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WAR COVER CLUB BULLETIN

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The biennial election of officers of the War Cover Club will be held next spring, as provided by the Club's constitution. Officers to be elected at that time are a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and six directors. All members in good standing are eligible. To insure a full slate of nominees, I have appointed the following nominating committee: H. M. Sanford, chairman, M. R. Baggett, G. M. Martin. However, nominations may be made by any two members. They must be in the hands of the secretary, Dr. A. E. Perry, not later than February 1, 1946.

C. D. Brenner, President

Article 5, Section 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club reads:

"Groups of five or more members in good standing may associate themselves together for the purpose of forming chapters or units of the society, under such conditions as may be approved by the Board of Directors."

Most of our larger urban areas now contain quite a little group of members. Even though such groups may not wish to constitute formal chapters, they are urged to arrange for their members to meet informally once or twice a year. Much mutual benefit and pleasure would derive from such gatherings. Someone will have to take the initiative in calling the first meeting. It should be possible to find among those present volunteers to be responsible for subsequent meetings.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO LIST OF MEMBERS

- 167 - Bernard L. Ahman, Jr., 3213 Frisby St., Baltimore 18, Md. (U. S. WW 2)
- 132 - Fred W. Aldrich, 515 E. Garfield St., Glendale 5, Calif. (WW 2)
- 163 - Lt. Col. R. E. Benjamin, Hq. V Corps, Fort Jackson, S. C.
- 174 - Chas. Creighton, 1070 3rd St., Hermosa Beach, Calif. (Oddities)
- 101 - James L. Hamill, 2834 N. E. 45th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon (WW 2)
- 29 - J. Paul Klinger, 31 Hastings Ave., Ardmore, Pa., Upper Darby, P. O. (WW 1, 2)
- 208 - Gustav J. Meylan, 4619 Brooklyn Ave., Cleveland 9, O. (WW 1, APO, Patriotic)
- 175 - Ray E. Morrison, 8647 Trumbull Ave., Skokie, Ill. (All Belgian Bel. Congo)
- 167 - John F. Wilson, 52 John St., Hamilton, Ont., Canada. (All wars)
- 135 - Bruce E. Woodbury, 1526 Hudson St., Muskegon 8, Mich. (APO)

DISCONTINUED APO'S. 2, 4, 5, 12, 16, 22, 44, 45, 85, 86, 91, 95, 107, 108, 296, 297, 299, 302, 303, 308, 313, 316, 319, 327, 345, 361, 364, 366, 368, 370, 376, 379, 381, 382, 383, 384, 386, 387, 389, 392, 393, 397, 399, 421, 422, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 435, 446, 463, 470, 499, 520, 530, 531, 540, 567, 608, 668, 670, 672, 673, 674, 691, 724, 725, 727, 730, 759, 760, 767, 771, 774, 779, 792, 793, 819, 918, 933, 936, 937, 939, 941, 944, 945, 946, 948, 971, 977, 978, 979, 982, 984, 985, 988, 990, 991, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1131, 1132.

APO'S AS MAILING ADDRESSES. A member in the Armed Forces reports that APO 274 in China is merely a mailing address to permit distribution in New York and more rapid delivery overseas. Said to be in the same category are APO's 192, 215, 216, 217, 390. It is quite probably that certain other APO's from which no postmarks are known are also only mailing addresses. Certain numbers above 1,000 have been assigned to three and four man units which in turn are assigned to other units as helpers and do not operate under their own numbers. There are indications that numbers, especially those in the 1,100 series, have been assigned temporarily to military missions concerned with occupation of former enemy territory, the enforcement of the peace, the Potsdam Conference, etc.

U. S. NAVY MACHINE CANCELLATIONS. With the valuable cooperation of Mr. D. C. Bartley, we illustrate what we believe to be a fairly complete list of types of U. S. Navy Machine Cancellations. Some of these appear to be variations of the same basic type. As with some of the APO machine cancellations, they may result from the fact that each die is separately engraved. There are as many as three variations in the space between the dial and the killer of some types. We do not list these as sub-types. Attention is also called to the fact that with both Army and Navy machine cancellations the killer is often put into the cancelling machine upside-down.

