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# WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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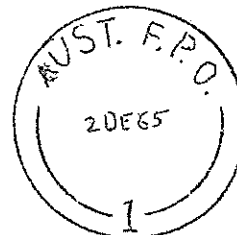
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VIET NAM  
 M. Hertzberg

In addition to Americans, South Vietnamese also welcome the armed forces of various other participating nations, as follows:

- a. Australia (army, air force and advisors)
- b. Canada (observer?)
- c. China Republic (psychological warfare unit)
- d. New Zealand (engineers)
- e. Philippines (psychological warfare unit)
- f. South Korea (army engineers and infantry)
- g. Thailand (army)
- h. United States (all services represented)

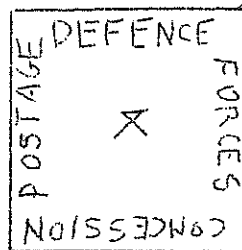


Australian cancel.

At least fifteen nations are involved; of these, some nations have units so small as to constitute teams and there are at least ten medical-surgical teams, the latest being the Italian medical team.

Considerable numbers of Australian troops are involved as are South Koreans and U.S. forces. Approximate figures as follows:

- a. Australia: about 1750 personnel
- b. South Korea: about 15,000 personnel
- c. United States U.S.A. 111,000
- Forces: U.S.M.C. 38,000
- U.S.A.F.\* 22,000
- U.S.N. 27,500 (9,500 ashore)
- U.S.C.G. 250



Australian postal concession cachet.

\*Does not include Guam-based air units. Many nations, represented by small forces, use the South Vietnamese civilian postal facility.

From Australia, member Helen Serjeant White sends word that an Australian FPO cancel, with '2' at the bottom of the dial, has been seen. Further, a description of the Postal Concession Rate cachet indicates some variation in dimension but the wording remains the same. The letter rate is 6d Australian postage for air mail.

Two interesting mail items from Vietnam: 1st a Navy cover, dated 24 AUG 1956, (U.S. Navy 17011) has the corner card of the Hotel Majestic Saigon, South Viet Nam. 2nd an Army cover, dated NOV 9 1950, from the Senior Military Attache, American Legation Saigon, Indo China. The cancel is Washington, D.C. and bears the familiar cachet "This article originally mailed in country indicated by postage".

VIET NAM

Millions of pounds of mail, via commercial carrier, enters Vietnam thru Saigon and is then flown to the nearest destination PO and then by choppers, jeeps and even junks until the mail is in the hands of your GI. Some surface mail, such as Parcels Post, goes by ship to Da Nang and it's air terminals for distribution. For the recent holidays, a concession was made to the U.S. mainlanders...FREE air mail, from APO San Francisco, for parcel post packages and for surface letters...the sender paid only surface rates to the aforementioned APO. At the same time, lower rates for air parcel post on packages, not exceeding five pounds and sent to or by servicemen in the combat areas was effected. Vietnam and adjacent waters are designated as a "Combat Area" and the servicemen there may make use of the postal concessions.

Once the mail, for Vietnam, falls into the jurisdiction of the 9th Air Postal Squadron (formerly the 11th Air Postal Squadron), it is that organization's special pride to get the mail into the hands of your serviceman as quickly as is possible.

The Postmaster, Commander of the 9th Air Postal Squadron, kindly informs that there are now twenty-two operating APOs and that APO geographical location and number cannot be shown together. Serviced by the 9th Air Postal Squadron, the following listing is furnished courtesy of the Postmaster.

Postmaster: Major James K. Foshee  
Commander  
9th Air Postal Squadron  
APO San Francisco 96243

Det 1,	9th Air Postal Squadron, APO San Francisco	96296
Det 2,	"	96258
Det 3,	"	96346
Det 4,	"	96227
Det 5,	"	96337
Det 6,	"	96240
Det 7,	"	96215
Det 8,	"	96295
Det 9,	"	96238
Det 10,	"	96303
Det 11,	"	96273
Det 12,	"	96304
Det 13,	"	96291
Det 14,	"	96297
Det 15,	"	96357
Det 16,	"	96260
Det 17,	"	96499
Det 18,	"	96402
Det 19,	"	96307
Det 20,	"	96308
Det 21,	"	96312
Det 22,	"	96310

In addition, to the above listing, Vietnam mail has been observed with the following APO numbers in the dial.

96238	96345	137
96240	96490	143

With the exceptions, of APOs 137 and 143, machine cancels have not been apparent to date.

VIET NAM

CIRCULAR  
NO 65-1

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR DEFENSE COMMAND  
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado  
30 August 1965

Postal Service

FREE MAIL SERVICE VIETNAM

(Effective until 30 August 1966 unless sooner superseded or rescinded)

Department of the Army message 730206 from AAFPS, dated 27 August 1965, is quoted for information and guidance: "Subj: Free Mail Service Vietnam

"1. The Military Pay Act of 1965, Public Law 89-132, approved by the President on 21 August 1965, includes provision for free mail service for members of the Armed Forces in Vietnam. The free mail service is effective 1 September 1965. Provisions of this message govern use of the service.

"2. This privilege is authorized members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Coast Guard, on duty in Vietnam and waters adjacent thereto specified as a combat zone for the purpose of Section 112 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, in Executive Order 11216, 24 Apr 65. Entitlement is also extended to members of the services when hospitalized within CONUS or in an oversea facility under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces of the United States as a result of wound, disease, or injury incurred as result of service in the specified area or the air-space thereover.

"3. Only personal letters and post cards in their usual and generally accepted form are entitled to free transmission. Pictures, clippings, etc., which are strictly incidental to the message of the letter may be included. Merchandise, printed matter, newspapers, magazines, and advertising matter may not be included in letters or posted under this authority.

"4. Letters posted at U.S. military post offices, under this authority, must be addressed for delivery in the United States, Puerto Rico, or U.S. possessions, or to the Army, Navy, or Air Force post offices.

"5. Letters must bear, in the upper right corner of the address side in the handwriting of the sender, the word "FREE". The sender's name, grade, service number, and complete military unit address must be indicated in the upper left corner of the address side and may be affixed in any legible manner.

"6. Free letters accepted at U.S. military post offices will be distributed, processed, and dispatched with prepaid personal airmail and official mail indorsed "AIRMAIL." It will not be segregated or treated other than as airmail. Whereas the letters are not required to be indorsed "AIRMAIL" they will be dispatched from the overseas area as airmail in airmail pouches. Service accorded this mail within the United States will be the appropriated mode of transportation, including airlift, which will insure the earliest possible delivery.

"7. Letters posted under this authority may not be registered or certified. They may, however, be posted as Special Delivery if appropriated postage is affixed to cover the required special delivery fee.

"8. Department of the Air Force dispatching identical instructions." (ADSAA)

The foregoing was submitted by member William A. Frye Sp 6. It details press releases familiar to the public, and in general, it gives an idea of mail possibilities. Thus the "FREE" mail might originate elsewhere other than in Vietnam; members of other nation's armed forces might be eligible to use the "FREE" mail privilege; postage to cover Special Delivery might be evident, and so forth. (Whether or not the "30 August 1966" is a political prediction can better be answered by higher authority.)

