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To the new officers of the WAR COVER CLUB go the best wishes of everyone for their term of office. There seems to be a revival of interest in War Cover collecting which it is hoped the new officers will be able to encourage. Write your officers, keep them posted as to events, material, things you would like to see done, ways to improve your Bulletin, add to the membership. It is YOUR club and it is up to each and everyone of you to foster our particular hobby.

!!! MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ROGAN !!!

"To the many members who voted for me, my sincere Thanks and appreciation. To say that I was surprised to see my name on the ballot was one thing; but to be elected was something I never could imagine! I always thought it would be nice some day in the future to see my name put up as a Director but to get to be President was not in my dreams! I wish I had a lot of time to give to the job. I'd like to see us get a new member each week for the next year. I'd like to see the Club grow. I'd like to see more sectional meetings around the country. I'd like to get lots of ideas and suggestions from the members on how to improve the Club and its activities. If each member brought in one new member during the next year,

it would help to spread the Gospel, which would result in more activity and interest in our great hobby. I will try to be a good leader of the WAR COVER CLUB and hope that the next two years bring us great success."

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When thinking of war cover collecting, I am afraid most of us confine our collecting interests to the recent World Wars I and II, but how many of us realize that in our membership are included collectors interested in the Mexican War, the Napoleonic Wars, the Boer War, the Civil War and the Spanish American War.

Have you added new material to your collection recently? Let me know about it. Do you get in touch with fellow members, swap material, find out what the other fellow is doing? And what about the ladies? Can't remember when I have had a letter of inquiry, suggestions or even an article for the Bulletin. I KNOW that some of our gal members have fabulous material and I am SURE we would all like to know more about it!

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LIST OF ARMY-AIR FORCE CANCELS - Compiled by Jas. Russell

1 BPO	248	Hand
7th BPO Handstamp	264	Hand & Machine
	301	Hand
APO	317	"
3 Hand	323	Machine
5	331	Hand
6 Hand	358	"
8 "	403	"
15 "	468	"
20 "	500	"
25 "	613	Hand & Machine
27 "	633	Hand
32 "	707	Hand & Machine
47 "	719	Hand
59 "	861	"
63 "	901	"
67 "	928	"
70 "	970	"
71 "	971	"
86 Hand & Machine	972	"
112 Hand	1007	"
226 Hand & Machine	1054	"

It might be well to keep Mr. Russell advised as to any other cancels not on this list.

U.S.S. MONTANA

Authorized by Act of Congress, April 27, 1904. Keel laid April 27, 1905. Launched December 14, 1908; and commissioned July 21, 1908. This ship was built by Newport News Shipbuilding Co. at the cost of \$3,575,000 for hull and machinery. The MONTANA was an armored cruiser of 14,500 tons displacement. This ship had a length of 502 feet; draft of 25 feet; breadth of 72 feet 10 inches. She was designed to develop 23,000 h.p. and could make 22.26 knots. Her crew consisted of 50 officers and 856 men. The U.S.S. MONTANA had an armament of four 10 inch 40 caliber guns; four six inch 50 caliber guns; and two 3 inch 50 caliber guns. Her armor belt was 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet wide, five inches thick and reached five feet below normal water line. Her turrets were protected by nine inch and her barbettes by eight inch plate. There was a three inch teak-wood backing to all side armor.

After being commissioned in 1908 this ship operated with the Atlantic Fleet. The MONTANA made two trips into Turkish waters and the Near-East. The first in July 1909 during the Turkish-Armenian trouble. During this cruise she called at the ports of Mersino, Smyrna, Alexandretta, Latakia, Bazit, Tripoli, Beirut and Adalia. The MONTANA returned to the United States in August 1909. After this cruise, she was assigned to take part in the Argentina Centennial celebration, calling at the ports of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. In July 1911 to November 12, 1912, the MONTANA underwent repairs at the Portsmouth, N. H. Navy Yard, after which she made her second trip to the Near-East. While there she called at the ports of Alexandretta, Beirut and Messina. During 1904 this ship operated with the Atlantic Fleet in target practice and routine duties. Most of this time was spent in Cuban waters and off the coast of Mexico. From 1915 to 1916 the MONTANA cruised in Cuban and Haitian waters with the Atlantic Fleet engaging in target practice and fleet maneuvers. When World War I broke out this ship was with the Atlantic Fleet operating in the Chesapeake Bay area and did convoy and escort duty from ports of Hampton Roads, New York and Halifax, N. S. Between January and July 1919, she made six round trips to Europe transporting 8,800 troops. The MONTANA'S name was changed to U.S.S. MISSOULA on January 7, 1920. On February 2, 1921 she was placed out of commission at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Washington. This ship was stricken from the Navy List on July 15, 1930 and sold on September 29, 1930 to John Irwin, Jr. who purchased the MISSOULA along with another condemned ship, the CHARLOTTE, as a single item for the sum of \$177,771.52.

