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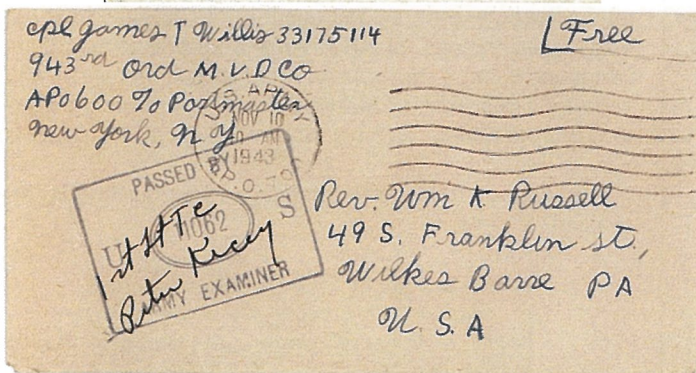


Happy Holidays!

Over the years seasonal greeting cards and similar messages sent to servicemen stationed overseas have far outnumbered those that they sent back home, although far more of the ones sent back home have survived the years. When the Army announced in 1944 that servicemen overseas had to specifically request something before it could be sent to them in a parcel, the rule inspired cards like this one. How well they worked is anyone's guess.

In 1943 Corporal James Willis, stationed with the 943rd Ordnance Motor Vehicle Distribution Company in Oran, Algeria (then still a part of France) found this tiny seasonal card to send to the pastor at St. Stephen's Episcopal church back home. The French inscription, "Heureuse Année," would best be colloquially translated "Happy New Year," although the practical French see no need to include the term "new" when wishing someone a Good Year.

"Heureuse" might also be translated as blessed, blissful, delightful, fortunate, lucky, pleasing and successful. May all of these terms apply to your endeavors in the coming year.



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President's Message

by Tony Brooks

Here we are in November 2013 and another year is drawing to a close for the Military Postal History Society. It has been a year of many challenges and a very productive annual meeting at BALPEX. Progress continues to be made on our major effort of producing a third edition of the Theo Van Dam's book *Postal History of the AEF, 1917 - 1923*. 2014 should see us proofing the updated and new chapters. Significant effort is also being applied at this time to upgrade/replace many of the original illustrations.

Two other publication projects are noteworthy. Author Thierry Delespesse reports the following on the status of the Zip Code APO book: "The APO AE and AA sections should be done before the end of the year. Then I just need to finish the APO AP and all of the surrounding sections. I'm hopeful for a 2014 finish but no expected date at this time." Author Norm Gruenzner has even more exciting news regarding the status of the World War Two publication he is writing on the postal history and Order of Battle information on PT Boats. Prototype publication copies are currently being reviewed and plans are being finalized at this time regarding selection of the publisher. We should see the book in 2014 and should have it available at the next annual meeting in Milwaukee. Publications are our life blood and 2014 looks very promising.

On a much more somber note, 2013 marked the request of three of our Board members to retire in 2014 after many years of effort; Norm Gruenzner our Treasurer, Harvey Tilles our Awards Coordinator, and Dave Kent our *Bulletin* editor. All three have done an incredible job on our behalf and will be sorely missed. The Treasurer job is going to be filled by Ed Fisher with Norm Gruenzner becoming Publications Sales Manager. Your president has not yet been able to identify a replacement for either Awards Coordinator or Editor; two very key responsibilities. I welcome volunteers from the membership or your suggestions.

I will conclude this year's final column with the following thoughts. First, my thanks to all of the board members, directors, authors, exhibitors and auction lot submitters for their many contributions in 2013. And, a special thanks to our editor and auction manager for all of their effort. 2013 was a very good year for our *Bulletin*. Second, start planning now to attend our mid-west convention next September in Milwaukee.

And last, a happy, healthful and prosperous holiday season and new year to you all.



Editor's Notes

David A. Kent

Once again this issue is later than I had planned, although it should reach everyone before the end of the year. The problem this time is not so much a shortage of material, although that seems to be an ongoing concern of every philatelic editor. I instead find that have become beset by an affliction that has become a problem for many people in this modern age, soreness and pain in my shoulder and neck muscles caused, simply, by spending too much time on the computer typing on the keyboard and manipulating the mouse. Medical treatment and physical therapy have only been partly successful in alleviating the problem. This only convinces me that it really is time for me to retire from this position, so I can spend less time in front of the machine. Somewhat to my disappointment, no one has shown an interest in this post. Surely there is someone among our readership who has the interest and skills to keep this journal going.

I think you will find some interesting articles in this issue. Almost all, however, consider the 20th Century's two world wars, which admittedly have always provided us with rich source of studies. So here's a challenge to our creative readers and authors: look at the more unusual material in your collection, and consider whether others might find interest in reading about some of the wonders you have gathered over the years. Certainly every collection contains a few gems that should see the light of day. If you are working on an article, remember that illustrations must be provided completely separately from the text of the article.

Auction #202

Our auctioneer, Thierry Delespesse has once again worked up another auction, filled with a really wide variety of material. Spend a winter evening going through the listings, and you are certain to find at least a few items you want. Thierry still needs material for future auctions, so plan to spend another winter evening sorting through the items you no longer need so you can submit them for future auctions.

Deadlines

The *Bulletin* is written by its readers. We welcome your contributions to future issues. Here are future deadlines:

Winter 2014 Feb. 15, 2014

If you want to have an article or notice published in a specific issue, it must reach me by the above date.

COMBAT AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS DURING WORLD WAR II

VOLUME ONE

A Chronology
by
Norman Gruenzner



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A Wonderful Surprise

Imagine my surprise when upon returning recently from the CHICAGOPEX stamp show I found a certified letter awaiting me that had been delivered to my wife in my absence. In the letter was a check for more than \$14,000 made out to the Military Postal History Society from the estate of former President Jesse David Boehret, Jr.

I had received a notice in August, 2012 from Jesse's daughter, Ivalynn Oudin, regarding the proposed disposition of his estate and his wish to leave part of it to the MPHS. In a note accompanying the bequest, Mrs Oudin asks what we will do with the money. An informal survey of Board members and officers resulted in a unanimous proposal to dedicate the funds to underwriting publications. The timing couldn't be better. We are in the process of printing 100 copies of Norm Gruenzner's book on the Order of Battle and Postal History of PT Boats in WW II (see above), and 2014 should see us delivering two more publications: the Third Edition of the Van Dam *Postal History of the AEF* and the APO Zip Code listing reference manual.

On behalf of the MPHS: "Thank you very much Mrs. Oudin for making this all come about." You have made us and especially our Treasurer very happy!

Tony Brooks, President

The German V-Weapons Offensive

by Roger Callens

The German flying bomb (in German, Vergeltungswaffe 1), also known as FZG-76 or "Doodlebug," was the first successful guided weapon. The V-1 missile was the simplest and smallest structure which the Germans had been able to evolve capable of carrying three-quarter of a ton of high explosive and sufficient fuel to enable it to fly. Had the Battle of Britain gone well for the Germans, the need for speedy exploitation of a practical Flying Bomb would not have been necessary. The construction and testing of the V-1 became of great urgency to the Germans after the defeat of the Luftwaffe in 1940.

The idea of a flying bomb was first proposed to the Luftwaffe in 1939 but turned down. The Luftwaffe revisited the concept in June 1942 and approved the development of an inexpensive flying bomb that possessed a range of around 150 miles. To protect the project from Allied spies, it was designated "Flak Ziel Gerat" (anti-aircraft target apparatus). Design of the weapon, code name Kirschkern (cherry stone), was overseen by Robert Lusser of Fieseler and Fritz Gossrau of the Argus engine works. Development of the flying bomb progressed at Peenemunde where the V-2 rocket was being tested. Beginning in January 1941 the V-1 pulse jet engine was tested on a variety of craft, including automobiles and an experimental attack boat known as the Tornado. The engine made its first flight aboard a Gotha 145 aircraft on April 30, 1941. The V-1 guidance system used a simple autopilot to regulate altitude and airspeed. Operating power for the gyroscope platform and the flight control actuators was provided by two large spherical compressed air tanks which also pressurized the fuel tank.

The first complete V-1 airframe was delivered August 30, 1942 and the first glide test flight was October 28, 1942 at Peenemunde from under a Focke Wulf KW-200 aircraft. The first powered trial as on December 10, 1942 launched from beneath an He-111 aircraft. Work continued through the spring of 1943 and in May 1943 Nazi officials decided to place the V-1 into production while operational units were formed and launch sites constructed. While many of the V-1's test



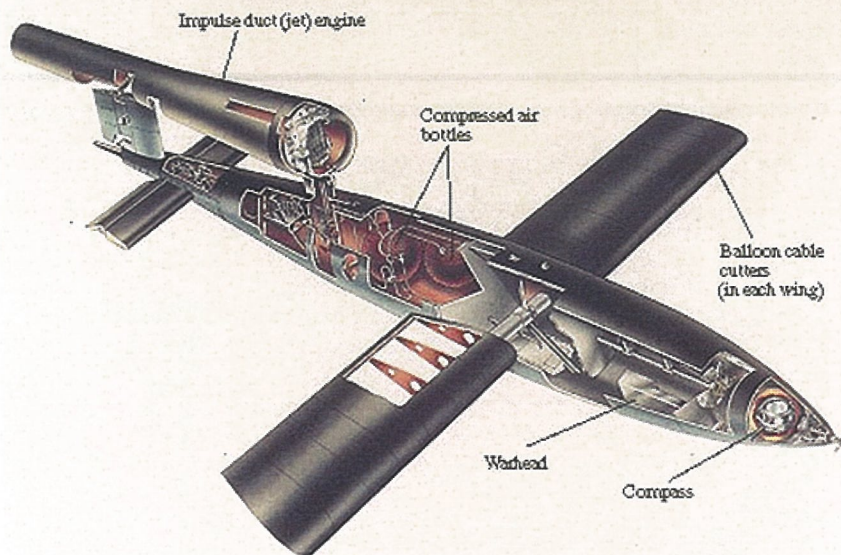
Figure 1. Photograph of Werner Baumbach on an illustrated German Feldpost lettercard.

flights had commenced from aircraft, the weapon was intended to be launched from ground sites through use of ramps fitted with steam or chemical catapults. The V-1 production was spread across Germany and many were built by slave-labor at the underground plant near Nordhausen.

The Germans also made a manned version of the V-1 and in late 1943 conducted experiments in which pilots would

point their target and bail out. The V Gruppe (also known as Leonidas Staffel) of Kampfgeschwader 200, a secret Luftwaffe bomber unit, was designated for this mission. Many German officers did not like the scheme, and in October 1944 a new commander named Werner Baumbach (Figure 1) was appointed to KG 200. Mass production of the converted V-1 had begun, but the entire program was stopped due to intervention from Werner Baumbach.

The original code name of the Allies campaign against the German long-range weapons program was "Bodyline," but that was replaced by the code name "Crossbow" on November 15, 1943. The Peenemunde installation was attacked by RAF Bomber Command for the first time in August 1943. For the air defense of London, Bristol and the Solent against the V-1's, more than 1,330 guns were de-



Cut-away diagram of the V-1 rocket.

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ployed in January 1944 and approximately 1,750 barrage balloons around London. Select units of Fighter Command (No 150 Wing RAF) operating high speed fighters were also ready to attack the V-1's. The Royal Observer Corps fired "snowflake" illuminating rocket flares from the ground to identify V-1 flying bombs to RAF fighters.

The Germans began the construction of the V-1 sites in France in the spring of 1943. The construction sites employed German specialists, paid French and Belgian volunteers as well as slave-labor. Prisoners were also used from the Buchenwald concentration camp. The Germans realized that the first constructions could be easily located and decided to abandon them and use them as a decoy to Allied bombers. Around a hundred new bases, comprising few permanent and easily camouflaged buildings were built during the spring of 1944. Delayed by the Allied landings in Normandy, the V-1 campaign against London began on June 13, 1944. During the period June 13 to September 1, 1944, around 9,000 V-1's were catapulted from Northern France to London and 2,300 reached their target. The V-1 sites in France were repeatedly attacked by U.S. bombers from 8th Air Force. Bomb Group 487 (Figure 2) attacked the sites on July 6 and August 2, 1944.

The liberation of Northern France by Allied forces at the beginning of September 1944 put and end to the first great V-1 offensive against London. Later in the war the launchings of V Weapons, including the V-2 rocket, continued from bases in Holland. V-2 rockets against London were launched from a base at Wassenaar, Holland. During the last phase of the V-1 offensive the Germans launched as many as 9,000 V-1's against continental targets, particularly the Belgian port of Antwerp and the city of Liège, Belgium.

V-1 Units

Heeres Flak Artillerie Abteilung 294 was raised at Wiener-Neustadt on May 1, 1943 and came under command of Höherer Artillerie Kommandeur 191 V Waffen, designated for V-1 launchings. The unit moved to France and was stationed around Calais, Northern France but exact location not known. After the evacuation in August 1944 the unit returned to Reid, Germany. The unit used Fieldpost FP 57113, and 57113C was assigned to 2nd Battery (Figure 3).

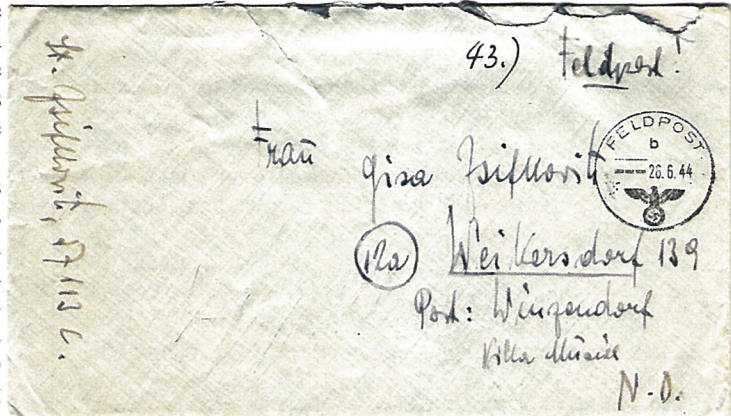


Figure 3. Feldpost 26-6-44 France from FP 57113C assigned to Heeres Flak Artillerie Abteilung 294, 2nd Battery.

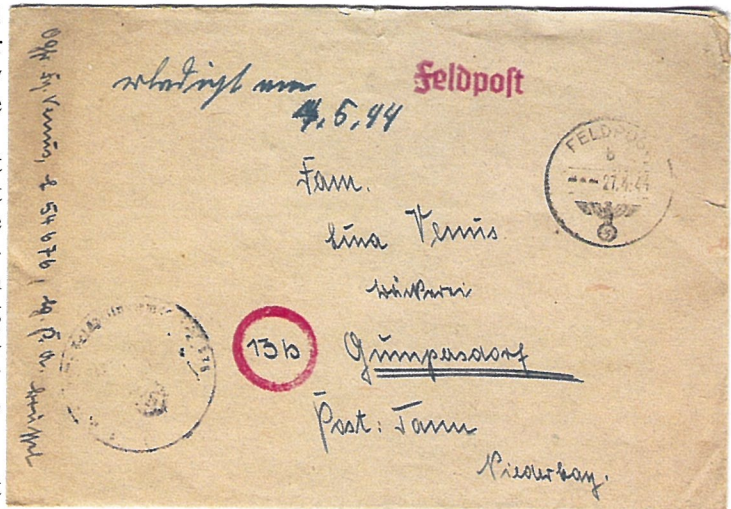


Figure 4. Feldpost 27-4-44 Lumbres, France from FP L54676 assigned to Flak Regiment 155 (W), IAbteilung, 4th Battery.



Figure 2. From 487 Bomb Group, 836 Squadron, APO 589, Boxted, England, 6-10-44.

Flak Regiment 155 (W) was raised at Zinnowitz-Zempin on August 15, 1943 with 9 Abteilungen (sections). The I Abteilung with four batteries moved to France and was stationed at Lumbres under the command of Höherer Artillerie Kommandeur 191 V Waffen. The I Abteilung returned to Remagen, Germany in September 1944 and moved to Sauerland in November 1944. It was transferred to Holland in December 1944 to continue the launching of V-Weapons. The I Abteilung used Fieldpost FP L54676 assigned to 4th Battery (Figure 4).

