

Sections C "Call it Peace" 1919-1922

Frame VI. Europe

1-2 POWs Berne Germany

3-4 Austria Hungary

5-12 ARC Mail System

13-16 Poland and the Baltics

Frame VII. Balkans and Palestine

1-7 Balkans

8 Greece

9-11 Turkey

12-16 Palestine

Frame VIII. Siberia and beyond

1-6 Commission to Siberia

7-9 Camp Service

10-11 POW's

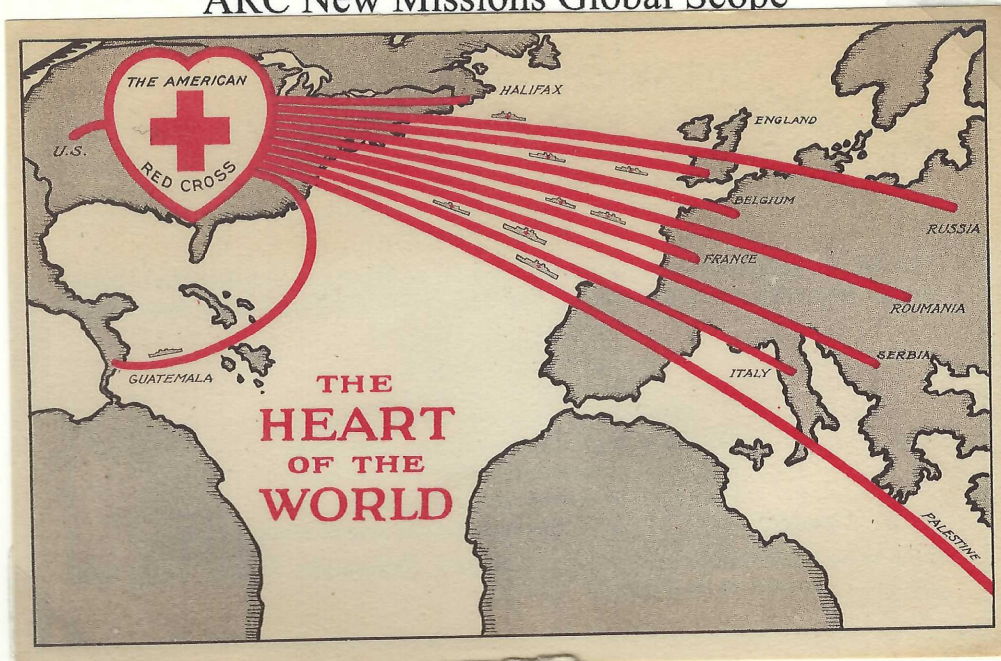
12 Children's Colony

13 Farewell Siberia

14 Western Hemisphere

15-16 Epilogue: Greatest Mother

ARC New Missions Global Scope



POW Mission Berne

AMERICAN RED CROSS

6, HIRSCHENGRABEN

BERNE



Mrs.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

8, HIRSCHENGRABEN

BERNE

Chargé

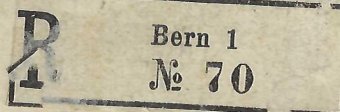
5811

Mrs. D. L. Beard

2535 Chilton Way,

Berkeley.

California. U. S. A.



After the armistice, the first ARC mission was serving POWs, first of few US POWs, then POWs of both Allied and central powers. ARC established its POW office in Berne in 1918.

Call It Peace
POW Germany

ARC Commission to Germany



AMERICAN RED CROSS COMMISSION

(AMERIKANISCHE ROTE KREUZ KOMMISSION)

Berlin, Germany
July 2-19

INTERALLIED COMMISSION
FOR REPATRIATION OF RUSSIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
CAMP SUPPLIES DEPT.

BERLIN W 8, WILHELMPLATZ 7.

Lieut. V. Vandervoort
Am. Red Cross.



Berlin, Germany
July 2-19
at American Embassy

RARE "INTERALLIED COMMISSION" mailed July 1919 from Berlin through the "US MPES" with letter on ARC Commission letterhead. Original group photo in front of US Embassy Berlin. The x's mark ARC nurses.

Call It Peace
Austria

ARC Aid to the "Enemy"

Registered
express service
to Trieste
20 Kronen



AMERIKANISCHES  ROTES KREUZ

Fürsorgestelle Nr. 10

Prot. Nr. 496/27

Adresse der Fürsorgestelle: Wien, X. Buchengasse 44.

