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WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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A "GENERAL" COLLECTION

By J. P. Klinger

This collection consists of covers sent by Generals to their wives. None of the covers are "made to order", they are all just regular envelopes that carried mail home. At the present writing, covers from over 150 Generals are included in the collection.

By leafing through the pages, one is treated to a kaleidoscopic view of the major campaigns of World War II.

The early months of 1942 were a time of preparation, study, and training. Major General Russell Maxwell is sent to Africa and Egypt to head a mission whose purpose is to study tank operations in the desert. A cover censored April 29, 1942 was mailed during a dark period when the British tanks were being pushed back by Rommel's Korps, and Alexandria, and even Cairo were threatened.

Flipping a page we find ourselves storming a beach at Guadalcanal, Aug. 1942. A cover dated Sept. 10, 1942 from the Marine Leader Maj. General A.A. Vandegrift doubtless carried good news to Mrs. Vandegrift of the progress made since landing.

And over in Northern Ireland, the First Armored Division was in training for the invasion of North Africa. Commanding General Orlando Ward's cover of June 1942, is mounted alongside another one from him dated Dec. 1942, but mailed from an entirely different place. Our troops had landed in North Africa and were battling it out with the famed Africa Korps.

At this time the colorful "Patton of the Armored" comes into the picture with a cover sent on March 10, 1943. He and "Monty" were outwitting "The Desert Fox", and chasing the Germans out of North Africa.

Also from N. Africa comes a cover from Maj. General Omar Bradley who delivered the final stroke at Bizerta. This one is dated the end of March '43.

Covering the invasion of N. Africa with an umbrella of planes was the Twelfth Air Force, commanded by Maj. General Jimmy Doolittle of Tokyo fame. My envelope dated Dec. 1942, was sent after the Invasion had been accomplished successfully.

Who will ever forget the electrifying news of late January 1943 that the President had just returned from a Conference at Casablanca. Present at the Conference were many American Generals. A cover dated Jan. 21, 1943, mailed at the Conference by Lt. General Eisenhower, has printed on the back of it "Allied Force Headquarters, Office of the Commander-in-Chief". It was at the Casablanca Conference that "Ike" was given command of all Allied Forces in North Africa.

Also present at Casablanca was 4 Star "Hap" Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Force. He stopped at Natal, Brazil on the way over to "drop a line" to his wife. That envelope is in my collection.

And "way down under" in Australia and New Guinea, General MacArthur was preparing to return to the Philippines. His cover is dated March 1943, at the start of a long hard push to get back.

Back in England, the Eighth Bomber Command was just trying its wings in the fall of '42 with Maj. General Ira C. Eaker in command. A cover from him dated Nov. 1942, while another dated June 1943, carries the title of the Eighth Air Force.

The "Flying Tiger" was now, in Dec. 1942, Brig. General Claire L. Chennault, U.S. Army Air Force, and a registered cover from him, on that date, records this fact.

Also in China, and in command of all U.S. Troops stationed there, was "Vinegar" Joe Stilwell. An Airmail cover with postage due stamps on it gives mute evidence of other things on his mind, things were not going any too well in China.

Helping to train the Chinese soldiers in Burma, was Brig. Gen. H.L. Boatner. His cover is mounted next to Stilwell's, and following this is one from Maj. Gen. T.J. Hanley on the India end of the China-Burma-India Command.

Of incalculable aid to the Russian Army, was the Persian Gulf Command, through which flowed the vital supplies so badly needed to equip the Russians. My cover from Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly gives his title as head of this Command.

Reaching across from Sicily, which he had invaded and conquered in Sept. of 1943, Lt. General Patton sent me his best wishes for a Merry Christmas 1943.

Italy was the next step in the advance. The cover is from Lt. General Mark Clark, Commander of the Fifth Army.

Anzio Beachhead finally secured and joined with the forces in Southern Italy, late in May 1944. My cover was probably mailed on either that very date, or the day afterward by Lt. Gen. Lucien Truscott, commanding the Yanks.