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The MIT Radiation Lab and the Atomic Bomb

by Larry Nelson

Background

In June 1940, the Scientific Observer to President Roosevelt (Vannevar Bush), president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT, Karl Compton) and the president of Harvard University (James Conant) met with Roosevelt to propose, and the president agreed to, a National Defense Research Committee (NCRC) to oversee scientific Research and Development (R&D) relating to national defense. Subsequently, on June 28, 1941, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8807 which created the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSR&D) as part of the Office of Emergency Management. The OSR&D replaced the NDRC and similar organizations. Its director was Vannevar Bush and he reported directly to President Roosevelt. The OSR&D was responsible for all military-related R&D programs, including the development of Radar, the Atomic Bomb, etc., and had an almost unlimited budget.

The MIT Radiation Laboratory

The MIT Radiation Laboratory (RadLab) really got its start when in September 1940 the British gave the Americans the 10-centimeter cavity magnetron which was the key to microwave radar (RADio Detection And Ranging). By the end of 1940, the RadLab was up and running on the campus of MIT. After the OSR&D was established, the RadLab “reported” to that organization. It is interesting to note that the name “Radiation Laboratory” was chosen to be intentionally deceptive, giving the impression that they were working on nuclear physics.

The RadLab was headed by Lee DuBridge and by late 1945 he was responsible for almost 3,900 research and support staff. Over 100 different radar systems were developed by the RadLab during World War II. It is said that the atomic bomb ended World War II, but that radar won the war. Bell Labs was also actively involved in the development of radar systems.

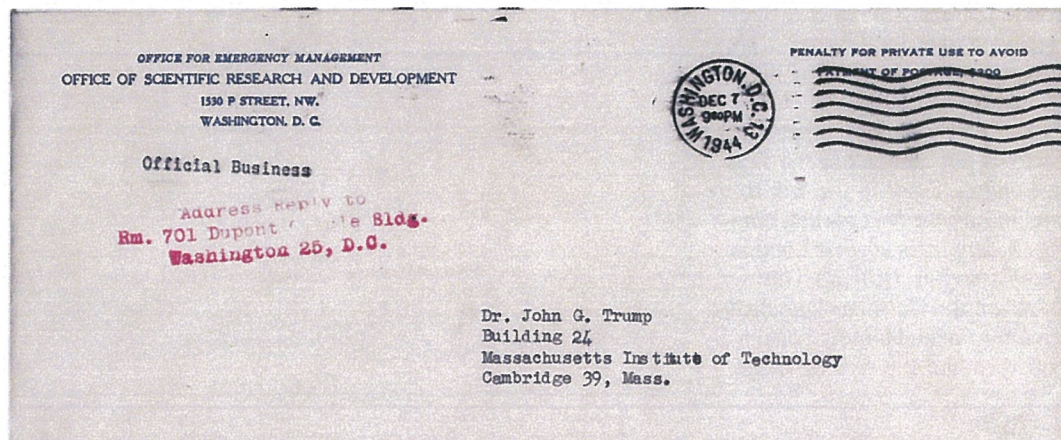


Figure 1. From the Office of Scientific Research and Development to John G. Trump at the RadLab in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Note that “Official Business” is typed in, and there is a red handstamp giving a return address at Rm. 701, DuPont Circle Bldg.

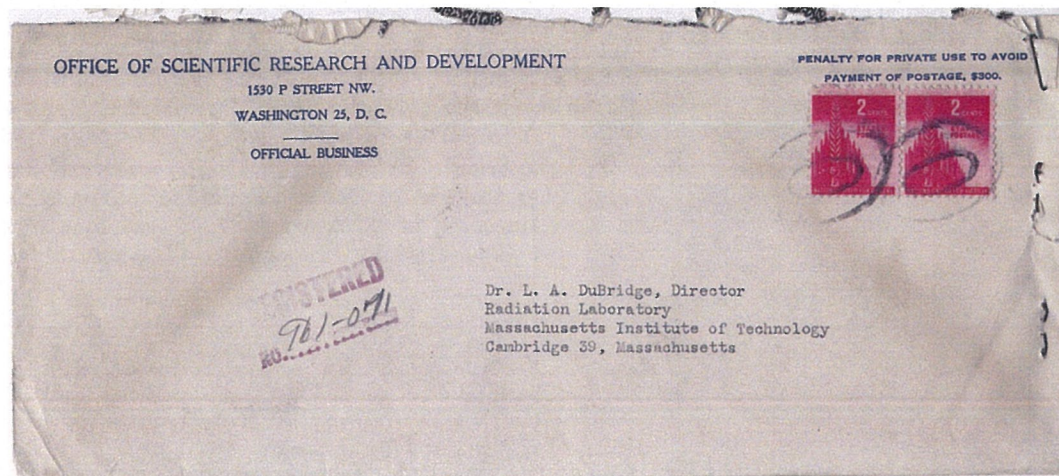


Figure 2. A registered cover dated on back December 4, 1944 from the OSR&D to the director of the RadLab. This cover has “OFFICIAL BUSINESS” preprinted as part of the return address.

The RadLab officially terminated its operations effective December 31, 1945; however, certain R&D projects continued until June 30, 1946. After that the lab was known as the MIT Research Laboratory of Electronics.

Cambridge, Massachusetts

As discussed above, the Office of Scientific Research and Development was the umbrella organization for all war-related R&D. Figure 1 shows a cover dated Dec, 7, 1944 from the OSR&D to Dr. John Trump at the RadLab. Dr. Trump was a RadLab physicist but was mostly involved in administration. In 1944 he became the head of the RadLab operations in England.

Shown in Figure 2 is a registered cover dated Dec. 4, 1944 from the OSR&D sent to Dr. DuBridge, the Director of the RadLab. Can any of our members explain why this cover has 4 cents postage? Under postal regulations, registered mail from government agencies in Wash-

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ington, D.C. was sent at no charge.

The RadLab was involved with various branches of the military. Figure 3 shows a registered cover dated Dec. 3, 1944 from the Air Corps at Robins Field, Georgia to the RadLab. Shown in Figure 4 is a registered cover dated Dec. 4, 1944 from the Navy Department to the Director of the RadLab. Figure 5 shows a registered cover dated July 7, 1944 from the Bureau of Ships to the Navy Liaison Officer at the RadLab.

England — British Branch RadLab

In addition to its main facility in Cambridge, Mass., the RadLab had a facility at Malvern Hills, England (APO 121), where mostly applications work and training were conducted. Shown in Figure 6 is an airmail registered cover from the British Branch Radiation Lab (BBRL) to the Associate Director of the RadLab in Cambridge.

Figures 7 and 8 show an interesting correspondence between a civilian, Jean Gildutis in Malvern Hills and Bob Briggs, a civilian who worked at the RadLab in Cambridge, and was also a collector and early USCS member (#394), who was responsible for saving the RadLab covers I have in my collection. The postcard shown in Figure 7, mailed May 21, 1945, states that Jean is back in England and “Seems I’m to work here [at the British Branch RadLab] for a few weeks & then back to the States. Many of our [RadLab] people have already left.” Figure 8 is a card mailed May 31, 1945 from Jean stating “Place is really closing....” Her return address is now given as BBRL-MIT. Note that Jean’s full signature appears at the bottom of the face of each card as her “self censorship” that the contents were OK.

The Atomic Bomb

I have saved the best for last. Figure 9 is an airmail cover dated Oct. 4, 1944 from PO Box 1663, Santa Fe, New Mexico to Dr. DuBridge at the RadLab. PO Box 1663 was the main undercover address for the Manhattan Project, which developed the Atomic Bomb at the Los Alamos facility in New Mexico. So why were the Atomic Bomb people corresponding with the RadLab people? Russ Carter suggested that it might relate to a radar proximity fuse for the Little Boy and Fat Man Atomic bombs. A Google search turned up Reference 7 entitled “The Swords of Armageddon: U.S. Nuclear Weapons Development Since 1945.” In Part V, “Arming and Fusing, Techniques and Equipment,” the article explains that the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory

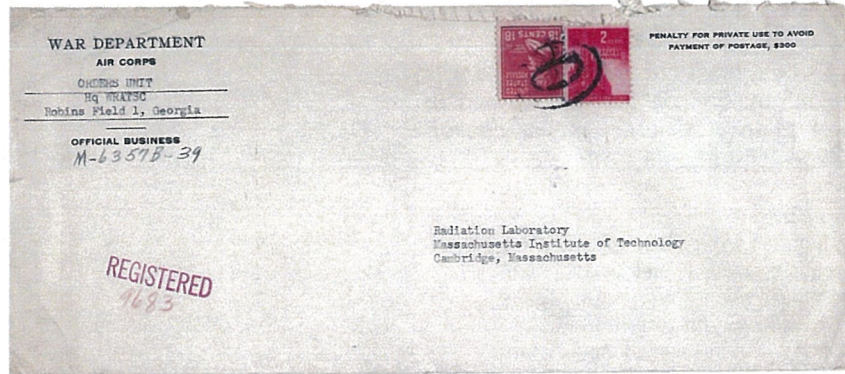


Figure 3. A registered cover dated on back December 3, 1944 from the Air Corps at Robins Field, Georgia to the RadLab.

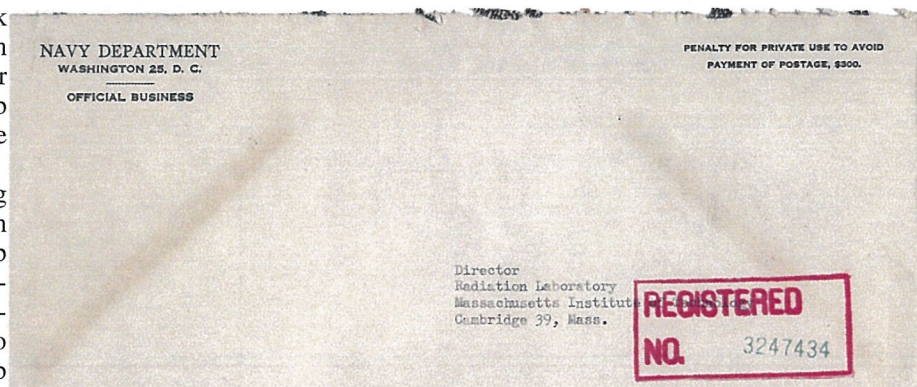


Figure 4. A registered cover dated on the back December 4, 1944 from the Navy Department to the Director of the RadLab.

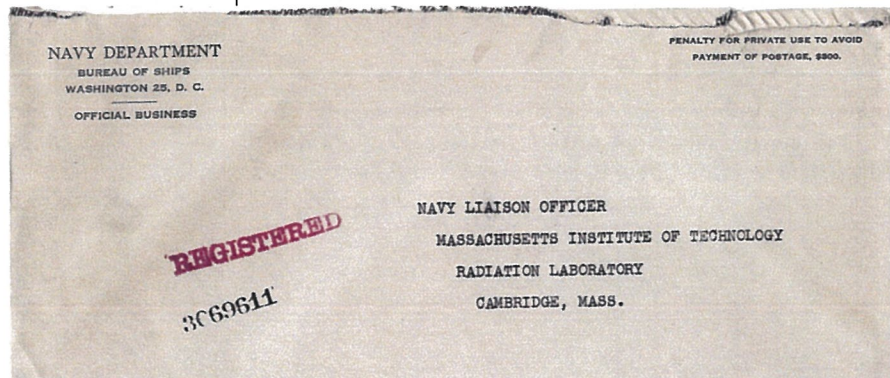


Figure 5. A registered cover dated on the back July 7, 1944 from the Bureau of Ships to the Navy Liaison Officer at the RadLab.

(LASL) requested that the RadLab “design and construct an X-band proximity fuse with a 30-inch diameter parabolic reflection located in the nose of the bomb.” This was a most “top secret” project and its funding was hidden under an existing radar development project.

Although we cannot know for certain, I believe that this cover contained correspondence related to the development of the radar proximity fuse used in the Atomic Bombs. In any

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event, official mail from PO Box 1663 is a great addition to my collection.

I would like to hear from anyone with more information on the RadLab and its postal history. Contact me at censorship@comcast.net.

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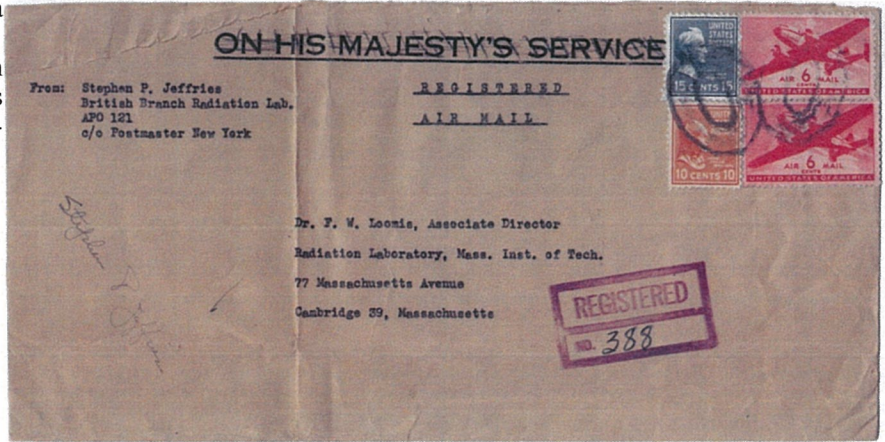


Figure 6. An airmail registered cover dated on the back September 8, 1944 from APO 121, Malvern Hill, England (British Branch Radiation Lab) to the Associate Director of the RadLab in Cambridge.



Figure 7. A reply card mailed May 21, 1945 from APO 121 (Malvern Hills, England) to a civilian in Cambridge, Mass. The return address is, however, APO 888 in France.

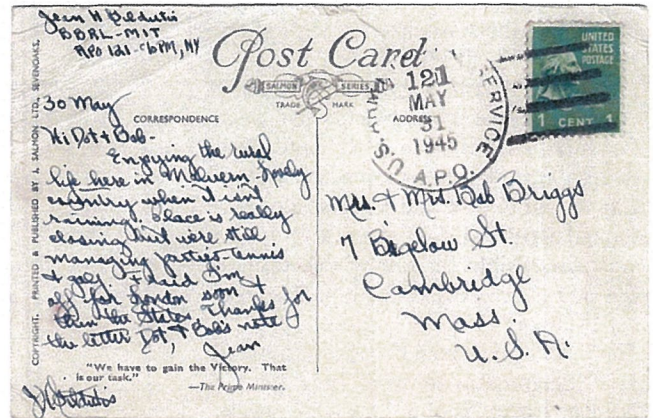


Figure 8. A postcard mailed May 31, 1945 from APO 121 to a civilian in Cambridge, Mass. The return address is now given as BBRL-MIT (British Branch Radiation Lab — Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

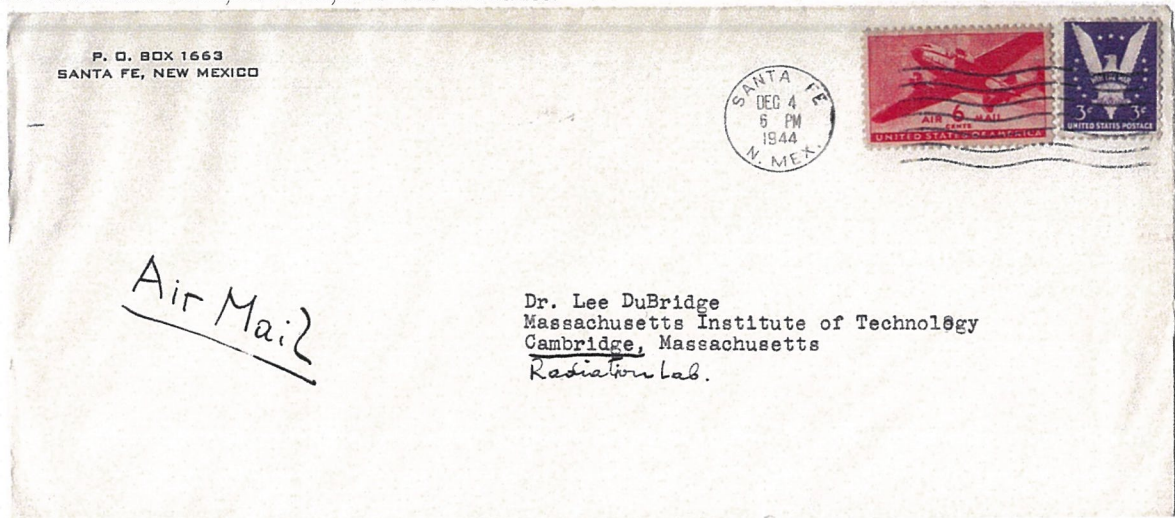


Figure 9. An airmail cover dated October 4, 1944 from PO Box 1663, Santa Fe, New Mexico to Dr. DuBridge at the RadLab. Note that the domestic airmail postage was 8 cents. This cover is overfranked by one cent, probably because they did not have a two-cent stamp handy.

