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Operation Joint Endeavor

The arrival of American troops in Bosnia and neighboring countries was widely noted by the press as 1995 ended. Their intent was not warlike, but rather was part of an international peacekeeping force to be stationed in the Balkans under the terms of an agreement reached during negotiations held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio last fall — for some reason called the "Dayton Agreements" rather than being named for the military base at which the discussions where held.

Severe weather, labor unrest and delicate international diplomacy delayed the arrival of the troops. The weather problems delayed the construction of a pontoon bridge to cross the Sava River to replace a bridge destroyed during the fighting in the former Yugoslavia. A civil service strike in France held up rail cars that were to ferry equipment from Germany. More difficult, however, were problems in moving troops and equipment through neighboring countries. Those, especially, that were until only a short time ago occupied by Soviet troops were understandably reluctant to allow passage to still more military forces until appropriate reassurances were made through diplomatic channels.

The American forces are only part of a multi-national force that will include a Russian brigade; a Turkish regiment (an enhanced battalion of about 800 or 900 troops); a Nordic brigade which will absorb a Danish battalion that is already in Bosnia; and troops from seven other countries, including Belgium, Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. In all, some 60,000 troops are expected to occupy the area .

Support for the operation is based in Hungary and Italy. The Navy's contingent includes the 6th Fleet flagship *USS La Salle* (AGF-3), which got underway Dec. 11 from its home port of Gaeta, Italy to begin deployment to the Adriatic Sea. *La Salle* joins other ships of the 6th Fleet already deployed to the Adriatic, including the *USS Wasp* (LHD-1) Amphibious Ready Group with approximately 1,800 Marines of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). *USS America* and elements of its battle group have also returned to the Adriatic. During its last Adriatic deployment in early September *America*'s aircraft and *USS Normandy*'s tomahawk missiles carried out precision strikes against Bosnian Serb military targets in the former republics of Yugoslavia (see Page 8).

"Any Service Member" APOs:

APO AE 09397	Land Forces
FPO AE 09398	Aboard Ship
APO AE 09399	Families (in Germany)

Valentine Mail (February):

"No Greater Love" at

APO AE 09391	Land Forces
FPO AE 09392	Aboard Ship

Free mail for servicepersons based in the Balkans has been approved, although details were not announced at press time. In mid-January the Military Postal Service Agency announced three ZIP Codes for "Any Service Member" letters of support (see box), including codes for forces on land and afloat, as well as one for letters of suport to military families in Germany. Two more codes were to be used during February for Valentine greetings at the suggestion of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The assignment of other codes for personal mail is pending.

There are, to be sure, those who have grave doubts about the effectiveness of a "peacekeeping" force in an area of the world that gave its name to a term for endless division and ethnic fighting.

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President's Message

by Jesse Boehret

As we enter a New Year please note that this is the last *Bulletin* for members who have failed to pay their 1996 dues. The next issue of the *Bulletin* will contain the names of all still in arrears. Hopefully, this list will be at a minimum.

During VAPEX the Board of Directors took the following action regarding Life Memberships. The cost is twenty (20) times the current membership dues for those below 65 and, for those older members, ten times the yearly dues. For members so interested, please contact our Secretary.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be held during COLOPEX in Columbus, Ohio, April 12-14. For those members planning to exhibit, the jury will have several members who are well qualified in judging military postal history. The Society is fortunate to have twenty-six members who are APS Qualified Philatelic Judges and several of our members who are working in the APS Apprentice Judging Program.

Many members of the Military Postal History Society are also extremely active in leadership positions with other philatelic organizations. I would like to acknowledge the following members who were elected to such positions during 1995. Our Vice President, Bob Lana, is the new President of Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition (PSNE). Our director, Alan Warren, was elected President of the American Philatelic Society Writers Unit 30, and re-elected as the Secretary of PSNE. Paul Huber was elected President of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and Bill Amick Secretary. Also elected as directors of USCS are Steve Henderson, Richard Hoffner, David Kent and Bob Rawlins. At the Sixty-first American Philatelic Congress Meeting Diane Boehret and Janet Klug were re-elected as Council Members. Mrs. Klug also serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the APC and Boehret is Historian. The Haiti Philatelic Society elected L. Wallace Dean III as Vice President and Gerald L. Boarino as a Director. Dr. Boarino also serves as Editor and Publisher of *Haiti Philately*. My congratulations to all our members elected to similar positions in 1995.

Life member, Herman "Pat" Herst of Boca Raton, Florida, suffered a stroke in November. He continues to improve and is looking forward to recovery. Best wishes Pat for a healthy 1996.

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Editor's Notes

by David A. Kent

A term I have come to appreciate late in life is "eclectic," which means "composed of material gathered from various sources, systems, etc." Our first issue of the new year certainly fits that description. Our front page has information as new as the front page of your daily paper, yet we also offer articles on British military and postal activities in Africa during Queen Victoria's reign, postal activities of World War II Italian forces in Italy, more updates in our continuing studies of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during World War I, and an article about the terms used by the Navy during (and after) World War II. The legacy of the late Irving Baron is represented in this issue by a fascinating story of a submarine with a nationality problem, and a cover to illustrate the prime player in the tale. You can also learn about books and magazines that you may want to add to your library.

We also offer the regular news of Society business. Our annual convention is set for Columbus, Ohio this spring, and you can make your plans to attend from the information provided here.

One reason for this diverse selection of articles is that my backlog folder has grown thinner and thinner as the issues go by, for the articles I take out of it are not being replaced by new offerings from our members. We could use especially longer research articles that add to our total knowledge of our hobby, rather than merely "aren't these interesting" covers. This bulletin has a long history of being the premier place where good research on military mail can be found. As you spend the long winter nights indoors, help to add to that deserved reputation by working on your own article now.

Speaking of this historical publication, our Secretary, George Cosentini, has built a considerable library of back issues. If you need any copies for your own files, please contact George for details.

Auction

Our busy auction manager, Myron Fox, took time out from the holidays to assemble another auction with a wonderful variety of material. If winter weather keeps you indoors, working on your cover accumulation is an ideal way to spend your time. Myron needs material for future auctions, so please set aside the excess and ship it off to snow-bound Massachusetts. If you are uncertain of the rules and procedures, Myron will be happy to send you a copy. His address is on page 2.

Deadlines

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

Spring '96	March 23
Summer '96	June 22
Fall '96	Sept. 21
Winter 1997	Dec. 14

These deadlines are a bit earlier than they have been in the past, in an effort to bring this learned journal to you a bit earlier in each quarter. 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

George Cosentini

Through the courtesy of one of our Canadian members, Doug Lingard, the Club has learned of the passing of member Preston Pope, a couple of years back, the information just now reaching us. Condolences also to our editor, whose mother passed away in September.

Things have started to calm down. I am now a grizzled veteran of this business (I wish...). I have heard from many members, either for Society business or just to touch base and am very gratified by this. Very few real problems, and what we had, I believe, have been solved. It involves normally where to send the *Bulletin*. If our foreign members see undue delay in delivery of the *Bulletin*, let's talk about it. I can tell you they are leaving from here by air mail. Naomi, it was a pleasure talking to you, from South Africa!

A couple of members have sent in extensive additions/changes to the listings in the APO Book, for which we are very grateful. This is what I like to see. We need to hear from a specialist in each of the fields, to keep Norm and me honest. I performed a neat trick, I had the 8000-series Navy numbers located in Japan proper and Okinawa in 1944, and that is no mean feat. Thanks, Russ; great job.

Unfortunately, my "Phantom Phile" keeps growing. Members move, members don't tell me. If you move, please drop me a note.

A great big welcome to the following New Members:

2830 — Joe Coulborne, Virginia Beach, Va.
2831 — Jim McDevitt, Kingsland, Ga.
2832 — Bernard Muehlbauer, Hampton, Va.
2833 — John A. Noble, Anaheim, Ca.
2834 — Robert C. Stendel, Park Ridge, Il.
2835 — Christine Desmuke, Topeka, Ks.

And a welcome back to:

2509 — Joseph Taylor, New Haven, Ct.

1306 Jerome Byers, 1295 John C. Hume and 1370 Shohachi Wada have resigned. We wish them the best.

The response to the request to send in 1996 dues has been very good. For every check you send in, I do not have to send a card out. They should have gone to the treasurer, but we all are allowed a boo-boo now and again. As usual, blame it on me. I will answer a question that a few members have posed: yes, the dues have gone up to $15.00 for U.S. members.

What has been very bad is that you folks are still moving and don't tell me. Eight so far for the last 1995 mailing. Please make an effort. First class mail is forwarded, but the *Bulletin* is mailed third class and will not be forwarded. It is expensive and time consuming, and the folks whose *Bulletins* bounce will get theirs late, as it takes a while for all of this to be accomplished.

What kind of year has it been? Some pluses, some minuses, but I see activity, I see interest, I see many new members. It is up to all of us to make this year even better than the one that has just closed.

APO/FPO Openings and Closings

These APO and FPO actions were announced in the *Postal Bulletin* from October, 1995 through January, 1996. 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 "not active." 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
09064		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09222		NOT ACTIVE	12/15/95
09301	3080	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3110	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3120	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3130	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3140	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3180	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3190	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3820	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	3850	ACTIVE	11/23/95*
09301	3930	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09301	5810	ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	2080	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	2121	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	2130	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	2210	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	2330	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	2390	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	5020	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	5330	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	6320	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09331	9480	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09360	5000	ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09361	0001	NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09380	0920	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09380	9010	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09380	9180	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09381	6180	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09382	2120	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09382	2210	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09385	1140	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09385	1310	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09389	1180	NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09422		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09538		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09542		ACTIVE	09/28/95*
09642		ACTIVE	11/23/95*
09727		NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
09869		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09874		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
09879		ACTIVE	01/04/96*
34010		NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
34054		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
34095		ACTIVE	09/28/95*
96359		NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
96544		NOT ACTIVE	11/09/95*
96626		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
96641		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
96649		NOT ACTIVE	12/07/95*
96657		ACTIVE	11/23/95*

* 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 in the notice. "Ser." indicates that an extended series of ZIP+4 Codes was given, too many to list here. APOs in the 093- series are contingency ZIP Codes activated as needed by the Department of Defense.

Two of these codes had been assigned to Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, APOs 09869 and 09874. The Navy's drawdown in tender support ships is reflected in other closings. FPO 96641 had been assigned to the destroyer tender *Samuel Gompers* (decommissioned Oct. 3), while FPO 96649 belonged to *Cape Cod* (decommissioned Sept. 28). FPO 96626 was assigned to *Tripoli* (LPH-10), which left the fleet on Sept. 8. FPO 09538 was formerly assigned to the carrier *John F. Kennedy*, which completed overhaul at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard (the yard's last work before it closed) in September. She was transferred to the "Americas" beat and now uses FPO 34095. 09542 is assigned to the newly-commissioned carrier *John C. Stennis*. Neither of these codes has been formally activated by Postal Service announcement, but both first appeared as "Active" in the complete list of APO/FPO numbers in the Sept. 28 issue of the *Postal Bulletin*, and are so reported here retroactively.

FPO 96657, activated in late November, reportedly is assigned to the Naval installation at Roi Namur, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, although the "966.." group is normally used only for ships. Other changes seem to represent routine adjustments in APO/FPO assignments, although our files say that 09642 was already open, and 09359, listed as being closed, had not been active since it was located in Vietnam in 1972.

DEAR ABBY

We're not running an advice column, but Dear Abby's column is published in hundreds of newspapers and reaches a wide audience. Each year she encourages people to write to servicepeople stationed in far-off lands as a boost to morale, under a project called "America Remembers." The project is similar to the "Any Serviceman" mail authorized so effectively during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. The Military Postal Service Agency supports this project by activating five ZIP Codes each year from November 15 to January 15 of the following year. The codes are:

APO AE	09135
FPO AE	09646
APO AA	34085
APO AP	96284
FPO AP	96385

Presumably mail sent to these codes is distributed to various remote units and given to guys and gals who seem to need cheering up.

This has been going on for several years now, since the end of Desert Storm, and presumably will continue into the indefinite future. Consequently, these codes will not be included each year in the APO/FPO Changes list.

MPHS at VAPEX 95

by Alan Warren

The 1995 annual meeting of the Military Postal History Society was successful in many ways, and we wish more members could have been present to enjoy the fun.

Awards

Our president Jesse Boehret won the VAPEX Reserve Grand Award, the Military Postal History Society grand award, the Postal History Society medal, the J. Douglas Church Memorial Award, and the William R. Taylor Memorial Award for his outstanding exhibit of "German Prisoner of War Mail, Camps in Japan 1914-1920."

Three other gold medal winners took high honors. Alfred Kugel won a gold, the Military Postal History Society reserve grand, and the Modern Postal History Society award for his "Over There - U.S. Forces Abroad in WWI and its Aftermath." Another gold medal went to Joseph Taylor for his "Allied Intervention in Russia." Joe also received the APS 1900-1940 medal of excellence and the Rossica Society Award. Galen and Nancy Harrison won a show gold along with the APS research award for their showing of "Civil War Prisoner's Mail."

Robert T. Kinsley received a vermeil for his "The French Pacification of Tonkin 1884-1904." Jaroslav Verner also received a vermeil for "Czechoslovak Field Post in Italy, France and Slovakia." Silver medals went to Henry Hahn for "Military Postal History of Czechs and Slovaks 1741-1920" and to Myron Fox for "Gentlemen Do Not Read Other's Mail— U.S. Censorship in WW II."

Directors Meeting

The board of directors met on Saturday. President Jesse Boehret advised that membership is approximately 600. Some 50 members are being dropped for failure to renew after two notices. The "APO" book by Norm Gruenzner and George Cosentini has been selling very well and has received favorable comments and medals in the various literature competitions. Jesse is working on an updated index to the *Bulletin*. The last one was published in 1981.

Life Membership dues were established at 20 times the current annual dues for members under age 65. Those who are 65 or over can obtain life membership on payment of a lump sum equal to ten times annual dues.

Jesse also appointed or reappointed the following positions. Vice President Bob Lana will chair the Judges Committee and the Awards Committee. Secretary George Cosentini chairs the World War II to Present Study Group and is Back Issues Chairman. Treasurer Norm Gruenzner is Publications Chairman. Director Jim Boyden will co-chair the World War I Study Group with Theo Van Dam. Theo also remains as APS representative.

Director Al Kugel is Membership Chairman. Director Stephen Cohen chairs the United Nations Military Operations Study Group. Director Alan Warren continues to be Convention Chairman and Publicity Chairman.

Myron Fox is again appointed Auction Chairman and Dave Kent continues as Editor. The fifth Director is Stan Jersey, Immediate Past President.

Annual and Regional meetings were confirmed through 1998. See the Future Conventions Box below.

Annual Meeting

President Jesse Boehret called the annual meeting of the MilPHS to order on Saturday, October 21 with 24 members and guests present. Myron Fox then presented a talk on U.S. Civil Censorship during World War II. On the conclusion of his talk, a very surprised Myron was presented with the Society's Meritorious Service Award. Jesse pointed out Myron's 17 years service to the society as auction chairman as well as his past contributions as vice president and a director. Myron also chairs the Third Reich Study Group of the Germany Philatelic Society.

MilPHS Convention at COLOPEX

by Alan Warren

Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 12-14, 1996 and plan to attend the Military Postal History Society's annual convention which will be held in Columbus, Ohio. The site for COLOPEX 96 will be the West Hall of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial at 300 West Broad Street in Columbus. There is no convention hotel as such. Several of the downtown hotels are either a long walk or a short cab ride from the convention center. The Holiday Inn City Center is an example.

Show hours are Noon to 6 PM Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM Saturday, and 10 AM to 4 PM Sunday. There is no awards banquet but rather an Awards Reception held on the show floor just after the show closes at 6 PM on Saturday evening. The COLOPEX show committee has prepared a special cachet and cancellation for this year's show. The cancel will incorporate an eagle and the cachet will have a military theme. The MilPHS general membership meeting will be held at 1 PM on Saturday. A board of directors meeting will be held Sunday at 1 PM.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS and MEETINGS

April 12-14, 1996
COLOPEX 96, Franklin County Veterans Memorial, Columbus OH (Annual Meeting)
Sept. 27-29, 1996
Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, King of Prussia, PA (Regional Meeting)
June 1997
PACIFIC 97, Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA (Regional Meeting)
November 1997
CHICAGOPEX, Rosemont Convention Center, Rosemont, IL (Annual Meeting)
May 1998
ROMPEX, Denver, CO (Annual Meeting)

BOOK REVIEWS

New Hebrides Military Postal History

Reviewed by Alan Warren

New Hebrides Islands: Military Postal History of the United States Forces 1942-1946, Stanley C. Jersey, 7 by 10¼ inches, hardbound, 186 + viii pages, illustrated, Collectors' Club of Chicago, 1994, ISBN 0-916675-06-8, $30 (if you can find it).

When I first heard that Stan Jersey's book was published by the Collector's Club of Chicago, I said to myself that I must buy a copy soon, for the club's publications are frequently sold out. The books are magnificently produced, as is this one on acid-free paper. Before I knew, this procrastinator received word in the mail that indeed Stan's book was sold out.

In November 1995 I attended CHICAGOPEX and who should I bump into but Stan himself. I began our conversation by apologizing for my bad luck in failing to obtain his book in timely fashion. "Don't worry" said Stan, "just go over there to James Lee's booth. He has three copies left at the original price, and if you pick one up, I'll sign it for you." Needless to say I now have a copy with the author's inscription. I understand another dealer who has a few copies is already charging substantially over list price.

Stan spent twenty years researching and writing this book. He constantly discovered new material and combed the National Archives to document his information. He searched out personnel who were involved with postal and military operations in the New Hebrides during WW II. He found others who also collected this material and offered items to supplement his illustrations. As background Stan provides brief histories of the Navy, Army, and Marine Corps postal services as well as some historical details on the New Hebrides prior to 1942.

The kind of detail the reader will find is exemplified with the discussion on APO 932 which handled both Army and Navy mail from May until October 1942. A list of the seven original personnel, their names and ranks, and photos of them as well as the interior of the post office are typical of the thoroughness that the author provides. In addition to many covers serviced in the New Hebrides, there is an illustration of the first money order issued at APO 932.

Operations at the post offices at Efate and on Espiritu Santo Island have chapters of their own. Details are provided on the handling of mail by the different military services. One of the data tables indicates the number of pieces handled during a three month period at APO 719 in 1944, broken down as to air mail, first class, V-mail, parcels, newspapers, flats, registered, and insured. One chapter discusses the South Pacific Command Air Transport (SCAT), and another illustrates the various postal markings used by the Army, Navy, and Marines. A final brief chapter describes what little remains today of the former military presence. Except for the military postal history items that Stan Jersey describes, there is little left to show for the $36 million military complex that the U.S. constructed at Espiritu Santo.

Concluding this wonderful volume are appendices listing the military organization stations at Efate and Espiritu Santo, a glossary of military abbreviations, a two-page bibliography and an index. Even the endpapers at the front and back of the book contain interesting maps. If you are fortunate to find a copy of this book, snap it up.

Norway's Mail During WW II

Reviewed by Alan Warren

Norge: Postveier og censur under den annen verdenskrig, Svein Andreassen, 7 by 9½ inches, 260 pages, hardbound, in Norwegian, illustrated, Norsk Filatelistforbund, Oslo 1995. $115 from Jay Smith & Associates, Box 650, Snow Camp NC 27349.

The author laid the groundwork for this book some twelve years ago with a series of articles in a Norwegian philatelic journal. The culmination of his research is this wonderfully illustrated treatise on the handling of mail to and from Norway during the Second World War.

He begins with the outbreak of the war and early censorship of mail between Canada or the U.S. and Norway. Even mail between Norway and Iceland was subject to inspection in 1940. The next section of the book deals with the occupation of Norway beginning April 9, 1940. Various "kontrollert" markings are described and the handling of mail with Svalbard is discussed along with mail sent by strange routes such as via Petsamo or through Siberia.

Many of the censorship markings applied by Germany at stations in Norway as well as in Germany are illustrated. Covers sent by the Transatlantic routes between Norway and North and South America are shown by the author. Even V-mail gets more than just a mention. British and American censorship is also discussed. Andreassen writes about the various methods of forwarding mail via Lisbon and Thomas Cook & Son.

The role of the Red Cross in conveying mail is emphasized as well as the handling of mail by the Norwegian merchant marine. Use of the "Mosquito" aircraft helped convey mail via neutral Sweden. Even after the war ended, some mail was still censored depending on destination. Horst Augostinovic provides a list of the Transatlantic Clipper Flights via Bermuda during 1940-41.

The book concludes with eight pages of sources and references but lacks an index which would have improved its usefulness. I noticed an incorrect year date in one figure caption, and "Filatelistforbund" is spelled three different ways on the title and copyright pages. There are some gorgeous colored illustrations of covers that make this reference work very worthwhile.

Namibian Transition

Reviewed by Dr. Gale J. Raymond

Peter Reiner, *UNTAG: A Postal History*, Namibia Scientific Society, 1990, softcover. ISBN 0-94999-547-9. $10.00 plus postage ($2.00 surface or $6.00 airmail) from The Bookcellar Pty. Ltd., P.O. Box 1074, Windhoek, Namibia. Payment by cash, VISA or MasterCard only.

In studies of military postal history, this handbook gains high marks for excellence in front-line research and scope, available only on-the-scene. Previously known as South-West Africa, it was administered by South Africa as a mandate under the League of Nations. Encompassing some 319,000

square miles, with approximately 1.3 million population, it was renamed Namibia in 1968. In 1978, the U.N. Security Council sent a Special Representative to Namibia to make a study for a transition period of U.N.-supervised elections and a peacekeeping force toward the nation's independence and self-rule. As a result of these studies, a United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) was formed, with a Peacekeeping Force arriving in March 1989, consisting of approximately 4,650 troops, 1,000 police officers, and 1,000 election monitors. After the Nov. 7, 1989 election, Namibia became an independent nation on March 21, 1990 and was admitted to U.N. membership in April 1990.

This in-depth handbook generously covers all or most of the mail facilities to the Peacekeeping forces from over 100 nations, with copious illustrations of covers and postal markings provided by Mr. Reiner, local collectors, plus postal personnel and collectors within the UNTAG ranks, and includes factual data directly from official records. Copies of the remaining supply of handbooks may be ordered by mail.

(This is a personal high recommendation by Dr. Gale J. Raymond, who wishes enviously but futily to have had such data and scope of covers in and from Cambodia! He has no connection or arrangements with the author or publisher, but recognizes the excellence in such a handbook.)

Italian Military Postal History

Reviewed by Robert E. Lana

La Posta Militare, Giuseppe Marchese, Editor. Published by the Associazione Italiana Collezionisti Posta Militare (Italian Association of Collectors of Military Post). Subscription, 55,000 lire for three annual numbers. Giuseppe Marchese, Via Nino Bixio, 85, 9110 Trapani, Italy.

