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NOVEMBER 1957



WHOLE No. 8

FLIGHT OF IDEAS

H. M. Sanford, veteran Philatelist known nationally died recently after a long illness. Born in Chicago, lived in the Cleveland area for over 40 years. Member of APS, various stamp clubs and the War Cover Club. Very active in Stamps for the Wounded and junior activities. We best know Hennen for his book "The Mail of the A.E.F." which was published in 1940 as an APS handbook. This is a recognized work on this WW I subject. Surviving are Mrs. Sanford, a daughter and 3 grandchildren.

I just received a few copies of the "History of the R.A.F. Postal Service Overseas, 1942-1957" by John Smith, FPHS. If you need a copy, send along a dollar.

WORLD WAR II FOREIGN

Included in a collection I purchased is an album of 85 foreign covers, mostly British, but I notice Polish, Dutch, German and one Czechoslovak Field Post. All naval of a sort and partially written up. I collect only U.S. Would like to trade this collection, or will sell if I cannot swap.

CDR. H. F. ROMMEL

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

NEWPORT, R. I.

"WAR COVERS 1914-18, 1939-45, INDOCHINA, KOREA, NORTH AFRICA, MILITARY, NAVALS, AVIATION, AUTHENTIC DUNKERQUES" W.P. in Switzerland, Red Cross Mail, F.D.C., Maximum Cards, Different United Nations Conferences in Switzerland, French Stamps cancelled Military Post U.S.A. Singles & lots.
Dm. KANDAOUROFF

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PARIS 9, FRANCE

SPECIALIST OF THIS TYPE

ALL THE OFFICERS OF THE WAR COVER CLUB WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A SUCCESSFUL COLLECTING NEW YEAR.

OPERATION MUSKETEER

Last year's campaign in Egypt brought up the following marks: British and French paratroops landed in Egypt on Nov. 5th, and the seaborne forces on Nov. 6th, 1956. All troops were withdrawn by Dec. 21st. The operation was staged from Malta and Cyprus. FPO 300 was the forwarding address throughout the operation. Censorship of mail on the HMS THESUS started on Nov. 7th. Censor mark, "tombstone" shaped, with "From H.M.Ship" over a

crest was used. F.P.O. 953 with censor mark diamond shaped measuring 2x2 in., with crown over "Military Censor 1533" struck in violet noted. This was posted in Port Said. Sender stationed in Casino Palace Hotel, which had been turned into a hospital. A censor mark as above also noted in blue-black. Censoring of mail apparently finished on the evening of Nov. 10th. F.P.O. 443, time slug B, dated 12.11.56 from Port Said. The others noted have A or C slug. F.P.O. 148 on 22.11.56 from Port Said. F.P.O. 433, time slug A on Nov. 25th and Dec. 10th and 15th from Port Said. F.P.O. 1020 on 17.12.56, time slug B. This one mailed on NEW AUSTRALIA somewhere on the Mediterranean. F.P.O. 1020, time slug A noted 19.12.56 off Oran. WHO HAS INFO ON F.P.O. 461 and other censor marks during this campaign? D.G.Rayner wrote up the above in Stamp Collecting on 2/22/57.

Our Sec-Treas. Isadore Willinger, I find out, was a member of the "LOST BATTALION" in World War I. There was a recent reunion of the survivors of the lost battalion at the Hotel Shelbourne in New York City.

I just obtained a Marine cover from San Domingo City, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC dated August 7, 1919. In the killer bars is "CO PM NY / U S MARINES". When did the marines first go to this area and when did they leave?

M. Hertzberg recently picked up a cover from the fighting in Muscat. It bears the single ring "FPO 943". It is on the special stationery of the commander of the Sultan's forces there. He is an Englishman, named Waterfield.

Who has a marine cover BEFORE the Spanish American war? Drop in a line with information.

I am trying to make up a small collection of IGY covers. Can anyone help me along this line? We could pool information and trade covers. I understand there are stations on Jarvis Island which use stamps of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands, also Palmgra Island, Line Island and Fanning Island. There are stations on Guam, Koror, Canton, Eniwetok, Truk, Midway, Kwajalein, Christmas Is. and Malden. Does anyone have covers from these places to sell?