FOR THE RECORD. Many members will be interested in this recent statement of the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army:

"Due to the complex nature of the assignment and operation of Army Post Offices and the frequent movement thereof, the War Department does not contemplate the compilation of information concerning the location, numbers or cancellations that have been used during World War II."

Those members who collect U. S. civilian censored covers will be interested in the following reply received from the Chief Postal Censor in response to a request for certain information regarding censor stations, examiner numbers, etc.:

"All information of this nature continues to be confidential. A full record, of course, will be filed in Archives to be available only as may be determined by the President. It is most unlikely that the official history and records of the Office of Censorship will be made public. I might add that this policy is being followed by all United Nations' censorships."

POSTAL REGULATING SECTIONS. A first-hand account of these sections reads in part: "A Postal Regulating Section is a bulk mail control unit which is located at an important supply route junction where a large volume of mail is enroute to and from an army. Its normal functions are to receive bulk mail from base post offices and distribute it to APO's serving troops; to receive mail from APO's serving troops and prepare it for shipment to the Zone of the Interior or to other points in the theater of operations; and to furnish postal service to troops in its area. If there is not a base post office in the area, the PRS may have to assume some of the functions of a base post office. In order to furnish normal postal service to troops in the immediate vicinity, the PRS has to operate an APO; thus, the APO of the 15th PRS is 416. When operating as an APO it is usual for a PRS to use only the postmark assigned to that APO, without indication of the PRS number. Postal Regulating Sections are ordinarily organized in the Zone of the Interior. Sometimes, when additional PRS's are needed by armies in the field, an Army Postal Unit supplemented by several APO's will be used as a PRS. APO 59 functioned as a PRS at one time."

"The Postal Regulating Section may operate as a part of an Army Regulating Station, which controls the flow of all supplies to an army, along with mail. As such, the PRS is truly a section,--a section of the station. In Europe, however, the PRS's have usually been physically separated from the Regulating Stations and have operated independently."

Many more APO locations will be published in the next Bulletin. You will help us by sending in locations not yet reported, especially outside the European Theater. Locations in the Alaska area are especially desired.

CHECK LIST OF BRITISH (REPS) POSTMARKS USED BY THE CANADIAN ARMY, RCAF, AND RCN UP TO 30 JULY 1945. Compiled by Major Ian C. Morgan.

CAMPS - Stornway, Isle of Lewis; Catterick Camp; Bulford Barracks.

HOME DEPOT, REPS - 1,2,4,15.

HOME POSTAL CENTER, RE - 4.

BASE APO's - 4,5,6,8,15.

APO'S - No. 6, A No. 6, B No. 6, C No. 6, 870.

FPO'S - 2,4,10,18,20,34,41,45,46,67,68,74,81,89,97,98,99,106,109,111,115,116,119,130,131,133,164,172,177,178,179,180,188,189,190,199,211,212,213,226,237,238,239,240,241,245,247,248,253,256,292,298,300,306,308,310,311,312,313,314,320,321,334,362,364,374,376,391,401,403,416,417,421,422,427,428,429,430,432,433,434,435,436,452,453,454,455,464,465,471,475,483,484,485,486,487,488,490,492,495,496,498,499,502,505,506,509,522,523,524,526,527,528,529,537,539,542,547,548,577,583,584,585,586,587,588,590,595,598,600,601,609,610,622,623,624,625,626,631,635,636,637,638,639,640,641,643,644,647,648,650,652,653,658,665,666,667,668,669,672,673,676,677,678,679,681,683,684,685,686,707,710,715,719,722,723,748,760,761,763,764,783,802,804,805,814,821,822,825,826,828,831,835,838,839,854,858,883,885.

