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WE RENEW PUBLICATION

With renewal of publication, a few words should be said as to policy. As in the past, reference articles dealing with U.S. war covers & postmarks will be featured. Each issue will consist of a sheet of four pages together with supplementary sheets, each prepared so that it will contain material dealing with a single topic.

The number of supplements to each issue will depend entirely on circulation. If we have a circulation of but 100, four issues each with two four-page supplements will be published a year. Double that and twice the quantity of reading matter can be given. This is a non-profit venture and readers are asked to cooperate by securing new subscribers.

Our country is at war; no data which may in any way contain information useful to the enemy will be published. Common sense will be used in this regard. For example, the check-list of dates of establishment of post offices appearing in this issue is taken from the Postal Bulletin and is available to the general public; copies are sent to the Postal Union in Switzerland where they are certainly scrutinized by the enemy. The fact that APO 501 is a branch of the San Francisco post office--taken from the Postal Bulletin--may be published here, however, its location may not until such fact is made public by the proper authorities.

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CONTRACT POST OFFICE BRANCHES AND STATIONS

In the list of shore stations and branches published as a supplement to this issue, many are listed as "C.Sta."--Contract Station. Mr. Roger A. Mathes, President of the International Postal Slogan Society, points out that contract stations (distinguished from classified) are

smaller stations which do not ordinarily postmark mail, letters being sent to the main office where they are postmarked. However, this rule does not hold true in all cases. The list is presented only as a list of offices at which postmarks may be used.

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WAR LETTERS EXHIBIT: A 30-frame exhibit of "War Letters" prepared to interest non-collectors and dealing with the theme of Write to the Men in the Services is available for display at museums and at other appropriate places. Details from the Editor.

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REVIEW: Member D.C. Bartley, Chairman of the National Cachet Directors Council, has edited a pamphlet containing a list of U.S. Naval Postmarks as of September, 1942, and classified by the revised Locy system. This useful list may be obtained for 35c from the publisher, Sterling S. Taylor, 9612 Fremont Ave., Seattle, Wash.

This issue contains the following Supplements (4 pages each) -

Check List of Military &c. P.O.s in the U.S. (May 1 1941 to Dec 16 1941)
American Classification System for Listing U.S. War Postal Markings (Sec. 1)

THE WAR COVER CLUB

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FOR THE RECORD

So that the club's history may be recorded in this publication, we list above the names of members who have joined since March 1942 (more will be listed later) and give the following brief resume as to what has transpired in the last year.

Officers: The March 1942 election resulted: Eugene Carey, President, Geo. C. Hahn Vice-President, M. Hertzberg, Secy-Treas. and A. F. Black Wm. Montgomery, A. E. Perry, H. K. Robinson, H. M. Sanford and Delf Norona Directors, Mr. Hahn editor and sales mgr.

With the untimely death of Eugene Carey in July 1942 Geo. Hahn became president. Soon afterwards he found it necessary, due to war activities, to discontinue all his club activities, and as the result of an election by the directors Delf Norona was chosen President and Wm. H. Tower Vice-President.

Sales Service: Your President appointed S. Hall Seymour, Box 2280, Wichita, Kansas, Sales Manager. Members are invited to write him for information about his sales service which is heartily recommended to all club members.

Official Organ: The Cover Collector, later the International Stamp Review, were used by Mr. Hahn as the club's official organ. Copies of the former Aug 1941 to May 1942 and the latter Sep 1942 to Dec 1942 containing club news and much valuable war cover data can no doubt be obtained from the publisher, Mr. Warren Adams, 811 Edmond St., St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Hahn also published a mimeographed bulletin at one time in the name of the club from Dec. 1940 to Jun 1941. As a limited quantity was printed it is now a scarce philatelic publication.

There is a general desire on the part of the club's officers that the club have its own publication, and your President has agreed to act as editor and publisher.

For the benefit of new members a complete file of back issues, four volumes and AEF Catalog, may be had for \$2.50. (Original price \$4.40.) These back issues are full of reference check-lists; are a MUST for serious war cover collectors. Proceeds will be used to increase the size of this publication.

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Join the War Cover Club. The Club needs you, and you need the Club. Send \$1.50 to M. Hertzberg, Secretary, 736 Hillgirt Circle, Oakland, Calif. You receive the official organ, may participate in the Sales Service and know that you are identified with the club (organized in 1937) which has taken the lead in promoting serious interest in war cover collecting.

GLOBAL WAR GROUP "A" MARKINGS (Types A1x to A36x)

Group A postmarks are classified according to the wording which appears in them as well as to their physical designs. The same type designation is given to postmarks which are identical except for APO numbers.

Group A postmarks are arranged in the following order:

- (a) Names of post offices;
- (b) APO numbers (sometimes including name of post office in the U.S. of which the particular APO is a branch or station);
- (c) APO number removed or without APO number;
- (d) Emergency "home-made" postmarks.