The JEWISH LEGION was organized in WWI originally as part of the British Army's "Royal Fusiliers Reg.". The "Zion Mule Corps" commemorative cancel of 3/6/55 (Israel) corp to Gallipoli unsuccessful failure at a direct invasion of Turkey. The Jewish Legion was reorganized into the Mule Corp.. 1000 Palestinian Jews..200 volunteers from Argentina and Jewish soldiers from regular English Regiments. They played a part in driving the Turks out of Trans Jordan and elsewhere.

BSIP means British Solomon Islands Protectorate; GEIC means Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony.

Stan Jersey needs CB covers from GEIC or BSIP. He has CB covers from other areas to trade for them.

Frederic Patka had 2 excellent items on the UNEF in the Holy Land Philatelist in the August and Sept.-Oct. 57 issue. Does anyone have an extra copy?

John W. Holmdahl wants to contact all interested in war propoganda labels. Illustrated is: FRANCE LIBRE from Free French forces in G.B.; "V" from New Zealand and "The Shield" from G.B. John wants to know if Germany, Italy or Japan issued any.

Thanks for the covers Dept.: Cippoli, Whitman, McNulty, Holmdahl, Miller and Hertzberg.

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W.W. II - UNITED STATES A.P.O. NUMBERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A.P.O.	UNIT	TOWN	DATES			
2	2nd Inf. Div.	Pilsen	5 - 12 - 45	to	6 - 7 - 45	
2	2nd Inf. Div.	Domazlice	6 - 8 - 45	to	6 - 10 - 45	
5	5th Inf. Div.	Winterberg	5 - 11 - 45	to	5 - 20 - 45	
26	26th Inf. Div.	Wallern	5 - 29 - 45	to	8 - 14 - 45	
79	79th Inf. Div.	Eger	6 - 4 - 45	to	6 - 13 - 45	
79	79th Inf. Div.	Asch	6 - 14 - 45	to	7 - 12 - 45	
79	79th Inf. Div.	Franzensbad	7 - 13 - 45	to	8 - 9 - 45	
80	80th Inf. Div.	Mariensbad	9 - 25 - 45	to	12 - ? - 45	
94	94th Inf. Div.	Strakonitz	6 - 11 - 45	to	7 - 4 - 45	
94	94th Inf. Div.	Schuttenhofen	7 - 5 - 45	to	7 - 27 - 45	
94	94th Inf. Div.	Prachtice	7 - 28 - 45	to	12 - ? - 45	
137	?	Pilsen	5 - 11 - 45	to	10 - 3 - 45	
205	?	Pilsen	8 - ? - 45	to	9 - 19 - 45	
254	4th Armored Div.	Schuttenhofen	5 - 11 - 45	to	6 - 13 - 45	
258	8th Armored Div.	Rokycany	6 - 11 - 45	to	7 - ? - 45	
258	8th Armored Div.	Holisov	7 - ? - 45	to	9 - 26 - 45	
305	5th Army Corps	Pilsen	5 - 11 - 45	to	12 - 31 - 45	
412	16th Armored Div.	Plan	5 - 16 - 45	to	9 - 15 - 45	
445	97th Inf. Div.	Konstantinovy	5 - 11 - 45	to	5 - 12 - 45	
445	97th Inf. Div.	Taschau	5 - 13 - 45	to	5 - 18 - 45	

WANTEDWANTED

Any of the above A.P.O. numbered covers, with proper dates according to the above list. Will purchase or trade in any manner suitable to the owner of the covers. GEORGE HAVLIK, 2336 So. Central Ave, Cicero 50, Ill.

HALVERSON DETACHMENT APO 1047 - By A. J. Tripp

June 2, 1942 -

A group of 20-odd B-24 Liberators which were scheduled to bomb Tokio late June 1942,

this mission was called off, as Col. Harry A. Halverson received new orders after reaching Egypt.

13 of the planes took off from Egypt night of June 12th, and became the first US planes to strike the first American blow against the Axis in Europe.

The target was the Astro-Romana Refinery at Polesti, Roumania, and nearby Constanza.

All 13 planes left the enemy territory successfully, only 4 planes returned to base.

