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FLIGHT OF IDEAS

One of the most successful War Cover Club meetings was held on Saturday, May 4th at the Collectors Club in N.Y.C. Many, many members and friends of the Club came and went during the long meeting. Down stairs the International Woman's Club had an exhibition which was also well attended. At our meeting Fred Faulstich showed a collection of flown and aviators covers of WW 1. Everyone brought some of their favorites to show and trade.

T. W. Crigler, Jr., Macon, Miss. is the Sec-Treas. of the CONFEDERATE STAMP ALLIANCE.

Received a postcard from Jerusalem, Jordan, with a stamp of King Hussein on it. Card received the day the trouble started in Jordan. Card is advertising the spots for tourists to come and see.

Received a cover back from DEW LINE STATION with following back cancels on it. In blue: Mould Bay / AM / IV 11 / 57 / NWT in a round cancel. In red in a square cancel is: Eastern Arctic / Patrol / Mar 4 1957 / R.M.S. Canada.

Read about 3 teenagers, sons of American Naval personnel stationed at Guantanamo Bay who have been fighting as guerrillas against President Fulgencio Batista in the Sierra Maestra mountains with Fidel Castro in Southeast CUBA. Nothing like getting some experience while you are young. I started out in the Black and Tan Trouble in Ireland.

ALL STATES HOBBY CLUB NATIONAL CONVENTION in Albany, New York July 27 to 29th, 1957.

International Naval Review at Hampton Roads on June 12th. 27 countries sending 80 ships of all kinds. How many got cover coverage on this review? Last one was in 1907.

Ralph A. Miller has a brief but concise history of ALASKA in the March 57 issue of USCS Log. US Naval ships went up on a survey in 1854, Marines arrived in Sept. 1867, and Btry H, 2nd Art. and Co. F, 9th Inf. arrived at Sitka in Oct. 1867. In 1874 USS Portsmouth dispatched to Alaska with a Committee of Icelanders interested in colonization. (Editor's note..I wonder if any stayed there?) In 1879 the USS Alaska arrived in Sitka to "protect American citizens and interests against the Indians." Above is just a little of the full article. Covers from these dates would be worth while.

Yemen is now a war zone. War going on between the British Colonial forces and RAF from Aden, and the South Yemen tribes and Yemen regular army forces. I bet Al Higgins has good coverage on this. How about a short article on this Al?

Just received word on Alert Weather Station as follows: Located at Ellesmere Island, Canadian Arctic, 82 degrees 30' No. Lat. (450 miles from the North Pole) Northernmost point of civilization in the world. Nearest Eskimos are 400 miles to the SOUTH.

Bill Cippoli sent a cover of the Netherland troops in Korea with a boxed in cancel as follows: PORTVRU UITREIKEN / Exp. bur. Asd-Schiphel. This was stamped in purple. Does anyone have an explanation of the wording?

Pfc. David C. Churchman, 542nd Engr. Co. APO 231, N.Y.C. is located at Wheelus Air Force Base just outside Tripoli in Libya. This is Headquarters for the Air Force organization that has undertaken the mapping of Libya. They have a good supply of 6¢ Fipex air mail envelopes there, but have not had any commemorative stamps in stock during the 3 months he has been stationed there. So send commemoratives if you wish APO cancels or special covers of Libya at 18¢.

Bermuda has a special handstamped cachet reading: "THE BERMUDA TALKS 1957" arranged in 4 lines for recent Anglo-American talks.

Hungary is sending back letters from U.S. postmarked with the SUPPORT YOUR CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM cancellation, also the covers from Canada postmarked WHY WAIT FOR SPRING? DO IT NOW! Hungary attaches a sticker to letter giving reasons for return of letters. Who has some of these?

Stamps of Greece bearing portrait of Archbishop Makarios will have the portrait obliterated by a special device on those going on mail into Turkey. The Turkish govt. fears the Archbishops portrait is liable to prejudice Turkish opinion on the Cyprus question.

Winfred Grandy was recently elected Vice President of the CONNECTICUT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Ralph Miller believes there was a goal of 66 possible WW II APO's of Alaska. He has all except 733⁺ (early years of War), 931 (mo. of Jan. 43), 936, 942^N, 942 H, 945, 972, 976, 978, 979, 981, 984, 989, 990, 992 and 993. He still doesn't know if it has been determined if No. 734, 933, 934, 974 or 988 saw service in Alaska. At least he has none. Ralph has a 728⁺ still on cover. This is a scarce No. Perhaps our Historian Almon J. Tripp can help us in this matter? in ALASKA

William E. Thomas is Field Officer of the American Red Cross, La Rochelle, France, APO 210, N.Y. Had been at Thule, Greenland.

