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This Seattle, Naval Air Sta., Kodiak registered, censored airmail cover (auction lot # 95) is unusual as it has a Dutch Harbor corner card as well as Navy, Army, and Alaska civilian backstamp cancels.

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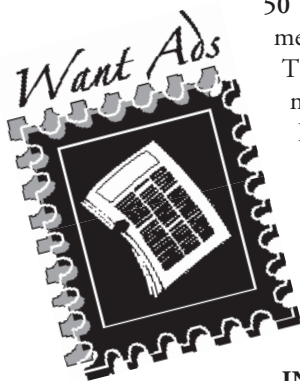
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50 YEARS OF THE ALASKAN PHILATELIST: Available now to members of the Alaska Collectors' Club. The comprehensive index of *The Alaskan Philatelist* from 1959 to 2009 and it is now available to members. Presently, it is available only to members.

It is available in three formats: on one DVD, on 2 CDs or as a softbound book. The DVD and the CD's contain the indexes as web pages and PDF versions of all of the issues of *The Alaskan Philatelist* from 1959 through 2009. The softbound book contains just the indexes. The DVDs or CDs will cost \$2.00 to cover the postage. The softbound book will be \$15.00 to cover printing, binding and postage.

INFO: ACC member Bob Beeman would like to hear from any member who could inform him about past ACC member Paul E. Smith, ACC Member 165, who previously lived at 305 Waldman Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466. Smith had, in 1966, been active in promoting the issuance of a stamp commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Purchase of Alaska with then Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois.

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.

WANTED: Are there collectors of new modern postcards? I am looking for postcards of Aleut Islands, Nunivak, Diomedes, St. Lawrence, King, Probilofs. Any offer will be welcomed. I can buy or exchange for other postcards. Please email me at: npc@volny.cz. Thanks, Peter Pindak.

WANTED: I am looking for commemorative covers or philatelic items that feature Alaska dog sled teams postmarked in 1940s and 1950s. Also, if anyone has information specifically on the covers featuring Fay Mulridge cachets, I would be interested in that as well. I can pay via PayPal or via credit cards on a secure website. Please contact me at 10 Grand Rue, 34290 Lieuran les Bexiers. FRANCE or label34@live.fr. Thank you, David Thierry.

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.

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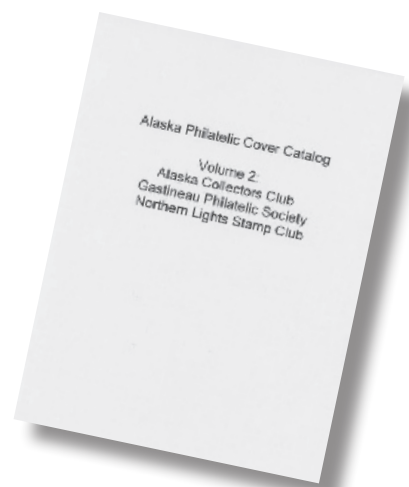
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President's Message

Terry Shaw (cgsarchxx@aol.com)

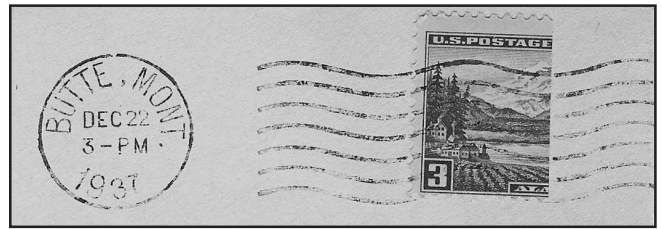
President's Message — Philatelic Reflections and Resolve

It is the time of year when folks take stock of the recent past and plan future actions or activities. Here I share personal results of this exercise in a philatelic context. The past year has been fairly full and fun philatelically with the selling of over 800 items on E-bay, mainly covers inherited over a decade ago, while buying only a few things—mostly for later sale in the ACC auction. The latter is done not to “make money” but to have some new and interesting material for the club auction (*again, my not so hidden plea—please send me auction material!*).

There were, however, a couple of noteworthy, relatively inexpensive Alaska finds shown. One is a 1937 postmark from Butte, MT on a Christmas card. The postage rate at the time for local mailing of greeting cards was $1\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$, which led to franking the envelope with a bisect Scott #800, the recently released 3¢ Alaska territory stamp. This is the only bisect use I have seen of this stamp; if you have one, please share!

The other image likely seems obscure unless you have an airmail background or more fortunately found the note within the cover. As indicated in the note, this is an airmail cover posted on the opening day of the then new Juneau Airport (noted in the American Airmail Catalogue as #H-28). Now, some of you must have equally interesting philatelic “finds” this past year; if so, please share with the rest of us.

As to resolve, there are a couple of things I'd like to take on this next year. At present, working on the ACC auction and writing these messages take a big chunk of available hobby time. My plan to address that constraint—*retire!* Yes, March 3, 2011 will find me ending a 35-year

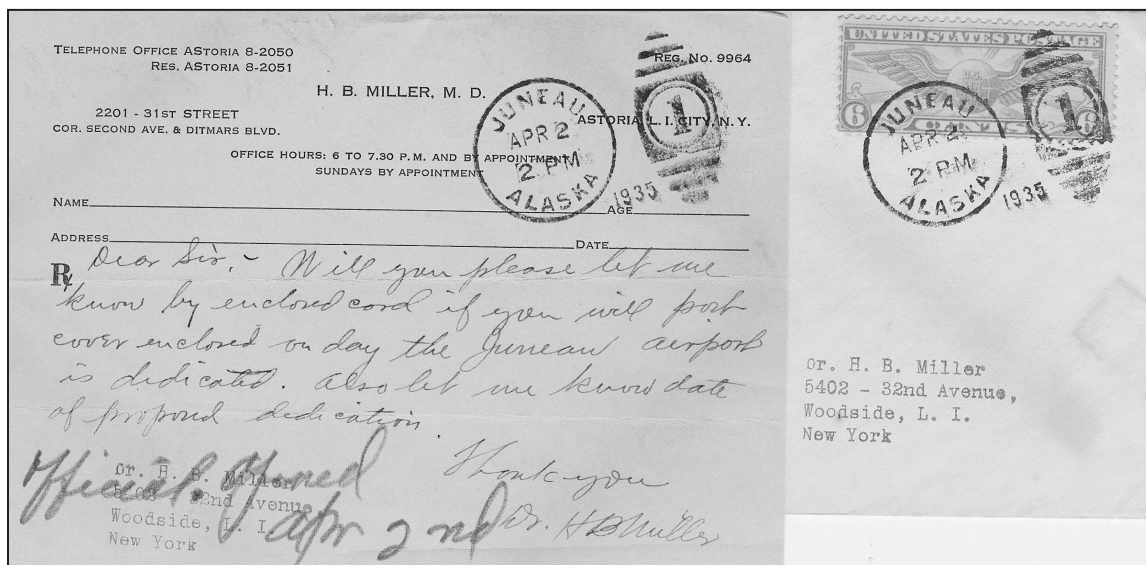


career as a research scientist with the U.S. Forest Service. Then I can start sorting out the garage!

Meeting that seemingly mundane need should have philatelic rewards as buried somewhere there in is the bulk of my Alaska collection, unseen by human eyes (and hopefully mice) for over a decade. Part of that collection is dedicated to Scott #800. As 2012 is the 75th anniversary of that stamp's release, 2011 is a perfect time to develop an exhibit on it. If all goes well, I'll unveil this exhibit at the 2012 APEX stamp show in Anchorage.

Another anticipated benefit of the garage shake-up is finding copies of the columns A.E. Koestler wrote during the 1930's & 40's for the old *Western Stamp Collector*. As you likely know, he created thousands upon thousands of dogsled and Emergency Airmail covers from various Alaskan villages during this period and wrote of those activities in his columns. Deceased ACC member Bob Hunter and I gathered copies of these writings over a decade ago, but Bob's passing and my moving around has left them in storage. Eric rekindled the idea of a *TAP* article on Koestler's contributions to Alaskan philately and finding these articles is critical to that happening.

