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Classification System US WW I Postmarks Group B & C Markings

The American Classification System

for listing U.S. World War postmarks

THE GROUP "B" MARKINGS

Group "B" markings (Types B-6 to B-91) are postmarks, or "townmarks," of military or civilian post offices applied on letters sent by members of the A.E.F. in Europe and not mailed at American army post offices.

Types B-6 to B-9 (Used at British Army or Field post offices)

The type numbers adopted are those of the British "Raynor" classification system, to which the letter "B" is prefixed.

- B-6 ARMY POST OFFICE in double circle;
- B-6a Same as B-6 but inner circle is a horse-shoe;
- B-7 Machine cancellation (With lines. Index † under alternate blocks of lettering;
- B-7a Same as B-7 without lines; (not illustrated)
- B-7b Same as B-7 but lettered ARMY P.O. Index letter in center;
- B-7c Same as B-7b but with hour in center; (not illustrated)
- B-7d Same as B-7c but with † alternately below (not illustrated);
- B-9 FIELD POST OFFICE in double circle;

Types B-21 to B-23 (On letters mailed on British naval ships)

- B-21 RECEIVED FROM H.M.SHIP etc, with name of town;
- B-23 RECEIVED FROM H.M.SHIP etc, no town, and in box;

Types B-31 to B-43 (Postmarks of camps and civilian post offices in England. These are classified according to the design of postmark only, without reference to wording.)

- B-31 Double circle handstamp; (This is of the same design as Types B-6 and B-9)
- B-33 Single circle handstamp; (This varies considerably in size, some being as large as 32 mm in diameter)
- B-37 Machine cancel, straight line town, straight line killer
- B-39 Machine cancel, straight line town, slogan in killer;
- E-41 Machine cancel, straight line town, wave killer;
- B-43 Machine cancel, town in circle, wave killer;

Types B-41 to B-45 (French army post offices)

- B-51 TRESOR ET POSTES in double circle;
- B-53 TRESOR ET POSTES in single circle;
- B-55 POSTES AUX ARMEES in single circle;

B-61 to B-71 (Postmarks of civilian post offices in France. These are classified according to the design of postmark only, without reference to wording.)

- B-61 Double circle handstamp (Several variations, only two being illustrated);
- B-63 Single circle;
- E-65 All other designs of handstamps (Two are illustrated);
- B-71 Machine cancellations (Many varieties)

Type B-81 (Used in Italy)

- B-81 Handstamp
- B-83 Machine cancel (Not illustrated)

Type B-91 (Used in Germany by Army of Occupation)

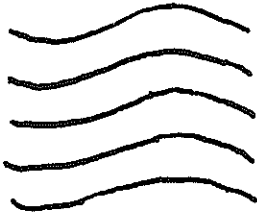
- B-91 Handstamp (Not illustrated) but similar to Type A-57, reading COBLENZ, &c.)



B-6



B-6a



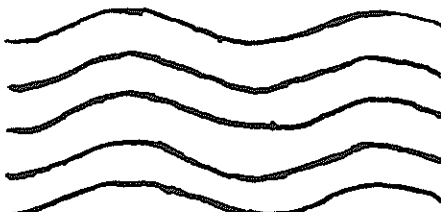
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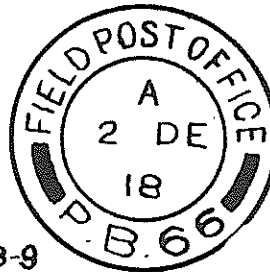
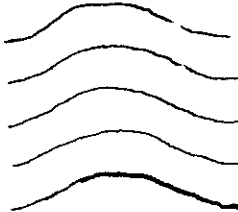


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ARMY P.O. 1

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B-9

LONDON

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RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIP
NO CHARGE TO BE RAISED

B-21

RECEIVED FROM H.M. SHIP.
NO CHARGE TO BE RAISED

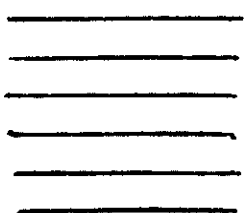
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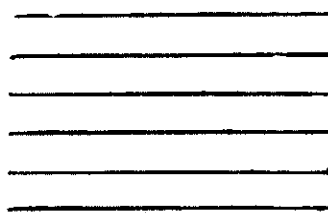