From Jim Russell comes the following info: New 108 page booklet .. It is "CANADA'S ARMY IN KOREA". It sells for 74 cents and can be purchased by sending a money order made out to Receiver General of Canada and addressed to Queen's Printer, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Jim is interested in hearing from members that have CENSORED covers from KOREA. He has a sheet of paper folded with the letter on the inside. RA of APO 24 unit 3, cancelled Aug 10 with a steel handstamp with no APO # in the cancel. Date on inside of letter is July 24. On the outside on left side in ink is "Cen. by / R. L. Gax (or Gay) / 2nd Lt. S.A." Jim picked up a POW from Camp 3. Sender was captured the second day U.S. troops were in action in Korea. That should be a record. as not so many of the men captured early in the war

pulled through. (Your Editor has a censored cover from KOREA..early part of the war..will hunt it up..I believe it was from APO 24 also).

Time Magazine, Dec. 31, 1956 has a couple maps of Antarctic which can be mounted in 3 ring binder.

WEATHER SHIPS..All but one has a post office and they generally cancel mail for collectors. This class is Y.A.G.R. Address them: Mail Clerk, USS _____ Y.A.G.R., c/o F.P.O., New York, N.Y. Name and YAGR # is as follows: GUARDIAN #1, LOOKOUT #2, SKYWATCHER #3, SCANNER #5, LOCATOR #6, PICKET #7, INTERCEPTOR #8, INVESTIGATOR #9, OUTPOST #10, PROTECTOR #11, VIRGIL #12.

Thanks Jim for the above information.

31 JAN 1950 - Development ordered by Truman. 1st device exploded on

When did we drop our first H Bomb? I have ran across the following dates: early January 1954, March 1st, March 26th. Who can clear this up?

Naval Postmark Catalog released..Billig Philatelic Handbook, Vol. 12. Written by USCS. 192 pages. History of Naval cancellations, postmarks given on ships, types of such marks are pictured and described. List of Naval Post Office Numbers which is followed by a cataloging and pricing of the cancels. Price is \$5.00 postpaid from Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, N.Y.

The AIR AGE has given us some new naval vessels. Some of the most recent are 8 DER Radar Picket Ships (Converted from DE): 328 Finch, 329 Kretchmer, 387 Vance, 336 Roy Hale, 255 Sellstrom, 334 Forster, 389 Durant and 388 Lansing. The YAGR's (Radar Picket Station Ships) are mentioned elsewhere in this Bulletin. A guided Missile Launching destroyer is DDG "Gyatt". The EAG experimental ship is "Compass Island".

Speaking of guided missiles..The first tactical V-2 ballistic missile was shot off at Hague, Netherlands on 9/8/44 against England at 6:38 into Chiswick on Thames near London. Landed less than 6 minutes later. It had a 2200 lb. warhead and destroyed 8 houses and severely damaged 50 others. Read "CASE OF COL. NICKELSON" in S.E.P. of 5/8/57 for a history of the guided missiles.

MONTE CASSINO LABELS..In 1946 some non-valid-for-postage labels were issued by the 2nd Polish Corps in Italy. In 1954 two of these labels were overprinted "Dziesieciolecie 1944-1954" in two lines, which is said to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino. These labels have come through the mail from Italy on postcards franked with current Italian stamps and bearing a commemorative Cassino postmark reading: "Decimo Anniversario della Battaglie di Monte Cassino 2d Corpo Polacco 19 Maggio 1954".

The 3d National Guard commemorative of 1953 (#1017) shows infantrymen of the 130th Regimental Combat Team, 33rd Division, hit the beach at Wakayama, Honshu, Japan under simulated combat conditions. After landing, they marched into Wakayama and entrained for Kobe, 25 Sept. 1945.

Just obtained a cover of USS Ticonderoga, with cachet of map of Tokyo Bay, with notation "The Big T was There". Cover postmarked Sept 17, 1945 16352 Br (?). The USS San Diego was in Tokyo Bay on August 28th. On Aug. 27th TF 31 was in Sagami Bay.