VIET NAM  
Betty V. Miller

PROVISIONAL LISTING: U.S. NAVAL VESSELS AND U.S.M.C. CANCELS

SHIPS (Before FREE mail)

USS Midway (CVA-41)  
 USS Hanson (DD-832)  
 USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31)  
 USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5)  
 USS John R. Craig (DD-885)  
 USS Ingersoll (DD-652)  
 USS Coral Sea (CVA-43)  
 USS Hancock (CVA-19)  
 USS Sommers (DD-947)  
 USS Oriskany (CVA-34)  
 USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2)  
 USS Canaberra (CAG-2)  
 USS Ranger (CVA-61)  
 USS Independence (CVA-62)  
 USS Falgout (DER-324)  
 USS Talladega (APA-200)  
 USS Galveston (CLG-3)  
 USS Navarro (APA-215)  
 USS Pyro (AE-24)  
 USS Henderson (DD-185)  
 USS Stodard (DD-566)

SHIPS (FREE mail)

USS Navarro (APA-215)  
 USS Okanogan (PA-220)  
 USS Newell (DER-322)  
 USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2)  
 USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63)  
 USS Independence (CVA-62)  
 USS Enterprise (CVA (N) 65)  
 USS Harry E. Hubbard (DD-740)  
 USS Valley Forge (LPH-8)  
 USS Midway (CVA-41)  
 USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5)  
 USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31)  
 USS Oriskany (CVA-34)  
 USS Talladega (APA-208)  
 USS Coral Sea (CVA-43)  
 USS Stoddard (DD-566)  
 USS Orleck (DD-886)  
 USS Monticello (LSD-35)  
 USS Hornet (CVS-12)  
 USS Henderson (DD-785)  
 USS Fort Marion (LSD-22)

U.S.M.C. and NAVAL SHORE

U.S. Navy 14009 Unit 4  
 New York, N.Y. 14030 Unit 1  
 U.S. Navy 14030 Unit 6  
 U.S. Navy 14030 Br. Unit 6  
 U.S. Navy 14009 Unit 1  
 U.S. Navy 14030 Unit 11  
 U.S. Navy 14030 Unit 5  
 U.S. Navy 14030  
 New York, N.Y. 14030 Br. (machine)  
 U.S. Navy 14030 Br. Unit 12  
 New York, N.Y. 14030 Unit 9  
 U.S. Navy 14009 Br.  
 U.S. Navy 17024 Br.  
 U.S. Navy 17028  
 U.S. Navy 14030 Br. Unit 14

Many ships, such as the USS Ranger and the USS Somers, left the Combat Zone before inception of "FREE" mail. U.S.M.C. and U.S.N. are well represented by considerable variety of postal markings including more than one Stateside cancel as is evidenced by the "New York" in the dial.

Some of the mail is cached with unit or ship insigne. On mail, from the USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5), a large pictorial hand cachet may sometimes be found. Another hand cachet, depicting a very busy bee at work, may be found on mail originating from the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Ten (MCB-10) at Chu Lai.

Vietnam is within the geographical jurisdiction of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and there are about 150 vessels comprising this entity; however, many Seventh Fleet vessels never get to Vietnam as their assignment would not take them to that location. Many smaller vessels, of the U.S. Coast Guard, operate with the Seventh and they perform that type of patrol duty for which they are well known.

The activities, of the U.S. Navy, was strongly increased beginning in February 1965. At that time, the USS Coral Sea, USS Hancock and USS Ranger made their raids on the enemy. The month following, the U.S.M.C. landed in force and may be considered to be the first combat troops from the United States. The previous forces, which were still there, were considered as "advisors" altho their personnel and activities were broadening in scope.

VIET NAM  
D. Howell

Australian forces, which began arriving the middle of last year, now number close to 2000 servicemen. Approximately 1600 are Aussie soldiers of which more than 1000 are combat troops. Serving in an Advisory capacity are a group of more than 100 officers. In addition, ground and air crews fully man a squadron of transport aircraft.

A number of combined operations have involved Australian and American forces during 1965 and 1966. These operations have been primarily around and about the guerrilla's stronghold ("The Iron Triangle") close to Saigon. The 1966 operation had apparently been delayed slightly by the Christmas "Truce" and general holiday spirit. Originally, the South Vietnamese were driven backwards and the combined forces, of Americans and Australians, counterattacked.

There are at least two Australian FPOs; mail is not handled quite as rapidly as is American APO mail. A letter posted one day might not get cancelled until a day or two later; also, air mail service is not "instant service". To date, no evidence of the mail censoring, has been discovered. Unless excessive postage is affixed, the concession rate cachet, to letter mail inscribed "Forces Mail" and bearing the correct concession rate postage to Australia, is applied.

The Australian forces, if under the administrative jurisdiction of the Armed Forces of the United States, are able to send mail thru the American postal system and take advantage of the "FREE" mail. An interesting letter, from an Australian serviceman recuperating in the American Hospital, attests to this mail privilege.

In the upper right hand corner, of the envelope, is the hand inscribed "FREE" and, in the return address, in the left corner is the name, grade, organization and "Australian Forces Vietnam". The hand cancel reads 20 NOV 1965 APO 96227. The writer had pneumonia, recovered in the American Hospital and then returned to active duty with a Signal Platoon.

The Christmas letter describes an old Australian Army practice...the Christmas custom of the officers and higher non-coms serving coffee-royals to the enlisted men in bed. Lunch, also, was to be served by the higher-ups. And, as is the custom in many European armies and the American forces, the usual duties were at a minimum.

Then the entertainers moved in and many lucky servicemen had the opportunity of seeing Lucky Star, other Australian performers and Bob Hope. The Bob Hope group gave more than one show; so that it was possible for Australian servicemen to have the chance of seeing two Christmas programs. May the Christmas spirit pervade.)

EDITOR'S DESK

Albert H. Higgins offers the following information for members' benefit: "OVERSEAS VETERANS: Write "Troopships" Box 5621-M, Washington, D.C.," for free details about photographs about your wartime troopship(s). (from "The National AMVET")

My thanks to all contributors, for the February Bulletin, and this includes the Army Times Publishing Company which permitted certain extractions from their weekly.

The April Bulletin...what shall it feature? YOU dear reader hold the answer to this question for it is your Bulletin, your reports and your articles, sent to this desk, which make up the Bulletin. It is likely that WW I Naval Aviation (Italy) will continue and the spotlight focuses upon Dominican Republic. Let's HEAR.....

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737. Edgar A. Purucker, W172 N9236 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls, Wisc. 53051  
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740. Mrs. Ruth E. Hellard, Leggs Mills Road, Lake Katrine, New York 12449  
Europa - NATO - Space Meters and Cancels.
741. Joseph M. Miley, P.O. Box 22396, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33315  
Greater Germany.
742. James A. Elsberg, 534 Towncreek Dr., Dallas, Texas 75232  
Naval Covers.
743. Horst Taszarek, Reichweindamm 23, 1000 Berlin 13, (West Germany)  
POW Covers, APOs, Paquebot Covers, U.S.N. Ships sunk in WW II/photos.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

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WAR COVER CLUB MEMBERS "IN THE NEWS"

Secretary-Treasurer Isadore Wallinger is recovering. An Illinois member, Mrs. Lester F. Stewart, (710 So. Main St., Normal, Illinois), has been hospitalized since February last after a severe fall. After two major operations she is only now on the road to recovery. Perhaps a few WW II APO covers, from fellow War Cover Club members, would speed Mrs. Stewart's recovery.

John J. O'Neill, (11-06 Third St., Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07412), is bringing our WAR COVER CLUB membership list up to date and it is requested that members notify Mr. O'Neill of any change of collecting interests or address changes by March 15th. To help defray expenses, of printing and distributing the listing, short want ads are solicited for inclusion along with the membership list. Please send text of ad along with \$1.00 to Mr. O'Neill. Let us all support Mr. O'Neill in his volunteer assignment.

Mr. Thomas F. McGrath informs that the APO Bulletin is still available @ \$3.00 and (he) will accept requests and remittances for same.

President Kevin P. Rogan takes pleasure in submitting the following special notice regarding WAR COVER CLUB participation in the upcoming INTERPEX 25-27 Mar.

