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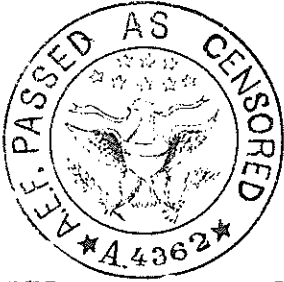
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## INTRODUCTION

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As its title indicates, this publication will be devoted exclusively to War Cover collecting. Stress will be given to U.S. World War Philately, but material concerning the military and 'occupation' postal services of all countries may later be included. The extent to which this will be done, will depend entirely on popular demand, and readers are invited to make their preferences known.

The subscription price is fixed at One Dollar, and due to the specialized nature of this publication only a limited circulation is possible. No promise is made as to the number of pages which your dollar will buy, and no regularity in date of publication is assured. We merely express the hope that Volume 1 will consist of 40 or 50 pages and that the War Cover Philatelist will appear at intervals of not more than 60 days. While the supply lasts, all subscriptions commence with Volume 1, No. 1.

The War Cover Philatelist is published as a labor of love. Your Editor has no illusions as to this being a profitable undertaking and fully expects to be out of pocket in the premises. But should it prove to be a greater financial flop than is expected, and only two or three issues appear, a reasonable portion of your dollar will be refunded. Subscribers may be assured, however, that there will be no lack of good data. So, if you like this publication---Boost.

## TITLE PAGE ILLUSTRATIONS

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With each issue, special illustrations will appear on the title page of a "We-want-to-know" nature. Peruse them carefully and report additional information to the Editor. Acknowledgment will be made in due course.

The common type of Censor mark shown has the censor number A-4362. Who has a higher number? Our lowest A-2. Who has A-1? Earliest use Aug.1,1917. Who can beat it?

The incomplete marking is the only known use (?) of an American postmark in a foreign language. Used in Italy in December, 1918, at A.P.O.901, Milan. Who has a distinct postmark from which a satisfactory tracing may be made?

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WORLD WAR POSTAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES  
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The only book in which an attempt was made to cover the World War philatelic history of the United States was a 40 page brochure compiled by my friend, the late Dr. H. A. Coleman, in 1932. Only a limited number of copies were printed and so much additional material is now known that it is time for a new publication on this subject.

The announcement is now made that the "World War Postal History of the United States" is in process of compilation by your Editor, with the able assistance of several leading World War philatelic students.

The book will include in its scope, not only the A.E.F. postal service in France, but will cover such matters as Naval mail service, the mail service of the A.E.F. in Siberia and in our possessions, postal service in the U.S., postage stamps, stationery, patriotic covers, and the like.

Check lists which appear in the War Cover Philatelist and elsewhere will be republished in revised form in the forthcoming book, and cooperation is sought from all readers in the matter of reporting new items for the record. Full acknowledgment will, of course, be made.

One of our cooperators, Mr. M.B.Hunt, is listing military and naval markings used in the U.S., and his preliminary effort appears in this issue. He is also working on Postal Markings of the A.E.F. brigaded with the British.

Mrs. John W. Williams, Jr., 1269 Clarke Ave., Roanoke, Va., is delving into the Mystery of the 800 series, and wishes to see and photostat your '800' covers. Mrs. Williams is an expert in the art of renovating frayed and mussed up A.E.F. covers, and an article on the subject is scheduled for our next issue.

A.E.F. FORWARDED AND DEAD LETTER MARKINGS  
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A great variety of these markings exist. Over 150 varieties have been listed, and easily as many more are as yet unknown to War Cover philatelists.

DECEASED verified by  
STATISTICAL DIVISION H. A. E. F.

S-1

DECEASED

DECEASED

VERIFIED CASUALTY SECTION.

VERIFIED

CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE. AM.E.F.

S-2

S-3

The three illustrated are found on letters addressed to those who paid the supreme sacrifice. S-1 found in green and black. S-2 and S-3 frequently on the same cover, in black and purple. "Missing" or "Killed in Action" &c. are usually found on such covers in manuscript.

