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PHILIPPINE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR "SOLDIER'S MAIL" MARKINGS

Soon after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, an executive order was issued by the P.M.G. providing that letters written by soldiers, sailors or marines could be sent without prepayment of postage, the same to be collected from the addressee.

To obtain this privilege letters had to be marked 'Soldier's Mail' and signed by a commissioned officer, either with a facsimile handstamp or in writing. The Post Office Department furnished a supply of rubber stamps for this purpose, and we believe they may be considered true postmarks. In addition, many were undoubtedly also prepared by officers on their own initiative, and there is probably no way to distinguish one from the other.

These Spanish-American War franks have apparently never been studied by collectors, and this is the first showing of them--all used in the Philippines from 1898 to 1900.

In addition to the provision that Soldier's Mail letters could be sent unpaid, from January 25, 1899, to July 26, 1900, in the Philippines, 5c postage was charged on letters to the U.S. sent by civilians, but soldiers, sailors and marines were entitled to the domestic 2c rate, prepaid or collect, if their letters bore the proper Soldier's Mail frank.

After July 26, 1900, the 2c rate was charged on all mail from the P.I.--civilian or soldiers--and the need for these Soldier's Mail franks was therefore made unnecessary.

SOLDIER'S LETTER.

COMDG. CO. 'D'

Lt. 18th Inf'ty.

SOLDIER'S LETTER,

H. C. Cuthbertson

Major 10th Pa. Inf't. U. S. V

Captain 12th. Inf'ty.,

Commanding Co L

Sailors Letter

U. S. S. Yorktown.

SOLDIER'S MAIL

Jos. L. Hunter

Chaplain 10th Pa. Vols.

MARINE'S MAIL.

GEO. H. WHEELER.

Supt. Military Station No. 2, Cavite

SOLDIER'S MAIL

JNO. S. KULP

Captain, A. S. U. S. Army
Commanding Hospital

SOLDIER'S MAIL

W. F. Mackinay

Army Secy. V. M. O. A.

SOLDIER'S MAIL

W. S. Gilbert.

Chaplain and Oregon

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World War Exhibit at Bipex:

Seven collectors exhibited on the first occasion that a World War section was included at a National Philatelic Exhibition held in the United States--at the Bronx, in May.

Quite a representative showing was made, the following being shown: General: Prisoners of War Covers (Miss Eva F. Gray); Postal Stationery (Rev. H.K.Robinson); British: General (Delf Norona); German: Prison Camps, Naval and Pictorial Cards (Wm.H.Montgomery); United States: Covers used in the U.S. (M.B.Hunt); AEF General (Alfred H. Perry) and (Wm. H. Montgomery); AEF The 800 Series (Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W.Williams, Jr.); AEF Censoring (Delf Norona)

Medallions were presented by Capt. Chas.E.Keegan, and were awarded to Wm.H.Montgomery, Rev. H.K.Robinson, and D.Norona. (Mr. and Mrs. Williams did not exhibit for competition.)

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The suggestion has been made, and will probably be acted upon favorably by the Board, that the club should possess an attractively written-up "educational" collection, to consist of inexpensive material donated by members. This collection may be sent around to local stamp clubs for informal exhibition purposes, and thus serve as a means of interesting collectors generally in War Cover Collecting.

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STOLEN: Among various items stolen from one of our members, H.M.Sanford, 2709 Lakeview Rd., Rocky River, Ohio, was the Christmas Package Coupon illustrated in the May, 1938, American Philatelist. This item is addressed to " (Name deleted) Company G 362 Regiment APO 776, Infantry."
If you see such an item report immediately to Mr.Sanford.

