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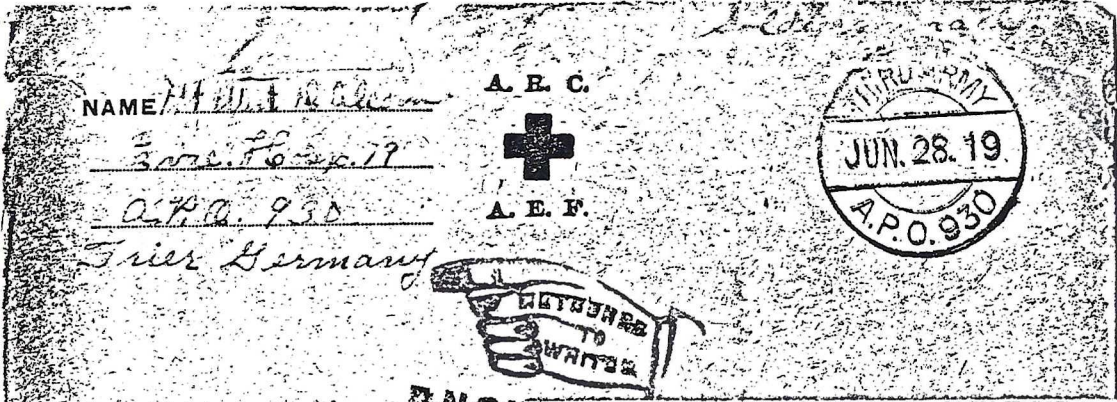
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 VILLETS

Gebrüder Sulzbach

Frankfurt/Main



U.S. military censorship of civil mails in Luxembourg and the U.S. occupation zone in Germany began immediately after the arrival of the American troops and continued into late 1919, though always on a spot-check basis. At first regular AEF unit censor handstamps were used.



Unit censorship for U.S. Army forces in Europe ceased on or about 1 July 1919, following German acceptance of the Versailles Treaty. Prior to that time, censor devices and procedures were the same as those used in France prior to the Armistice.

Be  
 Lt. F. I. Huntington M.T.C. U.S.A.  
 Service Park Unit #695  
 American E.F. A.P.O. #129.



REGISTERED

7799

24734

Censored  
 James M. ...  
 Lt. F. I. Huntington

OK  
 F. I. Huntington  
 12th St. M.C. USA

Miss Georgia K. Holcomb  
 1711 Northfield Ave  
 East Cleveland  
 Ohio  
 U.S.A.

*Received  
 July 7 1919  
 Our father sent glasses back  
 across the river from here  
 The also are bottled in Aude*

*Miss Elizabeth Shields  
 Watertown  
 Conn  
 U.S.A.*



Miss Elizabeth Shields  
 Watertown  
 Conn  
 U.S.A.

- 28 June: Officer's signature and unit censor handstamp
- 3 July: Officer's signature but no handstamp
- 7 July: neither signature nor handstamp



Capt. Edward Hoopes  
 AMERICAN  
 Y.M.C.A.  
 1st Division  
 A. P. O. 744

Soldier's Mail  
 Xmas Mail  
 1 DEC 1918  
 AMERICAN  
 EXPEDITIONARY  
 FORCES

Mrs. Herman Hoopes  
 505 Real Estate Trust Bldg.  
 Pt.

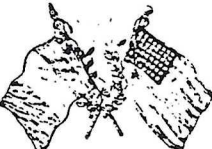
Edwina Hoopes  
 Captain A. W. C.  
 1918

FRENCH HOMES  
 TO OFFER THE HOSPITALITY OF FRANCE TO AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
 24, RUE DE MOGADOR, PARIS

CORRESPONDANCE

ADDRESS  
 Mrs. Burkholder  
 484 7th St  
 Fort Dodge  
 Iowa

12 MAR 1919  
 EXPRES  
 1918



MESSAGE

from the French Mothers  
 to the American Mothers.

A year ago, when apprehension filled our hearts, as at our thoughts and yours accompanied step by step our sons engaged in the terrible struggle for the Victory of Right and Liberty throughout the world, we sent you a message of affection and gratitude.

To-day, your country celebrates the touching anniversary of Mothers' Day, and in this hour of Victory and Peace, we wish once more to express the feelings which fill our hearts.

A great Saint once said: "Suffering ranches, having suffered remains". How true are these words! Our maternal anxiety, the sacrifices borne in common, in a cause that gave us the courage to place humanity above material love, have bound us together by eternal ties, and we desire that Mothers' Day shall become in France the "Journée des Mères", in consecration of maternal and filial love.

The "FRENCH HOMES" have never ceased to look after the welfare of your sons, dear Mothers of America. Wherever it is possible, your boys share our home-life and take part in our joyfull gatherings for the celebration of Peace and Victory.

On this day, set apart to commemorate Mothers' love, we desire, since your glorious soldiers are still in our midst, that many of them shall find a seat at the family table in our homes, where your names will be mentioned with respect and affection.

Nor shall we forget, when joy brightens to many faces, that the hearts of numerous Mothers will be filled with sorrow in the silent thought of those beloved children who will never again return home. Let them say to themselves that we remember them, that their mourning is ours, that we shed the same tears and that we are overcome by the same emotions. We wish them to know that, wherever it is possible, flowers of the early spring, placed upon the graves of their valiant sons, will suggest the consoling thought of resurrection.

Thus, Allied Sisters, we shall remain united in the reign of joy as in those of sorrow, by that strongest of all ties, maternal love.

Paris, the 11th. of May 1919.

Honorary President:  
 Mrs. Marshall JOFFRE

Vice-Presidents:  
 Mrs. Albert DE MEN,  
 Mrs. Jules SIEGFRIED.

Carte Postale

CORRESPONDANCE

MOTHER'S DAY.

