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AWARDS

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





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 c.esveld@tip.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.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for covers and other information on Wells Fargo & Company in Alaska during the 19th and early 20th century. We are specifically looking for any information on the location and history of the various offices in Alaska. George Hall, 13124 Stephenson, Anchorage, AK 99515.

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.com.

TAP Deadlines

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

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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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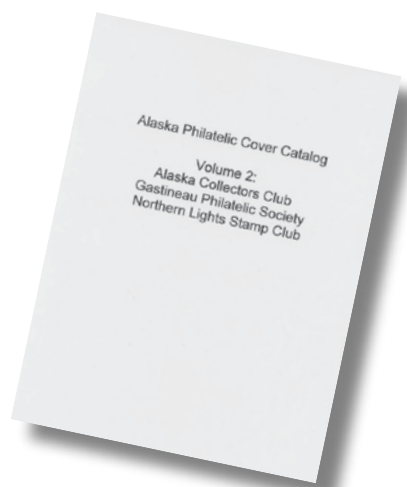
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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

by David Schwantes & Eric Knapp

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2003.....\$3, 683.34
Income:

Dues.....\$2,120.00
Auction Profits845.00

TOTAL INCOME\$2,965.95

Expenses:

TAP\$1,548.59
Ads.....126.00
Sustaining Member Cover.....75.85
Sec.-Trea. Expenses.....13.85

TOTAL EXPENSES\$1,764.29

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2004.....\$4,885.00

New Secretary / Treasurer's Report

Before I go any farther I wish to extend my thanks to David Schwantes for the great job he did as Secretary / Treasurer for the last 8 years. Thank you Dave for all of your hard work for the club.

It is the middle of February as I write this. The start of the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous was this weekend and we are having a mid-winter thaw. It has been close to 40 degrees during the last couple of days. The only problem with it is knowing that winter will be back again before spring finally comes.

As you can see in David's end of the year reports we are in good financial shape. As long as we are careful we should stay financially healthy. To continue a tradition David started I wish to list people here who contributed money beyond their membership dues. They are Ted Swem, Jim Zuelow, Bob Spaugy, Dr. Steven Berlin, Dirk van Gelderen, Michael Senta M.D., Stuart Hall, Caye Carufel, and Wayne Selmar. Thank you to you all. And thank you to everyone who has continued in membership and continued support for the ACC.

I will wrap this up now because I have to go work on preparations for the APEX show here this weekend. Until then happy stamping and visit a stamp show somewhere. They are lots of fun.

President's Message

by Jim Zuelow (jimzuelow@aol.com)

If you have been surfing the web lately for Alaska postal history sales sites, you may have found one that reports our club is "in dire straits" without a "single bright spot for...Alaska collectors." Guess what? Our Alaska Collector's Club is doing just fine, and the future looks bright indeed!

As our former Secretary-Treasurer, David Schwantes, put it in the last TAP issue, "...the club is going strong at this time, and the treasury, after being almost down to zero a few years ago, is very healthy now." Dave is owed a big thank you for his eight years of hard work to make the ACC successful!

Another reason our club is doing quite well is because, in the words of Auction Manager Terry Shaw, "...the club auctions are the best deal around!" Terry has been doing all the work of running the auctions for 12 years. He reports the auctions usually sell over 50% of the items offered, and sometimes over 70%: very good results for club auctions! Contact him if you haven't bought or sold auction items through him lately. Of course, we also have several expert Alaska postal history dealers who are members too!

One big reason the future looks bright is because of the great series of Alaska Philatelic Cover Catalogs that our former president, and current TAP Editor and Secretary-Treasurer, Eric Knapp, has published and continues to expand and update. Few states have such resources!

Another reason the future looks bright is because of efforts being made by Dirk van Gelderen to publish his extensive website catalog of Alaska Statehood postmarks in CD format in cooperation with Dr. Richard Helbock. Dirk, a new ACC Director, has been an ACC member for 20 years. He is continuing his excellent work by scanning in several hundred new postmarks to complete his catalog. While no publishing or cost details are available yet, this is an exciting prospect!

Organizationally, our new Vice-President, Angela Watson (who also helps Eric with TAP), has suggested putting our newsletter on our own website. Several others believe the ACC needs its own website. Another matter currently being looked into is the possibility of obtaining an IRS 501(c)3 designation for the ACC so that certain contributions and expenses become tax deductible for our USA members. Eric Knapp previously started working on this task.

Finally, the February, 2004 issue of American Philatelist contains a thought-provoking article about shrinking philatelic subscriber and membership numbers. It concludes that organizations like ours must promote our hobby to others, and that we must continue to adapt our club to better meet the desires of our current membership. Please let me know what you think about these topics. We have an interesting, multidimensional, challenging hobby and a talented membership that includes many who contribute talent, money, or both above our minimum requirements. We really are doing quite well, and the future really does look bright!

Post Offices That Never Were

continued from TAP No. 205

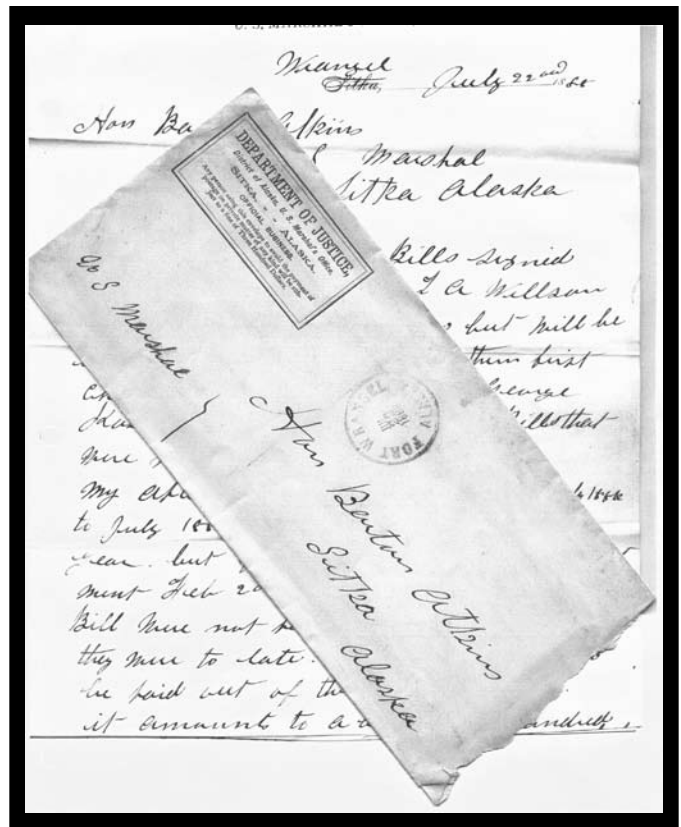
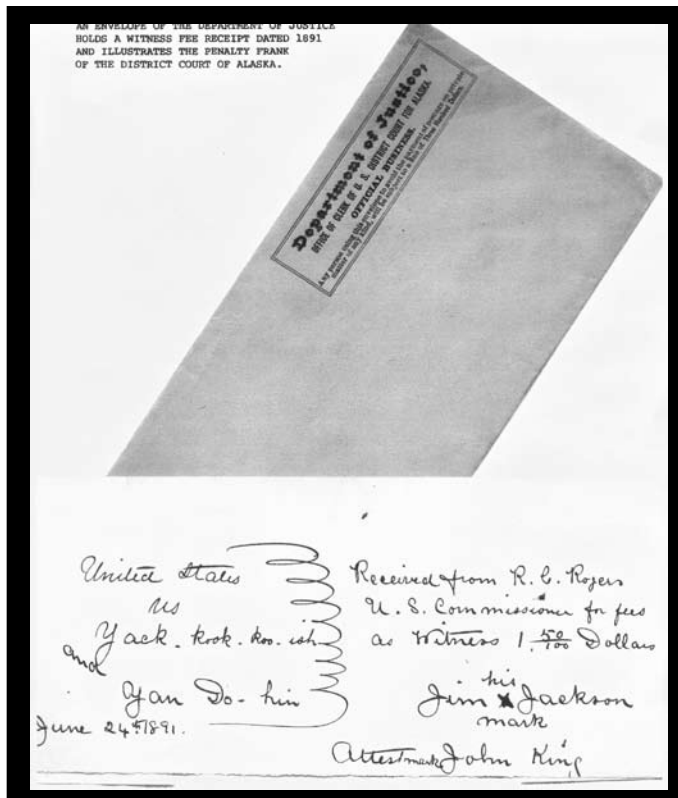
by George Hall