82nd. NAVAL CONST. BATTALION

Commissioned at Davisville, R. I. 28 Jan. 1943; Left Davisville for Gulfport, Miss. 29 March 1943; Left Gulfport for Port Hueneme, Calif. 24 April 1943; Left Port Hueneme 10 July and crossed the Equator 18 July arriving at Noumea, New Caledonia Is. 28 July; Left Noume 15 August and arrived at Guadalcanal 19 August; Co. "C" left Guadalcanal 31 August, arrived at Vella La Vella 1 September; Balance of the Battalion left Guadalcanal 13 Sept; arrived at Stirling Island 25 August 1944 and reached Nepoui, New Caledonia Is. 1 Sept. 1944; Left Nepoui 2 May 1945; Arrived at Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Is. 11 May 1945; Left Eniwetok 20 May, arrived at Ulithi Is. 25 May; Departed from Ulithi 12 June 1945 and landed at Okinawa I. 18 June 1945. The Battalion was de-activated December 1945.

THE FRENCH FORCES CANCEL IN KOREA

by E. E. Keys

Regarding the use of a new French Forces cancel (POSTE AUX ARMEES/222) in Korea as reported in the War Cover Club Bulletin for March, 1952, additional information is now at hand.

Upon my first notice of the report of this cancel, I recalled that covers with a postmark identical to this had come through from Indo-China under the following circumstances:

At the close of War 2 certain of the Nazi prisoners of war were recruited into the French Army and now, during the disturbances in Indo-China, have been doing service with the French armed forces there. The letters of some of these service men, addressed to their home folk in Austria, carried two different military postmarks, viz., "POSTE AUX ARMEES/T.O.E.", and "POSTE AUX ARMEES/222", respectively. The first of these marks was applied to letters, which were carried free within French territory, at the military post office in Indo-China. However, in order for the letters to pass beyond the French area into other countries the required foreign rate of postage (25fr.) was added later in France and cancelled by another military postmark, which in this case was, "POSTE AUX ARMEES/222". Covers of this kind that I have seen have carried postmarks with the year date, 1950. For this reason, the report of the new cancel in Korea immediately prompted the question, has "POSTE AUX ARMEES/222" moved to Korea? In response to my inquiry a letter dated August 5, 1952, from a French army correspondent in Korea, states as follows: "you are right when you say it (222) is located in France and never moved to Korea. Our APO in Korea is named F APO 5200 but we don't have any handstamp using such a number, the only one is T.O.E. - for we have free mail." His envelope shows two impressions of "POSTE AUX ARMEES/T.O.E." (Troupes Orient Extreme - Far Eastern Troops) military postmark. Of course the question still remains, why was correspondence to Mr. James Russell (who originally reported the cancel) routed through France to receive the "222" cancel when mine was mailed direct to the United States? And I hasten to state that I am not able to give the answer to this question.

FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of WCC is planned for October 18, and will be held at the offices of Scott Publications, Inc., at 1 W. 47th St., New York City, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. New material will be shown and Mr. Sol Whitman has kindly promised to address us. It promises to be one of the most entertaining meetings. Hope to see as many members as possible and, of course, we will be delighted to have prospective members give us the once-over at the same time!

WAR COVER CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST

AUGUST 1952

252 AINSBURG Sr. Maurice G. 38 Seaman Ave., Castleton-on-Hudson, N. Y.
All censored covers.

90 BAGGETT, M. R. 1615 N. McDowell St., Charlotte 5, N. C.
All Wars.

189 BAKER, Philip E. 76 Edwin St., Ridgefield Park, N. J.
WW I&II APOs; Marine, Naval & Shore Sta.

316 BANKS, Sam E. 2529 Honeysuckle Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas
Civilian censored and FPOs, Egypt, Palestine,
Trans Jordan.