So, a year from now, I'll check-in on how these plans matured. In the meantime, enjoy all items Alaska and think about sharing some of them with the rest of use through the pages of *TAP*.



Secretary Treasurer's Report

Eric Knapp (eknapp@gci.net)

Well, the snow is on the ground, there is a chill in the air (who am I kidding, it was -5 this morning), and the holidays are about here. 2010 is winding down and 2011 is looking like it will be a busy year again.

With this issue you will find the annual renewal form for club membership. I would like to remind everyone to fill it out and get it back to me. I would also like to ask that you look at the back of the form for a special offer.

I have finished the comprehensive index of *The Alaskan Philatelist* from 1959 to 2009 and it is now available to members. For the moment it is available only to members. It is available in three formats: on one DVD, on 2 CDs or as a softbound book. The DVDs or CDs will cost \$2.00 to cover the postage. The softbound book will be \$15.00 to cover printing, binding and postage. It has been a fun project to see what 50 years of *TAP* has covered.

Next, once again I am at the end of available articles for *TAP*. I need you all to write for the journal. It is what keeps us going and keeps Alaska collecting vital and growing.

Angela Watson found a website that is worth looking at. It is called Philapedia (<http://www.philapedia.com/>) and it looks like they are trying to build a philatelic version of Wikipedia.

Thank you, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Stamping!

Odds & Ends

Request from a Member

Working on a future article for *TAP* and need member input regarding APO 942 units 942-1 through 942-19 and 942-H, 942-N, 942-W and 942-Y. Need scans of covers and postmarks of the above. All correspondence will be acknowledged. Send to 57-vette@comcast.net or 2337 Giant Oaks Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. Thanks, Bob McKain.

Dear Alaska Collectors' Club

My name is Reinaldo Sanchez, I'm 27 years old and I am Professor of "History" at High School.

I would like to know if you can send me as a donation (by Postal Service) some Mint Postage Stamps from several nations.

I need the Mint Postage Stamps because I am working on a project with my students based on the Philately in order to study History worldwide.

The Mint Postage Stamps will be used for educational purposes only. If you wish to help me, you can use the following postal address:

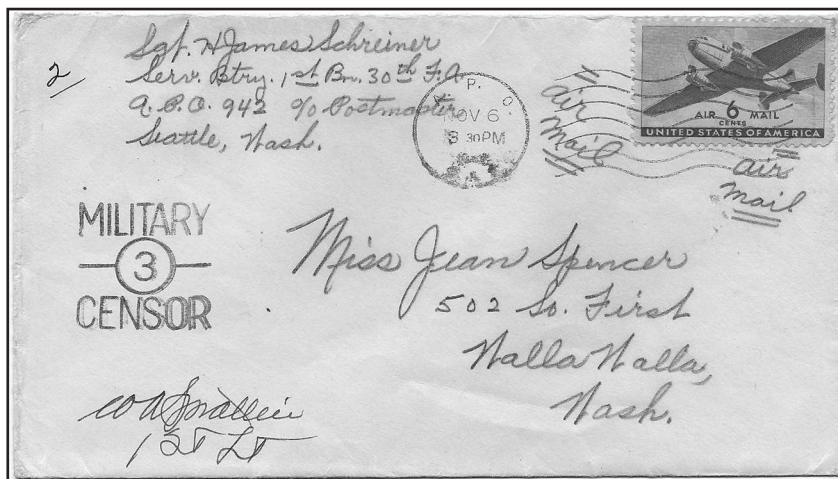
Prof. Reinaldo Sánchez
Apartado Postal 90
Barinas 5201, Estado Barinas
República de Venezuela
(South America)

Newly Found Cancel

submitted by Bob McKain

Type A Censor Mark found

Shown (*right*) is the first copy of a Type A censor with the number "3" that I've recorded. It is Helbock's Type A.2(3).



50 Years Ago

by Eric Knapp

1960 was a banner year. Among the notable events that year were the 70 million people watching the presidential debate between Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon.

John Coltrane forms his own quartet and becomes the voice of jazz's New Wave movement. Ninety percent of U.S. homes now have a television set.

In technology news, the first working laser is built by T. H. Maiman (U.S.), and Echo I, the first communications satellite, is launched.

Meanwhile, the Academy Award for Best Picture was awarded to *Ben-Hur* and the Grammy Album of the Year was *Come Dance With Me* by Frank Sinatra.

The October 1960 issue of TAP contained long descriptions of the towns of Old Crow, Yukon Territory and Seldovia, Alaska.

There was a also list of Alaska town names found in other states. Authored by Don DeArmond, it shows:

Sitka – Alaska, Kansas and Kentucky

Petersburg – 15 instances plus the one in Alaska

Nome – Alaska and North Dakota

Fairbanks – Alaska, Indiana, Louisiana and Texas

Anchorage – Alaska and Kentucky

Juneau – Alaska, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania

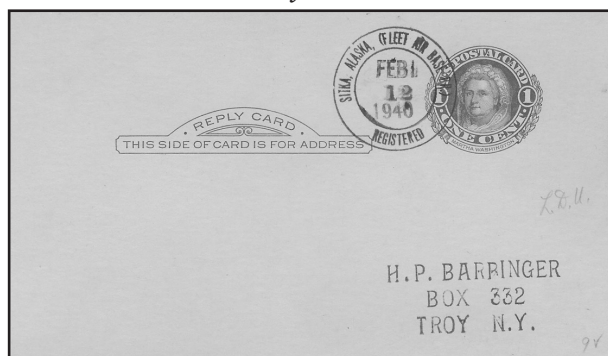
Mr. DeArmond states that it is his understanding that Juneau, Wisconsin was named for Solomon Juneau, an uncle of the Joseph Juneau who discovered gold in, and for whom Juneau, Alaska is named.

The December 1960 issue discussed the proposed budget for 1961. The total proposed budget was \$85.00. The total expenses for 1960 were \$101.67, including a file cabinet.

An article from Robert DeArmond about the history of Glenallen was also reprinted.

New Cancel

submitted by Bob McKain



Newly reported cancellation. From the Sitka, Fleet Air Base Branch, dated February 12, 1940.

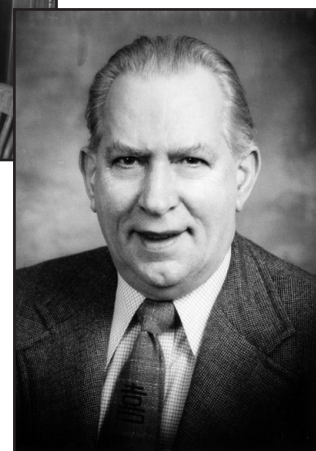
Alaska Historian Bob DeArmond Dies at 99

JUNEAU – Alaska historian Bob DeArmond died Friday, November 26th, at age 99 at the Sitka Pioneers Home.

Bob DeArmond began a journalism career in 1930 with the Stroller's Weekly in Juneau. In 1938, he helped found the City of Pelican, working there as a storekeeper and postmaster, but then returned to journalism with the Ketchikan Daily News, the Juneau Empire and other publications.

He was a prolific history writer for regional publications and was also the widower of noted Alaska artist Dale DeArmond.

Bob was a member of the Alaska Collectors Club in the early days of the club and contributed [extensively] to *The Alaskan Philatelist*.



At the Territorial Museum and Library–1955

This photograph was taken in the Wickersham Room of the Territorial Museum and Library on the second floor of the Capitol Building between 1953-57 when Bob was on the staff of Governor B. Frank Heintzleman. Bob was probably engaged in research for the governor when this photo was taken. It was the Wickersham Room because it housed what had originally been the private Alaskana collection of Judge James Wickersham, long time District Judge in Alaska for many years. The books, some of which show in the background of the picture were uniformly bound in red leather, and were and are a great research source. Alaska State Library - Historical Collections PCA DeArmond 1.

