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WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN
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Well here I am again with my "Flight of ideas." Hope you can last to the last of the epistle. First of all when you drop a line in my direction (let's have some more) it is Mr. not Miss. There is such an animal as a Male Registered Nurse.

Do you want a story of air transports and their world routes? Send for a copy of Esso "AIR WORLD" from Esso, 125 Broadway, N. Y. C. and ask for Vol. 5, No. 3. Are you interested in a "MERCHANT MARINE BULLETIN"? Send to the National Security Commission, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind. (700 North Pennsylvania St.

If you have a rare cover that should appear in some national stamp magazine, FIRST make a contact with our Sec.-Treas. Almon J. Tripp, 16533 Mendota Ave. He can make a good picture of it for publication. Mr. Tripp would like the WCC mentioned in connection with the picture when it appears in the magazine. Mr. Tripp is in Detroit by the way.

B. M. Hayward, 38 Liberty St., Montpelier, Vt. needs help in compiling a listing of V-Mail forms, change of address forms, greeting forms, etc. that were printed in the United Kingdom for use of U. S. troops stationed there. These forms are printed in black on a poor grade of white paper. The face of the form is similar to those printed in the U. S. except that SENDERS NAME, SENDERS ADDRESS and DATE are in block capitals without serifs and are not enclosed in parenthesis. There is one variety in which upper and lower case letters and parenthesis are used but this contains APO: c/o POSTMASTER, NEW YORK, NEW YORK as part of the corner return address. The back of the form is where the various printings are distinguished. Below the nine or ten instructions is the form number such as: Wt. P.338/P.O. 486/4. 4,00m 3/43. D. P. W. 45-228. The back of the four different 1943 Christmas greeting forms is completely blank. If any reader of WCC has any of these V-Mail forms printed in the U. K. in either unused or in used but not processed condition would report such form numbers, it would be greatly appreciated. Hayward has 17 different ones (including greeting forms) and Mr. Hurlburt has reported several others. So folks while the March wind is howling stay home and check those old boxes under the bed. Thanks.

The Philippines are sending another Combat team to Korea. It is the 14th Regt.

Cip the veep reports more A-AF cancels not included in Russell's last list. All hand cancel unless marked(*)

21	25	69	114	117*	147					
171	172	227	301	613	696	709	864	909*	950	959*

970* Watch your latest mail for new ones.

Would you like to get a complete set of APO 209 cancels? Write to new member and he will help you out. Major J. Edwards, M. C. Medical Co. 351st Inf. Reg. APO 209, c/o FM NYC, NY. Major Edwards wants to buy submarine covers, including those of W W I I. He is member number 335.

Member #336 is Tommy Richards, 1229 Wilson Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Saves all U. S. wars, Spec. Civil and Korean wars.

In Nov. Bulletin the listing was wrong. Please correct as follows:
332 Hayward, Benj. M. - Spec. V-Mail printed in Great Britain for US Forces
333 Lehr, Joseph - All wars; POW; Religion, Music, Boy Scouts on stamps

Did all you members send for an APO appendix sheet? Price is only 12¢. Send to the Sec-Treas. Check your list for APO 450 & make sure it is Manila, P. I.

Did you ever see a PC that the Germans used in New Guinea in 1914? I hear it is a scarce item. Let's hear if you have one.

Will include an APO checklist with this bulletin. This is sent with the compliments of member A. E. Lewandowski, 520 Audubon Avenue, NYC 33, NY. He is head of LAVA that you have heard of. He is the sole U. S. distributor of those 2 books: GERMAN ARMY FIELD POST OFFICES 1937-45 and CATALOGUE OF THE BRITISH ARMY FIELD POST OFFICES 1939-50. In the GERMAN ARMY FPO book written by Alfred Clement (WCC #285) it tells of the field posts of the diff. foreign legions Hitler put up in the fight against Russia. Even Swiss soldiers fought for him! The book lists furthermore Africa Corps, Inselpost, Kurland, submarine mail, Dienstposten, POW mail, a numerical lists of FPO's and locations and many other subjects. It is in German language, profusely illustrated and a "MUST" for every German specialist. In the CATALOGUE OF BRITISH ARMY FPO's it has detailed information about history, location and postmarks of all offices, compiled by Britains leading experts.