320 BARTLETT, G. W. 34 Edgewood Rd., Glen Ridge, N. J.
Censored covers.

57 BARTLEY, D. C. 6035 - 8th Ave., N. E., Seattle 5, Wash.
Naval Postmarks.

318 BENNETTS, L. C. 29 Rose St., Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.

74 BLACK, Arthur F. 144 Providence Rd., Charlotte 7, N. C.
WW I & II

310 BLACKBURN, Jr. Lane R. D. #2, Washington, Penna.
China specialized, stamps 7 covers;
General world-wide.

46 BRENNER, C. D. 5 Montrose Rd., Berkeley 7, Calif.
WW-II and Korea.

239 BROCK MD. Fred C. 600 S. Reese Place, Burbank, Calif.
WW-II and other wars.

102 BURR, David H. 25 N. Main St., Gloversville, N. Y.

317 BURRELL, Mrs. H. P. Seagate Road, Noroton, Conn.
Korean War.

52 CASE, Wm. C. Pleasant Valley, Conn.
World war covers.

211 CIPOLLI, W. J. Tillson, N. Y.
APO-FPO-POW-Naval, WW-I & II.

285 CLEMENT, Alfred Heinrichstr 27/1, Graz, Austria
War covers of all countries.

200 COLE, A. C. 4589 N. High St., Columbus 14, Ohio
All types of war & censored covers.

91 CUMMINGS, Eugene P. 1106 Glen Drive, San Leandro, Calif.
All U. S. wars.

235 CUTRESS, Geo. P. 19 Hillside Grove, Chelmsford, Essex, Eng.
US Naval covers from Adm. Byrd and other
Arctic & Anartic Exped; Barex; US Bases
in Greenland; BWI & Pacific area.

