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U. S. INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA 1927-1933

by Alfred F. Kugel

Background

Following the Spanish-American War over a century ago, the U. S. became increasingly involved in Latin American affairs and began to act as the "policeman" of the Western Hemisphere by sending its military forces into other nations on a number of occasions. In this regard, during the subsequent three decades men were sent for geopolitical reasons to various countries in Central America and the Caribbean, including Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico (Vera Cruz) and Nicaragua.

In one such intervention, U.S. Marines were deployed in Nicaragua from 1927 until 1933. In response to a revolution, which started in 1925, and ensuing political unrest and economic deterioration, a decision was made to send in an armed force. The commander of the Special Service Squadron deemed that the ships' detachments were not sufficiently strong and requested reinforcements. As a result, the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Marine Regiment was dispatched from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and landed at Bluefields on the Atlantic Coast on January 10, 1927. Shortly thereafter, a second force from the 5th Marine Regiment landed at Corinto on the Pacific Coast on March 7, 1927, with some of them then proceeding to Managua.

Conditions continued to deteriorate, requiring the addition of the 11th Marine Regiment in early 1928 to suppress the rebels led by leftist General Augusto C. Sandino. One of the key functions of the Marines was to organize and provide training for a local National Guard (Guardia Nacional) which would take over the task of maintaining order in the country so that the U.S. forces could eventually be withdrawn. At its peak, the intervention force totaled 2,800 men, although the number present was substantially lower much of the time. The last Marines left Nicaragua on January 3, 1933.

Philatelic Aspects of the Intervention

Considering the relatively small number of men deployed in Nicaragua, it seems rather extraordinary that during a modest intervention that lasted for less than six years, at least 25 different postmarks were used by the Marines. Of these markings, twelve were for use on ordinary mail, nine for use

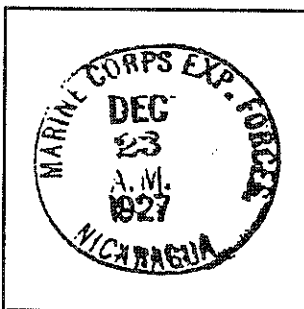
on registered mail, three for money orders and one "Receiving" mark for incoming letters.

In considering the rapid replacement of postmarks, there are two likely explanations. First, most of them were made of rubber, which tended to deteriorate with use because of the tropical climate in Nicaragua. Second, as Mail Clerks were rotated in and out of the country, each new man might well have brought in or had sent new canceling devices with his preferred wording, regardless of what markings had been used by his predecessor.

Another reason for the large number of postmarks was that, unlike the situation in most other military actions, quite a few postmarks were created that were designated for use by a specific military unit, such as the 5th and 11th Marine Regiments and the Aviation Squadron. These, of course, were in addition to the more generic cancels normally available.

The Postmarks

The earliest postal marking from the 1927 intervention in Nicaragua was a single-circle datestamp inscribed "2ND BAT. 5TH REG. U.S.M.C./SPEC. SER. SQUAD." with three killer



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President's Message

by Jim Boyden

Per Society by-laws, it is now time to announce next year's election for officers in the Society. For this purpose, Jesse Boehret has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for positions in that election. Again according to our by-laws, this will complete my maximum two consecutive terms that I may serve as President and so that position will need to be filled by another person. To be eligible, that person must have previously served on the Board of Governors. However, all other positions can be filled from the general membership. If any of you are interested in holding an office, then you should contact Jesse. His address is listed under the accompanying list of officers.

By the time this column is published, the APS show in Providence will have been completed. I hope many of you could make it there where the MPHS will have shared a booth with the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and there was a meeting of members. MILCOPEX in Milwaukee will also be over and the Society will have held a regional meeting there. If you have never attended one of our meetings, then I suggest you try and find the time to do so. They are enjoyable affairs.

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be held at NAPEX, outside of Washington D.C., in June 2001 and we will have many things to discuss. Why not try and plan your time around that date and joining us at the show? Besides, you might also be able to find those elusive covers you have been seeking as there will be several military postal history dealers in attendance. NAPEX is a popular show and the venue is reportedly an excellent one.

I missed the London 2000 show but I understand that some of our members exhibited and won several awards. Our sincere congratulations to all of them. Military postal history seems to be growing in popularity and I note that those of you who exhibit are getting higher and higher awards. One reason may be that judges are becoming more familiar with the subject areas and of course, your material is much better. I encourage everyone to try and exhibit. I am guilty in that respect in not having exhibited at a recognized show but I hope to change that at some point in the near future. Why can't you? Exhibitors tell me it is a very satisfying feeling to see your collection on display and that the awards are not always the most important reason for exhibiting.

We are still trying to overcome problems with getting the *Bulletin* out at the scheduled time. One problem is solved and then something else unexpected arises to delay the next edition. Please be patient as the editor and others involved are working very hard to get us back on schedule. We have a very good *Bulletin* and it is disappointing to all of us when things do not go just right.

Looking forward to seeing you at NAPEX in June 2001.

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Editor's Notes

David A. Kent

We seem to have fallen behind our original publishing schedule for this year, but are laboring to catch up and I believe we will be back on schedule soon. Fortunately, the delays are not particularly severe, and are also not due to a lack of interesting material, as our members continue to offer many good articles for us to consider. This issue includes such wide-ranging subjects as the Marine Corps interventions in Nicaragua to some World War II topics from opposite sides of the world.

This issue includes an unusually large number of book reviews, excellent reference material for your library. We also include information on our own future publication plans. There are also various notes on Society business, such as reports on our recent regional meeting in Milwaukee, and our meetings at the APS convention in Providence, R.I. last August. Not included in this issue, however, is our usual list of the openings and closings of APO and FPO numbers. Too little activity has taken place recently, and what there is will be reported in future issues.

Korean War

Our previous issue, devoted entirely to the Korean War, has proved most successful, and has brought responses from several members. One writer points out, in particular, that I made an error in the description of the 1952 presidential elections. Although the Korean War did figure in the election campaign, Harry Truman, the sitting president, chose not to run for re-election, and Adlai Stevenson was the standard bearer for the Democratic Party. I should have remembered that — many of our readers, with me, can probably remember that campaign.

Web Page

Our webmaster, Karl Winkelmann, tells me that the URL for our Internet Web Site needs one final correction — a final slash should not be used in the address. Hopefully it is now correct as given on the facing page. There is much of interest on the Web Site, including the listings for our current auctions. If you are an Internet user and have not visited our Web page yet, please drop by.

Auction

Myron Fox, our auction manager, has put together another of his fantastic auctions for us to review. Myron can always use material for future auctions. Send your items to Myron Fox, P O Box 283, Needham Heights, MA 02494-0904.

Deadlines

The *Bulletin* is written by its readers. We welcome your contributions to future issues. Here are the next few deadlines, slightly adjusted for the tardiness of this one:

Winter 2001	Dec. 9
Spring 2001	Feb. 3
Summer 2001	May 19
Fall 2001	Aug. 18

Regular contributors are asked to adhere to these deadlines closely so that we can publish on time. Occasional contributors, please remember that if you want to have an article or notice published in a specific issue, it must reach me by the above dates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Kinsley

Please welcome these New Members:

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 3117 Seppo Laaksonen, Helsinki, Finland

Deceased:

2961 Robert Meeker, Mansfield, OH

MILCOPEX Report

The Society had a regional gathering at MILCOPEX (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) on Sept. 15-17, where a small but attentive group enjoyed a presentation by V.P. Myron Fox on various aspects of U.S. Censorship during World War II.

The meeting of the Board highlighted that, while membership remains close to 600, there is a need for aggressive recruiting of new members. I hope all members with contact in local philatelic groups will encourage membership in the Society. Send me an email and I'll send you some application forms. A revised form will identify life membership dues as 20 times annual for those under 65 and 10 times annual for those 65 or older. In addition, as a tax-exempt organization, we will encourage tax-deductible donations including philatelic material.

Additional publications in various stages of completion are new books on Construction Battalions; Motor Torpedo Boats; Marine Aviation and Naval Aviation; and a multi-volume new APO Directory. (See an additional report on this subject on page 18.)

Revised By-Laws were reviewed and should be approved at the 2001 convention at NAEPS next June, and mailed to all members in a following issue of the *Bulletin*. We are still soliciting recommendations for a revised logo to replace the existing illegible eagle. Send your own ideas, no matter how rough.

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bars to the right. (This designation was unusual in that "Special Service Squadron" referred to a Naval formation, not a Marine unit.) This marking was in use relatively briefly, being recorded from June 30 to July 22, 1927. Another early postmark followed soon thereafter, which noted the actual location. It was inscribed "Fifth Regiment, U.S.M.C./Managua, Nicaragua" in small letters, and its earliest recorded use was on 28 August 1927. Other postmarks followed in due course, as listed in the accompanying table.

Examples of some of the postmarks are shown in Figure 1. Some of the other markings did not reproduce well enough to publish, but it is hoped that the foregoing descriptions will suffice to identify them and to differentiate them from others with similar wording.

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Postmark Reads		ERD	LRD
For Ordinary Mail:			
A1.	2 ND BAT.5 TH Reg. USMC/SPEC. SER. SQUAD.	06/30/27	07/22/27
A2.	FIFTH REGIMENT, USMC/MANAGUA	08/28/27	12/07/30
A3.	FIFTH REG. USMC/MANAGUA	08/28/27	07/08/30
A4.	MARINE CORPS EXP. FORCES	09/27/27	05/31/28
A5.	USMC.5 TH REG.2D BRIG./MANAGUA	03/13/28	05/14/29
A6.	ELEVENTH REG./SECOND BRIGADE	10/20/28	12/10/28
A7.	H'dqts.E. Area, Puerto Cabezas	03/11/29	05/08/30
A8.	NEW YORK, N.Y.,USMC EXP. FORCES	09/22/29	09/10/30
A9.	AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS/SECOND BRIGADE	06/04/30	10/07/30
A10.	5 TH REG. USMC/MANAGUA	07/20/30	11/19/30
A11.	5 TH REG. USMC., MANAGUA	01/28/31	12/31/32
A12.	USMC. 5 th Reg. 2d Brig. Managua	05/24/31	06/14/31
For Registered Mail:			
R1.	Marine Corps Exp. Forces	03/11/28	04/27/28
R2.	Marine Barracks Exp. Forces	06/22/28	
R3.	(Eleventh Reg. Second Bri. USMC)	09/11/28	
R4.	ELEVENTH REG. SECOND BRIGADE	02/16/29	05/02/29
R5.	H'dqts. E. Area, Puerto Cabezas	03/30/29	04/03/29
R6.	USMC 5 th Reg. 2d. Brig. Managua	07/09/29	05/27/30
R7.	New York (USMC Exp. Forces, Nicaragua Br.)	07/08/30	05/20/31
R8.	5 TH REG. USMC MANAGUA, NICARAGUA BR.	03/01/32	
R9.	NEW YORK (USMC 5 TH REG. MANAGUA BR.)	03/31/32	
For Money Orders:			
M1.	USMC. 5 TH REG. 2 ND BRIG. MANAGUA M.O.B.	08/28/28	
M2.	USMC. 5 th Reg. 2 nd Brig. Managua M.O.B.	06/05/31	
M3.	NEW YORK (USMC 5 TH REG.MANAGUA) M.O.B.	11/19/32	
For Incoming Mail:			
RC1.	USMC 5 TH REG. 2D BRIG. REC'D.	08/07/28	

Table 1. Inventory of postmarked by U.S. Marines in Nicaragua, 1927-1933, with Earliest and Latest Reported Date of use of each.

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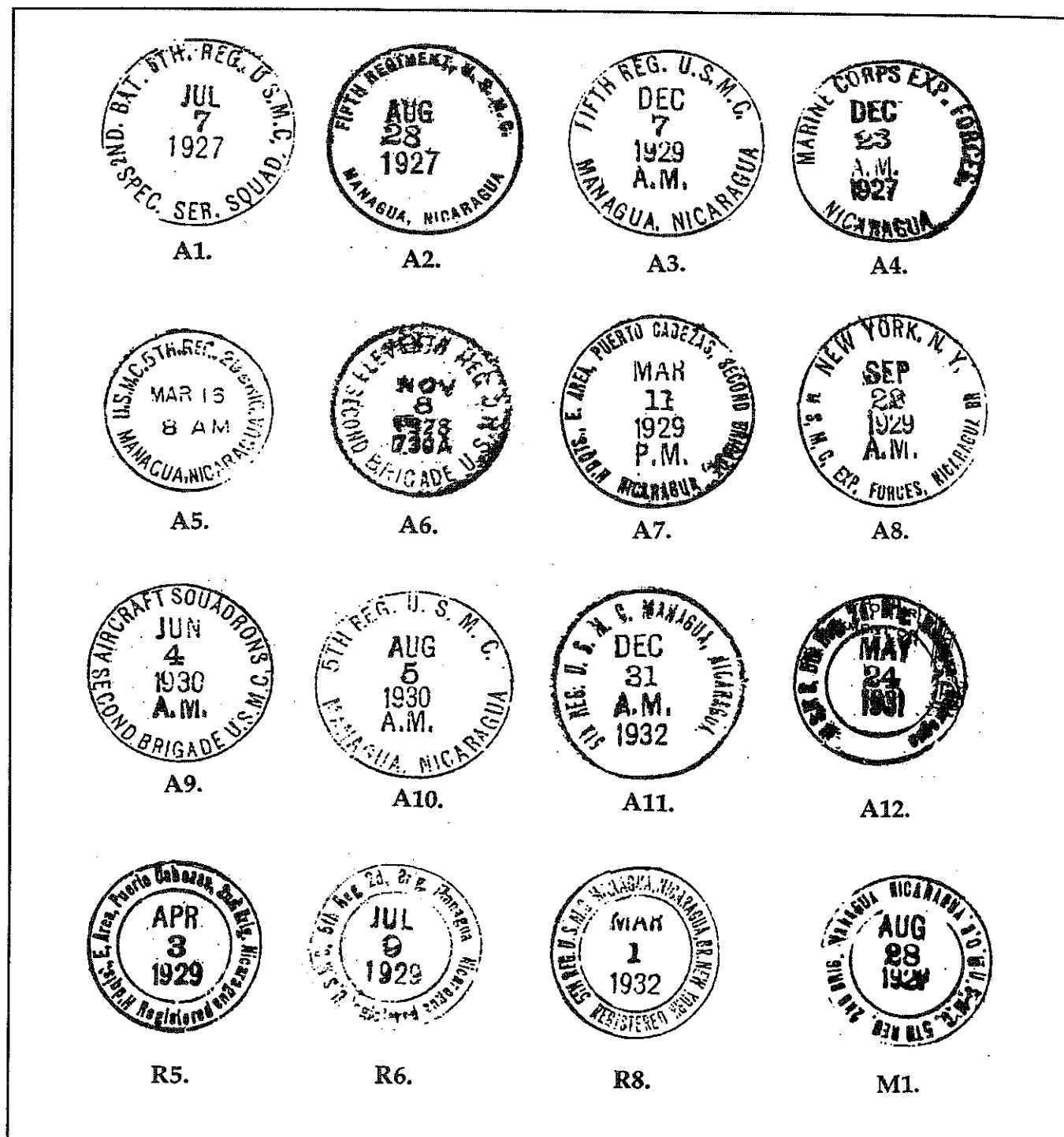


Figure 1. Examples of U.S.M.C. Nicaragua Postmarks

BRITAIN'S BEST KEPT SECRET

by Roger Callens

A Dutchman, Jugo Koch, invented and patented a coding machine in 1915. He did nothing with it. A German engineer, Scherbius, bought Koch's patents and manufactured the machine for the protection of business cables. In 1923 Scherbius showed off his renamed Koch machine, which he called "Enigma," at the congress of the International Postal Union, but soon after the machine mysteriously disappeared from the market. Colonel Fellgiebel, the Reichswehr's signals chief, recognized the military value of Enigma. Later, as a Major General, became the top cryptographic officer in Hitler's Wehrmacht. Fellgiebel had Enigma improved, saying that its messages would be completely indecipherable without another Enigma machine.

An Enigma machine sent from Berlin to the German embassy in Warsaw was intercepted by the Polish secret service and carefully analyzed. The Poles acquired a commercial Enigma machine in Sweden and began working on intercepted Enigma messages. In 1934 the Poles broke Enigma (*figure 1*). The Germans made so many changes that the Poles had to construct a theoretical machine that exactly matched Enigma. They called it "bomba" (a French ice cream specialty). The Poles did well using the "bomba" but it all ended in 1938, when the Germans changed Enigma.

In July 1939 the British, French and Poles met to begin the remarkable achievement called "The Ultra Secret." It was the construction of a machine that was in reality a primitive computer set up at the British cipher school in Bletchley Park (*figure 2*) by the British mathematician Alan Turing (*figure 3*). Upon British declaration of war on Sept. 3, 1939, Turing took up full-time work at Bletchley Park.

From late 1940 the Turing "bombe" (*figure 4*) made the reading of Luftwaffe signals routine. "Moonlight Sonata," the air raid against Coventry, planned for the night of Nov. 14-15, 1940 was known to the British two days before the raid. When the message reached Churchill's headquarters, the British Prime Minister was faced with a terrible and tragic choice. He knew that if any but the usual defensive measures were taken for the protection of Coventry, the Germans would suspect that Enigma had been compromised. In the end he made the decision he had to. Ultra was needed to win the war, and Coventry would not be defended.

By the end of 1941, as the U.S. entered the war, the battle of the Atlantic was moving toward an Allied advantage. When in February 1942 the Atlantic U-boat Enigma machine was

changed this advantage was suddenly wiped out: nothing could be decoded and catastrophe loomed. Alan Turing crossed the Atlantic in November 1942 for highest-level liaison on the desperate U-boat Enigma crisis. Before his return in March 1943 the changed U-boat system had been brilliantly detected and decryption was restored for the rest of the war.

Alan Turing became an all-purpose consultant to the by now vast Bletchley Park operation. As such he saw the "Fish" material (messages enciphered on the quite different system used for Hitler's strategic communications) cracked by the Collosus machine (*figure 5*), brought into operation just before D-day, demonstrating the feasibility of large-scale digital electronic technology. Thanks to Enigma the British located the Abwehr agents sent to Britain and Ireland.

All important decoded messages were sent to the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street, or during the weekends by courier to his residence at Chequers, Buckingham. If there was air raid warning the message was sent to the bombproof shelter at Storey Gate. During the Battle of Britain messages from the Luftwaffe revealed an unusually high decline in aircraft strength, leaving only 75% of the planes serviceable. Thus the interception squadrons could be sent to match the number of enemy planes. On March 27, 1941 "Ultra" revealed the movements of the Italian fleet in order to attack British convoys. In the ensuing engagement the British fleet annihilated the Italian fleet. The Italian losses were three cruisers, two destroyers and about 3,000 men, including Admiral Cattaneo. In a brief engagement on May 24, 1941 between the German battleship *Bismarck* and the British Home Fleet, in which *Hood* was sunk in five minutes, *HMS Prince of Wales* scored hits which pierced *Bismarck's* oil tanks and reduced her speed. "Ultra" intercepted a message from *Bismarck* specifying her intention to make for Brest. The Admiralty calculated the possible route and a Swordfish aircraft from *HMS Ark Royal* settled the matter when a well-aimed torpedo crippled *Bismarck's* steering gear. The pride of the German navy was left a dangerous but certain victim for the oncoming British Navy.

On December 16, 1944 out of the mists and snows of the Ardennes, German troops struck with complete surprise in Hitler's last desperate attempt to stem the Allied advance, the Battle of the Bulge. As Hitler began his preparations for the attack he could take no chances. He forbade transmissions by telephone, telegraph or wireless of any information in connection with the offensive. Anything dealing with the offensive



Figures 1 to 5 — commemorative British postmarks honoring the Bletchley Park codebreakers' facility.