The crews of the others were either interned in Turkey or scattered through the Middle East.

Middle East Air Force was organized June 28, 1942.

Redesignated as the 9th Air Force Nov. 12, 1942 (Although the 9th A.F. has been established on paper April 8, 1942)

The 9th A.F. under its commander, Maj. Gen. Louis H. Brereton continued air support to the British 8th Army in Africa until the 9th was re-allocated to Great Britain Sept. 1943.

Oct. 15 '43 formed into a tactical unit force of fighters, light and medium bombers, from May 1st to June 6th (D-Day) 1944, it had flown more than 35,000 tactical sorties in preparation for the invasion on the Normandy Coast.

THE SECRETARY REPORTS

Some of these news items should have been placed in the last bulletin. Our best wishes to Rev. and Mrs. Leach who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Congratulations are in order to Captain H. F. Rommel, U.S.N. on his recent promotion.

There has been an upsurge of activity in our group with the trend veering towards the collecting of Arctic and Antarctic covers. Although Korean War and Suez items are still very much in demand.

The last auction sale proved this, with more members bidding than at any previous sale.

At the last W.C.C. meeting held at The Collectors Club in N.Y.C. Lauson Stone of Brooklyn, N.Y. showed an album of Jugoslavia censored & Military covers and the album contained some gorgeous material.

We have bad news to report that member Hennan Sanford passed on. Hennan M. Sanford held Membership No. 32 and had been an active member during the early days, shortly after the Club was founded.

Stanley Jersey, a new member, signed up 3 other members shortly after he joined our group. Nice work, Stan, I wish we had more members like you. Incidentally, Stan recently sent out announcement cards to his friends, with the printed wording: "A New Jersey has just arrived at our home, weight 9 pounds."

Member Lewandowski has a cover with the corner card reading: Halverson's Raiders, A.P.O. 1047. This A.P.O. is a very scarce item. The story of the cover appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

We wish to thank John J. Britt of The Collectors Club, N.Y.C., for making it possible for our group to meet there.

One of our members has for sale a lot of 15,000 A.P.O. covers, positively unpicked. Any one interested in purchasing this lot, contact the Secretary.

Articles are wanted for our bulletins. Some of the new members could perhaps help us in this matter. The articles should pertain to Military or Semi-Military topics which tie in with covers.

Just a very few members have not paid their dues as yet. I have confidence that they will, and have listed their names in the yearly list as members in good standing.

As of November 1, 1957 we have a balance in the bank of \$128.27 and 95 members in good standing.

NEW MEMBERS:

- #382 - Fred B. Klein, 835 No. Wild Olive Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.
World War 2, A.P.O. Covers.
- #383 - Betty V. Miller, 108 West Ivy Street, East Rochester, N.Y.
U.N. Emergency Forces in Egypt & Korean War Covers.
- #384 - G. J. Raymond, 6035 Hornwood Ave., Houston 36, Texas.
Postal History & Postmarks, including Military Markings of Arctic & Antarctic, UNEF, BDIR & I.G.Y. Stations.
- #385 - I. J. Wright, 721 Park Towers, Houston 25, Texas.
Arctic, Antarctica, War Covers - Naval & Zepps.
- #386 - Major Frank L. Teixeira, P.O. Box 906, Mission, Kansas.
Historical & War Covers and Related Material.

CORRECTED ADDRESS:

C. W. Spain, 280 - 46th Ave., Gulf Beaches, St. Petersburg 6, Fla.

MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1957.