In February of 1994, the Italian Association of Collectors of Military Post introduced a significant new look to their journal, which is published three times yearly.

Previous to this date, their publication consisted of a modestly printed 6 by 8½-inch folded and stapled journal on uncoated paper. Since February of 1994, the publication has grown to a 6½ by 9½-inch, colored cover, coated paper production of some 112 pages.

The Winter 1995 issue contains articles on aspects of Italian WW II naval mail, the cancels of the civilian post office in Libya from 1911 to 1942, the Czechoslovakian legion formed by Italians in WW I, the postmarks of the Italian force in Mozambique in 1992, and several other topics as well.

There is, of course, a heavy emphasis on the military postal history of Italy, but an occasional article can be found on the military post of a nation other than Italy.

La Posta Militare is written in Italian and there are, generally, no English summaries of the articles. However, the journal is copiously illustrated so that even a non-reader of Italian can get good information about many aspects of the military post.

The articles tend to be sophisticated and specialized, so that the journal appeals more to the advanced collector rather than to the beginner. Many of the articles are written by Italy's best known military postal historians such as Luciano Buzzetti and Giuseppe Marchese.

If you are interested in the military history of the Italian area, a subscription to this journal is a must.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1995

INCOME:	
Dues	8,275.00
Book Sales	5,694.50
Auctions (net*)	2,539.31
Bulletin ads	375.50
Total	16,884.31
EXPENSES:	
Bulletin	6,867.61
APO Book printing	1,600.00
Texas Taxes	119.09
Administrative Expenses	5,014.26
Total	13,600.96
Excess of income over expense	3,283.55

*Auction figure is net on a calendar year basis. Some of the income was from 1994 auctions, and payments are due owners for some auctions.

Year-end balances:	
Checking Account	$ 7,520.71
Certificate of Deposit	11,161.29

Respectfully submitted,
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On the Show Circuit

by Alan Warren

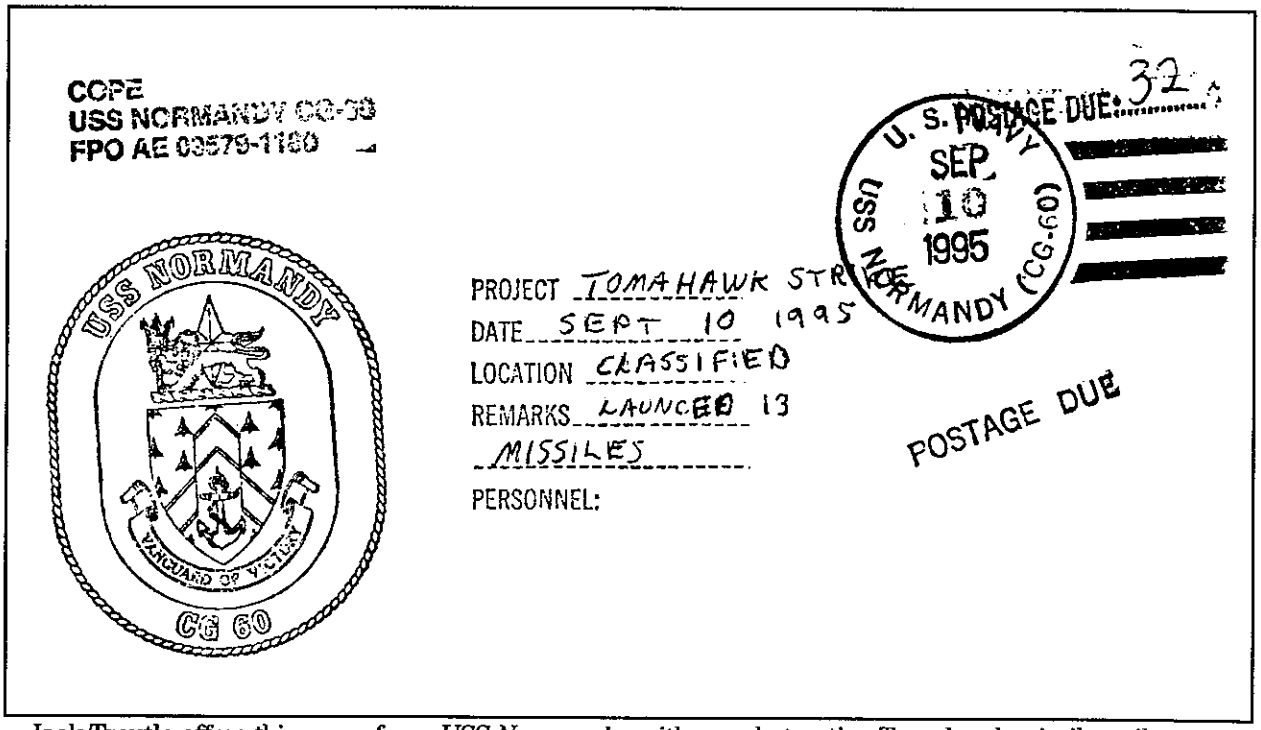
You might have thought there was a national or regional meeting of the MilPHS at CHICAGOPEX this past November at the Rosemont Convention Center. I counted six military related philatelic exhibits as well as two in the literature section.

Jerry Verner won a gold for his "Czechoslovak Siberian Field Posts." Al Kugel won an honorary gold for his "The American Intervention in Russia." Al is very active with the organizing committee and entered his exhibit non-competitively.

Vermeil awards went to Jan Danielski for "Internment of Polish Servicemen During WW II," to George Werbizky for "Ostarbeiter (Eastern Workers) Mail in WW II," and to Peter Michalove for "Soviet Field Post of World War II." Peter also won the Rossica Society of Russian Philately's President's Award.

A CHICAGOPEX silver went to Alfred Szebel for "Polish Military of Early XVIII and XIX Century including Napoleonic Period." In the literature competition, Ernst Cohn won another gold for his *Ordinary Mail by Diplomatic Means During the Siege of Paris 1870-1871*. A vermeil was awarded to Norman Gruenzner and George Cosentini for *United States Numbered Military Post Offices, Assignments and Locations, 1941-1994*.

At TEXPEX Al Kugel won the show grand, a gold, the APS 1900-1940 medal, and the Postal History Society award for his "The Dawn of the American Empire 1898-1919." At Thamespex a vermeil was awarded to Graham Hurd along with an AAPE award of honor for "Wartime Mail from the Royal Navy 1939-1945." A bronze award went to George King at the SYRAPEX show for "Mail Censorship in Bermuda During World War II." Paul Benson received a vermeil and the research award at CALCOPEX for "British Camps for Boer POWs, the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902."



Jack Treutle offers this cover from *USS Normandy*, with a cachet noting Tomahawk missile strikes at a "classified" location last September. As reported in *Navy Times* and mentioned on Page 1, those missile strikes were launched from the Adriatic Sea into Bosnia.

UN Military Operations Study Group

Hi! I'm Stephen Cohen, Chair of the UN Military Operations Study Group, a mouthful, but it boils down to UN Peacekeeping Missions, 1948 to date. There are 17 current missions.

I'm the contributing editor, Peacekeeping, for the Gaines UN catalog, and one of the three world experts on this subject. I am also an advanced collector.

My goals for the group is getting members to join, even if you do not collect UN Peacekeeping. You may come from one of the countries offering troops, and can get information. I do hope we can trade among ourselves. I also hope to get young people interested. Stamp collecting can be boring; postal history tells a story and can teach. Eventually I hope to edit a book on UN Peacekeeping mail. Please write: Stephen F. Cohen, 214 East 51st St., New York, NY 10022, or call 212-675-5300.

Thank you.

C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO

By Stanley C. Jersey

Rod Crossley's article in the *La Posta* September 1995 issue was an excellent overview of the Embarkation Post Office during World War II. Unfortunately, *La Posta* offers no space for supplemental information. The *Bulletin*, the publication of the Military Postal History Society, does permit corrections and/or articles of a military nature.

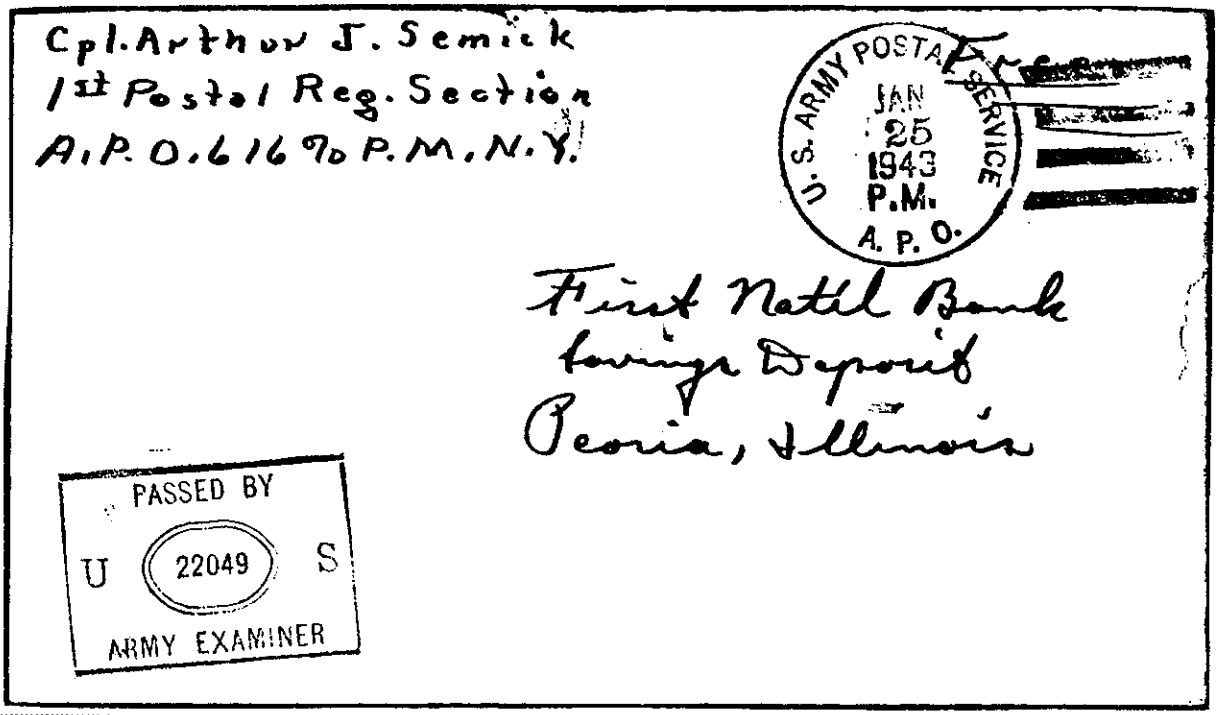
Crossley refers to the San Francisco Army Post Office as having being established on 27 December 1941 and states: "It was known as San Francisco Port of Embarkation Postal Regulatory Station Number 1." I take a minute issue with that statement.

The San Francisco Port of Embarkation Post Office is referred to by the U.S. Post Office as Office Number 82150 "Port of Embarkation Army Post Office."

The 1st Postal Regulation Station was actually activated on 7 July 1942 in Egypt at APO 616 and located at 21 Sharia Cleopatra Street, Heliopolis, Egypt. It was replaced by the 8th Base Post Office (BPO) at 0001 on 16 July 1943 and remained at the same address with an assigned T/O of five officers and 63 enlisted men.

The 1st Regulation Station, the principal Army Post Office in the Middle East, handled all mail for the sector. Included was mail from the 332d Air Service Group at Ryak, Syria, the Air Force backup supply depot for the Middle East, as well as army units assigned to Haifa, Palestine, Air Force elements at St. Jean and Ramat David, Palestine and U.S. Army tank units attached to the British 8th Army. Any mail from or to the far flung outposts were handled through APO 616 and continued to do so after the 8th BPO was activated.

Mail for the outlying stations was picked up by the "Pink Lady" a war-weary B-24 or converted to an LB-30 which was painted a sick pink to blend with the sandy desert. This transport made two round trips each week bringing mail to the field and picking mail sacks up to fly them to Egypt. From there the regulating station took care of the dispatch.



On-Line Members

After nearly 30 years in the computer profession, your olde editor has finally gone "on-line" by joining America Online, the country's largest commercial on-line computer service. The service provides electronic access to e-mail on the Internet, as well as the opportunity to reach the World Wide Web. There are, of course, several competitors that offer similar services.

The service also provides access to articles published in a number of newspapers and magazines, including *Army Times* and its sister publications, from which much of the information in the article on Operation Joint Endeavor on page 1 came. This issue's auction also arrived by e-mail. If you find anything strange in the text, blame it on "the computer."

In a recent issue, I gave Myron Fox's e-mail address incorrectly, omitting the "1" at the end of his name. If you don't use it, your message will go astray. Current e-mail addresses for MilPHS folks are:

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— Dave Kent

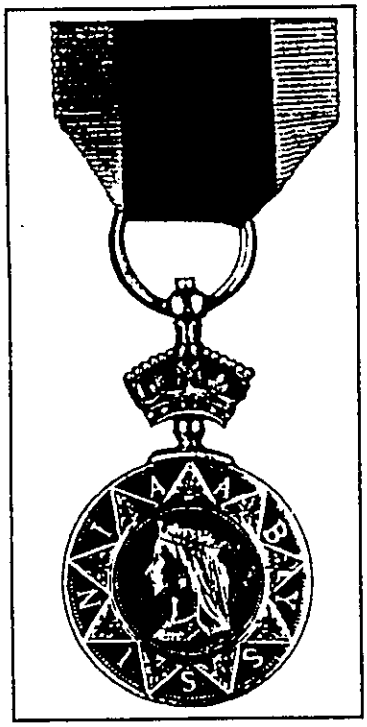
Baron Napier of Magdala

by Bob Kinsley

Such was the title bestowed by Queen Victoria on Robert Napier, the officer commanding the successful campaign to free British subjects imprisoned in Abyssinia. As one of "Queen Victoria's Little Wars,[1]" this military action between late 1867 and April 1868 was the source of the first postal system in what is now Ethiopia.

Emperor Theodoros considered it an insult that his overtures to the Queen were ignored, and in 1864 he placed the British Consul, a Captain Charles Cameron, together with British missionaries and family members, in the seemingly impregnable mountaintop fortress-prison of Magdala. After years of fruitless negotiations for their release, the Bombay army under Napier's command was selected to secure their release by force.

The campaign involved many thousands of Indian troops, supported by British army and naval personnel; hundreds of ships, many used to distill sea water into fresh water; thousands of horses, mules and camels; and all reports confirm the use of 44 elephants from India to haul artillery pieces. One report[2] identifies the use of "12-pounder rocket tubes" by a naval brigade, atypically some 300 miles from the sea, which so unnerved the Abyssinian natives that they fled, whereupon the Emperor committed suicide. This was one of the most successful of the wars in Africa in terms of British casualties, with only two killed and 27 wounded.



The Abyssinian War Medal.

The mails of this campaign are distinguished by a circular field force handstamp and, when stamps were used, a distinctive "F.F." (Field Force) cancellation. The stamps are those of the Indian 1865-67 issue (Scott 20/27), carried in by the troops. Very few covers are known from this expedition; fewer than ten stampless covers have been reported[3]. Stamped covers are more plentiful, but forged cancellations exist (i.e., "F.F." on British stamps with square periods after "F.F.").

One of the officers under Lord Napier in this campaign was Frederick Sleight Roberts, given the title Earl of Kandahar for his military success in Afghanistan in 1879, and later Commander in Chief during the Boer War, 1899-1900.

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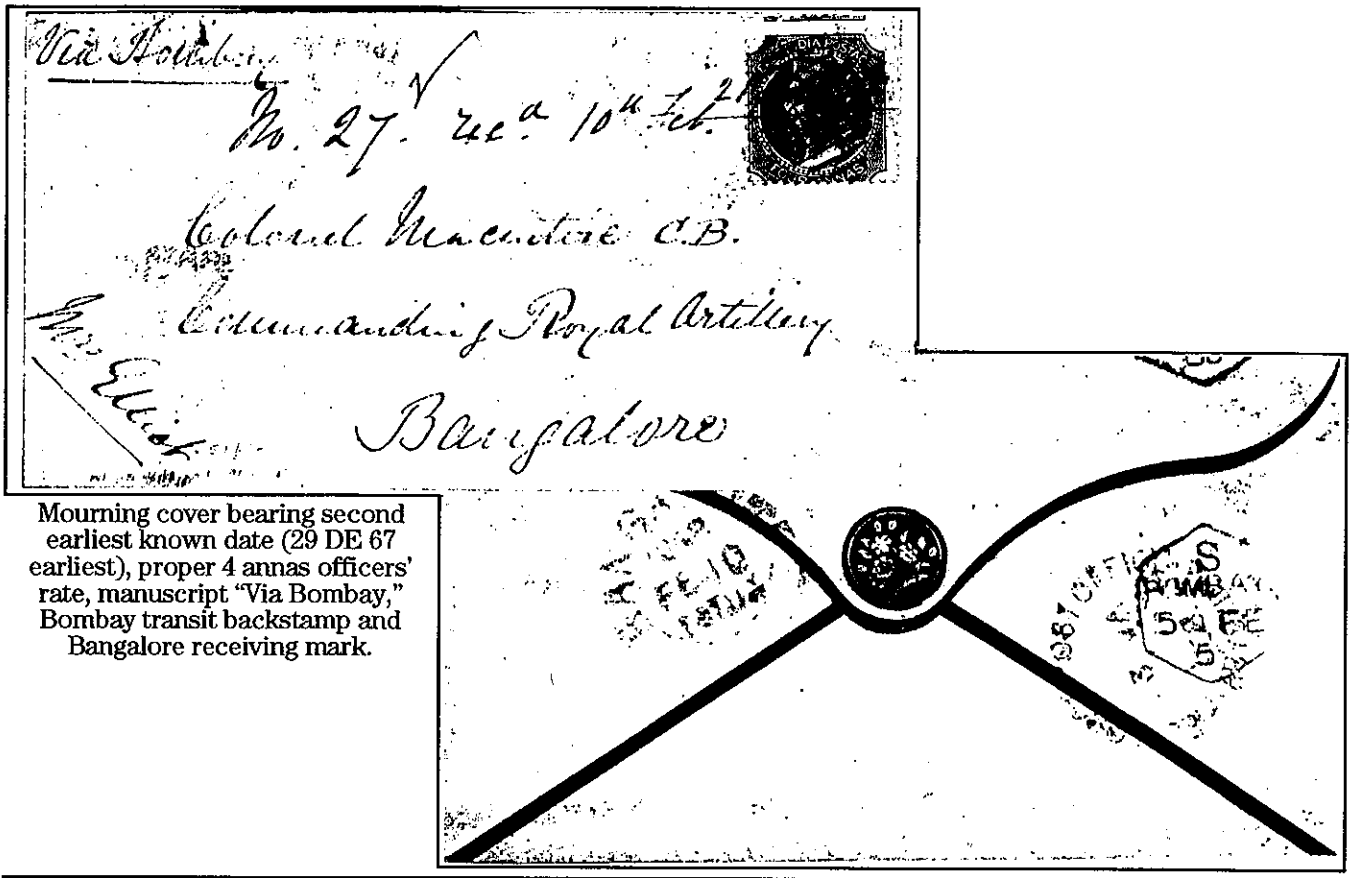
1. The term "Queen Victoria's Little Wars" was used by Milton Mitchell in his article "Indian Field Forces in Abyssinia" in the April 1991 issue of *The American Philatelist*.

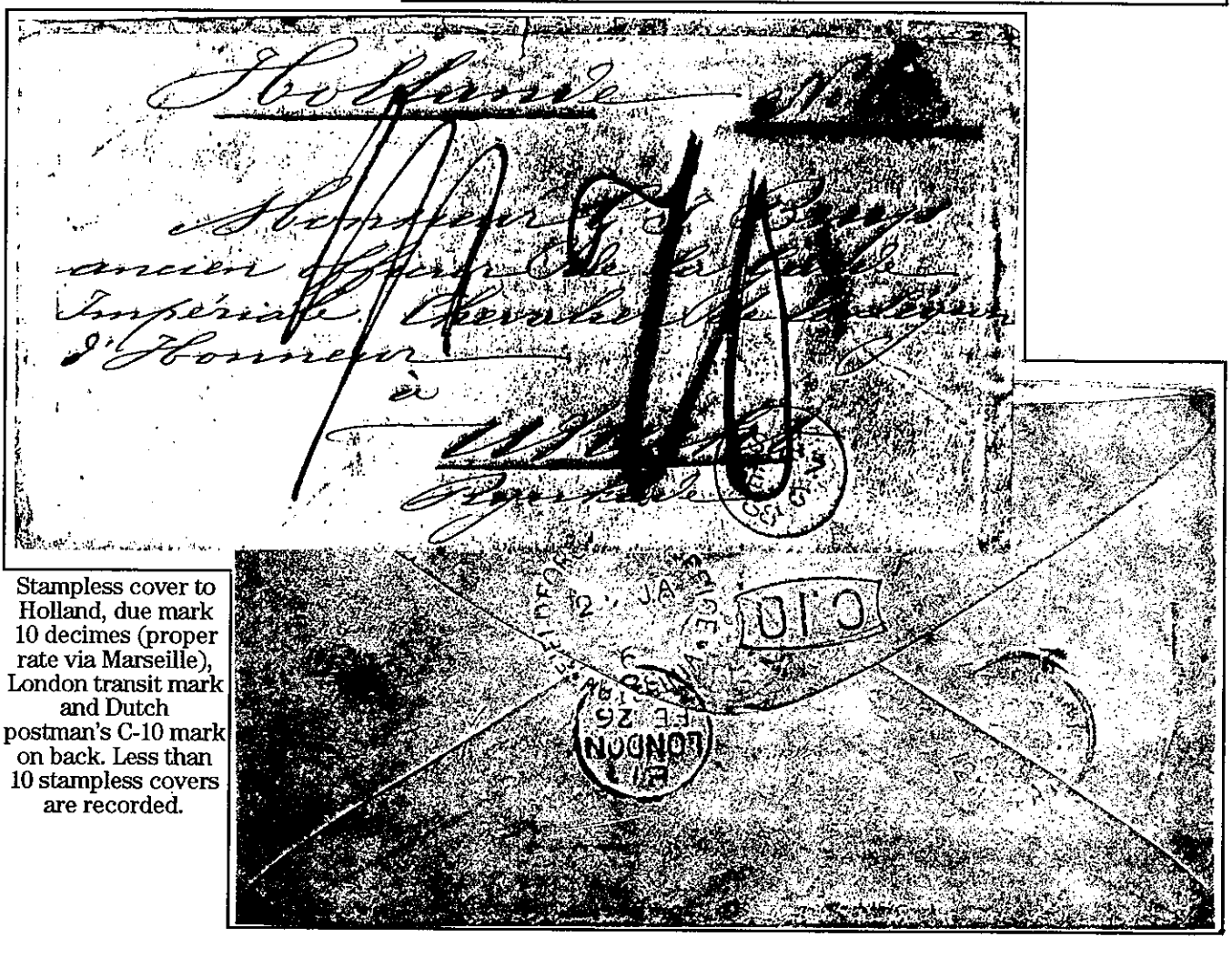
2. An article from the *London Financial Times* entitled "Abyssinian War Medal," provided by Ulf Lindahl and reprinted in *Menelik's Journal* of Oct.-Dec., 1993 (quarterly journal of the Ethiopian Philatelic Society).

