

Nov. 29, 1951

Dearest Bob:

This letter may never reach you but maybe it will. I wrote you at Yokohama. Wonder if you got that.

Connie + her boy friend came home

**Korean War Merchant Seaman November 1951 – Truly scarce air mail cover and letter from Boise, Idaho, to a seaman aboard the SS Martin Behrman of the Alcoa Steamship Co., Pusan, Korea.**

Mostly family news, but one paragraph reads. "I'm so glad you got there safely. Was afraid of that ship. The news today is that the armies have ceased firing. Hope it continues, but I fear it is too good to last." The war stalled on the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in November 1951. The Martin Behrman was a WW2 Liberty ship. Scrapped in 1965, her bow rests in the Liberty Ship Memorial Park in Portland (Wikipedia doesn't say which Portland).

Mr. R. T. Painter  
SS Martin Behrman  
Alcoa SS Co.  
c/o C. F. Sharp S Co.  
Pusan, Korea



Painter

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US/Guatemala Returned Mail: 1924 (June 5) 'Bank of Italy / Los Angeles, California' commercial cover sent to Morales, Guatemala with 'Los Angeles' 2 cent Meter Postmark in red. 'Violet 'Correos de Morales' arrival duplex (June 18). Undeliverable and marked for return with three Guatemalan instructional handstamps. Franked on reverse with Guatemala 12½ c block of eight tied by two additional 'Correos de Morales' duplex postmarks (June 19) with blue 'Recibada en Guatemala' transit duplex (Guatemala City) alongside dated June 20. The Los Angeles bank's purple internal receiving datestamp on front date Feb. 14, 1925 on front.