S.E.P. of 5/20/57 has a picture of one of the WHITE ALICE installations and a write-up on it.

The Journal of THE AMERICAN STAMP CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN in April 1957 had an article on 50 years of US Postage stamps in which it gives a good write-up on the offset stamps which were a direct result of WW I.

US Navy's new Chart of Antarctica useful to collectors of Polar Mail. Size 13" x 17" and printed in three colors. Collectors may order copy No. HO 16429A at 25¢ each from the Officer in Charge, USN Hydrographic Distribution Office, NSD, Scotia (2) New York, or Clearfield, Utah, whichever office is closer. Money order is suggested.

#343 Dmitry Kandaourow wants his listing changed as follows: Manager of the DEKA Co., Ltd., dealer in postage stamps on cover, syndicated and patented. Specialist in stamps on cover, in particular War, Naval, Military, Prisoner, Air Mail, F.D.C., Maximum Cards, Red Cross, etc.

Japan year 2602 represents 1942. Japanese chronology is reckoned from 660 B.C. reputed date of the founding of Japan.

E. H. Bellard, 1940 Staunton Rd., Cleaveland Heights 18, Ohio, writes that he has recently acquired the entire Norona WWI material and will undoubtedly be having items which will be helpful to other collectors of this material. There are ten large cartons to go through. Drop us an ad when you get a chance, Mr. Bellard.

Now that Scott recognized the R.F. Military Overprints we should have an article on these stamps, uses, covers, etc. with approximate values to bring us up to date.

May 6th received from Israel the double reply card that I mailed Nov. 16th (First Day) to 10th Inf. Brigade of the Israeli Army in Egypt. Has many postmarks and censor marks (?). Reply card from Lt.(?) of Army's Post Master H.Q. I. D. F. with inked in "stamp" in corner of card of the Israeli Deer mark.

Our large hydrogen bomb exploded in the Pacific in March 1954. Who has covers from this affair?

Task Force 43 again on its way to Arctic Supply mission. Look for the cachet covers. Navy's "Rosebud" or Redbud was first ship starting out in April. Get your covers out early.

Dues are now in order, our fiscal year starts July 1st. Please remit \$2.00 to Sec-Treas. I. Willinger, 314 E. 163rd Street, New York 51, N.Y.

Don't forget W.C.C. meeting at Kevin Rogan's July 20 and 21st. Napanoch is just a mile north of Ellenville, N.Y. Get off New York Thruway at Newburgh and come over route 52. Come early and stay late. Those staying overnight please let me know ahead of time.

WORLD WAR I COVERS

I HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED THE NORONA ACCUMULATION OF WORLD WAR I MATERIAL - AND IF YOU NEED ANY APO NUMBERS, CENSORING TYPES, CAMP STRIKES OR SCENES - 1918 CHRISTMAS PACKAGE LABELS - KING GEORGE LETTERS - POW CAMP COVERS .. SEND WANT LIST TO

E. H. BELLARD

1940 Staunton Road

Cleaveland Heights 18, Ohio

BFPO 170 supplied 160th Wing on Christmas Island where the British H bomb was dropped.

Cippoli just got 716, 728, Alaska..also 9th Inf., 2nd Div. from Alaska. 728 old number in Canada, WWII. Cip wants info on "ASA Alaska"?

E. H. Bellard needs lists of WW I Army Camps for Britain, France, Germany. Also wants to know if anyone has ever done a good write-up on civilian censored for WW I.

The editor of POSTAL STATIONERY AND POSTAL HISTORY MONTHLY is Emmett Peter, Jr., P.O. Box 553, Leesburg, Florida.

Joseph J. Cavagnol's "POSTMARKED ALASKA" a study of the territory's history of mail service between 1867 and 1900 is being serialized by WEEKLY PHILATELIC GOSSIP, Holton, Kansas.

Thanks for the covers department: Willinger, Cippoli, Bellard, Miller,

The Adjutant General tells us that we can't publish a location list of US APO's from 1947 to 1953. He said that 60% of the APO's are still in operation at the same location as in 1953, and therefore permission is denied. I along with others feel that this IS NOT classified information and we should be granted permission. Incidentally, do we actually need permission? Please write in with your ideas.