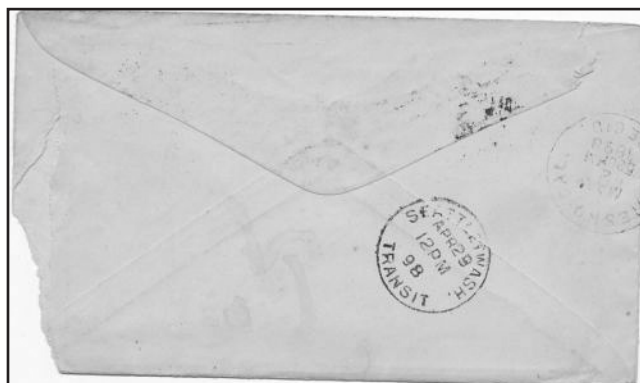
Early Dawson Cover Discovered on eBay

by Steve Sims



Steve Sims was out on eBay and found the following cover listed. An interesting item, indeed, considering the item sold for \$521.11.

From the auction item listing: *1898 2ct Green Postal Entire with Penciled Corner Card Circle City Alaska,, Incomplete Mar 11 Dawson Yukon T Cancel, with Squared Circle Cancel Victoria BC Canada ties Stamp to Fresno California, Backstamp Seattle Transit Apr 29 & Faint Fresno Ca Backstamp May 2nd, Rough Opening at Stamp Side.*



Gold Nuggets

Mail Service

The sudden and dramatic population growth overwhelmed Alaska's postal service. People waited months for their mail, especially during winter. When the steamship or dog sled finally arrived, miners could anticipate standing in line for hours, sometimes even days, before getting their mail. Those who were unable to leave their claims hired others to stand in line for them. Stampeder's devotion to their mail was so strong that when the postmaster of Glenora burned several sacks of

mail instead of delivering it, he had to be spirited out of town ahead of a mob.

Only a few mail routes were in place prior to the rush. The postal services were no match for the quickly-growing, highly mobile population. Because of inadequate arrangements between U.S. and Canadian postal officials, bags of mail addressed to Klondikers piled up in Seattle, Juneau, Skagway and Dyea. The worst service was that received by the Americans in Dawson during the first years of the rush. During that winter, letters mailed in the U.S. addressed to Dawson were placed in the Circle City mail sacks. That mail then traveled through Dawson, as the carrier traveled on to Circle City, where the letters were sorted and then finally brought back to Dawson for distribution.

1958 Postal Card from Umiat

submitted by Steve Sims

Steve Sims found this postal card with an interesting cancel. The return address is the Wien Alaska Airlines office in Umiat, AK. The card was canceled normally in Fairbanks, but it was also canceled in Umiat. The interesting thing is that Umiat has never had an official Post Office.

Umiat is a supply point and research station for various projects on the North Slope. In 1958 it was the main location for exploration in the Naval Petroleum Reserve.

There is a 4 way line cancel with "Umiat Station" in between the lines. So someone at Umiat in 1958 created an unofficial cancel and was cancelling outgoing mail. If there is one example, there are probably more out there.

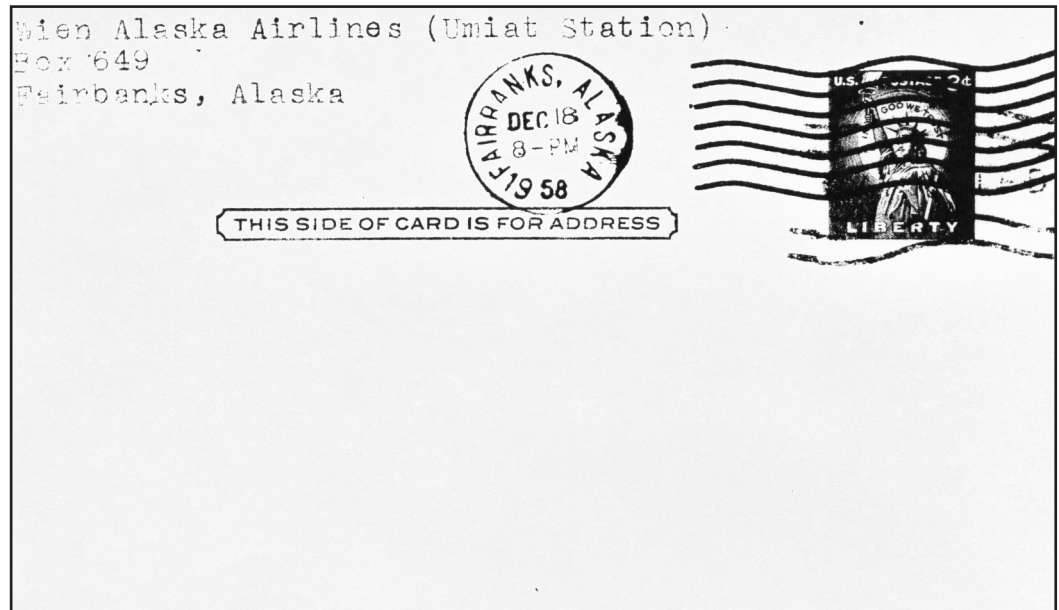
From Wikipedia:

Umiat is an unincorporated community in North Slope Borough, on the Colville River. It is located 140 miles southwest of Deadhorse in the Arctic Circle. In 1944, the Naval Oil Reserve was set up and it later became an air force base, which is now closed. It is known as one of the coldest places in the United States.

Umiat has no permanent residents and is in actuality a camp and fuel stop for aircraft operating in the area. The camp is run by a locally owned company

that provides oilfield services in many different spots. Their crew consists in the summer of approximately 10 people who work on a two weeks on/two weeks off schedule. At any given time, there are between 20 to 30 people lodged and fed there and have had as many as five helicopter working there. These aircraft and the people that work there begin showing up in the middle of May and continue until the middle of September. All there have access to internet and all news and entertainment by satellite.

Accommodations are "ATCO" units that are permanently placed and the cafeteria style kitchen is also in one of these units. Although Umiat is only accessible by air or by river, it plays an important role in today's world by being a base for research.



