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A very successful meeting of the WAR COVER CLUB was held in the Collectors Club on East 35th Street in New York City on June 5th. With our new President, Philip Baker in charge. Rev. Robinson had the material for the 28th Auction. There were some nice items to be had. By now they are residing in some ones collection. It was decided to have a donation auction later in the summer. So please everyone send in a few items from your duplicates to Rev. Robinson, 315 Mulry Lane, Lawrence, N.Y. for the benefit of the club. At the meeting we welcomed in Sol Whitman as a new member. His specialty is Lettersheets. We heard by way of the "grapevine" that one of our fair members is contemplating marriage and thinking of moving to sunny California. Miss drop me a line if this is available for publication. Everyone is happy but we hate to lose you from our immediate group.

AT LAST WE HAVE A SECRETARY-TREASURER! Many members turned down the nomination. President Baker and the members at the meeting persuaded Mr. Isadore Willinger to take the job. He accepted even though he is already tied down with the job of Secretary of the Bronx Philatelic Society. Mr. Willinger we thank you. Our past Sec-Treas. Mr. Almon Tripp labored many years after asking to be relieved of the position. At this election he declined with regrets. He wants to give more time to research on war covers. The War Cover Club at this meeting elected Mr. Tripp an Honorary Member for life for his years of hard work not only on the business end of it but for his work on many projects of the Club..the APO location chart.. the APO type chart...to mention a few. He is the first member to be so honored in our Club. Congratulations Mr. Tripp !! After all where would any phase of collecting be if it were not for research. We heard that Joe Lohr just got out of the Hospital. We hope to see you at the next meeting hale and hearty. Starting July 15th the dues of the Club will be \$2.00 so it behooves everyone to get their dues in to Mr. Willinger at the old price of \$1.50 before July 15th. The year of the Club will now run from July 1st to June 30th for the business of the Club. On July 10th Mr. Grandy has invited all the members of the Club to his home for a day of relaxation and of course covers of all kinds. The meeting we had last year at Grandy's was great. So come one..come all. We were honored to have the editor of COVERS Magazine, Mrs. Edith Faulstich with us for our meeting. A real friendly individual. She is interested in research of the old, old covers...way back when they cut the messages in stone !! Many other members came in and out during the long afternoon meeting.

Well time out for a "Commercial" and a bottle of Rogan's Round Rock Ranch Root Beer.

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Sol Whitman

of all kinds and
from all countries

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Covers from all wars, especially the smaller ones, Civil, Crimea, Irish Rebellion of 1920, North Russian Campaign, Israel-Arab War, and especially all covers from the recent KOREAN WAR. Am interested in the unusual.

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Your editor spent a week recently at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Canada. While there I visited Major Ian Morgan. Forget about "Southern Hospitality" and try the "Northern Hospitality" as offered by Major Morgan and his wife. The Major's collection is one to behold. He has covers of the early struggles in Canada in the 1600's and 1700's that are priceless. They are mounted and written up so that a non-collector could spend hours looking at them. His collection of Canada is so large that he keeps a catalog of the catalogs.

Dr. Perry recently was discharged from the Hospital in Albany after spending a long time there. Hope this finds you enjoying the warm weather and your collection.

In the next Bulletin we would like to have short or long articles from the members on the October membership list with last names starting with C, D, E and F. (From Case through Faulstich) Fred Faulstich will act as Chairman of the group. Thanks!

The latest issue of the Philatelic Literature Review has an addenda to the bibliography of books and articles on Confederate stamps and postal History.

My correspondence in re to the Club has bogged down the last 6 months as I have been away from both home and the office much of that time. I'm afraid some mail has been mislaid in my absence so please bear with me and drop another line for various information.

I need various material for this Bulletin. My collection scope is quite limited. Please send in all articles...long or short on any subject relating to war covers. They don't need to be typed.

In the Korean War the British used FPO's as follows: From Kure, Japan was 260, 376 and 949. In Korea was 406, 740, 158, 406, 451, 707, 734, 740, 748, 790, 798, 946 and 948. Do you have any others?

What members save Confederate Covers? We need some articles on them. O.K.?

Publisher of CATALOG OF U.S. POSTAL SLOGAN CANCELS announces price change in their catalog. The prices are to be increased 100 %.

There is a War Cover Club in Seattle, Washington I hear. Our member Sterling Taylor is Chairman I believe. Lets hear from you folks out on the West Coast.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS OF WCC

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J.H. Harvey Pirie: World War II Philately of Southern and Eastern Africa. Africana Museum, Johannesburg, 1953. 60 p.

