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Flight of Ideas

Shortly after the previous bulletin was mailed to the members, we received word that Jean Koor Clark had passed away. This was a great shock to us who knew her and especially to those members who often met her at War Cover Club meetings held in N.Y.C. Mrs. Clark was a very active member of the club, was bulletin editor for a while before Kevin Rogan took over that office. MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

As you will note, Thomas McGrath has been appointed auction manager of our group and from what we know of him, as a very active member of the Fort Orange Stamp Club in Albany, N.Y., we are quite sure that Mr. McGrath will bring the Auction Dept. back to life.

A meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the American Stamp Dealers Association show to be held at the 71st Regiment Armory, 34th St. & Park Ave., N.Y.C. Nov. 18 to 20th. The WCC meeting will take place at The Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St. on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 2 P.M. which should give members a chance to visit the show in the morning and attend the meeting in the afternoon.

Received an interesting "Change of Command Ceremony" pamphlet from Capt. H. F. Rommel. This pamphlet gives a schedule of events which took place aboard the U.S.S. Amphion on July 22, 1960 when Capt. Rommel assumed command of the ship. Very best wishes to you, Capt. Rommel.

A very good book to read of WW II is "The Spearheader's" by James Altieri. This book gives the full story and a personal account of "Darby's Rangers", America's first Commando unit. The Rangers were trained to make assaults and capture even the most difficult enemy strongholds and made a specialty of being first to land and clear the way for following troops to land. Who has a cover cancelled APO 464 and in the R.A. either of the following "1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Ranger Battalion"?

At the last H.R. Harmer auction sale held in N.Y.C. there was a lot up for sale which consisted of a carton containing about 4000 covers. This was from the Tittman estate. Tittman had served as a consular officer in the early 1900's and had saved all his correspondence. The estimated value of the lot was \$500.00 according to the Harmer auction catalogue, however this lot had a large quantity of very fine, scarce and desirable covers and it was bid up to \$1700.00. This sort of proves that good covers are definitely going up in price, because there is a constant demand for this better grade material.

Wanted to Buy or Exchange	
Civil War Naval Covers	Naval Postmarks, 1908-1922
Capt. H.F. Rommel, U.S.N.	
U.S.S. Amphion (AR-13)	c/o F.P.O. New York, N.Y.

Secretary's Column

Sam Simon sent in additional information on the 3 pfennig Hitler stamp overprinted "Feldpost" for use in Ruhr by cut-off section of the German army; (In last bulletin George Hammerschmidt mentioned that some were overprinted "Dub" in back.) It is a well known fact that many overprints are faked and some are expertized to establish authenticity. Well, Mr. Dubb is an expert on German stamps, and that "overprint" is his marking on such stamps. But to make things worse even this expert-marking "Dub" is being faked lately, so it's hard to tell which is a genuine stamp. Well, such are the collectors troubles. Incidentally Mr. Simon served in the U.S. army division which surrounded that German cut-off group.

Mr. Simon also wrote that he won a Silver Bronze medal at the Barcelona show. And that he has branched out into being a dealer handling the large stock of German stamps his late father left him. His father had been a dealer who died recently.

Member Joseph A. Becker is sponsoring a cacheted cover for a Boys Club group on the occasion of "100th Anniversary, Last Survivor, Battle of Bunker Hill", (Ralph Farnham died at Acton, N.H. aged 104 on December 27, 1860). Price of covers 15¢ each or 7 for \$1.00. Pair of 2½¢ Bunker Hill stamps will be used on cover. Mr. Becker's address is 128-42 150th St., Jamaica 36, N. Y.

Kevin Rogan is scheduled to be guest speaker at the Fort Orange Stamp Club on November 1st. He will show a collection of war covers "Napoleon to Nasser" and will speak on the subject.

Want to Buy

Covers of Anglo-Boer War, Egypt - Postage Prepaid of World War II,
Sudan, British African Colonies, FPO, APO, Censored, EAF,
APO-U-MPK of South African Colonies. Prompt reply assured.
Walter Bjork 139 80 - 85th Drive Jamaica 35, N.Y.

Stanley Jersey called my attention to a few errors which appeared in his article on page 253 of bulletin No. 21. The Branch numbers and units are all correct, the errors were in the Organizations Served. As follows, here are the corrections:

NY Branch 12867	1st Marine
NY Branch 12867 Unit 1	11th Marine Regiment
NY Branch 12867 Unit 2	Separate Battalion, 1st Marine Div.
NY Branch 12867 Unit 5	5th Marine Regiment
NY Branch 14011	1st Combat Service Group
NY Branch 12867 Unit 6	1st Marine Regiment

To explain further there were 4 Marine Regiments located in Korea, the 1st, 5th, 7th and 11th, plus many other supporting units, each one of them of Battalion strength. And of course the 1st Marine Air Wing was also located there. There also existed an unpublicized regiment known as the Korean Marine Corps, called KMCs. They were attached to one of the M.C. Regiments, but their higher echelon was filled with American Marines. They had a fabulous reputation for fighting. Got this last item from a book entitled "The Last Parallel" by Martin Russ. The author kept a diary of his experiences as a marine while in Korea.

Incidentally Mr. Jersey will represent the WCC at the American Philatelic Congress to be held on Nov. 6th at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill. If he gets an opportunity at the Congress I am sure that Stanley will exhibit his Solomon Islands War Covers and speak on the subject.

Jersey also wrote me that he is interested in checking two covers, mention was made of them in the 2nd appendix to 2nd edition - WW II Army Post Offices. They are APO 717 Unit 2 and 718 Unit 1. It will be greatly appreciated if the members who have these covers will get in touch with Stan Jersey so that he can see them.