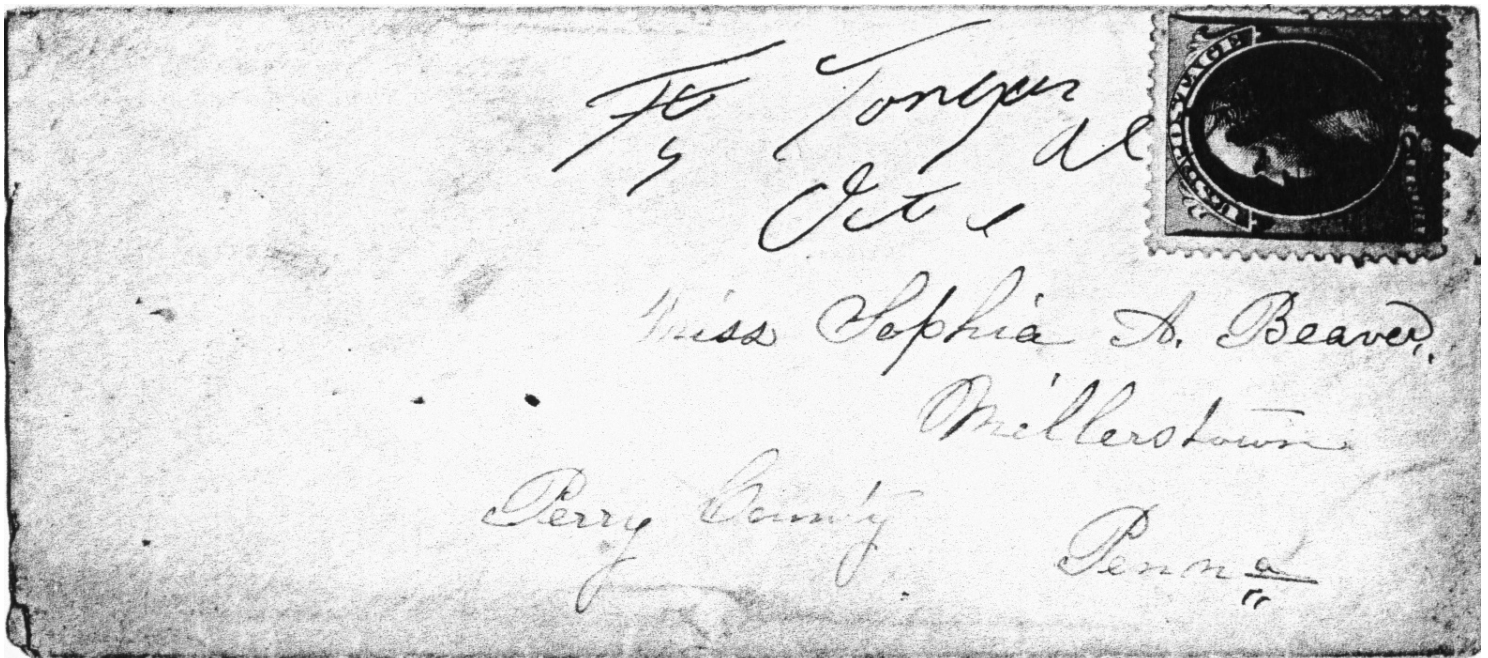
Fort Tongass Cancel Found

Steve Sims has found a Fort Tongass manuscript cancel. This is the first cancel of any type known from this office. The cancel date is 3/1/1870. The stamp is either a Scott #136 or #147.

Fort Tongass was established in 1868 on Tongass Island, adjacent to a native village. The fort served as an army post from 1868 to 1870. At its peak, the fort had a garrison of 108 officers and men. In 1870, the army abandoned the

post, but a Customs Inspector remained in residence at the village. The Fort Tongass post office was active for only 4 years, from 1869 to 1873, serving the fort and the village.

The envelope is a typical "letter home" from an enlisted man to a woman. It is addressed to Miss Sophia Alice Beaver of Millerstown, PA. Steve subsequently found records that Sophia Alice Beaver married David McConkey on 6/20/1872.



Gold Nugget

On March 3, 1898, the U.S. Post Office Department appointed John Philip Clum as the Postal Inspector for the Alaskan Territory. Clum arrived in Skagway on March 26th. He immediately set to work improving the area's mail service. During his months in Alaska, Clum traveled over 8,000 miles and established more than a dozen post offices in the territory. He carried everything he needed to create a post office with him—postage stamps, mailbags,

postal locks, keys and postmarking devices.

While serving as a postal inspector in Washington, D.C. in the late 1890s, John P. Clum (1851-1932) was appointed as special commissioner to Alaska "to examine into postal affairs." Before becoming a postal inspector, Clum had already led quite a colorful life in the American West. While serving as the agent for the San Carlos, Arizona, Indian Agency, he crossed paths with Geronimo. Later, as mayor, of Tombstone, Arizona, (and founding publisher of the Tombstone Epitaph), he befriended Wyatt Earp and his family. Clum's postal bosses believed that because he had experienced the great silver rush of Tombstone, Clum was especially well suited to the rigors of the new gold rush.

Thank you to all who provided material to make this issue possible. They include: Eric Knapp, Angela Watson, Bob McKain, Terry Shaw, Don Glickstein and Steve Sims.

Airmail Service Efficiency Tested

as originally published in The Evening Independent, Portland OR, October 25, 1926

As an experiment to test the efficiency of American air mail, A.E. Koestler mailed a package from Seattle addressed to himself in Portland, and to be directed over the entire government airplane postal system.



The package was only a large envelope containing a piece of cardboard. On the outside were samples of every stamp used in the air service and under each stamp. Koestler had written the name of the post office where it should be cancelled.

Mailed on September 17, the package passed over the following route: Seattle to Los Angeles, to Salt Lake, to Elko, Nev., to Pasco Wash., back to Elko, to Cheyenne, to Pueblo, to Chicago, to Dallas, Tex., back to Chicago, to St. Louis, to Boston, to San Francisco and from there to Portland.

The package covered the entire route in 22 days and cost of postage was \$2.68.

KIA Cover Returned from Adak in WWII

submitted by Steve Sims

Steve Sims was out on eBay and found the following cover listed. A letter that traveled looking for the soldier before being sent back with the notice that the addressee was killed in action.

This is from the auction description:

Here's another item that we've "uncovered" for your perusal: Interesting 3-7/8 x 7-1/2" cover sent in 1943 to a Private Harold Jewell who was apparently killed in action by the time the letter reached him. Front has the addresses (the address portion is crossed out by red pencil or crayon), return to sender stamp, and at bottom left handwritten "Killed in action / J. A. Wesolowski, Capt., 4th Inf." Back has a paper label which was glued onto the back "Headquarters / Alaska Defense Command / c/o PM, Seattle, Wash / Verified / Killed in Action / AHB (handwritten initials) / Arthur H. Black / Major, A. G. D. / Asst. Adjutant General." Then there is a stamp in red ink "War Dept., A.G.O. / C[A]SUALTY STATUS VERIFIED / Group 13 (number handwritten) / -ORMER - SEP 18 1943 / Verified by - Date."

Fascinating cover and letter, but rather sad and sobering as well. The cover sold for \$79.00.



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Historically Interesting Postal Cards

by Don Glickstein

Form No. 510

JAILER'S RELEASE CARD

Bethel, Alaska, October 9th, 1935.

(City) (Date)

U. S. Marshal.

Sir: At 9.00 o'clock this A. m. I released from jail

Moses Jordan

Age 25 Sex Male Race Eskimo Born: Native ☒ Foreign ☐

charged with Larceny, Sec. 4800 CLA.

Bail ☐ Amount, \$ Case Dismissed ☐ Expiration of sentence ☒

Payment of Fine ☐ Probation ☐ Parole ☐ Pauper's Oath ☐ Transferred to

W. Anderson
Jailer of U.S. Jail, Bethel, Ala.

NOTE.—This card MUST be filled out and mailed to the Marshal when prisoner is discharged by the jailer.

This Bethel penalty card, addressed to the U.S. Marshal in Fairbanks in 1935, is a form from the Bethel jailer. It reports that one Moses Jordan, age 25, was released from jail having served his sentence for larceny. In the pre-Civil Rights era of the 1930s, the form also differentiates between “Native” and “Foreign,” and notes the race is “Eskimo.”

Also of interest are the various check boxes for case disposition, including one for “Pauper’s Oath.”

Department of Justice

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BETHEL ALASKA

91 1935

J. A. McDonald,

United States Marshal,

Fairbanks,

Alaska.

GPO 7-1220

Next Time in TAP

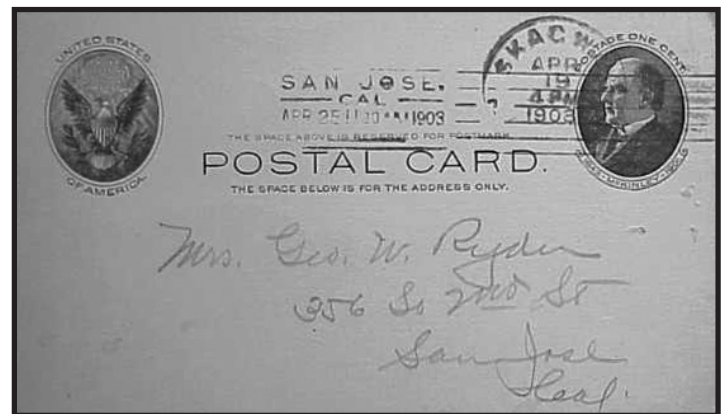
The next issue of *TAP* will feature an article about letters to and from Japan during the battle of the Aleutians.

