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Borderless Airmail Cover, Earliest Use by APO

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From A Report On Office of Censorship, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1945, p. 21.

"Postal Censorship normally did not examine letters passing through the Army and Fleet Post Offices; in other words, mail to and from members of the United States armed forces. This was handled by Army and Navy censors, who occasionally asked for assistance from the Office of censorship to clear away any unusual accumulation." (Note. The only covers from the Armed Forces so far known to have passed through civilian censorship are certain Army covers from Alaska and some naval covers from Newfoundland and unknown points of origin. Have any others been noted?)

The Club has purchased the last ten sets of the WAR COVER PHILATELIST remaining in the hands of the original publisher. While they last, sets of this invaluable publication may be obtained from the Secretary of the Club for \$5.00 each.

SALES DEPARTMENT. The response to the request for material has been excellent. About 25 circuits have been sent out this autumn. A steady flow of new material is needed. See September Bulletin for directions for submitting material.

The early U. S. Army Provisional Censor Stamps illustrated in this issue were used as follows: nos. 60, 61, 68 at Fort Greeley; 64, 66 at Fort Mears; 62, 63, 65, 69, 70, 71, 72 at Fort Richardson; 73 at Fort Ray. All are hand-carved.

The following list contains all the branch APO numbers reported to date. Please send in at once any other numbers definitely known to have existed (with location when possible), so that they may be included in the forthcoming list of locations:

57A, 88A, 88B, 119A, 121A, 121B, 124A, 143A, 168A, 182A, 316A, 322.1, 322.2, 348A, 348B, 349A, 350A, 375B, 403A, 407A, 407B, 409A, 413A, 437A, 477.1, 477.2, 482A, 503.1, 506A, 508A, 510A, 513A, 514A, 514B, 515A, 516A, 518A, 519A, 519B, 523A, 528.1, 558A, 565.1, 565.2, 565.3, 569A, 574A, 578A, 586A, 597A, 618B, 632A, 632B, 633A, 635A, 637A, 637.1, 638A, 640A, 646A, 646B, 647A, 648A, 655A, 695.1, 700A, 700B, 701.1, 702.1, 713.1, 713.2, 719.1, 719.2, 722G, 731.B, 801A, 801B, 801C, 801D, 803A, 809A, 869.1, 871A, 871B, 921.2, 986.1.

Information is very much desired about the types of censor stamps and the censor numbers used at the following civilian censor stations during the recent war: Los Angeles, El Paso, Miami, Chicago, Alaska. Please communicate with the editor if you can help or if you know anyone who has pertinent information.

 ADDITIONAL APO TYPES AND SUBTYPES

- A31b - Like A31, with numeral 1 added under year date to show unit no. (921).
 A40c - Like A40, with bottom of dial blank. (500)
 A40cd - Like A40c, with APO no. added above month slug. (540)
 A41c - Delete. See A68.
 A42d - Like A42, with all date and time slugs removed. (960)
 A47e - Like A47, but with square killer bars like A40. (922)
 A49f - No periods after A P O. (230)
 A51a - Like A51, with year slug added. (668)
 A54a - Like A54, with bottom of dial blank and APO no. in place of time slug. (632)
 A68 - Like A40, but with "A.P.O. 887" in much larger size.
 A68a - Like A68, but with APO no. removed. (887)
 A70 - Straight line post mark. Dec. 18, 1944. (654). Only known straight line.
 A82c - Like A82, without time slug.
 A85a - Like A85, with APO no. in place of year slug. (709)
 A86b - Like A86, with "APO 98" under year slug. 7 killer bars.
 A88a - Like A88, without APO no.
 A90b - Like A90, with 7 killer bars. (165, 166, 167, 253, 334)
 A91c - Like A91, with APO no. in place of time slug. (765)
 A96a - Like A96, with 7 killer bars. (20 BPO)

Add

- A82d - Like A82, but with 7 killer bars. (502,509,512,525,537,700,758)

(Credit contributions to Messers Ivey, Motz, Baggett)

NOTE. Type A70, illustrated in this issue, is somewhat of a puzzle. The only example seen cancels the postage stamp on a picture postal card. It is obviously an ordinary rubber date stamp. Was it used as an extra canceller during the Christmas mail rush, did it serve some genuine emergency purpose, or is it merely a philatelic item prepared specially for someone? If more examples are found the answer may be provided.

