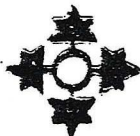


AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

Third Army
22 July 1919
26 August 1919
14 November 1919

Sgt. Loyd L. Case
Co. "C" : A.P.O. 746



4th Engineers
American E. F.



Mrs. E. C. Case



Motor Transport Corps
Repair Unit 310
A. P. O.



*Soldier's
mail.*

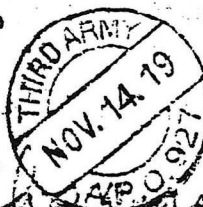
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*From: Pvt. Ralph Chapman
Co. E. 8th Inf.
A.P.O. 927*



8th Infantry

Coblenz, Germany.



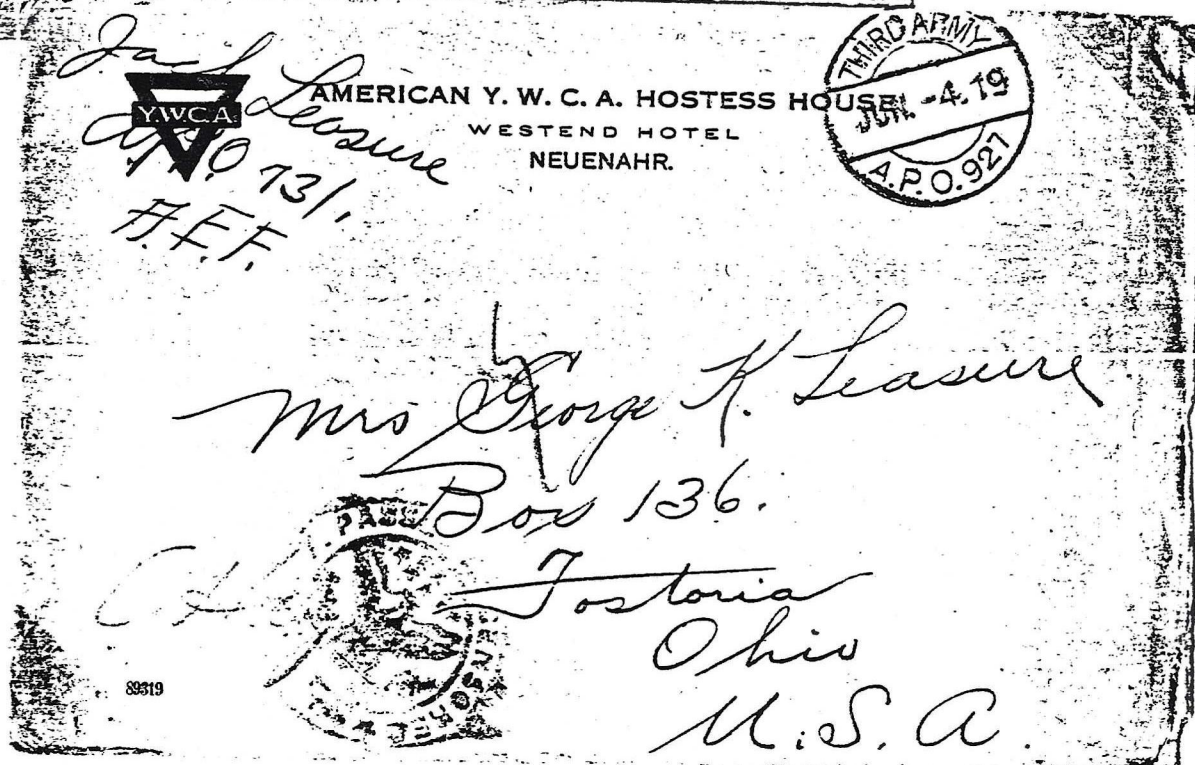
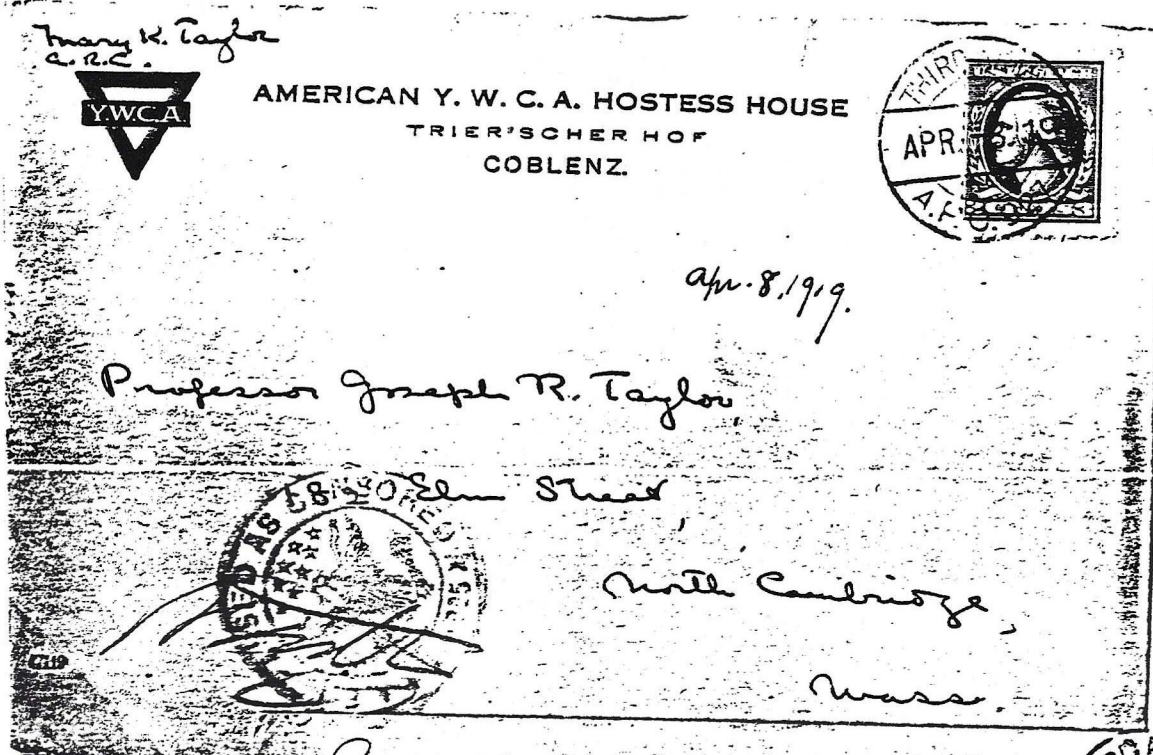
*Mr. Otis C. Chapman
Ripley,
N.Y.*