S.A.V. Letkemann of Denver, Colo. has been looking for a WW I POW cover from RASTATT, Germany, which was mailed by an American prisoner. Finally after 25 years he gets 2. One from the first American soldier captured when Enright, Gresham and Hay were killed in the first US-German skirmish in 1917. The other card was from a merchant seaman who was on the SS Governor, torpedoed 3 weeks before the U.S. declared war. RASTAFF POW covers have always been extremely scarce, but even after 40 years, perseverance pays off.

Winfred Grandy is again planning a summer picnic for the WCC.

A U.S. post office directly astride the Arctic circle has been established at HOGATZA, Alaska. The appointive post master, Ralph B. Norris, will autograph covers on request, and give a neat hand cancel.

Francis W. Ryan was first again to pay his yearly dues ahead of time.

Our ground troops are moving out of Japan. Bob Alexander said last month that there would be many changes before next year. How right he was! Let's try to get last day cancels from 1st Cav. Div. and the Marine troops stationed there.

Willinger ran across a Pitney Bowes machine meter strip impression No. 341920 in red from ARMY-AIR FORCE POSTAL SERVICE APO 503 May 14, 1957. The address was Mail Order Branch, Japan Central Exchange, APO 503, S.F. Bob Alexander, our Japanese specialist, received the following answer from the Postal Officer of APO 503: "The meter in question is used by Headquarters Japan Central Exchange, with the responsibility of setting and maintaining records delegated to this office. This meter was installed on 1 November 1956 and to the best of my knowledge and belief is the only meter being maintained by an Army Post Office.

K. Viehoff, Singel 130, DEN HELDER, Holland writes: For the Sinai campaign the Israel government edited a military aerogram and a post card, both printed in blue and bearing a military emblem (shield with hand holding sword) in the right upper corner. Moreover a green post card was edited meant for communicating relatives when a soldier was removed to a hospital.

The soldiers of the Jugoslavian contingent in Egypt have UNEF air-letters that go to Belgrad Military Post Office No. 6000 and get a postmark VOJNA POSTA Br. 6000 ' Belgrad. The letters also bear a one line postmark "Postarina placena pausalno" (the first two words mean: postage paid.) Page 55 of Bulletin mentions YONKERS backstamp. That is a city just outside New York City.

Jim Russell has a few cancels from US Navy from 97th C. B.'s which he will give to any WCC member sending a stamped addressed #7 envelope or larger envelope. He has quite a few dup Seabee cancels from other battalions to trade if anyone is interested. Besides Seabee covers he needs British Gloucestershire Reg. in Korea, FPO 748, 260 and 376 from Korea or Japan; also Australian Forces in Korea.

United Nations Emergency Forces headquarters are in NAPLES, ITALY.

Who has APO 187, P.O. Box 10? Sometime on or before April 27, 1956 the U.S. Government sent a civilian construction crew to TARAWA. APO 187 was extended from Eniwetok Atoll and P.O. Box 10 assigned to Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. Service stopped sometime in August.

Mail for Canadian Armed Forces: Address to overseas as follows: Number, rank, name / Unit / CAPO 5050 (or other number) / Canadian Armed Forces Europe / Via Canada. For those in Middle East put CAPO 5048 (or other number) / UNEF Middle East / Via Canada.

I want to thank the many members that are starting to send in articles for your bulletin. A few lines or a few pages .. send it along.

Lt. Col. Emanuel Combs, Jr., AGC, USA is the new director of the Army-Air Force Post Service, succeeding Col. Robert P. Mulbach, USAF, assigned to the Air Force Finance Center at Denver, Colo. In his new post, Col. Combs will supervise world wide operation of 459 APO's and APO units in 40 countries. The Postal Service is responsible also for the movement of 150,000,000 pounds of mail, with yearly stamp sales over \$14,000,000. The Air Force's senior representative will be Lt. Col. James K. Adcock, USAF, who is Deputy Director. He has been with the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Rowland P. Gill, professional military historian, recommends the following 2 bibliographies of unit histories which should still be available: C. E. Dornbusch, Comp. Histories of American units, WWI, WWII and Korean conflict...Washington Off. of the A.G. Special Services Division, Library & Service Club Branch, 1956. 310pp. Available from publisher Library and Service Club Br. Special Ser. Div., Off. of the A.G., D.A. Washington 25, D.C. Price \$1.10
Artillery Unit Histories, Spec. Biblio No. 6 by the Editorial Division, Dept. of Publications & Non-Resident Training, The Artillery & Guided Missiles School, Ft. Sill, Okla. 1955, 157pp. Free from Library at Ft. Sill

WHO KNOWS? This 300 series of APO's - are they used for const. projects assigned to 33 WHITE ALICE sites? Will teams of man and wife operate some

radar stations in Alaska? What does APO 677, 863, 858, 121, 864, 27 and 562 take care of? Where are they located?