Stars and Strife

Mail to Movie Stars - An Update

Foreign Pilots Trained in U.S. During WW II

by Thomas Richards and Regis Hoffman

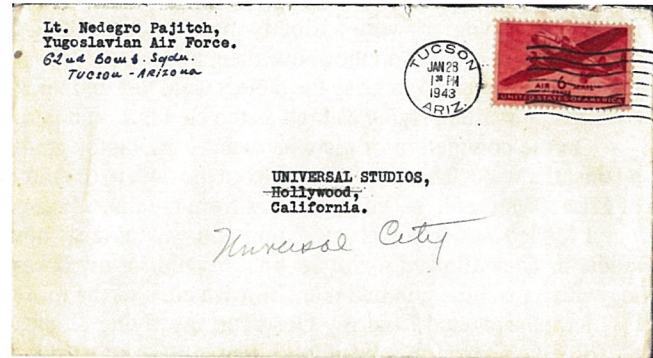
In the winter 2013 edition issue we covered fan mail to movie stars from Chinese and French trainee pilots during WW II. The references we cited made no mention of pilots from Yugoslavia being trained. A recent acquisition (right) adds fan mail from a member of the Yugoslavian Air Force who was trained in Tucson and was a member of the 62nd Bomber Squadron.

It was not addressed to a particular star. This happens at times and the envelope has to be opened to make sure it gets to the right star. It also shows the common misconception that all studios were in Hollywood. Universal Studios was in Universal City and a pencil notation forwards it to the proper location.

The 62nd Bombardment Group was formed in 1941 as a B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber group and fought in the Pacific theater, operating from the Philippines. After the Clark AFB fell it was reformed at Davis-Monthan Field in Tucson, Arizona. In 1942 it became a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber Operational Training Unit under the 2nd Air Force. It trained new units and replacement crews until heavy bomber training ended in April 1944.¹

Davis-Monthan Field is currently a storage site (boneyard) for obsolete aircraft.

In 1940, Britain provided military aid to the Royal Yugoslav Air Force (WKJ) and they resisted the German invasion in April 1941 but they could not hold back the German



air power. Some of the Yugoslav Air Force escaped to Greece and Russia and Egypt to continue the fight. But for all practical purposes they did not exist anymore. Yugoslav Partisans were able to form an Air Force in 1943 from aircraft captured from German and Croatian Air Force units.²

The envelope shown is dated Jan. 29 1943 and perhaps Lt. Pajitch was sent to the U.S. to be trained for the newly formed Partisan Yugoslav Air Force.

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Face of Defense: Deployed Airmen Provide Morale-lifting Mail

By Air Force Senior Airman Bahja J. Jones
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA, Sept. 27, 2013 - Nothing can compare to the feeling a deployed service member gets when he or she receives a care package from a loved one back home.

But packages don't just appear out of thin air at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing here — it takes a team of postal services airmen working every day to ensure all mail items get to the right place.

"Whether you are saying hello, getting goodies from home, sending Christmas gifts, seeing pictures of your baby for the first time or simply paying a bill — mail makes that happen," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Scott Boucher, the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron's postal affairs noncommissioned officer-in-charge who's deployed from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. With the largest mail volume in the U.S. Air Forces Central Command area of responsibility, the two post offices here receive anywhere from 500 to 1,500 packages of incoming and outgoing mail, while serving an average of 75 walk-in customers each day.

"Another thing that makes this post office different is we are open seven days a week," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Eugene Dolor, a 379th ECS postal specialist deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Each day, postal services airmen procure the mail for the base. It is one of the very few locations that have a mail control activity with staff that goes to the airport every night to pick up mail. "As soon as the incoming truck arrives, we unload and scan the parcels," Dolor explained. "From there, we divide the mail by unit. Unit mail clerks come through the next day to pick up and disperse the mail."

Holiday seasons are especially busy for the post offices here as the mail volume can double or even triple in size. To alleviate the impact, the post offices enlist the help of volunteers to assist with the nightly sorting process.

"Volunteering is important because it gives people a chance to be a part of something so crucial," Boucher said. "Not to mention there aren't too many jobs in the Air Force where others can help out; you don't see the 'regular Joe' helping civil engineers build walls or charge heating ventilation air conditioning systems."

The hard work of the postal services airmen and the continued support of volunteers helps to keep the flow of what Boucher noted is the most important function of the post offices here.

"Delivering morale," he said. "And keeping our military, Department of Defense employees, and contractor brothers and sisters from all branches of the military, to include other nations, connected with their families."

Experiences of an AEF Air Service Pilot POW

Bill Brierton provides this remarkable report of an AEF Air Service pilot who crashed behind enemy lines in 1918 and was taken Prisoner of War. Brierton reports that LT Crawford was the only officer from the state of Delaware to be taken POW in World War I.

Statement by 1st Lieutenant George M. Crawford

On September 12, 1918 I was a member of the 20th Aero Squadron on detached Service with General Headquarters. I was flying a DeHaviland 4 with a Liberty motor and operating from the Maulan Airdrome.

At eleven o'clock on the above date, I was ordered to perform a reconnaissance in the vicinity of Dampvitoux, Southeast of Lake Lachaussee. On this day the clouds were low and thick, the weather inclement, with a very strong Southeast wind. I crossed the lines at Verdun, flying as high as the clouds would permit.

On the completion of reconnaissance, my motor gradually heated up and slowed down so that I could make no headway against the wind. The gasoline line from the tank to the motor was also leaking badly. The motor finally cut out and I landed east of Pont-a-Mousson, seven kilometers from the lines. I nosed over and crashed on landing.

I landed beside a German camp and was almost immediately surrounded. No demonstration was made by the German soldiers. They allowed me to do what I could for my observer, Second Lieutenant M. O'Toole who had been shot through the leg with a machine gun bullet and thrown clear of the machine in the crash. I was uninjured except for minor cuts and bruises.

I was separated from my Observer, my flying clothes were taken away and I was confined in an old church. Lieutenant O'Toole was taken to a hospital. I was in the church two hours when a German flying officer came in and invited me to his squadron dinner. He had examined my plane and told me that the motor was badly shot up by ground fire. I went to the squadron under guard and there was examined by a German intelligence officer. I refused to answer all questions. I slept at this that night and left the next morning (13th) for Strassburg.

I arrived there at 10 o'clock that night, riding in third class carriages. A slight hostile demonstration by the populace there was instantly quelled by the guards. I was taken to an old fortress and placed in a cell with R.A.F. pilots and one American. We discovered dictaphones hidden in the room. I was examined by an intelligence officer. He inquired the number in my squadron, telling me that he had no connection with the intelligence but merely wanted to know so he could put me with friends in a permanent camp. I refused to answer. My Sam Browne belt was taken from me there.

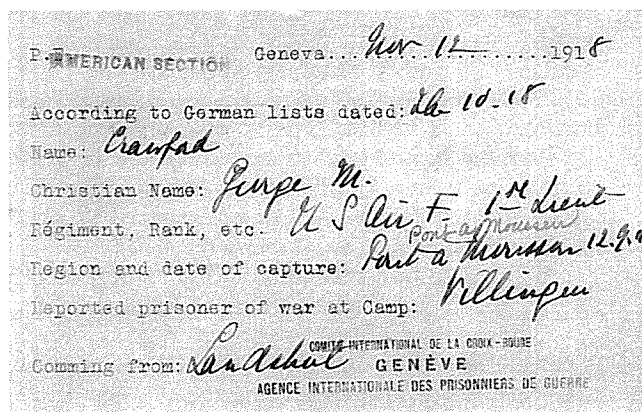
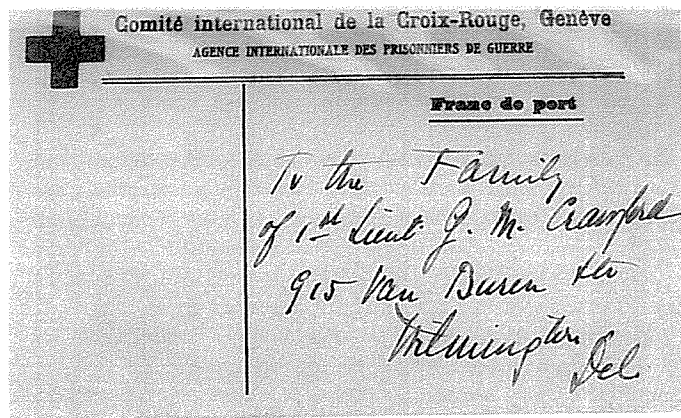
On or about the sixth of October, I was taken to Landshut in Bavaria (fourth class carriages) in company with thirteen other American flying officers. Here we were given a thorough physical examination and asked if we had any complaints. I had none, except the shortness of food. Here we were vaccinated once and inoculated five times.

On or about the sixteenth of October, I was taken to Villingen in Baden which was a permanent camp. Here we received some Red Cross food, clean Red Cross underwear, etc. After the Armistice, we formally protested against being detained and on the twenty-third of November we were allowed to walk about the city from the hours of 9-12 A.M. and 2- 6 P.M. Many troops were passing through the town but no efforts were made to molest any of the prisoners.

On the twenty-seventh of November all of the Americans imprisoned at Villingen were taken to Constance in first class carriages. Here we lived in a hospital and the food was much better hitherto.

On the thirtieth of November while were taken across Switzerland (first class carriages) via Zurich, Berne, Lausanne and Geneva and rejoined the American forces at Bellegarde.

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Help Needed with the New Edition of the AEF Handbook

In the Summer *Bulletin* we covered the updates to the A1000 (Rubber Stamps) and A2000 (Steel Die with Barrel) series of AEF postmarks. Below are updates to the Single Ring (A3000 Series) and Double Ring (A4000 Series) cancellation listings. Again members who have examples of better copies of these cancels or cancellation types not listed, Al and I would like to hear from you. "ERD" refers to Earliest Reported Date.

A thank you to the members who took the time to comment and provide updates to the A1000 and A2000 postmark lists.

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French-type Steel CDS inscribed MPES (A3001)

ERD on July 24, 1918 at APO 729

In order to implement the new nomenclature as early as possible, a new series of postmarks was ordered from local manufacturers. These were French-designed single-ring devices without killers and inscribed "U.S. Army Post Office MPES" with the APO number at the bottom of the dial. These were placed in use at most of the 700 number APOs. The latest date seen is in August 1919. [See table and illustrations, pages 12-13.]

Single-Circle with "M" excised (A3002)

Observed in February 1919

At APO 746, the MPES cancel was altered to remove the "M". Used only for a brief period until the new device arrived.

Double-Circle MPES CDS with star (A4001)

ERD on Aug. 14, 1918 at APO 702

In addition, postmarks of an entirely new design were ordered locally. These involved a large double-circle device with the name "Military Postal Express Service" spelled out in full, with the APO number near the top and a star at the bottom of the dial. It was the most widely used as compared to of any of the other AEF postmarks, including at nearly all of the 700 and 800 series APOs, and arguably the most attractive. It was still in use as late as 1922. [See table and illustrations, pages 14-15.]

Double-Circle MPES CDS without star (A4022) ERD in September 1918

A variety of this marking appeared at two post offices: the CPO (Central Post Office APO 902 at Bourges) and at 731A. It had larger lettering which did not allow any room for the star.

Double-Circle MPES CDS with asterisks (A4101)

ERD on Sept. 21, 1918 at APO 711

This was a similar device but MPES is abbreviated and APO number is shown at the bottom of the dial with asterisks before and after. It was used at a substantial number of APOs in the 700 series until June 1919.

MPES in Small Letters with thin ring (A4010)

ERD April 1919

This variation was used only at APO 702 and is clearly a different device than the other MPES cancels. The lettering is small and the space between the rings is quite narrow. Reported as used from April to July 1919.

Double-Circle PES CDS (A4201)

ERD Nov. 28, 1918 at APO 918

The old MPES cancels apparently remained in use at the 700 and 800 series APOs while the new PES postmarks were supplied to the 900 series APOs, where they were used from late 1918 until May of 1919.

Large Circle U.S.- A.P.O. No.901 (A4302)

ERD Sept. 20, 1918

This device was reported used from September to December 1918 at APO 901 in Milan.

Posta Americana A.P.O. 901 (A4301)

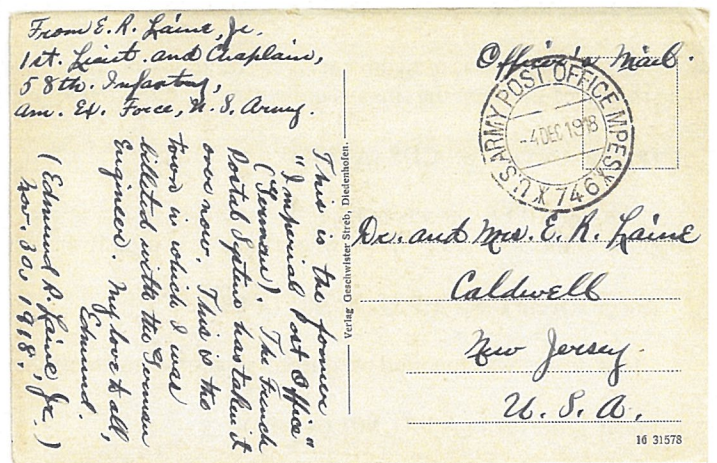
ERD Dec. 15, 1918

This device was inscribed in Italian and used from December 1918 to April 1919 in Milan.

Table III: The A3000 Series - Single Ring

Reference No.	Description	Approximate Dates of Usage	APOs
A3000	Standard type,	First Day found 7/24 /18 (APO 729)	
A3001	MPES in dater	7/18 8/19	701-2, 704, 706, 708-30, 732, 734-6, 738-50, 752, 754-63, 765, 909
A3001.1	smaller year	1/19	714
<i>A3001.11</i>	<i>small year, part "1"</i>	<i>8-11-1918</i>	<i>754</i>
A3001.2	larger day	2/18 3/18	715
A3001.3	no year	Various dates	710,715,734
<i>A3001.31</i>	<i>year blotted out, new APO</i>	<i>1-2-??</i>	<i>748</i>
A3001.4	no star	Various dates	702, 750
A3001.5	no star, no year	Various dates	710,714,715,716,735,739,754
<i>A3001.51</i>	<i>no star, month, year "28" only</i>		<i>724</i>
A3001.6	no star, date, year	4/15/19	752
<i>A3001.61</i>	<i>no month</i>	<i>5-24-19</i>	<i>715</i>
A3001.7	date slug inverted	various	702,715,716, 726
<i>A3001.71</i>	<i>inverted star-date-year</i>	<i>12-27-1918</i>	<i>701</i>
<i>A3001.72</i>	<i>inverted star-date, no year</i>	<i>11-6-18</i>	<i>722</i>
A3001.8	extra-large date slug	2/23/19	715
<i>A3001.9</i>	<i>No star, broken circle unclear</i>		<i>729</i>
<i>A3001.10</i>	<i>date slug rotated 90 right</i>	<i>6/18</i>	<i>729</i>
<i>A3001.11</i>	<i>71-, "0" missing</i>	<i>12/18/18</i>	<i>710</i>
A3002	M removed, reads "PES"	2/19	746, 902
A3110	"P.E.S." in dater	2/19 5/19	909

Colors			
purple		10/18	754
purple		2/18	762
<i>magenta</i>		<i>10/18</i>	<i>716</i>
magenta		9/18	754
magenta		9/18	757
blue		"9/3" 9/18	706,753,757,786