Spanish-American War Patriotics

Thomas McGrath

As most collectors of War Covers are aware, the accumulation of a representative collection of patriotic envelopes of the Spanish-American War period presents a great deal more difficulty than the collection of Civil War Patriotics. The results of recent New York City auctions in which Spanish-American War Patriotics have been featured illustrate the great interest in such material and the tremendous disparity between the demand and the supply available.

Of course, the obvious reason for their apparent scarcity is the fact that far fewer patriotic envelopes were printed during such period than during the Civil War period. It has been estimated that from 600 to 700 different designs are in existence for the Spanish-American War period as contrasted to the more than 11,000 different Civil War Patriotics that have been found.

However, it must be remembered that the Spanish-American War was over in less than 8 months and the actual fighting covered only a matter of 4 months, hardly sufficient to whip up great enthusiasm in all sections of the country. In addition, the actual number of men in the armed services were far fewer than the numbers involved in the Civil War. Also the growing sophistication of the Nation reflected a need for less reliance on external evidence of patriotism. This probably accounts also for the lack of use by the general public, at least, of patriotic envelopes during WW1 and WW2.

A brief chronological resume of the events of the Spanish-American War shows the rapidity of the progress and successful conclusion of the War:

- February 15, 1898 - Sinking of the battleship "Maine" in Havana Harbor.
- April 21, 1898 - Breaking off of diplomatic relations by Spain.
- April 24 - Declaration of War by Spain.
- April 25 - Declaration of War by the United States
- May 1, 1898 - Destruction of Spanish Asiatic Fleet at Manila Bay.
- June 20 -22 - Landing of U. S. troops at Daiquiri.
- July 1 - 2 - Battles of San Juan and El Caney.
- July 2 - Destruction of Cervera's squadron off Santiago, Cuba.
- July 17 - Surrender of Santiago.
- July 25 - Aug. 12 - Porto Rico Campaign.
- August 12 - Peace protocol (Armistice) signed.
- August 13 - Surrender of Manila, Philippines.
- December 10, 1898 - Treaty of Peace signed.

In examining the various designs of the Spanish-American War Patriotics, it is found that many are merely duplicative of some of those used during the Civil War. In fact one of the most famous of the Civil War Patriotics, "The Girl He Left Behind", showing a uniformed soldier embracing his sweetheart in a last farewell, was reproduced in the exact format for the Spanish-American War, right down to and including the Civil War uniform and rifle.

For the sake of convenience, the major types of designs may be broken down into a number of categories, as follows:

1. The United States Flag. This is the most common of all designs. The size of the flags vary from a small flag, measuring approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in the upper left corner to those covering the entire face of the envelope, in full color. Some covers with the small flags in the corner card were supplied to servicemen by various groups, including the YMCA and Red Cross Societies, and appear quite frequently on soldier's mail from the Philippines and Cuba and were in use for a number of years after the war.

The full cover flag patriotics were mainly used domestically, and several that I have seen are addressed to and from stamp dealers, indicating some philatelic interest in those covers, even at that time.

2. The Cuban Flag. Also appears on full cover patriotics, but principally was used in combination with the United States flag, and then usually found draped or unfurled around a war hero or battle scene, and in many instances with the slogan, "Remember the Maine" prominently displayed.

3. The Battleship Maine Appears prominently in many designs, including those with a black border around the picture of the ship; also depicted between the crossed United States and Cuban flags, and also in conjunction with various war heroes, and, of course with the "Remember the Maine" slogan.

4. War Heroes. Almost all of the outstanding war heroes were included with their portraits displayed on many patriotics including President McKinley; Admiral Dewey; Colonel Teddy Roosevelt; Admiral Sampson and a number of other heroes and prominent figures, less known today than at the turn of the century, including Lt. Richard Hobson during the blockade of the Spanish fleet, at Santiago Harbor. Lt. Hobson, directly under the guns of the Spanish Fleet, sank the collier "Merrimac" across the entrance to the harbor to prevent Admiral Cervera's fleet from leaving. While the mission was not completely successful and Hobson was captured, it was carried out with such daring that Lt. Hobson was proclaimed a hero by both sides.

General Shafter - In charge of the army mobilized for the invasion of Cuba and carried out the landing of 16,000 men at Aiquiri with great success.

Fitzhugh Lee - Nephew of General Robert E. Lee and was Consul-General to Cuba in 1896 and became Major-General with command of the 7th Army Corps, and at the end of the war, was appointed Military Governor of Cuba.

Commodore Watson - Commanded the blockading squadron on the north coast of Cuba, later transferred to command of "Oregon" and in 1899, succeeded Admiral Dewey as commander of the Asiatic Squadron at Manila.

Nelson Miles - Major-General who led the campaign in Porto Rico.

Commodore Schley - Commander of the Flying Squadron which sailed from Hampton Roads on May 12 and established blockade of Santiago Harbor until July 3, when, during the temporary absence of Admiral Sampson, the Spanish Fleet made a dash for escape and was destroyed. Schley was on board the USS Brooklyn.

Captain Evans - In command of the "Iowa" and played important part in the battle of Santiago.

Captain Sigsbee - In command of the battleship "Maine".

Secretary Alger - Secretary of War, 1897-99.

5. Camps and Camp Scenes. Many companies and camps had their own supply of patriotics, depicting various scenes of Army life, tenting, artillery batteries, inspections, drills, cavalry practice, etc. Covers have been found locating various camps and depicting scenes of such camps including

Camp Marion, Summerville, So. Carolina, - Camp Poland, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Camp Bushnell, Columbus, Ohio, - Camp Cuba Libre, Jacksonville, Florida.