Chaut. Co. U.S.A.

After August 1919, the only post office remaining in operation in Germany was APO #927 in Coblenz.

AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

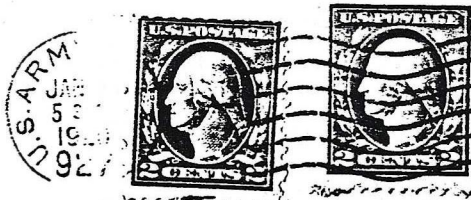
Third Army
8 April 1919
4 June 1919



Properly identified military mail was postage free, but letters sent by private citizens, including members of relief organizations (as above from an American Red Cross worker) were subject to payment of domestic postage rates.

U.S. Army MPES
January 1920
7 July 1920
19 July 1920

JA Shroyer -
Chit Lattery
AMERICAN
Y.M.C.A.
APO 927 AFING



Mrs. F. W. Boyer

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Wm. L. Crockett

8th Infantry

Company "G."



Soldier's
"Mail"

A. P. O. 927 A. F. in G.

Miss Cha. B. Crockett.

Turner St.
Portland
Maine

Germany
July 17/28

Dear Son

hope you are well
and be a good
boy and be nice
to everybody.
from Mother & Father



Master Jack Powell
300 Duke St

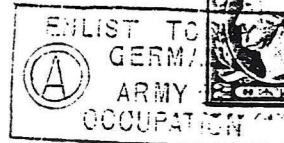
Alexandria
Virginia, N. S. A.

Machine cancellations were used at APO #927 in Coblenz, the only station in Germany deemed likely to process enough mail to justify the installation. The initial type of marking with wavy line killer was issued in 1919 and used until September 1920.

AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

U.S. Army MPES
11 January 1921
5 March 1921
25 November 1921

Return to -
G.W. Prettman, Capt. F.A.
Dist. All. Waterway Com. C.F. Field
A.P.O. 927.

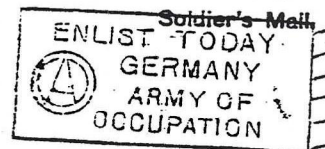


Mrs. Cleland Davis -
Englewood
New J.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

From

Mike L. Smith
Stationer
Coblenz Germany
A. F. in G.



George Le Muth
by River
Ohio
A.S.C.