Editor's Note:

This is a continuation of examples of interesting items that don't quite fit into a post office description.

Item 1 (shown at 75%)

Wells Fargo Cover. A possible follow-up item to the recent Wells Fargo in Alaska article. It cannot be determined if this was an envelope chosen because it was available rather than being a letter carried by Wells Fargo.



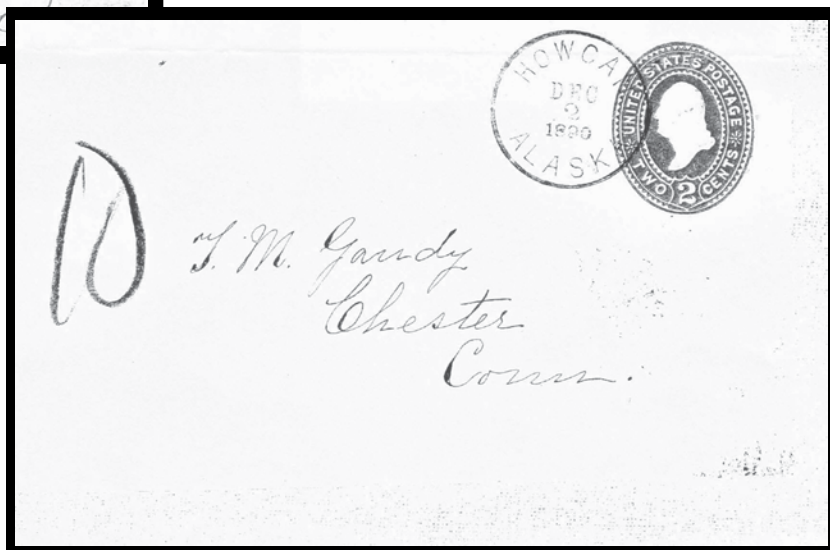
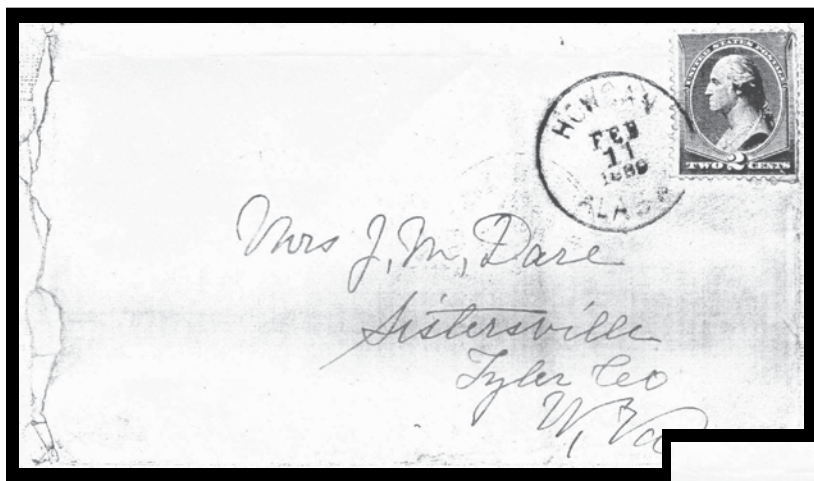
Items 2 and 3 (shown at 40%)

Letters from the Department of Justice office in the District of Alaska. Note the different styles of corner cards in use.

New Howcan Cancel Type

by Seely Hall, Jr.

Here's a new type Howcan (figure 1). I sent it in to Helbock and he agreed. It will be type 2 in the 4th edition of Postmarks of Territorial Alaska and the current type 2 will become type 3 (figure 2). I don't recall if I ever reported figure 2 to you, but am including it now so they can be compared. It came to light in late 2002. As far as I know there are three other Howcan type 3s known. Two are mine and are mourning covers and the third in a dealer's stock unless now sold. It was on eBay but didn't sell. (*shown at 75%*)



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B-r-r-r-ief Notes



Alaska Collectors Club 2003

Election

reported by David Schwantes

Office	Total Votes
President:	
Jim Zuelow	36
Vice-President:	
Angela Watson	37
Secretary-Treasurer:	
Eric Knapp	36
Director:	
Seely Hall Jr	35
Dirk van Gelderen	34
Bob Spaugy	32
Director Write-ins:	
Caye Carufel	1
David Schwantes	1

Caye Carufel, as the most recent past President not holding other office, will hold the fourth director office. Thank you to everyone who agreed to run.

Member's Projects

Editors Note: This is a new occasional feature that will run whenever a member sends us the details of a project they are working on. If you have a project and need some help with it, please send it in. Tell us what the project is and what help you need.

Bob McKain has two ongoing projects involving World War II APO covers from Alaska and Western Canada.

For the first project Bob is working with Bill Helbock to document all of the censors on the APO covers. He is particularly looking for copies of all provisional censor marks and the numbers off of all of the "A" style standard censor mark.

Bob said, "It would help if you could put a word in TAP. I'll need scans of covers or Xeroxes at the least. There are several errors that have been perpetuated over the years and I'd like to clean them up. Helbock is in no hurry so I'd like to get as many provisionals noted as possible. Bill advises that he would like personal censors listed separately from Cammaratas old workup (1987-1990 in TAP). I advised him that between MPTA and his writeups in LaPosta and Cammaratas writeup - we have some provisionals with 3 different numeric listings. Hard for dealers to use and harder for collectors to buy when they don't know what reference was used."