3. Nachum Kaplan, "The Napier Expedition, Oct. 1867-Jul 1868," *Menelik's Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 3, 1993.

Mail of the British African campaign of 1868 is identified by a circular handstamp "Field Force Post Office Abyssinia" and an "F.F." (Field Force) cancel applied to five different East Indian stamps.



Mourning cover bearing second earliest known date (29 DE 67 earliest), proper 4 annas officers' rate, manuscript "Via Bombay," Bombay transit backstamp and Bangalore receiving mark.



Stampless cover to Holland, due mark 10 decimes (proper rate via Marseille), London transit mark and Dutch postman's C-10 mark on back. Less than 10 stampless covers are recorded.

The Short and Lively Voyages of "*USS SERAPH*"

by Irving S. Baron

If one were to peruse the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships* to research *USS Seraph*, it would be to no avail. In reality, *USS Seraph* did exist, but only for about two months, in October and November of 1942. It real life the ship was *HMS Seraph* (P-219), a submarine of the British fleet.

In 1942 Allied leaders Winston Churchill and the newly-appointed Allied Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower decided to send a delegation of American officers to confer with the French Army leaders in North Africa prior to "Operation Torch," the Allied landings. The Vichy government controlled North Africa and Allied leaders wanted to gain coöperation from French forces stationed there.

The delegation was headed by General Mark Clark and also included Brig. Gen. L. Lemnitzer (Allied Forces Plans Section), Col. Arch Hamblen (Shipping and Supply expert for Torch), Col. Julius C. Holmes (Civil Affairs Branch, Torch), and Capt. Jerauld Wright, USN, Eisenhower's Naval liaison officer. The delegation traveled by British submarine.

Eisenhower, in his book *Crusade in Europe*, states, "Reembarkation was a difficult affair, but except for a ducking and the loss of a small amount of money, no great damage was done. It was quite a dangerous voyage for this group. The show of American officers at Algiers gave the pro-Ally French officers a healing effect to British-French recriminations of 1940."

In effect, the meeting of the French Army and Navy officers and the Allied delegation decided that there should be an attempt to get General Henri Giraud out of Vichy France and to the safety of North Africa. The general had escaped from German hands and was highly regarded by pro-Ally French officers to lead an uprising against the Vichy government.

However, then came a strange request: Gen. Giraud insisted that an American submarine effect his evacuation from Vichy France, with the alternative being a British submarine placed under the nominal command of an American officer and flying the American flag. With no American submarine readily available, the second choice was made.

Captain Jerauld Wright (U.S. Naval Academy class of 1914) had a pre-war record of serving in battleships, cruisers and destroyers (*USS Maryland, USS Salt Lake City* and *USS Blue*). He was appointed captain in 1942 and served on the staff of Admiral King (Chief of Naval Operations), in amphibious operation plans. When Gen. Eisenhower formed his Allied Expeditionary Force, Capt. Wright became his Naval Liaison Officer. Because Capt. Wright knew the officers and men of *HMS Seraph*, he was chosen to be the "second" captain, the "first" being LT N. L. A. Jewell, Royal Navy, actual commander of the submarine. Thus, *HMS Seraph* became "*USS Seraph*" with the American flag flying at the staff.

The voyage to southern France was very dangerous and the pick-up of Gen. Giraud was even more precarious. The French fishing boat with Gen. Giraud was greeted by Capt. Wright (USN) in dress uniform. "*USS Seraph*" had accomplished her mission, but the return to Gibraltar was marred by submarine silence. For a short period, Gibraltar reported the ship missing due to the submarine's faulty radio transmitter.

The successful landing of a Catalina seaplane arranged the transfer of Gen. Giraud, Capt. Wright and party to Gibraltar. Aboard *HMS Seraph* the Stars and Stripes were hauled down and the submarine reverted to the British Navy.

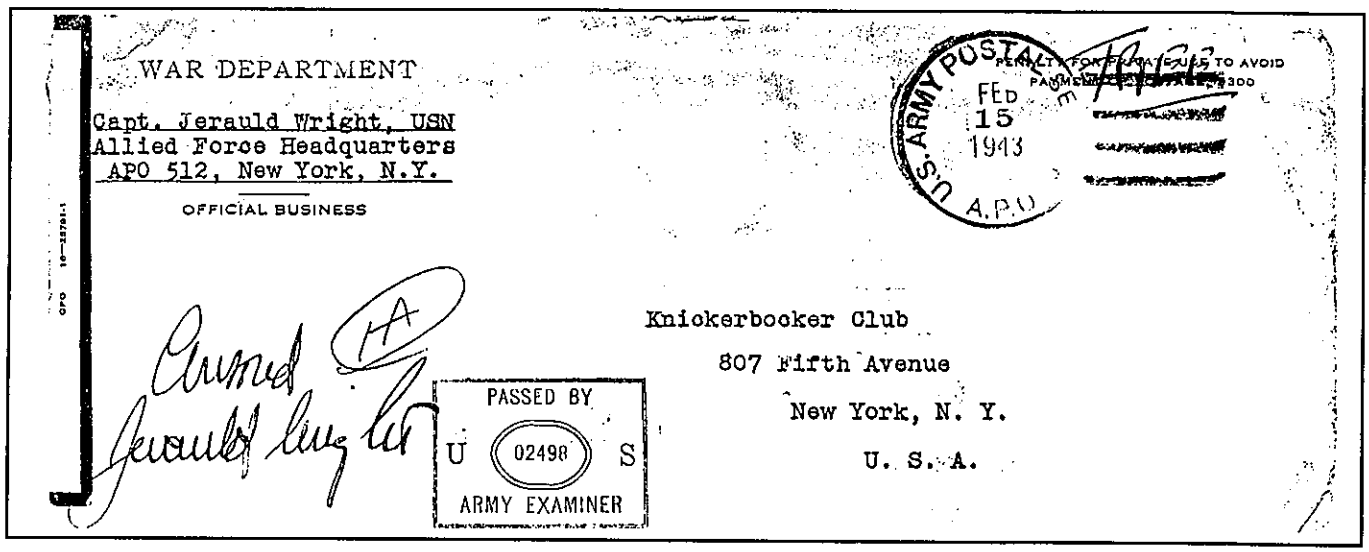
Capt. Jerauld Wright played a vital role in Operation Torch (North African landings) in November, 1942. The cover shown here, dated Feb. 15, 1942, was sent by Capt. Wright from APO 512 in Algiers. Although self-censored, it was also censored by Army examiners. At this time, he was attached to ADM Hewitt's staff, involved in the planning and execution of the Tunisian, Sicily and Salerno amphibious landings.

In December 1943 Capt. Wright was transferred to the Pacific to command the cruiser *USS Santa Fe*, and participated in strikes and amphibious landings on Kwajalein, Saipan, the First Battle of the Philippine Sea and air strikes against Formosa and Japan. He was promoted to Commodore (Oct. 1944) and to Rear Admiral (Nov. 1944). His final World War II duty was as Commander of Cruiser Division 6 of the Pacific Fleet.

His post-war duties included Commander, Amphibious Forces, Atlantic Fleet; U.S. Representative, Military Standing Group, NATO; Naval Forces Mediterranean/Eastern Atlantic; and Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet and Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. Through this period he was promoted to Vice Admiral and by 1954 was a full Admiral.

Truly a remarkable career!

Reference: *Ship with Two Captains*, Robertson, Dutton (1957).

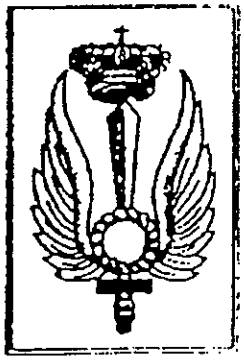


THE ILL-FATED POSTA MILITARE 260

by Battista G. Trovero

This article was written to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein and deals with Italian military post office 260, which served the famous Folgore Parachute Battalion duringthe battle, as did the author, a veteran of the North Africa campaign. Originally published in Fil-Italia, journal of the Italy and Colonies Study Group (June 1994, Vol. XX, No. 3). Reprinted by permission.

Italian military post office PM 260 began operation in Libya, at Azizia, on January 17, 1940, during that strange period of armed neutrality. The office was assigned to the 60th Infantry Division "Sabratha," made up of the 85th and 86th Infantry Regiments and the 42nd Artillery Regiment. A few days after Italy had declared war on France and Britain (June 10, 1940) the office was to be found at Jefren, watching the Libya-Tunisian border. In December 1940 the Sabratha Division was hastily despatched to the east, to the south of Derna, in an attempt to block the British advance under General O'Connor.



The PM 260 office moved first to Berta and then, following the seesaw pattern of the desert war, was based in sequence at Beda Littoria, Barge, Homs, Tripoli, Homs again, Nofilia and El Agheila before reaching El Dabah in Egypt on July 7, 1942, after the capture of Tobruk (June 21, 1942). El Dabah was on the hinge of the ill-defined front line that ran from Alamein, a scattered settlement on the coast, to the tank and camel routes of the Qattar Depression.

PM 260 had therefore zealously looked after the communication needs of the infantry and artillerymen of the Sabratha through two years of the vicissitudes of war. The division, however, arrived at Alamein exhausted and cut to the bone. It would be the division's last stand. In the face of the violent counter-attack launched by the Australians and New Zealanders of the ANZAC Corps on July 10, 1942, Sabratha did not have the strength to halt and turn the attack. Infantry and artillery both fought bravely but suffered losses so high as to signify the end of the division.

PM 260 remained in El Dabah, as alone as if it had been orphaned and lacking customers. It would not be long before some arrived.

In Italy the 1st Parachute Division had been forming since the end of 1941, with two infantry regiments and three anti-tank artillery groups, together with various service units: mortar companies, engineers, mine-layers, demolition experts, communication, transport and medical units. A third infantry regiment was being formed in Apulia but would not be ready in time to be used in 1942. The Parachute Division (officially the 185th) did not yet have a battle name since it was destined for "Operation C3 " — the conquest of Malta.

As it happens the conquest of Malta came to nothing, but Tobruk was captured on June 21st. The Italo-German armored corps threw themselves into hot pursuit of the British 8th Army which was in rapid retreat towards the Nile. Rommel demanded fresh reinforcements to bolster his rather attenuated units then en route for Alexandria, Cairo and the Nile. Mussolini also waited nervously for his chance to enter Alexandria mounted on a white horse and brandishing the Sword of Islam.

It was in order to please them that the High Command in Rome ordered that paratroops be sent to plug the strategic gaps in the constantly moving front. They would fight on foot.

We left under conditions of the utmost secrecy. The more fortunate, like the writer, left from the neighboring military airfield of Lecce-Galatina because they were already on site; others left from Tatoi, the airfield for Athens, after a leisurely tour of Italy and the Balkans. No, it is not a joke! It really was like that. But there is worse. We were named the *Cacciatori d'Africa* for security reasons and we had to remove the "golden parachute" insignia from the left sleeve of our battle dress blouses. What a farce! As if British Intelligence, always fairly effective in southern Italy, was not already fully aware of the presence of paratroopers in Apulia and of their departure by air for North Africa!

In an airlift that was remarkable for the period, about 4,200 paratroopers were taken to Derna between July 20 and 25, 1942, from where the units were sent as quickly as possible to the Alamein front and sent into the line at the most sensitive points, in order to block the fierce British counter-attacks.

The brave new combatants joined the line in their typical round helmets, their battledress still untouched by the sun but with, darkly visible on their left sleeves, the outline of the parachute insignia that had been removed. The joke was, as I found out after the war, the British had assigned anti-parachute units to the rear of the Alamein front.

After the first few encounters good sense prevailed and efforts were made to revitalize the morale of the Italian parachutists, now located alongside the Germans under von Ramcke. July 28, 1942 saw the birth of the "Folgore" Parachute Division (perhaps named after the hymn "Like a lightning-flash from heaven" [*folgore = flash of lightning*]). The golden parachute reappeared on our jacket sleeves. I put mine on a British beret that had been given me at El Agheila, which I wore beneath my helmet at night to keep my head warm.

At last the division had a name. And Posta Militare 260 at El Dabah, where the Folgore had set up its base, had found new customers to look after. Up till then, mail of the paratroopers had been dealt with by PM 132 of the Ariete or PM 133 of the Littorio, two armored divisions. Posta Militare 260 became fully operational for the Folgore in the first half of August 1942.

In fact the "lads of the Folgore" bore themselves with honor in the Battle of El Alamein, astounding friend and foe alike, up until November 6, 1942. That is to say, until Deir el Serir, a sandy hollow in the desert south of Fuka. On that day, at two in the afternoon, after thirteen days of sustained fighting against overwhelming odds, and after a retreat on foot of about 70 kilometers, the survivors of the Folgore Division surrendered with the full honors of war: 272 paratroopers and 32 officers, many of them wounded (including myself) and without ammunition. The valor of the Folgore was even praised by Winston Churchill in the House of Commons.

The office of PM 260 resumed its nomadic existence as of November 3, when it was withdrawn to Marsa Matruh. On the 5th it moved on to Sidi el Barrani, and on the 6th to Tobruk. There Captain Carlo Lombardini, previously commandant of the 20th Company of the VIIth Battalion, 186th Parachute Regiment "Folgore," wounded at Deep Well on September 4, formed the 285th Battalion Folgore. The battalion was made up of survivors from the El Dabah base, some from the regimental depot in Derna and some lightly wounded and sick, dismissed from military hospital during the retreat, all of them paratroopers. There were about 250 men. They fought on until the surrender of Tunis on May 13, 1943, distinguishing themselves at Mareth, Akarit and Takruna.

The Folgore flashed like summer lightning across the African sky to die at Deir el Serir. And PM 260 would also die. On November 7 it was at Derna, on the 8th at Barge, then Agedabia and Sirte. On the 24th there was a brief stay at Villaggio Giona near Misurata. Always there was General Montgomery with the 8th Army treading on their heels. On November 29 it moved as far as Villaggio Crispi where, on December 3, 1942, the office finally closed down. It was an odyssey of almost three years during which the office had helped sustain thousands of soldiers amid the horrors they had had to witness in the desert war.

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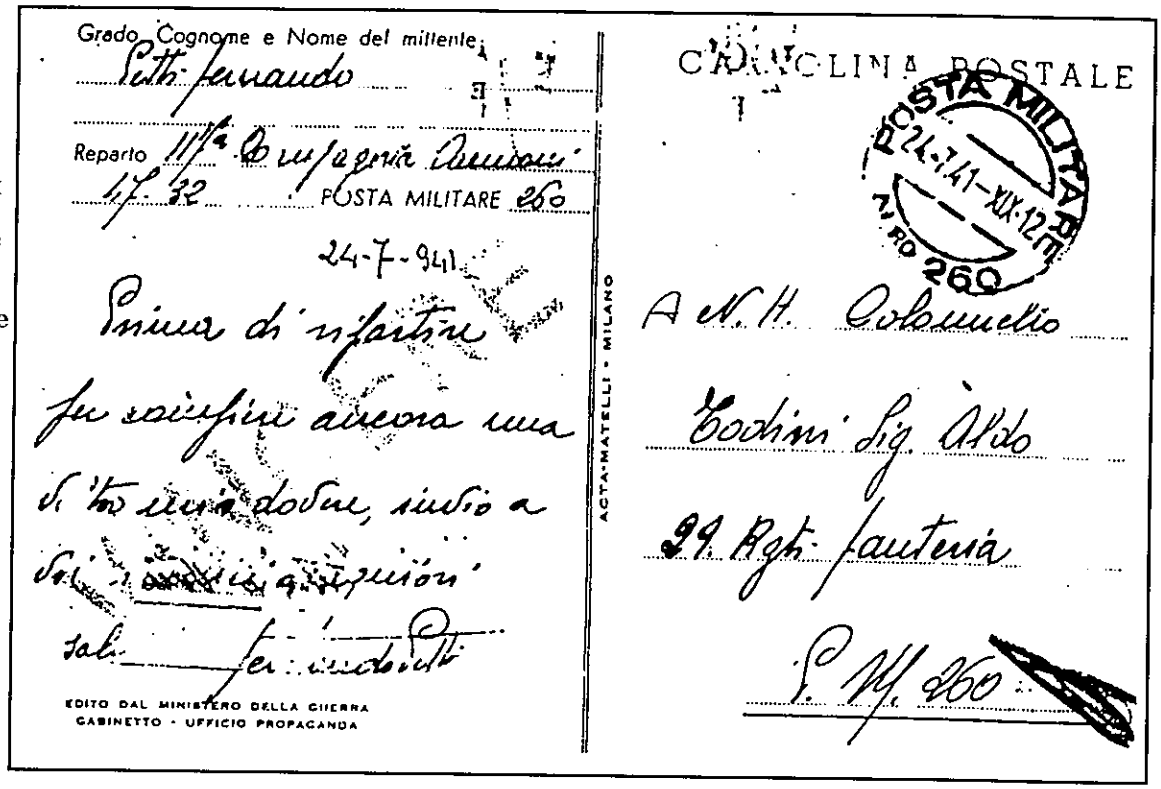
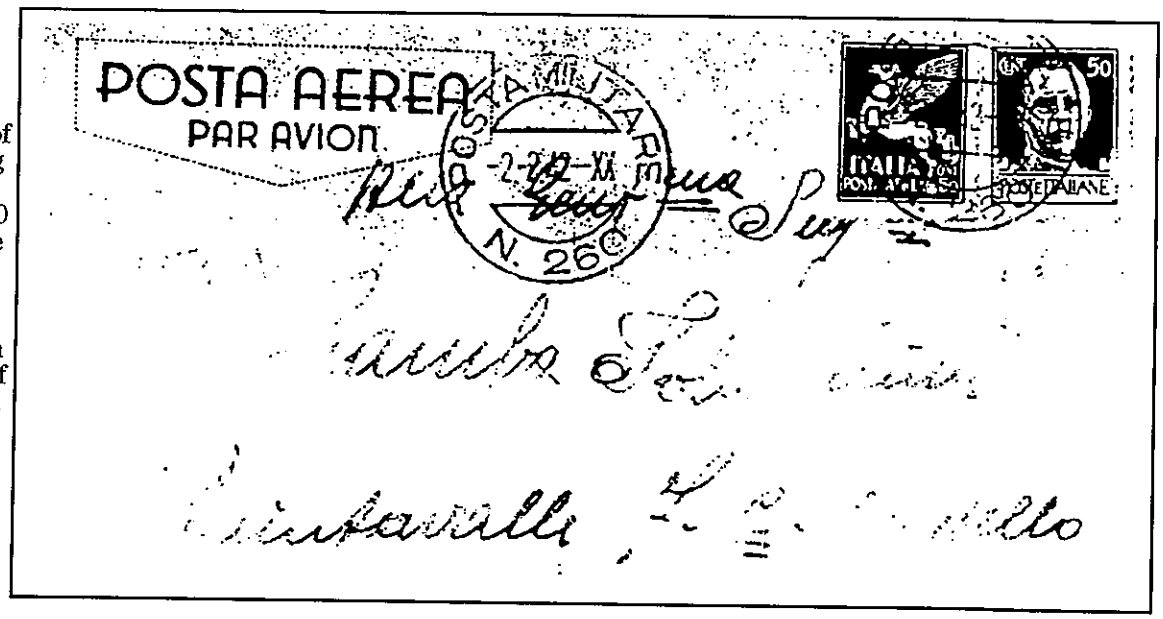
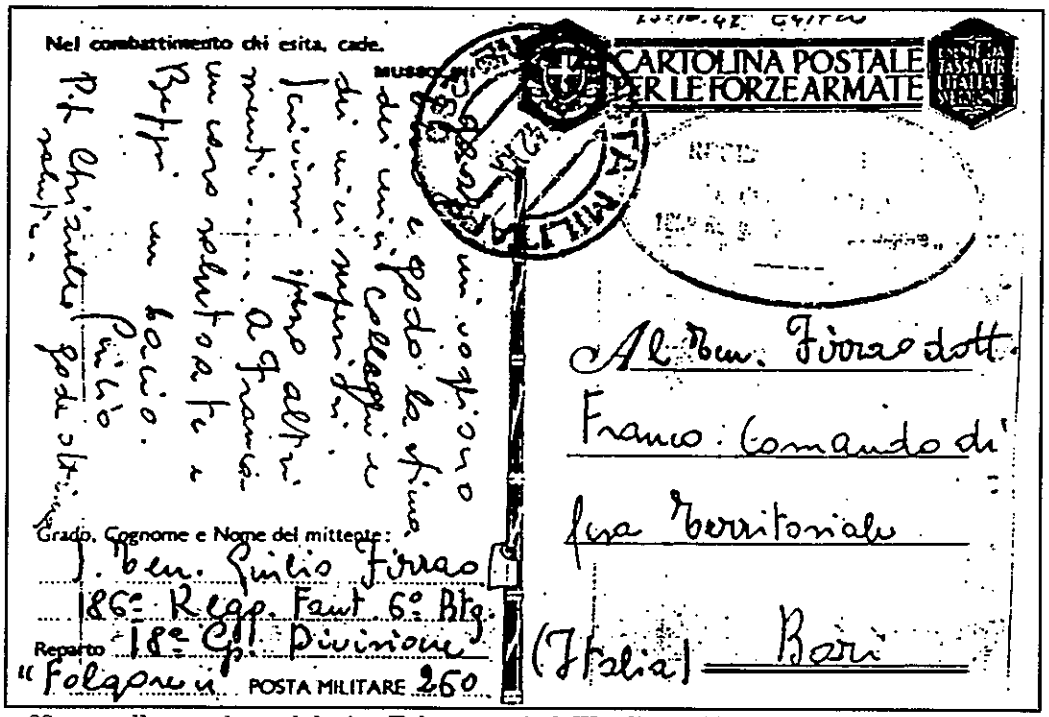


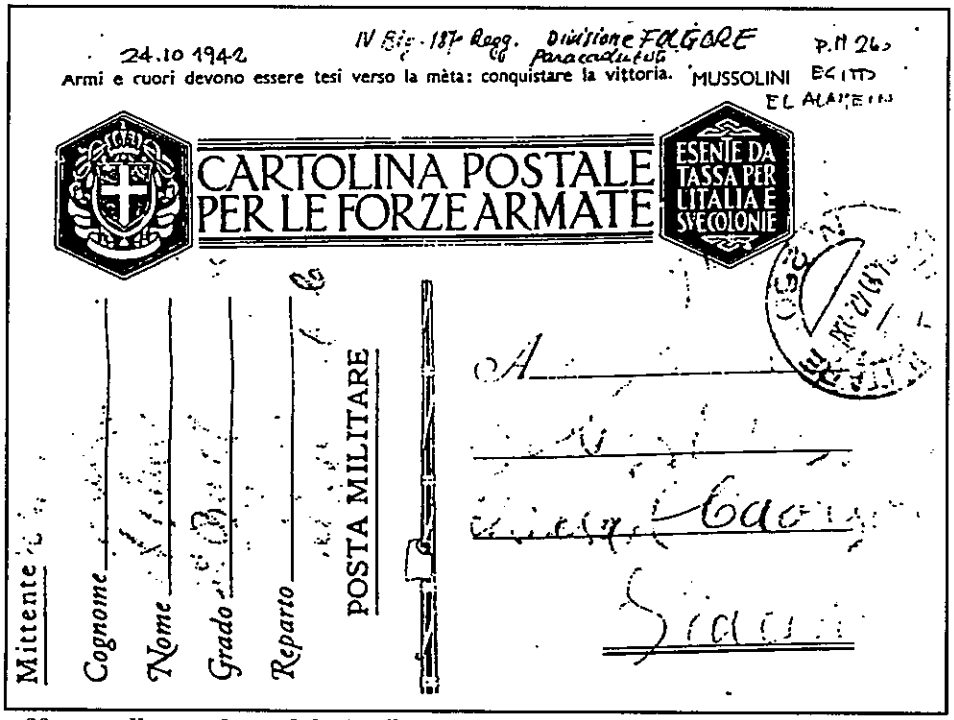
30mm guller mark of the Sabratha period. Post office number worded Nro and time is included in the date line. A Vinceremo forces post card sent by an officer with the 117th anti-tank artillery company.



