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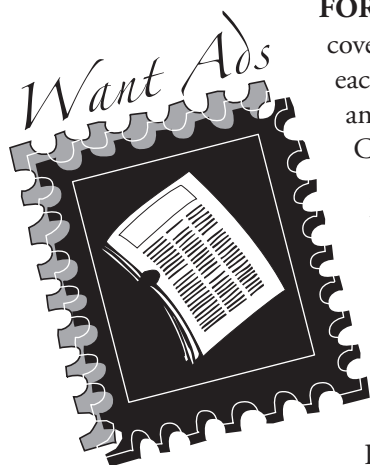
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AWARDS

Colopex 2000—Silver-Bronze
Colopex 2002—Silver-Bronze
STaMpsHOW 03—Silver-Bronze





FOR SALE: "Grandfather's Collection" Beautiful Alaskan covers, mostly older, 7 hand colored/ drawn cachet with each order. Nice Alaskan covers. 35 covers \$110.00 Guaranteed. Victor Schwez, 10519 Casanes Ave., Downey CA 90241

FOR SALE: I am a longtime vintage paper dealer who is phasing out over the next year. I deal with many museums and websites (on dozens of subjects) who collect for archives and/or sell in shops or on line. I have a large collection of Stamp Collecting Paper... articles, photos, stories, ads, etc... great graphics and information... from all eras and publications.

Please contact me for more details: Sandi at gallopingbeggar@adelphia.net

HELP WANTED: I am looking for information about the Anchorage Contract Station 11. I never found anything about it and I do have the numbers 10 and 12 and the existence of Number 11 is then logical. Dirk van Gelderen, Voorkade 74, 2771 ZB Boskoop, Netherlands. Email: info@esveld.nl

WANTED: Any old postal cards or covers from the Chitna, McCarthy, Kennecott area, 1890 - 1950. Please send list to: Thomas Kinzer, P.O. Box 107, Chitna, AK 99566-0107

HELP WANTED: I am looking for mint and used postcards depicting ALASKA LIGHTHOUSES. Russell Bartlett, 5 Saint Clare Street, Braintree, MA 02184-8239

WANTED: Any era postal cards (government preprinted stamps, not picture) used in Alaska. No philatelic, please. Don Glickstein, 1300 University St. #9G, Seattle WA 98101. Email: glickwolf@earthlink.net

WANTED: Censored civilian mail from Alaska and Western Canada from World War II. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. Email: eknapp@gci.net

WANTED: Mail from the gold rush era Alaska forts. Eric Knapp, 4201 Folker Street, Unit C102, Anchorage, AK 99508. Email: eknapp@gci.net

LOOKING FOR JFK FDCs: I notice that my interest in the 5-cent JFK commemorative stamp issued nationally appears on your web-site. So I ask: Do you have or do you know anybody who might have any 5-cent JFK FDCs from Alaska (i.e. covers postmarked May 29, 1964 with the 5-cent Kennedy stamp? By the way, two more cities can be added to this list: Moose Pass and Seward. Contact Henry B. Scheuer at 800-444-1155.

TAP DEADLINES

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| 1st Quarter | February 1 |
| 2nd Quarter | May 1 |
| 3rd Quarter | August 1 |
| 4th Quarter | November 1 |

Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog Volume 1 & 2

Volume 2 of the Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalog, covering the Alaska Collectors Club, the Gastineau Philatelic Society and the Northern Lights Stamp Club is now available.

The catalog features illustrations of all major and minor covers issued by the three clubs.

The catalog is 8 ½ x 11 loose-leaf format punched for a three ring binder.

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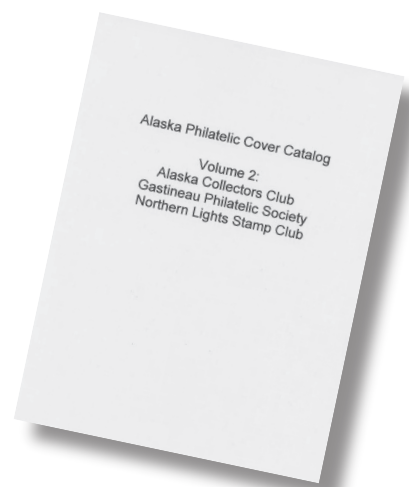
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President's Message

Jim Zuelow (jimzuelow@aol.com)

First, I want to thank Vice President Angela Watson for filling in for me last summer and fall when I could barely get around. Thanks to physical therapy and other help, I've nearly completely recovered from the herniated disc and other back problems that came on with a vengeance late last July.

Secondly, since the terms of all the current board members expire on December 31, 2007, I am reappointing all the Directors and Officers until they or their replacement can be elected. This is a serious matter that deserves the consideration of each member. As has happened in the past, I will be contacting all the current board members by e-mail to see if a slate of candidates can be put together and an election held early in 2008. Unfortunately, there were no responses to my request in the 1st Quarter, 2007 The Alaskan Philatelist issue asking for members who would be willing to serve on an ACC Nominating Committee.

The rules that govern our elections, the ACC Bylaws, are found on our website at www.alaskaphilatellic.org. You can also find them on page 23 of the 1st Quarter, 2006 TAP issue.

Personally, I think it would be helpful to the Alaska Collectors' Club to make some significant changes in how we conduct our business. One change I believe needs to be made in our bylaws is to stagger the terms of our board members. With two exceptions, at the present time all board members serve the same two-year term. The Secretary-Treasurer serves a four-year term, and the immediate Past President serves through the term of his/her successor. Nearly all other similar organizations I am familiar with have directors and officers who serve staggered terms.

In her message in the last TAP issue, Vice President Angela Watson suggested the ACC implement a policy that requires each board member to submit at least one TAP article per year in order to remain on the board. In other words, there would be at least one requirement for being a board member. Most certainly, this would require another change in our bylaws!

I will be appointing an ad hoc ACC Bylaws Revision Committee to study these and other suggestions. Are YOU willing to be a candidate for office and/or serve on a Bylaws Revision Committee?

Finally, I want to thank Eric Knapp and David Schwantes for producing the ACC's 19th Sustaining Member Cover. It's a great addition to any Alaska collection!

Happy New Year—



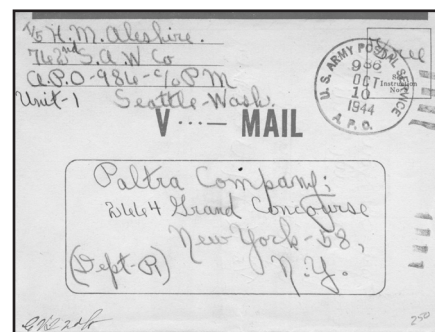
Secretary Treasurer's Report

Eric Knapp (eknapp@gci.net)

It is winter in Alaska, but it sure doesn't look like it. We had a little bit of snow in early November, which then mostly melted off. It is now mid December and my lawn is fully visible. I hope we get some snow before Christmas.

I had a great lesson recently in looking at your collection. I was finally going through a stack of V-mails that I had and I found a rare Alaskan APO in the stack. An APO 986 Unit 1, a small unit on Kiska Island with very few reported covers. This is an APO that has been on my want list for a long time. If I had taken the time to look at these V-mails I could have taken this off of my list.

As I said, this is a good lesson to look at your material. You never know what you will find.



We have a new member to report. Please join me in welcoming:

#697 • Robert Beeman

P.O. Box 10563

Gaithersburg, MD 20898

Interests: Territorial Era, Statehood Era, APOs, First/Last Day POs, Expeditions and Explorations, and Literature

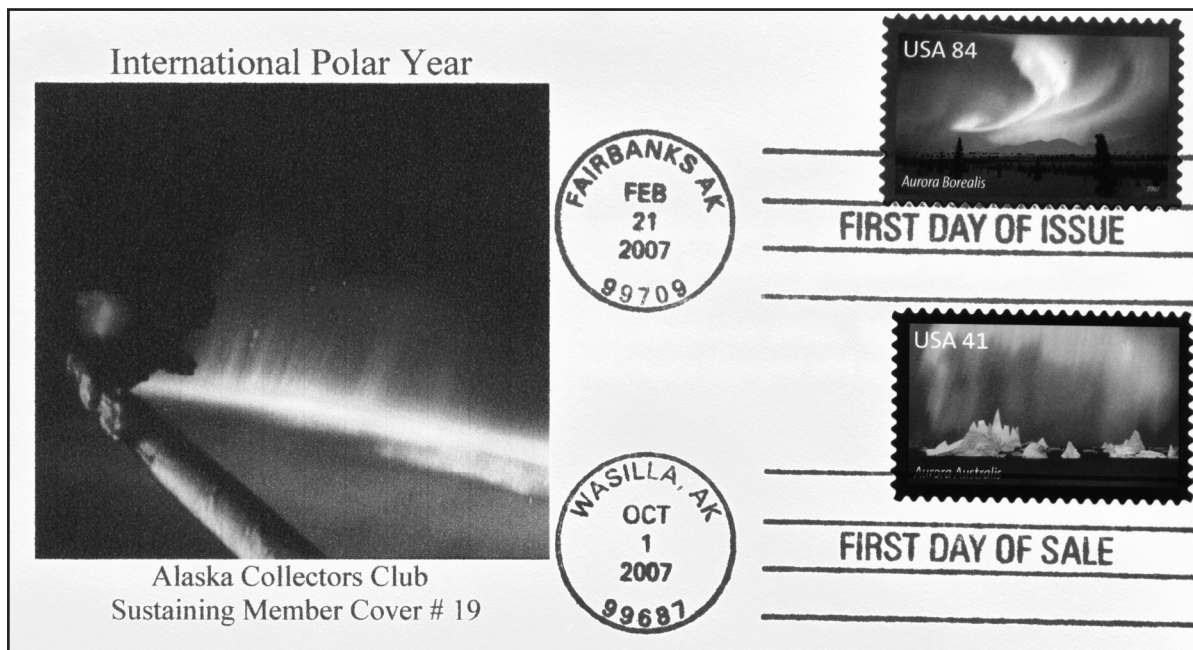
Members in the News

Congratulations to member Ralph Swap for his excellent article, "Harrisburgh, Alaska 1881" in the December, 2007 *American Philatelist*. Ralph joined the ACC several months ago.

Happy Holidays to All!

2007 Sustaining Member Cover

The 2007 Alaska Collectors Club Sustaining Member cover features the International Polar Year. The cover features both the 84 cent and the 41 cent stamps issued in 2007. The picture is a photo of the aurora taken from the space shuttle.



I Don't Know What to Write About! Part IV

We have asked all the members to write about Alaska history as it pertains to philately for this publication many times. We thought maybe the reason we don't get much response is because the perfect topic was eluding you. So, we have compiled list brief list of Alaska history in several parts (other parts will appear in subsequent issues) for you to look over and if something intrigues you, please do a bit a research and write a short piece for inclusion in the next TAP. We really need your assistance.

February 27, 1954 William Snedden, owner of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, reverses the paper's editorial policy and begins advocating for statehood.

July 21, 1954 Douglas McKay, Eisenhower's Secretary of the Interior, lambastes "Operation Statehood" members at a speech in Anchorage. McKay stated that he was "sick and tired of being kicked around by Alaskans" and that citizens of the territory should start acting like "ladies and gentlemen."

August 14, 1954 Commonwealth for Alaska Inc. is founded in Anchorage. The group favored commonwealth status for Alaska as a step between territorial status and statehood.

September 13, 1955 In a special election, 55 delegates were chosen for the Constitutional Convention, which convened at the University of Alaska in November.

November 8, 1955 The Alaska Constitutional Convention begins at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

November 29, 1955 Former Territorial Governor Ernest Gruening's book "The State of Alaska" is published. The book detailed the history of Alaska and described the coming fight for statehood and prosperity.

February 5, 1956 The delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention adopt the constitution for the future State of Alaska.

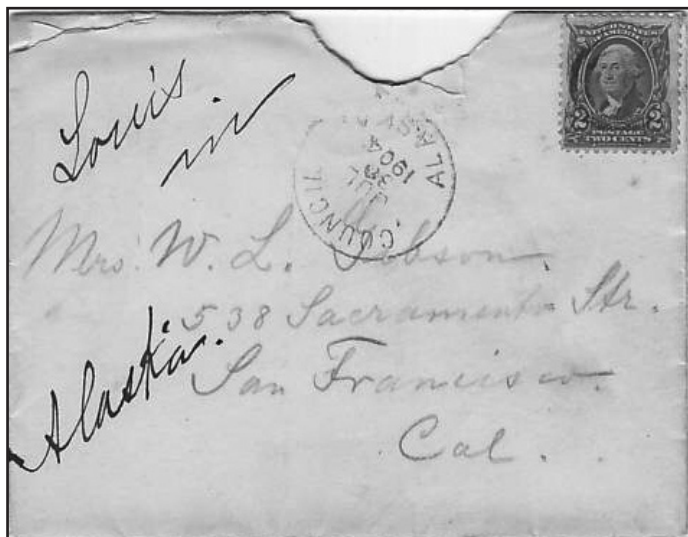
February 6, 1956 The Alaska Constitutional Convention adjourns.

I know it seems like I am always saying it, but it is a constant problem. We need original articles and other material for TAP. I have said it before and I will keep saying it. Everyone has an item that can tell a story and everyone can tell that story. Please take some time and write something for TAP. —Eric Knapp

Council, AK Found on eBay

reported by Dirk van Gelderen

A 1904 cover from Council, Alaska that was seen on eBay is presented here for your drooling pleasure. It's a later than known usage date from the Helbock reference book (Volume 3). It rates at Factor 6 rarity! The opening bid was \$74.99. (Sorry for the poor photo quality; it was all we could come up with.)