WAR COVER CLUB NOTICE

The WAR COVER CLUB is again going to take part in INTERPEX which will be held March 25-27 at the Hotel Americana in N.Y.C.

How big our success is up to YOU. We plan a meeting, a lounge and reservation of frames for exhibition. We need speaker or speakers for meeting or meetings; we need people to man a lounge and we need people to reserve frames at \$5.00 each. We can do these things and MORE for this three day show if you want and you will help. Let me or Theo. Van Dam know your wants immediately.

Organization meeting at Theo. Van Dam's, (49 East 96th St. Apt. 2A, N.Y.C.), on January 6th at 7:40 p.m. Every member of the WAR COVER CLUB is invited. You may call Theo. at home SA2-3956 or at business 892-1000. Without help we can't even have a meeting; so let's hear from the LIVELY ones. (Kevin P. Rogan)

(Altho received too late, for the December Bulletin, the foregoing still is valid.)

The WAR COVER CLUB plans to share a booth with the Spanish Civil War Study Group. The USCS is having their convention during INTERPEX. A special meeting, of the WAR COVER CLUB, will be held on Saturday March 26th. Let's get together!

WANTED: Genuinely used R.F. covers and others sent by Free French Naval Forces to U.S. and Canada in World War II; also covers showing unusual usages of Defense series (Scott #899-901).  
Dr. Jerome Beller 6927 Forest Hill Ave. Richmond, Va. 23225

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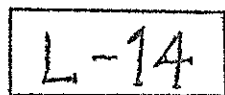


EDITOR'S DESK

Censored mail appears to be on the increase with West Pakistan joining Egypt, Israel and Iran. Censoring has been noted upon the Israel Forces' mail; whereas the markings have been noted upon the civilian mail of the other three countries.



a. Israel



b. W. Pakistan



c. W. Pakistan



d. W. Pakistan\*

a. The beautiful Israel triangle marking may be seen in conjunction with seal tape and an additional circular marking 25 mm diameter. Purple inks.

b. West Pakistan box marking accompanying c. the single-line circle and d. the double outer circle marking. Black inks. \* d. courtesy of M. Hertzberg.

The Iran triangle is approx. 38 mm per side and the Egyptian circle is 27 mm across.

APO NEW YORK (hand)

09026 (1965) 8 Dec  
09035 2 Apr  
09055 9 Aug  
09058 14 July  
09082 13 Dec  
09154 4 Oct  
09162 27 May  
09171 15 Mar  
09176 2 Aug  
09185 11 Aug  
09223 21 Nov  
09227 6 Oct  
09230 17 July  
09245 31 Mar  
09292 1 Nov  
09319 6 Apr  
09478 18 Jan  
09611 2 Nov  
09633 8 Oct  
09662 5 Oct  
09668 8 Nov  
09675 5 Jan  
09679 4 Oct  
09686 17 Feb  
09697 11 Dec  
09751 26 Jan

APO SAN FRANCISCO (hand)

96227 (1965) 24 Sept  
96232 19 Oct  
96263 27 Feb  
96267 3 May  
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96328 26 Apr  
96331 13 July  
96503 6 Mar  
96525 1 Aug  
96528 4 Mar

APO SEATTLE (hand)

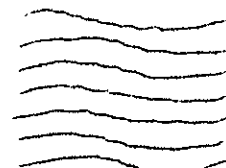
98701 (1965) 1 July  
98748 10 Nov

APO NEW YORK (machine)

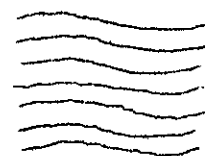
09026 (1965) 13 Dec  
09034 22 Nov  
09057 6 Dec  
09227 17 Nov  
09247 16 Dec  
09403 8 Dec  
09742 17 Dec

APO SAN FRANCISCO (machine)

96301 1965) 1 Nov

MACHINE CANCELS (DIAL TYPES)

"POSTAL SERVICE" at bottom of dial. Killer bars not fully illustrated.



Blank space at dial bottom. Killer bars not fully illustrated.

The forgoing incomplete listings are continued from April, for the hand cancels, and from December, for the machine cancels. APO SEATTLE made an appearance as did the machine cancel from APO SAN FRANCISCO. Perhaps some War Cover Club member would enjoy undertaking the pleasurable task of continuing the foregoing listings; this would be a service which would benefit all the membership. (Notes available)

U.S. MILITARY AND NAVAL AVIATION IN ITALY DURING WWI

David D. Howell

PART I: U.S. NAVAL AVIATION

(Continued from December Bulletin)

The Spring appointment (May 10, 1918), of Lt. J.L. Callan, U.S.N.A.F. (F.S.) Italy, was indication that the U.S. Naval Aviation would be hard put to launch training operations and mount offensive maneuvers before the November 11th Armistice.

It was proposed that Naval Aviators were to train in Voisins, an ugly but very sturdy bomber, a plane used by the French; as a matter of fact, the future Naval Aviators were to receive this training in France. Afterwards, their last two weeks of training were to be taken at Pauillac, in Italy, and this was to be in Caproni bombers. Successful survivors would be awarded their brevets.

The program also called for Aviators to be trained at Lake Bolsena and then were to be sent to Moutiluc for gunnery training. The Italian Aviation School, at Lake Bolsena, provided a number of seaplanes for training purposes, as follows: F.B.A., 1-3 and M-5s. Brevets could be won, at Lake Bolsena, when the aviator qualified on these planes of the chase type (pursuit or fighter types).

In addition, fifteen Naval Aviators were sent to Malpensa, where the Italians maintained an Aviation school, eventually winning their brevets on Caproni bombers. Of the fifteen aviators, (with their newly won wings), seven were immediately detached and placed "on loan" to the Italian Naval Aviation for the purpose of ferrying bombers from Milan to Gioja-del-Colle (near Brindisi). Later, all fifteen of these young men were to take part in a combined operation with the U.S. Air Service in another ferrying operation. (This last to be detailed in a later Bulletin.)

Flight crews and mechanics received training at four major aircraft factories:

- |    |                                  |           |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------|
| a. | <u>Fiat</u> factory              | @ Turin   |
| b. | <u>Isotta-Fraquehini</u> factory | @ Milan   |
| c. | <u>Caproni</u> factory           | @ Tuliedo |
| d. | <u>Macchi</u> factory            | @ Verse   |

In view of the scope of U.S. Naval Aviation's activities, it was necessary to permanently station an officer at Milan and a Chief Petty Officer at Turin. This was necessary in order to assume responsibility for receiving instruction and training and to aid the U.S. Army Air Service in the inspection, qualification and acceptance of Caproni bombers for both groups. In addition, the U.S. Navy purchased kite ballons and parachutes and had them shipped to America.

Great enthusiasm, for anything that pertained to aviation, filled the thoughts of aviators to be, aviators and aircraft builders. However on the Italian Front, by the end of April 1918, there were only 30 Caproni biplane bombers and 12 triplane bombers. On the Western Front, the French flew 12 Caproni bombers to supplement the Voisin Cannons, a French bomber which lasted into the winter of 1917, and the fine Cadron C-23s which lasted all through 1918.

The wonderful Capronis, used by the Italians, were at an "advanced" stage of development when the U.S. Naval Aviation and the U.S. Air Service made their contracts to purchase. The 1917 beauty featured three engines mounted one behind the crew's nacelle, (a pusher), and the other two as tractor engines in slim fuselages on either side of the nacelle. Ground loops were to be avoided as the pusher engine would be hurled forwards and crush the crew. With modifications, these were the planes flown, in 1918, by Naval Aviation and by U.S. Air Service.