The Skagway postal card, dated April 14, 1903 is from a new arrival, possibly a tourist, to his mother in San Jose. The writer talks about martial law in Skagway:

Dear Ma--

We got here all right at 8:00 a.m. today, Sunday. It is quite a place as was Juneau, which we left last night. There are many troops here & the town is under marshal [sic] law for fire protection as Uncle Sam has many buildings here. All is well. Leave in a.m. for the train.

Does any reader have more information about martial law in Skagway in 1903?



How many troops here? Skagway, Alaska. April 14, 1903.

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AUCTION

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Sheet on
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Auction Closes on MARCH 31st, 2011

*I am in desperate need of new
material for the next auction!*

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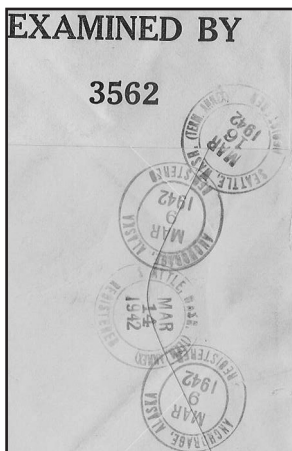
BS = Back Stamp
DCC = Double Circle Cancel
EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover
FD = First Day
FF = First Flight
LD = Last Day
NP = Nonphilatelic
PO = Post Office
T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed.
VF = Very Fine

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 \$1.00 unless otherwise noted

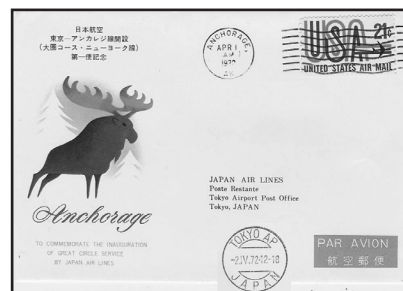
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- Afognak** (4/27/46) T3, later than listed. F. R=\$1.50.
- Alatna** (10/31/30) T1, DPO. Gen. Von Stuben stamp (Scott # 689) & cachet; PMS. F. R = \$3.75.
- Anchorage** (1/25/37) T9. EAMC to McKinley Park (2/5/37) T3, DPO, BS. F. R = \$3.50.
- Anchorage** (3/9/42) T10. Censored, registered, airmail cover to Seattle (3/14/42) BS. F+. R = \$12.50.
- Anchorage** (9/5/68) 4BC. Great cachet. FF to Dusseldorf, Germany VF. R = \$2.50.
- Anchorage** (3/3/74) Special cancel & cachet for Arctic Winter Games. VF. R = \$1.00.
- Anchorage** (7/10/70) MC & 2¢ Local Post w/ Merrill Field cancel honoring Alaskan Pioneer Aviators; Bob Reeve photo cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.
- Anchorage** (7/10/70) MC & 2¢ Local Post w/ Merrill Field cancel honoring Alaskan Pioneer Aviators; Noel Wien photo cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.
- Anchorage** (4/1/72) MC. Great cachet, FF by Japan Airlines to Tokyo. VF. R = \$1.50.
- Anchorage** (1/20/78) First Day cancel for Capt. James Cook stamp (Scott # 1832); cover also has 2 more Alaska stamps! Great "Silk" cachet. FV. R = \$1.50.
- Anchorage** (3/2/85) Special Iditarod cancel and winner Libby Riddles cachet and signature! XF. R = \$55.00.
- Anchorage** (7/10/90) Special cancel, cachet & II, 75th Anniv. of city's founding. XF. R = \$1.00.

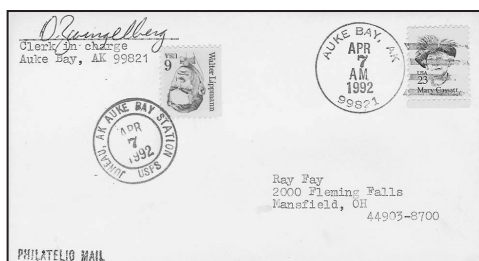


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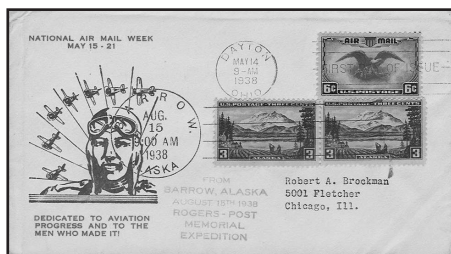
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13. **Andreafski** (9/1/51) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
14. ****Anvik** (5/18/53) T5 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
15. **Auke Bay** (4/7/92) 4BC & DCC for Juneau, Auke Bay Station. PMS. VF. R = \$1.00.



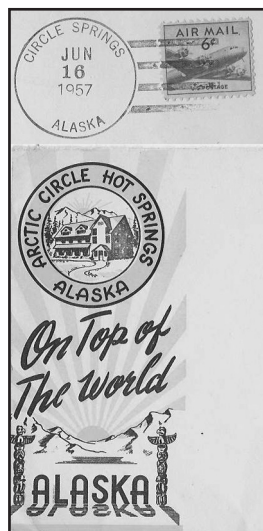
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16. **Auke Bay** (2/14/2000) 4BC on piece franked w \$1.00 Columbus Expo reprint stamp, Scott # 2624c. VF. R = \$1.00.
17. **Auke Bay** (2/14/2000) 4BC on piece franked w \$2.00 Columbus Expo reprint stamp, Scott # 2628c. VF. R = \$1.00.
18. **Baranof** (4/1/60) 4BC (like T4), DPO. 3¢ Gov. PC. F+. R = \$1.00.
19. **Barrow** (8/15/38) T12. Great National Airmail Week and Will Rodgers Memorial cachet. Cover from Dayton, Ohio. VF. R = \$4.50.



Lot # 19

20. **Barrow** (5/1/44) T10. Censored EAMC to Kotzebue (5/4/44) T8, BS. F. R = \$3.75.
21. **Barrow** (4/20/61) 4BC. Great cachet for Ice Island Arlis II. VF. R = \$1.00.
22. **Chifornak** (7/22/61) 4BC. FD of new PO, PMS. VF. R = \$1.00.
23. **Circle** (5/22/50) T6 on a block of four, 15¢ James Buchanan stamps, Scott #820. F+. R = \$1.00.
24. **Circle Springs** (6/16/57) T4, DPO. Great "Top of the World" cachet. F. R = \$1.50.



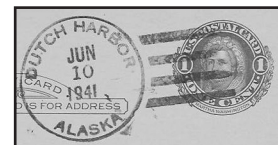
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25. **Cooper Landing** (6/3/57) T2 and unlisted DCC cancel on Registered cover to Seward (6/4/57) T17 BS. F+. R = \$7.50.



Lot # 25

26. **Diamond** (10/28/37) T1, DPO. EAMC to Fairbanks (11/28/37) T15, BS. F+. R = \$3.75.
27. **Dutch Harbor** (6/10/41) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.50.
28. **Ekwak** (11/4/46) T1, DPO. EAMC cachet. VF. R = \$2.00.
29. ****Elim** (6/27/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
30. **Fairbanks** (8/3/27) T15. Great franking with a pair of Scott #614! R = \$2.50.
31. **Fairbanks** (10/9/34) T18. EAMC to Diamond (11/13/34) T1, DPO on cover face. F. R = \$3.75.
32. **Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Beaver (9/28/36) T1 on cover face. F. R = \$3.25.
33. **Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Chicken (10/15/36) T3 on cover face. F. R = \$3.25.
34. **Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Franklin (10/16/36) T3, DPO, on cover face. F. R = \$4.00.
35. **Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Tanacross (10/13/36) T1, DPO, on cover face. F. R = \$3.50.
36. **Fairbanks** (5/12/44) T21. Censored EAMC to Flat (5/22/44) T6, BS. F+. R = \$3.50.
37. **Fairbanks** (4/5/61) MC. Great cachets for Ice Island Arlis I. F. R = \$1.50.
38. **Fairbanks** (4/30/73) Federal Sta. 4BC as First Day cancel on a strip of 10 of the Postal Service Stamps, Scott #'s 1489 – 1498. F+. R = \$2.50.
39. **Fairbanks** (8/26/78) First Day cancel & Artmaster cachet for block of the four, 15¢ owl stamps, Scott #'s 1760 – 1763. VF. R = \$1.00.