A3001



(92) A3001.11



(93) A3001.31



A3001.4



A3001.5



(96) A3001.51



A3001.6



(97) A3001.7



(98) A3001.71



A3001.72



A3001.10



A3001.11



A3002



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A3001 Magenta



A3001 Purple



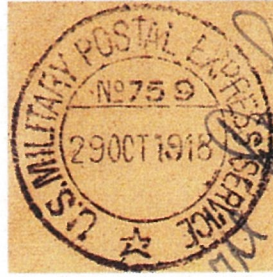
A3001 Blue

Table IV: The A4000 Series - Double Ring

Reference No.	Description	Approximate Dates of Usage	APOs
A4000	U.S. Military Postal Express Service; stars on bottom, APO number in upper segment		
A4001	Basic marking	8/18 - 9/201	702,704-13,713A, 714-7, 721, 723, 723A, 724, 727-40, 742-53, 755-57, 759, 761-2, 765-6, 768-86 , 788-91, 793-96, 798-800, 806-10, 812-16, 818-19, 822-30, 832, 834-5, 837-46, 848-51, (901), (902 CPO), 909
A4001.1	Inverted date	various	762,780,791
A4001.2	Inverted "18"	10/18	780,792
A4001.3	Inverted year	<i>various</i>	702,713, 731,770,781
A4001.4	"1919" instead of "1918"	10/18	753,791
A4001.5	"1929" instead of "1918"	10/18 11/18	770,781
A4001.6	"1818" instead of "1918"	10/13/18	791
A4001.7	"9191" instead of "1919"	1/19	780
<i>A4001.71</i>	<i>Avr.5 "9161"</i>	<i>4/5/19</i>	<i>750</i>
A4001.8	Larger space between text & star	11/18	749
A4001.9	No APO number	unclear	(773)
<i>A4001.10</i>	<i>"1911" as year</i>		
<i>A4001.11</i>	<i>No date slug</i>	?	<i>771</i>
A4010	Smaller letters, thinner ring	4/19 - 7/19	702
A4020	Basic Marking		
A4021	Larger size APO numbers	various	702,713A,731A
A4022	C.P.O. (purple) 35 mm	9/18 -1/19	(902)
A4022.1	" ca. 31mm	<i>4/19-5/19</i>	(902)
A4022.2	black, ca. 35mm	<i>9/10/18 - 1/11/19</i>	<i>(902)</i>
A4100	U.S. Army Post Office MPES; APO number on bottom, stars/crosses on side.		
A4101	Stars on side	9/18 - 6/19	709.711,713-4,723-4, 726-7,730,732-4,736-7,740,743-6,749,755, 767-8,771,776-7, 780-1, 783,785,788,790-1, 796-98
A4101.1	1819" instead of "1918"	4/21/19	733
A4102	Crosses on side	10/18 - 2/19	701,704,705,706, 709,762,763
A4102.1	"1915" instead of "1919"	1/3/19	706
A4102.2	"618" instead 1919	11/7/18	701
A4102.3	larger date	5/2/19	942
A4103	"PES" instead MPES in ring	1/18/19	706
A4200	Postal Express Service; APO number in upper segment. Earliest date found 11 /28/18(APO NO. 918)		
A4201	Basic marking	11/18 - 5/19	807,832,837,(901), <i>904-7-53,975</i>
A4201.1	"1918" instead of "1919"	5/29	942
<i>A4201.11</i>	<i>"1819" instead of 1919</i>		
A4201.2	"1929" instead 1919	11/7/19	701
A4201.3	APO number inverted	3/12/19	930
<i>A4201.4</i>	<i>"1918" inverted</i>	<i>12-27-1918</i>	<i>701</i>
<i>A4201.5</i>	<i>Date inverted</i>	<i>"12-29-1918"</i>	<i>932</i>
A4201.9	No APO number	?	?
A4300	Italian Manufacture		
A4301	Italian text; APO number in bottom	12/8 - 4/19	901
A4302	45mm. circular date stamp with	9/18 - 11/18	901



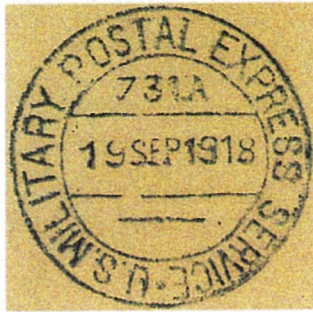
A4001



A4001.8



A4010



A4021



A4021.1



A4022



A4022.1



A4022.2



A4101



A4102



A4200



A4301



A4302



APO/DPO/FPO Openings and Closings

These APO, FPO and DPO actions were announced in the *Postal Bulletin* between September and November, 2013. Announcements advise Postal Service staff that they may now accept mail addressed to numbers listed as "Active," and may no longer accept mail addressed to numbers listed as "Closed." Actual dates of operation of offices may differ from the dates given. Some numbers may be Mailing Addresses Only rather than representing an operating post office.

TYPE	#	ACTION	DATE
APO	09009	Close	9/19/13
APO	09229	Close	10/31/13
APO	09237	Close	10/31/13
APO	09311	Close	9/5/13
FPO	09312	Close	9/5/13
APO	09313	Close	11/28/13
APO	09314	Close	9/5/13
APO	09339	Close	11/28/13
APO	09348	Close	9/19/13
APO	09374	Close	11/14/13
FPO	09380	Close	10/17/13
FPO	09387	Close	10/31/13
APO	09394	Close	9/19/13
FPO	09503	Close	11/14/13
FPO	09508	Close	11/14/13
FPO	09509	Close	11/14/13
FPO	09511	Close	11/14/13
FPO	09545	Close	10/31/13
FPO	09549	Close	10/31/13
FPO	09557	Close	10/31/13
APO	09844	Close	11/28/13
APO	09866	Close	9/19/13
APO	34044	Close	9/5/13
FPO	34095	Close	10/31/13
FPO	96613	Close	10/3/13
FPO	96614	Close	10/3/13
FPO	96687	Close	10/31/13

For some time now the effective date of most actions have been the publication date of that issue of the *Postal Bulletin*. Exceptions would be marked with an asterisk*.

A busy quarter, at least for the staff at the Military Postal Service Agency. All of the announcements say "close," but that does not represent a significant withdrawal of overseas forces.

The routine ones: APO 09009 was the south-side post office on Ramstein Air Base in Germany (the north-side office, APO 09012, remains open). APO 09229 was the Army-Air Force Exchange Service Central Credit Payment facility in Kaiserslautern, Germany. FPO 09844 was assigned to the NATO Combined Air Operations Center in Larissa, Greece. APO 09237 was used for the Casual Mail Directory at Darmstadt, Germany. In military terms, "casual" often refers to troops awaiting a new assignment, but the recent announcement that all mail addressed to overseas military post offices must have full nine-digit ZIP Codes apparently means that anyone sent to an overseas location must have at least some assignment to get mail.

Among the contingency codes in the Middle East, APO 09311 was at Karshi-Khanabad, Qarshi, Uzbekistan, while APO 09339 was in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, surely two of the most obscure places at which an APO ever operated. FPO 09312 was at Forward Operating Base Kalsu Nasair-Lafitah, Iraq, APO 09313 was in Al-Tadji, Iraq, and APO 09314 was

in Salemo, Afghanistan. APO 09348 was used by the First Cavalry in Baghdad, when on maneuvers, and FPO 09380 was used by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad. FPO 09387 was at Camp Fallujah, Iraq. APO 09394 was used by the 1st Infantry Division in Fallujah, Iraq. APO 09374 was assigned to the 278th Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Baghdad.

Someone in the Navy section at the Military Postal Service Agency has been doing some housecleaning, and apparently found some codes whose discontinuations never were announced. FPO 09545 had been assigned to the submarine tender *USS Emory S. Land* while she was based at La Maddalena, Italy. She left that assignment in 2006 and has been stationed at Diego Garcia island in Indian Ocean since 2010. FPO 09549 belonged to the helicopter carrier *USS Saipan*, which was decommissioned in 2007 and is now scrap metal. FPO 09557 similarly belonged to sister carrier *USS Nassau*, decommissioned in 2011. FPO 34095 was used by the aircraft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy* when she was based at Mayport, Florida, until she was decommissioned in 2007. FPO Codes 09503, 09508, 09509 and 09511 were reserved for mobile Marine Corps units operating out of the East Coast, but apparently the Navy has decided it no longer has any need for them. Similarly, FPOs 96613 and 96614 had been set aside for use by Marine Corps mobile units on temporary maneuvers across the Pacific.

When the Military Postal Service Agency expanded the Navy ZIP Code system in 1980, it assigned a set of codes to be used by alphabetic groups of small Navy ships that don't get enough mail to need their own unique five-digit code. FPO 96687 was reserved for ships in the Pacific whose names begin with the letter Z. The last of these was *USNS Zeus*, a cable-laying ship that moved to the Atlantic last year to try to improve the communications link between Guantanamo Bay and Florida. Although the code is consequently left inactive, it presumably remains reserved for such possible use in the future.

The two mystery codes are 09866 and 34044, both opened last spring but of which nothing more has been heard since. Pirate chasers in Africa and drug runners in the Caribbean?

Air Force Staff Sgt. Eugene Dolor seals a bag of outgoing mail at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia, Sept. 17, 2013. The post offices here receive anywhere from 500 to 1,500 pieces of incoming and outgoing mail each day. Dolor is a postal specialist deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Bahja J. Jones.



BOOK REVIEWS

by Alan Warren

Swissair 1944 Flights

Swissair Special Flights of 20 September 1944: Postal History Perspective by Charles J. LaBlonde. 36 pages, 8 1/2 by 11 inches, card covers, saddle stitched, self-published by the author, Colorado Springs CO, 2013. ISBN 978-0-9742619-7-3, \$10 postpaid in USA and Canada by cash, check, or PayPal; \$20 postpaid elsewhere by cash or PayPal to clablond@aol.com; or by mail to Charles LaBlonde, 15091 Ridgefield Lane, Colorado Springs CO 80921-3554 USA.

Collectors usually attribute the Swissair flights of September 20, 1944 to invented or created circumstances, which in a sense is true. However, the author provides the background that led up to these events and presents postal history aspects of the flights so that collectors can better appreciate what was accomplished.

Swissair was formed in 1931 with the merger of Ad Astra Aero and Balair. By 1939 it established several domestic and foreign routes and acquired and maintained a number of aircraft. In August 1939 Swissair service came to a sudden halt when Germany closed France and Germany to civilian air traffic. The airline decided to cancel both domestic and foreign flights, leaving a company requiring maintenance but having no income.

In 1940 some effort was made to furnish flights to Italy and Spain but these disappeared when Italy joined the war. Thereafter Germany permitted a limited amount of traffic to carry mail between it and Switzerland and then arrangements were made for Swissair personnel to perform repair and maintenance on German craft. This provided some income but the r&m was terminated at the beginning of 1944.

A business without income cannot survive and the prognosis for Swissair was very bleak. In August 1944 one Swissair flight from Zürich to Stuttgart resulted in loss of its DC-2 when it was mistakenly destroyed at the airport by an Allied bombing mission. However, the Swiss crew was saved and returned to Switzerland. A short time later another Swiss

DC-2 landed at Stuttgart and the airport was again attacked. The neutral markings were observed and the DC-2 was not touched although the Germans suffered loss of life and severe facilities destruction. The Swiss plane and its crew returned safely to Zürich. The Zürich/Stuttgart route was abandoned August 16, 1944.

By September the Swiss Postal Telegraph and Telephone agency (PTT) came to the rescue of the airline. First a set of four stamps were issued September 1 consisting of three airmail values and a special 1.50 Swiss francs stamp all marking the 25th anniversary of airmail service in the country. The 1.50 CHF value was designated for a series of flights and could be used only on those flights on September 20, 1944. Twelve legs of service took place among Zürich, Bern, Lausanne, and Geneva.

Special directional labels for each leg, marked "Jubiläums-Postflug," were applied to covers that were prepared and mailed in outer envelopes to designated collection points. The 1.50 CHF stamp paid for delivery to domestic and foreign addresses. If registration was required, it was paid by any other Swiss stamps available at the time. Arrival handstamps within Switzerland were applied to the front of the covers, but neither the outgoing nor arrival cancels had any time designation.

Author LaBlonde illustrates one or more of these special September 20 covers for each leg, and provides an analysis of rates as well as the number of covers carried on each leg. In addition to registered mail some examples with express labels and the required postage are shown. Covers sent to Germany and elsewhere in Europe were censored, with few exceptions. Other destinations shown include Belgium, Netherlands, Hungary, Sweden, England, Morocco, and the United States. The routing and rates are analyzed.

An appendix reproduces the Swiss PTT announcement of August 22, 1944 that spelled out the requirements for these special flights. A bibliography of sources concludes this booklet that tells an interesting story of interest to Swiss postal history and aerophilately. The Swiss postal service saved the national airline and enabled it to prepare for resumption of postwar operation.

End of the Year Special Offer

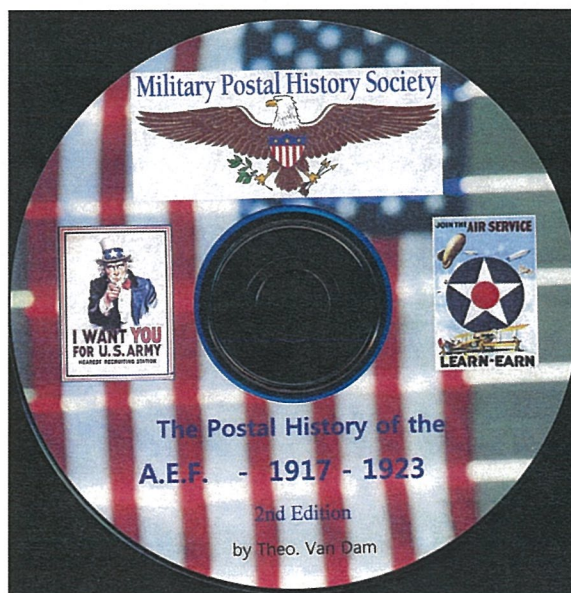
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On the Show Circuit

by Alan Warren

[The purpose of this column is to bring to the attention of MPHS members the awards obtained in recent shows of exhibits that are basically about military postal history. This may include exhibits by non-members. While there are many non-military related exhibits by members, these are not recorded here.]

Eliot Landau won a gold at Minnesota Stamp Expo in Minneapolis in July with his "Classic France: Postal History of the Ceres and Napoleon Issues of 1849-75." His exhibit also received a gold at StampShow in Milwaukee in August. Other golds at that show include Robert Collins' "The Korean War," Kathryn Johnson's "America's Victory: World War II V-Mail 1942-1945" along with the APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence, and Andrew Mazzara's "British & Guernsey Stamps and their Use During German Occupation 1940-1945," which also received our MPHS award.

Several military exhibits were seen at the Omaha show in September. Steve Henderson won a silver and the MPHS award for "World War II Satellite Postal Groups of the 8th Air Force in England." Another silver and an AAPE award of honor went to Phil Miller for "German Afrika Corps during World War II." Phil also received a silver and the Women Exhibitors sterling achievement award for "Foreign Volunteers in the German Military," and another silver was taken by Carl Marks for "The Purple Heart," and a bronze went to Bob Hoff for "Mail Censoring at the Frankfurt Office."

Carl Marks received another silver along with the AAPE creativity award at INDYPEX in Indianapolis in September for his "The Purple Heart." Al Kugel won a vermeil for "The Prexies Go to War." At the same show a gold, the APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence, the APS research award, the MPHS award, and the show Reserve Grand award went to Janet Klug for "British Empire Anti-Communist Actions in the jungles of Malaya 1948-1960."

At the SESCAL show in Los Angeles in October, Louis Fiset received a silver along with an AAPE award of honor and the Women Exhibitors sterling achievement award for "Mail between USA and France 1939-1945." He received another silver together with the Ephemera Society award for "M.S. Gripsholm: Swedish Liner, Mercy Ship."

Randy Neil won a gold and the single frame grand at OKPEX in Oklahoma City in October for "Critical Adversity Mails in the American Civil War: Confederate Mail Crossing of Union-Blockaded Borders." The exhibit also received the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society medal and the MPHS award. At the same show Jim Cate won a gold and the APS pre-1900 medal of excellence for "General Banks Division."

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 usually be obtained through the American Philatelic Research Library at APS headquarters in Bellefonte, Pa.]

Oskar Sørensen discusses the Danish-German postal conditions during World War II in the September issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*, published by the Denmark Postal History Society. Examples of outgoing mail from Denmark to Sweden, USA, Germany and Czechoslovakia are shown as well as inbound items to Denmark from Germany bearing various censor markings. Paul Binney focuses on mail from U.S. military bases in Newfoundland during WW II that was handled by Newfoundland post offices, in the issue 3/2013 of *BNATopics*.