Camp Fernandina, Florida, - Camp Alger, Falls Church, Virginia

Camp Thomas, Chicamunga Park, Lythe, Georgia

Camp Tanner, Springfield, Illinois, - Camp Meade, Harrisburg, Penna.

Camp Dalton, So. Framingham, Mass. - Newport News, Virginia.

Camp Hamilton, Lexington, Kentucky, - Camp Columbia, Havana, Cuba.

Undoubtedly there are others, as well as a number of Regimentals, depicting the crossed flags of the United States and the regiment.

6. Battle Scenes. The "Rough Riders in Action" is a favorite, covering a good portion of the envelope, with the title and battle scene with Colonel Teddy Roosevelt prominently displayed. Various other scenes may be found depicting soldiers firing their rifles in a firing line, artillery firing, cavalry charges and infantry advancing. Others depicting soldiers marching on board ship with the slogans "On to Cuba" and "On to Havana", in color, are quite attractive. Naval battle scenes are not as plentiful and principally appear in conjunction with portraits of the various naval heroes and appear to be limited to views of the battleships "Maine" and "Oregon" and the cruiser "Olympia".

7. Patriotics on Government Post Cards. These are very attractive but quite difficult to obtain. The scenes shown on the cards found include scenes of Camp Thomas, Chickamunga Park, Georgia, with multi-colored background of shields and flags, all on the reverse or message side of the cards. There are others depicting the U.S. flag in full color and also the Red Cross in color. A few enterprising post card manufacturers kept up with the times and also produced patriotics. Some of these show maps of Cuba and the Philippines in multi-color and several sets of cards exist depicting the U.S. Navy vessels that took part in some of the action at Santiago and Manila Bay and also depict many scenes not found elsewhere, including views of "Soldiers entering Santiago", "Bombardment of San Juan", "Capturing a Signal Station", "Destruction of Matanzas Batteries" and other action scenes.

8. Comics and Caricatures. One of the most popular types, of course, is the comics. The figure of Uncle Sam figures prominently in many of the comics and depict him in various scenes including taking over the Spaniard in a game of poker in which the chips are labeled Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. One seen quite often is one depicting Uncle Sam chasing the Spaniard at bayonet point out of Cuba with the corner card "If you don't catch him in 10 days". Many of these comic types exist but all appear to be in quite good natured humor, with no real trace of the bitterness or animosity expressed on some of the so-called "Comics" of the Civil War period, reflecting, perhaps, the feeling of most civilians and newspapers of the era to the effect that "This was a nice little war an we showed those fancy Europeans that we are not to be trifled with".

9. Advertising Covers. A number of manufacturers saw the opportunity to combine business with patriotism by adding a patriotic flavor to their own stationery with the display of U.S. and Cuban flags on their covers and also "Remember the Maine" and other slogans and even bits of poetry. Wekeels Stamp Weekly business envelopes for the period show crossed U.S. and Cuban flags in color. Hood's Sarsparilla Company envelopes show Uncle Sam, in full color, holding a good sized sample of the product and the following bit of verse:

"Our boys in blue have gone to thrash the boasting Spanish nation
Whose tyranny o'er Cuba is disgrace to all creation
Their medicine is shot and shell.

Soon Spaniards will be quaking -
They'll find there is a difference before and after taking
They think they'll come and sack our land, each City, Town and Village
But they'll find they can't lick Uncle Sam, for he takes Hood's Sarsparilla.

The above describes, in general, the variety that may be found in the search for Spaniah-American War patriotics. Of course, no mention is made of the number of hand-painted and hand-decorated patriotic envelopes made, in many instances, by the soldiers overseas, which also cover a wide variety of subject matter ranging from the native belles to demands by the volunteers for discharge upon the conclusion of the war.

Flight of Ideas (continued)

Why Oh Why Question and Answer Dept.

Question #6. Why did some APO's have Seattle and/or Minneapolis, Minn. as Postmaster the APO was in care of? I have covers of 938, 947, 702, 722 with both locations at various dates.

Question #7. How late was Salt Water APO numbers used?

Question #8. Info needed on cover with return address as follows: Floyd A. Johnson, 65718. % M.H.K.C.B. Co's, Cathedral Camp, Fairbanks, Alaska. Cancelled with 7 wavy lines, type 9 killer without the round cancel. There was a Metcalf-Hamilton Beck Construction Co. up there once.

Question #9. Who has covers on Operation "Snowbird" combat team from Fort Campbell went to Anchorage, Alaska and jumped at Taktatna, Alaska. Taking part was 503rd Regimental Combat Team, 318th F.I. Squadron and 58th Weather Rec. Sq. What was date and who has more info on this.

Question #10. Who has a history of W.W. II in Alaska?

Question #11. Location needed on 1757 Eng. For. Co. APO 18642 % P.M. San Fran. Base Censor 1656 and Army Examiner 24793, No cancellation. Was received at Boston, 4/3/45.

Question #12. Location needed on Scotch Cap. Light, Alaska, PM U.S. Navy 7/7/43.

Question #13. Location and info on cover from U.S. C.G. Camp Spensor Light Station % Juneau, Alaska, cancelled Pelican, Alaska 11/8/42. There is a paper attached to cover with following: Pelican repeated three times on WENR - calls - answered by code radio.

Question #14. Cover APO 999 - used Canada stamps - cancelled Fort Smith, Canada 8/7/42. Sent to U.S. Why?

Question #15. Did APO 660 use number in cancel during WW II?