Ketchikan Contract Station I Found

reported by Dirk van Gelderen

A copy of Ketchikan Contract station 1 has turned up on eBay and was purchased by Dirk van Gelderen. The last edition of Postmarks of Territorial Alaska lists this as None Known. The cancel is shown below. The seller on this item was our newest member Robert Beeman.



Gold Nuggets

Establishing New Post Offices in the Territory

During his first trip to Alaska, Postmaster John Clum established a number of post offices along the gold rush trails and in the Alaskan gold fields, including:

Sheep Camp • April 4, 1898
Joseph G. Brown, postmaster

Pyramid • May 11, 1898
Albert J. Paul, postmaster

Canyon City • May 18, 1898
Kenneth Murray, postmaster

Eagle City • June 25, 1898
Thomas McMahon, postmaster

Star City • June 25, 1898
John C. Hayes, postmaster

Ft. Yukon • July 4, 1898
Rev. John Hawksley, postmaster

Rampart • July 5, 1898
Milton P. Fleishman, postmaster

Tanana • July 6, 1898
Rev. Jules L. Prevost, postmaster

Anwik • July 7, 1898
Rev. John W. Chapman, postmaster

Koyukuk • July 13, 1898
Frank Pickarts, postmaster

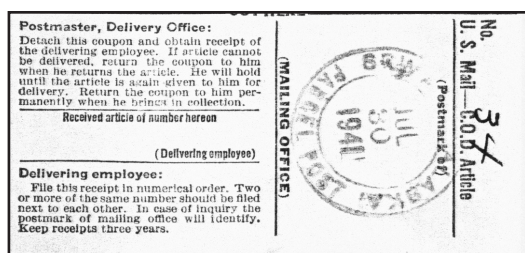
Valdez • August 12, 1898
Thomas A. Edwards, postmaster

Some of these post offices are among the most scarce and sought-after cancellations in Alaska postal history, including Canyon City (which rates as a Helbock 8!). This small tent camp on Chilkoot Trail was nine miles north of Dyea. It was said to have housed 3,000 temporary residents during the spring of 1898. Pyramid (also rated as a Helbock 8) was a village at Mile 64 on the Alaska Railroad, 12 miles NW of Whittier.

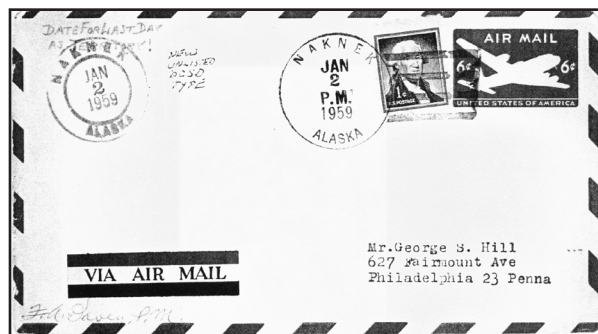
Also of note is Star City (also known as Starr), a mining camp on the left bank of the Yukon River, 11 miles NE of Eagle. The postmaster reported a population of 200+ in November 1898, but their mining boom was very short-lived and no known copies of this cancel are known to exist.

Newly Found Double Circle Date Stamps

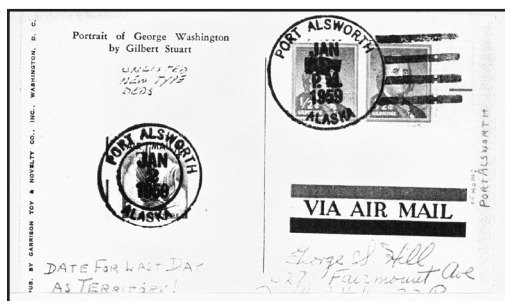
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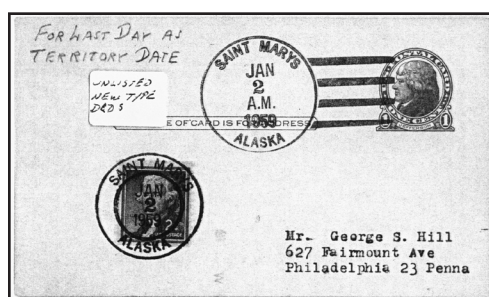
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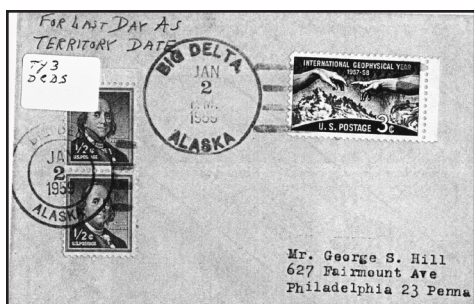
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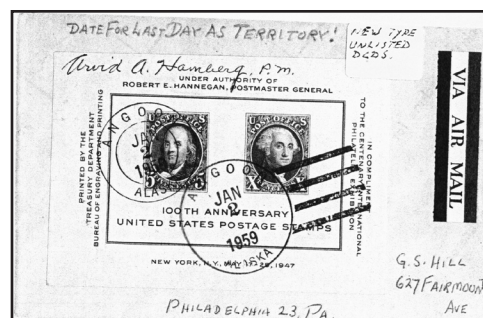
Port Alsworth • Unlisted Type



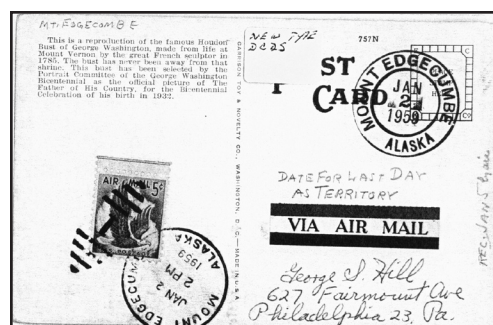
Saint Marys • Unlisted Type



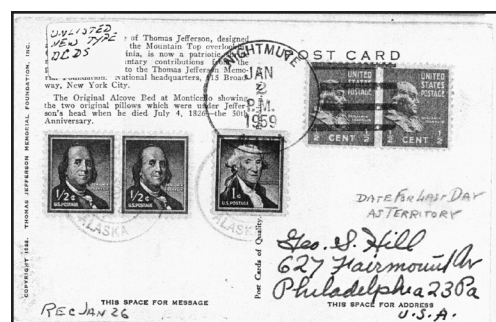
Big Delta • Unlisted Type



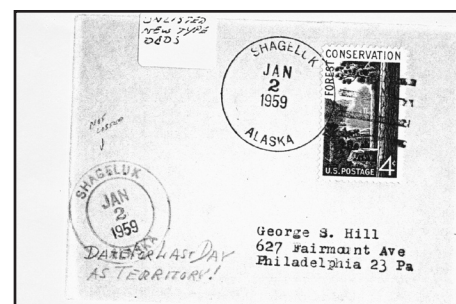
Angoon • Unlisted Type



Mount Edgecumbe • Unlisted



Nightmute • Unlisted Type



Shakeluk • Unlisted Type

Club members want to hear
YOUR story (don't be shy!)

Take the form on page 9 and fill it out. Send it along with a photo and a color copy of your favorite philatelic piece to Angela Watson, 5519 E. Mezzanine Way, Long Beach, CA 90808.

Alaska Cigarette Revenue Stamps

by Peter Martin

While Alaska Territory issued beer wine and liquor revenue stamps during the 1930s and 1940s, Alaska cigarettes did not require revenue stamps until 2004.

I am preparing a catalog of Alaska revenue stamps and since the state does not sell mint stamps to collectors, I am hoping that members of the Alaska Collectors Club may be able to help with these new issues.

The tax stamps were inaugurated January 1, 2004 and each year has seen tax rate increases and new stamp colors. All the issues are heat fusion stamps approximately 11x11mm in size. They have black inkjet control numbers.

The 2004 initial tax rate was five cents per cigarette and stamps were issued in 20 cigarette (blue on yellow) and 25 cigarette (black on green) varieties.

The rate was increased to eight cents per cigarette in January 2005. The 20 cigarette stamps became black on pink and the 25 cigarette stamps changed to black on orange. A third type of stamp, identified as NPM, was added that year. The purple stamp was for cigarettes manufactured by companies that did not sign the Master Settlement Agreement, a 1998 agreement between 46 states and several major tobacco companies. To date, 11 different stamps have been issued. They are listed below with the issued colors.

January 2004

- | | | |
|---|--------|----------------|
| 1 | 20 cig | blue on yellow |
| 2 | 25 cig | black on green |

January 2005

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|---|--------|------------------|
| 3 | 20 cig | black on pink |
| 4 | 25 cig | black on orange |
| 5 | NPM | purple on purple |

July 2006

- | | | |
|---|--------|------------|
| 6 | 20 cig | light blue |
| 7 | 25 cig | light gray |
| 8 | NPM | tan |

July 2007

- | | | |
|----|--------|-------------|
| 9 | 20 cig | white |
| 10 | 25 cig | light brown |
| 11 | NPM | yellow |

Stamp illustrations are needed for the catalog and I'd like to hear from anyone who knows of an Alaska cigarette wholesale dealer able to provide unused examples, especially of the obsolete stamps, and anyone who knows smokers in Alaska that can provide cigarette packs with undamaged stamps affixed.

Contact me via e-mail at pmartin20202aol.com or write PO Box 463, Naugatuck, CT 06770. Contributors will be cited in the catalog unless anonymity is requested.

Gold Nugget

Long before the stampedeers began crossing over the Chilkoot Pass, the area of Dyea was used as a seasonal fishing camp. By the spring of 1897, that began to change. As word of the strike spread, stampedeers began to trickle into the area. By that winter, the trickle had turned into a flood as thousands of stampedeers slogged through the muddy streets, eating and sleeping in quickly-built restaurants and hotels. By 1898, Dyea had outgrown the town plan created only a year before.

Dyea's harbor was not as deep as Skagway's, which meant that most of the ships landed their cargoes at Skagway. Stampedeers (including many who had purchased tickets to Dyea) were often left to make their own way

over to Dyea and the Chilkoot Pass trail. Although tens of thousands of people passed through Dyea on their way over the Chilkoot Pass trail, the town's population never exceeded 8,000.

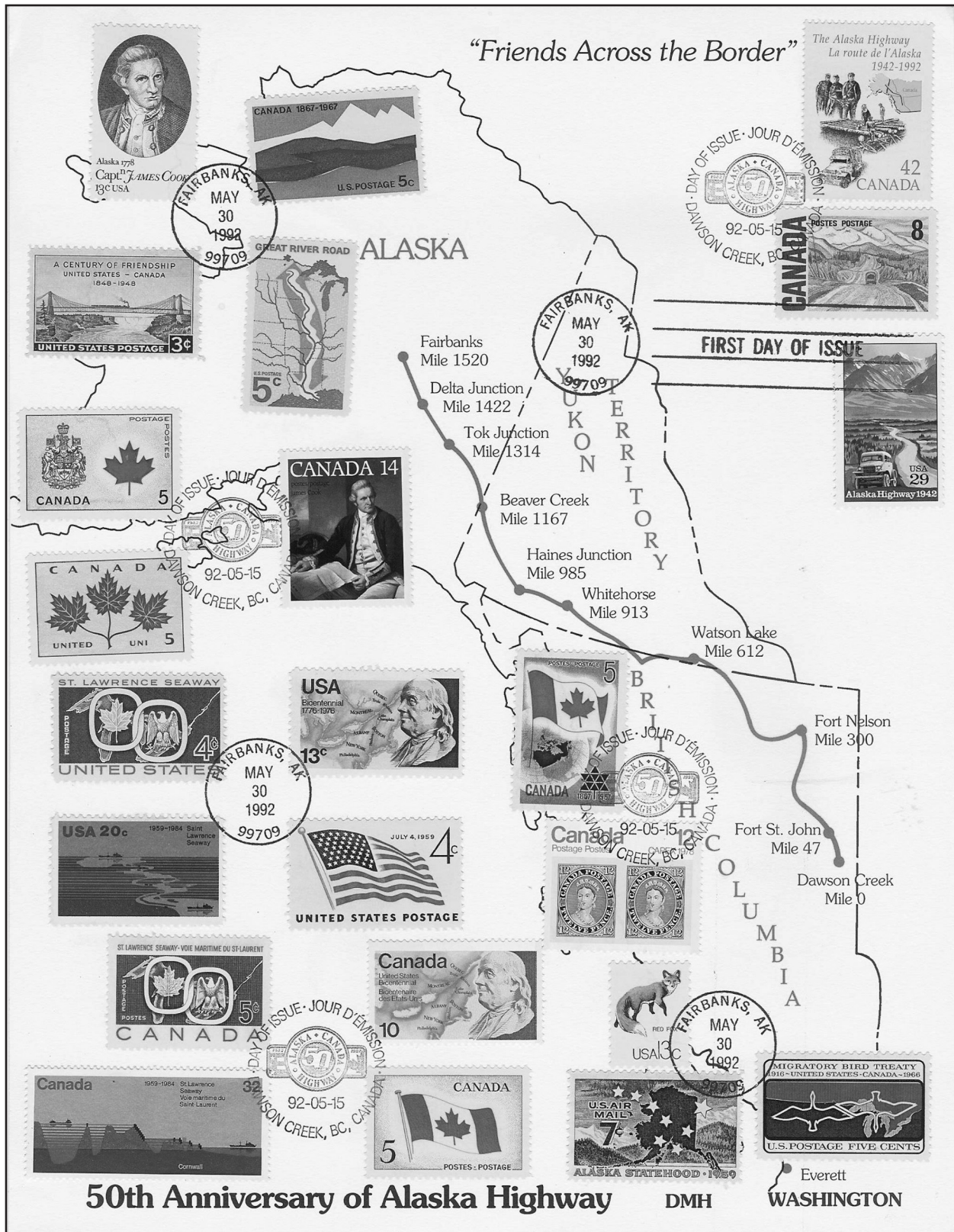
The White Pass and Yukon Railroad meant the end of Dyea. The Chilkoot Pass trail may have been easier or better than the White Pass trail, but it could not compete with the railroad. The town faded away quickly. The post office closed down in 1902. By 1906, a man named E.A. Klatt was the town's only resident, who abandoned the town after tearing down and burning many of the buildings.