The second project is one he told me about a couple of years ago. He is trying to create a general census of APO covers from Alaska during and after World War II. I am not sure how Bob is doing on this particular project.

If you can help Bob with either of these, Write to Bob at: Bob McKain, 2337 Giant Oaks Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241 or email him at 57-vette@adelphia.net.

Auction Crisis!

Our Auction Manager, Terry Shaw, informs us that if he does not get some more items for auction, we likely may not have an auction in the next TAP issue.

Please review your stock, and see if there is anything that has outlasted its interest with you and needs a new home. Send all auction items to:

Terry Shaw
Unit # 1009, The Letterman Bldg.
2030 F. St. NW
Washington, DC 20006



See this month's auction for this item and others that are available for great starting bids. Turn to page XX.

Member Questionnaire for Newsletter Article

We're going to try a different tack with this feature. Here is the questionnaire, so now everyone can fill it out and send it in for publication in the newsletter. Please take a few minutes and send this in. We'd love to feature all our members in the newsletter. This is an especially important feature in a club with no regularly scheduled meetings. We will need three things from you:

- 1) this sheet with you filled in answers (add other sheets as necessary),
- 2) a recent photo of you (prefer clear, well- focused and good contrast photos), and
- 3) a color photocopy of your favorite piece of Alaskan Postal History.

Please drop all those things in the mail back to me at: Angela Watson • P.O. Box 3262 • San Diego, CA 92162. Thanks!

1. Please list your name place of residence and age: _____

2. What is your occupation? _____

3. How did you become a stamp collector? _____

4. What about Alaska Philately interests you the most? _____

5. What specialties within Alaska Philately do you collect? _____

6. What other countries or areas do you collect? _____

7. What other philatelic study groups or organizations are you a member of? _____

8. Tell us about your favorite piece of Alaskan Postal History (include the color copy so we can scan and add to your article).

9. Anything else you want to tell us about yourself (other hobbies, interests, favorite curse word, etc?)

Member Spotlight: Eric Knapp

by Angela Watson

- 1) *Please list your name, place of residence and age:* Eric Knapp, Anchorage, Alaska, Age 40 (birthday in March)
- 2) *What is your occupation?* Computer Helpdesk Specialist. I spend most of my time inside various versions of Windows and various business applications.
- 3) *How did you become a stamp collector?* I got started when I was about 10. I was a Cub Scout at the time and my grandmother knew that there were merit badges for stamp collecting and coin collecting in boy scouting. She gave me some stamps and some coins to get me started on these badges. I got both badges when I became a Boy Scout. I still dabble in coins but stamps grabbed me and never let go.



- 6) *What other countries or areas do you collect?* I also collect United States singles, the Baltic States, Boy Scouts, Ration material and a few other assorted things.

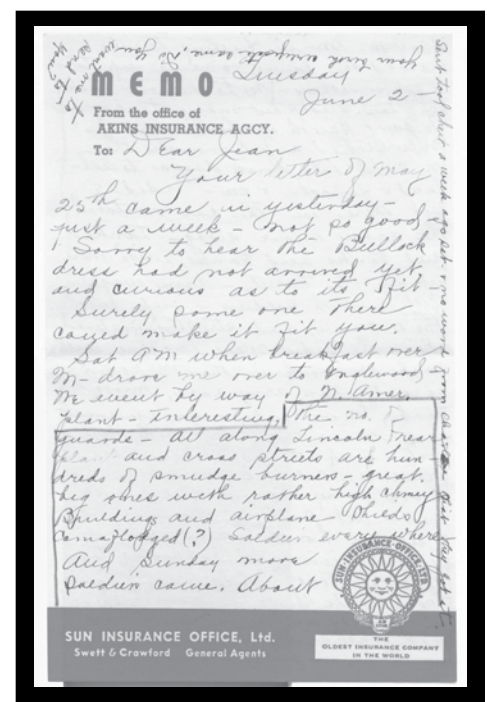
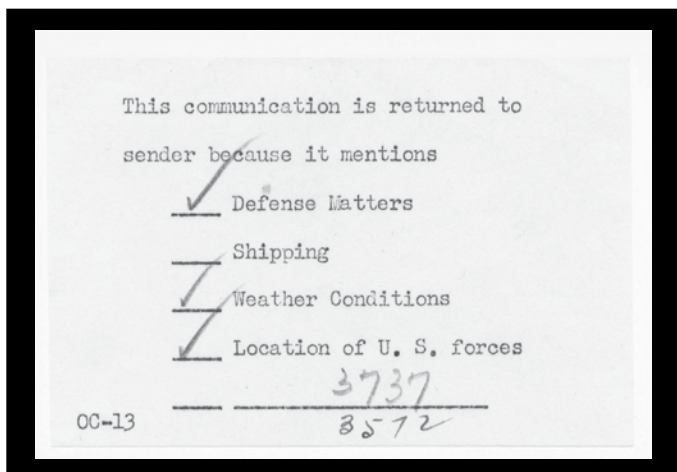
- 7) *What other philatelic study groups or organizations are you a member of?* Anchorage Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Society, Gastineau Philatelic Society, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Military Postal History Society, Northern Canada Study Group, American Society of Polar Philatelists and Scouts on Stamps Society International.

- 8) *Tell us about your favorite piece of Alaskan Postal History.* If it didn't sound so flip, I would say the next one I find. There is one recent find that I really like. I consider it an Alaskan cover even though it never made it there. It was mailed June 2, 1942 from Santa Monica, California to Sitka, Alaska, however it was stopped and returned by the postal censors. Mail to and from Alaska was censored during part of World War II because Alaska was considered a war zone. The great thing is that the letter and the form from the censor were still with the cover. The form lists the problems with the letter and the letter shows blue pencil marks outlining the problems. And there are a lot of problems. It is a great example to me of how civil censorship in World War II worked on mail going to and from Alaska.



- 4) *What about Alaska Philately interests you the most?* As a lifelong Alaskan I am interested in the history of my home state. There are also so many interesting niches in Alaska philately to search out.
- 5) *What specialties within Alaska Philately do you collect?* My main interests are World War II in Alaska and Western Canada and philatelic covers from Alaska. I also have smaller collections in other areas.

- 9) *Anything else you want to tell us about yourself (other hobbies, interests, favorite curse word, etc?)* Just keep collecting and keep doing things you love.