Jerome Jarnick describes the work of the Canadian Royal Air Force to train U.S. pilots early in WW II to ferry planes to Great Britain in the August issue of the newsletter of the Canadian Military Mail Study Group. Some correspondence related to the RAF Ferry Command is shown. David Whitely reports on the Thomas Cook scheme for sending mail to occupied countries in the August issue of *War Times*, published by the World War II Study Group of BNA.

Ken Lawrence offers examples of United States covers bearing markings that reflect on tragedies of World War II like internment camps, missing in action, captured, or killed in action in the September 16 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. In his column on postcards in the August issue of Denmark's *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Steffen Riis illustrates a number of view cards depicting the handling and transport of Schleswig prisoners of War during 1914-1919.

Svein Andersen begins a series on censorship in Denmark 1940-1947 in the September issue of *Norwegian War and Field Post Journal*. He illustrates the censor and pass marks of Copenhagen and Sønderborg and lists dimensions, rarity, color, date range of use and other comments.



Future MPHS Conventions

Sept. 19-21, 2014

MILCOPEX, Milwaukee, Wisc.

May 8-10, 2015

PIPEX, Portland, Ore.

May 28-June 4, 2016

New York, NY International Show

May, 2017

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, Denver, Colo.

AUCTION SALE #202

Closing Date February 1, 2014

CIVIL WAR

1. Cover 3¢ stp cancel Marion NY JUL 11 (F)+ to a **Doctor - Hospital Steward - 97th Regt N.Y. Volunteers - Washington DC.** VF. MB \$16.00 (0901)

PRE-WORLD WAR I

2. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS CELTIC - MAY 2 10AM, 1909* (VF - Ty.1). VF. MB \$12.00 (0901)
 3. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS COLORADO - JAN 10 11AM, 1913* (F - Ty.2) {Cruiser}. VF. MB \$8.00 (0901)
 4. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS DUBUQUE - FEB 24, 1910* (VF - Ty.1) {Patrol ship}. VF. MB \$12.00 (0901)

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5. **Naval.** 2¢ stp. cancel Baltimore, MD Apr 28, 1898 (VF). To Apothecary, Maryland Naval Reserve, *U.S.S Franklin*, Norfolk, VA. (screw frigate) With letter. VF. MB \$15.00 (0901)
 6. **Naval.** 2¢ stp. cancel Baltimore, MD May 2, 1898 (VF). To Apothecary, Maryland Reserve, *U.S.S Franklin*, Norfolk, VA. (screw frigate) With letter. F. MB \$15.00 (0901)
 7. **Naval.** PC (USS Virginia - scuff) 1¢ stp. cancel *USS GEORGIA - DEC 6 P.M., 1910* (F - Ty.1) {Battleship}. F. MB \$8.00 (0901)
 8. **Naval.** Cover printed CC USS Georgia, Flagship - Office of the Commander. 2x 1¢ stp. cancel *USS GEORGIA - .., 1911* (Faint - Ty.1) {battleship}. F. MB \$8.00 (0901)



Lot 4

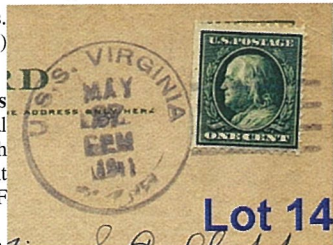
9. **Naval.** PC (Barracks Mare Island) 1¢ stp. cancel *USS INDEPENDENCE - FEB 19 9AM, 1911* (VF - Ty.1) {three-masted ship}. VF. MB \$12.00 (0901)
 10. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS MARYLAND - JUN 4 5PM, 1910* (F - Ty.1) {Cruiser}. VF. MB \$6.00 (0901)
 11. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS MARYLAND - A.M MAR 31, 1912* (F - Ty.2) {Cruiser}. VF. MB \$6.00 (0901)
 12. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS MINNESOTA - FEB 13 A.M., 1915* (VF - Ty.2) {Battleship}. F. MB \$8.00 (0901) **PICT**

13. **Naval.** Cover printed CC Forest Groff - USS Utah, Care Postmaster New York. 2x 1¢ stp. cancel *USS UTAH - DEC 26 A.M., 1911* (VF - Ty.2r(c)) {Battleship}. VF. MB \$25.00 (0901)



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14. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS VIRGINIA - MAY 27 PM, 1911* (VF - Ty.1 / v-12a) {Battleship}. VF. MB \$12.00 (0901) **PICT**
 15. **Naval.** PC 1¢ stp. cancel *USS VIRGINIA - SEP 3 P.M., 1913* (VF - Ty.3) with "MASS" in killer bars. {Battleship}. VF. MB \$10.00 (0901)



Lot 14

WORLD WAR I

16. **AEF - 3 covers British Censors** (3). 3 Covers with Misc APO partial / illegible cancels. All with British Censor (6144-6211-6175). 1 is front only, 1 is heavily damaged, 1 is VF (Type A1000) MS O.A.S.. (0900)
 17. **AEF - APO 702.** Cover cancel. Type A2103 US Army Postal Service (M.P.E.S.) 702 above date (APR 30 1919 - F). AEF Censor (A.)127 VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
 18. **AEF - APO 711.** Cover cancel. Type A4001 US Military Postal Express Service No 711 (18 SEP 1918 - VF). AEF Censor A.635. F (0901)
 19. **AEF - APO 721.** P/C (Dijon) cancel. Type A4001 US Military Postal Express Service No 711 (01 MAR 1919 - F). Faint AEF Censor. F Toning (0901)
 20. **AEF - APO 755.** P/C (Flavigny) Sender 311 INF - Canc. Type A3001 US Army Post Office MPES *755* (12-2-18 - F). AEF Censor A.2732. VF MB \$5.00 (0901)

Descriptions:

Envelopes are regular size unless described otherwise (#10 or bigger)

Franking: After WW II all covers are stamped unless otherwise stated. Official business covers don't have postage unless otherwise stated. "6¢ air" has either a stamp or is stamped postal stationary.

For individual lots, I try to mention the quality of the cancel in parenthesis (VF) as well as the condition of the cover in general at the end of the listing.

Abbreviations: MS = Manuscript - Stp = Stamp - PC = Postcard - Pict = Lot is pictured.

Cancels: KB = Killer bar — MC = Machine cancel — DR = Double ring (all purpose)

APO or Navy Branch number is in the cancel unless specified otherwise.

V-Mails have been processed and are with envelopes unless stated otherwise.

MB = Minimum Bid — SB = Suggested Bid (this is just a suggestion, not a minimum).

MINIMUM BID \$2.50

21. **AEF - APO 775.** P/C (Coblentz) dateline Mayen Ger. Canc. Type A2101 US Army Post Office M.P.E.S. 775 (16 FEB 1919 - Ave/F). AEF Censor A.2985. F (0901)
 22. **AEF - APO ?.** YMCA On Active Service - AEF FRANCE P/C dateline Molesme France. Canc. Type A2101 US Army Post Office M.P.E.S. number ? (2 APR 1919 - Ave/F). Faint AEF Censor. VF MB \$5.00 (0901)
 23. **Austria.** Cover 25 H Austrian stp cancel. 15 Wien - 6 IV 15. Censor handstamp "Uber Prufft Wien I" with eagle. VF (0901)
 24. **France (3).** 3 covers Sender 23rd Regt Artillerie. French 25c stp cancel. Tresor et Poste *146* - 1916/17 (F/VF). Tape Censor (2 diff) + "Controle par l'Autorite Militaire" handstamp. To the US (Chicago) with letters. F/VF MB \$15.00 (1002)
 25. **Belgium - German Occupation (4).** 3 Commercial cover + 1 postal card franked with German Occupation Ovpt "Belgien". 2 are 15c, 1 is 10c and card is 8c. Cancel Mons, Mechelen, Liege and Marcelin 1916/17. Censored. F/VF MB \$10.00 (1326)
 26. **Belgium - German Occupation (4).** 3 Commercial cover + 1 postal card franked with German Occupation Ovpt "Belgien". 2 are 10c, 1 is 15c and card is 8c. Cancel Ukkel, Liege, Mons and Lobbes 1916/17. Censored. F/VF MB \$10.00 (1326)
 27. **Belgium - German Occupation (4).** 2 Commercial cover + 2 postal card franked with German Occupation Ovpt "Belgien". 1 is 10c, 1 is 2x 10c + 5c and card are 10c & 5c + 3c stp. Cancel Louvain, Bruxelles, Marche and Liege 1915/15. Censored. F/VF MB \$10.00 (1326)
 28. **Belgium - German Occupation (4).** 3 Commercial cover + 1 postal card franked with German Occupation Ovpt "Belgien". 2 are 10c, 1 is 10c + 5c and card is 5c. Cancel Bruxelles, Liege, Mons and Leval 1915 Censored. F/VF MB \$10.00 (1326)
 29. **Belgium - German Occupation (4).** 3 Commercial cover + 1 postal card franked with German Occupation Ovpt "Belgien". 1 is 2x 5c, 1 is 2x 10c, 1 is 10c + 5c and card is 8c. Cancel Bruxelles, Liege, Mons and Manage 1915/17 Censored. F/VF MB \$10.00 (1326)
 30. **India.** Field Service India Post card. Free franked cancel ... No 334 - 14 AUG 17" (Ave). Pencil mark says Mesopotamia. F (toning) (0901)
 31. **YMCA - Army Branch (2).** YMCA cover 3¢ stp MC Des Moines, Iowa - Dodge Branch - Jan 20, 1919 (VF). + YMCA cover 3c stp MC Deming, N. Mex. - Cody Branch - May 2, 1918(VF). F some toning (0901)
 32. **YMCA - Army Branch (2).** YMCA cover 3¢ stp MC Jersey City, NJ - Merritt Branch - Dec 24, 1917 (VF). + YMCA cover 3c stp MC Deming, N. Mex. - Cody Branch - May 9, 1918(VF). F/VF (0901)
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 33. Fort Riley, Kansas. WD #10 official MC Fort Riley Kans. Dec 18, 1928 (VF). VF (0901)

34. **Spanish Civil War.** Cover Spanish stp cancel Puerto de la Cruz Teneriffe 11 AGO 39 (F). Handstamp "Censura Militar - Puerto de la Cruz". To England. VF MB \$6.00 (0901) **PICT**
35. **US Veterans Hospital.** WD #10 official cancel Fort Lyon Colo. OCT 8, ... (Ave). Pencil note on back RCVD Oct 15, 29. VF (0901)

PRE-WORLD WAR II NAVAL

36. **China - USS Black Hawk.** Official #10 *USS Black Hawk* US Asiatic Fleet. Canc. *USS BLACK HAWK* - 14 APR 1937 with "SHANGHAI - CHINA" in KB (VF). VF MB \$10.00 (0901)
37. **China - USS John D. Ford.** Canc. *USS JOHN D. FORD* - 13 SEP 1930 with "CHEFOO - CHINA" in KB (Ave). VF MB \$8.00 (0901)
38. **China - USS Pierce.** Cacheted "With the Asiatic Fleet" Canc. NEW YORK *USS PIERCE BR.* - 24 JAN 1946 (F). VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
39. **China - USS Pigeon.** Canc. *USS PIGEON* - 23 JUL 1936 with "TSINGTAO - CHINA" in KB (F). VF MB \$8.00 (0901)
40. **China - USS Pope.** Official IRS #10 Canc. *USS POPE* - 23 OCT 1937 with "CHEFOO - CHINA" in KB (VF). VF MB \$8.00 (0901)
41. **China - USS Rochester.** Canc. *USS ROCHESTER* - 27 OCT 1932 with "SHANGHAI CHN - NAVY DAY" in KB (VF). VF MB \$10.00 (0901)
42. **China - USS Tulsa.** Official #10 *USS Tulsa - US Asiatic Fleet.* Canc. *USS TULSA* - 25 SEP 1931 with "TIENTSIN - CHINA" in KB (F). VF MB \$8.00 (0901)
43. **China - USS Waukesha.** Cacheted "US Fleet in Asiatic Waters" Canc. US NAVY - 31 DEC 1945 (VF) + CC *USS WAUKESHA* (AKA-84). VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
44. **France Naval - Cruiser.** Card 1c stp Canc. *Croiseur-Ecole Jeanne D'Arc* - 21-1-(35)(Ave-F). Large handstamp "Engagez-vous dans la Marine ...". MS Note on back "...Greetings from San Pedro...". VF MB \$15.00 (0901)
45. **Newport Naval Training Station.** PC (*USS Old Constellation* and Naval College) 2c stp Canc. NEWPORT U.S. NAVAL TRG. STA - 1926 (F). VF MB \$5.00 (0901)
46. **SUB - USS Pollack.** Cacheted (Pollack Merry Christmas) - KB *U.S.S. POLLACK* - 25 DEC 1937 with "SAN DIEGO - CALIF" in KB (VF). VF MB \$5.00 (0901) **PICT**
47. **SUB - USS S-10.** #10 Official large CC *U.S.S. S-10.* Canc. KB US NAVY YARD - PORTSMOUTH 29 NOV 1926(F). VF MB \$12.00 (0901)
48. **SUB - USS S-16.** #10 Official CC *U.S.S. S-16.* Canc. MC San Diego - Calif. 30 JUN 1927 (VF). VF MB \$12.00 (0901)
49. **SUB - USS S-17.** #10 Official printed CC *U.S.S. S-17.* Canc. MC Vallejo Calif. - Mare Island Sta. 25 MAR 1927 (VF). VF MB \$12.00 (0901)
50. **SUB - USS Salmon.** Canc. KB *U.S.S. SALMON* - 9 MAY 1938 with "BROWNSVILLE - TEXAS" in KB (VF). VF (0901)
51. **SUB - USS Trout.** Cacheted (*USS Trout* Keel Laid) - Canc. Portsmouth NH - Navy Yard Sta. - 28 AUG 1939 (VF). VF (0901)
52. **USF Constitution 1933 (3).** All cacheted. All Cancel *US Frigate Constitution*: 28 MAY 1933 "Port Angeles - WA"; 4 JUL 1933 "Bremerton - Washington"; 27 OCT 1933 "San Pedro - Calif"; All VF - MB \$3.00 (0901)
53. **USF Constitution 1933 (4).** All cacheted. All Cancel *US Frigate Constitution*: 17 FEB 1933 "San Pedro - Calif"; 6 MAY 1933 "Astoria - Oregon"; 7 JUL 1933 "Bremerton - Washington"; 24 AUG 1933 "Long View - Washington"; All VF - MB \$4.00 (0901)
54. **USSUBSQ3.** MS "Dispatched during the visit of US Submarine Squadron Three - Galveston, Texas - Apr 18-28, 1932". Canc. Galveston, Texas - 20 APR 1932 (VF). VF (1301)
55. **USS Akron.** Cacheted cover (Welcome *USS Akron* West Coast Naval Air Base) - Canc. Sunnyvale, Calif. 18 May 1932(VF). VF MB \$5.00 (0901) **PICT**
56. **USS Balch.** Cacheted cover (Shakedown Cruise) Canc. KB *U.S.S. BALCH* - 26 DEC 1936 with "BALBOA - CANAL ZONE" in KB (VF). VF MB \$4.00 (0901)
57. **USS Broome.** Cacheted cover (Independence Day) Canc. Type F *U.S.S. BROOME* - 4 JUL 1934 with "A STRONG NAVY - A STRONG NATION" in KB (VF). VF (0901)
58. **USS Camden.** Cover - KB *U.S.S. CAMDEN* - 23 NOV 1926 with "PORTSMOUTH - NAVY YARD" in KB (F). VF MB \$4.00 (0901)
59. **USS Denebola.** Commercial Size #10 cover Canc. KB *U.S.S. DENEbola* - 18 FEB 1924 with "(CELEBRA ?) - WEST INDIES" in KB (F). F (fold) MB \$5.00 (0901)
60. **USS Fairfax.** Cover ship's embossed seal Canc. Type F *U.S.S. FAIRFAX* - 29 FEB 1936 with "Once every Four

