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*Classification System US WW I Postmarks Group A Markings*

THE AMERICAN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM  
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FOR LISTING U.S. WORLD WAR POSTMARKS  
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At a meeting of the War Cover Club, held at New York City in April, 1938, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that Delf Norona be authorized to proceed with his classification system, to be called the AMERICAN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR LISTING U. S. WORLD WAR POSTMARKS, and that it be adopted by the War Cover Club as official."

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THE GROUP "A" MARKINGS

Group "A" markings are postmarks, or "townmarks," used by U.S. Army post offices in France and other countries in Europe (Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Holland, &c.)

(NOTE: Postmarks used by A.E.F. units brigaded with the British in France or North Russia, or by U.S. forces in Siberia and elsewhere are not listed as Group A markings.)

Types A-1 to A-6 (U.S. designs, rubber handstamps)

- A- 1 U.S.ARMY POSTAL SERVICE close together; NO.- below;
- A- 2 Same as A-1, but NO.- removed;
- A- 3 Same as A-1, but NO.- in hour slot;
- A- 5 U.S.ARMY POSTAL SERVICE wide apart; NO.- in killer bars;
- A- 6 Same as A-5; but NO.- removed;
- A- 7 Same as A-6, but NO.- in circle;

Types A-9 to A-24 (U.S. designs, steel handstamps)

- A- 9 U.S.ARMY POSTAL SERVICE above; NO.- below; killer bars;
- A-10 Same as A-9, but NO.- cut away, sometimes incompletely;
- A-13 U.S.ARMY above, POSTAL SERVICE below; NO.- in killer;
- A-15 Same as A-13, but No.- incompletely removed from killer and placed in circle;
- A-17 U.S.ARMY POSTAL SERVICE above; NO.- below;
- A-18 Same as A-17, but NO.- removed;
- A-19 Same as A-18, but NO.- in hour slot;
- A-21 U.S.ARMY POST OFFICE above, MPES below; NO.- in killer;
- A-23 Same as A-21, but NO.- in circle;
- A-24 Same as A-23, but 'barrel' cut into bars;

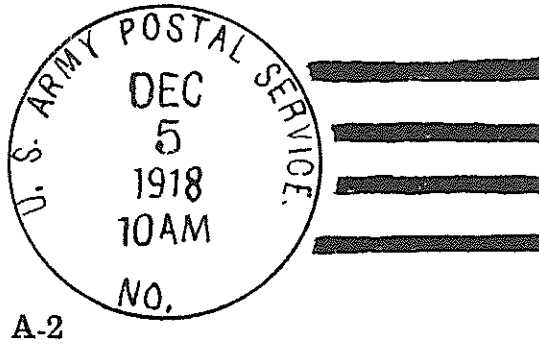
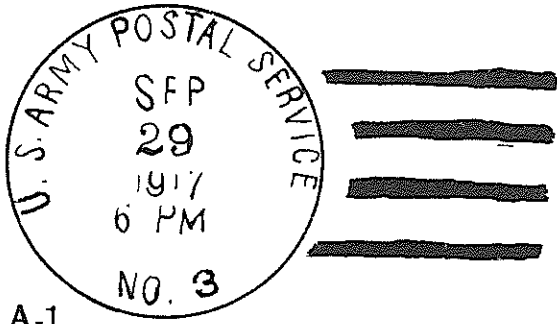
Types A-27 to A-36 (Machine cancellations)

- A-27 Flag type; low numbers in wave; NO.- sometimes omitted;
- A-28 Same as A-27, but high numbers (700 series);
- A-29 U.S.ARMY MPES; circle complete; NO.- sometimes omitted;
- A-30 Same as A-29 with BASE CENSOR in wave; NO.- sometimes omitted. (Also classified under CENSOR MARKS, Type )
- A-31 Same as A-29, but circle broken at bottom;
- A-33 RECD FROM ARMY BORDEAUX; (Sometimes used as backstamp)
- A-35 Slogan: ENLIST TODAY GERMANY ARMY OF OCCUPATION;
- A-36 Slogan: ADDRESS MAIL LEGIBLY AND CORRECTLY;

