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Theo Van Dam, 1916-2001

Theodore Van Dam died early in May following a bout with leukemia. "Theo," as he preferred to be called, was one of the great students of military postal history, author of numerous standard references on the hobby, and a former editor of this journal.

He was born in Amsterdam, Holland and began collecting stamps as a child. He came to the United States in 1937, and served in the Pacific area with the 98th Infantry Division from 1942 to 1946. His knowledge of languages led him to work as a translator to aid in the repatriation of prisoners of war held by the Japanese. When he returned to New York, he joined his two brothers working for the Van Dam Rubber Company.

He soon left the company to expand his philatelic research and writing. His best known work is the standard reference on the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, to which he contributed to updated editions well into his 80's. He was a part time dealer of covers using the business name Postal Covers, and he also sold philatelic literature, including hard-to-find foreign imports.

His articles appeared in the *War Cover Club Bulletin*, the American Philatelic Congress Book, Fritz Billig's handbooks on postmarks, the *Collectors Club (N.Y.) Philatelist*, *American Philatelist*, *Philatelic Literature Review*, and the *Postal History Journal*. Some of his books were *A Postal History of Spain, Postal History of the AEF 1917-1923*, with updates and a valuation guide with Richard W. Sackett; *War Dates 1911-1950*; *Beyond War Dates 1911-1950 and More!*; and *A Century of War Dates and More! 1859-1959*.

Theo was a member of many international postal history societies and was a stalwart of the War Cover Club/MPHS. He shared his philatelic knowledge with others through his extensive articles and books and was a mentor to many.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie, a brother Albert and a stepson.

NEW "APO" BOOK READY!

Numbered Army & Air Force Post Office Locations, Volume 1: BPOs, PRSs, & Regular Post Offices 1941-1964, by Russ Carter

The Seventh Edition of the Military Postal History Society's listings of military post offices is now available. Due to the amount of new information since the last edition, what was once one book has been split into several volumes. This, the first of these volumes, deals only with the numbered permanent Army post offices from World War II until the start of the ZIP Code era in 1965.

Many corrections have been made in this edition. The large number of additions is the result of extensive research in the National Archives and the Center For Military History along with the input from Society members.

Besides many new dates and locations, there are entries for APOs previously not known along with many previously unrecorded branches. Some examples:

- the previous edition had 34 Base Post Office entries while the new edition has 88 entries plus information on BPO detachments.
- the 1st BPO which had two lines now lists at 25 lines and is now known to be three different units.
- APO 196, which was on a ship, was listed with five locations and now lists 12 locations.
- APO 999, which previously had four sub unit entries now has 16 entries.

Changes and additions to Canadian, Alaskan, and Central American APOs is especially strong. Many new APOs in India and post war Germany have been added. The section on APOs via Los Angeles (desert training facilities) is the most comprehensive and detailed listing ever made available to collectors.

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President's Message

by Jim Boyden

Our general meeting at NAPEX on June 2 was a very good one with a larger than normal attendance because it was a joint meeting with the Society of Indo-China Philatelists. Joe Cartafalsa, a member of both groups, gave a very informative talk on Viet Cong mail. My thanks to Joe for his presentation.

Our Board of Directors meeting was a long one and we accomplished quite a bit. Our membership remains at around the 600 mark and our finances are in good shape. The board approved changes to the by-laws which will be published in the next *Bulletin*. With that action, the board also approved the officers for the term that begins January 1, 2002 as there were no nominations from the membership other than the slate provided by Jesse Boehret, who headed the nominating committee. Information on the new officers will also appear in the next *Bulletin*. My thanks to Jesse for a job well-done.

People have been working very hard on publications: Norm Gruenzner announced that the 7th Edition of the APO book is ready for sale. Details of this new APO book will be found on page 1 of this *Bulletin*. Thanks and congratulations were extended to Russ Carter, who took over the task of this revision and prepared the final copy. Thanks also to Norm, to George Cosentini for the extensive preliminary work he did, and to all others who assisted on this project. It could not have been done without all of their efforts. Unless one has worked on a publication like this, you cannot fully appreciate the vast amount of time and work it takes to reach a final product.

Norm and Russ also announced that work on volumes on Navy post offices, Army temporary post offices, and Navy motor torpedo boats and post offices, are in progress.

One other decision was not an easy one to make for the board and that was to raise the annual dues for members in the United States and Canada. This move was taken because of the current and planned U.S. postage rate changes that will increase the mailing costs of the *Bulletin*. New dues of $20 ($23 for Canada and Mexico) take effect in January 2002.

The Society recently lost one of its members one who contributed much to the Society and was responsible for much of the current success of our group. Theo Van Dam passed away in May. To perpetuate Theo's work for this society, the board approved naming the MPHS Grand Award (given to the best military postal history exhibit at our annual show) after him. That award will now be known as the Military Postal History Society Theo Van Dam Grand Award. The first award in his name was presented to Al Kugel at NAPEX.

Our next general meeting will be at TEXPEX 2002, scheduled to be held April 5-7, 2002 at the Renaissance North Hotel, Dallas. Now is a good time to give some thought to preparing an exhibit for TEXPEX 2002, or at least thinking about attending that event.

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Editor's Notes

David A. Kent

Our major story in this issue is a study of Capture Mail of American POWs in Europe During World War II, by Kurt Stauffer. Although many studies have been published on POW mail, Kurt has made a speciality of finding the cards and other notices that brought the first news to families that a loved one had been taken prisoner. Most of his examples include personal messages, which make them come alive even after all these years have passed.

Bob Kinsley offers a brief study of decorated patriotic covers from France during World War I, and we provide more book reviews, including a special offer to MPHS members of a good price on a new book on APO machine cancels. These are only some of the interesting items we offer you this quarter.

An especially welcome announcement on page one of this issue is the availability of a new edition of our invaluable directory of APOs and their locations since World War II began. This greatly expanded edition uses a huge amount of research done in the National Archives by Russ Carter, including review of some records that haven't seen the light of day (or a cleaning rag) in years.

We sadly report on the front page the passing of Theo Van Dam, a former editor of this *Bulletin* and long a mainstay of the Military Postal History Society and its predecessor, the War Cover Club. We will miss his guidance and expertise in so many areas, but we are comforted by the fact that our files still hold new finds from him for the AEF in France during WW I, which remain to be published in this *Bulletin*.

This issue also includes news of our annual meeting last June. These meetings are worth attending.

WW II Letters

I recently received an e-mail from Cindy Curren, who works for a book publisher in Bellevue, Wash. called becker&mayer! She is working on a book of personal letters that soldiers wrote during WW II. If you are willing to help Cindy (who happens to be Stan Jersey's grandniece), her telephone number is (425) 827-7120, ext. 124, and her e-mail address is: cindyc@beckermayer.com

Auction #166

Our tireless Auction Manager, Myron Fox, had prepared another of his wonderful auctions so that you can add to your collections. Our auctions are noted for the wonderful variety and range of material for every interest, from many periods of time and many areas. Myron can always use more material to keep these auctions coming. If you have extra covers or other items directly related to military postal history, please submit them to the auction manager, Myron Fox, P O Box 283, Needham Heights, MA 02494-0904.

Deadlines

The *Bulletin* is written by its readers. We welcome your contributions to future issues. Here are the next few deadlines:

Fall 2001 Aug. 18
Winter 2002 Dec. 8

Regular contributors are asked to adhere to these deadlines closely so that we can publish on time. Occasional contributors, please remember that if you want to have an article or notice published in a specific issue, it must reach me by the above dates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bob Kinsley

Please welcome these New Members:

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3147 Paul Benson, Olney, MD
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3149 Albert Aldham, Hawley, PA
3150 Fred Robinson, Canton, OH
3151 Thad Kaczkowski, Elizabeth, PA
3152 Walter Avramenko, Parker, CO
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3160 Michael Mead, Orleans, MA
3161 Howard Kristol, New York, NY
3162 Frank Acevedo, Pembroke Pines, FL
3163 Gary McLean, St. Paul, MN

Trivia: the web site on records (tfclub.tripod.com/records.htm) identifies the world's shortest war as that between Zanzibar and Great Britain in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes. I imagine covers from the Zanzibar troops are scarce.

Your Society continues to grow due to the loyalty and referrals of its members. At the annual convention at NAPEX the weekend of June 1-3 we reported a membership of almost 600, including some 100 in 20 countries besides the U.S.

A few members inquire if they paid dues in May, August or whatever, are they paid until the following May, August or whatever. The answer is "no." The Society is on a strict calendar year basis. Your renewal dues should be paid by the end of the year. Reluctantly, due to the escalating costs of postage and its ever-present twin "handling" it was concluded at NAPEX that dues for North American members must be increased by $5.00 effective January 1, 2002 (there is a pleasant technicality here: if you pay your 2002 dues before January 1 they are valid at the current rate; more in the next issue). In addition, it was agreed to revise and prorate the dues for new members depending on when they apply for membership, similar to the practice of the APS and other organizations, effective this July. As a result no back issues will be mailed to new members; similarly no back issues will be mailed to anyone who is late with their dues renewal payment. Of course, back issues can always be purchased.

The By-Laws of the Society were revised, primarily for improved clarity, and approved at NAPEX. A copy will be part of the next issue of the *Bulletin*. One of the changes is to confirm the operation of the Society on a calendar year basis, and another is to permit the waiver of voting when there is no competition for an office in the Society.

The Officers, Directors and Editor wish you all a great summer and a safe celebration of the 225th holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the original 13 U.S. colonies from Great Britain on July 4, 1776.

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Dear Mom, I am Now a Prisoner of War

Capture Mail of American POWs in Europe During WW II

by Kurt Stauffer

During World War II about 100,000 Americans were captured by the Germans and their allies. Two things were very important in the mind of each POW, informing his family he was safe, and providing a mailing address for mail and packages. In my quest for Prisoner of War mail I have uncovered a number of examples of capture cards, or the first piece of mail sent home by a POW informing his family of his status as a POW. The following examples cover a wide variety seen from Americans during WW II.

The stories behind most of the men who sent these pieces of mail were lost until I did research. Often an interesting story can be told behind a piece mail by researching the Prisoner. The research will usually tell a much more colorful story than what the stationary, markings, and cancellations on a cover can provide. The historical information about each POW was found from the sources listed on the last page.

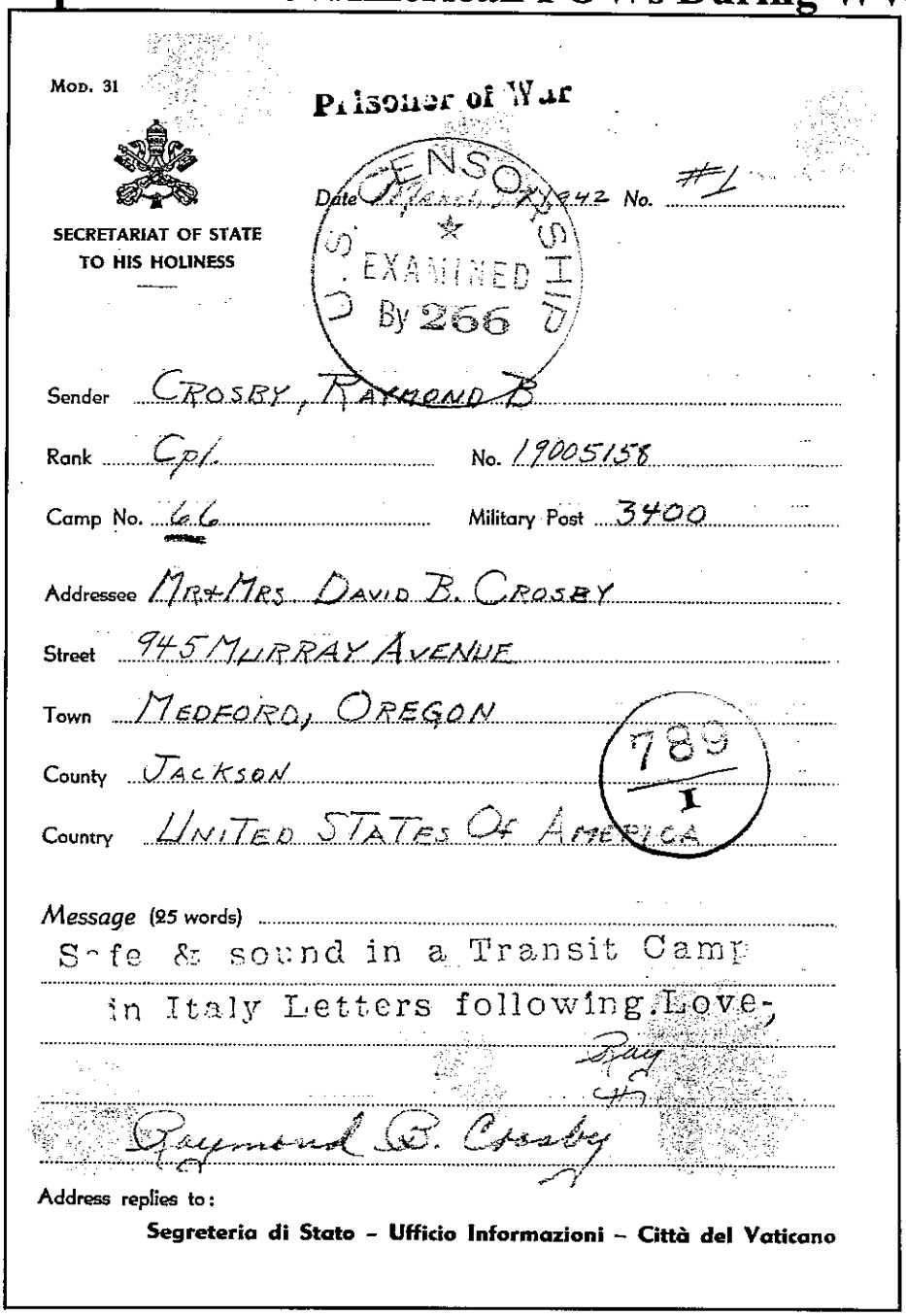
This article is a tribute to our men and women in uniform who have been Prisoners of War.

Glossary

Dulag: Durchgangslager: Transit camp. This was a POW camp used to interrogate or process a POW before transferring him to a permanent camp.
Oflag: OffizierLager. An officer's prisoner of war camp. Held mostly officers who commanded ground troops.
Stalag: Stammlager. While all POW camps were technically Stalags, this term was mainly used to refer to an enlisted mens camp holding mostly ground troops.
Stalag Luft: Airmans Prisoner of war camp. Held captured aviators and in some cases also paratroops.
Gefangenummer: POW Number assigned to the individual by the Germans.

Figure 1. 1st Lieutenant Lewis J Mckesson was the pilot of a B-17 Bomber of the 367th Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force and was shot down near Paris, France on December 20, 1942, very early in the air war. This card was written at Dulag Luft (Frankfurt Am Main) which was the transit camp where airmen were interrogated before they were sent to a permanent camp. He eventually was sent to Stalag Luft 3 at Sagen. Canceled January 4, 1943, it is a very early example of a capture card. He also used his U.S. Army service number in the spot the Gefangenummer would be on the front of the card (not visible in the illustration). The lack of a Gefangenummer is typical of a newly captured POW being allowed to write home before his number was assigned.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...



MOD. 31

Prisoner of War

SECRETARIAT OF STATE
TO HIS HOLINESS

U.S. CENSOR SI
EXAMINED
By 266

Date [illegible] 1943 No. #1

Sender CROSBY, RAYMOND B

Rank Cpl. No. 19005158

Camp No. 66 Military Post 3400

Addressee MR+MRS DAVID B. CROSBY

Street 945 MURRAY AVENUE

Town MEDFORD, OREGON

County JACKSON

Country UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

789
1

Message (25 words)

Safe & sound in a Transit Camp
in Italy Letters following. Love-
Ray
Raymond B. Crosby

Address replies to:
Segreteria di Stato – Ufficio Informazioni – Città del Vaticano

Figure 2. Cpl. Raymond B. Crosby was a member of the 3rd Communication Squadron 12th Air Force and was captured February 14, 1943 near Zidi Bou Zid, Tunisia. His unit was coordinating air support for Combat Command A of the 1st Armored Division at the time. German tanks surrounded his unit, and after destroying vital papers and equipment, his unit surrendered to the Germans. He received the Silver Star during this action. He was initially held in Italian-run POW camps until he was transferred to Germany, eventually being liberated from Stalag XVIIB at Krems, Austria. The item above was mailed by him through the Vatican and is censored by both Italian and U.S. civil censors. These letters are sometimes referred to as the Vatican "message scheme." The Italians also allowed him to mail a "blue" capture card, which is pictured on the next page.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...

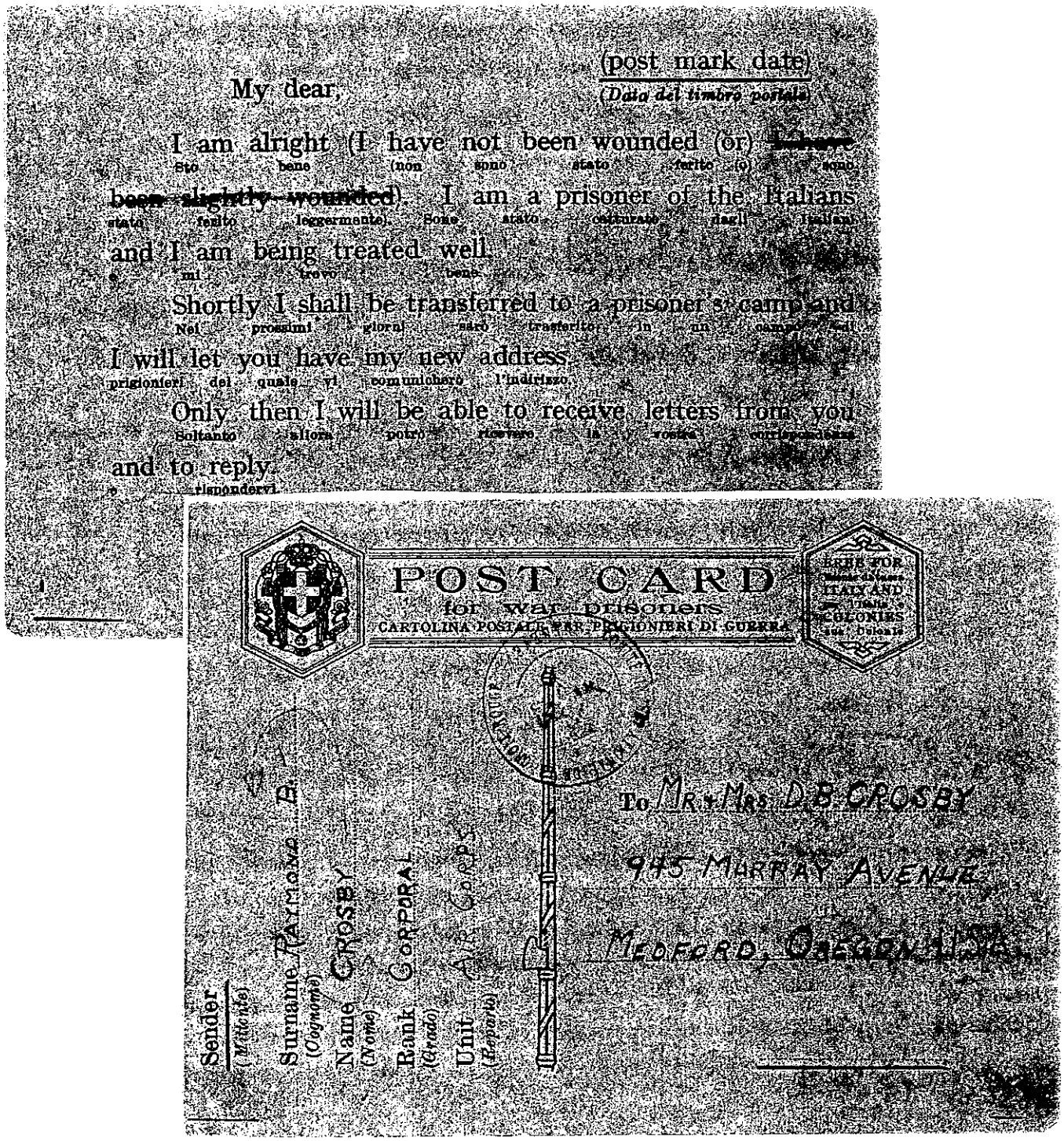


Figure 3. Cpl. Raymond Crosby's "blue" capture card, front and back. A formula card in English with subtext translation in Italian, although to what purpose is not clear, since the intended audience was presumably the prisoner's English-speaking British or American family. The actual card is blue in color.