- 252 Ainsburg, Maurice G. Sr. - 38 Seaman Ave., Castleton, N.Y.
Closes any Censor.
- 369 Alexander, R.P. - 4507 Van Ness St., N.W., Washington 16, D.C.
Anything within the broad field of Japanese Philately.
- 376 Bachman, L.A., Rear Adm. USN. (Retired) Rte 1, Box 198, Vienna, Va.
"Chaco War" - Paraguay & Bolivia (1930-1937), POW. Military Field
Post & Censored covers of So. American Republics.
- 90 Baggett, Michael R. - 718 Harwyn Dr., Charlotte, N.C.
- 189 Baker, Philip E. - 241 Rudolph Ave., Rahway, N.J.
WW I, II APO's, Marine, Naval, Shore Sta.
- 57 Bartley, D.C. - 6111 - 21st Ave. N.E., Seattle 5, Washington.
Naval Postmarks.
- 353 Bayer, S.L., c/o Penny Black Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York 38, NY.
- 379 Becker, Joseph A. - 128-42 150th St. So. Ozone Park 36, N.Y.
Naval Covers - First Days - General Events.
- 318 Bennetts, L.C. - 29 Rose St., Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.
Civilian & Military covers of New Guinea and nearby Islands.
- 260 Bellard, Ernest H. - 1940 Staunton Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
WW I & II.
- 140 Berman, Leon - 18265 Mendota, Detroit 21, Michigan.
Forts, Camps, APO V-Mail, Censored, Air Letters.
- 365 Bjork, Walter - 340 East 80th Street, New York 21, N.Y.
Censor Covers of Boer War, Br. and Italian Colonies in Africa.
- 310 Blackburn, Lane Jr. - R.D. #2, Washington, Penna.
WW I & II China and Hong Kong.
- 373 Bowden, Edwin T. - 3206 Bridle Path, Austin 3, Texas.
Civilian Censored Covers.
- 46 Brenner, C.D. - 5 Montrose Rd., Berkley, Calif.
WW II.
- 239 Brock, Fred C., M.D. - 600 So. Reese Pl., Burbank, Calif.
France & other wars.
- 102 Burr, David H. - 25 N. Main St., Gloversville, N.Y.
- 317 Burrell, Mrs. Harold F. - Seagate Road, Noroton, Conn.
Korean.
- 211 Cipolli, W.J. - Tillson, N.Y.
A.P.O., F.P.O., P.O.W., Naval, WWI & II.
- 91 Cummings, Eugene P. - 1106 Glen Drive, San Leandro, Calif.
U.S. all wars.
- 338 Crowell, Harvey V.R. - 1039 North Street, Pittsfield, Mass.
WW I covers and Posters.
- 52 Case, Wm. O. - Pleasant Valley, Conn.
World War Covers.
- 285 Clement, Alfred. SchwimmSchulka 6/11, Graz, Austria.
War covers of all countries.
- 200 Cole, A.C. - 4589 N. High St., Columbus 14, Ohio.
All types war covers and censored.
- 282 Clark, Jean K. - 7138 Olivetas Ave., La Jolla, Calif.
- 374 Clemencon, Louise - 36 Monroe Street, New York 2, A.I.2
France & Colonies, French Military cancellations.
- 370 Cogan, F. Richmond, Lt. Col. - 26 Hayes Gardens, Hayes, Bromley, Kent,
England.
US Army, Navy & Air Force; Australian, N.Z., So. African, Canadian &
British, F.P.O.
- 172 Dickel, John C. - 3116 Welsh Road, Philadelphia 36, Penna.
All kinds of war covers.
- 378 Doane, Ernest M., - 26 Myrtle Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Army, Naval, Censored, P.O.W., U.S. & Worldwide.
- 357 Deimel, Rev. A. - St. Joseph's Retreat, Dearborn, Mich.
Dienst Post.