Probably the most daring mission accomplished in Italy was that of Maj. Gen. Maxwell Taylor's trip into German held Rome, to arrange surrender terms for Bagdolio. I have an envelope of his.

D-Day, or Normandy Invasion was the beginning of the end, for the Germans, Five-Star Eisenhower's envelope now bears the title of Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and the race across the Continent was begun. The First Army's Commander, General Courtney Hodges's envelope is dated July 1944. And the one-and-only Patton's unparalleled dash across France, is brought to mind by a cover from him dated Sept. 7, 1944.

And there is a cover from the man who said "Nuts" to the Germans at Bastogne, Brig. General McAuliffe.

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Finally, there is the historic joining of the Yanks and the Russians at the Elbe River. The honor goes to the 69th Infantry Division, whose leader is Maj. Gen. Emil Reinhardt. His cover is dated April 15, 1945, just ten days before the meeting.

Germany has surrendered! "Beetle Smith signed for the Americans. A cover from him is in the collection.

And all this while we've been island-hopping toward our goal - The Rising Sun in Japan! New Guinea! The Solomons! Tarawa! The Gilbert Islands! Philippines! then Okinawa! Iwo Jima! and the Rising Sun has set! Covers from Generals Sutherland, Eichelberger, M.F. Harmon, Richardson, Styer, Hale, Irving, J.C. Smith, R.C. Smith, Schmidt, Cates, Hoge, Mitchell, MacNider, Martin, Soule, Heavey, and many others who led the march back!

Of course the various branches of the Army are all "covered". Service Force Somervrll, Ordnance Campbell, Surgeon Kirk, Quartermaster Gregory, Special Services Osborne, Engineer Wheeler, Veterinary Kelsey, Superfort LeMay, Transportation Gross, and more.

But by now, we're exhausted. So we close the pages of history.

MISSION TO NORWAY  
(APO 544)

By A. J. Tripp

This mission consisted of a group of specially trained Norwegian-Americans from the U.S. Army Strategic Services, all experienced skiers trained in the Colorado mountains and in Northern Scotland. It was organized in January, 1945, with the purpose of helping to prevent any of the large Nazi force in Norway from returning to Germany to reinforce the retreating German Army.

Owing to poor flying conditions, the members of this group did not leave England until March 24, 1945. That same evening they were parachuted onto frozen Jaevsjo Lake in Norway, near the Swedish frontier. Building a camp in an isolated spot, they then aided in keeping the German forces inactive by blowing up railways, bridges, and tunnels. One Nazi patrol found their hidden camp, but none of its members lived to make use of the information. Soon after V-E Day the group left its camp and reached Trondheim where the city gave its members a V-E Day celebration. They then carried out orders to take over the port of Namsos with its garrison of 10,000 Germans and Naval Forces in the harbor.

A cover with the return address reading "Norway Task Force A" has been noted as late as September 1, 1945. This force was also known as the "Norso Group" and the "Rype Mission". The original group contained 35 men. Of these only 13 men, 3 officers, and one Norwegian lieutenant reached Jaevsjo Lake from England. Three men of the Norwegian underground joined this group, to make a total of 20.

It is not known whether this force had any mail service before V-E Day. If it did, it is almost certain that for security reasons mail originating in it did not bear any revealing identification markings. Covers from this group during this period, if any exist, will be among the rare war cover items of World War II.

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Attention is called to Fig. A105 on the page of illustrations. This pictures the dial of a meter cancellation used at the Headquarters of the American Red Cross in London. It is one of the real rarities among APO postmarks.

Additional APO's that used the SERVICE error postmark are reported to be 532A, 649A.