Specifications, for the Caproni giants, are as follows: (1917 model)

Engines: 3 Fiats (one mounted pusher, two tractor).  
 Rate of Climb: 10,000 feet in 25 minutes and 13,000 feet in 40 minutes.  
 Ceiling: 15,000 feet.  
 Service Load: Bombs: 1,200 lbs  
 Crew: 3 (pilot, gunner and bombardier).  
 Wing Span: 77 feet.  
 Length: 41 feet and 2 inches.  
 Height: 13 feet and 10 inches.  
 Wings: 2 (Biplane).  
 Structure: Nacelle for crew and two slim tailbooms from engines.

(The 1916 Capronis had used rotarys later abandoned for the better Fiats. Later, in 1917, a monstrous Caproni triplane made a brief public appearance but, on it's trial flight over Rome, the wings folded and the crew and fourteen newspapermen guests plunged to their deaths.)

Near the end of 1917, it had been discovered that no current British aircraft could handle the magnificent American aircraft engine...the Liberty engine. Soon it was discovered that no Italian production aircraft was strong enough either; it had been hoped that the Capronis would take the Liberty engine. (In May, of 1918, the Liberty engine did reach the Allies...in American built D.H.4s.)

Reporting to his chief, Cap't. H.I. Cone, J.L. Callan made his usual activity and progress reports and occasionally made suggestions, such as the fitting of floats to the Caproni bomber. Of course progress must have been agonizingly slow and this may have prompted, to some extent, the following:

"Allies losing a great opportunity in not promoting a vigorous air programme (sic) against Austria which is undoubtedly the weakest point in the enemy defence."

(signed) Lieut Cmdr. J.L. Callan U.S.N.R.F.  
 U.S.N.A.F.(F.S.)Italy  
 2 via S, Susunna, Rome, Italy

By late June, of 1918, the organization of U.S. Naval Forces, in Italy as:

Rome Headquarters:

Naval Attache	Cmdr. C.R. Train, U.S.N.
Asst. Naval Attache	Cpt. H.M. Hodges, U.S.N. Ret.
Asst. Naval Attache	Lt.Cmdr. R.R. Riggs, U.S.N. Ret.
Communication Officer	Ens. W.H. Roope, U.S.N.R.F.
Supply Officer	Asst. Paymaster H.H. Thurlby, U.S.N.

Genoa Office:

Asst. Naval Attache and Port Officer	Lt.Cmdr. C.M. Peck, U.S.N.
Medical Officer	Asst. Surg. J.E. Clarke, U.S.N.R.F.

In addition, the Naval Attache had two small vessels at his disposal and these were manned by crewmen: (all U.S.N.R.F.)

Lt. (j.g.) Wm. Henderson,	and on the smaller vessel:
Ens. C.S. Wescott	Lt. (j.g.) E.L. Raymond
Ens. M.T. Thorsby	Machinest J. Kenney
Mach. C.D. Myers	Boatswain M.H. Rackett
Boatswain J.F. Peel	

(Next: U.S. Naval Aviation: projects, organization, locations and combat operations.)

## PRICES REALIZED - 31st W.C.C. SALE (Nov. 27)

1.	4.50	30.	4.50	60.	4.10	92.	2.10	123.	4.00	155.	1.20	185.	2.70	215.	2.20
2.	4.50	31.	1.60	61.	1.80	93.	1.60	125.	1.20	156.	.70	186.	2.10	216.	2.50
3.	2.40	32.	3.75	62.	4.00	96.	1.75	126.	.50	157.	.25	187.	1.40	217.	2.10
4.	2.40	33.	.30	63.	1.60	97.	1.50	127.	3.25	158.	.40	188.	1.60	218.	1.90
5.	3.70	34.	2.50	64.	1.50	98.	.30	128.	2.50	159.	.40	189.	2.20	219.	.70
6.	4.00	35.	2.40	65.	1.00	99.	3.70	129.	3.20	160.	.75	190.	2.60	220.	5.00
7.	3.10	36.	.30	66.	1.80	100.	.70	130.	3.25	161.	1.60	191.	1.75	221.	1.60
8.	3.70	37.	4.00	67.	1.90	101.	.80	131.	3.75	162.	1.55	192.	2.60	222.	1.60
9.	4.00	38.	1.25	68.	1.20	102.	.70	132.	7.00	163.	1.55	193.	.70	223.	3.50
10.	\$11	39.	2.00	70.	1.90	103.	.80	133.	2.20	164.	4.50	194.	1.10	224.	4.60
11.	5.00	40.	.40	71.	.60	104.	.50	135.	.70	165.	4.80	195.	.75	225.	\$14 $\frac{1}{2}$
12.	5.00	41.	6.00	72.	2.00	105.	.80	136.	2.10	166.	2.00	196.	1.10	226.	2.25
13.	3.00	42.	2.00	73.	.25	106.	8.00	137.	1.10	167.	5.25	197.	3.50	227.	4.25
14.	1.10	43.	3.00	74.	2.90	107.	8.00	138.	.25	168.	.90	198.	1.60	228.	1.20
15.	4.75	44.	5.25	75.	2.80	108.	4.25	139.	1.00	170.	.30	200.	1.60	229.	3.30
16.	.60	45.	3.00	76.	1.20	109.	1.20	140.	1.10	171.	2.20	201.	3.00	230.	4.50
17.	4.50	46.	.90	77.	1.60	110.	2.25	141.	.90	172.	5.00	202.	.45	231.	.75
18.	2.00	47.	1.90	78.	3.90	111.	2.75	142.	.75	173.	2.20	203.	5.50	232.	.70
19.	.70	48.	.80	79.	2.40	112.	4.75	143.	1.40	174.	2.50	204.	1.20	233.	4.50
20.	1.70	49.	1.00	80.	1.50	113.	5.75	144.	5.00	175.	6.50	205.	3.20	234.	1.00
21.	2.20	50.	1.40	81.	\$10 $\frac{1}{4}$	114.	1.60	146.	2.40	176.	3.20	206.	2.20	235.	3.10
22.	3.00	51.	1.10	82.	1.30	115.	2.10	147.	3.40	177.	1.90	207.	.70	236.	2.30
23.	2.10	52.	1.20	83.	1.10	116.	1.70	148.	.60	178.	1.80	208.	8.30	237.	1.10
24.	\$17 $\frac{1}{2}$	53.	2.70	84.	1.10	117.	4.20	149.	.70	179.	1.70	209.	3.00	238.	1.10
25.	3.40	55.	2.50	87.	\$11 $\frac{1}{2}$	118.	4.20	150.	3.10	180.	1.25	210.	1.00	239.	1.10
26.	3.25	56.	1.50	88.	3.60	119.	4.10	151.	1.50	181.	1.75	211.	1.60	240.	5.90
27.	1.10	57.	4.20	89.	3.75	120.	4.10	152.	2.25	182.	1.45	212.	1.60	241.	1.10
28.	2.50	58.	1.75	90.	.75	121.	1.10	153.	3.50	183.	1.50	213.	1.60		
29.	1.75	59.	3.60	91.	2.20	122.	1.00	154.	2.20	184.	1.45	214.	4.20		

## 33rd WAR COVER CLUB SALE - March 27, 1966

1. Civil War. 1 sm cov w/3¢ stmp canc'd Dubuque, Iowa 1/6/65 w/perfect "Hd. Qrs. Dept of the Mo. St. Louis Rec'd 1/7/65" on face. F-VF
2. 1 sm cov canc'd Annapolis - Boy riding pig "Letter from Army". Scuffed but F.
3. Austria. 1878. Printed Feldpost cover w/unclear canc fm 2nd Army sold. F.
4. Spain. Wars of 1878-9. War Tax stmps on pieces(12) w/regular issues. Fair only.
5. Boer War. 1 cov w/ERI overp'td stmp "Volksrust '01" w/Press Censor mkg. F-VF
6. 1 sm cov canc'd "FPO Brit. Army S.Africa 2/27/00". Pencil address. F.
7. German Naval Covers. 1 p.cd showing review of troops Tsingtau canc'd "Marine Schiffpost 43" 1901. Fair-F.
8. 1 p.cd showing SMS Bremen & Neptune w/ship canc "No. 64 9/12/08" (Buenos Aires) F
9. 1 cov canc'd "Marine Schiffpost 58 7/31/04 (SMS Beuwulf). Mailed at Bergen. VF
10. 1 p.cd showing SMS Hertha canc'd "Mar.Schiff..39 8/6/02". Mailed at Nagasaki. VF
11. Herrero War. 1 "Feldpostcard" depicting German soldiers & cannon canc'd "Swakop-mund Deutsch Sudwest Afrika 12/21/05" w/Military cachet. VF