U.S.	APO's	Navals
Recently acquired - Your choice - 10¢ each		
Let me send you 100 different for you to browse through, take what you want, return the rest.		
entire. There are 10 known different types. Set - \$2.00		
Kevin P. Rogan	65 Hooker Ave.	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Bill Cipolli reports the following additional Ampersand cancels: 55, 93, 113, 115, 633, 919, 958, these are all handstamped; Machine cancels are 143, 227, 696, 864. M. Hertzberg has a cover from 153, Laos, with the Ampersand, dated August 1. Hertzberg also received a cover from an American Officer attached to the MAAG to Thailand. This was registered and it bears the utility marking on back "Army & Air Force Postal Service / Saigon AMT San Francisco, Cal." The date of the marking is February 11, 1960. If a similar marking from the Philippines is any criterion, "AMT" means "Air Mail Terminal".

Wanted - U.S. Navy Shore Post Office Covers
Kevin P. Rogan.

News of Congo War Covers

The first member to send in a report on covers from the Congo was Betty V. Miller. Will quote from her letter, as follows:

Have been quite busy since the United Nations Forces moved into the Congo, have written many letters to Commanders and Postmasters, and have had some results and of course hope for more. At this time I have had covers from The Ghana, Morocco, Swedish and Irish battalions, plus an air letter from the Canadians, and a cover from the commanding officer of the Indian Air Force detachment. The Ghana covers (2) were both franked with the stamps of Ghana, and postmarked Accra. I gather from my friend that mail to Ghana from the battalion is free franked, and is cancelled either FPO 1 or 2, and that mail to other than Ghana is also sent back to Accra where the stamps are applied, and the cancellation, the R/A is the only way that you can tell the covers are from the Ghana battalion in the Congo. My cover from the Morocco Battalion was a UNEF envelope and franked with stamps of the Congo. The Swedish cover is a UNEF air letter, franked with Swedish stamps, the cancellation is similar to that used in Egypt, but instead of Egypt we find the words "Kongo". My Irish cover is also franked with Congo stamps, and it received an oval cachet which reads "Headquarters 32nd Inf. Bn. with the date in the center, and there are stars between the words Headquarters and 32 Inf. Bn. The cover from the Indian Air Force detachment is a "Organization Des Nations Unies Au Congo" type of stationary, and franked with Congo stamps. The Canadian cover is from Lt. Col. Webb (he is a cover collector too), but then I am sure you know him) it's a UNEF airletter, franked with Congo stamps, and this gentleman tells me that the new UNFORCE are to have their own airletters, and he hopes to be able to send me one before he returns home to Canada. I am trying for covers from all battalions, especially those covers which have been mailed to their homes.

The second member to write me news of Congo covers received was M. Hertzberg; he writes as follows:

I've just received my first cover from the UN forces in Congo. It is sent by an officer of the Ghana Army there, bearing the return address of Forces Post Office 2. However the postmark reads - on a stamp of Ghana - "F.P.O. 1 franked Ghana". I also received from the Congo a cover from Ralph Bunche, it has overprinted "Congo" and is postmarked Leopoldville. Recently, I obtained a list of officers of the Irish Contingent in the Congo, but, of course, there wouldn't be time to hear anything from them, as yet.

Member George Hammerschmidt wrote a letter to the United Nations, N.Y. requesting information of the Postal system in use for the UNEF in the Congo. Here is the answer he received: "In reply to your letter of 22 August, I wish to inform you that the Postal System for the UNEF in the Congo will be the same as the one employed in the Ghaza strip." signed by A. Sterman, Administrative Officer, U.N. Postal Administration.

Member Morris Bodofsky has two covers which are interesting because they concern Pearl Harbor and were mailed shortly before the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Cover No. 1, Philippine Islands cover postmarked "Manila, P.I. November 26, 1941, 7.30 PM" with slogan, "Make Every Home an Arsenal of Food"; before this cover reached its destination, Honolulu, Hawaii, war broke out and it was censored in Hawaii.

Cover No. 2 from Hawaii to mainland postmarked "Honolulu, Hawaii, December 5, 1941". This cover bears a cachet worded "Hawaii, Paradise of the Pacific" with a hula dancer against the setting sun. Scotch tape, "Released by I.C.B. - 109, used by censor. What I.C.B. means I do not know.

The U.S.S. Amphion will have a special cachet for Navy Day, Oct. 27th. Members may send covers to "Navy Postal Clerk, USS Amphion (AR-13), FPO New York, N.Y. They will receive the ship's cancel, of course.

Kevin Rogan is inviting members of our group to visit his home in Poughkeepsie, NY.Y. on Sunday, Oct. 9th. Come one, come all. Everyone is welcome. Lots of covers to see. The N.Y.C. group will positively be there.

U S S Housatonic
Capt. H.F. Rommel

USS Housatonic was a sloop of war of 1,240 tons, 13 guns, and a crew of 100. Built at the Boston Navy Yard and commissioned 20 November 1861. Attached to the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron under Rear Admiral Samuel F. Dupont USN. Engaged the ironclads CSS Chocura and CSS Palmetto State when they raided the Federal Blockading Fleet off Charleston Harbor on 31 January 1863. She was sunk on 17 Feb. 1864 outside the Charleston bar by CSS Davis, a torpedo boat.

Several covers of the "Congdon" correspondence are known. My most interesting one is "Housatonic" (in manuscript) in the upper right hand corner and Boston Mass Sep 15 in a circular red beneath the name of the ship. U.S. SHIP ties a 3¢ in the upper left hand corner.

