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Descriptions: In general, envelopes are regular size, typically #6, UOS. Franking is usually described. The use of "entire" is to indicate postal stationery. **Scans of selected images of the material are included on the website.** For additional information, questions, and other selected images, please contact the Auction manager.

Abbreviations

OS = Otherwise Stated; UOS = Unless OS
APO = Army Post Office. Number is in cancel UOS
FPO = Fleet Post Office
PC = postcard; PPC = picture postcard
V-Mail = processed and with envelope UOS
OEF = Operation Enduring Freedom
OIF = Operation Iraqi Freedom
RO = roughly opened

Censor marks

NC = No Censor
C = Censored, varieties include:
SC = Self-Censored
BC = Box Censored
CC = Circle Censor
HC = Handwritten Censor
RC = Racetrack Censor

MB = Minimum Bid

NOTE: Lots in red will be shipped from overseas by registered mail. This will add \$6 per packet – whether the packet contains one lot or multiple lots – to the postage cost. For these lots, expect 18-30 days for the lots to arrive after the auctioneer receives payment.

Pre-WWI

1 GB. Isle of Wight militia. 22 Oct 1877. ½d Stationery card creased to Capt Gordon-Watson, Artillery Militia, Isle of Wight & forwarded to Windsor from Capt Vaughan stating "cannot attend annual Artillery Militia dinner" cancelled Ross, Herefordshire 651 duplex with ink. ½ presumably charged to forward but not collected with single ring Ryde (22 Oct) & London (22 Oct) transit & on reverse Windsor (22 Oct) arrival cds. \$9

2 India. OHMS Governor of Bombay. 23 Jun 1888. On Her Majesty's Service Only, Head Clerk to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay. Printed envelope used within Bombay bearing 1a Overprinted OHMS tied Bombay's/V squared circle & on reverse thimble Bombay/3rd Dely arrival cds. \$8

3 Morocco-Gibraltar (GB). HMS London at Tetuan. 4 June 1910. PC of Lyngenfjord to Kevingham near Norwich headed 34 Mess, HMS London, Tetuan Bay Morocco bearing Gibraltar EDV11 1d tied Gibraltar cds " We are at Gibraltar, but this is a view I got at Norway" \$7

WWI

4 Australia – GB. Australian forces in GB. 8 Apr 1917. Plain envelope together with letter to Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania from AIF soldier bearing GB GV 1d tied Durrington Camp B.O./Salisbury cds. \$11

5 Australia. AIF forces in Egypt. 1916. Pair stampless PCs to Cygnet, Tasmania entitled Thebes Ramesseum showing ruins dated 2 Jan 1916 & endorsed On Active Service. No Stamps Available & headed Intermediate Base Camp Egypt other dated 18 May 1916 entitled Cairo-native Street with blue triangular Passed By Censor/Crown/No 3295 handstamp. \$10

6 Australia. AIF forces in France. 4 Dec 1916. Field Service Post Card imprinted (93871) Wt. W3497-293 4,500m. 8/16 J.J.K. & Co., Ltd (Daynes FC 9d) with some staining to Cygnet, Tasmania from AIF soldier cancelled FPO 10.X cds, located at Guedecourt, Somme. During this 2nd security period FPO 10.X was used by the Australian 13th Brigade on the Western Front. \$15

7 Australia. AIF forces in France. 4 Dec 1917. Plain stampless envelope endorsed On Active Service & complete with letter to Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania from AIF soldier cancelled FPO 3.C (10 Dec) cds, located at Messines, with violet, oblong Passed by Censor/No 4596 handstamp together with 3-sided letter headed Somewhere in France. During this 4th security period FPO 3.C was used by the Australian 3rd Brigade on the Western Front. \$20

8 Australia. AIF forces in France. 5 Jul 1917. Plain stampless envelope damaged top left. Endorsed Post Card Only to Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania from AIF soldier cancelled APO S.W.2 75 cds used at Harfleur at Australian Base Depot with violet, oval Passed Field Censor/920 handstamp. \$20

9 Bulgaria – Switzerland. Red Cross. 31 Oct 1914. Stampless envelope front to Geneva cancelled vernacular cyrillic cds with red, circular cyrillic Bulgarian Red Cross alongside oval Bulgarian cyrillic handstamps with small label with manuscript annotations inserted with red crayon & P around one of them believed to be search labels to locate addressee. Despite being an envelope front, an interesting & colorful item the red crayon "P" probably indicting Prisoner. \$12

10 Canada. April 1917. Cover censored in London, Ont. From Lucan to the US. \$10

11 Canada. 1918. Civil censor tape partly over Amherst Internment Camp censor handstamp on cover to Germany. Handstamp also occurs on long 1-page letter (very legible but in German). \$40

12 No Lot.

13 Egypt. Indian forces hospital. 24 Dec 1915. Egypt 2m on 1m surcharged stationery envelope to Capt. Newland, Indian General Hospital, Citadel, Cairo cancelled. Very poor datestamp with Indian FPO28 (25 Dec) cds, located at Ismailia on reverse. \$25

14 France – GB. Censored-Interpreter. Undated plain envelope to New Cross, London endorsed from Edmund Martin, Interpreter-Base-Anglaise bearing 25c tied Mute 7 Horizontal bars & w/black on white. Opened By/Censor/610 label [CCSG type 4]. \$5

15 France. Hospital. 1 Sep 1914. Stampless PC showing town scene of Foix (Ariege)] to Aix cancelled Foix/Ariege cds with black, unframed 17th CORPS D'ARME HOPL. TEMP. No 4 FOIX/ 1 E SEPT 1914 handstamp & Aix (5 Sep) arrival cds. \$5

16 Germany. WWI. Five covers from POW camps at Bischofswerda (2), Dabeln (2), and Guettersloh to aid organizations in Denmark. \$10