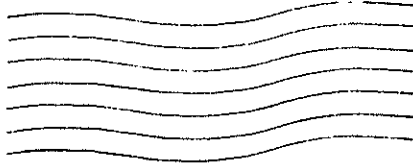
CHECK LIST OF CAMPS AND FORTS IN U.S. (1917-18)

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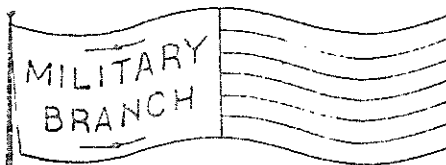
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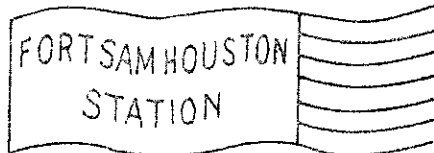
Type 70  
6 wavy lines 50-64 mm. Circle 20-22 mm. Date, time, year in center of circle in various orders.



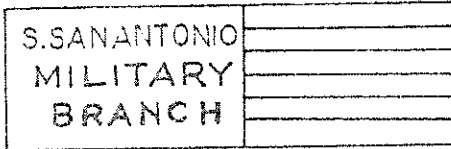
Type 71  
Similar to Type 70, except 7 wavy lines.



Type 72  
Flag type. 7 wavy lines. 58-64 mm from staff to end of lines. Box 27x17 mm. Circle 22 mm.



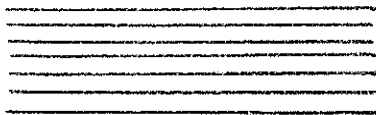
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Flag type. 7 wavy lines. 50-57 mm. left side of box to end of lines. Box 39x18 mm. Circle 20-22 mm. State at bottom.



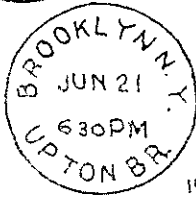
Type 74  
Flag type. 7 straight lines. 40-60 mm left of box to end of lines. Box varies in size. State at bottom.



Type 75  
Flag type. 65 mm from staff to end of lines. 13 stars. Date, time in center, year at bottom.



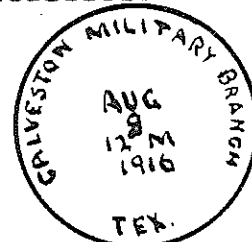
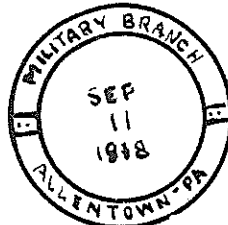
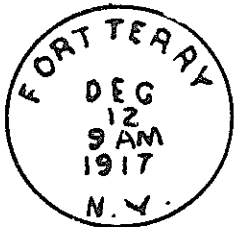
Type 76  
Circle and 7 straight lines. Lines 50 mm. Circle 23 mm. Year at bottom of circle.



(Same as Type 79 but 8 bars in killer.)

Type 77  
Hand stamp. Circle 25 mm. Year outside of circle. This is the 'barrel' type.

Type 78  
Hand stamp. 8 bars in killer. Circle 23 mm. Date, year and time in center.

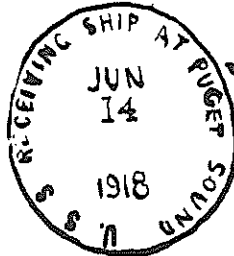


Type 79

Type 80

Type 81

Same as Type 78, except having 9 bars in circles 30 and 22 killer. Handstamp. Double circles 30 and 22 mm. Date in center. Handstamp. Single circle 32 mm. Date time, year in center.



Type 82

Oval handstamp. 30x 33 mm. 4 bars 24x20 mm. Seen only on naval shore stations.