May 11, 1919

Darling Mother Mine:  
 I Love You, God Bless You.  
 Lovingly,  
 Your Devoted Son,

John Sabrigue

Compliments of Y. M. C. A.  
 American Embarkation Center.

POST OFFICE  
 11 PM  
 1919

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Mrs. J. Salvinger.

1235-57th. Avenue.

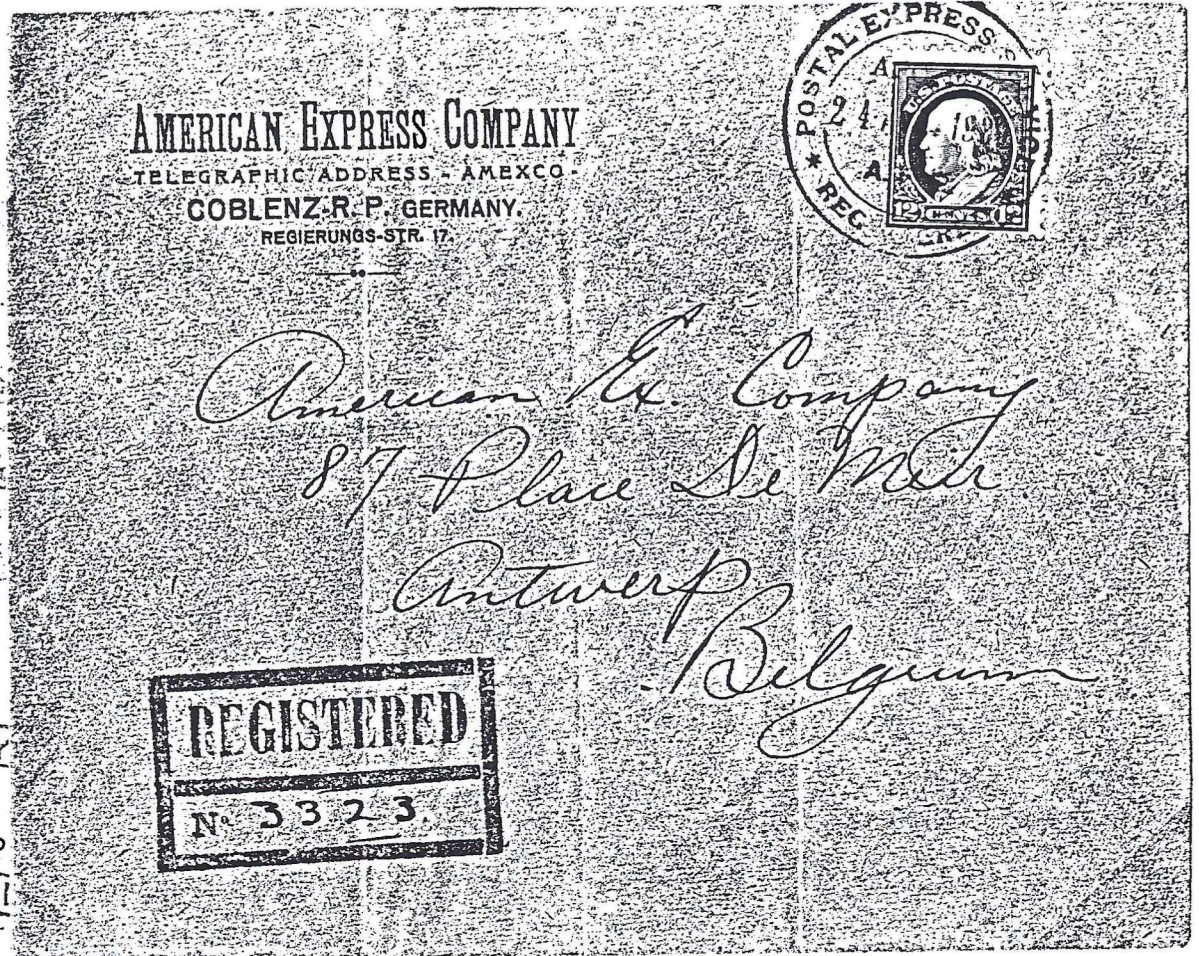
Cicero - Illinois.

U. S. A.

PROHIBITED  
 CENSORED  
 Y.M.C.A.

The Mother's Day 1918 mail program was so successful that the MPES promoted similar programs for Christmas 1918 and Mother's Day 1919. The above Christmas cover was posted after the 26 November deadline to guarantee special delivery, though it bears the required "Xmas Mail" endorsement.





AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS - AMEXCO  
COBLENZ, R. P. GERMANY.  
REGIERUNGS-STR. 17.



*American Ex. Company  
87 Place De War  
Antwerp  
Belgium*



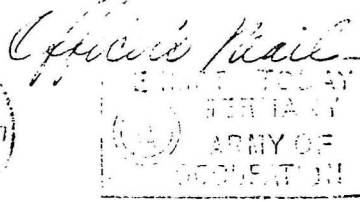
A new registry postmark was produced (ERD 24 April 1920, above) for APO 927 only, with "A.F.G." at bottom. Examples of this marking are much scarcer than the "posthorn" and "A.E.F." registry postmarks used by other APOs in Germany. Latest recorded use is 5 March 1923.

Cover above (return addressed 1st Sig. Bn. on back) is mis-rated. International letter postage of 5c should have been paid, even by soldiers, in addition to the 10c registry fee.

Cover at left, sent to U.S. a week after departure of the AFG HQ from Coblenz, is return-addressed "Station Hospital" and bears 12c postage.

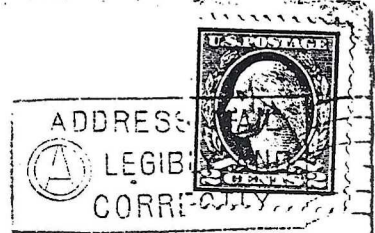


1st Lieut. R. A. Nielsen  
Post 4. M.  
Coding



Mr. + Mrs. Cattle  
200 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
N. Y.  
U. S. A.