The area that was, for a few short years, a thriving community, has been reclaimed by nature. Little remains of the town today, except for the partial exterior of one building, bits and pieces of debris, and two rows of trees that were planted along main street and stand out amid the thick forest that covers most of the town.

Thank you to all who provided material to make this issue possible. They include: Jim Zuelow, Eric Knapp, Angela Watson, Steve Sims, Peter Martin, Duane Heverling and Dirk van Geldren.

First Days Issue in Large Format

by Eric Knapp & Duane Heverling



This 8 1/2 x 11 First Day of Issue page was created by club member Duane Heverling for the stamps issued for the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Highway. Mr. Heverling has been making first day covers for many years and has made this style of page for several stamp issues. This one has the Canadian highway anniversary stamp, the U.S. highway anniversary stamp, and several other U.S. and Canadian stamps that relate to the relationship between the U.S. and Canada. I asked Mr. Heverling about this page and he said they were fun to create, but this one was also difficult because he had to get the pages (along with his covers) to Dawson Creek for the Canadian Ceremony on May 15th and then back in time to take them to Fairbanks on May 30th. He says it was close. He also says all the stamps in each grouping are related in some way.

Letters Home from the Alaska Highway

Part II • transcribed by Eric Knapp

A couple of years ago I was at a stamp show in the lower 48 and a dealer offered me a collection of covers that included a correspondence from the Alaska Highway during World War II.

I purchased it and started looking at my purchase. I had 39 envelopes from a Marion Coleman addressed to his wife in Joliet, Illinois. 12 of the envelopes contained letters. The envelopes are numbered and in one of the letters Mr. Coleman indicated that he was trying to write every day. The letters were mailed in the Canadian civil mail system. All are postmarked at Whitehorse and bear Canadian stamps. None of the covers show any signs of postal censorship.

The return address was care of The Public Roads Administration, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. The Public Roads Administration (PRA) was in overall charge of the construction of the highway.

This is the second and final part of the correspondence of Marion Coleman, an employee of the Public Roads Administration (P.R.A.) involved in the construction of the Alaska Highway.

The letters provide a wonderful snapshot of life in a construction camp along the Alaska Highway.

Letter number 42

November 5, 1942

My Darling,

After mailing your letter last night I took a shower and was ready for bed when the mail box came around yelling

"the mail's in." I went over and had three letters from you. They were postmarked Oct. 26, 27 and 29. I went by before going to the office this morning and had two more from you postmarked Oct. 21 and 22, one from John, One from George and a carton of cigarettes from George. Noticed how they arrived. This is due to the weather. As long as the clouds are heavy we don't expect mail. As soon as it clears up the planes start coming in.

Your letters are you over and over. You are the sweetest thing. Honey, I can't explain the feeling I have when I receive your letters. The faith you express means everything to me. If there is any fellow as proud of his wife as I am of you I wouldn't know where to look for him. To know that you are sticking with me is a great consolation. Isn't it grand to be able to trust each other?

I read your letters over and over, getting a thrill each time. That little picture you sent of yourself is perfect. I showed it to all the fellows and now it is here beside me. I looked at it a hundred times today, falling deeper in love with you at every glance. I would rather loose my wallet than that. Thanks for the other pictures.

Eunice, make me one promise. Get plenty of sleep and don't work so hard. I am afraid you are overdoing things. If you don't get to my letter some nights I will understand. Your health comes first. You shouldn't loose weight.

I enjoy the bowling scores very much and am glad you are taking an interest in it. You really need the exercise and you can be a real good bowler with a little practice. I

have sweet memories of all the times we went to bowling allies together. I believe I was jealous a few times at the club.

You mentioned that your throat was infected. Do be careful. If your tonsils should come out you had better see to it at once. They can impair your health.

Thanks for sending a few of your sizes, but the jackets I mentioned



Letters Home (continued)

are well enough constructed, but I don't like the styles. Everything here is Indian style. I will try to find you a nice pair of bedroom slippers. I am keeping my eyes open for fur such as fox, but they are all so high and then I would have to pay a duty to get them into the U.S. Everyone says it is a lot cheaper to buy them in the states. I would like to get a nice bear skin rug.

I am sorry about your raise, but don't worry as you will probably get it later. If you never get it you are still worth a million dollars per week to me. Keep after Mr. Frieberg. It isn't fair, but I am sure he will do all he can for you.

So Garner took Jack's place. I thought Pat was after it. Chapman told me before I left that if Garner got it he was going to resign. He will probably cause a lot of discontent in the office.

Darling, about the work for girls here. As I stated in one of my other letters, there is some talk that Dowell Construction Company will hire girls here in the spring, but nothing definite. However, I am attaching their address with a little note. Write them a letter at once, but I suspect their letter will state that they are not hiring girls yet. If you should get a letter from them stating that there was a possibility of using you I don't know whether I would approve of it or not. I would give anything to have you here, but I know you would never be satisfied here as there is nothing in the way of entertainment. Write the letter and we will talk about that later. Don't say a word about it to anyone, not even our folks. They would probably think we were crazy.

My greatest worry now is Christmas. For the first time in my life there is not a thing I want, with the exception of you. I have everything I want here and there is nothing at all that I can use. I would like a watch, (yellow gold) but don't want it sent here as my watch keeps perfect time and it would only be ruined in shipment and use here. Here's what I suggest, you give me a watch for Christmas, but not until I come home. It would be foolish to buy it and put it back, so let me make

another suggestion. Just as soon as I say I am coming home you buy me a wrist watch and that would be my Christmas present even if it's in Feb. I hope you don't think this is a foolish idea of mine, but I think it is the most sensible thing as far as my present is concerned. Any suggestions you make will be appreciated.

Now, for your present. Be sure to state in your next letter just what you would like to have. Regardless of what it is I will see that you get it. Due to the mail service you must tell me at once. Darling, don't forget.

Regarding gifts for our folks, I will leave it up to your judgment. I will send you a list of the ones to send Christmas cards to. Honey, I hate to put all the responsibility on you as I know it's a big job, but I am sure you will understand my situation. My hands are tied and I can't do a thing about it.

The thought of Christmas makes me feel rather sick at heart. I know how happy you and I could be together, but I am sure it won't be possible. I want you to be happy and next Christmas we will make up for it.

Honey, it's getting late and I will answer your other questions tomorrow.

I will place that lovely picture of you close to my bed where it will be the first and last thing I see. I always go to sleep thinking of you and wake up the same. I often wonder what I would think about if I didn't have you. No thoughts could be as sweet.

Good night my love,

Marion



Letters Home (continued)

Letter 43

November 6, 1942

My Dearest Eunice,

I gave the letter I wrote to you last night to a fellow this morning to mail for me and a moment ago he came back in with it. He forgot to mail it, so this one and last nights will be mailed together.

The worst thing happened tonight at dinner. The chief auditor for the P.R.A. came over to our table and said he wanted to talk to me. I had a feeling that I know what it was all about. He said I was about the only one that took an interest in my work and he was going to see that I stayed on the job this winter. He said after a few weeks he wanted me to work with him. I really appreciated the interest he showed in me, but I was sorta in hopes I would be furloughed for a little while. I can probably work into something good in a little while which might help me later on.

Honey, I have thought the above over and here is what I have decided. I will not say how long I am going to be here, but anytime I feel that I must see you I will get a leave.

If you feel at any time that you must see me don't hesitate to let me know. I don't want our separation to have any affect on our love whatever. I know I can't stay away from you very long. After a month or so more I can take a leave if I pay my way home and the P.R.A. will pay it back. We will make some arrangement if I stay so I can be with you at least a few days after the first of the year. They might still send me out if the weather gets real bad.

I think I told you in my letters before the type of work I am now doing, but I will explain it again. It's in connection with production cost. We are getting an estimate of the cost per mile of the highway and at the same time trying to keep down the cost as much as possible. That is one reason I have traveled around so much. I go into a camp for a few days and see that everything is going according to the way it should. I determine the expense for a few miles, at the same time I get reports on equipment and employees. If a piece of equipment is idle I report it so, stating the exact reason. If a truck driver is doing other work other than driving a truck I also state that. I make two reports each day and then here in the office it is all put together showing the mile posts. That gives an idea of what each mile is costing and ways that cost can be reduced. The equipment must keep rolling unless there is a good reason for its idleness and the men must work in their classification.

You asked about pictures of me. Well, here is what happened, but I think they will get it straightened out. I had five of the best roll of film sent in to be developed and through some mistake they got my name down as Marion D. Clemens. When I went to the drug store after them they told me that they had no pictures for Coleman. I was sure they were wrong so they looked again and asked me my first name. They then looked at the books and said they had pictures at one time for Marion D. Clemens, but they had been taken out. The fellow said that he was sure he knew the party that got them. If they didn't bring them back he would go over and see. I am supposed to stop by tomorrow. I certainly hope they show up as some of the best pictures I have taken were on the rolls. There were about six snap shots of myself taken at different times. As soon as I get them I will send them on to you.

Don't worry about me not having money. I have enough to do for some time. When I run short I will ask

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you to send me some or I will have it cut out of one of my checks. Be sure to let me know every time you get a check as they can be misplaced so easy in the mail. Always state the amount. If I am short I can raise a complaint here. I have no way of knowing.

John's letter took twelve days. It wasn't signed, but I knew who it was from. I am writing him tomorrow. I promised him one of those pictures you spoke of, so have some more made, not over six. Send me two of them as I will need them to get out of Alaska on my way home.

The "Par Avion" on the air mail envelopes is "By Air Mail" in French. The post office has a lot of French posters on the walls and almost everything one buys here has French printing on it even if it's made in Canada.

I will answer a few more of your questions tomorrow. Someday, I will get caught up.

Darling, take good care of yourself. Remember, "I love you with all my heart."

Your Hubby,
Marion

Letter 53
November 16, 1942

My Dear Eunice,

If I am half nuts when I get back you will know the reason why. The very same thing happens each day. After our regular routine of daily duties we then go back to camp. Most of the fellow lay around on their cots and

count the knots in the ceiling, but they are beginning to complain about that as the number remains the same. Everyone talks about going back to the states, but me. You know, I have stopped planning on anything. I want to come in to see you very bad, but I'll just wait until I get a chance. I am sure that is what you want me to do. I can always join the Army.

The temperature was 5 degrees below zero this morning. No mail has come in for several days due to the weather.

Did you buy bonds with the money from the ones we cashed in? The reason I ask is because there is a possibility that persons buying one fourth of their salary in bonds can deduct this amount from their income tax. That was the talk before I left the states, but I don't know what has happened since. What do you think of buying two \$100 bonds now. That is the best place a person can put their money.

I sent the package today that I mentioned in one of my letters. Please excuse the way it is wrapped as it is very slouchy, but I am not responsible. A girl down at the store fixed it up for me and all I did was address it. Oh yes, she asked all about you, how long I had been married, etc. I think everybody in Whitehorse knows you now.

With a wife as well as you I can stick it out for a while yet. I am really glad that we married when we did as I am so proud of you. I have everything I want to come back to. As long as I know you are well and happy I won't worry too much.

Take it easy.

Good nite darling,
Marion

Letter 56
November 20, 1942

My Darling Eunice,

It is now 11:30. We just returned from the dedication. We missed the main part as we thought it was to be at 10:00 A.M. and it came off at 9:00 A.M. We arrived about 9:30 and all



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we missed was the cutting of the ribbon. It didn't amount to much as mostly newspaper men attended. I was rather disappointed, but due to the weather conditions, we were unable to get any good pictures.

I got a letter from Mother today and one from George. Her letter was dated Nov. 9 and George's Nov. 17. Mother said she received a nice letter from you. I haven't heard for you for a long time and doubt if you have received any late letters from me, although I have sent one each day. The weather has delayed the mail here for about ten days. This will probably happen several times this winter so don't worry. If anything ever happens that you should know in a hurry you will receive a wire and I am sure you would do the same.

I thought of you a thousand times today. I would give anything to be with you tonight, but know everything is for the best. Remember honey, if the time comes that you feel you can't go on without me let me know and I will come back. I will never love another regardless of what happens.

Answer my letters regarding Christmas at once.

Good night my love,

Marion

Letter 57

November 21, 1942

Dearest Wife,

It won't be long until I have been here two months. Honey, almost every minute of that time I have thought of you. There isn't one person here as deeply in love with their wife as I. Why shouldn't I be? I have the best.