Years" in KB. VF (0901) **PICT**

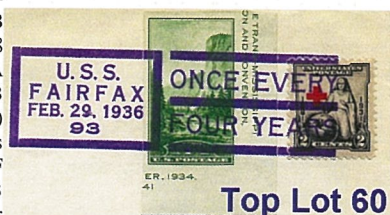
61. **USS Galveston.** Cover - KB *U.S.S. GALVESTON* - 13 DEC 1926 with "CORINTO - NICARAGUA" in KB (F). VF MB \$10.00 (1301)
62. **USS Hannibal.** Cacheted cover (Navy Day) - Canc. Type F *U.S.S. HANNIBAL* - 27 OCT 1935 with "NAVY - DAY" in KB (F). VF (0901)
63. **USS Idaho.** Cover Canc. Type 6 *U.S.S. IDAHO* - 11 APR 1932(VF). Signed by Navy Clerk. VF (0901)
64. **USS Idaho.** Cacheted Crosby Cover - Type 7 MC *U.S.S. IDAHO* - 14 APR 1937 (F). VF MB \$5.00 (0901) **PICT**
65. **USS Manley.** Cover cancel Type F *U.S.S. MANLEY - NAVY DAY* - 27 OCT 1934 + KB *U.S.S. MANELY* - 27 OCT 1934 with "JACKSONVILLE - FLA NAVY DAY" in KB (VF). VF (0901)
66. **USS Maryland.** Cacheted Cover (Washington Birthday) Canc. Type F *U.S.S. MARYLAND* - 22 FEB 1936 with "WASHINGTON'S - BIRTHDAY" in KB (VF). VF (0901) **PICT**
67. **USS Medusa.** Cacheted cover (Fleet Week) - KB *U.S.S. MEDUSA* - 30 JUL 1938 with "PORTLAND - ORE" in KB (VF). VF (0901)
68. **USS Neches.** Cacheted cover (Scouting Force) - KB *U.S.S. NECHES* - 2 AUG 1934 with "PROVINCETOWN - MASS" in KB (VF). VF MB \$5.00 (1301)
69. **USS Omaha.** Cacheted cover (In Alaskan Water) - KB *U.S.S. OMAHA* - 3 AUG 1935 with "SEATTLE - WASHINGTON" in KB (VF). VF MB \$5.00 (1301) **PICT**
70. **USS PENNSYLVANIA.** #10 Official Canc. KB *U.S.S. Pennsylvania* - 9 APR 1932 with "U.S. FLEET - CONCENTRATION" in KB (VF). VF (0901)
71. **USS Relief.** Small Official business Cover CC *USS Relief* - Canc. San Pedro, Calif - Naval S.- 7 APR 1932 (F). VF (0901)
72. **USS Rigel.** Cover MC Ty 7dit *U.S.S. RIGEL* - 16 MAR 1940 + Ty 9 "M.O.B.", "REGISTERED" & "PARCEL POST." VF (0901)
73. **USS Tattnell.** Cacheted cover (Commodore John Barry) - Type F KB *U.S.S. TATTNALL* - 9 JUL 1935 with "BARRY TERM. SERV - NAVY OF REV. 1785" in KB (VF). VF MB \$5.00 (0901) **PICT**



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WORLD WAR II MILITARY

74. **Book "Price Guide to US APO Cancels in WW II"**. By Jim Forte & Richard Helbeck - 1996. 136 pages. NEW - VF MB \$25.00 (1327)
75. **416 T.S.S. Flight (2)** sender in Gulfport, Miss. 2 x 6¢ air cancel. Harrison, Miss - Dec 1942. VF (1240)
76. **Algeria - APO 700A.** Cacheted. Sender Chaplain 1108th Eng Combat Grp APO 464. Free franked cancel. APO 700A - 2 JUN 1945 (F). VF MB \$6.00 (0901) **PICT**
77. **Belgian Army in Great Britain (2).** 2 covers from Belgium to Soldier with the Belgian Army in Great Britain - 1945. 1 has tape censor - 1 handstamp. F MB \$12.00 (0901)
78. **Belgium - APO 571.** Sender 6820 CBS - APO 228. Free franked cancel. APO 571 - 3 JUL 1945 (F). Ave Stain MB \$5.00 (0900)
79. **Bermuda - APO 856.** Sender 221st Station Hospital APO 856. 6c air Canc. APO no # (MC 1944 - VF). Censored. VF MB \$10.00 (1002)
80. **Censor - Australia.** Cover to US. Australian Stp cancel. Quairading 1943. Handstamp "5 Passed by Censor 17" + Censor tape. VF (0900)
81. **Censor - Ceylon.** Cover to US. Ceylon Stp cancel. Colombo 1 APR 40. Censor tape "K". VF (0900)
82. **Censor - India.** Cover to US. Indian Stp cancel. ... Agricultural... 13 NOV 1941. Censor handstamp "C 16". F (0900) **PICT**
83. **Censor - Spain.** Commercial cover to US. Spanish Stp faint cancel. Alicante. Handstamp "Censura Militar - Alicante". VF MB \$4.00 (0901)
84. **Censor - Spain.** Commercial cover to US. Spanish Stp cancel. Palafrugell 6 ABP 43. Handstamp "CENSURA GUBERNATIVA BARCELONA" + British Censor Tape. VF MB \$5.00 (0901)
85. **Censor - Spain.** Registered Commercial cover to US. Spanish Stps cancel. Certificado Madrid 7 MAR 41. Back Handstamp "Direccion General de Seguridad - Madrid - CENSURADO". VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
86. **Censor - Spain.** Mourning cover to Italy. Spanish Stp faint cancel. Circular handstamp "Gobierno Militar de Guipuzco - San Sebastian - Censura Militar C". Receiving cancel 22-3-40. VF MB \$8.00 (0901)
87. **Censor - Turkey.** Cover to US. Turkish Stps cancel. Istanbul - 17.6.1943. Egyptian + US Censor tape + Arabic handstamp. Forwarded to military address. VF MB \$4.00 (0901)
88. **England - APO 887.** Sender 108th General Hospital APO 887. Cancel APO 887 (MC 1944 - F). Censored. VF (0900)



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- 89. France (4).** 2x 6¢ air + 2 free franked. APO 269 (no # 1945 - Ave), APO 536 (KB 1944 - VF), APO 597 (KB 1944 - F), APO 758 (MC 1945 - F). Censored. F/VF (0909)
- 90. Germany - Berlin.** Special P/C 700 years Berlin. 6 pf German stp pict. Canc Berlin 700 Jahre - 28.8.37 (F) + Berlin O same date. VF MB \$25.00 (1002) *PICT*
- 91. Germany - APO 46 (7).** All front only. Sender Hq Co 6th Corps APO 46. All 6c air canc. APO 46 - 1945/46 (Ave - F). Ave (0900)
- 92. Germany - APO 79.** Sender 463 AAA - APO 758. 6c air canc. APO 79 - 13 MAR 1945 (VF). Censored. VF (0900)
- 93. Germany - APO 103.** Sender 506th Army Postal Unit. 6c air cancel APO 103 (KB Jun 1945 - VF). With letter. VF MB \$10.00 (0901)
- 94. Germany - APO 755 Berlin (3).** Same sender 6th Cav RCN Sq MECZ. All 6c air MC APO 755 (SEP/OCT 1945 - F/VF). F/VF (1227)
- 95. Germany (3).** 6c/5c air. Canc APO 29 (MC Jul 45 - F), APO 69 (KB Aug 45 - VF), APO 872 (KB May 45 - Ave). F/VF (0909)
- 96. Italy - APO 531.** Sender 2nd Photo Lab Section - 90th Photo Wing Recon APO 520. Free franked canc. APO 531 (KB 17 AUG 1944 - Ave). Censored. VF (0900)
- 97. Japanese Occupation of Philippines.** Sender **Santo Tomas Internment Camp.** # 10 cover PI stps Ovpt Limbagan canc. Manila - 20 JUN 1943 (F). Special handstamp + Japanese Military Police censor. VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
- 98. Japanese Occupation of Philippines.** Sender **Santo Tomas Internment Camp.** # 10 cover PI stps Ovpt Limbagan canc. Manila - 20 JUN 1943 (F). Special handstamp + Japanese Military Police censor. VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
- 99. Japanese Occupation of Philippines.** Cover PI stps Ovpt canc. Manila No 1 Philippines - 11 JAN 1943 (VF). Japanese Military Police censor. VF (0901)
- 100. Leeward Islands - APO 806.** 4x 1/2¢ stps canc. American Base Forces APO 806 - 15 SEP 1941 (VF). "Censored U.S. A.P.O. 806 By" handstamp. VF MB \$10.00 (0901) *PICT*
- 101. New Caledonia - APO 502.** Sender 101st Medical Regt. APO 502 6c air canc. APO no # - 19 DEC 1943 (F). Circular "Force Censor - 10 - US Army" handstamp. VF (0900)
- 102. Newfoundland - APO 801.** Cacheted cover 3¢ stp canc. American Base Forces APO 801 (KB 17 JUN 1941 - VF). VF (0901)
- 103. Misc Group (8).** All Free franked stateide from misc. bases/Forts... all civilian cancels 1942 to 1946. F/VF (0900)
- 104. Overrun Country Albania - to APO.** 5¢ Albania cacheted FDC (1943) to 354th Fighter Sq - APO 638. VF (0901)
- 105. Overrun Country Austria - to Army.** 5¢ Austria Patriotic cacheted cover canc Lackawanna NY 1945 to 35th Bn ITB - Camp Croft SC. VF (0901) *PICT*
- 106. Overrun Country Luxemburg - to N.A.S.** Patriotic cover cachet "7th War Loan Drive". 3¢ + 5¢ **Overrun Luxemburg Flag** - MC Lackawanna NY - 1945 (F). VF MB \$3.00 (0901)
- 107. Patriotic - Combat Insignia label.** Cover Cachet using "Combat Insignia label #43 - 94th Squadron". 3¢ Win the War - KB What Cheer, IOWA - 18 Dec 1944 (VF). VF MB \$7.00 (0901)
- 108. Patriotic - V-E Day.** Cover cachet "Franklin Roosevelt" + typed "V-E DAY 1945". 5¢ **Overrun Denmark Flag** - MC Battle Creek, Mich. - 8 May 1945 (F). VF MB \$10.00 (0901) *PICT*
- 109. Patriotic.** Cover cachet "Women's Army Corps". 2¢ + 6¢ air MC Conneaut Ohio - 1944 (VF). VF (0901)
- 110. Patriotic Postcard.** Mint Tichnor Bros, Inc "V - Let's pull together ..." color postcard. VF (0901) *PICT*
- 111. Patriotic Postcard.** Mint Kropp Co # C139 "Keep 'em Flying" color postcard. VF (0901) *PICT*
- 112. POW Camp - Florence AZ.** Cover CC Prisoner of War Camp - Florence, Arizona. 8¢ air canc. Coolidge, Ariz - Internment BR - 11 APR 1945 (DR - F). VF MB \$15.00 (0901) *PICT*



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- 113. Will Rogers Field, OK.** Cacheted cover Dedication. 6¢ air canc US Army dedicates Will Rogers Field - 28 JUNE 1941 (VF). VF MB \$4.00 (0901) *PICT*
- 114. Temporary APO GB (5).** All free franked and censored. All canc. wavy lines only - no dial! Sender APO 7744, APO 9115, APO 9531, APO 12557-B (no canc. - letter), APO 17172 (official WD). F/VF (0909)
- 115. Trinidad - APO 803.** Cacheted cover 3¢ stp canc. American Base Forces APO 803 (KB 29 JUL 1941 - F). Censored. VF (0901)

- 116. V-Mail - Merry Christmas APO 464.** Illustrated V-mail "Merry Christmas" Sender APO 464. Censored. F MB \$5.00 (0901)
- 117. V-Mail - APO 777.** V-mail Sender 2650 Sig RAD Relay Co APO 777. MS Italy 12-31-43. With envelope. VF (0901)
- 118. War Dept (3).** 3 x Size 10 WD official Business. Canc Fort Leavenworth (1943), Fort Oglethorpe (1945), Jeffersonville (1945 - CC 5th Service Command). VF (1240)
- 119. War Ration Book One.** From 1942. 3 stamps remaining. F (0901)

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- 120. Camp Endicott.** Sender Camp Endicott S-25. Free franked Canc. U.S. Navy (MC 14 Mar 1945 - VF). To APO 655. VF (1241)
- 121. Cigarette Card.** "Compliments of General Motors - Lucky Strike Cigarettes". Sender 102 BATT Comp B. Canc. U.S. NAVY - 22 FEB 1944 (MC - VF). VF MB \$5.00 (1002)
- 122. Dallas TX USN Aviation Base.** Patriotic "Keep 'em Flying" 3¢ stp canc Dallas, TEX - U.S.N. RES. AVIATION BASE BR - 7 OCT 1941 (Dr - VF). VF (0901)
- 123. Fiji Isl. - Navy 201.** Sender Navy 201. Canc. US Navy - 23 Dec 1942. Small Naval Censor handstamp. With letter. F MB \$7.50 (1002)
- 124. Nav. Air Sta.** Sender NavAirSta Alameda, Calif. 6¢ Prexies canc. Alameda, Calif (MC 30 Jun 1941 - VF). VF (1240)
- 125. Patrol Wing One.** Patriotic "Keep 'em Flying" 3¢ stp canc. Patrol Wing One - 30 JAN 1942 (KB - VF). Censored. VF (0901)
- 126. Quantico Marine Corps.** Patriotic "Let's keep the Americas for Americans." 6¢ air stp canc. Quantico, VA - Marine Corps Air Sta. Br. - 30 JUN 1942 (KB - VF). VF (0901)
- 127. Seabees - Guam.** Sender 13th Special NCB. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy (KB 6 Jul 1945 - F). Naval Censor. To APO 228. F MB \$15.00 (1002)
- 128. Seabees - Woodlark Island.** Sender 20th Naval Const Reg. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy (KB 12 Jul 1944 - VF). Naval Censor. VF MB \$5.00 (0901)
- 129. Seabees - Russell Island.** Sender 24th Const Batt. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy (KB 13 Jun 1944 - VF). Naval Censor. To APO 522. F MB \$10.00 (1002)
- 130. Seabees.** Sender 41st Naval Const. Batt. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy (KB 11 AUG 1943 - VF). Naval Censor. VF (0901)
- 131. Seabees - Manus Island.** Sender Const Batt No 44. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy (KB 30 May 1943 - VF). Naval Censor. VF MB \$5.00 (0901)
- 132. Seabees - Alaska.** Sender 45th Const Batt. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy Naval Air Station (MC 25 Sep 1943 - VF). Naval Censor. VF MB \$5.00 (1002)
- 133. Seabees - Emirau Island.** Sender 61st C.B. Batt. 6¢ air canc. U.S. Navy (KB 27 Apr 1944 - VF). Naval Censor. VF MB \$5.00 (0901)
- 134. Seabees - England.** Sender 97th N.C. Batt. Free franked canc. U.S. Navy (KB 14 Sep 1944 - F). Naval Censor. VF MB \$5.00 (1002)
- 135. Sub USS Porpoise.** Cover canc. U.S.S. *PORPOISE* - 27 AUG 1940 with Manila P.I. in the killer bar (F). VF (0901)
- 136. Sub USS R-1.** #10 cover canc. New York Grand Central Station (partial - 1942). Censor tape + Army Censor + Naval Censor. F MB \$10.00 (1002)
- 137. Sub USS Sealion.** Cacheted (Sadworth) cover canc. U.S.S. *SEALION* - 18 Jul 1941 (VF). VF (0901)
- 138. SUB - USS Sealion.** Cacheted Commissioning Canc. Groton, Conn. - 8 MAR 1944 (VF). VF (0901)
- 139. Tokyo Bay - USS Mt Olympus.** 6c air canc. Type F **Tokyo Bay - U.S.S. MT OLYMPUS** - 14 SEP 1945 (VF). VF MB \$15.00 (0901) *PICT*
- 140. US Coast Guard.** CC USCG - Bandon, Oregon. Free franked canc. Bandon, Oregon - 30 Mar 1943. VF (0901)
- 141. US Coast Guard Cutter Sagebrush.** CC USCGC *SAGEBRUSH* - Free franked canc. Blacked out British canc - 4 MY 44 + PAQUEBOT POSTED AT SEA. Naval Censor. VF MB \$12.00 (0901)
- 142. U.S.C.G.** Sender printed CC USCG Training Station, Curtis Bay, Maryland. Free franked MC U.S. Navy - 23 AUG 1943 (F). VF (0909)
- 143. USS Aristaeus.** #10 PO Dept Registered - Deposit Funds. Back Ty 9 canc New York USS Aristaeus BR + New York 18871 Br - 28 JUL 1945. F MB \$8.00 (0901)
- 144. USS Charles F. Hughes.** Patriotic cacheted cover 2¢ stp canc. U.S.S. *Charles F. Hughes* - 27 FEB 1941 with "Guantanamo Bay Cuba" in the killer bars (VF). VF (0901)
- 145. USS Haraden.** Cacheted (Last Day Cancel - Exchanged to England) Canc. KB U.S.S. *Haraden* - 13 Sep 1940 with "Last Day - Cancel" in KB (F). VF (0901)
- 146. USS Kenosha.** Cacheted (Launch - V for Victory) Canc. Superior, Wis. (MC 25 Aug 1944 - VF). VF (0901)
- 147. USS Mertz.** Cacheted (Destroyer mail) Ship's MS CC. Canc. KB U.S. Navy - 8 Jun 1944 (VF). Naval Censor. VF MB \$6.00 (0901)
- 148. USS Murzin.** #10 PO Dept Registered - M.O.B.. Back Ty 9 canc New York USS *Murzin* BR + New York 13992 Br - 7/9 AUG 1945. F (fold) MB \$8.00 (0901)

