

Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
Early Support

ARC Far East

From S. C. Pohle  
To American Red Cross  
Shanghai China



OPENED BY

Miss Mary Graham  
~~Base Hospital~~  
~~Camp Sevier~~  
Greenville, S. C.  
U. S. A.

Please Forwarded by S. L. Graham  
State San  
mont alba



M. M.  
Ans. 12-11-18



Censor

Mary Trohilo

Mrs L. Schudt  
Girls Dormitory  
#1228 Herman St. Iloilo  
Manila P.I.



ARC personnel in Siberia were initially diverted from Red Cross work in the Far East. The director Dr. Teusler from Tokyo when called in July 1918. Miss Pohle called from ARC Shanghai. Lower mail has an ad hoc character, a generic "ARC" envelope with Russian postage, censor tape, and stamp mailed to the Philippines, source of the first AEF Siberia troops..

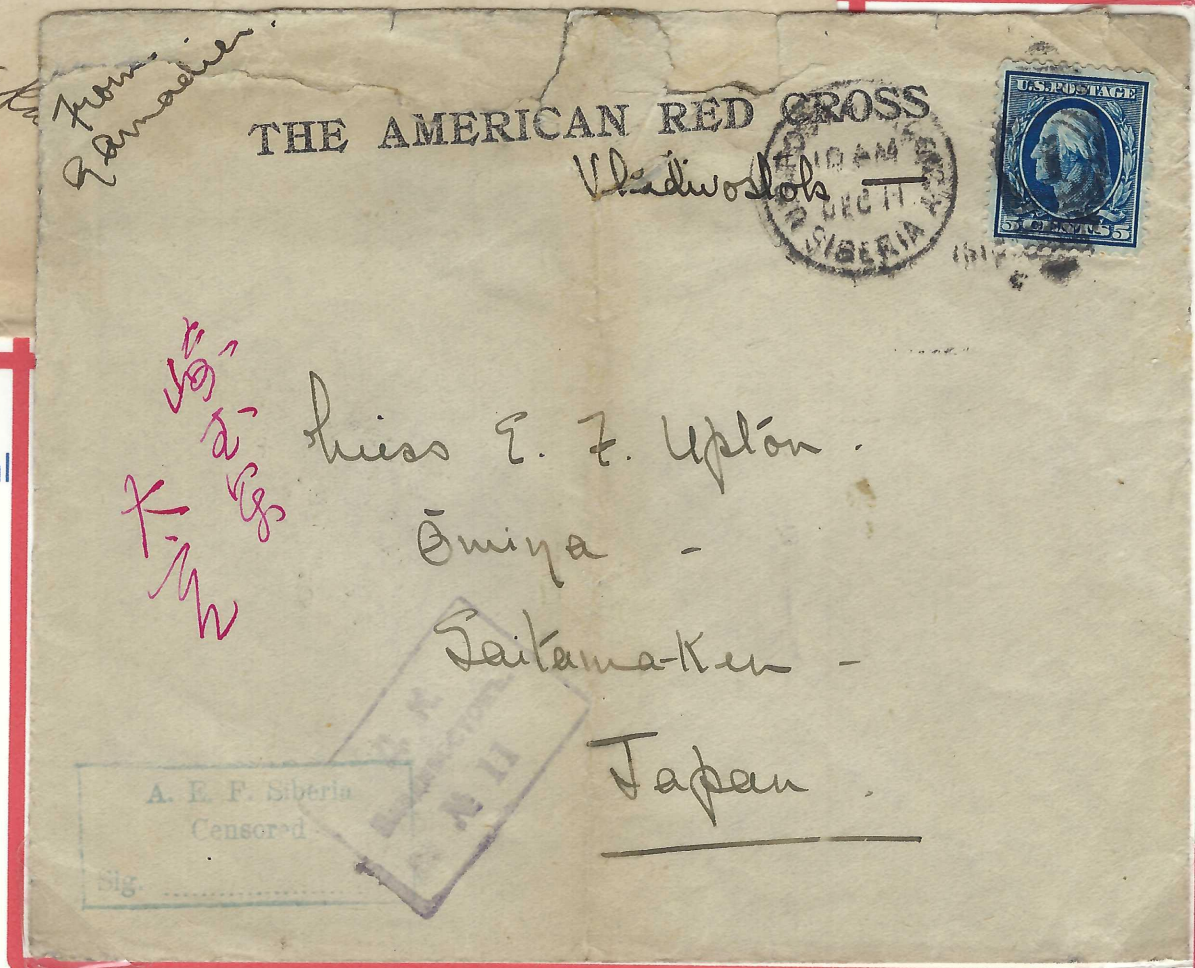
Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
ARC Vladivostok

ARC Headquarters Hand Stamp



30 kopeck postage  
from Vladivostok  
29. 10. 18 with  
"censor No. 18."  
Early ARC mail

Atypical handling  
through "US postal  
agency Siberia"  
DEC 11 1919 with  
both AEF and  
Russian censor



Vladivostok was the ARC headquarters for all Siberian activities. Both envelopes have **previously unreported** ARC hand stamps respectively "HEADQUARTERS THE ARC VLADIVOSTOK" and "THE AMERICAN RED CROSS" respectively.

Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
Commission Functions

Supply and Transportation

*Edward H. Charette*  
*Barabueh*  *Siberia*  
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS  
*200 Miles East Omsk*  
*Director Supplies & Transportation*  
*Captain, E.H.C.*



*Mrs. E. H. Charette*  
*436 East Lindsay St*  
*Stockton,*  
*Calif.*

*Omsk, Siberia*

The American Red Cross  
Commission to Siberia



Америк. Красный Крестъ  
Отдѣлъ для Сибири

*Edward H. Charette*  
*Director Supplies and Transportation*  
*For Western Siberia.*  
*Captain, A. R. C.*



*Mrs. E. H. Charette*  
*436 East Lindsay St,*  
*United States* *Stockton,*  
*of America.* *Calif.*

ARC support for the Russian population and the Czech Legion is reflected in script and stamp "Director for Supplies and Transportation." This mission reached the western end of the Trans-Siberian railway. The lower marked in script "Omsk" was brought to Vladivostok for mailing, the ARC norm. **ARC COVER NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.** Charette was taken prisoner by the Bolsheviks.