Beratungsstunden: Montag 1-2 Uhr

Name des Kindes Karl Robert

Alter 10 Adresse Wien, X. Buchengasse 44.

Unterschrift der Fürsorgerin [Signature]

Stempel der Fürsorgestelle:
AMERIKANISCHES ROTES KREUZ
W I E N
Buchengasse 44
20
FÜRSORGESTELLE

D 14. — OMS. 1422. 21.

Document used to
record child's
weight

ARC worked in close collaboration with the Austrian government. The ARC return address includes "Federal Ministry of the Army" on a registered express letter to Trieste. The card with circular "ARC Work Station 20" in Vienna.

Call It Peace
Hungary

ARC Aid to the "Enemy"



Rossz szokás a hajesi-hajesi,
Megszokja a huncut Lajesi,
Ezt magad is majd belátod :
Nem lesz tőle nyugodásod !



Nézd, a Kató földön mászkál,
Szennyet-piszkot összerágsál,
S mindezt derék Borscsa néni
Mosolyogva, nyugton nézi.
S mikor másnap Kató szája
Seb és penész, gyász tanyája :
Akkor sirja, akkor bánja,
Mért volt piszkos a szobája.



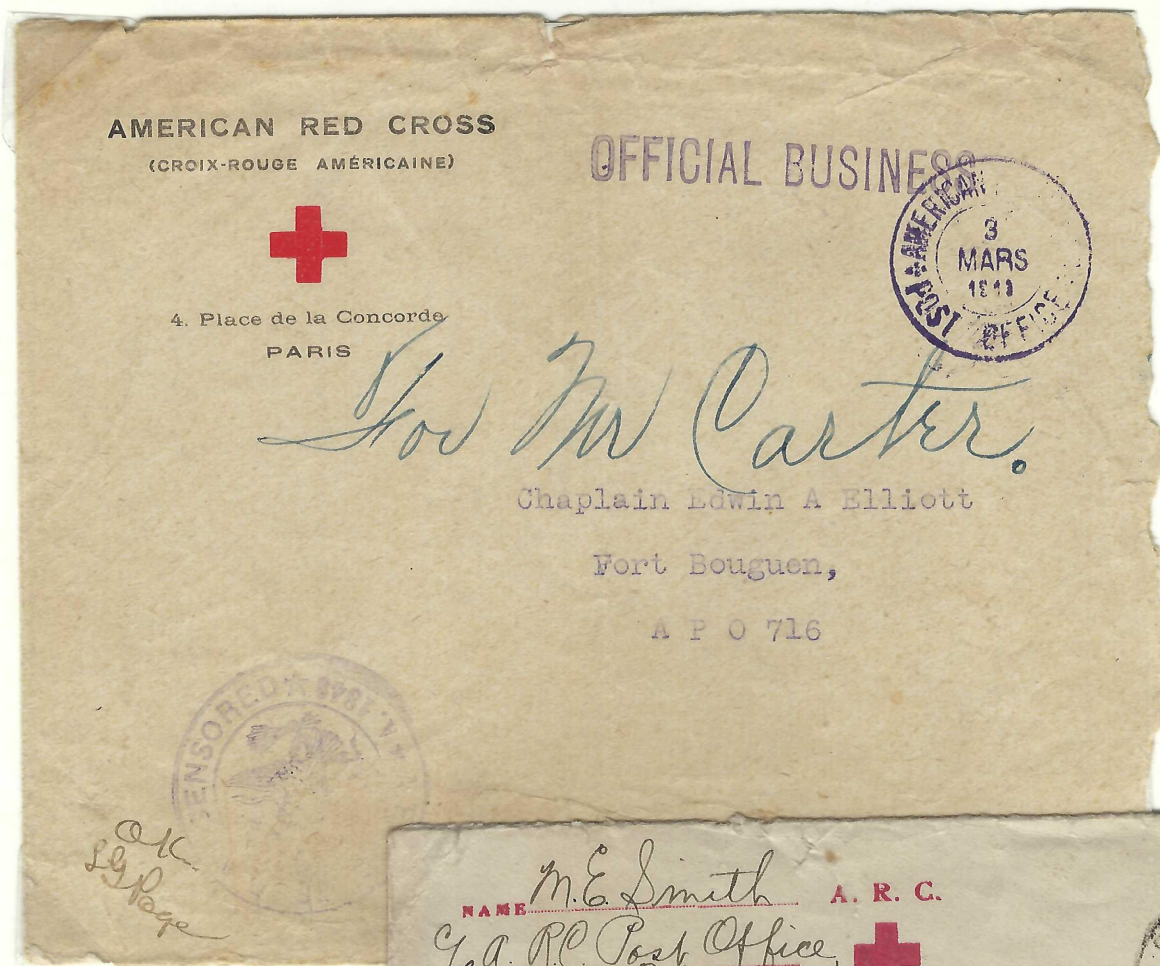
AMERIKAI VÖRÖSKERESZT
ANYA- ÉS CSECSEMŐVÉDŐ-
AKCIÓJA MAGYARORSZÁGON

Globus

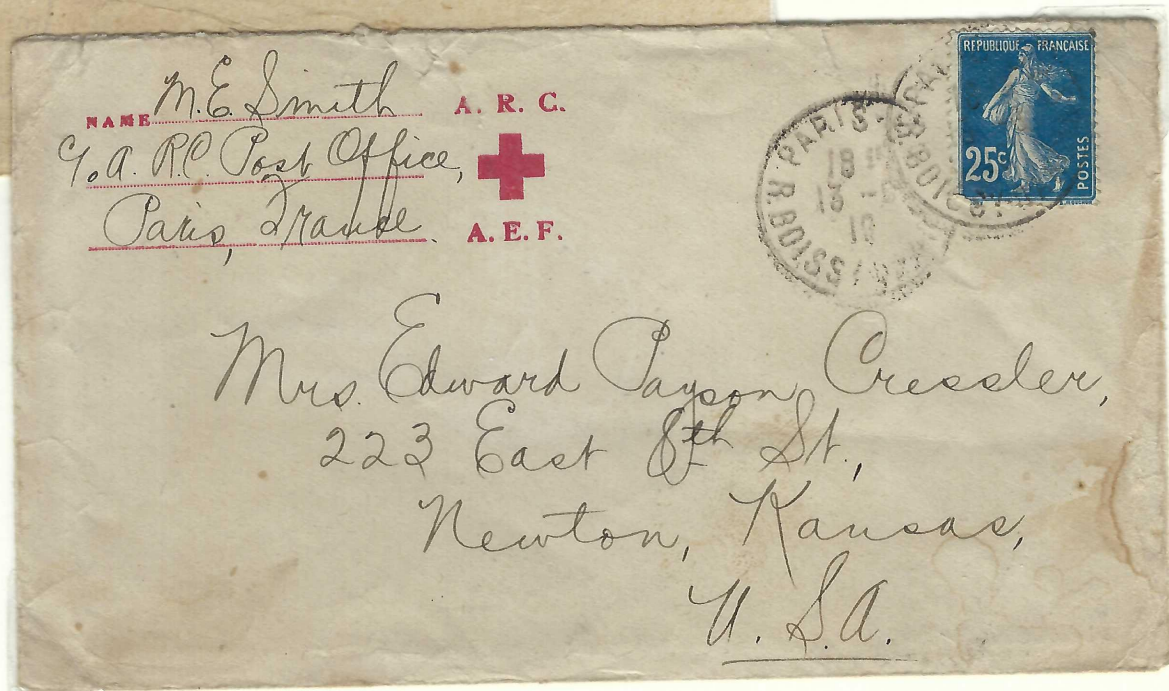
Hungarian produced postcards inscribed "AMERICAN RED CROSS Maternal and Infant Action Program". Two unused cards of the series.

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
Post Office

ARC Post Office Paris Earliest Date



Straight line
"OFFICIAL
BUSINESS"
marking and
AEF censor.
Free franking.
3.MARS.1919