Enigma...

had to be transmitted by officer couriers. On Dec. 26, 1944 Enigma was on duty again. A message from Field Marshal Rundstedt to Hitler in Berlin mentioned that it would be impossible to reach Antwerp. General Eisenhower immediately gave the order to attack the flanks.

Because of the need for secrecy relating to Enigma, employees at the facility used an "undercover" address, P.O. Box 111, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire (figure 6).

The existence of Enigma was first communicated to General Eisenhower and Marshal Alexander followed by Generals Clark and Patton and, after D-day, to the commanders of the American, British and Canadian armies. In a letter dated July 1945, addressed to the employees at Bletchley Park, General Eisenhower expressed his gratitude with the following words: "The messages from your services were inestimable. They considerably simplified my task of commander in chief, saved thousands of lives, and contributed to the final defeat of Germany."

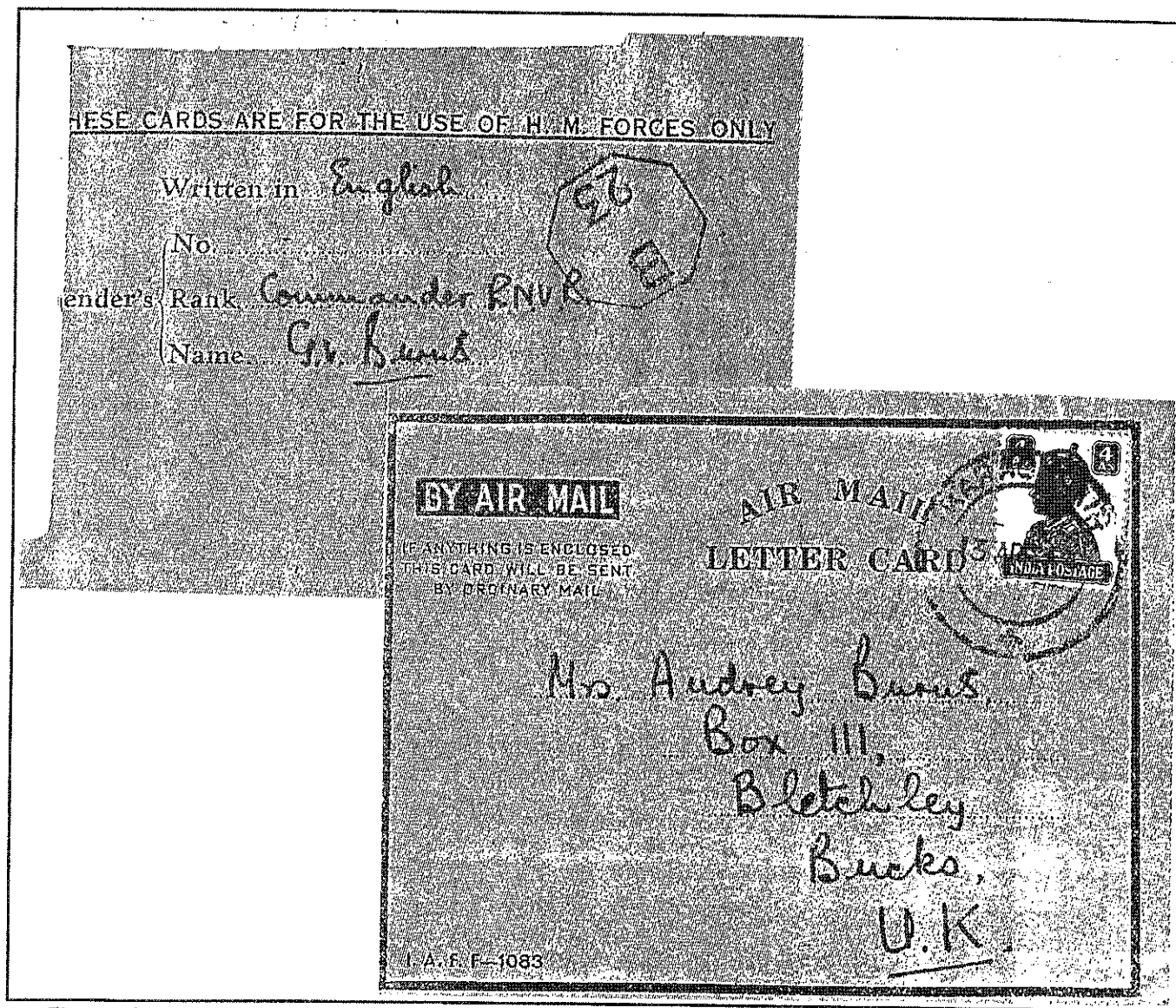


Figure 6. Censored air mail letter sheet posted in Karachi, India on April 13, 1944 (censor B-23 at Karachi), from a Royal Navy commander to his wife, employed at the secrets center. Undercover address P.O. Box 111, Bletchley.

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Thai Military Courier Correspondence in WW II

by Al Shumsky

A quantity of military courier correspondence from World War II not seen before appeared on the market in Bangkok a couple of years ago. Speculation is that it came from the estate of a recently deceased dignitary whose father had been a World War II era general. Or possibly the recent economic crash had motivated some custodian to "liberate" some material from old archival files. The actual provenance, as with most such caches that appear suddenly on the market, will probably never be known except to those responsible.

The items mostly date from 1939-41, although there are also some Japanese military covers addressed to the Nippon-Thai command which date from after the arrival of Japanese troops in December 1941.

The illustrated cover is more traveled than most, resulting in an unusually colorful plethora of markings, but is otherwise fairly typical.

This was dispatched from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (typed on front lower left, document 12104 of 1939 upper left), addressed to the Officer in Charge at the Ministry of Defense. The pair of small rectangular handstamps on the top front read "Secret" and "Restricted." The large red embossed seal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, over-signed by the sender, seals the back flap.

The larger boxed rectangular handstamps, mostly in purple, permit tracing the route the cover took. To the right of the seal on the back is the receipt at the Ministry of Defense: October 17, 1939 at 1450 hours, number

14170. Bottom center on the front is the receipt of the Department of the Army (which, for all practical purposes was the same as the Ministry of Defense): October 17, 1939 at 1543, number 11007.

From there it was directed in big blue crayon to the Navy Department, where it went to two different offices, one to the right of the address on October 16, 1939 at 1600, and the square one below that on October 18, 1939 at 1000.

From the Navy it went to the Air Force (to the left of the seal) on October 31, 1939 at 0900. And finally (to the upper left of the seal) to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on November 6, 1939 at 1435.

The labels used to re-seal the envelope are ones used by the various agencies on classified material. These (and others) have been illustrated and identified by H. R. Blakeney in the Spring 1999 issue of *Thai Philately* (Vol. 16 No. 1). The bottom seal, of which only a bit is visible on the left back, is the Army-Ministry of Defense label (red); on the opposite side can be seen part of the Navy label (black, with a red portion covered); and on top at both ends the Air Force label (also red).

Unfortunately the contents are missing. But the lag time between forces suggests that this was not a case of simply referring some matter to more appropriate offices. It looks as if it was a directive on which some action was to be taken by each force, with a final report back to the high command.

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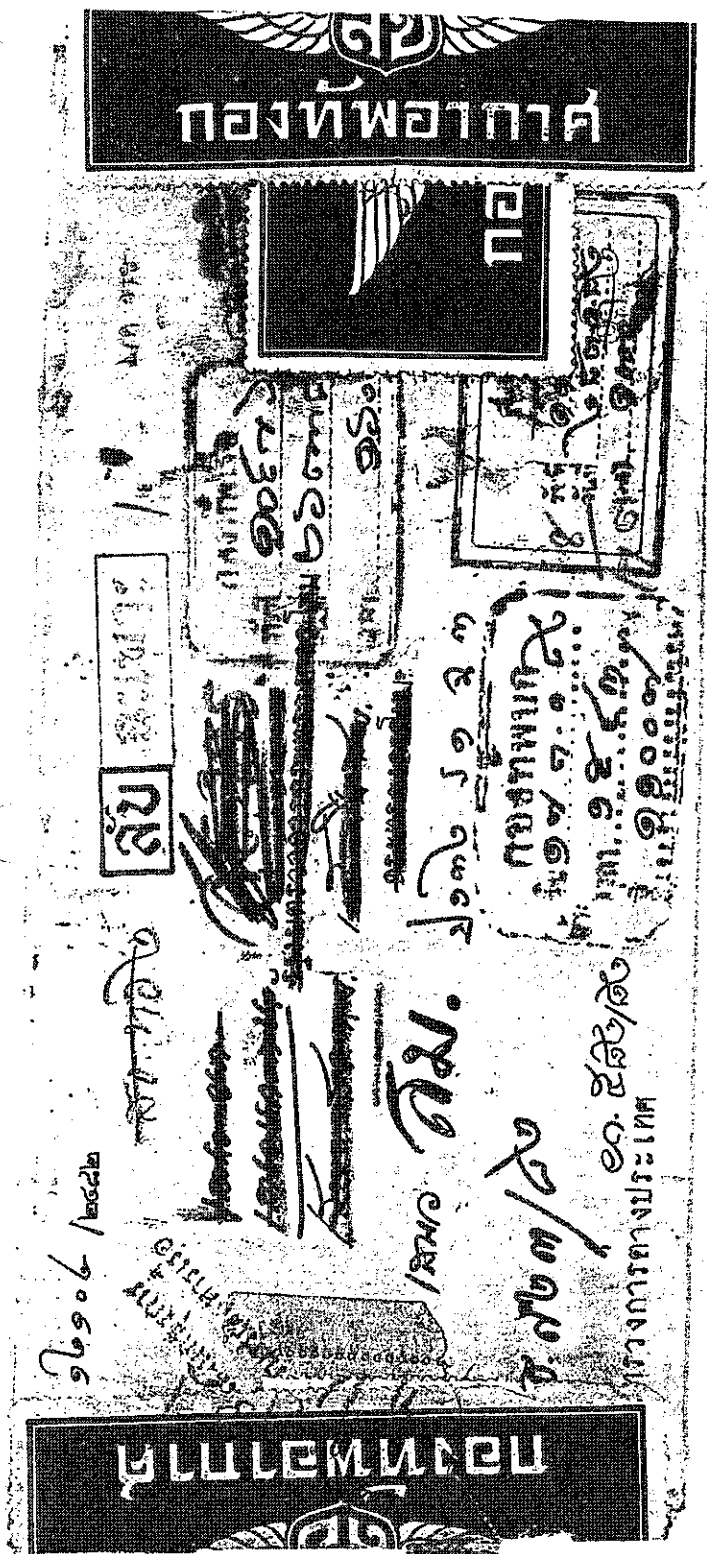
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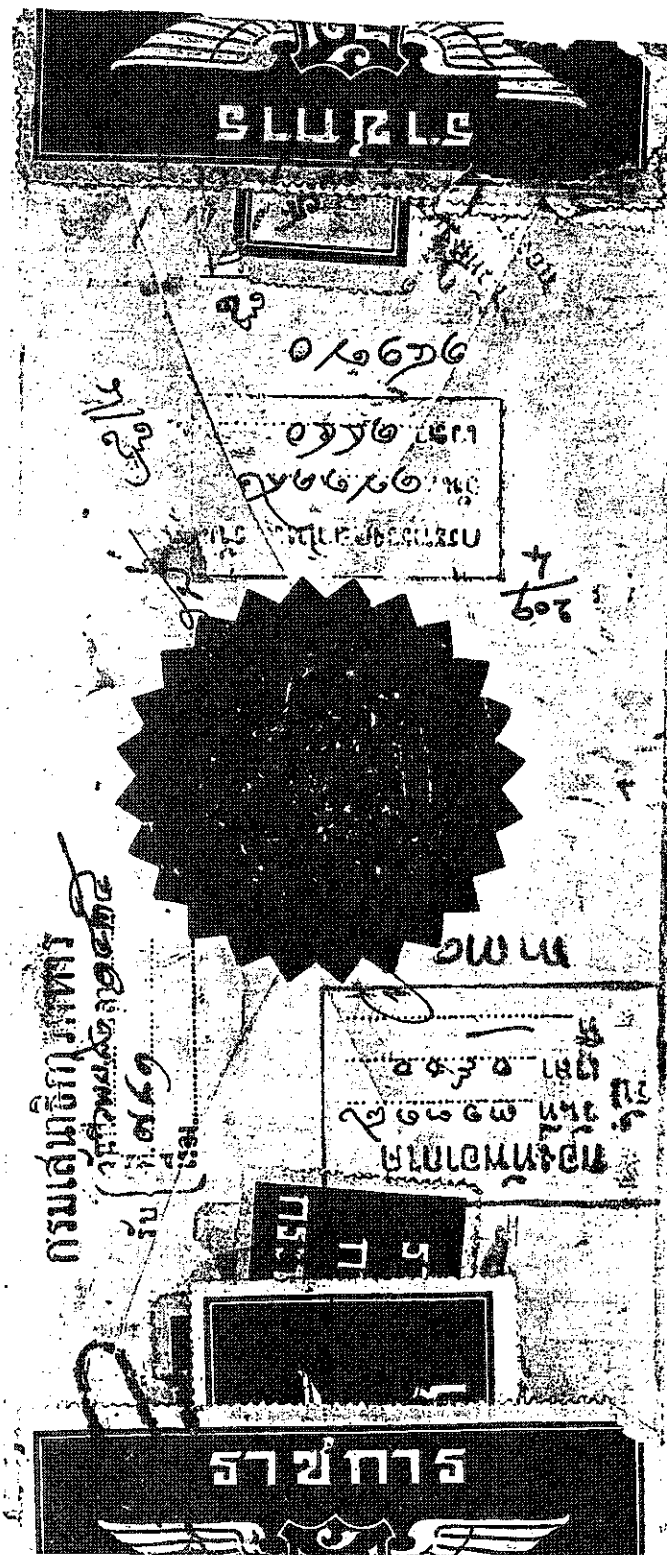
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LOST and FOUND

by George Saqqal

The ebb and flow of commerce continues even in wartime. Goods are made, sold and paid for as if nothing were going on.

In June of 1940, with the world around them collapsing in a flood of fire and smoke, the bankers of The City, London's financial center, went about their business as usual. The London branch of the Chase National Bank of The City of New York, located at no. 6, Lombard Street, sent a registered letter to a Mr. Gabriel Debany of Aleppo, Syria, then a French Mandated possession in the Middle East. It was quite an ordinary piece of business correspondence, and had there been air mail service to Syria, the letter would have been just another piece of innocent business correspondence. But, because there was no available air mail service at the time, this piece of correspondence became a kind of rarity because it took 4½ years to reach its destination, and no one I asked seemed to know where it spent those "lost" years.

Ordinarily, the letter would have been carried by air to Syria on British Overseas Airways Corporation's long range Short flying boats. But, France had fallen to the Germans in June of 1940 and the last BOAC flight to fly over French airspace did so on June 10, 1940. Italy entered the war on Germany's side in June of 1940 and her fighters and submarines made travel over or on the Mediterranean hazardous. Syria was firmly in control of a government friendly to Vichy France, and Mr. Debany was a naturalized U.S. citizen living in Syria, the land of his birth.

The bank did not mail the letter via air mail and it is not known why. Did they know it would be too late to make the last BOAC flight to Cairo and points east, or were they being cost-conscious?

On June 8, 1941 Syria was invaded by the 7th Australian Division, part of the First Cavalry Division, the Fifth Indian Brigade and a Free French force under the French General Le Gentilhomme. They faced a Vichy-friendly force under another French General named Dentz consisting of 18 battalions with supporting artillery and planes. Damascus was the objective and the fighting raged furiously with heavy losses on both sides until the city fell. Elsewhere in Syria the fighting was off and on with the British calling in more reinforcements until, on July 12, Vichy envoys sued for an armistice. On July 19, 1941 a Free French government was installed in Syria.

Still, the letter remained undelivered.

On January 23, 1945 the letter arrived at the Damascus post office and was backstamped. On January 31 it arrived at the post office in Aleppo and was backstamped again with the date. Still it bore no clue as to its whereabouts for those 4½ years, and the other markings on front and back raised more questions than they answered.

We know this much: the rubber stamped number '35' on the face of the cover is a type 10A censor's mark that when decoded means that the cover arrived (somewhere) on the 29th of an unspecified month. The pencilled inscription '352395' when unscrambled means that the censor's personal ID is 353, that the letter arrived, again, on the 29th and that it arrived at district 5. Syria, under French mandate, was apportioned for political and administrative purposes, into five zones or dis-

tricts. They were: The Alaouites, Aleppo, Damascus, Greater Lebanon and finally, Djebel Druse. Aleppo, presumably, was zone 5. This is further supported by the manuscript inscription on the face of the cover that fine tunes the address and bears the phrase "...in the Aleppo sector...."

An examination of those markings would be in order.

1. Both flaps of the envelope are sealed with the bank's embossed seals and are over stamped with the Lombard Street's registered mail rubber handstamp dated June 6, 1940.

2. Somewhere along the line, while in custody of Free French forces, presumably in Syria, the envelope was opened for inspection and sealed with a tape reading CONTROLE, meaning that it had been examined and found free of contraband.

3. It had also been examined by a Free French censor who affixed his rubber handstamp bearing the Cross of Lorraine and the letters "C P" in the circle. This handstamp on the back of the cover ties the CONTROLE label to the cover and shows that it was affixed after the CONTROLE label.

4. This same censor stamp on the front of the cover again ties the CONTROLE label to the cover.

5. The Lombard Street post office registered handstamp appears on the front of the cover and bears the same date: June 6, 1940.

6. The metered franking is for 6d, a seemingly modest amount for both postage and registry fees.

7. The registry number 7189 on an adhesive label confirms the status of the letter as registered, as do the crossed vertical and horizontal lines (in blue crayon) on the front and back of the cover.

8. The Arabic manuscript inscription holds no clue either. House numbers and street names were unknown in Syria at this time. The inscription was put on by the Syrian postal authorities to expedite (finally) the delivery of the letter. The inscription loosely translated reads: "Mr. Gabriel Debany in the Aleppo Sector, Azizieh neighborhood, near Shakoor." If mail delivery was available the carrier was on a first name basis with the families on his route and the address as shown would be sufficient to enable him to deliver the letter.

9. The pencilled inscription "352395" that appears written across the censor stamp on the back of the cover is repeated on the correspondence in the envelope.

Given the circumstances of the time and the competing political currents at work, we can, I think, reasonably assume that this cover and the mail that it was a part of, went by sea, given the total lack of any air mail markings or transit stamps that might have been affixed along its route. It probably was held up in territory controlled by the Free French until they remembered they had it, and then sent along to its eventual destination when it became clear that Germany was defeated and that the Free French under DeGaulle were the victors. Or, the reasons might just as easily lie elsewhere. Whatever the reason, it is an interesting artifact of an old war.