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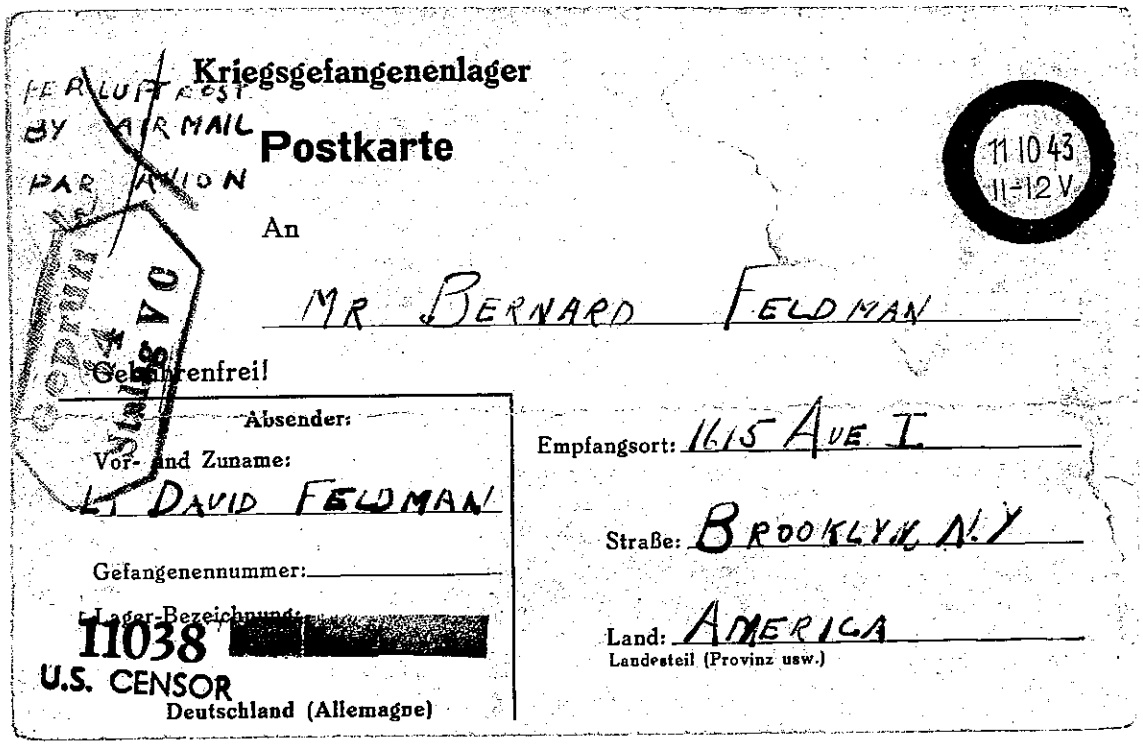


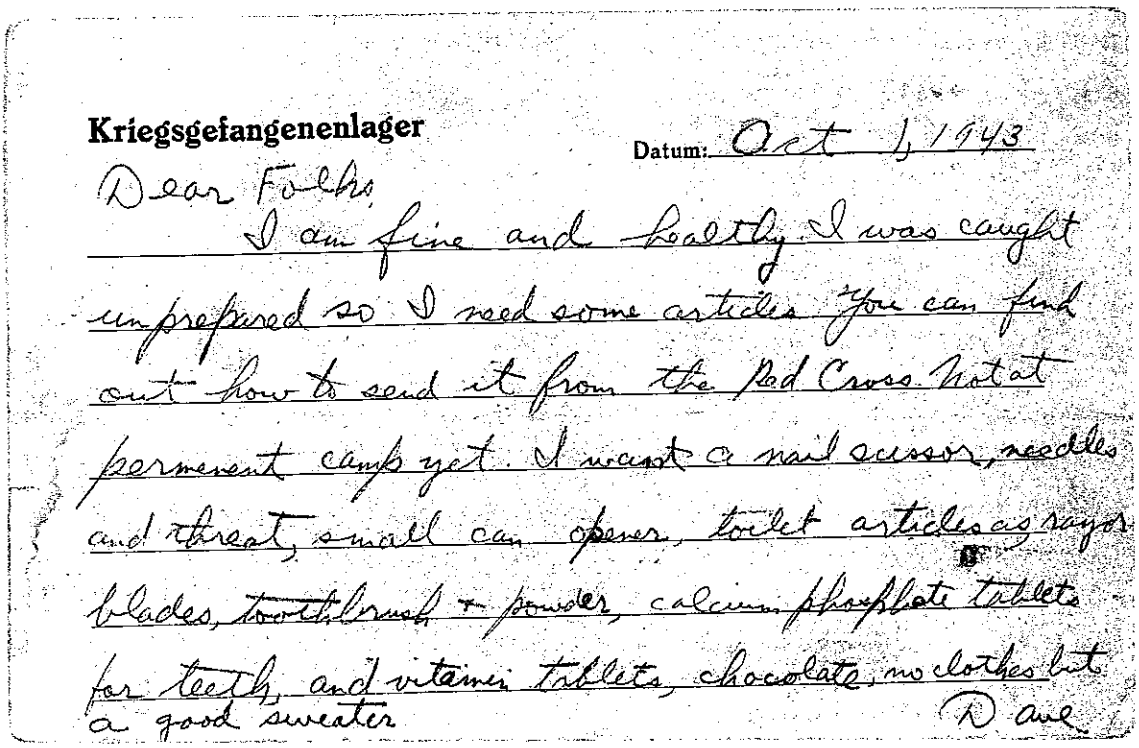
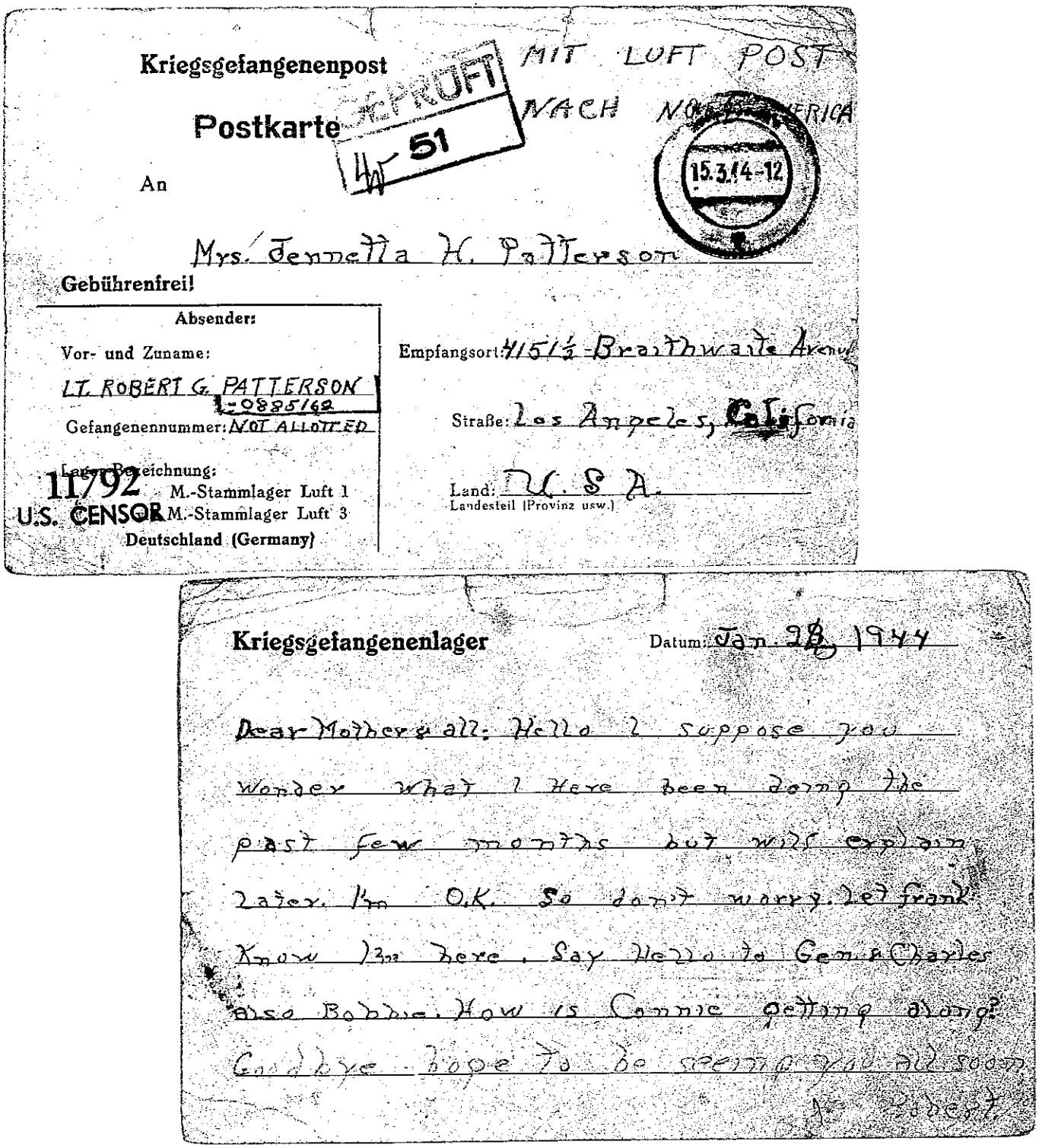


Figure 4. 2nd Lieutenant David Feldman was the pilot of a B-24 Bomber of the 344th Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bomb Group, 9th Air Force and was shot down September 3, 1943 over Italy. The card was written from Stalag V C at Wilbad, Germany, which was an enlisted men's camp, before he was transferred to an officer's camp. He was later sent to Oflag VA near Weinsberg, Germany, and then to Oflag 64 near Schubin, Poland. He eventually found his way to an Airmans' camp, Stalag Luft I near Barth, from which he was liberated in 1945.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...



Kriegsgefangenenpost

Postkarte

GEPRÜFT 51

MIT LUFT POST

NACH NORTH AMERICA

15.3.14-12

An

Mrs. Jennetta H. Patterson

Gebührenfrei!

Absender:

Vor- und Zuname:

LT. ROBERT G. PATTERSON 1-0885162

Gefangenennummer: NOT ALLOTTED

Lager-Bezeichnung:

11792 M.-Stammlager Luft 1

U.S. CENSOR M.-Stammlager Luft 3

Deutschland (Germany)

Empfangsort: 4151½ Braithwaite Avenue

Straße: Los Angeles, California

Land: U. S. A.

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Kriegsgefangenenlager

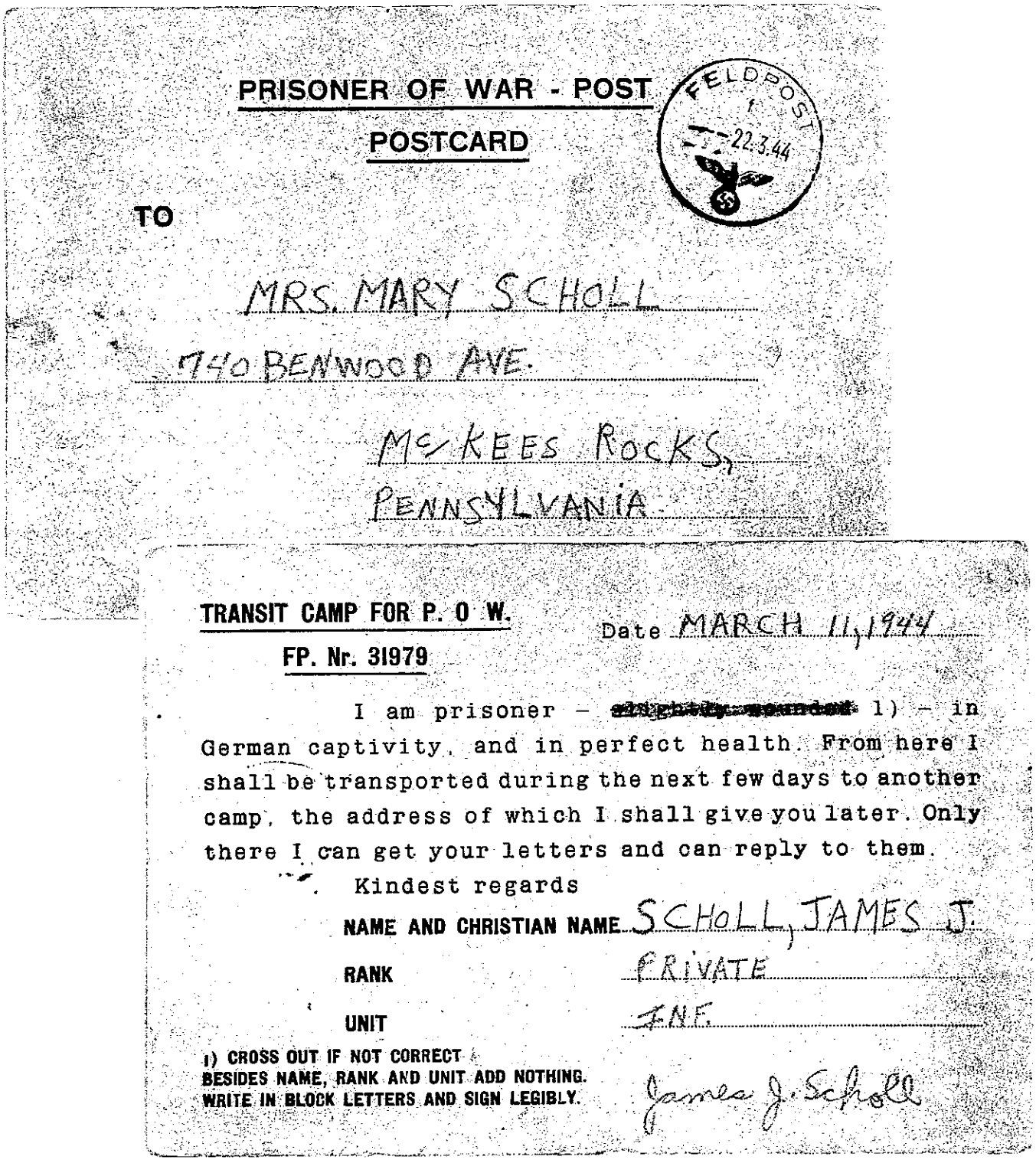
Datum: Jan. 28, 1944

Dear Mother & all: Hello I suppose you wonder what I Here been doing the past few months but will explain later. I'm O.K. So don't worry. Let Frank know I'm here. Say Hello to Gen & Charles Also Bobbie. How is Connie getting along? Goodbye hope to be seeing you all soon

Love Bobby

Figure 5. 1st Lieutenant Robert G Patterson was a former member of the American Eagle Squadron, RAF, before being inducted into the USAAF. He was shot down October 8, 1943 while serving with the 4th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force. He evaded capture for 53 days before finally being picked up by the Gestapo in Amsterdam. This card was written at Stalag Luft I shortly after his capture. His Gefangenummer had not been allotted to him at the time he wrote the card.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...



PRISONER OF WAR - POST

POSTCARD

FELDPOST 22.3.44

TO

MRS. MARY SCHOLL

740 BENWOOD AVE.

Mc KEES ROCKS,

PENNSYLVANIA

TRANSIT CAMP FOR P. O W.

FP. Nr. 31979

Date MARCH 11, 1944

I am prisoner – ~~slightly wounded~~ 1) – in German captivity, and in perfect health. From here I shall be transported during the next few days to another camp, the address of which I shall give you later. Only there I can get your letters and can reply to them.

Kindest regards

NAME AND CHRISTIAN NAME SCHOLL, JAMES J.

RANK PRIVATE

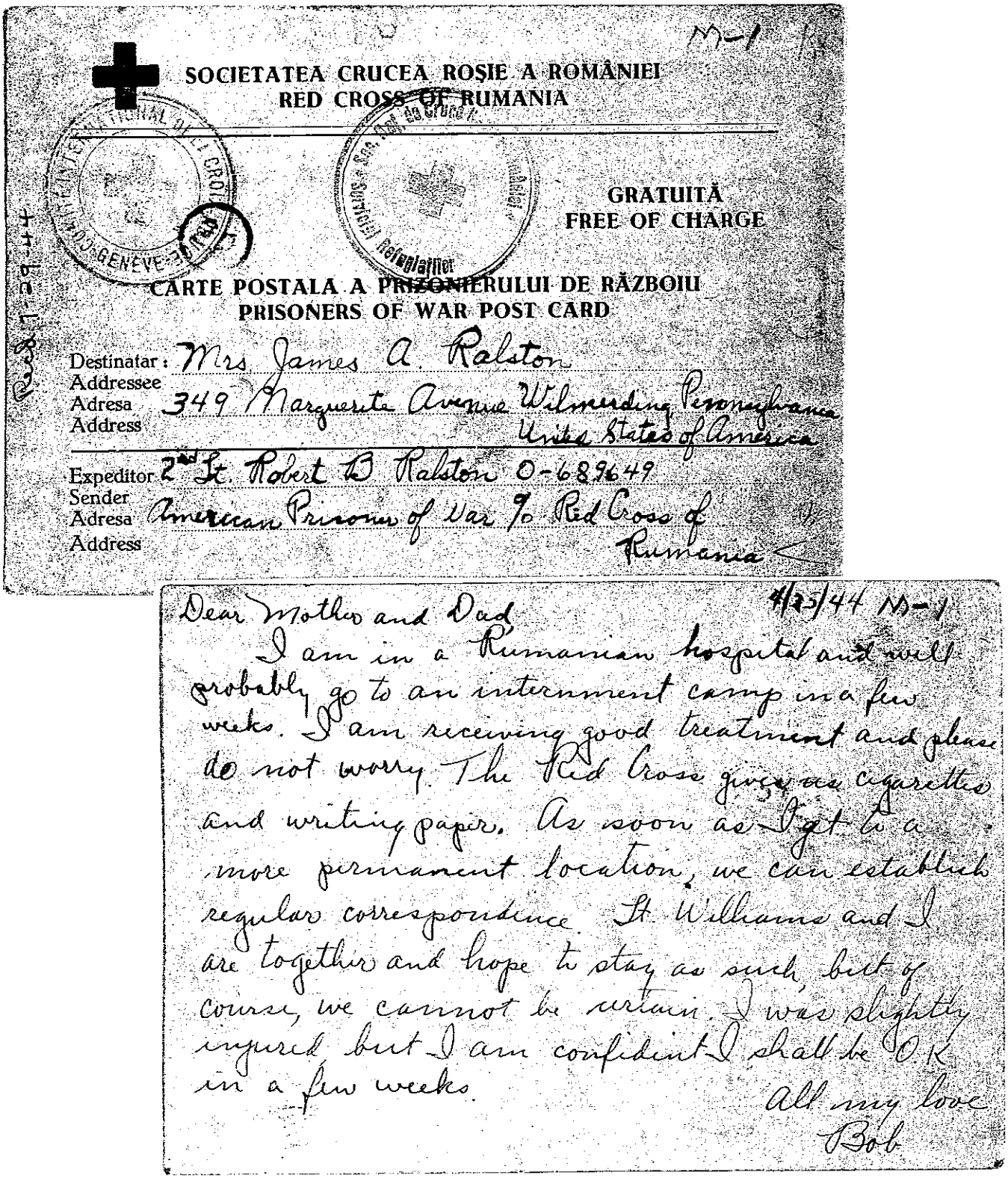
UNIT INF.

1) CROSS OUT IF NOT CORRECT.
BESIDES NAME, RANK AND UNIT ADD NOTHING.
WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS AND SIGN LEGIBLY.

James J. Scholl

Figure 6. Pvt. James J. Scholl was serving with the 157th Infantry, 45th Division when he was captured February 16, 1944 after his unit had been overrun by Panzers at Anzio, Italy. This POW postcard is an example of a not often seen type, mailed from German Feldpost 31979 (Dulag 132) during transit to a permanent POW camp. It was forwarded in an envelope from the Provost Marshall General's office in Washington, with an enclosure explaining the significance of the card. This also explains the lack of a U.S. civil censor mark. Scholl eventually was transferred to Stalag VIIA at Moosberg where he spent the rest of the war.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...



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RED CROSS OF RUMANIA

GRATUITĂ
FREE OF CHARGE

CARTE POSTALA A PRIZONIERULUI DE RĂZBOIU
PRISONERS OF WAR POST CARD

Destinatar: Mrs James A Ralston
Addressee
Adresa 349 Marguerite Avenue Wilmerding Pennsylvania
Address United States of America

Expeditor 2nd Lt Robert B Ralston O-689649
Sender
Adresa American Prisoner of War % Red Cross of
Address Rumania

4/23/44 NO-1

Dear Mother and Dad

I am in a Rumanian hospital and well. probably go to an internment camp in a few weeks. I am receiving good treatment and please do not worry. The Red Cross gives us cigarettes and writing paper. As soon as I get to a more permanent location, we can establish regular correspondence. Lt. Williams and I are together and hope to stay as such, but of course, we cannot be certain. I was slightly injured but I am confident I shall be O.K. in a few weeks.

All my love
Bob

Figure 7. 2nd Lt. Robert B. Ralston was a crewmember of a B-24 bomber with the 454th Bomb Group, 15th Air Force, when his plane was shot down April 21, 1944 over Romania. He wrote the card below from a Romanian hospital four days later, which is a remarkably short time after he was captured. He was released on Oct. 23, 1944 after Romania surrendered to the Allies. Mail from Americans in Romanian camps is scarce.