A set of the War Cover Club Bulletin is on file in the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION in Washington. It is too bad we couldn't get a small exhibition down there also to advertise the WCC. We have only received 15 new members since the last part of 1951!! Please try to interest people in saving war covers and get those that do save to join up.

I see by the BRONX PHILATELIST that I. Willinger is the secretary of the Bronx County Stamp Club. Congrats!

Joseph Lohr, one of our latest members, wrote a book review in the January BRONX PHILATELIST about Clements' German FPO book.

Do you want an interesting cachet? Send covers to "Mail Clerk," U. S. C. G. C. COURIER, care of Postmaster, NYC. The COURIER is the famous Voice of America sea-borne broadcasting station. It uses a type 2 cancel. Enclose an extra one in for donation in WCC Action.

We have added three new books in our LIBRARY. They are "The MAIL OF THE A. E. F." by Hennen M. Sanford. This book sent in by the author covers the years 1917-1921. Alfred Clement sent in his "KLEINS HANDBUCH DER DEUTCHEN FELDPPOST". This covers the period 1937 to 1945. The club purchased the book "KOREA 1950."

A recent issue of the SEATTLE TIMES had a long article, well illustrated about one of our members. The "Dean" of them all... Deane C. Bartley of Seattle. I wish I had the room to relate his whole history. Quite a man and a true collector.

It is not generally known that the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg maintains a small occupation force in Germany. Its headquarters is at Bitburg, only 20 kilometers from the Luxemburg frontier. This force has no postal facilities of its own. All of its mail is handled through the near-by city of Luxemburg and bears no distinguishing marks.

According to the PHILATELIC JOURNAL, British FPO 514 which served the British Military Mission to Greece has been closed, its last mail having been dispatched on May 13, 1952.

A new U. S. military censor mark from WWII has just been reported. Printed in red, it reads: CHARLES M. BAER, CAPTAIN, SIGNAL CORPS, /CHIEF MILITARY CENSOR, WAR DEPARTMENT, /U. S. ENGINEERS, JAMAICA DISTRICT, /CENSORED.

The POW free franking privilege is still enjoyed by an association in Germany whose purposer is to locate missing prisoners from the last war or obtain information about them.

Well here I am still rambling but I've had good help from the members so have lots of information to give you.

Mail received in England from British soldiers taken prisoner in Korea is opened by the British authorities and resealed with a new type of cancel label. One of those would go well in my Korean collection. Where can I get one???

The main APO 500 is still located in the MITSUBISHI BLDG. in TOKYO. The Mitsubishi family one of the 2 wealthy families of Japan whose property was taken over by the US Govt. after the war, is now being returned to them, for the reason it has been realized as a mistake. These 2 families have the know-how that brought prosperity to the country, PLUS the cash. So it may be that the APO will move to other quarters.

NAVY TIMES (unofficial news-weekly) contains in the Nov. 29th issue a complete list of all ships which have served in KOREA and dates. Price is 15¢ per copy from Navy Times, 3132 M St. NW, Washington 7, D. C. If you send for one get an extra one for our LIBRARY. Thanks.

Harvey V. R. Crowell, 1039 North Street, Pittsfield, Mass. writes in that he has FOR SALE the largest collection of covers of WWI. They were shown in many big cities back in 1932. He also has a collection of posters of WWI on canvas from many different countries.

I have on hand the prices realized on the 16th and 17th WCC Auctions. How many of you members are interested in having these prices included in the Bulletins? If enough will continue listing them. Have you sent in your bids for the 18th Auction? Rev. Robinson is doing a swell job on these auctions all these long years and some good material has changed hands. Prices are way below prices realized in "outside" auctions.

H. J. Hare from Kent, England one of our very active members has had an article on "UN NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA" published in England's STAMP COLLECTING. Mr. Hare has exhibited his KOREAN collection at the BRIMLEY AND BECKENHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY and has been written up in their Journal many times. Keep it up!