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Commission Functions

New Western Terminus

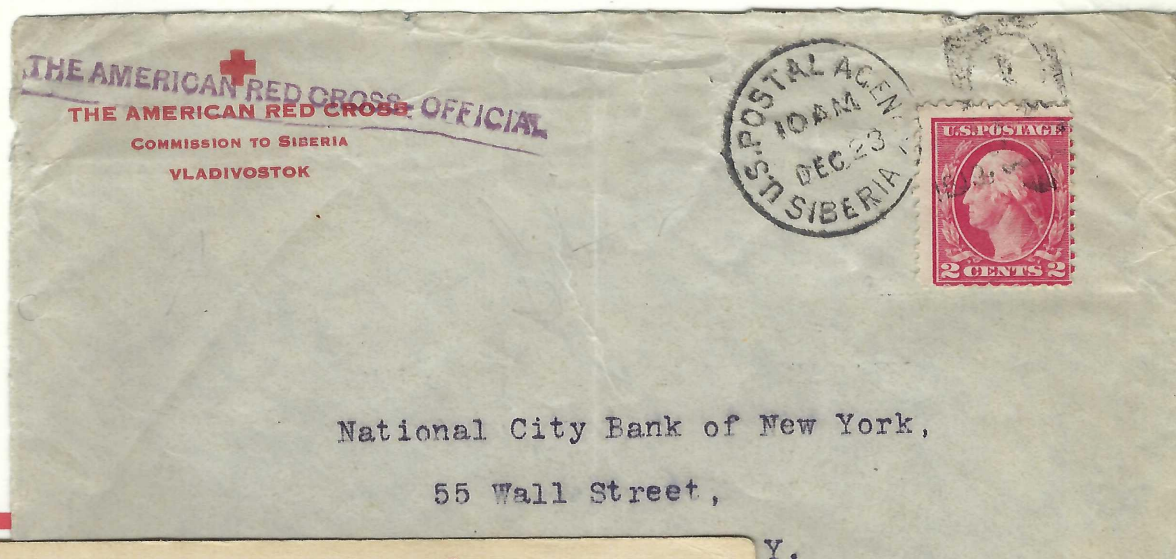


Christmas  
postcard  
1.5 ruble  
Vladivostok  
cancel and  
censor

As the Bolshevik advanced, the ARC moved east. In late 1919, the western terminus was Irkutsk. Mail from two ARC officers

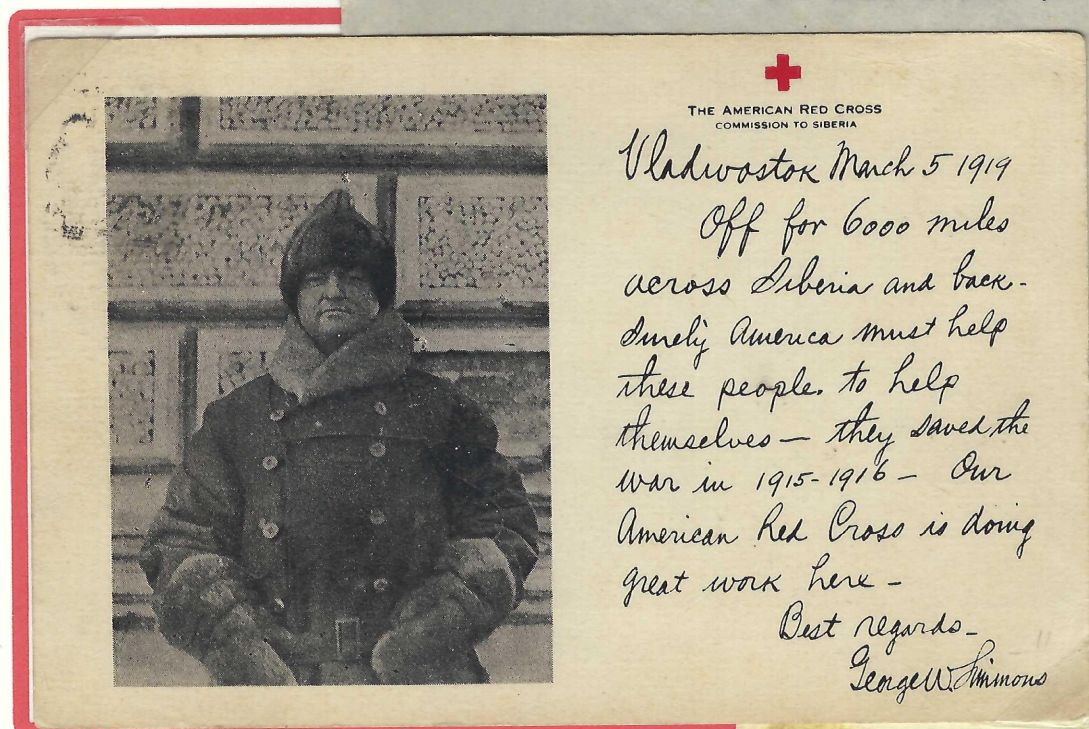
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Headquarters Vladivostok