17 Germany – US. Censor. 1915. Pair items: [1] Dutch Xmas greeting card to Chicago bearing 10pf tied Flensburg/2 cds to Chicago; [2] envelope complete with letter to Buffalo bearing pair 10pf tied Cassel datestamp & both with red circular Auslandstelle Coln-Deutz/Frie Gegeben handstamp. \$6

18 GB. Air Construction Company. 7 Sep 1917. Colored PC showing "An Orkney Forest" with text on card obliterated by indelible pencil to Slough bearing GB ½d tied FPO. A Krag datestamp with black, circular A.C.C./CENSORED (Gould 3A 40). \$14

19 GB. Naval mail to Channel Islands (Guernsey). Undated PC entitled Princes St. Looking East from R.S.A. Galleries, Edinburgh with corner scuffs showing Tram & Tram lines. Cancelled Mute circular 8-bar Naval cancel with interesting comment "No doubt you do find rather a job writing Ellen's love letter, it is almost like taking her young man out for tea" ... Intriguing!! \$8

20 Norway. Feldpost. 22 Dec 1915. Black & white photographic PC showing snow-covered mountainous hillside. Dated Toftealand 22 Dec 15 to Kristiania" bearing Posthorn 5 ore tied Feldpost Kontor No 8 cds. \$20

21 Portuguese colonies – Germany. 23 Jan 1919. Portuguese 1c printed stationery card overprinted Acores to Bremen endorsed Correspondencia de Prisoneiro de Guerra from German Internee at Angra do Heroismo cancelled Angra Heroismo (15 Feb) cds with red, unframed Censurado/13 Feb 1919 & poor oval filigree Deposito de Concentrados Alemaes Ilha Terceira handstamps. Blue green ink stain to bottom right that is more pronounced on the message side. \$65

22 Turkey – Switzerland. Censored wrapper. 23 Jun 1916. Wrapper to Lausanne bearing 10p tied Yoiyoda (Galata) cds with red, boxed Turkish vernacular censor handstamp & on reverse oval Eugenidi & Cie/Constantinople. Sender's handstamp in violet & Lausanne (4 Jul) arrival cds. \$8

23 US October 1918. Postcard to soldier in Detention Camp, Chickamauga, Greenleaf, GA, forwarded to Ft. Myer, VA. This was just an isolation camp for recruits not a punishment facility. Recruits were first assigned to the detention group and remained there during their period of isolation and until their records were completed by the personnel office. \$10

24 US. December 1918. Cover to man in 141st Aero Squadron, notation on back Returned to Misc. Cas. Co. 3/28/19. \$6

25 US. 1918. Cover to POW 1st Lt. Charles R. Codman, Rastatt, censored in NY. Light toning at right edge. Charles R. Codman served in the American Field Service in France during World War I before becoming a bomber pilot assigned to the 96th Bombardment Squadron, United States Air Service. On 16 Sep 1918, Charles was captured and held as a Prisoner of War in Germany until he escaped just after the Armistice with fellow American aviators Robert Browning, Henry Lewis, and James Normal Hall (author of "Mutiny on the Bounty"). During World War II, Charles was chosen by General George S. Patton to serve as his aide de camp. Charles wrote about his WW I experiences in the book "Contact," and he wrote about his WW II experiences with General Patton in the book "Drive." \$150

26 US. China. 1918. USPA China registry killer, with datestamp on back, both faint, on cover from Shanghai newspaper to Chicago with US Shanghai censor 1400 (top of the number range assigned to Shanghai; usage not recorded in PH/AEF 2nd edition). Clean 1" tear in face of cover clear of everything. Still, as nice a US Shanghai censor usage as you are likely to find. \$125

27 US. AEF. February 1919. Part-strike of Élysée Palace postmark on local cover with vertical fold. \$10

28 US. AEF. WWI. Stars and Stripes. Six wrappers (some backs partly removed and 1 receipt. \$30

29 US. AEF, January 1919. 335 Bn. Tank Corps return address on picture postcard (Jorquenay) postmarked APO 714. Message includes "Looks like they are getting us ready to go to Russia," a deployment that did not occur. Of the 1.9 million men in the AEF at the end of November 1918, only 10,000 were in the Tank Corps. \$10

30 US. AEF. December 1918. APO 701 postmark with date error 1911 (not mentioned in PH/AEF 2nd edition) on cover from man in 346th infantry. Letter enclosed describes and illustrates farm. An unusual bit of soldier art in a nice cover. \$15

..31 US. US forces in France. 27 Feb 1918. Unused photographic card of "Office of Company D, 1st US Engineers in a dugout at Beaumont dated 27 Feb 1918." \$7

Interwars

32 India. 9 Jan 1932. Peshawar censor handstamp on postal card with business inquiry to a stamp company, with censorship initiated due to the Red Shirt Rebellion. This censorship lasted for less than 2 months in 1931-32. Rare. \$150

33 Palestine. Egypt. British civil administration period. 9 May 1922. PC entitled "Mount of Ascension. Garden of Gethsemane" to Mataria bearing E.E.F. 1m & 5m overprinted Palestine & tied Jerusalem cds with single ring-belted Mataria (10 May) arrival cds. Mataria is a district in the northern region of Greater Cairo, east of the Nile. \$25

34 Trieste. Italy. Austria. 28 July 1919. Austrian postage tied by Italian Trieste postmark with Trieste censor on postcard. Card with fold and scuffs on picture side but a very unusual combination. At the time this card was sent the Treaty of Saint Germain-en-Ley had not yet been signed, so the legal status of Trieste was still undecided (though the Italians had occupied it since November 1918), perhaps accounting for the acceptance of the Austrian postage. \$20

35 US. Haiti. 1927. USS *Woodcock* return address on cover with part-strike USMC PaP postmark on cover to Navy Savings Bank. \$12.50