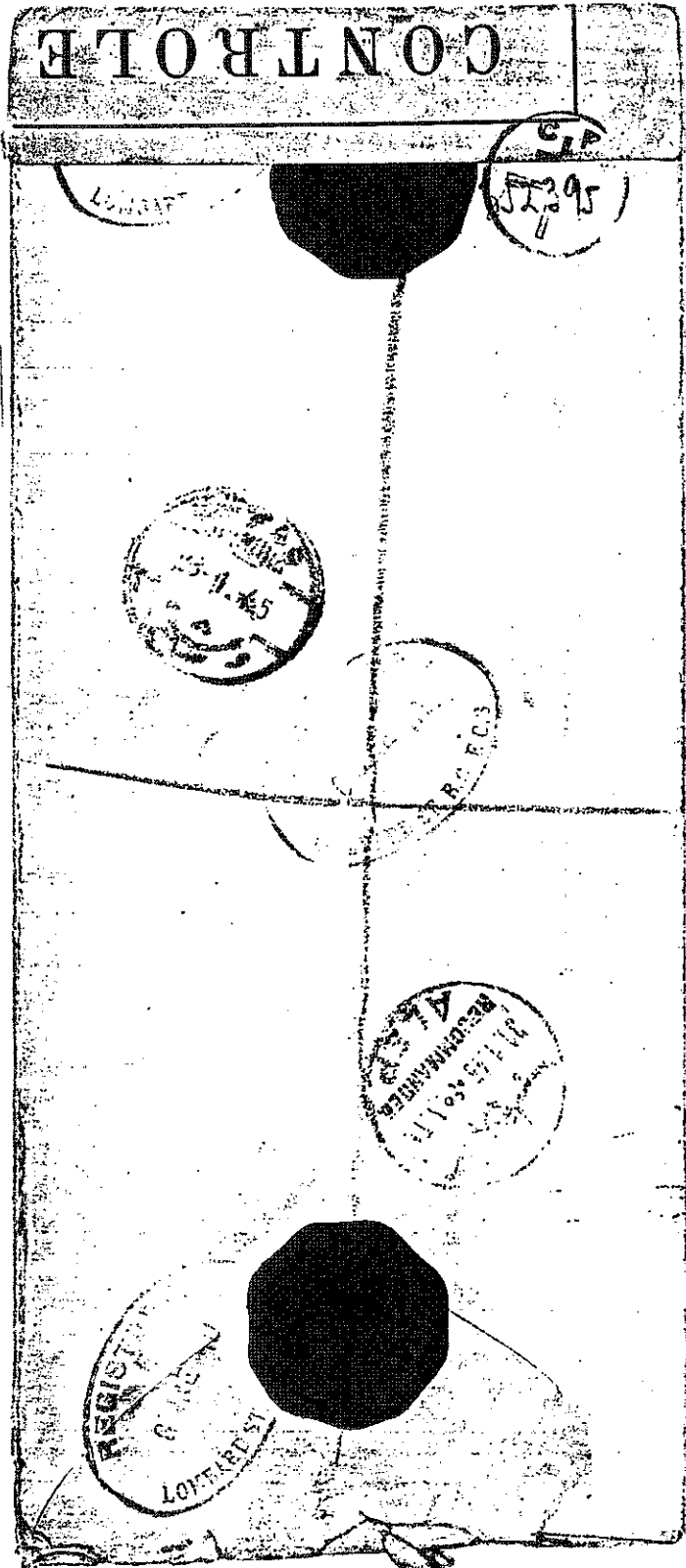
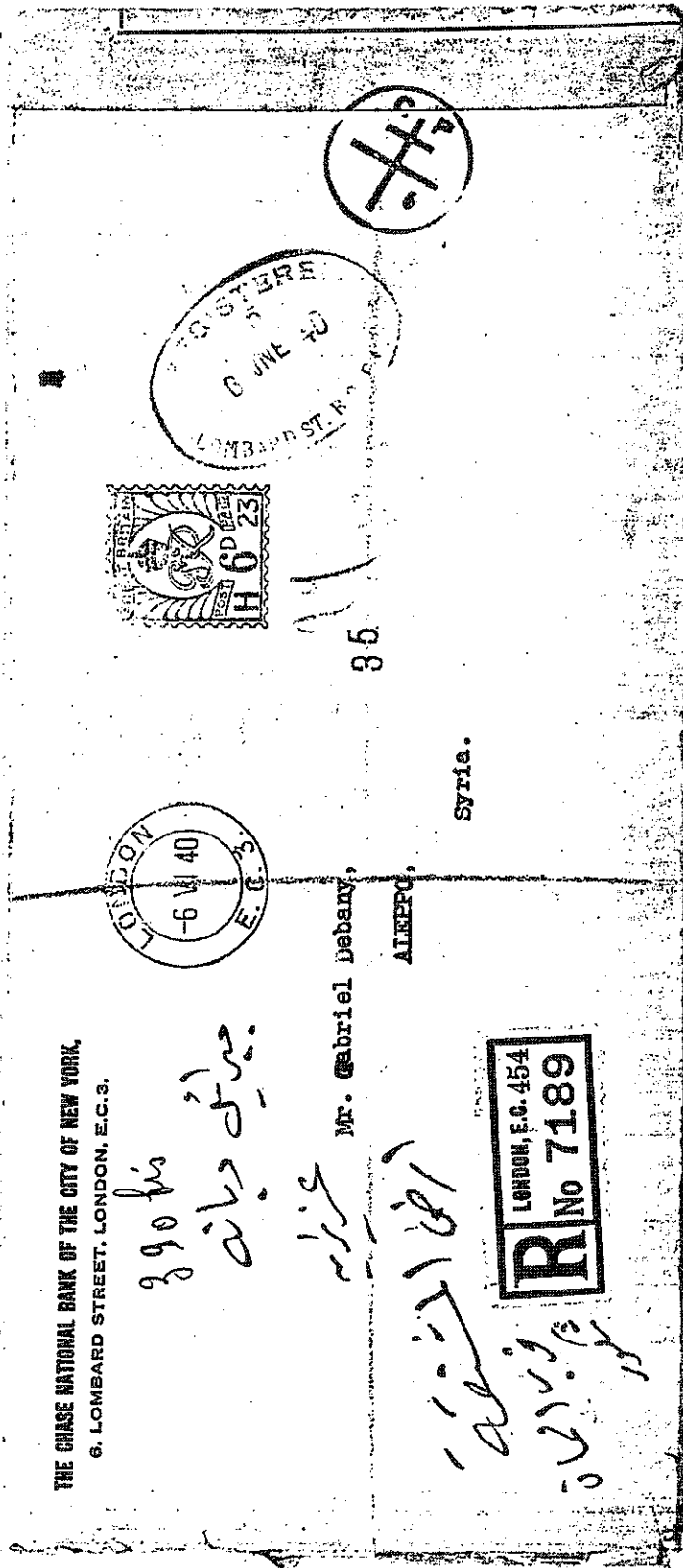
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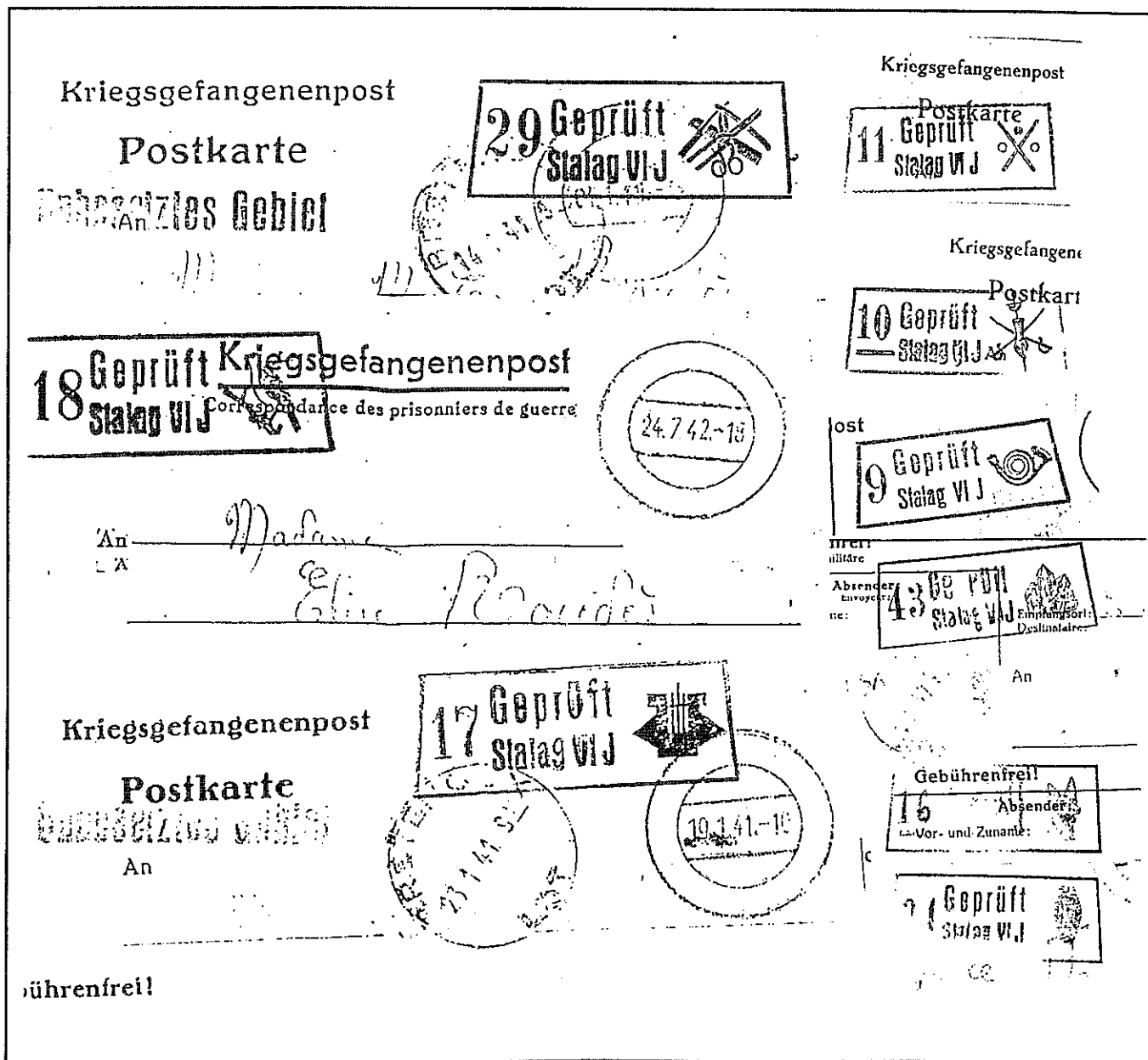
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BOOK REVIEWS

Occupied France and Some Unusual Mail

Reviewed by Alan Warren

Unusual Mail in Occupied France 1870-1871, Ernst M. Cohn, 9½ by 9¼ inches, 200 + xii pages, hardbound, illustrated, James Bendon Ltd., Limassol, Cyprus, ISBN 9963 579 795. \$50 postpaid from the publisher, Box 56484, 3307 Limassol, Cyprus.

The author is a postal historian of world repute and this latest volume is a companion to his 1995 work, *Ordinary Mail by Diplomatic Means During the Siege of Paris 1870-1871*. Hitherto little known means of handling the mails during the siege are brought together in Cohn's latest book, where he writes of smuggling activities, censorship, and other treatment of the mails. Many of his previous articles and books were devoted to the well-known balloon mail of the Siege of Paris.

Now the author focuses on historical events and the curious handling of siege mail primarily by surface routes. The conditions in towns under siege are presented in some detail, including Bitche, Phalsbourg (no surviving mail has surfaced), Strasbourg (with its interesting Red Cross cards), Metz (where mail was clandestinely sent in bottles and pigs' bladders on the Moselle River), Belfort, and others. However, a substantial part of the book is devoted to conditions and the unusual aspects of mail handled in and out of Paris, especially by smuggling.

By far the most fascinating part of the book deals with mails of Paris sent by private and commercial smugglers, via sealed pipe sections and zinc balls, in the Seine, by balloon, and even smuggled by postmen and journalists. Commercial smuggling was extensive as revealed by advertisements in *Figaro*. Details of the activities of specific smugglers are presented as well as discussions of French and German censorship procedures. What may be the first use of a censorship resealing tape is illustrated on an 1871 mourning cover in-bound to Metz.

Despite the wealth of information compiled here, the author admits that much more research needs to be done to discover more correspondence of the period, to identify unusual and still unexplained markings, and to provide and document further details on the handling of siege mail. Cohn emphasizes that postal history can be documented by a thorough search of newspapers of the period, in addition to books and articles written well after the events.

No bibliography is provided. However, the copious end notes provide full citations to references in the text. A detailed index concludes the book but carries the curious running head, "Smuggled, Censored and Other Unusual Surface???" Aside from this and a glaring typo on the dust jacket and title page, the book seems well edited, printed and bound, i.e. another quality product from the House of Bendon.

U.S. Military Facilities WW I

Reviewed by Alan Warren

Domestic United States Military Facilities of the First World War 1917-1919: A Postal History by Robert D. Swanson. Loose-leaf, 8½ by 11 inches, 378 pages, illustrated, published by the author,

Wailuku, Hawaii, 2000. \$40 plus \$3.20 shipping in the U.S.; also available on CD-ROM for \$30 postpaid from the author, Box 2867, Wailuku, HI 96793-7867.

This book is the result of more than ten years of study by the author. He sets out the limitations of his coverage. The book is restricted to fixed land-based facilities in the United States and its territories, so it does not include ships or camps in foreign countries. He does not include camps established after the Armistice. Rather than presenting a bibliography in conventional format, the author chose to describe each of his main sources in his introduction. He has used many covers from his own collection or those of friends to prepare the many illustrations.

The arrangement throughout the book is alphabetical by state, then by city and then by camp or facility. For example under San Diego, California there are entries for the Aviation Mechanics School, Camp Kearney, Naval Training Camp, North Island Aviation Field, Rockwell Field, and Camp Walter R. Taliaferro among others. For some entries there is no record of any postal history. For others, Swanson provides illustrations of camp cancels. For each entry there is a reference source where readers can obtain more details. He uses three principal sources, which are cited in his introduction.

For many of the entries there is extended text describing the facility or its mail. Two examples are the entries under Brooklyn for the Navy Yard and for Camp Upton. The illustrations are largely scanned material and are of good quality for the most part. In addition to the state listings there are entries for the U.S. Offices in China, Canal Zone, Guam, Hawaii, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

A lot of interesting discussion is found in Appendix A, which is titled "Special Topics." Here the reader will find descriptions of welfare organizations, use of the terms "fort" vs. "camp," tank corps, medical mobilization points, postal history, rarity, patriotic covers, and a description of the hardware and software used to prepare this book. Appendix B discusses cancellations, and in Appendix C the author acknowledges the many dealers and collectors who helped him with the material used in the book. The fourth appendix is a 9-page listing of military abbreviations copied from a 1920s source.

The index consists of three parts. First is an alphabetical listing of camps, then a list of towns, and finally the listing of states with sublistings of the facilities. The work is obviously a labor of love for author Swanson, and he realizes that readers may have more information or corrections, which he would be grateful to receive.

[Ed. note: one of the interesting aspects of this book is that the author chose to use the Army Order of Battle as his primary reference, rather than some postal source. He understandably observes that the economics of self-publishing precludes the 5,000-mile trip to Washington to do research in the National Archives, but copies of the *Postal Bulletin* or the *Postal Guide* books of the era are available in many other libraries, on microfilm, or by inter-library loan. Either could have provided at least a skeleton list of military facilities that had post offices assigned. This book is nevertheless a formidable achievement and sends the collector to his albums, and hopefully from there to correspondence with the author in the hopes of contributing to a second edition of this work.]

British Civil Censorship During World War I

Reviewed by Tony Brooks

British Censorship of Civil Mails During World War I, 1914-1919, by Graham Mark, FRPSL. Sewn binding, card covers, 8¼ by 11¾ inches, 288 pages, color illustrations. Available in the United States from book dealer Leonard H. Hartman, Box 36006, Louisville, KY 40233 at \$41.50 postpaid.

Every so often a book comes along that is destined to become the classic in its field. Such will be the case with this postal history reference work by Graham Mark, produced under the auspices of the Stuart Rossiter Trust.

This book is much more than just a compendium of WW I British censorship handstamps, letter resealing tapes or advisory markings. The author introduces us to his subject by describing the historical background to censorship of the mails up to the end of the nineteenth century. He then describes British planning for censorship during the period 1904-1914, the opening months of the war, development and growth from early 1915, and the objectives and legal aspects of censorship.

Mark goes into considerable detail about the operation of censoring the mails, mails to and from enemy countries, and undercover mail. The next five chapters, organized primarily on a geographical basis, provide details by continent and by country regarding the introduction of censorship of the mails to or from specific areas. Information then follows on the censorship of transit mails, inland mails, Admiralty censorship, prisoner-of-war mail, internee mail, exemptions from censorship and special categories of mail. A chapter is also devoted to the release of detained letters.

The book then provides an illustrated and annotated reference listing of "Opened by Censor" resealing tapes, censor enclosure slips, advisory notices, and censors' handstamps. The book concludes with an appendix that contains the dates of declarations of war, dates of the cessation of war, dates of peace treaties, abstracts of post office circulars and abstracts of circulars to surveyors of interest to researchers into WW I postal history and censorship.

There is also a bibliography and a very detailed index.

Anyone with an interest in WW I should have this book in their library.

Postal History or Souvenirs?

Reviewed by Ernst M. Cohn

Kriegsausgaben unter deutscher Besetzung 1940-1945 [War Issues Under German Occupation 1940-1945], by Karl Heimann. Soft-bound, 76 pp. incl. 8 with unnumbered color ills., 51 ills. incl. many maps, 6 x 8¼", 1997. No. 148 (new series) of Poststempel-gilde (Postmark Guild), DM24 + 1.50 postage from author, An der Turnhalle 40, D-34134 Kassel, Germany.

A recent first exchange of letters led to the author's informing me about his publication, thus prompting me to add it to my holdings of publications about unusual philatelic topics.

In the foreword, Helmut Oeleker, head of the Guild, rephrases a quotation from Brühl's "History of Philately" (vol.1, p.119): "As they get older, they become more genuine," attributed to Kurt Karl Doberer. That will show the

reader what the author thinks about the issues described and discussed here.

In his own foreword, the author notes that the German post office had no connection with the stamp issues discussed in this booklet. He also doubts that authenticity can be claimed with certainty, given the possibility that these issues were created years after the end of the war. In at least one case, the "semipostals" of Brac (p. 28, his quotation marks), he mentions that expertizers have ceased to authenticate such material. (That is precisely what they should do as concerns Buffalo Balloon labels, with but two exceptions, and all Vineta Provisionals.)

Heimann assembled all available information of a geographic, historical, and philatelic character as well as eye witness accounts — many of which are contradictory and untrustworthy — before drawing his conclusions. Most, if not all, these products have not seen any postal service.

The collected articles cover local French issues of Dunkirk 1940, Lorient 1945, and St. Nazaire 1945; Balkan issues of Albania, "semipostals" of Brac, 1944 Macedonia; and Saloniki; Soviet Union issues of Ljady, the Ukraine, the areas of Gorochow, Lubomi and Wladimir-Wolynsk, issues with swastika imprint, map stamp of Gorochow, unissued (!) stamps; and the vignettes of the foreign volunteer legions, as listed in the Michel specialized catalogs.

As always in such cases, philatelists are free to collect whatever they wish, of course. They might wish to inform themselves about the nature of their collectibles, however. It is good to know whether an adhesive was created at the time it is claimed to have been in existence, has done postal service at that time, or is a souvenir (bogus, cinderella, or whatever) that was prepared merely to make money for its originators.

The booklet is reviewed here to remind (1) collectors that not everything for which a certificate is issued is necessarily what it purports to be; (2) expertizers that they ought to keep up with the literature about their specialties, and that not everything listed in some catalogue must be expertized; as well as (3) catalogue editors that listings should not be cast in concrete but be reviewed in the light of new knowledge.

Heimann clearly shows how to differentiate between postal history and souvenirs generally. The booklet is highly recommended to those who know German well.

Army Machine Cancels

Reviewed by David A. Kent

Military Machine Cancels of the Army Postal Service, Part A, by Bart Billings; with Robert Payne and Reg Morris, Contributing Editors. 8½ by 11 inches, 106 pp, loose-leaf. Numerous illustrations and tables. Published by the Machine Cancel Society, Warren, Ohio. ISBN 1-200009-09-1. Price (to MPHS members) \$12.00 postpaid from Gary Carlson, 3097 Frobisher Ave., Dublin, OH 43017.

