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WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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(Not to be sent overseas)

U. S. CIVILIAN CENSORED COVERS. Very few members appear to be collecting covers of the present war that have passed through the U. S. censorship. Serious attention to these covers will reveal a surprising amount of interesting material. Because of the considerable secrecy that has surrounded the operation of the censorship, the collector has practically a free field for research and fact-finding. So far as is known, censor stations were established in the following cities: New York, Chicago, Miami, San Francisco, Seattle, San Antonio, New Orleans, Honolulu, San Juan, P. R. Most, if not all, of these stations were established within a week after the declaration of war in December, 1941. For some weeks each of them used several types of locally made provisional censor stamps. A few of these markings are exceedingly scarce items; some have not been identified positively. In fact the listing and identification of these early censor stamps presents a problem upon which a number of collectors will probably have to work. Perhaps some of our members have friends who have worked as censors at one of the above stations who can supply information about them when such action becomes permissible. In addition to identifying the hand stamps used at each station, here are other items of information that would be of interest: 1) opening and closing dates of each station; 2) the range of each successive series of censor numbers used at each station.

CANADIAN NOTES. The location of the post offices using the C. A. P. O. cancellations can now be revealed. Nos. 1 to 5 are in Newfoundland: No. 1 at St. John's; Nos. 2 and 4 at Gander; No. 3 at Botwood; No. 5 at Torbay. No. 10 is at Goose Bay, Labrador, where there is also a U. S. APO. No. 51 was used for a short time by the Canadian troops participating in the "invasion" of Kiska and is a scarce item. This marking may represent the first and only foreign military post office established in the Continental United States.-----A very scarce Canadian cancellation has the form of a circle about the size of the C. A. P. O. post mark. Around the inside of this circle it reads CANADIAN POSTAL CORPS No. 1, with date in center. It is understood that Nos. 1 to 3 were used from October 2nd to 9th, 1941, probably as emergency postmarks. No. 1 was also used for about a month on Kiska.-----Most Canadian prisoner of war camps have their own postmarks. They are in the form of a single-line circle inside of which, at the top, are the letters P. O. W. In the center is the date, and at the bottom the camp number. A few of the larger camps also have meter cancellations for 30 cents which are used only on prisoner correspondence sent by air mail to Germany.

DISCONTINUED APO'S. The following APO's are reported discontinued: 15, 611 to 614 incl., 660, 669, 724, 818 to 832 incl., 842, 843, 844, 876.

The Club has just been offered the famous Norona Collection of covers from World Wars I and II at what seem to be reasonable terms. Efforts are being made to devise feasible plans for acquiring and distributing the collection. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, the membership will be informed of the details at once.

Up to the present it has been possible to publish this Bulletin only six to eight times a year due to the cost of the illustrations. These illustrations are well reproduced on good paper and are exact size (unless otherwise stated). No other publication offers so many war markings so well reproduced. If the Club income increases for the year just starting, publication may be more frequent. Please send in interesting items of information and unlisted markings.

WAR BALLOT COVERS. The following covers may be added to the list published in the March Bulletin:

CALIFORNIA. Type 3. Same size and paper as Type 1. Same red stripe across middle as in Type 1. Also same inscriptions in upper right and left, but word FROM omitted from latter. Set in smaller type than Type 1. At lower left is printed: ABSENT VOTER'S RETURN BALLOT/Enclose in this Envelope the/Sealed Identification Envelope/Containing Your Voted Ballot/(A War Voter may enclose also his/"War Voter's Affidavit of Registration"). [Alameda County]

Type 4. Same size and paper as Type 1. In upper right in framed rectangle, printed in red, is: Free of All Postage Including/Air Mail/(WAR BALLOT). In upper left, in black: FROM followed by 3 lines for name and address of sender. Below this, in red: OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT/VIA AIR MAIL. Beneath this is same instruction as in Type 3, printed in black. Address of County Clerk is also in black. [Alameda County]

Type 5. Large cream-colored envelope measuring 4 1/2 x 11 inches. Printed all in black. Center: County Clerk's name and address. Upper left: FROM with 3 lines for name and address of sender. Lower left: similar instruction to that on Type 3. Apparently intended for civilian absentee voters, but also issued to members of the Armed Forces. [Alameda County]

Type 6. The "Absent Voter's Identification Envelope" mentioned in description of Type 3. Brown paper, measuring 4 1/8 by 9 1/2 inches. Printed all in black, with voting instructions on back. Face bears an affidavit followed by notice to return sealed envelope to County Clerk, Oakland, California.