Feb. USCS mentions new varieties of Navy Branch No. cancels. One with Seattle, Wash. at top, 13609 Br. at bottom; another with Honolulu, Hawaii at top and 13793 at bottom. Still another has U. S. S. at top and 17014 at bottom. This last one is from Mobile Const Bn No. 4. WHERE IS THIS LOCATED? It was dated 12/1/54. First two had 1956 dates.

HAITI..There were strikes and rebellions in April and May of this year. The U.S. Marines were there from 1915 to 1932 or was it '34? They set up rural schools and civil service group. Haiti is about the size of Vermont and has 4 million people. More people per square mile than any other republic. 75% of the peasants are illiterate.

There was a FRENCH FOREIGN unit and Aussies at New Caledonia in early 1942 when Task Force 6814 (51st Brigade composed of 132nd and 182nd Inf. Reg.) landed there. This force later joined the American Division.

FPHS Newsletters 21, 22 and 23 have an article by E. Jagger of the British Expeditionary Force Post Offices and postmarks, 1914-18. Newsletter 24 tells about the SCANDINAVIAN FORCES IN EGYPT.

Israel opened postal services at GAZA, Capital of the occupied GAZA strip in December 1956.

The Postal Union in August will propose in the Ottawa Congress to have an INTERNATIONAL REPLY STAMP. This will provide return postage to the country named on the stamp.

CHESTER S. KNOWLSON is now at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. He is slowly improving from an auto accident. Drop him a note TODAY.

RECENT CANCELS: APO 706 AAF double ring; 356 and 358 are still in the Pacific. They were backstamped 135, 356, 358, 503 and 7; return from 942-8 backstamped just 942.

LORAN..means Long Range Aid Navigation..Article next issue.

WORLD WAR II

Censored covers from remote places
Soldiers Mail from all countries
Air Forces Letters

POSTAL HISTORY COVERS

Covers from Concentr. Camps
POW Mail V-Mail Sirgraphs
Korean War Related subjects

BOUGHT AND SOLD

One of the newest and finest stocks is at your disposal. Selections gladly sent to members.

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854 Intervale

New York 59; N.Y.

The U.S. Marine Corps is looking for photographs showing Marines in various actions BEFORE WW II. Photographs would be accepted from private individuals or organizations on a donation or loan basis and the photos will be used by the Historical Archives of the Marine Corps, and possibly for future publication. They are particularly interested in photos taken in FRANCE, 1917-18; HAITI, 1915-32; SANTO DOMINGO (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC) 1916-24; CUBA, 1898-1910; PHILIPPINES, 1898-1902; (Cont'd on pg.79)

THE PORTUGUESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN FRANCE, WORLD WAR I.

Frederic Patka

It is not generally known that Portugal took an active part in the great World War of 1914-1918. As follows, we will record the events which led to a declaration of War and the sending of an expeditionary Corps to France.

At the outbreak of the War Portugal proclaimed her neutrality, but kept up her good relations with England. She went so far as to furnish supplies to England such as arms, ammunition and other items which England sorely needed to fight a War. Naturally this was not in conformity with the declared neutrality. And the German Government resented this.

What touched off the spark that led to the declaration of War happened on Feb. 23, 1916. On which day Portugese Naval Forces seized 63 German Ships which had been interned in Portugese ports since the beginning of the War.

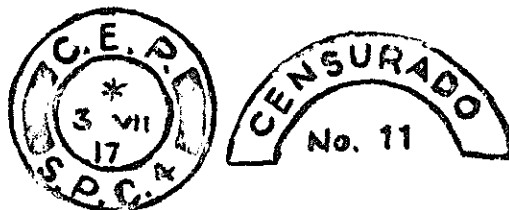
This breach of neutrality led to a heated exchange of notes between Lisbon and Berlin and finally the German Ambassador left the Country after having handed over a last German note and a declaration of War.