CHECK LIST OF GERMAN WORLD WAR NAVAL POSTMARKS (1914-19)

By Frank Shedlbower (Continued from page 28)

No. in Pmk.	Ship's name and Remarks (Remarks in parenthesis)	Probable period of use	Years of use seen
81	SMS Lützw	1915-16	1916
82	SMS Preussen	1914-17	1915-17
83	SMS Kaiserin	1914-19	1915-18
84	SMS Rio Pardo	1917-18	1918
87	SMS Grosser Kurfürst	1914-19	1916-18
88	SMS Berlin	1915	1915
89	SMS Thitis (Variety C)		1916
90	SMS Markgraf (Variety C)	1915-18	1915,18
92	SMS Kaiserin Augusta (Variety C)	1915-17	1915,17
93	SMS Kronprinz (Variety C)	1915-17	1915-17
94	SMS Freya (Variety C)	1915-17	1915-17
95	SMS Vulkan (Unterseeboots Schule)(Var.C)	1916-17	1916-17
96	SMS Württemberg (Variety C)	1915-17	1915-16
97	SMS König Wilhelm (Variety C)	1915-18	1915,6,8
98	SMS Fürst Bismarck (Variety C)	1915	1915
98	Der Führer der Unterseeboote im Mittelmeer (Variety C)	1917-18	1918
99	SMS Pillau	1915-18	1915,18
100	SMS Pfeil	1916	1916
102	SMS Albatross	?	
103	SMS Kaiser Barbaros	?	
	SMS Sophia	1917-18	1918
104	SMS Berlin	1915-16	1915-16
	SMS Nürnberg II	1918	1918
105	SMS Braunschweig	1915	
	III Geschwader	1917-18	1917-18
106	SMS Blitz	1915-18	1917
107	SMS Derfflinger	1914-18	1915-18
110	Nordsee Vorposten Flottille		
111	SMS Brummer	1916-17	1916
112	Torpedoboot (T96)	?	
113	VI Torpedo Flottille (G 41)	1916	1916
114	XII Torpedo Halbflottille (S 50)	1916-17	Yr removd
115	XIV " " (S 24)	1915	1915
116	IV Minensuchdivision (T 104, T 61)	1917	1917
117	IV Torpedo Halbflottille (B 111)	1916-17	1917
118	XVI " "	1916-17	
120	SMS Viola	1917	
121	I Nordsee Vorposten Flottille (T 128)	1915-18	1915
122	Kommando der Hochseestreitkräfte	1914-18	1916-17
123	III Geschwader	1918	
124	SMS Hildebrand		
125	SMS Hagen	1915	
	SMS Moltke	1918	1918
126	SMS Heimdall	1915-17	1916-17
127	SMS Beowulf	1915-16	1916
	SMS Hindenburg	1917-18	1917-18
128	SMS Aegir	1915	
129	SMS Königsberg	1917	1917
130	SMS Siegfried	1915	1915
131	SMS Frithjof	1915	1915
132	SMS Braunschweig	1915-16	1915-16

(To be concluded)

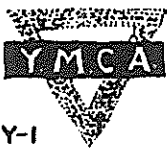
THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

AEF cover collectors generally are making use of the American Classification System adopted by the War Cover Club. In preparing the Type Chart, in the case of Types A-1 to A-24, the basic types are placed on the left-hand side of the page, and the assignment of type numbers made as follows:

Basic Type	"No.-" Removed	"No.-" in Hour slot	Other Changes
A- 1	A- 2	A- 3	-
A- 5	A- 6	A- 7	-
A- 9	A-10	-	-
A-13	-	A-15	-
A-17	A-18	A-19	-
A-21	-	A-23	A-24

A detailed listing of every type from every APO will be commenced in the September issue.

AMERICAN



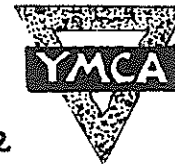
Y-1

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EARLIEST USE OF
AEF-YMCA STATIONERY

When was YMCA stationery first used overseas? J.S.Campbell, Jr. shows a cover with the design Y-1 used August 25, 1917, by the AEF. Triangle in red, AMERICAN

Y-2

ASOCIACION CRISTIANA DE JOVENES



"WITH THE COLORS"
"CON EL EJERCITO"

YMCA in blue. Printed on a light Bluish paper, no SOLDIERS MAIL imprint. Fig. Y-2 used by the Marines during the expedition to the Dominican Republic at the time of the War.

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This issue has only 4 pages. The May issue had 12 pages and to balance matters, this issue has been reduced accordingly. We would like to run a 12 page publication, but this publication is not paying its way. Will some "angel" come forward and pay for the cost of an extra four pages for some special issue? Cost--\$7.50. Or, eight dollar advts. will mean the same thing.

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