30mm guller mark of PM 260 used during Sabratha period. Note wording N. 260 and there is no time in the date line. Air letter, Artistica air mail, sent by an officer to his wife in Venice at the start of the siege of Tobruk.



33mm guller mark used during Folgore period. Wording is Nº 260 and there is never a time in the date line. Facist year has not yet been changed from XX to XXI. Forces post card sent to Bari with regimental franchise cachet REGIE POSTE/COMMANDO/186° Regg. Fanteria "Folgore." Postmarked just one week before the Battle of El Alamein.



29mm guller mark used during Folgore period, worded N. 260. Facist year has been changed but there is no time in the date line. Forces post card sent to Piacenza, written on the 16th but postmarked Oct. 24. The British attack which opened the Battle of El Alamein began at 9:30 pm local time on Oct. 23.

Notes on the technical details of postal markings assigned to PM 260 (from the collection of the author):

- Guller c.d.s. in three sizes, 29, 30 and 33 mm.
- Worded either POSTA MILITARE N. 260 or POSTA MILITARE Nº 260.
- With or without the time in the date line when with the Sabratha Division.
- Without the time in the date line when with the Folgore Division.
- Always with the fascist year in both periods.

NAVY SOUP

by David A. Kent

One of the legendary features of the military is its penchant for abbreviating words and terms. It's an historical, world-wide tendency, not limited to any one country, area, branch of service or period of history. The alphabet soup of military jargon is so pervasive, in fact, that it has become the butt of jokes, both within and outside the military.

Learning to understand these abbreviations and acronyms (a "word" made up of the key letters of a phrase) is one of the first essential tasks of collectors of militariana, whether their interests be covers, uniforms or artillery pieces. Often you can't appreciate the historic interest or value of an item until you also understand the insider terms that are used with it.

Although collectors use published references and documents that may well be filled with these terms, it is the return addresses on covers that most often mystify the cover collector. When you have the key, a cover with what might appear to be a meaningless return address becomes a bit of history, worthy of study.

What brings this to mind is a copy of a letter from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operation, dated April 2, 1943 headed "Authorized Short Titles and Abbreviated Geographical Locations for Use in Official Correspondence and Dispatches," a title that itself begs for abbreviation. Stan Jersey supplied the copy, and its contents may prove useful to those who have mystery covers set aside for "future research."

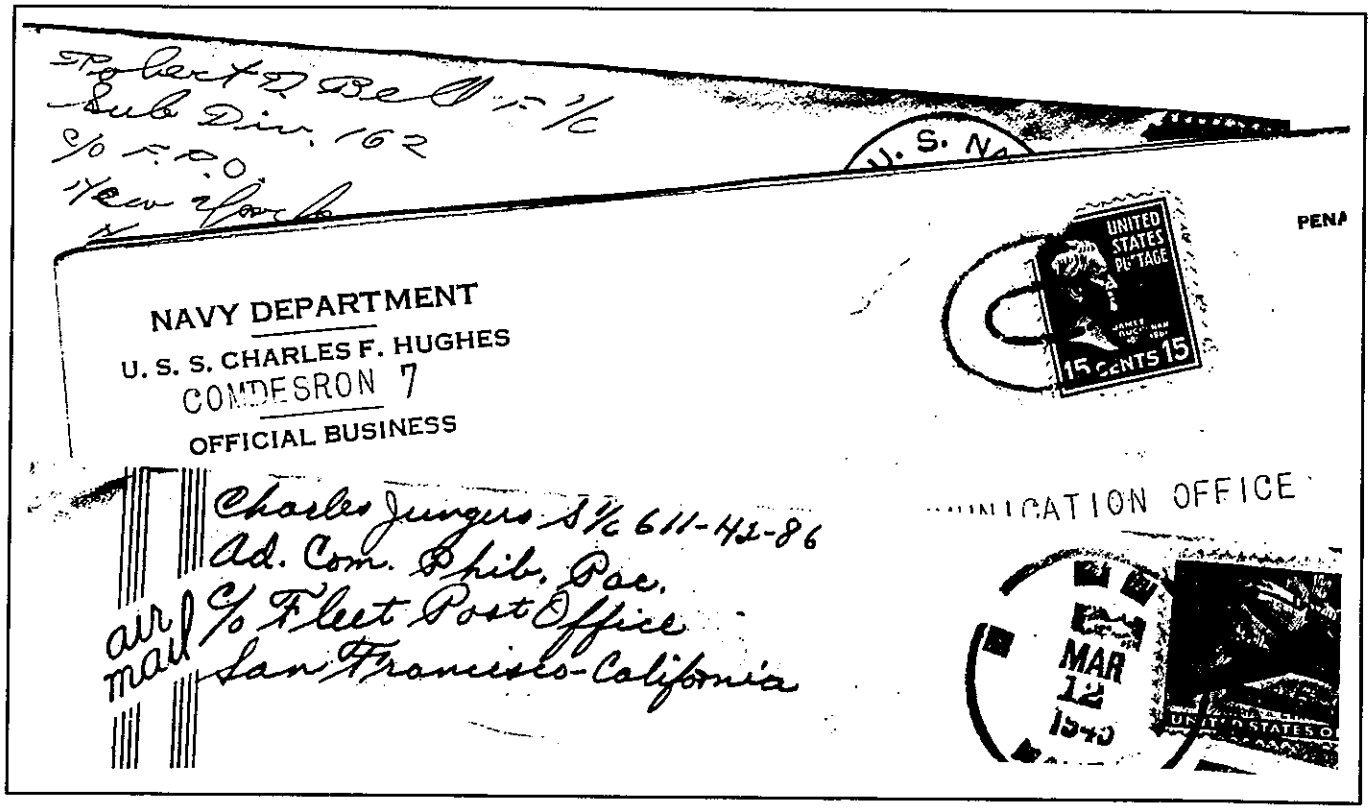
A Navy listing is more intriguing and helpful than an Army or Air Force list would be. For some cultural reason, the Navy doesn't simply abbreviate things from the first letters of the words, but reduces them to more or less logical pieces of the original words and then strings the pieces together to make a new phrase. Thus, the Air Force might simply abbreviate "squadron" as "Sq.," but not the Navy. To the Sea Service, it's a "Ron."

At times this can produce strange and bewildering phrases. If you were to discover a letter from "ComLancrabNAW," you might suspect it to have come from some reluctant wildlife refuge until you check this list and see that its origin was the office of the "Commander, Landing Craft and Bases, Northwest African Waters," probably a more interesting place, at least from a military history point of view. The Navy seems to fashion its abbreviations so as to be almost pronounceable, giving sort of a lilting turn of phrase to such organizations as "ComAirSoWesPac" (Commander Air, Southwest Pacific Forces), or a "NavRadSta" (a Naval Radio Station).

The 1943 letter is, of course, only a snapshot in time, albeit from a period of history that is significant and which produced many covers. One of the more interesting parts of the letter, I find, is the very short list of approved abbreviated geographical location names:

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Gtmo
Honolulu, T.H.	Hono
New York, N.Y.	NYK
Norfolk, Virginia	Nor
Pearl Harbor, T.H.	Pearl
Philadelphia, Pa.	Phila
San Francisco, Calif.	SanFran

Clearly this list has grown substantially since 1943. When I was stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. some 30 years ago, the abbreviation "Jax" was used all over the place. For years now the Navy has abbreviated the town for which the submarine base in eastern Connecticut is named as "NLon," (as if New London was too long to use), but that's not on the list, either.



Obviously Navy abbreviators did not retire when the war ended.

There are certain words that the Navy will not abbreviate, mostly words that are four letter or less in length (not counting the "s" on a plural). Some slightly longer ones seem to defy abbreviation. Among the words used in full are:

Air
Airship
Base
Corps
Dock(s)
East
Escort
Facility
Fleet
Gulf
Inshore
Net
Pre-flight
Sea
Ship(s)
Sound
Unit
Wing

Numbers also are not abbreviated, and in fact usually are spelled out in letters rather than numerals, especially for numbered Fleets and Naval Districts. I find the inclusion of "Facility" spelled out in full in 1943 interesting, as today it is generally abbreviated "Fac."

Notice that the Navy is very careful in spelling its specialized abbreviations. Each begins with a capital letter, but the rest of the letters are usually in lower case. When strung together into "words," there is no space between the sections. The initial capitals are a big help then, because your eye easily picks out the individual parts. It also help you to pronounce the phrase more easily.

There are also certain terms for which the Navy uses more traditional "first letter of the word" abbreviations, such as CO, which has been Commanding Officer for longer than history can record, or FPO, our familiar Fleet Post Office. To make this clear, a separate list of traditional abbreviations is also offered here.

It's been 53 years since this list was prepared, and it's showing its age. The Navy hasn't had any LTA (Lighter Than Air) units since its last blimp was deflated back in 1961. Today an NAD (Naval Ammunition Depot) is more likely to be called a NavWeapSta (Naval Weapons Station), for the items it stocks are a bit too sophisticated to be called ammunition anymore. For research purposes, however, this list is invaluable.

Search as I might, I have never found any official military publication that lists the two greatest terms that servicepersons have ever used. They are, of course, the ancient SNAFU (Situation Normal, All Fouled Up), and its superlative, FUBAR (Fouled Up Beyond All Recognition). But then, these terms have always been reserved for the average dogface or swabbie, and not the brass.

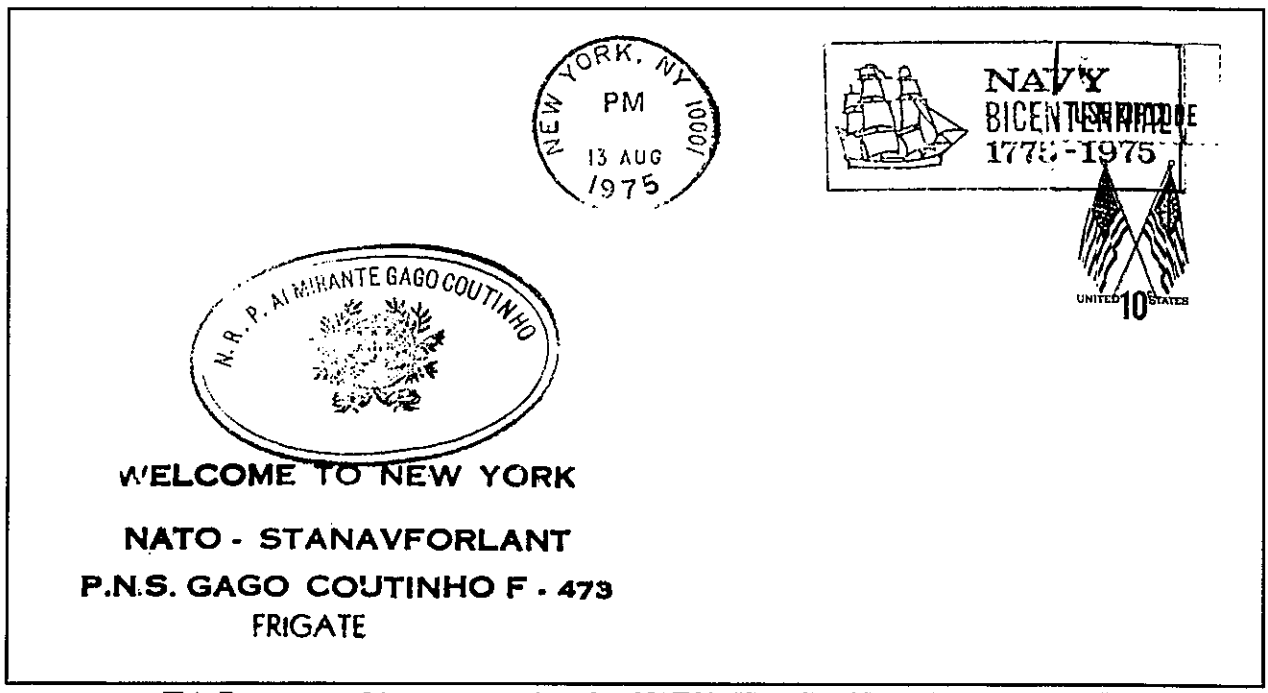
NAVY UNIQUE ABBREVIATIONS

Ad ..... Administrative
Adv ..... Advanced
Aer ..... Aeronautics
Al ..... Alaskan
Arm ..... Armed
Baks ..... Barracks
Bat ..... Battleship
Batships ..... Battleships
Bom ..... Bombing
Branc ..... Branch
Bu ..... Bureau
Car ..... Carrier
Carib ..... Caribbean
Cen ..... Center
Ch ..... Chief
CinC ..... Commander-in-Chief
Co ..... Coast
Com ..... Commander
Comd ..... Command
Comdt ..... Commandant
Comin ..... Commander, Mine...
Compo ..... Composite
Con ..... Convoy
Cru ..... Cruiser
Dep ..... Depot
Des ..... Destroyer
Disp ..... Dispensary
Eu ..... Europe
Ex ..... Experimental
Fair ..... Fleet Air
Fight ..... Fighting
Flot ..... Flotilla
For ..... Force
Fron ..... Frontier
Gen ..... General
Gr ..... Group
Grd ..... Guard
Gre ..... Greenland
Haw ..... Hawaiian
Hed ..... Headquarters
Hosp ..... Hospital
Hydro ..... Hydrographic
Ind ..... Industrial
Ins ..... Inspector
InSurv ..... Board of Inspection & Survey
Intel ..... Intelligence
Interm ..... Intermediate
Lancrab ..... Landing Craft and Bases
Lant ..... Atlantic
Mach ..... Machinery
Mag ..... Magazine
Man ..... Manager
Mar ..... Marine (Corps)
Mat ..... Material
Med ..... Medicine and Surgery
Min ..... Mine
Mis ..... Mission
Nav ..... Naval
Nor ..... North
Obs ..... Observation
Obsy ..... Observatory

OinC ..... Officer in Charge
Op ..... Operational
Ord ..... Ordinance
Pa ..... Panama
Pac ..... Pacific
Pat ..... Patrol
Pers ..... Personnel
Phib ..... Amphibious
Prim ..... Primary
Rad ..... Radio
Rec ..... Receiving
Ron ..... Squadron
Route ..... Routing
SandA ..... Supplies and Accounts
Sco ..... Scouting
Scol ..... School
Sec ..... Secretary or Sector
Sect ..... Section
Serv ..... Service (Force)
So ..... South
SoEast ..... Southeast
SoWes ..... Southwest
Sta ..... Station
Sub ..... Submarine
Subor ..... Subordinant
Sup ..... Supervisor
Supt ..... Superintendent
Tech ..... Technical
Torp ..... Torpedo
Tra ..... Training
Trans ..... Transport
Ut ..... Utility
Wes ..... West

TRADITIONAL ABBREVIATIONS

AA ..... Anti-Aircraft
ASW ..... Anti-Submarine Warfare
CASU ..... Carrier Aircraft Service Unit
CNA ..... Chief of Naval Air
CNO ..... Chief of Naval Operations
CO ..... Commanding Officer
CTF/G/U ..... Commander Task Force/Group/Unit
DNC ..... Director, Naval Communications
DNI ..... Director, Naval Intelligence
DCGO ..... District Coast Guard Officer
DCO ..... District Communications Officer
DIO ..... District Intelligence Officer
FABU ..... Fleet Air Base Unit
FPO ..... Fleet Post Office
HECP ..... Harbor Entrance Control Post
JAG ..... Judge Advocate General
LTA ..... Lighter Than Air
MTB ..... Motor Torpedo Boat
NAD ..... Naval Ammunition Depot
NAF ..... Naval Air Factory
NAS ..... Naval Air Station
NATS ..... Naval Air Transport Service
NAW ..... Northwest African Waters
NOB ..... Naval Operating Base
NRAB ..... Naval Reserve Aviation Base
NROTC ..... Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps
NSD ..... Naval Supply Depot
NTS ..... Naval Transportation Service
NY ..... Navy Yard
OTC ..... Operational Training Command
PASU ..... Patrol Aircraft Service Unit
PD ..... Port Director
RDF ..... Radio Direction Finder
RPS ..... Registered Publication Section
SOPA ..... Senior Officer Present Afloat
USNA ..... United States Naval Academy
USNR ..... United States Naval Reserve



This Portuguese frigate was assigned to NATO's "Standing Naval Force Atlantic."

World War I AEF UPdate

by Theo Van Dam

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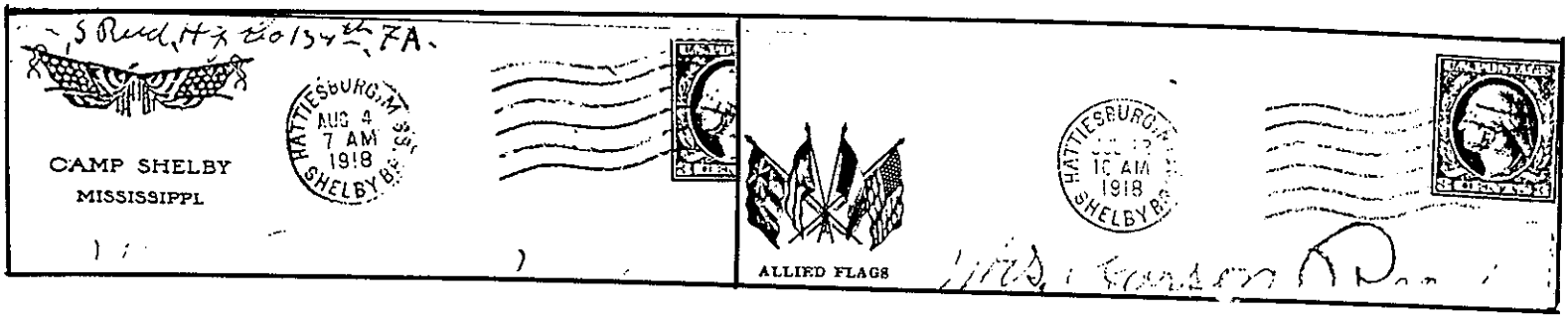
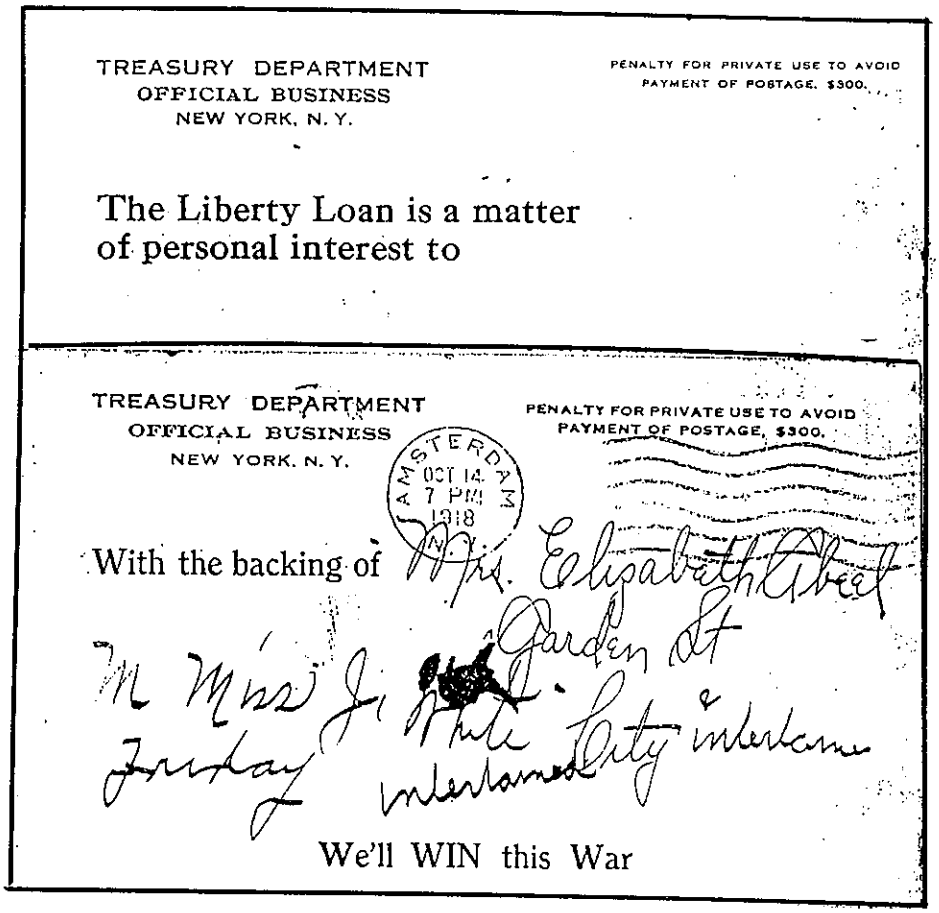
Patriotic Envelopes from Training Camps



Envelopes with U.S. and Allied flags from Camp Shelby, Miss., July 15 and Aug. 4, 1918. [Stanley Jersey]

Page 30: Home Front (Liberty Bond, etc.)

Treasury Department cards for Liberty Loan Drive, one not postmarked and one from Amsterdam, N.Y. Oct. 14, 1918. [Irving Baron]



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Page 30: C) Armistice Day

The Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918 in Marshal Foch's railway car at Rethondes, Compiègne Forest at 0505 (am) and came into force at 1100 (am). (Ref.: Gray & Argyll, *Chronology of the First World War.*)

On the last day, the 92nd Infantry (Afro-American) Division was involved in the final battle of the war at the Briery Basin. There were 1,000 casualties.

