

Back Issue of Military Postal History Society 'Bulletin': (Bulletin Jan 1945)

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V-Mail Notes

WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

January 1945

(Not to be sent overseas)

V-MAIL NOTES;-- We should like to publish a complete list of the V-Mail newspapers that were published for several months in the spring of 1943, until they proved to be too great a burden on the mail service. The only such newspapers that we know of are the CLEVELAND PRESS and the DAYTON JOURNAL HERALD. Please let us know of any others. In more or less the same category is the weekly letter sent to service men at about the same time by the Washington County Letter League, of Hagerstown, Maryland. In April 1943, the San Francisco CALL BULLETIN published in its columns a section to be cut out and pasted on V-Mail forms. After three instalments this project was abandoned because the forms so prepared proved to be too thick for the photographing apparatus. ----- The War Department uses a special sheet, printed in black and headed USE FOR PHOTO-MAIL ONLY. Another sheet, of different format, is headed ADDITIONAL SHEETS PHOTO-MAIL ONLY. Does anyone know of similar sheets used by the Navy Department? ----- Two types of V-Mail letter sheets have been issued through the Post Office Department. ----- Very little use seems to be made of V-Mail Air Mail. Consequently the special envelopes designed for that service are quite scarce. The same is true of the special envelopes for returning undeliverable letters. ----- The first day of issue of Station No. 2, located at Fort Mason, San Francisco, was July 14, 1942. First day letters exist. Can anyone supply the opening dates of Station No. 1, in New York, and Station No. 3, in Chicago? ----- In 1943 the New York Station experimented with a brown envelope made by sealing the sides without folding the paper. Because it was nearly a sixteenth of an inch wider than the type customarily used it would not pass readily through the stuffing machine and its use was not adopted. Only unused examples are known. It will be interesting to see if any turn up that got into the mails. (Reported by A. K. Hurlburt.) ----- Most, if not all, of the V-Mail envelopes used at the three V-Mail stations in this country seem to be locally manufactured and printed for each station. Variations in the size and form of the inscriptions are undoubtedly due in part to the envelopes being supplied by different contractors. For this reason a considerable variety of covers can be collected for each station. One member had 50 varieties of such covers, some of them of rather minor character.

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We are pleased to announce the purchase of the entire collection formed by Mr. Delf Norona of Moundsville, W. Virginia. This collection embraces early historical covers of almost every description for the U. S. and 19th Century Foreign. Included in this purchase are also War Covers, Early Historical Material, "Used Abroads," etc. We also purchased his stamps and library. This material is being made up for auction sale. Two sales have already been held, and others are scheduled for January, February, and March. Catalogues of these sales will be mailed to all interested persons writing to the following address:

ROSENBAUM COMPANY, Sixth, Liberty & Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The naval markings illustrated on pages 4 and 5 were contributed by member M. Hertzberg. The cancellations have been identified as follows:

- E55 - Unknown
- E56 - USS Platte
- E57 - Thought to be American Naval Attache, London
- E58 - USS Neville
- E59 - USS LCI 88
- Q53 - USS Marblehead

The markings in the Bulletin are numbered according to the American Classification System for Listing U. S. War Postal Markings, published as a supplement to the WAR COVER PHILATELIST of April 1943.

APO 808, intended for our troops in the Bahamas, was not opened, and letters addressed to it were returned. A similar fate is said to have befallen APO 917.

Members who collect current APO's are requested to record the location of such post offices or the units using them, when known. This information may be of value when a preliminary listing of APO's is undertaken.

Before the next club year begins in April, the officers will consider the question of lowering the dues to one dollar a year. The membership of the Club has been maintained very well and a number of new members have been added. If the present members are willing to pay a dollar and a half for at least one more year, it will be possible to issue six or seven bulletins with the type of illustrations now in use. Crude, stylus-drawn, illustrations could be used at less cost, but many types of markings cannot be reproduced in that way. By the present method almost any kind of marking can be reproduced in exact size, thus permitting easy identification and comparison. No other publication offers such a wide range of illustrations of war covers so well reproduced. It is the additional half dollar that makes this type of illustration possible. It will help the officers to arrive at a decision if you will indicate your preference on a post card and send it in.

Some members have complained that they have not been receiving sales circuits. This situation is due to the fact that they as well as other members have not been sending in material. Won't you get together a good lot of your duplicate war cover material of any kind and send it in. Material that has been reasonably priced has sold well. A flourishing sales department will benefit all who take advantage of it, both as contributors and as buyers. Please give this matter your serious attention. Remember too that it takes time for circuits to circulate and that you can aid the system by forwarding them promptly. Sales manager is G. M. Martin, 220 North 35th Avenue, Yakima, Washington.

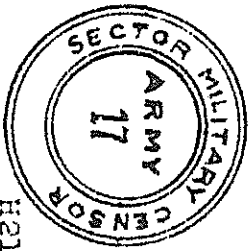
Address all communications to the secretary, Dr. A. E. Perry, 314 State Street, Albany 6, New York.