This monograph is the first in a projected series on the machine cancels used by Army and Air Force military post offices from the beginning of World War II to the present. Many studies of military post offices, particularly those of World War II, have been made — indeed, many have been published by the MPHS — but few have treated the postal markings used on mail in detail. Much of the inspiration for this new series of studies by the Machine Cancel Society has been research recently conducted in the National Archives by

our own Russ Carter. The rapidly growing ability presented by modern computer systems to organize data effectively has also been a help.

As the first book in a series, this volume devotes considerable space to a general discussion of the canceling machines used by military post offices, along with the system for classifying the resulting impressions. These discussions cover some 40 pages. The basic catalog listings in this first volume cover only APOs and Base Post Offices numbered 1 through 7, although these low-numbered offices used a huge range of machine cancels. An extended chapter is devoted to the 7th Base Post Office that operated in the Pacific during World War II, based primarily on studies by Richard Graham, columnist for *Linn's Stamp News*. Copies of intriguing documents discovered in the National Archives by Russ Carter complete this volume.

Future volumes will present information on higher numbered APOs and BPOs.

The authors acknowledge that most of the material covered in this book is from World War II, with relatively little information on the period of the Korean War and the Cold War that followed it. Since canceling machines are still in use by military post offices overseas, these markings still offer ample opportunity for future studies.

Those whose interest in APOs is confined to their locations on specific dates will not find much new in this volume, which depends heavily on our own *United States Numbered Military Post Offices — Assignments and Locations* as a primary reference. Those who have a deeper interest in the conduct of business at military post offices, and in the cancellations they have used, will find this a fascinating study and will look forward to future volumes.

The price of \$12.00 is a special to MPHS members because of our involvement in the production of the book. Order now before the undoubtedly limited press run is gone.

Korean War History

reviewed by David A. Kent

Korean Philately — Special Issue, 50th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Korean War, Gary N. McLean, Editor. 8½ by 11 inches, 46 pages, loose leaf, illustrations and tables. Vol. 46, No. 2, May 2000, ISSN 1087-5107. Price \$8.00 postpaid from John E. Talmage, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Korea Stamp Society, P.O. Box 6889, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

Much like the last issue of our *Bulletin*, the May 2000 issue of *Korean Philately* was devoted to the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Much of the issue, beyond the usual Society business, offers articles on the subject. Included, for example, is an article on Canadian forces involved, with a list of CAPO and CFPO offices that operated in Korea. Another article details all of the American APO and BPO offices in Korea during the war, with dates and locations. There are other shorter articles of similar interest. Those who wish to build a Korean War library may well be interested in this special issue.

The Korea Stamp Society also has plans for a monograph titled *Postal History of the Korean War, 1950-53* (not seen). Price is \$25.00 plus postage, or free with a year's membership in the Society at the same price (this would include four issues of the Society's quarterly journal). Order from the secretary-treasurer, address above.

Also Noted

Pan Am Pacific Flights

Pan American's Pacific Pioneers — The Rest of the Story, by Jon E. Krupnick. 9 by 12 inches, 700 pp., hardcover (or a 250-copy leather bound edition), full color illustrations. \$59.95 plus \$6.00 shipping in U.S.A.; \$250.00 (plus \$6.00) for the leather-bound edition. Order from Pictorial Histories Publishing Co., 713 South Third Street West, Missoula, MT 59801.

Krupnick has won awards for his histories of Pan American Airways and its romantic opening of the Pacific to air travel during the 1930s. This is the latest of his studies, undoubtedly devoted more to the story of aviation than to mail. His interests range far beyond covers, however. The book illustrates numerous vintage collectibles, from airline annual reports to china plates to baggage labels. Indeed, each book contains a certificate for a free poster to hang on your den wall.

Those with an enduring interest in the history of aviation in the Pacific will need this book for the library.

NEW BNAPS P.O.W. BOOK

by Dean W. Mario

The British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) has published a new book entitled *Internment Mail in Canada, 1914-1919 & 1939-1946* by S.C. Luciuk. The book is part of the Society's popular Exhibit Series.

This 104-page photocopied spiral bound exhibit examines the postal history and markings of POWs and internees in Canada from both world wars. Several rare, unusual, and often unique pieces are illustrated to help tell the fascinating story of Canada's internment camps in wartime.

Examples from the First World War include a unique "internment operations" marking from Ottawa, scarce camp markings from Quebec's Spirit Lake and Valcartier, and an unusual personalized censor handstamp from Lethbridge, Alberta.

Second World War postal items include such elusive pieces as a registered cover from a refugee in Ile-aux-Noix, rejected mail to Fort Henry and Lethbridge, and a "released" handstamp from Hull, Quebec.

The book includes an addendum consisting of several pages of covers, Christmas greetings on FORM I.O. 20 postcards, and some picture post cards illustrating camps and camp life. Offering a view of one of the best exhibits of this type of material in Canada today, the book will interest those who study POW and internment camp mail, or Canadian military postal history.

The price is CD\$15.95/US\$10.85. Shipping is extra and is CD\$5 within Canada; US\$5.25 for addresses in the U.S.; and US\$8 overseas. Orders can be placed by telephoning toll free in North America 1-800-205-8814 or (306) 931-6633 elsewhere. Fax: (306) 975-3728 or via email: ssc@saskatoon-stamp.com. Orders can also be mailed to the BNAPS Book Department, c/o Saskatoon Stamp Centre, Box 1870, Saskatoon, SK Canada S7K 3S2.

Philatelic Militaria

by Alan Warren

[The following articles appeared in recent issues of a variety of journals and may be of interest to military postal history collectors. Copies of the complete articles can be obtained through the American Philatelic Research Library at APS headquarters in State College, Pa.]

David L. Straight writes a column for *Stamp Collector* on back-of-the-book material, and his May 8 column focuses on the soldier stamps of Switzerland in World War I. Despite her neutrality, Switzerland felt compelled to maintain an army that guarded her borders. The soldier stamps were a type of charity label that helped raise funds for troops and their distressed families. Although military personnel had free franking privilege, these stamps were often used as a patriotic symbol.

In the monthly Danish journal *Skilling*, E. Menne Larsen, a noted military postal history specialist, is presenting a series of articles in the spring issues that tabulate significant postal events chronologically during the first 100 days of WW II. Each event is backed up with the source, such as the pertinent postal order by the postal service.

Canadian Forces CFPO 5140 located at Camp Maple Leaf in Skopje, Macedonia is discussed by John Conrad in his article in the May 23 issue of *Canadian Stamp News*. He provides some up to date information on these postal markings in Kosovo.

The Red Cross during World War I, as it pertains to Russia, is discussed at length by Natalie Krasheninnikoff in the April issue of *Rossica*. The main office of the Red Cross in St. Petersburg established an Inquiry Office for Prisoners of War, and in 1915 an office in Copenhagen. The author reviews the operations of the Russian, Danish, Swedish, and International Red Cross agencies using many covers to illustrate her points. Gabriel Sassower focuses on the Allied Armies in the East French Military Airmail Service Constantinople — Bucharest in 1919 in his article in the May issue of the *London Philatelist*. Overland routes for mail between Western Europe and Turkey were damaged during the war, and so the French established this airmail route. Incoming mail from Constantinople was then forwarded by train into France from Bucharest. The service lasted from July 1919 until October. The author describes the one-franc service charge, the frankings, censorship and cachets used on this mail.

MPHS Secretary Bob Kinsley describes conditions during the summer of 1940 that affected French ships in the Mediterranean in the June issue of the *American Philatelist*. Because of hostilities by the British, a couple of French ships harbored at Beyrouth in 1941 sought refuge in Turkey. He illustrates mail from personnel in the French Navy sent from Turkey. In the same issue, Robert Collins writes about U.S. POW mail during the Korean War. In the early part of the war, prisoners were not allowed to write home. This changed when the Chinese took over the POW camps. Mail to and from the American POWs in Korea was censored in Peking but routed through APO 100 in Yokohama. POW mail is scarce as guards often destroyed the mail rather than sending it on to the states. Collins describes six POW camps in North Korea.

Erich Järvlepp describes the chemical testing employed by German censors during World War II in his article in the May issue of the *German Postal Specialist*. He mentions the different chemicals used to detect secret writing on envelopes and letters and reports that up to four chemical streaks can be found on some items. Some chemical compounds left color streaks of brown or blue while others were colorless and therefore are difficult to see.

MEMBER QUERIES

Jim Boyden

Answer to Query 00/1 (J. L. Johnson)

In reply to J. Johnson's query regarding information on a Colonel Joseph P Vachon, members Kurt Stauffer and C. M. Nielsen advised that Vachon, then a brigadier general, was captured on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, with the American surrender in May, 1942. At that time, General Vachon was reportedly in command of the Cotabato-Davao Sector and of the 101st P.I. Division. In August 1942, General Vachon, along with all U.S. officers in the rank of colonel and above, was transferred to a Japanese POW camp in Formosa. Vachon was later transferred to Camp Hoten, Manchuria, from where he was released in September, 1945 and returned to the U.S. His home of record was West Branch, Maine. Camp Hoten was the same POW camp where General Wainwright, last commander of U.S. forces in the Philippines, was also held.

Any members who have questions regarding items in their collection can address their queries to Jim Boyden, 8194 Kaster Dr. NE, Bremerton, WA 98311, and we will make every attempt to find an answer.

Correction to the Index

Woe! There is an error in the Bulletin Index, discovered as a result of a request for a copy of a *War Cover Club Bulletin* article wrongly titled "Postal History of the Smithsonian." There is no postal history OF the museum, or more properly the Institution, at least not in our back issues, but there are excellent postal history resources AT the Smithsonian. And that's how the article title should have been listed. The *Bulletin* article cites one of those resources, the Leach Collection of U.S. WW I covers, and identifies the procedural requirements to view them. So Index holders: please make this correction at the top of page 9.

- Bob Kinsley

On the Show Circuit

by Alan Warren

Al Kugel won a gold, the APS 1900-1940 medal, and the American Philatelic Congress award for his "Philatelic Effects from Breakup of Austro-Hungarian Empire" at Philatelic Show in Massachusetts. At the same show, vermeil awards went to Karl Winkelmann for "The Dublin Censor Office: Irish Censorship During WW II," and to Paul Witreich for "Ireland: Censored Mail During WW II." Paul also took a silver-bronze for "Around the World (WW II) on British Censor Labels via PC90 Codes."

At ROMPEX, Lew Bussey received a gold and the MPHS award for "French Naval Mail to America 1943-1946," and another gold along with the APS research medal and Postal History Society medal went to Richard M. Stevens for "France and Serbia - Allies in the Great War." At the same show Bob Kinsley received a vermeil for "The Conquest of Indo China 1861-1904." In the single frame competition there, Joseph Bock took a vermeil for "Allied Forces Using U.S. Military Airmail in World War II," and Steve Henderson also took a vermeil for "Operation Iceberg: The Naval Battle for Okinawa."

At NOJEX, Jesse Boehret won a gold, the grand award, and the Postal History Society medal for his "German P.O.W. Mail: Camps in Japan 1914-1920." At the same show Al Kugel also won a gold along with the APS 1900-1940 medal of excellence for "Austro-Hungarian Forces in World War I." Arnold Engel received a gold and the section award for Third Reich material with his "Königsberg Censor Office 1939-1944," and a vermeil for "German Aerophilately During the Third Reich 1933-1943." A gold also went to Henry Laessig along with the APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence and the APS research medal for "Croatian Postal Rates 1941 to 1945." James Lewis took a vermeil for "German Official Postal Service in Occupied Russia 1941-1944."

At Canada's ORAPEX 2000 in Ottawa, Hendrik Burgers won a vermeil and the E. R. Toop award for the best military postal history exhibit (sponsored by the Postal History Society of Canada) for his "Canada in World War I: First and Last Contingent." In the single frame category, Eric Järvlepp received a silver-bronze for "German Censorship with Chemical Testing." Greg Pirozzi won a silver at NAPEX for his "The Holy See and Communications During WW II: A Survey."

Among U.S. exhibitors at Stamp Show 2000 in London, Al Kugel won a gold for "The Allied Intervention in Russia 1918-1925," Regis Hoffman took a large vermeil for his "Allied Forces in East Africa World War I," and George Cosentini received a bronze for "V-Mail."

Several literature entries in Canada's 5th National Philatelic Literature Exhibition in Ottawa were in the military postal history area. Galen D. Harrison received a gold and a prix d'honneur for *Prisoners' Mail from the American Civil War*. Vermeil awards went to Giuseppe Marchese for *La Posta Militaire Italiana 1915-1923, Edizione 1999* as well as *La Posta Militaire Italiana 1939-1945, Vol. 1, Edizione 2000*.

At the World Stamp Expo in Anaheim, Al Kugel won a gold for "The Philatelic Effects of the Break-Up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire 1918-1923," Leslie Baird won the grand and a gold in the single frame entries for "Commercial Airmail Rates from Palestine During World War II," and in

the display class, Lawrence Sherman also took the grand and a gold for "World War II through American Eyes." In the Court of Honor, George Cosentini showed his "V-Mail."

At Madison, Wisconsin's WISCOPEX show, John Paré took a second place and the Postal History Society award for "U.S. Forces in Bermuda 1931-1995." Roy Koczarski won a gold at PIPEX with "The Polish P.O.W. Camp Posts During World War II," William G. Robinson took a vermeil for "Canadian Participation in the Anglo-Boer War 1899 to 1902 and in the South African Constabulary 1901-1906," Robert Rawlins received a silver for "The U.S. Navy Submarine Force at 100 - A Retrospective," and a silver-bronze went to Leonard Lukens for "Wake Island - Postal Markings and Materials Related to Its History."

At Minnesota Stamp Expo, Harold Peter took a gold and the reserve grand award with his "The Allied Military Government Stamps in Germany." At the same show Arnold Engel received a gold for "The Königsberg Censor Office 1939-1944," and vermeil awards went to Robert Koschalk for "German Occupation of Czechoslovakia" and to Al Kugel for "German World War II Occupation Mail." At INDYPEX, Al Kugel took another gold and the J. David Baker postal history award with his "The U.S. Army and its Postal Service Abroad During World War II," and Edwin Shane received a silver for "Philippines: The War Years 1939-1946."

MPHS at APS StampShow in Providence

by Alan Warren

The Society shared a booth with the Universal Ship Cancellation Society near the APS Affiliates area during the American Philatelic Society show in Providence, R.I. on August 24-27.

On Friday a joint meeting of the two groups was held with 20 people present. After each one introduced themselves and their collecting interests, John Johnson of the American Air Mail Society spoke about airmail in the branch post offices in the Philippines. U.S. stamps were used for airmail and he described covers from *USS Blackhawk*, *USS Mindanao*, and many other covers from the 1935-1939 period. The Navy and Marines had four military post offices at Cavite and other locations in the Philippines during this period.

On Saturday an MPHS meeting was led by vice president Myron Fox. Again the 18 attendees introduced themselves and Myron mentioned the officers and directors of the society. He then circulated books and pamphlets from his personal military postal history library, pointing out the good points about each item and indicating whether it was out of print or possibly still available from literature dealers.

[Ed note: the 1999 volume (four editions) of this journal was entered in the literature competition at the APS show, where it received a silver medal. I consider the award a tribute to the many authors who contributed articles to that volume.]

MPHS at MILCOPEX

The Military Postal History Society held its regional meeting in Milwaukee, September 15-17. The MILCOPEX show committee went all out for the society and thirteen military related exhibits were in the frames. The exhibit awards appear below. The organizing committee prepared a cachet and pictorial postmark with a military theme.

On Saturday the board of directors held a meeting chaired by vice-president Myron Fox. The APO directory is now sold out and plans are underway to update the work and release it over several years in a number of volumes. Other pending publications are on the SeaBees and PT boats. The by-laws were reviewed with some minor changes discussed. The term of office for officers and directors will be changed to coincide with our fiscal year of January 1 – December 31. A number of other housekeeping items were discussed including the need for a new logo for MPHS.

Later on Saturday a membership meeting was held at which Myron Fox presented a talk on censorship in World War II. He showed examples of various censor markings, resealing tapes, and inserts placed by inspection clerks in envelopes before they were forwarded.

Exhibit Awards

The jury consisted of Conrad Stieber, Eliot Landau, Alan Warren, Jerry Jensen, and was chaired by Jesse Boehret.

Gold

Alfred Kugel: "Postal History of the American Forces in China 1900-1941," also the reserve grand award, the MPHS award, the Postal History Society medal and the William J. Ulhein award for best Americana

Earl Galitz: "Bulgaria in the First World War," also APS 1900-1940 medal of excellence

Myron Fox: "German Postal Censorship World War II," also APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence and GPS silver

George Cosentini: "V-Mail," also AAPE creativity award

Jerry Miller: "Watch on the Rhine—Allied Occupation of the Rhineland 1918-1930," also GPS gold

Vermell

Robert Kinsley: "Spanish Civil War Refugees in France"

Alfred Kugel: "German World War II Occupation Mail," also GPS bronze

Charles Shoemaker: "Greenland: Military/Censored Mail," also AAPE award of honor

Silver

James Carone: "Dienst Siegels of the Third Reich"

John A. Pare: "U. S. Forces in Bermuda"

Bronze

Denis Gallagher: "Military Mail 1804-1945"

Certificate

Roger Szymanski: "French Units in the Wehrmacht 1941-1945"

Alan Warren

Future MPHS Publications

by Russ Carter

Due to the volume of information that has been collected over the past several years, it has become necessary to break the current APO-FPO catalog into several parts. Additionally, there is a need to update the old Murphy book on Navy and Marine Corps ground and air units with their locations. The following is a generalized list of what is currently planned. Other volumes may be added as needed.

U.S. Army & Air Force Postal History

Volume 1 APOs, BPOs and PRSs

Volume 2 Temporary APOs

Volume 3 Army Postal Units

U.S. Navy Postal History

Volume 1 FPOs and Branches

Volume 2 Navy Construction Units (CBs and other units)

Volume 3 Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons and Bases

Volume 4 Aviation Squadrons and Wings

U.S. Marine Corps Postal History

Volume 1 Ground Units

Volume 2 Aviation Squadrons and Wings

By breaking down the information into smaller volumes it is hoped that the Society will have a greater number of publications that are cheaper, more specialized, more complete, and updated more often.

Norm Gruenzner is currently preparing the volume on Construction Battalion (SeaBee) units for final edit, with an expected publication date later this year. Norm also has a tremendous amount of work completed on the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons.

Due to recent discoveries in the National Archives, Russ Carter's work on the volume of APOs, BPOs, and PRSs has been delayed and the publication date moved to early 2001. Russ has also made substantial progress on both the Temporary APOs and the Navy Aviation publications.