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



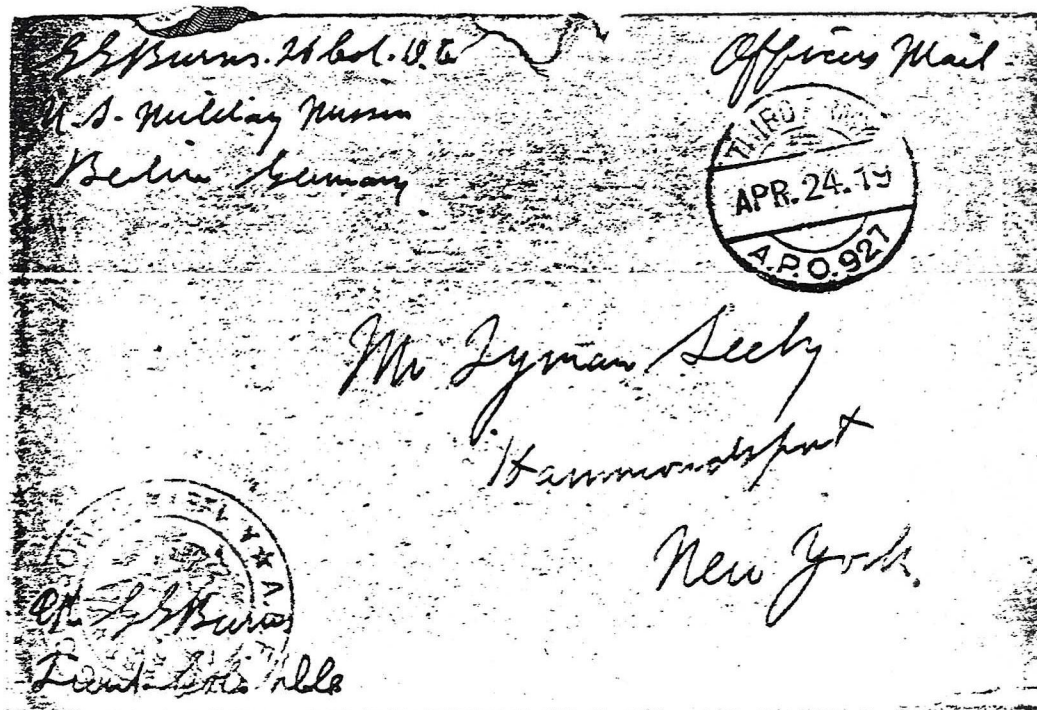
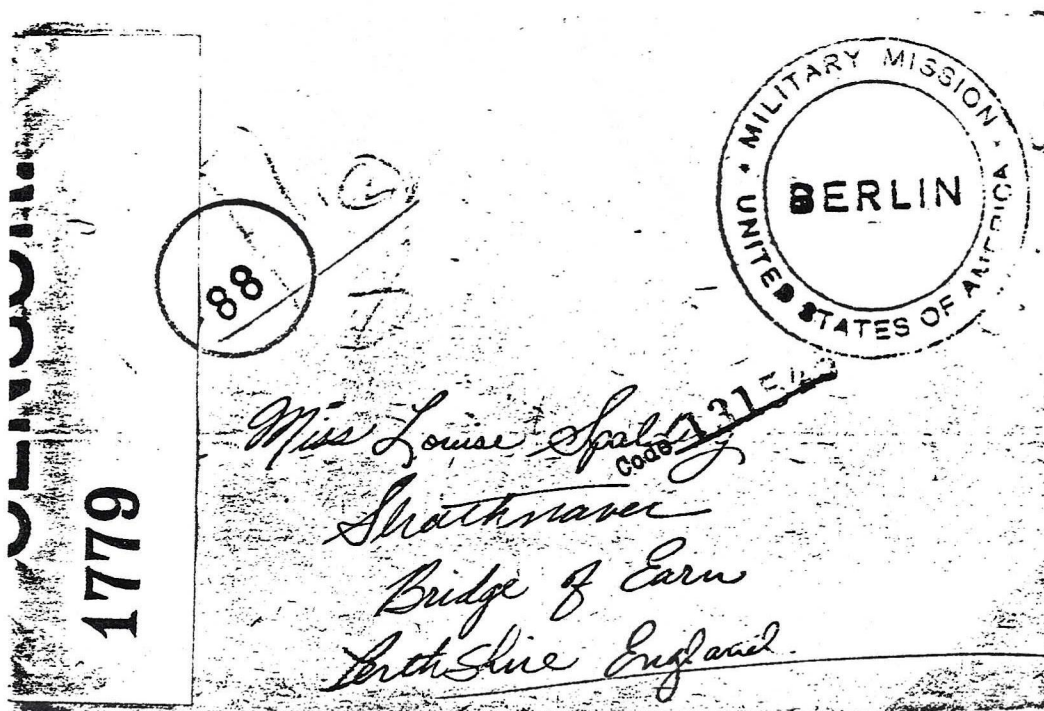
Mrs. Thomas R. Kay
129 Lacroix St
~~5727 Choate St~~
Swissvale sta Pittsburgh Pa

Two variations with slogan killers were used in connection with the machine cancellations at APO #927 in Coblenz. The first, referring to recruitment for the Army of Occupation, is recorded as used from November 1920 to May 1921. The second, urging that mail be addressed correctly, was used from April 1921 to February 1922. Upper cover is unusual in that it shows the return address of a U.S. member of the Allied Waterway Commission.

AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

U.S. Military Mission, Berlin

April 1919



The United States maintained a small military mission office in Berlin during 1919. The only special marking recorded as used by this unit is shown on the upper cover.

AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

U.S. Army Postal Service AFG
19 February 1923

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.



WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the General Sales Agent
Office of the General Sales Agent

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Stadt. Arbeitszentrale f. Erwerbsbeschränkte