CANADIAN FLEET MAIL OFFICES

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| H.M.C.S. | "Stadacona," Halifax, N. S. | H.M.C.S. | "Avalon," St. John's, Nfld. |
| " | "Cornwallis," Cornwallis, N. S. | " | "Conestoga," NPO 109, Galt, Ont. |
| " | "Protector," Sydney, N. S. | " | "Fort Ramsay," NPO 109, Gaspé, P.Q. |
| " | "Burrard," Vancouver, B. C. | " | "Niobe," Glasgow, Scotland |
| " | "Naden," Esquimalt, B. C. | " | "Nonsuch," Edmonton, Alta. |
| " | "Givenchy," Esquimalt, B. C. | " | "Tecumseh," Calgary, Alta. |
| " | "Bytown," Ottawa, Ont. | " | "Unicorn," Saskatoon, Sask. |
| " | "Captor," Saint John, N. B. | " | "Star," Hamilton, Ont. |
| " | "Chatham," Prince Rupert, B. C. | " | "Hochelaga," Montreal, P. Q. |
| " | "St. Hyacinthe," St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. | " | "Griffon," Port Arthur, Ont. |
| " | "Shelburne," Shelburne, N. S. | " | "Donnacona," Montreal, P. Q. |
| " | "Somers Isles," Bermuda | | Canadian Fleet Mail Officer, London |
| " | "York," NPO 212, Toronto, Ont. | | |
| Fleet M. O., R.C.N. College, | N.P.O. 1114, Royal Roads, | | Victoria, B. C. |

BRITISH FLEET MAIL OFFICES

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|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| B.F.M.O. | Colombo, Ceylon | B.F.M.O. | Alexandria, Egypt |
| " | Port Said, Egypt | " | Trincomalee, Ceylon |
| " | Malta | " | Sydney, Australia |
| " | Freetown, W. Africa | " | Manus, Admiralty Islands |
| " | Gibraltar | " | Tacloban, Leyte |
| " | Madras, India | " | Brisbane, Australia |
| " | Suez, Egypt | " | Fremantle, Australia |
| " | Aden | " | Melbourne, Australia |
| " | Calcutta, India | " | Auckland, N. Z. |
| " | Durban, S. Africa | " | San Francisco, Calif. |
| " | Bombay, India | " | Hong Kong |
| " | Karachi, India | | |

WANTED TO BUY OR EXCHANGE U. S. ARMY APO COVERS from U. S. Troops in Canada and from U. S. APO's 440,462,464,877 addressed to Canada, 475,476,677,691,692,693,694,701,702,722,724,728,737,917,918. Also any other APO's used by Canadian Troops.
Ian Morgan, 1455 Union Avenue, Montreal 2, Canada.

APO LOCATIONS (continued and to be continued). Many of these offices have had several earlier locations, and some have certainly been changed since last reported.

PACIFIC AREA

Okinawa - 105, 196, 201, 235, 243, 331, 337, 341, 343, 344, 346, 357, 438, 458, 468, 710, 712, 901, 902, 903, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055.

Guam - 182, 234, 246, 264, 334, 1057.

Saipan - 237, 244, 249.

Tinian - 183, 247, 1058.

Iwo Jima - 86.

Tarawa - 240.

Kwajalein - 241.

Ie Shima - 245.

Peleliu - 265.

Manus - 324.

Noumea - 502.

Espíritu Santo - 708.

Guadalcanal - 709, 1056.

Morotai - 719 (later Palawan), 926.

Tongareva - 720.

Aitutaki - 721.

Fiji - 913.

Canton Island - 914.

Christmas Island - 915.

Ellice Islands - 930.

INDIA-BURMA-CEYLON THEATER

192 - Rishra (Hastings Mill), Hq. ICD-ATC.

213 - Lake Beale

215 - 444th Bomber Group

216 - 10th Air Force (later in China)

217 - 7th Bomber Group

218 - 10th Air Force, later Myitkyina

220 - Piardoba

390 - 12th Bomber group

429 - Tezpur

431 - Lalmanirhat

432 - Kandy, Ceylon

433 - Kurmitola

460 - 6th BPO, Karachi

465 - Calcutta

466 - Jorhat

467 - Sookerating

487 - Dinjan

489 - Misamari

490 - Mohanbari

491 - Bangalore

492 - Barrackpore

493 - Kharagpor

494 - Kanchnrapara

495 - Gauhati, Assam

496 - Camp Angus

628 - Ramgarh

629 - Chabua

630 - Gaya

631 - Chakulia

671 - Rishra, Hq. AAF

689 - Ledo

690 - Ondal

881 - Bombay

882 - Karachi Air Base

883 - North Malir Air Base (Karachi)