\$100

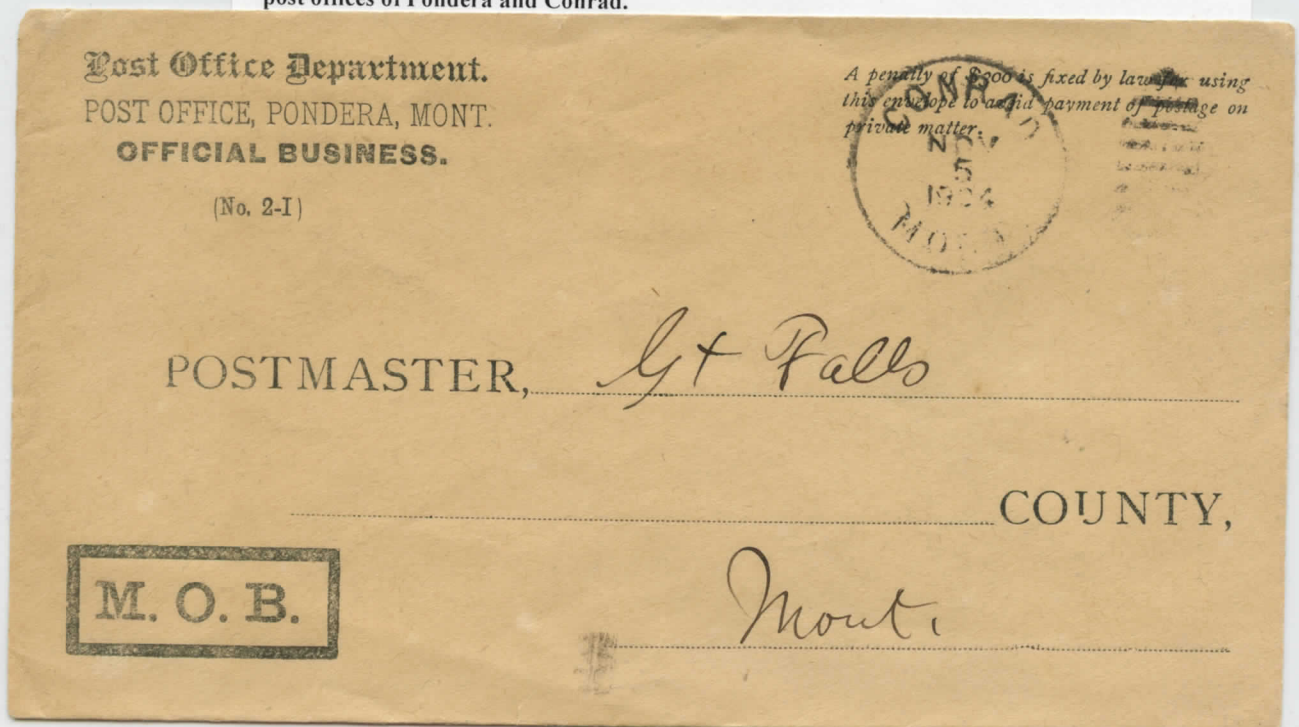


Montana: 1904 (Nov. 5) Post Office, Pondera, Mont. Official Business stampless envelope canceled by 'Conrad Mont.' duplex, used to Great Falls, Montana (Nov. 6 bkstp).

\$250

Prior to Montana's 1889 statehood, there was no post office in the tiny town of Pondera, but one was opened in in 1892. At the end of 1902, the town ceased to exist, and all six of Pondera's buildings were moved one mile west, where the town of Conrad was established and a post office was opened.

This may well be the only surviving piece of mail that demonstrates the connection between the post offices of Pondera and Conrad.





US Fraudulent Mail: 1931 (May 15) Cover from New York City addressed to St. Johns, Newfoundland  
franked with 2¢ Washington tied by 'Grand Cent. Annex NY 3' slogan duplex. Two different violet  
'Fraudulent...' instructional handstamps applied in New York. \$200

Rare surviving early example of International Fraudulent Mail with original printed enclosure  
from Army and Navy Veterans in Canada' Lottery Subscription.

*In response to numerous ongoing abuses caused by lotteries in the US going all the way back to  
colonial days, they were banned in the United States from 1895 to 1934. During that time, any mail  
concerning lotteries and sweepstakes was subject to interception by the post office and return to  
sender. The latter was not possible with this cover, since there was no return address, but the  
addressee was well known to the post office. Note that the address appears typewritten, but close  
examination shows that it was mimeographed.*

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Messrs. G. H. Garlick  
and  
E. S. Dallman

St. Johns

New Foundland

FRAUDULENT

Mail to this address returned  
by order of Postmaster General  
New York, N.Y. Varick St, Annex

STREET AND  
NUMBER



Business of addressee declared  
Department of Post Office  
NEW YORK, N. Y. MAY 23 1931

Paquebot Mail: 1932 (Feb.) Cover posted on the Canadian Passenger Steamship Prince Henry to New  
Jersey with violet 'T.S.S. Prince Henry / Purser's Office / Posted on the High Seas' franked with  
Bermuda 1d, 2½d tied by US 'Boston' duplex with partial additional strike alongside and Misspelled  
'PAQUETLOT' straightline (Dovey & Morris #1856, see p. 128) in red-violet. Minor soiling. \$200

A very early example of this Paquebot marking, rated as 'Very Rare' in the current edition of  
Hosking (2010). Presumably a usage bearing Bermuda stamps would be rarer still.

About 15% of the thousands of different Paquebot markings known are rated as Very Rare or higher.

Miss Verona S. Bretwiser  
461 Washington Ave  
Granewood  
New Jersey.  
U. S. A.



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US Navy 'Usage' of Cuban Stamps: 1939 (April 3) Airmail cover to California franked with Cuba 10c Airmail (Scott #C13) tied by 'USS Raleigh' duplex. \$125

*At the time this cover was posted, the light cruiser USS Raleigh had just participated in the Caribbean 'Fleet Problem' training exercise. Moored at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack, the Raleigh was struck by a torpedo but also helped shoot down five Japanese planes. Following repairs, the Raleigh went on to have an illustrious career through the remainder of the war, especially in the Aleutians.*

AMG, USS Raleigh  
& PM New York NY



Mrs. A.M. Granum  
320 Pomona Ave.  
Coronado  
California  
U.S.A.