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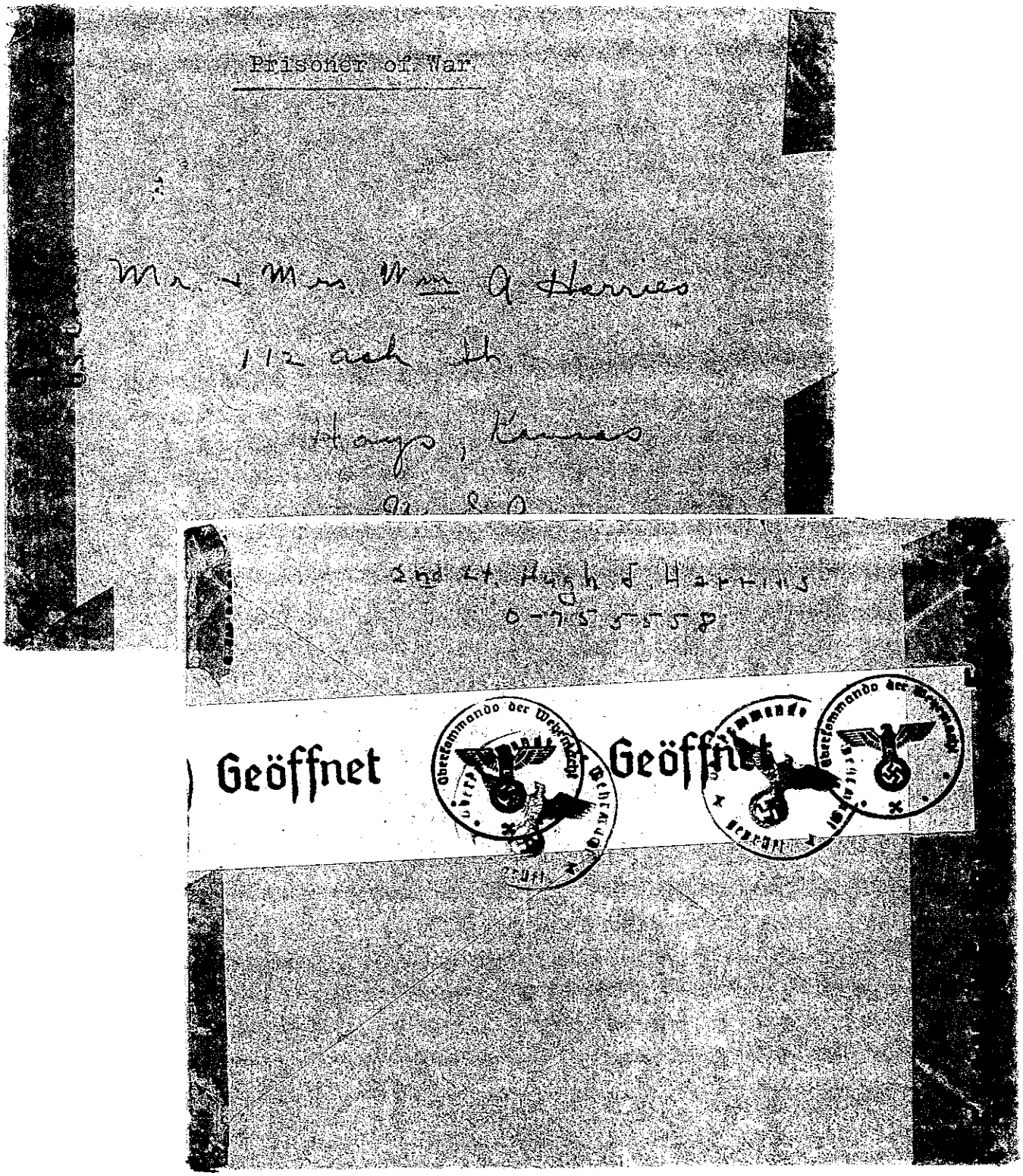

Figure 8. 2nd Lieutenant Hugh J Harries was the copilot of a B-24 bomber with the 448th Bomb Gp., 8th Air Force, shot down June 10, 1944 near Normandy. His face was burned during his escape from the bomber, and the following letter was probably written from a German Lazzarett or Military hospital before he was transferred to a permanent camp. He was transferred to Oflag 64, and later to Stalag Luft 3 at Sagen. The letter in the envelope is dated July 15, 1944 and explains it is the first letter he has been able to write since his capture. The German Censor Tape is unusual for POW mail.

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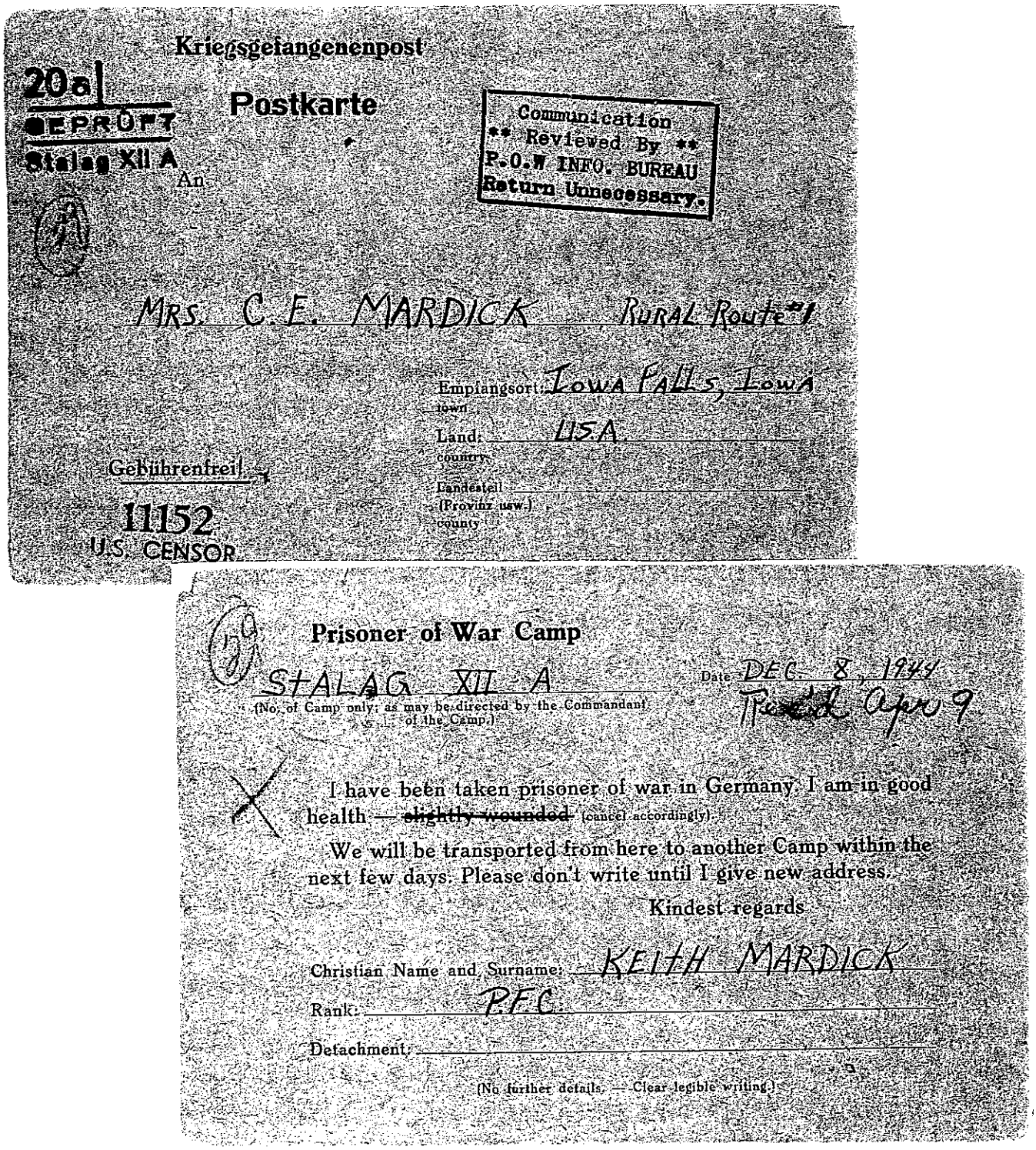

Figure 9. PFC Keith O. Mardick, a member of the 413th Infantry Regiment, 104th (Timberwolf) Division, was captured at Inden Germany November 29, 1944. This card was mailed at Stalag XIIA at Limburg Germany, which was used as a transit camp used to process American POWs until they were sent to a permanent camp. He was sent to Stalag IVB at Muhlberg Germany, where he spent the rest of the war. This example is a formula card issued by the Germans and is most often seen used by Americans captured during the Battle of the Bulge. The earliest example of this card being used from Stalag XIIA I have seen is September 1944.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...

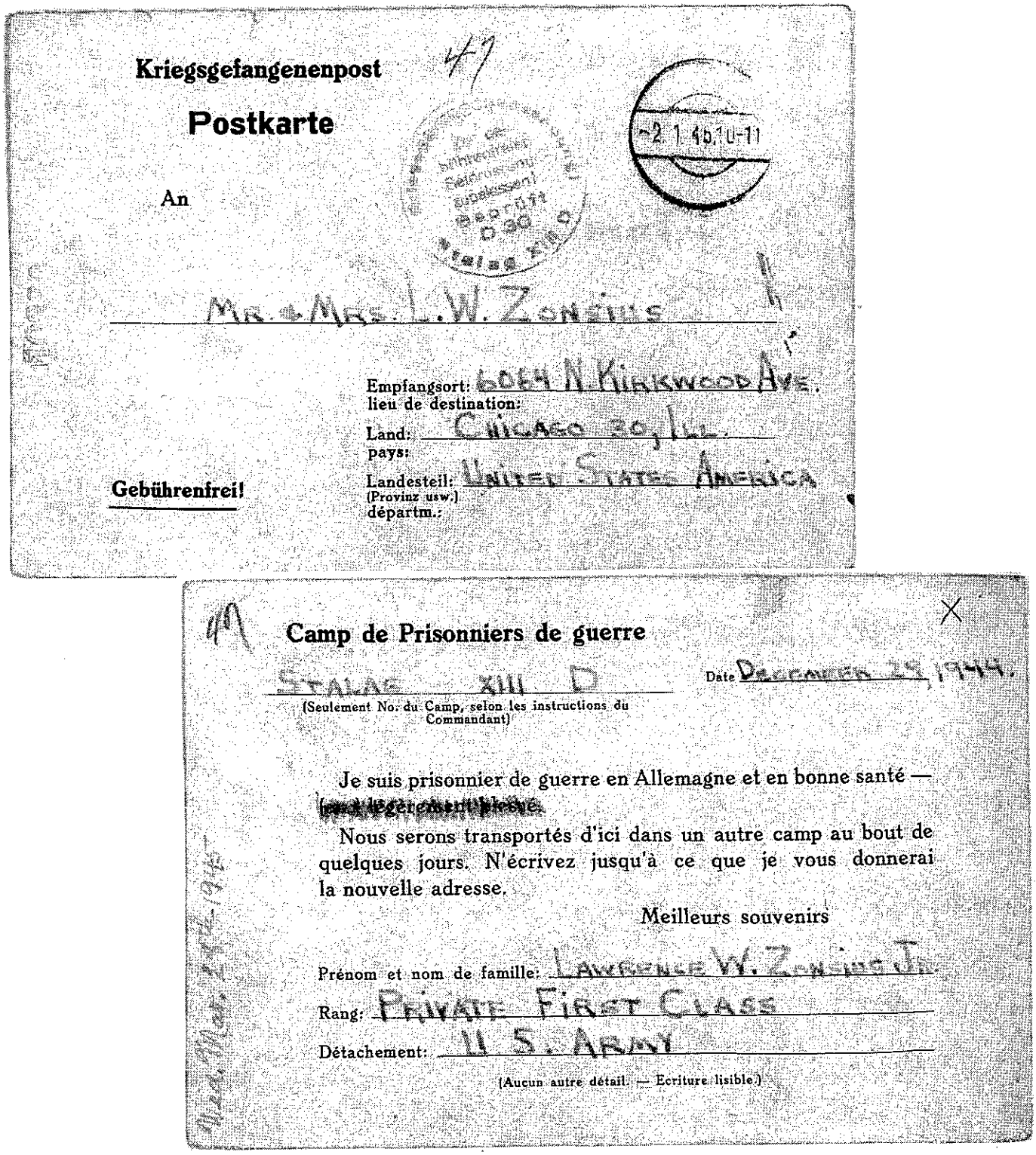

Figure 10. PFC Lawrence W. Zonsious served with the 394th Infantry, 99th Division and was captured December 18,1944 during the opening days of the Battle of the Bulge. Stalag XIIID was located near Nurnburg Germany. He remained in this camp until the end of the war. This card is unusual since he was issued the French language version of this type of card. Most of this type of card I have seen to U.S. POWs are the English language version as seen in PFC Mardick's example (Figure 9). By this time Germany was losing the war, and supplies of the proper type may have been scarce.

Capture Mail of American POWs During WW II...

Figure 11. PFC Edward H Nielsen, a member of the 157th Engineer Combat Battalion, was captured New Years day 1945. He wrote this card from Stalag IVB, located at Muhlberg Germany. Mail from Stalags after January 1945 is difficult to find. This is an exceptionally late dated capture card.

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Philatelic Militaria

by Alan Warren

[The following articles appeared in recent issues of a variety of journals and may be of interest to military postal history collectors. Copies of the complete articles can be obtained through the American Philatelic Research Library at APS headquarters in State College, Pa.]

Two articles of military postal history interest are found in the November 2000 issue of *The Post-Rider*, published by the Canadian Society of Russian Philately. Alexander Epstein writes about postage due mail from Russian Army personnel during WW I. Normally such mail was free franked, but only if certain rules were followed such as handing in the letter or card, and presence of a unit cachet. In the second article, censorship of Russian Navy mail in WW I is examined by co-authors Vladimir Berdichevskii and Meer Kossoy. They write about mail from the rank-and-file Navy personnel and the changing rules during the war. For example, free franked mail at first had to show the ship cachet. However, for secrecy reasons this was later changed to special cachets that read "The Active Fleet" or "Examined on the Ship."

Writing in the February 27 issue of *Canadian Stamp News*, John Conrad continues his updates on military postmarks used by Canadian forces in the Balkans. He illustrates a postmark from CFPO 5033 that was used in Kosovo for only three months during 1999. Erik Lørdahl describes the imprisonment of General Otto Ruge, commander-in-chief of Norwegian forces, and other officers who were held in POW camps during WW II in Germany in the January-February issue of the *German Postal Specialist*.

Bill Ross has had a long running series on the postal history of Åland in the British journal *Scandinavian Contact*. The March installment discusses the Winter War there and the postal arrangements.

Graham Mark discusses mail seized on the high seas during WW I in the March issue of the British journal *Postal History*. Handstamp markings applied by the British, Germans, Dutch, and French are illustrated based on seizures from two ships in 1916 and 1917. Two pieces of mail from Canada's Northwest Rebellion of 1885 are described in the March issue of the *Newsletter* of the Canadian Military Mail Study Group. One is a cover sent by Captain Henry Hechler to his wife in Halifax at the 2¢ soldier's rate, and imprinted "Head Quarters 63rd Rifles." The other is a post card sent by John Reginald Hooper to his wife, in which he complains about the hardships of the campaign, including the mosquitoes!

Al Kugel is a regular contributor of articles based on his collecting and exhibiting areas. In the February issue of the *Postal History Journal* he discuses the new order in the Baltic from 1918 to 1923. Some of the unusual items he uses to illustrate the article include an official post card with commemorative stamps for the German National Assembly in 1919, a money order form overprinted for the Allenstein plebiscite, a post card bearing the handstamp "U.S. Navy Post Office, Danzig, Germany," and Russian postal stationery overprinted for use in Central Lithuania.

Jean-Louis Emmenegger writes about the U.N. Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) in the February issue of the *Journal of United Nations Philatelists*, illustrated with two covers bearing the international denomination of the special stamp issued for such mail in April 2000.

Several articles in the military field appeared in the March issue of *BNA Topics*, published by the British North America Philatelic Society. C. D. Sayles shows two covers related to the Dieppe Raid. The first cover of June 4, 1942 was mailed from Canadian FPO 436 and was censored with a manuscript notation as no censor handstamp was apparently issued. The second cover was sent from Welland, Ontario August 13, 1942 to an infantryman in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. The addressee had been severely wounded and taken prisoner. However this was not known at the time and so the letter was marked "Missing" when it went through the FPO 436 to the RHLI regiment, and was returned.

In another article in the same issue of the BNAPS journal, Jon Johnson illustrates a cover sent by a Canadian nurse, assigned to an Anglo-Russian hospital in St. Petersburg, to a relative back home. It was dated March 6, 1917. An entry in her diary of February 14 describes the machine-gunning of citizens on Nevsky Prospect.

The third article, by Bill Pekonen, describes research sources for the postal history of WW II. He looks at the Canadian Orders in Council, incorporated in the minutes of Privy Council. He presents two tables in his article. The first is a list of Orders in Council that have bearing on postal matters, from 1939 to 1942. The second table is a listing of pre-war events from August 26 to September 6, 1939.

In the May issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*, published by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Frank Alusio describes an item known as the Rommel Sheet. This philatelic souvenir, issued and numbered in a quantity of 2,000, marks the German unit that fought in France and then North Africa. It bears stamps and cancels between 1940 and 1943 noting the movement of the unit during that time. The Desert Fox himself signed ten copies of the sheet.

In the May issue of the *China Clipper*, published by the China Stamp Society, Derek Page provides the fourth part in his series on censorship of mail in China. A. D. Hanes reports on Canada's role in the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) and Robert Toombs provides a list of key events in Haiti related to the UN (1990-1996) in the May issue of the Canadian Military Mail Study Group's *Newsletter*.

2000 MPHS Literature Award

The MPHS Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the award for the best article to be published in the editions of the *Military Postal History Society Bulletin* for 2000 has been given to Norman Gruenzner for his article in the Korean War edition (Summer 2000) titled "The Korean War, 1950-1953." The award, in the form of a trophy, was presented to Norm at NAPEX.

Congratulations are extended not only to Norm but to all those members whose articles were published in 2000. There were 22 such articles, and all were competitive and contributed to the field of military postal history.

A V-Mail Movie Prop

by Thomas J. Richards

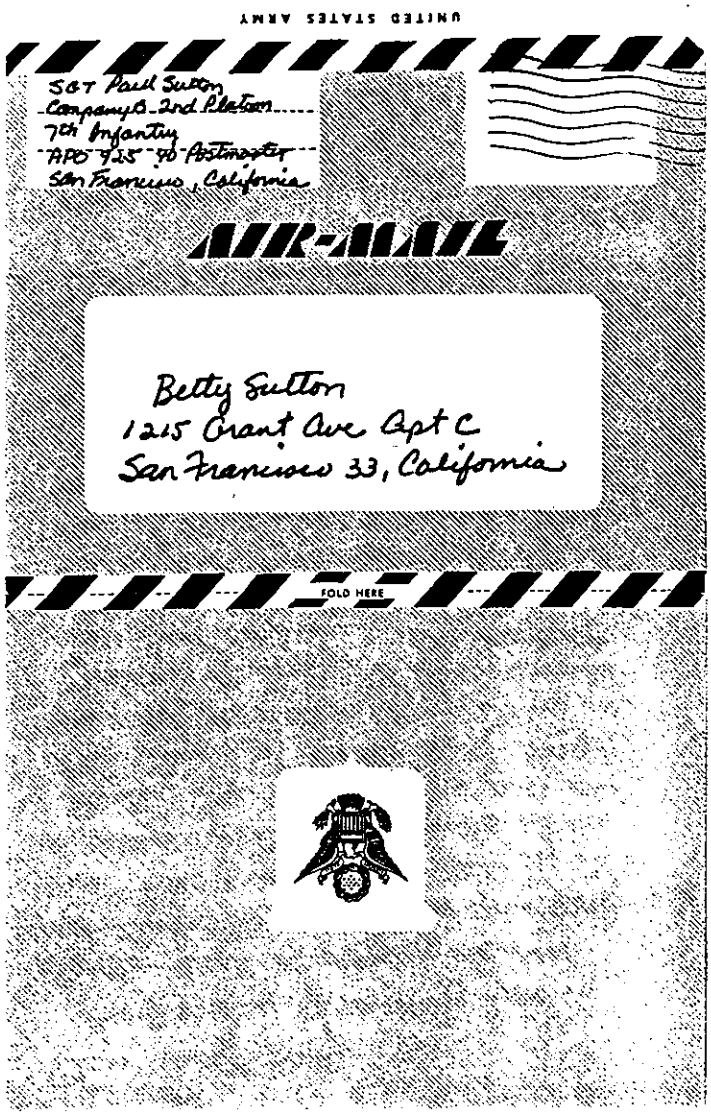
Movie companies are very serious about the props they develop for their films. They go to a lot of trouble to insure accuracy, even for items that may only be on the screen for a few seconds or may not be readable to the viewer. The items shown here are an example of such detail. The 1995 20th Century Fox film *A Walk in the Clouds*, starring Keanu Reeves, Anthony Quinn and Giancarlo Giannini, is about soldiers returning from the war. [The movie appears occasionally on the Fox Family cable channel — *TV Guide* calls it a "tearjerker." - ed.] After some effort I found a copy of the film and can report how these props were used.

In the film, Reeves returns from the war and goes to his wife's house and she tells him she didn't read all the letters since the war depressed her. He says he wrote her every day. She says she kept them all and goes to steamer chest. The chest is full of small boxes with letters in the them — hundreds and maybe thousands. Many of them look like #10 envelopes (you only get to see the box for a few seconds) — in a second view of the box you do see what looks like an open V-mail envelope (again only for a second).

He leaves her and meets a girl who wants him to pretend to be her husband for a day or two, so her wealthy wine-growing father will not think badly of her since she is pregnant. They carry on the charade for awhile and he then realizes he must go back to his wife and try to stay together.

He goes back and when he enters the house the steamer chest is open and the envelopes are lying out (seen from a distance). Reeves asks if she has now read them and she says yes — you now see one that appears to be a V-mail letter (again only for a second) — that's it.

