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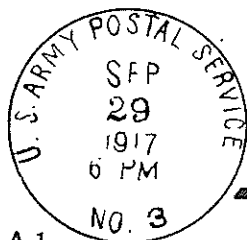
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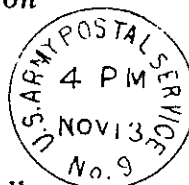
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A.E.F. ARMY POST OFFICES (Types A-1 to A-3)

Type A-1 was the first regular style of 'town' postmark used by the A.E.F. It has detachable slugs for the Month, Date, Year and Hour. Frequently one or more of these slugs are omitted-usually the Year or Hour.

Earliest known use: Aug. 5-17 (APO #3) (Perry and Editor)

Latest regular use: Nov. 24-17 (APO #4) (Editor)

Latest re-use: Jan. 3-19 (APO #7) (Editor)

Type A-1 was superseded generally by the steel handstamp, Type A-9 apparently about the middle of October, 1917. Earliest use of Type A-9 Oct.19-17 (Gray and Editor). However, after they were superseded some of the Type A-1 postmarks were not destroyed but again placed in use, at least one of them being used at a different APO from that to which it was originally issued.

(Do not confuse Types A-1 to A-3 with Types A-5 to A-7. The latter do not have provision for the APO number within the circle and the words of the inscription are further apart.)

- Type A-1 -

APO NO. 1: (St. Nazaire)

Early Aug.17-17 (Crowell) Several in Aug. and Sep.

Latest Oct. 12-17.(Editor). Earliest of Type A-9 is Oct. 19-17 (Gray). A gap of only 7 days.

APO NO. 2: (Paris)

Early Oct.5-17* (Coleman) Latest Oct.20-17 (D.N.)

Earliest of Type A-9 Oct.31-17 (Grandy). A gap of 11days.

Although regularly superseded by Type A-9 in Oct.1917, this particular postmark was again used in Paris (known uses from May 31 to June 12,1918 (Editor), frequently as as backstamp.

APO NO. 3: (Gondrecourt-1st Army Corps School)

Early Aug.5-17 (Perry and Editor). Several intermediate dates. Latest Sep.29-17 (Editor). Earliest of Type A-9 Oct.19-17 (Editor). A gap of 20 days.

APO NO. 4: (le Valdahon)

Early Oct.22-17 (Editor). Latest Nov.24-17 (Editor). Both these used as backstamps. I have not seen Type A-9 used at APO 4, earliest 704 postmark Type A-46 Aug.28-18 (Edit) A gap of 9 months. APO 704 is by no means common. Why?

APO NO. 5: (Bordeaux)

Early Aug.30-17 (Perry) Date ? -17 (Editor).

Earliest Type A-13 (APO 705) Jan.19-18 (Editor). A gap of 4½ months.

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Fall meetings of War Cover collectors:

New York City, Oct. 5th 8 p.m. at 307 Fifth Ave. Room 706
 A local meeting at which an auction will be held. Persons
 may send in not more than 5 lots by any one person, on which
 reserve prices should be marked. Write Secretary Maxwell
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Hartford, Conn., Nov. 11-13. During the Fourth American
 Philatelic Congress a meeting will be had of War Cover col-
 lectors. Write Vice-Pres. Rev. H.K. Robinson, Simsbury, Conn.
 for details.

These are not official meetings of the War Cover Club, but
 just general get-togethers. Whether you are a member or
 not, you will be welcome. Bring two or three volumes of
 your collection along for exhibiting, plenty of trading
 material, and be prepared for a good time. Your Editor
 will attend the Hartford meeting.

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With this issue, Volume 1 of the War Cover Philatelist
 comes to an end. 48 pages (including the Type Chart) have
 been given for your dollar. Renewals will be appreciated
 now. Your Editor has given a well balanced periodical de-
 voted to War Cover collecting. By referring to the Index
 on page 40, it will be noted that U.S. World War material
 has made up the bulk of this periodical, but British, French
 and German World War data has also been included, and odds
 and ends concerning other wars. Stress has been laid on re-
 ference articles and check lists, and we have no apologies
 to make, but one, and that is that more could not be given
 for your Dollar.

If readers wish Volume 2 to be enlarged, they must help
 (a) by securing more subscriptions; (b) by sending in little
 adlets. It is up to you. Before closing, I thank those
 who have assisted in various ways, and know that I shall con-
 tinue to receive their support.

Welf Norona

Editor.

BRITISH ARMY & NAVY POSTMARKS (Continued from p. 23)

(By A. E. Cordwell)

CLASS "A" - ARMY POST OFFICE:

TYPE 1 - Single Ring - Ordinary metal die.