The last day of use of the NAVAL AIR STATION BR., SITKA, postmark was December 31, 1941. Sometime prior to that date the inscription in the top of the dial had been removed to prevent identification.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO "LIST OF APO LOCATIONS"  
(Numbers indicate order of locations)

APO  
 1 Scot.1: Eng.2: Eng.6:  
 2 Replace Eng. with Wales.  
 5 Reverse Eng. & N. Ire.  
 10 Replace It. with Fr.  
 19 Sicily before It.  
 21 Istres, Fr. 2  
 23 Fr. 1  
 29 Tidworth, Eng. 1  
 32 Aust.3: NEI 4.  
 34 Replace Scot. with Northwich, Eng.  
 45 " N.Af. " Algeria.  
 62 Fr.2  
 63A Cirencester, Eng. 188th. Gen. Hosp.  
 65 Replace Aus. with Ger.  
 72 " Tacloban with Leyte.  
 76 Eng.1: Remove Czech.  
 77 Cebu 5  
 79 Ger. after Hol.  
 81-1 Mindanao or Panay.  
 82 Remove 82d.AB Div: Frankfurt, Ger. 26 BPO.5  
 91 Morocco 1  
 92 N.Af. 1  
 94 Eng. 1  
 98-1 98th. Evacuation Hosp. T.H.  
 101 Scot.1: Eng.2: Fr.3:  
 109 Bel. 3  
 110 Litchfield, Eng. 1  
 119A 163d. Gen. Hosp. Freckleton, Eng.  
 134 Barry, Wales.  
 151 XXIX Tact. Air Commd. Lashender, N.I. 1: Fr. 2:  
 152 182d. Gen. Hosp. Eng. 1  
 156 Stansted Mountfitchet.  
 162 147th. Gen. Hosp. 1  
 187 Ger.  
 199 Cebu, P.I. 1  
 201-1 1st. Cav. Div. Med. Det.  
 209 Glasgow, 1  
 216 New Delhi, India. 1  
 219 Hq. AT Commd. Base.  
 228 28th. Gen. Hosp. Antwerp  
 235 XXIV Corps. Guam 1: P.I. 2: Okinawa 3:  
 245 Okinawa 2  
 257 Camp Lucky Strike, Fr.  
 260 Bel. 2  
 264 Harmon Field, Guam.  
 273 Chihkiang (correct spelling)  
 301 New Guinea 2  
 305 Bristol, Eng. 3  
 308 Hall (not Hill): Bel. 2  
 316A 141st. Gen. Hosp. Yeovil, Eng.  
 317 Ger. 1  
 343 Hollandia 1  
 349 Bremerhaven, 28 BPO

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350 Paris 3  
360 Aus. 3: Ger. 4:  
374 Ger. 3  
375B Monteficino, It.  
375C Modena, It.  
398R Leghorn, Replacement Center.  
407 Pasing, Ger. 29 BPO. 3  
407A Liverpool  
408 Eng: Fr: Bel: Lux: Ger:  
411 Ger. 4  
424 33d. Gen. Hosp.  
432 S-E Asia Commnd.  
433 Hq. IBC-ATC.  
438 21 BPO.  
442 Hollandia 1  
443 Eng. 1  
460 Cossipore (suburb of Calcutta)  
464 N.Af. 2: Cassino, Verona, It.  
474 Can. or Alaska? (covers thru Seattle '43)  
477-2 Tok Junction  
477-3 Alcan  
485 9th. Air Ser. Grp.  
496 Camp Angus, Calcutta.  
501 Hollandia 3  
502 12 BPO.  
503 Yokohama, 7 BPO.  
503-1 New Guinea 1  
505 Bushy Hall, Watford, Eng. 2  
510A Ger.  
515 Preston, Eng. 2  
515A Replace Eng. with Wales.  
517 Colchester; Newmarket; Bedford, 1  
518B 347th. Sta. Hosp. Ashchurch, Eng.  
519 also Salisbury, Winchester, Taunton & Bristol, Eng.  
520 N.Af. (before Hq.)  
522 It. 1  
529 Algeria, 1  
532R It.  
535A Road Camp #16 or Camp Pomato.  
544 Norso Grp.-Rype Mission or Task Force A, Trondheim, Norway.  
551 65th. Gen. Hosp. Eng.  
578A Eng. 1  
584 Replace Eng. with Wales.  
586A Luxem.  
610 Meeks Field  
616 Dhahran, Saudi, Arabia. 3  
617-2 Eritrea, MP Grp.  
627 Hq. 14th. AF.  
629 Shift 4 PRS to 886  
633 18 BPO Ger.  
634 Camp Lynn, High Wycombe, Eng. 1  
642 Clynderwen, Wales. 1  
646 Nancy, Fr. 2  
648B Replace Eng. with Scot.  
650 Algeria: Tusinia. 2&3  
654 Hq. 54th. AAA Brigade, Fr. 2  
666 Fr.  
671 Calcutta 2