Do you want to keep the morale of the Editor up? Please pay your dues up ahead of time to A. J. Tripp. Thanks! Also don't forget the more articles, ideas, news releases, etc you send in the better. I am starting some long range planning which will have a start in this issue. Long articles and long lists will be split up to run a few issues. OK?

There has been inquiries in regards to locations of U. S. Navy Shore Base Post Offices in WWII. The list will start with this issue. This is an interesting and much over-looked source of historical material, and as the WWII Navy publication (1947) which contained a listing of 660 PO numbers and locations is now out of print, the matter will be of value for reference to future and present collectors of military covers. A few such numbers have not been released for the reason they are still classified as "restricted" and a few censored covers are found bearing unlisted numbers, these to be saved for future release of such needed information. Among the "slogan cancels", we find "Navy 157" in the return address (Palmero, Sicily) with "They Fight-You Write" in the cancel bars; Navy 1925 assigned to Algiers, but listed "never activated" is found with "Loose Talk-Costs Lives" in the killer bars. Another "never activated" item "Navy 231" (Oran) shows "147" between the bars, this also at Oran, Algeria, as listed.

The LIBRARY also secured Clement's "KLEINES HANDBUCH DER DEUTSCHEN FELDPPOST 1300 to 1914. This is also written in German.

I hear that England is forming "THE FORCES POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY" Congrats and the best of luck! Our member Eugene Jagger, whose article on British Postal Stationery starts in this issue, is the packet Superintendent of the society.

We have a new member, #337 REING, HERBERT S., 1595 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Saves Foreign & A-AF-Postal Service with AF slogans & cachets. Incidentally these slogans and cachets are found on much of the mail coming in nowadays. It doesn't seem to indicate any relation to unit insignas. Please check with returning vets.

We also have a rubber stamp of the club. Anyone wishing one please send \$1.60 to Sec-Treas Tripp.

Jim Russell recently won a silver bread plate for his showing of KOREAN covers. Swell going!

SPRING MEETING WCC NEW YORK CITY

March 14th was the warmest day of this year (in NYC anyway). This was ordered for the meeting which was again held at Scott's, 1 West 47th St. Outside the window they were painting a GREEN stripe in the middle of 5th Ave, in preparation for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Willinger showed a collection of WWI that was compiled by one man that was with the Engineers in France. Collection was entitled "Recollections of the War". Mr. Willinger gave a good descriptive talk in re to the collection, Mr. Cippoli, Vice President, Sales Manager, Asst. Bulletin Editor, etc. spoke on the Sales Program. He wants the members to tell him what they want and send in what they don't want so it can be sent to others. Needed right now is V-Mail of all kinds, Korean material, covers from Iceland, Greenland, etc. Drop him a line at Tillson, N. Y. Mr. Grandy spoke on the need of going through the cover boxes in your local stamp shops occasionally. He recently went through thousands of postcards and came up with some priceless SIBERIAN postcards...in sets no less! Cost....2 cents a piece. Your Editor recently found an old USS Michigan of 1912 vintage. Cost....1 cent. So check your shops... if you can't use a good item, send it into the Sales Dept. or Auction Dept. Mr. Grandy has invited the WCC to a meeting at New Haven for May 24th. See you there. We will have a Fall meeting of WCC on Nov. 7th. Hope to have some doings at the ASDA later in month of November. Miss Sergeant will have a display and talk at next WCC meeting in NYC. We also hope to have some covers from the collection of William Bogg. These would be from the AFGAN WAR. Mr. Baker of 76 Edwin St. Ridgefield Park, N. J. showed some beautiful items from the Spanish American War. Incidentally he wants to make a catalog, for future use in the BULLETIN, and he needs illustrations, descriptions, or lend of actual covers of US Military Station Post Marks used in Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba in years 1898 to 1906. Also wants postmarks of US Marines in Haite, Cuba, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and China between the years 1915 to 1940. Please check your old covers over and let him know. Hope to start in next Bulletin with his list. It was decided at meeting to sell old copies of Bulletin for 75 cents a year or \$4.00 for the complete set. These bulletins contain a wealth of information obtained elsewhere. Send money to your Editor. Mr. Sam Simon of Yonkers showed a collection of Concentration Camp covers. Rev. Robinson showed a collection of Australian covers of WWII showing Aussies in all parts of the globe.