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EARLIEST KNOWN DATES OF USE
OF THE BORDERLESS AIRMAIL COVER

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Street, Conneaut, Ohio.)

Continued from September Bulletin

A.P.O.#	A.P.O.#	A.P.O.#	A.P.O.#
463-Feb.6/45	519 A-Nov.8/44	563-Aug. 11/44	633-Sept. 22/44
464-Oct. 10/44	519 B-Sept.28/44	564-Sept.29/44	634-Aug. 13/44
465-Sept.21/44	520-Aug. 13/44	565-Oct. 12/44	635-July 20/44
466-Sept.29/44	521-Feb.16/45	566-Dec. 24/44	635 A-Sept.13/44
467-Oct. 17/44	522-Mar.12/45	567-Oct. 4/44	636-Aug. 16/44
468-Jan.12/45	523-Dec. 10/44	568-Dec. 5/44	637-Aug. 29/44
469-Aug. 25/44	524-Nov. 18/44	569-Nov. 1/44	637 A-Aug.13/44
470-Dec. 26/44	525-Nov. 28/44	570-Mar. 21/45	639-Nov. 29/44
471-Jan.2/45	526-Aug. 13/44	571-Aug. 7/44	640-Aug. 23/44
472-Sept. 8/44	527-Aug. 21/44	573-Aug. 31/44	642-July 14/44
485-Feb.4/45	528-Nov. 15/44	574-Sept. 5/44	643-Jan.7/45
487-Oct. 12/44	529-Jan.24/45	574 A-Dec. 6/44	644-Aug. 30/44
488-Nov. 23/44	530-Feb.16/45	575-July 29/44	645-Oct. 9/44
489-Oct. 17/44	531-Oct. 3/44	577-Oct. 16/44	646-Nov. 13/44
490-Nov. 15/44	532-Oct. 11/44	578-Oct. 15/44	647-Sept. 5/44
491-Mar.9/45	533-Sept.12/44	579-Aug. 3/44	648-Jan. 2/45
492-Sept.13/44	534-Feb.20/45	580-Aug. 9/44	649-Sept. 6/44
493-Dec. 4/44	535-June 8/45	581-Aug. 20/44	650-Nov. 23/44
494-Feb. 6/45	536-Nov. 9/44	582-Feb.25/45	651-Aug. 2/44
495-Jan.10/45	537-Nov. 25/44	583-Oct. 16/44	652-July 14/44
497-Mar.22/45	538-Sept.12/44	584-Aug. 24/44	654-Oct. 30/44 (R)
498-Jan.22/45	539-Oct. 19/44	586-July 20/44	654-Nov.7/44 (C)
499-Oct. 18/44	540-Oct. 24/44	587-Aug. 6/44	655-Oct. 21/44
500-Oct. 24/44	541-Sept. 1/44	588-Aug. 8/44	658-Sept.21/44
501-Aug. 9/44	542-Nov. 10/44	589-July 30/44	667-Dec. 18/44
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503-Mar.1/45	544-Aug. 15/44	591-Apr.28/45	676-Jan.24/45
505-Aug. 22/44	545-Oct. 25/44	592-Aug. 17/44	678-Dec. 28/44
506-Aug. 11/44	546-Aug. 10/44	594-July 30/44	681-Oct. 31/44
507-Aug. 2/44	547-Feb.15/45	595-July 24/44	683-Nov. 30/44
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514 B-Nov. 6/44	556-Aug. 2/44	608-Feb.13/45	705-May 13/45
515-Apr.27/45	557-Aug. 18/44	627-Nov. 4/44	706-Sept. 8/44
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517-Nov. 8/44	559-July 18/44	629-Sept.22/44	708-Feb.14/45
518-Nov. 28/44	560-Oct. 1/44	630-Mar.14/45	709-Sept.25/44
519-Aug. 8/44	562-Aug. 19/44	631-Nov. 9/44	710-Nov. 10/44