## WORLD WAR I

12. Austria-Hungary. 15 Feldpost cards & covs w/various F.P. canc & Milit mkg. F
13. Belgium. 7 covs w/Milit. Post canc -15-16-17; 1 w/Tobacco Fund Thank You cd. F
14. Egypt. 1 Brit. APO cov; 1 Censored cov to U.S.; 1 '20 Regis cov to Germany. F.
15. France. 3 p.cds from German POW's in Toulon, Montceau, Brest camps. Fair(1)-F
16. 20 active service covers w/unit markings. Few with Milit. canc. F.
17. 3 diff. souvenir booklets of p.cds(52 cards)- war ruins at Arras, etc. VF
18. Germany. 2 covs fm French POW's in Giessen, Zerbst; 1 cd fm Limburg emp. f-VF
19. (Belgian Occup) 1 Regist. cov w/stmps (1N30,40 - \$2.55) canc'd Eupen 7/2/20 VF
20. Great Britain. 50 mint p.cds depicting Hospital, nurses, staff etc. Not much.
21. 46 view cards of France from Brit. soldier; Mostly canc'd S16. 1915-6. F-VF
22. 1 cov w/1/2d war seal & large printed Red Cross cachet. London '16. Unusual. VF
23. 7 Field Post Office covs canc'd 142, T66, T47, 125, S46, 37. F.

## WORLD WAR I (Cont'd)

24. Hungary (French Occup) 1 Regis cov w/8 Occ. stmps (1NEL/NP1) canc'd Arad '19. MB\$3
25. India. 1 printed cov from German Internee - Ahmednagar Cmp. Attractive. MB\$1.50
26. Roumania (Aust. Occup) 2 covs w/set 1N18-34 stmps. Feldpost canc '18. VF MB\$3.00
27. Samoa. 1 cov w/N.Zealand overp'td stmp (#117) w/faint Apia canc & Censor mkg. F.
28. Sweden. 1 cov to Germany mkd "Returned..lack of identification as business ltr"
29. Switzerland. 2 National Fete commem. p.cds; 1 w/Feld Post canc. Unusual. VF.
30. Thrace. 2 p.cds w/10 stmps (Scott N 1-6;16-19) canc'd Dedægutche '20. F
31. Same as last lot plus bisect stamp of N17 w/same cancel on cover. F-VF
32. United States. 3 AEF covs canc'd 702(USMPES); 761(K of C env); 3rd Army. F-VF
53. 9 p.cds - Camp Life - canc'd Camp Humphreys; Upton; Taylor; Logan; Custer. VF
34. 4 unused alike patriotic covs (Allied flags) & 2 sheets patr. stationery. VF
35. 3 YMCA covs W/letters & w/flag canc Fort Slocum; Camp Hill (creased) Petersb'h. F
36. 2 p.cds - Milit scenes - canc'd Camp Lee & 1 sm cov w/flag canc Ft.Slocum. F
37. 2 French p.cds canc'd APO 760,762 & 1 cov w/Ft. Slocum Flag cancel. VF
38. 1 perfect APO 710 canc on cover & 1 Official Italian R.C. Search Dept cov.VF
39. 11 AEF covs. YMCA, K of C, ARC; Various canc incldg APO 705 flag canc on lg cov.F
40. USN. 6 p.cds of 4 stack Destroyers; 5 Eagle Boats; USS Vermont; Brest N.B. (13 cds)
41. 5 photo p.cds of captured German Submarine U97 & 2 cds of U.S. subs C4, D2. VF
42. "Women's World" 10x14 magazine. History of WWI. Many photos of leaders in color.
43. 17 Censored covs. Britain(9); U.S.(3); Finland; France; It. & 4 Belg Mil covs. Fair
44. 33 Censored covs. So.America (18); Britain(9); New Zealand(3) etc. Fair-F
45. 16 Cens. covs. Austria(3); Denmark(4); Holland(2); Switzerland(4) Fair-F
- U.S.NAVAL COVERS - ALL PERIODS
46. 1 Thanksgiving p.cd canc'd USS Georgia 11/28/11. F-VF
47. 1 Lincoln p.cd canc'd USS Georgia 5/27/11 & 1 patriotic flag/eagle cd fm ship. F
48. 1 Regis. cov w/canc on face in pink "USS Georgia 9/8/10 Regis" Ragged at right.
49. 1 p.cd canc'd USS Nashville 4/14/13. Year date not clear but in message. F
50. 1 p.cd canc'd USS Prairie '14 w/unclear Culebra V.I. in killer (Fair-F)
51. 1 p.cd canc'd USS Florida 4/12/15. F. 52. Same canc'd USS Florida 3/29/15. F
53. 1 p.cd canc'd USS Washington 2/10/14. Cancel Fine but cd a bit discolored.
54. 1 p.cd canc'd USS Texas 7/5/17 w/red circular censor mkg. F.
55. 1 p.cd canc'd USS Ozark 5/20/?. Around 1915-17 period.
56. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Pittsburgh 9/2/16. T3. F-VF
57. 1 sm cov canc'd USS So.Dakota 7/9/16 Mexican Waters. Clipped at left but VF
58. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Nebraska 8/11/16. T3 Vera Cruz. Cover a bit dirty. F
59. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Raleigh 9/26/16. Ty 3. F.
60. 1 sm cov canc'd Uss Wheeling 4/25/17. Ty 3. w/Mexican R.R. Co. corner card. F-VF
61. 1 USMC patriotic p.cd (Shooting at Zepp) canc'd USS Vermont 10/31/17. Cens. Fair.
62. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Pueblo 8/28/17 w/box censor marking. F.
63. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Albany 4/11/17. ("Passed By Censor". F.
64. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Pittsburgh 11/12/? w/mkg "Franked..Sec. 1106" Censored. F.
65. 1 sm cov canc'd USS Rhode Island 9/3/17 w/large box mkg "Passed by Censor". F
66. 1 Serviceman's card canc'd Phila. Navy Yd '17 & USS Cincinnati on piece. '25.
67. 1 cov "N .Y. Yangtze Patrol '34" fm USS Luzon; 1 cov "USS Panay Hankow '34" VF
68. 3 covs USS Whippoorwill, Vireo, Sandpiper w/Crosby photo cachet & bird. VF
69. 1 cov canc'd USS Forrestal '58 "Flown on Sky Warrior Jet." Sgnd by pilot. Details.
70. 57 sm Naval covs. Mstly '33-9; some '53-5 incldg 1 USS Georgia 1910 on p.cd.
71. 14 covs '34-49, incldg 6 Frigate Constitution cruise; Saratoga; Maddox; Boblink F
72. 4 cach't'd covs & 1 cd "A Bomb Test Ship" from USS Independ.; Sara; Pensacola; Pa. VF
73. 10 covs w/ship canc '36-41. All w/Crosby cachets w/photo of ship in cach. VF
74. 1 cov w/cach. "USS Sacramento Shanghai '38 & 1 lg cov w/fair USS Penguin '27 cancel and corner card "Yangtze Patrol Force". (Fair)
75. 6 lg covs (5 w/double cachets) from USS Constitution '33-4. Various locations
76. 2 covs canc'd USS Sculpin '39 "Squalus Raised" & Squalus Decommiss." VF MB\$1
77. 4 covs (2 cach't'd) USS N.Mexico '32; Dupont '34; Texas '28 (lg cov) & '33. F-VF
78. 1 "Oper Crossroads" cov canc'd Flushing, N.Y. '48 fm Mt. McKinley. Sgnd on back.
79. 1 Columbian Exposition lg Grant p.cd depicting BB Illinois. Canc'd 1898. VF
80. 2 covs. Launching of T. Jefferson (Auto. by C.O.); Comm. of S. Houston & APO cov.