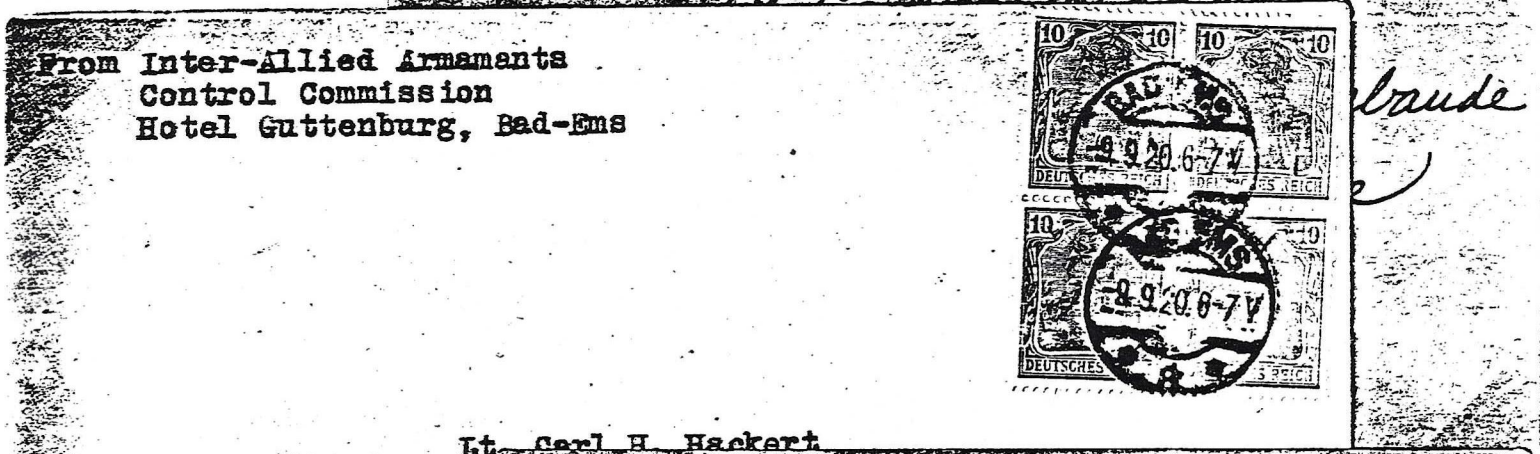
Ziegelgasse 22

Frankfurt a/Main

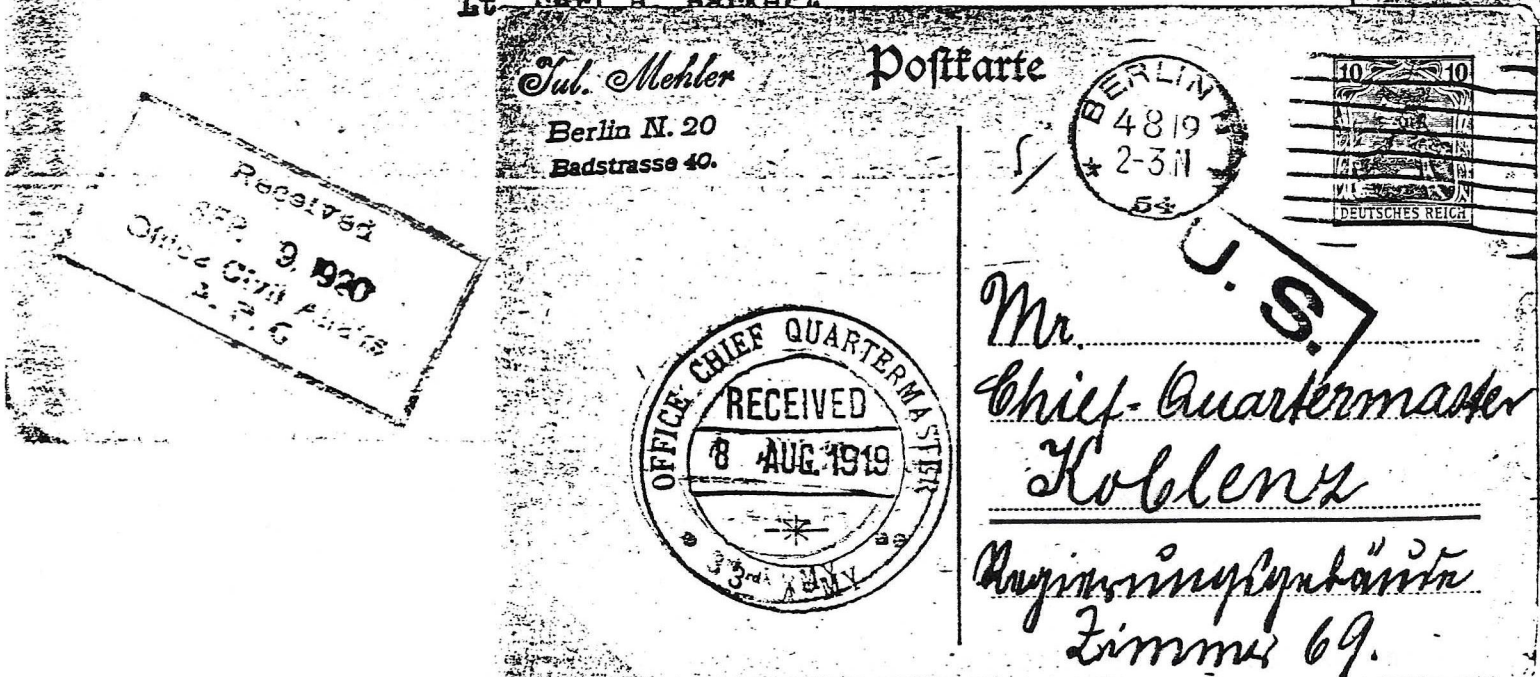
The latest and most elusive postmark introduced for the occupation forces had the letters "A.F.G." in a circle in the center of the killer bars. Only a few examples are recorded, ranging from 10 January to 8 March 1923.

AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

Inbound Mail
4 August 1919
9 September 1920



Lt. Carl H. Hackett



Unit cachets on AEF mail are quite unusual. However, they do appear as receiving marks on incoming letters and cards, as used above by the offices of the Chief Quartermaster of the 3rd Army and Civil Affairs of the AFG.

AMERICAN FORCES
Germany

Coblentz
5 July 1922
14 August 1922

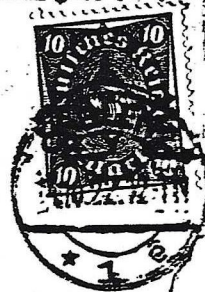
The post office
HOWITZER Co., 8TH INFANTRY
A. P. O. 927.
COBLENZ, GERMANY.