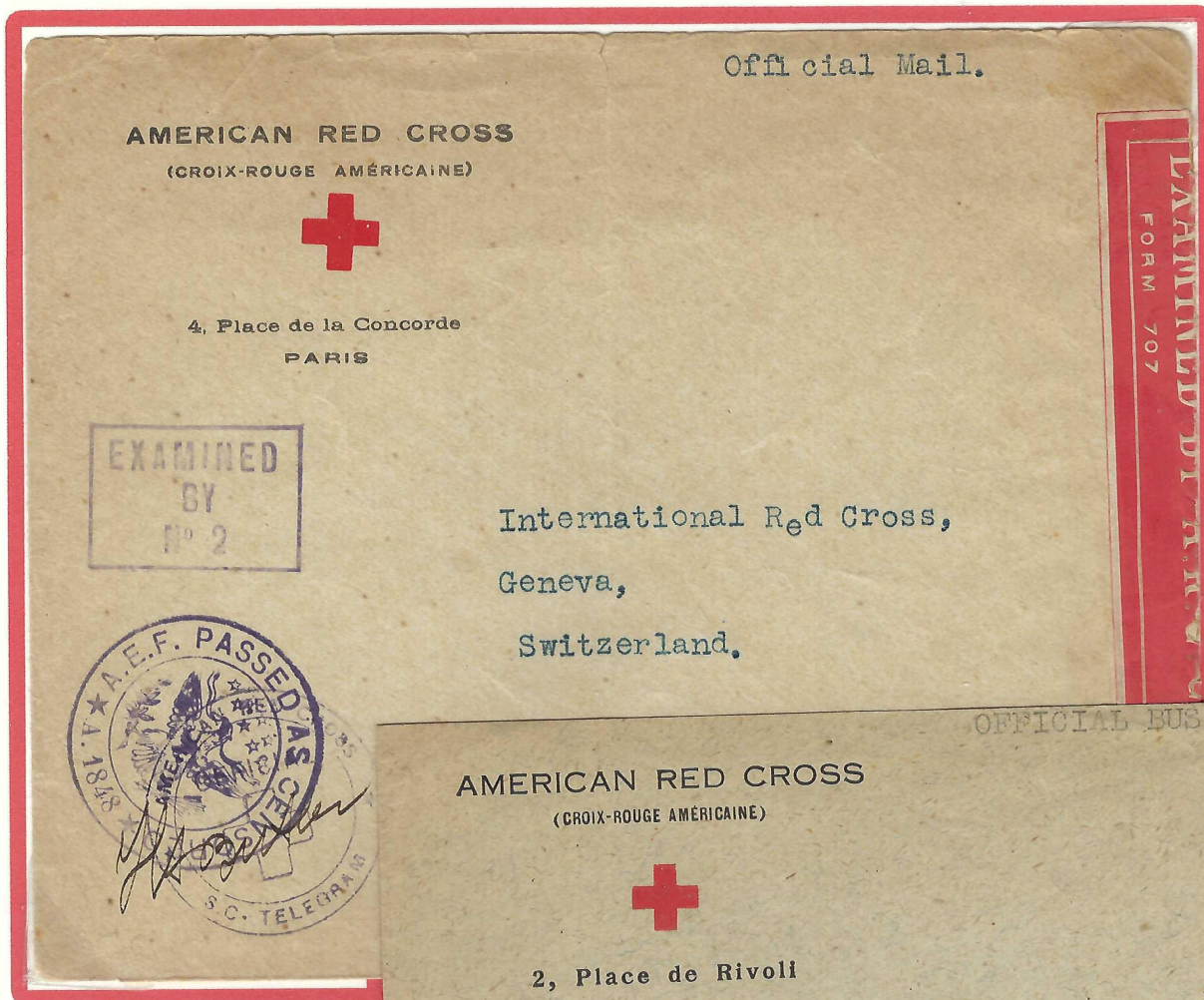


Mail from the ARC Post Office

The ARC had a mail handling function in Paris from July 1917. With the transition in its tasks, its far flung Mission, and the anticipated decrease of the AEF's service, the ARC Mail Department created its own post office with a distinctive cancel.

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
ARC Post Office

ARC Censor Tape and Mark



BOTH KNOWN ENVELOPES WITH ARC CENSOR TAPE. Each has a censor mark used only by ARC. "EXAMINED BY NO.2" not previously reported.
DISCOVERY ITEM. Both pieces mailed to Red Cross entities.

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
ARC Post Office

ARC Telegraph Markings

AMERICAN RED CROSS
(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINNE)



4, Place de la Concorde
PARIS



OFFICIAL BUS

GASPILLER TR
ECONOMISTE SE



The Farmers Loan & Trust Co.,
41, Boulevard Haussmann,

Paris.

Capt. J.W. Fairfax.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
(CROIX-ROUGE AMERICAINE)



2, Place de Rivoli
PARIS



POUR PARIS

METTRE LE NOMBRE

DE L'ARRON

Mrs. M. E. McCormick,

Hotel de France,

Pau,

Basses Pyrenees.