884 - Agra

885 - Delhi

886 - Karachi

CHINA THEATER

210 - Chengtu, Szechuan

211 - Chengkung, Yunnan

212 - Yankai, Yunnan

271 - Peichihyi, Szechuan

272 - Chanyi, Yunnan

273 - Chihchiang, Hunan

274 - Poseh, Kwangsi

275 - Nanning, Kwangsi

279 - 95th Station Hospital

280 - Kweiyang, Kweichow

289 - 172nd General Hospital

290 - Shanghai

430 - Kweilin, later Lukiang, Yunnan

488 - Yunnanyi, Yunnan

627 - Kunming, Yunnan

879 - Chungking

OTHERS THEATERS

BPO 1, Sutton Coldfield, Eng.; BPO 5, Bari, It.; BPO 6, Karachi, Ind.; BPO 9, Naples; BPO 17, Paris; BPO 21, Okinawa; APO 21, Marseilles; 23, Heidelberg; 52, Rouen; 53, Cherbourg; 56, Weimar, Ger.; 57, Charleroi, Bel.; 58, Mourmelon Le Grand, Fr.; 60, Mosbach, Ger.; 61, Tibenham, Eng.; 62, Darmstadt, Ger.; 63, Cirencester, Eng.; 64, Valley, Wales; 65, Le Havre; 66, Marseilles; 67, Le Havre; 68, Verdun; 82, Weimar.

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

U.S. NAVAL AIR STA.

E125



NAVY YARD BR.

E126



PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

NAVY YARD STA.

E127



NAVY YARD BR.

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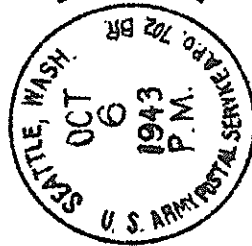
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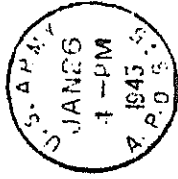
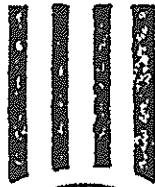


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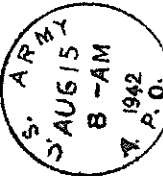
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A49b - Same as A49, but with all date and time slugs removed.

A75a - Same as A75, but with APO number removed.

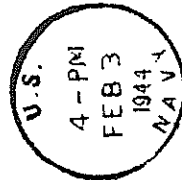
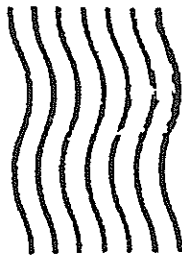
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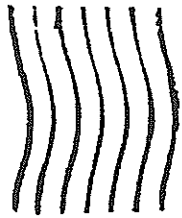
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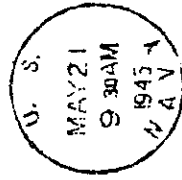
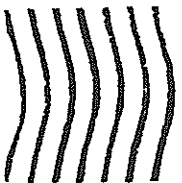
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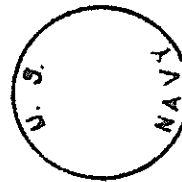
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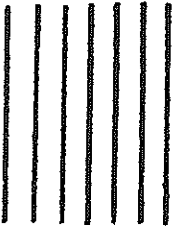
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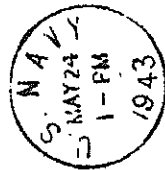
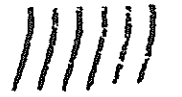
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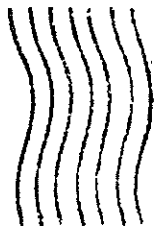
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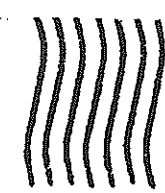
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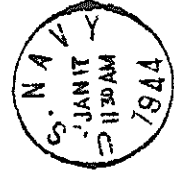
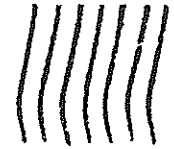
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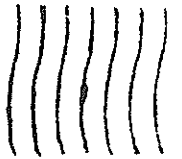
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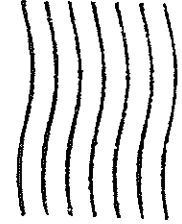
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