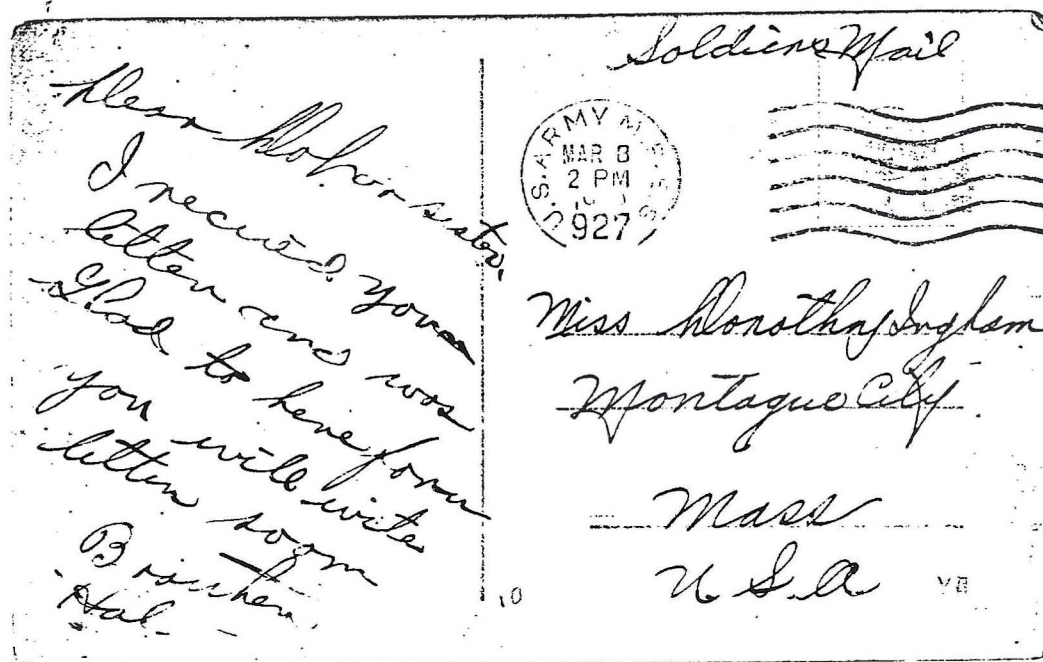
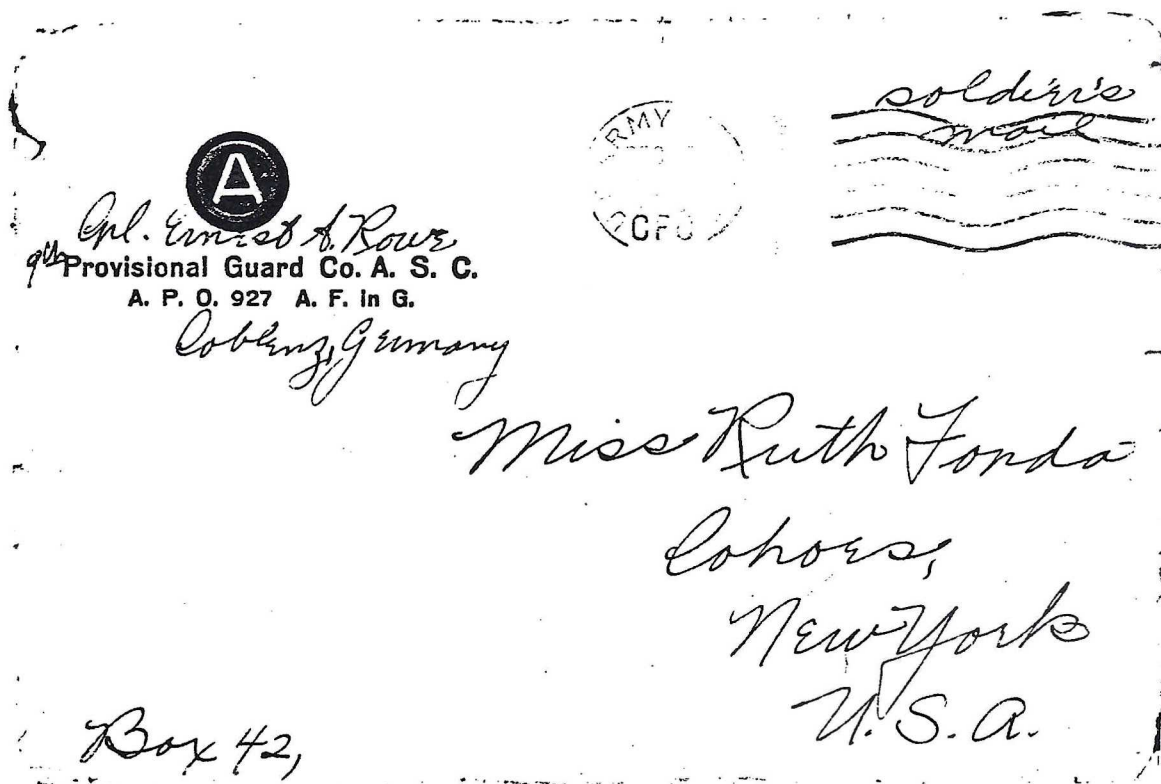
Col. W. H. Kay G. S.  
Coblenz Germany



Mrs. Thomas R. Kay  
129 Lacroix st  
~~5727 Chords St~~  
Swissvale Pa Pittsburgh Pa

From November 1920 - May 1921 the "Enlist" slogan was used in the original CPO/927 machine. A second slogan was used from April 1921 - May 1922. This postmark incorporated a new dial as well as the new slogan. Neither slogan is common, and good strikes are very hard to find.