It is quite possible that there was a scene in the movie where the props were more prominent and maybe even read from by one of the stars, but ended up on the cutting room floor. I believe that the V-mail replicas were all printed up and even the "writing" on them was printed. I have had three of them and they all appear to be printed. I doubt if they would gather hundreds of genuine blank V-mail forms and "print" the text on them. I therefore assume that the forms are studio-made replicas of the real thing, but I have no way of proving this.



Our resident V-Mail expert, George Cosentini, has examined these items and reports that the movie studio has "taken some liberties." The censor mark is not like those of the Army, which normally used a rectangular mark with an oval in the center. It looks more like a standard circular Navy censor. The "cancel" on the outside, only the killers of a machine cancel, is possible but unlikely. Machine cancels with the dial removed were used on rare occasions on transit mail, but virtually never on real mail. Leaving out the dial, however, allows the movie studio to avoid a need to reproduce a real cancel. The return address is an odd mixture. Both parts existed, but never together. The 7th Infantry started out the war in North Africa, crossed to Italy and ended up the war in Austria. APO 925 did exist, but in Australia, eventually working its way to the Philippines at war's end.

While it is never stated in the movie where he fought, he does have a short flashback of the war that shows beaches and palm trees, so the logical guess is the Pacific. That works for APO 925, but not the 7th Army. Part of the explanation may be that the film is an adaptation of an Italian novel which would explain the 7th Army part and they (the film makers) may have just made up the APO 925, without checking on its location.

I got these items on eBay, the Internet auction site, under the "movie props" category. There may be more around.

V-Mail Movie Prop...

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No. _____

PASSED BY ARMY CENSOR 985

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Betty Sutton
1215 Grant Ave Apt C
San Francisco, California

From Cpl Paul Sutton
(Sender's name)
company B 2nd Platoon
7th Infantry
(Sender's address)
~~APO 925 40 Postmaster~~
San Francisco, California
(Date)

Deaust Betty,

Today has been a long and weary day. I ache to see you and feel the coolness of your silky skin. I can't seem to forget how much I love caressing your beautiful feet, they have the sweet fragrance of early morning dew. Every day, I think about what you are wearing. Maybe that little red + white pat a dot number you wore on our 2nd anniversary. Or perhaps, nothing at all. By the way, I visited with the four sisters last night. The nights are so cold. I can hardly sleep with all the sounds of war around me. I miss you desperately. I long for you every minute of every hour.

Yours forever
Paul

V···–MAIL

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1942 ★ 16—88163-4

The inside of the prop piece of V-Mail. Details of the format of the lettersheet, the message and other aspects appear quite authentic, the primary problems being the Army censor mark and the combination of military unit and APO number. Perhaps they should hire a collector of military mail to offer suggestions on how to make these props even more authentic!

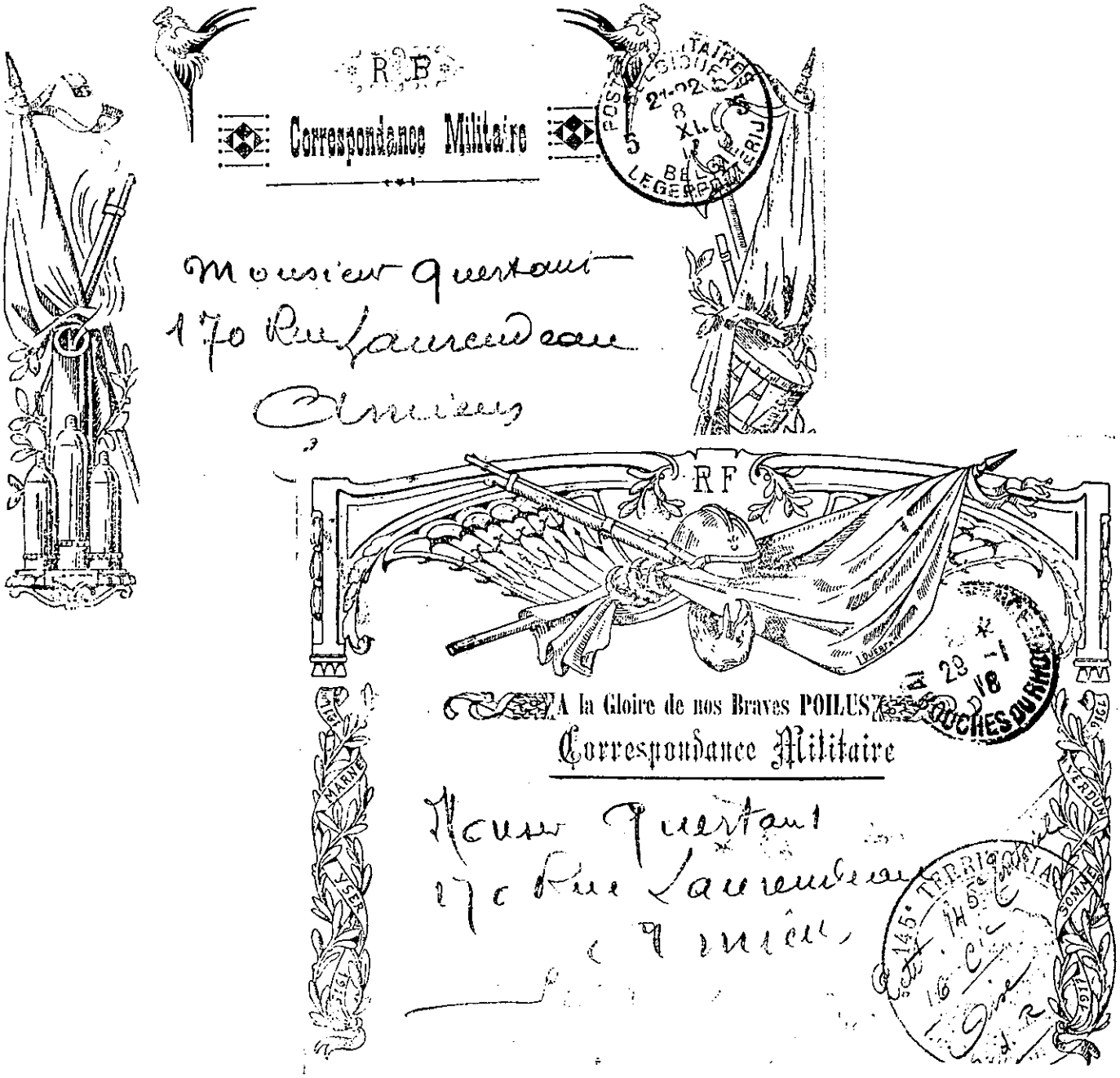
FRENCH PATRIOTIC COVERS of World War I

by Bob Kinsley

Although French military covers of World War I with unit cachets are common, covers with elaborate patriotic motifs are seldom seen. I would like to share with you a few which were prepared by a consummate collector of military postal history, A. Quertant, a retired police captain who would prepare covers to be mailed back to himself. We first saw a few examples of his handiwork related to the French occupation of Morocco reproduced in the Summer 1999 *Bulletin*.

Quite often Quertant would include his name within the design, for example at the base of the platform on which a symbolic Joan of Arc is tied; in the fold of the flag to the right of the inverted eagle's (?) head on a multi-colored cover stating "To the Glory of our Brave Soldiers," and at the end of the depiction of a railroad station. On the cover with the crossed swords and rifle he simply added "Q" below the right staff topped by a "bonnet phrygien," a symbol of the revolution of the 1790s.

How many of us who enjoy military postal history have taken such steps to build a very special collection of covers?



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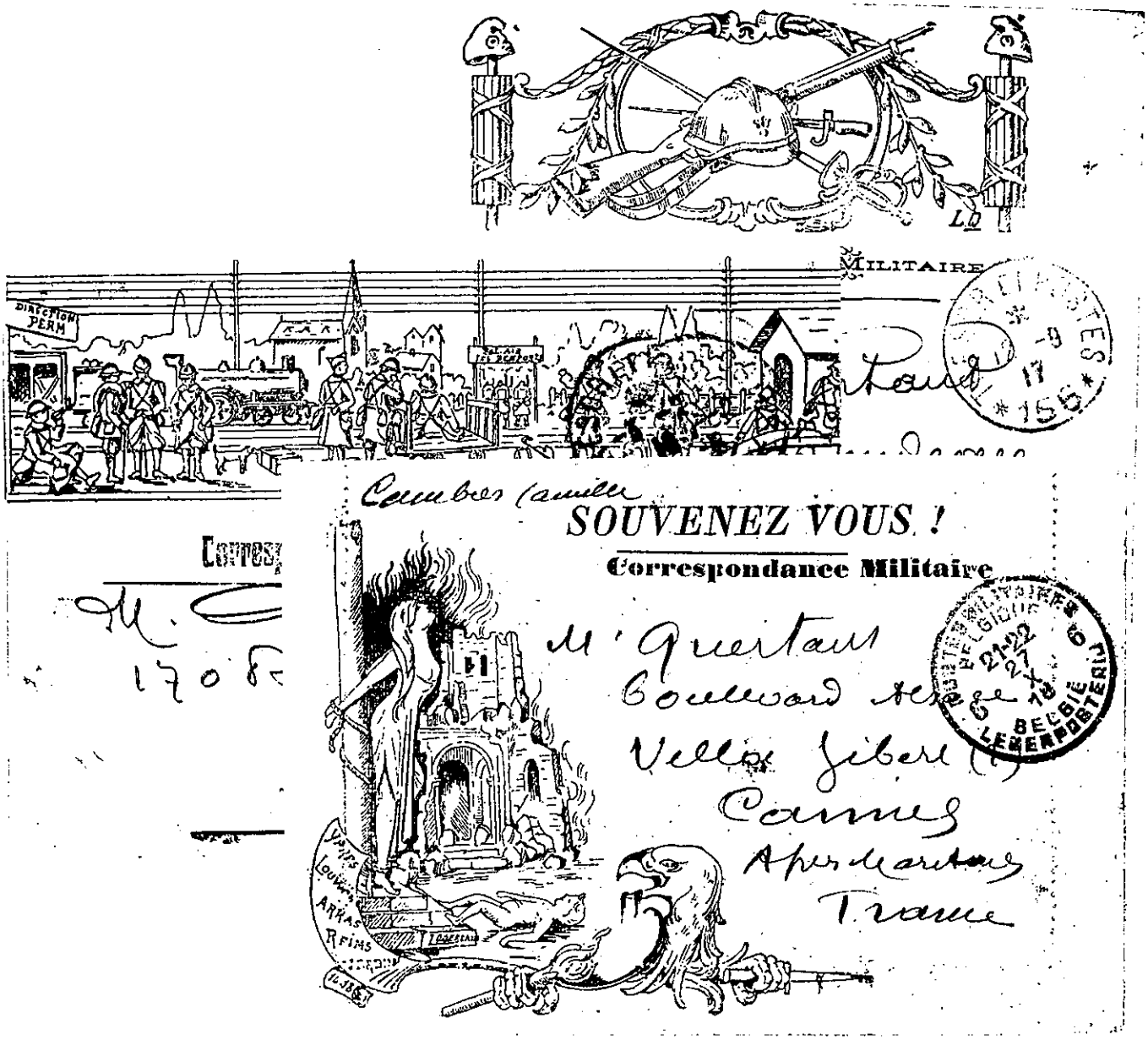

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APO/FPO Openings and Closings

These APO and FPO actions were announced in the *Postal Bulletin* between March and May, 2001. These announcements advise Postal Service personnel that they may now accept mail addressed to APO/FPO numbers listed as "active," and may no longer accept mail addressed to numbers listed as "close(d)." Actual dates of operation of APO/FPO post offices may differ from the dates given. Some numbers may be Mailing Addresses Only (MAO).

APO/FPO	+4	ACTION	DATE
09589		ACTIVE	4/19/01*
09781		CLOSED	5/3/01*
09788		CLOSED	5/3/01*
09788		ACTIVE	5/31/01*
09794		CLOSED	5/3/01*
34063		CLOSED	5/17/01*
34071		ACTIVE	3/22/01*
96401		CLOSED	3/22/01*
96402		CLOSED	3/22/01*
96547		ACTIVE	5/3/01*

* indicates that the effective date was given in the *Postal Bulletin* as "immediately." The date listed is the date of the *Postal Bulletin* notice. "+4" is the ZIP+4 extension when provided. APOs in the 093- series are contingency ZIP Codes activated as needed by the Department of Defense.

This quarter's reports from the *Postal Bulletin* bring the usual quota of mysteries, many of which will remain mysteries for a while because the Military Postal Service Agency has not updated its on-line list of APO and FPO numbers since January. APOs 96401 and 96402 were in Darwin and Tindal, Australia respectively, supporting American peacekeeping operations in East Timor. APO 96403, in East Timor itself, remains active. APO 09781 was in Split, Yugoslavia, 09788 at the Tuzla airport, and 09794 at Taszar, Hungary. The closing and then prompt reopening of 09788 could be a reversed decision, or perhaps correcting an error in the original notice.

APO AA 34063 was reported as opened just this past January. Perhaps it was assigned to some military exercise. APO AP 96547 has become familiar over the past several years, opened briefly each spring for Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand. Although this joint, inter-service international exercise is nominally merely for training, for years it has really been a thinly-disguised effort at reducing drug traffic in the Golden Triangle, the opium poppy-growing region of southeast Asia that borders on Thailand, Burma and Laos. The exercise gained some headlines this year when it took place a mere 100 miles south of the Chinese border during a time of high tensions over the American reconnaissance plane that crash-landed in China after being rammed by a Chinese fighter plane over international waters. Some of the exercise activities also took place at the border with Burma (which its dictatorial government now styles "Myanmar"), an area that has been in dispute between Thailand and its neighbor to the west, with occasional artillery fire across the border.

The announcement of the "activation" of FPO AE 09589 presents several intriguing questions. When the Military Postal Service Agency was formed in 1980, it established group ZIP Codes for Navy ships based on alphabetical groups arranged by fleet. At that time 09589 was assigned to ships in the Atlantic that begin with the letter "U." For some time now, the Navy has had only one ship whose name begins with "U," the guided missile frigate *Underwood* (FFG-36). For the past several years she has been assigned to Mayport, Florida using the ZIP Code FPO AA 34093 ("S through Z Ships in the Caribbean"), and her Web site indicates that she expects to remain there into the indefinite future. Further searching has failed to unveil the name of any other ship due to enter the fleet soon with a name that begins with "U," so the reason for this announcement is unclear.

The philosophical question is whether we should even care about such announcements. FPO numbers for these alphabetical ship groups are not active post offices in themselves, but merely routing codes for mail. Codes such as 09583 and 96676 ("Q" ships in the Atlantic and Pacific) haven't had an official use since the submarine *Queenfish* and the tug *Quapaw* were decommissioned in the 1980s and 1990s, yet these codes remains assigned to their "Q" duty and are not available for any other use. Neither *Queenfish* nor *Quapaw* had post offices (at least, not in the ZIP Code era), so neither code ever represented a real post office that opened or closed.

In order to avoid cluttering our reference books with unimportant trivia, it is probably best to ignore announcements such as this.

Austrian Feldpost Offices Abroad

The Austrian post office issued a stamp on June 22 to honor the operation of its Feldpost system abroad. The feldposts commemorated, however, are not the vast network of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire with which many of us are familiar, but rather the more modern feldpost offices that have accompanied Austrian troops sent abroad in support of United Nations peacekeeping missions since the Austrian Republic joined the world body in 1955. The Austrian postal service listed about seven such operations from the 1990s in its announcement of the stamp, but presumably Austria has participated in more peacekeeping operations than that.

First day covers, as is customary in Austria, were postmarked at several cities around the country with an interest in the subject. The stamp was also placed on sale "first day" at Feldpost A1501, which serves the Austrian contingent in UNFICYP, the multi-national peacekeeping force on Cyprus, one of the U.N.'s longest-lasting operations. The design, by Marianne Siegl, shows the "old" feldpost office in the town of Famagusta, Cyprus, with a postman in front of the domed hut, along with the insignia of the military postal system.

BOOK REVIEWS

More Military Machine Cancels

Reviewed by David A. Kent

Military Machine Cancels of the Army Postal Service, Part B by Bart Billings and Russ Carter. 168 pages, loose-leaf, 8½ by 11 inches, many illustrations, 2001, ISBN 1-200107-07-2. Available from Gary Carlson, Secretary, Machine Cancel Society, 3097 Frobisher Ave., Dublin, OH 43017 for $15.00 postpaid in the U.S. to MPHS members ($18.00 to non-members). For foreign orders please write first.

This is a continuation of the Machine Cancel Society's study of machine cancels used by APOs, a study that has been sorely lacking until now. Much of the research for the book was done by our own Russ Carter at the National Archives in College Park, Md., using in many cases records not previously available to or used by researchers. Collectors of machine cancels have of course provided the detailed listings of the actual cancellations that have been found on covers.

This is the second part of a projected three-part series on this subject, this section covering APOs numbered 8 through 200. Part C, which will cover the remaining APOs, is planned for next year.

A brief introduction offers information on the Army's APO system, the primary original references used, and a table of APOs and the models of machines they have used. The heart of the book is pages and pages of listings of machine cancels by APO, with much detailed information about them, and numerous examples illustrated. All manor of comments help to understand the data provided better. Additional references and photocopies of original documents from the Archives conclude the book.

Although the subtitle claims that the book covers APOs numbered through 1000, it extends as far as information has been found right up to the present day, which means it spans the transition to five-digit ZIP Codes which replaced the older APO numbers in 1965.

Careful studies such as this of the postmarks used at APO offices are uncommon, and this one is especially welcome. The publication officially debuts at the Machine Cancel Society's annual convention at INDYPEX in mid-July, with a special price to MPHS members. Anyone with a more than passing interest in the subject should order a copy of this publication before the undoubted small printing sells out.

1870 Military Ambulance Red Cross Stationery

Reviewed by Ernst M. Cohn

C. Marsanoux, *L'Ambulance du Midi*, pp. 154-164 of 26th Mail Auction Catalogue, 8 by 11", 17 color ills., Lahitte & Marsanoux, 7 place Gailleton, F-69002 Lyon, France (phone +33 472 775 444, Fax +33 478 378 822).

When I received this auction catalogue, I was impressed by the wealth of colored photos of old documents. Even more impressive was publication of an original study and research concerning Dr. Albert Pizot's notes to his mother, written while he served with that ambulance.

He was chief of a section of 25 people, out of a total of 40, constituting the Ambulance du Midi (Ambulance of the South). The correspondence covers the end of October 1870 to February 13, 1871, from the time they left Montpellier until they had returned there. Many cards and letters are imprinted with the title of the ambulance, together with a Red Cross.

Others show red handstamps used by the ambulance, sometimes circular, sometimes rectangular, even side by side or one atop the other. With one exception, they were free franked.

The exception, on unmarked stationery, is hand dated January 28, franked with a Swiss 30-centimes stamp, postmarked the next day at Porrentruy, Switzerland, and with a Switzerland-Marseilles train cancel the day after. The text starts with "I profit from an occasion, my dear Mother, ..." We don't know what that occasion was, only that the ambulance had been held prisoners by the Germans. Indeed, two earlier cards, both with the ambulance imprints, bear circular date stamps FELD-POST-EXPFD./4. RESERVE-DIVISION. [Fieldpost Expedition, 4th Reserve Division] and date. One is hand dated Jan. 26, 1871 with the cds date illegible, the other is not hand dated, the cds reading Jan. 27.

Except for Strasbourg Red Cross cards, such French cards, envelopes, and handstamps from the 1870 war are hardly known. I have not seen them cataloged except in Pierre Monot's *Les Précurseurs de la Thématique Croix-Rouge* [the Precursors of the Theme Red Cross]. As a result, they have been almost completely neglected by postal historians, who are now given a first chance to study a whole correspondence from France's Ambulance of the South. This is truly a rare opportunity for students of Red Cross and related activities and those interested in the Franco-German War of 1870/71.

NEW "APO" BOOK READY!

(Continued from Page 1....)

The book opens with an introductory chapter on the history of the Army Postal System and how it worked with such things as listings of APOs used in domestic (U.S.) maneuvers, lists to help identify covers, and a description of the relationships between the parts of the Post Office Department and the Army. A useful list of abbreviations is included. The introduction alone runs to 16 pages.

Next are chapters on the Base Post Offices and Postal Regulating Stations with their histories, workings, and location listings.

The main body of work, more than 240 pages, is the chapter on APOs with their listings. The level of detail on locations, and the sub-Unit listings, are the most comprehensive ever published on the subject. The book concludes with a country index by APO number.

The book has 321 numbered pages with 23 illustrations and seven charts. It is 8½ by 11 inches, loose leaf and 3-hole punched.

Order from: Publications, MPHS, Box 32, Cypress, TX, 77410-0032, for $25.00 for members in the U.S. and Canada. For overseas members: $30.00 by seapost and $35.00 by Airmail. Prices higher for non-members. All payments must be in U.S. funds, with checks drawn on U.S. banks, or by U.S. Postal Money Orders or International Money Orders.

Kugel Takes MPHS Grand Award at NAPEX

Al Kugel won the Military Postal History Society Theo Van Dam Grand Award at the annual convention held at NAPEX in Tysons Corner, Va., for his exhibit of "Postal History of the American Forces in China 1900-1941." He also received a gold and the APS research medal. The MPHS Reserve Grand Award went to Richard S. Wilson along with a gold for his "The British Army in Egypt and Sudan 1882-1900." Another gold was won by Weston D. Burnett, along with the International Philippines Philatelic Society's Eugene A. Garrett award and the American Philatelic Congress award for "U.S. Postal Service in the Philippines 1898-1902: Early Beginnings, Military Stations, and Issues."