<u>State and Town name</u>	<u>Military Designation</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Types</u>
<u>ALABAMA:</u>				
Anniston	McClellan Branch	9-10-17		70,
Mobile	Military Branch	4- 6-17	7- 6-17	
Montgomery	Military Branch		7-31-17	
Montgomery	Aviation Branch	1- 7-18		
Montgomery	Sheridan Branch	8- 6-17		70,72
<u>ARIZONA:</u>				
Douglas	Military Branch			70
Little Rock	Camp Little Rock Branch	7-10-17	7-10-17	
Little Rock	Fort Roots Branch	7-10-17		
Little Rock	Pike Branch	8- 4-17		70
Little Rock	Military Branch	4-17-17	8- 4-17	
<u>CALIFORNIA:</u>				
Calxico	Military Branch		7-31-17	
Camp Rogers	Camp Rogers			
Palo Alto	Military Branch	6-18-17	8-15-17	
Palo Alto	Camp Palo Alto Military Branch			
Sacramento	Mather Branch			
San Diego	Fort Rosecrans Branch	1-23-18	1-24-20	
San Diego	Kearney Branch	8-15-17	7-31-21	70
San Diego	Linda Vista Military Branch	6-11-17	8-15-17	
San Diego	Military Branch	6- 1-17		
San Diego	Rockwell Branch	5-27-18	12-30-19	
San Francisco	Fremont Branch	8-16-17	1-31-19	72
San Francisco	Yerba Buena Branch	9- 1-17		
San Pedro	Gibson Branch	1- 6-18	Permanent	
San Pedro	Naval Station	1-28-18	Permanent	
Riverside	March Branch			
United States	Receiving Ship			
	San Francisco Branch	10- 1-17		
Vallejo	Mare Island Branch	6-25-17		
Vallejo	Mare Island Naval Sta. 2	2- 1-18		

<u>Town name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Establ.</u>	<u>Discont.</u>	<u>Types</u>
<u>COLORADO:</u>				
Golden	Military Branch			
Las Animas	Fort Lyon			Permanent Post Office
<u>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:</u>				
Washington	Barracks Station	8-13-17		
Washington	American University			
<u>FLORIDA:</u>				
Arcadia	Dorr Branch			
Arcadia	Carlstrom			
Fort George	Fort George			
Jacksonville	Johnston Branch	2-15-18		
Jacksonville	Military Branch		2-15-18	
<u>GEORGIA:</u>				
Americus	Aviation Branch	3-16-18		
Atlanta	Gordon Branch	9-10-17		70
Atlanta	Fort McPherson Station		2-28-18	
Atlanta	Fort McPherson Branch	3- 1-18		
Atlanta	Military Branch	5-14-17		
Augusta	Hancock Branch	8-16-17	4-12-19	70
Fort McPherson	Fort McPherson Branch		8-20-17	
Fort Oglethorpe	Fort Oglethorpe			
Fort Scriven	Fort Scriven			79
Macon	Wheeler Branch	8- 6-17		70
<u>HAWAII TERRITORY:</u>				
Honolulu	Fort Shafter			
Scofield	Scofield Barracks			78
<u>ILLINOIS:</u>				
Belleville	Scott Branch			
Fort Sheridan	Fort Sheridan			76
Great Lakes	Great Lakes Receiving Ship			72
Great Lakes	U.S. Receiving Ship			72
Rockford	Grant Branch	8- 4-17		70
Rockford	Military Branch	7- 9-17	8-4-17	
Rock Island	Military Branch	5- 1-17		
Springfield	Military Branch	4-11-17	11- 3-17	
Des Moines	Camp Dodge Military Branch	7- 1-17		
Des Moines	Dodge Branch	9-10-17		70
<u>KANSAS:</u>				
Fort Riley	Fort Riley		6- 1-17	
Junction City	Fort Riley Branch	6- 1-17		
Junction City	Funston Branch	7-23-17		70,74
Junction City	Medical Branch	8-16-17		
<u>KENTUCKY:</u>				
Louisville	Knox Branch			
Louisville	Military Branch	7-20-17	8- 4-17	
Louisville	Taylor Branch	8- 3-17		70
<u>LOUISIANA:</u>				
Alexandria	Beauregard Branch	8- 6-17		70
Alexandria	Jackson Sta			
Lake Charles	Gerstner Branch			
New Orleans	Military Branch	4-25-17		
New Orleans	Nichols Branch			
<u>MARYLAND:</u>				
Aberdeen	Proving Ground			
Baltimore	Fort McHenry Branch			77
Baltimore	Meade Branch	8-21-17		70,71