FLORIDA. Type 1. White paper. Size 4 1/8 by 9 1/4 inches. In upper right corner, in red: Free of Postage/Including Air Mail/(WAR BALLOT). In upper left corner, in black: FROM, followed by 3 lines for name and address of sender. Across middle of face two narrow red lines between which is printed: OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT---VIA AIR MAIL. Below this is address of County Judge, in black. In lower left corner is large letter C, perhaps to designate Clearwater County to which this cover is addressed.

BLUE ENVELOPES. The U. S. Army furnishes its members overseas Blue Envelopes as it did in World War I. All types seem to be in current use. The following types have come to our attention:

1. Face divided vertically down middle by a rule line. Broad band of diagonal hatching along lower left side. In upper right-hand stamp space is a square in which is printed: FREE/(stamp required/for air/mail only). Below this is printed: If more than one letter inclosed, address this envelope to:-/CHIEF MILITARY CENSOR, U. S. ARMY. At top left side is printed: This letter must not be censored by company or/regimental censor, but by the Chief Military Censor.//I certify that the inclosed letter or letters were written by/me, refer only to personal or family matters, and do not/refer to military or other matters forbiuden by censorship/regulations. Printed in roman type.

2. Same as Type 1, except that BASE CENSOR is substituted for CHIEF MILITARY CENSOR in inscriptions on both sides, and second paragraph on left side has been closed up to make three lines instead of four. Printed in serifed type.

3. No dividing line as in Types 1 and 2. Right-hand half of envelope blank. Left side has two framed rectangles, the upper one considerably smaller than the lower one. In upper rectangle is printed: BLUE ENVELOPE MAIL/ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.//This envelope must not be used for money/or valuables; cannot be registered and will/not be censored by unit censors but by the/Chief Base Censor. A SEPARATE EN-/VELOPE MUST BE USED FOR EACH/LETTER. Lower rectangle contains same certifications as in Type 1, in 5 lines. Beneath it is printed: W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 911/November 20, 1942. 16-20682-1 GPO. Printed in roman type.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

(As of April 10, 1945. Condensed)

RECEIPTS

Cash received from previous treasurer	61.50
Received from dues	143.43
" " sale of Philatelist	3.50
" " advertising	2.50
	<u>210.93</u>

EXPENDITURES

To C. D. Brenner for printing and mailing Bulletin	98.85
Bank fee, for cashing check	.18
To D. Norona, for copies of Philatelist	12.00
Secretary-Treasurer's expenses	
Stationery and printing	19.15
Postage	13.43
	<u>143.61</u>

Cash balance in bank	67.32.
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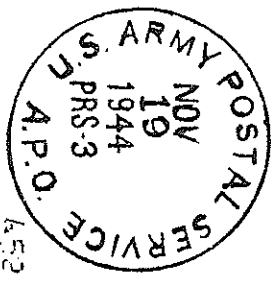
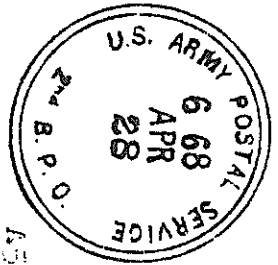
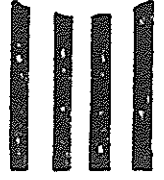
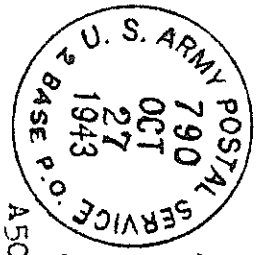
Dr. A. E. Perry
Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

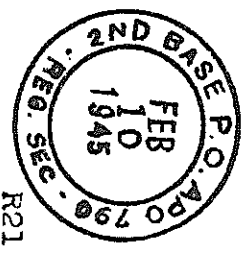
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192 - Ivey, R. K., 227 Westmoreland, Lynchburg, Va.	
193 - Ruzinsky, Julius, 138 Gautier St., Johnstown, Pa.	
194 - Ringer, F. H., 5511 N. Canfield Rd., Chicago 31, Ill.	
195 - Bihr, Charles, 1104 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y.	
196 - Thorpe, Josephine M., 9 Elmdale Ave., Akron, O.	
197 - Toomey, Miss Helen, Colonial Beach, Va.	
198 - De Bragga, Miss Agnes, Box 124, Stonington, Conn.	<u>POW, APO</u>
199 - Ward, Connell C., 449 S. Cottage St., Salem, Oregon	
37 - Rauch, Otto, 186 Adams Street, Delmar, N. Y. (reinstated)	<u>U. S. Wars I, II</u>
110 - Perkins, John M., 505 125th St., College Point, N. Y. (reinstated)	

BLUE ENVELOPES (continued from page 2). 3a. Same as 3, except inscription in lower rectangle is in 5 lines, the word "regulations" constituting the 5th line. Inscription on back of flap is 1/4 inch from top.