ARC Postcard & Ancillary Marking

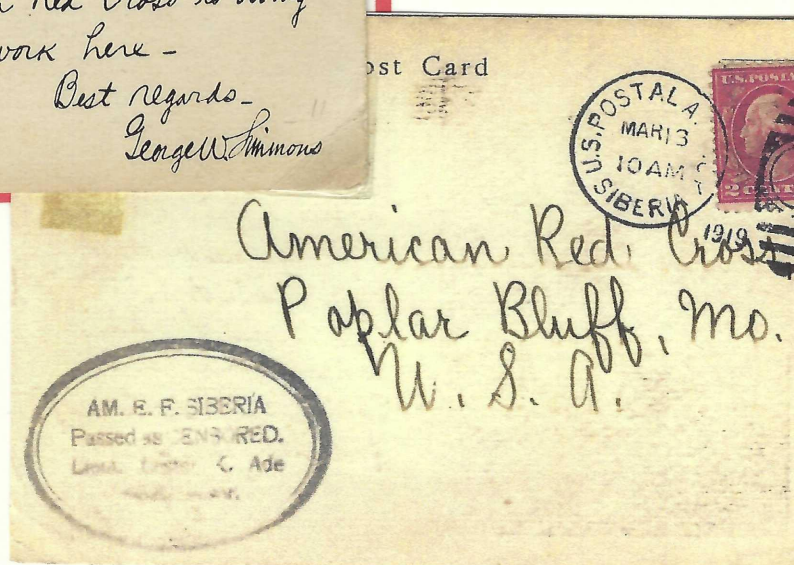


National City Bank of New York,  
55 Wall Street,

Y.



2c domestic card rate  
"US Postal Agency  
Siberia" MAR 13 1919  
with US military censor

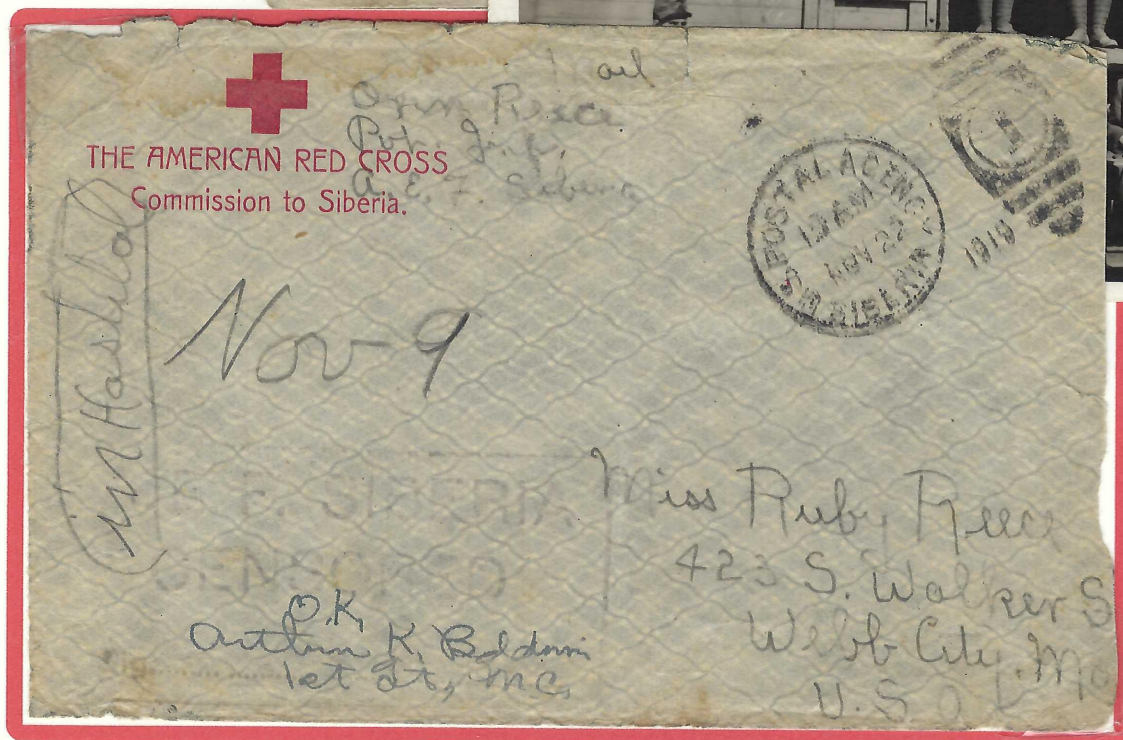
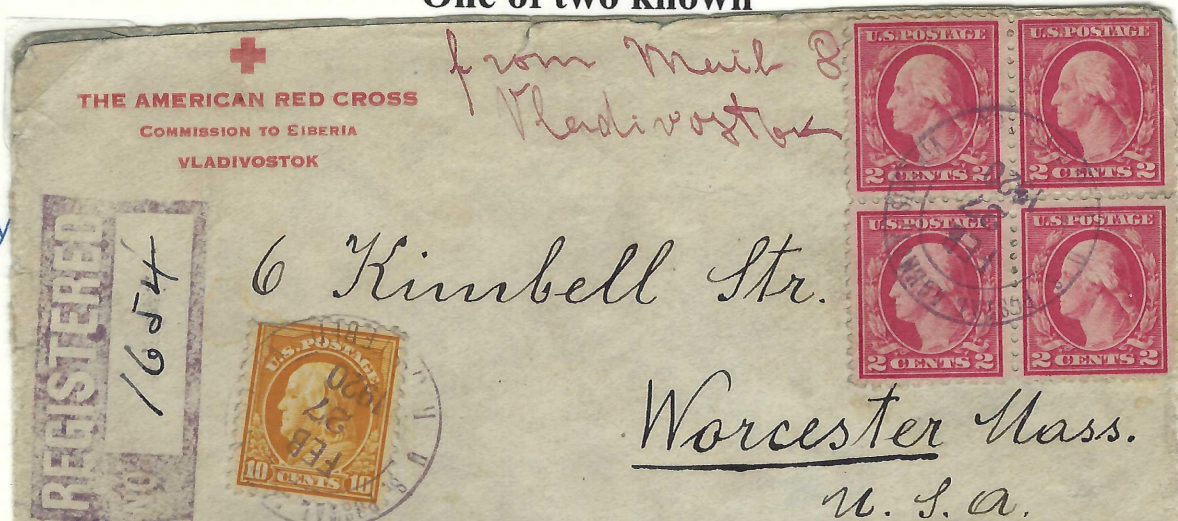


An "ARC Commission to Siberia" postcard **Only known ARC Siberia postcard per Kugel.**  
Upper ARC envelope with "THE ARC OFFICIAL", **RARE** previously unreported ancillary marking.

Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
July 1918 -April 1920

Registered mail  
One of two known

8c 4 ounce rate  
10c registration  
"US postal agency  
Siberia registered  
FEB 27 1920"  
Last known  
registered mail.



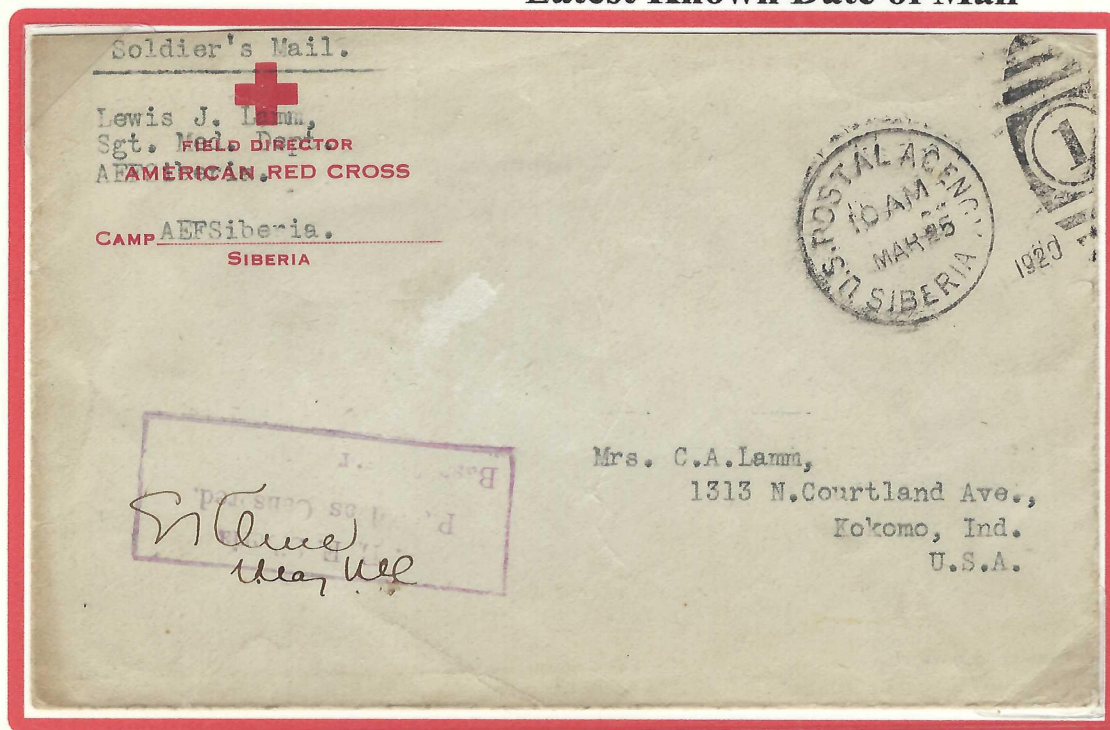
Unused PPC  
"A Red Cross C"

"Soldier's mail"  
free franking  
AEF censor  
both letter and  
envelope by  
1<sup>st</sup> LT MC.

"THE ARC Commission to Siberia" with a distinct font marked  
in script "in-hospital". **DISCOVERY ITEM.**

Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
Camp Service

"Field Director"  
Latest Known Date of Mail



"US postal agency  
Siberia MAR 25  
1920" two days  
after the  
previously last  
known date



"ARC Commission to Siberia Camp Service"

ARC second task was support of the AEF. This function designated  
"Camp Service" included a range of morale, recreation, and welfare activities.

Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
Camp Service

Railway Service Corps

Use of Russian Postal  
Service required. One  
ruble postage mailed  
in Vladivostok 7.7.19  
with Russian censor  
tape and mark.



ARC "Camp Service" used by Lt. RS Ashby of the Russian Railway Service Corps(RRSC). The RRSC men were experienced railway men sent to Siberia in November 1917. While given rank, they were not in the US Army and were not allowed use of the military post. Their rights as veterans were finally recognized in 1973! **Exceptional piece.**

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Camp Service

Canteen Service  
"SIBERIAN COMMISSION"