In total, 2,171,560 Americans served in Europe of which 1.39 million saw active service. U.S. casualties were 53,513 combat deaths, 63,195 deaths through illness and 204,002 were wounded. (Ref.: "World War I: A Doughboy's Combat Chronology 1917-1918," *Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine*, Nov. 1993. [Courtesy of John Azarkevich]

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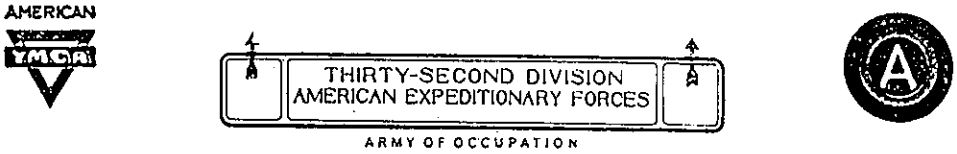
Stationery of the 32nd Division, listing division history. [William Brierton]



32nd Division, A. E. F.
1918—1919.

Feb. 16	Arrived at English and French Ports.
Feb. 24 / May 17	10th Area
May 17 / July 22	Alsace
July 22 / Aug. 23	Chateau Thierry Fismes
Aug. 23 / Sept. 9	Soissons
Sept. 10 / Sept. 22	Joinville Rest Area
Sept. 22 / Nov. 17	Verdun Argonne Forest
Nov. 17 / Nov. 20	Longwy
Nov. 20 / Dec. 1	Luxemburg
Dec. 1 / Dec. 13	Germany W. bank of Rhine
Dec. 13 / ?	Coblenz Bridgehead
?	Home

Rengsdorf, Germany
14 April, 1919

Dear Folks:

Well here goes for my last letter from Germany soil. The division starts moving on the 18th and as our postoffice closes on the 15th any letters we wish to write must be on their way by that time. Division Headquarters is to be on

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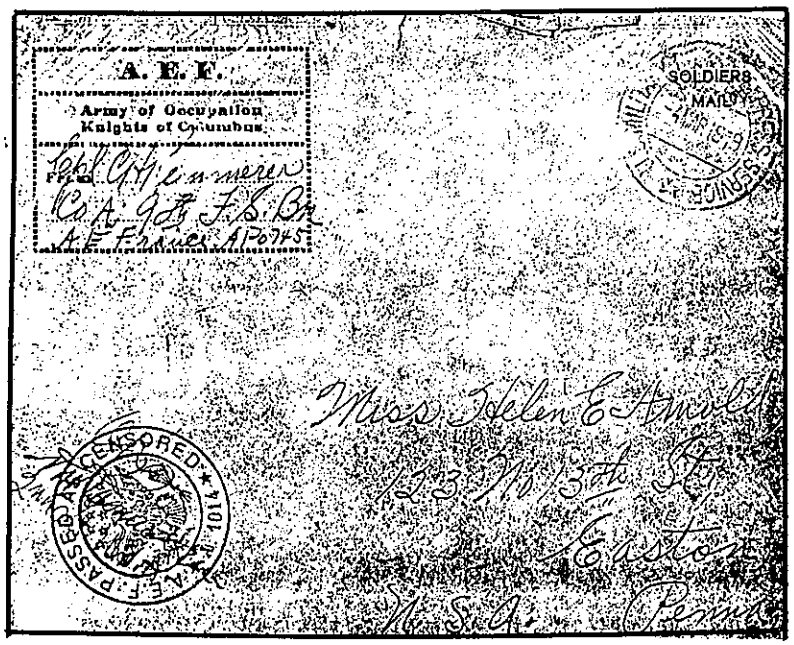
AEF/Knights of Columbus envelope from 9th Field Signal Battalion postmarked APO 745 (5th Division at Esch, Luxembourg) to USA March 4, 1919. [Irving Baron]



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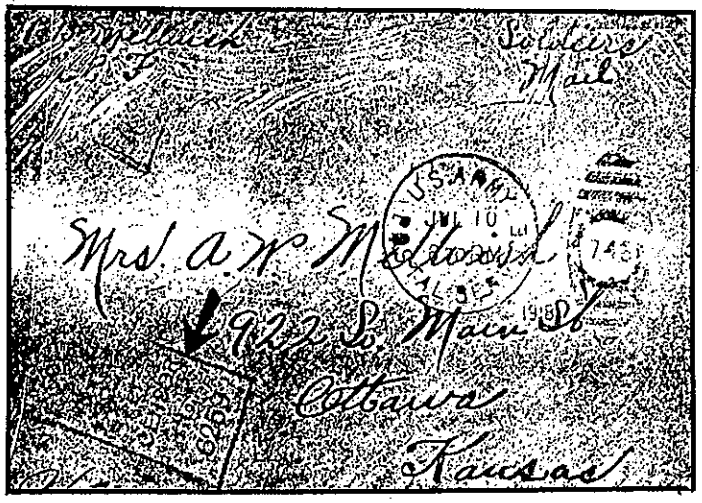
Envelope postmarked APO 743 (35th Inf. Div.) A2011 with British censor handstamp 6259, A2011 July 10, 1918 with British censor handstamp 6259. [Irving Baron]



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A Hypothesis

by H. Collyer Church

On page 162 of *The Postal History of the AEF*, the authors state, under the heading "Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic:"

> Like Port au Prince, Haiti, this station evidently operated from late 1918 to May, 1919. National Archives records contain no censorship reports nor other correspondence relating to this, except for a May 16th, 1919 letter directing that postal censorship cease.

No example of marking or tape is shown, and presumably none have come to light.

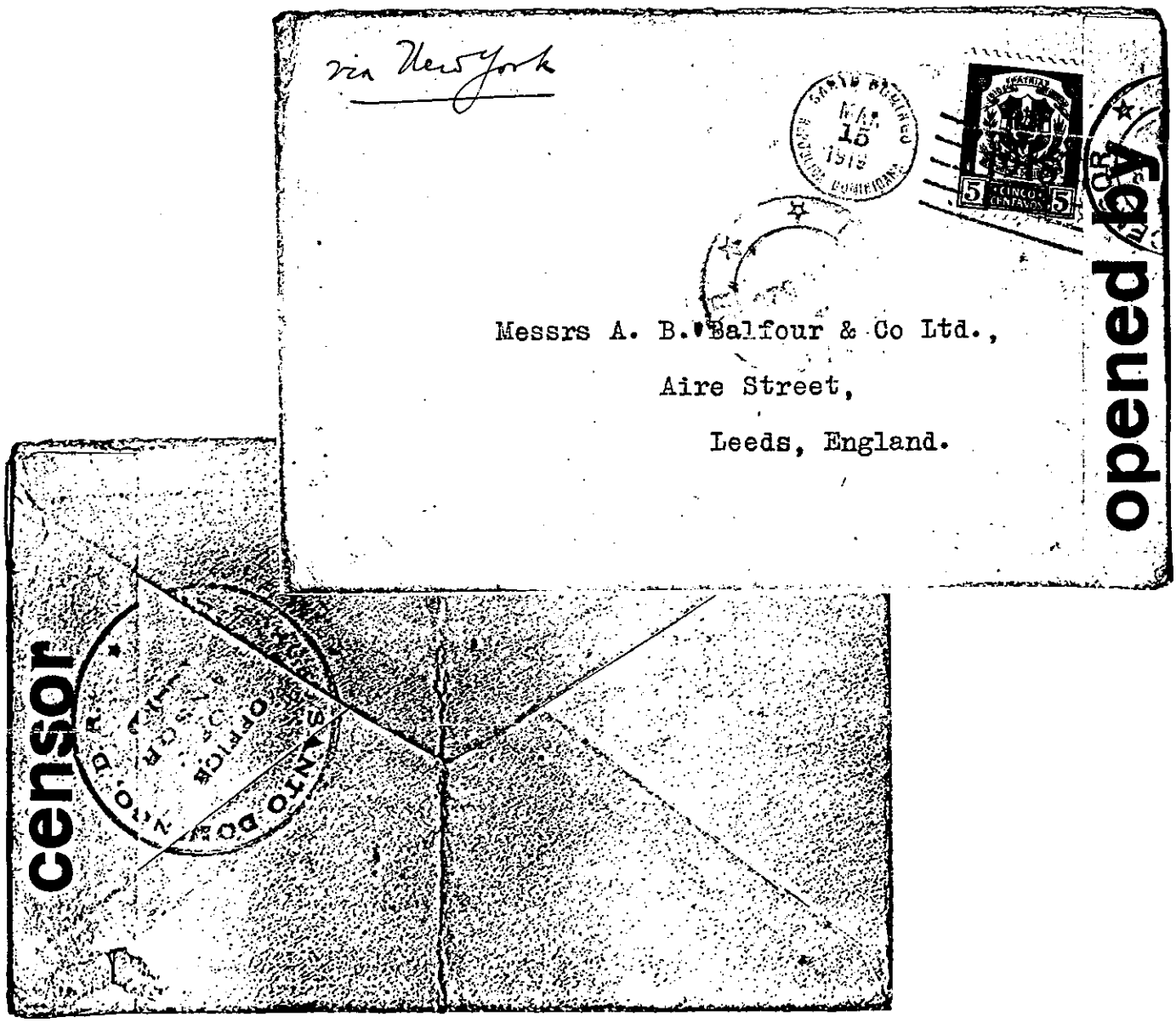
Perhaps history and the accompanying cover illustration offer an explanation. According to Van Dam's *War Dates*, the Dominican Republic was occupied and under U.S. military government from November 29, 1916 to October 21, 1922. Haiti, on the other hand, came under a U.S. "protectorate" in September, 1916, which would seem to entail a civil, rather than military, rule.

The cover illustrated carries Dominican postage appropriate for the usage, and a Santo Domingo cancel dated March 15, 1919. The censor's handstamps on the face are identified by *The Postal History of the AEF* as from the censor station at San Juan, Puerto Rico. This would be appropriate to the probable route of the mail, especially considering the manuscript "Via New York" routing for mail to Leeds, UK.

But the tape doesn't match up with anything previously identified with San Juan, or with any of the tapes illustrated in the AEF book. The tying handstamp on the reverse of the cover, reciting "U.S. Forces, Santo Domingo, D.R.//Office/of/Censor/Passed" would seem to tell it all. The censorship was done by the military government, at Santo Domingo, and should have been considered military rather than civil.

On this hypothesis, then, the absence of a civil censorship information for Santo Domingo would be explained that the censorship was military rather than civil and there would thus be no civil information.

It's fascinating, what you can find at a Saturday bourse.



AUCTION SALE #146

Closing Date March 15, 1996

1. Book. *Great Captains Before Napoleon* by U.S. Military Academy. Study in "The Art of War" used at West Point covering Alexander the Great, Hannibal, Caesar, Gustavus Adolphus, and Frederick the Great. 77 pages and 16 pull-out maps. Softcover. Leadership traits written on cover in pencil. F. (005)
2. **Boer War.** Front and part of back mounted on card. From member of Maxim Section Kitcheners Horse S.A. to England. 1 penny stamp tied by very fine strike of Field Post Office S. Africa MR 26 1900. Backstamped Liverpool. AVE. SB $15.00 (005)
3. **Boer War.** Stampless cover to England with Octagonal Natal Field Force with unclear month and V and R in circumference and Volksrust in center. Endorsed stamps unavailable. From Sgt. K Coy and unclear unit. London SP 01 red cancel on front. Opening tears Piece missing from top of cancel. Flap torn. Unusual cancel. AVE. SB $10.00 (005)
4. **Boer War.** Stampless cover to England with strike of Field Post Office S. Africa I JA 12 01 (bottom of cancel indistinct). From sender with what looks like "1/2 of RSO. Natal". London 01 red cancel on front with unclear month. Opening tears repaired with hinges. Flap missing. AVE. SB $10.00 (005)
5. **Spanish American War.** Cover with Feb 4 1899 flag cancel of Macon GA on 2¢ stamp to Capt. 7th Cavalry Pinar del Rio (via Havana) Cuba. Backstamped with indistinct Feb 8 1899 U.S. Military Receiving cancel. Rough edges on short side near stamp from opening. F. SB $15.00 (005)
6. **Canada.** Humorous card of African-American baby used with Sussex Militia camp Field Post cancel. Year not clear. Some aging, small piece missing, and file hole through middle. Seller says 1918 but I can't make out year. Plus 1913 colored embossed viewcard of London lake with London Militia camp Field Post cancel (687)
7. **Mexican Border Campaign.** Cover from member of 5th Ohio Inf. with El Paso Jan 1 1917 cancel. Plus 2 letters from same sender without envelopes. Talk about war, Pershing, Villa etc. Soiled and roughly opened. Remainder of correspondence from Sale 144. AVE. (005)

WORLD WAR I

8. **Austria.** 3 Feldpost cards: FPA 63 in German about badly wounded soldier from Battalion adjutant; 297a (in Italian to Trento) and 1 without cancel from FPA 57. All with Feldjäger Bn. handstamps. F-VF. (280)
9. **Austria.** Stampless envelope from Lemberg/Lvov 22 May 1916 to **POW** at Alexandria, Egypt. Austrian POW censor mark on front and British black on pink censor tape on back with arrival cancel 3 June 1916. Cachet translated reads: Post Free/Prisoner of War. P.C. Wrinkles and slight stains and cut. AVE. RES $12.00 (222)
10. **Belgium. German Occupation.** 10 pfg. stamped German postcard overprinted Belgien 10 centimes. Also 3,5,10, and 20 pfg. Germania similarly overprinted and all canceled Brussels 23 X 1914. Also German Eisenbau Comp 24 and 1 illegible handstamps. Unaddressed. F. (280)
11. **Canada.** 3 covers/2 cards to Canada with British FPO cancels including APO HD 10, S30, S64 and "I am well" cards with H.X. and Army Post Office with unclear number. 2 have British rectangular censor. Some signs of handling but basically F. (687)
12. **Canada.** 4 covers to Canada with British civilian cancels including unusual YMCA cachet with signal flag troops from Diss, Bexhill on Sea over oval Canadian Bexhill dated handstamp, Canadian YMCA with oval 8th Canadian Reserve Batt. dated handstamp tied by British machine cancel and civilian censor tape (To USA), Canadian YMCA with unclear unit handstamp tied by Seaford Sussex cancel. F. Plus mint card "The Great War 1914 to 1918 In Memoriam" poem by Phipps. VF.(687)
13. **Canada.** 2 covers to Canada with British FPO cancels with Canadian stamps added in Canada over FPO cancels and tied by Canadian civilian cancels. 1 honor envelope with 1915 D.X. of 1st Canadian Division. 2nd is 1916 with oval censor #2710 with only "2" showing. Through strong light looks like DW2 of Australian Division(?). F. (687)
14. **Canada.** 4 covers, 3 are Honor envelopes, to Canada with British FPO cancels with Canadian stamps added in Canada over FPO cancels and tied by Canadian civilian cancels. 2 have blurred FPO cancels. 2 look like FPO could be determined by removing censor label or stamp. 3 have civilian censor label. AVE-F. (687)
15. **Germany.** Printed POW cover to Moscow POW committee in Denmark from Russian POW. Triangular and circular Villingen camp handstamps. Canceled Villingen 27.8.17. VF. (280)

Descriptions:

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.

On individual lots U.S. WW II APO covers are on stationery with imprinted stamps unless stated FREE or stamped. Larger lots are most likely mixed.

16. **Great Britain.** Colored Daily Mail Official Postcard of "King at Front" Church service. Passed by Censor printed on card. VF. (280)
17. **Hungary.** Pink stampless Feldpost card printed in German and Czech with Hungarian TABORI 350 915 MAR 7 cancel. Message in Czech to Böhmen. 1 line handstamp k.k. Landsturm Marsch kp. 1/7. F-VF. (280)
18. **Salonica.** Greek viewcard written from Salonica Feb 11 1916 by British soldier 598 Company. Apparently as enclosure. No postal markings and message covers normal address side. F-VF. (280)

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19. Cover with 2 1¢ stamps tied by *U.S.S. North Dakota* JUN 7 1917 cancel. Plus double circular "PASSED BY CENSOR" dated handstamp. Slight toning. Cancel has couple of letters faint. F. (165)
20. Cover with 2¢ stamp tied by 2 line AEF book A8002.2 cancel. Top line partial. Bottom No. 3 July and rest unclear. Letter enclosed written July 29 from member 26th Inf. (1st Division). Clear AEF censor with code A.5. Listed as RR in AEF evaluation guide ($150.00!). Slight tears. AVE-F. (165)
21. Cover from same sender as last with AEF type A2001.2 cancel for APO 3 dated Oct 25 1917 tying 2¢ stamp and slight toning. Also cover same sender with normal cancel AUG 7 1918 with APO 728(?) and heavily soiled. Both with A5 coded censor. Also letter with no envelope dated Nov 3 1917. AVE-F. (165)
22. Medical. 5 AEF censored covers: 1 with typed sender U.S. Navy Base Hospital #5 with no cancel and uneven opening on 1 side; 2 1919 covers with French or APO 713A (slightly off cover) cancels from Lt./Capt. MC to Red Cross Paris; cover Patient Convalescent Camp #2 APO 758 to Base Hospital 732 with 8/30/18 cancel and roughly opened; cover from Base Hospital 116 APO 767 to Red Cross Paris. AVE. (165)
23. 6 AEF censored covers: 2 from APO 703; unclear 722; 2-1919 CPO with 902 in Address; 304th Engineers roughly opened with no cancel. Plus civilian cover to Holland with U.S. censor tape. AVE-F. (165)
24. Poorly stored correspondence from and to soldier 313 Inf. 79 Division many with original contents including stained, Official change of address card used in 1919, 5 covers with legible APO 711 cancels, 8 with no or illegible cancels, 10 covers to APO 771, 20 to Camp Meade — including 2 gag(?) snapshots of woman with AEF uniform/gun, 7 from Camp Meade including Money Order receipt. Great letter dated Nov. 24 1918 which says "now we can tell all" and gives detailed description starting from leaving Hoboken on *U.S.S. Leviathan*; copy of 2 page 313th Div. newsletter at Camp Meade appears to be printed on typewriter type paper in blue ink. Also some clippings and loose letters. Mixed. Many poor. (165)
25. 7 censored covers from same sender. 2 with APO 845 cancels with unclear dates; 4 with unclear cancels; and 1 with sender listed as Lt. with 104 T.M.B. and Aug 9, 1918 flag cancel without APO. Some opening tears. AVE. (165)
26. Church Army Recreation Hut envelope used by member of 149th Aero Squadron to U.S. with partial May 3 1918 town cancel with town name off envelope and cancel covered by British censor label. Letter enclosed on Hut stationery dated May 1, 1918 "still in England." RCAS manuscript censored. F. (165)
27. Correspondence from soldier Motor Transport Co. 409 APO 705. 4 covers with MPES cancel. 1 with APO 705. 6 covers from Camp Johnston Jacksonville. 1 Camp Dix. 2 civilian. 4 loose letters from AEF. AEF covers poor. Home bases. Plus 14 letters without envelopes from 1880's most definitely from same family. AVE- F. (165)

28. Envelope "A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM/ HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE Vth" addressed to U.S. with 2 line "SOLDIERS' MAIL" where cancel would be. Enclosure is on Windsor Castle embossed stationery with April 1918 message welcoming U.S. Troops to war. Cover shows aging with flap separating and has slight tears. Inside almost new. F. (560)

29. Colored viewcard Norfolk, VA used as Safe Arrival Card. Stampless with Newport News 1918 Flag cancel and special AEF censor marks type 2.2c and 2.3F. VF. (722)

30. View card of A.E.F. University and base ball game. AEF censored with APO 909 cancel 5/28/19 type A3110 (P.E.S. in datestamp). Value guide "D" VF. (722)

31. 3 AEF censored post cards. 2 with French scenes and APO 727 and 736 (type A4101) cancels. Plus YMCA AEF card with M.P.E.S. 1919 cancel from France. 1 card slight soiled. F-VF. (722)

32. Germany. Colored view card of Coblenz used by member of 12 Aero Sqn. with AEF censor handstamp and APO 927 1919 cancel. Card picture shows slight wear. F. (722)

33. Germany. Colored view cards of Coblenz and Mayen with AEF censor handstamps and APO 746 and 927 1919 cancels. Card picture shows slight wear. F. (722)

33A. Italy. Colored view card of Mantova Castle from member of Ambulance service with scarce violet APO 825 1919 cancel and AEF censor. Sender has written on castle picture "This is where we are barracked." Corner cracked. Slight wear. F. (722)

34. 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)

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35. 4 cacheted covers: 1932 - *U.S.S Constitution*; 1940 - *U.S.A.T. St. Mihiel* Army Transport with Seward Alaska cancel; 1940 *U.S.S. Blakeley* 2 line handstamp and probably 1940 *U.S.S. Partridge* with illegible year but with Famous American stamps. Also 1942 Neuman cacheted cover for launching of *U.S.S. Nelson*. F-VF. (280)

36. 17 mostly #10 Officials from U.S.S by year: 1927 - *Widgeon* (**Hawaii** and badly soiled); 1930 - *Salinas* (tear); 1931 - *Oklahoma, Pennsylvania* (3), *Saratoga*; 1932 - *Oklahoma, Pennsylvania* (3); 1933 - *Constitution, Pennsylvania*; 1937 - *Lexington*; 1938 - *Perkins* (**Hawaii**); 1941 - *Humboldt* (back damaged). Plus US Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, **Cuba**. AVE-F. (746)

37. Alaska. Official penalty cover from *U.S.S. Teal* with ship cancel JUL 17 1938 and Kodiak Alaska in killer. Slight soiling and back damage. F. (746)

38. Special cachet for British ship *H.M.S. Dragon* Goodwill visit to Philadelphia. Undated ship Paquetbot cancel. Estimated by stamp, Scott 300, to be 1934. Addressed. F.-VF. (674)

39. 9 1940 cacheted covers *U.S.S. Nicholson* christening Boston Navy Yard 5/31/40; First Day Postal Service; *U.S.S. Noa* Recommissioned 1st Day Postal Service; *U.S.S. O'Brien* Shakedown Cruise, **Brazil** (wrinkled); *U.S.S. Napa* birthday; *U.S.S. Sapelo* First Day Postal service; *U.S.S. Fox* Recommissioned First day Postal Service; *U.S.S. Edison* and *U.S.S. Ericcson* Launchings Kearney 11/23/40. F-VF. (280)

40. Canada. 2 special cacheted covers for "The King's Navy (Canadian Division)" with oval dated handstamps of *H.M.C.S. Fraser* and *Saguenay* APR 13 1938. Coronation issue tied by Vancouver cancels. 1 slightly dark. Plus special slightly aging cacheted cover for visit of *H.M.S. Danae* during Royal Canadian navy Week with Scott's 213 and C3 tied by Vancouver cancels and paying airmail to USA. AVE-F. (687)