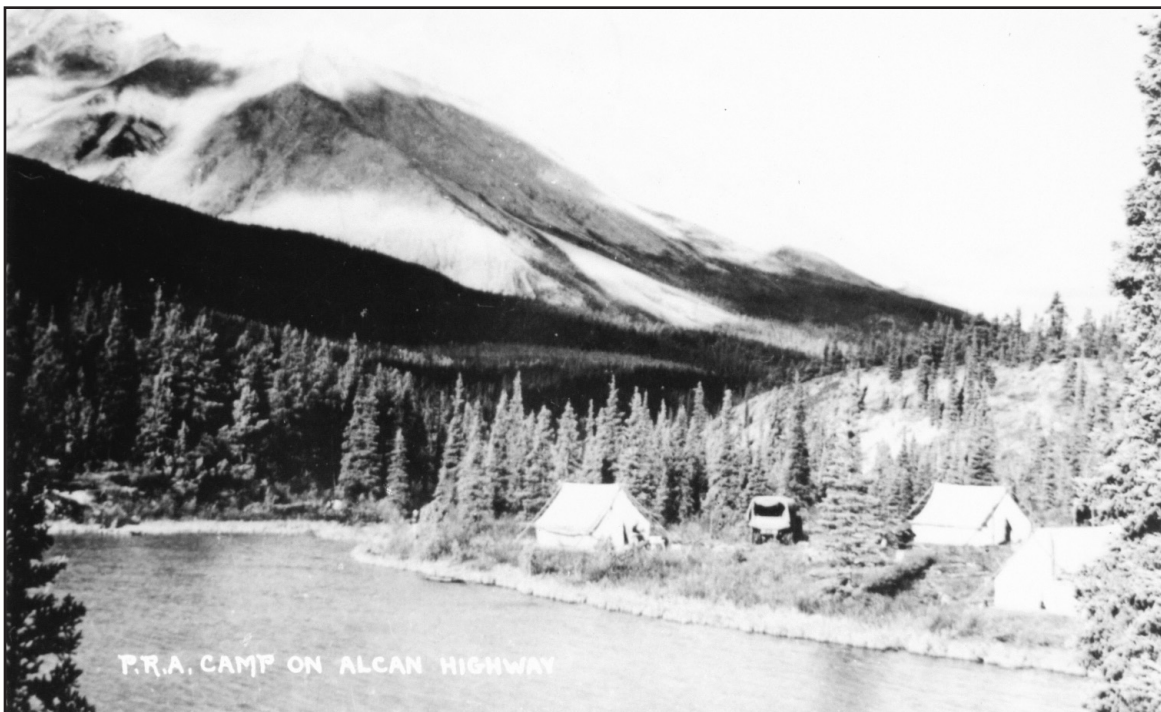
It makes me sick the way most of the fellows act here. It is the most disgusting thing. I am referring to the way these fellows chase after the Indian girls. I think that is the lowest thing a person could do.

I received no mail from you today, but expect mail tomorrow. T was reported that there's a big lot coming in tonight. This will be the first from the states for about ten days.

Try to find out more about where Stack was headed. He didn't show up for the P.R.A., and as I don't know his real name I am unable to check up at Dowells' Construction Co.

The weather has turned out real nice. If it's nice tomorrow I intend to take some more pictures.

The skating rink that I told you about in one of my



This photo post card shows a P.R.A. camp. It is a much smaller camp than the one described in these letters.

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other letters didn't turn out so hot. We had machinery working on it for several days, but when we started to flood it we ran out of water. We have given it up now. There are a lot of lakes close here and we can skate on the river before long.

There's no news that I can tell. I don't know anymore about a furlough.

I hope you are well and making it alright. Bear in mind that I am with you in everything you do. Don't hesitate to tell me everything.

With love and kisses,

Marion

Letter 58

November 22, 1942

My Darling,

There's no mail yet. The last letter I received from you was exactly ten days ago. Anyhow, I can look forward to a lot of mail some of these days. The mail was supposed to come in last night and if it did, it hasn't been sorted. You probably wonder why I use so many 3¢ stamps on my letters. The post office can't keep in airmail stamps, they are always out.

We just finished dinner. Every Sunday we have the same in the way of food. They serve turkey, pumpkin pie, etc. I

am wondering what we will have Thanksgiving. Everyone's tired of this mess.

Honey, you haven't missed a day's work since I left, have you? I am afraid you are working too hard. I am afraid you are working too hard. Promise me that you won't overdo it. Are you going home for Christmas? I wish I could be there with you. I want you to have a real nice Christmas, but I am in a place where my hands are tied and I can't do much to make it enjoyable for you. That is one thing that worries me.

It really pleased my folks that we got married. Mother stated in her letter again the other day that you were everything they could ever expect in the way of a daughter in law. They will always be proud of you.

I am not broke, but I would like for you to send me \$20.00 anytime it's convenient for you to do so. Just put a twenty dollar bill in a letter and register it. I have enough money to do a long time, but don't want to get too low as one never knows what might come up. You don't have to hurry about this.

Being apart as we are has proven one thing. We were meant for each other and can be true regardless of the distance between us.

Goodnight Eunice,

Marion

Gold Nugget

Banking on the Stampers

Dyea vs. Skagway

For most stampers, deciding to leave for the Klondike was easier than choosing a route. The media and public frenzy surrounding this gold discovery was unlike anything that had come before. The public was flooded with questionable reports, advice and maps, much of it from promoters, con-men and self-proclaimed experts scrounging for profits from the tens of thousands scrambling north.

Erastus Brainerd, a Seattle civic promoter, wanted stampers to consider his city the best departure point for the gold fields. He mailed copies of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer --full of breathless stories of the gold discovery--to 70,000 postmasters for display in post offices. Brainerd's

strategy was extraordinarily successful. From 1897 to 1899, Seattle merchants alone took in millions of dollars from departing stampers, considerably more money than miners brought out of the Klondike in the same period.

The competition for stamper dollars continued in Dyea and Skagway, Alaska, the towns at the trail heads for the two most popular routes over the mountains, the Chilkoot Pass and the White Pass. Both towns could be reached by ship and were less than 10 miles apart.

Of the two trails, the Chilkoot Pass out of Dyea was the most popular until the first portion of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad was finished in July 1899, linking Skagway and Lake Bennett. By then, however, the majority of the stampers were already in the gold fields.

Because there were no docking facilities at Dyea, ships unloaded cargo onto the beach, where people scrambled to get all their goods to high ground before high tide. Men were available for hire to help cart crates and boxes off the beach. The going rate was \$20/hour at low tide, but \$50/hour when the tide was rising.

AUCTION



Abbreviations used:

BS = Back Stamp
DCC = Double Circle Cancel
EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover
FD = First Day
FF = First Flight
LD = Last Day
NP = Nonphilatelic
PO = Post Office
T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed.
VF = Very Fine

CC = Corner Card return address
DPO = No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office
4BC = Four Bar Cancel
F = Fine
II = Informative insert
MC = Machine Cancel
PC = Postcard
PMS = Postmaster signed
VG = Very Good
R = Reserve Bid, only 50¢ unless otherwise noted

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1. Akulurak (8/31/51) T2, LD of DPO. PMS on Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
2. Anchorage (9/22/33) T9, PMS. EAMC to Kotzebue (9/12/34) T4, BS. F. R = \$3.50.
3. Anchorage (12/9/35) T9. EAMC to Susitna (1/14/36) T1, DPO on cover face. F, slight water staining. R = \$3.50.
4. Anchorage (9/1/46) T8. First Flight FAM-28 to Seattle (9/1/46) BS. F. R = \$2.00.



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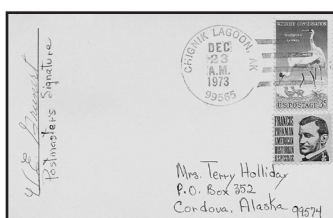
5. Anchorage 1947 Ham Radio QSL card for KL7KF. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$2.00.
6. Anchorage 1947 Ham Radio QSL card for KL7KD. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$2.00.
7. Anchorage (10/5/49) T9. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7SB. F. R = \$2.00.

8. Anchorage (2/23/67) Centennial Slogan Cancel; 15th APEX cachet on cover. F+.
9. Anchorage (7/4/76) Special Bicentennial Station Cancel on cover. VF.
10. Anchorage (2/8/83) Special cancel & cachet George Sullivan Sports Arena. VF.
11. Andreafski (9/1/51) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. F. R = \$3.00.
12. Anvik (6/1/16) T2 on cover. VG. R = \$33.00.
13. Barrow (8/15/38) T12. Special Rogers-Post Memorial cachet on a cover also canceled in Dayton Ohio (5/14/38) with a special cachet for National Airmail Week. Unusual dual cancel & cachet. F. R = \$4.00.
14. Barrow (5/4/44) T10. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/4/44) T8, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
15. Barrow (5/14/63) 0 4BC. Great cachets for North Pole to South Pole Cover. VF. R = 4.00.

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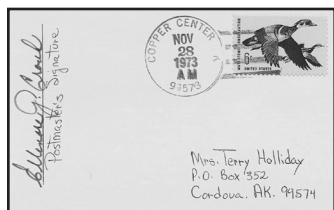


16. Beaver (5/16/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
17. Bethel (3/4/35) T1. EAMC to Fairbanks (3/7/35) T18, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
18. Bettles (12/31/56) T3, Last Day of DPO. Gov. PC. F.
19. Big Lake (12/31/55) T1, T2, Last Day of DPO. VF. R = \$1.75.
20. Brevig Mission (11/30/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F+.
21. Candle (5/17/44) T5, DPO. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (6/3/44) T8. Great franking. F+. R = \$3.75.
22. Cape Yakataga (3/5/44) T1, PMS. Censored EAMC to Cordova (3/13/44) T11. VF. R = \$4.25.
23. Chenaga (9/1/50) T2, First Day of DPO. PMS, GPC. VF. R = \$2.00.
24. Chignik, 1932 unused real photo PC of ship loading salmon. VF. R = \$4.00.
25. Chignik Lagoon (12/23/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.



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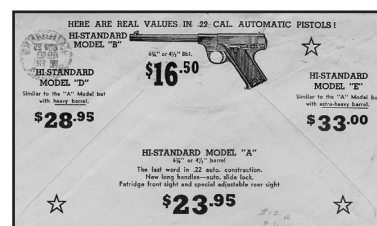
26. Circle (5/10/43) T6. Censored EAMC to Fort Yukon (5/18/43) T4, BS & Fairbanks (5/11/43) T21, BS. VF. R = \$3.75.
27. Circle (5/10/44) T6. Censored EAMC, Break-up Flight. F+. R = \$3.00.
28. Clam Gulch (11/28/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.
29. Clarks Point (8/13/75) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
30. Cold Bay (10/15/57) T1. Gov PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
31. Cold Bay (2/11/87) 4BC. Gov PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
32. Cooper Landing (5/16/91) 4BC. Gov PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
33. Copper Center (11/28/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.



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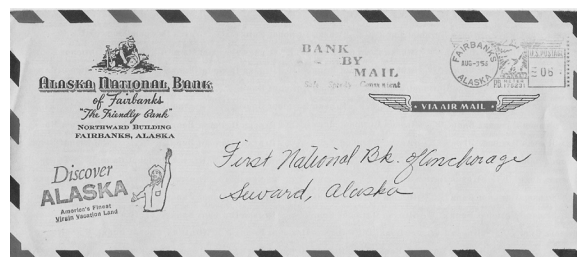
34. Cordova (7/20/13) T3. Picture PC. F. R = \$1.50.
35. Cordova (6/21/53) T11, 50th Anniversary Slogan. PMS. F+.
36. Council (9/3/1903) T1 as BS on cover from Seattle. Also, Nome Rec'd. (8/18/03). F. R = \$45.00.

37. Council (6/16/41) T8 (earlier than listed), DPO. PMS on non-philatelic cover. F, water stain at bottom. R = \$2.00.
38. Craig (2/13/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents~
39. Crooked Creek (12/3/31) T1. First Flight cover to Sleetmute (12/6/31) T2, DPO, PMS. F. R = \$6.50.
40. Diamond (12/10/42) T1, DPO. Dogteam Mail to Nenana (12/17/42) T5, DPO. F+. R = \$4.50.
41. Dutch Harbor (6/10/41) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.25.
42. Eagle River (6/23/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
43. Edna Bay (6/7/51) T2. DPO. Gov. PC. F.
44. Eek (2/4/52) T4. Gov. PC. F+.
45. Elfin Cove (12/5/73) 4BC, PMS. Plain PC.
46. Elim (8/1/78) 4BC. VF. R = only 50 cents~
47. Ellamar (7/18/05) T1, DPO. USGS cover VG-F. R = \$117.50.
48. Entrance Island (5/31/56) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+.
49. Ester (6/7/76) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents~
50. Fairbanks (11/25/40) T15. Great automatic pistols advertising cachet. F+. R = \$17.50.



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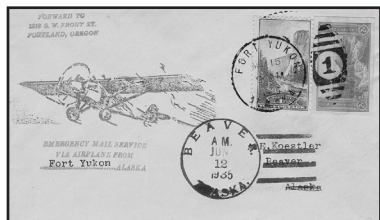
51. Fairbanks (5/12/44) T21. Censored EAMC to Flat (5/22/44) T6, BS. F+. R = \$3.25.
52. Fairbanks (8/14/52) T29. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7AOU. F. R = \$2.00.
53. Fairbanks (8/3/56) 6-cent Meter. Great Alaska National Bank cachet on C-10 sized envelope. VF.