*For Henry Mecklenbeck
in the street #26
Arlingen,
Rhld.*

WAR DEPARTMENT
Deliver M. M. New
Ammer News Quine St. 7.
A.P.O. 927 - A.F. in 5.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300



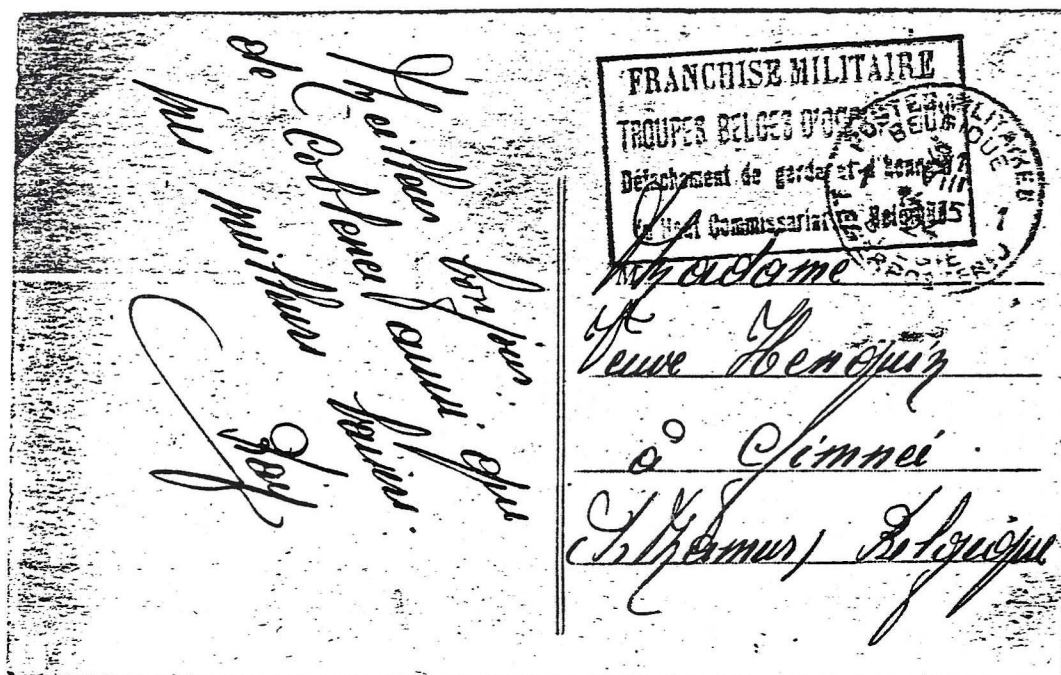
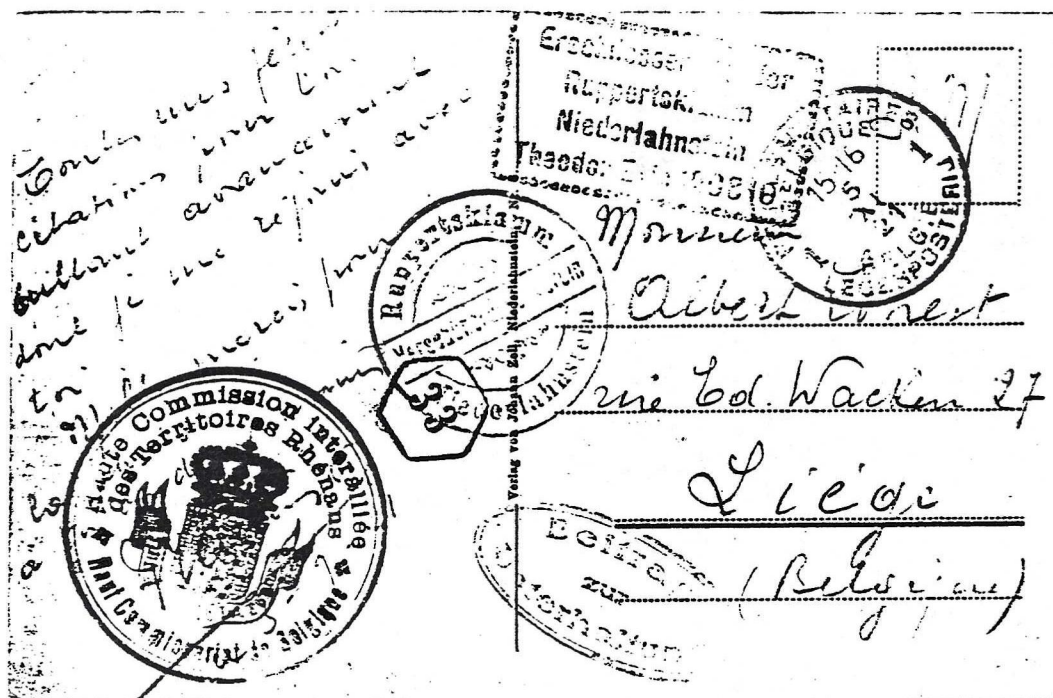
*Mrs. J. M. Sibbitt
Hoopeston
Illinois
U.S.A.*

U.S.A.

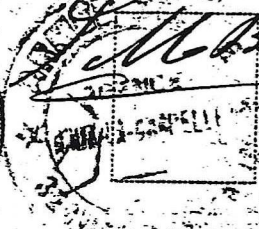
By June 1922, the postal personnel had been reduced to one agent, an officer and four soldiers, and the office was relocated from the German GPO in Coblentz to a single room in the AFG building. Some of the troops elected to send mail through the German civil postal system, which was probably more efficient by that time.