41. Book. *Alone* by Admiral Byrd. Personal experiences of 4 years at Advanced base in the Antarctic. 296 pages. F. (005)

BETWEEN THE WARS

42. United States. #10 cover with cachet for 1932 coast to coast trip of *U.S.S. Akron* "carrying mail." 5¢ winged globe airmail stamp tied by Lakehurst May 6, 1932 cancel and backstamped with special large double oval Post Office handstamp for *U.S.S. Akron* as well as San Diego "Airmail Saves Time" May 11 cancel. Some wrinkling at ends. Stamp has scrape. Some cancel roller marks. F. Also "In Memoriam" airmail cover for *Akron* with Newark Air Mail Field 4/4/33 cancel tying 8¢ winged globe airmail stamp. F. (117)

43. Spanish Civil War. France. Airmail cover to U.S. franked with 8 stamps sent by 17th Company of Spanish Trabadores Bonifacio, Corsica. Cancels hard to read but looks like July 10 1940. Probably refugees from war? Some staining. AVE. (005)

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44. Algeria. U.S. Navy cover from sailor *LCI(L)-216* with May 19, 1943 Navy cancel with FPO 238. Letter enclosed with censor excisions. VF. Plus airmail cover with 2 3¢ PREXIES tied by APO 252 cancel. Year unclear. F. **Morocco.** APO 251 cover with piece missing. AVE. (602)

45. Australia. Airmail civilian censored cover to Australian Sergeant at R.A.A.F. Headquarters London. Dated backstamp of R.A.A.F. Base P.O. London 29 Dec 1942. Back repaired. 2 1/ stamps. Additional stamp may be missing?. AVE-F. SB $5.00 (005)

46. Australia. #10 stampless cover to U.S. with typed address of Hqs. USAFIA APO 501 and Base Forces APO 501 JUN 8 1942 cancel. Official letter enclosed from Postal Officer says they are no longer allowed to provide philatelic cancels. Of course the cover carrying this message is better than the possible philatelic cover. Slight wrinkle where it had once been folded. F. SB. $8.00 (005)

47. Australia. Cover with Australian 4d stamp tied by civilian Albury FE 1944 cancel to soldier at 8th General Hospital U.S. APO 502 said to be New Caledonia in APO book. Backstamped American Base Forces cancel on same day. Interesting local usage. Part of flap missing. Slight soiling. AVE-F. SB $3.00. (005)

48. Australia. 9 covers from U.S. APOs 32, 41 with Theatre and USAFIA censor, 921(2), 922-2 address only, 1 with APO 4542 in address and red and white censor label and 7 BPO. 4 airmail stamped envelopes. F. (745)

49. Austria. Censored U.S. APO cover with APO 450 May 16, 1945 machine cancels on 6¢ stamped envelope. Used from Meichelbeuren, Austr. Sender with APO 758. Some wrinkling. F. (602)

50. Belgium. 5 covers sent FREE from U.S. APOs 228, 305, 319, 408, 417. Also **Netherlands.** APO 151. Some opening tears. F. (602)

51. Brazil. Airmail cover from soldier U.S. APO 604 then at Natal. June 1943 APO 604 cancel tying 6¢ airmail stamp. Roughly opened 1 end. AVE. (701)

52. Canada. 3 1942-43 covers: 1 from Director of Postal Services Quebec with V for Victory cancel; dumb cancel to U.S. with Canadian censor label with DB/ added in bluish green; 1943 airmail cover from St. John's to U.S. with 7c **Newfoundland** airmail stamp and PC 90 label with DC/24 printed. AVE-F. (005)

53. Canada. 2 1943 covers to U.S. with Canadian type oblong H.M.C. Ship censor strikes with "C" excised. Letters apparently from member of British Navy involved with U.S. Navy yards. One with U.S. Victory stamp tied by Portsmouth, VA cancel and letter enclosed on RAF stationery from sender c/o B.N.L.O. Fleet Mail No. 290 NOB. Norfolk, VA. Other with Pascagoula, Miss. cancel from same sender B.N.L.O. etc. c/o Ingalls Shipbuilding. Letter talks about "new ship." Opening tears. Flap hanging by thread on one. Other has slight soiling. Unusual usages. F. (005)

54. Canada. Cover to US with H.M. Ships handstamp and EXAMINED BY DB/N 124 Naval handstamp. F-VF. SB $7.50 (005)

55. Canada. 4 covers with cancels of MPO's 303 (2 #10 RCAF OHMS, 1 window), 701 with dated Black Watch handstamp, and Moncton with unclear number to U.S. with civilian censorship. AVE-F. (687)

56. Canada. 2 covers with 2 line H.M.C. Ship censor cancels usually used by ships. 1 DB/N 641 backstamped Ontario DE 27 43. Other DB/N 504 with triangular POSTAGE PAID GPO handstamp. Latter known to have been assigned to Naval base St. John's **Newfoundland.** F. (687)

57. Canada. #10 stamped airmail cover from American Red Cross APO 865 with APO July 7, 1944 cancel without APO. Slight wrinkling. F-VF. (687)

58. Canada. Newfoundland. 4 Minkus cacheted covers with Defense issues tied by American Base Forces cancels of 801-A 10/10/41, 801-B (2 types 11/1/41 and 2/27/42), and 801-C 10/21/41 (slightly dark). Plus unidentified U.S.C.S. cachet with American Forces in Newfoundland 2/22/41 cancel on 3¢ Defense issue. 3 have various types of censor markings. F-VF. (687)

59. Canada. 5 1943-44 attractively franked airmail covers apparently from British Officer R.A. to his wife in England. MPO 615 with Scott's 254(2), 257, and 260; MPO 615 with block of 257; MPO 1106 with Scott's 255(2) and 260; CAPO 1 with Scott's **Newfoundland** 253, 257, 259, 260, and C19. CAPO 2 with **Newfoundland** Scott's 245, 253, 259, 260, and 262. Last 2 with circular military censor. 2 do not have return address. 1 with slight opening tear. F-VF. (687)

60. Canada. Book. *A Child in Prison Camp* by Takashima. Experience in Canadian internment camp of **Japanese** Canadians as seen by child who became an artist. Several watercolor illustrations. Original jacket. VF. (005)

61. Ceylon. Front of airletter sheet with 20c Ceylon stamp tied by Garrard type 13 cancel and RAF censor. Message gives date and Ceylon as location. Plus cover with Indian stamps tied by Advanced Base Post Office No. 9 29 MAR 1944 cancels then at Colombo. F.-AVE. (280)

62. Channel Islands. Red Cross message sheet from England with reply. English, German, Red Cross, etc. handstamps. F. (280)

63. China. 3 airmail covers from U.S. APOs 210, 211, 213. 1 franked with 6¢ PREXIE with light but legible cancel. 1 smudged. F. (602)

64. Denmark. Airmail cover to U.S. with indistinct 1941 cancel and **German** Frankfurt censor tape and handstamp. Thin paper with tears. F. (722)

65. France. Cover with British FPO 38 9 FE 40 cancel and early type rectangular censor, Daynes type A100. F.-VF. (280)

66. France. US Airmail stamped envelope high Scott value UC4 ($17.50) with U.S. APO 113 Aug 4, 1944 cancel from sender with 55 A.A.A. Brig. APO 654. Opening tears. RES $3.50. (165)

67. France. Airmail cover with Scott's 346(2) and 373. $5.00 value in 1986. Cancel not clear but probably 1940. French "Controle" censor and British PC 90 tapes. AVE. (650)

68. France. 11 covers from U.S. APOs 161, 165, 169, 172, 173, 208, 230, 259, 360, 403,434. All but 1 airmail. 4 with stamps. 2 1945 Post V-E day. Some tears. F. (602)

69. France. Book. *Dress Rehearsal-The Story of Dieppe* by Quentin Reynolds. War time narrative of author who went on raid. 278 pages. F. (005)

70. France. Book. *Is Paris Burning* by Collins and Lapierre. Detailed narrative of recapture of Paris as seen through eyes of participants and German general Choltitz. 376 pages. 26 photo pages. Original jacket with slight tear. F. (005)

71. Germany. 14 covers from U.S. APOs 162, 168(2), 256, 262, 263, 297(2), 312, 317(2), 449, 450,461 and 446 on piece. All but 1 airmail. 6 with stamps including block of 4 of United nations issue. 10 1945 Post V-E day. Some tears. 1 with sender name excised.1 #10. F. (602)

72. Germany. Stampless 1942 cover to German internee at Canadian Internment Camp 31 Berlin censor strip and handstamps on back. Flap missing. F. (280)

73. Germany. Book. *Lord Haw-Haw* by Cole. Biography of famous WW II British traitor. 316 pages.14 photos. Some wear of cover. AVE. (005)

74. Germany. Book. *Operation Sea Lion* by Fleming. 323 pages with 1 battle map, 29 photos, and 11 drawings. Story of aborted invasion of England. Slight fraying of inside cover. AVE- F. (005)

75. Germany. Book. *Inside the Third Reich.* Memoirs of Alfred Speer. 704 pages, 61 photos. Original jacket with slight tears. F. (005)

76. Germany. Book. *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* by Shirer. 1245 pages. A few pages have slight toning at edges. F. (005)

77. Germany. Book. *The Game of the Foxes* by Ladislas Farago. The Untold Story of German Espionage in the United States and Great Britain During World War II. 810 pages in original jacket. F. (005)

78. Gold Coast. 2 unprocessed U.S. **V-Mail** Permit 15 and 17 covers with cancels of U.S. APO 606 1943-44. Slight tears. F. (005)

79. Great Britain. Official War Department penalty cover from Chaplain 10th Station Hospital APO 407 with APO 407 Machine cancel. Handstamped with unusual dated "THROUGH MESSAGE CENTER APO 407 " handstamp. F-VF. (005)

80. Great Britain. Small special registered envelope of Admiralty for medals sent Registered to Commanding Officer *H.M.S. Ajax.* Admiralty registration label, partial red Somerset JA 43 cancel, and partial wax seals of Admiralty. F. (005)

81. Great Britain. Special small Tobacco Parcel Acknowledgement card with usual tombstone censor dated 1942, octagonal censor with P.149, and 2 line RECEIVED FROM H.M.SHIPS handstamp. Sender identifies ship *H.M.S. Leith* which was unusual. F-VF. SB $10.00 (005)

82. Great Britain. Cover to US with 2 line RECEIVED FROM H.M.SHIPS and tombstone censor handstamps and P.C. 90 label, partially excised but (H.M.S.) *Newark* visible. Ship names unusual. Circular "THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND" and bulldog label. Label repaired with hinge(?) and opening tears. SB $7.50. (005)

83. Great Britain. Large OHMS War Office Official cover sent registered in 1942 to HQ SOS USA. Southern Command handstamp, Salisbury registered label, and 1942 cancel tying 3d stamp. Backstamped with APO 871 and unusual B.P.O. No. 1 MOB cancels. Slight tears and wrinkling at edges. F. (005)

84. Great Britain. 2 processed Airgrammes without envelopes for Christmas 1943 and 1944 to same Gnr. 3rd Med Regt. R.A. MEF. VF. (280)

85. Great Britain. Aircraft recognition card for **German** Henschel Hs-126. 1 side is photograph other has multi-view drawings of plane with characteristics. Small spot on drawing side and slight wrinkling at corners. F. (280)

86. Great Britain. 2 covers to U.S. APO 758 with British 1½d stamps tied by Belfast 1944-45 cancels. 1 is Victory cancel. 1945 has APO 437A backstamp. Other has 4 line Returned to States handstamp and APO 372 machine cancels on back. Also letter to same soldier from U.S. with manuscript "Enroute to U.S." and backstamped APO 372 2 covers are wrinkled. F-VF. (602)

87. Great Britain. 5 covers from U.S. APOs 229 (2 Free-1 roughly opened), 413 patriotic with no sender and soiled), 413 large Penalty cover HQ Strategic AF Europe with vertical fold and some opening tears, 452 with opening tears. F. (602)

88. Great Britain. 1940 cover to Editor in USA with double oval PRESS CENSORSHIP BUREAU handstamp dated 27 AUG 1940. Some letters faint but legible on handstamp. F. (722)

89. Great Britain. Special processed Christmas Card **V-Mail** in envelope. Envelope with machine cancel No. 3 DEC 30 1944 cancel. Also 6¢ stamped envelope with 6¢ airmail stamp added tied by U.S. APO 506 A cancel. VF. (722)

90. Great Britain. Book. *A Man Called Intrepid—The Secret War.* "The authentic account of the most significant secret diplomacy and decisive intelligence operations of World War II" by William Stevenson. 486 pages with 42 photos. Original jacket cover with slight tears. F-VF. (005)

91. Guam. 4 airmail covers from U.S. APOs 182(2) and 246(2). 2 stamped. Also 1947 cover with APO 264 cancel on revalued airmail envelope. F. (602)

92. India. Cover from 478 QM BN (Mobile) APO 689 with APO 689 4/4/44 cancel. Used by **Merril's Marauders.** To APO 9149 unlisted in APO book. Special Return to Sender handstamp of N.Y.P.E. for APO not served and backstamped. Slight wrinkles. F. SB $5.00 (005)

93. India. 8 covers from U.S. APOs 465, (4-1 Tenth Air Force Press Release), 466, 487, 492, 493. Also **Burma** APO 218 (124 Cav. Merril's Marauder's, very roughly opened). AVE-F. (602)

94. Italy. 4 covers U.S. APOs 306, 434, and 464 (2-1 5th Army Press release folded and torn). 2 roughly opened. AVE. (602)

95. Italy. Small OHMS envelope used by Army Postal Unit U.S. APO 538 in Foggia with 11/21/43 cancel to Postal Officer APO 771 in Naples. Unusual usage. F-VF. SB $6.00 (005)

96. Japan. Cover from *U.S.S. Argonne* with - 18 1945 ship cancel tying 6¢ airmail stamp with green printed "Tokyo Bay 1945" cachet. F-VF. SB $30.00 (560)

97. Japan. Aerial Propaganda leaflet dropped over Japan by Psychological Branch, U.S. Forces Pacific. Printed on both sides. Said to be leaflet 155-J-1 of the J.1 series one of the last dropped in 1945. SB $30.00. F-VF. (560)

98. Japan. 6¢ airmail stamped envelope canceled U.S. APO 468 NOV 27 1945. Sender with 11 Airborne Div. then at Sendai. Back has parachute handstamp of Division. Slight wrinkles and tear. Also airmail cover APO 404 postwar. Date not clear probably 1946. F. (602)

99. Japan. Book. *Hirohito Emperor of Japan* by Mosley. 371 pages. Biography with strong emphasis on war years. Original jacket cover with slight tears. F-VF. (005)

100. Martinique. Airmail cover to St. Lucia "via Trinidad." Port of France cancels on 3 different stamps with indistinct year and double oval and double circle Martinique censor handstamps. Backstamped St. Lucia with no year in cancel. PC 90 censor label with code "TT" 14 added in ink. Ink in address has run. PAA Airmail label on back. AVE. (722)

101. Morocco. Picture postcard of General Patton and King Sidi Mohamed and other Allied and Moroccan dignitaries. Caption in English and Arabic. Used by U.S. soldier 101 MP Bn. APO 464 with May 15 1943 APO 464 cancel. Slight vertical crease. F. SB $5.00 (005)

102. New Caledonia. 11 censored covers with APO 502 cancels. Good variety of senders. 1 with uncanceled New Caledonia stamp next to APO cancel. Plus 1 with Navy cancel with Navy 131 in address and Marine from VMJ-152. Mostly with airmail stamps or envelopes and F. (022)

103. New Caledonia. Official Navy Department cover from *U.S.S. McNair* sent registered to CIC Pacific. 20¢ PREXIE tied by dumb cancel. Backstamped with 2 *McNair* and 1 Navy 131 Dec 5, 1944 cancels. Also Navy 10088 and 10461 cancels of Pearl Harbor and CINC. Slight tear and wrinkling. F-VF. (022)

104. New Guinea. 4 airmail covers-1 stamped. 3 censored. From APO 565, 7BPO, Navy 3115(2), and BPO 13. AVE-F. (022)

105. New Zealand. Soft cover book *We Saw It Happen* by Artist Capt. Peter McIntyre. Special commemorative issue of 2nd NZ Expeditionary Force in **Crete** and **Libya** in 1941. 32 pages. Roughly 8½" x 11". F.-VF. (280)

106. Okinawa. 4 covers from U.S. APOs 181, 331(2) and 357. Opening tears. Some soiling. 1 with military censor cellophane tape. AVE. (602)

107. Philippines. 2 6¢ stamped airmail envelopes used by different enlisted members of 1st Filipino Inf. Rgt., 1 used at APO 72 with 4BPO 1945 cancel and base and unit censor and tape. Other APO 503 with unit censor and indistinct 194? APO cancel. Opening tears. F. SB $6.00 (005)

108. Philippines. Japanese Occupation. Mint 3½ Sen card with picture of plowing and printed notation NAMA DAN 'ALAMAT SIPEN GIRIM. VF. (022)

109. Philippines. Book. *Men on Bataan* by John Hersey. 1942 account of Fall of Bataan. 313 pages. Cover worn. AVE.(005)

110. St. Pierre & Miquelon. Small commercial cover to U.S. with partial cancel on damaged stamp and weak censor strike on brown paper sealing tape. Poor-AVE. (722)

111. Sierra Leone. Free cover with British FPO 41 1 OC 42 cancel and Garrard type R10 RAF censor #349.F.-VF. (280)

112. Solomon Islands. Airmail stamped envelope from sender IMAC Med. Bn. with Navy MAR 17, 1944 cancel. Plus processed **V-MAIL** in envelope from CBMU 503 Oct 23, 1944. Also from **New Hebrides** airmail stamped envelope from APO 708 NOV 28 1944 with unit and cellophane censor strip. AVE-F. (722)

113. Solomon Islands. Guadalcanal. 11 censored airmail covers from APO 709 from 8 different units. 1 has no year but 709 twice in cancel. Also 3 from 29th Marines. Also 6th Sec. NCB Bn. 1st Echelon MAC 1 Sept. 26 with unclear year. Mixed. (022)

114. Solomon Islands. 25 airmail censored covers from member 38 MP Co. XIV Corps with APO 453 cancels from JAN 11 to May 3 1944. Mostly airmail stationery. Some roughly opened. mainly F. (022)

115. Solomon Islands. 20 airmail censored covers from same sender with APO 453 cancels from May 5 to Nov. 24 1944. Mostly airmail stationery. Some roughly opened. Mainly F. (022)

116. South Africa. Cover to U.S. franked with two 1½d 1941 Fighter pilot issue tied with Capetown 1942 V for Victory machine cancel. Slight crease. F. (005)

117. South Africa. 2 1943-45 stampless lettersheets type P.O.W. to Italy from Italian POWs. 5 line multilingual POW handstamp on each.1943 one has additional 2 line censor handstamp.and paperclip stain. Some aging and slight blurring of some address ink. F. (280)

118. South Africa. 2 #10 envelopes to U.S. in 1944. 2 with U.S. cellophane censor tapes and 1 with South African paper tape. F. (722)

119. South Africa. 5" by 7" entire package wrapper endorsed "Soldier's gift" sent registered to South Africa. 3 2/6 stamps and 2 others tied by March 1945 African APO 39 cancels. Also RAF censor ?9, Garrard type R15. Handstamped registry label. Yellow postal label on back for Registered APO in Capetown. Seller says from North Africa. Unusual usage. SB $10.00 F. (721)

120. South Africa. 8 censored covers to South Africa from Australia (Australian censored), France 1940 (3), Sweden (British PC 90 tape), United States (3-1 U.S. censor tape). All with South African censor tapes unless noted. 4 are #10 envelopes. 2 are window. F. SB $8.00 (721)

121. Sweden. Special buff military envelope with gray printing and stamped stamp with 12.3.41 Varberg cancel. Return stamp attached. F.-VF. (295)

122. Sweden. Cover from Sailor at Marinpost 1542 to school. Swedish 20 stamp tied by Postanstalten 1361 15.2.44 cancel. Seldom seen. SB $15.00 (005)

123. Book. *Intellectual Relief* by the International **Red Cross** in 1944. Efforts to provide reading matter etc. to **POW** camps with photos. Soft cover 28 large pages. F. (998)

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124. 2 First day covers of Overrun Nations Issue Czechoslovakia and Denmark with Official White House corner envelope to a Miss Dorothy Stanley The White House. VF. (270)

125. Unprocessed Christmas,Permit #93, **V-Mail** of used by Capt. APO 404 with 1945 Army Postal Service cancel tying 6¢ airmail stamp with no month or day. VF. (005)

126. Greeting card size cover to **Hawaii** with 2 3¢ Victory stamps tied by San Luis Obispo 11/27/42 cancel endorsed and with VIA AIRMAIL handstamp. Handstamps Return for Postage and POSTAGE DUE __ CENTS with 14 added in pencil. These have been crossed out and annotated in pencil "By Ordinary mail to Hawaii". Censor sealing tape of San Francisco. Roughly opened on back. Interesting usage. F. (005)

127. Airmail letter from Argentina to President Roosevelt with July 1943 cancel. Sender excised from flap. F. (005)

128. Stampless Free cover from Chinese-American at **WAC** Training center Ft. Oglethorpe. Envelope has type of red,white, and blue flag shield of CBI Theater. Plus 1943 airmail cover with 6¢ airmail and 2¢ Defense stamps from WAC unit Camp Atterbury. Latter has some wrinkling. F. (005)

129. 2 stampless covers to Postmaster **Prisoner of War** Air mail New York. Slight wear at edges. 1 has OGDEN & S.F.W.D. TR 27-9 R.P.O. cancel. AVE. (005)

130. Prisoner of War Lettersheet, Form 4, from **Italian POW**. Fort Leonard Wood, MO Internment Camp. handstamp. Circular civilian censor handstamp on front and back. Written in Italian to Mass. Cancel only wavy lines but letter dated 2/29/43.Slight tear on rear flap. F-VF. Camp handstamps less common SB $25.00. (005)

131. Stampless FREE cover from member of 8th Weather Squadron Presque Island, Maine. 1944 Presque Island cancel. Unusual location. VF. (005)

132. Alaska. Official Post Office Penalty cover from APO 939 with APO 939 APR 24 1942 cancel. Note from S/Sgt. Clerk in Charge on request for APO cancellation states not allowed to stamp covers with APO. In a catch 22 the envelope carrying the message is thus stamped. with faint but legible APO 939 in cancel. F. (005)

133. Alaska. Base censored airmail cover from APO 980. Plus Scott UC3 type used in 1947 from APO 937. AVE-F. (165).

134. Alaska. 6 airmail stamped envelope with APO 477 June 12, 1944 cancel. Sender from APO 477 Unit #2 Minneapolis. Used in Tanacross. ALCAN highway. Slight wrinkles. F. (602)