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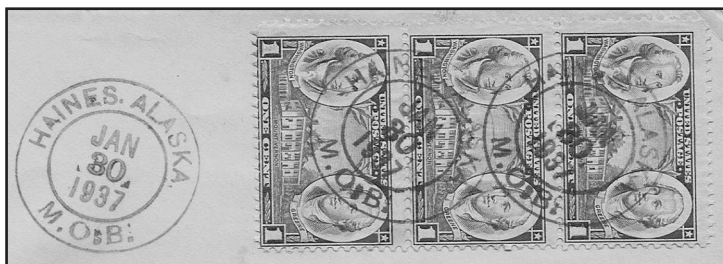
54. Fairbanks (8/30/61) MC. First Flight Alaska Airlines Convair 880 Golden Nugget Jet to Seattle (8/30/61) MC, BS. F+. R = \$2.00.
55. Fairbanks (5/30/92) and Dawson Creek, BC (5/15/92) as Fists Day of issue cancels for the Alaska Highway stamps on a full sheet collage of related US and Canadian stamps

- on a map of the Alaska Highway route. This is # 96 of 100 specially made FDC's for this pair of stamps. XF. R = \$10.00.
56. False Pass (7/4/42) T6. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
57. Fort Richardson (1/24/42) T2. Sharp Provisional Censor mark (differs from provisional censor mark on lot # 58) on airmail cover. F+. R = \$20.00.
58. Fort Richardson (4/6/42) T2. Sharp Provisional Censor mark (differs from provisional censor mark on lot # 57) on C-10 sized "free-frank" cover. F+. R = \$20.00.
59. Forth Yukon (5/15/35) T4. EAMC to Beaver (6/12/35) T1 on cover face. F+. R = \$3.75.



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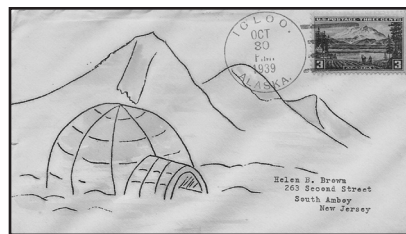
60. Fortuna Ledge (?/35) T2. Great advertising corner card for C. Betsch, General Merchandise, Marshall, Alaska (original name for Fortuna Ledge). F. R = \$3.75.
61. Galena (6/13/44) T2. EAMC to Nome (6/15/44) T21 on cover face. F. R = \$3.00.
62. Goodnews Bay (12/5/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F.
63. Gronwaldt (11/39/51) T1, Last Day of DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$3.50.
64. Haines (1/30/37) T9 -- M.O.B. cancel. F. R = \$2.75.



Lot 64

65. Hawk Inlet (5/29/53) T4, DPO. F. R = \$1.25.
66. Haycock (8/19/40) T2, DPO. Gov PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
67. Haycock (5/31/57) T3, DPO. PMS on Gov PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
68. Healy Fork (8/26/54) T3, DPO. F. R = \$1.25.
69. Hogatza (4/20/57) T1, DPO. FD of PO; PMS on cover. F+. R = \$2.00.
70. Holy Cross (12/1/36) T1. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Flat (11/30/36) T4. F. R = \$2.75 (note date reversal).
71. Homer (7/31/50) T7. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7FN. F. R = \$2.00.
72. Homer (11/8/50) T7. Ham Radio QSL card for KL7FN. F. R = \$2.00.
73. Hood Bay (11/29/57) T2, Last Day of DPO. R = \$1.25.

74. Hooper Bay (10/11/41) T1. Gov PC. PMS message about village. F. R = \$2.75.
75. Hooper Bay (7/25/89) Large DCC. Plain PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
76. Hot Springs (8/7/08) T1, DPO. Cover, rough open right. VG. R = \$45.00.
77. Hot Springs (12/20/35) T2, DPO. PMS on EAMC to Fairbanks (12/24/35) T16, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
78. Huslia (6/18/58) T1 on cover. F. R = only 50-cents~
79. Hyder (5/21/21) T2, later than listed, DPO. Real photo PC of Hyder. VG - F. R = \$40.00.
80. Igloo (10/30/39) T2, DPO. Great Tobin hand-painted igloo cachet. VF. R = 7.50.



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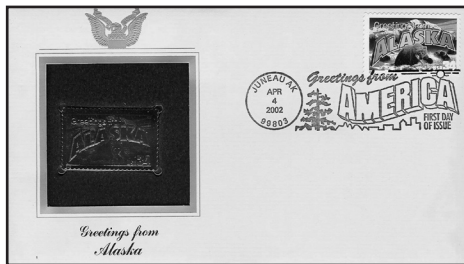
81. Ikatan (6/1/50) T1, DPO. FD of PO; PMS on cover. F+. R = \$3.00.
82. Iliamna (10/26/34) T2. First Flight by McGee Airways to Anchorage (11/3/34) T9, BS. F. R = \$3.25.
83. Iliamna (8/18/75) 4BC. Plain PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
84. Juneau (11/16/09) T15. Registered Dept. of Interior C-10 sized cover. F. R = \$12.50.
85. Juneau (10/4/21) T21. Cover with long letter enclosed. VG - F, a bit rough opening on part of top. R = \$5.00.
86. Juneau (3/13/34) T23. Great 50th Anniversary of Civil Government cachet on cover. F+. R = \$5.00.
87. Juneau (5/10/40) T32. Great Ham Radio QSL card for K7GSC. F. R = \$3.50.
88. Juneau (6/21/40) T32. Great First Flight cachet FAM 20 to Seattle. F+.



Lot 88

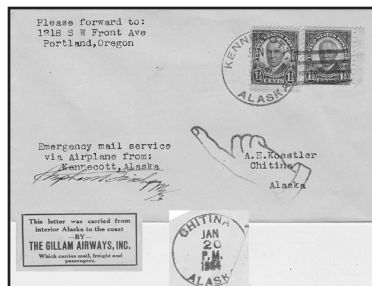
89. Juneau (7/25/42) T32. Censored, C-10 sized cover, great Clipper/Map cachet. F+. R = \$4.00
90. Juneau (5/10/43) T32. Censored cover, Crosby photo cachet. F. R = \$6.00.
91. Juneau 1955. Ham Radio QSL card for KLAQU/BCW. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$2.00.
92. Juneau (1/3/59) First Day cancel for Statehood stamp. Great cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.

93. Juneau (11/14/59) T32. First PANEX stamp show cachet on cover; scarce. VF. R = \$5.50.
94. Juneau (4/4/2002) First Day cancel for "Greetings from Alaska" stamp. Great gold foil replica of stamp cachet; II. XF. R = \$5.75.



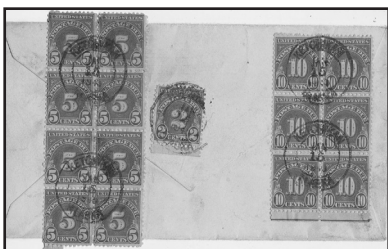
Lot 94

95. Karluk (9/12/41) T4. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.25.
96. Kasaan (5/17/45) T7, DPO. EAMC to Ketchikan (5/21/45) T16, BS. VF. R = \$3.00.
97. Katalla (12/31/35) T3. DPO. PMS, EAMC to Cordova (1/4/36) T6 on cover face. F+. R = \$3.00.
98. Kennecott (1/18/34) T2, DPO, PMS. EAMC to Chitina (1/20/34) T4. Gillam Airways Sticker on back. VF. R = \$6.50.



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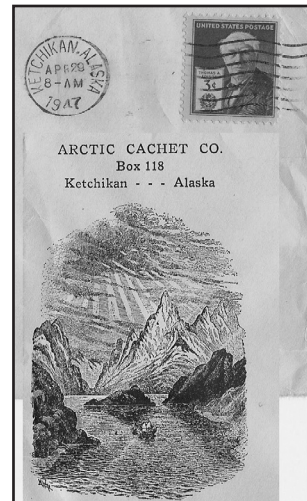
99. Ketchikan (9/3/09) T6. Alaska-Yukon Expo PC. F. R = \$2.50.
100. Ketchikan (6/22/40) T13. FF, great cachet, cover to Seattle. F. R = \$1.00.
101. Ketchikan (7/11/42) T16. Censored, C-10 sized bank cover; 15-cent Prexie franking. F. R = \$1.50.
102. Ketchikan (5/23/44) T13. Censored EAMC to Klawock (5/23/44) T7, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
103. Ketchikan (1/15/45) T17, earlier than listed, as a BS on 17 postage due stamps on a cover sent to the Alaska Sportsman. F+. R = \$17.50.



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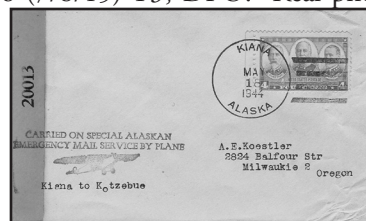
104. Ketchikan (4/28/47) T13. Crosby map/plane/dog team cachet. F+. R = \$5.00.
105. Ketchikan (4/29/47) T13. Great, engraved cachet from Arctic Cachet CO; C-10 sized cover. F+. R = \$2.50.

106. Ketchikan (5/9/56) 6-cent meter. Great Totem/map/plane cachet on C-10 sized cover from the Miners and Merchants Bank. VF. R = \$2.00.



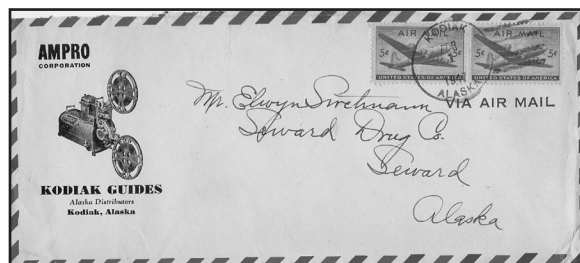
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107. Kiana (3/4/39) T2. C-10 sized cover. F.
108. Kiana (5/18/44) T3. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/19/44) T8, BS. F+. R = \$3.00.
109. Kiana (2/14/89) 4BC. Gov PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
110. Killisnoo (6/7/1898) T2, DPO. Cover with three letters enclosed! VG-F, "Kil" weak, rest strong. R = \$150.00.
111. Killisnoo (7/8/15) T3, DPO. Real photo PC of S.S.



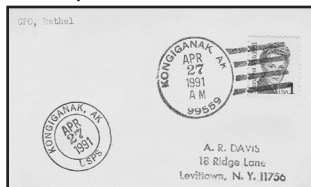
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- Spokane. F+. R = \$60.00.
112. King Salmon (11/9/55) T2. Scarce "Pirate" Pacific Northern Airways cachet as a First Day of issues cover for the King Salmon stamp, Scott # 1079 (Seattle was the only official City for this FD). F+. R = \$40.00.
113. **There is no lot # 113 -- please send me items if you want another auction!**
114. Klawock (9/1/41) T6. Great embossed silver Crosby cachet. F. R = \$6.50.
115. Kobuck (5/2/44) T1. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/8/44) T8, BS. F. R = \$3.25.
116. Kodiak (8/16/15) T4. C-10 sized cover from Dr. F+. R = \$9.00.
117. Kodiak (3/13/42) T11, earlier than listed. Censored, registered cover. F+. R = 9.75.
118. Kodiak (6/14/45) T10. Censored, C-10 sized airmail cover. F+. R = \$3.00.
119. Kodiak (4/1/47) T12. Great Kodiak Guides vintage movie projector cachet, C-10 sized airmail cover. F+. R = \$7.50.



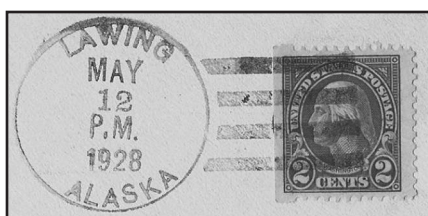
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120. Kodiak (10/11/49) T10. Middleton Island, Alaska Ham Radio QSL card for KL7PB. F. R = \$3.00.
121. Kokhanok Bay (11/16/52) T1, FD of DPO. Unsevered send & return portions of Gov. PC, PMS. F+. R = \$4.00.
122. Kokrines (2/12/35) T3, DPO. PMS on EAMC via Ruby (2/12/35) T2, BS & PMS, to Nome (2/26/35) T22. F. R = \$3.75.
123. Kongiganak {CPO, Bethel} (4/27/91) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!



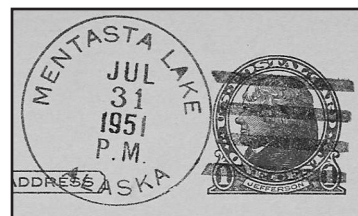
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124. Kwigilingok (3/31/44) T1. Cover (old censor tape removed) to Bethel (4/18/44) T4 BS. F. R = \$2.00.
125. Kwigilingok (11/30/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.
126. Kwigilingok (5/17/91) 4BC. Gov PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
127. Kwiguk (7/1/42) T1, DPO. Gov. PC, PM signed message about the village. F. R = \$3.00.
128. Larsen Bay (11/1/50) T1. FD of new PO. PMS on Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75.
129. Latouche (2/22/10) T2, DPO. Dogsled PC. F. R = \$52.50.
130. Latouche (4/30/28) T5, DPO. C-10 sized env. With letter from Pappadis & Balios General Store/Hotel/Restaurant. Nice historic item. F. R = \$12.50.
131. Lawig (5/12/28) T1, DPO. C-10 sized cover. F. R = \$7.00.