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<u>MASSACHUSETTS:</u>				
Boston	Fort Standish Branch	10-8-17		
Boston	Fort Strong			
Fitchburg	Devens Branch	7-10-17		70
Hingham	U.S.Naval Training Camp			82
<u>MICHIGAN:</u>				
Battle Creek	Custer Branch	8- 6-17		70,74
<u>MINNESOTA:</u>				
St. Paul	Aviation Branch			
<u>MISSISSIPPI:</u>				
Gulfport	U.S.N.Training Camp			77
Hattiesburg	Shelby Branch	8- 6-17		70,71
Jackson	Military Branch		11- 9-17	
West Point	Aviation Branch			
<u>MISSOURI:</u>				
Nevada	Military Branch			
<u>NEVADA:</u>				
North Kansas	City Rahe Branch			
<u>NEW JERSEY:</u>				
Jersey City	Merritt Branch	10- 1-17		70,71
Lakewood	Hospital No. 9			
Long Branch	Signal Branch	8- 6-17		
New Brunswick	Raritan Arsenal			
Rahway	Hospital No. 3			
Sea Girt	Edge Branch			
Trenton	Base Hospital			
Trenton	Dix Branch	9-10-17		70,71
Trenton	Military Branch	8- 9-17	8- 4-17	
<u>NEW MEXICO:</u>				
Deming	Base Hospital			
Deming	Cody Branch	8-16-17		70
Deming	Military Branch			
<u>NEW YORK:</u>				
Beacon	Beekman Branch			
Brooklyn	Navy Yard Station			72
Brooklyn	Yaphank Military Branch	7-18-17	7-21-17	
Brooklyn	Upton Branch	7-21-17		70,71,77
Far Rockaway	Fort Tilden Branch	10-1 -17		
Far Rockaway	Military Branch	5- 1-17	9-30-17	
Fort Terry	Fort Terry			79
Hempstead	Aviation Branch	8-16-17		
Hempstead	Base Hospital			
Hempstead	Mills Branch	8-20-17		72
Hempstead	Signal Branch			
Ithaca	Signal Branch			
Long Island City	Yaphank			
	Military Branch	7-16-17	7-18-17	
New Rochelle	Fort Slocum Branch		5-19-17	
New Rochelle	Fort Slocum Mili-			
	tary Branch	5-21-17		72
Niagara Falls	Military Branch	5- 1-17		
New York	Pelham Naval Station	9-15-17		72
New York	Wissahican Barracks			
Plattsburg	Military Branch	5- 8-17		
Poughkeepsie	Military Branch	5- 1-17	8-22-17	
Syracuse	Military Branch	5-23-17		