Vermeil medals went to Regis Hoffman for "Allied Forces in East Africa, World War I," Robert Kinsley, "The Annam-Tonkin Expeditionary Corps," and Michael D. Dixon for "British Forces Air Mail Letter Cards and Air Letters Used in World War II." Dixon also received the APS 1940-1980 Medal of Excellence. Silver-bronze awards were won by Michael E. Falls for "Allied Military Mail in Iceland During WW II," and Battista G. Trovero for "The Italian Royal Navy in the Far East 1939-1946."

In the single frame category, Paul M. Benson received a vermeil along with the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa Award for "Anglo-Boer War: British Camps for Boer Prisoners of War and Refugees." Greg Pirozzi won the best Display Class award along with a gold for "The Holy See and Communications During WW II: A Survey."

Earlier in the day at the MPHS Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to honor the memory of the late Theo Van Dam by naming the grand award in his name. Al Kugel was the first recipient of the newly named award.

On the Show Circuit

by Alan Warren

At the COLOPEX show in Ohio, Al Kugel won a gold along with the APS research award and the Postal History Society medal for "Kingdom of Serbia Postal History 1882-1921." At the same show Walton Beauvais received a silver and the Edward E. Kuehn award for "Christmas V-Mail," and another silver went to Eugene McGurer for "Allied Military Government of Germany – The 12 Pfennig." In the literature section of this show, Robert Swanson received a vermeil for *Domestic United States Military Facilities of the First World War 1917-1919*, and Norman Jacobs won a silver for *A Collector's Manual of the Stationery and Collateral Material of the Allied and Japanese Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees During the Great Pacific War 1942-1946.*

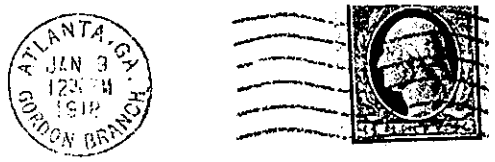
At St. Louis Stamp Expo, Al Kugel took a gold and the grand award with his "The Expansion of Bulgaria 1878-1944."

Several military related exhibits were at FRESPEX in Fresno. MPHS Secretary Bob Kinsley won a gold and the reserve grand award with "The Annam-Tonkin Expeditionary Corps." Gold awards also went to George Cosentini for "V-Mail," William Bennett for "Burma During the Japanese Occupation 1941-1945," and Bob Rawlins for "The U.S. Navy Submarine Force at 100: A Retrospective." Alan Warren received a silver for "Censored First Day Covers of the Nordic Countries."

Al Kugel took another gold along with the APS 1900-1940 medal of excellence and the Postal History Society award at ROPEX for his "German World War I Military and Occupation Mail." At the same show a vermeil and the APS research award went to Richard Wilcon for "British Military Forces in Egypt and the Sudan 1882-1900." A gold and the most popular exhibit award went to Carl Marks at the LINPEX show in Lincoln Nebr. for his "Korea—the Forgotten War."

At the Postage Stamp Mega-Event in New York, vermeil awards were won by David Held for "Israel Military Postal Services During the War of Independence," Al Kugel for "German World War I Military & Occupation Mail from Allied & Enemy Territory," and Richard Wilson for "British Military in Egypt and the Sudan 1882-1904."

Quite a few military related exhibits turned up at TEXPEX in Dallas. A gold and the APS research award went to George Branam for "Prisoners of War: The Experience of New Zealand POWs in German and Italian Camps in WW II." George Cosentini received a gold plus the APS 1940-1980 medal of excellence for "V-Mail: Origin and Development in WW II." Another gold along with the Postal History Society award and the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group's Cameron award were received by Peter A. Flynn, Sr. for "Imperial Censorship in Bermuda: A Study Examination of Transit Mails During WW II." A vermeil went to Edward Twedell for "World War II Civil Censorship in the Leeward Islands."



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1. War Cover Club *Bulletins*. Run that once belonged to Dave Howell. Pretty complete from Volumes XVI-XXV. Also Volume 5 1948 and partial runs XIV, VV, XVI and XXVI. Also a few doubles. About 73 issues in all. Still some good stuff here. Currently in very old school-type 3 ring binders. Some pages need reinforcements. I plan to ship without binders. (998)
2. **War Between the States.** Book. *The Civil War in the American West* by Josephy. 28 pages of footnotes and 23 page bibliography. Original jacket. 448 pages. VF. (681)
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4. **Ireland. Book.** *The Riddle of the Sands* by Erskine Childers. Imaginative best seller written in 1903 on fictional invasion of Britain by Germans foreseeing WWI. Author became part of Sin Fein movement and was executed by British. 287 pages. Softcover. F. (116)
5. **Canada.** Picture card of sailors pulling gun Halifax, Nova Scotia with embossed colored coat of arms. Canceled Chester NS DE 5 to U.S. with Riverside Iowa receipt handstamp. Years hard to read in cancels but message dated 1905. F (643)

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6. **Battle of Jutland.** Book. *Jutland 1916.* by Costello and Hughes. German and British Orders of Battle. 240 pages of larger format. About 100 photos. Original jacket with minor tears. F-VF. (106)
7. **Algeria.** Business envelope to U.S. with corner card Alger and French oval censorship. Plus similar cover with no clear city in address with oval censorship with 2 different numbers. Cancel looks like Oran. Cancels hard to read. F. (643)
8. **Austria.** Registered cover from Court of 2 Army Rear to FPA 53 with no backstamp. Plus postcard with handstamp of Trains of 2 Army Rear. Both with Austrian FPA 201 1915-16 cancels. Slight tears. F-VF. (870)
9. **Austria.** Bilingual viewcard of Gorazda Bosnia with Militpost cancel Tranmer type 26. Also 1 line handstamp of **POW** Worker Company 220. Some characters indistinct. F. (870)
10. **Austria.** 5 cards/1 cover from K.u.K. military units with FPA 26, 47, 49, 387, 622, and 630/IIb cancels. II with clear handstamps including FPA 26, Kav. Tel. Abt., Gendarmie, and Mountain Artillery in Tirol. F-VF. (870)
11. **Belgium.** Business envelope to Monteux Switzerland with Poperinghe July 1917 cancel with Calens forwarding cancel, and **French** civilian censorship. Plus Belgian #4 and #6 military cancels and censor tape. F-VF. RES$8.00 (870)
12. **Egypt.** Cover from Cairo to U.S. July 1918 cancels. 8 sided censor handstamp #1. U.S. paper censor tape. F-VF. (643)
13. **France.** 1914 cover "Academie Française de Coupe de Paris" to Switzerland with circular handstamp "Genie-Organisation Defensive du Nord du Camp Retranche." Plus rare red/white/blue vignette of Society to aid wounded tied by same Genie handstamp. ½" opening tear. Swiss receiving mark. F. (723)
14. **France.** 1914 cover with both circular and rectangular handstamps of "Postes du Bureau-Frontiere L." VF. (723)
15. **France.** 1914 cover franked with 10c Sower with both circular dated postmark and rectangular handstamps of Postes Bureau Central Militaire or Paris. VF. (723)
16. **France.** 1915 cover with corner "Hopital Annese E.B. Pau (Basses Pyrenees)" with a red cross and similar dated handstamp 14 SEP 1915 and weak Pyrenees postmark F (723)
17. **France.** Lettre envelope with picture of a general and postmarked Lomoges 1925. Also 1916 Carte lettre postmarked Tresor et Postes #143. F. (723)
18. **France.** Printed **POW** envelope for Tours with 3 line handstamp "Depot de P.G.-Tours/No 3/VISE." No postmark as usual. F. (723)
19. **France.** Printed **POW** envelope for Solignac (Hte Vienne) camp. Weak Depot cancel F. (723)
20. **France.** Special printed envelope for French **Red Cross POW** Agency Paris to French POW Rastatt camp **Germany.** Circular handstamp for same. Paris 1915 cancel and weak but legible Rastatt censor handstamp. Endorsed to Repatriation section. Strong tear upper left. F. (723)
21. **France.** Special printed card for French **POW** Aide Committee Chatillon-Sur-Seine with cancel for sending of packets and requesting acknowledgment with similar Committee handstamp on back. To French POW Altdam camp **Germany.** Various manuscript forwarding remarks. Small partial punch hole away from all markings. F. (723)

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Envelopes are as expected for area: e.g. European size etc. and will not be described unless unusual (#10, etc.)

Books are hardcover unless stated softcover.

APO number is in cancel unless stated. * means in Sender's Address Only.

Navy numbers in address unless stated to be in cancel.

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22. **France.** Cover to **Switzerland** franked with 25c Sower and special large sticker for French Women's Union and Red Cross. Both tied by Paris March 1 1915 machine cancel. Swiss receipt cancel. Scarce especially tied to cover. VF. (723)
23. **France.** 6 items. 2 mint cards showing photos of war damage 1914; 2 colored cards, 1 with 2 soldiers in different uniforms and humorous card dealing with training with messages but no cancels; small green French lettersheet with unit seal and 1916 receipt cancel. Plus **American Red Cross** card showing Americans lining up to mail letters at Canteen. F-VF. (039)
24. **Germany.** Picture card of Landau (Pfalz) from soldier sent Free with Feldpost label tied by 1916 Landau machine cancel.(643)
25. **Germany.** Photo card of von Richtofen. No message. VF. Plus card from **Austrian** I.R. 25 to Vienna. Bilingual "From Army in Field" bilingual handstamp. with stain. AVE. (039)
26. **Germany.** Feldpost card used by **Russian POW** at Officer camp Hann. MŸnden. 2 different camp strikes and cancel. Russian receipt cancel and censor handstamp. F.(870)
27. **Germany.** Book *Germany's Aims in the First World* War by Fischer. 652 pages. Original jacket. F-VF. (681)
28. **Germany.** Volumes 1 to 5 *The War on All Fronts* series from Scribner. Published in 1918-1919. Over 200 pages each. Some wear in binders. AVE-F. (681)
29. **Great Britain.** Special card of Prisoner of War Information Bureau for informing inquirers that person is not listed as POW. To **Germany** with special oval **POW** Information Bureau handstamp. F-VF. (835)
30. **Great Britain.** 3 covers 1918 British Fieldpost to U.S. with Rectangular military censor with # excised; Free cover endorsed with sender's name to U.S. with 2 line handstamp RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIP/NO CHARGE TO BE RAISED with New York Postage due AUG 1917 cancel with opening tears; 1918 stamped cover to U.S. with BUY WAR Bonds cancel with torn flap. All have civilian censor tapes. AVE. (594)
31. **Great Britain.** Much traveled cover with original letter to soldier Coldstream Guards 74th General Hospital Trouville AEF **France.** Various redirecting markings including "PRESENT LOCATION UNKNOWN", and boxed RETURN TO SENDER. Backstamped with 1919 cancels of Manchester and FPO 157. File holes including one through stamp. AVE. (280)
32. **Great Britain.** 2 Field Post covers with D19 and T29 1916 cancels with CM4 censors identified in Daniels. Plus cover with CM2 censor #580 backstamped with 1915 civilian cancel and **Indian** FPO 16 1915 cancel. AVE. (650)
33. **India.** 1916 "I am well" **POW** card from Camp Ahmednagar to **Germany.** 2 line PASSED CENSOR/3 JUN 1916. Slight wear on corners. F. (835)
34. **India.** Similar 1918 "I am well" **POW** card from Camp Ahmednagar to **Germany.** Circular PASSED CENSOR Bombay handstamp on front. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year handstamp in German. Water stains. AVE. (835)
35. **Italy** 10 1918 **POW Red Cross** card to POW's in Alten Grabow **German** Camp. Most with reply forms attached and unused probably since war ended soon. Good mix of types. 1 appears to be printed form. F-VF. (836)
36. **Italy.** Special **YMCA** card showing Italian and U.S. flags used by Italian soldier in 43 Inf. Rgt. with 19.5.1916 PM 124 cancel and weak censor handstamp. F. (039)

37. Libya. Italian stamp overprinted Libia on commercial envelope to U.S. with Tripoli 1919 cancels and red Tripoli censor handstamp. F-VF. (643)

38. Morocco. Free cover sent to **France** with 13.1.16 cancel of Mogador. Faint but legible cachet of Service des Renseignnments. (Intelligence?). Backstamped on delivery. F. (594)

39. Rumania. 2 registered July 1919 covers from Bucharest to U.S. 1 has boxed censor mark with 3 lines of text. Other has paper censor tapes tied by New York receipt cancels. F-VF. (643)

40. Russia. Postcard to Hungary with Russian civilian and Austrian **POW** censorship. Cancel Velikie Sor in Cyrillic. Written in **German** from Gyrevka Ekonomie Guberna Poltawa (?). Some words erased. F.(870)

41. Russia. 2 stampless postcards. 1 with 1915 Marina Minsk cancel with red handstamp of Labor Co. and typed in Cyrillic alphabet. Second viewcard of Kronstadt from FPO 1916 to Moscow with Army cachet. AVE. (870)

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42. 8 covers APOs 706, 715 (2-1 a front), 742, 746 (#10), 748, 771 and 777. 2 have illegible year. To Paris Bank with most opened on 3 sides. AVE-F. (723)

43. 3 covers on YMCA Stationery from Lt. 107 F.A. 2 without cancels. Opening tears. AVE. Plus 3 Blue envelopes with large pieces missing. and unused ARC. Poor. (860)

44. 10 censored covers same soldier from APO 717 France. 2 without cancels. 1 APO 702. Some roughly opened. Mixed. (860)

45. Air. Card from sender R.V. Adams 3070 Aero Squadron. No cancel but clear AEF 1663 censor handstamp. F. (836)

46. Navy. Philadelphia viewcard with 1 stamp tied by *USS South Carolina* cancel with blurred date. Plus 2 line PASSED BY CENSOR/SEP 19 1917 handstamp. Also French card with APO 795 DEC 18 1918 in France. AVE. (643)

47. Book. *The Postal History of the AEF 1917-1923* War Cover Club edited by Theo Van Dam. 1990 Second Edition with errata. 265 pages richly illustrated. Besides expected AEF European campaign coverage with valuation guide also includes outstanding chapters on **POW**, Courier Service, Red Cross, **Rhineland Occupation, Civilian Postal censorship, Aviation,** and **Russian** campaign. New. Published at $37.00 (999)

48. Book *Update II to The Postal History of the AEF 1917-1923.* 165 pages. Soft cover. New. RES $20.00 (999)

PRE-WORLD WAR II NAVAL

49. 9 1933-41 covers with cancels of *USS's Cimarron, Dorsey, Ellet, Hannibal, Manley (2), Nautilus, Tarbell,* and *Wilson.* No sender addresses. Some mounting remnants on back. AVE-F. (836)

BETWEEN THE WARS

50. Finland. Official stampless cover from Air Force HQ in Helsinki to a hospital. Trilingual 1927 Helsinki postmark with Russian removed. Air Force cachets on both sides. Rare early cover from small air force About 8 words of English translations added in erasable pencil. VF. RES $20.00 (870)

51. Ecuador. Official Government envelope to Representative of Z.B. (meaning?) in **Venezuela** with hand stamp on front and back of Assistant Secretary of War Ministry and Quito Oct. 21 1934 cancel. Tears. F.(870)

52. Great Britain. Special Visit your Navy Card with 1936 cancel to U.S. Printed Message "CHATHAM NAVY WEEK/Received by Wireless from H.M. Ships." Handwritten message *HMS Marshall* Soullt. Routing remarks on front. F. (643)

WORLD WAR II

53. Book. *At Dawn We Slept—The Untold Story of Pearl Harbor* by Prange. Authentic record of how Japan planned and executed assault. 52 pages of footnotes. 26 pages of sources including lists of personnel. 14 page bibliography that took late author 35 years to write. Original jacket. VF. 875 pages. (106)

54. Book. *Infamy Pearl Harbor and It's Aftermath* by Toland. Emphasis on hearings etc. Original jacket. Slight tears. F. 390 pages. (106)

55. Book. *Overlord D-Day, June 6, 1944* by Hastings. Written for 40th anniversary. Detailed British Order of Battle. 23 drawings and maps. 9 pages of footnotes. 357 pages. Original jacket with some toning. Binding repaired. F. (681)

56. Book. *The Naval War Against Hitler.* by McIntyre. 24 full page maps and diagrams. Appears to be from **British** and **German** viewpoints. 478 pages. Original jacket. Slight tears. F. (681)

57. Algeria. 2 1943 covers to **Red Cross** Geneva from Constantine or Oran. Typical **U.S.** Army Base and **German** AX censorship. handstamps and **British** P.C. 90 label. F-VF. (836)

58. Australia. US Navy 134 and **New Zealand** -U.S. 10th Marines. Plus APO 705-**New Guinea** and 4th Marine Base Depot **Russell Islands.** AVE-F. (836)

59. Australia. Small cover with Australian 1d stamp to soldier at hospital U.S. APO 927 U-1. American Base Forces FEB 2 1944 backstamp cancel. Opening tears and some of cancel hard to read. AVE. (848)

60. Australia. Air mail letter card with Australian ARMY POST OFFICE 065 1942 cancel and rectangular censor #508. Cover has been split on opening. Slight crease. F. (650)

61. Belgium. Cover to **Red Cross** Switzerland. Opened and closed on 3 sides with **German** Frankfurt censor office tape with 1 handstamp. Weak Brussels cancel. F. (723)

62. Belgium. 7 U.S. APO covers including 5 large 1944 Ballots. AVE-F. (819)

63. Brazil. Special PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS air mail envelope to U.S.A. with Brazil 30.12.41 meter. Paper censor tape. VF. (643)

64. Canada. Cover with 5¢ stamp tied by TISDFALE SASK AUG 10 1940 cancel to **Red Cross** Switzerland. Canadian paper censor tape with C.7. F. Plus similar cover from Wells B.C. (723)

65. Canada. Free cover sent from 21 A/.T.C. U.S. APO 462 Minneapolis. Race track unit censor. Slightly blurred Seattle U.S. Army Postal Service JAN 13 1944 APO 702 cancel. Edmonton. F. (836)

66. Canada. Free cover sent from APO 677 **Presque Isle Maine** with "00" Base Censor and NOV 9 1943 APO 677 cancel. F. (836)

67. Canada. Free cover sent from APO 701 Seattle with officer self censor and JUL 8 1943 APO 701 cancel. Slight aging. F. (836)

68. Canada. Air Mail stamped cover sent from APO 724 Seattle with officer self censor and DEC, 11 1943 APO 714 cancel. F. (836)

69. Canada. Stamped envelope with N.P.O.617 JAN 2 1944 machine cancel. Identified as *HMCS Cornwallis.* Back flap has *Cornwallis* insignia. VF. (687)

70. Canada. Stamped envelope with 2 line FROM H.M. SHIP/EXAMINED BY DB/N 501 handstamp with weak triangular handstamp. Identified as *HMCS Avalon* St. John's NF Fleet Mail Office. Back flap has insignia of Canadian Naval Forces. Opening tears. F. (687)

71. Canada. 2 1941 covers with H.M.C. SHIP Censor tombstone handstamps. 1 red and 1 blue 1 said to have type 13 blackout type cancel on stamp from Halifax. VF. (687)

72. Canada. Free **POW** card from **German** in POW Camp 133 to U.S. POW 133 NO 4 1944 cancel and U.S. and Canadian censorship. Slight corner wrinkles and toning. F. (687)

73. Canada. 13 covers SC2, SC11, FPO 527, MPO 405, NPO?, MPO 1307, and 2 civilian censored from England to Canada. 2 Free from U.S. Bases to Canada. Also **South African** censored to Canada and U.S. censored Mexico to U.S. AVE. (295)

74. Canada. Patriotic. God Bless our Navy *HMCS Breton* embossed cachet with ship and Canadian and British flags . To New York with New Brunswick 1944 cancel. Not censored? F-VF.(594)

75. Canada. Book. *The Canadians at War 1939-45* by *Reader's Digest.* 430 photos. 340 large size pages. Original jacket. VF. (681)

76. China. Book. *Stilwell and the American Experience in China 1911-45* by Barbara Tuchman. 621 pages with 61 photos and 6 maps. Mostly WW II. Original jacket with tears. AVE-F. (681)

77. Egypt. 2 covers to U.S. with Egyptian censor tapes and handstamps. 1 also has U.S. cellophane tape. (311)

78. Egypt. Air Mail cover to U.S. with 4 different stamps. Egyptian censor tape tied by censor handstamp. Also separate different handstamp.. Plus U.S. cellophane censor tape from new York. File holes away from stamps. F. (521)

79. Europe. Book. *Bodyguard of Lies* by Anthony Cave Brown. Clandestine war of deceptions that hid secrets of D-Day. Volume I. 524 pages. 27 illustrations. Original jacket. Slight tears. F. (200)

Many of following Finland covers have brief English translations written on items in removable pencil to clarify text.

