

Yanks at War
Christmas France 1918

ARC Christmas Card



ARC Christmas card and its envelope. Sketch by Pvt Bill Bailey shows both an ARC nurse and ARC canteen worker.

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Christmas Package Coupon

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OFFICIAL COUPON

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
CHRISTMAS PACKAGE COUPON

FOR:

C. B. Williamson, Capt. #11

(Name.)

(Rank.) (Army Serial Number.)

Co. "C"

(Company.)

501st

(Regiment.)

Engineers

(Arm of Service.)

PASTE THIS COUPON ON THE PACKAGE

DIRECTIONS: One Christmas package not heavier than 3 pounds and not larger than 9 by 4 by 3 inches will be carried free from Hoboken, N. J., to each American soldier in Europe. Standard boxes of these dimensions will be furnished, upon application, by local chapters of the American Red Cross in the United States. Christmas packages must not contain perishable articles, or any articles prohibited by the postal laws from transmission by mail. PACKAGES NOT CONFORMING TO STANDARD FURNISHED BY RED CROSS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. This coupon is authority for any postoffice to accept on or before November 20, 1918, a Christmas package conforming to the above regulations for the soldier named hereon. Postage to Hoboken, N. J., must be prepaid.

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FOR:

Einar F. Rothman

(Name.)

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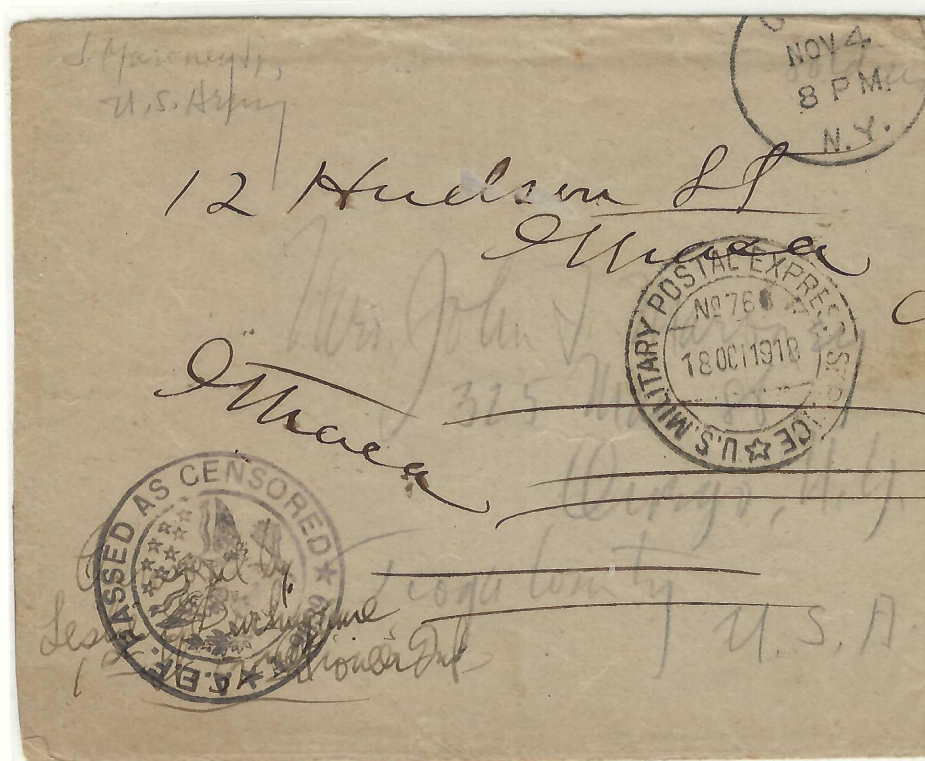
THIS COUPON MUST BE PASTED ON THE PACKAGE TO SECURE ITS TRANSMISSION

A. G. PRINTING DEPT., G. H. Q. A. E. F., 1918.

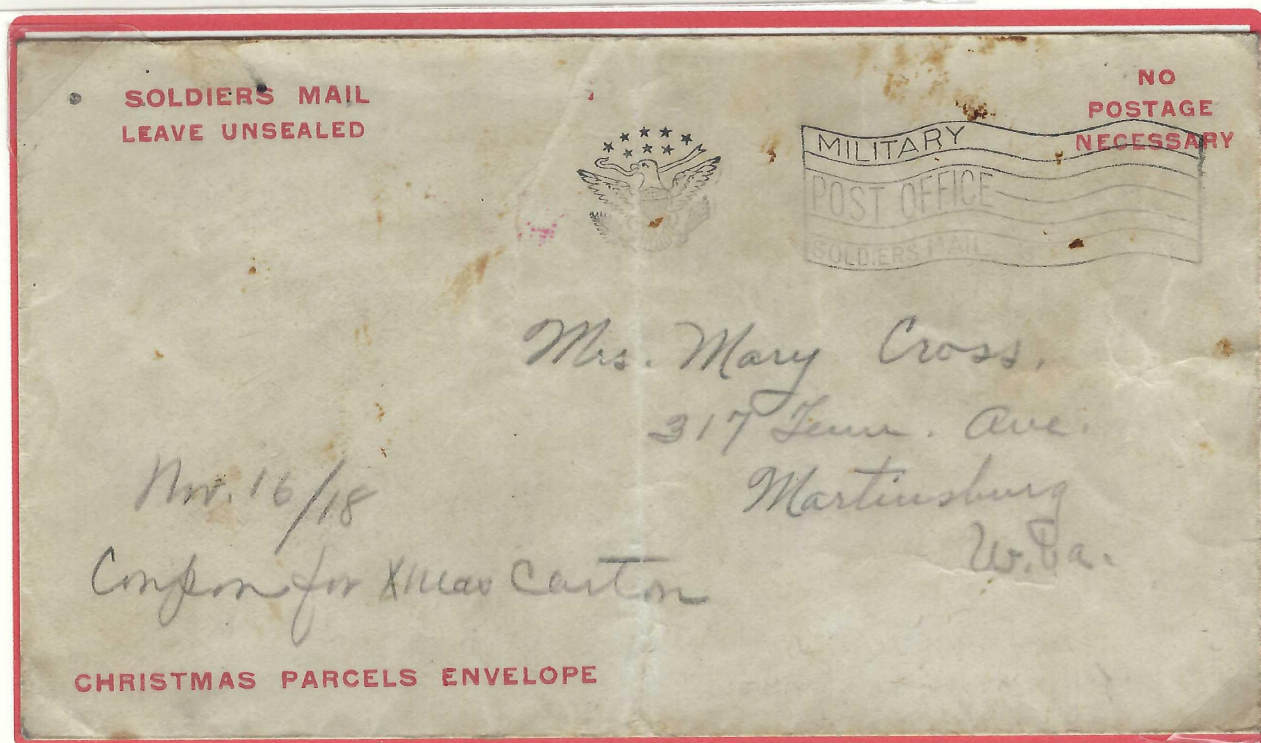
The AEF in conjunction with the US Post Office devised the Christmas Package Coupon to control the volume of Xmas packages. The ARC provided a standard 9x4x3 box. Regrettably the two used examples do not retain the postage paid to Hoboken or the separate ARC label. Each coupon is a variant eg upper lacks a period after "coupon" in 1st line.