36 US – Palestine. Reply PC. 25 Mar 1928. UPU US 3c McKinley preaddressed reply PC & printed to Schiff Trust & Saving Bank, Chicago from Jakob Cohen confirming receipt of \$25 cancelled single ing Tel Aviv cds (Proud D 7). Scarcer item. \$45

37 US. Canal Zone. 1930. USS *Pensacola* postmark on cover from her first active-duty cruise. She ended her commission as a target ship at the Bikini A-bomb tests in 1946. \$10

WWII

..38 Algeria. Cover to the Red Cross in Geneva, sent 18 February 1943 from Alger RP with roller cancel on #145. German censor in Paris (A.x). \$3

39 Australia, Concession rate. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) negotiated special concession rates for servicemen during and shortly after WWII. These 2 covers both have the purple, boxed handstamp "R.A.A.F. Postal/Concession rate" on the front. They are sent to 1 woman in Pennsylvania, one postmarked Melbourne 9 July 1945, the second postmarked RAAF PO, 9 December 1946. While the serviceman concession rate was 1d, these were being sent to a civilian outside the Commonwealth, so required an extra 2½d postage. The 1945 cover is an RAAF envelope (logo on reverse) and the 1946 has the "Kanga" cachet. The sender advanced from Corporal to Sergeant during the time! \$12

40 Australia. November 1941. Two-ocean cover Clipper cover from internee in Camp 2 to GB. Postmarked Melbourne 19 November 1941, so carried on the last East-bound Clipper flight. The 2/- stamps are damaged. Camp 2 (= Tatura, Victoria) censor and return address (E. Goldschmidt E39592) and the fact that this is going to England suggest that sender was one of the "Dunera Boys," mainly German Jewish refugees transported from the UK to Australia in the face of possible German invasion. A magnificent conjunction of historical events. \$100

41 Bermuda., 1940/1946. Prize Court backstamp on 5x7 registered cover from Monaco (unusual) to US, with 10c. postage due paying customs inspection fee. Lovely usage. \$100

42 Bermuda – GB. Censored airmail. 24 Sep 1940. Hotel Bermudiana printed slightly grubby-looking envelope to Camborne, Cornwall bearing 1938 GV1 issue 1½d & 1d tied Hamilton Bermuda Aquarium. One of the world's best slogan showing penguin with red on white P.C. 102 OPENED BY CENSOR 77 label (CCSG CL 2). A little unusual as these labels were mainly used on transit mail. \$15

- 43 Bermuda – GB. Censored airmail. 25 May 1943. Plain envelope by airmail to Aberdeen from 137631 F/Lt. D.S. Duncan, Met Office, R.A.F.T.C.U. bearing 1936 GV issue 6d & 1938 GV1 issue 6d & 1/- tied Warwick cds with P.C. 90 OPENED BY EXAMINER C/8153 label (similar format to CCSG CL6 but P of P.C. over N. Thicker & longer type with OBE 78mm & C/8153 at 22.5mm. \$20
- 44 British Honduras – US. Censored. c1943 Wilson's Commission Agency. Belize printed PC corner crease to bottom right to California "Sun Gold" Food Products, Los Angeles & forwarded locally on arrival bearing 2c tied poor cds with violet, circular US CENSORSHIP EXAMINED By handstamp with 3398 inserted in manuscript (Mayo C5-1). \$5
- 45 Burma – US. Censored first voyage. 2 Jan 1941. Maiden Voyage SS *Executor* American Export Lines printed pictorial envelope to Waterbury, Conn bearing 1a Commemoration/Postage Stamp/6th May 1840 on 2a6p tied Rangoon cds with violet, circular. Posted on the High Seas/Maiden Voyage/S.S./Executor/1940 & triangular Passed/Censor/7/Rangoon handstamps & typed on reverse. Date of sailing - November 4, 1940; Date of receipt of mail - February 24, 1941. \$9
- 46 Canal Zone. 17 Dec 1941, Coco Solo, Canal Zone and with circular "Passed By/Naval Censor," SC 117. Coco Solo was a US submarine base and hospital with 3 V-class submarines stationed there in December 1941: *Barracuda*, *Bass*, and *Bonita*. The base closed in 1960, and the city of Cavita is now at that site. \$10
- 47 Ceylon. British forces green Honour envelope franked for air mail with Ceylon #286e (perf 11.5x11, issued 1942) and sent to Bournemouth, England. Cancelled with circular barred numeral obliterator, number not legible. No date stamp but annotated as received 15 March 1943. Signed, as required, by the sender. \$10
- 48 Ceylon. Temporary FPO on Security-Think air letter. 14 Apr 1945. Stampless Security: Think-Before You Write air letter to Reigate FROM 727 Company RASC (Ceylon MT) cancelled temporary belted FPO B cds with violet, circular Unit Censor/X 279 with India removed. Mentions have just moved here. \$10
- 49 Ceylon. 30 Oct 1942 Indian Section Base Office No.9, assigned to Columbo, Ceylon, and sent free franked to Durban, South Africa. RAF censor type R10 with censor number 955 was used only in Ceylon. The date is the latest known postmark for this station (per Colley & Garrard). \$15
- 50 Denmark. Air mail cover from the Danish island of Zeeland, 15 February 1940, (2 months prior to the German invasion), to the US. Cover opened and resealed by Germany in Frankfurt. \$4
- 51 Denmark. Air mail cover sent 13 May 1941, Copenhagen to the US with 3 definitives and a corner margin strip of #B12. German censoring in Frankfurt, with sealing tape. \$5
- 52 Denmark – GB. Censored airmail. 7 Aug 1945. J.F. Kaszner printed envelope by airmail to Kings Cross, London bearing definitive 30 ore & 35 ore tied Kobenhavn cds with continuous Udlandspostkontollen Crown Denmark label tied circular Crown/371/Denmark handstamp in violet. \$6
- 53 Dominican Republic – GB. Transatlantic special diplomatic airmail. 26 Jun 1943. Crested stampless envelope to Latin American Section, London Transcription Service, BBC, London with blue oval British Legation/26 Jun 1943/Ciudad Trujillo handstamp & unframed 5 Jul 1943 arrival. Endorsed on reverse By Trans Atlantic Special Diplomatic Air Mail with flap closed by complete perfect black British Legation/Arms/Santo Domingo wax seal. Scarce wartime air service. \$25
- 54 Dutch East Indies. June 1941. Marine censor on cover from an American at Fleigkamp Moro Krembangan (a seaplane base in East Java). This Google snippet indicates that the sender was a flight instructor: "... *William R. Turner*, a former PBY ... with reference to the *Morokrembangan* MLD flight school." Cover with rubber band tear at top. \$20

