancs of ships lost in WW-II: Perch, Quincy, Cushing, Pillsbury, North Hampton, Monssen. VF.
120. USN. 10 covs(5 cach) Ships damaged at Pearl Harbor. Gal., Downes, Utah, W.Va., Honolulu, etc.
121. USN. 1961. 2 cach covs. USS Snook; Robert E. Lee w/huge cachet on back "On Guard at the Perimeter of the Free World". VF. /Cach.
122. USN. 1961. 3 covs. USS T.Roosevelt; Snapdragon; & Lake Champlain w/Liberty Bell 7
123. USN. 1961. 3 covs. USS Longbeach(slogan cancel); Kitty Hawk FDC; Lake Champlain. VF.
124. Korean War. 1 O.B. cov cancel APO 707 '52; cc "Hdq UN Civil Assis. Comm. Korea." VF.
125. UNEF. 1957. 1 cov w/fancy cancel. of Brazil forces at Suez 8/8/57. VF. MB \$3.00
126. UNEF. 1958. 2 Forces letter shts cancel FPO 712 (Indian) add'd to India. VF.
127. UNEF. 1959. 1 UNEF Air Ltr Sheet w/Lebanese stps w/r.a. APO 712 (India) VF.
128. UNEF. 1959. 1 wrapper w/Leb. stmps cancel Beyrouth Airport w/mkg HQ/UNEF. Beirut. VF
129. UNEF. 1959. 1 lg cov w/prtd cc "UNEF"; Leb. stmps. cancel Bayrouth from Ind. Sold. VF
130. Canada. 1957-61. 24 covs. (6 lg) w/CFPO & RCAF cancels & markings. F.
131. India. 1959-60. 14 covs.(1 lg) w/FPO cancel & other mkg.(mostly on backs) F-VF
132. India. 1960. 1 cov. w/Regis. mkg & cancel's FPO 749. (12 stamps). VF.

The auction manager has been asked to dispose of a tremendous collection of Arctic & Antarctic covers & related material belonging to one of our members. The collection includes some of the scarcest Polar items and includes autographed covers of Amundsen and Wilkins and many other expedition leaders. The material will be offered in three parts, the first of which is listed below. Please call this to the attention of any of your collector friends interested in Polar Philately.