Alaska Postal History Trivia Quiz

Winner will Receive \$10 Auction Credit

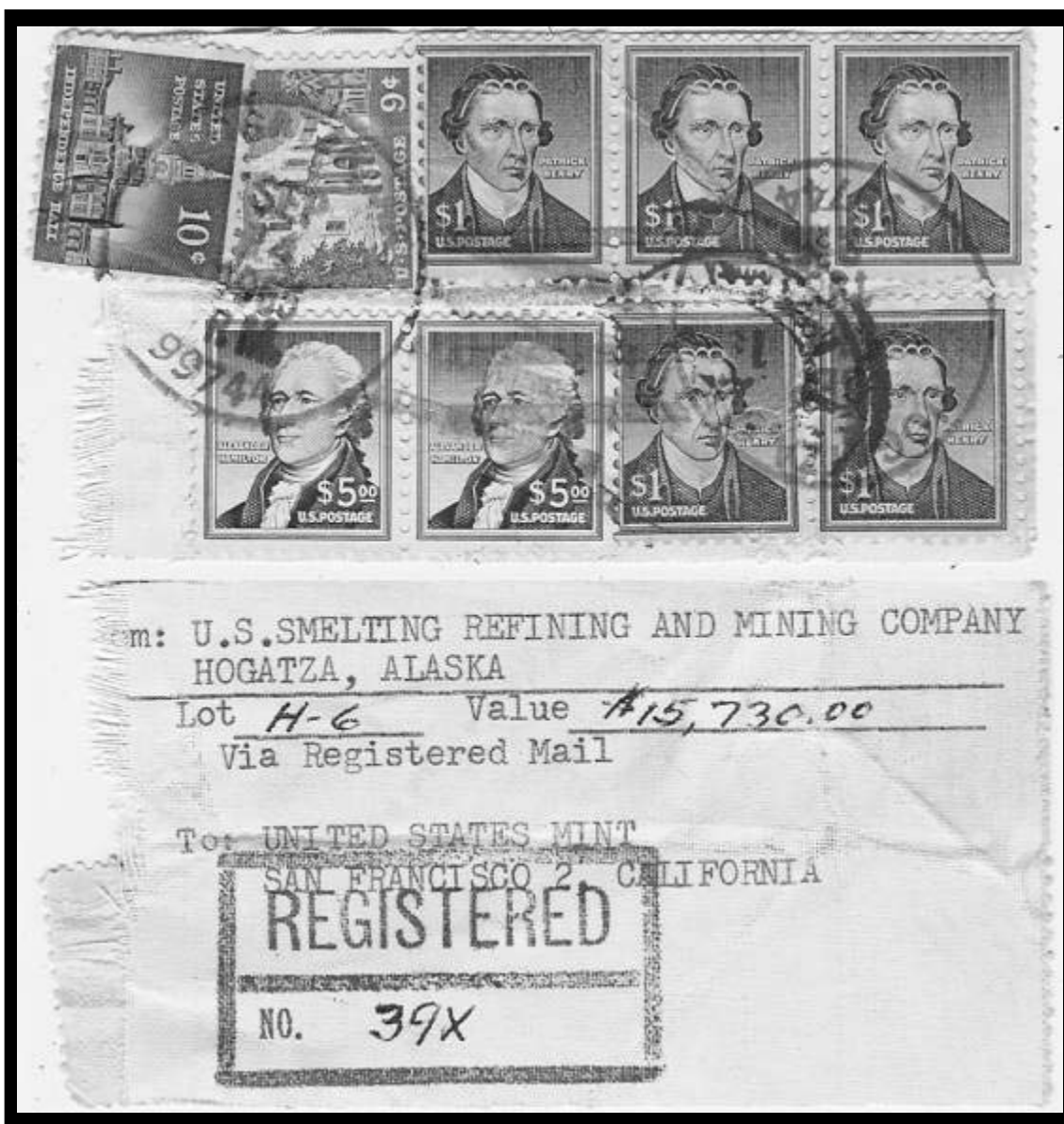
by Terry Shaw

Check out the attached image. My idea is to use this item in the next issue of TAP as an Alaskan Philatelic "brain teaser". First ACC member to get the correct answers gets a \$10.00 credit in the ACC auction. If the idea works, then others could submit a brain teaser item in the future. Here is the deal on this item:

Attached is an image of a 1965 shipping tag mailed from a gold & silver mining outfit in Hogatza, Alaska. Can you calculate the registration fee, assuming that the declared value of the parcel was, as indicated, \$15,730? Based on this registration fee, what was the mailing charge? Based on this mailing fee, what did the parcel weigh? And, based on this

weight, can you determine (based on the weight that this amount of postage paid for shipping and the value of gold and silver in 1965) if the parcel (shipped to the US Mint in San Francisco) most likely contained gold or silver? First correct set of answers gets a \$10.00 credit in the ACC auction! Four answers are needed:

- 1) Registration fee for a parcel worth a declared value of \$15,730 that was mailed from Hogatza, Alaska in 1965 to the US mint in San Francisco;
- 2) mailing fee for the parcel;
- 3) weight of the parcel; and
- 4) was the parcel most likely gold or silver?



Send your best guesses to:
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U.S. Mail and Trade Routes

The Western Stamp Collector Postal History Series

by Ralph A. Miller
Originally Published August 13, 1955
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It may be news that ever since the heralded Treaty of Session in 1867 writers have been inspired to tell the world all about Alaska but somehow failed to record little knowledge about the all important inland waterways. (Only the Yukon received space). Yet curiously enough almost every interior town worthy of note was founded on or near a river.

This miscarriage of responsibility to future generations or readers is regrettable, especially grievous in a modern world demanding factual, "first hand" information. Therefore to partially fill the void, a few, very belated notes are desirable.

These are offered more or less as proof that the neglected theme possessed reader interest and thus had no relationship to conventional ancient history.

Unknown Kuskokwim

Evidence favors one old account that R. Sipary, an independent trader, was the first American to establish a trading station in the mid-eighteen eighties on the infrequently mentioned Kuskokwim – one of the two important arteries of travel to the interior of Alaska.

Lacking fact it may be assumed that Sipary or his later successor (the Northern Commercial Company) located the key settlement, Bethel, that so strategically controlled all movement of trade and commerce on the 650 miles of navigable waters.

Old maps show that small ocean steamers entering Kuskokwim Bay passed two villages, named Moravian Trading Post Kuskokwim and Moravian Warehouse, before reaching Bethel. Eskimo influence up-river is noted in six towns with names like Gavimanut and Klikmait, and Moravian Russian influence again in redoubt Kolmakoffsky.

Before the "golden decade" this high road to the sea was normally an extended trapper's paradise. In 1903 Bethel received U.S. mail by the courtesy of ship captains only and was voluntarily included in the three round trips each winter on Star Route #78118 – Nushagak to Yukon River points.

Penetration of areas accessible to the river by gold prospectors, however, quickly changed the leisurely way of life and soon found the old river traversed by 12 large steamers (net tonnage 11,568) excluding gasoline powered boats.

Yellow River Stampede

Lush days came to the then unmapped district following the Yellow River stampede in the year 1906 near later Aniak and new placer gold discovered in the Flat and Iditarod districts north of the river in 1908. The quiet mountain valleys were soon teeming with optimistic prospectors seeking a fortune at the end of the rainbow.