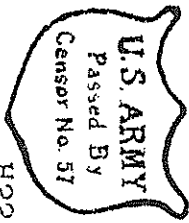
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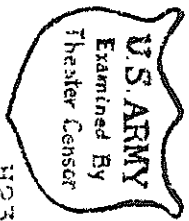
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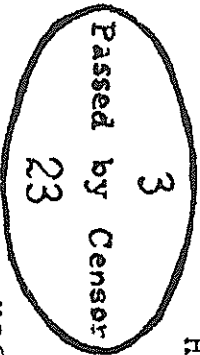
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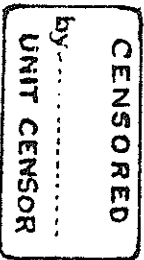
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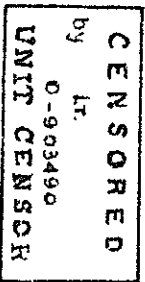
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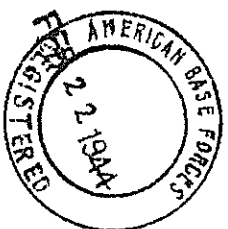
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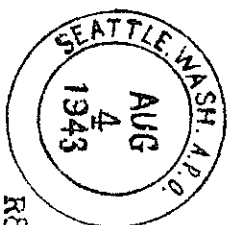
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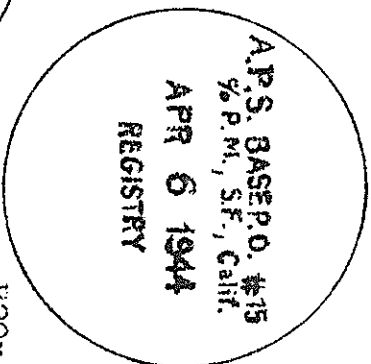
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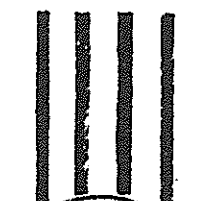


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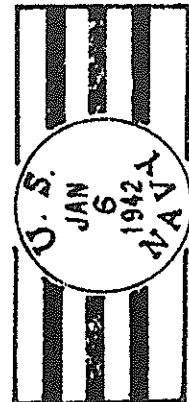


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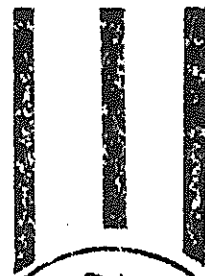
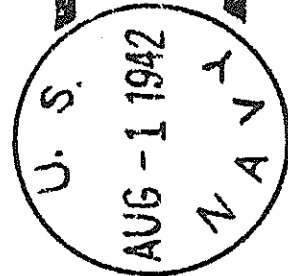
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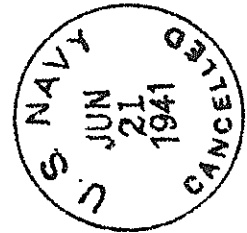
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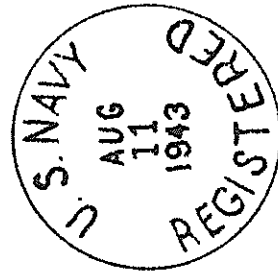
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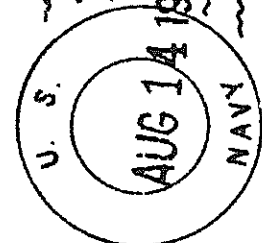
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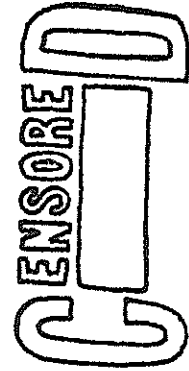
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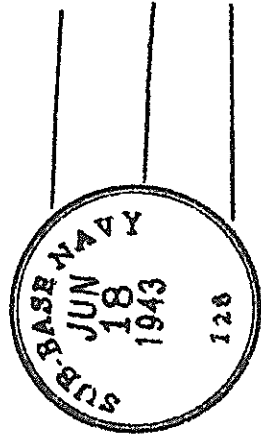


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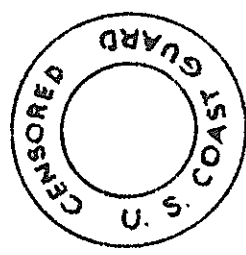


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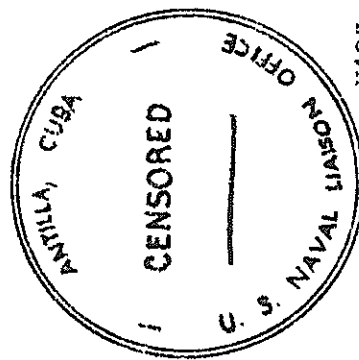
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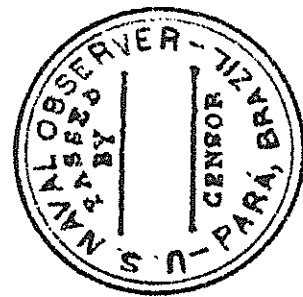
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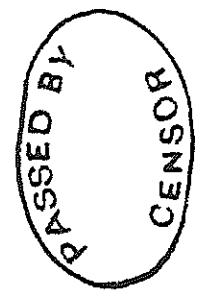
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