My prize cover from this ship contains a letter dated Feb 4th 1864. It was post-marked at Old Point Comfort Va. Feb 24 after the ship had been sunk. The cover is addressed to Mrs. Daniel Slade, Bristol, R.I. It has a manuscript "Naval Letter, U.S. Sloop Housatonic". A grid ties a 3¢ in upper left corner. The letter follows:

U.S. Steamer Housatonic
Off Charleston, S. C.
Feb 4th 1864

Dear Mother and Father. i know take my pen in hand to inform you that i an well and hop that these few lines may find you all well at house. Please to give my love to all the folks, and to all the boys and girles. The is a grate ram fever down heare. We expect a tack here every night by the rames. They started out last weke. One was coming out by Fort Sumter and one was coming out Breach Inlet. She got half way out and she sprung a leak. She went back after getting in by the battery she sunk and the is another one all redy to come out. I was inside the bar last night on a boat to cut off relief from Fort Sumter, but they did not come that night. Their boats was all busy getting off goode from a blockade runner which run a sure under Fort Moultrie. Our iron clads has sunk the steamer.

I have no more to say. From your son, Currington P. Slade.

New Members

- Member No. 436 - Arthur W. Beahr, SRF, Box 8, Navy 3923, % FPO, San Francisco, Cal.
Collects Far East FPO covers, other Navals, also stamps Japan, U.S.
- Member No. 437 - Jimmie G. Shaffer, 3518 West Lynwood, Phoenix, Arizona
Collects World War II, Postal History.
- Member No. 341 - (reinstated) Robert S. Gordon, PO Box 145, Northfield, Vermont.
General stamp & cover collector.

Change of Address

- Member No. 367 - K. Viehoff, Mijnbouwstraat 9, Delft, Holland.
- Member No. 339 - Capt. H.F. Rommell, USS Amphion (AR-13) % FPO, New York, N.Y.

Japanese Soldier Mail of Russo-Japanese War, \$1.00 each.
Philatelic matter translated, send for list unusual Material.
Hary Weymer, 5243 Pine St., Philadelphia 43, Pa.

Wanted to Buy

Scarce World War II covers, single items or accumulations.
\$1000.00 cash ready for an outstanding collection.
Exchange against stamps considered.
Lava - Box 186, Boulevard Station - New York 59, N.Y.

WAR COVER CLUB AUCTION
Usual auction rules apply

1. Franco-Prussian War. 1 unused "Feldpost-Correspondenzkarte" and 1 unused Military postal service envelope. Detailed mailing instructions on face. F.
2. Franco-Prussian War. Field Post Card from Cuschaven to Hamburg - Cancels, Ritzebuttel 7-8N, 13/2/71; Hamburg 15/2/71. Repaired but fine.
3. U.S. 1890-1. 2 covers canc. "National Military Home, Kan." clear strikes, vf
4. Boxer Rebellion. Cov. canc. "Tsingtau, Kiautschou" 9/11/00; add. to Yokahama German Hosp. w/Japanese Markings and backstamped "Nagasaki, Japan". vf. MB \$1.50
5. Boxer Rebellion. 2 postcards, both canc. "Peking Deutsche Post", 1901, 1 w/3 pfennig German stamp overprinted "China"; other is "Feld-Postkarte" vf MB \$2.00
6. Boxer Rebellion. Jap. 1/2 sen p.c. with added Chinese stamp, canc. "KUK Feldpost Ostasiatische, Tientsin 10 mar 01", 2 other canc. on face. Interesting. f
MB \$1.25
7. U.S.- Cov. "USS Michigan, May 11, 1914 - Vera Cruz, Mexico" in killer. Cover rep. and clipped at left, but clear cancel and fine appearing.
8. U.S.- 1914 - 2 commercial covers "Vera Cruz, Mex." with U.S. stamps. 1 canc. "U.S.M.A.G. Vera Cruz"; other, flag cancel, both June, 1914. f
9. U.S.- 1914 - Cov. Barbados to Canal Zone, bl. of 4 and pl. no. single of J2 (C.Z.) Stamps cat. \$21. MB \$5.00
10. U.S.- Cov. 3/11/18 "San Domingo City, Dom. Rep.", Mar. Corps Cens., slogan in killer. v.g.