Now The British Government asked her ally to send an Expeditionary Force to the Western Front where heavy fighting was going on. As a result, sometime toward the end of 1916, Commander Batista, Chief of Staff of the P.E.C. arrived in Paris, with about 100 Officers and lower grades. A short time later another 100 men of the Officer Corps followed. Early in 1917 the main forces of the Corps, The 1st Infantry Division, landed in France and were shipped to the front in Northern France. The Portugese Embassy in Paris set up offices to be used as Headquarters for the Exped. Corps.

Fieldpost. A complete War time Division naturally needed an organization to handle their Mail Service and therefore the Corps set up a number of F.P.O.'s. The postmarks used are a double circle type similar to the British cancelled F.P.O.'s. And the measurements are $14\frac{1}{2}$ Resp. $26\frac{1}{2}$ with an inscription on top reading C.E.P. at bottom, S.P.C. No. between two bars. The Abbreviations are translated as follows:

C.E.P. - Corpo Expedicionario Portuguez, S.P.C. - Sector Postal De Campanha and No.

The highest known number is 20. (1). as shown, the postmark is the British type and it is fairly certain that the British Government supplied these. Most of the correspondence seen has a Portugese Censor marking. It is a double half circle, open at the bottom, inscribed "Censurado" and a number in the middle. (2). The highest known number is 52, color is pink or violet. On the other hand, Portugese correspondence will also be found bearing French or British Field Post Markings. Mail was usually relayed to the Central Office at The Embassy in Paris from which Place the mail was then forwarded to Portugal.



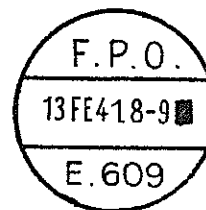
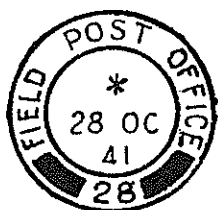
THE SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (A.I.F.)

P A L E S T I N E, 1940 - 1943

Arthur Lewandowski

In order to counteract the German and Italian advances in North Africa and Egypt, quite a number of Australian troops (among other British Commonwealth Forces) have been sent to the Middle East. Australians first arrived in Egypt in February 1940. By early 1941, the strength of the Australian Forces has reached that of an Army Corps comprising Corps troops and the 6th, 7th and 9th Divisions. They were quartered in camps in Egypt, Syria and Palestine and called back whenever they were needed for action.

Their postal units set up a Base Post Office at Jerusalem which was moved to Gaza in August 1940. In December, the BPO was moved to Egypt. Airmail letters at first have been mailed through civilian Post Offices, later through Army facilities. At least 11 different Field Post Offices have been in operation in addition to the British Post Offices which also handled Australian Army Mail. Here are a few of the postmarks in use:



While surface mail was free, soldiers had to pay the civilian air mail rate of 60 mils or 1/6. November 30, 1940, this rate was reduced to 30 mils or 9d. Because Australian stamps did not arrive in time, the Palestine Authorities supplied 15m stamps AT THE COST OF PRINTING ONLY. Covers bearing 15m stamps used within this period are scarce.

The Offensive began December 6, 1940, routing the Italians and taking thousands of prisoners. Egypt and most of Libya was cleared. The 7th Division had a prominent part in these actions.

It was planned that the Seventh should follow the Sixth which had been sent to Greece in order to prevent a German invasion. Due to the overwhelming strength of the German Army, the plan was abandoned and a few units were sent again to Libya where Field Marshall Rommel thrust at Egypt.

In May 1941, some units have been sent to Cyprus as a precaution against a possible German invasion. Units were returned to camps in August 1941. The Seventh also took part in the Syrian Campaign, June 8, 1941.

Due to the entrance of Japan into the war, the Seventh left for New Guinea early 1942, on their way home stopping over in Ceylon. They were soon withdrawn and continued their voyage.

In October 1942, the British Eight Army under Field Marshall Montgomery took over and the Australian Ninth retired to Palestine.

By March 1943, all Australian troops had left for the Pacific.

WAR COVER CLUB SALE

These lots will be sold to the highest bidder at a small increase over the next higher bid. Successful bidders are asked to remit within 5 days of receipt of lots, to the Sec.-Treas.: I. Willinger, 314 E. 163rd St., New York 51, N.Y.