Gold for the taking was found all the way north to Candle Landing. New towns sprung up and the Kuskokwim came into its own as a transportation route of merchandise and goods – tradesmen and prospectors, and the inevitable "easy Money" camp followers.

Almost all travel was on rivers, but legend has it that the lure of gold induced even women and children to attempt the winter sled road from the end of the Alaska Northern Railroad at Kern Creek or the equally long and dangerous winter trail from distant Seward – neither feasible until "snow paved."

As noted earlier, Bethel profited most from the unusual river traffic and was the first to be granted direct mail facilities, followed by Iditarod, Candle and Georgetown. Later "dog team" star routes and emergency "air lifts" found Bethel foremost in postal history memorabilia.

Twentieth century postmarks identified with the meandering Kuskokwim and thus better identified to a colorful locale are: Eek, Akulurak, Napakiak, Kwethluk, Akiak, Kaltag, Aniak, Napamiut, Crooked Creek, Sleetmute, Stony River, and Candle.

And, tragically all have passed through a "boom and bust" cycle.

Innoko River R.P.O.

While U.S. mail steamers and star route gasoline launches for many years rendered valuable service to Kuskokwim river "whistle stops," the distributing post office at Bethel has been reduced to four AAM air routes. (No R.P.O. mail routes were ever listed.) The Innoko River, roughly adjacent to the Kuskokwim, possessed R.P.O. services, but was always overshadowed because the latter allowed ocean mail and cargo steamers a precious additional summer month to make extra trips north.

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U.S. Mail and Trade Routes

The Western Stamp Collector Postal History Series

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The Innoko river (still a relatively unknown) originally served many of the mountain country gold camps earlier detailed but in a far less spectacular way. The Innoko flowing into the Yukon River at Koserefsky first entered postal history when the mining supply town was granted a U.S. post office, August 4, 1899. The town identity was lost July 22, 1912 when it was renamed Holy Cross.

The Innoko's giant arc characteristics are not so traced out in early maps and its important "potage" with the northern river, Nowikakat (Nowina) are not too evident on modern maps. The interior country is touched, however, equaled a half dozen Midwest states.

Two pioneer villages, Shageluk and later Holikachuk, aside from temporary gold camps, have featured in river history. Gold bullion shipped out to the States by registered mail at 2 cents an ounce postage, in truth carried the native Eskimo's heritage into other hands and channels.

But in the mere mention, this is an "old story" in Alaska.

Railway Post Offices direct rail service was given river camps in 1915 by traveling supply steamers operated by the Northern Commercial Company, an affiliate of the older Alaska Commercial Co. Contractor James Aitchison abruptly discontinued R.P.O. service in 1934 when "bush pilots" underbid and incorporated his route into the then infant territorial air service.

Somewhere, bonafide "Innoko River R.P.O. postal markings are still hiding out that should be speedily be reported now. The earliest marking reported, according to enthusiast Henry Mayer of Evansville, Indiana, is a late period cover dated 1932.

Other blank spaces in river history still await a researcher.

Strange Old Tanana

Readers who associate Alaska with gold placers, copper and gold lode mines, can readily understand the upheavals in area economy which took place each time an important gold strike was flashed around the new country by the extended Alaska – Washington Military Telegraph System.

The Tanana River flowing into the Yukon at Tanana, Alaska, was never the same after early century reports of rich

gold strikes near Captain Bartlett's small trading post near later Fairbanks – or after Hot Springs, 1906; Ruby, 1907; Tolovana, 1914 and equally rich discoveries on isolated small creeks, in intervening years.

B.G. (before gold) old territorial maps show the "whistle stops" on the Tanana as: Fishing Station, Baker, Atwood (goal of Alaska Central R.R.) and Tortella. The Port of Chena came into being following gold, and creation of mail routes No. 78057 – 78058. Nenana replaced Tortella, and a score of now familiar names became post office towns.

The North American Transportation and Trading Co. vessel Eagle carried the first river mail in 1903 to Fairbanks to be equally served well by winter star routes – No. 78110 from Valdez which connected with No. 78116 at Chisna and direct route No. 78133.

The government then built the Military Wagon Road from Valdez to Fairbanks, and ended up in the year 1910 possessing 617 miles of winter sled roads; 862 miles of wagon road, and 2,167 miles of winter trails – all more or less leading to Fairbanks – early termed the "Golden Heart of Alaska."

Rugged men like Edd Orr ran stages carrying passengers, freight and mail out of Valdez; wheeled stages in early winter and spring – horse drawn sleds in midwinter. And Fairbanks in turn re-routed the mails to Nome and way points.

The marine mail history involving pioneer steamboat lines and the federal government's "train connecting boat" story, requires fuller, later, elaboration, because as early as the year 1907, advertising in the "Nome Daily Nugget" announced service on the stern-wheelers Louise, Herman and Campbell; Saint Michael direct to Fairbanks – and other lines important to the record have now been identified.

Some aspects of the U. S. mail story are confusing to the uninitiated (and that means most of us).

No postal markings have come to light of the early year's operations of the "Tanana R.P.O." which were required impressed on special service mail. And some of the "hidden years" history of the Tanana and the Yukon River is elusive, at times baffling, and will never be adequately recorded in print until the territory's own organized groups decide to look into their history.

That will be a highly readable mirror of the times.

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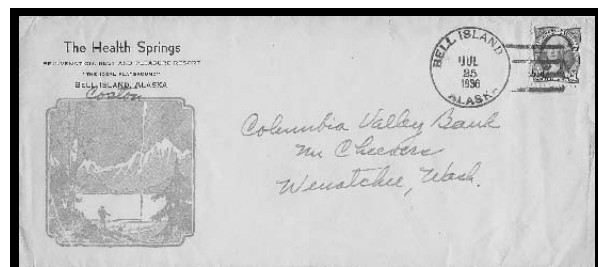
1. Aleknagik (9/15/55) T2. Revalued Government postal card. F.
2. Anchorage (9/23/36) T9 EAMC (no cachet) to Ophir (11/2/36) T3, DPO, on cover face. Signed by Pilot Knox. F. R = \$15.00.
3. Anchorage (1/25/37) T13 EAMC (handwritten cachet) to McKinley Park (2/5/37) T3, DPO, BS. F. R = \$4.50.
4. Anchorage (8/20/37) T 13 EAMC (no cachet) to Ekwak (9/15/37) T1, DPO, on cover face. R = \$4.50.
5. Anchorage (6/22/41) T12. Crosby embossed, silver & gold cachet, "Greetings, Alaska Defense Center". F. R = \$7.50.



Lot 5

6. Anchorage, Airport Annex (9/3/60) First DC 8 Jet Airmail by NW Airlines to Taipei. APO 63 {Taipei} (9/6/60) BS. R = \$4.50.