Types A-41 to A-62 (European types, circular designs)

- A-41 U.S.MILITARY POSTAL EXPRESS SERVICE; Star below;
- A-42 Same as A-41, but small letters and circles close;
- A-43 Same as A-41, but large circles and no star below;

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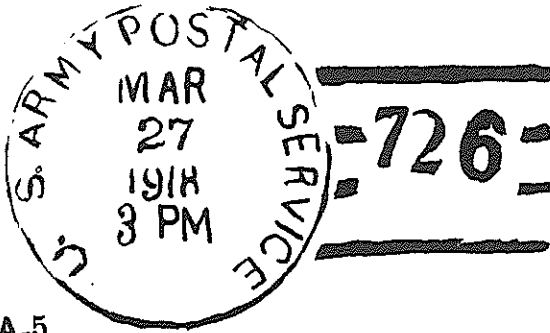


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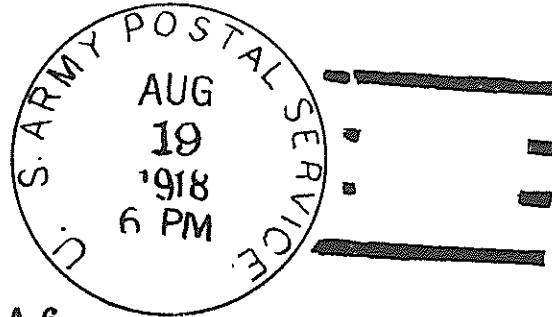
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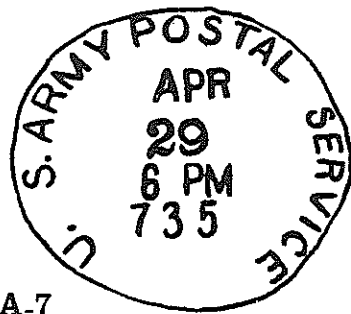
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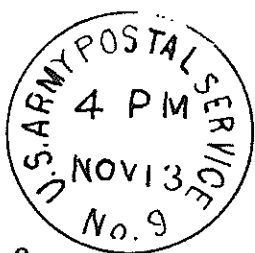
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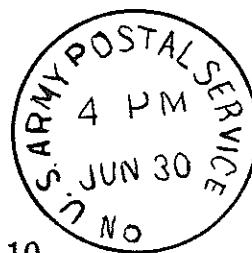