In late 1919 a cancelling machine was sent to Coblentz. This appears to have been the machine used at APO 902 (Bourges, closed August or September 1919) with the "CPO" (Central Post Office) still in the dial. "CPO" was replaced by "927" in January 1920.



Post. Albert. J. Heiler  
Supply Co. 58. inf.  
American. E. F. C. P.O. 746

March 15, 1919



4th Div  
Infantry  
54

Dear Grandma and  
all a few lines to let  
you know I am still  
in Moselheim Germany  
and hope this card  
will find  
you well and  
you find  
it I have  
write soon  
with love

Mrs James Weisner  
19 is my name

APO 746 (4th Div., Bad  
Bertrich, Ger.).

APO 944 (Antwerp,  
Bel.); a very late usage.

Phillip  
1st. Frederic  
R. West. N.Y.C.

CARTE POSTALE



Tous les pays étrangers n'acceptent pas la correspondance au recto (Se renseigner à la poste)

CORRESPONDANCE

ADRESSE

regards  
Phillip

W. M. Grimes  
Lt Col. 15th Inf. Bn  
American Expd Forces  
France



Officers  
Mail

The Registrar Alumni,  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter  
New Hampshire

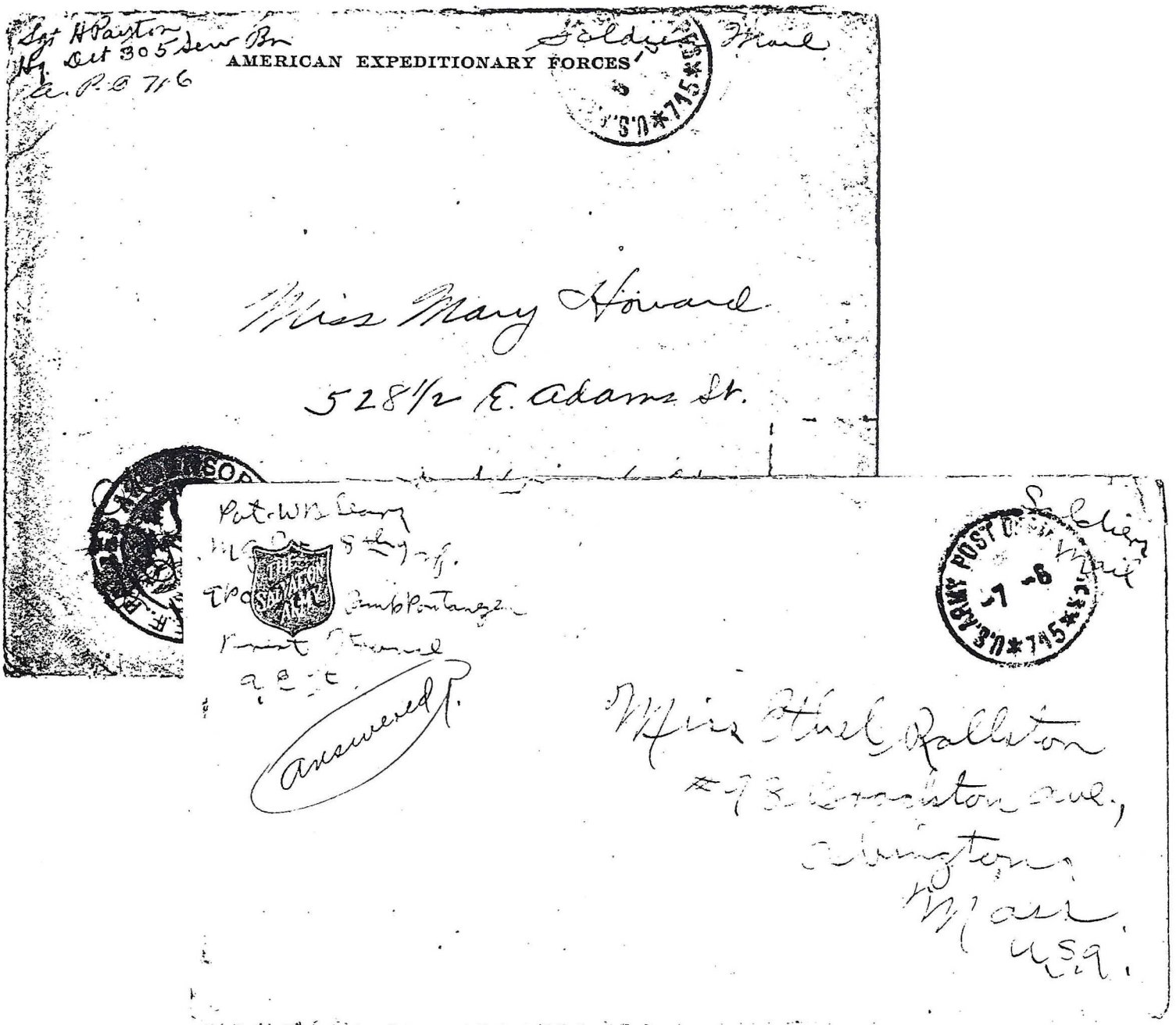
APO 951 (Luxem-  
bourg City).

Ok.  
W. M. Grimes  
Lt Col 15th Inf Bn.

In March 1919 (ERD 17 March, above) a new series of postmarks began to appear with "Third Army" at top. These are recorded for 11 of the 18 APOs serving the 3rd Army, always in black.

In addition, APOs 745 and 951 are recorded with similar postmarks reading "3rd Army" The scarcity of this variant is grossly understated in *The Postal History of the AEF*. In fact, it is one of the scarcest AEF postmarks.