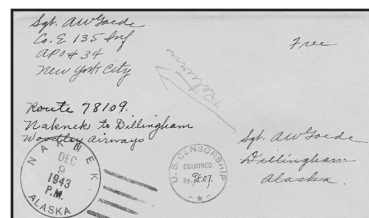
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132. Livengood (9/3/35) T3, DPO. C-10 sized Post Office penalty env. VG-F. R = \$1.50.
133. Lost River (3/14/53) T1, DPO. C-10 sized airmail cover. F. R = \$3.25.
134. Manley Hot Springs (12/3/73) 4BC. Plain PC. VG-F. R = only 50-cents!
135. Manokotak (5/21/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
136. McCarthy (4/14/34) TT2, DPO. EAMC with Gillam Airways Sticker. F+. R = \$8.00.
137. McGrath (7/23/43) T5. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75.
138. Mekoryuk (7/24/90) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!



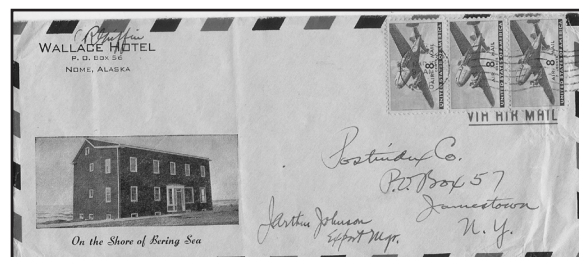
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139. Mentasta Lake (7/31/51) T1, DPO -- later than listed! Gov. PC. VF. R = \$3.25.
140. Metlakatla (7/19/54) T6 on airmail routing slip via Mt. Edgecumbe. Unusual item. VF. R = \$2.00.
141. Moose Pass (5/17/40) T2. Gov. PC; interesting note about village, likely from PM. F+. R = \$2.00.
142. Moose Pass (11/28/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. VF.
143. Mountain View (8/31/54) T6, Last Day of DPO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.75.
144. Naknek (12/9/43) T5. Unusual censored, Free Frank cover via Woodley Airways. F+. R = \$37.50.

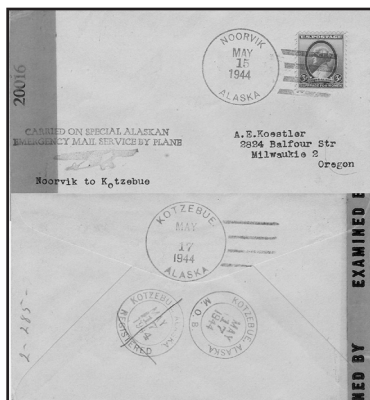


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145. Naknek (8/9/88) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
146. Napakiak (12/28/51) T1, DPO & unlisted Double Circle cancel; PMS on DPO. PMS on Gov. PC. VF. R = \$27.50.
147. Napamute (3/14/54) T3, DPO. Registered, C-10 sized airmail cover; great franking. F. R = \$5.25.
148. New Knock Hock (9/1/50) T1, FD of DPO. Gov PC. VF. R = \$4.00.
149. Nightmute (9/1/52) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.25.
150. Nikolai (4/30/51) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.25.
151. Nolan (3/31/18) T1, DPO. Registered cover; great franking. VG-F. R = \$125.00.
152. Nome (10/25/18) T16. F+. R = \$2.00.
153. Nome (10/18/30) T19. PMS & Pilot signed Airmail cover to Deering (10/18/31) T4 BS. F+. R = \$10.00.
154. Nome (3/19/46) T19. Great Wallace Hotel Picture cachet on C-10 sized airmail cover. F+. R = \$10.00.

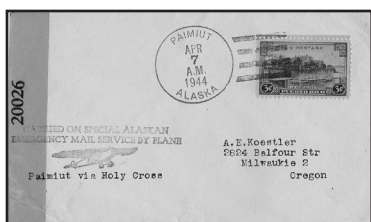


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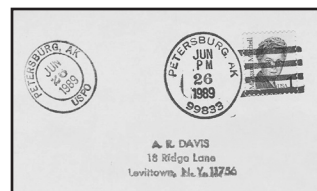
Lot 156

- 155. Nome, Golovin Rur. Br. (7/14/78) 4BC. Plain PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
- 156. Noorvik (5/15/44) T1. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/17/44) T8, T9 (4 years earlier than listed), and unlisted registered (like T6), BS. F+. R = \$12.50.
- 157. North Pole (10/8/96) First Day for Christmas stamp. Great, Anchorage Philatelic cachet by Sarge. XF. R = \$3.50 (donation).
- 158. Northway (8/20/75) 4BC. Plain PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
- 159. Nunapitchuck (5/16/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
- 160. Ophir (8/28/54) T7, DPO. Gov. PC. F.
- 161. Paimiut (4/7/44) T1, DPO. Censored, EAMC. VF. R = \$3.25.



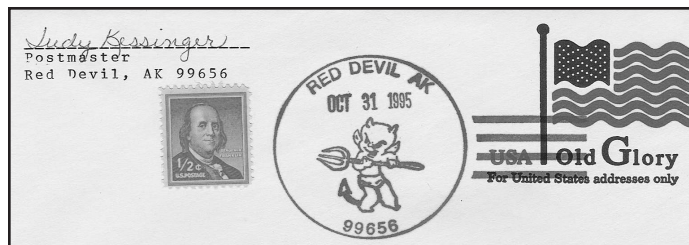
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- 162. Paimiut (6/1/55) T2, DPO. Gov. PC. F.
- 163. Palmer (4/9/37) T3. C-10 sized env. from Alaska Rural Rehabilitation. F.
- 164. Park Forest, Illinois 1969 MS. Special PARFOX Jr. stamp club "rebuilding from the earthquake", Alaska cachet. Unusual item. VF. R = \$4.00.
- 165. Pedro Bay (2/10/38) T1, DDO. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (2/18/38) T8. BS. F+. R = \$3.00.
- 166. Pedro Bay (12/10/58) T2, DPO. Plain PC. F. R = \$1.75.
- 167. Pedro Bay (1/5/76) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- 168. Perryville (5/1/52) T3. FD or re-opened PO; PMS on Gov PC. F. R = \$1.50.
- 169. Perryville (11/14/74) 4BC. Plain PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
- 170. Petersburg (6/21/12) T3. Birthday PC. F+. R = \$3.00.
- 171. Petersburg (6/26/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!



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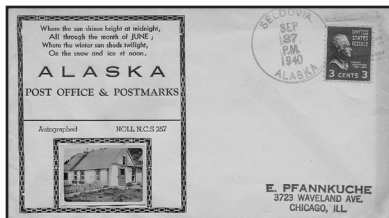
- 172. Pilot Point (8/13/37) T1. EAMC to Anchorage (8/23/37) T8 BS; PMS. F+. R = 3.00.
- 173. Pilot Point (2/12/87) 4VC. Gov. PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
- 174. Pilot Station (12/17/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F+.
- 175. Platinum (12/18/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F.
- 176. Point Hope (2/27/87) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- 177. Port Alexander (1/28/86) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- 178. Port Ashton (10/14/52) T1, First Day of DPO. Hand drawn cachet. VF. R = \$3.50.
- 179. Port Lions (2/22/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
- 180. Rampart (7/19/15) T6, DPO. Great "First Sheep in Dawson" PC. F. R = \$17.50.
- 181. Rampart (8/9/43) T7, DPO. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (8/11/43) T15 BS & on cover face. F+. R = \$3.25.
- 182. Red Devil (12/7/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC.
- 183. Red Devil (10/31/95) Special Devil cancel on PMS cover. XF.



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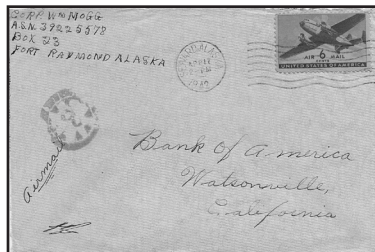
- 184. Ruby (9/15/33) T2. PMS on EAMC to Deering (9/24/33) T4 BS. F. R = \$3.75.
- 185. Russian Mission (12/7/73) DCC. PMs on plain PC. VF.
- 186. Saint Michael (6/5/07) Recd. as backstamp on cover from MI. VG. R = \$5.00.
- 187. Saint Michael (11/15/43) T14. Censored EAMC to Flat (11/30/43) T6, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
- 188. Saint Michael (11/15/43) T14. EAMC to Nome (12/1/43) T21, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
- 189. Saint Paul Island (4/7/47) Ham Radio QSL card for K7GYL. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$3.00.
- 190. Sanak (12/31/52) T2, Last Day of DPO. Gov. PV. F+. R = \$2.25.
- 191. Savoonga (6/26/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!

192. Scammon Bay (6/1/51) T1. FD of new PO; PMS on Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
193. Seattle, Naval Air St. Sitka (1/1/42) T1, DPO. First Day for postmark on a patriotic cover. VF. R = \$6.00.
194. Seattle, Naval Air Station, Kodiak (8/21/42) T1. Censored, registered, airmail cover; great franking. VF. R = \$15.00.
195. Seattle, Navy 230 Br. {Adak} (1/21/49) DCC. Registered airmail cover (great franking) to Ketchikan (1/27/49) T17 (rotated dial) BS. VF. R = \$12.50.
196. Seattle, Air Mail Field (10/1/51). FF cachet on airmail Gov. PC to Anchorage (10/1/51) T13 BS. F+. R = \$1.50.
197. Seattle, APO 942 (3/20/53) & Anchorage, Ft. Richardson Br (3/20/53) T3 on registered airmail cover (great Prexie franking) to Anacortes, WA (3/12/53) DCC, BS. F (old fold). R = \$15.50.
198. Seattle (8/30/61) MC. Alaska Airlines FF, Convair 880 cachet on cover to Anchorage (8/30/61) MC BS. F. R = \$1.50.
199. Seattle & Skagway R.P.O. (8/13/31) duplex cancel on totem PC. F. R = \$2.25.
200. Selawik (5/20/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
201. Seldovia (9/27/40) T7. Scarce photo cachet of Post Office. F+. R = \$10.00.



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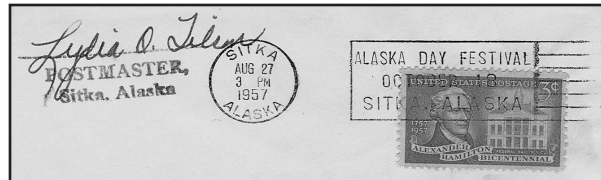
202. Seldovia (4/17/89) DCC & 4BC. PMS on cover. VF.
203. Seward (9/1/1905) T1. Advertising PC. F+ (numeral in bars of cancel off of card). R = \$45.00.
204. Seward (2/21/36) T11. Ham Radio QSL Card for K7ENA. F+. R = \$3.50.
205. Seward (4/17/42) T11. Provisional Censor form Fort Raymmond on airmail cover. F. R - \$22.50.



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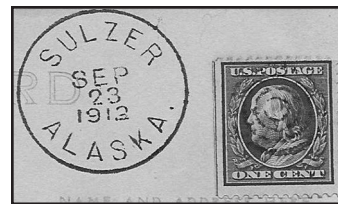
206. Shakan (9/5/16) T4, DPO. PC of Wrangell Narrows. F+. R = \$37.50.
207. Shaktoolik (4/26/57) T4. Plain. PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
208. Shaktoolik (1/14/80) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!

209. Sheldon Point (3/24/52) T1, DPO -- earlier than listed. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$4.00.
210. Shishmaref (9/7/43) T2, green ink. Censored EAMC to Nome (9/7/43) T21, BS. F. R = \$3.50.
211. Shishmaref (4/16/46) T3 & PM Special Cancel. Via dog team to Teller (4/26/46) T4 BS. PMS (both) with flag cancel and map sticker on cover. VF. R = \$12.50.
212. Sitka (5/31/43) T23. Censored EAMC. F. R = \$2.00.
213. Sitka (8/27/57) T28. PMS on Alaska Day Festival cover. VF.



Lot 213

214. Sitka (2/4/88) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
215. Skagway (8/29/27) T13. Local picture PC. F. R = \$1.25.
216. Skagway (11/19/86) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
217. Sleetmute (12/3/34) T2, PMS. EAMC to Crooked Creek (12/16/34) T1, BS. F. R = \$3.75.
218. Stampede (7/28/43) T1, DPO. Censored EAMC. F+. R = \$10.00.
219. Stebins (2/14/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
220. Stevens Village (10/24/43) T1. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (11/1/43) T15, BS. VF. R = \$3.75.
221. Stony River (11/15/53) T2, DPO. Plain PC. VF. R = \$2.00.
222. Sulzer (9/23/12) T1, later than listed, DPO. Ketchikan real photo PC. F+. R = \$85.00.



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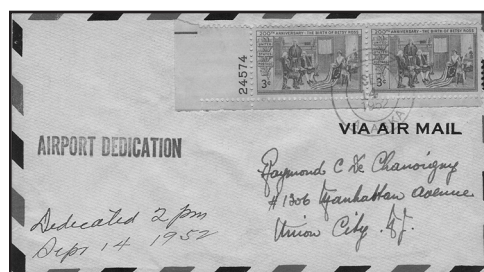
223. Takotna (10/15/34) T2. EAMC to Flat (10/18/34) T4, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
224. Takotna (11/2/39) T2. PMS on EAMC to Fairbanks (11/11/39) T20 BS. VF. R = \$3.75.
225. Talkeetna (10/11/36) T2. EAMC to Yetna (3/1/37) T2, DPO, BS. F. R = \$3.75.
226. Tanana (12/25/11) T3 (later than listed). Metlakatla PC. F. R = \$25.00.
227. Tanana (10/30/34) T6. EAMC to Tolovana (11/12/34) T3 BS, DPO. PMS, stamped. VF. R = \$4.00.
228. Tanacross 1946 Ham Radio QSL card for KL7AD. Filled-in and likely enclosed in a mailing envelope. F. R = \$2.00.