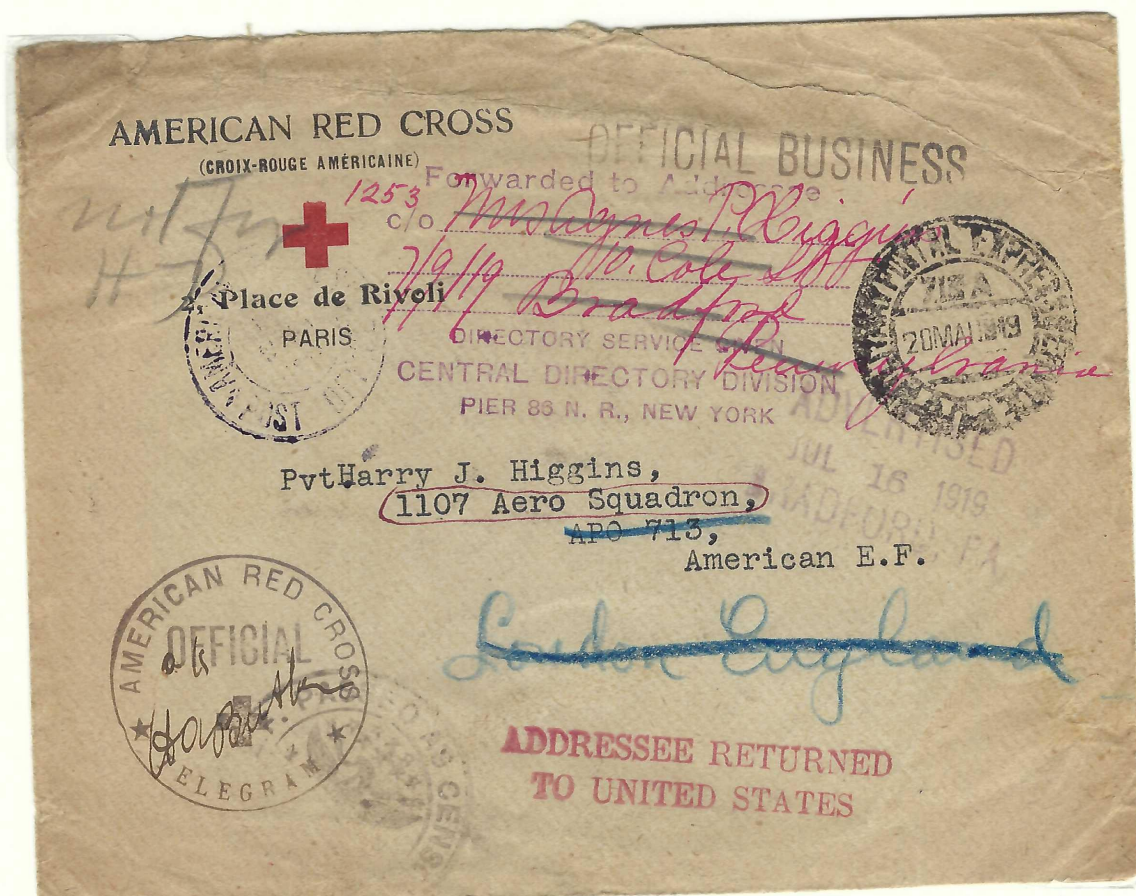
Handwritten signature in blue ink

In addition to a strictly postal service the ARC post office handled telegraphic traffic. The upper has a circular "ARC*S.C. Telegram-OFFICIAL" here used in conjunction with a censor signature 7.I.1919. Lower faint red circular "ARC*TELEGRAM OR POST" 14.V.1919.

DISCOVERY ITEM,

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
ARC Post Office

Auxiliary Markings & Free Franking



The ARC postal function created auxiliary markings. Above a blue circular "ARC*4, Place de la Concorde-OFFICIAL MAIL PARIS" (also seen in red). Lower circular "ARC *TELEGRAM-OFFICIAL" and partial ARC PO cancel. The ARC as an organization had free franking as shown.