55 France. 1940. 90c. PC with formular back for reporting family news. Postmarked Bordeaux to Pau with back filled out. Handstamped INADMIS and REOUR L'ENVOYEUR; no censor markings. Small scuff on back. \$10

56 France. Germany. Civilian correspondence of 32 covers (no contents) posted between December 1942 and March 1943 and sent between a woman in Nanterre, occupied France, and a man in Neckarsulm, Germany. Variety of stamps, censor markings, and auxiliary markings, including "Zuruck/Retour" on the last few covers sent to Germany. Condition varies, but generally very good for non-philatelic mail of that period. \$25

57 France. Germany. Two 1943 covers from France (one Paris, one Bordeaux/Gironde) to the same woman in Wien, both bearing the 1.50f Petain stamps (alas, not the propaganda forgeries), and passed through the Frankfurt censor without opening. \$5

58 French Guyana. 1940. Local censor handstamp on back of cover from Cayenne to the Rosicrucian Fellowship in California. \$12

59 Germany. Civilian mail. Cover mailed 17 September 1940 from Hamburg to Chicago. Walter Reppenhagen, the addressee, arrived in the US in 1920, and Alma Reppenhagen, the sender, was his sister. Censor sealing tape on the reverse, applied by the Wehrmacht. Franked with a 15pf maroon Hindenburg and a pair of the 25pf "Leipziger Messe" ultramarine. Clear strikes of Hamburg dated bridge cancel. Sent air mail. \$5

60 Germany. Civilian mail. Business-size cover mailed from Linz, Austria to Rome, registered, air mail, 11 April 1942. Franked with a pair of Germany #B202, and singles of #B189 & 524, all cancelled with Linz (Donau) bridge cancels. Censored at Munich (d) and resealed, with Italian arrival label "Agenzia Recapito," partial, on reverse. Hotel advertising on front. Colorful cover. \$15

61 Germany. Civilian mail. 1945. Überroller cover. Window envelope with Hitler stamp postmarked Summerhouses 31 March 45 and occupation censor handstamp and sellotape. No backstamps. \$15

62 Germany. Forced labor camps. Nine Postkarte from the forced labor camp Lager Rheinhold at Wiesbaden-Biebrich, all from the same prisoner to 3 different people in Le Beausset in France. All with the camp's handstamp in black and all censored in Frankfurt (Ae in red circle). One Hindenburg card, others Hitler, some uprated. The date span is from 7 February 1944 to 31 July 1944. \$25

63 Germany. Forces in Luxembourg. Feldpost from a member of the Reichsarbeitsdienst (RAD), the pre-military work service group, who carried spades rather than rifles. This man was stationed in Luxembourg and the postcard was sent to FP 35988, another RAD unit, location unknown. Dumb bridge cancel dated 17 September 1941. \$7

64 Germany. Forces in Russia. Feldpost cover with contents, from FP #L17042, dated 4 May 1942. That number was assigned to the 5th parachute antitank detachment in the 7th Air Division, stationed with the 6th Army near Leningrad. The parachute unit just had an appallingly high casualty rate in the invasion of Crete, and Hitler rewarded them by sending the unit to the Russian Front! With red FP number stamp and black FP date stamp. Sent to Germany. \$10

65 Germany. Forces in Russia. Series of 8 covers, all from Feldpost #16848, mailed from the Russian front from 1 soldier to his family. Dates cover the period from 10 May to 11 July 1943. All with enclosures. Condition generally very good - three roughly opened, not affecting markings. \$20

66 Germany. Forces in Russia. Ten covers, including 1 Feldpostbrief and card, sent from various soldiers with various units. Most of the units are identified (from Kannapin's books) but not all locations could be determined. One registered cover. Condition very good to excellent, markings clear. \$25

67 Germany. Forces in Russian. 18 Nov 1943. Plain stampless envelope together with letter to Weimunster & endorsed from soldier at FP 38638E allocated to 4th Coy, Grenadier Regt 474, 254 Inf. Div. 18th Army Group located in Leningrad area & cancelled circ Feldpost/d (21 Nov) cds. \$12

68 Germany. Forces in Russia. May 1944. Feldpost cover to Switzerland with pair of rouletted Lupo stamps and 40rpf postage, Feldpost Dienststelle and postmark, and Munich civil censor. Sender with same family name as recipient suggesting he was one of the (ca. 1350 per Michel, 2,000 per <https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/the-hidden-past-of-swiss-nazi-era-volunteers/7135628>) Swiss serving with the Germans. FP 42023 = 2 Kompanie Armee-Nachrichten-Regiment 549. Michel FP (1991) p. 240, #8a, DM 1800 (which at the time was about \$840). A scarce and attractive cover. \$250

69 Germany. Forces. 1942-3. Four registered official FP covers from with Kenn Numbers 508, 680, 819, 908. All with FP Nr. Dienststellen and three identified to units by previous owner. \$12.50