Yanks at War
Christmas France 1918

Mailing the Christmas Parcel Coupon



Oct 15-1918
Mother
Am sending this tag for
christmas box. You probably
in the condition they are
the tag- I want some
eat - candy - chocolate
ps - peanut butter - hard can
gates + chocolate marshmallows



A single coupon was provided to each serviceman in accordance with General Order 166 of Sep 30 1918. He in turn directed to his personal Santa. Upper envelope as the letter text indicates contained the coupon mailed 18 OCT 1918 "MPES No 766.

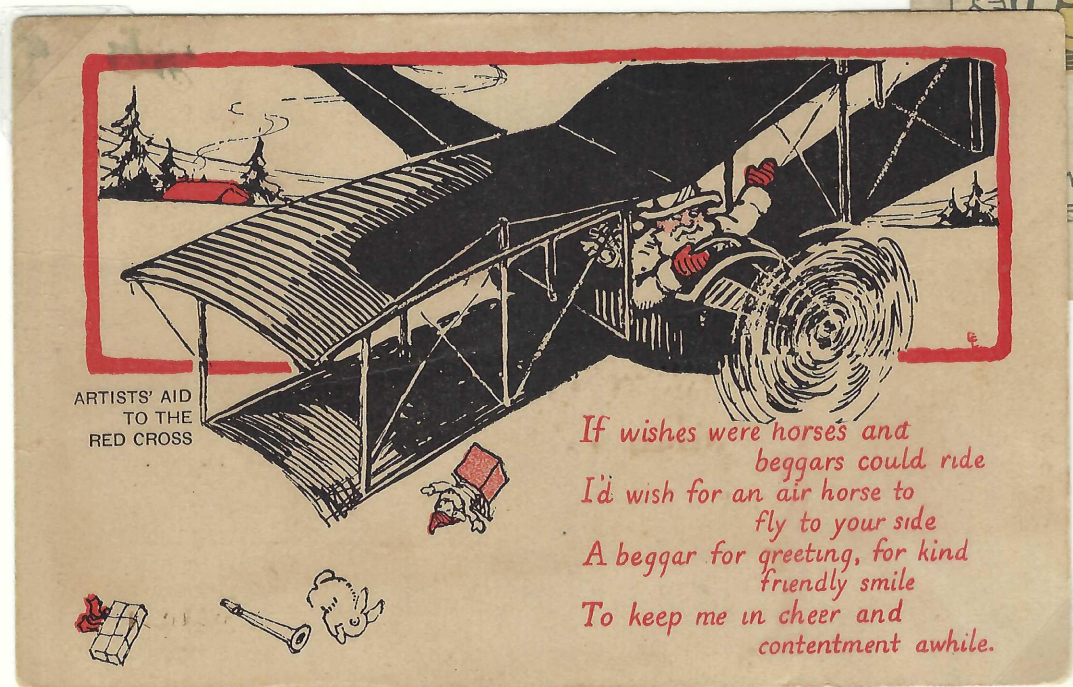
Lower "CHRISTMAS PARCELS ENVELOPE" contained the coupon. The envelope was to be deposited unsealed in a mail bag on a ship's gangway as a soldier boarded for service abroad. Here grayish white envelope rather than buff. **DISCOVERY ITEM.**

Yanks at War
Christmas France

ARC Christmas Postcards



Artists' Aid to the Red Cross
Christmas Postcard



Upper and right ARC produced cards feature the 1918 Christmas parcel and care of the wounded.

Yanks at War
ARC England

ARC Mail

Lieut. John O. Beatty,
337 Aero Sq det.
A. E. FOST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Soldier's Mail

INLAND POST
1d
FOREIGN POST
1d

AMERICAN



Bless the hearts of you R. C.
girls. Think! I've been afforded food
and writing material by them to day.
They make it lovely for us. I looked
rather wistfully at your trunk
after seeing you the last time.
Write me soon, girl!
John.