80. Finland. Pre-Winter War Mobilization. 2 letters from FPO 4 9.11.39 with cachet of 31 Inf. Rgt. Also FPO 9 21 11 39 with arrival cancel from IR 28. Opening tears. F. (870)

81. Finland. Winter War 2 covers. 1 from National Guard to Women's Voluntary Corps in Tampere with FPO 1 1.1.40 cancel and arrival cancel Typed official letter enclosed. Plus cover with FPO 1 11.1.42 cancel and excised unit cachet to hospital and readdressed with Hellokoski cancel. F. (870)

82. Finland. Winter War 2 covers. 1 Fieldpost card with FPO 6 3.II 40 cancel to Air Force and readdressed with rectangular censor handstamp. F. Plus censored letter with Machine cancel of FPO 1 10/II.40 to FPO 14. F. (870)

83. Finland. Postcard to France with Finnish and **German** censor handstamps with Helsinki 3.VII.40 cancel. Message in French. Vertical crease, F. (723)

84. Finland. Continuation War 3 covers FPO 7 22.9.41, FPO 8 1.4.42, and FPO 6 23.3.44. F. (870)

85. Finland. Continuation War Civilian Christmas card with machine cancel of FPO ##& 20.12.42 to Hattula. (870)

86. France. Picture card of Field Marshall Foch with 1.5F Foch stamp tied by 2 special cancels for 1st Philatelic Exposition TARBRES 24 OCT 1943. No message. VF. Plus Free stampless covers with FEB or May 1940 cancels. One 1939 Priority Military card used by soldier Postal Seceur 78 with smudges. Other small envelope sent FREE with weak unit handstamp. Also June 16 1940 edition of newspaper *Le Journal*. AVE. (039)

87. France. #10 air mail from Toulouse Vichy France to U.S. with January 1941 cancels on 14.5 F French stamps with **Bermuda**(?) PC 90 censor tape.. Plus July 1945 cover to U.S. from Orly with slight wear and French censor label and P.A.Y. censor handstamp. AVE-F. (311)

88. France. Free FM cover with Flayosc 9-7 40 cancel to soldier 62 or 42? R.A.C.-E.M. 2 groupe SP 12921. 3 line handstamp indicating address can not be used because of attack (?). Also normal return to sender handstamps. Plus 6 FM covers. 5 with POSTE AUX ARMEES 1939-40 cancels. 4 to units. 1 from, and 1959 cover A.F.N. FM postwar with unclear year. AVE-F. (723)

89. France. Air Mail stamped cover with NOV 23 1944 APO 256 cancel from Lt. Col. 69th Inf. Bn. 6 Armored Div. then at Nancy . Self censored then inspected at Base with BASE Censor #1587 machine censor. F-VF. (836)

90. France.4 covers from US APOs 225, 317 (Lt. Col. sender), 529 (on U.S. stamped envelope UC9), and 757 (Lt. Col. G1-SHAEF). F-VF. (836)

91. France. Cover to **POW** Authority Geneva. Special pink label for POW inquiries with C.M.A. handstamped in red. Hettange Grande 17.4.40 cancels. Also special Postal Control censor handstamps of period with seated symbol of France. Paris backstamp. F-VF. (594)

92. France. Corsica. 90c French stamp overprinted P.M. (Scott M9) to Bastia with Stamp Day Ajaccio 28 JUL 1945 cancel and scarce black handstamp of Corsican arms (See Scott 562). Sent by French Sgt. of **POW** Guards. Some toning. F. (723)

93. France. *Official War Language Guide* TM 30-302. 61 pages. Soft cover. VF. (106)

94. Germany. Picture card of Munich memorial temple square with Nov. 1939 cancel with patriotic message. Sent Free with 2 line handstamp of Munich military hospital skin clinic. Skillfully repaired. F. (870)

95. Germany. June 1940 cover to **Red Cross** Geneva. Sender with compulsory **"Sara"** middle name. German tape and handstamp. F. (723)

96. Germany. 10 covers to **Belgium** (8) and **France** from **POWs** in STALAGs VA, VIIIA, XIB, and XVIIB. 5 are special instructions for sending packages.1 is a printed thank you card. F. (836)

97. Great Britain. 3 covers. Meter 22.XI.45 to Lt. with British Army Staff U.S. Rock Island Depot, Illinois with dated backstamp. F-VF. Plus APO 545 JUN 10 1944 and Penalty cover with U.S. Navy JUN 7 1974 10864 BR and FPO 09510 of Naval Forces Great Britain. AVE-F. (643)

98. Great Britain. Cover with 2½d stamp tied by Forest Gate 5 AUG 1940 cancel. To **Red Cross** Switzerland and endorsed RED CROSS POSTAL MESSAGE SCHEME. PC 90 censor tape. Opening tears. F. Similar cover with 3d stamp. (723)

99. Great Britain. Unprocessed **V-Mail** from APO 1 with race track censor buy no cancel. Message with interesting comments on collecting of War Covers. Plus Free cover with 11 BPO 14 AUG 1944 machine cancel from Lt. Col. Self censored and Base censored . Air Mail stamped envelope from APO 141 May 6, 1944. Also Navy 423 Jan. 2, 1945. AVE-F. (836)

100. Great Britain. Air Mail cover with Dec. 23 1944 U.S. Navy cancel and censorship to soldier at APO 558 on England forwarded to States with US Army 1 BPO 1945 cancel. Also 6¢ stamped air mail envelope from APO 558 with APO 130 1944 cancel. Plus 6¢ stamped air mail envelope from sender APO 937 with 1943 excised APO cancel from **Alaska**. F-VF. (106)

101. Great Britain. Photo card of Eiffel tower used by British soldier FPO 842 and shield censor. Plus OAS letter from RAF member to **France** with AU 1945 FPO 217 hand and 15 BPO machine cancels used in **Italy.** Forwarded. AVE-F. (723)

102. Great Britain. 5 covers FPOs A6 (2-1 Honor envelope with triangle censor), 433, 452 (faint), and 487. 3 with **Canadian** unit stamps. Plus stamped cover with Folkstone JUL 1944 cancel to War Office London with RAF censor R7 #525. AVE. (650)

103. Great Britain. Newspaper wrapper from "American Outpost in Great Britain" with August 1943 issue still enclosed. Meter stamp. Wrapper has slight tear. Plus large War Ballot from 261 F.A. Bn. APO 17057 with OCT 1944 APO 178 cancel. F-VF. (039)

104. Great Britain. CMF. Honor envelope with 3 3d and 1 1d stamps tied by British Fieldpost cancel. Also Passed by censor handstamp with Dayne's type 500 with #2302 and red on white A.F.W. 3312 Base censor sealing tape tied by Deputy Chief Field handstamp. Cancel date and FPO hard to read. Otherwise VF. SB$3.5 (005)

105. Great Britain. CMF. 3 covers all with Deputy Chief Field censor handstamp 1 Honor envelope with shield censor FPO 90 1945. (Doodles on back). 2 Small YMCA with W 3424 paper seal, Daynes ACL3, with Daynes M101 with #56. Also large envelope,6 ½ by 9 inches, with 4 stamps making up 6d postage tied by FPO 706 1944 cancels with Form 3312 sealing tape, Daynes BCL8, and shield censor. F-VF. (650).

106. Great Britain. Special cacheted cover for 43rd Anniversary of Royal Air Forces Escaping Society. Special commemorative 1968 FPO 1067 Escaping Society cancel on stamp for RAF's 70th Anniversary. Enclosure gives history. Slight corner bend. F-VF. (280)

107. Great Britain. Northern Ireland. 5 1942-44 covers from US APOs 2. 8. 132. 147. and 813. 4 airmail. F-VF.(836)

108. Great Britain. Navy. 5 covers with variations of RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIPS cancels. 2 have tombstone handstamps. 1 Army censor handstamp Daynes A1xx type. 1 originally to *HMS Vanity* Nov. 1940 and reused and also roughly opened. 1 with PC 90 tape. Plus registered cover to Canada from FPO 437 and Home Forces Army dated handstamp. F. (007)

109. Hungary. 3 special green military cards with complete messages to Budapest from same sender 245/03 or K-626. 3 different military cancels #45, 94, and tg.tg. 2 have faint oval censor ?. F. (870)

110. Iceland. Free cover with AUG 24 1942 US APO cancel with excised APO/ Sender APO 860.Race track unit censor, black and white Army Censor tape, tied by Base Army censor handstamp. Slight stains and toning. AVE. (836)

111. India 6 covers to U.S. Various DHB and C censored handstamps. and tapes including 2 different red and white. AVE-F. (311)

112. India. 9 U.S. APO covers including 2 large Ballots. AVE-VF. (819)

113. India. Letter to air man US APO 650. Not at 650. 630 tried. Not right. Backstamped APO 630 and 886 in India. Also straight line MISSENT TO APO 886 handstamp and others. Handling and staining. Not clear where delivered. Stamp creased. AVE. (039)

114. Iran. Air Mail cover with Jul 21 1943 APO cancel without APO#. Sender APO 523. Unit censored. F. (836)

115. Iran. Cover sent Free with APO 824 May 30 1944 cancel. Opening tears. F. (819)

116. Iran. Special 1943 **Christmas** Post card showing Mount Demavend, Persia for use of Persian Gulf Service Command. Unit censor and APO 797 DEC 1 1943 cancel. VF. (643)

117. Iran. Processed **V-Mail** from APO 523 April 1943. Photo faint but legible. F.(007)

118. Iran. 6¢ air mail stamped envelope with APO 680 NOV 2 1943 cancel and Unit censor. Vertical crease and slight ink stain. F. (848)

119. Iraq. 1944 cover to U.S. with what appears to be Iraqi censor handstamps?. F-VF. (311)

120. Iraq. Small cover to U.S. with stamp tied by faint Baghdad cancel. Boxed IRAQ censor handstamp in 3(?) languages. Paper Arabic censor tape. Small piece missing. AVE.-F. (643)

121. Ireland. O.A.S. **Canadian** Legion etc. envelope sent to Ireland from member of C.A.A.F. Boxed RELEASED BY 1? FEB 1945 cancel. Boxed bilingual Gaelic and English 2 line RELEASED BY CENSOR MARK over British Fieldpost cancel which I cannot read. Slight wrinkles and tears. F. (687)

122. Italy. US APO 512 on U S. air mail stamped envelope from Lt. Col G-1 NATOUSA Oct 9 1944. Self censored. Plus picture card of Algeria with Algerian stamp with Constantine June 18 1943 cancel on picture side. Used in 1944 with APO 525 JUL 5 cancel with unit censor on message side. F-VF. (836)

123. Italy. 4 1942-43 blue military cards with civilian cancels and open military addresses. 3 have handstamps. 2 have tiny staple holes. F. (424)

124. Italy. Blue military postcard to **Trieste. Navy** Ministry dated censor handstamp and boxed civilian censor handstamp. Message from Rome. Plus similar card with 1941 PM 10 cancel. Said to be used in **Yugoslavia.** Also cover with 3 stamps with special 1936 cancels for CAMPO MUSSOLINI. Slight gum stain from stamps on latter. F-VF. (039)

125. Italy. 29 APO covers including 3 processed **V-Mail** and 7 large 1944 Ballots. Also 6 Official #10 Penalty. Plus 1983 cover. AVE-VF. (819)

126. Italy . Book. Soft cover *Italian Language Guide* War Department TM 30-303. F-VF. (106)

127. Italy. *Official War Language Guide* TM 30-303. 61 pages. Soft cover. VF. (106)

128. Iwo Jima. 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with SEP 22 1945 cancel from sender APO 86. Some letters in cancel indistinct. F. (819)

129. Jamaica. Cover from Internment camp to American Aid for **German POWs**. Octagonal D/38 censor handstamp on front and double oval blue

Jamaica Internment camp 21 AUG 1942 handstamp on back. Some bleed through of flap gum. F. SB $25. (202)

130. Jamaica. OHMS Economy label with Kingston SE 10 41 cancel to U.S. Capt. U.S. Engineer's office Kingston and partial Official FPO (?) handstamp. F. (202)

131. Japan. China Occupation. Military postcard showing helmet and dove with message and handstamps. Identified as North China area Army Peking Unit 1840. SB $25.00 (129)

132. Japan. China Occupation. Photocard of Iwashimizu Hachman Temple from Kyoto 1940 with stamp and civilian cancel to North China HQ Homma Butai with message and handstamps SB $30.00 (129)

133. Japan. China Occupation. Special colored military postcard by artist Nakanura showing Navy ships and Junks in harbor and postally used from Central China Shanghai with message and handstamps. Mounting remnants on text side. F. SB $25.00 (129)

134. Japan. China Occupation. Larger size envelope from North China Expeditionary Army Iseki Butai, Matsuda Butai with censor handstamps. F, SB $25. (129)

135. Japan. China Occupation. Larger size envelope from North China Expeditionary Army Saito Butai, Oshima Butai with censor handstamps. Water stained. AVE. SB $22 (129)

136. Japan. Manchuria Occupation. Larger size envelope from Manchurian Expeditionary Forces 9th Inf. Rgt. from Private to parents in Kyoto with censor handstamps. Wrinkles. AVE. SB $25 (129)

137. Japan. Manchuria Occupation. Military postcard from 10th Brig. with orange star with censor handstamps. F. SB $19 (129)

138. Japan. Manchurian Expeditionary Force. #10-like envelope from 17th FPO with letter with various markings including censorship. Translation of postal aspects. F. SB $17.50 (129)

139. Japan. Special colored military postcard by artist Tsuruta Goro showing Army Air Aces planning sortie. Issued by Army Relief Dept. with writeup of artist. Mint. VF. SB $22. (129)

140. Japan. Special colored military postcard by artist Tsuruta Goro showing Chingkai (Triumphal) Bridge. Issued by Army Relief Dept. VF. SB $8.50 (129)

141. Japan. Special colored military postcard by artist Yabune showing mechanized unit. Issued by Army Relief Dept. Mint. VF. SB $15.00 (129)

142. Japan. Special colored military postcard by artist Mori showing camels in Occupied China Issued by Army Supply Office. Mint. VF. SB $10.00 (129)

143. Japan. Military postcard with message and handstamps. Identified as 345 Butai from Harbin City Manshu. SB $25.00 (129)

144. Japan. Military sponsored comfort bag colored postcard of Mt. Fuji printed by Toppan. Message about sending card to military for comfort. Mint. VF. (129)

145. Japan. Military sponsored comfort bag colored postcard of Mt. Fuji printed by Toppan. Message about sending card to military for comfort. Mint. VF. (129)

146. Japan. 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with October APO cancel with no year from sender APO 343. Letter enclosed dated September 25. Slight opening tears. F. (819)

147. Japan. Monograph *A Specialized Listing of the Japanese Occupation Stamps of China*. Soft cover. Large format. 44 pages. Cross check of specialized catalogs with general ones such as Scott and Gibbons. (106)

148. Malta. 6 covers. 1 with 1942 FPO 676 cancel to military in Malta reused,.1 to **Canada** with Maritime mail cancel and sender *HMS Hamilcar* (?). 1 FPO 570 DE 1945. Also 3 1958-59 military airmail covers from Malta F-VF. (007)

149. Marianas.8 covers from 3 rd Mar. Div. (Guam), 2nd Mar. Div. and 6 Mar. Depot (5-Saipan). Plus 2 covers with letters Navy CB 27 Special (Tinian). AVE-F. (836)

150. Mexico. Scott C141 tied by Mexican Air mail cancel and Typed "OFFICIAL/FIRST DAY COVER" with JUL 21 1944 of Mexican philatelic organization. U.S. censor tape. Years hard to read in handstamps but must be 1944. AVE-F. (643)

151. New Caledonia. 5 APO covers including 1 large 1944 Ballot item. 2 from band with photos. 3 have opening tears. AVE-F.(819)

152. Newfoundland. 2 covers from senders at US APOs 862 and 863 with 1943 machine cancels without APO. Plus air mail cover with APO 865 1943 cancel. F-VF. (836)

153. New Zealand. Airgraph from New Zealand to England with New Zealand civilian cancel and DDA civilian censorship. No envelope. F-VF. (007)

154. Okinawa. Cover with typed address of Marine Major General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., Commanding General of 6th Marine Division, to wife. He later became Commandant of Marine Corps. #10 penalty cover with 3 6¢ transports covering Penalty. Navy May 30 1945 cancel. Faint Navy censor handstamp. Slight wrinkling and tape stain. F. (318)

155. PALESTINE. Air Mail cover from Lt. U.S. APO 428 APR 27, 1945 (**Italy**). Propaganda stamp for American league for a FREE PALESTINE. Opened by Base Examiner with censor tape and handstamp tying seal to cover. VF. (836)

156. Palestine. Greeting card size cover from Lt. with 343 Bomb Sqd. APO 1227. Sept. 23, 1942 cancel without APO. F-VF. (318)

157. Philippines. 6¢ stamped airmail envelope from civilian Santo Tomas (**Internee?**) with U.S. Army FEB 18 1945 machine cancel with C.C.D.-3 civilian censorship handstamps on front and back. F. (836)

158. Philippines. 6¢ stamped airmail envelope from civilian with American **Red Cross** with HQ 6th Army Civil Affairs. and U.S. Army MAR 19 1945 machine cancel and C.C.D.-988 civilian censorship handstamp on front with Army cellophane sealing tape. F. (836)

159. Philippines. 11 air mail covers from same sender APO 932. 2 covers have October 1945 APO cancels. Rest have machine type Army postal service cancels without dates but must be Philippines. Also Navy 3002 and 3149. AVE-F. (836)

160. Philippines 9 U.S. APO covers 2 #10 Official. Includes APO 12 cancel San Francisco which is 12 PRS. See 1994 APO book page 29. 1 roughly opened. 2 with toning. AVE-F. (819)

161. Philippines. 6¢ stamped air mail envelope with Apr 3 1945 501 cancel. Civilian censor handstamp with C.C.D.-682 and shield plus Army cellophane tape. Roughly opened at top. AVE. (643)

162. Russia. Post card with 2 5 Kopek stamps added and tied by faint Murmansk 28.11.44 cancels. Russian Mk censor handstamp and U.S. New York handstamp. Sender U.S. Lt. with no address particulars. F. (643)

163. Russia. 2 stampless covers from Moscow 1944 and 1942 Backs have censor handstamps of Moscow #23 and 30. Roughly opened at one end. Does not disturb markings. (870)

164. Russia. 3 triangular stampless military covers 1943,1944, and 1946.Each has 3 line censor with 5 digit number. F=VF. (870)

165. Russia. 10 mint 3½" by 8" picture postcards with photos of Cruiser and museum Avrora. 7 in color. VF. (039)

166. Russia. Cover to U.S. with 2 Stamps tied by 20.6.42 Tomsk(?) cancels. back has 4 line Russian censor handstamp. Cancels hard to read. AVE-F. (311)

167. Solomons. 3 covers from 6th **Marine** Division, 12th Marines, and HQ SQ. 25. AVE, (836)

168. Solomons. 9 APO covers including 2 large 1944 Ballots. Some duplication. AVE-F.(819)

169. South Africa. 2 active duty military airletters from South African soldiers to South Africa. Censor handstamps and Egypt military cancels. 1 has tape stains. Also Airgraph without envelope from Egypt. 1 empty Airgraph envelope. AVE-F. (007)

170. Switzerland. Cover to **Red Cross** Geneva from Italian (?) Internee Camp MŸrren (?). Trilingual Swiss censor tape on back. Front with general Internee and Camp # 332 handstamps . VF.(723)

171. Switzerland. Cover with St. Gotthard Fortress military mail handstamp to Zurich. No date. F. (723)

172. Switzerland. Special YMCA cover for Internees from **Polish** Internee La Sauge Gampelen. Trilingual Swiss censor tape on back. Front with general Internee and Camp # 313 handstamps. F. (723)

173. Switzerland. Special "Blue Cross" Soldier's House cover for Internees. Trilingual Swiss censor tape on back. Front with general Internee and Camp #368 handstamps. F. (723)

174. Trinidad. Air Mail cover with 15¢ Transport tied by Base Forces OCT 321 1941 APO 803 cancel. Sender with 99th Bomb Unit Censor 714. Bleed through of envelope gum. Slight tears. F. (039)

175. Turkey. 5k postal card overprinted 4½K to **France** with 2 stamps added. Various Mideast censor handstamps. Some stains. F. (723)

176. Yugoslavia. Special colored cover of **RAF Escape Society** commemorating escapes via Switzerland of downed allied crews. 1978 cancel on Yugoslavia. stamp. Enclosures discuss escape of British crew and escapes in general Signed by General Scekic a holder of People's Hero commendation and 2 escapees. VF. (280)

177. 10 censored covers including U.S. 3 (2-windows), **Brazil, France** (2), **Germany, Great Britain** PC66 and **Trinidad.** Plus 1950 **Austrian** censor. (723)

178. Miscellaneous. Genuine 1945 photo of identified Russian and U.S. soldiers meeting at Elbe reissued for 1985 story by APN. Plus similar item of German Tanks from war period issued by WIDE WORLD. Both have credit sheet.. Plus 1 page articles on WWI Ace Luke, Fleming (both Navy and Army pilot), and Lambert (American in British Air Force WWI). VF. (039)

179. Miscellaneous. U.S. FREE 1944 cover from sender APO 451 Camp Brekinridge, KY; FREE cover Armed Guard Unit *SS Santa Paula* (USAT) with weak 1944 Navy machine cancel, and 1943 air mail cover from sender Navy Utility Squadron Three. Some glue bleeding. AVE-F. (039)

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180. 1940 registered cover to **Red Cross** Switzerland. Franked with single 20¢ PREXIE and various backstamps including Geneva 13.IX.40. **British** PC 90 censor tape. Some toning. AVE-F. (723)

181. 1940 #10 air mail cover to Pau (Bass. Pyr.) Unoccupied **France.** Franked with single 30¢ Transatlantic Globe stamp with New York APR 20 1942 cancels and New York paper censor tape. Has been folded at one time. F.(723)

182. 1940 Air mail cover to Switzerland.. Franked with single 30¢ Transport stamp with Cincinnati MAR 16 1942 cancel and **British** PC 90 censor tape with I.C. notation of **Bermuda.** F. (723)