7. Anchorage (6/19/73) MC slogan. NOAA Ship McArthur CSS-30 to Kodiak (1/19/73) DCC on cover face. R = \$2.00.
8. Arctic Village (7/22/59) 4BC. PMS.
9. Barrow (3/30/35) T11 EAMC (typed cachet) to Nome (4/10/35) T22 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
10. Barrow (2/7/38) T10 EAMC (handwritten cachet) to Nome (2/12/38) T19. BS. F. R = \$3.50.
11. Barrow (3/4/43) T10 Dogsled mail to Wainwright (3/10/43) T2 (first day listed) BS. Large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. Censored. F+. R = \$10.00.
12. Barrow (4/3/61) 4BC. "Top of the World" Polar Bear cachet. F.

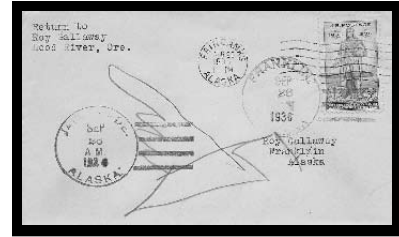


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13. Bell Island (7/25/36) T1-DPO. Health Springs cachet, C-10 sized env. F. R = \$8.50.

14. Bethel (10/8/37) T1 EAMC (handwritten cachet) to Livengood (10/26/37) T4 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
15. Big Delta (2/22/37) T1, DPO. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Fairbanks (3/2/37) T18 BS. F. R = \$6.00.
16. Candle (4/23/30) T3, DPO. VG-F. R = \$4.50.
17. Central (10/8/88) Special cancel, cachet & II for PO dedication. VF.
18. Chandler (10/7/40) T1, DPO EAMC (plane cachet) to Wiseman (10/12/40) T2, DPO, on cover face. F+. R = \$7.50.
19. Chatanika (10/9/72) 4BC. Poker Flats Rocket Site cachet, "magnetic fields". F.
20. Chatanika (10/12/72) 4BC. Poker Flats Rocket Site cachet, "solar winds". F.
21. Chatham (5/8/43) T4, DPO EAMC (plane cachet) to Juneau (5/19/43) T32 BS. PMS, Chatham; Censored! F+. R = \$7.50.
22. Chiniak CPO (5/3/88) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
23. Chisana (11/17/36) T2, DPO EAMC (no cachet) to Chitina T4 BS. PMS, Chisana. F+. R = \$4.50.
24. Chitina (2/3/37) T4. First Flight cachet to Gulkana (2/5/37) T3, DPO. PMS, Chitna. VF. R = \$5.00.
25. Chugiak (8/2/54) T1. Airmail Gov. PC, PMS. F.
26. Circle (10/15/35) T6. F. R = \$2.25.
27. Circle (5/22/50) T6 on a block of 4 of the 15-cent gray, President Buchanan stamp (off cover). F. R = \$2.00.
28. Circle Springs (10/16/35) T1-DPO. F. R = \$2.00.
29. Clam Gulch (2/24/69) 4BC. VF.
30. Council (8/2/36) T6, purple ink, DPO. EAMC (no cachet) to Nome (8/7/36) T23 BS. VG. R = \$3.50.
31. Council (6/15/52) T9, DPO. Airmail postal env. F+. R = \$2.50.
32. Crooked Creek (12/3/31) T1. First Flight to Sleetmute (12/6/31) T2 BS. PMS, Sleetmute. F. R = 10.00.
33. Curry (1/5/36) T2, DPO on C-10 envelope from the Curry Hotel. VG. R = \$6.00.
34. Deering (9/11/36) T5 EAMC (no cachet) to Nome (9/22/36) T23 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
35. Dillingham (11/22/39) T2 EAMC (handwritten cachet) to Anchorage (11/29/39) T8 BS. F+. R = \$3.50.
36. Eagle (6/9/09) T3. Real photo dogsled postcard! F. R = \$50.00.
37. Eagle (2/14/39) EAMC (no cachet) to Coal Creek. Fairbanks (3/10/29) T15 BS. F. R = \$3.00.
38. Eagle (6/6/52) T7. F. R = \$1.50.
39. Egegik (9/9/36) T2. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Fairbanks (9/19/36) T16 BS. F. R = \$3.00.
40. Ester (8/27/88) Special cancel, cachet & II for PO dedication. VF.
41. Fairbanks (3/14/19) T11. Ice flow on river in Fairbanks postcard. F. R = \$4.50.
42. Fairbanks (8/29/36) T18 EAMC (no cachet) to Beaver (9/11/36) T1 on cover face. F. R = \$3.50.

43. Fairbanks (8/29/36) T18 EAMC (no cachet) to Franklin (9/26/36) T3, DPO, on cover face and a Jackwade (9/26/36) T4, DPO, on cover face. F. R = \$7.00.



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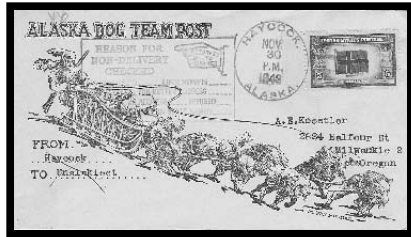
44. Fairbanks (5/8/38) T19 First Flight cachet & "First stamp" cachet on cover carried on first airmail to Juneau. Cover signed by Pilot, Captain S.E. Robbins, and 1st Officer, Walter Hall. C-10 env. franked with 2 Alaska stamps. F. R = \$15.00.
45. Fairbanks, Gold Rush Town Sta. (8/10/67) 4BC on Centennial Expo postcard. VF. R = \$2.00.
46. Fairbanks, Deadhorse Br. (3/1/75) 4BC. Signed, postal clerk?). VF.
47. Fairbanks, Downtown Sta. (7/29/88) DCC. ACC "Bobby Sheldon" cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
48. Flat (10/3/36) T4 EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (10/17/36) T8 BS. F. R = \$3.25.
49. Fortuna Ledge (8/17/46) T3, PMS. Stamp club cachet. F (cigarette burn near stamp).
50. Franklin (5/2/43) T3, DPO. EAMC (plane cachet) to Tetlin. Fairbanks (5/6/43) T21 BS. Censored. F. R = \$7.50.



Lot 50

51. Glenallen (4/18/59) DCC sent via registered mail from the Gateway Lodge in Glenallen to Juneau (4/22/59) BS. C-10 env. franked with a 50-cent Susan B. Anthony & 2 Alaska statehood airmail stamps. VF. R = \$7.50.
52. Golovin (11/10/36) T5, DPO. Gov. PC. Note from PMS. F. R = \$2.50.
53. Golovin (3/24/42) T5. DPO. Dogsled mail to Nulato (4/14/42) T5 BS. Large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. Censored, Alaska stamp franking. F+. R = \$10.00.
54. Goodnews Bay (11/12/42) T2 on registered cover to San Francisco (9/7/42) BS. Censored. C-10 env. franked with 15-cent President Buchanan & 6-cent airmail stamps. F. R = \$12.50.
55. Haines (5/31/10) T3. F. R = \$7.50.