--- A-AF-PO CHATTER ---

A. J. Tripp

The Military Air Transport Service (MATs) celebrated its fourth anniversary last June 1. The service was organized in 1948 under the Armed Forces Unification Act. The Army Air Transport Command (ATC) and Naval Air Transport Service (NATS) were combined into one service.

From its first day of operations to the end of 1952, MATs has airlifted more than 1,400,000 military passengers, 219,000 medical patients and nearly 300,000 tons of high priority military cargo and mail around the world for the Army, Airforce and Navy.

MATs planes fly more than 115,000 miles of air routes and serve military personnel in 37 countries, Australia is the only continent not touched. During 1952, MATs averaged a Pacific crossing every 45 minutes, Atlantic crossing or Arctic flight was made on the average of 20 times a day.

Other MATs operations include ferrying F-84 Thunderjets and helicopters to the NATO countries, maintaining Air Rescue Groups at bases in all parts of the world, the 3rd Rescue Group in Korea retrieved 112 UN personnel from behind the enemy lines during 1952.

Air Weather Service is another MATs operation, Alaskan based planes fly regular reconnaissance missions over the North Pole, a group in Bermuda charts hurricanes, and typhoons are tracked by a Guam based group.

Other operations includes the airways and air communications, air photography and charting, air resupply and some services in the air raid warning system.

On Okinawa, in the rush to beat the Nov. 15th deadline for Xmas mailing to the U. S., soldiers stood for hours at the postal units scattered through the island, while postal personnel worked long past closing time to get 40,000 pounds of mail processed and ready for shipside loading.

The Yule mail season started in Germany Nov. 1st; Postal units have handled more than 13 million pounds of Christmas mail. This was more than double the 1950 figure, and 20 per cent more than last year.

An 18-car mail train loaded with nothing but Christmas letters and packages for troops in forward areas, left the 2nd BPO at Pusan on Dec. 24th; Enlisted men (EM's) worked 16 hours on a 24hr. basis until the 780,000 pounds of mail was loaded on the train. The "Christmas Mail Special" was run in addition to the postal units several railway mail cars that make scheduled runs from Pusan to Army Post Offices throughout Korea.

The last ship load of Christmas mail was expected to arrive at Pusan on Dec. 25th, the volume totaled about 300 tons - 15,000 bags of packages only. This cargo did not arrive in the FEC in time to be delivered on Christmas Day, and is the last of the bulk shipments from the U. S. A special mail train will rush this to the front line troops.

The postal chief stated 90 percent of the Korean mail had already arrived from the U. S. and that its volume was 75 per cent greater than last years total.

During 1952, four Signal Corps planes were used to fly Official mail to the various U. N. headquarters units in Korea, the service was established to expedite such mail.

THE CANCELS OF THE FRENCH FORCES IN KOREA

by Frederic Patka

The first french troops - January 1951 to November 1951 - had no own Post Office. The Mail was dispatched by the french APO 222 in Hanoi Indochina.

The french APO 222 (Bulletin March & September was NOT in Korea and NOT in France! It was and is still in Hanoi-Indochina. I have some covers from an austrian foreign Legionaire (Paratrooper) stationed in the Red-River Delta. These covers bear this APO cancel (October to November 1951.) The Mail from the french Forces in Korea has been sent to Hanoi and received there the cancel of the APO 222. From this cancel are four types: POSTE AUX ARMEES, bottom with 222 or Star or without 222 or Star (only the inscription) and also with T. O. E. (TOE means Theatre d' operation Exterieur - Exterior Theatre of Operation, not Troupes Orient Extreme!)