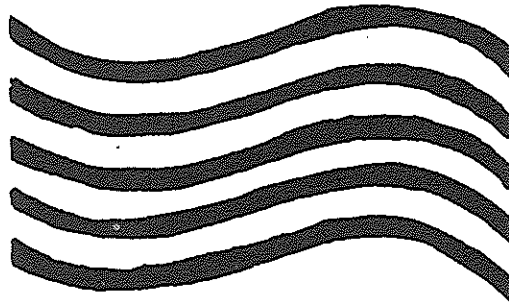
The letter X is appended to each type designation to indicate that this is but a temporary type designation. After the war permanent type designations will be adopted. To avoid possible future confusion collectors are urged to use the X appendage in referring to types.

PLEASE REPORT NEW ITEMS so that addendas can be published later.

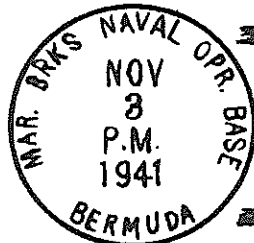
TYPES A1x to A30x (Postmarks with names of post offices, arranged alphabetically.) All illustrated were in use before 1942)



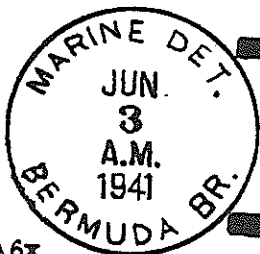
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A2x



A5x



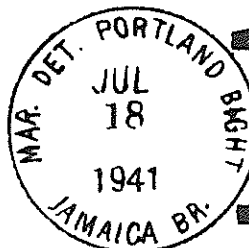
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A7x



A8x

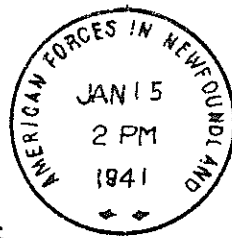


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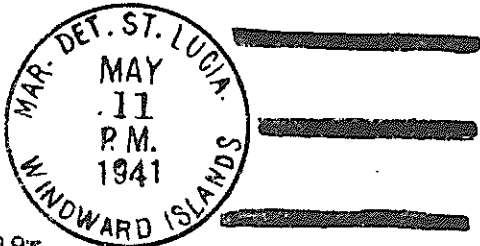
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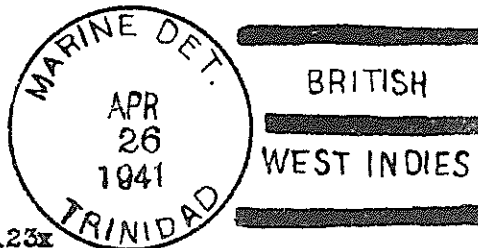
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A16x



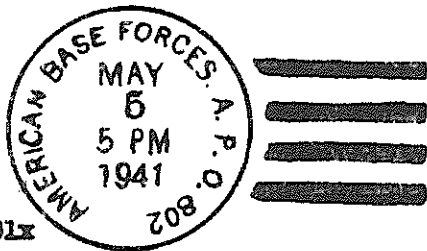
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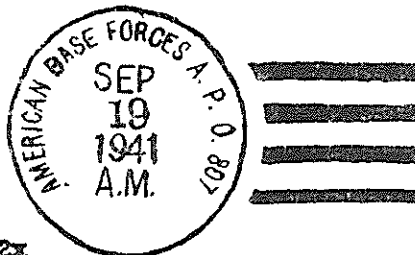
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TYPES A31x to A60x (Postmarks with APO numbers)

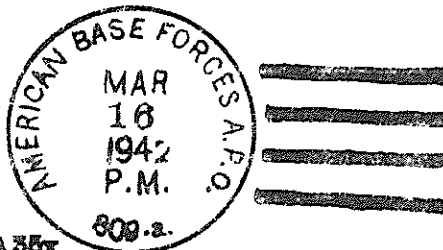
A31x to A40x "American Base Forces." A31x and A35x letters larger and wider apart; A32x and A36x letters smaller and closer together.)



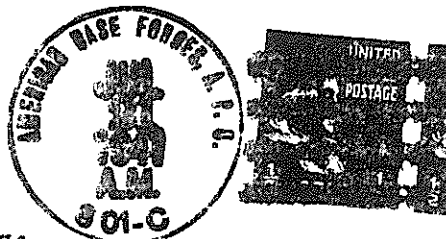
A31x



A32x



A35x



A36x

REDESIGNATING CERTAIN WORLD WAR GROUP A TO D POSTMARKS

With the "American Classification System" revised so that it may be applied to postal markings of all U.S. wars, it is necessary to make a few changes in the World War type charts, as follows:

Types G1 to G8 and E101 to E121 will be redesignated as Type A postmarks. The new Type A numbers will be assigned at a time when a supplement to the World War Catalog and Type Chart is published.

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