56. Haines (6/27/58) T13. F.
 57. Hamilton (9/27/43) T3. DPO EAMC (plane cachet). Censored. F. R = \$7.50.
 58. Haycock (11/30/43) T2, DPO. Dogsled mail to Unalakleet (12/12/43) T3 BS. Large, purple Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$9.00.



Lot 58

59. Holy Cross (4/17/35) T3 EAMC (plane cachet) to Russian Mission (6/2/35) T2. DPO. F+. R = \$4.50.
 60. Holy Cross (12/1/36) T3 EAMC (no cachet) to Mountain Village (12/15/36) T1 BS & (12/24/36) St. Michael T12 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
 61. Holy Cross (6/10/41) T3. Cross cachet. F. R = \$2.50.
 62. Homer (2/13/59) MC. Super Winter Carnival cachet. F. R = \$2.00.
 63. Iliamna (9/7/37) T2 EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (9/8/37) T10, 3 years earlier than listed, blue ink cancel on cover face & (9/15/37) T8 BS. F. R = \$9.00.

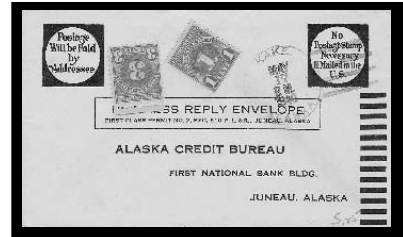


Lot 63

64. Juneau (10/9/26) T22. Great franking with Scott #618! VG-F. R = \$2.00.
 65. Juneau (6/21/40) T32 First Flight cachet to Seattle. F. R = \$2.00.
 66. Juneau (9/28/53) T32. Super totem map cachet; franked with Canadian stamps! F. R = \$20.00.
 67. Juneau (1/3/59) First Day cancel for 7-cent blue Statehood stamp. Super map cachet signed by 4 former

Governors – Hammond, Cowper, Sheffield & Hickel. F. R = \$25.00.

68. Juneau (5/6/61) 4BC (no bars). PANEX II fishing boat cachet. VF. R = \$3.00.
 69. Juneau (10/10/87) Special Volunteer Fire Dept. cancel, cachet & II for PANEX XXVII. VF. R = \$2.00.
 70. Kake (5/17/40) T5. Alaska Credit Bureau Pre-paid; 4-cents Postage Due assessed! F. R = \$9.50.



Lot 70

71. Kanakanak (9/7/37) T1, DPO EAMC (no cachet) Anchorage (9/13/37) T8 BS. F. R = \$8.00.
 72. Kasigluk (1/19/62) 4BC. First Day, PMS, airmail. VF. R = \$2.75.
 73. Kenai (11/27/36) T7 EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (11/28/36) T8 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
 74. Kenai (9/22/43) T7. F. R = \$2.00.
 75. Ketchikan (7/9/01) T4. F. R = \$15.00.
 76. Ketchikan (6/22/40) T13. First Flight cachet. F. R = \$2.25.
 77. Ketchikan, Meyers Chuck Rur. Sta. (10/1/65) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.00.
 78. Kotzebue (2/14/44) T8. Dogsled mail to Selawik (3/3/44) T1 & Kiana (3/2/44) T3 BS. Large, purple Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. Censored. F+. R = \$10.00.
 79. Kuskokwim (11/1/52) T1, DPO EAMC (plane cachet) to Nulato (11/4/52) T7 BS. F. R = \$3.00.
 80. Livermore, CA (8/27/58) MC slogan. Unusual Alaska Local Post stamp. F. R = \$5.00.



Lot 80

81. Luckyshot (8/26/36) T1, DPO EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (8/28/36) T8 BS. F. R = \$4.50.
 82. Meade River (2/1/51) T1, purple in, DPO. PMS; appears nonphilatelic. VF. R = \$4.00.
 83. Metlakatla (4/4/55) T6. Airmail, nonphilatelic. F.
 84. Miller House (10/28/41) T2, DPO. Dogsled mail to Circle (12/1/41) T6, green ink, BS. Large, orange

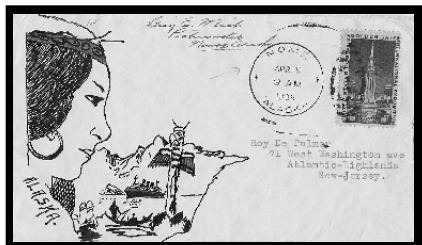
Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$9.00.

85. Miller House (9/7/45) T2. Airmail, silver Crosby PAA embossed cachet. F. R = \$8.00.



Lot 85

86. Mountain Village (1/17/39) T1 EAMC (plane cachet) to Hooper Bay (1/23/39) T1 BS. Alaska stamp franking. VF. R = \$4.00.
87. Naknek (10/15/35) T3. F. R = \$2.00.
88. Napakiak (5/1/61) 4BC. Great Last Frontier/Moose cachet, FD of PO. F. R = \$2.00.
89. Nenana (11/14/36) T3 EAMC (no cachet) to Diamond (12/8/36) T1, DPO, BS. F. R = \$3.25.
90. Nenana (2/15/44) T5. Dogsled mail to Diamond (2/22/44) T1, DPO, BS. Large, green Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. Censored. F+. R = \$10.00.
91. Nenana (1/13/45) T6. Dogsled mail to Diamond (1/21/45) T1, DPO, BS. Large, blue Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$8.50.
92. New Knock Hock (9/1/50) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$4.00.
93. Noatak (3/12/41) T1. Dogsled mail to Kotzebue (3/21/41) T8 BS. Small, blue Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$8.50.
94. Nome (10/4/07) T10. Real photo postcard of family in snowy Nome. F. R = \$7.00.



Lot 95

95. Nome (4/19/39) T21. Hand-drawn totem/native/ship cachet. PMS. F. R = \$3.50.
96. Nyac (8/17/46) T2, DPO. PMS, stamp club cachet. F. R = \$2.25.
97. Oslo, Norway (10/10/60) SAS Jet Express, super cachet, to Anchorage (10/11/60) & Oslo (10/13/60) BS. F+. R = \$7.50.