United States: 1896 (May 22) Local Special Delivery Usage of 2¢ Washington envelope franked with 10¢ Special Delivery tied by two 'New York 9 PM' duplex postmarks. 'Attempted Delivery' pink cachet applied with 'Closed' inserted by hand. 'P.O.N.Y. 11 PM' bkstp with Post Office Instructional Label indicating, per postal regulations, that the cover would now be handled as Ordinary First Class Mail. Handwritten 'Deliver by Carrier' notation added on front accordingly. \$400

Rare and Friday Night Special Delivery cover. Edition #7 of the Post Office label. At least 23 different versions ('editions') of this label were produced by 1903. Apparently 25,000 labels of each edition were printed and distributed to post offices; then a new edition was printed.

If not called for in Ten days,  
Return to P. O. BOX 2807  
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New York City  
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Deliver by Carrier

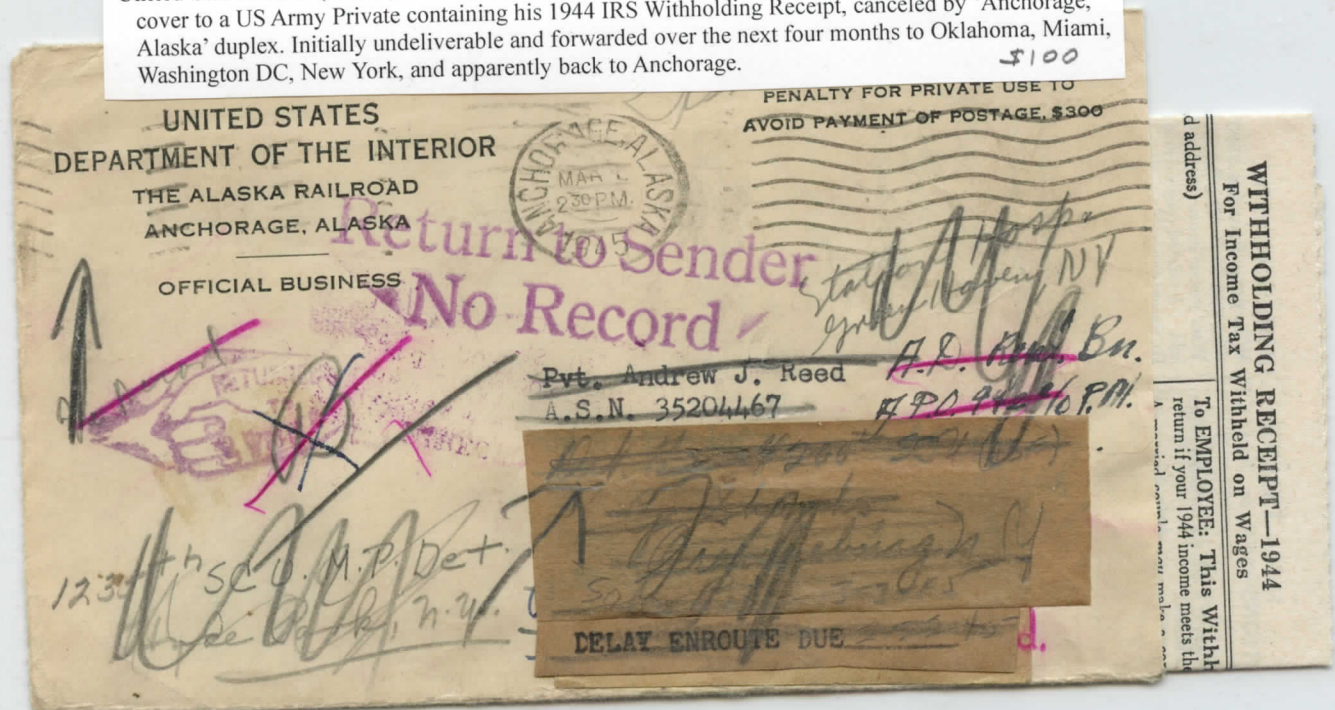


United States: 1905 (Sept. 30) Battle Creek Sanitarium advertising cover franked with 1¢ Franklin pair (Scott #) tied by 'Battle Creek Mich.' flag duplex. Indistinct arrival bkstp (Oct. 1). \$100