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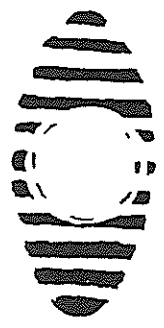
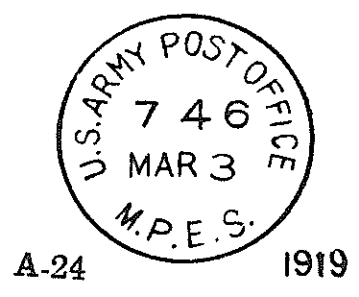
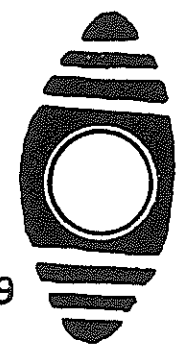
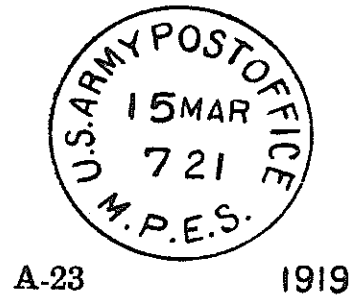
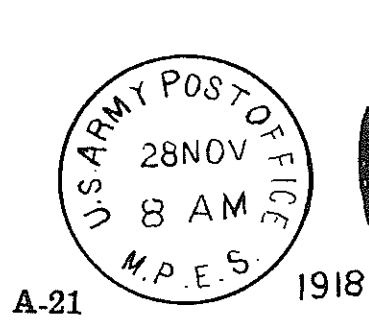
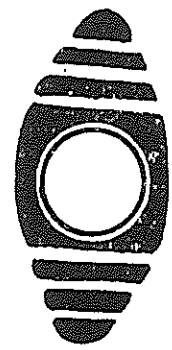
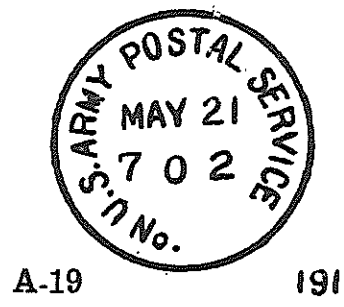
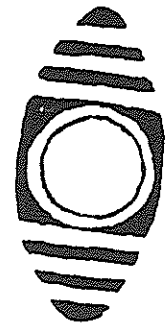
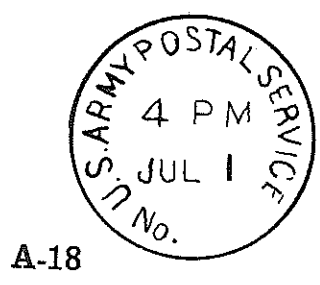
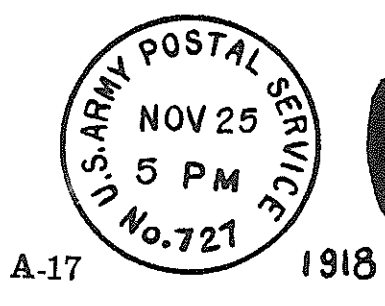
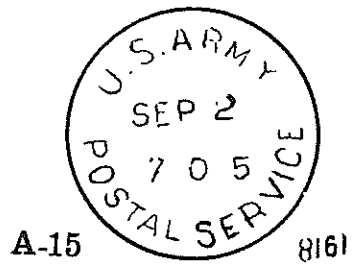
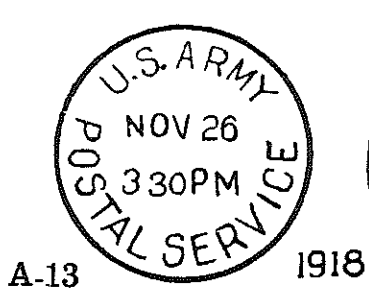
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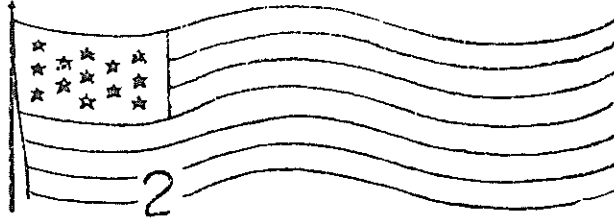