81. USMC. 10 cachet'd covs w/cancels Marine Detach. N'fland; Shanghai; Jamaica; Antiguar; Bermuda; Mar. Air Grps (2); Fleet Marine "Remember Wake"; Rifle Range etc VF.
82. Span. Civil War. 4 Cens. covs San Sebastian, Vitoria, Bilbao, Zaragosa. VF.
83. 1 cov fm Italian Volunteer canc "Ufficio P.Spec 3 7/20/37" on It. stmps VF

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84. Australia. 5 APO covs (3 Regis) FPO 0139; UPS 309, 497, RAAF (2). VF group.
85. 1 patr. cov add'd to Singapore w/mkg "Army Post..Delivery Impracticable.." F
86. Canada. 6 FPO covs - FPO 624; SC 7; AC 1; SC 2; 1 ABPO. F
87. Channel Islands. (German Occup). 1 cov w/ld local stmp canc'd Guernsey 2/18/41 VF
88. Egypt. 2 covs w/Army Post stmps to Eng. & New Zeal (FPO 1 N.Z. canc). F
89. 6 covs w/FPO canc - 2 w/Brit stmps (#54); Australia (#61); S.Af. (#34-42-54) F
90. 1 cov to Portugese W. Africa w/Egypt, British, Belg. Congo & Mozambique censor
91. 2 covs from "369 POW Camp CME" (typed r.a. on back). Censored on f. (Fair-Fine)
92. France. 2 p. cds depicting DeGaulle & Petain w/stamp canc'd on face of cd. VF
93. Voice of Liberty cd. 1947 w/Belgium Bastogne stmps (To FDR) w/fancy canc. VF
94. Free French. 1 stmpless cov canc'd "Poste Navale 4/18/45 w/mkg "F.M." & cachet "Marine Nationale Censure" from sailor on "Le Triomphant" FPO, N.Y. VF
95. French India. 1 cov w/Free Fr. issues (#113-4, 118, 124, 143, 144, 145, 148 - Cat. Value \$9.50) on front & b. of cov canc'd Kerkal 8/1/42. Cens. VF MB \$4.00
96. Fr.Oceania. 1 cov w/Fr.French stmps (128, 130-2-4) canc'd Papeete 4/21/41 (FDC)
97. Germany. 1 cov w/imperf bl. of 4 Hitler death mask "Futsches Reich" fakes(?) canc'd Vienna '43 w/normal 12pf Hitler stamp. VF
98. 1 similar cov w/single of each stamp canc'd Krems (Donau) '45. VF
99. 1 cov w/Hitler stmp ovpt'd Osterreich w/face obliterated canc'd Vienna 6/20/45
100. 1 unused Hitler p.cd w/stamp blotted out and cd ovpt'd "Gebuh Bezahl 6pf
101. Occup. of Jugoslavia, France, Denmark. 1 Nazi Censored cov from each. F-VF
102. 1 Registered cov w/7 Russian Zone stmps canc'd Berlin '48. VF
103. 1 cov fm Berlin 10/39 to U.S. w/propaganda sheet enclosed describing Polish use of British poison gas by Poles. VF. (In English)
104. 1 window env. to U.S. '40. Germ. cens on b. "Supposed to contain matter subject to Executive Order 8389" stamped on face.

The following group of German Naval Covers is a continuation of the collection more fully described in the last sale. Each of the covers is in F-VF condition (except where noted). Most of them have blacked out Feldpost cancels. Each has a circular Nazi eagle Feldpost number cachet & Feldpost number in return address on face. Most are addressed to C.O. at Kiel or Wilhelmshaven and all are official mail. All are European standard size (few larger). Lots are listed in order of Feldpost number with date of cancel & identification.

105. Feldpost No. 06824. 2/9/40 - Ship "Erwin Wassner" Homeship 2nd Admiralty - Kiel.
106. " " 06824. 12/30/39 " " " Reused cov w/FP 11878 under.
107. " " 07330. 3/27/40 - Destroyer "Georg Thiele". Sunk 1940.
108. " " 07395. 4/4/40 - Destroyer "Erich Koellner" Sunk (Narvik 4/13/40)
109. " " 07798. 1/26/40 - 12th outer sea mine sweeping flotilla
110. " " 07804. 12/8/40 - 5th Raumboot-flot. (Coastal mine-sweepers)
111. " " 07808. 1/17/40 - 1st Coast guard mine-sweeping flotilla
112. " " 08017. 5/14/40 - 15th Coast Guard Flotilla.
113. " " 08596. 1/25/40 - Minelayer "Preussen" Sunk by mine 7/9/41
114. " " 08596. 2/13/40 - " " "
115. " " 09369. 2/9/40 - Destroyer "Leberecht Maass". Sunk 2/22/40
116. " " 09909. 12/15/39 - Admiral, Commanding Torpedo Boats in West
117. " " 10149. 2/16/40 - Heavy Cruiser "Admiral Scheer" Sunk by RAF '45
118. " " 10237. 12/23/39 - U-Boat Tender "Isar" (Now Israel Navy "Artsa")
119. " " 10237. 12/31/39 - " " "
120. " " 10284. 1/10/40 - 3rd Flotilla of mine barricade destroyers
121. " " 10345. 2/5/40 - 11th Coast Guard Flotilla
122. " " 10417. 1/2/40 - 13th Coast Guard Flotilla
123. " " 10481. 1/12/40 - Admiral, Commanding Coast Guard in West
124. " " 10680. 1/11/40 - 6th outer sea mine-sweeping flotilla
125. " " 10693. 2/2/40 - 11th Outer Sea Mine-sweeping Flotilla