149. **V-Mail.** Sender Navy 151 (Dutch Harbor, Alaska). V-Mail env. 9 Mar 1944. VF (1226)

KOREAN WAR

150. **APO 7.** Free franked – Sender 505th Mil Int Sec Plat, APO 7. Cancel APO 7 (MC 27 MAR 54 – VF). Located Tangduchon-ni, Korea. VF (0909)
151. **APO 9.** Free franked – Sender 8164 A.V., APO 9. Cancel APO no # (KB 5 Nov ?? – F). Located Japan. F (0909)
152. **APO 264.** Free Franked – Sender 213th F.A., APO 213. Partial Cancel APO ? (MC Sep 12, 54 – Ave). Located Hyanggyo-go, Korea. VF (0909)
153. **APO 301 (2).** 1x 6c air – Sender 17th F.A. Bn, APO 301. Canc. APO no # (MC 19 Feb 51 – VF). Located Taegu, Korea. + 1x Free franked canc. no year no #. F/VF (0909)
154. **APO 612.** Free franked – Sender 289th MP Co. APO 59. Canc. APO (612)faint # (MC 27 Jun 52 – F). Located Koje-do, Korea. With letter. VF. (0909)
155. **APO 707.** Free franked. Sender 8220th Army Unit, APO 59. Canc. APO 707 (MC 18 Jun 51 – VF). Located Pusan, Korea. F (0909)
156. **APO 707.** Free franked. Sender 18th Maint. Sq, APO 970. Canc. APO 709 (KB 16 Feb 52 – F). Located Chinhae, Korea. VF (0909)
157. **APO 902.** Free franked. Sender 95th Bomb Sq, APO 902. Canc. APO 902 (MC 28 Jun 54 – VF). Located Pusan, Korea. Ave (wrinkles) (0909)
158. **APO 909.** Free franked. Sender 106th Fin. Dist Sect., APO 909. Canc. APO 909 (KB 3 Oct 52 – VF). Located Pupyong-ni, Korea. VF (0909)
159. **APO 970.** Free franked. Sender 5th Air Force, APO 970. Canc. APO 970 (KB 20 Jan 51 – Ave). Located Taegu, Korea. F (0909)
160. **APO 970/971 (2).** Both #10 official. 1x Canc. APO 970 (KB 24 ??? 54 – Ave). 1x APO 971 (KB – 6 Dec 53 – F). Ave/F (1 torn open) (0909)
161. **APO 1052.** Change of address card. Sender Tokyo Army Hospital APO 1052. Canc. APO 1052 (KB 30 Jun 51 – Ave). Located Tokyo, Japan. VF (0909)
162. **Navy 12867 Br.** Free franked sender 1st Fum + Bath Plt (?) FMF. Canc. US Navy 12867 Br (KB 26 Sep 50 – F). VF (0909)
163. **Navy 12867 Br Unit 7.** Free franked sender HQ Co HQ Bn, 1st MAR Div (Band). Canc. US Navy 12867 Unit 7 (KB 10 Jan 53 – F smudged). With letter. VF (0909)
164. **USS Bairoko.** Free franked cachet Korean War ends. Canc. *USS Bairoko* (KB 27 Jul 53 – VF). VF (1325) *PICIT*
165. **USS Bayonne.** # 10 Official to Commander United Nations – Blockading & Escort Force – C/O Fleet Post Office SF, Calif. Canc. US Navy 17000 Br. (MC 4 Jan no year – F). VF (1310)

VIETNAM WAR

166. **Canada Military Delegation.** Special cover (map) with Vietnam Military stamp. KBC (4691)? handstamp (faint) - Quan-Buu Viet-Nam 1973 cancels. Canadian Delegation handstamp. Philatelic VF (0900)

POST-WW II MILITARY/COLD WAR

167. **Austria (7).** 1 free + 6x 6c. APO 19, 174, 261 (3), 441, 541. 1940's/50s. F/VF (0909)
168. **Brazil – APO 603.** 6c air Canc. APO 603 (KB 1946 – F). VF (0909)
169. **China – APO 290.** Sender APO 290. 6c air Canc. APO no # (MC Dec 1945 – VF). VF (0909)
170. **Censor - Germany.** Cover made from a map to US. German Stp canc. Berlin 18.11.46. Censor tape both sides + 2x handstamp "US Civil Censorship – Germany 30108 + 30228. VF MB \$8.00 (0901)
171. **Censor - Germany.** Cover to US. German Stp canc. Rohlingen 20.3.47. Censor tape + handstamp "US Civil Censorship – Germany 40297. VF (0900)
172. **Correspondence (14).** Same sender to parents between 1945 and 1951. All with letters. 4x from Sioux Falls – SFAAF, 1x Forbes AFB, 7x Biggs AFB, 2x Davis-Monthan AFB. Ave /VF (0901)
173. **General Mac Arthur.** Cacheted cover (Gen Mac Arthur) 3c US Army canc. Mac Arthur, W. Va. – 22 Jan 1946. VF (0901)
174. **Great Britain (13).** 13 covers misc stps. APO 61 (2), 83 (2), 124, 125 (2), 129, 167, 437, 519, 589, 635. 1940's/50s/60s. F/VF (0909)
175. **Greece (2).** Both 6c air. APO 206 (1956) + APO 624 (1946). VF (0909)
176. **France (10).** 7x 6c air + 3 free franked. APO 21, 115 (2), 125, 165, 208, 772 (2), 887, 894. 1940's. F/VF (0909)
177. **France (11).** 10x 6c + 1x 7c air. APO 21 (2), 79, 89, 122, 230, 507, 513, 649, 887. 1940's/50s/60s. F/VF (0909)
178. **Germany – APO 28.** 6c air Canc. APO 28 (1957 – VF). Handstamp "Missent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas". F (fold) (0909)
179. **Germany (10).** Misc stps. APO 9 (2), 12, 97, 633, 644, 757 (3), 758. 1940's/50s. F/VF (0909)
180. **Germany (10).** Misc stps. APO 169, 172, 207 (2), 403, 633 (2), 696, 757, 742. 1940's/50s. F/VF (0909)

181. **Germany (11).** Misc stps. APO 61, 154, 179, 206, 208, 254, 655, 755, 757, 800 (2). 1940's/50s/60s. F/VF (0909)
182. **India (7).** 6c air or free franked. APO 355, 429, 465, 493 (2), 494 (2). 1940's. F/VF (0909)
183. **Japan / Hawaii (4).** 4 covers. 6c air. Canc. APO 201, 226, 235, 957. 1954/55. F/VF (1240)
184. **Japan – 7 BPO (6).** 6 covers misc stps. 1940's/50s. F/VF (0909)
185. **Japan (15).** 8 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 3 (3), 5 (2), 9 (5), 15 (4), 24. All 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
186. **Japan (15).** 7 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 24 (6), 25 (6), 27 (2), 33. All late 1940's / 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
187. **Japan (15).** 7 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 37 (3), 38 (4), 40 (2), 43 (5), 45. 2x late 40's, rest 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
188. **Japan (15).** 7 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 45, 47 (3), 50 (5), 51, 53, 54 (3). All 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
189. **Japan (15).** 4 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 25, 50, 201 (2), 226 (6), 224, 248 (3). Late 1940's/ most 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
190. **Japan (15).** 5 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 56 (4), 201 (11). Most 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
191. **Japan (15).** 5 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 99, 100, 157 (3), 181 (4), 182 (3), 201 (3). Most 1950's. Ave/VF (0909)
192. **Japan (7).** 1x size #10. Misc stps. All APO 503 – Late 40's/ 50s/60s. Ave/VF (0909)
193. **Japan (15).** 2 are size #10. Misc stps. APO 547 (4), 612 (4), 613 (3), 660 (4). Late 40s/50s. Ave/VF (0909)
194. **Japan (15).** Misc stps. APO 703 (3), 704 (3), 710 (6), 712 (2), 713 (3). Late 40s/50s. Ave/VF (0909)
195. **Japan (10).** Misc stps. APO 950, 954, 959, 963, 994 (3), 929 (3). Late 40s/50s. Ave/VF (0909)
196. **Japan (4).** 2 are size #10. Misc stps. All APO 1052. Late 40s/50s. Ave/VF (0909)
197. **Korea – APO 301.** Cover sender USOM TC-AV. 7c air canc APO 301 (MC 1960 – VF). VF (1226)
198. **Thailand – JUSMAG.** Cover from Malaya canc. Alor Star 18 Nov 1960 to a Capt at HQ JUSMAG – Bangkok, Thailand. Bangkok receiving cancel. VF (1240)
199. **War Correspondent – APO 887.** Sender Civilian War Correspondent – APO 887. 6c air canc. 11 BPO (MC Oct 1945 – Ave). Censored. F (0909)
200. **82nd Airborne.** Cover sender 714th Tk Bn – 82 Airborne Div – Fort Bragg. 6c air canc Fort Know, KY (MC 1951 – VF). F (fold) (0901)

POST-WORLD WAR II NAVAL

201. **Alaska – Navy 230 (2).** 2 size #10 commercial cover. Sender Box 10 / Box 20 – N.O.B. Adak. Both 6c stp canc. Seattle Wash. – US Navy 230 Br – Nov/Dec no year. F (0901)
202. **Aircraft Carrier CVL (2).** 2 size #10 commercial cover. Both MS CC + canc *USS CABOT* (CVL-28) KB 1950 (F/VF). VF (0901)
203. **Aircraft Carrier (2).** 2 size #10 commercial cover. 1 is MS CC + canc. *USS BAIROKO* (CV-115) KB 1949 (F). 1 is CC + canc. *USS MINDORO* (CV-120) KB 1950 (VF). VF (0901)
204. **Aircraft Carrier CVE (2).** 2 size #10 commercial cover. 1 is MS CC + canc. *USS BADOENG STRAIT* (CVE-116) KB 1950 (F). 1 is CC + canc. *USS MINDORO* (CVE-120) KB 1950 (VF). F/VF (0901)
205. **Cruiser (3).** 3 size #10 commercial cover. 1 is CC + canc *USS MANCHESTER* (CL-83) KB 1949 (F). 1 is CC + canc *USS NEWPORT NEWS* (CA-148) KB 1949 (VF). 1 is MS CC + canc *USS WORCESTER* (CL-144) KB 1949 (VF). VF (0901)
206. **Cuba – Guantanamo Bay.** Size #10 commercial cover. MS CC + canc U.S. NAVY BR. 13607 – US NAVY OPERATING BASE - MC 1949 (F). VF (0901)
207. **Guam – Navy 926 / 10499 BR.** Commercial cover. Sender NOB Navy 926. Canc. U.S. NAVY 10499 BR. - MC 1950 (F). VF (0901)
208. **Newfoundland – 10957 BR.** Commercial cover. Sender *USS Buckley DDR-808*. Canc. New York NY 10957 BR. - MC 1949 (F). VF (0901)
209. **Philippines – Navy Br (3).** 3x Commercial cover (2 size #10). All 6c air canc U.S. NAVY 10434 BR. – 2x MC 1950 (F/VF) + 1x KB 1949 (F). F/VF (0901)
210. **Ships (5).** 5 covers 3c stps. Canc. *USS Bataan*, *USS Curtiss*, *USS Keppler*, *USS Renshaw*, *USS Wyandot*. All 1950. F/VF (1240)
211. **Trinidad – Navy 13606 (2).** 2 commercial covers (1 size 10). 1 MS CC Electronic Facility Navy 117. 1 Typed CC NOB COMM, TVTS Navy 117. Both canc. U.S. NAVY 13606 BR. - KB 1950 (F). F/VF (0901)
212. **USS Pine Island.** Cover mailed from GB Canc. Field Post Office 385 – date unclear (faint) to *USS Pine Island* (AV-12). F (fold) (1240)
213. **USS Portsmouth.** Canc. *USS Portsmouth* (CL 102) – May 10, 1948 (KB VF). VF (1240)

214. VC-32. Size #10 commercial cover. MS CC VC-32, LP-3. 6c air canc. Norfolk, VA (MC 1950 - F). VC-32 was redesignated VS-32 less than a year after being established. VF (0901)

MODERN MILITARY (after 1965)

215. Argentina – Official. Size #10+ Official “Armada Argentina” with military label “Serv. Correo Naval – M.P.” canc. Estafeta Central – Mar Del Plata – 24 JU 2002. Handstamp “Armada Argentina – Aviso Comandante General Irigoyen”. Marked “Confidencial”. VF MB \$6.00 (0901) *PICT*



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216. Argentina – Official. Size #10+ Official “Armada Argentina” with military label “Correo Naval – X” canc. Estafeta Central – Buenos Aires – 18 OCT 1995. Handstamp “Armada Argentina – Libertad” (Tall Ship). VF MB \$6.00 (0901)

217. Germany. # 10 cover sender CMR 454 – APO 09250. 34¢ stp canc. APO AE 09264 (KB 2007 – VF) located in Germany. VF (1002)

218. Great Fighting Ships (50). Full set of 50 Fleetwood Cacheted covers all franked with US Naval Academy stps showing famous warships. Postmarked in different cities at important dates related to each ships between 1995 and 1997. VF MB \$20.00 (0901) *PICT*

219. Italy. Cover sender CMT 426 – APO 09613. 32¢ stp canc. APO AE 09613 (KB 1997 – Ave) located in Livorno. F (1002)

220. Misc Embassy/Missions (6). All Size #10. Misc stps or postage paid. Most postmarked. Incl. Thailand, San Salvador, Bolivia, India. Ave/VF (0909)

221. Ships (6). 6 covers misc stps. Canc. *USS Preble*, *USS Carl Vinson*, *USS Kitty Hawk*, *USS Forrestal*, *USS Mount Vernon* (cacheted commissioning), sender *USNS Pvt John Towle* (canc. us Navy 10.4 BR). 70's/80's. F/VF (1240)

222. United Kingdom. Cover sender PSC 45 – APO 09468. 33¢ stp canc. APO AE 09468 (KB 2000 – F) located in RAF Menwith Hill. VF (1002)

223. USS Anchorage (2). 2 cacheted cover for Cook's 200th Anniversary with ship's handstamp. Both franked with Capt Cook's stps canc. *USS Anchorage* (LSD-36) 1 JUN 1978 (VF). VF (0901)

224. USS El Paso. Rogak handpainted cacheted cover (Navy Day). 25¢ stp canc. *USS El Paso* (LKA-117) 25 OCT 1989 (VF). VF MB \$5.00 (1301)

DESERT STORM

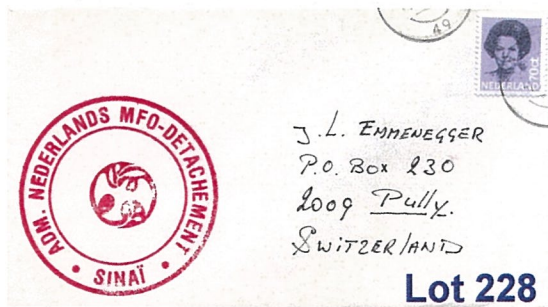
225. Desert Storm unofficial FDC (USS). Patriotic D.S. unaddressed unofficial FDC 29¢ Desert Storm stamp. Cancel *USS Belknap* (CG-26) – JUL 2, 1991 (KB – VF). CO CC handstamp. VF Philatelic - MB \$5.00 (0901)