Some very good material has been coming into the Sales Department. There is a never-ending demand for material, so you will be rendering a service if you send in your duplicates.



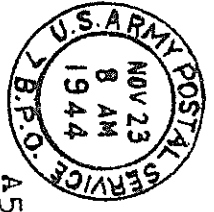
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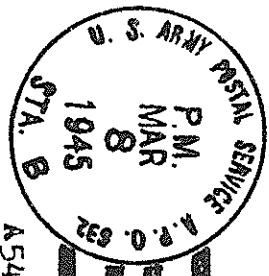
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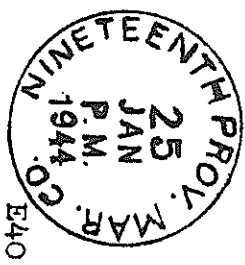
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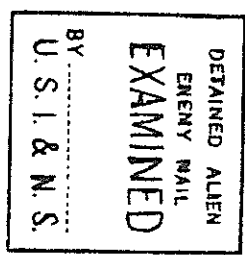


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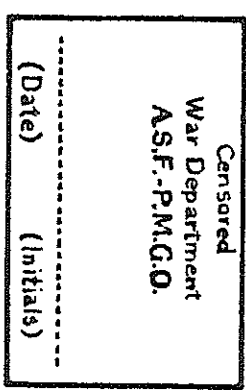


R10

Special Markings Applied to
Prisoner of War and Internee Mail
in the U. S.



K100



K101

POSTAGE FREE
Prisoner of War Mail

FREE

PRISONER OF WAR MAIL

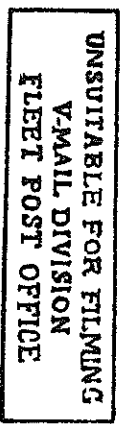
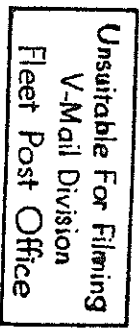
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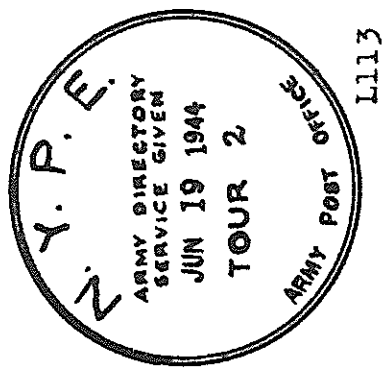
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Directory Markings

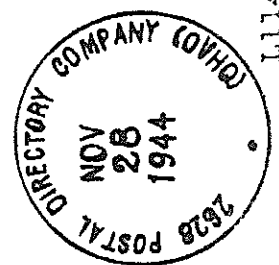


OPENED AT 1st BASE POST OFFICE
TO ASCERTAIN CORRECT ADDRESS

.....	NAME
.....	RANK

L42

NOT IN
JUL 15 1944
A.P.O. 34
DIRECTORY L43



APO c/o PM
New York, N. Y. L44

APO NOT SERVED THROUGH
POSTMASTER NEW YORK, N.Y.
NYPE ARMY POST OFFICE

RECEIVED UNSBALED
7th B.F.O. L46

Directory Markings

DIRECTORY SEARCHED 1st B.P.O.
DATE.....
L47

ATTENTION: Port Postal Officer,
Port of Embarkation, N.Y., N.Y. L48

MISSENT TO APO.....
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NEW YORK, N. Y.
A. P. O. #

Initials Date L49

NO RECORD
1st B.P.O.
DATE.....
L66

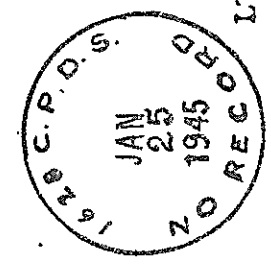
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DATE..... L67

NO RECORD
1st B.P.O.
DATE INITIALS.....
L68

NO RECORD P.O. AAF. Sta. 238
Initial.....
Date..... L69

Directory Service Given
DEC 3 1944
At APO 251 NO RECORD
L71

No record APO 633.
Date.....
Initial..... L70



NO REC. APO -146
AUG 6 1944 L72