The author of this booklet is the leading authority in the field of South African philately. During and after the War he assembled what is undoubtedly the most complete collection of material on all aspects of the War as reflected in both the military and civilian postal systems of South Africa. Several years ago Dr. Pirie presented this collection to the Africana Museum in Johannesburg. At the same time he compiled this booklet to serve as a guide to visitors inspecting the collection. But the booklet is more than a guide. In it the author has incorporated all available information on South African philately during the War and has made liberal use of illustrations. The result is the last, and perhaps final, word on the subject. The postal history of the South African Forces is fully covered for every theater in which they operated. This finely printed publication is essential for everyone who collects South African war covers. An international money order for five shillings, about seventy-five cents, will obtain it from the Africana Museum.

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--Reinstated--

284 Simon, Sam, 80 Bruce Ave. Yonkers, N.Y.
Concentration & D.P. Camps--German Occupations

--Changes--

189 Baker, Philip, 635 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J.

--Deceased--

74 Black, Arthur F. 144 Providence Rd., Charlotte 7, N.C.

--New Members--

352 Ially, Thomas F., 66 Richardson St., New Brunswick, N.J.

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From Charles Lasky comes this info: All APO's as well as BPO's kept up to date copies of postal schemes, classified "Secret" during the war. Changes came from Theatre Postal O. daily by registered mail or courier. APO's had to have them to "scheme" forwarded mail to correct APO's. This was as good as a Station list as it had geographical locations and map coordinates of serving APO's. Div. APO's usually close to Div. Hq.- never closer to lines, frequently a little farther. See Part I Postal Guides of period for Post, Camps & Stations. PRS's seldom close enough to combat units to serve them (except AAA) usually at Railheads or small ports.

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From Mike Baggett comes this info: Arthur F. Black, one of the past presidents of the WCC passed away on April 10th. He was sick for eight months and was one of the most courageous men I know of. He owned one of the most outstanding U.S. collections of religious stamps, and his "Life of Christ" collections had been shown to many religious and civic groups.

Fieldpost Registry Marks

By Alfred Clement

By Registry Marks we understand all marks used on the part of the Post Office to distinguish registered mail. The official distinguishing mark can be applied.

- a) by hand - Rman
- b) by Registry handstamp - Rst
- c) by Registry label - RL

In the case of the Rman the text must be considered, in the case of the Rst, the text, form, size and color of ink, in the case of the RL the paper (color, size, means of separation), the frame (form, size, color), the "R", the serial number, and the text should be described. In so far as possible, a sketch will be used to replace many words.

As the "normal form" we shall designate the RST and RL, which have a size of approximately 45 x 20mm and the field of which is divided into a small left portion and a larger right portion, the "R" of which is in the left field, and the serial number of which is in the right field with the text above the serial number. In the case of text of more than one line, the lines will be indicated by the use of a slash (/). On the basis of known facts a use of Registry marks can be surmised (e.g. known rates of postage) even when no covers or proof of the use of them are on hand; in these cases I have used the word "Unknown" and request that these traces be especially investigated.

AUSTRALIA

WWI - Unknown

Sept. 30, 1937 - Field PO No. 1 in Doncaster near Melbourne in service one day on the occasion of the golf tournament of the A. I. F. (Australian Imperial Forces) Veterans.

RL used. Appearances (?)

WWII Army

RL Normal form 42 x 22mm, blue on white
"Aust. A. P. O. No 065" The great number of different APO cancellations causes us to surmise just as many different texts. (see fig. 1.)

R. A. A. F. -

RL Normal form, blue on white, perforated or imperf. on three sides.

1) blue on white, "R" with cursive foot,

a) Only number: "R. A. A. F. 4102"

b) Number and Province: "R.A.A.F.P.O. 4113/
New South Wales"

c) Location: "R.A.A.F.P.O./ Mildora, Vic."

d) Black handstamp impression: "R.A.A.F. Post
Office/ Tocumwal"

2) Like 1), but "R" in block letter. Blue on white, but serial number black. Text: "R.A.A.F. 7400 AUS." (see Fig. 2)

3) Like 1), but red on white. Text with location: "R. A. A. F./ TOWNSVILLE"

Navy - Unknown

Expeditionary Force in England

RL of Australian form with British FPO 847 (only
September 1944) (with British RL see under Great
Britain)

Expeditionary Force in Palestine

RSt "Austr. Army Postal Service Reg. No."

Expeditionary Force in the Middle East (M.E.F.)

RL of Australian origin and British FPO 26 (November
1940 to November 1944) and FPO 28 (November 1940
to October 1943) British RL's.

Occupation Forces in Japan - Unknown

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Occupation of the Italian States (1849-53)

RSt: Long stamp 38x4mm, black "Per Consegna"

Boxer Rebellion (1900-01) - Military post at the Embassy

RL of the Austro-Hungarian Navy with long stamp 79x5mm
"K.u.K. Marinedetachment in Peking"

WW I

RL, normal form, black/yellow

- a) with designation of FPO by number
- b) with designation of Base PO by placename (in
Albania, Italy, Montenegro, Poland and Serbia)
- c) from FW, Military and Barrack Camps
- d) from the Naval FPO in Pola

Provisional RL, black on light yellow, 49x19mm,
"K.u.K. Feldpostamt 239/ R. Nr. 53"

RSt-

- a) with designation of FPO in various forms and sizes
- b) normal form, without designation of FPO, number
added in manuscript.
- c) only "R.Nr." or "R.No." without frame, number
added in manuscript.
- d) Hungarian form: Frame, "R.....SZ" in it. (see
Fig. 4).