The transfer of APO postmarks to other APOs has not been previously noted. APO 715 served the 42nd Division, which returned, through Brest, France, to the U.S. in mid-April 1919, and it is listed as having closed on the 4th (Post Office records) or 19th (War Dept.) of that month. However, its postmark was recycled for use by APO 716 (Brest) as shown by the June and July 1919 usages here.

Most of the troops transiting Brest were returning to the U.S. However the lower cover is from a member of the 8th Infantry, which moved out for occupation duty in Germany 4 days after the cover was mailed, on 10 July 1919. (Many of the single-ring U.S. APO postmarks lack the "19" year slug, and the use of the day/month vs. month/day convention varies even within a single APO. This cover can be dated conclusively to 6 July 1919 by the fact that the 8th Infantry was not in France in 1918, and because unit censorship, absent here, was in effect in June, but not in July.)

Postwar  
Postal History

Postmarks

From  
Carroll Meader  
Btry. B. 13<sup>th</sup> FA.  
American E.F.  
A.P.O. 746.

Miss Selma Lunn  
Huron  
S. Dak.  
U.S.A.

ARMY POST OFFICE  
\* 14  
\* 19  
\* 746 \*  
S. DAK.

APO 746 (4th Div., Bad Bertrich, Ger.), with "M" of "M.P.E.S." carved out. Recorded only in February 1919.

From Pvt J. Symes  
Co. L. 47<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
American E.F.  
A.P.O. 746.

ARMY POST OFFICE  
\* 746 \*  
S. DAK.  
RECORDED  
\* 9727 \*  
A.E.F. PASSED  
MAR 9  
E.S.

Miss Louise Symes  
124 Clinton St.

ARMY POST OFFICE  
\* 746 \*  
S. DAK.  
RECORDED  
\* 9727 \*  
A.E.F. PASSED  
MAR 9  
E.S.

1919  
Soldiers  
mail

Love  
C.K. L.

Hello!  
How's my  
little doll?  
Best wishes  
from Deutschland.  
Roy.  
Mayer May 19, 1920  
Germany

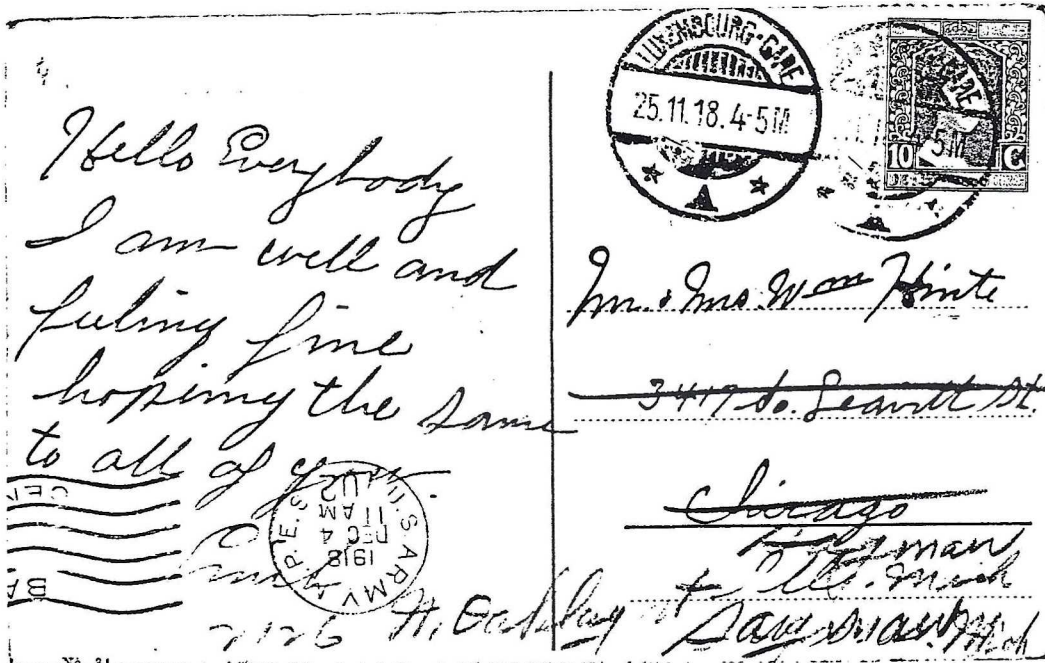
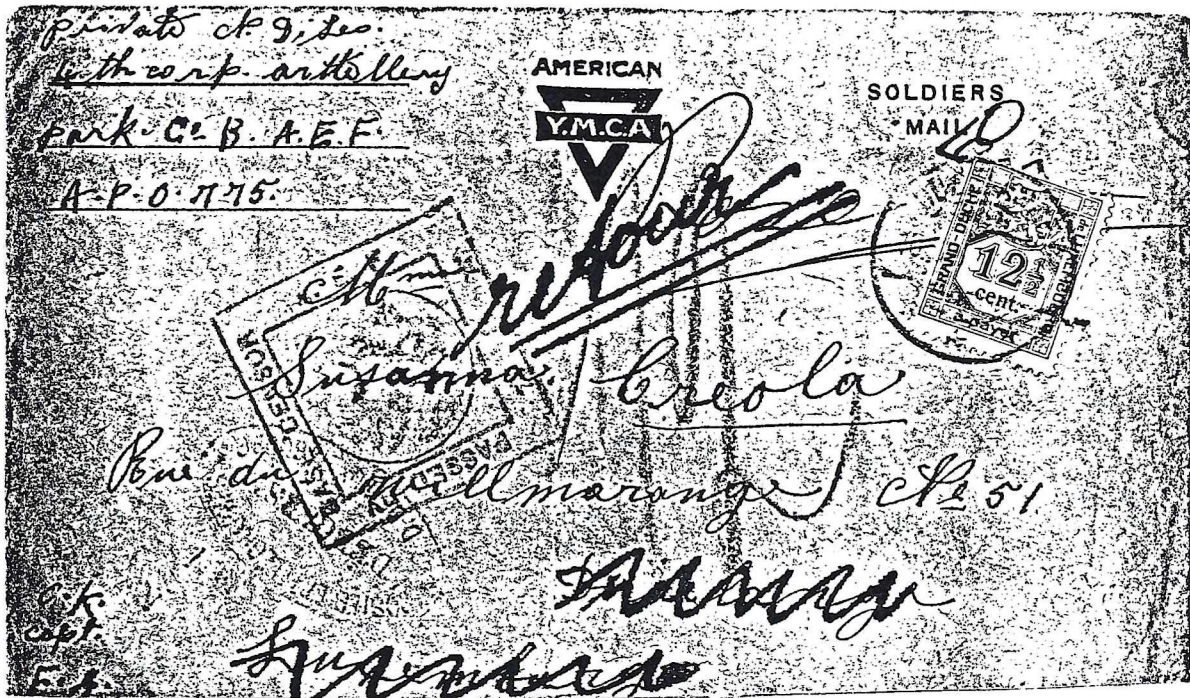
Soldiers  
Mail  
MAY 19  
1927  
M.P.E.S.