The diameter of the ring is in all cases 24 mm. In addition to those marks with the legend ARMY POST OFFICE only, there is a group with the letters "H D" in brackets following. HD signified Home Defence, and the marks were used at camps in the British Isles. An exception is H.D.I. which was used at Malta, the island presumably being regarded as a Home Defence station. In this instance the H.D. forms part of the index and not of the legend.



A few miscellaneous marks are listed for convenience under the heading of Army Post Office as they were stationary offices. A check list of known single rings follows:

ARMY COURIER OFFICE S 5 Berlin 1920

ARMY POST OFFICE 1 to 16 Army Maneuvers: Salisbury 1910;
 Cambridge 1912; Bletchley 1913;
 Great War to early 1915

(Note: Nos. 12 to 16 do not have dots between words.)

ARMY POST OFFICE 17 to 18 Army Maneuvers: Cambridge 1912;
 Great War to early 1915

H.D.I. Malta
 S 5 Berlin 1920

ARMY POST OFFICE (HD)

1 Crowborough	22 Batchwood	43 -
2 Scone Park	23 Beech Bottom	44 -
'3 Balmer	24 Cassiobury Park	45 -
4 Tandridge	25 Hockerill	46 -
5 Maresfield Park	26 Brook Hill	47 -
6 Acreknowe	27 Foxhall Heath	59 Flixton
7 Fort George	28 -	A 1 -
8 Thoresby Park	29 Henham	D 3 -
9 (Not used)	30 -	D 5 Colchester
10 Thetford	31 Hemingfleet	D11 -
11 Rumbling Bridge	32 -	D14 -
12 Peebles	33 -	D16 -
13 Peas Pottage	34 Canterbury	M 6 -
14 Hatfield Broad	35 -	M 7 Wivenhoe
Oak	36 -	M 8 -
15 Willingdon	37 -	M 9 Canterbury
16 Epping	38 -	M10 Ipswich
17 Narford Hall	39 -	M11 -
18 Heworth	40 Dublin. Easter	M34 -
19 Swalwell	Rebellion 1916	R 5 -
20 Long Benton	41 -	
21 Burham	42 -	

ARMY R.L.O.

LONDON (R.L.O. - Returned Letter Office)

R.E. POSTAL SECTION

R.L.O. (R.E. - Royal Engineers)

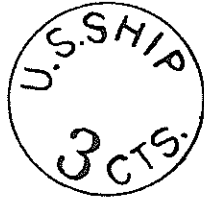
ROYAL ENGINEERS POSTAL SECTION F.S. (F.S. - Foreign Section?)

(To be continued)

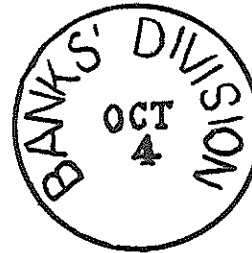
NORTHERN CIVIL WAR COVERS

Only a scattered number of articles have been written on certain phases of war covers of the North, and we mention the following incomplete list of reference articles: Catalog of the Walcott Collection of Civil War Patriotic Covers (Lawrence); Demonetization of Stamps in 1861 (Perry) Vol. 1 Cyc. of U.S. Pmks; Adams Express Service in the South (Toaspern) Amer. Phil. May, 1934; Restoration of Service in New Orleans (Norona) Stamps, Mar. 23, 1935.

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U.S. SHIP



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A few military Union postmarks are illustrated, and it is our intention to commence a series of check lists of Union Civil War postmarks.

U.S. WORLD WAR PATRIOTIC POST CARDS

As an experiment with this means of reproduction we are attempting to illustrate a comic patriotic post card of the World War. There are about 15 or 16 varieties of these.

AMERICAN INTERFERENCE.



The Editor has a number of duplicate sets of these cards, all unused, for sale (5 diff. for 50c, or 15 diff. for \$2.00). We would prefer though, to trade for War covers of practically any nature.

The Kaiser don't see the point, but he'll soon feel it

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

By Frank Shedlbower (Continued from page 31)