BELGIAN FORCES
Germany

Postes Militaires 1
5 November 1921
31 August 1924



The first fieldpost office for the Belgian forces in the Rhineland opened in Aachen in December 1918 and remained in operation until 27 November 1929. Note cachets on the above cards for the "Interallied High Commission for the Rhineland" and "Guard of Honor Detachment of the Belgian High Commissioner" (which reportedly consisted of an officer, 5 non-coms and 26 enlisted men).

M^{me} Father Joseph
 Lalla en cours
 Rue du Haut Prie 25
 Liège Belgique

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The Belgian forces in the Rhineland initially opened eight numbered fieldpost offices in the major towns. Postmarks were inscribed "Military Post" in French and Flemish. PM #1 was located in Aachen, the largest city in the Belgian zone of occupation. Manuscript and cachet denote origin at "Aix-la-Chapelle" (Aachen).

Postes Militaires 7
31 May 1922

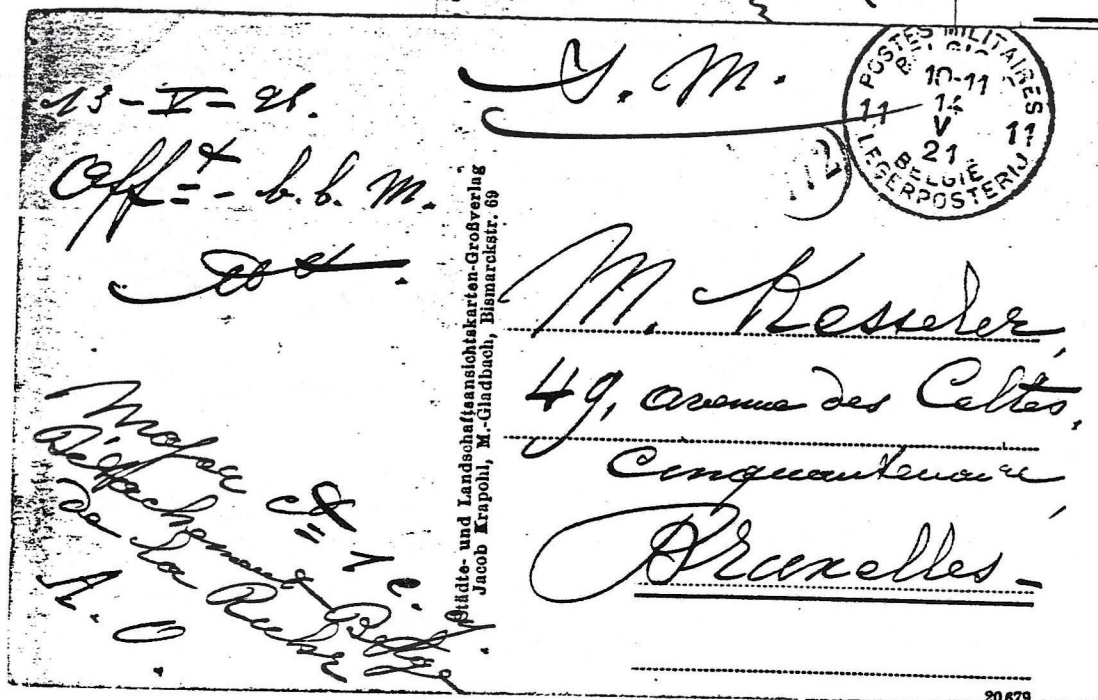
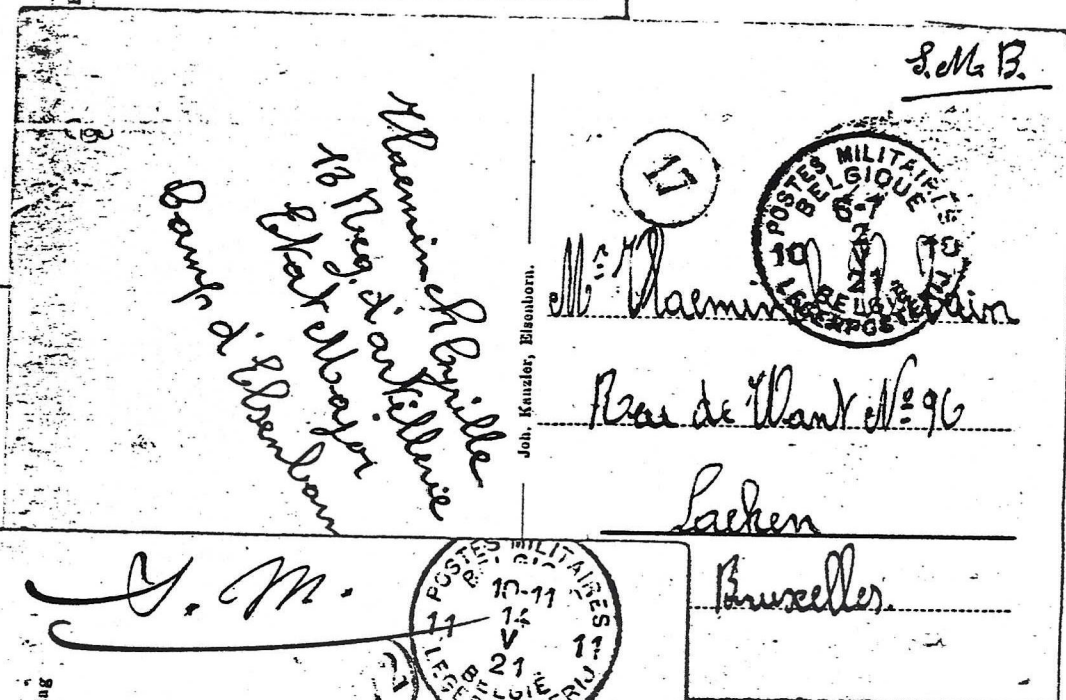
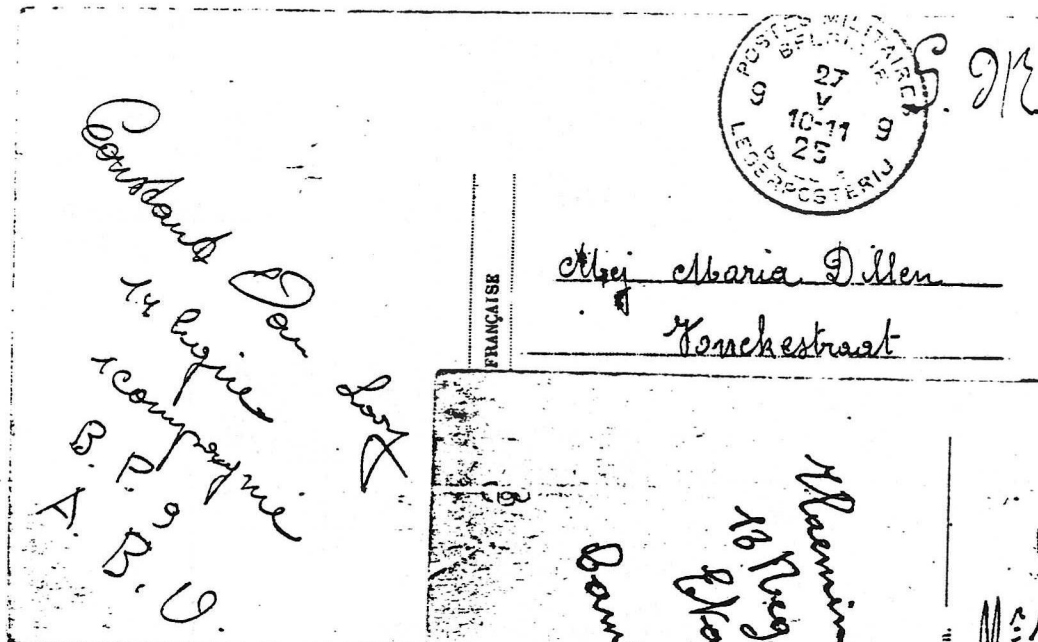
Except for those in Aachen and Mönchengladbach, the Belgian fieldpost offices in Germany were closed down in December 1925 and January 1926. Examples of mail from other towns in the occupation zone, including Crefeld, Geldern, Neuss and Moers, respectively, are shown.