While serving as chief medical officer of the sanitarium, in 1894 Dr. J.H. Kellogg did considerable amount of dietary research, especially breakfast cereals, and invented and patented Kellogg's Corn Flakes.

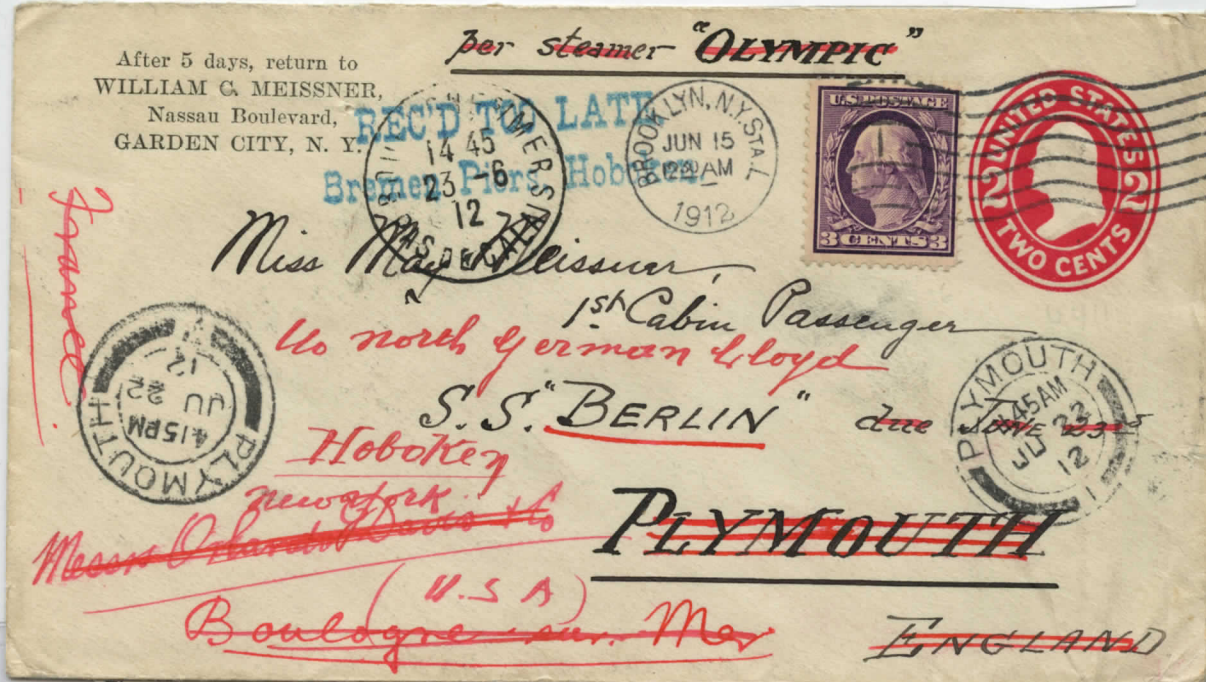


United States: 1945 (March) US Department of Interior / The Alaska Railroad stampless official cover to a US Army Private containing his 1944 IRS Withholding Receipt, canceled by 'Anchorage, Alaska' duplex. Initially undeliverable and forwarded over the next four months to Oklahoma, Miami, Washington DC, New York, and apparently back to Anchorage. \$100