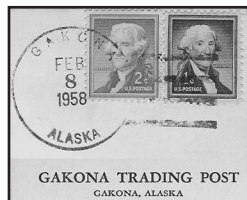


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Lot # 34

40. **Fairbanks** (1/3/84) First Day cancel, Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet & II for 25th Anniv. of Statehood stamp, Scott # 2066. Five covers! VF. R = \$4.00.
41. ****Fortuna Ledge** (8/17/53) T5, swollen, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
42. **Gakona** (2/8/58) T4 on local Trading Post cover. F. R = \$1.00.



Lot # 42

43. **Gronwoldt** (11/1/50) T1, First Day of DPO, PMS. F. R = \$2.50.
44. ****Haines** (8/18/53) T13 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
45. ****Haines** (11/10-12/95) Special eagle cancel for Bald Eagle Festival on P-card. F+. Only 50-cents starting bid!

46. **Hawk Inlet** (10/18/67) DCC, marked as "Last Day" (?) on plain postcard VF. R = \$1.00.
47. ****Healy Fork** (8/21/53) T3, DPO on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
48. **Holy Cross** (12/1/36) T3. EAMC to Mountain Village (12/15/36) T1, BS & Saint Michael (12/24/36) T12, BS. F+. R = \$2.25.
49. ****Hood Bay** (8/1/52) T2, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
50. **Hot Springs** (10/26/33) T2, DPO. PMS on EAMC. VF. R = \$4.50.
51. **Hot Springs** (12/20/35) T2, DPO. EAMC to Fairbanks (12/24/35) T21. F. R = \$2.25.
52. **Hyder** (5/21/21) T2, later than listed, DPO. Real photo PC of Hyder. VG - F. R = \$24.50.
53. ****Igiugig** (9/16/53) T1, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
54. **Iliamna** (10/16/33) T2. PMS on EAMC to Anchorage (10/20/33) T9, BS. F. R = \$3.50.
55. **Juneau** (11/12/37) T28 as First Day cancel on block of 4, Scott # 800. Nice cachet. VF. R = \$2.00.
56. **Juneau** (5/10/40) T25 on Ham Radio QSL card for K7GSC, Juneau. F+. R = \$3.25.

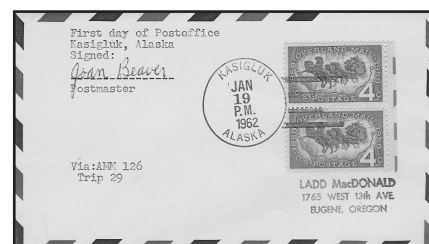


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57. **Juneau** (10/22/86) cancel on two, 20¢ Alaska Ptarmigan / Forget-Me-Not stamps, Scott # 1953. Great cachet. XF. R = \$1.00.
58. **Juneau** (5/5/90) cancel on Panex XXX cover. Great II & cachet honoring Alaska air transport; cover signed by legendary bush pilot Shell Simmons! VF. R = \$4.75.
59. **Kanakanak** (8/16/34) T1, DPO on cover (face only). F. R = \$2.00.
60. **Kenai** (11/27/36) T7. Unmarked EAMC to Anchorage (11/28/36) T8, BS. F. R = \$2.00.
61. **Kennecott** (1/18/34) T2, DPO. PMS on EAMC w Gillam Airways sticker. F+. R = \$6.00.
62. **Kasigluk** (1/19/62) 4BC. PMS on First Day of Operation cover. VF. R = \$1.00.



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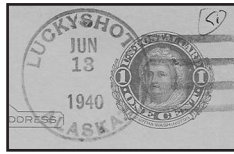
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63. **Ketchikan** (12/21/44) T13. Cover from the "Filipino Circle" in K-kan. F. R = \$1.00.
64. **Ketchikan** (8/9/69) MC. 5¢ postage due stamp as franking on Alaska cruise ship "Polar Star" P-card. F. R = \$2.25.
65. ****Kivalina** (6/22/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
66. ****Kobuck** (6/22/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
67. **Kobuck** (8/17/92) 4BC on Columbus Expo reprint souvenir sheet w \$4.00 stamp, Scott # 2625. VF. R = \$2.50.
68. ****Kodiak** (3/6/86) USCG Contract Sta. 1 DCC cancel. VF. Only 50-cents starting bid!
69. **Kodiak** (6/29/92) Special Bicentennial Station cancel on PMS cover. VF. R = 1.00.
70. ****Kokrines** (10/17/53) T4, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
71. ****Koyuk** (6/20/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
72. **Kwiguk** (12/6/54) T3, DPO, on a block of four, 15¢ James Buchanan stamps, Scott #820. F+. R = \$1.00.

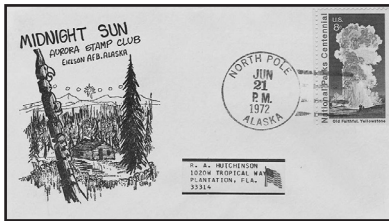


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73. ****Lake Minchumina** (6/24/58) T2 on cover. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
74. **Latouche** (3/31/55) T7, DPO. Revalued (1¢ to 2¢) Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.00.
75. ****Livengood** (10/4/53) T5, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
76. **Luckyshot** (6/13/40) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.25.
77. ****Manley Hot Springs** (6/24/58) T2 on cover. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
78. **Naknek** (5/16/38) T3. EAMC to Koggiung (12/7/38) T1, DPO, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
79. ****Nightmute** (9/1/52) T1, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
80. **North Pole** (6/21/72) 4BC on cover w/ "Midnight Sun" cachet from the Aurora Stamp Club at Eielson AFB. VF. R = \$1.25.

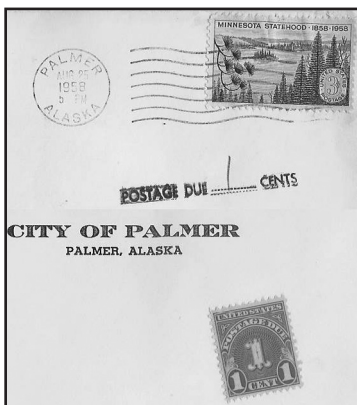


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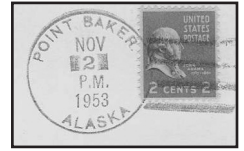
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81. **North Pole** (5/28/86) First Day cancel, Northern Lights Stamp Club Arctic cachet & II for the four, 22¢ Polar Explorer stamps, Scott #'s 2220 – 2223. Five covers, each franked with a block of the 4 different stamps! VF. R. = \$4.00.
82. **Palmer** (8/25/58) T5 on City cover with 1¢ Postage Due. F. R = \$1.25.

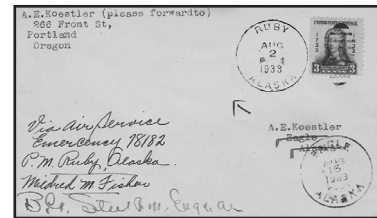


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83. ****Perryville** (11/11/53) T3 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
84. ****Platinum** (10/24/53) T3 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
85. ****Point Baker** (11/2/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
86. ****Port Ashton** (10/14/52) T1, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
87. **Portland, OR** (10/1/51) First Flight to Anchorage (10/1/51) T13, BS. F+. R = \$1.00.
88. ****Quinhagak** (11/5/53) T3 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
89. **Ruby** (8/2/33) T2. PMS (both!) on EAMC to Eagle (8/15/33) T5 on cover face. F. R = \$8.50.