We are also looking for those who would like to help out in these areas, plus any area that might be added to the list. If you have any suggestions or would like to help in any way, please contact any Society officer, or contact Russ directly at P.O. Box 172, Great Falls, VA 22066.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS and MEETINGS

June 1-3, 2001

NAPEX, Tysons Corner, Va. (Annual Meeting)

April 5-7, 2002

TEXPEX, Dallas, Texas (Annual Meeting)

April, 2003

WESTPEX, San Francisco, Calif. (Annual Meeting)

AUCTION SALE #164Closing Date January 6, 2001

1. Book. *Postal History of American POWs World War II, Korea, Vietnam* by Gruenzner. 138 pages published by APS. Out of Print. Lots of photos and lists of camps. Appears new but slight storage scrapes on cover. F-VF. (574)
2. Book. *Postal History of American POWs World War II, Korea, Vietnam* by Gruenzner. 138 pages published by APS. Out of Print. Lots of photos and lists of camps. Appears new but slight storage scrapes on cover. F-VF. (574)
3. **Spanish American War.** Book. *The Cuban and Porto Rican Campaigns* by Davis. 360 pages. 115 photos. Slight stain on cover. Tears at inner binding. SB \$25.00 AVE-F (106)
4. **Ireland.** Book. *The Riddle of the Sands* by Erskine Childers. Imaginative best seller written in 1903 on fictional invasion of Britain by Germans foreseeing WW I. Author became part of Sin Fein movement and was executed by British. 287 pages. Soft-cover. F. (116)
5. **French Morocco.** Small stampless cover from Casablanca Invasion Force Dec. 30 1907 with unusual pineapple in cachet of 1st. Foreign Regiment. To France and backstamped. Some letters in cancel not legible. F-VF. (723)

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6. **France.** 1917 stampless letter from Orleans with cachet of Depot of POWS 5th Region to Commander 13th Region. Slight wrinkles. F-VF. (723)
7. **France.** Special French military card with photo of General Pershing and staff. Mint. VF. Plus 1987 cover with special stamp and cancel with picture of General Pershing for 70th anniversary of AEF arrival in France VF. (039)
8. **Great Britain.** National Registration Card issued in 1915 from Manchester. Some wear. F. (280)
9. **Great Britain.** Much traveled cover with original letter to soldier Coldstream Guards 74th General Hospital Trouville AEF France. Various redirecting markings including "PRESENT LOCATION UNKNOWN" and boxed RETURN TO SENDER. Backstamped with 1919 cancels of Manchester and FPO 157. File holes including one through stamp. AVE. (280)
10. **Great Britain.** 2 Field Post covers with D19 and T29 1916 cancels with CM4 censors identified in Daniels. Plus cover with CM2 censor #580 backstamped with 1915 civilian cancel and Indian FPO 16 1915 cancel. AVE. (650)
11. **Great Britain.** Small cover from U.S. soldier 6th Bn. 20th Eng. sent stampless with British Morn Hill Camp 27 FE 18 cancel. Slight smudging of ink. Not all letters clear in cancel. F. (819)
12. **Netherlands.** Viewcard of Groningen sent by British POW at Internment Depot Groningen. Slightly blurred 28.11.18 cancel with 4 line Free postage handstamp. F. (574)
13. **Switzerland.** 2 stampless covers with cancels Bataillon 31 Feldpost and Bataillon 19 Poste De Campagne. Machine receiving postmarks on back of Chaux-DE-FONDS 1914 and 1917. 1 has military corner card and one has special cachet of the Blue Cross and depicts soldier writing in field. (723)

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14. 8 covers APOs 706, 715 (2-1 a front), 742, 746 (#10), 748, 771 and 777. 2 have illegible year. To Paris Bank with most opened on 3 sides. AVE-F. (723)
15. 9th Inf. H Co. 6 covers to Baltimore from France. 1 censored wrapper with no cancel. 3 APO 10. 2 APO 2 Flag. 2 with pieces missing. Mixed. (860)
16. 3 covers on YMCA Stationery from Lt. 107 F.A. 2 without cancels. Opening tears. AVE. Plus 3 Blue envelopes with large pieces missing. and unused ARC Poor. (860)
17. 10 censored covers same soldier from APO 717 France. 2 without cancels. 1 APO 702. Some roughly opened. Mixed. (860)
18. 7 items. Arrival card 112 Inf. with Hoboken cancel, APO 795, K of C envelope APO 755, **Occupation of Germany** APO 927 on Metz card with paper remnants on address side, 51st Coastal Artillery, and 2 mint French cards. Mixed. (860)
19. 36 letters with 7 envelopes. Many different YMCA and patriotic stationery includes letter from U.S.A.A.S., invitation to enlisted men's dance, tank corps, camp leave pass. Covers are ratty. Letters in pretty good shape. RES \$40.00 (860)
20. 3 1918 cards to Camp Hancock Georgia and 2 from with corner cards. Also YMCA envelope from Training Detachment Orono Maine and 2 from Camp Merriitt. Also 1925 cover from Chaplain 179 Inf. ONG Ft. Sill with letter and unused photo card of Dough Bay Statue Indiana with no postal markings. AVE-F. (819)
21. Navy. 15 photocards including Pershing and King George (3) visits, ex Austrian ship *ZRYNA*, Challenge cup. Some have mounting remnants. Plus brochure on Machinists mates School, brochure on navy, and soft covered

Descriptions:

Envelopes are as expected for area: e.g. European size etc. and will not be described unless unusual (#10, etc.)

Books are hardcover unless stated softcover.

APO number is in cancel unless stated. * means in Sender's Address Only.

Navy numbers in address unless stated to be in cancel.

On individual lots U.S. WW II APO covers are on stationery with imprinted stamps unless stated FREE or stamped. Larger lots are most likely mixed.

V-Mail has been processed and is with envelope unless stated otherwise.

MINIMUM BID \$2.50

book *The U.S. Navy* by Muller. 60 pictures. Slight hole in cover. Copy of Great Lakes recruiting magazine 130 pages with tattered cover. Mostly F. (146)

22. **Germany Occupation.** 2 covers APOs 740 and 754. 1 had been folded. other has vertical stain. To Paris Bank and opened on 3 sides. Plus back of cover with Registry cancel for APO 748 2 JAN 1919. AVE-F. (723)

23. **Germany Occupation.** Viewcard of Cologne with clear APO 746. 2/24/19 cancel. Message faded. Also 2 viewcards dated 1919 but no postal markings. Also non-German related items including cover 108 FA with no APO in cancel and used arrival card from Evacuation Hospital. AVE-F. (819)

24. Military papers/orders of a Paul Stanley including promotion from Private to Lt. Quartermaster Corps, with assignment, guidance for new officers Camp Joseph E. Johnston, surety bond letter, assignment Base Hospital 137, and 1925 Veterans Bureau letter about Service credit. 12 items. Some are carbon copies. Plus unused Oath of Office AGO form 337 and 1919 memorandum about information for reserved Officers from Adjutant General including 7¢ a mile for travel. AVE-F. (129)

25. Tearsheets of APS 1965 article by Belgian expert Lecclercq on American Military Posts in France. 6 pages. VF. (643)

26. Book. *The Postal History of the AEF 1917-1923*. War Cover Club edited by Theo Van Dam. 1990 Second Edition with errata. 265 pages richly illustrated. Besides expected AEF European campaign coverage with valuation guide also includes outstanding chapters on POW, Courier Service, Red Cross, Rhineland Occupation, Civilian Postal censorship, Aviation, and Russian campaign. New. Published at \$37.00 (999)

27. Book. *Update II to The Postal History of the AEF 1917-1923*. 165 pages. Soft cover. New. RES \$20.00 (999)

PRE-WORLD WAR II NAVAL

28. Large 16 by 16 inch multicolored rayon (?) pillow case. Mother's Day gift from Naval Air Station Norfolk, VA. Date not given. VF. (146)

29. Large 16 by 16 inch multicolored velvet pillow case from Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay Hawaii. Date not given, but shows 4 engine propeller plane that would place it WW II or earlier?. VF. (146)

30. 2 small embroidered Navy cloth souvenirs, greeting card size Sailor item for McLaughlin's Coffee, Christmas card with photo of Sub *USS Permit*, invitation for Reception of French Admiral from Cdt. 16th Naval District, and mint wallet card for King Neptune. All items undated. (146)

31. 7 10 inch different color cloth pennants for *USS Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Oklahoma* with tonnage. All have smokestacks. Date unknown. VF. (146)

32. 2 9" by 11" colored drawings on card board of U.S. Battleships *Indiana* and *Massachusetts*. Copyrighted 1898. Plus slightly large photo of *USRS Minnesota* 1898 with signatures of crew around frame. Slight wear at edges. F. (146)

33. **Spanish American War.** *Uncle Sam's Navy*. Volume 3 of Historical Fine Art Series 1898. 8 1/2" by 13". 16 pages of photos. Slight tears, water stains on cover. Also large 1902 foldout from *Harpers* showing Fleet in Caribbean. Starting to separate. Plus large foldout from *Harper's* 1897 of U.S. Fleet with 67+ ships and identification key. Large rips but repairable. AVE. Also 2 extracts from *McClure's* 1899 on sub *Argonaut* and Kipling. (146)

34. 5 items. Thanksgiving Sports program USNTS San Francisco 1900, 24 page publication of *USS Colorado* 1907, 36 page publication of Navy Recruiting Service 1910, 17 page Special Fleet Orders for Guantanamo

Range 1910, and actual photo of sailor who enlisted in 1910. Most items show some handling. AVE-F. (146)

35. Booklet of 20 black and white photo cards of scenes at Naval Training Station Newport. RI. Dates not given but judging from women's dress and autos I would say around WW I? Front cover has separated. Slight wear on outside edges. F. (146)
36. 3 Navy Dept. Shore Guide Book series from 1920 for **Canton, Hong Kong, and Yokohama**. 34-56 pages on what to expect customs, history, mail, money etc. Each has foldout city map. Covers show slight wear/separation. F. (146)
37. Special envelope for 32 Official Photos of U.S. Navy. Only 22 of 5 by 8 inches photos remaining. Undated. I would guess 20s to 30s. Cover has tears. Photos VF. (146)
38. 2 Navy Dept. Shore Guide Book series from 1920 for **Columbo and Valparaiso** 34-47 pages on what to expect customs, history, mail, money etc. Each has foldout map of city. Covers show slight wear. F. (146)
39. *National Geographic* magazine June 1921 featuring article on American Navy crossing Equator. 54 pages. F-VF. Also notebook cover showing photo of *USS Texas* with description hand dated 1923. AVE. Special program for *USS Antares* Navy Day 1924 with 2 photos with slight disturbances. Also San Diego Naval Base Information sheet 1925 listing major units and locations, part of letterhead from USNTS Hampton Roads 1922, and 1923 small poster of Naval Academy girl (?) at helm with opening tears. AVE-F. (146)
40. **British**. 12" by 4" photo of *HMS Hood* mounted on 7½" by 14" cardboard with signatures of SCPO and Chief Writer (?) 1924. Also *HMS Warspite* dance invitation with double oval dated handstamp of Commandant with slightly blurred year but looks like 1933. AVE-F. (146)
41. 3 Official Penalty covers with corner cards of 11th Naval District and Naval Air Station San Diego, and Hamilton Field. 2 have 5¢ Beacon air mail stamp with 1929 cancels. Also apparently philatelic *USS Marblehead* 1941 and *USS Henderson* 1935. F. (574)
42. Large photo of *USS Cincinnati* and crew 1930 stored in a roll, NOB Hampton Beach Commissary pass 1931, *USS Texas* 1930 newspaper, USNTS NOB Norfolk 1932 newspaper, 1934 invitation to Annual Navy Ball, USNTS Newport newspapers (2) 1936, program for Navy visit to Americas Exposition San Diego 1935, USNTS Great Lakes Happy Hour Program 1940, Great Lakes bulletin (3) 1940. AVE-F. (146)
43. **Marines**. 5 philatelic covers with 1941 cancels Mar. Det. Portland Bight **Jamaica** JUL 18 1941 - First day of Cancel; 2nd Marine Aircraft Group FMF May 8, 1941; Mar. Det. Jul 7, 1941 **Trinidad** with Gimbals cachet; Mar. Det. Island of **Antigua, Leeward Islands** JUN 14 1941 with Minkus cachet; MAR DET ARGENTIA NEWFOUNDLAND JUN 20 1941 with Minkus cachet and Marine Argentia censor handstamp. Mostly F-VF. (007)

BETWEEN THE WARS

- 44 **China**. Special multi-colored Scotchard cacheted cover for U.S. Marines 4th Rgt. Shanghai. 4th Reg. U.S.M.C. Shanghai May 30 1936 cancel on 3¢ Bicentennial. Slight toning on edge. F. (007)
45. **Spain**. Civil War. 18 cutouts mostly with multiple stamps tied by good mix of 1937 military handstamps e.g. Estafeta Militar No. 19. It's a shame this happened. VF. (723)
46. **China**. Cover with 3 King Edward the VIIIth stamps tied by 3 British APO 1 10 JY 39 cancels. Proud identifies as Shanghai. Back has Hong Kong forwarding cancel. To well-known WW II American collector. Slight processing marks. F-VF. (819)
47. **United States**. #10 War Department Penalty envelope from 574 Co. CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps), Camp Tehachapi P-219 Keene California with Keene DEC 28 193? cancel. Tears and wrinkling from improper storage. AVE. (146)

WORLD WAR II

48. **Algeria**. 1943 cover with Orleansville, Alger 1943 cancels on local stamps to Red Cross Geneva with German, U.S. and British censorship. Slight gum remnants on front. F. (007)
49. **Algeria**. 9 U.S. APO covers including processed V-Mail in envelope and 3 1944 Ballots, 2 large and 1 card. Also cover APO 668 **Morocco** and APO 531 **Tunisia**. F-VF. (819)
50. **Antigua**. Small cover with 3 1d stamps tied by faint MY 1940 St. John's cancel. Sealed with brown tape and Antigua circular censor handstamp with crown. AVE-F. (311)
51. **Ascension Islands**. Air mail cover APO 877 JAN 13 1945. High value Forte. VF (106)
52. **Ascension Islands**. Air mail #10 cover APO 877 AUG 7 1943. Cut short on opening with half of stamp missing. High value Forte. AVE. (819)
- 53 **Australia**. Free cover from U.S. APO MAY 2 1942. Less common oval Censor handstamp. Slight wear. F. (424)
54. **Australia**. 10 U.S. APO covers including 3 large 1944 Ballots, 2 with

USAFIA censors on damaged covers, and 1 with Australian stamp. AVE-F. (819)

55. **Australia**. Small cover with Australian 1^d stamp to soldier at hospital U.S. APO 927 U-1. American Base Forces FEB 2 1944 backstamp cancel. Opening tears and some of cancel hard to read. AVE. (848)
56. **Australia**. Air mail letter card with Australian ARMY POST OFFICE 065 1942 cancel and rectangular censor #508. Cover has been split on opening. Slight crease. F. (650)
57. **Australia**. 11 censored covers from Stations 1 (5), 2 (2), 3 (2), 4, and early 1940 black and white issue with 6 dots. Also New Zealand (3). All to U.S. F-VF (311)
58. **Australia**. 5 censored covers to U.S. from Districts 1 (front only), 2 (2), and 5 (2). 2 registered. F-VF. (007)
59. **Austria**. 2¢ revalued 6¢ air mail stamped envelope tied by U.S. APO 3 June 1945 cancel of 3rd ID in Salzburg. Opening tears near stamp side. AVE. (819)
60. **Bahrain**. 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with U.S. APO 816 OCT 8 1945 cancel. Corner card of civilian Oil Company. High value Forte. Slight tear back flap and corner crease. F. (819)
61. **Belgium**. 7 U.S. APO covers including 5 large 1944 Ballots. AVE-F. (819)
62. **Belgian Congo**. Cover with Kikmit and Leopoldville 1944 cancels with U.S. cellophane censor tape. Plus stamped postcard to U.S. with Banningville 19.7.40 cancel and 1 line "CENSURE CONGO BELGE." Both with light wrinkling. F-VF. (311)
63. **Bermuda**. #10 Penalty envelope with American Base Forces APO 802 JUL 10 1941 cancel. Sender HQ Bermuda Base Command. Slight wrinkles and tears on back flap. F. (819)
64. **Brazil**. 8 censored air mail covers to U.S. with Brazilian censor tapes and handstamps. Also U.S. cellophane tape censorship. F-VF. (311)
65. **British Guiana**. Air mail cover to U.S. with 3 different stamps and March 23 1941 cancels. Paper Officially opened and resealed BY CENSOR tape and circular red censor handstamps. F. (311)
66. **Burma**. Military Airmail to U.S. with type R17 censor #211 with **Indian** stamps tied by RAFPOST 305 June 1945 cancel. F-VF. (007)
67. **Canada**. 9 covers to U.S. with various sealing tapes. 3 are Foreign Exchange branch. 4 from **Newfoundland** including 1 with stain. 2 have dumb cancels. AVE-F. (311)
68. **Canada**. 13 covers SC2, SC11, FPO 527, MPO 405, NPO?, MPO 1307, and 2 civilian censored from England to Canada. 2 Free from U.S. Bases to Canada. Also **South African** censored to Canada and U.S. censored Mexico to U.S. AVE. (295)
69. **Canada**. 1944 cover from New York franked with 8¢ air mail to member of RCAF Y Depot Quebec. Forward overseas with 3 line RCAF red handstamp. Back has British FPO 539 cancel and uncommon **CANADIAN FORCES** Bombay cancel. Wear on edges. F. (819)
70. **Ceylon**. 2 air mail covers to U.S. 1 with black and white censor tape with unclear year looks like 1940. Other from member R.A.A.F. with RAF censor covered by **Indian** censor tape and DHB handstamps. Stamp damaged and indistinct cancel. AVE. (311)
71. **China**. Air mail cover with 5 stamps from Chunking to U.S. and native envelope with 4 stamps from Kunming. Both with PC 90 tape and **Indian** censor handstamps. (311)
72. **China**. 5 U.S. APO covers from APOs 210 (3-1 double censored), 211, and 212 (Sept. 1945). Most F. (746)
73. **China**. Book. *When Tigers Fight* by Wilson. Story of the Sino-Japanese War 1937-45. Original jacket. 269 pages. 20 maps. 17 illustrations. Originally published at \$16.95. F-VF. (116)
74. **Curaçao**. 4 air mail covers to USA with U.S. and Curaçao censoring labels and handstamps. 1 registered. AVE. (311)
75. **Egypt**. 2 covers to U.S. with Egyptian censor tapes and handstamps. 1 also has U.S. cellophane tape. (311)
76. **Eire**. 11 covers to U.S. 10 have PC 90 censor tapes. 6 show Eire censorship. AVE-F. (311)
77. **Eire**. 2 Airgraphs with envelopes with 15 JAN 1945 and 13 APRIL 1944 cancels to Dublin with bilingual red handstamp of Eire censor. 1 from **Rhodesia**. Other from **India**. Plus V-Mail without envelope APO 636 Ireland. F-VF. (007)
78. **Europe**. Book. *Bodyguard of Lies* by Anthony Cave Brown. Clandestine war of deceptions that hid secrets of D-Day. Volume I. 524 pages. 27 illustrations. Original jacket. Published at \$15.95. Slight tears. F. (200)
79. **France**. Free 1939-40 covers from **British Forces** mostly with BEF from APOs 17,20, 27, 39, 41 (RAF censor), 48 canceled day of German invasion, 55, 57, 58, and 74. All but one have Daynes type A10x censor handstamps. Many repaired. AVE-F. (007)
80. **France**. 5 stampless F.M. covers 4 with Poste Aux Armees Postmarks 1939-45. 1 addressed to Ambulance Corps Postal Secteur 241 with letter. 4

identify sender's units. 3 of 5 have letters. F-VF. (723)