Marylouise Burns  
Fort Ringgold  
Texas  
U.S.A.  
Quarters #5

APO number in dater rather than in killer. Recorded only for APOs 746, February-March 1919 and APO 927 (Coblentz) May-August 1920.

Initially the APOs serving units assigned to occupation duty in Luxembourg and Germany used postmarks that had been issued to them in France. The above postmarks fall into this category, but they incorporate changes made after the Armistice.





Throughout the occupation period U.S. soldiers continued to enjoy the free franking privilege for first class mail sent to the U.S. through APOs (though there appears to have been some confusion about charging postage, in addition to the registry fee, on registered letters). APO mail to foreign countries, including Germany and Luxembourg required postage, as did mail sent via local civilian post offices.

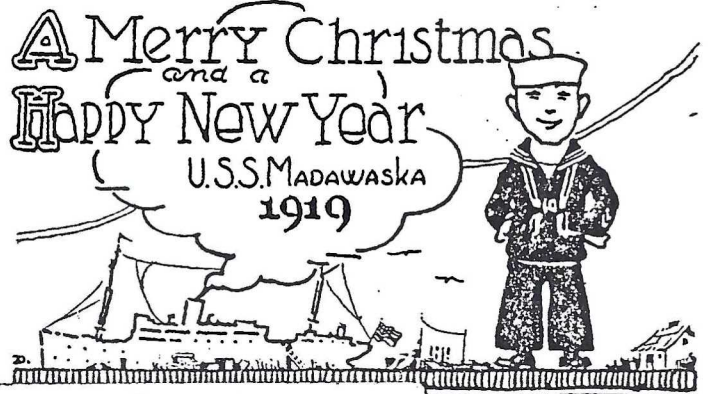
# POST CARD



CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS

A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
U.S.S. MADAWASKA  
1919



1/21/19  
Roy  
(S do.)

Mr. & Mrs. E. J. May  
Hoboken, N.J.

5/21/19

# POST CARD

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESS

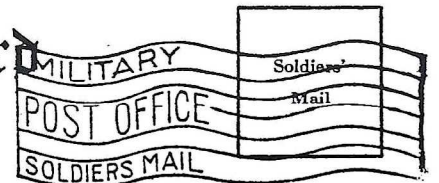
SOLDIER'S  
MAIL  
NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY  
IF MAILED ON  
BOAT OR DOCK

Embarked at 4 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. E. J. May  
5/21/19 on this ship, and  
expect to  
Hoboken, N.J.  
or in town  
I will be  
out at 7

Co. D R



OCEAN TRANSPORT SERVICE



Vincent J. Monteleone  
Calipico,  
Calif.

WELL DONE, BOYS  
AMERICA GREET'S YOU

Cards posted aboard ships sometimes received a ship postmark (the USS Madawaska flag being one of the most unusual of these), but the vast majority received the Hoboken, NJ eagle machine marking.



this is the ship  
I have sailed  
on  
CORRESPONDENCE  
has arrived today  
at new york and will  
send a telegram when  
I am coming home  
goodly from Brother  
August.

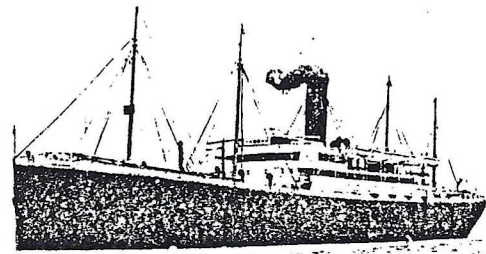
# POST CARD

SOLDIER'S  
MAIL  
NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY  
IF MAILED ON  
BOAT OR DOCK

MAIL OFFICE  
SOLD ADDRESS

Miss Caroline M  
Ba  
Ca

S. S. Manchuria



Going to Camp  
Co. Reg. Div.