**Transatlantic Mail:** 1912 (June 15) US 2¢ Washington envelope franked with 3¢ Washington tied by 'Brooklyn, NY Sta. L' duplex. Addressed to a passenger on German Lloyd's 'S.S. Berlin, Plymouth, England...due June 23rd' and originally endorsed 'per steamer Olympic'. Sent via Hoboken, New Jersey where blue 'Rec'd Too Late / Bremen Piers Hoboken' straightline handstamp was applied. The cover did in fact get to Plymouth (two June 22 arrival postmarks), then sent to an agent in France with French 'Boulogne-Sur-Mer / Pas de Calais' transit postmark (June 23). \$125



**First World War:** 1918 (April 2) Cover from Pennsylvania to A.E.F. Corporal Prescott W. Gould of the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion in France franked with 5¢ Washington tied by 'Philadelphia, Pa. Mount Airy Sta.' duplex. Undeliverable due to Gould's death and struck with violet 'Deceased / Verified By / Statistical Division H.A.E.F.' boxed cachet. Then forwarded to Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts (Gould's town of residence), then with 'Unclaimed' and 'Returned' handstamps and presumably sent back to the original sender in Pennsylvania. \$175

Prescott Wilder Gould (1894-1918) enlisted in the US Army in 1915 and served on the Mexican Border prior to US entry into the World War. He was sent over to France in September 1917, was promoted to Sergeant in April 1918. Gould died from 'disease' (possibly due to a German poison gas attack during the April 20th Battle of Seicheprey, the AEF's first battle) on May 16, 1918 at a base hospital in France.

With original handwritten letter from family friend Ilse Keppelmann who addresses Gould by his nickname 'Pecker' and also includes the soon to be ironic sentiment 'It seems awful to be over here enjoying life when there is so much suffering in France.'







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Breckenridge  
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United States: 1898 (ca.) Multiple-Weight Wrapper franked with First Bureau 1¢ Franklin single and ten 2¢ Washingtons all tied by 'Chicago Ill / 44' double ovals. Sent to Breckenridge, Missouri, a small town northeast of Kansas City. Some faults due to size and weight. \$ 2.00  
Believed to be one of the few surviving examples of a First Bureau issues franking meeting this 21¢ Third Class Printed-Matter rate for 42 ounces (2 pounds, 10 ounces). That is a lot of weight!

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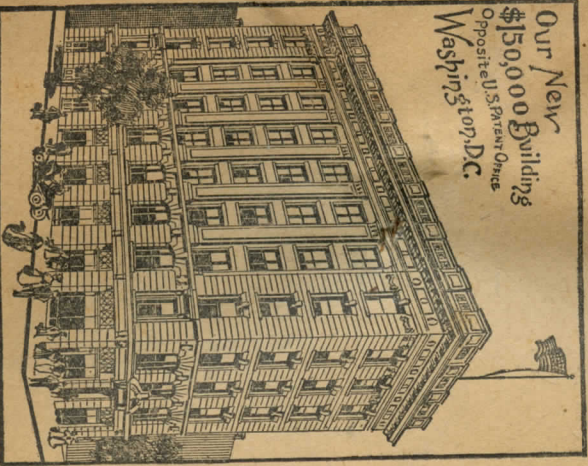
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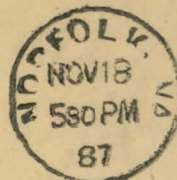
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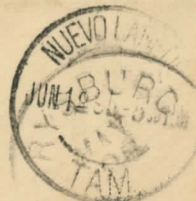


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NO. 435,609

GRANTED, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890.

TO Chas. H. Otis

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SOLICITOR OF

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220 Main St.

Connecticut

Hartford

The Smyth Manufacturing Co.



United States: 1890 (Sept. 3) Letters Patent triple-weight cover from New York City to Hartford, Connecticut franked with Large Banknote 4¢ Jackson and Small Banknote 2¢ Washington (Scott #215, 220) tied by 'New York 44' duplex osimarks. 'Hartford' arrival bkstp (Sept. 4).