81. **France.** 4 stampless covers 2 F.M. with 1940 Poste Aux Armees Postmarks and cachet of 363e Demi-Brigade. 1 red cachet Quartier General Du Ministre and 1946 with Cross of Lorraine cachet. AVE-F. (723)
82. **France.** 4 letters without envelopes. Appear to be original stationery and signatures with carbon copy text with 1 from POW Agency Paris, 2 Secours National Maire De Jonzac and 1 actual typed Extrait De L'Ordre No. 3 of July 11 1940 with red cachet of 84th Infantry Division Telegraph Co. Latter appears to be a commendation. (723)
83. **France.** Special POW Carte de Colis (Parcel card) recording 1942-44 distribution of packages to POW in STALAG VIIB from village of St. Fort with Mayor cachet. F. (723)
84. **France.** 4 different crossed flag variety military postal cards including 3 in color. 3 unused. 1 with message but nothing on front. F. (723)
85. **France.** #10 air mail from Toulouse Vichy France to U.S. with January 1941 cancels on 14.5F French stamps with Bermuda(?) PC 90 censor tape. Plus July 1945 cover to U.S. from Orly with slight wear and French censor label and P.A.Y. censor handstamp. AVE-F. (311)
86. **France.** 41 U.S. APO covers including processed V-Mail in envelope and 14 1944 Ballots, 12 large and 2 cards. Also 3 Official #10 Penalty. AVE-VF. (819)
87. **France.** 3 1945 postcards. 1 with scene of hanging victims with cachet about German atrocities with Montauban cancel on stamp. No address or message. Plus 2 F.M. picture postcards with civilian cancels. F-VF. (723)
88. **France.** Special National Congress 1947 cancels with flames on 60 and 80 cent. AMG issues. Also handstamp of Organization committee "Combattants Immigr...". VF. (723)
89. **France.** Cover with 50c and 1F stamps tied by LYON LIBERE 2-9-44 cancels. Unaddressed. VF. (723)
90. **France. RED CROSS.** 5 items. 1 window(?) label for POW assistance, 2 unused Red Cross envelopes, 1 letter from JONZAC Committee about taking in children from North, and unused form for monthly provisions for POWs. VF. (723)
91. **France.** Special colored cover for Marie Lindell, OBE of Royal Escaping Society. Enclosure tells of her exploits during German Occupation as a SOE. Special cachet for Flight commemorating event. 1983 Paris cancel. VF. (280)
92. **France. British Forces.** 3 Free censored covers from FPOs 68 (1939) and 279, and 295 both 1944. F. (650)
93. **France.** Book *M.I.A.* by Causer. True story of American pilot of 360th Fighter Squadron. shot down over France who joins Maquis. Richly illustrated with pictures drawn by author as well as photos of false identity cards etc. 169 pages. Original jacket. Slight tears. F. (200)
94. **France.** Book. Soft cover *French Language Guide* War Department TM 30-302. F-VF. (106)
95. **Germany.** Cover to **France** with 25 pf. Hitler issue tied by 1943 Markkleeberg cancel. German type censor tape with no markings and Frankfurt censor handstamp. Sender Frenchman working in Germany. F. (723)
96. **Germany.** 6 1940-41 covers to U.S.A. 2 sea and 4 air mail. Hindenburg franking from 25 pf. to 1.5 RM. Various German censor handstamps and labels. F-VF. (311)
97. **Germany.** 4 1941 air mail covers to U.S.A. Endorsed either **Sara** or **Israel** as required for Jews. Hindenburg franking from 25 pf. to 2.4 RM. Various German censor handstamps and labels. F-VF. (311)
98. **Germany.** 2 1941 covers from Vienna to **China**, by sea. Various German censor handstamp and labels. Backstamped. F-VF. (311)
99. **Germany.** 2 Post VE day 1945 covers with 6¢ air mail stamp from APO 262 and 758*. 1 has gum bleed-through. AVE-F. (819)
100. **Germany.** 2 Soft cover books. 1 *German Language Guide* War Department TM 30-306. Plus formerly classified *German Phrase Book* TM 30-606. F-VF. (106)
101. **Germany.** Book. *The Service: The Memoirs of General Reinhard Gehlen*. Legendary Spymaster. Original Jacket. About 25% WW II and rest Cold War. 386 pages. F-VF. (116)
102. **Germany.** Book. *The History of the SS* by Graber. 228 pages in Original jacket. Slight tears. F. (200)
103. **Gilbert Islands.** Airmail cover from V.M.S.B. 151 MAG 13 with Navy Cancel SEP 6 1943. USMC/P.O. 1200 in killer. Flap missing and slight tear. AVE-F. (819)
104. **Great Britain.** Photo card of Eiffel tower used by British soldier FPO 842 and shield censor. Plus OAS letter from RAF member to France with AU 1945 FPO 217 hand and 15 BPO machine cancels used in **Italy**. Forwarded. AVE-F. (723)
105. **Great Britain.** 5 covers FPOs A6 (2-1 Honor envelope with triangle censor), 433, 452 (faint), and 487. 3 with **Canadian** unit stamps. Plus stamped cover with Folkstone JUL 1944 cancel to War Office London with RAF censor R7 #525. AVE. (650)
106. **Great Britain** processed V-Mail covers with contents from enlisted man 90th General hospital from 1942-45 at different APOs 121, 137, 515. and 350 and 513 (both in **France**). Also processed V-Mail without envelope APO 875. and 1944 War ballot 29th CB. (007)
107. **Great Britain.** 1942 PC 90 censored cover to U.S. Addressed to **Ronald Reagan** at Warner Bros. Also similar cover to Tyrone Power at 20th Century Fox. AVE-F. (311)
108. **Great Britain.** 8 cover to publishers in U.S. with special orange on white P. & C. B. censor tape for publications. Various frankings including 2 2½d stamped envelopes and 1 with 6 2½d stamps. AVE. (311)
109. **Great Britain.** 36 covers to U.S. with PC 90 tapes. Various types and stamp usages. F-AVE. (311)
110. **Great Britain.** March 1945 air mail cover from U.S. to British pilot **Bahamas**. Pasted over with improvised label to Air Ministry London Back has 3 different routing handstamps including dated double oval of R.A.F. Officers Records Air Ministry. Not Found with various return to Sender markings on both sides. Franked with 2 3¢ Victory stamps. Appears that 2 other 1¢ (?) stamps were affixed and removed. F. (819)
111. **Great Britain.** 48 U.S. APO covers including 2 processed V-Mails and 16 large and 1 small 1944 Ballots. Also 4 Official #10 Penalty. Some duplication. AVE-VF. (819)
112. **Great Britain.** CMF. Honor envelope with 3 3d and 1 1d stamps tied by British Fieldpost cancel. Also Passed by censor handstamp with Dayne's type 500 with #2302 and red on white A.F.W. 3312 Base censor sealing tape tied by Deputy Chief Field handstamp. Cancel date and FPO hard to read. Otherwise VF. SB\$7.00 (005)
113. **Great Britain.** CMF. 3 covers all with Deputy Chief Field censor handstamp 1 Honor envelope with shield censor FPO 90 1945 (doodles on back). 2 Small YMCA with W 3424 paper seal, Daynes ACL3, with Daynes M101 with #56. Also large envelope, 6½ by 9 inches, with 4 stamps making up 6d postage tied by FPO 706 1944 cancels with Form 3312 sealing tape, Daynes BCL8, and shield censor. F-VF. (650)
114. **Great Britain.** Special cacheted cover for 43rd Anniversary of Royal Air Forces Escaping Society. Special commemorative 1968 FPO 1067 Escaping Society cancel on stamp for RAF's 70th Anniversary. Enclosure gives history. Slight corner bend. F-VF. (280)
115. **Great Britain.** Navy. 5 covers with variations of RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIPS cancels. 2 have tombstone handstamps, 1 Army censor handstamp Daynes A1xx type. 1 originally to *HMS Vanity* Nov. 1940 and reused and also roughly opened. 1 with PC 90 tape. Plus registered cover to Canada from FPO 437 and Home Forces Army dated handstamp. F. (007)
116. **Greece.** 2 1940-41 Greek censored covers to U.S. 1 has 6 stamps with 1 missing?. AVE-F. (311)
117. **Greenland.** Special Leased Bases cachet showing map of locations and APO numbers from APO 809 with Nov 2 1941 cancel on 1½¢ Martha Washington with racetrack censor handstamp. Address label has slight bleed through. F-VF. (007)
118. **Greenland.** 2 unit censored covers. 1 air mail APO 859* JAN 21 1943. Cut short on opening with half of stamp missing. Also Free cover APO 858* MAY 14 and no year with stains. AVE. (819)
119. **Guam.** Processed V-Mail and envelope from 306 FA Bn. APO 77. Talks about Combat and concerns at night. Also 1944 war ballot from Navy Hospital 111. VF. (007)
120. **Haiti.** Air mail cover to U.S. from member of Coast Guard with American Legation Port-Au-Prince. Navy censored. Slight opening tears. F. SB \$45.00 (318)
121. **Iceland.** #10 cover air mail to U.S. PC 90 censor tape and 3 1 KR stamps tied by Reykjavik 7.V.42 cancels. Slight opening tears and smudge of cancel from post office stacking. AVE-F. (311)
122. **Iceland.** Stampless cover to England with British FPO 304 cancel. Date blurred but looks like 28 JL. Daynes type A10X censor with #1216. Listed in Proud. F. (007)
123. **Iceland.** U.S. 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with U.S. APO MAY 31 1945 APO 860 machine cancel. Sender 14th Air Service Squadron APO 610. Unit censored. Slight piece missing from sender's corner with no text disturbed. F. (007)
124. **Iceland.** Envelope with U.S. 6¢ air mail stamp and U.S. OCT 4 1944 APO 860 machine cancel. Sender Base Chaplain. Base censored. VF. (007)
125. **Iceland.** Free Fort Custer envelope with Sender from 10th Inf. U.S. May 1 194? APO 810 machine cancel with unit censor. Top cut short on opening. AVE. (007)
126. **Iceland.** Minkus patriotic cover with U.S. OCT 26 1941 APO 810 handcancel. with unit censor. Envelope flap gum staining. AVE-F. (007)
127. **Iceland.** Cover sent free from soldier U.S. APO 5 with APO SEP 26 1942 cancel without APO. Racetrack censor. Slight aging. Forwarded. F. (819)

128. **Iceland.** #10 Penalty cover from sender APO 860 with double strike of APO AUG 31 1942 cancel. Slight toning. F. (819)
129. **India** 6 covers to U.S. Various DHB and DHC censored handstamps. and tapes including 2 different red and white. AVE-F. (311)
130. **India.** 6¢ stamped censored envelope with U.S. APO 491 cancel. Sender civilian with corner card of Hindustan AIRCRAFT LTD. VF. (106)
131. **India.** 9 U.S. APO covers including 2 large Ballots. AVE-VF. (819)
132. **Iran.** Cover sent Free with APO 824 May 30 1944 cancel. Opening tears. F. (819)
133. **Iran.** Processed V-Mail from APO 523 April 1943. Photo faint but legible. F. (007)
134. **Iran.** 6¢ air mail stamped envelope with APO 680 NOV 2 1943 cancel and Unit censor. Vertical crease and slight ink stain. F. (848)
135. **Iraq.** 1944 cover to U.S. with what appears to be Iraqi censor handstamps? F-VF. (311)
136. **Italy.** 4 1942-43 blue military cards with civilian cancels and open military addresses. 3 have handstamps. 2 have tiny staple holes. F. (424)
137. **Italy.** 29 APO covers including 3 processed V-Mail and 7 large 1944 Ballots. Also 6 Official #10 Penalty. Plus 1983 cover. AVE-VF. (819)
138. **Italy.** Book. Soft cover *Italian Language Guide* War Department TM 30-303. F-VF. (106)
139. **Iwo Jima.** 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with SEP 22 1945 cancel from sender APO 86. Some letters in cancel indistinct. F. (819)
140. **Jamaica.** Cover from civilian with 10¢ Transport stamp tied by APO 861 cancel with Army censor handstamp #113. Opening tears. F. (106)
141. **Jamaica.** Cover from Internment camp to American Aid for German POWs. Octagonal D/38 censor handstamp on front and double oval blue Jamaica Internment camp 21 AUG 1942 handstamp on back. Some bleed-through of flap gum. F. SB \$50. (202)
142. **Jamaica.** Green Honor envelope sent to Base Censor England. 1/- Jamaica stamp tied by Kingston No. 5 SEP 29 with no year cancel. (202)
143. **Jamaica.** OHMS Economy label with Kingston SE 10 41 cancel to U.S. Capt. U.S. Engineer's office Kingston and partial Official FPO (?) handstamp. F. (202)
144. **Japan. Central China Expeditionary Force.** #10 like envelope from 6803 Battalion with letter with various markings. including censorship. Translation of postal aspects. Some soiling. SB \$35.00 (129)
145. **Japan. Manchurian Expeditionary Force.** #10 like envelope with letter with various markings including censorship. Translation of postal aspects. F. SB \$35.00. (129)
146. **Japan. Manchurian Expeditionary Force.** #10 like envelope from 17th FPO with letter with various markings. including censorship. Translation of postal aspects. F. SB \$35.00. (129)
147. **Japan.** Military sponsored comfort bag colored postcard of Mt. Fuji printed by Toppan. Message about sending card to military for comfort. Mint. VF. SB \$12.50. (129)
148. **Japan.** Military sponsored comfort bag colored postcard of Mt. Fuji printed by Toppan. Message about sending card to military for comfort. Mint. VF. SB \$12.50 (129)
149. **Japan.** Colored censored postcard with message and date stamp showing Japanese flag on hill in Occupied China (looks like military radio site?). Issued by Tokyo Army Intendence Dept. Signed Takahashi Ryo and Misumura printers. VF. SB \$25.00. (129)
150. **Japan.** 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with October APO cancel with no year from sender APO 343. Letter enclosed dated September 25. Slight opening tears. F. (819)
151. **Japan.** Colored postcard of child soldier and cannon (Baby Samari). With 1939 *Life* magazine article in English about similar children's cards. VF. SB \$10.00 (129)
152. **Japan.** Monograph *A Specialized Listing of the Japanese Occupation Stamps of China*. Soft cover. Large format. 44 pages. Cross check of specialized catalogs including Scott and Gibbons. (106)
153. **Malta.** 6 covers. 1 with 1942 FPO 676 cancel to military in Malta reused, 1 to Canada with Maritime mail cancel and sender *HMS Hamilcar*. (?). 1 FPO 570 DE 1945. Also 3 1958-59 military airmail covers from Malta F-VF. (007)
154. **Mauritius.** Cover to U.S. with 20c local stamp tied by General Post Office 3 JY 40 cancel and double oval Censor handstamp. Also numbered black and white Mauritius censor tape. F-VF. (311)
155. **Netherlands.** 1944 War Ballot from U.S. Navy 107 at Maastricht. Double cancel. F-VF. (007)
156. **Netherlands.** Special colored cover of RAF Escape Society commemorating the use of Biesbosch for hiding of shot-down Allied air crews. Enclosure discusses this. Dutch stamps with Veldpost 44 15.12.72 cancel. Address label needs to be reattached. F. (280)
157. **New Caledonia.** 2 #20 1944 War Ballots. APO 25 & 502 cancels. F. (318)
158. **New Caledonia.** 5 APO covers including 1 large 1944 Ballot item. 2 from band with photos. 3 have opening tears. AVE-F. (819)
159. **New Guinea.** 22 U.S. APO covers including 8 large and 1 small 1944 Ballots. 3 have USAFIA censor hand stamps and red and white censor tapes. Censored items have opening tears. AVE-F. (819)
160. **New Hebrides** 9 U.S. APO covers Some duplication. F-VF. (819)
161. **New Zealand.** Airgraph from New Zealand to England with New Zealand civilian cancel and DDA civilian censorship. No envelope. F-VF. (007)
162. **Norway.** Commercial cover to U.S. with Oslo 24.3.41 cancels and German censor tape and handstamp. Slight wrinkling. F. (311)
163. **Okinawa.** Cover with typed address of Marine Major General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr, Commanding General of 6th Marine Division, to wife. He later became Commandant of Marine Corps. #10 penalty cover with 3 6¢ transports covering Penalty. Navy May 30 1945 cancel. Faint Navy censor handstamp. Slight wrinkling and tape stain. F. SB \$100.00. (318)
164. **Okinawa** 2 U.S. APO covers from APOs 7 and 201. APO 7 has postage due 6¢ with stamps added. and is a front only. AVE-F. (819)
165. **PAIFORCE. IRAQ PERSIA.** Military Airletter endorsed as Honor envelope. Daynes type R20 Base censor #17 and type R12. Also faint FPO 171. Endorsed PAIFORCE and sent December 1944. F-VF. (007)
166. **Palestine.** Greeting card size cover from Lt. with 343 Bomb Sqd. APO 1227. Sept. 23, 1942 cancel without APO. F-VF. SB. \$85.00. (318)
167. **Palestine.** Cover to U.S. with PC 66 KK/31160 censor tape and U.S. cellophane censor tape covering stamps with Jerusalem cancel. AVE-F. (311)
168. **Philippines** 9 U.S. APO covers 2 #10 Official. Includes APO 12 cancel San Francisco which is 12 PRS. See latest APO book page 29. 1 roughly opened. 2 with toning. AVE-F. (819)
169. **Philippines.** Cover with 6¢ air mail stamp tied by faint but legible Navy 10638 Br. AUG 21 1945 machine cancel and Navy censor. Sender civilian with *SS Cape Meredith* Pacific and N. Atlantic S.S. Co. F. (819)
170. **Rumania.** Air mail cover to U.S. with 15 stamps tied by 28.12.40 cancels. Improvised air mail sticker endorsed Atlantic Clipper with PC 90 censor label. F-VF. (311)
171. **Rumania.** 9 cards used by military. 6 are special military cards of 2 types. 3 have military station 17 cancels. Sender addresses appear to be in clear. Most have censor handstamps. Some handling signs. Stamp missing on one. AVE. (722)
172. **Russia.** Cover to U.S. with 2 Stamps tied by 20.6.42 Tomsk(?) cancels. back has 4 line Russian censor handstamp. Cancels hard to read. AVE-F. (311)
173. **Saipan.** 2 censored U.S. APO covers from member of 847 Bomber Squadron with APO 237 June and July 1945 cancels. 1 has vertical crease. Opening tears. AVE-F. (819)
174. **Samoa.** Cover with cancel APO 718 JUL 3 1943. Usual censor mark. Some gum(?) staining along part of stamp. F. SB \$45.00 (318)
175. **Solomons.** 9 APO covers including 2 large 1944 Ballots. Some duplication. AVE-F. (819)
176. **South Africa.** 5 covers to U.S. with good mix of censorship tapes and handstamps. 1 meter and 1 with Twentieth Century Fox corner card. (311)
177. **South Africa.** 2 active duty military airletters from South African soldiers to South Africa. Censor handstamps and Egypt military cancels. 1 has tape stains. Also Airgraph without envelope from Egypt. 1 empty Airgraph envelope. AVE-F. (007)
178. **South America.** 32 censored covers to U.S. from Costa Rica (2), Cuba (2), Ecuador, Guatemala (5), Haiti (2 also with Haiti censor tape), Mexico (10), Panama (2), San Salvador (8). Mostly U.S. cellophane censor tapes. 1 customs and 1 handstamp. 6 #10s. Mostly F. (311)
179. **South America.** 22 censored covers to U.S. from Argentina (5), Bolivia (2), Chile (4), Columbia (6), Peru, Venezuela (3). Mostly U.S. cellophane censor tapes and 1 handstamp. 3 #10s. (311)
180. **Spain.** 2 1943 cover/cards to U.S. with partial Spanish censor handstamps and U.S. circular handstamp and cellophane tape. AVE. (311)
181. **Spain.** Book. Soft cover. *Spanish Language Guide* War Department TM 30-300. F-VF. (106)
182. **Sudan.** 5 attractively franked 1940-41 covers to U.S. 2 marked via New Zealand. All have green Sudan censor tape and handstamps. 1 appears to have stamp missing. Khartoum Air, Melut, White Nile, Torit, and Kurmuk(?) cancels. Mostly F. (311)
183. **Sudan.** 3 1943-44 covers to U.S. with black and white MM censor tapes. Plus cover with block canceled Kurmuk 1939 with censor handstamp only. Also similar cover from Kurmuk 1939 before war. Some toning. AVE-F. (311)
184. **Suriname.** 2 air mail covers to U.S. with 2 different type of censor labels and remnants of U.S. cellophane tapes. F. (311)
185. **Sweden.** 4 1944-45 air mail covers to U.S. with U.S. cellophane censor tapes with different censor handstamps. Opening tears. AVE-F. (311)
186. **Sweden.** Free cover with JUL 30 1945 U.S. APO 741 cancel then in