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Early U. S. Army Provisional Censor Stamps
Used in Alaska, World War II



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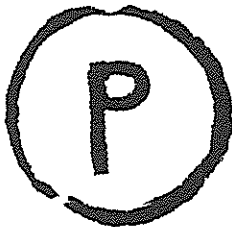
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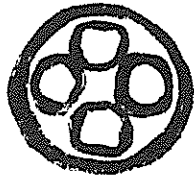
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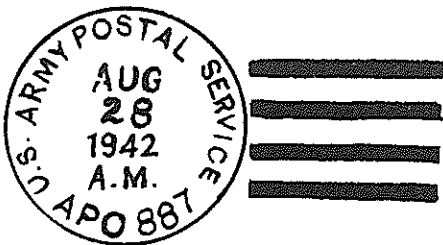
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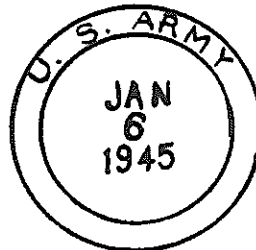
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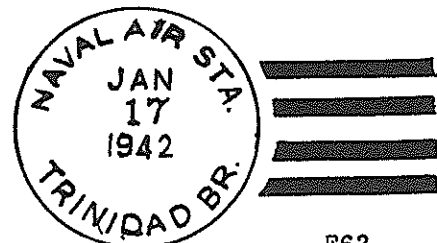
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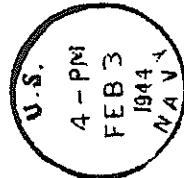
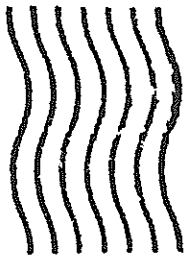


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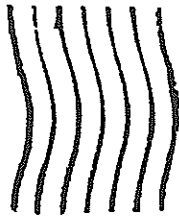
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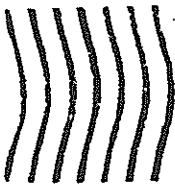
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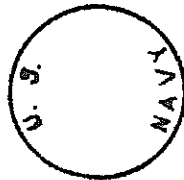
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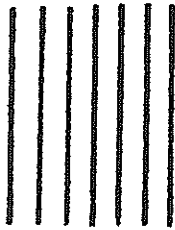
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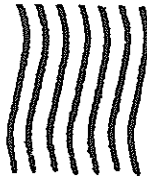
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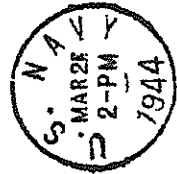
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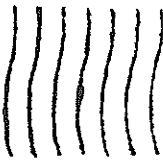
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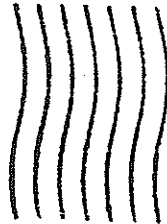
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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.
 -U.S. NAVAL AIR STA.-



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NAVY YARD BR.



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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.
 -NAVY YARD STA.-



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NAVY YARD BR.



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NAVAL AIR STATION



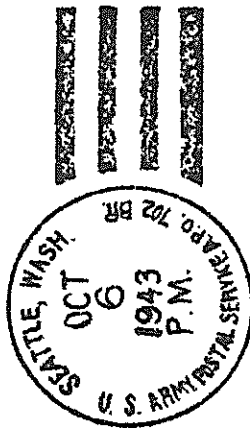
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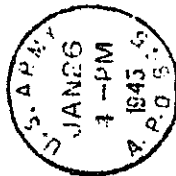
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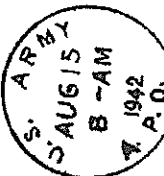
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A49b - Same as A49, but with all date and time slugs removed.

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

A82a - Same as A82, but with APO number removed.

A82b - Same as A82a, but with APO number in place of time slug.