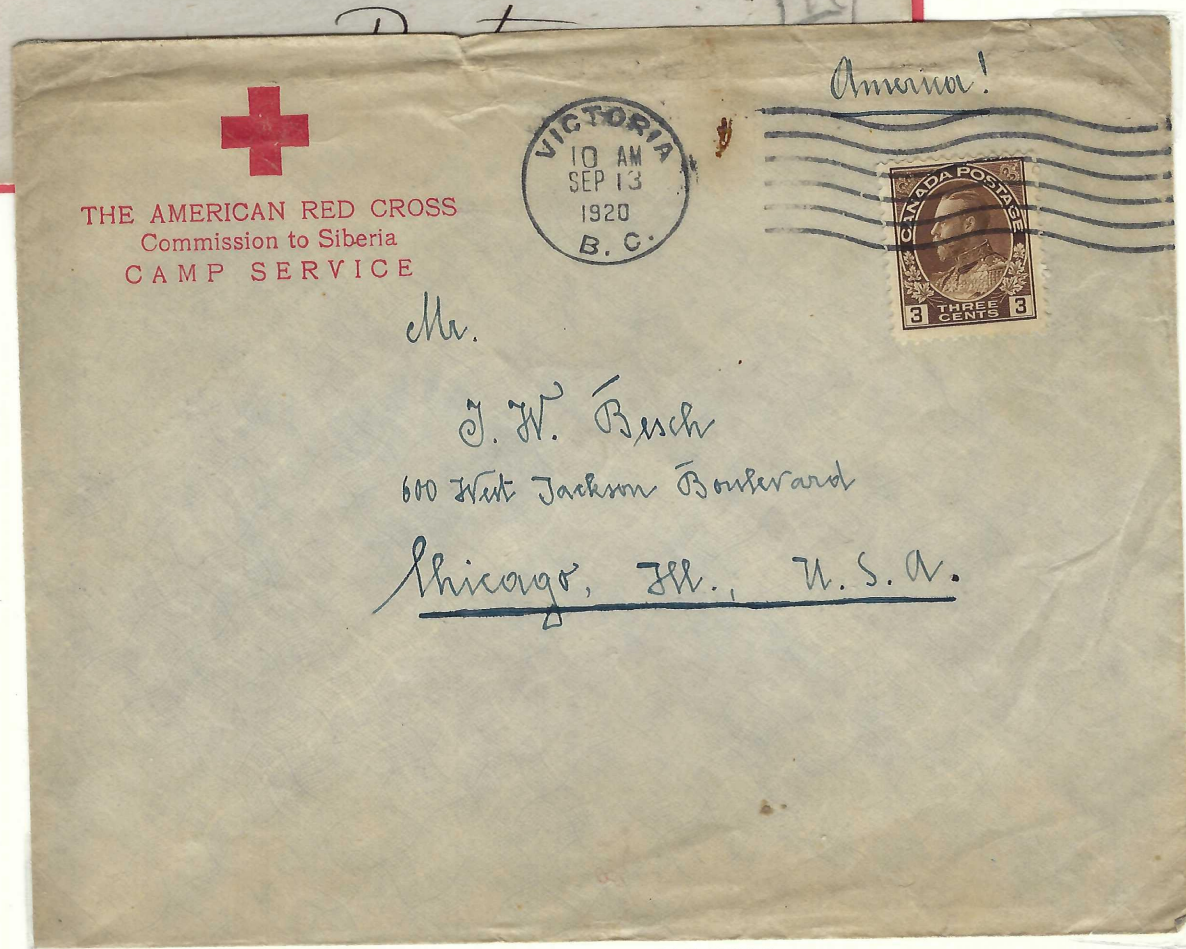
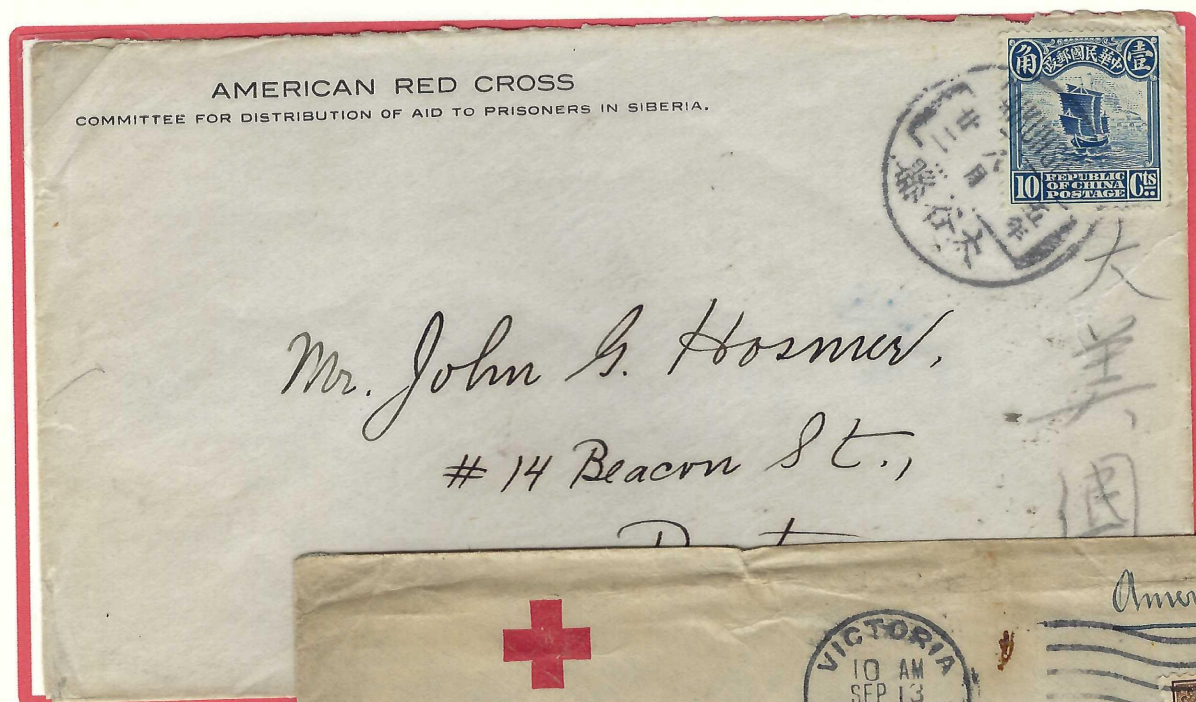
"Camp service" on back flap.  
Not previously reported.  
"ARC Camp Service" station  
Writer in the hinterland is "qu  
busy chasing Bolshies." Self  
censor envelope and stationar



"Canteen Service" folded letter **RARE**  
with "SIBERIAN COMMISSION ARC" on backflap from  
Evac Hosp #17 sent "Nurse's Mail" SEP 1 1919 censored.