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
Courier Service

ARC Courier Mail

Budapest Hungary
Nov. 7th 1919

Ad Hoc Courier Budapest

Howard H. H. H.
Capt ARC

Dear Miss Wain:

Covered am you. please,
to get these letters for me - its

letters to
is for Major
the others

re Oct 8th
en Capt

Miss Edith Wain

Amer

magas Riga



American Red Cross
Commission



The Misses Anderson
50 Edginton St.
Rochester N.Y.
U.S.A.

25c foreign rate
tied by ARC PO
and French Paris
DEPART cancel

ARC Courier mail from "ARC Commission"

Lower illustrates the flow in the ARC courier system, marked "Officer's Mail" in Riga, courier to the ARC post office, French postage is affixed tied by "ARC PO stamp 6 SEPT 1920" and Paris departure the same date. A faint red circular "ARC" stamp used in Riga upper right.

AEF Courier Service

Courier use
established by
ARC return address
and MPES 702
cancel

Boz

Lt. C.O. BUNNELL A% R% C%

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In late 1918, Major Peaslee of the AEF MPES established a courier service in support of the Commission to Negotiate the Peace. On April 30 1919, this service was made available to the ARC, YMCA, and the American Relief Administration. Upper cover **Discovery Item** used from Serbia APR 12 1919 PRIOR to official access by the ARC.

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
Courier Service

Mail Balkans and Turkey

Constantinople- Gare des Chemins de Fer Orientaux



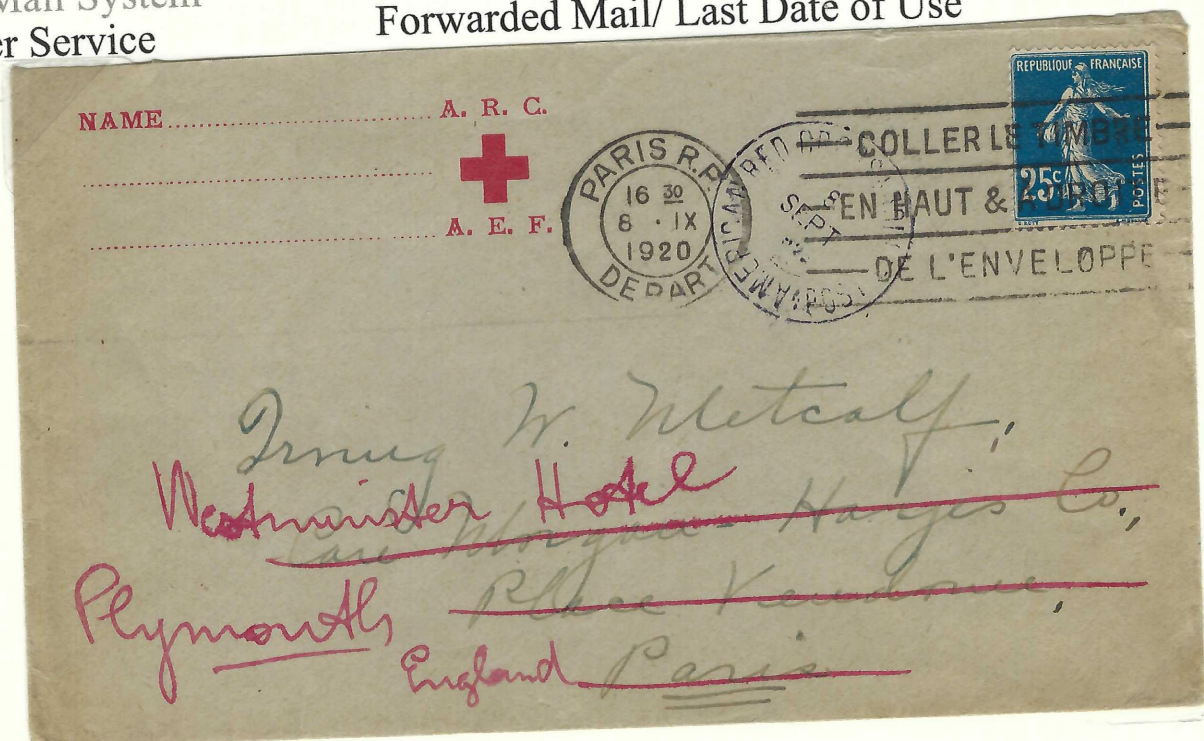
Constantinople-Paris-
Warsaw. **UNIQUE**



The upper card from Lillian in Constantinople has a script "By Courier" and partial ARC PO 8 JUIL to Frances Welch c/o Polish Commission ARC Warsaw with circular "ARC Constantinople" stamp upper right.
The envelope sent from "Albanian Service" has the ARC PO 15 JUIL(1920) and Paris departure same date to Nova Scotia.