70 Germany. Forces. Cover franked with a 12 pf Hitler head and mailed from the Elsterwerda work camp (this camp held "criminals" who were forced to mine granite in the nearby quarries), and is addressed to Belgium, dated 25 May 1943, with a clear Elsterwerda bridge cancel. Censored at Cologne (A.c), but not opened, so this is likely to have been sent by a volunteer with the German Army. \$25

71 Germany. Forces. Cover from a German Waffen SS officer stationed at Amschelberg (German name), Kosova Hora (Czech name), Bohemia, and sent to his wife in Bavaria. Postmarked with a bilingual bridge cancel, dated 23 February 1944, manuscript "SS Feldpost" by the sender, and with the Waffen-SS unit handstamp lower left front. With enclosure. \$7

72 Germany. POW. Set of 4 communications between a prisoner in Stalag VIIA (Moosburg, Bavaria) and the prisoner's family in Beocin, Croatia, Yugoslavia. Three are outgoing, with dates ranging from 16 September 1941 to 24 February 1944 (the last addressed to Beocin, ND Hrvatska), and one is incoming - telling us that the prisoner survived the war. The incoming is dated 14 April 1943. Nice Stalag VIIA markings, in 3 different colors. Green ink stain on one, red ink stain on another, and quite legible - if you can read Serbian! \$20

73 Germany. POW. Two cards from a POW at Stalag XIB, in Lower Saxony, to a relative in Hungary. Dates: 17 December 1942 & 10 June 1943, both with "dumb" cancels, one with Hungarian receiver on the front. Writing has been largely covered with a blue crayon. \$5

74 Germany. POW. Two covers from Oflags (officers as POWs), Oflag IIB, a Polish camp, and XIIIB near Nuremberg, 1942, from a Serbian officer in the Yugoslav army. Both covers have the usual "dumb" cancel and circular camp handstamps. Both have edge damage and the address is hard to read on the Oflag IIB cover. \$5

75 Germany. POW. Two outgoing and two incoming pieces of POW mail, to Stalags VD, VIIA (16 Jun 1942), and XIIF, with appropriate camp and postal markings, including the triangular camp marking for Stalag VD. \$8

76 GB. Forces in Syria. 31 Jan 1942. Active Service Honour envelope by airmail to Barnes bearing GB 10d tied faint but readable FPO 61 cds with violet, triangular PASSED BY CENSOR 2439 & circular Chief Field Chief Censor handstamps. Also, 11 May 1943 airmail envelope to Cardiff bearing block 4 GB 2½d tied FPO 61 cds with violet Crown over circle PASSED BY CENSOR 2122 handstamp. Two covers nicely showing the changeover of censorship types. \$6

77 GB. Forces in Syria. Honour envelope sent by air from Field Post Office 61 (Syria) April 19, 1942, addressed to London, with Crown over Circle censor stamp #1910. Franked with three 3d purple KGVII and one 1d vermilion KGVII. \$7

78 GB. Forces. RAF Censor type R7, used only from April 1944 to September 1945, and only in southern UK and NW Europe. The Field Post Office number in the black double ringed postmark is not legible, and the date is 21 June, year unclear. \$4

79 GB. POW. Army form No. W3494, Kriegsgefangenenlager, sent from a POW at Camp 13, Shap Wells Hotel, Penrith, Westmoreland, England, to Remagen, Germany, dated 8 October 1943. Censored before it left Britain and again in Berlin, "Ab." \$8

80 GB. Forces. Two free-franked covers with the Royal Navy censor marking, one dated 17 June 1943, the other undated (improperly). Both with the 2-line "Maritime Mail" marking in red upon arrival in England. \$3

81 India – GB. Censored from Darjeeling. 4 Aug 1940. Plain envelope by airmail to A.J. Henderson, c/o Misses Henderson, Malvern & forwarded to Colchester bearing India Mail Plane 12a & Dak Runner 2a tied Darjeeling cds with smudged over-inked, mauve, triangular PASSED/CENSOR /27 handstamp with Malvern (12 Apr) datestamp for forwarding. \$8

82 Ireland – India. Censored airmail. 18 May 1940. Plain envelope by airmail to Brooke Bond India Ltd., Calcutta & forwarded to Officers Training School marked "To Await Arrival" bearing GB GV1 5d & 1940 Centenary 1½ + 2½ + 1d + 2d + 3d making the 1/3 air rate tied Helen's Bay/Belfast cds with black, framed Not Opened By/Censor & on reverse Calcutta GPO (28 May) transit datestamp. \$8

83 Italy. Germany. 1943. Printed Internee Free-Franked cover from Gulio (Julius) Hoffman at Lauria, with Potenza postmark and censor handstamp, and German censor (d code). Addressed to Berlin Philatelic Club, redirected a couple of times with Nicht Ermittelt backstamp. The Lauria camp and Hoffman are mentioned on pg. 438 of The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945, see https://books.google.com/books?id=8nBTDwAAQBAJ&pg=PA438&lpg=PA438&dq=%22lauria%22+internment+camp&source=bl&ots=OK9zHNXpvH&sig=ACfU3U2PJPCptZ3ngdnFTEQw6OHZs0Yskg&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwivUN_zzffIAhVPF6wKHZ5qDjQQ6AEwAHoECAkQAQ&v=onepage&q=%22lauria%22%20internment%20camp&f=false where the foreign Jewish population at Lauria was put at 41. Some edge wear and wrinkles, but a very nice item from a scarce location. \$65

84 Kenya. Italy. 1943-4. Four POW postcards from different soldiers in Camps 352, 353, 359, and 360. \$20

85 Malaya. 1940. Two surface mail covers censored in Singapore (to GB, nice ad on back) and Penang (to NZ, vertical fold, from company with interesting history). \$10