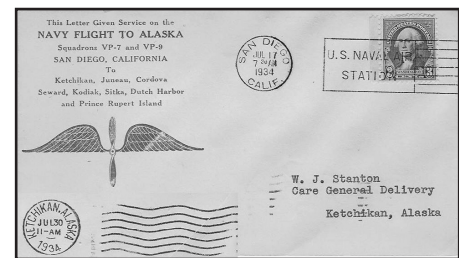


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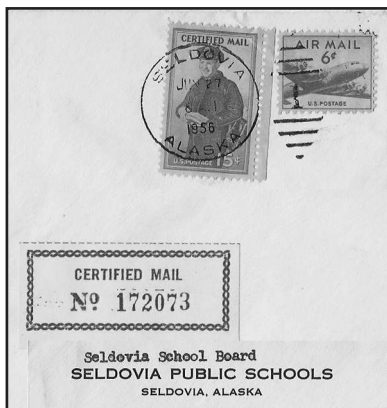
90. **Ruby** (4/23/35) T2. PMS (Ruby) on EAMC to Livengood (5/7/35) T3 on cover face. F. R = \$5.50.
91. **Saint Michael** (11/15/43) T14. EAMC to Nome (12/1/43) T21, BS. F. R = \$3.00.
92. **Sanak** (10/31/53) T2, DPO. Last day cancel on plain postcard. F. R = \$1.25.
93. **San Diego, CA Naval Air Sta.** Cancel on scarce Navy Air Squadrons VP-7 & VP-9 Flight to Alaska. Ketchikan (7/30/34) T13, BS. VF. R = \$44.50.



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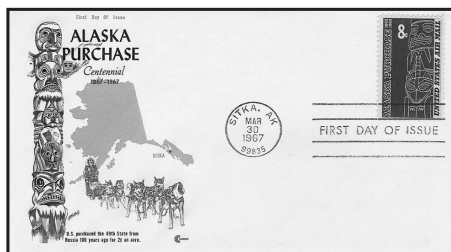
94. **Scammon Bay** (1/12/57) T1 on a block of four, 15¢ James Buchanan stamps, Scott #820. F+. R = \$1.00.
95. **Seattle, Naval Air Sta., Kodiak** (4/20/23) Registered, censored airmail cover. Scarce and unusual cover with Dutch Harbor corner card and Navy, Army, and Alaska civilian backstamp cancels. F. R = \$57.50. (image on front cover).

96. **Seattle, WA**, (10/1/51) Air Mail Field cancel on 4¢ Airmail PC, First Flight to Anchorage (10/1/51) T13, BS. F+. R = \$1.00.



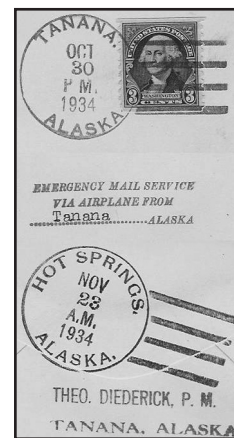
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97. **Seldovia** (7/27/56) T8 on Certified cover to Seward (6/28/56) T17, later than listed, BS. Alaska usage of the 15¢ Certified Mail stamp, Scott #FA1, is hard to find on cover. F. R = \$6.00.
98. **Seldovia** (4/17/89) 4BC & DCC on PMS cover. VF. R = \$1.00.
99. **Seward** (7/23/12) T5. Bank of Seward P-card. VG-F. R = \$2.25.
100. **Seward** (12/1/31) T11. Brown & Hawkins unopened 1¢ Postal Env. with contents! F. R = \$2.25.
101. **Seward** (9/30/58) T18 on Certified cover to Anchorage (10/2/58) BLM Land Office BS. Alaska usage of the 15¢ Certified Mail stamp, Scott #FA1, is hard to find on cover. F. R = \$6.00.
102. ****Shageluk** (11/20/53) T2 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
103. ****Sheldon Point** (2/7/61) 4BC (like T1), DPO, on Gov. PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
104. **Shishmaref** (1/1/38) T2. Marked by Dog Sled, but "no snow"; so, flown to Nome (1/3/38) T21 BS. VF. R = \$3.75.
105. ****Shungnak** (7/3/53) T4 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
106. **Sitka** (7/29/27) T1 on cover with great franking, Scott # 629. F. R = \$1.25.
107. **Sitka** (3/30/67) First Day cancel & great cachet for the 8¢ Centennial of the Alaska Purchase airmail stamp, Scott # C-70. VF. R = \$1.00.

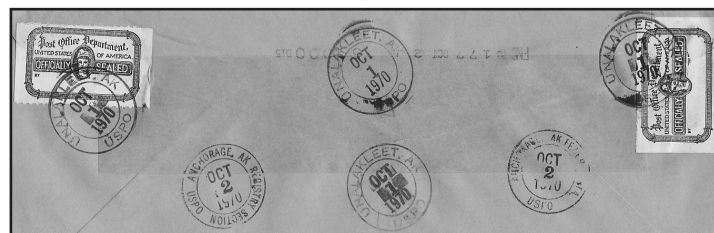


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108. ****Sleetmute** (11/16/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
109. ****Solomon** (6/24/53) T4, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
110. ****Stevens Village** (11/18/53) T1 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
111. ****Stony River** (11/15/53) T2, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
112. **Talkeetna** (1/9/36) T2. EAMC to Anchorage (1/11/36) T8, BS. F. R = \$2.25.
113. ****Tanacross** (12/1/53) T1, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
114. **Tanana** (12/25/11) T3 Doane. P-card showing Metlakatla. F. R = \$7.25.
115. **Tanana** (11/30/34) T6. PMS (stamped) on EAMC to Hot Springs (11/23/34) T2, DPO, BS. VF. R = \$4.25.
116. ****Teller** (6/19/53) T5 on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
117. ****Tolovana** (12/11/53) T4, DPO, on plain PC. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
118. **Unalakleet** (10/1/70) DCC on an Officially Sealed (two copies, Scott # OX-23) Post Office Penalty Env. sent via Registered mail to Anchorage (10/2/70) Registry Section, BS. F. R = \$8.50.
119. **Venetie** (6/3/59) 4BC (like T2) on a block of 4 of the \$1.00 Woodrow Wilson stamp, Scott # 832. F+. R = \$2.50.



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Lot # 118

120. **Wacker** (10/29/49) T3, DPO. EAMC cachet; marked 3¢ postage due (likely in error). VF. R = \$4.00.
121. ****Ward Cove** (8/31/64) DCC on a block of 8 of the 5¢ Register to vote stamp, Scott # 1249. F. Only 50-cents starting bid!
122. **Washington, DC** (2/24/66) Senator Ernest Greening "signature" cancel on U.S. Senate free frank cover. F+. R = \$3.50.

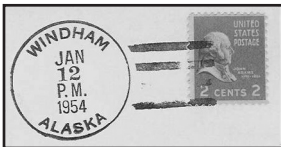


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123. **Washington, DC** (3/15/66) Senator Bob Bartlett "signature" cancel on U.S. Senate free frank cover. F+. R = \$3.50.
124. **Wasilla** (9/29/34) T3 on cover. F. R = \$3.50.
125. **Whitehorse, Yukon** (5/8/38) First Flight to Juneau (5/8/38) T30 (no bars) BS. Great cachet on cover with scarce signatures by Pilot Robbins and 1st Officer Hall. F+. R = \$45.00.
126. **Whitehorse, Yukon** (2/21/87) cancel on Yukon Quest cover signed by cachet artist, Jon van Zyle; II. VF. R = \$2.00.
127. **White Mountain** (7/10/32) T1 on Cover. VF. R = \$4.75.
128. **Windham** (1/12/54) T3, DPO on plain postcard. VF. R = \$1.25.
129. **US Army Postal Service, APO 736 {Shemya}** (7/21/59) 4BC. Airmail cover. F. R = \$1.50.