Issued by the Jewish Welfare Board to Soldiers and Sailors of the U.S. Army & Navy

# POST CARD

TRENTON, N.J.  
JUL 24  
6 PM  
1919  
DIX BRANCH

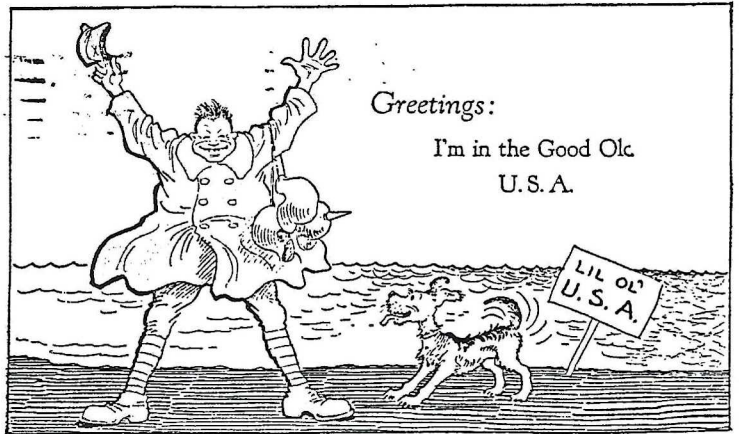


This Side for Address

Arrived: Correspondence  
Left Ft. Monmouth  
Monday July 12. Landed  
on the 23 in Philadelphia  
want to be home very  
soon.

Wred He  
Jewitt!  
Lorain

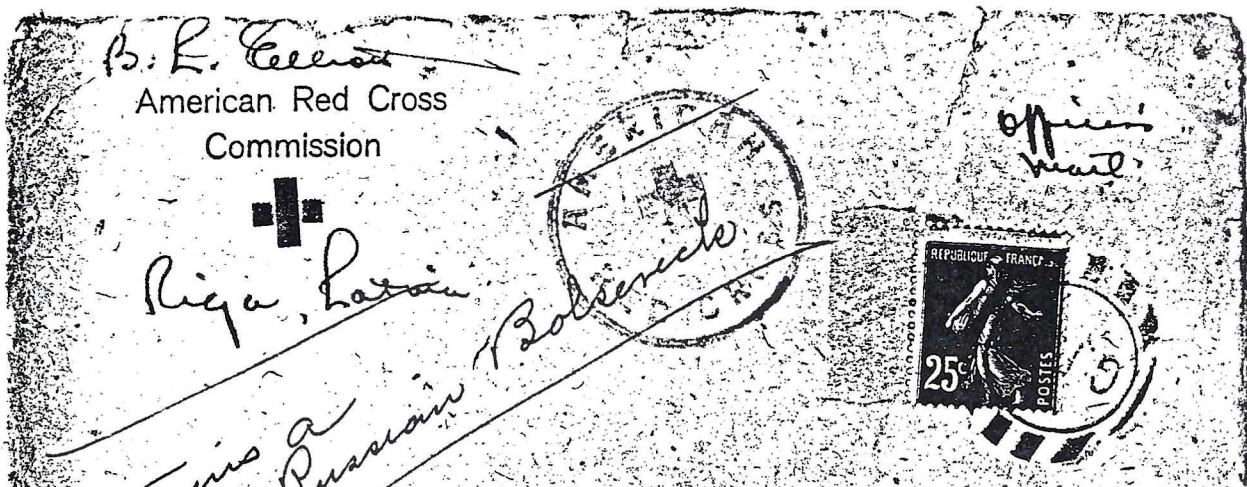
Arrived on Santa Barbara  
Going to Camp Dix  
Signature William Anderson  
Co. Reg. Div. M. C.



Greetings:  
I'm in the Good Olc  
U.S.A.

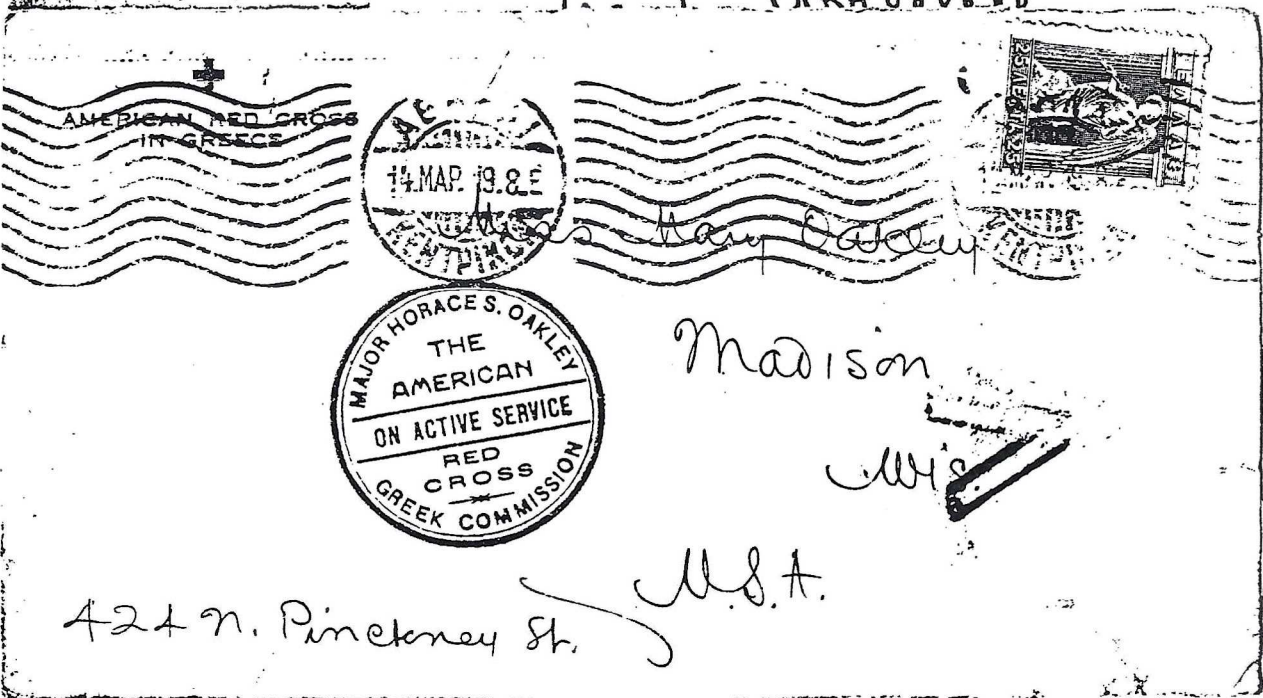
"KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMITTEE ON WAR ACTIVITIES"

Beginning in March 1919 the troops of the AEF began to be repatriated at the rate of 100,000 to 200,000 per month aboard a wide variety of commercial and U.S. Navy vessels (including battleships). Safe return cards were provided by numerous organizations (the most popular today being the ship series issued by the Jewish Welfare Board). If mailed aboard ship or on the dock they were entitled to free postage, but those mailed from farther inland required a stamp.