Miss Stella Buchanan
c/o Am. Red Cross,
4 Rue des Elysées
Paris,
France

ARC Southampton

Franked 1.5d
UK domestic
letter rate.
No postage
due or
censorship.

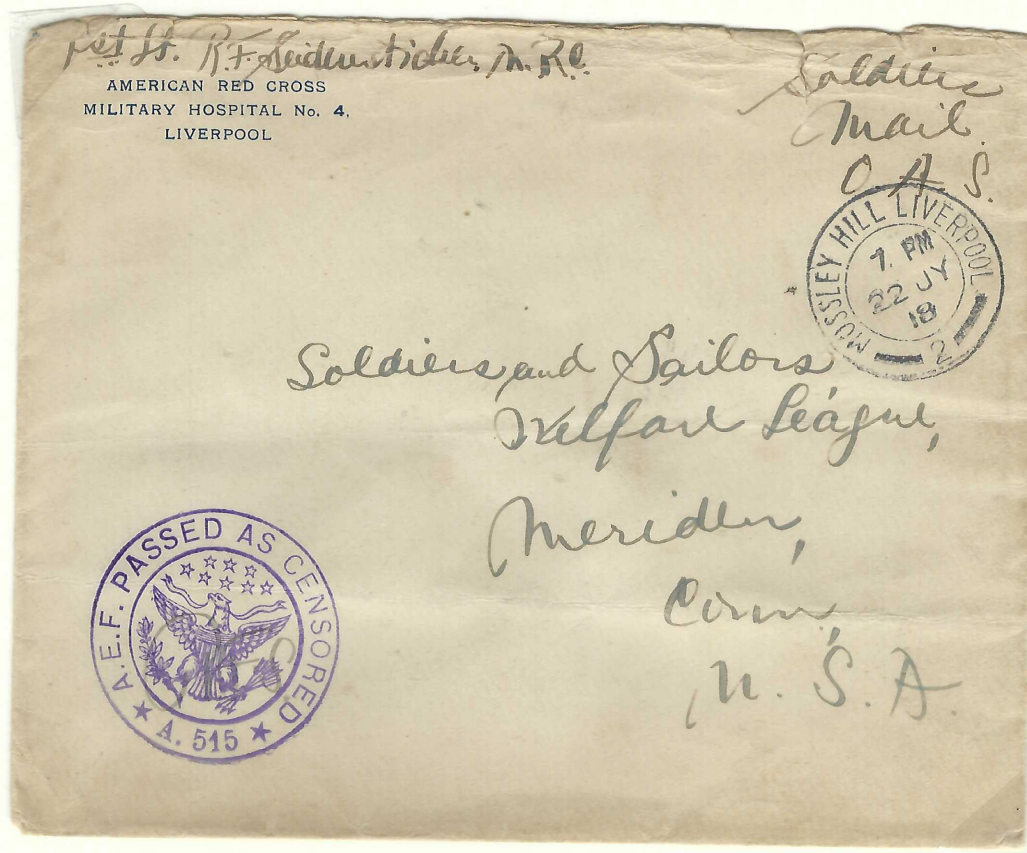


Initially ARC had no plan for a Mission to England. As the overwhelming majority of troops transited England en route to France, the Mission was created.

Yanks at War
ARC England

ARC Military Hospital 4

AEF censored
free franked mail
carried by British
Post Office.



The ARC established military hospitals in England. The largest was ARC Military Hospital 4 at Mossley Hill near Liverpool. Examples of outgoing and incoming mail. The lower forwarded to a second ARC facility at Teddworth.

Yanks at War
ARC England

ARC Hospital Romsey



ARC Hospital Knotty Ash



"Blue star" envelope forwarded to "BH ARC Knotty Ash". Near Liverpool, this facility was primarily a convalescent center typically used as a transit point for homeward bound casualties.

Yanks at War
ARC England

ARC Canteen Service Postcards



POST CARD

TO BE USED FOR WRITTEN OR
PRINTED MATTER

DISTRIBUTED FREE BY
AMERICAN RED CROSS
CANTEEN SERVICE

ONLY THE ADDRESS TO BE
WRITTEN HERE

SOLDIER'S

MAIL



Cardiff



BEDROOM IN THE RED CROSS S.