United States - WW1 Covers

11. K of C. 1918 Xmas card, in col. Impr. "On Active Service AEF Somewhere in France" f
12. Cov. w/Jewish Welfare Bd. corner card, canc. "US Naval Sta. Rockaway Bch." 12/12/19. vf
13. Xmas card in YMCA env. "Bouquet for AEF" in color. Can. "Rec'd fm Army Bordeaux". vf
14. 1915-6. 6 censored covers, N.Y. to Denmark, India, Brit. Col., var. markgs. f-vf.
15. "Marine's Letter, Act of 3 Oct 1917, Sec. 1100" rubber stamp used as cancel.-
small env. f.
16. USN - 4 U.S. shore stations - all flag cancels on YMCA and Red Cross envs. f.
17. USN - Postcard - Battleship Missouri-canc. "USS Training Ship at Puget Sound
6/15/18" vf.
18. USN - 3 US Naval Forces in Europe covers. 1 canc. "US Atlantic Patrol Forces",
var. types of Naval censor markings. vf.
19. Cov.- Post. Exp. Ser. Cancel, "Elysee-Palace Hotel Sub-Sta", Censored and
APO 702 cc. vf.
20. Cov.- Canc'd w/Flag type 705 & fancy 713 in filled circle. R.A.- 481 Aero Squad.
MB \$1.00
21. 3 diff. AEF, incl'd'g 1 low numbered, provisional; 713-A & 714 on YMCA envs. f.
22. 9 diff. AEF numbers on cens. covers & incl'd'g R.C., YMCA & K of C envs. f-vf.
23. 10 AEF covers, various APO's, poor to fine.
24. 10 AEF covers, var. APO's, R.C., YMCA and K of C envs. poor to fine.
25. 10 AEF covers, var. APO's and incl'd'g 4 "Marines Mail". poor to fine.
26. Cov. "Headquarters A.E.F." printed env. APO ? cancel, f.
27. 25 stand. size covers - Army camps & fort cancels. 22 with YMCA, K C or flag cc.
28. 9 diff. Army camp cancels, 6 on YMCA envs. f-vf. /f-vf.
29. P.C. from War Prison Barracks, Ft. Oglethorpe, Imprinted "Mail of POW"-embossed
cens. mkg. vf.
30. Unused AEF Official Xmas Package Coupon, for use on parcels sent overseas,
scarce. vf.
31. 1923 - Post Exp. Serv. Cancel, on Reg. Ltr., from Coblenz, German Sta. Hosp. vf.
32. 6 unused comic picture post cards of soldiers, same artist, unusual and vf.
33. 1 full color YMCA comic p.c. "Uncle Sam giving bitter pill to sick Kaiser". vf.
34. Cov. addr. to Infantryman: ms. "Missing in Action", Blue stamp "Deceased verified by Statistical Division H AEF." f.

WW1 Covers - Other Countries

35. Belgium - 6 Military Post covers, 1 w/red cens. mkg. "Censore Militare". f.
36. Germany - 3 color post cards, Field Artillery; Cavalry. Cancs: Heidelberg,
Strassburg Feldpost; and "Kaisertien-Marine Kommando 11 Bataillon" vf.

37. Germany - 3 p.c. - 1 Cavalry in color; 1 r.r.; 1 humorous. Mulhausen & Feldpost
canc. vf.
38. Germany - 2 p.c. of battle scenes, in color, w/imp. Black Cross cachets; Feld-
post canc. vf.
39. Germany - 3 Feldpost cards & 1 env. var. canc. w/4 diff. Imprt "Black Crosses".vf.
40. Germany - 10 POW camp covers & cds. German camps- Dulmen, Munster, Minden, etc. vf lot
41. Germany - 10 POW camp covers & cds. German camps. sim. to last lot but many diff.
mks. f.
42. Great Britain - 10 sm. covers to Brit. soldiers interned in Switz. all censored. vf.
43. 9 POW covers from diff. British P.W. camps. Variety of mks. vf.
44. 4 Honour Envs. (4 types) w/canc. FPO 42; 97 and APO. f.
45. 1915-6. 10 sm. covers. var. cens. mks; FPO's 19, 20, 137, 152, DC2, APO's RC
1, R51. f.
46. 1915-6. Another fine lot of 10 sm cov. diff from above, var cens mks. f-vf.
47. 1915-6. 11 more, diff. than above 2 lots. Interesting and fine.
48. 3 covers - Indian Exp. Force, Triangle cens. mks., FPO's 36, 40, 42. f.
49. Cov. - Mss. "On active service East African Exp. Force", addr. to Hawaii, Cen-
sored, var. mks. incl. Aden 22 Ja 18; FPO 24, 349, EAP. Stained & battered.
50. 1915 - Solonika Exp. Force, Triangle Cens. Mkg. FPO T-2. f.
51. POW cover from Camp Ninoshima, Japan to Denmark. Camp name imprinted in box,
Jap. cancel; censor marking and chops. vf. MB \$2.00
52. POW cover, canc. Tientsin, Deutsche Post 2/23/16 - Triangle cens mkg. in red
(Reg.); backstamped "Shanghai, China. US Postal Agency" other mks. MB \$1.50
53. Spain - Civil War cover, Franco picture as cachet. Mil. Cens. mkg. & imprinted
"Saludo a Franco - Arriba Espana" from FDR collection & so stamped on back.
vf. MB \$1.00