UN MILITARY MAIL

226. IFOR – Netherlands. Op Joint Endeavor P/C to Holland. Franked with Meter “NAPO 90 – Dutch Contingent UN Netherlands – 08.II.97” (VF). VF MB \$6.00 (1310)

227. MFO Sinai – Australia. Cover handstamp CC “RAAF Det MFO – AUST FPO 3”. Misc stps canc. AUST. F.P.O. 3 – 21 NO 84. VF MB \$10.00 (1310)

228. MFO Sinai – Netherlands. Cover handstamp “ADM Nederlands MFO-Detachment – Sinai”. 70c stp canc. Veldpost 49 (Ave - partial). With letter. VF MB \$8.00 (1310) *PICT*



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229. ONUC – Congo. Air Letter from Danish Contingent. Free franked faint canc. Leopoldville64 (Ave). VF MB \$10.00 (1310)

230. ONUC – Congo. Cover from Indian Contingent. 6x Indian Stps OVPT U.N. FORCE (INDIA) CONGO canc. FPO No 660 (9-5-62 – VF). VF MB \$7.00 (1310)

231. ONUC – Congo. Cover from Indian Contingent. 2x Indian 8p stp OVPT U.N. FORCE (INDIA) CONGO canc. FPO No 66? (2.11.63 – F). F (fold) MB \$40.00 (1310)

232. ONUC – Congo. #10 ONUC cover to Ireland. Free franked canc. Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo (26 OCT 1961 – F). F MB \$15.00 (1310)

233. SFOR – UK. #10 Cover sender HQ SFOR MP COY. Handstamp Provost & Security Office. 43p stp canc. Field Post office 1029 - 5 M 98 (faint). To Switzerland. VF MB \$5.00 (1310)

234. UNC – Korea. Cover sender CC Canadian Liaison Office – UNC-MAC – Armistice Affairs Division – APO 96301 (some letters traced). US stps canc. APO 96301 - 21 Oct 1974 (F). VF MB \$10.00 (1310)

235. UNC – Korea. Cover sender in Japan. US stp canc. APO 17 – 8 Mar 1957 (VF). To a Major at Swedish Hospital – APO 59 Interisland. VF MB \$12.00 (1310)

236. UNDOF – Golan. #10 AUSBATT Cover sender Austrian Contingent. Handstamp Golan 1986. Austrian stps canc. UNDOF – AUSBATT 1500 – 13.1.87 (F). VF MB \$5.00 (1310)

237. UNDOF – Golan (2). 2 x #10 AUSBATT Cover sender Austrian Contingent. 1 is Registered. Austrian stps canc. UNDOF – AUSBATT 1500 – 1983 + unclear. VF MB \$5.00 (1310)

238. UNDOF – Golan. #10 UNDOF Cover sender Canadian Contingent – CCUNME Golan CFPO 5002. Free franked canc. United Nations – Disengagement Observer Force – 17.1.1992 (VF). VF MB \$4.00 (1310) *PICT*



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239. UNEF – Egypt. Cover from Indian Contingent. Indian 0.15 stp OVPT UNEF canc. FPO No 747 (21.XI.66 – F). VF MB \$25.00 (1310)

240. UNEF 1 – Egypt. #10 UNEF Cover sender Norwegian Contingent. Handstamp “PORTO OLSO BETALT OSLO”. Free franked partial canc. United Nations Emergency Force (date missing - Ave). VF MB \$4.00 (1310)

241. UNEF 2 – Egypt. Cover from Sweden to Swedish Contingent (CC on back). Green Faltpost stp canc. Vaxjo 1 (27.9.78 - VF). VF MB \$35.00 (1310)

242. UNEF 1 – Egypt. Cover from Yugoslavian Contingent. Free franked with UNEF Yugoslav cancel (...X.1963 – F). + UNEF Yugoslav handstamp. Ave/F (open rough on left) MB \$6.00 (1310)

243. UNEF 1 – Egypt. UNEF air letter from Yugoslavian Contingent. Free franked Special cancel. ... U.A.R.- Egiptaska Oblasti UNEF (. XI 1961 – F but overinked). Back cancel Beograd. VF Philatelic MB \$15.00 (1310)

244. UNEF 1 – Egypt. Cover from Yugoslavian Contingent. Free franked Special cancel. Posta Odreda J.N.A. - U.A.R.- Egiptaska Oblasti UNEF (. VIII 1963 – F). VF MB \$15.00 (1310)

245. UNEF 1 – Egypt (9). 9 unaddressed philatelic covers from Yugoslavian Contingent. All Free franked with Yugoslav UNEF cancels (F-VF). VF MB \$4.00 (1310)

246. UNFICYP Cyprus - Argentina. Cover from Argentina to Argentinean Contingent. Meter Bahia Blanca (22.4.97 - VF). F MB \$15.00 (1310)

247. UNFICYP Cyprus - Denmark. Parcel Card from Danish Contingent. Danish stps canc. Kopenhagen (12.9.68 - VF). + canc. DANCON – UNFICYP 11 SEP 1968. VF MB \$10.00 (1310)

248. UNFICYP Cyprus – Sweden. Official Svenska FN-Bataljonen cover. Swedish stps canc. Svenska FN Bat Cypren – 2.1.88 (F). VF - MB \$5.00 (0901)

249. UNIKOM – KUWAIT. #10 UNIKOM cover to Ireland. Kuwaiti stp faint canc. VF – MB \$8.00 (1310)

250. UNMEE – ERITREA. #9 Eritrea Aerogramme to Switzerland. Sender Captain – UNMEE – Asmara / Eritrea. Canc. Asmara 19-03-2003 (VF). VF – MB \$5.00 (1310)

251. UNMIL – Liberia. UNMIL Cover to Switzerland. 1.70 FS UN stp canc. Nations Unies (partial). VF MB \$7.00 (1310)

252. UNMOGIP – Pakistan/India. # 10 cover MS CC to Canada. 2x 10c UN stps canc. United Nations New York (29 OCT 1974 - VF). VF MB \$7.00 (1310)

253. UNMOGIP – Pakistan/India. # 10 official UNMOGIP cover to Switzerland. UNMOGIP handstamp. Pakistani stps canc. Rawalpindi (. Jan 98 - faint). VF MB \$7.00 (1310) *PICT*

254. UNPROFOR – UK. 21 SIG REGT (AS) 15 JAN 1996 handstamp + MS Op Resolute. 20p UK stp with illegible canc. VF MB \$5.00 (1310)

255. UNTSO – Golan. # 10 UNTSO Cover sender Swiss Military Observer. Syrian stps illegible cancel 2001. VF MB \$5.00 (1310)

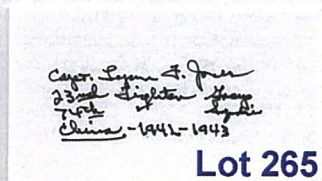
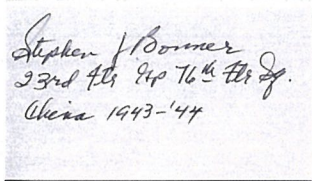
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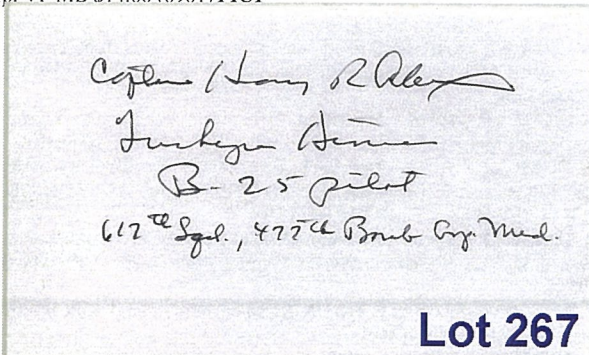
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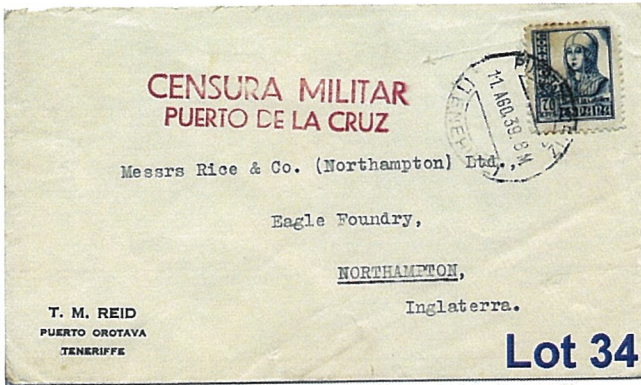
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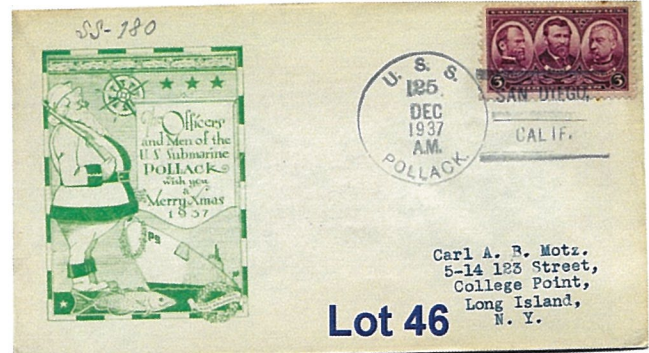
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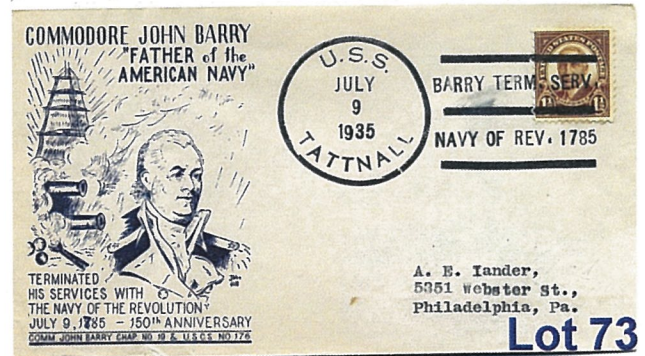
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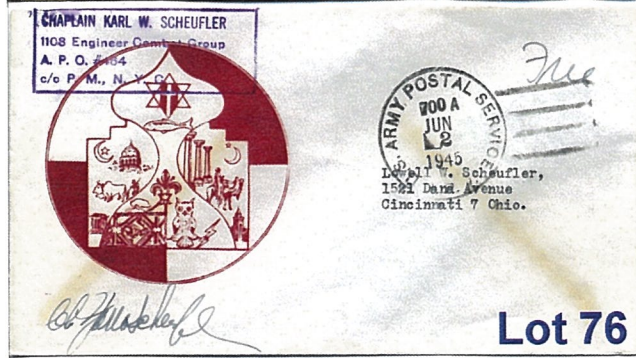
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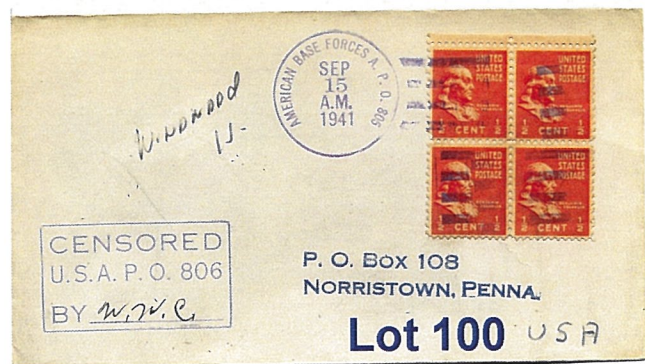
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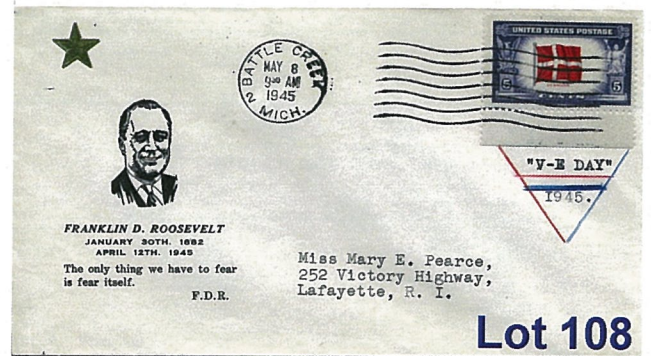
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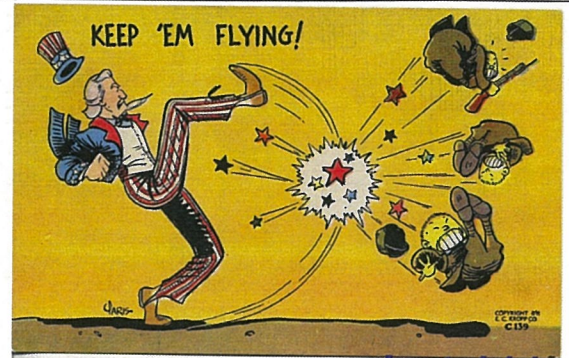
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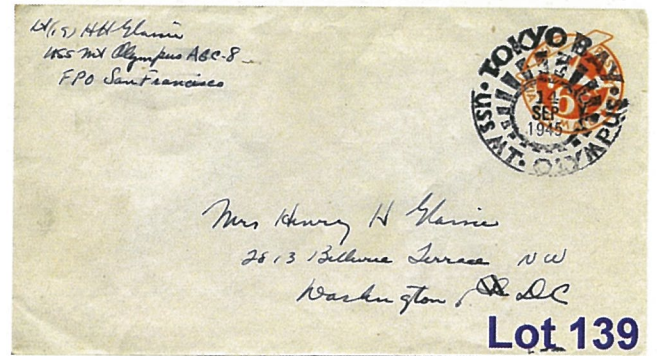
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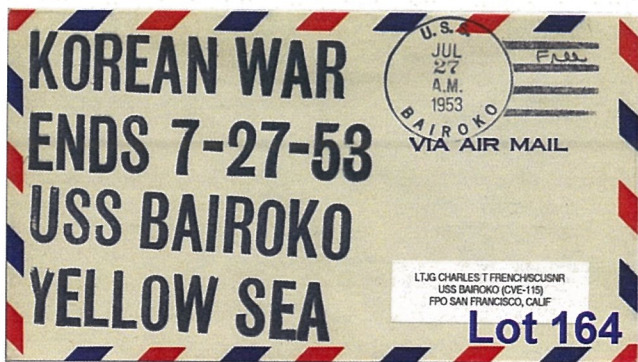
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18th of October 1944, Italy

Dear Miss Cotrael,

I just received a letter from Mom, saying that you have been quite ill for several weeks now, and that she had just been down to see you. Gosh but I'm sorry to hear that! I assure you, Miss Cotrael, that if prayers will do the trick, you are silver-plated with them!

Mom says the weather back home now is positively beautiful, with the leaves all turning into a thousand different colors, and that "fally" smell of burning leaves in the air — gee but I used to love that season!

For the past week, we've had pretty nice weather over here, but before that, it rained for practically 24 hours a day, and this famed "Italian Mud" was ankle deep.

I hear from your niece, Barbara Mudgett of Cattaragus, quite a bit, and I sure think she is an awfully nice girl. Her looks and personality can't be beat, in my estimation.

The war news doesn't look very encouraging at the present moment, does it? I'm afraid the Germans are going to fight like madmen for every inch of their soil, taking an untold cost of the cream of American manhood, before they decide to call it quits. I have 19 combat missions over Germany and it's coordinates now, and I've had some pretty exciting trips so far.

The other day we went up to hit oil plants 120 miles south of Berlin, and to get there, we had to cross the Alps, and Miss Cotrael, I'm telling you I've never seen a more beautiful sight in all my life! The snow capped mountain peaks rose far above the layer of clouds at their base, like queens on a fleecy white rug. Then, down in the valley between the mountains, were peaceful little villages, surrounded by green grass, with maybe a lake or river beside them. Honestly, I couldn't believe that there was a horrible war of destruction going on just a few

miles from there. It's certainly a crazy old world!

Well, I just wanted you to know that I was thinking of you, and praying for you. Don't even think about writing, until you are completely better. I mean this!

Bye for now —

Sincerely,
Johnnie

John Elsen survived 54 missions over Germany as a ball turret and waist gunner in the B-17 Flying Fortress. He returned home safely to Salamanca, New York, where he became a respected businessman and civic leader until his death in 2010.