229. Tatitlek (4/12/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
230. Teller (12/23/46) T5. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
231. Tenakee Springs (8/2/40) T1. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
232. Tenakee Springs (3/4/44) T1. Censored, C-10 sized cover. F. R = \$2.00.
233. Thorne Bay 1970 Ham Radio QSL card for KL7GDU; mailed from Ketchikan (6/1/70) MC slogan. VF. R = \$2.25.



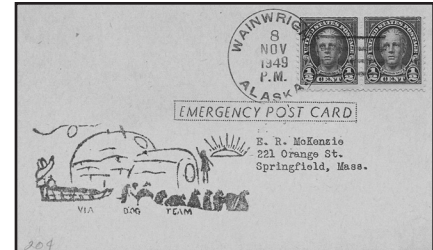
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234. Togiak (6/13/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
235. Tok (1/3/59) 4BC. FD of Statehood cancel; Gov. PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
236. Tooksook Bay (3/11/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
237. Tolovana (11/12/33) T3, DPO. PMS on EAMC to Tanana (11/14/33) T6 on cover face. VF. R = \$5.75.
238. Tuluksak (2/16/50) T1, DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. FD of PO. F+. R = \$2.75.
239. Ugashik (3/28/35) T1, DPO. EAMC to Anchorage (5/1/35) T9. VF. R = \$3.75.
240. Ugashik (10/21/41) T2, DPO. Unusual hand-painted salmon cachet on C-10 sized cover. VF. R = \$10.00.
241. Ugashik (1/21/44) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC. F. R = \$3.00.
242. Vancouver, BC (1/2/39) MC on cover with S.S. Princess Norah round cancel (1/31/39) on cover from Juneau. F. R = \$15.00.
243. Valdez (7/12/14) T9. Wrangell Narrows PC. VG. R = \$1.75.
244. Valdez (1/14/26) T12. Clerk of District Court, C-10 sized cover mailed to Seward (1/16/26) T10 cancel on cover face. F. R = \$2.75.
245. Valdez (9/14/52) T17, 2-years later than listed!. Airport Dedication, airmail cover. F+. R = \$10.00.



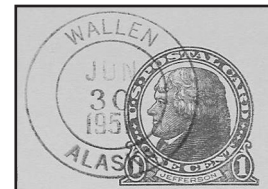
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246. Venetie (3/16/52) T2. FD of re-opened PO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.25.
247. Wacker (10/24/42) T2, DPO. Double-censored, airmail cover with Crosby Alaska cachet. F. R = \$7.50.
248. Wacker (5/17/43) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC. VF. R = \$3.50.
249. Wainwright (7/31/39) T1. EAMC to Nome (8/7/39) T21 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
250. Wainwright (5/1/44) T2. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/4/44) T8. F+. R = \$4.00.
251. Wainwright (11/8/49) T1. Dog Team cachet on PC. VF. R = \$4.00.



Lot 251

252. Wales (4/13/37) T3 (blue ink). EAMC to Nome (4/19/37) T19 BS. F+. R = \$3.50.
253. Wales (7/31/43) T3. Censored EAMC to Nome (8/9/43) T21. F. R = \$3.25.
254. Wallen (6/30/51) Unlisted DCC, DPO. F+. Gov. PC. R = \$24.75.



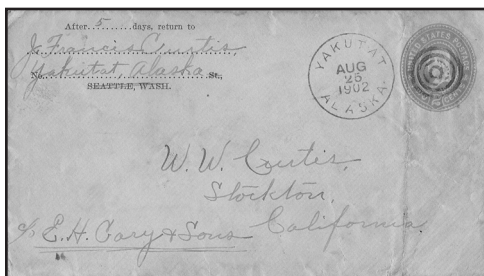
Lot 254

255. Ward Cove (11/1/54) T1 FD of new PO name. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.25.
256. Washington, DC (10/16/40) FD of issue cancel & cachet for Scott # 900. Great Crosby photo cachet of the Sitka Naval Air Base on cover. VF. R = \$10.00.
257. Wasilla (3/8/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
258. White Horse, Yukon (5/3/38) First Flight to Fairbanks (5/3/38) T19, BS. Great Mendenhall Glacier with airplane large photo cachet on cover signed by the First Officer. F. R = \$9.50.



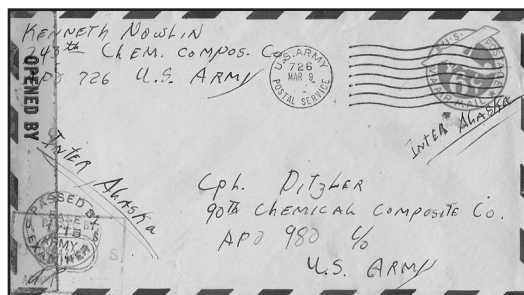
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259. Whittier (1/14/81) 4BC. Gov. PV. F. R = only 50-cents!
260. Wiseman (7/12/43) T2, DPO. EAMC to Beaver (7/15/43) T1 cancel on cover face to Fairbanks (7/15/43) T15 BS. VF. R = \$4.50.
261. Wiseman (4/19/44) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (4/20/44) T15 BS. F. R = \$4.50.
262. Wiseman (4/25/44) T2, DPO. EAMC to Allakaket (5/1/44) T1 BS. F. R = \$3.00.
263. Wrangell (2/16/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. R = only 50-cents!
264. Yakutat (8/25/02) T1. F. R = \$125.00.



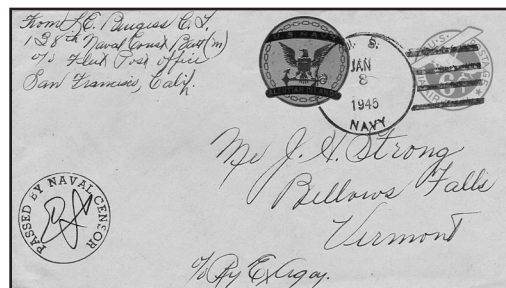
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265. Yakutat (6/15/43) T7. EAMC. F. R = \$3.50.
266. Yakutat (12/11/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC.
267. US Army Postal Service, APO 726 {Attu}, 1945 (no date in cancel; dates comes from note on back of censored airmail cover). F. R = \$8.50.



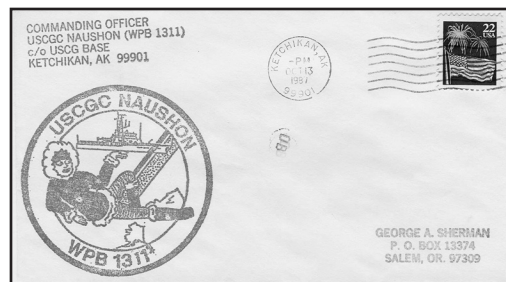
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268. US Army Postal Service, APO 726 {Attu} (4/14/85) MC. Censored airmail cover with great Crosby Alaska map cachet. F. R = \$7.50.
269. US Army Postal Service, APO 728 MC on Ham Radio QSL card for KL7WAF from Kenai, Alaska. VF. R = \$4.00.
270. US Army Postal Service APO 729 (4/12/45) MC {Shemya Island}. Censored airmail, special delivery cover. F. R = \$6.00.
271. US Army Postal Service APO 731 (12/26/46) MC on Ham Radio QSL card for KL7AD at Tanacross. F. R = \$3.00.
272. APO 942 {Fort Richardson} (7/10/42) 4BC. Censored airmail, C-10 sized cover from Red Cross Field Director. F+. R = \$7.50.
273. APO 947 {Fort Spencer} (9/14/45) 4BC. Airmail cover; great letter enclosed VG-F. R = \$6.50.



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274. US Navy, 138th Naval Construction Battalion (1/8/45) 4BC. Censored airmail cover with great "US Navy Aleutian Islands" gold sticker tied to cover by cancel. VF. R = \$21.50.
275. US Navy 13608 (3/23/55) 4BC on Ham Radio QSL card KL7BHL. F. R = \$2.75.
276. US Coast Guard Cutter Cape Carter cachet & CC; mailed at Juneau (12/18/84) MC. F.
277. US Coast Guard Cutter Cape Hatteras cachet & CC; mailed at Petersburg (11/17/82) MC. F.
278. US Coast Guard Cutter Cape Roman cachet & CC; mailed at Ketchikan (3/9/71) MC slogan. F+.
279. US Coast Guard Cutter Clover cachet & CC; mailed at Sitka (11/26/79) MC. F+.
280. US Coast Guard Cutter Firebrush cachet & CC; mailed at Anchorage (7/18/82) MC. F+.
281. US Coast Guard Cutter Ironwood cachet & CC; mailed at Anchorage (11/22/85) MC. F+.
282. US Coast Guard Cutter Mustang CC signed by Commanding Officer. Mailed at Seward (2/23/87) MC. F.
283. US Coast Guard Cutter Naushon cachet & CC; mailed at Ketchikan (10/13/87) MC. F+.



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284. US Coast Guard Cutter Planetree cachet & CC; mailed at Juneau (8/27/81) MC. F+.
285. US Coast Guard Cutter Roanoke, signed cachet & CC; mailed at Homer (8/4/95) 4BC. F+.
286. US Coast Guard Cutter Sedge @ Homer cachet & CC; mailed at Everett WA. Signed by Commanding Officer. F+.
287. US Coast Guard Cutter Sedge CC signed by Communications Officer; mailed at Homer (1/8/91). F.
288. US Coast Guard Cutter Sweetwater @ Cordova cachet; mailed at Reedsport, OR. F+.
289. US Coast Guard Cutter Woodrush cachet & CC; mailed at Sitka (9/10/81) MC. F+.



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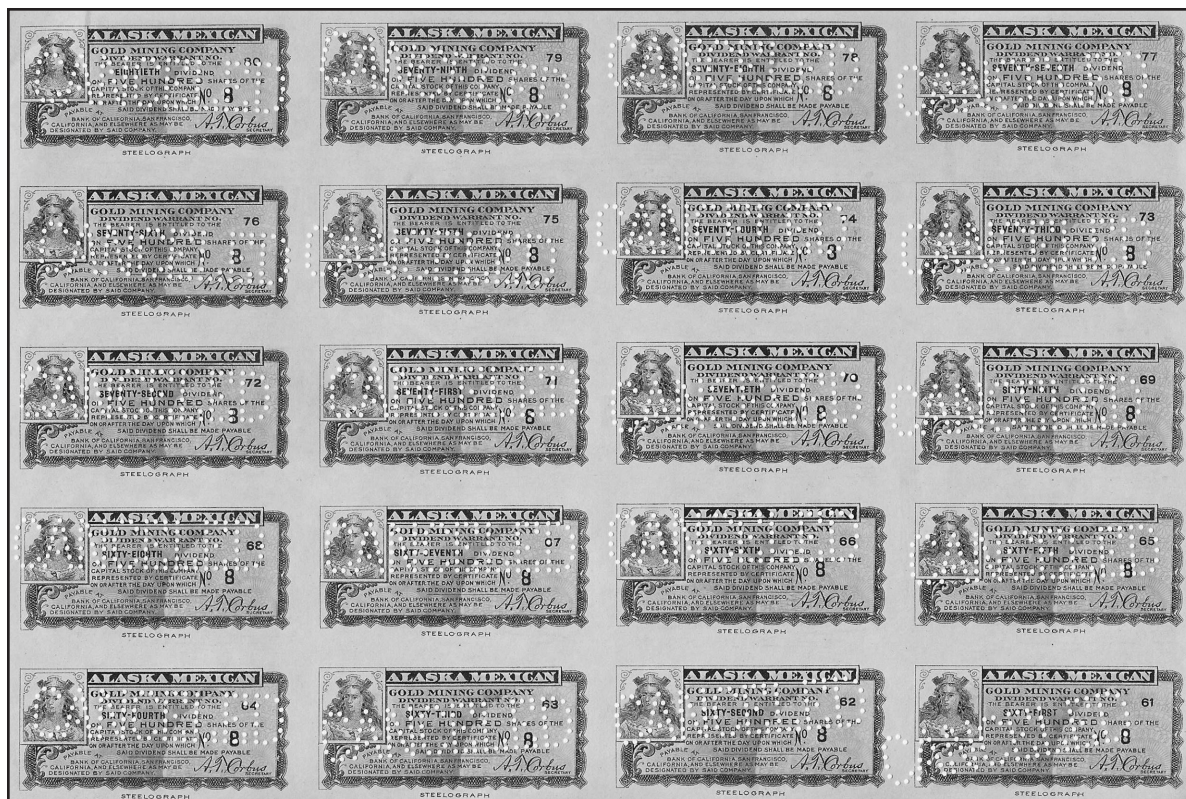
290. US Coast Guard Cutter Yocona CC signed by Commanding Office; mailed at Kodiak (10/22/88) MC. F.
291. US Coast Guard Communications Station @ Kodiak (4/9/83) MC; cachet & CC. F+.
292. USS Edsall @ Shanghi, China PC to Luckyspot (5/26/38) T1, DPO cancel on card face. F. R = \$8.00.
293. USS Holland (7/4/34) & (7/24/34) 2 covers, one at San Francisco, one at Sitka. Great map cachet for the Alaska Cruise, Submarine Division Twelve. F. R = 7.00.
294. USS Partridge @ Ketchikan (6/8/34) Nice "In Alaskan Waters" cachet on cover. F. R = \$5.00.