676-1 Recife, Brazil.  
 696 Furth, Ger. 27 BPO. 8  
 698 Naples, 9 BPO. 4  
 706-1 Bougainville, Sol. Is.  
 707 Brisbane 1: Hollandia 2: add Hq. SOS.  
 711 Hollandia 2 (New Gui.)  
 712 Kimpo, Korea. 4  
 717-2 Mindanao, P.I.  
 718 Negros I. P.I. 2  
 736 Add-US Embassy & High Commissioner.  
 742 " Berlin Office of Military Gov't.  
 742A Tempelhof Airbase, Berlin.  
 743 Wurzburg, Ger. 2  
 745 236th. Gen. Hosp. (location ?)  
 752 Add Camp Wash. Soissons, Fr.  
 772 N.Af. 1  
 787 Iran, 1  
 788 Iran, 1: John Payne Field Cairo.  
 804 Replace Amiens with Auxerre.  
 807 Atkinson Field, B.G. 1  
 811-1 Post Exchange, Aruba.  
 813 Wilmont: Victoria Barracks, Belfast. 1  
 814 India, ('42)  
 815 Inchon, Korea. 14 BPO. 4  
 816 Iraq: Bahrein Is: Cairo: Dhahran, Arabia.  
 818 Chile: N.Ire.?  
 851-1 Ft. Brooke Post Ex.  
 858 Add Sta. 11 N. Atlantic Wing ATC.  
 862 Hq. NF Base Commd.  
 865 Hq. NF Airport.  
 871 Hq. SOS-ETOUSA Cheltenham, Eng. 3  
 885-2 US Rest Camp #8  
 886 Office Chief Base Censor.  
 887 Hq. ETOUSA London & Dist.A Bushy Park.  
 895 Camp Herbert Tareyton, Le Havre.  
 901 Korea Base Commd.  
 912 Peiping Hq. Grp.  
 928-2 New Guinea.  
 928-3 " "  
 941 Ft. Raymond, Seward.  
 942 Add Elmendorf Field.  
 965 Hooluhua, 2  
 965-1 Train, Camp.  
 969-1 Replacement Depot.  
 970 Kung Nung, 2  
 999-2 Norman Wells, N.W.T. Canada.  
 1052 Okinawa, 1  
 1060 India  
 1103 121st. Gen. Hosp. Bremen, Ger.  
 3 BPO Ft. Brooks, Puerto Rico. APO 851.  
 6 " Calcutta, 1  
 14 " London, 1 APO 887  
 18 " Eng. 1 APO 633  
 21 " Okinawa, APO 438

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Income

Balance in Treasury, April 15, 1946	61.08
Members' Dues	161.00
Sale of Publications War Cover Philatelist	\$10.00
Bulletin	30.25
Interest on Savings Account	1.50
	<u>263.83</u>

Expenditures

To C. D. Brenner - Bulletin - One Issue	\$26.57	
To A. E. Perry - Other Issues, Tripp's Location List and Application Blanks	147.00	
To M. Baggett - Stationery	4.00	
To Norona for remaining 10 files of WCP	35.00	
To Copyrights	10.00	
Postage	18.65	
Mailing Envelopes	7.30	
	<u>\$248.52</u>	\$248.52
Balance on Hand April 15, 1947		15.31