183. Camp Rucker Alabama. Special postcard booklet with 10 base pictures sent by Private 323 Inf. APO 81 mailed in 1943. VF. (643)

184. Camp Roberts California. Special postcard booklet with 10 base pictures sent by Private 85th Inf. Training Bn. mailed in 1943. VF. (643)

185. Air Mail cover Camp Beale CAL 1943 from 13 Armored Div. APO 263. Plus 4 1943-4 mostly military postcards, Downey Field, CO; Fort Bragg (2), and Fort Sheridan. VF. Special postcard booklet with 10 base pictures sent by Private 323 Inf. APO 81 mailed in 1943. VF. (643)

186. 18 covers from bases in California(7), Florida (3), Idaho (2), Rhode Island (1-with Chaplain cachet)and Virginia (5). Good variety. AVE. (836)

187. 7 covers (6 FREE) from 6 different home bases. Plus 6 stamped envelopes from New Mexico to 6 different Home bases. F-VF. (106)

188. V-Mail. Unprocessed V-Mail 1943 and processed V-Mail without envelope to same person APO 507 Great Britain. F. (836)

189. Patriotic cover with 2¢ Defense issue tied by dumb cancel. and March 1942 money order type cancel of Augusta, Georgia Air Base. Slight smudge. F. (225)

190. Alaska. 3 covers APO 937 with machine cancel without APO, unprocessed V-Mail APO 972, and Navy 163. F-VF. (836)

191. Alaska. 2 1942 covers 12 Naval Const Bn, Naval Air Station Kodiak. 1 roughly opened with letter enclosed with parts excised by censor. Also mimeographed copy of 12th NCB Oct 11 1942 newspaper. F-VF. (836)

192. Hawaii. 4 unit censored airmail covers APOs 6, 27, 40(2-1 with APO#). from infantry units. F. (836)

193. Hawaii.3 1944 Navy air mail covers from Navy #91 , MAW-3 and CASU 2. Plus OCT 1 1945 Navy cancel on cover from 4th Mar. Div. F. (836)

194. Book. *Prayer Book for Jews in Armed Forces.* Pocket size. hard cover in English and Hebrew. Cover has slight marks. Plus special pocket size Armed Service's Edition of *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay.* Soft cover. Slight wear. AVE-F. (106)

WORLD WAR II PATRIOTICS

195. American Art Service multicolored cachet showing U.S. tank towing captured German tanks for scrap metal drive from NTS Toledo with Navy 1943 cancel to Army Base. Plus cover from same sender and Navy cancel on ordinary letter. Also same sender from Navy 149 **New Hebrides** 1944. F-VF. (106)

196. 8 different **V-E Day** cacheted covers including Victory, VT. cancels etc. VF. (225)

197. 6 different 1942 "headline" cacheted covers "Japs take Java" etc. VF. (225)

198. 9 different "Rationing/Home Front" themes cacheted covers. 1 from Ft. Robinson. F-VF. (225)

199. 4 different Mad magazine Alfred E. Neuman cachets by Crosby. (I did not realize that it went back that far). VF. (225)

200. 4 different covers with a **War Bond** Theme APO 380 1945; APO 1 in **Britain** with Belgium Overrun Nations stamp. Plus 2 Shangri-La cachets, 1 registered with 21¢ PREXIE and blank 25¢ Defense Stamp Album for purchasing towards bonds with 1942 Post Office Application. VF. (225)

201. 2 covers from Linto with 2 larger type pf Buy Bond labels tied by cancels to cover. VF. (225)

WORLD WAR II U.S. NAVAL

202. 12 covers 1943-45 with uncertain location in Murphy including Commander Amphibious Group 12, SUPP AIR CONT UNITS AMPHIB FORCES, US Pacific Fleet; COMSERVPAC, Patrol Sq. 45 and 208; Fleet Hospital 104 and 112; VPB SQ 210, NAS 28, INTERPRON TWO, and CASU 36. F-VF. (836)

203. 4 smaller units including LSM Flotilla 9 and LSM 209, *USS PC 785* and *1225.* and *USN REC. Ship* Pier 92 NY. Also covers from crews of *USS Boston, Samaritan, Merrick* (1946), and *Robert Brazier.* Mostly F. (836)

204. Free cover and 1¢ Lincoln Postcard with Navy NOV 7 1945 13031 BR cancels Assigned to Whidbey NAS Washington. Card has message to and from well known collector Dr. Kretzler from fellow collector. AVE-F. (836)

205. Mint Air Mail envelope with photo cachet for *USS New Mexico* Sagami Bay V-J Day. VF (106)

206. Marines. Interesting group of 9 covers from same Pharmacy Mate with title of unit changing along with location including D Co. 1st Corps Med. Bat, 1st MAC June-July 1943 - not clear Murphy or Jersey (2); August - Sept. 1943 (2-**New Caledonia**); same now 1st Mar. Div. DEC 1943 (2-**New Guinea**); and Feb-APR 1944 (3-**New Britain**) F. (836)

207. Marines. Russell Islands.3 air mail covers from 2 Bn. 4th Marines OCT-NOV 1944. AVE-F. (836)

WORLD WAR II UNITED STATES APO'S

208. 4 covers from domestic locations with APOs in address from APO 2, 263 (#10), 470 (tape stains), and 448. AVE-F. (311)

209. England 3 covers. 2 APO 527 1944-45 then in from Capt. 306 Bomb Group. 1 has Parcel Post cancel on front for permission to send parcels. Plus APO 69 1st Pathfinder Squadron. Also APO 771 **Italy.** F-VF. (687)

210. Airmail cover with U.S. Navy JAN 23 1945 cancel from sender HQ 1200th EBD Gp. ASF with transit APO 17927. Some bleeding of envelope gum to front. AVE. (039)

211.10 covers sent Free from domestic locations with APOs 38, 255 (2), 256. 260, 261, 262 (2), 443, and 461 in address. 2 roughly opened. 1 #10. AVE-F. (819)

212. 4 Transit APOs including War Ballot from APO 4994 with APO 548 in cancel, 9372 in processed **V-Mail** without envelope from Italy, 9396 with wavy lines only cancel, and 16594-AA with APO 771 cancel. AVE-F. (819)

213. USO card to soldier APO 953 New York from Fort Crockett 1944. Normal Returned to Writer "finger" and 2 line "No such APO served by/Postmaster, New York." Back has New York Grand Central cancel and NYPE Army Directory handstamp. Has been folded at one time. F. (819)

POST-WORLD WAR II MILITARY

214. United Nations. Canadian Forces. Mideast. Free #10 envelope with UN 1999 cancel and corner card of Postmaster CFPO 5002. Enclosure appears to be about **Israel.** VF. (295)

215.United Nations. Egypt. Finnish Forces. Free stampless cover to Finland with blue and white flag(?) YKSK cachet and cancel of Finnish Company 21.2.57 in Suez. VF. RES $8.00 .(870)

216.United Nations. UNDOF. Canadian Forces. Golan. 5 unstamped covers with 1992-97 UN cancels (4 UNDOF. 1 standard). All different senders. 2 with CFPO 5002 cancels. VF. (295)

217. United Nations. UNDOF. Polish Forces. Syria. 9 1980-89 covers with Warsaw 60 cancels and attractive hand cachets. 3 on UNDOF stationery. VF (295)

218. United Nations. UNDOF. Polish Forces. Cover with hand cachet 1999-2000. Typical Warsaw meter. Plus philatelic item from Gydnia 1999. Also stampless **Israeli** military cover from 1969. VF. (424)

219.UNITED NATION. UNEF Canadian Forces. Cover mailed from UN New York 1969 by member of CAPO 549 to Canadian Signal Sgt. CAPO 5049 33 Forces Gaza. Manuscript markings Return to Sender and 4 line handstamp to forward if change of address due to Official Orders. Large blue Multinational Force handstamp on back. F. SB $5.00 (674)

220. UNITED NATION. UNEF Canadian Forces. Special Forces Airletter sender's cachet of RCAF Detachment SANA YEMEN Observer Mission. UNEF 3 AUG 1963 #7 cancel. To CAPO 5049 UNEF. VF. RES $10. (674)

221. UNITED NATION. UNEF Canadian Forces. Special Forces Airletter sender's cachet of RCAF Detachment SANA YEMEN Observer Mission. CAPO 117 and 50471964 cancels. CAPO 5047 and 5049 handstamps. To CAPO 5049 UNEF. VF. RES $12 . (674)

222. United Nations. UNFICYP. Cyprus. Finnish Forces. Air mail cover with Finnish stamp tied by UNFICYP 27.11.71 cancel. Sender at YKSP 10 Slight opening tears. F..(870)

223. United Nations. UNFIL. Lebanon. Finnish Forces. Stampless air mail cover tied by UNFIL 13.1.92 cancel. VF.(870)

224. United Nations. UNFIL. Lebanon. Finnish Forces. Special stampless Christmas card showing Santa Claus with Cell phone etc. with UNFIL 20.1.97 cancel. VF.(870)

225. United Nations. UNFIL. Ghanian Forces. Lebanon. Cover to **Canada** from Ghanian Major Mahariya **Israel.** 3 typical illegible Ghanian handstamps and no cancel. Plus photo of Ghanian Capt. being baptized in Israel. AVE-F (295)

226. United Nations. Haiti. UNMIH. Canadian Forces. Cover to U.S. with Canadian stamps tied by CFPO 5057 JAN 26 1996 cancel. Plus UNMIH cancel. No sender. VF. (687)

227. United Nations. MINURSA. 3 colored photos showing **Canadian** troops and scenes on ground in Africa. VF. (295)

228. Austria. U.S. Occupation Forces. 11 covers from different units US APO 777 1946-54. F-VF. (836)

229. Bahamas. U.S. and Bahamas stamp tied by U.S. Navy PSC 1012 NOV 9 1992 FPO AA 34058 cancel Operation Southern Protection. Signed by CO *USCG Matagorda* with cachet. Also special handstamp form filled out for Royal Bahamian Defense Force training. VF. RES $5.00 (674)

230. Belgium. Unaddressed envelope with hand cachet of Belgian navy FFGM 912 WANDELAAR. Belgian stamp untied by ANTWERPEN 28 B 19.03.90 cancel. F. (674)

231. Belgium.4 cacheted covers. 2 for Belgian mine sweeper *M903* and Belgian Naval Survey ship *A960 Gopdetia* with Welcome to Antwerp cachet and cancels. 1 with unclear year. Also 1983 Grand prix special cancel on special stamp. Plus 1988 cover with special "Kolveniersgilde Merksem" handstamp. F-VF. (295)

232. BENELUX. 5 naval covers. **Belgium.** *Narcis M823* with British 1998 stamp and cancel and *ZM M928 Stavelot* with Belgian 1988 philatelic cancel on Belgian stamp. **Netherlands** 3 covers with British stamps and cancels to England and Dutch handstamps for *Hr. Ms. van Nes, R.O.V. Zeefakkel, Hr. Ms. De Ruyter* . 2 with unclear dates. AVE. (295)

233. Not Used

234. Canada. Standing Naval Force Atlantic. 4 cacheted covers of *HMCS Montreal.* 1 with dated handstamp. Each signed by different Officer. Various home base cancels on stamps. F-VF. (295)

235. Canal Zone. 20 business size covers with US stamps and APO cancels. 8 have windows. Good variety. Most 1981-82. F-VF. (848)

236. Egypt. Air Mail cover sent registered to U.S. 6 stamps. Arabic censor tape used in 1953. Some cancels hard to read. F. (643)

237. Ethiopia. 5 attractively franked air mail covers with U.S. APO 843 1963 cancels. Plus 2 registered #10 covers from **Portugal** to APO 09843 in 1963 with registry APO backstamps. Opening tears. AVE-F. (848)

238. Ethiopia. 5 attractively franked air mail covers with U.S. APO 843 1963 cancels. Plus 2 registered #10 covers from **Portugal** to APO 09843 in 1963 with registry APO backstamps. Opening tears. AVE-F. (848)

239. France. 2 covers with different corner cards and handstamps of Ministry of War Veterans and Victims(723). Sent Free with special commemorative 1952 machine cancel honoring Colonial troops. VF. (723)

240. France. 2 1985-86 cacheted covers for naval visits of **French** *Frigate Duquay Trouin (D-611)* and *Corvette Primauguet* U.S. stamps tied by *USS Mississippi* or *USS Virginia* cancels. Addressed VF.(703)

241. France. Special 1980 stamp and cancels for Arrival of Rochambeau at Newport. 1998 cancel and cachet of Aircraft Carrier *Foch.* 1994 cancel and cachet of *F.L.M. Suffren*; and special stamp for honoring French Combatants in North Africa 1952-62 with Toulon Naval School cancel and cachet. Plus 1969 cancel on French Military stamp with Vaguemestre handstamp and Laon cancel and 1979 Official cover from 11th Division. F-VF. (039)

242. France Colonies 3 1960's air mail covers with F.M. stamps with cancels of **Guadeloupe, Madagascar,** and **Martinique.** Each has Vaguemestre hand cachets. 2 have attractive pictorial cancels. F-VF. (723)

243. France. Indo China. F.M. cover sent airmail. to **Austria** with POSTE AUX ARMEES T.O.E. 28.12..1949 cancel from soldier SP 71174 BPM 409. Also French stamps tied by POSTE AUX ARMEES 222 8.1.50 cancels (probably Austrian) Vienna receipt cancel on back. German sender . May be Legionnaire? F-VF. (723)

244. France Indo China. F.M. cover sent airmail. to **Switzerland** with POSTE AUX ARMEES T.O.E. 7-8-1950 cancel from soldier SP 57491 BPM 421. Also French stamps tied by POSTE AUX ARMEES 222 12.8..50 cancels (probably Austrian) German sender . May be Legionnaire? F-VF. (723)

245. Germany. British Forces. Special 3 Pence Registration envelope with Registered FPO 229 Nov. 1945 cancels and label. Sender Middlesex Rgt. B.A.O.R. AVE. (007)

246. Germany. British Forces BFPOs 328 (2), 432 (2), 774, 987 and 994. Also 1973(?) cover with handstamp of German Army Training Center CASTLEMARTIN. Plus 5 unclear or after my date sources. AVE-F. (848)

247. Germany. British Forces. 8 1999-2000 covers to German business addresses, 5 have special Feldpost rate handstamp. All have British stamps and are from 154 (2), 209 (2), 432, 461, 575,1309, 3 hard to read dates. 6 commercial #10-like envelopes. AVE-F (856)

248A. Germany. British Forces. Registered special delivery cover with #10 like envelope from BFPO 109 to German firm. 7 stamps for £3.90. Special Feldpost rate handstamp with BFPO 1109 receipt handstamp and German Registry label. F (856)

248B. Germany. British Forces. Special softcover book about Berlin Air Lift emphasizing **British** contribution and distributed in U.S. by British Information Services. 64 pages full of photos and diagrams. Slight wear on outer binder. F.(039)

249. Germany. French Zone. Stampless cover to France with Konstanz 31.5.46 cancel and Taxe perçue handstamp. G.B.D. Occupation handstamps on censor tape. Piece missing from top middle of card. F. (723)

250. Germany. French Zone. Cover with 5 line handstamps of Commander of Chief of French Forces in Germany and circular cachet of État Major. Sent registered with backstamps to Switzerland. POSTE AUX ARMEES 26.11.1959 cancels on envelope and also tying 3 French stamps , Scott's 855 (2) and 908. Blank registry label with S.P. 69.410 handstamp. Roughly opened with small piece missing. F. (723)

251. Germany. U.S. Forces. 2 2¢ overprinted U.S. penalty envelopes to Postal Officer APO 175 from Postal Finance Office USAREUR APO 110. 1 is also registered with 3 line Government Official mail handstamp. Neither show indication of going through mail. Plus 2 6¢ stamped air mail envelopes from APO 29-1953 and 227-1946. F-VF. (848)

252. Germany. U.S. Forces.1946 6¢ Air mail cover from Navy 948 and 1947 5¢ Air mail cover from 7704 **WAC** Det. EUCOM APO 757. Both at Frankfurt. (836)

253. Germany. U.S. Forces. 2 1964 German registered covers to U.S. APO 843.**(Ethiopia)** Good variety of 21 German stamps used between 2 covers.(1 stamp missing? and 1 with slight tear). APO and German backstamps. Plus 2 air mail German covers from Berlin in 1962-63 to APO 843 with Berlin APO backstamps and 1958 cover to APO 252.with backstamp. Also 2 registered South African covers to APO 175 in 1955 with backstamps. AVE-F. (848)

254. Germany. U.S. Forces. 1960 stampless cover from Hof with all writing in German mailed to American Headquarters in Germany Heidelberg. Endorsed "GebŸhr Bezahlt" and to be paid by recipient. No other markings except crayon 30 for postage due. Small staple holes. Not clear what happened to letter. F. (594)

255. Germany. U.S. Forces. About 70 mostly business size covers with US stamps and APO cancels. 27 have windows. Good variety. Most 1981-82. F-VF. (848)

256. Germany. U.S. Forces. 10 1999-2000 #10 U.S. franked covers mostly from individuals to German firm from APOs 09028, 09102(2), 09112 (Official Business), 09139 (2), 09154, 09165 (Returned for lack of APO privileges), 09169, 09175, F (856)

257. Germany. U.S. Forces. 10 1999-2000 #10 U.S. franked covers mostly from individuals to German firm from APOs 09012, 09028 (2), 09028-1, 09028-1, 09031, 09098, 09112 (Official Business), and 09114, F (856)

258. Germany. 2 covers with British stamps and cancels with special cachet for visit of German Tender *Elbe* in Edinburgh 1987 and Supply Ship *RH...N* with unclear year. Also cover with German stamp tied by German BŸchel Air Base 1995 Family day 40th Anniversary Bundeswehr cancel and special cachets. Also Bundesmarine hat band ribbon. F-VF. (295)

259. Great Britain 9 mostly 1954-60 U.S. APO covers. 4 are large 1960 ballots. 2 are #10's.(819)

260. Great Britain. 6 cacheted covers 1981-85 for British naval visits to Norfolk. Cachets for *RFAs Appleleaf, Black Rover, Fort Austin(2), Stromness, and Tarbatness.* All have dated handstamp of ships. All have attractive U.S. stamps tied *USS Truett, Yellowstone, J.F. Kennedy, Milwaukee, Vulcan,* and *Sylvania* cancels. 2 have slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)

261. Great Britain. 1971 cover from Philatelic Section British Forces London with special form enclosed explaining new fee structure for philatelic handstamps. Also 5 covers different overseas locations. AVE-VF. (650).

262. Great Britain.2 philatelic covers with handstamp of ROYAL FORCE/PIGEON POST LOFT No. 9 (1 endorsed as Postal Strike mail). Also covers with special BFPO commemorative cancels including Berlin Tattoo 1981 BFPO 4352, German British PHILATELIC EXHIBITION 1970 BFPO 1115 (2), and RHEINDAHLEN ALLIED MARCHES 1981 BFPO 1744. F-VF. (848)

263. Great Britain. Special cacheted covers for honoring First Bomber Command Operation over **Germany** 3 SEP 1939 with **Jersey** stamp and cancel; 40th Anniversary of Battle of Britain with special BFPO 1714 cancel; National Army Museum 1973 with special BFPO 1345 cancel, and larger size cover for Open Day of Military Engineering school with special BFPO 1397. cancel. All except last have enclosure explaining events. F-VF. (039)

264. Greece. Picture card of Komotinh sent by Lt. with **U.N.R.R.A.** Greece. US APO 512. Card to U.S. with **Indian** type FPO No 13 6 FEB 46 cancel. VF. (643)

265. Greece 3 U.S. APO covers. APO 223-1957, 858 1952, and 09223 1960. AVE. (819)

266. Greenland. SAS colored with native picture card "SAS the Global Airline-first over the Pole." Cachet of U.S. Arctic Air Base Thule with 3 Greenland stamps tied by Thule 1957 (?) cancel. (007)

267. India. Free Forces mail envelope to England with Provisional R50 3 JAN 46 Indian cancel. Slight wear. F. (819)

268. India. Unaddressed Official envelope with special colored cachet 60th year since 1933 of founding of No. 1 Squadron. Special Indian postage stamp tied by special cancel. VF. (039)

269. Indonesia. Book. *The Admiral's Baby* by Van Der Post. Ex-Colonel **Japanese POW** now working with Japanese to protect Dutch. (681)

270. Israel. 3 stamped U.S. envelopes with 1980-81 US APO cancels 09672 (Tel Aviv), 09673 (Ramoh), and 09674 (Wadi Ouda). VF. (836)

271. Israel. 4 Free covers with typical triangle dated handstamps from 1982-89. 1 special Society of Israel Philatelists envelope. One like small paper bag. 1 without year. F-VF. (295)

272. Italy. Special Italian card to **CARE** Rome for forwarding of CARE packages from U.S. Picture shows content of parcels and asks for donations. Partial 1946 civilian cancel. F. Plus special 1993 card published by Italian Philatelic Society for Operation Husky showing GI and AMG replica(?). VF.(039)

273. Japan. 6 colored local photocards used by member of U.S. military in 1950's and 60's U.S. stamps and military cancels. 3 Japanese cards but mailed elsewhere. Plus 2 others. Mostly F-VF. (643)

274. Japan 14 large 1960 ballot covers from U.S. APOs 323 (2), 328 (4), 500 (2), 704, 929, 994 (4). F-VF. (819)

275. Japan 48 covers from U.S. APOs mostly in 1950s. 8 are #10's. 11 are CIC. Heavy duplication. AVE-VF. (819)

276. Korea. 20 covers from U.S. APOs mostly in 1950s. 4 are large 1960 ballot covers. F-VF. (819)

277. Korea. About 13 mostly business size covers with US stamps and APO cancels. 5 have windows. Good variety. Most 1981-82. F-VF. (848)

278. Libya. 30 1947 OAS **British** covers from soldier with Ammo Clearing team Western Desert with cancels of FPO 518 (3) and 658 (27). Opening tears. AVE-F. (650).