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295. Four, 1-cent postage due stamps with the following precancels: Haines, Hughes, Iliamna, Kivalina. VF. R = \$2.25.
296. Ralph Rivers, Member of Congress, 1961 free frank, signature cover with cachet. VF. R = \$4.50.
297. 15 different Territorial town cancels on cut squares, including: Jack Wade, Ikatan, Cantwell and Juneau on postage due stamp. F+. R = \$3.00.
298. Full sheet of twenty, 500-share dividend certificates for the Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Co. All certificates are canceled by perforation. F+. R = \$7.50.
299. A nice unused Alaska Centennial C-10 sized envelope with colorful cachets. XF.
300. Four, C-10 sized envelopes celebrating the 49th State; colorful cachets. XF. R = \$2.00.
301. An unused envelope and letter sheet with Alaska cachets; 1950's vintage (differs from lot # 302). XF.
302. An unused envelope and letter sheet with Alaska cachets; 1950's vintage (differs from lot # 301). XF.

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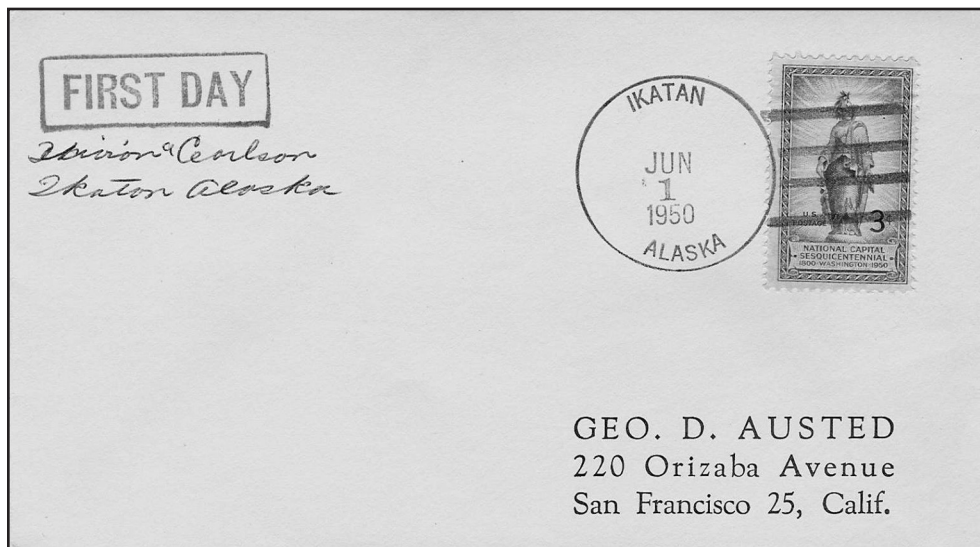


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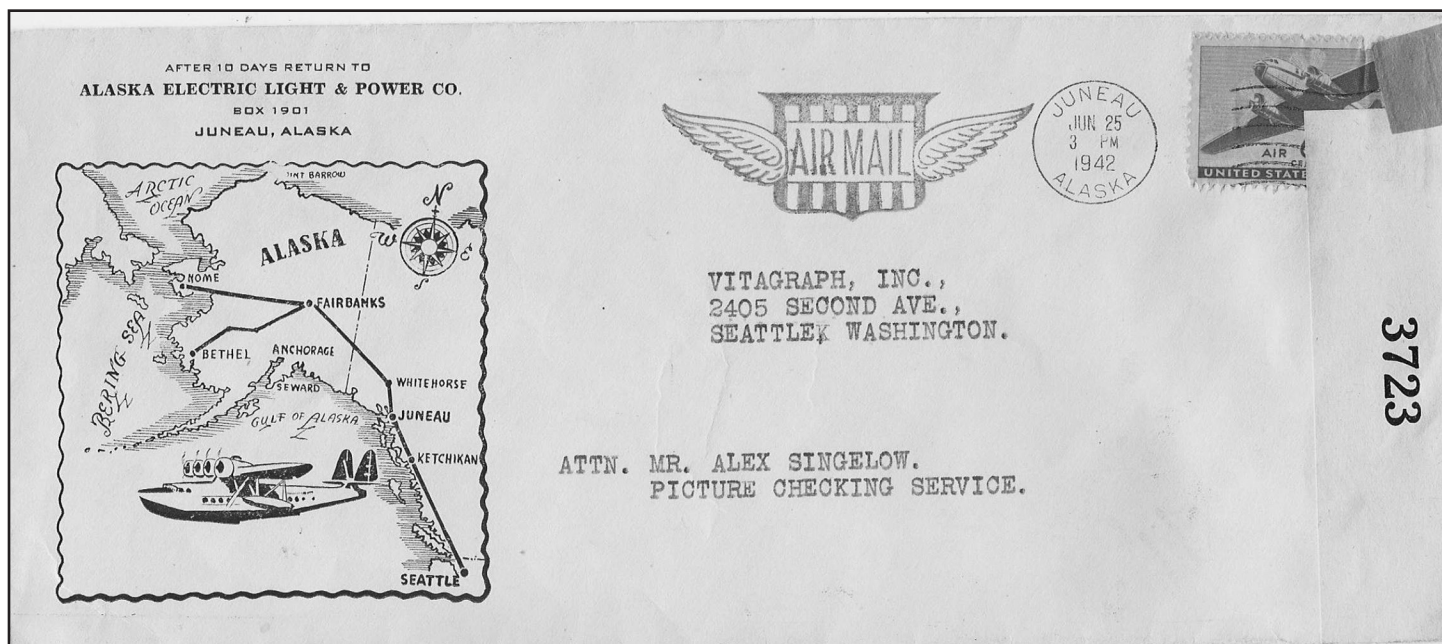


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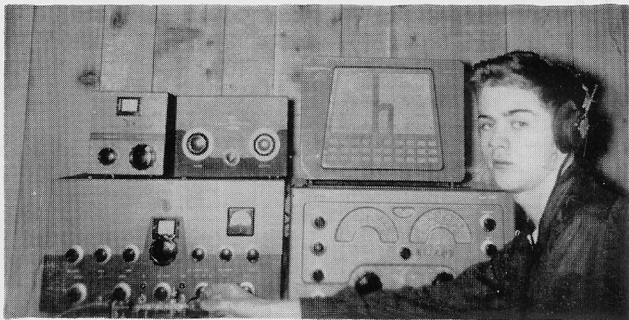
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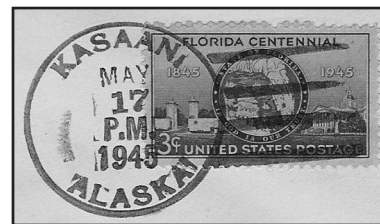
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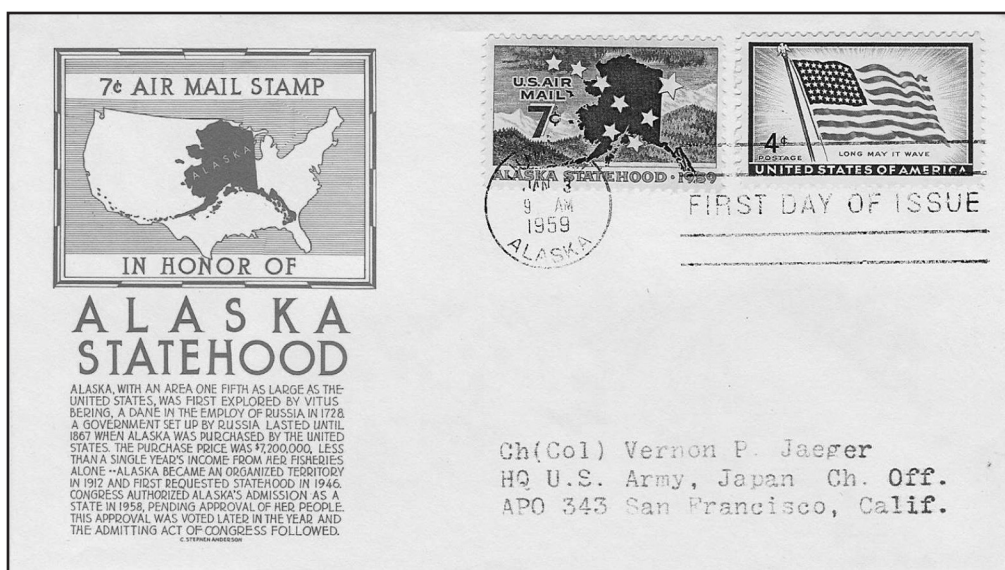
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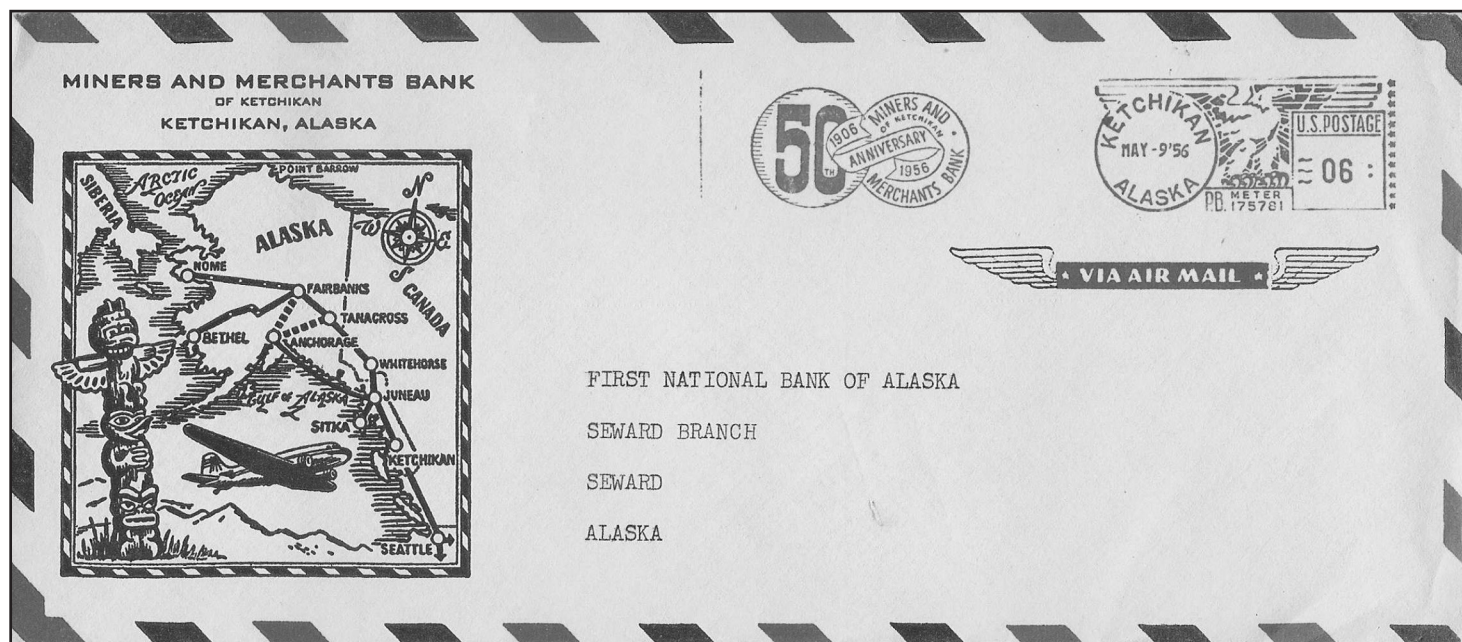
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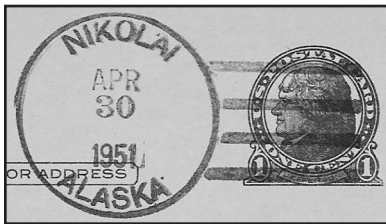
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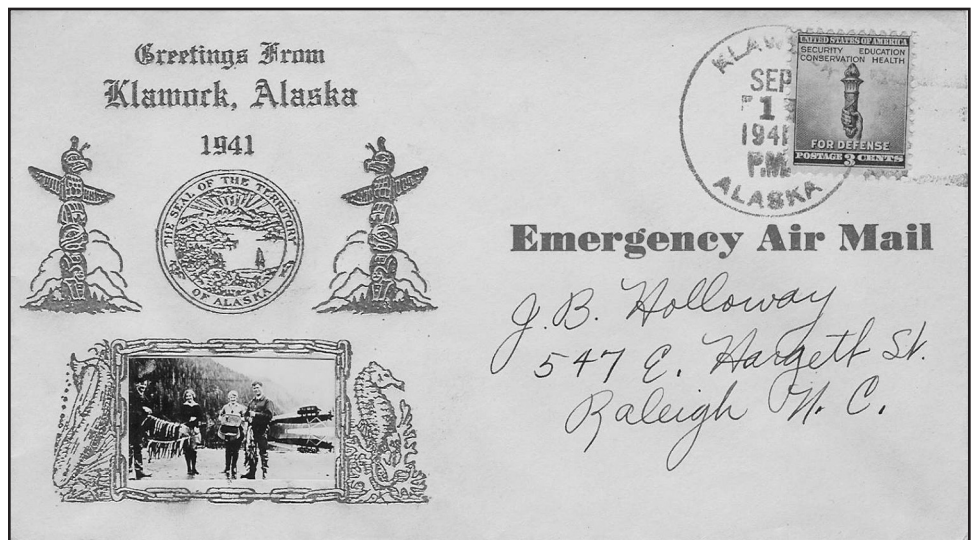
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