86 Netherlands – Germany. Censored stationery. 24 Mar 1942. Netherlands 5c printed stationery PC to Berlin cancelled Naarden cds with red, circular Obercommando der Wehrmacht/Eagle Swastika/C 61/Geprüft handstamp and small violet, boxed 39 & also 40 censor handstamps. \$20

87 New Zealand. Forces in Egypt. Fourteen covers sent back to New Zealand, from 11 different locations, most, possibly all from post offices within Maadi Hut (Maadi Camp), near Cairo, where 76,000 New Zealand soldiers were stationed. Variety of envelopes, YMCA, Church Army, a few plain ones. All have the "Egypt/87/[date]/postage/prepaid" circular postmark used by all NZ Postal Service access points for passage back to New Zealand. Condition varies. \$20

88 Norway. Germany. Solo use of Norway #B18 (issued October 1940) postmarked Oslo/BR 14 June 1941 with a roller cancel and sent to Sweden. Opened by the German censor in Oslo and resealed using tape type O-50, with handstamp O-2 (per Reimer). Until the end of 1941, Oslo censors opened the envelopes on the backside. \$20

89 Palestine. Germany. 1942-3. Three covers from Palestine (different PC 22 censor tapes) to British civil internee KE Mosbacher, with camp censor handstamps of Ilag VIIIIZ. Each with letter enclosed. \$35

90 Papua. 1940. Local censor tape on Schooner Yankee cover postmarked Port Moresby, to US. \$25

91 Philippines. Civilian mail. Civil mails in the Philippines censored by the Japanese began with the invasion and ceased June 30, 1943. This registered cover was mailed in Manila December 29, 1941, used

locally, with Scott 384 & 417. The cover was censored by the Japanese with bilingual sealing tape on the right side, reading "Opened by the Censors/Passed Inspection" in a red box, and tied to the cover with purple, boxed handstamps reading the same, front and back. Registered receiver for 1/1/42 on the reverse, also "Second Notice/March 22, 1942." On the front are two straight-line handstamps: "Unclaimed," and "return to sender." \$12

92 South Africa. Forces. Soldier's mail marked "On Service" and with the handstamp of the "Battalion Post Office/2 January 1942/S.A. Tank Corps" in a purple, boxed handstamp. Location of the tank corps is not known, but most of the South African forces were engaged in the fight against Rommel in North Africa. Tank Corps logo on the back flap. \$10

93 Spain. Netherlands. Censored neutral to occupied nation. 25 Mar 1942. Represaciones Generales Para el Norte de Espana, Oviedo printed envelope to Leiden bearing 5c tied smudged Oviedo cds with Geoffnet/Obercommando Der Wehrmacht/d/Geoffnet label tied circular Eagle Swastika handstamp in violet with 32 within circle and boxed 3 in blue plus unframed B and boxed 2409 in red. \$5

94 Tripolitania. March 1945. PC 90 censor tape similar to CCSG Ty. IV, but different spacing, on surface cover from Tripoli to Italy. \$25

95 US. Civil censor. January 1942. Scarce Miami censor (B&M S4.2.2, 200 points) on airmail cover from Bahamas. Part of back flap with return address removed. \$15

96 US. Civilian. Cover sent 22 Jan 1941 from March Field, CA to Long Beach, with hand-drawn cachet of the British-built Spitfire, the most widely produced British plane during WWII. Addressee name and address partly obscured. \$3

97 US. Civilian. Three pieces with auxiliary markings: Directory services, "sender claims nothing fragile or perishable enclosed" on a parcel piece with parcel cancel for Honolulu; telegram cover and telegram postmarked Fort Jackson, SC with "advise correspondents..." handstamp, blurry. \$6

98 US. Forces in Cuba. Three air mail postal stationery covers sent from Guantanamo Bay, 1943 to three different addresses in the US. All with "Passed by/naval Censor," two in blue one in purple, with US Navy circular date stamps. \$10

99 US. Forces in Egypt. 1943. Airmail Registered Return Receipt Requested cover with APO 786 registered backstamps. Small tear at top of return address. Such covers are extremely scarce. \$15

100 US. Forces in Germany. 26 March 1945. APO 261 postmark on cover return addressed 705 Tank Destroyer Bn., APO 430. APO 261 was located in Kirchberg for only 8 days (23-30 March). The 705th Tank Destroyer Bn. was in Bastogne throughout the siege and received a PUC for its actions there. It crossed the Rhine 4 days after this cover was sent. \$15

101 US. Forces in Germany. Two Christmas cards: one, in color, was printed for use by the Advance Section, Communication Zone, of the European Theater of Operations, and was attached to the US First Army. ADSEC-COMZ handled the logistics for the combat troops, and were always at or near the front lines. The second card, in black, shows a grim scene of crushed concrete blocks, and was used by the 23rd Armored Engineer Battalion. The inside of this card states: "from Somewhere in Germany." No covers and no dates, but both were probably sent for Christmas 1944. See the images for both inside and outside. \$10

102 US. Forces in GB. 1942. Private censor handstamp on long cover. Vertical fold and back flap missing. \$5

103 US. Forces in New Caledonia. 1942. Private censor handstamp as well as Force censor on cover from man in 70th Coast Artillery (AA) Regiment. \$12.50

104 US. Forces in Peleliu, Palau. 1945. Navy 3252 return address and USN postmark on long cover. Slightly reduced at left and vertical fold. \$15