London



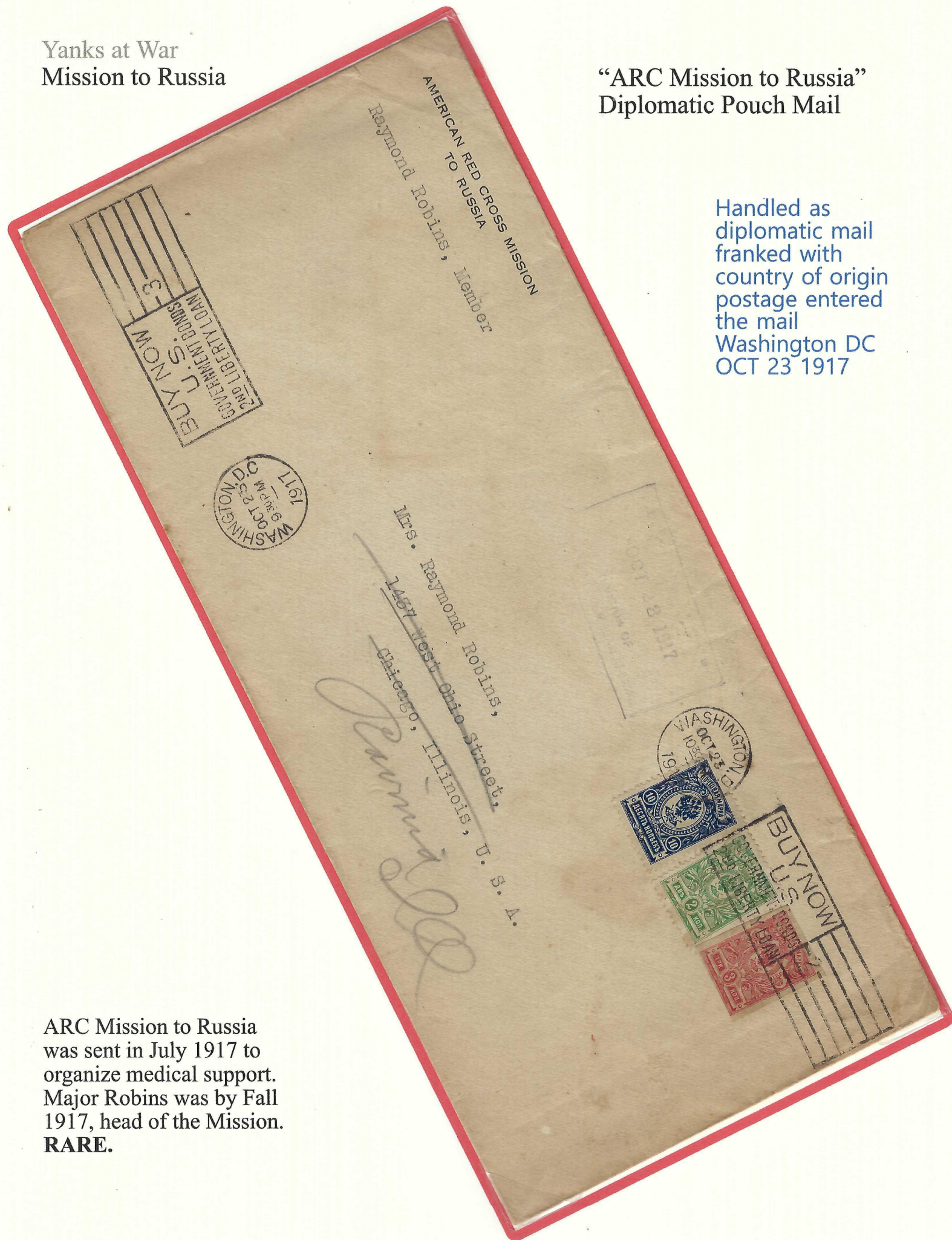
DINING-ROOM IN THE RED CROSS SAILORS CLUB ON THE STRAND

US Naval personnel were a significant presence in Great Britain whether coaling in Cardiff or on shore leave in London. Canteen service post cards for Cardiff and London respectively.

Yanks at War
Mission to Russia

"ARC Mission to Russia"
Diplomatic Pouch Mail

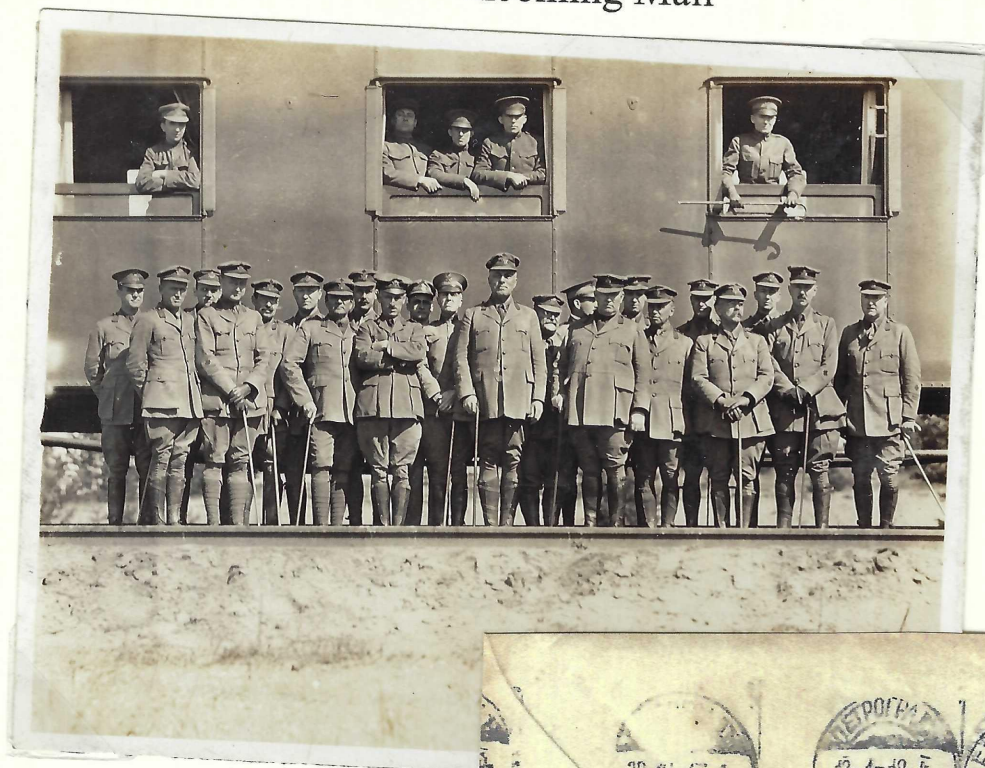
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country of origin
postage entered
the mail
Washington DC
OCT 23 1917