France from sender American Legation APO 1175. Rare location. Toning. F. (007)

187. Sweden Special colored cover of RAF Escape Society commemorating escapes from Sweden of downed allied crews. 1974 cancel on Swedish stamp. Enclosures discuss escape of British Flt. Lt. Philpott and escapes in general. Backstamped at British and Norwegian bases. VF. (280)
188. Trinidad. Air mail cover to U.S. with 4 stamps tied by San Fernando cancels and P.C. 90 tape with I.E. handstamp. Also cover from Trinidad with PC 90 I.D. paper tape and smudges on address. AVE-F. (311)
189. Tunisia. Special form for Demobilization Bizerte 24 August 1940 authorizing payment to Lt., fingerprints, and cachet of Depot Du Genie D'Afrique. F-VF. (723)
190. Turkey. 2 covers Istanbul to U.S. 1 has Egyptian and U.S. censor. Other has Indian and Levant censorship. F-VF. (311)
191. Yugoslavia. Special colored cover of RAF Escape Society commemorating escapes via Switzerland of downed allied crews. 1978 cancel on Yugoslavia stamp. Enclosures discuss escape of British crew and escapes in general. Signed by General Seckic a holder of People's Hero commendation and 2 escapees. VF. (280)
192. Censored. 3 cards and 2 envelopes from South America to U.S. 1 with stamp removed. Also DEC 19 1941 cover with 2 slightly damaged 15¢ Transport issues and 1 with 5 1¢ PREXIEs Both to England with PC 90 tapes. Also 1944 cover from Italy to U.S. APO with 7 copies of 25c AMG issue and 2 stamps missing with Italian censor tape. AVE. (819)
193. Replica of Japanese Surrender. Poster size. 9 pages. Includes picture of signing and principles, instrument of surrender, proclamation, Japanese versions and translations. Stored rolled up. Some tears on exposed edges. F. (146)
194. 77 snapshot size official navy photos of Pacific. Plus 4 European Theater. VF. (146)
195. 3 softcover books *Through Japanese Eyes* from Infantry Journal, *Escape from Corregidor*, and *The Battle Memoirs of George S Patton*. AVE-F. (106)

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196. Small cover to a Miss Huggins Repatriate from the Far East on *M/S Gripsholm* New York. 5¢ Overrun nations issue for Luxembourg tied by New York Morgan Annex AUG 28 1943 cancels with handstamp on back that letter was received unsealed under cover from Ohio post office. Cellophane censor tape of Washington. VF. (819)
197. Air mail cover to soldier APO 34 then in Italy and forwarded to Ft. Meade. Various APO Directory Service markings on back and nice 4 line handstamp for Return to Sender from Fort Meade. Tears and handling as expected as on road about 6 months. AVE. (106)
198. 3 covers returned due to incorrect address. 1 newspaper wrapper to Inf. Rgt. 159 APO 726 SF with SFPE round dated May 18 1944 cancel and "NO RECORD OF ORGANIZATION and Return to sender no such APO served by Postmaster, San Francisco. F-VF. Plus 2 rather beat up to home bases with handstamps advising of wrong addresses. AVE. (819)

The following lots 199-210 are from the V-Mail correspondence of a Karl W. Scheuffler who was an Army Chaplain with the 355 Coastal Artillery and the 108 Engineer Combat Group mainly in Algeria and Italy. While all the items have APO numbers, the Order of Battle seems to be more accurate for location especially when placing locations of winter scenes etc.

199. V-Mail. 52 processed messages without envelopes from family to Chaplain at APO's 464 and 512. 1943-45. Most appear to be in Italy. Plus 4 from non-family members including 1 from APO 552 and 1 asking for help. F-VF (146)
200. V-Mail. 10 processed messages without envelopes from Chaplain at APO's 464, 700 and 512 1943-45. APO locations Italy and Algeria. However from Order of Battle and message it is clear that 3 are in Philippines. (146)
201. V-Mail. 6 different processed Holiday cards for Christmas (5) and Easter without envelopes from Chaplain at APO's 464, 700 and 512. 1944-45 in Italy. F-VF. (146)
202. V-Mail. 5 processed Holiday cards for Christmas without envelopes from Chaplain at APO's 464, 700 and 512. 1944-45 in Italy. Duplicative of last lot. F-VF. (146)
203. V-Mail. Special 1945 Passover card from APO 464 without envelopes from Chaplain in Italy. Judaica item. Slightly dark. F. (146)
204. V-Mail. Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoon from special *Stars and Stripes* cartoon book taped in standard V-Mail form with message from Chaplain home with JUL 1 APO 375 9 BPO and APO 700A cancels in Italy 1945. Red boxed handstamp indicating not V-mailed due to enclosure. Handstamp faint. AVE-F. (146)

205. V-Mail. Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoon from *Stars and Stripes* newspaper. Taped in standard V-Mail form with message from Chaplain home with JUN 17 APO 375 cancel in Italy 1945. Text says this cartoon from actual paper. Red boxed handstamp indicating not V-mailed due to enclosure. Writer comments on cartoon. F. (146)

206. V-Mail. Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoon from *Stars and Stripes* newspaper. Taped in standard V-Mail form with message from Chaplain home with no cancel but text dated 1945 Italy. Best strike of boxed handstamp indicating not V-mailed due to enclosure. Writer comments on cartoon with girls and officers. F. (146)

207. V-Mail. 11 processed V-Mails without envelopes from Italy. All are Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoons from *Stars and Stripes* newspaper. Taped in standard V-Mail form with message from Chaplain home. For some reason these were allowed to be photographed. Text sometimes comments on cartoons. Also 1 with *Saturday Evening Post* cartoon. (146)

208. V-Mail. Processed V-Mail without envelope from Italy. with Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoons from *Stars and Stripes* newspaper. Taped in standard V-Mail form. Message discusses V-Mail envelopes which to save and what may have collectible value in future. "It will do no harm, to save them till I find out." F. (146)

209. V-Mail. 47 forms with Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoons from *Stars and Stripes*, mostly from cartoon book taped in standard V-Mail form. These were not filmed but have no special handstamps. Most cancels are APOS 375C, 375, and 700A. In Italy in 1945. Some bleed through from tape. F. (146)

210. V-Mail. 7 forms with Bill Mauldin Willie and Joe cartoons from *Stars and Stripes*, mostly from cartoon book taped in standard V-Mail form. Writer comments on each. These were not filmed but have no special handstamps. Most cancels are APOs 375C. In Italy in 1945. Some bleed through from tape. F. (146)

End of Chaplain Mail

211. V-Mail. 5 processed without envelopes. 4 are Christmas card from APO 634 1943-Great Britain, 464-Italy, 523-undated, and 95 NCB-Hawaii? Plus ditch digger from CBMU 610 Admiralty Islands. AVE-F. (146)
212. V-Mail. Special processed letter with envelope showing humorous drawing of censor having excised Christmas letter in Britain in 1943. Plus 1944 APO cover from England. F. (424)
213. V-Mail. Processed letter to Father Flanagan Boy's Town from sender USMC 275 Solomons. Paper feels thin and this may have been part of fund-raising letter?. (146)
214. Convoy procedures for *USAT SEA WITCH* and 3 issues of ship's mimeographed newspapers for 1944. 1 gives background of ship. Some aging of papers. AVE-F. (146)
215. Ration books. Instruction OPA Form R303 plus 4 Book Ones, 2 Book 2's, 6 Book 3's and 5 Book Fours from same family. Many stamps still attached. AVE. (146)
216. Patriotic cover with 2¢ Defense issue tied by dumb cancel. Plus March 1942 money order type cancel of Augusta, Georgia Air Base. Slight smudge. F. (225)
217. 16 picture post cards sent Free. 1 is special humorous card with items to check, 3 humorous card with girls. Rest are vintage cards of hotels, scenes etc. F-VF. (819)
218. WACs. 2 covers and 2 cards from WACs. 1 with corner card Ft. Warren, 1 with WAAC seal Nacodekes. Cards from member of 23 BPO but 1 without postal markings. F-VF. (819)
219. 55 Free covers from domestic Army bases. Good variety. 2 #10. 45 with base cancels. 1 with corner card of Barrage Balloon School. Mostly F. (311)
220. 47 mostly Free covers from Army Bases. Some duplication. Mostly F-VF. (819)
221. 49 mostly Free covers from Army Bases with Base names in cancels. Mostly F-VF. (819)
222. 10 mostly Free covers from Army Bases with corner cards. Mostly F-VF. (819)
223. 101 mostly Free covers from Army Air Bases. Some duplication. Mostly F-VF. (819)
224. 21 mostly Free covers from Army Air Bases with Base names in cancels. Mostly F-VF. (819)
225. 14 mostly Free covers from Army Air Bases with corner cards. Mostly F-VF. (819)
226. 30 covers from Army Air Bases. 28 Free. Good variety. 1 #10. 13 with Air Force base cancels. Mostly F. (311)
227. Alaska. August 1945 telephone book of Dutch Harbor. 25 pages. Provided both by names and positions. Better than an Order of Battle. Formerly Restricted. Slight toning of cover. F. (146)
228. Alaska. Small cover with 8¢ Transport to U.S. with Sagaway Alaska JUN

16 1944 cancel and cellophane censor tape with #66082. Some selvage to stamp. F-VF. (311)

229. **Alaska.** Processed V-Mail and envelope from Navy 151. F. (007)

230. **Alaska.** 1942 cover APO 937 with provisional censor #35. Also APO 980 1944 cover and civilian cover from Juneau to Missouri with cellophane censor tape. F-VF. (819)

231. **American Samoa.** #10 envelope to U.S. with American Samoa Censor handstamp. 30¢ Transport and 10¢ PREXIE tied by faint but legible Pago, Pago AUG 1 1944 cancel. AVE-F. (311)

232. **Canal Zone.** 6 censored air mail covers with Canal Zone stamps. 2 roughly opened, 1 cut short, and 2 #10s. AVE-F. (311)

233. **Canal Zone.** 4 covers. 2 are Free with Corner card of Canal Zone Postal Service APO 825 to Balboa with December 1942 cancels. Plus 2 censored covers APO 827 1943-44. Also 2 postwar APOs 34002 and 34004. Also Peru Embassy APO 34032 1999. F-VF. (819)

234. **Hawaii.** Cover from Honolulu with Pearl Harbor Jan. 5 1942 cancel on 20¢ Transport. Cancel partially off cover. Plus #10 MAILGRAM envelope with corner card in red of 14th Naval District. Cover franked with 20¢ PREXIE canceled Pearl Harbor JAN 22 1942 and endorsed CLIPPER AIRMAIL. F. (574)

235. **Hawaii.** 23 APO covers including 2 large 1944 Ballots. 4 have early Army censor handstamps. Plus 1948 U.S. Marine Camp Catlin Amateur Radio Card. AVE-F. (819)

236. **Hawaii.** 5 airmail covers to U.S. with transport series. Different cellophane censor labels and 1 early I.C.B. 39 on #10. F-VF. (311)

237. **Hawaii.** 4 covers to mainland. 1 1942 #10 with 2 20¢ Transport and paper censor, #10 meter with CLIPPER AIR MAIL handstamp, 1944 business cover with sea plane and partial cellophane tape and APO 957* sender with partial cellophane tape. AVE-F. (574)

238. **Hawaii.** 4 covers to mainland with paper tape censor with USA and number. 3 20¢ Transport. 1 meter. 1 tape slightly damaged. F-VF. (574)

239. **Hawaii.** 2 1944-45 Naval censored covers Navy 10 and CASU 38. AVE-F. (836)

240. **Puerto Rico.** 14 air mail covers to and from U.S. 4 with 10¢ Transport including 1 with 3 stamps. Also 1 10¢ PREXIE, 1 Special Delivery with Victory issue. Cellophane and paper censor tapes. 10 #10s. (311)

241. **Puerto Rico.** 6 APO covers including 2 #10. 1 Official with corner card. 2 have early Army censor handstamps. Plus 1952 cover. 1 roughly opened. AVE-F. (819)

242. 5 official publications including *Army Life* War Department pamphlet 21-13, *Army Song Book*, and hard cover Jewish Prayer book. Plus postwar *The Soldiers Guide* FM 221-13 1952 and *Survival* - undated. (106)

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243. Hand-drawn full envelope cartoon by Barrett showing Nazi knocking on Tokyo door etc. Sent Free from Camp McCoy. Only front and tear repaired but probably unique item? (311)

244. **Canada.** 3 large colored labels printed by Director of Public Information. 1 shows bear attacking Hitler in tree, 1 with snake, and Canadian Bear with British lion to Victory. VF. (146)

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245. **Shore Stations.** 128 (Hawaii), 147 (Algeria), 152 (Solomons), 231 (Algeria processed V-Mail no envelope), 827 (Sardinia with 827 in cancel), 3149 (Philippines), 8235 - Unlisted but probably NCB. Also Navy air VP 208 and VPB 198 and V-Mail from Pacific Staff. 4 1944 war ballots. (007)

246. 8 covers *USS Alcor, Almaack, Altair, Cleveland, Hornet, Marblehead, Miatonomak, Melville.* 4 Official #10's. Plus 2 1941 covers and 3 1946-47. (007)

247. 6 Official #10 Navy Penalty covers with corner cards of *USS Crosby, Enterprise, Long Beach, Niagara, Solace* and *Tangier*. All sent air mail with various stamps added for 6¢ rate. All have February to March 1942 cancels. 3 have MAILGRAM endorsements. F-VF. (574)

248. Air mail cover with PC 90 censor tape from England to sailor at Armed Guard Center Brooklyn. Backstamped with MAR 2 1943 cancel of Armed Guard Sta. Have not seen before. Cancels faint on stamps. AVE-F. (311)

249. 2 Naval censored covers. One 6¢ air mail stamped envelope with Navy NOV 19 1944 cancel from Submarine Division 121. Other with 6¢ Transport stamp canceled Navy SEP 2 1943 from Staff Commander 3rd Amphibious Force. F-VF. (848)

250. 2 large 1944 Primary Election Ballots returned to Sender in States with contents still enclosed. 1 to *USS Lansdowne*. Other to USNR PT Base #44. Different Directory return handstamps. Some opening tears. AVE-F. (819)

251. 7 covers including Armed Guard Pacific #10, USCG Crus #9 Amphibious Force, *SS Saginaw*, large ballot, VP-68, *USS YMS-135*, unprocessed 1942 V-Mail to *USS Tippecanoe*, and *USS Saipan* 1946. F-VF. (819)

252. **SeaBees.** 5 Free Postcards with non-military scenes sent by sender 110 NCB Port Hueneme. Plus 6¢ stamped envelope from 91st NCB with navy July 4 1944 cancel. F-VF. (819)

253. 65 covers from Navy domestic locations. Heavy duplications. Mostly F-VF. (819)

254. **Coast Guard.** 8 covers of home stations. F-VF. (819)

255. **Marines.** 17 covers from domestic bases. Most stamped. 1 registered. Mixed. (819)

256. Book. *Long Were the Nights.* The Saga of PT Squadron X in the Solomons. 10 pages of crew names, awards, and hometowns. Original jacket with slight wear. 202 pages. F. (106)

257. Book *USN/USMC Mobile Land Forces and their Post Office Facilities* by Murphy 1977. 230+Pages. Covers have aging. Rest F-VF. (311)

258. Pensacola Base Newspaper (7-4 1946), San Diego Base paper, Navy Woman's magazine (3), Newport Recruit (2), magazine of NAS New York, magazine of Navy Recruiting District Albany, NT (3), magazine NAS Wildwood. NJ and Driver's Permit NAS #14 Hawaii. Mostly F. (146)

WORLD WAR II U.S. APO'S

259. 4 covers from domestic locations with APOs in address from APO 2, 263 (#10), 470 (tape stains), and 448. AVE-F. (311)

260. Airmail cover with U.S. Navy JAN 23 1945 cancel from sender HQ 1200th EBD Gp. ASF with transit APO 17927. Some bleeding of envelope gum to front. AVE. (039)

261. 10 covers sent Free from domestic locations with APOs 38, 255 (2), 256. 260, 261, 262 (2), 443, and 461 in address. 2 roughly opened. 1 #10. AVE-F. (819)

262. 4 Transit APOs including War Ballot from APO 4994 with APO 548 in cancel, 9372 in processed V-Mail without envelope from Italy, 9396 with wavy lines only cancel, and 16594-AA with APO 771 cancel. AVE-F. (819)

263. USO card to soldier APO 953 New York from Fort Crockett 1944. Normal Returned to Writer "finger" and 2-line "No such APO served by/Postmaster, New York." Back has New York Grand Central cancel and NYPE Army Directory handstamp. Has been folded at one time. F. (819)

POST-WORLD WAR II MILITARY

264. **United Nations. Canadian Forces. Mideast.** Free #10 envelope with UN 1999 cancel and corner card of Postmaster CFPO 5002. Enclosure appears to be about Israel. VF. (295)

265. **United Nations. UNDOF. Canadian Forces. Golan.** 5 unstamped covers with 1992-97 UN cancels (4 UNDOF. 1 standard). All different senders. 2 with CFPO 5002 cancels. VF. (295)

266. **United Nations. UNDOF. Polish Forces. Syria.** 9 1980-89 covers with Warsaw 60 cancels and attractive hand cachets. 3 on UNDOF stationery. VF (295)

267. **United Nations. UNDOF. Polish Forces.** Cover with hand cachet 1999-2000. Typical Warsaw meter. Plus philatelic item from Gdynia 1999. Also stampless Israeli military cover from 1969. VF. (424)

268. **United Nations. UNIFIL. Ghanian Forces. Lebanon.** Cover to Canada from Ghanian Major Mahariya Israel. 3 typical illegible Ghanian handstamps and no cancel. Plus photo of Ghanian Capt. being baptized in Israel. AVE-F (295)

269. **United Nations. UNMOG. Polish Forces. India and Pakistan.** Slightly larger than normal European size cover with 6 different Indian stamps tied by indistinct 25.3.96 cancels. Plus 3 UNMOG handstamps. 3 untied. Polish Warsaw 3 cancel and 3 line advisory handstamp. Australian stamps on back as souvenirs?. Frayed around edges. Plus cover with UNMOG corner card and Indian stamp tied by partial 1997 Calcutta cancel. AVE. (295)

270. **United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Bosnia.** Free larger National Defense envelope with UN 1999 cancel and corner card of Royal Canadian Rgt. CFPO 5003. Letter enclosed describes Area of Responsibility of troops. VF. (295)

271. **United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Yugoslavia.** Special "Stop the War in Croatia" UN Blue helmet envelope from Canadian postmaster CFPO 5004 with 4 different Republic of Hrvatska stamps tied by Zagreb 03.09.92 cancels. 1 stamp scraped. F-VF. (295)

272. **United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Yugoslavia.** Special photo card for Bosnia of Canadian soldier in APC used with UN 1998 cancel. To Capt. Walsh with message. VF. (295)

273. **United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Yugoslavia.** 5 mail bag tags to CFPO 5004 from Canadian Base Petawawa 1994. F. (295)

274. **United Nations. MINURSA.** 3 colored photos showing Canadian troops and scenes on ground in Africa. VF. (295)

275. **United Nations. Irish Forces.** Special #10 cacheted cover from UN Training school Ireland. Letter enclosed on official stationery. No postal markings. VF. Also Christmas card of 66 Irish Batt without envelope with