The covers from Korea can only be indentified by the senders address, including FAPO 5200 or 5281, or BCM-C (with and without C) BCM-C - Bureau Central Militaire - Control, not Coree! Also the Secteur Postal (S.P.) - Postal Sectors, can be used to identify french Kores-Covers, because covers were also found bearing only the Secteur Postal and BCM (without F.I.P.O) so it can't be said, that these covers are from Korea. I know the following S.P.'s, but I am sure there are some more of it.

S.P.	73.584	S.P.	53.342	S.P.	78.810
S.P.	73.585	S.P.	53.343	S.P.	78.811
S.P.	73.586	S.P.	53.344	S.P.	78.814
		S.P.	53.350		

The second french contingent being in Korea in action since December 1951 (the other one was back in France in January 1952) is said to have its own Fieldpostoffice. It has a cancel with the inscription POSTE MILITAIRE / No 560 (bottom). These cancel was used in 1944-45 in the Fezzan Territory (Lybia-Africa). I have a cover with this cancel, but it cannot be found out if it is from Korea because this cover has no senders address.

The postal fee is for foreign countries 30-Francis (former in 1950, 51- 25 Francs) for France it costs only 15 Francs. Free Mail is only from a military address to another one. Anything other must be paid with the ordinary postal rate.

It is now only to clear up if the cancel POSTE MILITAIRE No 560 is used by the french forces in Korea.

Since June 19th, 1950 it is also the french Aviso (Destroyer), La Grandiere' in Korean-waters. This ship has not an own cancel. The Mail is handled over to the french Naval PO in Hanoi-Indochina. The senders address bears, Aviso La Grandiere par P. N. F. Hanoi or Paris (PNF - Poste Navale Franceis - French Navy Mail). The cancel is a single-ring line rubberstamp, AVISO, La GRANDIERE' in blue.

Covers from this ship are very rare!

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RANDOM NOTES ON THE BRITISH A. P. O. SERVICES
AND
POSTAL STATIONERY 1939-1945
BY
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When the British Expeditionary Force proceeded to France in Sept. 1939, the Field Service postcards which were first issued to the troops, were the remainder of the small type cards that were in use during World War I. These are distinguished by the large Royal Coat of Arms between Field Service, and in top left hand corner AFA2042 114/Gen NO/5248 and printers imprint on message side 5-18 (i. e. May 1918) Second type brought into use were similar in size and color, except smaller type printing RAF FORM No 1929 printers imprint on message side 9.39 (i. e. Sept. 1939) There are 2 printings of this second type, but the only difference appears to be the printers imprint itself. The third type printed on greyish card and was in use Nov. 1939 does not bear any printers imprint or date, neither has it the Royal Coat of Arms. Compared with their plentiful use in WWI, these field cards were very little used in the 1939-45 campaign and the cards printed July 1941 had been reduced approximately a quarter of an inch on all sides.

The first registered envelopes that were used in France in 1939 were the ordinary type which were in use throughout Britain, bearing an embossed 4½ stamp and with words Registration threepence. Postage three halfpence on stamp. As postage was free for letters up to a certain weight it was only necessary to pay the registration fee, these envelopes were sold to the troops at a cost of 3½d., against 5d. charged over here, however these envelopes were replaced in Feb 1940 by a type specially printed for use by the troops, which bore an embossed stamp in green reading Registration Three-pence. On the reverse side, left hand top corner was printed name and address with three dotted lines underneath. "Registration" in center along bottom half "Compensation is given for loss or damage in respect of an Inland Registration letter etc. A second type was similar to the first with Registration across center but with the omission of the name and address of sender. This type appears to have been in use March 1942 until 1945. Third type bore word Compensation across center and along bottom half "Subject to the limitation and conditions, etc. The first type of envelopes are extremely rare, as probably most the stock of envelopes in the Field Post Offices were either destroyed or abandoned during the retreat and evacuation from France in 1940. As no specimens have been found used after early 1940 of the first type.