United States - WWII Covers

54. USN. 2 Covers. 1 "Kodiak, Alaska, US Naval Air Sta." 7/31/41; Hawaii (1705 Br) cachet f.
55. USN. 10 Dif. Shore Station cancels - 1942 - on std. envelopes. vf.
56. USN. USS Sargo (11/22/42) off. env. & Amphib Force SoPac off. env., both with
slogan cancel in killer "Use V...Mail". vf.
57. USN. 6 covs. USS So. Dakota, Missouri; 1 slogan; 1 "rapid-reply card"; 1956
slogan cach. f.
58. 35 Diff. U.S. Camps and Forts - 1943 - on neat standard-size envelopes. vf.
59. 32 Diff. U.S. Camps and Forts - 1943-4 - var. size env. only sl. duplication
with last lot. f.
60. 20 Marine Covers - 1942-5 - Incl. 4th Div. at Maui, Ellice Is. Iwo; Guam, C.Z.
etc. f-vf.
61. 22 Marine Covers - 1942-5 - Incl 3rd Div. at Iwo, Guam, Saipan, Po. Rico, Cuba,
C.Z., etc. f.
62. 7 Mar. Covers, Diff. units, including 3 slogans. vg-f.
63. Post Card, cancel's "First Marine Brigade Provisional, 8/8/41" "US Marines, Iceland"
in killer. vf.
64. 2 Covers - APO 629, India, 1st A.C. Ferrying Group, Nov. & Dec. '42; shield censor. vf
65. 2 Covers - APO 655-B, May 18, 1945 (vf); APO 730, May 13, 1944, (poor)
66. 1 Cover - Canc. Camp Shelby, Miss. R.A. of Jun Yamamoto, 442nd Inf. - Famous Nisei Grov
67. 4 Covers - Double Ring Cancels. APO 75; 633, Br. U.1; 713 Br. U.1; BPO 21. vf.
68. 1 Cover - 4/5/43. R.A. 85th Fgter Squad. Cachet on bk, "Greetings Flying Skull
Squad" f.
69. 1 Cover - Mailed & Signed by Gen. J.W. Stilwell, from HQ. USAF, CBI. Canc. APO
432, addressed to Mrs. Stilwell. Historical. vf.
70. 2 "Free" Covers - with very clear autographs of Admiral H.R. Stark, and Maj.
Gen. Sherman Miles. - 1944-45. vf.
71. "Blue Envelope Mail". U.S. Army, 2 Dif. types, mint & vf.
72. "Blue Envelope Mail". U.S. Army, 2 types, used, APO 511, 574. vf.
73. 2 UC-8, Provisional A.M. Envs. used APO 574 (with Spec. Del. Stamp); Bklyn
Embar. Sta. vf.
74. 3 UC-8, as last lot, APO's 574, 806; Bklyn Embar. Sta. (2 Spec. Del. & 1 with
French stamp.) vf.
75. 1 UC-9, Provisional A.M. 6¢ on 2¢ Bicent. Env. Used APO 574, vf. (Retail \$3-25)
76. SAFE CONDUCT PASS - Dropped to German soldiers; signed by Ike, crisp, vf.

77. 2 Xmas cards. 1 "6th Mar. Div. Milanasia, Micronesia etc. in color; 1 US Army gold embossed eagle. vf
78. 2 Japanese Military P.C.'s. cancelled U.S. Navy and APO. Unusual and vf.
79. 5 dif. type used envs.; 2 dif. unprocessed APO's & 1 Unused letter sheet V-MAIL.vf
80. 2 APO 464 Covers. 5th Army HQ. w/2 types of A5 printed insignia cachet in col. vf.
81. 1 Election War Ballot - Pennsylvania 1944 - mailed from Great Lakes. vf.
82. 3 Election War Ballots- Oregon, Pa., Mo. - 1944 - all dif. types. Used USN, APO.vf.
83. 1 Off. A.M. from Miss. to serviceman, encl. War Ballot - slightly larger than envelopes in 2 prior lots. Scarcer. f.
84. 4 "Undeliverable" covers, incl. 1 "deceased & verified", 1 sent to France, 8/20/41 mked. "Retour..Relations postale interrompues." Int. lot. f.
85. 8 War Dept. Public Relations Official Covers - APO 172, 778 & Wash., D.C. f.
86. 9 small covers - 1943 - Alaska - NAS Kodiak(5), Adak(2), 2 civilian censored.f-vf.
87. 5 Dif. War Dept. Envs. 1 has enclos. on Casualty Lists & USN list to 2/9/46 f.
88. USN Tokyo Bay Cover. USS W.Lind(DD-703)9/2/45. Large cachet & "Tokyo Bay" in kil.vf
89. APO 1008, 9/2/45, w/V-J Day cachet depicting Hiroshima A-Bomb Explosion. vf.
90. USN - LCS(L) 3-67 - Straight Line "Cancelled US Navy Sept. 14, 1945" vf.
91. USN - LCS(L)95 - St. Line Cancel "Feb 6, 1946" stamp cancelled with Jap chops. Mt. Fuji cachet at left. vf.
92. 17 USN & Marine Slogan Cancels in killers - 1942-3. poor to vf. (2 Lg. size)
93. 115 stand. size USN ship covers '42-45, 2 type cancels, all a.m., few reg. Fine lot
94. 170 USN covers, all sizes, cancels and censor mkg's. Mostly '43-45. poor to vf.
95. 70 USN "Free Mail", all sizes, ships, shore stations, '43-45. poor to vf.
96. 46 Marine Corps Covers, mostly '42-45, all sizes, vg-vf.
97. 20 Patriotics, all Diff. Standard size envelopes. vf.
98. 20 more Patriotics, all diff. from last lot. vf.
99. 20 more Patriotics, still all diff. from last 2 lots. vf.
100. 2 Patriotics APO 122 & 806, 10¢ & 20¢ Spec. Del. used as postage. vf.
101. 3 Patriotics APO 122. 10¢, 15¢ & 20¢ Spec. Handling stamps, only postage used.vf.
102. Same as prior lot except 3 diff. Patriotic envs. used. vf.
103. 13 Patriotics, mostly 1941-42. f-vf.
104. 14 sm. covers, USN Ship & Branch Cancels. '45-6, incl Bikini Test Ship. vf.
105. Nat. Geographic Mag. June '43. Hist. of insignia designs of Armed Forces & 32 pages of full color reproductions of all insignias. vf.
- Other Countries - WWII
106. CANADA - 14 Diff. YMCA, K of C, Sal. Army, Canadian Legion env., mostly cancelled Army and A.F. overseas. vf.
107. CANADA - 3 Field Post Office cancels on U.S. 6¢ A.M. envs.(UC-3). Mailed from Italy, April, 1944, various censor markings. vf.
108. CANADA - 5 Honour Evvs. incl RAF, Italy; 6 CAO; 3 Navals & 11 Misc & FPO's. f-vf.
109. CANADA - 38 covs. Can. Army Overseas & RCAF, many FPO's, cc's & cens.mkg's. f.
110. TUNIS - 1 Red Cross Cov from Tunisie, Slogan canc. "Un Seul But L'a Victoire" Cens. vf.
111. AUSTRALIA - Gov. canc'd. "R.A.A.F.P.O. Ounderoin West-Aust" Printed marking "Dept of Air, Postage Concession Rate." f.
112. GREAT BRITAIN - Active Service Honour Env. India, Ap.2, '44, "RAF Censor 358" vf.
113. 1 Mint Stamped A.M. Ltr. Sht. - POW post for writing to Brit.POW's in Germany.vf
114. 1 Mint Stamped A.M. Card - POW Post for writing to Brit. POW's in Japan. vf.
115. INDIA - 2 Covs. Central Internment Camp, Anti-Nazi Wing No.2, Dehra Dun, Cens.vf.
116. ITALY - 1940-43, 6 Ital. Mil. Post; all reg. dif. nos. & types "Aeroporto" vf.
117. Italian Colony of RODI, Mil. Post Canc., Cens. Rodi Stamps. Gov. torn at t but good
118. NORWAY - Gov. Canc'd "Norwegian Army, FPO 17 May '43", w/Norwegian stamps 261-266(Scott) British Censor mkg, and 3 very clear cancels. vf.
119. POW folded, prtd let. sheet from Camp 634, G.B. to U.S., Cens. Ltr. in German.vf
120. 4 POW covers, Gr. Britain(scarce), Germany, Switzerland & U.S. vf & int. lot.
121. GERMANY - '45- 6 M.G. covers- AMG stamps on covers fm Bremen, Halle & Dusseldorf, 1 stamped "Military Cens. - Civil Mails". vf.
122. PHILIPPINES - Victory Issue (Sc.#485-91) on FDC, Manila, 4/16/45. Censored. vf.
123. PHILIPPINES - Jap. Occupation. 3 FDC's -2nd & 3rd Ann. of War. spec. canc & cachets. vf. and FDC of Independence set from Manila 10/14.43. vf.
124. Jap. Occupation.FDC 12/8/42-1st Ann "Greater East Asia War" Cens.& P.O.cach.vf.