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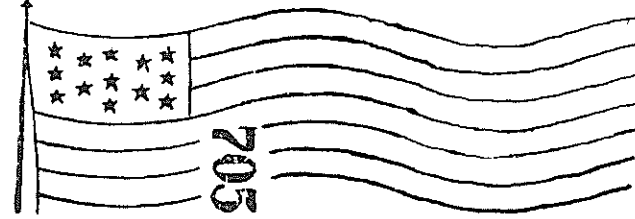




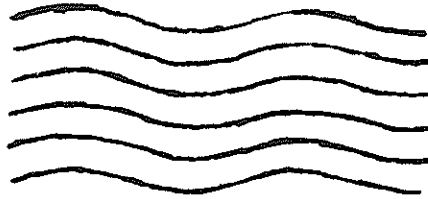
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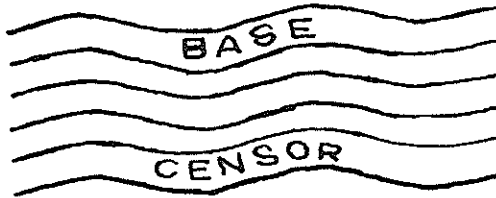
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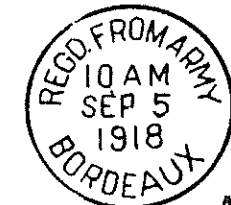
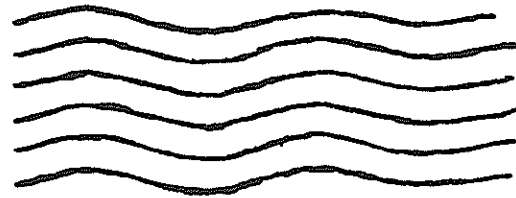
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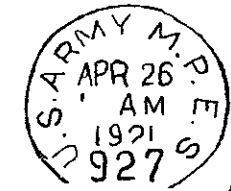
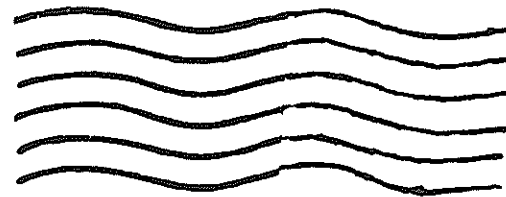
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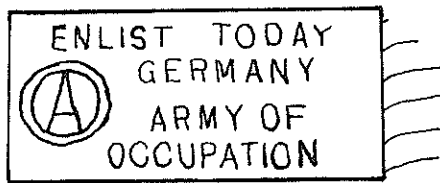
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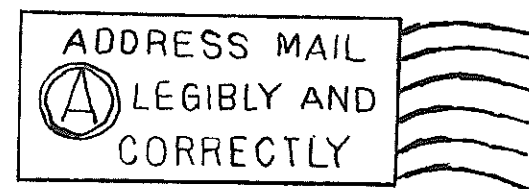
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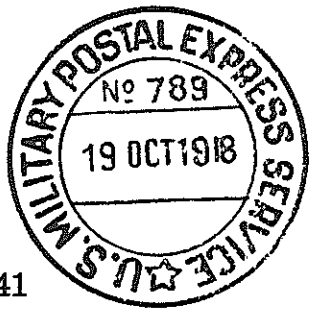


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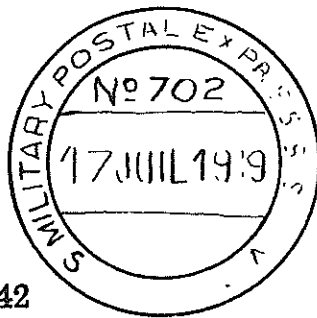