135. American Samoa. 2 June 1945 covers with different Pago Pago cancels with blue American Samoa censor handstamp. To USA with 15¢ airmail stamp. Opening tears. F.(022)

136. American Samoa. 2 1944 covers with Pago Pago cancels with blue American Samoa censor handstamp. To USA. One with 2 20¢ airmail stamps. Other with 30¢ airmail and 10¢ PREXIE. Opening tears. F.(022)

137. Hawaii. War Department #10 Penalty envelope sent by HQ Seventh AFG APO 953 to San Francisco Port of Embarkation as WD Essential Official Airmail. Special boxed Army Courier Service Honolulu handstamp. Also 10 May 43 dated handstamp of HQ. HAW. DEPT. A.G.O. S.R.S. F. (005)

138. Hawaii. 2 Base Censored covers from U.S. APOs 958, 969. Plus CASU 2 (roughly opened). F. (165).

139. Hawaii. 3 Free covers from APOs 98, 953*,954. F. (507)

140. Mixed. Airmail stamped envelope from 501 Parachute Infantry 101st Airborne Div. with APO 472 May 8, 1944 cancel; 2 airmail covers with stamps of *U.S.S. Hughes* and *Vestal* 1942-43; Patriotic used in 1943; mint Birthday card for son in service. Also 1939 cover with cancel *U.S.S. Concord.* F-VF. (560)

141. Book. *Enola Gay* by Thomas and Witts. Bombing of Hiroshima. 327 pages. Detailed bibliography. F. (005)

142. Book. *C/O Postmaster* by St. George.194 pages with numerous military cartoons largely based in **Australia**. Original jacket with slight tears. F. (005)

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143. 3 postally used covers: 1 with 57th APS Convention 1942 cancel. F-VF. (280)

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144. 8 stamped and unstamped Naval censored covers from Navy 60-**Russel Islands**, Navy 140-**New Hebrides**, 2 Anti-Tank Bn.-**Tarawa**, 8th Marines-**Hawaii**, Cub 10(2)-not listed Murphy, 93rd NCB 10/31/44-ambiguous Murphy, and MAC 1-9/19/43-?. Mainly F-VF. (022)

145. Book *New Navy Phraseology.* 1944 by Naval Academy. 326 pages in 6 languages. Contains naval terms, sample discourses for various naval scenarios, samples of correspondence, and tables of equivalent ranks. VF. SB $10.00 (106)

WORLD WAR II UNITED STATES APO'S

146. 5 covers from APOs: **Admiralty Islands**-324; **Philippines**-248, 309; **Russell Islands**-292; **Saipan**-244. 1 FREE. 1 stamped. 2 very roughly opened. Poor to F. (602)

147. 3 1943-4 covers with imprinted address of Headquarters Division Commanders of 35, 99th, and Eight Armored Divisions. Each is endorsed by Staff General. From home bases before embarkation with APO 35, 449, and 258 in address. F-VF. SB $6.00 (005)

148. Cover from sender APO 15189 with U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 5 1944 machine cancel. Unusual usage as usually seen only on processed V-Mail. Base censor handstamp and Army cellophane sealing tape. VF. SB $5. 00 (005)

149. 2 Free covers from 304th Sig. Opn. Bn. APO 17394 SF. Usual censor with #39124. No cancel. Unrecorded in APO book. F. (507)

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150. United Nations. UNAMIR. Canadian Forces. Rwanda. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5052 JAN 26 95 cancels tying Canadian stamp. Also UNPROFOR dated cancel. No sender. VF. SB $5. 00 (681)

151. United Nations. UNDOF Austrian air letter sheet used by member of **Canadian** contingent CFPO 502 with **Austrian** Battalion cancel to Canada. No message. F-VF. SB $4.00(998)

152. United Nations. UNEF. Canadian Forces. 5 postally used UNEF covers from members of **Canadian** contingent CFPO 5002 with 1975 UNEF cancels. Genuine usages with messages. SB $25.00 F-VF. (998)

153. United Nations. UNEF. Canadian Forces. UNEF stampless airletter from Cpl. CAPO 5049 with Sep 30 1957 machine cancel. Genuine usage with letter to wife. Cancel slightly faint but legible. Plus address portion of package with OHMS C.A.F.A. label to Army HQ Ottawa with red UN Emergency Force 9/18/59 cancel. F-VF. (687)

154. United Nations. UNEF. Lebanon. Special UN military Aerogramme used by member of **Nepalese** contingent with 1979 Forces in Lebanon cancel. Genuine usage with message. SB $20.00 F-VF.(998)

155. United Nations. UNEF. Palestine. Official 10" by 7" envelope of UN Relief and Works Agency for **Palestine** Refugees sent airmail printed matter to UN London. Lebanese stamp tied by 1959 Beirut cancel. Folded in middle. F.-VF. SB $10.00 (721)

156. United Nations. UNEF. Palestine. Official #10 envelope of UN Relief and Works Agency for **Palestine** Refugees sent airmail printed matter to UN London. Lebanese stamp tied by 1960 Beirut cancel. VF. SB $10.00 (721)

157. United Nations. UNFICYP. Austrian Forces. Attractively franked with 3 Austrian stamps tied by UNFICYP AUSCON 1501 10.4.89 cancels and cachet of Military Post Office. To Austria from member Staff. VF. (687)

158. United Nations. UNFICYP. Canadian Forces. 3 covers to Canada. 1 from Commanding Officer I Royal Canadian Horse Artillery with red cachet of unit and CFPO 5001 3 MAR 1993 UN cancel. Cover had been made from larger envelope and cellophane taped; 2nd cover from Commanding Officer Canadian Contingent with Canadian boxed CFPO 5001 17 X 1992 cancels; 3rd # 10 airmail cover from Postmaster Canadian Contingent with 7 Canadian definitives tied by CFPO 5002 7 III 1983 cancels. F-VF. (687)

159. United Nations. UNGOMAP. Canadian Forces Airletter to Canada with UN stamp tied by UN New York OCT 26 1988 40th Anniversary Health machine cancel. UNGOMAP handstamp. No sender. No message. VF. (377)

160. United Nations. UNOSOM. Canadian Forces. 3 blue UN military airletter sheets sent stampless to Canada. UN UNOSOM 25 5 93 cancel and double oval OPERATION DELIVERANCE ALCE 6 Nairobi, Kenya handstamps. Sender with CFPO 5005. No message. VF. (377)

161. United Nations. UNOSOM. Canadian Forces. 2 blue UN military airletter sheets sent stampless to Canada. UN UNOSOM 25 5 93 cancel and double oval OPERATION DELIVERANCE ALCE 6 Nairobi, Kenya handstamps. Sender with CFPO 5005. No message. VF. (377)

162. United Nations. UNOSOM. Canadian Forces. 3 yellow Canadian Forces airletter sheets sent stampless to Canada. UN UNOSOM 25 5 93 or 26 5 93 cancels and double oval OPERATION DELIVERANCE ALCE 6 Nairobi, Kenya handstamps. Sender with CFPO 5005. No message. VF. (377)

163. United Nations. UNOSOM. Canadian Forces. 3 yellow Canadian Forces airletter sheets sent stampless to Canada. UN UNOSOM 26 5 93 cancels and double oval OPERATION DELIVERANCE ALCE 6 Nairobi, Kenya handstamps. Sender with CFPO 5005. No message. VF. (377)

164. United Nations. UNOSOM. Canadian Forces. Kenya postcard with picture of 5 Shilling stamp with 809$ stamp tied by Nairobi May cancel sent stampless to Canada. UN UNOSOM 18 5 93 cancel and double oval OPERATION DELIVERANCE ALCE 6 Nairobi, Kenya handstamp. Sender with CFPO 5005. Brief message. VF. (377)

165. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Cover with 2 line handstamp US-UN OPERATION/PROVIDE PROMISE with cachet and cancel tying U.S. stamps of *U.S.S. Jack Williams* (FFG-24) Jul 29, 1992. Special 6 line Project handstamp filled out in ink. F.-VF. (674)

166. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Bosnia. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5004 17 I 95 cancels tying Canadian stamp. Cachet of CANBAT 2. VF. SB $3.00 (681)

167. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Croatia. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5003 16 I 95 cancel tying Canadian stamp. Also UNPROFOR dated cancel. From CAN LOG BAT. VF. SB $3.00 (681)

168. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Croatia. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5006 16 I 94 cancel tying Canadian stamp. Also UNPROFOR dated cancel. No sender. VF. SB $3.00 (681)

169. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. Croatia. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5006 18 I 95 cancel tying Canadian stamp. Also UNPROFOR dated cancel. No sender. VF. SB $3.00 (681)

170. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Canadian Forces. 3 covers to USA. 2 with CAPEX 1978 $1.25 issue tied by Canadian boxed and circular CFPO-BPFC 5003 25 XI 1993 cancels and UN UNPROFOR dated handstamp away from stamps. VF. Plus cover with stamps tied by faint but legible CFPO 5004 circular 9 X!! 93 cancel. F. Philatelic. (687)

171. United Nations. UNPROFOR. Danish Forces. #10 airmail cover with special Viking shield from Danish member HQ-COY/BHC/ to relative. VF. (295)

172. United Nations. UNPROFOR. United States Forces. Cover with 2 line handstamp US-UN OPERATION/PROVIDE PROMISE with UN Protection Force 4 May 1993 cancel away from stamps and U.S. APO 09779 4 May 1993 cancel tying UN stamped envelope and U.S. stamp. F.-VF. (674)

173. United Nations. Restore Hope. Cover with hand ship and Commanding officer cachets and June 2 1993 cancel of *U.S.S. Rushmore* on UNEF stamp. Also 3 line UN/US Operation Restore Hope Somalia 1992-3 handstamp. F.-VF. (674)

174. United Nations. Restore Hope. Cover with hand ship cachet and Jan 2 1993 cancel on UN and US stamps of *U.S.S. Juneau* LPD-10. Also 3 line UN/US Operation Restore Hope Somalia 1992-3 handstamp and Project handstamp for Presidential Visit. F.-VF. (674)

175. United Nations. Southern Watch. Cover with *U.S.S. Nimitz CVAN-68* cachet and MAR 21 1993 cancel on UNEF stamp. Also 2 line UN/US Operations Southern Watch handstamp. VF. (674)

176. United Nations. UNTAC. 2 #10 size official UNTAC covers with UNTAC UN 1993 cancels. 1 with typed address of UNTAC civil police. Philatelic. VF. (295)

177. UNTAC. Canadian Forces. Cover to USA with Canadian stamps tied by Canadian circular CFPO-BPFC 1 X 1992 cancels and UN UNTAC dated handstamp away from stamps. VF. Philatelic. (687)

178. UNTAC. Canadian Forces. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5050 28 9 92 cancels tying Canadian stamp. Also UNTAC dated cancel. VF. No sender. SB $5.00 (681)

179. Burma. Stampless British Forces mail cover with RAF POST 31 MAR 46 183 cancel (# difficult to read). Sender 10 Squadron then at Meiktila. F. (280)

180. Canada. 6 Forces Canadian stamped flown covers said to be UN Operations but not clear from covers. Each has handstamp with route and pilot added. 3 with CFPO 5001 and 1 with 5002 cancels. 4 **Cyprus** and 2 **Cairo.** F. (295)

181. Canada. Airmail cover to US from Tech Rep APO 692 with **Newfoundland** stamp tied by APO NOV 16 1948 cancel. Used at Frobisher Bay, Puffin Islands. Slight opening tears. Some letters hard to read in cancel. F. (687)

182. Canada. 8 domestic military covers including: airletter with message and 1958 cancel RCAF Station Clinton; Cabot Park PEI MPO 100 1977 (Only used 9 months); 3 covers with various cancels of CFS Alert NT 1992-94 (2 with cachets-1 a #10); 1993 cover from USA to CFPO 5054 returned no such address; Unaddressed #10 Post office with 1985 cancel; #10 Official with cancel of AYLMEP WEST 1959. F-VF. (687)

183. Canada. 5 philatelic military covers from Overseas locations to U.S. all franked by CFPO cancel with Canadian stamps including. **Belgium.** 2 1993-4 CFPO 5048 (1 partial but all numbers clear); **Great Britain.** 2 CFPO 5051 1993-94; **Israel.** CFPO 5002 1993. F-VF. (687)

184. Canada. Official Department of Defence envelope to Base Commander CFB Rockliffe with red Department of Defence HDQRS, Ottawa VII 17 1968 cancel with special 3 line handstamp "Emergency Mail Delivery/D.N.D./ OTTAWA, CANADA." Rockcliffe dated receipt handstamp on front. VF. (117)

185. Canada. 5 military covers from Overseas locations to Canada/England all franked by CFPO cancel with Canadian stamps and #10 and OHMS except as noted and including. **Egypt**-CFPO 35 FEB 9 1962 on reused envelope to RCAF England with double oval RCAF Langar dated receipt handstamp; **France**-CFPO 108 1966 (small size cover), 5052 and 109 on same 1959 cover; **Great Britain**- CFPO 102 1961. **Sardinia**-CFPO 111 1963 circular cancel on OHMS parcel wrapper with CFPO 111 roller cancel tying stamps. Plus US Navy 1995 FPO AE 09499 then in England tying G postcard stamp on cover to USA.. F-VF. (687)

186. Canada. 2 Forces Air Letter sheets with stamps to Canada.1 with FPO 26 1970 cancels from Exercise Maple Spring *H.M.C.S. Bonaventure.* Other CFPO 5046 1970 from **Norway Arctic** Express exercise. No messages. VF. (722)

187. Canada. Newfoundland. 1960 US Official ballot for 1960 election with U.S. APO 677 cancel at Goose Bay. Slightly larger than #10. Plus APO 862 1957 at Pepperrell; and Navy FPO 09597 1987 at Argentia. F-VF. (687)

188. Canada. Navy. 4 covers to U.S.: Cacheted cover with boxed dated handstamp of Commander *H.M.C.S. Athabaskan* with Victoria Dockyard 1952 cancel on stamp; 1959 non-philatelic cover with cancel of *H.M.C.S. Naden*; FMO Victoria 1994; FMO Halifax 1994. F-VF. (687)

189. Chacos Islands. Diego Garcia. Cover from Navy Support facility with Navy FPO 96885 2/25/91 cancel tying F stamp. Special red B.I.O.T. Diego Garcia cachet. F-VF. (022)

190. China. #10 Official cover of Chinese Mission Japan c/o G-2, GHQ, FEC, APO 500. To New Zealand originally with 5¢ airmail Scott C33 tied by APO 500 Dec 4 1947 cover. Returned for 20¢ postage which is added by block of older 5¢ air, Scott C25, tied by APO handcancel. Backstamped **Australian**

APO 216, and #8 Aust. BDE. Has been folded and worn around edges. AVE-F. (005)

191. Cuba. Cover with special cachet for Cuban refugees Guantanamo with hand colored map of Cuba and **Haiti**. Large handstamp of *U.S.C.G.C. Adak* with return address of Commanding officer. U.S. Stamp tied by 1994 home base cancel. F.-VF. (295)

192. Cyprus. Airmail letter to US with 2 15M Cyprus stamps,Scott 209, tied by Fammagata 1964 cancel. Reverse has special propaganda 3 line handstamp "TURKISH BOMBS/ON CYPRUS ENDANGER/WORLD PEACE" with missiles at each end. F-VF. (005)

193. Denmark. 2 #10 airmail covers to U.S. from Military Attache Colonel at American Embassy. Copenhagen 1959 cancels on Danish stamps. 1 with slight tears. F. (424)

194. Egypt. Large registered cover from Philatelic Agency to U.S. with 27 stamps with FDC cancels 30.11.59 (Scott's 474(2), 479(4), 492(20), and C92. Opening tears. Also cover with 609 and Scott C98 with partial 1964 Cairo cancel. Apparently censored. Also 1940 censored cover from Alexandria Navigation Co. London to Alexandria. AVE-F. (424)

195. Falkland Islands. Commercial size airmail cover with Falkland Islands centenary cachet and 15½p stamp tied by 5 Nov 1982 London Maritime Cancel. Letter enclosed from 824 A ??T unit. (280)

196. France. Press release of U.S. 101st Airborne Division APO 472 then at Auxerre with APO 472 Oct 16, 1945 cancel. Contents is record of individual starting in 1942 for home town newspaper including decorations. Also brief Division history including D-Day and Battle of Bulge. F-VF. SB $5.00 (005)

197. France. 5 official French Army covers used internally from 1990-1994. 4 Free. Good mix of domestic unit handstamps and cancels. 1 window. F.-VF. (295)

198. France. 5 mostly #10 1945-46 Official Penalty covers from U.S. APOs 164, 266, 350, 437, and 408. 3 are fronts only. Poor to AVE. Plus 1946 airmail envelope with 5¢ PREXIE tied by 1946 APO 194 cancel used in **French Morocco**. F. (602)

199. French Guinea. Cover with 6¢ airmail stamp tied by U.S. APO 418 14 January 1946 cancel. Sender with 405th Fighter Group APO 141 which ceased operation in France in 1945? F. (602)

200. Germany. Cacheted cover for FAM-24 First US Flight to Berlin Germany. 30¢ Fortress issue with New York Aug 28, 1946, Berlin Airport 29.8.46 and Berlin NW 7 30.8. 1946 cancels. U.S. Civil Censorship in Germany handstamp. F. (722)

201. Germany. 14 mostly #10 1946, some slightly larger, Official Penalty covers from US APOs 162(2), 170, 171, 177, 178, 179, 206, 207(2), 209, 225, 400, and 403 (1958 with 6¢ airmail stamp). 9 are fronts only. 1946 covers are all to APO 207 Erding, Germany. Mixed. Poor to F. (602)

202. Germany. 9 1974-1985 cacheted covers to Germany with naval themes including Force Atlantic Augsburg, Standing Naval Force Atlantic Fregatte F222 *Augsburg* in Lisbon, Tendar *Neckar* A 66, Transport *Emsland*, Tross-Schiff *Coburg*, Tender *Donau*, Fregatte *Rheinland-Pfalz*, and 7 Schnellbootsgeschwader. All civilian cancels on mostly Spain or Portugal stamps. F-VF. (117)

203. Germany. Canadian Forces. 9 covers with Canadian stamps tied by cancels of CFPO 106, 5000 (3), 5053, 5055 (2-on $5.00 stamps!), 5056 (2). Mostly 1993. F-VF. (687)

204. Germany. Book. *Meeting at Potsdam* by Mee. Post War agreement of Churchill, Stalin, and Truman on spheres of interest including division of Germany and pursuit of the war against Japan. 301 pages. Original jacket with slight tears. F. (005)

205. Gibraltar. 4 special cacheted FDCs for Military uniforms Issue with different Gibraltar stamps of series on each (Scott 226-229) and canceled with special British Forces FPO 1082 6 NOV 69 cancels. High catalog value as stamps. VF. SB $10.00 (280)

206. Great Britain. 4 cacheted covers commemorating Boston Massacre, 25th Anniversary of Arnhem, Closure of Western command, and 25th Anniversary of Women's Royal Army Corps. Each with explanatory enclosure. with special 1969-1974 military cancels. F.-VF. (295)

207. Great Britain. Book. *Spy Catcher* by Wright. Candid autobiography of Senior British Intelligence Officer that British government tried to suppress. Amongst other thing accuses former head of MI5 as being Russian Spy. 392 pages. Indexed. Original jacket. VF.(005)

208. Greece. 21 Aug 1945 cover from civilian with U.S.I.S. (U.S. Information Service) Embassy #2 APO 512 then at Caserta but canceled APO 624 Athens with 2 6¢ airmail stamps. Slight rubbing of paper near address. F. (005)

209. Greenland. Special cachet for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Camp 100 Century Polar Research Center. U.S. APO 23 Aug 21 1961 cancel. F.-VF. RES $4.00 (674)

210. Haiti. Canadian Forces. Cover to Canada with CFPO 5057 APR 7 95 cancel tying Canadian stamp. No sender. VF. SB $3.00 (681)

211. India. 2 stampless OAS covers with weak RAFPOST India 157 1946 cancels. F. (280)

212. Israel. Special 1962 FDC of Scott 222-23 with Tabs for Israeli Air Force. Cachet shows pilots. Bilingual pamphlet enclosed. Unaddressed. VF. (295)

213. Israel. 1972 stampless cover with picture of soldier and be silent sign and triangular censor #2145. F. (280)

214. Israel. Book. *The Pledge* by Slater. Underground effort to equip Israeli's for war when British withdrew from Palestine. 350 pages. Original jacket with slight tears. F. (005)

215. Israel. Book. *The Plumbat Affair*. Tale of Israeli secret service acquiring nuclear weapon material. 192 pages. Original jacket with slight tears. F. (005)

216. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Acknowledgement postcard of receipt from Trieste to Trieste franked with pair of 2 Lire AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN5 canceled Trieste 5/ VIA ARMANDO DIAZ Sep 13, 1946. F. SB $7.00 (732)

217. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Photo viewcard of Trieste to Belgrade, Yugoslavia franked with pair of 5 Lire AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN6. Circular PASSED BY ALLIED CONTROL #1076 censor handstamp. Canceled Trieste Post Area. Date not clear but card dated Aug 22, 1946. Piece of corner missing. F. SB $10.00 (732)

218. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Photo viewcard of Trieste to Rome franked with 20 and 60 cent AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN2 and 1LN3. Canceled Trieste. Date not clear. Slight toning. F. SB $5.00 (732)

219. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Cover from Trieste to Castellanza franked with pair of 1 Lire AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN4, canceled Trieste. Date not clear. Censor tape tied by circular Italian censor handstamp. Backstamped Castellanza 24.12.45. F. SB $5.00 (732)

220. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Cover from Pola to Rome franked with four 1 Lire AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN4, canceled Pola 20.10.46. Faint VIA ACCO (Allied Control Commission) #55 handstamp. Small tear. F. SB $15.00 (732)

221. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Cover from Pola to Trieste franked with two 2 Lire AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN5, canceled Trieste 13.11.45. VIA ACCO (Allied Control Commission) #6 handstamp. Slight ink traces from stacked letter postmarks. F. SB $12.00 (732)

222. Italy. Allied Occupation. Venezia Giulia. Cover from Trieste to Udine franked with two 2 Lire AMG-VG stamps, Scott 1LN5, canceled Trieste 1.8.46. Circular Allied Control censor handstamp. F. SB $7.00 (732)

223. Iwo Jima. 2 covers from Commanding Officer U.S. Coast Guard LORAN FPO 98781 with 10¢ airmail stamps tied by Coast Guard 17103 1/16/75 cancel and with special LORAN Station red cachet showing raising of flag at Iwo. VF. (022)

224. Japan. Official Post Office Penalty cover from 500th Army Postal Unit APO 500 with APO 500 Oct 30, 1951 cancel to well known collector Kevin Rogan. Official letter enclosed talks about return of 2 covers since regulations do not allow philatelic mail. Slight staining of letter. F. (005)