Christmas cards emanating from France were of different types, usually decorated with Corps or other signs and words B. E. F. Christmas 1939, while inside were the long road with Concor proceeding along a Lombardy Poplar lined road, with a "Tommy" on guard presumably at the Maginot Line, leave ship in Calaid harbour and the White Cliffs of Dover with a couple of blue birds or maybe seagulls flying over. Maybe our American cousins had seen the other X-Mas card which portrayed a "Tommy" sitting behind the Maginot Line busily engaged in knitting a scarf, it was titled, "Blitzkrieg or Winning the War Comfortably" then they called it a "phony war." As it is now a matter of history that we were awakened from our complacency or winning the war comfortably by the realisation that

the greater part of the B. E. F. was cut off in the Dunkirk area. Should you chance to have a picture postcard portraying a view of Margate or neighborhood look at the address side which may have the words B. E. F. inscribed, there is no postage stamp and the machine marking is Margate Kent, Gt. Britain June 1940 bearing the message, "I have arrived safely" you will realize that it is of historical interest and one of the cards which were handed out to the troops on arrival in England after the evacuation.

Honor Envelopes which were commonly called "Green Envelopes" from the fact that the first ones issued during WWI were originally printed on green paper. During WWII these only appear to have come into use about April 1940, usually the issue was limited to one envelope per man per week. These could be sealed by the sender and need not be censored regimentally or locally but were liable to censorship by the Base Censor. If the sender desired to send three letters to three different people, the method of procedure was to place the three letters unsealed in the green envelope which was then addressed to the Base Censor, who opened the honor envelope and after censorship despatched the letters to their respective destinations. There are numerous types of these honor envelopes which differ both in the paper and printers imprint. Then there are the ones which were specially issued for the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy, the former which were printed in bright blue ink inscribed, "Active Service R. A. F. Privilege Envelope" and the Naval ones were printed in black ink with words "Royal Navy" across the top. Most of these envelopes bore two thick horizontal lines, black for Navy and blue for the R. A. F. and green for the Army.

The honor envelopes used by the Indian Forces are most interesting as they were printed in various languages, English, Urdu, Roman Urdu, TAMIL and so on. They are invariably in frail condition as the paper utilised was very poor, most of the envelopes were not gummed at the flap, so that it was necessary to hunt around for glue or any other sticky substance or may be found sealed with stamp edging or gummed label which no doubt would help keep the letter together which usually was in a frayed condition by the time it arrived at its destination.

On June 8th, 1945 the issue of green envelope AFW3078 was suspended and what stocks remained on hand were utilised by the various Government departments, after blocking out the inscription and the imprint of an official stamp at the top right hand corner of the envelope.

(Continued in the next issue of the Bulletin)

Before you get into Spring planting here is something that would help the Club and Bulletin out good. Bill Cippoli of Tillson, NY is compiling a list of BASE CENSOR numbers and the APO that is on the cover or APO return address. This will show where the thousands of base censors were located. We will issue in the Bulletin when complete. Thus you could locate a cover if the APO is unreadable or missing by just the Base Censor number. So please give a hand. Thanks

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UNITED NATIONS MAIL FROM KOREA

by

James Russell

When the North Korean Army invaded South Korea in June, 1950 there was only APO 404 at Seoul which served the US Military Advisory Group. Within six months there were approximately 29 APOs activated.

The arrival of other UN Forces in Korea has created a new and interesting phase for the collector. The following notes on the UN mail is recorded by the writer who will appreciate hearing from those interested in this specialty. Address is 2209 Brighton St., Philadelphia 24, Pennsylvania.

Covers seen from the Canadian forces are CFPO's 25-27-28. . . Another cover is CAPO 5000. This is wither Tokyo or Kure but ties in with the Canadian forces in Korea.

The Belgian forces have no postoffice of their own but seem to use the one nearest their unit. Covers have been seen postmarked from US APOs, some have US stamps and others have been sent via free mail. One has been seen mailed from FPO 790 with US stamps! The Belgium Forces have used three different types of letter sheets. One type has S. M. (Service Militaire) printed on the form where the stamps would be placed. This is the French type. On the same line as the S. M. but about one inch to the left is printed "No. 13" The other forms have the letters M. D. (Militar Dienst) printed on them. This is the Flemish type. One of these has Nr. 31 printed on the form but the other one has no number on the form. The form with the Nr. 31 is printed in black ink while the other form is printed in green ink.