187 DERMODY, Harold 2317 S. 50th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill.
All US & POW covers.

172 DICKEL, John C. 6711 Souder St., Philadelphia 24, Penna.
All kinds of war covers.

138 FAULSTICH, Fred 190 W. Burnside Ave., New York 53, N. Y.
All US; Boer war; General

301 FIREBRACE, J. A. 55 Silverdale Rd., Eastbourne, Sussex, Eng.

151 FUSMER, Homer U. Box 183, Canajoharie, N. Y.
US & Foreign censored airmail.

296 GILL, Rowland P. 1629 Newton St., N. W., Washington 10, D. C.
All US wars, Br. Empire & Latin Amer.

315 GOERTH, Leo F. Box 6, Cincinnati 7, Ohio
Airmail Stationery.

- 324 GOLDEN, Robert H. 4610 Sheridan Rd., Chicago 40, Ill.
Mexican War 1845-48, covers, broadsides
relics, newspapers and published articles.
- 17 GRANDY, Winfred M. 98 Harrison St., New Haven 15, Conn.
Specialty - War Naval covers.
- 329 HALPERN, Al. 209 Atlantic Ave., McKeesport, Penna.
All types WW-II covers.
- 3 HALPERN, Maxwell 684 Martha St., Elmont, N. Y.
A-E-F covers only.
- 312 HAMMER, Helmut Weberstrasse 82, Frankfurt am Main 16, Germany.
All German war covers.
- 302 HARE, H. J. 20 Wilmar Gardens, West Wickham, Kent, Eng.
Spec. US-APOs; Great Britain and others.
- 31 HERTZBERG, B. 554 Merritt Ave., Oakland 10, Calif.
30 HERTZBERG, M. 294 Fairmount Ave., Oakland 11, Calif.
- 300 HIGGINS, Albert H. 70 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.
Stamps & covers Aden-Gold Coast-Palestine-
Br. Somaliland-Bermuda, also APOs & FPOs.
- 181 HURDIS, Mrs. Elsie C. 109 Smithfield Rd., North Providence 4, R. I.
US & Foreign censored-APO-Naval Patriotics.
- 65 HURLBURT, A. K. 1100 Balfour Rd., Grosse Pointe Park 30, Mich.
Free-APOs; V-Mail-V-Mail Sheets
- 246 JAGGER, Eugene 10 Kings Rd., Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Eng.
- 291 JENSEN, Charles A. Ketilsvej 73, Bagsvaerd, Denmark.
Desires to exchange covers.
- 106 JONES, Mrs. Stephen W. 4325 Erie Ave., Cincinnati 27, Ohio
Censored WW-II - U.S.
- 299 KERSHAW, Robert S. 521 Spicer St., Akron, Ohio
WW-II APOs-Naval-Patriotics.
- 323 KEYS, Everel 14742 Center Ave., Harvey, Ill.
Free French covers.
- 29 KLINGER, J. Paul 31 Hastings Ave., Havertown, Penna.
- 282 KOOR, Miss Jean G. 972 Sherman Ave., New York 56, N. Y.
- 303 KRUK, John F. 234 Main St., So. Deerfield, Mass.
Censored covers; Photo V-Mails.
- 210 LANGER, Alfred F. 35 Lenox Ave., Glenbrook, Conn.
Overseas Army covers WW-II.
- 319 LANGER, F. 508 Hornby, Cor. Pender, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.
- 136 LEACH, Rev. Floyd S. 80 Highland Ave., Rowayton, Conn.
All Wars.
- 217 LEMPONEN, Carl T. 976 Broad St., Conneaut, Ohio
WW-II Borderless AM & V-Mail.
- 313 LETKEMANN, S. A. V. Box 6267, Fitzsimons Army Hosp., Denver 8, Colo.
P/W mail - all wars.
- 328 LEWANDOWSKI, A. B. 520 Audubon Ave., New York 33, N. Y.
WW-II covers only.
- 270 MAJOR, Richard M. P. O. Box 2074, Arlington 4, Va.
APO Covers.
- 137 MARTIN, George M. 216 So. 28th Ave., Yakima, Wash.
WW-I & II, all types censored.
- 115 MATHYS, Miss Della 608 Belmont Rd., Grand Forks, N. D.
WW-II covers.
- 327 MAYER, Bob Hotel Knickerbocker, 120 W. 45th St., New York 36, N. Y.
US First Days & First Flights.
- 81 MIKUCKI, Chester J. 1844 N. Winchester Ave., Chicago 22, Ill.
Occupied Poland WW-I & II.
- 306 MINICK, Lt. Col. Don C. 2109 "F" St., N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

185 MITCHELL, Miss Myrtle 500 So. Market St., Winamac, Ind.
WW-II APOs & Camps.

266 MOLNAR, Charles J. 1246 Summit Drive, Cleveland 24, Ohio
Pat. cds. & covers Span.-Amer. & WW-II
Propaganda leaflets WW-I & II.

6 MONTGOMERY, Wm. H. 3235 Hull Ave., New York 67, N. Y.
A-E-F covers & stationery.

56 MORGAN, Maj. Ian C. 1455 Union Ave., Montreal, Canada
Bermuda-Canada & British covers.

212 MUZZY, Ernest J. 142 Prospect St., Jamestown, N. Y.
Patriotics & WW-II covers.

326 NICHOLSON, Arthur L. Postmaster, Macon, N. C.
Korean War covers.

321 PATKA, Frederic Lerchenfelderstrasse 70-72/1/6, Wien 8, Austria

110 PERKINS, John M. 5-05 125th St., College Point 56, N. Y.
WW-I & II.

25 PERRY, Dr. A. E. 314 State St., Albany 6, N. Y.

165 POWERS, Mrs. Etta 125 Bon View, Ontario, Calif.
APOs WW-I & II.

156 PULS, Edwin E. 185 Linden Rd., Birmingham, Mich.
Pat. Span-Amer; WW-I & II; Flag cancels.

233 RAY, Frank 1400 Bryan St., Old Hickory, Tenn.
APOs and censored.

273 ROBBS, Peter H. Grendon, Northampton, England.
Aerial Propaganda Leaflets.

2 ROBINSON, Rev. H. K. 315 Mulry Lane, Lawrence, N. Y.
All Wars, Censored, APOs & Naval.

283 ROGAN, Kevin P. 2 William St., Napanoch, N. Y.
WW-II US Armed Forces.

274 RUSSELL, James 2209 Brighton St., Philadelphia 24, Penna.
APOs, Navals & V-Mail.

224 RYAN, Francis W. 649 9th Ave., New York 19, N. Y.
APOs WW-II.

32 SANFORD, Hennen M. 1975 Hampton Rd., Rocky River 16, Ohio
WW-I & II General.

269 SCHULTZE, George J. 6183 Lawndale St., Philadelphia 11, Penna.
V-Mail, all types, First Days.

287 SERGENT, Miss Nellie B. 435 W. 119th St., New York 27, N. Y.
Greeting cards from service men.

203 SHELLHAMER, Robert H. 910 Clark Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Penna.
Spec. Spanish-American War material.