No. in Pmk.	Ship's name and Remarks (Remarks in parenthesis)	Probable period of use	Years of use seen
135	SMS Kaiser Wilhelm II	1915-18	1915,17
136	SMS König	1914-18	1915-18
137	SMS Meklenburg	1915	1915
	VI Torpedoboote Halbflottille	1916-17	1916-18
138	SMS Medusa	1915-17	1915-16
	III Minensuch Halbflottille (S62)	1918	1918
139	SMS Prinzregent Luitpold	1914-18	1915-18
140	SMS Roon	1914-16	1915
141	SMS Schwaben		1916
141a	SMS Schwaben (Variety A)		1917
142	I Torpedo Flottille		1918
143	von Glückauf (Helgoland)		?
144	Hafenflottille der Jade & Weser	1916	1916
146	II Torpetoflottille (G 102, B 98)	1915-18	1915-17
147	II Torpetoflottille		1916
149	X Torpedo Halbflottille (G 8)	1915-17	1915,17
151	SMS Niobe	1915-18	1918
152	III U Flottille (U 46)	1916-18	1916,18
153	I Minensuch Division (M 20)		
155	XI Torpedo Halbflottille	1917-18	1917-18
157	III Minensuch Halbflottille	1917-18	1917,18
158	SMH Hilfskreuzer S.P.6 (Erlangen)	1915-16	1915
159	SM Hilfskreuzer S.P. 5 (Bielefeld)	1915-17	1915
161	SMS Prinz Heinrich	1914-16	1915
	XVII Torpedo Halbflottille (V 80)	1917-18	1917
162	SMS Elsass	1914-16	1915,16
	SMS Lothringen	1916-18	1918
163	SMS Nautilus	1914-18	1916-18
164	SMH Titania	1916-17	1916
165	IV U Halbflottille	1915-18	1916-18
168	SM Hilfskreuzer Sp. 4 (Niederwald)	1915-17	1915
169	Verband der Netzfahrzeuge der Nortsee	1917	1917
	SMS Glückauf	1916	1916
170	SMH Santa Cruz	1915-17	1916
176	SMS Bosnia	1915-18	1915,16
177	XIX Torpedohalbflottille	1916-18	1916,17
178	Vorpostenflottille der Ems	1915	1915
179	XIII Torpedohalbflottille	1918	1918
180	XIII Torpedohalbflottille	1915-17	1915-17
182	III Minensuch Division	1915	1915
	SMS Stuttgart	1918	1918
184	II Torpedo Halbflottille (G 193)	1916-18	1916-18
185	V Torpedo Halbflottille	1915-18	1916
186	IX Torpedo Halbflottille	1918	1918
187	Führer der Lazaretschiffe	1916-18	1918
188	Lazaretschiff E Sierra Ventana	1915-16	1915
189	SMS Kerrweider		
190	SMS Hansa	1915-18	1916
191	SMS Adler	1916-17	1916
192	SMS Leusalm		
193	VIII Torpedo Flottille	1916	1916
194	IX Torpedo Flottille (V 28)	1916	1916

No. in Pmk.	Ship's name and Remarks (Remarks in parenthesis)	Probable period of use	Years of use seen
199	III Torpedo Halbflottille	.1915-18.	1915-17
200	Graudenz (SMS)	1915-18	1916-18
201	SMS Rerensburg	1915-19	1915-17
203	SMS Pelikan	1916-18	1916-18
204	Deutsche U Flottilla Pola	1915-18	1915-16
206	VII Torpedo Halbflottille	1916-18	1917
207	SMS Seydlitz	1915	1915
208	Vorpostenhalbflottille West	1915-18	1916,18
209	SMS Frankfurt	1915-19	1916,17
211	XIII Torpedo Halbflottille	1917	1917
211	XX Torpedo Halbflottille		1916,17
213	SMS Donau (Suchflottille)(Year removed)	1916-17	
216	SMS Fürst Bismarck	1916	1916
217	VI Geleithalbflottille	1918	1918
218	SMS Odin	1917	1917
219	SMS Hertha		
220	SMS Prinz Adelbert		
221	SMS Prinz Sigismund		
222	SMS Prinz Waldimar		
223	SMS Silvia		
225	Verband der Sicherungboote der Ostsee	1916-17	1916
226	IV Minen Räum Division	1917	1917
227	SMS Rügen	1916-18	1916-17
228	SMS Rossal		
229	Kriegsfeuerschiff "A"	1916	1916
231	SM Hilfsschiff "P"	1916	1916
234	Schutzboot Graf Zeppelin der I Handels- schutz Halbflottille	1917	1917
315	SMS Glückauf (Vorpostenflottille Ems)	1918	1918

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FRENCH MILITARY POSTMARKS OF THE WORLD WAR



Two of the common types of French Army postmarks are illustrated. These have the "Secteurs Postaux" similar to the A.E.F. APO numbers. The first general type Fig. 1, exists in two series, numbers running from 1 to 225 and 400 to 415. Type 2, the commoner, was first used about the end of 1914. Figure 2

Figure 1

Figure 2

The army post office numbers were assigned generally as follows: Nos. 1 to 240 and 250 in France and occupied territory; Nos. 302 to 311 in Poland; Nos. 400 to 424 in Morocco and the Dardanelles; Nos. 500 to 530 and 600 in the Orient.