The Netherland forces mail is cancelled at US APOs with US stamps and other sent Free Mail.

Ethiopian forces mail is cancelled at US APOs 7 and 20 and generally use US stamps.

From the 60th Indian Field Ambulance Unit we note quite a number of covers cancelled from US APO 301 both by free mail and using stamps. Also have seen mail cancelled British FPO 406 using letter sheets. One type is printed in green ink and another is printed in light blue.

Turkish troops do not have their own postal unit but use US APO 25 and APO 500 (Japan).

The Italian Red Cross unit uses US APOs and US stamps. They have a large rubber stamp for return address which reads: CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA / OSPEDALE DI CAMPO N. 68.

Danish Red Cross dropped some of their mail in Japan and was cancelled from 17009 Branch. This was on US stamps. No markings have been reported from the JUTLANDIA. However they have a large rubber stamp used for return address: THE HOSPITAL SHIP/JUTLANDIA/DANISH RED CROSS.

The French unit have their own cancels and use the regular "Post aux Armees" single ring canceller with "T. O. E." (Theatre Operation Exterior) at the bottom of circle. Another canceller is also used with the same reading at top of circle but with 222 at bottom of the circle. Both of these cancellers have been used on French stamps.

The Greeks have their own canceller which is a double circle type. The translation of the inscription is Military Post Office of the Greek Expeditionary Force. This is used on US stamps and also Free Mail. Some of the mail is also cancelled at US APOs.

The Filipino unit uses US APOs on US stamps and free mail.

The New Zealand unit has their own postoffice. They have 2 cancels which read N. Z. A. P. O. at the top of circle and 444 at the bottom. One canceller is 28mm and the other is 35mm. Another canceller reads N. Z. FPO 406. An oval canceller has been reported but I have never seen it or obtained a description of the cancel.

The Thailand unit has a cancel which reads: THAI MILITARY WELFARE DEPT.ⁿ This is a very decorative marking. This is used on U. S. stamps.

The Australians have their own cancel. They have 496 Unit Postal Station cancel. This was used early. It may be this was the only cancel used in Korea. Australian P. O. 214 and 8 Base P. O. have been used but these are in Japan. The Royal Australian Air Force used R. A. A. F. P. O. 30.

Great Britain has the usual double ring canceller. Cancels used are FPOs 158, 406, 707, 734, 740, 790 and 798. These are used on British stamps, U. S. stamps and Free mail.

The Swedish Red Cross only have printed stationery with a Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross ? Field Hospital / Korea. They use US APOs on U. S. stamps.

The South African Forces have used the 1¹/₂d. Air Letter Sheets which have been overprinted "Free Forces Mail." The card is one of the typed issued in 1948. It bears a three halfpenny value printed in deep claret color. This has been overprinted with four blue horizontal bars across the lower part of the impressed 1¹/₂d. stamp and the words "FREE FORCES MAIL/ POSVRY VANAF MAGTE" are printed in blue letters above the top line ruled for the name of the addressee. Also a "FLYING SPRINGBOK" blue airmail label is printed on the front of the card and the information on the back giving information about paying extra postage has been overprinted by a wide blue bar. There has been 21,600 of these letter sheets overprinted. This sheet has a US stamp and was postmarked at APO 709.

Please check over your Korean covers and report new items to Mr. Russell or your editor, Kevin Rogan. Thanks.

UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA

By H. J. Hare

(Here are additional items not mentioned in Mr. Russell's above article which were in a recent article by MR. Hare.)

Australians use 452 and in Japan use Nos. 512 and 495.

Indian covers in some cases use 56 Base P. O. Set 1 & 2 in addition to BAPO 3 in ink.

Dutch Navy Destroyer "Evertsen" mail has US stamps, US Navy 17000 Br. cancellation with Koninklijke Marine Crown & Anchor in circle.

US Navy Ships without their own special postmark use 17000 Br. Australian Navy Maritime Mail cancellation on Australian stamps to England.

Canadian Navy Maritime Mail to G. B. direct and special Canadian postmark if sent via Canada to G. B.

Colombian Army with USAPO postmarks.

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