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1 - Boer War	- 2 covers addressed to P.O.W. Camps in Capetown & St. Helena with Orange State 1D overprinted Stamps, small double ring censor POW marking.
2 - " "	- 1 cover postmarked Bloemfontein, Nov. 24, 1900, Rose colored label reading V.R. Opened under Martial Law.
3 - " "	- A cover Postmarked Ficksburg, March 17, 1902, addressed to POW Camp in Ceylon, with triangle Censor and rose colored censor label with large Crown. A very Nice Cover. Reserve \$3
4 - " "	- An Orange State Brief Karte postmarked Field P.P. British Army So. Africa, Aug. 11, 1900.
5 - Post War	- (Spanish American) A 2 Centavos Embossed Cuba Cover, Soldiers Mail Marking, from Co. B, 2nd U.S. Inf. Cancelled Cienfuegos, Cuba.
6 - " "	- Cover postmarked Mil. Sta. No 1, Manilla, P.I. Jan. 10, 1900 and Sailor's Letter, U.S.S. Helena in Box Marking. Res. \$3.00
7 - " "	- Cover Postmarked Mil. Sta. No 3, Iloilo, P.I. Nov. 6, 1900. Reserve \$1.75
8 - " "	- Cover with a pair of 5¢ Grant, cancelled Mayaguez, P.R. Mil. Sta. No 3.
9 - " "	- A 1¢ Jefferson Postal Card overprint Porto Rico with a 1¢ Scotts No. 210, Military Sta. No 1, Porto Rico, Wash. D.C. Reserve \$2.50
10 - " "	- A Patriotic Soldiers Letter cancelled Phillipine Sta, Sept. 2, 1898.
11 - " "	- A cover with corner card imprint, U.S.F.S. Philadelphia and Eagle in Gold cancelled Puntarenas, Costa Rica, tied to 3 C.R. Stamps. Dated Dec. 26, 1898.
12 - " "	- Mayaguez, Porto Rico. Mil. Sta. No. 3, 5¢ Grant Stamp, Jan. 16, 99.
13 - " "	- A Patriotic Y.M.C.A. cover from Camp McKenzie, Ga. cancelled Augusta, Ga. Dec. 2, 1898.
14 - Suez UN	- Swedish Unit Canc. Svenska Bataljonen Egypten, U.N. Forces.
15 - " "	- Do - Registered, Special Reg. Label.
16 - " "	- UNEF Danish Unit, Stpd. Danish Infantry Detachment, U.N.E.F.
17 - " "	- UNEF Norwegian Unit, Stpd. U.N. Forces, Norwegian Contingent.
18 - " "	- UNEF, Finnish Unit, Canc. YK Suomen Komppania - NU Compagnie De Finland.
19 - " "	- Israeli Army Sinai Desert, Triangle Censor Mark No. 2107.
20 - " "	- French Navy, A/Carrier Arromanches, Board Cancel & Marine Nationale Service a La Mer.
21 - " "	- French AA Cruiser, De Grasse, Board P.O. Cancel & Marine Nationale.
22 - " "	- French Navy Battleship Jean Bart, Board P.O. Cancel.
23 - " "	- French Navy Battleship Richelieu, Board P.O. Cancel & Marine Nationale.
24 - " "	- French Navy, A/Carrier Bearn, same markings as above.
25 - " "	- French Navy Frigate Malgache, Can. A/C Bearn with Board P.O. cancel etc.
26 - " "	- Canadian A/Carrier Magnificent. (Transported the Canadian U.N. Soldiers).

WAR COVER CLUB SALE, Continued.