- 368 Ehrenberg, Mrs. Rae C. - 164 West 79th Street, New York 24, N.Y.
Censored civilian covers of WW II.
- 138 Faulstich, Fred - 122 East 235th Street, New York City.
U.S. (all), Boer War, General.
- 296 Gill, Rowland P. - 703 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington 4, Va. Apt. 423 B.
All U.S. wars, Br. Empire, Latin America & Philippines.
- 7 Gray, Miss Eva - 91 Main Street, Saugus, Mass.
WW I; General.
- 17 Grandy, Winfred M. - 98 Harrison St., New Haven, Conn. (15)
Specialty - War Naval covers.
- 332 Hayward, Benjamin M. - 38 Liberty Street, Montpelier, Vt.
V-Mail.
- 377 Havlik, George - 2336 So. Central Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.
A.P.O.'s of WW2 - Czechoslovakia, Bohemia-Moravia & Slovakia.
- 65 Hurlburt, Arthur K. - 4837 Cadieux Rd., Detroit 24, Mich. Apt. 6.
Free, APO's, V-Mail, V-Mail sheets.
- 30 Hertzberg, M. - 294 Fairmount Ave., Oakland 11, Calif.
- 302 Hare, W.J. - 20 Wilmer Gardens, West Wickham, Kent, England.
All U.S. Wars, G.B. and other countries.
- 84 Holmdahl, John W. - 2300 Dashwood, Oakland, 5, Calif.
War propaganda labels, all countries; censored covers.
- 300 Higgins, Albert H. - 70 University Pl., New York 3, N.Y.
Stamps and covers - Aden, Gold Coast, Palestine, British Somaliland,
Bermuda, British FPO's & APO's from same countries.
- 346 Haarstad, William A., 70 E. Walnut St., Santa Anna, Calif.
WW II, European Fieldpost covers.
- 364 Lawrence, Herber - 911 Jackson St., Defiance, Ohio.
All types of War covers, including army & navy.
- 375 Jersey, Stanley C., 631 N. Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
Postal History, British Solomon Isl., Gilbert & Elice Islands,
Australia, Covers Br., Pac. Isl.
- 323 Keys, Everel - 14742 Center Ave., Harvey, Ill.
Free French covers.
- 382 Klein, Fred B. - 835 No. Wild Olive Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.
World War 2, A.P.O. Covers.
- 350 Knowlson, Chester S. - 17 E. 34th St., Reiffton, Reading, Penna.
US Navy PM's 1908 to date. Spec. year date 1908.
Navy ship Br. 15000 to 16195, Tokio Bay; Arctic; Antarctic; submarine.
- 299 Kershaw, Robert S. - 521 Spicer Ave., Akron, Ohio.
WWII, APO, Naval, Patriotics, Army & Navy Stations & Posts.
- 303 Kruk, John F. - 234 Main St., So. Deerfield, Mass.
Censored covers, Photo V-Mails.
- 29 Klinger, J. Paul - 31 Hastings Ave., Havertown, Penna.
- 328 Lewandowski, A.E. - 845 Intervale Ave., New York 59, N.Y.
WW II only.
- 313 Letkemann, S.A.V. - Box 6267, Fitzsimmons Army Hosp., Denver 8, Colo.
P/W - all wars.
- 210 Langer, Robert A. - 70 Fairmount Ave. Glenbrook, Conn.
Overseas army covers of WW II.
- 217 Lemponen, Carl T. - 976 Broad Street, Conneaut, Ohio.
Borderless airmail and V-Mail WW II; WW I.
- 136 Leach, Floyd S. - 80 Highland Ave., Rowayton, Conn.
All wars.
- 331 Lasky, Charles S. - 162-05 89th Ave., Jamaica 32, N.Y.
General, all wars and war-affected postal history.
- 383 Miller, Betty V. - 108 W. Ivy St., East Rochester, N.Y.
U.N. Emergency Forces in Egypt and Korean covers.