279. MEXICO. 2 cacheted covers 1979-85 for **naval** visits to Norfolk. Cachets for *Commodoro M. Azueta* and *General Vincente Guerrero* All have handstamps of ships. All have attractive U.S. stamps tied *USS Farragut* and *Francis Marion* cancels. 1 with slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)

280. OMAN. Cacheted 1986 cover for naval visit to Norfolk. Cachet for *S.N.V. Shabab Oman* with ship handstamp. Korean War Veteran's stamp tied by *USS Briscoe* cancel. VF. (703)

281. Palestine. Free cover to England with **British** FIELDPOSTOFFICE 1 15 AP 46 cancel. 6 top hard to read. Envelope made from British military form in English with some Arabic. Part of flap missing but sender with Royal Signal A/Tk MEF 14.4.46. AVE. .RES $5.00 (408)

282. Palestine. Free cover to England with **British** FIELDPOSTOFFICE 123 121 MR 47 cancel. Cover forwarded with civilian cancel on back. Flap torn. Sender with H.Q. 15/19 HUSSARS M.E.L.F. Some toning and wear. AVE. RES $5.00 (408)

283. Palestine. Stamped air mail cover to England with **British** FIELDPOSTOFFICE 789 cancel and unclear particulars. . Sender 6 A/B Div Sig Rgt British Troops in Palestine. RES $5.00 (408)

284. Palestine. Stamped air mail cover to England with **British** FIELDPOSTOFFICE 266 12 MR 48 cancel. Proud lists as Egypt. Sender ARGYLE SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Palestine. Slight tears. F. RES $5.00 (408)

285. Philippines. 13 APO covers from mostly 1946-48. Rest 1950's 1 1952 large ballot. 2 Official. Plus 1 cover from APO 710 in **Japan** to APO 714 in **Philippines** in 1946. Various pencil forwarding remarks on front. Back has unusual Directory Service handstamp of APO 503. 2 tears repaired by hinges. Most F-VF. (819)

286. Philippines. About 19 mostly business size covers with US stamps and APO cancels. 9 have windows. Good variety. Most 1981-82. F-VF. (848)

287. Ryukyus. 10 APO covers, mostly 1950's. 2 official.3 #10's. 1 1972 with map and one unused map cover. F-VF. (819)

288. Ryukyus. About 8 mostly business size covers with US stamps and APO cancels. Plus 4 from **Japan.** 5 have windows. Good variety. Most 1981-82. F-VF. (848)

289. San Marino. 2 attractively franked 1966 registered envelopes to APO 09843 (**Ethiopia**). 4 different stamps on each. Backstamped APO 09843. Slight opening tears. Also 1970 to APO 09757. F-VF. (848)

290. Saudi Arabia. 1971 cover with APO 09616 cancel. Plus large 1952 Ballot cover APO 616. F-VF. (819)

291. Saudi Arabia. 2 covers and 1 card with 1996 cancels of U.S. APO 09852. 1 on Saudi tax (?) stamp, 1 on U.S. Officially sealed label, and card is UN stamp Advertisement. All unaddressed. VF. (129)

292. Singapore. 1965 machine cancel on 1961 National Day stamp to Austria with Singapore Infantry Regiment handstamp. F. (039)

293. Turkey. Cover from U.S. to U.S. Capt. at TUSLOG Det. 676 APO 09380 franked with "B" stamp and with large 7 line Return to Sender handstamp and 1981 cancel. Backstamped with APO 09380 hand cancel. F-VF. (106)

294. Turkey. 5 covers (3 normal) with US stamps and APO cancels. 1 window. 1981-84. F-VF. (848)

295. Turkey. 4 U.S. APO covers. 1 APO 09380 1984. 1 to APO 09380 and returned to U.S. with APO backstamp, and 2 to Germany APOs and forwarded to APO 09380 in Turkey with various APO markings. F-VF. (106)

296. Turkey. Cover to England with British stamp and 1998 cancel and cachet of Turkish **Submarine** *TCC 18* (?). F.(295)

297. Turkey. 3 cacheted covers 1979-80 for **naval** visits to Norfolk. Cachets for *T.C.G. Kilicalipasa D-349* ex *USS Robert McCard, .C.G. Piyalepasa D-350* ex *USS Fisk and T.C.G. Isin A-589* ex *USS Safeguard*. All have handstamps of ships and attractive U.S. stamps tied *USS McCloy, Albany* and *Safeguard* cancels. 2 with slight remnants of address label gum. F-VF. (703)

298. United States. 3 pictorial cancels for Edwards AFB X-15 40 Anniversary, Looking Glass Final Flight Offutt AFB, and McChord AFB. VF. SB $7.50 (674)

299. United States. Cover for Typhoon PAKA **Guam.** Operation Pacific Haven 1999 APO 96368 JAN 29 1999 cancel. VF. RES $10.00 (674)

300. United States. Cover for Hurricane Mitch **El Salvador.** JAN 191999 APO 34003 cancel. VF. RES $10.00 (674)

301. United States. SWISS AIR 111 info data pen with *USS Grapple* cachet and Hampton Roads Jan 7 1999 cancel. AVE. RES $10.00 (674)

302. United States. Cover with corner card *USNS Apache*. Special handstamp form filled out indicating Deep Drone 14th Dive for *USS Monitor* search. U.S. stamp with 1987 Maryland cancel. Also PAMLICO POST local tied by PAMLICO POST handstamp. Back has PAMLICO POST maps. RES. $5.00 (674)

303. United States. APOs Mixed. About 58 mostly business size covers with US stamps and APO cancels. from **Belgium** (2), **Great Britain** (20), **Greece, Guam** (2), **Italy** (15), **Netherlands** (6), **Norway, Saudi Arabia** (4), and **Spain** (7). Good variety. Several window envelopes. Most 1981-82. F-VF. (848)

304. United States. Miscellaneous. Special cacheted cover with special cancel for 1952 Exercise Snow Fall at Camp Drum. Plus 9 home bases and Alaska. Also 3 WWII including well traveled greeting card size. Plus a few stamp cut squares. AVE. (848)

305. United States. Miscellaneous. 5 196-1983 covers with APO meters from APOs 132 (**German** QSL card), 09292 (**Netherlands**), 09221 (**Italy**), and 09616 (**Saudi Arabia**).3 mixed franking with stamps.1 registered, 2 certified, and 1 Special Delivery. Meters from period are not common. (848)

306. United States. Miscellaneous. 12 mostly 1974 business size covers to APOs returned for insufficient address and all with official seals. Plus 2 multi forwarded without seals. AVE-F. (848)

307. Yugoslavia. #10 envelope with corner card of U.S. Foreign Service from Embassy Belgrade via U.S. APO 777 (**Austria**). April 18, 1946. SB $38.00. (318)

308. Yugoslavia. Larger than #10 Foreign Service envelope used by American General assigned to Embassy Belgrade. 3 local stamps tied by Belgrade 1952 cancels. Opening tears and creases. F. (318)

POST-WORLD WAR II U. S. NAVAL

309. 5 cacheted covers for **Mediterranean** Deployment 4 Welcome home.1 Farewell. 1980-86. *USS Carol, Coral Sea* (2), *Nimitz*, and Scott (with SOOT in cancel). Attractive franking. F-VF.(703)

310. Special commissioning 8½ by 11 program of *USS Robin MHC 54*. No date given. VF. (039)

311. 4 cacheted covers for **Indian Ocean** Deployment 3 Welcome home.1 Farewell. 1980-85. *USS Barney, Coral Sea, Eisenhower*, and *Independence*. 1 says "Return Delayed by Israeli-Syrian Crisis 1981. Attractive franking. F-VF.(703)

312. 10 special event 1979-86 cacheted covers including Keel Laying *USS George Washington, USS Halyburton FFG 40*; Commissionings *USS Carl Vinson, Cushing*, and *McKee*; First Day Postal Service *USS Theodore Roosevelt*; Last Day Postal Service *USS Kilauea*; Undocking *USS Saratoga*; Decommissionings *USS Rogers* and *Saratoga*. F-VF. (703)

313. 16 covers with ship cancels to Credit Union. Mostly 1980's. Also 2 1983 1st MAR BDE. AVE-F. (848)

314. Unaddressed cover with cachet for USCG Cutter *Mackinaw* with special 1994 hand cancel for 50th anniversary of Cutter. VF.

(674)

315. Malta Summit 3 DEC 1989 special label with Russian and U.S. flags. **MALTA** stamp with Pres. Bush and Gorbachev tied by 1990 Postal Inspection Service cancel. Corner card *USS Belknap*. VF. RES $10.00 (674)

316. 18 mostly hand cacheted covers related to 1969-85 domestic ship visits including Norfolk (2), Philadelphia (2), Port Everglades (8) and Seattle/Tacoma. Ship cancels represented include *USS America, Bagley, Caron, Charles F. Adams, Connolly (2), Coontz, Coral Sea, Dupont, John King, King, Meyercord, O'Bannon, Reasoner, Sides, Sperry, Stump,* and *Wadsworth. AVE.* (703)

317. 9 1979-81 hand cacheted covers. 6 have handstamp indicating first day of use of cachet(?). *USS Buchanan, John Paul Jones, Pyro (2),* and *Saratoga* cancels. Most others domestic with ship name in cachet. (703)

318. Australia. Cacheted cover for Launching of *HMAS Sydney FFG 35* and Commissioning Day *HMAS Adelaide FFG-01. 1980* with U.S. civilian cancels. Unaddressed. VF. (703)

319. Operation Highjump. 2 philatelic covers with JAN 10 1947 *USS Mount Olympus* cancels and Task Force 68 hand cachets. F-VF. (311)

320. U.S. Book. 14th edition of *The Bluejacket's Manual* published in 1950. Lots of data including colored photos of campaign ribbons, symbols for ships. etc. 827 pages. Slight cover wear. F. (106)

KOREAN WAR

321. Mimeographed orders for HQ Special Troops Eight U.S. Army Korea (EUSAK) APO 301 for 23 NOV 1951. Special Orders 316 Extract. 6 mimeographed pages, mainly lists of transfers to Replacement Bn. APO 27 and unit and **race.** F-VF. (643)

322. FREE cover with JUL * 1954 cancel and corner card of *USS Eversole.* Plus 8 stamped ship covers 1952-53 that are possibly from Korean period but doubtful. 4 are FPO New York. AVE-F. (836)

323. Patriotics. 10 different special LINTO cacheted covers with **Cold War** themes. Said to have only been 1 of each. Slight aging. Unaddressed. F-VF. (225)

324. Canadian Legion cover sent FREE with CFPO 27 .5 IX 51 cancel. Sender's address on back in pencil. Hard to read. Wear on edges. F. (687)

VIETNAM WAR

325. *Vietnam- A History - The First Complete Account of Vietnam at War* by Karnow. 231 photos. 750 pages. Original jacket.(681)

326. Registered 1968 business cover from **Iran** to APO 96309. APO 96243 Saigon backstamps Roughly opened away from markings. F. Plus 2 window envelopes with all kinds of 1967 forwarding notations and including 96240, 96381, and 96307 cancels. AVE-F. (848)

327. Book. *Code of Honor* by Lt. Col. Dramasi USAF. POW in Hanoi Hilton. Escaped 2 times. 271 pages. Original jacket Some toning at paper edges. VF. (200)

328. Book. *To Bear Any Burden* . Oral history involving 48 witnesses. Original jacket Tears. 875 pages. F. 200)

GULF WAR – Desert Shield/Desert Storm

329. Cover with corner card of Hospital Ship *USNS Comfort* and 1987 hand cachet of Naming Ceremony with ship cancel in SEP 29 1990 tying Beau Geste stamp. Also Operation Desert Shield and PERSIAN GULF handstamps and cachets. Some slight smudging from postal machines. F. SB$10.00 (674)

330. 3 covers sent FREE from Marines First Med. Bn., Fleet Hospital 5 1st MEF (2 different senders). MARINE CORPS FPO 96608 APR 25 1991,USMC MAIN 2DFSSG Unit 10 DEC 24 1990 and 1 blurred cancels. Plus 44th Medical Brig APO 09657 sent FREE but charged for postage with 1991 civilian cancel. Various cachets. F-VF. SB$35.00 (674)

331. Cover with corner card of Hospital Ship *USNS Comfort* and 1987 hand cachet of naming Ceremony with ship cancel in MAR 20 1991. Also Operation Desert Storm handstamps and cachets. VF. SB$10.00 (674)

332. FREE cover from Pharmacy Fleet Hospital 5 1st MEF with partial FPO machine cancel dated MAR 1 1991. Operation Desert Storm handstamps. SB$10.00 (674)

333. 2 FREE covers from senders *USNS Mercy* and Marines First Med. Bn 1st FSSG Also Operation Desert Storm handstamps and cachets. Postage due handstamp guidelines. No sending cancels but backstamped on receipt. VF. SB$12.50 (674)

334. "F" stamp tied by APO 09697 4 MAR 1991 cancel of Saudi Arabia. Sender's handstamp of 4401 AIR POSTAL SQDN, DET 1 09697-0006. To R.E. Wallace Texas. Some unimportant letters in cancel not legible. F. (687)

335. Free Cover with cancel *USS Enterprise* with "SOUTHERN WATCH" handstamp. Also special handstamp form filled out for NO FLY ZONE over IRAQ Strike Fighter Sqdn 37 "Raging Bulls." VF. RES $7.50 (674)

336. Book. *The Commanders* by Woodward. Military Command decision making in **Panama** and leading up to the **Gulf War.** Original jacket. 399 pages. (200)

IFOR/SFOR

337. Free cover from 4400 OPS SQ(P)/MASF Operation Joint Endeavor APO 09794 with MPO APO AE 09794 7 FE 1996 cancel. Also "form" handstamp stating location Hungary Mobil Air Staging Facility Kelly AFB Deployed. Backstamped with IFOR in Roman and Cyrillic letters. Operation Joint Endeavor and other handstamps. VF. SB$15.00 (674)

338. Free cover from Lt. Col. Commanding 212 Mash. Joint Endeavor APO 09789 with MPO APO AE 09789 28 MAR 1996 cancel. Handstamped cachet with IFOR in Roman and Cyrillic letters and Operation Joint Endeavor. VF. SB$10.00 (674)

MISCELLANEOUS

339. Tuck postcards. 4 postally used from Canada 1908-09 and Great Britain 1903-1907. AVE-F. (007)

340. Australia. Special cacheted cover commemorating 1928 Transpacific flight of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. 1978 special 50th anniversary cancel on Smith stamp. Cover flown same route takes 14+ hours compared to original 83+hours. Enclosure gives biographical facts. Backstamped at Honolulu and **Fiji** with dated airline handstamps. Signed by former STALAG LUFT III **POW.** (280)

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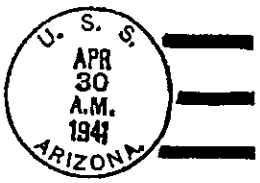

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A Dark Image

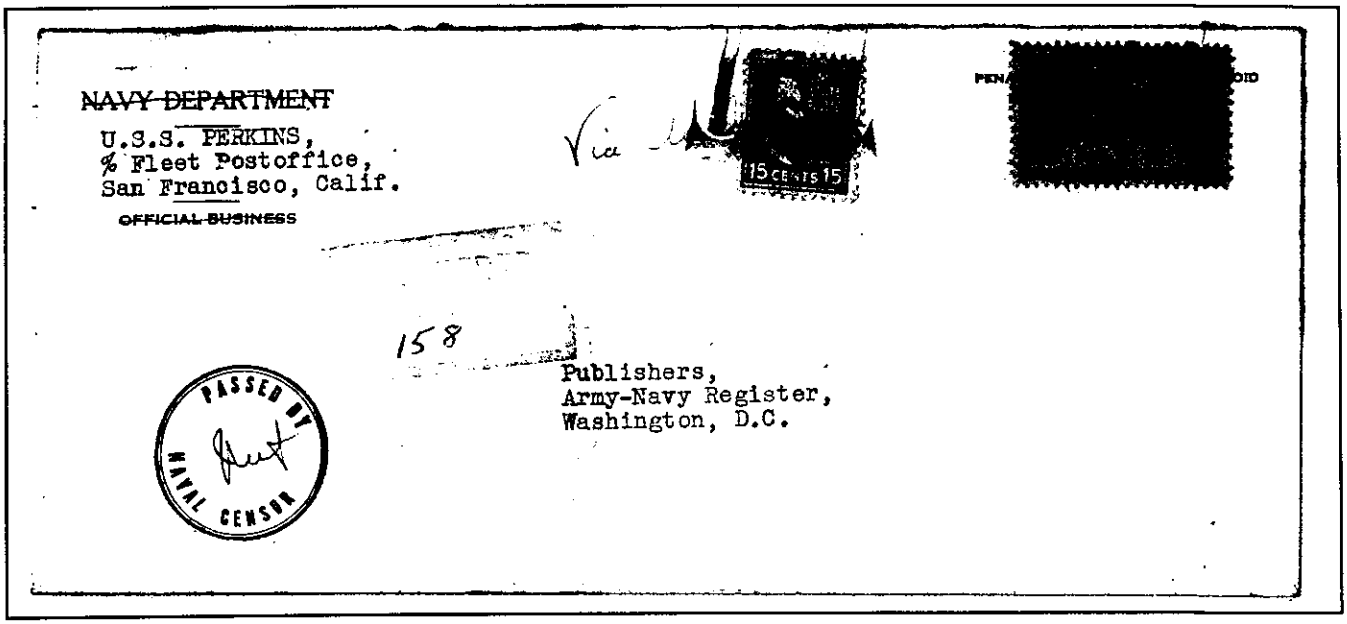
Among the "make-work" projects authorized during the Great Depression was the construction of new ships for the Navy. This included 16 new 1,500-ton destroyers, built in pairs at eight shipyards around the country. Called the *Mahan* Class for the first of the ships, these fast vessels offered a design speed of 36.5 knots, a main battery of 5"/38 cal. guns, and a dozen torpedo tubes. Among the last of these ships to be completed was *USS Perkins* (DD-377), nearly two years abuilding at the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, Wash., across from Seattle, where she was launched on the last day of 1935 in an unusual dual ceremony with sister ship *USS Cushing* (DD-376). She commissioned Sept. 18, 1936.

Perkins spent her entire, if brief, career in the Pacific. Although officially homeported at San Diego in December 1941, she was actually at the Mare Island Navy Yard north of San Francisco in overhaul when the news of the Pearl Harbor attack arrived. The repairs were hurriedly completed, and soon *Perkins* joined the thin line of Allied ships protecting Australia and New Zealand from the advancing Japanese. She patrolled off New Guinea during the Battle of Coral Sea, diverting a Japanese attempt on Port Moresby. After further escort duties around Australia, she returned to Pearl Harbor for repairs and modernization in July.

While she was away, the titanic struggle over Guadalcanal grew in intensity, making a victim of sister destroyer *Cushing*. In November *Perkins* headed west again, and soon joined in the struggle, taking part in the epic Battle of Tassafaronga later that month. By the spring of 1943 the Allies had turned the tide and were moving north against the Japanese. The fight for New Guinea soon expanded, involving now-familiar geographic names such as the Huon Peninsula, Milne Bay (which grew into a major base), Salamaua and Nassau Bay. *Perkins* was designated flagship of Destroyer Squadron Five, which provided both gunfire support of troops ashore, and escort protection to convoys bringing up fighting troops, and the supplies to keep them fighting.

The key Japanese base at Finschhafen fell Oct. 2, 1943, a major victory, but fighting continued on New Guinea — escorts were needed to protect against Japanese submarines, and gunfire support was still welcome ashore. On Nov. 28 *Perkins* departed Milne Bay headed for Buna, operating alone. At two the next morning, says the official Navy report, "a dark image" emerged from the darkness heading toward the destroyer. The image turned out to be *HMAS Duntroon*, a 10,000-ton former passenger liner operating as a troop transport for the Australian army. With both ships observing blackout conditions, lookouts on the troopship never saw the small destroyer, and *Duntroon* rammed her on the port side, cutting the smaller ship in two. Both halves quickly sank, about two miles off Ipoteto Island, taking four of her crew with her.

This was not *Duntroon*'s first brush with tragedy. On Nov. 20, 1940, while still in civilian livery as *MV Duntroon*, she had rammed *HMAS Goorangai* in Port Phillip Bay, Australia, quickly sinking the small minesweeper and killing all 24 of her crew. Bad luck did not follow her indefinitely, however. She returned to merchant service after World War II and sailed without major incident into the 1960s.



A penalty envelope diverted to personal use while *Perkins* was undergoing modernization in Pearl Harbor in the summer and fall of 1942. Air mail and registry postage fees paid by stamps. Censored, and registered aboard the ship, although the registry marking is light. Registry backstamps from *Perkins* Oct. 5, 1942; U.S. FLEET the same day; and Washington, DC Oct. 8 — a remarkably fast 5,000 mile trip for 1942, when the average airliner cruised at less than 200 miles per hour.