Call It Peace  
Commission to Siberia  
Service to POW's

"Committee for Distribution of Aid"



### Homeward Bound POW

The third task for the ARC in Siberia was service to Prisoner's of War with tens of thousands of AustroHungarians and Germans. Upper letter spells out that role in its return address mailed in Taikuhsis China 25. **Not Previously Reported.**

Lower "Camp Service" mailed in Vancouver Sep 13 1920 is consistent with an AustroHungarian POW en route home.

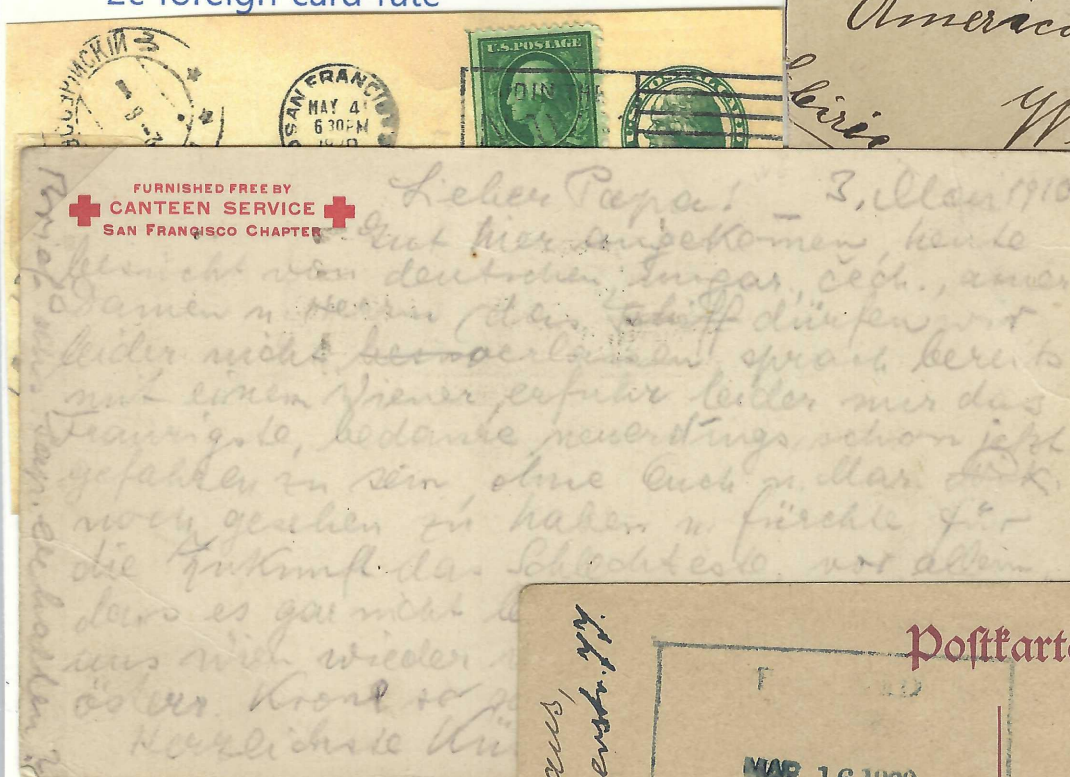
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ARC POW Support

Below Canteen Service  
San Francisco card mailed  
May 4 1920 to Siberia  
mentions meeting  
"Germans, Hungary and,  
and Czechs".  
2c foreign card rate

Incoming Mail



Letter above  
addressed to  
Austrian POW  
C/O Capt.  
Wallace ARC



POW service thru ARC Headquarters

Cards sender "humbly asking the Red Cross Society to forward this letter to my son.POW...in Zairkutny Garadok, District Irkutsk, Siberia." ARC mail room received and forwarded MAR 15/16 1920. Very unusual routing. **RARE.**