\$1.75

Rare mixed-issues franking of the short-lived 4¢ Jackson stamp.

Smyth Manufacturing Company invented and manufactured products for the book binding industry, such as the first sewing machine used for attaching book covers. The Serrell firm were prominent patent attorneys. Their founder Lemuel Wright Serrell (1829-1886) had worked closely for more than ten years with Thomas Edison, and for a short time with a young Nikola Tesla.



Open by Cutting this End.

# REGISTERED PACKAGE

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*W. H. Wood*  
*Providence*

No. 665

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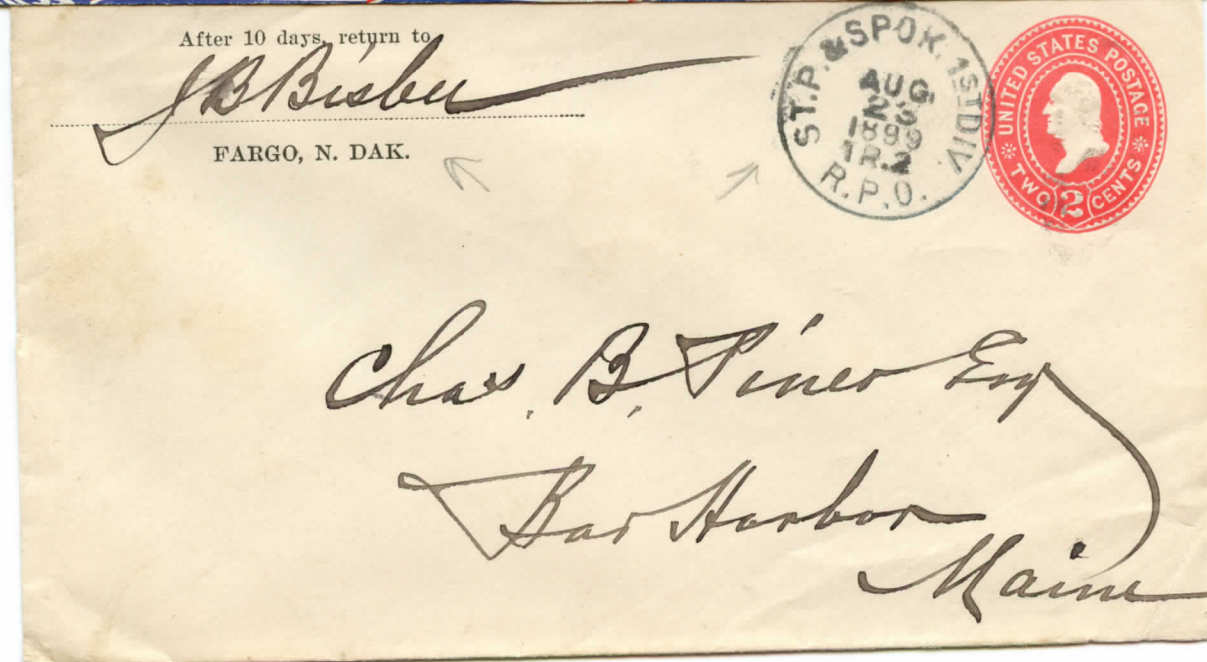
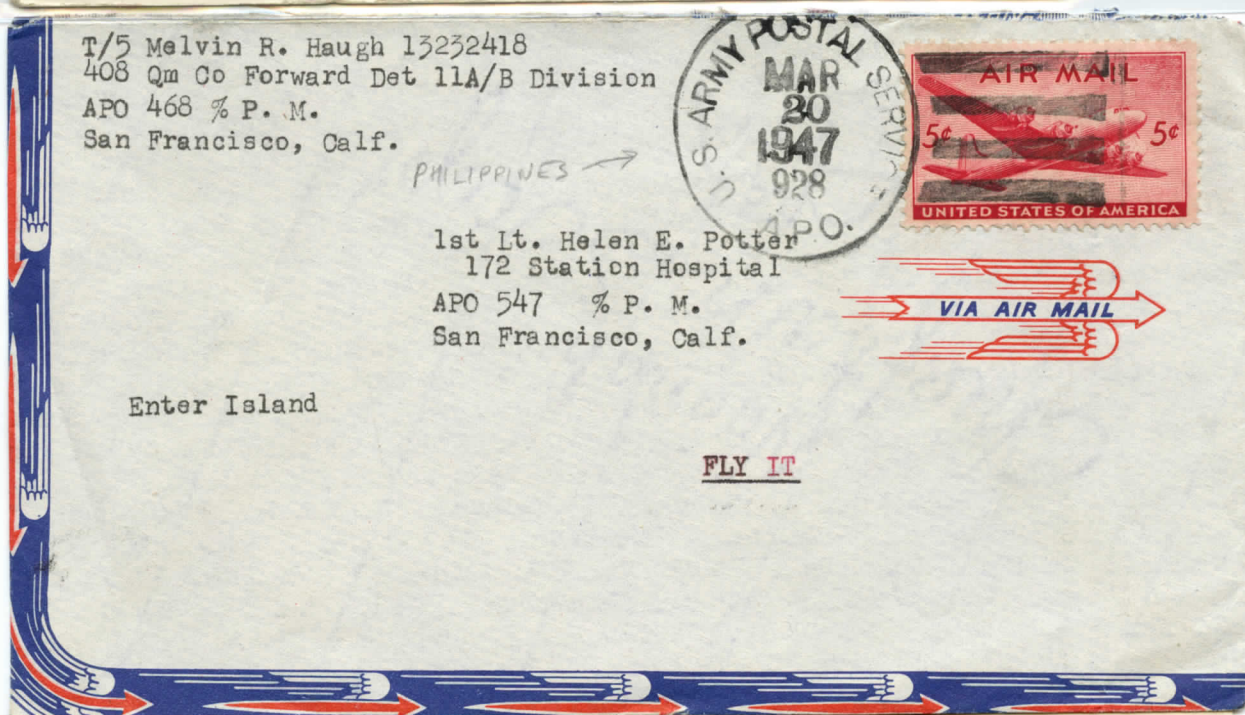
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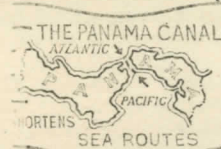