225. Japan. 3 covers from Japanese surnames, 2 military, from U.S. APOs 25 (2 with no year in cancel might be Korea), and 226 (1948). Also cover from APO 331 1948 from **Ryukyus**. F. (720)

226. Luxembourg. Special **Jewish** Welfare Board Armed Forces New Years card used Free by Chaplain U.S. APO 513 with German type Luxembourg 2 1.11.45 cancel. Fingerprints over sender's address. F. (005)

227. Malaya. #10 envelope with Malaysian 10¢ concession rate stamp with faint Penang 14 JUN 75 cancel from RAAF Base Butterworth to **Australian** Department of Defense. F. (745)

228. Malaya. 6½ by 8 inch envelope sent registered from AFPO 2 with 8 different **Australian** Antarctic stamps to $1.00 value tied by AFPO 31 DEC 75 cancels from RAAF Base Butterworth Penang. VF. (745)

229. Malaya. 6½ by 8 inch envelope sent registered from AFPO 2 ANNEXE with 8 different **Australian** stamps to $1.00 value tied by AFPO 2 2 MAR 76 cancels from RAAF Base Butterworth Penang. Special Forces Customs label on back.1 stamp stained. F. (745)

230. Nigeria. Biafran War. #10 cover with circular OTURKPO 17 SP 69 cancel and double oval handstamp of 1 DIV Nigerian Army. F. (280)

231. Norway. 6¢ airmail envelope from sender 474 Inf. Rgt. (Sep.) U.S. APO 544 then at Oslo with APO 544 SEP 6 1945 cancel. Slight vertical crease. F. SB $5.00 (005)

232. Okinawa. 5 covers/1 card used by U.S. Military from 1972-80 with Navy 17022 (Sender CG LORAN FPO 98770), 96331(3), Marine FPO 98773(2). 1 #10. Plus 1982 #10 cover from APO 96274 **Philippines**. F. (022)

233. Palestine. Book. *O Jerusalem* by Collins and Lapierre. 1948 War. 637 pages. 60 photos. Original jacket with slight tears. F-VF. (005)

234. Rumania. Cover with handstamp for Allied Control Commission for Rumania APO 777. 6¢ airmail stamp tied by APO 777 Aug. 10, 1946 cancel of Vienna. SB $5.00 (005)

235. Russia. Book. *Alexander Dolgun's Story: An American in the GULAG* by Dolgun. 370 pages. Original jacket with slight tears. F-VF. (005)

236. Thailand. 4 small reply cards with 8¢ airmail stamps tied by 1968 APO 96233, 96288, 96310, 96346 1968 cancels Plus #10 cover with 1980 APO 96346 cancels. F. (022)

237. United States. Operation Democracy. Haiti. 5 Official #10 covers with shore cancels from USCGC's *Adak, Dependable* (2), *Thetis, Vashon.* Plus small cover *U.S.S. Clark* with Hampton Roads 8/20/94 cancel. Each with 3 line Haitian Blockade handstamps. F. (674)

238. United States. Operation Provide Comfort. Turkey. Large 6x11 Official Post Office cover with handstamp with APO 09396 11/11/91 cancel. Endorsed Zakhu **Iraq**. Slight wrinkling. F-VF. (674)

239. United States. Operation Provide Promise. Former Yugoslavia. Large 6x11 Official Post Office cover with handstamp with Navy FPO 09619-0006 11/20/92 cancel. 11/11/91 cancel. Slight wrinkling. F-VF. (674)

240. United States. Operation Restore Hope. Somalia. 3 large 6x11 Official Post Office and 2 #10 covers. Each with 3 line special handstamp. From *U.S.S. Tripoli* 12/19/92, *U.S.S. Schenectady* 10/19/92, PSC 451 Navy FPO 09834 11/16/93 and Camp Pendleton after return with letter. F-VF. *S.S. Green Harbour* "Mission Complete" with New Orleans cancel. (674)

241. Yugoslavia. Free Territory of Trieste. Lot of 8 1949-50 covers with all different frankings of **Italian** stamps overprinted AMG-FTT. Both Trieste 2 line and Rome 1 line overprints. Different rates and genuine usages. F-VF. SB $30.00 (732)

POST-WORLD WAR II U. S. NAVAL

242. Antarctica. #10 cover to Antarctic Support Program. Recipient not known and returned with "Deposited in Antarctica" and 2 other Research handstamps as well as "Return finger" and Damaged handstamp. Slight wrinkling. F. (674)

243. Antarctica. Cachet for U.S. Naval Support Units Antarctica IGY 1958-59 Deep Freeze IV. Navy 17038 JAN 4 1959 cancel of Antarctic Support facility. Reverse has handstamp of NAF McMurdo Sound Antarctica. VF. (270)

244. Crosby type cover with photo of ship for Last Day Postal Service *U.S.S. Fargo* JAN 6 1950. Some letters in killer indistinct but decipherable. F. (280)

245. 17 #10 covers mostly DD's from 1954. Some earlier. From ships U.S.S. *Abbot, Allen Sumner, Blue, Braine, Carter Hall, Columbus, Fort Mandan, Glynn, Harry Bauer, Myles Fox, Norris, Robert K. Huntington, Ross, Shelton, Smalley, William C. Lawe, Yellowstone.* F. (746)

246. Antarctica. 14 covers with cachets of Operation High Jump 1947 (2 with different *Mount Olympus* cancels and Operation Deep Freeze-1958 (2), 1973 (3-*USCGC Burton Island,* Pole Station Antarctica, Navy 17038-2 types), 1975 (2 Navy 17038), 1978 (FPO 96692), 1979 (2-FPO 96692), 1994-*USCGC Polar Sea WAGB-11.* AVE-VF. (117)

247. Arctic. 3 cacheted covers: USCG Communications Station Kodiak, Alaska 1976; *USCGC Polar Sea* Alaskan Waters 1984; and *U.S.S. Cavalla SSN 684* North Pole 1995 and signed by Officers.VF. Plus *USCGC North Wind* 1962 Bering Sea Patrol with torn corner and soiling. F. (117)

248. Invitation for Change of Command Ceremony for *U.S.S. Peterson* (DD 969) 12 December 1986 with contents including ceremony, reception, guest speaker, and directions. Envelope has ship cancel. VF.(424)

249. 11 #10 covers from submarines, 1989-92, from U.S.S. *Atlanta, Buffalo, Haddo, Hamilton, Honolulu, Houston, Lewis & Clark, Newport News* (2), *Norfolk, Olympia, West Virginia.* All with ship handcachets. F-VF. (674)

250. 6 #10 covers from submarines with 1989-92 cancels from U.S.S. *Honolulu, Houston, Newport News, Norfolk* (2), *Quillback, Salt Lake City.* All with ship handcachets. F. (674)

251. 7 covers (3 official) with cachets of *USCGC Eagle* 1990 to Tall Ships Station(2), OPSAIL 1980. and CIC Atlantic Command. F-VF. (674)

252. 5 Coast Guard. mostly #10 covers with Coast Guard cachets including exercise with Bahamian Defense Forces. 2 uncanceled. (674)

253. 21 mostly hand cacheted #10 covers including DSV *Sea Cliff,* U.S.S. *Atlanta, Bainbridge* (1962-Sea trials), *Buffalo, Barry, Holland, Mobile Bay* (Project Handclasp), *Saginaw, Scott, Valley Forge.* Also Pearl Harbor anniversary, Recruiting letters, Berlin Brigade. Mostly F-VF. (674)

254. 3 #10 covers of *U.S.S. Galveston* Shipmates Association with different pictures of ship used 1987-95. F-VF. (560)

KOREAN AND VIETNAM WARS

255. Korean War. Free airmail cover from Capt. Korean Military Advisory Group, 8202 A.U. APO 301. U.S. Army machine cancel with no APO or year. Slight blurring of some of address. F. SB $3.00 (005)

256. Korean War. 2 Free airmail covers from member of U.N. Honor Guard 8230 A.U. APO 301 with APO 301 1954 cancels. Slight blurring of 1 cancel. F-VF. (005)

257. Korean War. From soldier 23rd Inf. Rgt. APO 248 with Feb 10, 1952 machine cancel without APO. Writer has endorsed "FREE AIRMAIL N. Korea." Slight tear. F-VF. (560)

258. Korean War. French Forces. American type envelope with French Poste Aux Armées T.O.E. 24-2 1952 cancel. Sender with French Battalion F. APO 5200 to U.S. Marine. Rare unit. SB $25.00 (005)

259. Korean War. Book. *Soldier's Disgrace* by Snyder. Author refutes case against Major Alley convicted of conspiring with enemy in POW camps. 254 pages. 26 photos. Original jacket. F-VF. (005)

260. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. 1967 cover to Australia from member of R.A.N. Helicopter Flight Vietnam War A.F.P.O. 3. Incoming mail is scarcer. Slight staining. F. (745)

261. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. Airmail cover with 6¢ stamp tied by AUST FPO 3 JU 4 1968 cancel and boxed Postage Concession handstamp. VF. Plus airmail cover with 5¢ stamp tied by partial AFPO 4 cancel with illegible date and long rectangular Forces Concession Rate handstamp with not all letters readable. AVE. (745)

262. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. Free airmail cover with AUST FPO 4 19 JAN 1969 cancel to military home address. VF. (745)

263. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. 2 U.S. airmail covers with Southeast Asia maps. 1 used by Australian soldier with 102 Field Battery with AFPO 4 May 23 1968 cancel tying 5¢ stamp. Slight soiling and tears. 2nd from DCO 7 AFPO 4. 5¢ stamp with date and FPO not clear to RAAF Depot Australia. Soiled. AVE-F. (745)

264. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. #10 cover with 20¢ stamp tied by AFPO 5 May 1969 cancel. Handstamp of "2 SQN PHAN RANG/Vietnam War" to Air Department Sydney. Date hard to read. Cover torn but intact. F. (745)

265. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. 7 special Australian airmail covers with Vietnam War map sent FREE from same sender 2 TPT PI AFPO 3. 2 with AFPO 3 1969 cancels. 5 with no postal markings. Plus 2 ordinary covers same sender sent FREE with AFPO 3 1969 cancels. Some covers have gum bleed through. F. (745)

266. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. Special Australian airmail cover with Vietnam map sent FREE from sender AV (Army Vessel) 1386 *Clive Steele* with AFPO 3 18 AUG 1969 cancel with transposed date. Slight gum bleed through. F. (745)

267. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. 18 #10 envelopes used 1970 by same sender 2 TPT PI AFPO 3. 10 have identifiable cancels though not always completely legible. Of these 6 are roughly opened with portions of envelope missing. Also 8 covers with no legible cancel. AVE. (745)

268. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. Red Registered Mail bag tag with string still attached from Sydney to AFPO 2 12/8/68. This was Caribou Base Ubon, Thailand supporting Vietnam. Only manuscript markings. Slight wrinkles. F. (745)

269. Vietnam War. Australian Forces. Special Australian Forces Airletter with FPO 3 15 NOV 19?? (year hard to read) from sender ANZAC Bn. APO 4. Slight wrinkling, tears, and bleed-through of flap gum. F. (560)

270. Vietnam War. Canadian Forces. 3 covers including 1973 courier from ICCS Saigon to Canadian BEN CAT Leader Region V Lam Son with handstamp and 1973 handwritten; window envelope from Region V HQ to same address as above with handstamp; and CFPO 5005 to Canada 1973. Plus #10 cover with cancel of U.S. APO 96503 1966 from UNC Liaison Group for Canada to Canada. Probably in **Japan**. Though there is a Mallott influence here I believe these are genuine usages. F-VF. (687)

271. Vietnam War. 3 #10 airmail covers with Vietnam map hand cachets with APO 95345 and 96279 cancels. 1 has no cancel. Some deterioration of flap gum. F. (674)

272. Vietnam War. Free airmail cover from 3rd Marine Div. (Rein) with Navy 14030 Br, Unit 3 Sep 16 1965 cancel. Opening tear mostly effecting flap. Early usage. F. (560)

273. Vietnam War. 4 1966-69 covers 1 card with cancels APOs 96345, 96307, 96227, and 96321. 3 covers airmail: 1 FREE, 1 stamped, and 1 unstamped with 8¢ Postage due. Plus Vietnam Memorial and campaign ribbon stamps tied by special cancel for Adams County Vietnam memorial Quincy, IL. No senders. F-VF. (560)

274. Vietnam War. 2 FREE ship covers with cancels of *U.S.S. Newport News* Oct 14 1967 and Mar 16 1968. 1 on ship stationery with New York changed by hand to San Francisco. 1 has opening tears on flap other rough tear at sender's address. Plus same sender on customs tag from *U.S.S. Hancock* FPO 96601 with NY 2/26/71 13933 cancel and cover FPO 98790 with 1969 13609 cancel. (Kodiak, **Alaska**). AVE-F. (560)

275. Vietnam War. 37 1969-73 FREE ship "Karcher" cacheted covers with cancels of all different ships. Most cachets generic. Some WW II anniversary themes. Mostly F-VF. SB $50.00 (560)

276. Vietnam War. Cacheted ship cover and *U.S.S. Harold J. Ellison* APR 13 1966 cancel on 5¢ Fulton with ZIP. 2 line "On Station/Vietnam" handstamp. Address label removed. Plus cacheted cover for Recommissioning of Battleship *New Jersey* with South East Asia map and *U.S.S. New Jersey* May 24 1969 cancel. F-VF. (560)

277. Vietnam War. *About Face The Odyssey of an American Warrior* by Col. Davis Hackworth. Autobiography of America's most decorated living soldier. 875 pages. 48 photos. Original jacket with slight tears. F-VF. (005)

PERSIAN GULF

278. Cover with cancel of *U.S.S. La Salle* AGF-3 Aug 11 1984 with cachet of Commanding Officer and cachet for "Great White Ghost of The Arabian Coast." Persian Gulf cachets on reverse. VF. (674)

279. Cover with cancel of *U.S.S. Acadia* AD-4 Jan 20 1989 with cachet of Commanding Officer *U.S.S. Inflict* and Persian Gulf cachet. Reverse has handstamps of *U.S.S. Exultant* MSO 441. VF.(674)

280. Cacheted cover *U.S.S. Norfolk* SSN 714 with U.S. Navy 826 FPO AE 09627 Jul 20 1993 cancel. Seller says Italian based could be Provide Promise or Southern Watch? VF. (674)

OPERATION DESERT STORM

281. Large 6x11 Official Post Office cover with special large Desert Storm handstamp with Marine Corp FPO 96608 4/26/91 cancel. VF. (674)

282. 31 #10 covers mostly from civilian to military units 1991-95 trying to get Desert Storm etc. covers. These were returned because of faulty addresses, close of units etc. 8 have Desert Storm related handstamps, but not clear if sender or recipient generated. About 10 appear to be only ship mail with no obvious linkage. Good research material. Mostly F. (674)

283. 10 mostly #10 covers with various Persian Gulf handstamps from NOAA Ship *Mt. Mitchell* Norfolk mooring, APO 09616, APO 09894, 09896, *U.S.S. Ranger, U.S.S. Saginaw, Vincennes* (2), Reserve officer's Association with D.C. cancel and Navy Station 965921-9998 with Guam cancel(?). AVE-F. (674)

284. 10 #10 covers with various Desert Storm handstamps with *U.S.S. Chancellorsville* (2), *Kansas City, Wisconsin,* MCB FIVE, APO 09083, FPO 98762, and Staten Island (3) *U.S.S. Normandy* home base (2) and Salute to Desert Storm Veterans cachets/cancels. AVE-F. (674)

285. Free cover with APO 09857 1/27/91 cancel and Desert Storm handstamps. Plus stamped cover with *U.S.S. Chancellorsville* 12/17/91 cancels and Desert Storm handstamp. F-VF. (674)

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287. 5 #10 covers with various Desert Storm handstamps with *U.S.S. Curts,* FPO 98773, 2nd FSSG cancels. Also Return of *U.S.S. Manitowoc* from Mid East, and Desert Shield Pen Pal's Network. F. SB $10.00 (674)

288. 5 #10 covers with various Desert Storm handstamps with *U.S.S. Curts, Cayuga, Foster, Jarrett,* and *Mt. Vernon* cancels. F-F. SB $8.00 (674)

289. Special #10 envelope with special decal for **Israeli** Patriot system showing missile and star of David. Also handstamps of 19.01.91 Israeli military and Israeli Defense Forces and Liaison unit to Foreign Forces. Plus other markings. VF. (295)

290. 2 covers. 1 Free with APO 09808 20 Jul 1992 cancel and Desert Storm cachet. Other with 29 Jan 1991 APO 09856 cancel tying stamp. Philatelic. F.-VF. (295)

291. Cover with cachets and Jun 4 1991 cancel of *U.S.S. Ogden* LPD-5. Also Desert Storm Victory map cachet and special Homecoming cachet. VF. (674)

292. 2 #10 stampless FREE covers from 33 TFW/Deployed/7 with APO 09691 10 Dec 1990 and 15 JAN 1991 cancels. 1 slightly blurred but legible. Plus 1995 FPO 96370 **Okinawa** and 1 location unknown. F-VF. (687)

293. Canadian Forces. Airmail cover to Canada with CFPO 5071 12 XI 90 cancels tying Canadian stamp. Bahrain. No sender. SB $5.00 VF. (681)

MISCELLANEOUS

294. Antarctica. cacheted covers including **Argentina** (2 1966 and 1972), **Australia** (3 Antarctic stamps tied by 1972 and 1975 cancels), **Falkland Islands** (1994 Port Stanley cancel and **Polish** station handstamps to USA with letter enclosed, **South Africa** (Marion Island 1974 and Sanae 1977), **Soviet Union** (3 1991 Murmansk with picture of Icebreakers, Antarctica 1973, 1978 ship *Leningrad* in Antarctica). Plus photo cards of penguins as advertisement for cruise to Antarctica and Bluenose II. Also 3 early unused stampless **Norwegian** postcards with scenes of Spitzbergen, Glocken Sund, and Gadvangen in color. F-VF. (117)

295. Germany. #10 cover with cachet of special representative in America of **Zeppelin** Construction Company. Used in 1931 to Canada. Slight spots on envelope. SB $5.00 F. (005)

296. Marshall Plan. 32 #10 mostly 1949-51 airmail covers with cachets of Economic Cooperation Administration Special Missions sent and franked from **Denmark, France** (10-2 meters and one with handstamp mailed in country of Origin etc.), **Greece** (4), **Great Britain** (Cachet of Mutual Security Agency (MSA) successor Agency), **Italy** (7-1 MSA), **Netherlands** (3), **Portugal** (3), **Turkey** (2-1 MSA). Also 1948 cover from Naval Air Attache Embassy Havana, **Cuba.** AVE-F. (424)

297. Soviet Union. 15 1988-89 attractively franked covers/cards. 8 with cancels and handstamps of commercial ships. 7 with ship cachets and PAQUETBOT Genoa cancels. VF. (117)

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299. #10 cover with handstamped cachet for First Voyage *S.S. Washington* to Cobh, Plymouth, Havre and Hamburg. 8¢ winged globe airmail, Scott C17 tied by May 10, 1933 U.S. GER. SEA POST cancel. Slight aging at edges. F. (746)

300. Photo in civilian clothes annotated on back Ja T. Boyd Acr. 3rd Asst. Engr. Revenue stamp R11 with ink cancel. Military?.F. (560)

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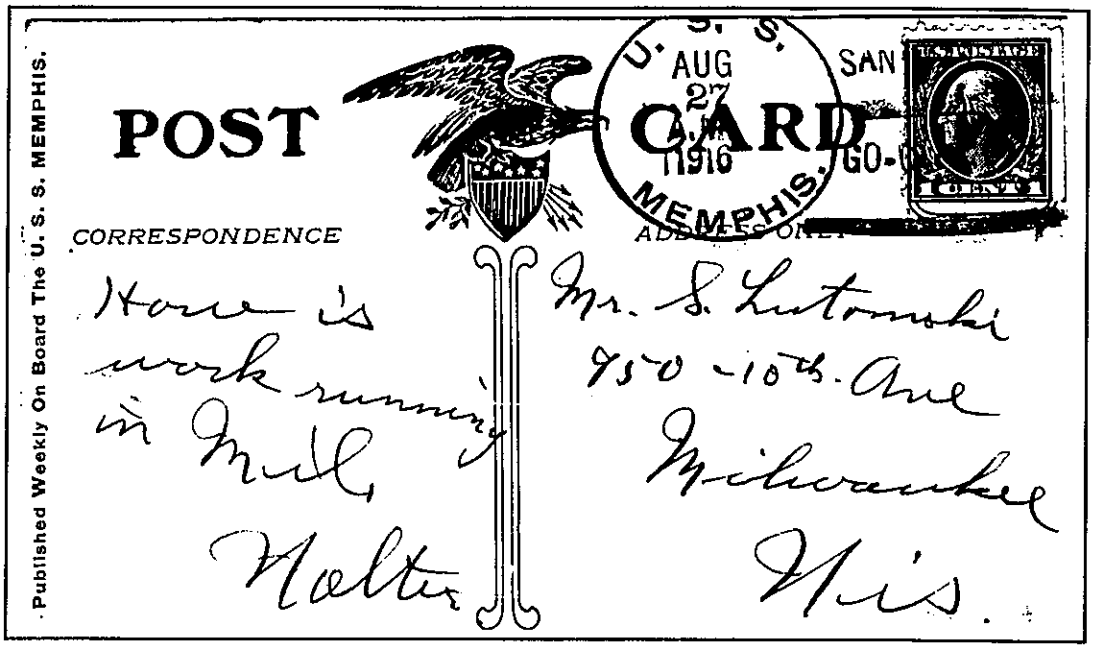

Armored Cruiser #10, *USS Tennessee*, provided the archetypical example of American "gunboat diplomacy" during the early years of this century. The pre-Dreadnought cruiser bristled with guns of all calibres, and spent much of her career showing the flag around the world.

Tensions on the island of Hispaniola are nothing new. In August 1915 she was ordered to the Caribbean to land the 1st Regiment, Marine Expeditionary Force and the Marine Artillery Battalion in Haiti during uprisings there. She spent much of the remainder of her life patrolling off the war-torn country, protecting American lives and property. On May 25, 1916 she was renamed *Memphis* so that the name *Tennessee* could be used for a new battleship under construction.

On July 29, 1916 she weighed anchor from Cape Haitien, Haiti and sailed to the other end of the island of Hispaniola, dropping the hook two days later at Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic to show the flag in the aftermath of elections. She was still in Santo Domingo harbor on Aug. 27 when Walter Lutomoski wrote this card to his brother in Milwaukee.

Two days later a huge tidal wave, perhaps from an underwater earthquake, swept into the harbor unexpectedly. *Memphis* was torn from her moorings and thrown on the rocks, wrecking the ship completely. The tidal wave was so sudden that it also swamped one of the ship's boats bringing sailors back from shore leave.

The survivors of *Memphis'* crew lived ashore for a time, cleaning up details, but the gunboat never sailed again. Her wreckage was finally sold for scrap in 1922.

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