- 105 US. Forces overseas. Four uprated covers (for air mail): APO 177, Netherlands October 1944; APO 468, Manila, April 1945 (with paratroop cachet); APO 579, Valognes, France, November 1944; APO 668, Casablanca, October 1943. \$10
- 106 US. Forces overseas. Two free franked pieces: a card from APO106, Verdun, France May 1945, and a cover (envelope supplied by VFW Canteen Service) from APO 913, Nanda airfield, Fiji. \$5
- 107 US. Forces overseas. Blue envelopes; 6 different used from GB, Belgium (2), Germany, Algeria, and Egypt. Plus another used by a civilian in post-war Germany. \$25
- 108 US. Forces. Female pilots. Cover with corner card for the Women Flyers of America, Inc. established in July 1940 to train women over 18 to fly for "sport, profession, or national emergency." Their trainees were sought by the WASPs, but the numbers are not known. The organization folded in 1954. This business-size envelope was mailed from their headquarters in New York to Montana 27 Feb 1942. \$6
- 109 US. Forces. Five domestic covers: marine Barracks New River, NC postmarked cover April 1943; Camp Livingston, LA envelope 1943; two covers with generic US Navy postmarks; 1945 free-franked PC from Kasson, MN. \$8
- 110 US. Forces. Folder of printed PCs of the US Army, sent as printed matter at the 1½ cent rate from Fort Bliss, TX to Massachusetts, October 1941, with the 1½ cent prexy of Martha Washington. \$3
- 111 US. Forces. Fort Snelling (the first post office in Minnesota) postmark Apr 11, 1942, with generic "Military Cancel" cachet. \$3
- 112 US. Submarines. Keel-laying cover for the USS Flying Fish, a Gato-class submarine that served in 12 patrols during WWII. She suffered only 3 casualties: 3 seamen who died from drinking methanol at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu. Postmarked USS Barnett Dec 6, 1940, unaddressed. \$3

Post-WWII

- 113 Austria – GB. British occupation forces. 1946. Pair stampless OAS envelopes to Rotherham both endorsed from soldier D. Coy 1st West York's, BTA, CMF dated 16 Sep or 20 Nov & cancelled FIELD POST OFFICE 525 (16 Sep) located at Villach or FIELD POST OFFICE 710 (20 Nov) located at Vienna. \$15
- 114 Austria. 1952. Czech FDC to Vienna with Soviet Zone censor handstamp on cover and on "enclosure" form that has been spot glued to the face of the cover. Stated reason is "Im Beiefumschlag keine schriftliche Mitteilung" (no written notification in the enclosed envelope). Cover with card blank insert only and no return address to which it could be sent, likely accounting for form being attached to face rather than placed inside. \$30
- 115 Brunei – GB. British forces on exercise. 8 Aug 1971. Colored picture PC entitled Masjid Omar Ali Saifuddin, Brunei to Southgate, London bearing GB Machin 9p tied FPO 51, located at Brunei with text stating "On exercise at the moment and enjoying the cooler climes of Brunei." \$12
- 116 Burma. Internal censored. 15 Sep 1945. Plain envelope used locally within Rangoon bearing Burma GV1 1½a overprinted Milky Admin tied Rangoon datestamp with PC90 OPENED BY EXAMINER label tied on reverse violet lozenge Crown over PASSED/DGB-3 handstamp. \$10
- 117 Egypt – GB. British forces in Egypt with Red Cross. 30 Apr 1952. Plain envelope endorsed "Forces Air Mail" to London from P. Dickson, B.R.C.S., c/o D.D.M.S., HQ B.T.E., Melf 14 bearing GB GV1 definitive 2½d tied FPO 551 cds, located at Moascar. \$5
- 118 France – Germany. German POW. 6 Apr 1947. Kriegsgefangenenpost/Correspondance de Prisonnaire de Guerre printed letter sheet to Munden in Hanover from German soldier POW with blue-green, boxed CENSURE/DEPOT 401 handstamp of Camp d'Auvours. \$7

- 119 France. New Caledonia. 1992-95. Six ca. 6x9 official military covers with variety of handstamps, postmarked SP 701 or 703, addressed locally. \$15
- 120 GB. Germany. HQ Royal Air Force Germany. 1984-86 Group 4 x OHMS envelopes, 3 Certified Official. All to HQ RAF Germany with various unit cachets & all different FPO date stamps, plus plain envelope to same destination from HQ 33 Armoured Brigade cancelled Forces Post Office 49 cds. Nice group 5 items. \$8
- 121 GB. 1982. HMP Maze censor on long cover to IRA prisoner. Nothing on back. \$10
- 122 US. 29 May 1946. USS *Conyngham* postmark on long official cover sent shortly before she was used as a target in the July 1946 A-Bomb tests. \$10
- 123 US. 1968. Three covers to the (Welcome the) Pueblo Fund. This fund was established to welcome the crew of the USS *Pueblo* on their return from captivity in North Korea. \$10
- 124 US. Bermuda. 1960-62. Nine covers from same man in VP 45, with USN 10958 Br. Postmarks. Seven are franked with the red airmail stamp. \$10
- 125 US. China. 1949. Nanking HQ Command return address on long cover with APO 909 postmark. \$10
- 126 US. Germany. November 1946. 25 BPO postmark (scarce) on cover return addressed 7720 Rehabilitation Center. This was a facility for US Army personnel detained for minor crimes/infractions. Sender was probably staff, not inmate. \$10
- 127 US. GB. 1941/46. HELD BY BRITISH CENSOR/RELEASED JANUARY 1946 handstamp on cover from France to Detroit, with GB PC 90 tape. Several types of handstamp with this message were used by the NY PO to disclaim responsibility for delayed delivery. This is one of the scarcer ones. \$60**
- 128 US. GB. Redirected to RAF Uphaven. 9 Oct 1985. First-class mail printed envelope to GB & forwarded to RAF Uphaven, Pewsey, Wilts cancelled 22c Orangeburg/NY. Meter cancel with unusual black, unframed Redirected Mail For U.S. On Duty with Her Majesty's Forces handstamp with on reverse Newbury/Berk's (16 Oct) transit slogan. \$10
- 129 US. Greenland. 1955. APO 23 postmark on long cover return addressed Trans Arctic Group. \$6
- 130 US. Israel. UN. 1948. Israeli censor handstamp tying plain brown tape on cover from a USAF officer, c/o USAF Attaché, Cairo. This officer was a member of one of the Mixed Armistice Commissions formed by the UN in June 1948 (later became UNTSO). \$40
- 131 US. Korea. January 1946. Registered long official mail cover from APO 712. Good backstamps but some idiot made a pen notation of the APO on front. \$7.50