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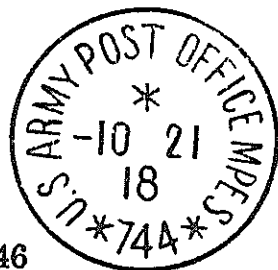
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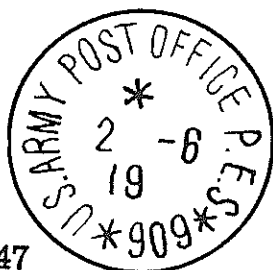
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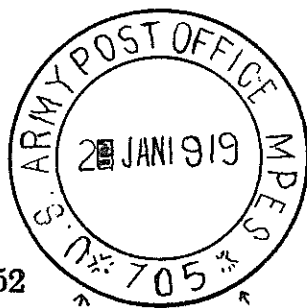
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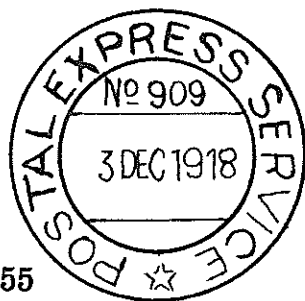
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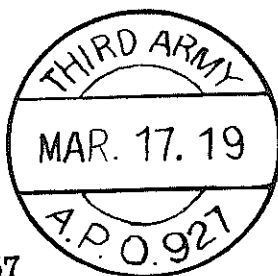
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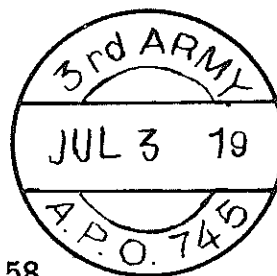
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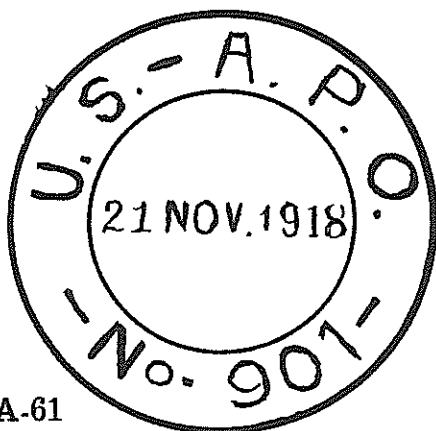
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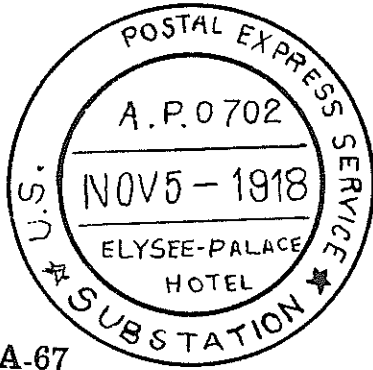
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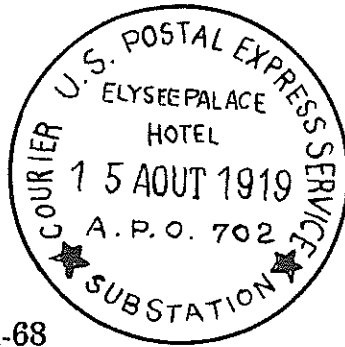
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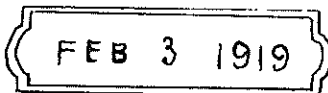
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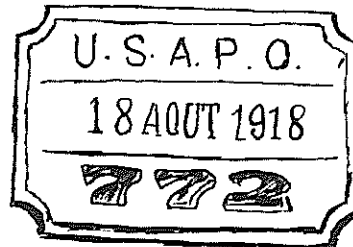
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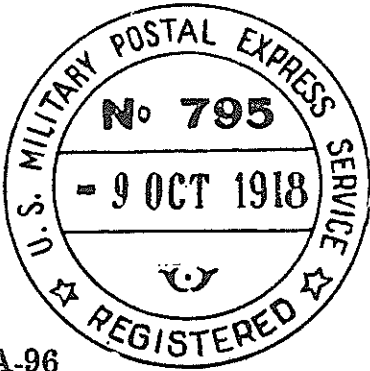
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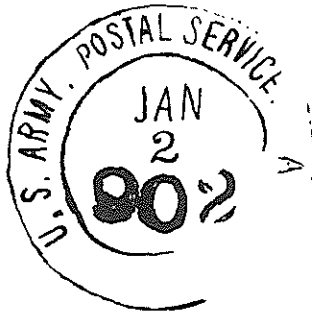
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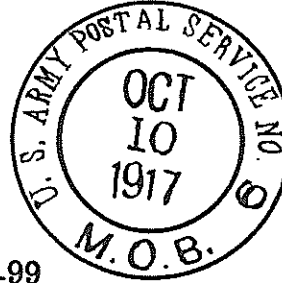
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NOTES

Illustrations of additional Type A postmarks may be inserted here.



Types A-41 to A-62 (European designs - Continued)

A-46 U.S.ARMY POST OFFICE MPES \*NO.-\*; single circle;  
A-47 Same as A-46, but PES and large circle;  
A-51 U.S.ARMY POST OFFICE MPES \*NO.-\* below; double circle;  
A-52 Same as A-51, but #NO.-# below;  
A-55 POSTAL EXPRESS SERVICE;  
A-57 THIRD ARMY above; APO - below;  
A-58 3rd ARMY above; APO - below;  
A-61 U.S.-A.P.O. above; No.- below; very large circles;  
A-62 --(?)-- MERICANA above; --(?)--ICIA MILITARE below;

Differences between Types A-67 to A-99 are obvious. They are arranged as follows:

Types A-67 to A-70 (Sub-stations and non-military) ,  
Types A-73 to A-83 (Miscellaneous designs with date)  
Types A-87 to A-92 (Miscellaneous designs without date)  
Types A-96 to A-99 (subsidiary markings used provisionally or accidentally as regular postmarks)

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