BELGIAN FORCES
Germany

Postes Militaires 9
27 May 1921

Postes Militaires 10
2 May 1921

Postes Militaires 11
14 May 1921



Several additional field post stations were opened for the Belgian forces in 1920, including those shown above at Duisburg, Lager Elsenborn and Gladbeck.

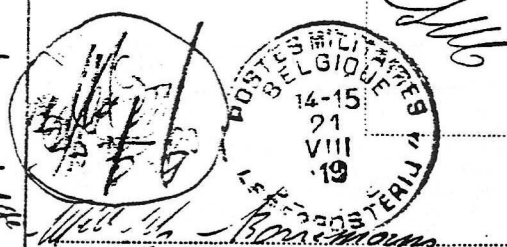
Postes Militaires

21 August 1919

Army Post Office G.R.
15 June 1920

Gruß aus Köln a. Rh.

Grüß aus Köln a. Rh.



1 Charlott. Street
Fitzroy Square
London W. 1.



Picture post card and cover show manuscript endorsements of the "Belgian Mission to the British Army on the Rhine" and the "Interallied Commission of Navigation." The former was carried by pouch from Cologne in the British zone and placed in the mails at the Belgian field post office. The latter was mailed via the British military post office (G.R. = German Railhead) in Cologne.

BELGIAN FORCES
Germany

Crefeld
16 August 1919

Wiesbaden
June 1920

Armée d'occupation. 4^e Zone. - Section Economique de Crefeld.



A LA FIRME SCHUCHARD & CO.

Service Belge
de
la Restitution Industrielle
— S. R. I. —
WIESBADEN



S. M.



AU CAPITAINE en 1^{er} QUARTIER - MAITRE

de L'ETAT - MAJOR GENERAL de l'ARMEE

Casernes du 1^{er} Guide

BRUXELLES.
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Official mail showing corner cards of the Army of Occupation for the 4th (Belgian) Zone and the Belgian Service for Industrial Restitution.. Such official mail was free of postage if sent to Belgium or within the occupied zone .