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- 132 Canada. UN Good Offices Mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP). 31 V 1989. Via diplomatic pouch. Ottawa B Ontario. Gaines 022. Mi: CA 1071.
- 133 France. Operation Artimon Est. The French used different mission names depending on the ships' locations. "Artimon Est" is the operational name for ships deployed in the Persian Gulf. This is an early cover 29-8-1990. Fregate ASM Dupleix (D 641 antisubmarine destroyer) cachet. Mi: FR 2732.
- 134 France. Operation Artimon. A. Premier-Maitre L'her – F 792 – Corvette. This cover was canceled at "Military Post Office 610" which is located at Djibouti. Usually when a French ship is in that area, mail is sent to that post office instead of Paris Naval. 11-2 1991. MI: Fr 2766, 2800.

- 135 France. Operation Artimon. A.E. Doudart de Lagree – F 728, escort frigate. This cover was canceled at “Bureau Postal Naval 64” which is located on board the command ship “VAR.” Note also the ship’s stamp “Tempete du Desert – Artimon 1991” with the UN flag. 11-3-1991. Mi: FR 2751A.*
- 136 France. Mission Artimon. A.E. Commandant Bory - F 726. Mission SUD 1990 cachet. 00300 Paris Naval. 12-3 1991. Mi: FR W13, 2797.
- 137 France. Operation Daguet. 4 -4 1991. BSS Rance – A618, hospital ship. Rare cover sent free from “Military Post Office 645 in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia French troops had the privilege of free mail, but instructions were given not to use it for philatelic mail. With circular cachet of French Forces in Saudi Arabia.*
- 138 France. Operation Daguet. 15 Mai 1991. BPM 640, King Khaled Military City, Saudi Arabia “Detachement Prevotal – Gendarmerie Nationale.” Properly used “free frank” cover with the “Operation Daguet – Forces Francaises en Arabie Saoudite” circular cachet. The “Gendarmerie Nationale” dated rubber stamp indicates that this cover went to France inside a military police pouch bag. BPM 640 was opened on 09 Oct 1990 and closed on 04 Jun 1991.*
- 139 France. Operation Daguet. 9 - 4 1991. BPM 647, Koweit City , Kuwait. BPM 647 was only opened for 3 months after Kuwait was liberated, in support of the French Embassy as well as small demining units. BPM 647 was opened on 25 Feb 1991 and closed on 19 May 1991. Mi: FR 2821.*
- 140 France. Operation Daguet. 27 – 4 1991. BPM 644, Riyad, Saudi Arabia “413eme Bureau Payeur – Tresorerie.” On 01 March 199, BPM 640A was renamed BPM 644 because its status was changed from a substation to a main APO. Mi: FR 2751.*
- 141 France. Operation Daguet. 24 II 1990. BPM 640A, Riyad, Saudi Arabia “Commandement des Elements Franciais en Arabie Saoudite” cachet. From the French Forces Headquarters in Saudi Arabia. BPM 640A and 640B were only used a few months before receiving a new number. BPM 640A was opened on 09 Oct 1990 then became BPM 644 in March 1991. MI: FR 2302, 2306, 2757.
- 142 France. Operation Daguet. 4 -3 1991. BPM 641, Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia “Gendarmerie de L’air.” From the French Air Force Police at the air base of Al Ahsa. BPM 641 was opened on 09 Oct 1990 and closed 02 May 1991. Mi: FR 2751A.*
- 143 France. Operation Daguet. 8 -4 1991. BPM 643, Rafha, Saudi Arabia, “4eme Regiment de Dragons” cachet. BPM 643 was opened in Rafha but soon after became a mobile post office, moving with the operational units. BPM was opened on 01 Nov 1990 and closed 18 Apr 1991. Mi: FR 2775 (x2.5; bisect to make up the rate at that time).*
- 144 France. Operation Southern Breeze. B.B. Pluton - A 612, support ship. The mission of this ship was to carry antimine frogmen who destroy mines along the coast of Kuwait. Golfe Arabo Persique Kuwait 1991 Southern Breeze cachet. 8 -7 1991. Mi: FR 2775, 2828.
- 145 France. UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). SP 25005. Postes Aux Armees 20-5-1985. Mi: FR 2299, 2302, 2455.
- 146 France. UNTSO. Air Force Postal Service 09672 (Tel Aviv) 19 May 1989. Mi: FR 2637, 2685; US 1980D.
- 147 Pakistan. UNGOMAP. Apr 25, 1989, United Nations, New York. United Nations UNGOMAP cachet. Mi: NT-NY 573.

Miscellaneous

There are several boxes of material that represent accumulations of consignments that were donated to the MPHS. The following lots are some of this material. They are very generally described and are priced to sell.

- 148 US. Forces in China. Sixteen covers from December 1944 through October 1945. APOs 210, 211, 212, 271, 488, and 627. \$5
- 149 US. Forces in Belgium. Forty+ covers from October 1944 to 13 June 1945. Includes APOs 137, 138, 153, 157, 158, 161, 175, 230, 254, 255, and 257. \$10
- 150 US. Forces in France. Fifty+ covers from 1943 through 1945. One Letter Card De Luxe (6 View Sepia Photographs) (APO 207). Includes APOs 26, 176, 536, 596, 647A, 772, 797, and 803. \$10
- 151 US. Forces in Vietnam. Fourteen covers (7 from 1 soldier) and 4 PCs to same address but with no correspondence. \$5.

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