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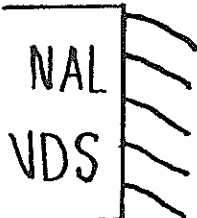
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12.30 PM



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NORWICH

4. 10 PM

30 JUL 18



SOUTHAMPTON

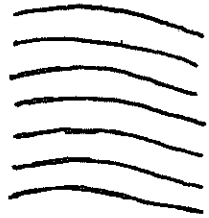
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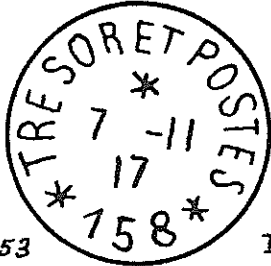




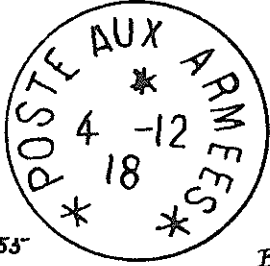
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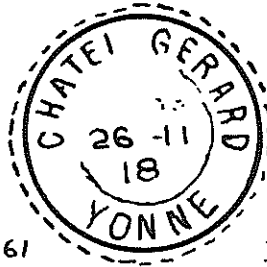
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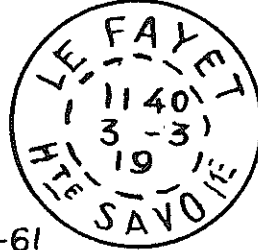
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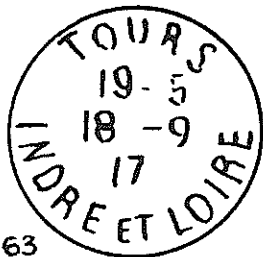
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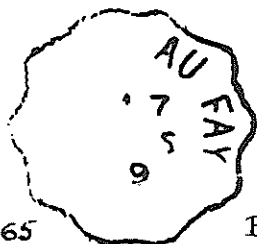
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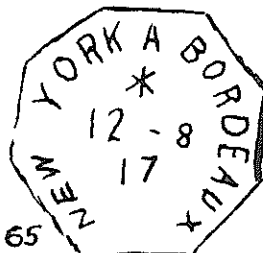
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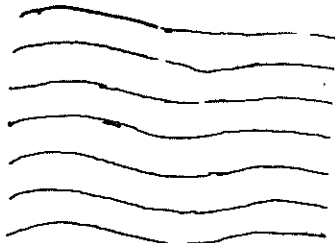
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B-71



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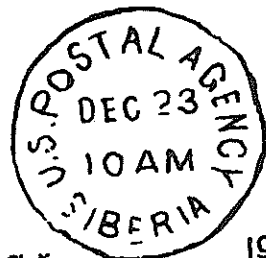
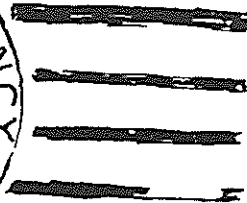


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1918



C-3



C-5

1918



C-8

THE GROUP "C" MARKINGS

Group "C" markings are postmarks, or "townmarks," including those combined with Registered, etc., used at American postal agencies abroad, other than Europe, which served U.S. soldiers during and immediately after the World War.

Types C-1 to C-8 (U.S. Postal Agency Siberia)

- C-1 This is the U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, postmark which was used on early mail (to the middle of October, 1918) from the A.E.F. Siberia;
- C-3 Rubber handstamp;
- C-5 Steel handstamp;
- C-8 Double circle with REGISTERED:

(NOTE: Additional listings under Group "C" may be made later for postmarks on American soldiers' letters from units located in other countries, such those in China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Nicaragua, etc. Not enough material has been seen to warrant listing these, and the submission of new items to the editor for recording will be appreciated.)

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