## REPORT OF SALES MANAGER, AS OF APRIL 15, 1947

Circuits Entered. . . . .	140
Total Value of Circuits Entered . . . . .	Approximately \$2,000
Circuits Completed and Retired. . . . .	.57
Value of Circuits Retired . . . . .	\$1,010.85
Amount of Sales from Retired Circuits . . . . .	\$526.50

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253 Lloyd W. Litchfield, 81 Dedham Ave., Needham 92, Mass.  
All Wars - All Countries

254 Adolf G. Meyer, 4017 Doris Ave., Detroit 4, Mich.

255 Allen D. Lichtig, 140 Glynn Court, Detroit 2, Mich.

256 Warren H. Treichler, R. 1 Box 57, Fogelsville, Pa. Censored,  
Maritime, A.P.O. and Navals.

257 Conrad H. Johnson, 1621 Mission Ave., San Rafael, Calif. APO Nos.

258 Dr. C. S. Babowicz, 1132 Parade St., Erie, Pa. APOS

259 Charles H. Copestake, 1023 Park Ave., Schenectady 8, N. Y.  
W.W. II and censored covers of that period.

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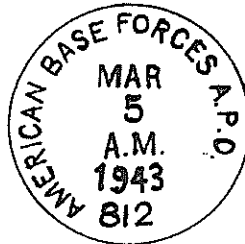
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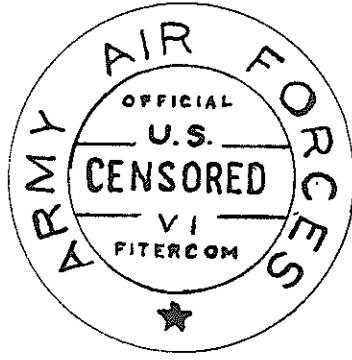
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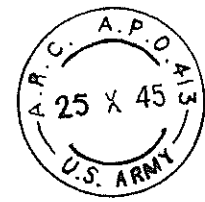
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1. (Puerto Rico)



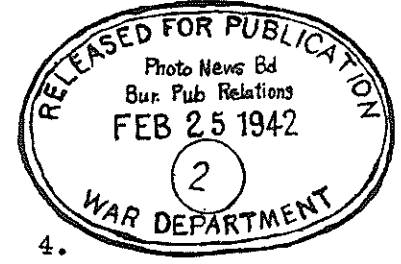
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2. (APO 961)



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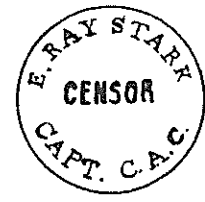
3. (APO 997)

VIA COURIER NEBRASKA CIVIL AIR PATROL

5.

NO RECORD 13th CONSTAB. SQD. APO 179 W.W.L.

6.



7. (APO 944)



8.

MISSING  
703 BOMB SQDN (H)  
445 BOMB GRP (H)

9.

DISPATCH PROHIBITED. BY ORDER NO. 19687

10.

NO RECORD APO 153  
DATE.....

12.

No record A.P.O. 997, Seattle, Washington

11.

RETURN TO SENDER  
VERIFIED  
B.P.O. 15

13.

NO Record  
48 Repl Bn

14.

TO FORWARD TO:  
403rd AIR DEPOT  
APO 636

15.

Returned to Sender  
Address Not Served Through Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California

16.

REGULAR MAIL  
FROM V-MAIL STATION

17.

To: Directory Section,  
Embarkation A. P. O.  
S.P.O.E., Seattle, Washington.

18.

UNSUITABLE FOR FILMING  
( ) PENCIL TOO LIGHT  
( ) ENCLOSURE  
( ) WRITING IN MARGIN  
( ) WRITING TOO SMALL

19.

REGULAR MAIL  
NOT SUITABLE FOR FILMING  
FROM V-MAIL STATION OVERSEAS

20.