<u>Town name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Establ.</u>	<u>Discont.</u>	<u>Types</u>
<u>NEW YORK</u> (Continued)				
New York	Fort Schuyler			
Watertown	Pine Camp			
	Military Branch	6- 1-17		
Watertown	Military Branch	5- 1-17		
<u>NORTH CAROLINA:</u>				
Charlotte	Green Branch	9-10-17		70,71
Wilmington	Fort Caswell			
Wynesville	Richland Branch			
<u>OHIO:</u>				
Camp Perry	Camp Perry			75
Chillicothe	Military Branch	7- 6-17	8- 3-17	
Chillicothe	Sherman Branch	8- 3-17		70,74
Cincinnati	Ancor Branch			
Columbus	Camp Willis			
Columbus	Quartermasters Branch			
Dayton	Wright Branch			
Port Clinton	Camp Perry			
Port Clinton	Erie P.G. Br.			77
<u>OKLAHOMA:</u>				
Chadler	Military			
Lawton	Fort Sill Branch	8-16-17		70
Lawton	Doniphan Branch	9-10-17		
<u>PENNSYLVANIA:</u>				
Allentown	Military Branch	6-11-17		80
Gettysburg	Military Branch	6- 4-17	8- 9-17	
Lebanon	Military Branch			
Philadelphia	Hog Island			
Philadelphia	Navy Yard Station			72
Pittsburg	Military Branch	6-11-17		
<u>PUERTO RICO:</u>				
San Juan	Military Branch	1-14-18		
<u>RHODE ISLAND:</u>				
Newport	Fort Adams			
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA:</u>				
Columbia	Camp Columbia Mili-			
	tary Branch	7-16-17	8- 4-17	
Columbia	Jackson Branch	8- 4-17		70
Greenville	Sevier Branch	9-10-17		70
Paris Island	Naval Training Camp			
Spartanburg	Base Hospital			
Spartanburg	Wardsworth Branch	9-10-17		70,72
<u>TENNESSEE:</u>				
Chattanooga	Forrest Branch			72
Chattanooga	Greenleaf Branch			
Chattanooga	Military Branch	5- 1-17		72
Memphis	Aviation Branch			
Nashville	Military Branch	4-24-17	9- 8-17	

(To be Concluded)

## NOTE BY THE EDITOR:

Please look through your collection and report new items to Mr. Hunt direct. This is the first attempt to publish a check list of this nature, and many others exist.

Bear in mind that in most cases these are the post office designations, and not the official name of the fort, cantonment, or shore naval station.



BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARTICLES ON U.S. WORLD WAR PHILATELY  
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The following is a list of leading articles which have appeared in philatelic publications. Will you call attention to any which we may have overlooked?

Items which can be supplied by the Editor are starred (\*)

General and Historical:

U.S. Army Postoffices Overseas (Coleman) 40 pp booklet;

\*The Yanks are Writing (Buck) Amer.Phil. Je'35;

\*General Catalog of U.S. Pmks (D.N.) \$1.00;

A.E.F. Europe:

Types of A.E.F.Pmks (D.N.) Post.Mark. Oc, No, Dc'37;

\*A.P.O.s dates of establ. and discontinuance, check lists of, (D.N.) in CYC of U.S.PMKS, vol. 2, art. 26 (Price of vol. 2, \$2.50); APO check-lists have also been prepared by Miller; by Buck, Stamps Je 30'32; and Safarid (leaflet). The CYC article is more complete.

First Postal Agent to France (D.N.) Stamps, Jl 8'33;

First Div. A.E.F. Mail (Levy) Mekeels Jl 25'27;

Notes on A.E.F. P.O.s (Rellim) Stamps Mr 10'34;

A.E.F. Censor Marks (D.N.) Amer.Phil. No, Dc'32;

A.E.F. Siberia:

General (D.N.) Post.Mark. Oc, Dc'32;

Notes on (Metzger) Stamps Mr 17'34;

Naval:

Censor Marks (D.N.) CYC of U.S.PMKS, vol. 1, art. 6;

Postage Stamps:

\*General, in U.S. Post. Stamps of 20th Cent. vol. 1 (Johl) \$4.00

\*Offset issues of 1918-20 (Lybarger) APS Handbook #2 \$1.00;

War Pane Booklets #498-9 (Babcock) Mekeels My 18'36;

10c #472 for Registered Letters (Eckel) Mekeels Ap 25'27;

and (Witbeck) Mekeels My 16'27;

United States: Pmks and Post. Service during World War:

Postage Rates (D.N.) CYC of U.S.PMKS, vol. 1, art. 2;

Oct. 1917 Liberty Loan Cachets (D.N.) Post.Mark. Jl'32;

\*Slogan Pmks, in U.S. Slogan Pmk. Catalog (Tucker) \$.35;

\*Military P.O. at Hoboken (Townsend), 3d Amer.Phil. Congress Papers, \$1.00; and Notes on (Townsend) Linns No. 26'32;

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