- 6 Montgomery, Wm. H. - 2980 Briggs Ave., New York 58, N.Y.
A.E.F. and stationery of war.
- 362 Miller, Vernon J., 319 So. Smallwood Ave., Baltimore 23, Md.
Naval covers and postmarks.
- 358 Miller, Ralph A. - 742 West Paul Ave., Waukesha, Wisc.
Alaska A.P.O.
- 266 Molnar, Charles J. - 1246 Summit Ave., Cleveland 24, Ohio.
Patriotic cards and covers of Span.-Amer. & W.W.II.
Allied propaganda leaflets of W.W.I and II.
- 381 Matejka, Dr. James J. - Room 216, Hotel La Salle, Madison & La Salle
Sts., Chicago, Ill.
- 270 Major, Richard M. - 7995th Army Unit, APO 407, New York.
A.P.O. covers Korean War; Austro-Hungarian FPO's.
- 56 Morgan, Ian C. (Major) - 22 Holton Ave., Westmont 6, P.Q., Canada.
Bermuda, Canada, British covers.
- 185 Mitchell, Miss Myrtle, 500 S. Market St., Winamac, Ind.
A.P.O.'s, Camps, W.W.II.
- 137 Martin, George M. - 216 So. 28th Ave., Yakima, Wash.
W.W. II and I - all kinds censored.
- 81 Mikucki, Chester J. - 1844 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago 22, Ill.
Occupied Poland W.W. I and II.
- 366 McNulty, Walter J. - 501 Airey Ave. Endicott, N.Y.
All kinds of war covers and war material.
- 326 Nicholson, Arthur L., Postmaster, Macon, N.C.
Korean War Covers.
- 321 Patka, Frederic - Wien 8, Lerchenfelderstrasse 70-72/1/6, Austria.
- 25 Perry, Dr. A.E. - 314 State St. Albany 6, N.Y.
- 283 Rogan, Kevin P., R.N. - 2 William St., Napanoch, N.Y.
W.W.II, especially U.S. Armed forces.
- 224 Ryan, Francis W. - 649 9th Ave., New York City 36, N.Y.
A.P.O.'s W.W.II.
- 339 Rommel, USN, Capt. H.F. - 41 Red Cross Ave., Newport, R.I.
Naval PM's.
- 2 Robinson, Herbert K. - 38 Rider Ave., Patchogue, N.Y.
All wars, censored, APO's, Naval etc.
- 274 Russell, James - 2209 Brighton St. Phila 49, Penna.
A.P.O., Navals, V-Mail.
- 384 Raymond, G.J. - 6035 Hornwood Ave., Houston 36, Texas.
Arctic and Antarctic. Military Mail in Polar Zones.
- 304 Spain, C.W. - 280 46th Ave., Gulph Beaches, St. Petersburg 6, Fla.
Canadian; WW II; Censored; Naval & RPO Covers.
- 380 Schelcher, Eugene W. - 117-28 169th St., Jamaica 34, N.Y.
Navy covers and cancellations.
- 269 Schultze, George J. - 6138 Lawndale St., Phila 11, Penna.
V-Mail, all types, first days.
- 287 Sergeant, Miss Nellie B. - 435 W. 119th St., New York City 27, N.Y.
Greeting cards from service men.
- 72 Stringham, Orville L. - 1153 Chenango St., Binghamton, N.Y.
All Censored.
- 334 Stewart, Mrs. Lester F. - 710 So. Main St., Normal, Ill.
WW II.
- 294 Smith, Peter A.S. - 811 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.
All wars, especially 19th Cent. and Mediteranean area.
- 344 Stone, Lauson H. - 41 Garden Pl., Brooklyn 2, N.Y.
APO's Scandinavian countries & Jugoslavia WW II.
- 284 Simon, Sam - 80 Bruce Ave., Yonkers 5, N.Y.
Concentration and DP Camps; German Occupations.
- 264 Strouse, Earl H. - 550 Willow St., Pottstown, Pa.
U.S. Gov't. penalty envelopes, cards and labels.

- 234 Thomas, Jesse B. - 31 North St., Georgetown, Mass.
41 Tripp, Almon J. - 16533 Mendota Ave, Detroit 21, Mich.
World War II (Army and Navy)
171 Tuttle, Col. Lowell H. - 7075 Neptune Pl., La Jola, Calif.
A.P.O.'s
308 Taylor, Sterling S. - 9612 Fremont Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.
P.W., APO, and AEF.
367 Viehoff, K. - Singel 130, Den Helder, Holland.
Dutch postmarks, Aerial War leaflets; War covers.
Conc. Holland, overseas terr.
385 Wright, I.J. - 721 Park Towers, Houston 25, Texas.
Arctic, Antarctic, War covers - Naval and Zepps.
354 Whitman, Saul - 1462 Taylor Ave., New York 60, N.Y.
Aerogrammes and Air Letter Sheets.
372 Williams, Ralph B. - P.O. Box 2354, Juneau, Alaska.
Collects Alaskana.
247 Willinger, Isidore - 314 E. 163rd St., New York 56, N.Y.
A.P.O.'s, World Wars I & II; Korean war, U.S. Marine Corps.
386 Teixeira, Major Frank L. - P.O. Box 906, Mission, Kansas.
Historical War Covers and Related Material.

FLIGHT OF IDEAS (Continued)

Nice article in Pac. Stars & Stripes re the 7th BPO. It handles 500 million letters and parcels yearly. Only Washington has a bigger mail directory department.