Call It Peace
ARC Mail System
Courier Service

Forwarded Mail/ Last Date of Use



ARC stationery to the ARC PO 6 SEPT 1920 addressed "care Morgan Harjes", the old "port" for ARC volunteers. That address was a local service, but forwarded by the ARC PO. The letter from Poland handled with "ARC PO 27 JUN 1921" is the **last known date of use for both the ARC post office and its courier**. The post office functioned for at least 27 months. Dr. Voor died of typhus in Poland FEB 1922.

Call It Peace
Commission to Poland
February 1919-21

MPES & ARC Couriers Warsaw

MPES courier
4c 2nd oz letter
postage applied
APO 702
Aug 16 1919



R. Bliss Wolfe,
AMERICAN RED CROSS
Czerwony Krzyż Amerykański
13 Szopena, POLAND
Warsaw.

WARSAW, Poland
WARSZAWA, Polska



Miss Anita Storrs,
Granger,
TEXAS.

By courier to Paris.

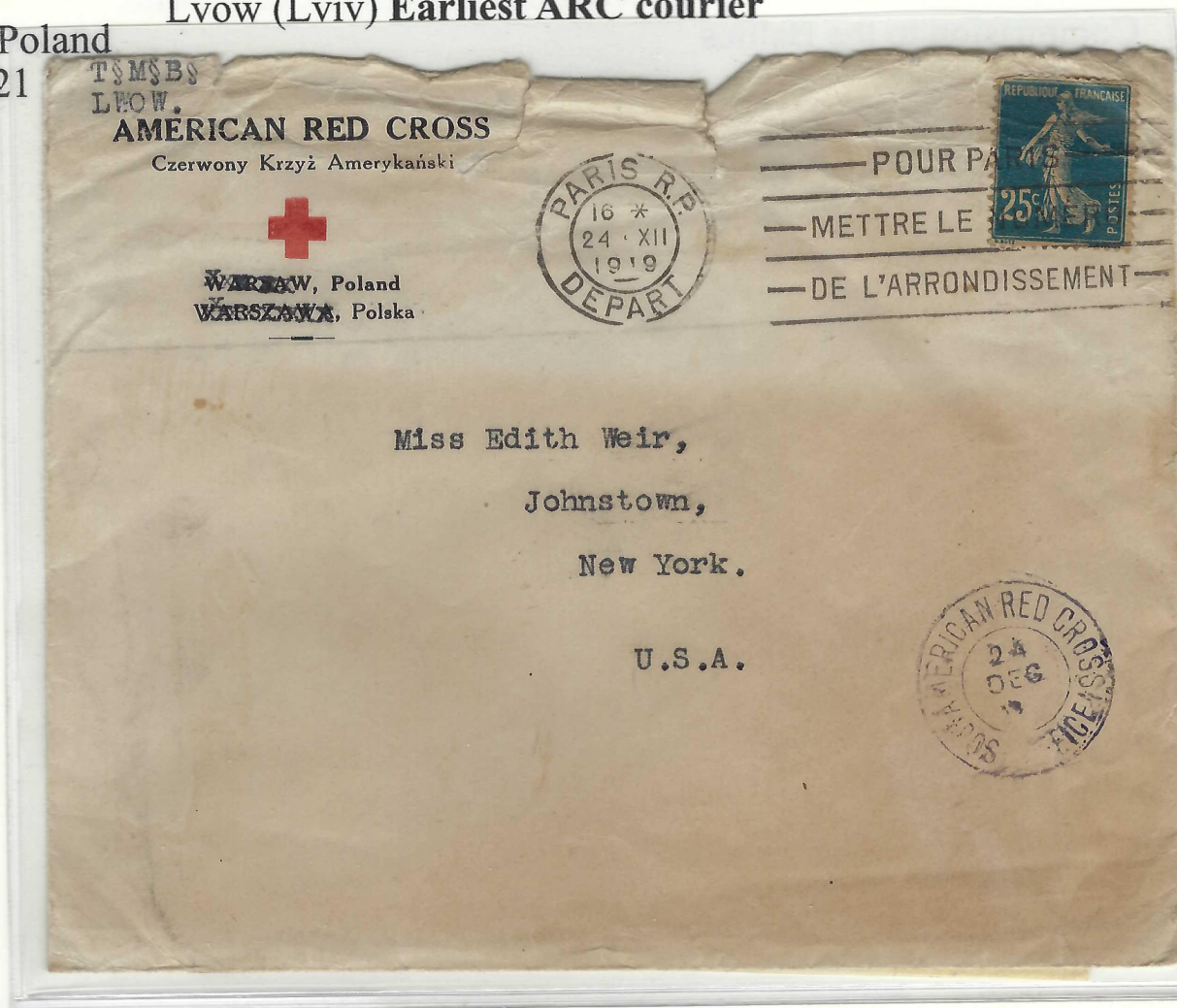
U. S. A.