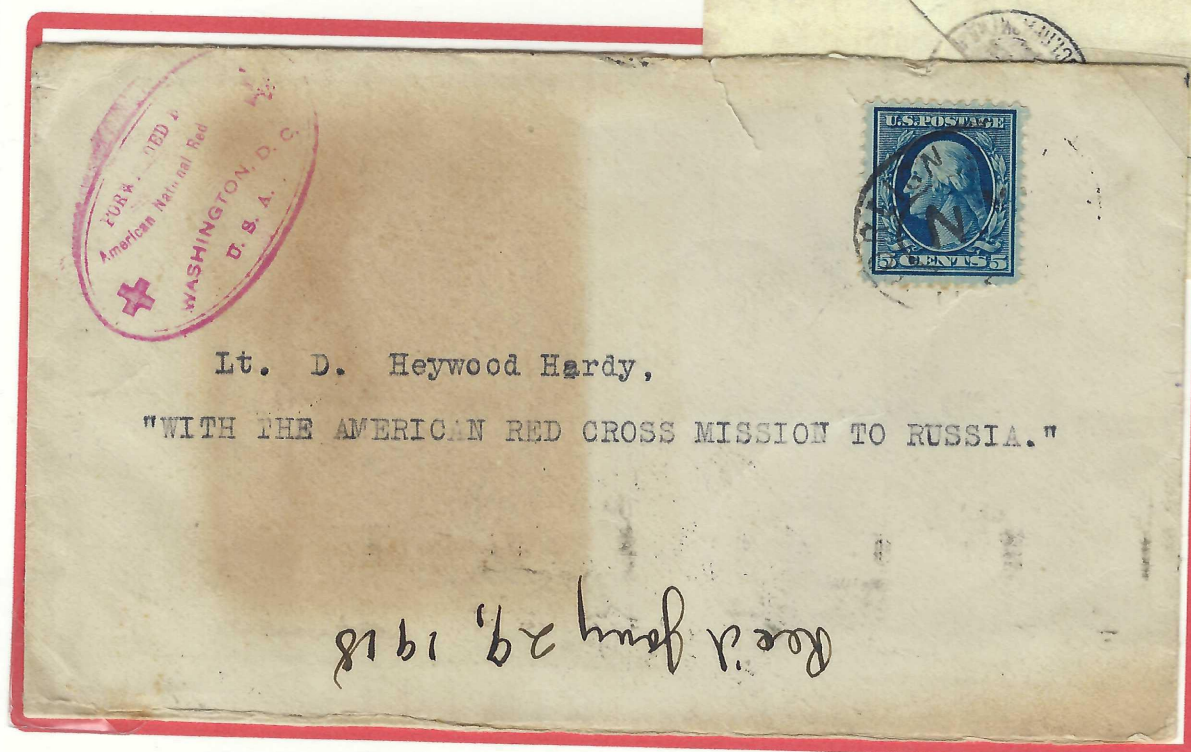
ARC Mission to Russia
was sent in July 1917 to
organize medical support.
Major Robins was by Fall
1917, head of the Mission.
RARE.

Yanks at War
Mission to Russia

Incoming Mail



Original photo of
ARC mission Trans
Siberian railway
trackside taken by
team member
Dr. Orin Sage
Wightman