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Final Siberian Mission

Children's Colony

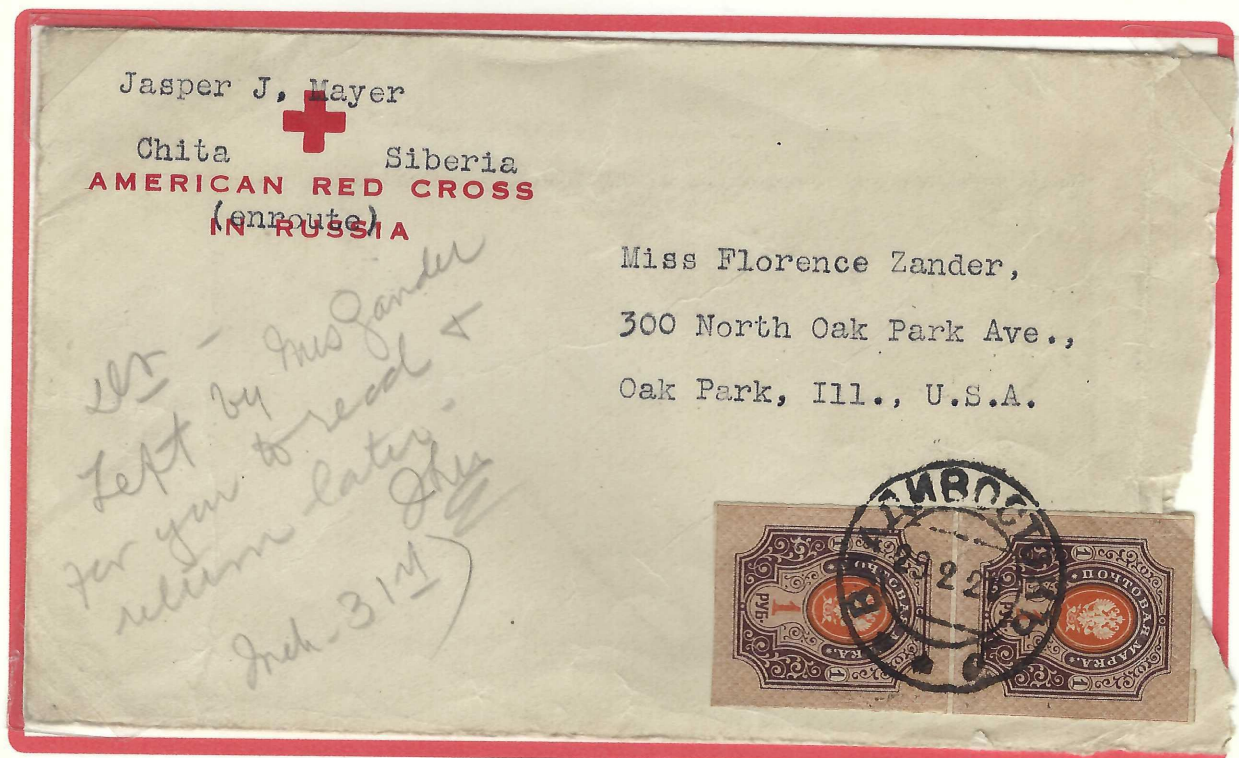


The American Red Cross final mission in Siberia was the return of the Petrograd Children's Colony to Petrograd. These children were originally sent from their homes to Central Russia in 1918 because of food shortages in Petrograd. The first group of 270 were gathered by the ARC near Lake Turgoyal in 1919. Ultimately some 900 children were collected. In 1920, the ARC leased the *SS Yomei Maru*. The children, 17 ARC staff, and a partial crew of POW's sailed east. The route was Honolulu, San Francisco, the Panama Canal to New York. From there, the ship sailed to Finland. The transfer was problematic as the Finnish Soviet border was closed. In 1921, virtually all of the children were reunited with their families. This "ARC Siberia" envelope (**Previously unreported variety**) mailed in Viipuri Finland 1.II.21! Sender Dr. William Barger ARC Siberia traveled with the children. **Unique.**

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ARC Last Glance

Siberian Souvenir

ARC handstamp and  
Russian postage  
philatelic souvenir  
mailed May 27 1919  
5c Washington  
foreign letter rate



### “ARC in Russia”

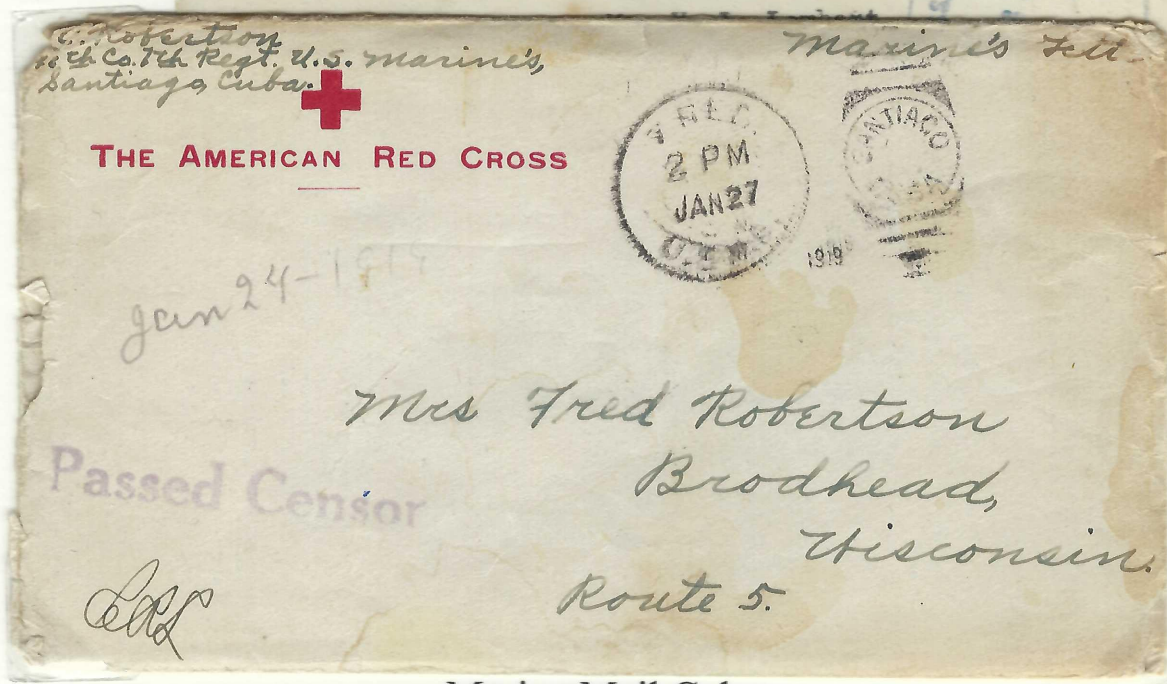
“ARC in Russia”(Not previously reported) with a return address of Chita(enroute) mailed from Vladivostok 29.2.20. Very late in ARC’s tenure in Siberia, the “ARC in Russia” strongly suggests an effort to establish a new relationship, a fourth “Mission to Russia”.

Call It Peace  
Western Hemisphere  
ARC and the Caribbean

Insular and Foreign Division



ARC chapter  
mail  
Cuba and  
Canal Zone



Marine Mail Cuba

ARC envelope mailed from 7th Regiment USMC Santiago  
Cuba free franking and naval censor JAN 27 1919

NOTICE TO READER: When you finish reading this magazine place a one cent stamp on this notice, mail the magazine, and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers and sailors destined to proceed overseas. NO WRAPPING—NO ADDRESS. A. S. BURLESON, Postmaster-General.