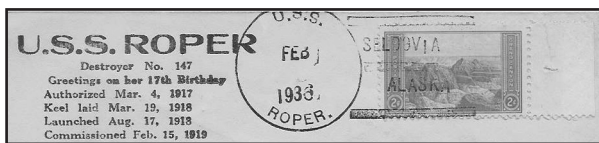


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130. **US Army Postal Service, APO 941 {Fort Raymond, Seward}** (5/26/42) 4BC. Censored, airmail cover. F. R = \$3.50.
131. **US Army Postal Service, APO 947 {Fort Spencer, Nome}** (9/14/45) 4BC. Airmail cover with letter enclosed! F. R = \$3.50.
132. **US Navy** (9/2/44) Naval Air Sta. cancel. Kodiak return address on censored cover; USCG letterhead on enclosed letter with dog photo. F. R = \$11.75.
133. **U.S.S. Roper @ Kachemak (?)** (1/25/36) 3BC. Great cachet. F. R = \$4.50.
134. **U.S.S. Roper @ Seldovia** (2/-/36) 3BC. Great cachet. F. R = \$5.00.

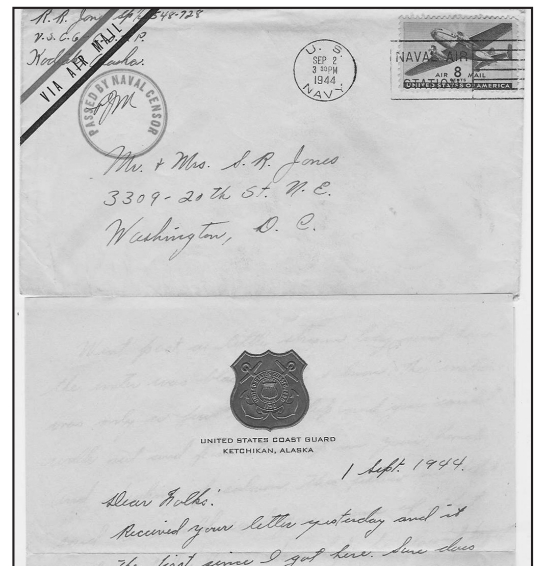


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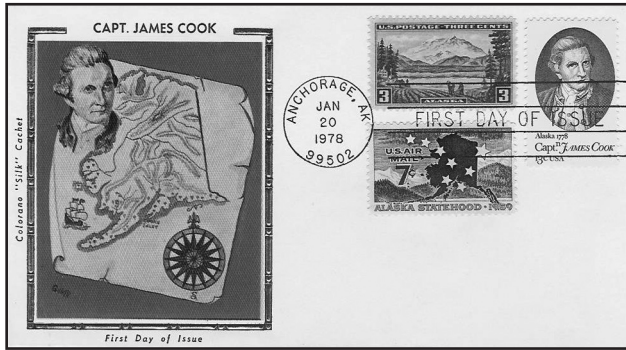
135. 1937, four mint, full gum plate # blocks of 4 stamps, Scott # 800 (3¢ purple), the Alaska Territory stamp (two different plate #'s). VF. R = \$5.00.

136. 1959, four mint, full gum plate # blocks of 4 stamps, Scott # C-53 (7¢ blue), the Alaska Statehood stamp (two different plate #'s). VF. R = \$3.00.
137. 1967, four mint, full gum plate # blocks of 4 stamps, Scott # C-70 (8¢ brown), the Alaska Purchase Centennial stamp (all different plate #'s). VF. R = \$3.00.
138. 22k gold replica of the 1909 William Seward 2¢ stamp, Scott # 370, on a reproduction cover. VF. R = \$1.25.
139. **Vintage, unused real photo postcard**, ship S.S. Aleutian at Columbia Glacier. VF. R = \$2.00.
140. Five different, 1947 4-bar cancels on 2¢ red Gov. postal cards: **Chenega, Circle, Holy Cross, King Salmon, Unalaska**. F+. R = \$1.75.
141. Six different, early 1960's 4-bar cancels on covers: **Cold Bay, Emmonak, Nikolski, Teller, Tuluksak, Wales**. F-VF. R = \$1.50.
142. Six different mid 1960's 4-bar cancels on plain postcards: **Chatham, Ekwak, Holikachuk, Takotna, Tuluksak, Ugashik**. F-VF. R = \$1.25.
143. 15 different mid 1960's 4-bar cancels on regular and C-10 sized covers: **Afognak, Allakaket, Angoon, Elim, Haines, Kotzebue, Kwethluk, Minto, Point Hope, Red Devil, Russian Mission, Saint Paul Island, Sheldon Point, Shishmaref, & Shungak**. F. R = \$2.50.
144. 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.
145. Mint, unused 42¢ **Alaska Dogsled** stamp mounted in a sealed plastic container with a brilliant uncirculated 2008 **Alaska quarter**. Unusual, historic item. R = \$4.50.

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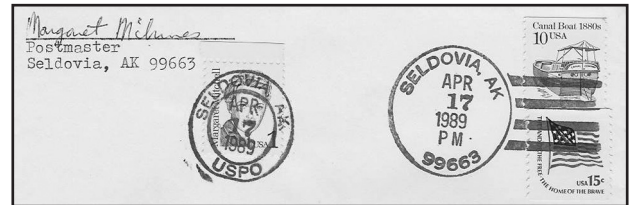
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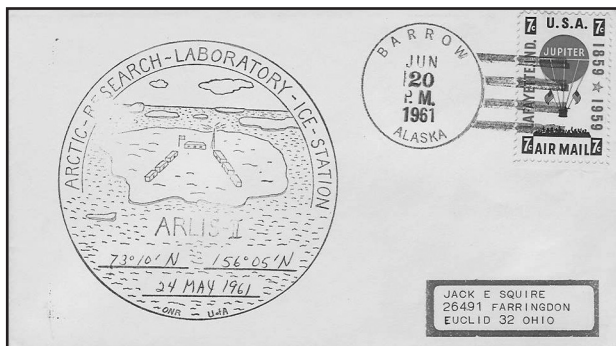
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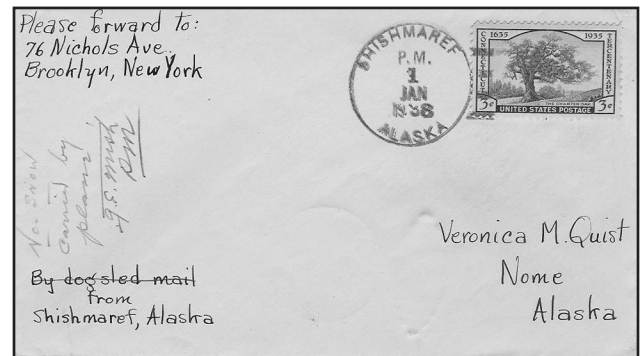
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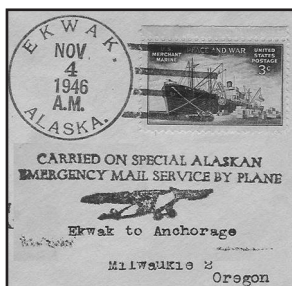
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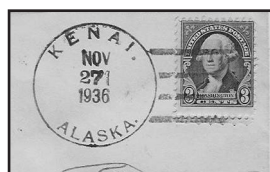
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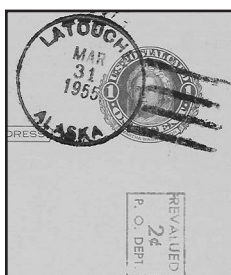
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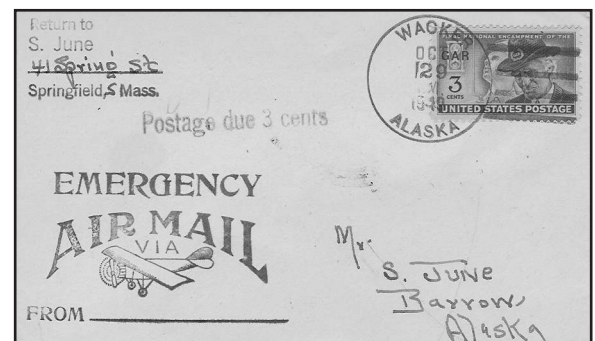
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