BELGIUM

WW I

RL, normal form 44x18mm, red on white, serial numbers
of various types, text black handstamp imprint:

2 POSTES MILITAIRES 2
LEGERPOSTERIJ

number of the FPO on both sides of the text, numbered
1 to 8, 8bis. (see Fig. 5)

WW II - unknown

CANADA

WW II

RSt of the Military Post Offices:

- a) Box stamp
- b) circular stamp

X

Fig 1

R Aust. A.P.O. No. 065
No 48822

Fig 2

R R.A.A.F. 7400 AUS.
No 10224

Fig 3

R Nr

Fig 4

R SZ

Fig 5

R No 550

Fig 6

R Cis-palni postta 44
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Fig 7

R 21

Fig 8

R No 381

Fig 9

R

(Fig 10) Charge

Fig 11

R Fp XXIII
983

Fig 12

Dtsche Dienstpost
fp. 4 a - 2

Fig 13

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(Fig 14)

R 38

(Fig 15)

R F.P.O. No.
No 0509

Fig 16

R 60

Fig 18

R H.M. SHIP
SFR

Fig 19

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Fig 20

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Fig 21

R POCZTA POLOWA 150
Nr.

Fig 22

R Feldpost 35
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Fig 23

AMERICAN BASE FORCES A.P.O. 516
JUN 9 1943
REGISTERED

Fig 24

REGISTERED
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Fig 25

R U.S. FORCES 4
No 9330

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B.C.M. 7

WAR-TOWER CLUB
1937

ARMY-AIR FORCE PORTAL SERVICE
FEB 8 1951
9 29
A.P.O.

Well here we are on the last page. There would be more pages if there were more contributions. Jest drop a post card with any new information on it. From D.C. Bartley of Seattle comes word of our wandering boy..Jesse Thomas. Jesse was in Seattle on May 5th. He had been in Korean waters for nearly 2 years. He was last seen heading for San Diego. I hope Jesse picked up some good Korean items. From a non-member comes this info on early Australia in WW1. US forces arrived in Australia 25 Dec. 1941 in Brisbane, in Melbourne shortly after. It was known as USAFIA by Feb 1942. APO number ?? He enlisted in March and assigned to G-2. US stamps were available at that time. Late in March base censor's office set up in Melbourne. They used circular standard type censor mark. Similar stamp was kept by AC of S, G-2, General Hqs. throughout the war. Hq. USAFFE was established 4 April 1942, APO 501, Melbourne. This was moved to Sydney towards the end of 1942. USAFIA remained in Melbourne, dissolved subsequently, date unknown, when the base sections were established in Australia. General Hqs. SWPA APO 500 formed in Brisbane early Aug 1942. We left Melbourne in July as an advanced echelon of Hq USAFFE. Units with APO's 921, 925 were still using Australian stamps and occasionally Australian civilian PO's in March even after our own APO's were set up. This was pretty well cleaned up by the end of March. INDIAN FORCES IN KOREA. Special stamps for use of the Indian forces in Korea, guarding the North Korean and Chinese prisoners not wishing to be repatriated, were issued on October 17th, 1953. They consist of the current Indian definitives from 3 pies to 1 rupee overprinted in Hindi and English "Bhartiya Samraksha Katak Korea"--"Indian Custodian Forces Korea". The offices of the Commonwealth of Australia in England use the stamps of Great Britain punctured "C of A". Used in 1916, 1922, 1937 at least. Have you run across any? The stamps are not available to the public from any Australian Government office. Where can I find a complete list of British FPO, BAOR and MELF. Incidentally what does MELF stand for?

BOOK REVIEW "Les Documents Postaux de la Guerre 1939-1945
This booklet gives as precise an account as possible of the postal documents issued during the war known to the authors. The first part is devoted to military business cards of Officials sent during the war, those pertaining to flags, return cards, postal cards, envelopes, etc. Then comes the second part, quite copious, reserved for documents interesting to prisoners of war, postcards, forms, cards of secret service men, cards of occupation in the Red Cross, correspondence of interns with complete list of prisoners and intern camps indicating their numbers and occupations. Finally the last part gives the class of cards between zones and other forms used during the occupation, official cards, commercial cards, propaganda cards for the gathering of non iron metals, forms used for correspondence with Northern Africa, etc. A number is attached to each section pointing out the most rare whenever possible which augments the interest of the little catalogue illustrated with 27 cliches which give great help to collectors and permit them to give situation and class to documents in their possession.

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