126. Feldpost No. 11089 2/26/41 - "Schiff 36" Disguised merchant ship raider. Sunk 9 Allied ships. Was destroyed in air raid Swinemunde 5/4/45
127. " " 11089 12/24/39. Same as above. (Both covs w/Kiel cancel)
128. " " 11090 U-Boat auxiliary ship "Saar" for 27th Undersea Flot. 1/22/40
129. " " 11090 Same as Lot 128 but w/Kiel cancel 2/6/40
130. " " 11113 School ship Flotilla of Admiral in charge of Baltic coast.
131. " " 11554 19th Outer Sea Mine-Sweeping Flotilla 2/3/40
132. " " 11701 "Minenraumschiff No 11". Sunk by mines 2/12/45
133. " " 11878 2/2/40 - 21st U-Boat Flotilla
134. " " 12260 1/22/40 - Destroyer "Anton Schmitt". Sunk 4/10/40
135. " " 12320 1/10/40 - Cruiser "Leipzig". Sunk in Baltic 7/46 by Allies.
136. " " 12320 11/25/42 - " " " . Photo card of ship included.
137. " " 12469 1/22/40 - 18th Outer Sea Mine-Sweeping Flotilla
138. " " 12563 2/5/40 - 11th Submarine Defense Flotilla.
139. " " 13029 1/9/40 - Destroyer "Bruno Heinemann" Sunk by mine 1/25/42
140. " " 13029 1/25/40 - " " "
141. " " 13119 2/13/40 - Admiral in charge of Mine-Sweeping Flots in West
142. " " 13300 1/2/40 - 2nd Torpedo Boat Flotilla
143. " " 13480 1/16/40 - 3 Coast Guard Flotilla
144. " " 13889 1/27/40 - Torpedo-School Ship Flotilla
145. " " 14247 5/9/40 - "Mowe" Fuhrerboot No. 7
146. " " 14891 1/9/40 - Destroyer "Erich Steinbrink" (Now USSR "Pylki")
147. " " 14891 2/12/40 - " " " (Photo of ship enclosed)
148. " " 14971 2/7/40 - 7th U-Boat Flotilla, St. Nazaire
149. " " 15037 12/29/39 - "Schiff 16" Disguised merchant ship raider. Sunk 22 Allied ships. Destroyed by British cruiser "Devonshire" between Ascension Island & Freetown 11/23/41
150. " " 15037 2/28/40 - Same as last lot.
151. " " 15145 1/26/40 - 13th Outer Sea Mine-Sweeping Flotilla
152. " " 16100 2/11/40 - Destroyer "Richard Beitzen"
153. " " 16100 2/8/40 - " " "
154. " " 16149 1/18/40 - U-Boat Tender "Weichsel"
155. " " 16149 3/19/40 - " " "
156. " " 16439 No date cancel. 8th Coast Guard Flotilla
157. " " 16506 5/23/40 - Admiral, Commanding Cruisers
158. " " 16899 2/27/42 - 2nd Schnellboote-Flotille
159. " " 17088 1/6/40 - "Roland" Minelayer. Sunk by mine 4/21/44
160. " " 17209 1/05/40 - Cruiser "Admiral Hipper" Destroyed - air raid '45
161. " " 17684 11/11/39 - Light Cruiser "Schleswig-Holstein". Sunk '44
- \*\*\*\*\* (Cont'd in next sale)
163. Gr. Britain. 4 covers w/all diff. type "HM Ship...Censor" markings. VF
164. 1 cover add'd to Polish Air Force w/Polish Army cachet on f. fm Glosgow. Fair
165. 1 sm 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p env. w/fancy red Czech Feldpost TGM 3/7/44 cancel. VF
166. 1 sm cov w/Brit stmps & Polish label tied on w/Polish FPO 1 '44 cancel. F.
167. Milit Occup of Dodecanese Is. Mounted collection of 9 unadd'd Italian 30c "Isole It. dell Egeo Rodi" illustrated p.cds w/cancs of Rhodes(2);Kalimnos, Leros, Karpathos, Simi, Castelrosso, Potmos, Astipalia, Kos (paid p.cd) plus 2 paid-reply cds. All cancelled 3/31/47 - last day of Occup, includes scarce "blotted" Ital. cancns of Castelrosso & Patmos that were continued in use by British, Unusual & scarce. Estimated Value \$20
168. Italy (Occup of Montenegro). 1 regis cov w/Ital. ovpt'd stmps (2N21) add'd to Concentration Camp, Albania. Camp censor marking at face.
169. (Troops in Russia). 1 cov cancel'd "PMI 86 9/19/42" marked "Zone without Stamps" w/cachet "CSIR" (It. Exped Corps in Russia). F.
170. 1 sim cov cancel'd PM152 '42 fm 82nd Reg - Also from Russia but no cachet
171. 1 cov w/Ital stmps cancel'd PM 145, Sez.B, fm 38th Co. 3rd ..Batt. (Presumably from Russian Sector). F.

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172. Italy (Allied Occup). 1 cov w/Italian stamps & 2 overpt'd stamps (1N10-3) Bari '44  
 173. 1 similar cov but w/2 overpt'd stamps only canc'd Bari 2/19/44. VF  
 174. 1 1st day cd 12/10/43 w/set of Occup stamps (1N10-13) w/cachet "Inaugural Postal Service, Naples" w/crossed Brit & US flags. Very scarce. Estimate - \$10.  
 175. 1 cov w/address cut out w/block of 4 Scott 1N13. Naples arms on back  
 176. 1 cov w/mixed franking - Italian & Occup. stamps (1N10) canc'd Barri '44 Fair-F  
 177. Japan. 1 cov w/Brit stmp canc'd "RAF Post Japan 320". F.  
 178. New Zealand. 1 cov canc'd MPO KW3 '42; India Censored cov; Brit FPO cov. Fair-F  
 179. Norway. 1 sm cov w/Free Norway stamps (261-6) canc'd Norw. Army FPO 5/17/43 VF  
 180. 1 cov w/Hitler stmp canc'd "Dienstrustamt Oslo '44". F  
 181. Philippines (Jap Occup) 1 p.cd canc'd Manila 12/12/42 (NUX2) 1st Day. Cens. VF  
 182. Switzerland. 1 cov w/Frank "Internment de Militaires..Suisse." F-VF

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183. 2 covs add'd to France '40 & '42 marked "Return....Service Suspended". F  
 184. 1 cov add'd to Australia '42 w/label "Returned..by censor" w/mimeo sheet inside .. letter mentioned "Defense matters & economic conditions in U.S. VF  
 185. 1 cov w/Australian stmp canc'd 4/4/42 APO 922 (Townsville) Base censor. VF  
 186. 7 Alaskan cens. covs '42-3 - Klawock, Anchorage, Kotzebue; APO 945; Fairbanks F  
 187. V-Mail. 2 processed sorting direction photos (same size as V-Mail) used at beginning of group of ltrs "All ltrs following are for...738 Med. Tk Bn." Clipping from Linn's giving explanation. Unusual. Plus 4 V-Mail ltrs. VF  
 188. 1 cov w/APO 788 (Heliopolis) canc; '42 APS on Egypt stmp; Egypt FPO to U.S. F.  
 189. 53 sm airmail covs w/clear APO canc "socked on the nose" of stamps. Unusual  
 190. 6 long covs w/printed colorful Navy comic on  $\frac{1}{2}$  of cov (4 different) F-VF  
 191. 355 sm APO covs. Excellent group - Strong Brit; Fr.; Germ.; N.Guinea. Dups. F.  
 192. 238 long covs w/APO canc. Almost all are Off. Red Cross mail. All Theatres.  
 193. 24 used patr. covs incldg canc at War, McArthur; Roosevelt & 14 misc. covs.  
 194. 6 censored covs; 2 Egypt (1 w/black Retta canc); Lebanon; 3 Turkey. Fine group  
 195. Nice group of 22 cens. covs Australia (15); N.Zeal. (4); Curacao (3). F-VF  
 196. 148 censored covs (26 lg) from various countries - S.America; India; Egypt etc.