APO 355 was not out of Seattle last September. Mail to there ended up in the Pacific Area.

There are a few books and pamphlets out on loan from our Library that are long overdue. Please return to your Editor and next issue will bring our list up to date as to our holdings. Actually we should have more in our Library. If you have anything that would be of benefit to the Club, please send along if you are finished with it .. books, articles, war info, postmarks, locations, etc., etc. Whitman just sent in Field's "Airgraphs" pamphlet for the Library .. Thanks.

Recent "TRUE" mag had illustrated article on WW I WAR BIRDS. Pilots and planes, well written up.

FPHS Newsletter of May/June 1957 has a list of British F.P.O.'s used during 1956 written up by J.A. Smith. Newsletter of July/August continues the article by E. Jagger from the month before of the B. E. F. of 1914-1918. There are articles by Col. Crouch and another by Jagger on F.P.O.'s in Palestine 1936-37.

The Army Recruiting Stations put out nice illustrated booklets on various branches of the service. Nice for illustrating your covers. Recent one put out on the Anti-Aircraft Command.

WSC of 7/20/57 Dennis Way writes on Diego Garcia, which is largest of 5 coral islands which make up the chagos of Oil Islands. The R.A.F. was there during WW II.

In this bulletin will be a "BIBLIOGRAPHY" as I will call it. Please let me know if you want this continued. I don't want to waste the space if no one wants it.

W H I T E A L I C E

She's expensive - a \$100 million-plus baby. She's dangerous - 14 men have died for her. Some of the toughest men in the USAF, Western Electric Co. and that global construction firm, Morrison-Knudsen, of Boise.

White Alice is no lady. Hers is the code name for Alaska's sensational new Government-financed long-distance phone and telegraph system, to be used by civilians and military. She moves messages not by wire, nor by co-axial cable. Except for one short stretch, she has abandoned even the microwave relay towers which have recently become common in the States. She is making use of an entirely fresh radio communications technique which scientists call "forward propagation tropospheric scatter".

Carl Hudson from Louisville, Ky., is boss for Western Elec. Co., which is stuffing intricate electronic gear into the big troposcatter stations rising around Alaska. No more disturbances as with radio-telephone talking characteristics equal to any commercial circuits in the U.S.

A number of "bush" phone systems, like the one at Homer, will get their first reliable contact with the outside world. Hitherto no more than one phone conversation at a time could take place between Nome and Fairbanks; the waiting time for a chat has frequently ranged from one hour to one week; the new system can carry 100 or more calls at once. It should be completed by about this time next year. (Written 4/22/57 - Wall Street Journal).

A tropo-scatter station is a most unorthodox-looking installation. The most striking features are what look like drive-in movie screens, 60 feet high, slightly convex. Some relay stations have as many as 6 of them. Such screens, made of steel, and weighing 100 tons, can serve as a directional transmitting antenna, focusing a powerful radio signal much as the curved mirror of a searchlight focuses candlepower. And just as the beam of a searchlight can be seen by a distant watcher, so this radio beam can be detected far beyond the horizon. The light can be seen because dust particles in the atmosphere deflect a tiny portion of the light to the watcher's eye. The radio beam can be detected because a tiny portion of its waves are scattered downward by variations in the density of the air up to about 5 miles--the troposphere. A giant receiving screen, built like the transmitting antenna and properly focused, can pick up about one ten-trillionth of the signal sent out a couple of hundred miles away. All the rest is lost, but this is enough to be amplified and sent winging to the next station.

Micro-wave stations must always be in sight of the next, but these relay stations take big jumps across space, surmount barriers, and escape interference. Some day they can circle the world, according to W. F. Flanley, project manager at Anchorage for Federal Electric Co. His firm has the government contract to maintain and operate the system as it begins functioning.