284 SIMON, Sam 80 Bruce Ave., Yonkers 5, N. Y.
German concentration camp covers.

307 SMITH, Miss Bettie 520 Grant Ave., Cambridge, Ohio
Patriotics autographed by WW-II notables.

294 SMITH, Peter A. S. 116 N. State St., Ann Arbor, Mich.
19th. Cent. & Spec. Mediterranean Area.

304 SPAIN, C. W. 8580 Birwood Ave., Detroit 4, Mich.
Canadian; WW-II; censored; Naval & RPO.

322 STEWART, Sgt. Francis J. Det. "B" (Prov) 8084 A.U. APO 503 c/o S.F.
RA-12340210
WW-II - Korean War.

72 STRINGHAM, Orville L. 1153 Chenango St., Binghamton, N. Y.
All censored.

264 STROUSE, Earl H. Not active at present time.

308 TAYLOR, Sterling S. 9612 Fremont Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.
P/W; APO & AEF covers.

234 THOMAS, Jesse B. 31 North St., Georgetown, Mass.
 41 TRIPP, Almon J. 16533 Mendota Ave., Detroit 21, Mich.
 US Armed Forces publications.
 171 TUTTLE, Col. Lowell H. 9424 Longwood Drive, Chicago 20, Ill.
 APO's.
 180 UHRIG, Carl S. 20 So. Church St., Pittsfield, Mass.
 Censored covers entire world, WW-II only.
 228 VACURA, Capt. H. J. 7650th S.M.P. Saalfelden Liaison Sect. APO 541,
 APO's. c/o N.Y.
 314 WALTERS, C. T. Loombah, Cumnock, N-S-W, Australia
 Stamp Dealer.
 220 WETTACH, George H. 17-20 Well Drive, Fair Lawn, N. J.
 WW-II covers.
 242 WHEAT, J. C. 2222 Groveland Rd., Bay City, Mich.
 Censor markings, all wars.
 247 WILLINGER, Isadore 314 E. 163rd St., New York 56, N. Y.
 APO's.
 213 WILLSON, Thomas E. 123 Sherman Place, So. Orange, N. J.
 APO's, Camps, Naval & Shore Bases.
 311 WYATT, D. B. 1301 So. Big Bend Blvd., Richmond Heights 17, Mo.
 WW-II Armed Forces, P/W & Civilian censored.

-- KOREA 1950 --

With the North Koreans flooding down through Seoul and Inch'on and threatening Suwon, the young republic teetered on the brink of oblivion. To prevent a complete enemy break-through and to gain time for the creation of a defense zone, planes based in Japan and naval craft blasted North Korean troops and installations, and TASK FORCE SMITH, approximately one half a battalion combat team, was detached from the 21st. Regt. of the U.S. 24th. Division and transported by air on 1-2 July across Tsushima Strait to the South Korean port of Pusan. With the rest of the division following by sea, this task force raced north by rail from Pusan to the city of Taejon. There, it piled into trucks and, pushing through endless lines of bewildered refugees, made its first contact with enemy ground troops in the vicinity of Osan on 5 July. A strong force of North Korean infantry and tanks struck TASK FORCE SMITH as it stood alone in the roadway between Seoul and Ch'onan.

For seven long hours the outnumbered Americans poured their howitzer, bazooka, mortar and small arms fire at the Russian made tanks. Five of the tanks were knocked out by howitzer shells, but the North Koreans flowed around the American flanks in great numbers, forcing the surviving infantrymen to abandon their heavy weapons and withdraw.

Note - If you would like to know what happened before and after TASK FORCE SMITH, the first ground troops to oppose the North Koreans, just send \$1.25 to Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. for a copy of "KOREA 1950" Cat. No. D 114.2: K84, the publication is 8x10 in. 281 pages on fine paper stock, heavy attractive cover stock, fine screen illustrations, maps, plus five chapters of the detailed history of the first six months of the war.

And a reminder - look for a cover bearing the return address,
 "21st. Inf. Regt; 24th. Division"
 It will be a prize to add to your collection (A. J. Tripp)