*Contains a  
piece of  
money  
C.L.M.*

*E. Madisa*  
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS  
COMMISSION TO PALESTINE

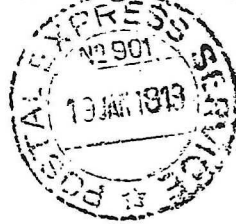


Following the Armistice, the American Red Cross was allowed to operate in areas where, because these were in spheres of influence claimed by other Allied powers or for other political reasons, U.S. military missions were not welcome. Heads of Red Cross missions were given U.S. Army ranks, and some missions were served by the Courier Service of the PES (see below). In many cases, local postal systems were used as these provided faster service.



Sgt. W. Ray Kanable  
Co. E 332 Inf.  
American Expeditionary Force  
A.P.O. 901

Soldier's Mail



Mr. Jas. P. Kanable  
Marengo, Ohio  
U. S. A.



Jan 21st '19 Podgoritza  
Montenegro

Censored  
by Maj. J. Street  
M.C. A.P.O.



Dear Aunt Minnie -  
Arrived here  
a couple of days ago  
Expect shortly to open the  
first of several hospitals  
I have come to celebrate  
The scenery en route was  
magnificent & the people of  
the country tall & fine looking  
& very rugged - The country  
is however very barren -  
will write a descriptive  
letter later - kind.

Miss M. J. Lane  
Anchorage  
Douglas  
Lake Gillman  
England.

In addition to their main base at Cattaro, the 2nd Bn. dispatched E Company to Zelenica, Dalmatia (15 miles from Cattaro and the site of an Austrian submarine base). One other (unidentified) company was dispatched to the capital of Montenegro, Cetinje. U.S. Army Medical Corps personnel established hospitals in other Balkan towns including Podgoritza, Montenegro (above). Note that the above card bears the same unit censor mark (A. 1499) as the covers from the 2nd Bn., 332nd Inf.

*Capt. H. P. W...*  
*U.S.A. A.E.F.*  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION  
IN EUROPE  
1, RUE DE FLEURUS, PARIS

*Officers Mail.*



Mr. H. W. Hoover,  
The Hoover Suction Sweeper  
North Canton,  
Ohio.

PERSONAL.

U. S. A.

*H. P. W...*  
*A. P. 909*  
Correspondance

CARTE POSTALE

Adresse

*Suddenly got a pass and went to*  
*then to Dole*  
*from the*  
*here on an*  
*Educational Center*

*Ms. J. Sitzer*  
*Lebanon*  
*Mississippi*  
*11/10*

Repatriation of the nearly 1.8 million members of the AEF not assigned to occupation duty in Germany and Luxembourg could not begin until February 1919, mainly because the French objected to an early withdrawal. Military training continued but, in addition, a great effort was made to take advantage of educational opportunities available in Europe. This resulted in Americans being assigned to college-level courses in a wide range of locations.

Pre-eminent in this scheme was the AEF University in Beaune, which had a peak enrollment of 8,500 officers and men. It was served by APO 909 from late 1918 until mid-June 1919. APO 909 is philatelically notable for its single-ring cancel with "P.E.S." rather than "M.P.E.S." -- the only such cancel made for the AEF.



No. 752

CARTE POSTALE

Easter Sunday  
Apr. 20 - 1919  
Marseille



Dear Hen:-  
Hen Synch  
and I just landed here enroute from Lyon. We are going big - as Hen put it. On our way to Nice. Everything o.k. We...

Jan 21/19

(ommit the word)

CARTE POSTALE

Correspondance

Went to Monte Carlo on 2

351 Pnt. C. Med. Det.  
Dep. 0714 A.E.F.



Kiss Louise & Amosson,  
72 Mt. Vernon Ave.,  
Bramble, Mass.,  
9/1/19

Raphael Tuck et Fils Ltd. Paris "OIFFETTE" MONTE-CARLO N° 111  
Un mot à la poste (Déposé)

COLLECTION "VILLES DE FRANCE"



CARTE POSTALE "TUCK"



MONACO, MONTE-CARLO. - VUE GÉNÉRALE. -  
Vu de la Corniche, le Rocher de Monaco est singulièrement pittoresque et merveilleux. Il ressemble plutôt à une ville de montagne qu'à une ville de rive et de plaisir.

Spent a million already and one out the how many will you be me Gen.

Miss Elizabeth Murray

Pvt. J. P. Dixon,  
U.S. Army Ambulance Service,  
with two Italian Army fistule

Soldier's Mail

Correspondance

Menton, France

PASSED 4-19

Hello,

you said you would send -

This casino is being used by the "Y" at present. I am having a good time ????



Pvt. Arthur Peterson,  
Section 527,  
U.S. Army Ambulance Service -  
With the Italian Army  
A.E.F.

ITALIE

In addition to trying to educate its idle soldiers, the AEF opened four Rest and Recreation centers at Hyers, Cannes, Monte Carlo and Menton. These were designated APOs 752A through 752D (substations of APO 752 at Marseille), but no suffixed postmarks have been recorded, so that origins can be determined only from the text. Above cards from Marseille, Cannes, Monte Carlo and Menton.