Another radical new system of radio "scatter" transmission sheds its waves not from the troposphere but from the ionosphere, the high electrified zone of the atmosphere, and can leap effectively as much as 1200 miles. It is used for communication with the DEW Line radar fence across the top of this continent. But for high quality commercial use the experts state that its limited channel capacity is a disadvantage as compared to tropo-scatter. The rain of meteors entering the upper atmosphere keeps changing the intensity of its signals. It is normally an AM system, while tropo-scatter is high fidelity FM. And it operates in the crowded "very high frequency" wave lengths, while White Alice tropo-scatter functions in

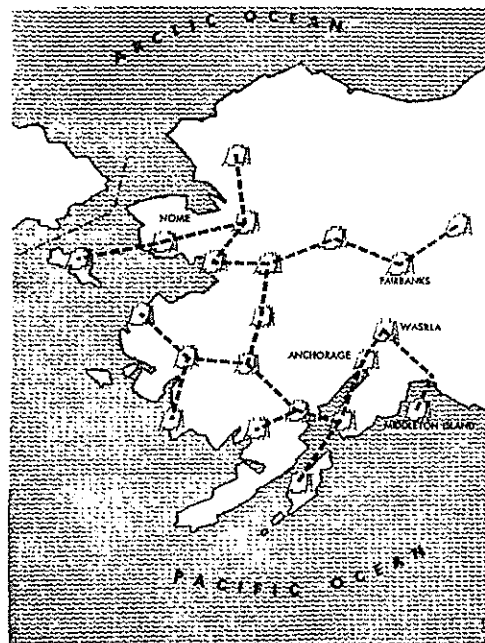
the roomier "ultra high frequency" bands. Ultra high is higher than very high, but not so high as super high -- the bands used by micro-wave towers.

White Alice got rolling in 1955 with lots of difficulties. In surveying the wilderness for transmission sites but found mountains 10 miles out of place and 1000 feet too low. Many of the men kept logs, the most famous is by Lee Staheli, now of Nome, who was working for Arctic Pacific Airways, a sub-contractor hired to move men and material. In theory Lee was a pilot, but used "Cats", "Bugs", and dog team.

Aner Erickson, Alaska District Manager for Morrison-Knudsen has just assigned a fifth project manager. There are to be 33 tropo-scatter and micro-wave sites. This will use over 300 men to operate them.

The enterprise will remain under strict Government control. An agency known as Icsal (Integrated Communications System of Alaska) will do the guiding; it has representation from the Air Force, the C.A.A. and the Alaska Communications System. The last is an Army Signal Corps organ, but actually serves here as the territorial equivalent of both Western Union and A.T.&T.'s long lines dept., providing service to the public.

While White Alice covers 3100 route miles, its multiple channels will provide 50,000 circuit miles of telegraph service and 170,000 circuit miles of telephone service. They now know that in some instances tremendous obstacles, such as mountain ranges, strategically placed in the radio path actually will improve transmission.



Sending and receiving stations will soon dot Alaska along *White Alice* routes. Western Electric—Bell telephone crews must battle sub-zero weather, summer thaw, over some of the toughest terrain in North America.

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INFORMATION APO 187 PO BOX 10. Stan Jersey

Missionaries have recently mentioned in a letter that a Navy Plane was involved from APO 187 to Betio, Tarawa. Postal Officer mentioned a Military Air Craft involved in transmission of mail; but local people say now it was a Navy plane. Holmes & Narver, Construction Co., SF, Calif., was the Co. that constructed the Weather Station on Betio to take care of Fallout or such. Their home base was Parry (Or such spelling) APO 435. This was confirmed by Home Office. They used their own APO 435 while on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, and it is assumed that APO 187 PO Box 10 was mainly used by Weather Station and could be used by local people of Tarawa, and letters dispatched from GPO Tarawa were all franked by Gilbert Stamps. Date mentioned in article in Stamp Collecting was, as I'm 100% sure it was right, the first air mail dispatched from Tarawa using US MATS. Covers I have all have Gilberts stamps with no US identification other than the return address. Friend in Texas, who had more foresight, secured a cover from the Weather Officer on Betio. I haven't seen the cover - but will request a look-see from him.

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Our new member, Major F.L. Teixeira has published a new historical catalogue in which are listed beautiful cacheted APO covers of WWII and Korean War in many colors. These covers all have correct overseas postmarks of important events and the prices are reasonable. Any member who is interested in obtaining this gorgeous catalogue, please write P.O. Box 906, Mission, Kansas, and enclose 3¢ postage. The covers are very desirable and will dress up an album page so that it will look attractive.