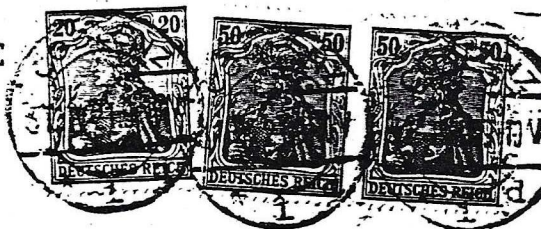
BELGIAN FORCES
Germany

Coblentz
26 June 1920
31 August 1921

HAUTE COMMISSION INTERALLIÉE
DES TERRITOIRES RHÉNANS

HAUT COMMISSARIAT DE BELGIQUE

COBLENCE



Suisse

Régie Louis Weber

Recommandé 636

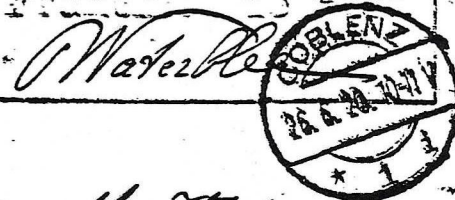
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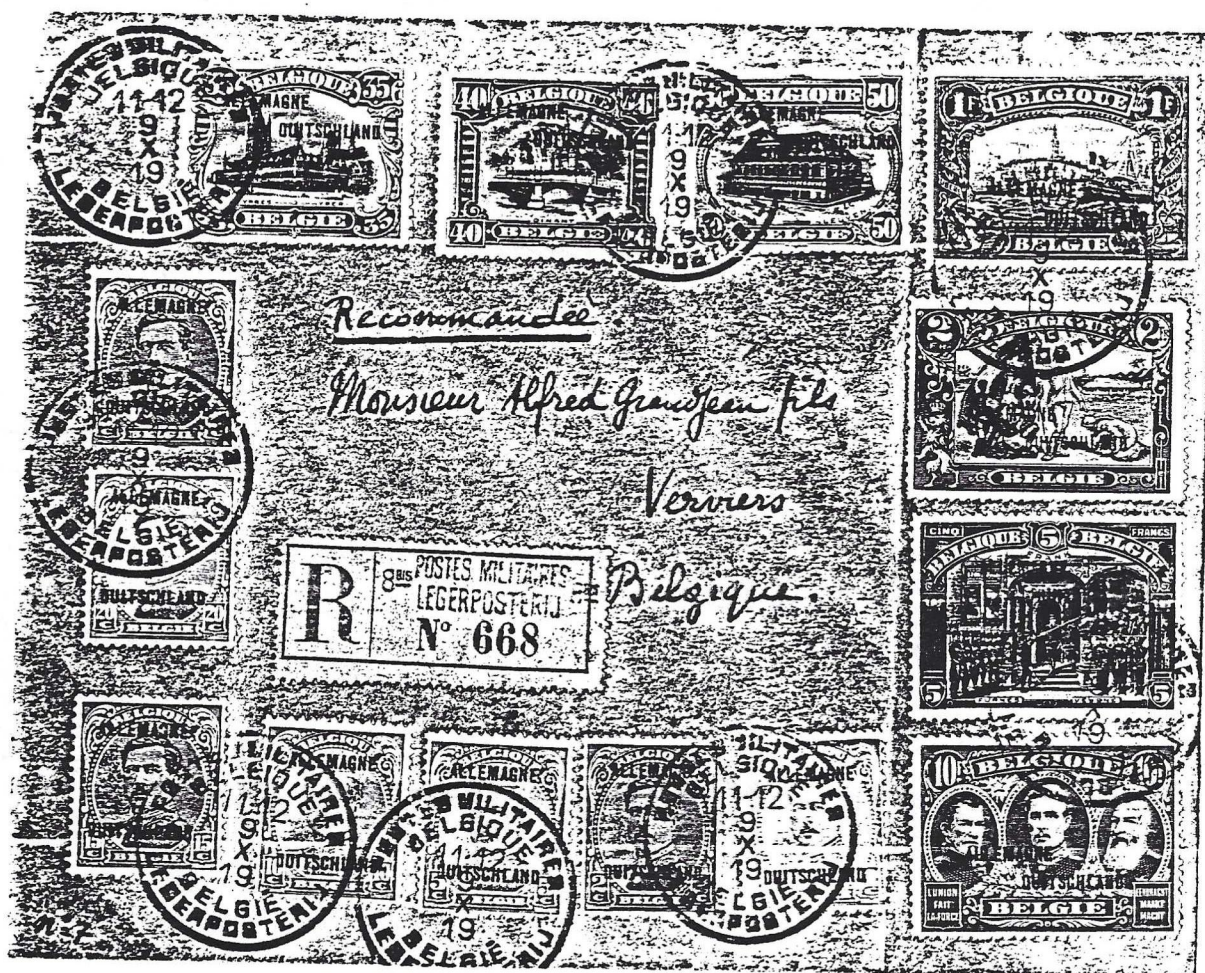
Haute Commission Interalliée
des Territoires Rhénans.
Haut Commissariat de Belgique
Coblentz



*du quartier général
du
Grand quartier Général
Lorenz 1^{er} Luites*

Bruxelles

Commercial mail with corner cards of the "Belgian Commissioners of the Interallied High Commission for the Rhineland." Postage was required on the cover to Switzerland. Examples of Official Registered mail are unusual.



While postcards and letters up to 20 grams to and from the troops were free of postage, on 20 September 1919 the Belgian government issued 14 values overprinted "Germany" to pay other postal charges in the occupied territory. (The other occupying powers did not issue special stamps.) The high values of this set are almost never seen on covers, except philatelic ones.