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197. Egypt-Israel War. 1 sm cv w/2 Egypt stamps ovpt'd Palestine (N3-12) canc'd Gaza, 1950 w/Gaza Regis. marking. Censored. Scarce cover.  
 198. Korean War. 50 mixed U.S. Korean War APO covs (some later), incldes 10 lg. F  
 199. 20 U.S. Navy covers from Korean War period from crew-members. F  
 200. 1 cov w/N.Zeal stmp canc'd w/Austr. "8 Base PO" w/"Kayforce cach on b. VF  
 201. UNEF. 2 covs from Jugoslavian contingent (1 prt'd cachet) '64-5. VF  
 202. 1 cov w/Lebanon stmp 'Beyrouth '63. R.A. of Brazilian Btn on f. Suez mkg on b.  
 203. 1 Austrian air ltr w/ONUC 5/11/63 canc & typed r.a. on b Austrian Med. Cont.  
 204. 1 Austrian air ltr w/Cyprus stmp & canc. & Austrian Field Hospital cachet VF  
 205. 1 more - w/box marking "UNFICYP Civilian Police Austrian Contingent". VF  
 206. Viet-Nam. 1 cov w/US APO canc & Handstamp "N.Z. Army Det MACV APO 96243" VF  
 207. 1 US air ltr canc'd APO 96291 4/29/65 w/"RAAF Transport Flite Vietnam" Cach.  
 208. 1 cov "USN 14030 U.6 5/13/65" w/autog & r.a. of Gen Karch, USMC 9th MEB F

## Miscellaneous Military Covers

209. Dutch E. Indies. 1 Milit aerogramme canc'd Veldpost Saerabajo '49 (Kess-108-\$35)  
 210. Gr. Britain. 15 p.cds depicting HMS Ships-Hood, Terrible, Malaya, Sub, etc. VF  
 211. Br. Forces-Egypt. 1 cov w/"Egypt 25 Prepaid" Cairo '36 w/1 pi Ltr stmp on b. VF  
 212. 1 cov w/Brit stmp canc'd FPO 234 w/cachet "Sultan of Oman Air Force Muscat" F  
 213. 1 cov w/Brit stamps canc'd '54 FPO 142 w/cach "Hong Kong Regiment (The Vols) VF  
 214. France. 3 covs '64 w/cachets of diff. ships - Pimodan, Corse, Inville. VF  
 215. Greek War. 1949. 1 cov to U.S. w/box censor & ltr enclosed seeking clothing. F  
 216. NATO. 1 cov w/meter canc "Kolsas, Norway '55 - Hdq Allied Forces Northern Europe" w/same printed on face & cachet. Add'd to Sup. Commander, Norfolk. (sm tear)  
 217. USMC -Lebanon. 1 cov canc'd USN 12866 U-6 8/27/58 fm 2nd Mar. Div. (Lebanon) VF  
 218. US in Thailand. 1 cov w/APO 152 '62 canc w/script r.a. of Lt. General J.L. Richardson HQJTF 116 (Thailand). F.  
 219. 4 covs - USS Alstede (Salutes Schirra); USS Beatty (Cooper); Canton Island Tracking Station cover; German Atomic ship cover w/fancy Kiel cancel 6/13/64. VF



220. 4 covs. Titan 3A Launch; GT-4 USS Vasp; GT-5 Lake Champ; Goddard Space Center.
221. 7 covs. GT-7 Tracking Sta's. Alaska; Elgin, Fla; Canary Is; Mexico; Ecuador; Bermuda
222. Autographs of Adm. Nimitz; Gen. Omar Bradley; Eddie Rickenbacker on sm cds. VF
223. Autographs of Thomas Dewey; Jhn. Bricker; Nelson Rockefeller on sm cds. VF
224. Autog. of George Romney on Michigan FDC & letter sgned by House Spker McCormack
225. Antarctica. 1 cov w/Byrd photo cachet & stmp "Little America 1/10/35" with Penguin cachet on back. Creased.
226. 3 Deep Freeze 1 covs - Byrd, Pole & L. America Sta's. & 6 D.F. '65 covs (3 dif)
227. 10 Op. Deep Freeze covs. 1961-3; Pole Sta; Edisto; Eastwind; Glacier, etc F-VF
228. 1 cov canc'd Byrd Sta 1/19/58 w/VX-6 cachet. Signed on back "Flown to Pole 11/22/57; 12/5/57; 12/15/57; Little America... Signed C.S. "Gus" Shinn First to land at South Pole 10/31/56." N.C.B cachet on back also.
229. Arctica. 1 cov w/US & Brit stmp canc'd N.Y. & London w/cachet "Wilkins-Ellsworth Trans-Arctic Submarine Expedition 1931". Fair-F.
230. 1 cov canc'd APO 868 '56 w/mkg "Danish CiC Greenland.. Naval Sta Grondal" VF
231. 1 cov w/Greenland stmp Angmagssalik '63 w/printed cachet "1963 Scottish East Greenland Exped" w/camp view & sgned "Exped. Successful.. J. Anderson". VF
232. 3 cach'd covs - Arlis II & Alpha 2 Ice Stas. canc'd Barrow & APO 731. VF
233. 4 cach'd covs - Ice Island T-3 ('64-5) & Eetchers Ice Is '63(2) F-VF
234. 3 cach'd covs - (1 lg) Arctic Research Lab ('59-62) & Bering Sea Patrol '63
235. 1 East Germ. p.cd canc'd APO 23 '61 w/mkg Project Iceflow. Sgnd by 13 members.
236. MISCELLANEOUS. 6 p.cds of China '12. Gory. Showing decapitation of pirates.
237. China. 2 lg 1st Flite covs. China to U.S. '37 (Clipper); 1947 (CNAC) VF
238. U.S. 1 cov. canc'd Camp Campbell 6/5/50 w/cachet "Paramail Experiment.. 1950" VF
239. Egypt. 3 covs to U.S. w/8 stmps w/King Farouk's face obliterated w/3 bars.
240. 1 p.cd w/Brit. stmp to U.S. canc'd "Deutsch-Amerika.. Bremen-N.Y. 4/20/11" F-VF
241. 5 German inflation covs incl'd g 1 w/over 100 billion marks (poor-Fine)
242. Germany. 1 sm cov w/pairs of Scott #105-6-7 canc "Weinar Luftpost 7/16/19" VF
243. Latvia. 1 cov w/6 air mail stmps (Cat \$3.40) canc'd Kauna 10/20/24. Reg. VF
244. So. Africa. 1 sm cov w/C3 stmp (Cat \$5) canc'd Durban '25 w/a.s.m. cancel. F.
245. Germany. 1 cov w/2 Zeppelin stmps. Hindenburg flite to Lakehurst 5/6/36 VF
246. England. 1 cd w/picture at l. of ancient biplane over Windsor "1911 First UK Aerial Post" .. London" canc. w/details on back as to cost & message. This is one of the pioneer flight covers cancelled 9/9/11. VF
247. U.S. 1 sm mourning cov w/perfect red "New York Ship Apr 18.. 12cts". To Va. VF
248. 1 stmpless cov 4/10/47 w/faint but legible "Steam-Boat 5" in semi-circle. F
249. 1 Stevenson FDC autog. by Richard Nixon & J. Sparkman ('52 V.P. candidate) VF
250. 20 diff. maiden voyage cach'd covs '32-3 of Santa Paula; S. Rosa; S. Lucia. F-VF
251. 14 packetboat or first trip covs - Q. Mary; SS Manhattan; SS Washing.; Grace L.
252. 2 p.cds used '08 depicting McKinley on 1 & T. Roosevelt & family on other VF.
253. 2 colorful flag p.cds showing Will. J. Bryan - Pres. candidate & 1 photo cd of him.
254. 60 covs (6 lg) & cds - Mstly '80-90 w/advertising enclosures. Not much & others
255. 100 l/ Lincoln library p.cds w/clear slogan cancels '50-1 (mostly diff) VF

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INTERPEX will be held on March 25-27 at the Americana Hotel in New York City. Our War Cover Club will have a meeting at 1 PM on Saturday, March 26. The Club will also have a lounge but volunteers are needed to keep it manned on all 3 days. Contact President Rogan if you are available to participate. It is anticipated that there will be a number of brief talks by various members at the meeting including Drew Nicholson on "The German Navy in the Battle of Jutland"; Tom McGrath on "US Navy in the Philippines"; Theo VanDam on Spanish Civil War cover collecting; Edith Faulstich on War Cover Collecting in general; Kevin Rogan on Viet Nam; Phil Baker on Spanish American War Covers. Those of our members living in Australia are not expected to attend due to the distance involved but it is hoped that none of our other members will attempt to use distance as an excuse for not attending the meeting.