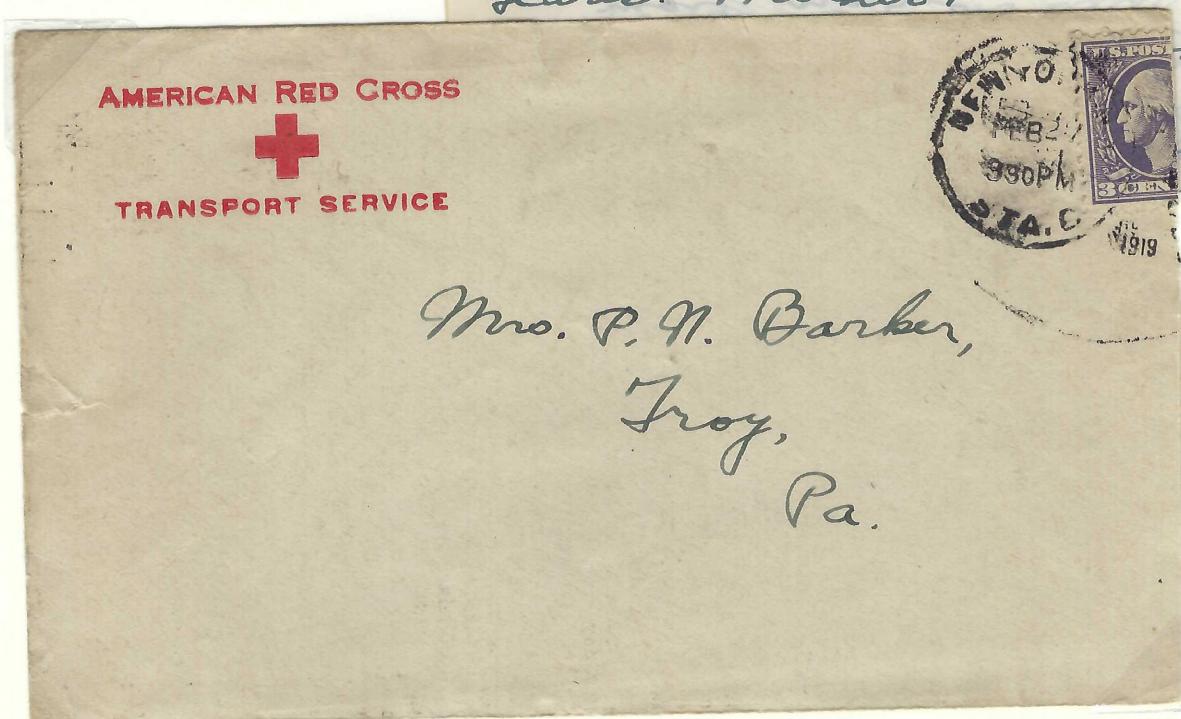
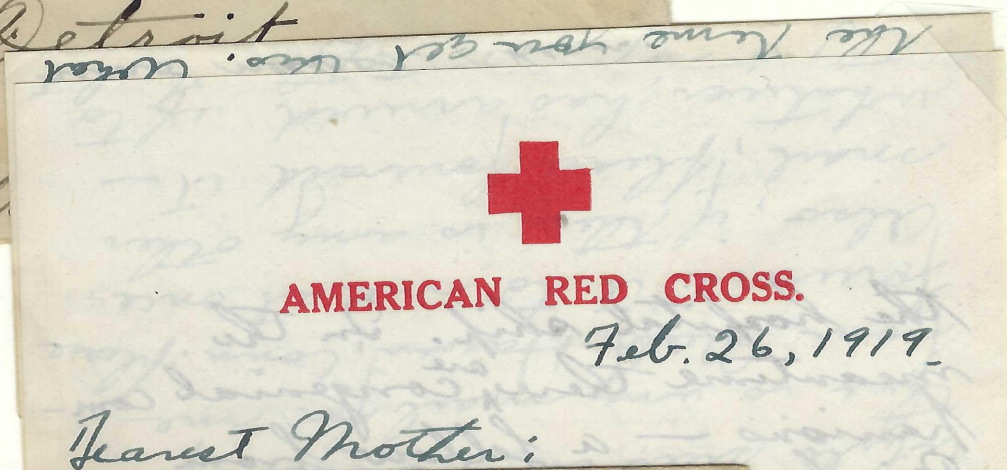
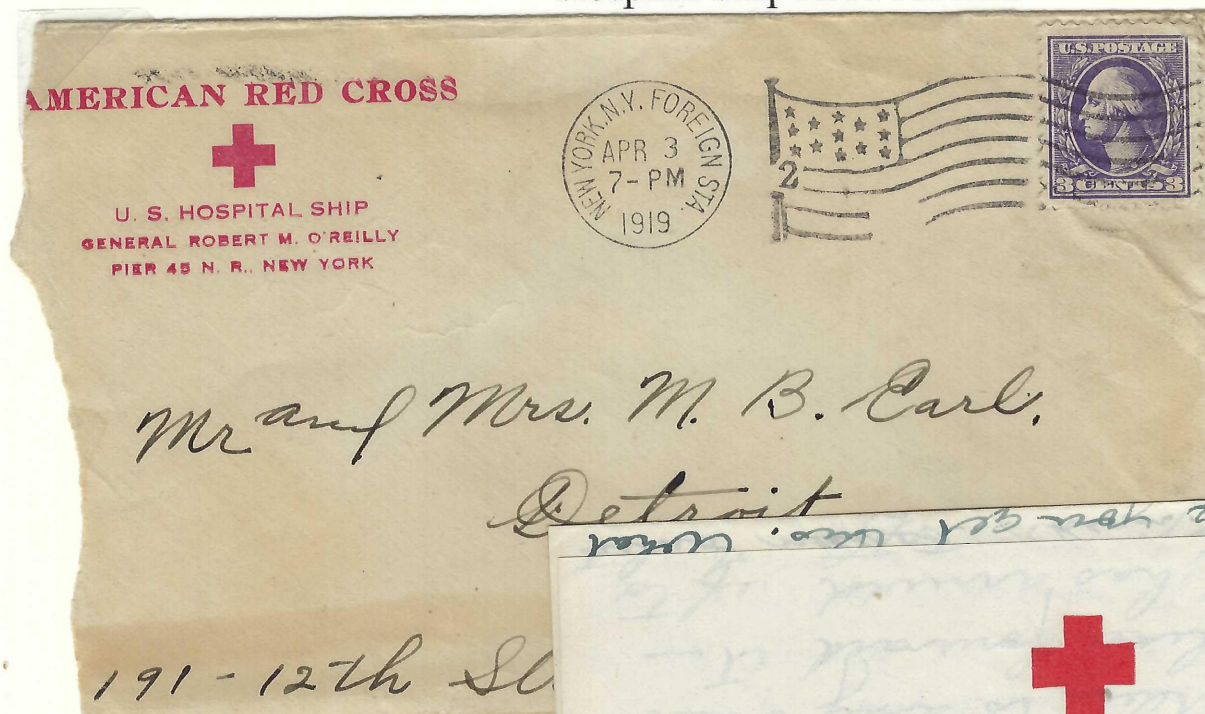


New York For.Sta".
OCT 24 1917.
Petrograd rcvr.
6 .1.18 with Russian
censor "62".
2.5 months in route

ARC hand stamp "forwarded by American National Red Cross
Washington DC USA" **RARE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED**