"By courier"
25C foreign
letter rate
applied by
ARC PO
23.III.1920

The ARC Commission to Poland dealt with a refugee crisis,
public health issues, and epidemics of typhus and cholera,

Call It Peace
Commission to Poland
February 1919-21

Lvov (Lviv) Earliest ARC courier



ARC courier
to ARC PO
24 DEC 19

ARC in Russo Polish War RARE



Postcard with three line hand stamp of ARC unit assigned to hospital in Wilno (now Vilnius). Message written by wounded Polish soldier during Russo Polish war on 11.VI.20

Call It Peace
Commission to the Baltics
1919-1922

ARC Mail Libau, Riga, & Kowno

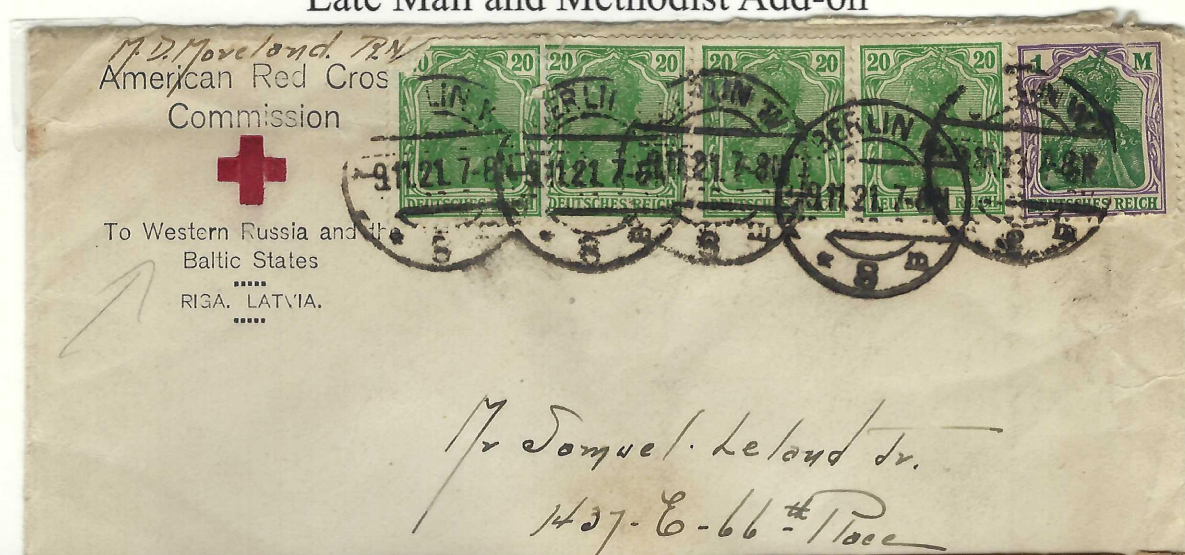


The ARC Commission to Western Russia and the Baltic States was located in Riga. Two envelopes and a card all via ARC courier through the ARC PO in Paris. Upper with circular ARC stamp used in Latvia. Lower **RARE** "ARC Kowno" stamp. Kowno (Kaunas Lithuania) was a typhus "hot spot".

Call It Peace
Commission to the Baltics
1919-1922

Late Mail and Methodist Add-on

ARC nurse's mail
4.8 marks
postage
(early Inflation)
mailed Berlin
9.11.21



Two late pieces of mail from Latvia. Upper mailed in Berlin reflects the end of the ARC courier/post office in Paris. Lower American Methodist envelope with the Red Cross mailed printed matter 11.12.22 is a follow on to the "ARC only" mission.