- 125. Cover mailed 12/10/44 from APO to Hungary (Russian occupied) marked "Returned to Sender, Service Suspended", recancelled 7 B.P.O. and censored. vf.
- 126. Cover canc. "USS Chilton (APA-38) 8/9/47". R.A. reads "Bikini Scientific Resurvey" vf
- 127. Cov. APO 58, June 6, 1951, w/prtd cc "Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Eur." vg.
- 128. KOREAN WAR - 2 covs. w/diff types of "Hubba Hubba" cachets; 1 Army & A.F. PO 929, cancelled on 10/1/52. vf.
- 129. 2 covers, 11/53, diff. "Hubba Hubba" cachets; Army & A.F. PO 11, 226. vf.
- 130. 120 large size covers - 1956-7 - APO's & Army & A.F. cancels. vg-vf.
- 131. 3 Covers. '57-59 w/prtd cc. "USA, Operations Mission to Cambodia"; to Vietnam & Mil. Adv. Group to Pakistan. Cancels - USN 17041; Army & AF APO 271. f-vf.
- 132. CAMBODIA - Registered Cover from FPO 745, with 5 diff. India Overprinted stamps, dated Feb. 18, 1955. vf.
- 133. VIETNAM - 5 dif. overprinted India stamps on cach'd FDC, canc. "Indian Army Post Office, International Commission, Vietnam, Saigon, Ap. 1, 1957". vf.
- 134. CAMBODIA - Same as last cov. but cancl'd "Indian ... Cambodia, Phnom Penh" vf.
- 135. INDO-CHINA - 1954 - Cover cancl'd "Uss Hornet 8/10/54" while off Hainan.
- 136. Uss Essex Cancel at Lebanon, 7/29/58, on letterhead of War Cover Club.

U.S. AIR MAIL COVERS

- 137. Crash Cover. "Damaged in plane crash at Park City, Ut. 3-11-29..." Cover is charred and partially burned but cancels and markings are clear. MB. \$1.50
- 138. Crash Cover. "Damage due to Airmail Interruption near N.Y. Int'l Airport, Dec. 18, 1954" with newspaper clipping. MB \$1.50
- 139. Same as Lot #137, but cover in better condition. MB \$1.50
- 140. Cover cancl'd "4/15/25 Air Mail Service, New York", in red, carried by Airship Los Angeles to Hamilton, Bermuda, and bckst'd. v.g.
- 141. Cover cancl'd "Air Mail Service USS Shenandoah" on 2^d Lexington s.e.; Also cancelled on face "USS Patoka, 7/4/25 Governor's Conference". vf.
- 142. 50¢ Graf Zeppelin (G-18) on flight cover, Miami to Chicago, 10/6/33 via Graf Zeppelin, with purple cachet and addred cachet on back. MB. \$2.50

ARCTIC AND ANTARCTIC

- 143. 1960 - USS Seadragon - First East-West Polar Crossing, Cacheted & Cancl'd Nome, vf
- 144. 1959-60 - 9 Operation Deep Freeze and Arctic Operations Covers. Cacheted. vf.
- 145. Nat. Geographic Mag., July 1957. Photos & story of Deep Freeze 1 & 11, and Byrd's last article, and story and photos of his Antarctic Explorations.
- 146. Australia - Cover Cancelled "Aust. Antarctic Terr. Davis 14 Ja. 57", Penquin cachet. vf.
- 147. Belgium. Cover Cancelled at Brussels & "Belgische Zuidpool Basis Antarctique, 2-1-59", with Penquin cachet and other Polar marking. vf.

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