Yanks at War
USS General O'Reilly

Hospital Ship ARC Aboard

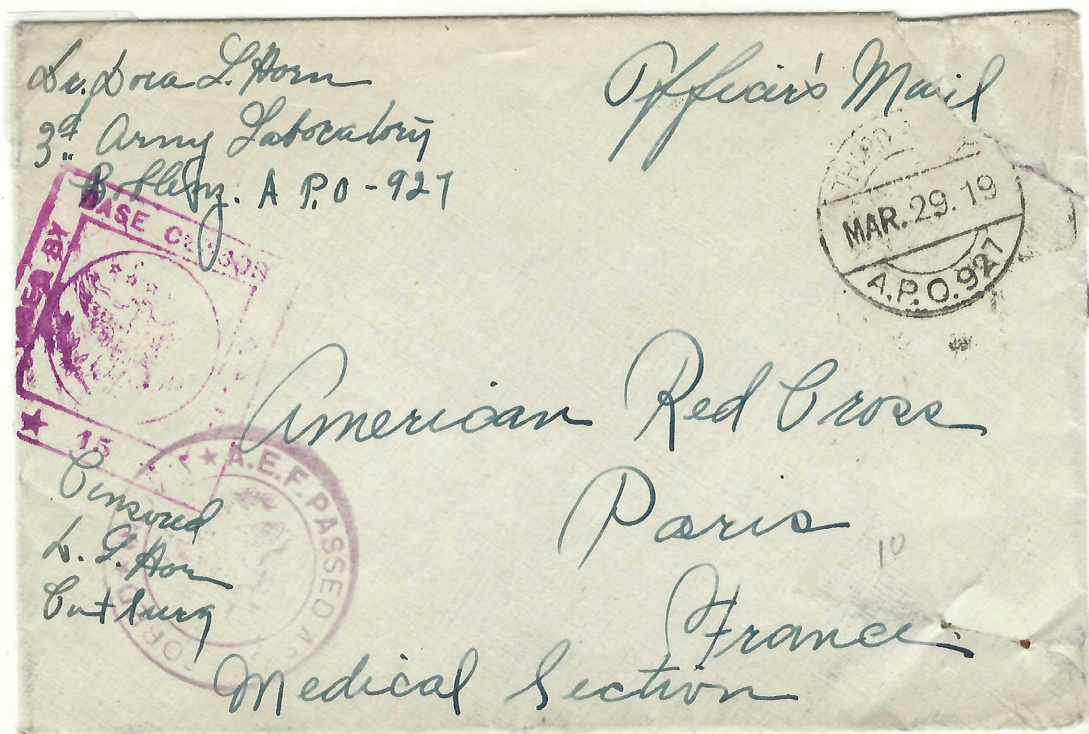


Hospital ship USS General R.M. O'Reilly previously SS Pilgrim, served as a floating hospital at Pier 45 New York. Two examples of ARC stationery used on board sent thru US post.

Yanks at War
Occupation of Germany

ARC Still with the Flag

Uncommon YWCA
Envelope
ARC worker mail
3c domestic rate
"PES 927 11MAR19"
AEF censor.



In Theater mail
Dr. Dora Horn Pvt Surg
sent "Officer's Mail" to
ARC Paris via MPES

With the rapid troop reduction, the mail volume, including that of the ARC, fell dramatically. For the ARC volunteers, it meant an end to free franking for personal mail

Yanks at War
Post Armistice France

ARC Communication Bureau

Form No.381

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
BUREAU OF COMMUNICATION

March 24th / 1919

Herman A. Miller,
426-c New York C.Ch.-

30 Bay 31 St
Bklyn

Dear Sir,-

The following message was received in reply to your inquiry of Nov.20/18, regarding - Mr.C.Miller,- 19 Brucken Allee, Berlin, Germany.

Message

Regret to have to tell you that both of our parents have left this world, but all the sons and daughters with their families are very well.
Feb'y 9/19. We all send love. your brothers and sisters.

Yours very truly,
W R Castle Jr., Director.