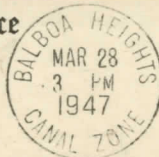
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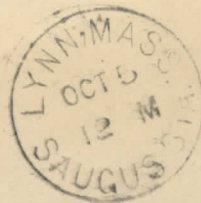
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Dixie Clipper Airmail: 1939 (Aug. 22) Airmail cover from USA to Hungary franked with 30¢ Winged Globe (Scott #C24) tied by 'New York' duplex. Two 'Budapest' bkstps (Aug. 28). \$75  
 Early example of mail from the US to Hungary on Pan American's Dixie Clipper via the Azores and Lisbon to Marseille (42 hours total), a service inaugurated on June 28, 1939.

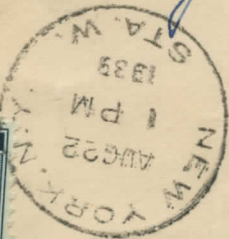
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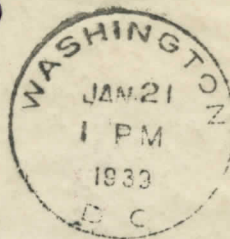
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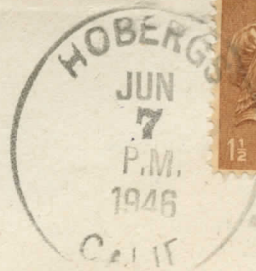
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