February 1919

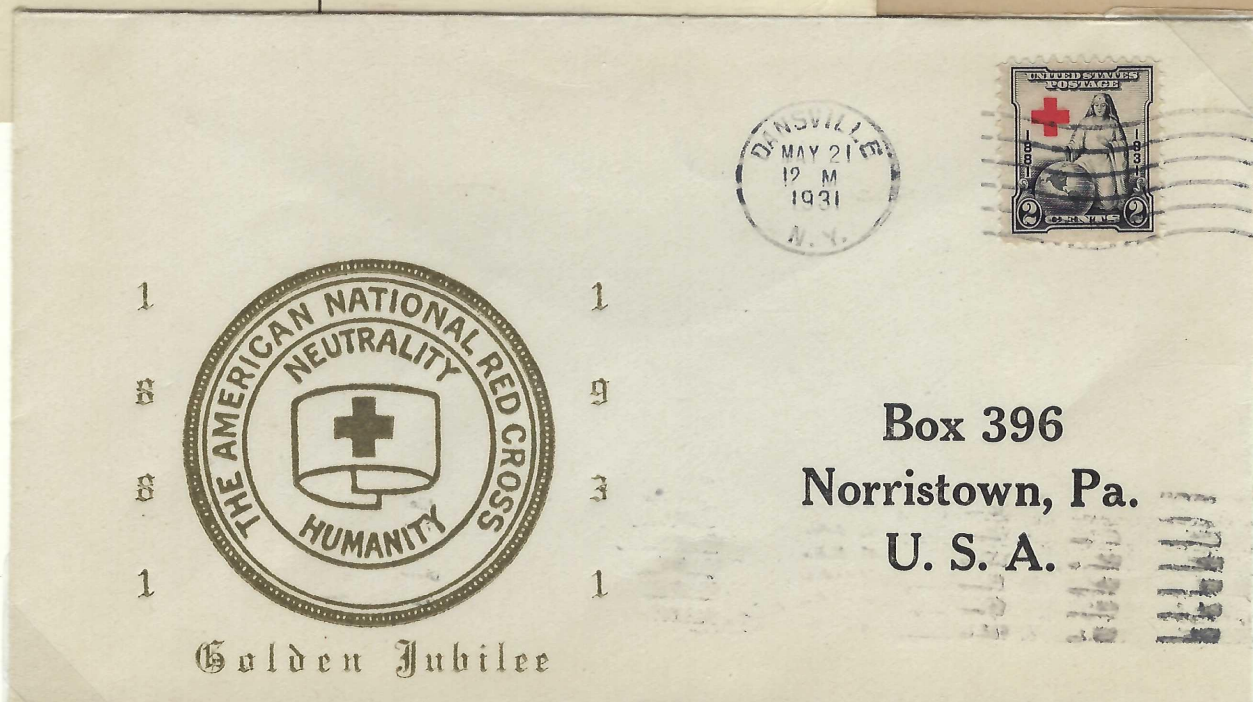
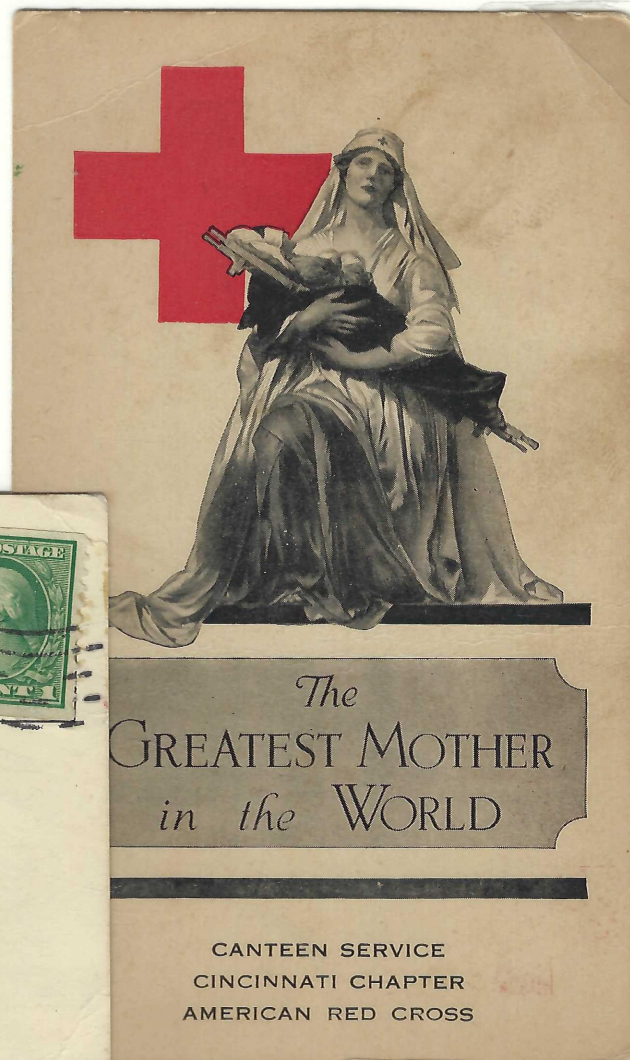
Twenty Cents

# THE RED CROSS MAGAZINE



Call It Peace  
And Beyond

## Epilogue: Greatest Mother



The slogan "The Greatest Mother in the World" represented both the vision and the message of the American Red Cross by early 1919. This theme used on a canteen service card and an ARC information card used by returning troops. The image by A.E. Foringer on the cover of *The Red Cross Magazine* of February 1919 is recaptured in the Red Cross issue of 1931, here on FDC. Prior page: February issue as mailed with instructions for remailing to AEF upper right.