Nb

Any answer to this message must be sent through the Local Red Cross Chapter

Registered
domestic
rate

AMERICAN RED CROSS
COMMUNICATION BUREAU
5 EAST 36TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY



Herman A. Miller,
30 Bay 31 St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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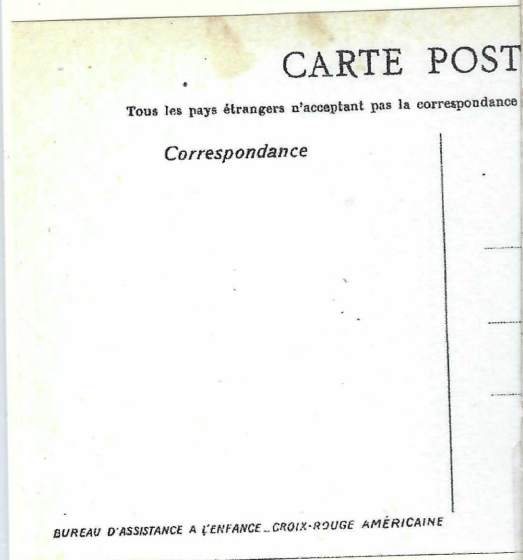
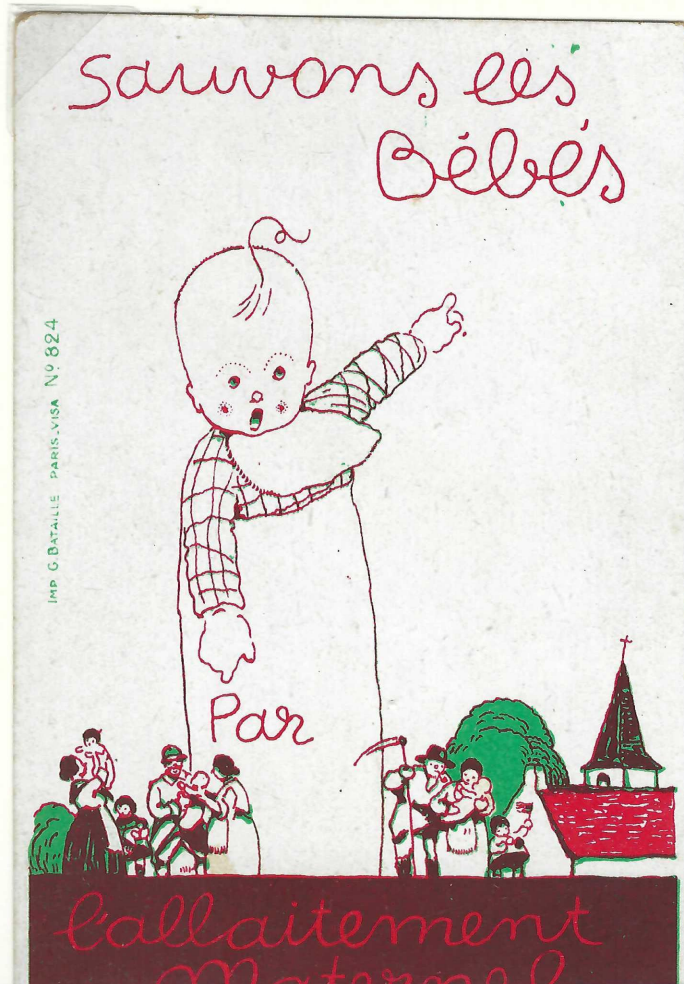
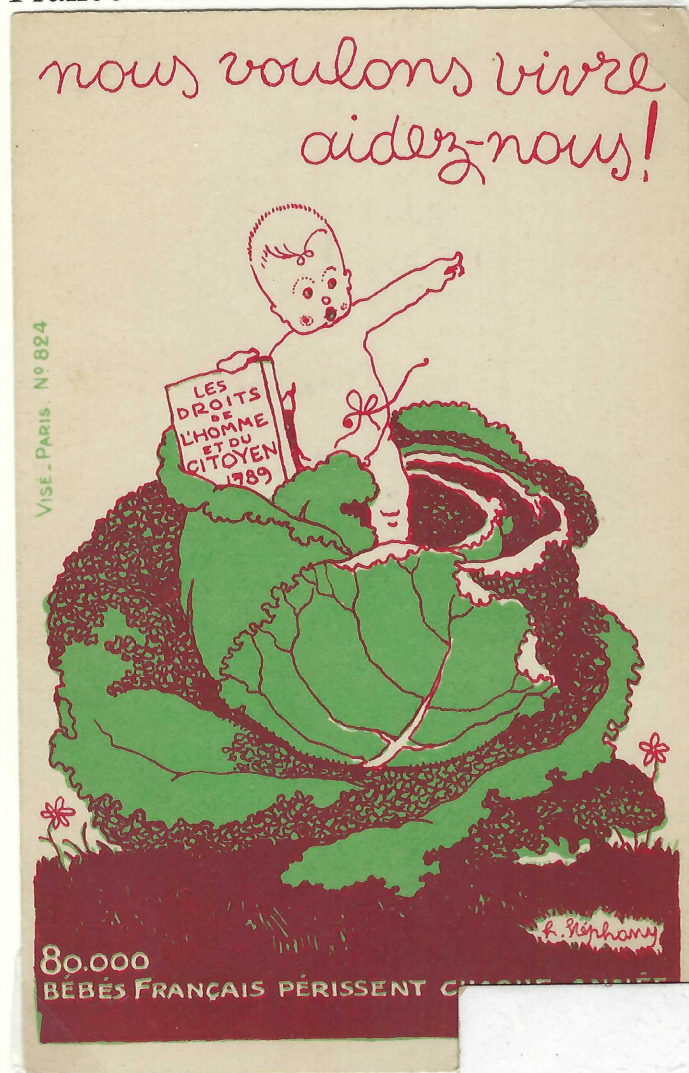
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Communication Bureau served both the military and civilian populations

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ARC Children's Bureau: New Focus



The ARC War Council ended in March 1919. The French government resisted ARC civil programs. One exception was the ARC Children's Bureau focused on maternal and infant welfare. Three postcards of a series by artist Stephany marked "Croix Rouge Americaine" on the reverse.



ALIMENTATION
DE L'ENFANT

Le lait
maternel est
le meilleur
pour le bébé.

Il meurt
quatre bébés au
biberon pour un
bébé nourri au
sein. Si le lait de la mère est insuf-
fisant il faut cependant donner au
bébé en complétant au biberon si
l'enfant dépérit.

Une vie calme, une alimentation
et des boissons saines et abondan-
tes et du repos augmentent beau-
coup le lait de la nourrice.



ARC's goal was to establish American standards of public health throughout Europe. The upper card links alcohol and tuberculosis, "The White Death". The crowd scene card marked "Bureau des Enfants-Croix Rouge Americaine". Right breast feeding.

Yanks at War
France Post Armistice

ARC Mission to France Ends



The ARC Mission to France ended in 1922.

Upper card message "Trucks take the Lucky Children to the Station", a Paris scene in 1919. Note the lettering "American Red Cross" on the truck box. The end of the Mission was primarily the result of a lack of US public support and thus funding. Lower card a crass appeal for CASH by ARC Committee for France Paris November 1922.

MAKE NOVEMBER 30 A REAL THANKSGIVING !
Stuff the Red Cross Turkey with Much-needed Dough !

Give thanks ! Give francs !
Cause a run on the banks !
We can use all the sous
And the sovereigns you've got !
We hollers for dollars
And buckets of ducats,
Appealing with feeling
For those who have not !

We've a place for the shilling
Of everyone willing
To aid the disabled,
The sick and the poor,
So send your piasters
To help in disasters,
Your "pieces of eight"
And your bright "Louis d'or" !

Retain your good humor
But mail your mazuma,
Your green-backs and shekels
Your pounds and your yen !
Your golden Napoleons,
Silver simoleons,
Give to your Red Cross,
World Helper of Men !

SIXTH ANNUAL ROLL CALL
COMMITTEE FOR FRANCE
AMERICAN RED CROSS
10, Rue de l'Elysée, Paris