- possible picture missing from front. (295)
276. **Alaska.** 4 1950-54 covers from APOs 731, 949 (2), and 980. 1 949 is 1952 large ballot. 980 is registered with attractive 66¢ face franking. F-VF. (819)
277. **Austria.** 1948 cover from U.S. APO 541 and 1950 cover from APO 777 with flap missing. Average. (819)
278. **Austria.** Airmail cover to U.S. franked with 5 1¢ PREXIES with 1948 APO 777 cancels. Month missing from cancels?. Envelope has been split open. F. (318)
279. **Belgium.** 4 cacheted covers. 2 for Belgian mine sweeper *M903* and Belgian Naval Survey ship *A960 Gopdetia* with Welcome to Antwerp cachet and cancels. 1 with unclear year. Also 1983 Grand prix special cancel on special stamp. Plus 1988 cover with special "Kolveniersgilde Merksem" handstamp. F-VF. (295)
280. **BENELUX.** 5 naval covers. **Belgium.** *Narcis M823* with British 1998 stamp and cancel and *ZM M928 Stavelot* with Belgian 1988 philatelic cancel on Belgian stamp. **Netherlands** 3 covers with British stamps and cancels to England and Dutch handstamps for *Hr. Ms. van Nes*, *ROV Zeefakkel*, *Hr. Ms. De Ruyter*. 2 with unclear dates. AVE. (295)
281. **Canada.** 7 1952-54 U.S. APO covers from APOs 677* (3), 862*, 864 (4-1*). 5 #10. AVE-F. (819)
282. **Canada.** Standing Naval Force Atlantic. 4 cacheted covers of *HMCS Montreal*. 1 with dated handstamp. Each signed by different Officer Various home base cancels on stamps. F-VF. (295)
283. **China.** 6¢ air mail stamped envelope revalued to 5¢ with APO 912 March 1947 cancel. No addresses. VF. (819)
284. **France.** 15 U.S. 1947-63 APO covers. 2 are large 1960 ballots. 3 are #10's. AVE-F. (819)
285. **France.** 2 1985-86 cacheted covers for naval visits of *French Frigate Duquay Trouin* (D-611) and *Corvette Primauguet* U.S. stamps tied by *USS Mississippi* or *USS Virginia* cancels. Addressed VF. (703)
286. **France.** Stamped cover with French stamp and BPM 658 1997 cancel to Germany. 2 different handstamps of French Medical Group *Sarajevo*. VF. (295)
287. **French Africa.** 2 F.M. photo cards 1 1956 *Algeria* with cachet of Base de transit Militaire Alger. 2. 1957 *Morocco* with oval cachet Depot Mixte Des Isoles Oujda. F-VF. (723)
288. **French. Indo China.** Cover F.M. to Toulon France with 21-1 46 POSTE NAVALE cancel with large sender cachet MARINE EN INDOCHINE. Sender Marine Saigon. Some letters in handstamp and cancel not legible. F. (723)
289. **French Morocco.** 2 covers. 1 with manuscript S.M. to Limoges France with 12 JAN 1946 postmark of Kaspia Tadla with cachet and handstamp of Commandant Pilot School and added cachet of Military library Limoges. F.M. cover with faint Morocco cancel and uncommon red cachet of Chief of Control of Military Information. AVE-F. (723)
290. **Germany.** 12 U.S. mostly 1948-52 APO covers. 1 #10. 2 attractive postcards used later. AVE-F. (819)
291. **Germany. British Occupation.** Special 3 Pence Registration envelope with Registered FPO 229 Nov. 1945 cancels and label. Sender Middlesex Rgt. B.A.O.R. AVE. (007)
292. **Germany.** 22¢ overprinted U.S. penalty envelopes to Postal Officer APO 175 from Postal Finance Office USAREUR APO 110. 1 is also registered with 3 line Government Official mail handstamp. Neither show indication of going through mail. Plus 2 6¢ stamped air mail envelopes from APO 29-1953 and 227-1946. F-VF. (848)
293. **Germany. French Occupation. Saar.** Cover with corner card of Gouvernement Militaire de la Sarre with red official handstamp and 2 weak cachets. Also special AA/Vu verification mark. POSTE AUX ARMEE 9-8 cancel with no year, but must be somewhere from 1945-1959(?). F. (723)
294. **Germany.** 4 1981-86 cacheted covers for German naval visits to Norfolk. Cachets for frigate *Bremen*, destroyer *Hessen*, training ship *Gorch Fock*, and destroyer *Rommel*. U.S. stamps/cancels of *USS Richard E Byrd*, *USS Virginia* (2), and *USS Richard L. Page*. 1 shows label gum remnants. F-VF. (703)
295. **Germany.** 2 covers with British stamps and cancels with special cachet for visit of German Tender *Elbe* in Edinburgh 1987 and Supply Ship *RH...N* with unclear year. Also cover with German stamp tied by German Büchel Air Base 1995 Family day 40th Anniversary Bundeswehr cancel and special cachets. Also Bundesmarine hat band ribbon. F-VF. (295)
296. **Great Britain** 9 U.S. mostly 1954-60 APO covers. 4 are large 1960 ballots. 2 are #10's. (819)
297. **Great Britain.** 6 cacheted covers 1981-85 for British naval visits to Norfolk. Cachets for *RFAs Appleleaf*, *Black Rover*, *Fort Austin* (2), *Stromness*, and *Tarbatness*. All have dated handstamp of ships and attractive U.S. stamps tied *USS Truett*, *Yellowstone*, *J.F. Kennedy*, *Milwaukee*, *Vulcan*, and *Sylvania* cancels. 2 have slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)
298. **Great Britain.** 1971 cover from Philatelic Section British Forces London with special form enclosed explaining new fee structure for philatelic handstamps. Also 5 covers different overseas locations. AVE-VF. (650)
299. **Greece** 3 U.S. APO covers. APO 223-1957, 858 1952, and 09223 1960. AVE. (819)
300. **Greenland** 4 1952-53 U.S. APO covers from APO 23. 2 are 5¢ stamped envelopes overprinted 6¢. Other 2 roughly opened. AVE-VF. (819)
301. **Greenland.** 2 covers with boxed hand cachet of Camp Tuto with APO 23 1961 and 1963 cancels. 1 has smudges from canceling process. F-VF. (007)
302. **Greenland.** SAS colored with native picture card "SAS the Global Airline-first over the pole." Cachet of U.S. Arctic Air Base Thule with 3 Greenland stamps tied by Thule 1957 (?) cancel. (007)
303. **Iceland** 1 #10 cover with APO 81 JUL 5 1957 machine cancel from Commander IADF to Commander AFD 2230. Slight stain of 1/2 dollar size near address. AVE-F. (819)
304. **Iceland.** 1972 air mail cover with Iceland stamps to sailor *USS Claud Jones* DE-1033. Opening tears. F. (007)
305. **Iceland.** Air mail cover to U.S. with 2 3¢ Women in Service stamps tied by hard to read APO 81 machine cancel from Lt. with Air Force APO 81. F. (007)
306. **India.** Free Forces mail envelope to England with Provisional R50 3 JAN 46 Indian cancel. Slight wear. F. (819)
307. **Israel.** 4 Free covers with typical triangle dated handstamps from 1982-89. 1 special Society of Israel Philatelists envelope. One like small paper bag. 1 without year. F-VF. (295)
308. **Japan** 14 large 1960 ballot covers from U.S. APOs 323 (2), 328 (4), 500 (2), 704, 929, 994 (4). F-VF. (819)
309. **Japan** 18 covers from U.S. APOs in 1940s. 3 are large 1960 ballot covers 3 are CIC. 4 #10. F-VF. (819)
310. **Japan** 48 covers from U.S. APOs mostly in 1950s. 8 are #10's. 11 are CIC. Heavy duplication. AVE-VF. (819)
311. **Korea.** 43 covers from U.S. APOs in 1940s. 1 #10. Heavy duplication. Mostly F-VF. (819)
312. **Korea.** 20 covers from U.S. APOs mostly in 1950s. 4 are large 1960 ballot covers. F-VF. (819)
313. **Libya.** 30 1947 OAS **British** covers from soldier with Ammo Clearing Team Western Desert with cancels of FPO 518 (3) and 658 (27). Opening tears. AVE-F. (650)
314. **MEXICO.** 2 cacheted covers 1979-85 for naval visits to Norfolk. Cachets for *Commodore M. Azueta* and *General Vincente Guerrero*. All have handstamps of ships. Attractive U.S. stamps tied *USS Farragut* and *Francis Marion* cancels. 1 with slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)
315. **Norway.** 2 covers with U.S. stamps tied by 1985 Money Order type APO 09084 cancels. 1 franked with "D" stamp. Some digits in cds faint but legible. F. (819)
316. **OMAN.** Cacheted 1986 cover for naval visit to Norfolk. Cachet for *SNV Shabab Oman* with ship handstamp. Korean War Veteran's stamp tied by *USS Briscoe* cancel. VF. (703)
317. **Pakistan.** Special printed POW card to be sent from POW to home. Printed around 1972. Unused. Slight handling signs. F-VF. (295)
318. **Pakistan.** #10 like British air mail envelope used from American Embassy with 7¢ PREXIE tied by APO 271 1958 cancel. Solo usages of 7¢ said to be rare in Rustad. Slight creases in envelope that have been partially flattened. F. (819)
319. **Philippines.** 13 APO covers from mostly 1946-48. Rest 1950's. 1 1952 large ballot. 2 Official. Plus 1 cover from APO 710 in Japan to APO 714 in Philippines in 1946. Various pencil forwarding remarks on front. Back has unusual Directory Service handstamp of APO 503. 2 tears repaired by hinges. Most F-VF. (819)
320. **Ryukyus.** 10 APO covers mostly 1950's. 2 official. 3 #10's. 1 1972 with map and one unused map cover. F-VF. (819)
321. **Saudi Arabia.** 1971 cover with APO 09616 cancel. Plus large 1952 Ballot cover APO 616. F-VF. (819)
322. **Saudi Arabia.** 2 covers and 1 card with 1996 cancels of U.S. APO 09852. 1 on Saudi tax (?) stamp, 1 on U.S. Officially sealed label, and card is UN stamp Advertisement. All unaddressed. VF. (129)
323. **Solomon Islands.** # 10 special cachet for Guadalcanal Allied War memorial with Solomon Islands stamp tied by Honiara cancel. Year not clear but probably 1997. Forwarded in States. F. (318)
324. **Spain.** 7 APO covers. 6 #10 Officials from 1950's including MAAG. F-VF. (819)
325. **Taiwan** 2 covers APO 140-1959 and #10 96319-1966 with wrinkling. F. (819)
326. **Trieste.** Unaddressed cover with 3¢ U.S. stamp tied by 1953 APO 209 machine cancel. Cover has 6 additional different cancels of that APO including Unit 1 undated 2 types, Unit 3, Unit 4, and APO 208 handstamp. VF. (819)

327. **Turkey.** 4 U.S. APO covers. 1 APO 09380 1984. 1 to APO 09380 and returned to U.S. with APO backstamp, and 2 to Germany APOs and forwarded to APO 09380 in Turkey with various APO markings. F-VF. (106)
328. **Turkey.** Cover to England with British stamp and 1998 cancel and cachet of Turkish Submarine TCG 18 (?). F.(295)
329. **Turkey.** 3 cacheted covers 1979-80 for naval visits to Norfolk. Cachets for TCG Kilicalipasa D-349 ex USS Robert McCard, TCG Piyalepasa D-350 ex USS Fisk and TCG Isin A-589 ex USS Safeguard. All have handstamps of ships and attractive U.S. stamps tied USS McCloy, Albany and Safeguard cancels. 2 with slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)
330. **Yugoslavia.** #10 envelope with corner card of U.S. Foreign Service from Embassy Belgrade via U.S. APO 777 (Austria). April 18, 1946. SB \$38.00. (318)
331. **Yugoslavia.** Larger than #10 Foreign Service envelope used by American General assigned to Embassy Belgrade. 3 local stamps tied by Belgrade 1952 cancels. Opening tears and creases. F. (318)
332. 5 1979-81 cacheted covers for naval visits to Norfolk for former U.S. Ships used by non-U.S. Forces including Argentina ex USNS Eltanin; Ecuador ex USS Halder Pakistan ex USS Damato, South Korea ex USS Newman K. Perry; and Spain ex USS Francis Marion. All have U.S. ship cancels. 4 have foreign handstamps. 2 have slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)
333. 4 1979-87 cacheted covers for naval visits to Norfolk for Canadian ship HMCS Protecteur, Ecuador ship Guayas, Italian Frigate F-576, and Netherlands Hr. Ms. Callenburgh. All have U.S. ship cancels and foreign handstamps. 1 has slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)

POST-WORLD WAR II U.S. NAVAL

334. **Operation Highjump.** 2 philatelic covers with JAN 10 1947 USS Mount Olympus cancels and Task Force 68 hand cachets. F-VF. (311)
335. **Operation Highjump.** 4 #10 Official Penalty covers to USS Rowan 3 of 4 with Task Force 68 hand cachets. with corner card of USS Henderson and U.S. Navy 16182 Feb-Apr 1947 cancels. 1 roughly opened. F. (311)
336. **Operation Highjump.** 8½" x 11" Official Penalty cover to USS Rowan 3 with Task Force 68 hand cachet with corner card of USS Henderson and U.S. Navy 16182 Jan 20 1947 cancel. 1 Opening tears. F. (311)
337. **Operation Highjump.** Larger than 8½" x 11" Official Penalty cover to USS Rowan 3 with Task Force 68 hand cachet with corner card of USS Henderson and U.S. Navy 16182 March 14 1947 cancel. Sent registered with fee payment by a slightly creased block of 4 of \$1.00 PREXIE. Many cancels. Unique piece. F. (311)
338. Various publications 1940s to 1973 including NAS Aviation Cadet Program, magazines from Newport NAS (2), Portsmouth USNHS, USS Oklahoma City (2), USS Northampton, USS Springfield, and USS Canberra. Plus colored photo of USS Saipan said to be 1950's. Also 2 small Naval Needle books with needles. Picture shows old combat ship and biplane but 1 says Made in Occupied Japan. AVE (146)

KOREAN AND VIETNAM WARS

339. **Korean War. United States.** 21 Free covers from APOs 7*, 24 (2), 59, 71, 86, 248*, 301 (5-2 in cancel), 358*, 468*, 707, 709, 901(2), 902, 909* and 979*. 1 1950. 10-1951. F-VF. (819)
340. **Korean War. United States.** 3 1951 Free covers from Navy 12867, 14009, and Navy ? Unit 2 from APO 970. F-VF. (819)
341. **Korean War. UN Command.** Cover with corner card of LCDR J4 HQ UNC/USFK/EUSA with patch-like hand cachets and 1977 APO 96301 cancel on U.S. stamp, unaddressed. Similar cover with additional handstamps and back of peelable address label. Also 1966 postally used cover from LTC. 13 Div. F-VF. (819)
342. **Korean War.** Mimeographed orders for HQ Special Troops Eight U.S. Army Korea (EUSAK) APO 301 for 23 NOV 1951. Special Orders 316 Extract. 6 mimeographed pages. Mainly lists of transfers to Replacement Bn. APO 27 and unit and race. F-VF. (643)
343. **Korean/Vietnam.** Book. *About Face: The Odyssey of an American Warrior* by Col. David H. Hackworth. Life story of America's most decorated living soldier. Strong on Korea & Vietnam. Author left Army after falling out over conduct of war in Vietnam. Original jacket. Tears. 875 pages. F. (200)
344. **Vietnam War.** 4 1966-68 covers from APOs 96227, 96238, 96402, and 96490. 3 Free. Plus 2 anti-war propaganda reprints of American Friends Service. AVE-F.(819)
345. **Vietnam War.** 4 Free covers from Navy 14009 (2 #10s), USS Bexar (APA 237), and USS Kitty Hawk 3 1967. 1 has tape staining. 1 has wrinkles. AVE-F. (819)
346. **Vietnam War USS Canberra** and 1st Marines with Navy 14009 cancel with smudged cancel sent FREE. Plus 6 stamped ship covers Vietnam period but probably not Vietnam? AVE-F. (295)

347. **Vietnam War.** Book. *Code of Honor* by Lt. Col. Dramasi USAF. POW in Hanoi Hilton. Escaped 2 times. 271 pages. Original jacket Some toning at paper edges. VF. (200)
348. **Vietnam. War.** Book. *To Bear Any Burden.* Oral history involving 48 witnesses. Original jacket with tears. 875 pages. F. Published at \$18.95. (200)
349. **Vietnam. War.** Army July 1962 *Vietnamese Phrase Book* Army #20-611. Hard cover. 176 pages. Plus 1966 softcover *A Pocket Guide to Vietnam* DOD #PG-21A with colored drawings of Vietnamese insignias. 90 pages. VF. (106)

GULF WAR

350. **U.S. Forces.** Special cacheted cover for Desert Storm Mission Accomplished with special cancel and yellow ribbon and Desert Storm labels affixed. Plus 6" by 9" special colored welcome Home card New York. Both unaddressed. VF. (295)
351. Book. *The Commanders* by Woodward. Military Command decision making in Panama and leading up to the Gulf War. Original jacket. 399 pages. (200)

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352. **Netherlands Forces.** #10 cover with cachet of Supply Vessel Hr. Ms. Zuiderkruis Persian Gulf. 1990 cancel. F-VF. (295)

MISCELLANEOUS

353. **Tuck postcards.** 4 postally used from Canada 1908-09 and Great Britain 1903-1907. AVE-F. (007)
354. **Antarctic.** Cover to Canada with Byrd Antarctic Expedition II stamp tied by Little America JAN 31 1934 machine cancel. Also 3 line handstamp on 1 year delay of letter and backstamped San Francisco MAR 25 1935 "LITTLE AMERICA MAIL RECEIVED." Slight fraying of edge and smudge in cancel. F. (311)
355. **Australia.** Special cacheted cover commemorating 1928 Transpacific flight of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. 1978 special 50th anniversary cancel on Smith stamp. Cover flown same route takes 14+ hours compared to original 83+ hours. Enclosure gives biographical facts. Backstamped at Honolulu and Fiji with dated airline handstamps. Signed by former STALAG LUFT III POW. (280)
356. **Germany. Ephemeral** Including 1910 booklet on Oberammergau of North German Lloyd SS Co, Hamburg Amerika Linie SS New York 1934 Program, 1936 Departure Dinner menu in shape of liberty bell, and special Chime Night folder with 12 bilingual colored post cards with scenes. Date not clear on latter but NAZI flag is on one of cards. VF. (146)
357. **Germany. Ephemeral.** North German Lloyd SS Co. February 1910 Bulletin 24 pages. Covers have separated. AVE. (146)
358. **Germany. Ephemeral.** 3 1921-22. pieces of Notgeld or Emergency money from depression with original description from Garcelon Stamp Co. VF. (723)
359. **United States.** War Department Penalty envelope from Cumberland Army Depot sent Registered Return Receipt. Franked with single 18¢ PREXIE with dumb cancel. Various 1943 cancels. Staple holes, slight opening tears and slightly dirty appearance. F. (318)
360. **United States.** Attractive 1944 registered air mail cover 1944 from India to U.S. with 11 Indian postage stamps and PC 90 tape tied by DHA handstamp and censorship wax seal. 2 line handstamp Received at Wauwauke/Wis. in bad order. Plus untied U.S. Officially Sealed label. (311)
361. **United States.** 2 Greeting card size envelopes sent registered air mail in 1947 with various backstamps from U.S. APO 500 in Japan to U.S. 1 with 2 20¢ PREXIES and customs handstamp. Soiling on edges. Opening tears and slight cracking of stamp. Other with 25¢ and 10¢ PREXIES and opening tears. AVE. (819)

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