133. 1957. 1 sm cov autographed by Sir Hubert Wilkins, canc'd 9/4/57-APO 942 (Alaska) & Little America (11/13/57) w/2 dif Deep Freeze cachets on back & hand-written notations on front by Wilkins, that cov was carried over both North & South Poles w/dates & w/map of Antarctica. An unusual & interesting item. VF.
134. 1926. 1 sm p.c. imprinted "North Pole Mail", autographed by Roald Amundsen, w/ imprt's Trans-Polar Flight Exped. stamp w/special "Svalbard-N.Pole-Alaska" canc. Addressed to Germany by Amundsen, w/German stmp on back. Very rare item. VF.
135. Greenland. 1 p.c. depicting Pearyland Exped Camp, canc "Pearyland 8/1/48". VF.
136. 1 sm cov. w/cachet "Wilkins-Ellsworth Trans-Arctic Submarine Exped. 1931" "N.Y. - London" w/US & British stmps., canc'd N.Y. & London.
137. Greenland. 1938. Pict. p.c. w/map from MacGregor Arctic Ex. w/Reindeer Point mkg.VF
138. Greenland. 1956. 1 sm cov. w/cc "Danish Comm-in-G Greenland" w/US stmps & APO 848
canc.
139. Greenland. 1959. 1 sm cov w/cach of Int'l Glacier Exped, auto by leader. APO 121 "
140. Greenland. 2 covs (sm) w/dif cachs. Scottish Gr. Expeds 1958-61. "Vesters Vig" canc.
141. Norway. 3 p.cs. w/northern scenes canc. Wordkap & Hammerfest. 1893-1905. VF.
142. 3 p.cs from Nor. & Denmark ('07-26); 2/north scenes canc'd Nordfjord, Spitzbergen & 1 w/"Polhavet" ship cancel 1924 Amundsen exped. VF.
143. Sweden. 4 covs. incld'g '51 Milit cov from Spitzb.; 1 North Cape Cruise - 1959 & 2 "Polcirkeln" cancels w/cachets. VF.
144. Alaska. 3 Weather Station covs 1961; Kotzebue & Kaktovik w/cachets. VF.
145. U.S. Dew Line. 3 cacheted covs. 1956-9. from USCGC Storis & Eastwind. VF.
146. U.S. 4 cach covs from Ice-Island T-3; Drift Sta. Bravo(2 dif cach) & Alpha 2. VF.
147. Polar Flights. 14 covs 1953-9 from var Eur.countries, KLM, SAS, Air France, PAA, etc. VF
148. Polar Flights. 1959. 5 dif Jet flight covs across Pole. S.F. & L.A. to Eng.,
Germany. VF.
149. U.S. 30 cach covs. 1959-61. incld'g Camp Tuto; Camp Century; Bering Sea Patrol; USS Burton Is. (Helicopter Flt); Atka; Edisto; Staten Is & dif UNS ships VF lot.
150. Chile. 1 sm cov. w/Chile stmps canc "O'Higgins-Antartida-Chile 1/14/55". VF
151. Chile. 1959. 2 Antarctic cruise covs w/dif Chilean Antarctic Base cancels. VF.
152. Chile. 1959. 3 cacheted covs w/dif Ant. base cancels than last lot. VF.
153. Italy. 1958. 1 cov w/cach "Instituto Geografico Polare..Antartica". Autog. F.
154. Japan. 5 dif cach. covs. w/5 dif fancy Ant. canc from 1956-60 Jap. expeditions;
1 w/So. African stmp added w/Paquebot cancel. VF & Colorful. /VF
155. Holland. 1955. 1 cov from Dutch Whaling Ship Barendz in So.Polar Sea w/ship cancel.
156. New Zealand. 2 cach. covs 1953-7 canc's Chatham Island & Campbell Is. VF.
157. N.Z. 1959. 3 cach covs canc Campbell Is.; Weedons AFB; Lytellton (Deep Freeze cach) VF
158. U.S. 1 sm cov w/cach. (1941) "Byrd Ant. Exped III" w/snow cruiser cach. Stamped on bk "No. 1521. Carried from Little Am. by USS North Star". Canc Boston 5/6/41. VF.
159. USN. 1 sm cov. "Operation Highjump" cachet. Canc'd "USS Mt. Olympus". VF.
160. U.S. 5 cach covs 1955-6. Deep Freeze Operations. USS Arneb, Edisto, Atka. VF.
161. U.S. 8 cach covs 1958-9. Deep Freeze canc; Byrd Sta; Little Am. (sl duplication) VF.
162. U.S.-N.Z. 1 sm cov w/US stmps w/N.Z. Ant. Res. Exp. cachet on front & USARP - Hallett Station on bk; autog. by entire station on face (4 N.Z.; 1 U.S.) Unusual.
163. U.S. 1960. 2 covs. "USS Glacier", both carried by Helicopter, signed by pilots, both with unusual, seldom seen cachets on back. VF.
164. U.S. 1957-61. 16 Misc. Ant. covs. all cacheted; incl USS Atka (Helicopter Flt, from Hallett Sta to Atka, signed by pilot); Arneb; Placier; Alatna, etc. VF lot.
- L 9. MISC. 1 cov carried by bicycle btw Fresno/S.F. 1935, recreating 1894 emergency service w/local stmp printed from original die (See Sc #1212) VF. MB \$1.00
166. 1 badly damaged p.c. stmpd "Damaged in Fire in Railway Car Daggett, Cal" 1960.
167. Mexico. 29 Postal Sta. items (mstly dif) 16 used before 1900. Bal mint. F-VF.

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