- 27 - Suez UN - British A/Carrier HMS Ocean, The Commanding Officer, Marking.
- 28 - " " - British Navy Frigate HMS Surprise, Canc. British Fleet Mail, FPO 76.
- 29 - " " - British Navy Frigate HMS Diamond, FPO 76, Commanding Officers Stamp.
- 30 - " " - British Navy Destroyer HMS Defender, Commanding Officers Stamp.
- 31 - " " - British Navy Salvage Vessel Uplifter (HMS), Commanding Officer.
- 32 - " " - British Navy RFA Salveda, Salvage Steamer, Commanding Off.
- 33 - Korea - ROK APO 99 (rubber stamp)
- 34 - " - ROK APO 99 (new steel stamp)
- 35 - " - ROK APO 103, Censor marks, etc.
- 36 - " - ROK APO 111, " " "
- 37 - " - ROK APO 116, (new steel stamp) Censor Mark.
- 38 - " - ROK APO 204 (new steel stamp) " "
- 39 - " - ROK APO 502, Censor Marks.
- 40 - " - ROK APO 97 & 98, (2 Covers)
- 41 - " - ROK APO 102 & 107, (2 Covers)
- 42 - " - South African Air Force, OHMS Letter, Stpd 2nd Squadron SAAF Maintenance Unit, Mach. Canc. USAPO 970.
- 43 - " - Air Mail Letter, Canc. Aust. Unit Postal Sta. 388.
- 44 - " - Forces Letter, Stampless, Canc. Australian Army P.O. 216
- 45 - " - Dutch Forces, Stampless, Canc. USAPO 25, Stpd. Portvru Uitreiken Exp.
- 46 - " - French Forces, Senders Address FAPO 5200, Canc. Postes aux Armies.
- 47 - " - Belgian Unit, Canc. British FPO 790.
- 48 - " - Luxemburgian Unit, Canc. APO 468 (Scarce - only 50 men in this Unit).
- 49 - " - Indian Field Ambulance Unit, Canc. British FPO 406.
- 50 - " - Indian Custodian Forces to India, Canc. India FPO 739, India Postage affixed.
- 51 - " - Do - FPO 739 on British 4 D Stamp.
- 52 - " - Canadian Forces, Cancelled CAPO 5003.
- 53 - " - Do. - CAPO 5003, Large Registered Hand Stamp in red, beautiful cover.
- 54 - " - A.M. cover imprint Norwegian Field Hosp., Canc. USAPO 358.
- 55 - " - A.M. Letter from Swedish Field Hosp., Large Rubber Stamp, Canc. USAPO 59.
- 56 - " - French Frigate La Grandiere, Canc. US Navy 17025, Rubber Stamped Marine Nationale Service A La Mer.
- 57 - " - Do - with French Stamp Canc. Poste Navale.
- 58 - W.W. II. - A Tokio Bay Cover, U.S.S. Dionysus, Nov. 10, 1945.
- 59 - " " - Norwegian Army Field Post Office, May, 1943, with 6 diff. Norwegian Stamps.
- 60 - Misc. - Operation High Jump, U.S.S. Mount Olympus, Signed by Admiral R. H. Cruzen.
- 61 - " - A Pine Tree Cover (recent) Postmarked Armstrong Sta., Ont.
- 62 - " - 2 unused 1870 Military imprint covers, different types, (interesting) German.
- 63 - " - 6 different French stampless folded letters, Straight line cancels, dated around 1828. A very fine, clean lot.
- 64 - " - 7 different, same as above, also a very fine clean lot.
- 65 - " - A Serbian P.O.W. Card.
- 66 - " - A German U-Boat Flotille Card, 1915.

WAR COVER CLUB SALE, Continued.

- 67 - Misc. - A flown cover from WW I, Austrian Air Force with Hungarian Field Postmark 1916.
- 68 - " - A German Naval Cover WW I, Kaiserliche Marine Schiffspost, 1915.
- 69 - " - Air Mail Russian drifting Station North Pole, Canc. North Pole. Reserve \$3.00
- 70 - " - A card, German South West Africa, Hottentot Revolt, Clear cancel, Windhuk, April 17, 1906, with other interesting markings.
- 71 - " - Another Post Card as above, cancelled Kub, Deutsch-Sudwest-afrika.
- 72 - " - Air Mail letter from Indian Mission in Indochina, complete set of 5 Indian Stamps overprinted Laos, cancelled India FPO 744.
- 73 - " - Do - with the complete set overprinted for Viet Nam. Res. \$2
- 74 - " - A small embossed 1/2 Anna India cover, overprinted C.E.F. dated Dec. 26, 1900, used during the Boxer Uprising, F.P.O. 7.
- 75 - " - A cover bearing 2 German Military Air Mail Stamps, canc. Arezzo, Italy, with Italian censor marks.
- 76 - " - USAF Airlift for Hungarian Refugees "Operation Save Haven" from Vienna to Munich, mailed at Wien-Flughafen (airport) from a US member of the MATS.
- 77 - " - Danish Red Cross in Vienna, Coloum, (Hungaria Help) Stpd. Danish Red Cross / Ungarn Hilfskolonne / Des Danischen Roten Kreuzes, Registered.

FLIGHT OF IDEAS

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NICARAGUA, 1927-32; CHINA, 1900-01; PANAMA prior to the construction of the Panama Canal, and any photographs taken during maneuvers in the Carribbean in the 1920's and the 1930's. Address photos to: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D), Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D.C., or see your local Marine recruiting office.

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