To mention a few particular cases: In Italy, 10th army, Oct. 1917 to Nov. 1918: 16, 46, 77, 77A, 77C, 88, 88A, 90, 91, 112, 120, 184, 192; Expedition to Dardanelles April to Dec. 1915: 194 (base de Moudros, ile de Lemnos) 198, 409, 410, 415, 505, 506A (base de Mythilene.); Base de Tarente, 1918: 603; Palestine, 1918, 601; &c. Athens, Greece, 1918: 602.

Note the similarity between Type 2, and our AEF Type A-46; also that our Army Post Offices commenced with the 700 series to avoid confusion.

(Acknowledgment: The above information has been taken from Catalogue des Estampilles &c. de France, Yvert & Cie.)

A.E.F. A.P.O.'s (Types A-1 to A-3) (Continued from p. 33)

APO NO. 6: (Chaumont)

Early Sep.28-17* (Farquhar) Only one reported. Earliest Type A-13 Jul.8-18 (Editor). A gap of nearly 10 months.

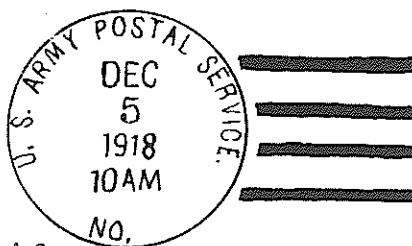
APO NO. 7: (Maily)

Early Sep.22-17 (Editor). Latest Oct.13-17 (Editor). Earliest Type A-9 Oct.18-17 (Editor) A gap of 5 days.

This particular postmark was again brought into use at APO 907 (Bar-le-duc). Earliest use at APO 907 Dec.10-18, latest Jan.3-19. (Editor). By this time it had become much battered and postmarks are barely legible. On Jan. 4-19 a slug '907' was inserted in place of the hour slug, thus making it into a Type A-3.

- Type A-2 -

Type A-2 is Type A-1 with the APO number removed. The single copy known (Editor) is so clearly struck that there is no mistaking the fact that the APO number was cut out.



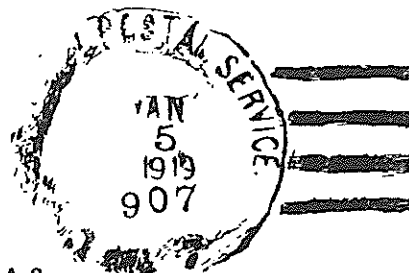
A-2

This postmark presents an interesting problem. It may be one of the Type A-1, APO Nos.1,2,3, 4,5, or 6 (or some unused number) from which the APO number was cut out.

- Type A-3 -

APO NO. 907 (Bar-le-duc.)

Note remarks under Type A-1, APO No.7. Early Jan.4-19 (Editor) and Jan.5-19 (Buttermore). The style of type used for '907' on Jan.4 differs from that used Jan. 5. Type A-3 is always in such poor condition that the fussy collector will not consider it worth saving. The illustration is the best of the several examples seen.



A-3

Acknowledgments: Names of persons submitting or reporting individual items are indicated thus (Perry) or (Editor). Items starred (*) have not been seen by your Editor. All others have been personally seen. The Editor wishes to see all of your Type A-1 to A-10 postmarks for the purpose of recording and listing. Due credit will be given, as above. I know it will seem an imposition to ask you to go through your collection and remove and send items for this purpose, but this is the only way to record these APO postmarks. If you request it, I will pay postage both ways. - Editor.

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COMING: In the November issue, Vol. 2 No. 1, there will be an up to date article on A.E.F. Siberia. If your subscription expires with this issue, don't fail to send in another Dollar bill for Volume 2. Why not make it a double subscription or send in a Dollar adlet - four lines for a dollar.

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THE CZECHO-SLOVAK POST IN SIBERIA

With interest at the moment of writing this, Sep. 18, 1938, focused on Czecho-Slovakia, we conclude vol. 1 with a few lines from an article by Georg Hora in Scotts Journal, Dec/21. "The first mail train left Chelyabinsk on Sep. 18, 1918 (on the Trans-Siberian Railway line)...on Oct. 24th a train started for Vladivostok...In Nov. 1918, a special mail-carrier was sent from Vladivostok to Prague and...postal service between Siberia and Czecho-Slovakia was quite regular...As the forces evacuated the line and retreated toward Vladivostok the line served by their post grew shorter...On Aug. 24, 1920...the Czecho-Slovak post in Siberia came to an end."

Have you a Czecho-Slovak Siberian cover?

Will there be Czecho-Slovak War covers of 1938?

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