98. Paimiut (9/6/43) T1, DPO. EAMC (plane cachet); censored. F. R = \$7.50.
99. Pedro Bay (2/10/38) T1, DPO. EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (2/18/38) T8 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
100. Platinum (12/10/35) T1) EAMC (plane cachet) to Anchorage (1/3/36) T8 BS. PMS, Platinum. F. R = \$5.25.
101. Point Hope (11/12/42) T1. Dogsled mail to Barrow (12/1/42) T10 BS. Large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$10.00.
102. Point Lay (5/28/58) T1, DPO. VF. R = \$1.50.
103. Port Ashton (10/14/52) T1, DPO. F. R = \$1.50.
104. Quinhagak (2/7/34) T3 EAMC (plane cachet) to Dillingham (3/30/34) T2 BS. PMS Quinhagak. F. R = \$4.50.
105. Quinhagak (3/25/35) T3 EAMC (plane cachet) to Fairbanks (3/28/35) T18 BS. F. R = \$4.00.
106. Rampart (5/8/02) T3, DPO. Sent to the Manila, PI. Nice Spokane & Tacoma RPO cancel on Face and San Francisco BS. VG (spotty cancel). R = \$40.00.
107. Rampart (12/1/36) T6, DPO. EAMC (no cachet) to Fairbanks (2/22/37) T18 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
108. Richardson (9/2/36) T3, DPO. EAMC (no cachet) to Fairbanks (9/4/36) T18 BS. F. R = \$6.00.
109. Ruby (4/23/35) T2 EAMC (plane cachet) to Livengood (5/7/36) T3, DPO, on cover face. PMS, Ruby. F. R = \$5.00.
110. Sand Point (7/24/35) T5 on Drug Store cover to Seward (7/27/35) T12 on cover face. VG-F. R = \$2.50.



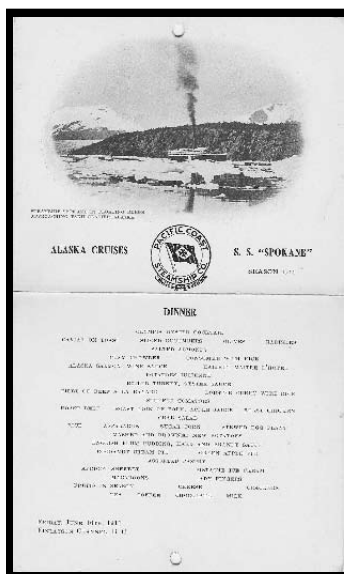
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111. Savoonga (12/23/42) T1 EAMC (plane cachet) to Nome (2/5/43) T21 BS. Censored. F. R = \$5.50.
112. Scammon Bay (1/12/57) T1 on a block of 4 of the 15-cent gray, President Buchanan stamp (off cover). F. R = \$2.00.
113. Seattle, Naval Air Station, Kodiak (8/1/41) T1, First Day. Patriotic env. F. R = \$4.25.
114. Seattle & Seward (2/20/35, North) RMS. Super signed, SS Northwestern, Washington's birthday, cachet. F. R = \$5.50.
115. Seattle & Seward (2/15/36, North) RMS. Super SS Victoria ship cachet. R = \$5.50.
116. Seattle & Seward (5/8/37) 4BC W.W. McVey. F. R = \$5.50.

117. Seattle & Seward (9/14/30){error, should be 40} RMS. SS Aleutian. F. R = \$5.00.
118. Seattle and Seward (10/9/40/ North) RMS. Small ship cachet. F+. R = \$3.50.
119. Seward (4/22/11) T4, later than listed. Real photo Moose/Seward postcard. F. R = \$20.00.
120. Seward (10/7/40) T11. Cachet/cancel War Department, Army Transport Service. F. R = \$7.50.

**Lot 120**

121. Sheldon Point (2/7/61) 4BC, purple ink. Gov. PC. F.
122. Shismaref (4/16/43) T2, green ink. Dogsled mail to Kotzebue (6/27/43) T8 BS Also a super postmaster {George R. Goshaw, Alaska map} BS. Cover is signed by the Musher & censored! F. R = \$10.00.
123. Shismaref (4/16/46) T3, blue ink. Dogsled mail to Teller (4/26/46) T5 BS. Medium, blue Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags & "The Malemute" poem: PMS, both towns. F+. R = \$10.00.
124. Sitka (3/30/67) First day cancel and super totem/dogsled/map cachet for the 8-cent Alaska purchase stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
125. Skagway (8/3/10) T13. Totems & cows in Sitka postcard. F. R = \$3.00.
126. Skagway (6/21/11) T13 on souvenir menus for the S.S. Spokane. Nice item. F. R = \$10.00.
127. Skagway (7/10/72) MC. Mailed at Sea" Paquebot", S.S. Monterey. Franked with a 3-cent stamp from New Zealand! F+. R = \$6.00.

**Lot 126**

128. Sleetmute (5/17/43) T1, purple ink, EAMC (typed cachet on patriotic cover) to Goodnews Bay (6/17/43) T2 on cover face & Fairbanks (6/26/43) T21 BS. Censored. F. R = \$5.00.

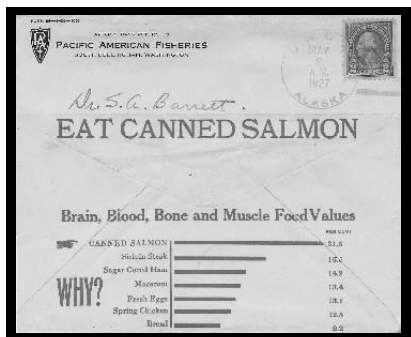
129. Soldotna (7/20/92) Special "Progress Days" cancel. VF.
130. Stevens Village (4/15/39) T1 EAMC (plane cachet) to Fairbanks (4/21/39) T20 BS. PMS, Stevens Village. VF. R = \$5.00.

**Lot 130**

131. Stevens Village (2/1/42) T1. Dogsled mail to Nome (no BS). Large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$8.00.
132. Stevens Village (1/24/43) T1. Dogsled mail to Fairbanks (2/4/43) T21 BS. Large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. Censored. F+. R = \$10.00.
133. Stevens Village (10/24/43) T1 EAMC (plane cachet) to Fairbanks ((11/1/43) T 15 BS. Censored. F. R = \$4.00.
134. Stony River (9/13/43) T1, DPO. EAMC (plane cachet) to Crooked Creek (9/18/43) T1 on cover face. Censored. F. R = \$8.50.
135. Susitna (10/8/36) T1, DPO. EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (10/16/36) T8 BS. F. R = \$4.50.
136. Takotna (4/26/39) T2. Alaska stamp franking, non-philatelic. F. R = \$2.25.
137. Takotna, CPO (1/21/91) 4BC. PMS.
138. Tanana (10/30/34) T6 EAMC (typed cachet) to Hot Springs (11/23/34) T2 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
139. Teller (5/3/45) T4, PMS. Dogsled mail to Nome, no BS. Large, purple Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$8.00.
140. Teller (5/14/76) 4BC. Special flight Teller-Nome-Anchorage & cachet for 50th Anniversary of Dirigible "Norge" flight. F+. R = \$3.50.

**Lot 140**

141. Tok Junction (12/4/54) T1, DPO. Plain postcard. F.
142. Tolovona (12/11/53) T4, DPO. Plain postcard. F.
143. Ugashik (10/15/34) T1, DPO. EAMC (straight line cachet) to Naknek (10/22/34) T3 BS. PMS, Ugashik. F. R = \$4.25.
144. Unalakleet (11/15/41) T3. Dogsled mail to Saint Michael (11/28/41) T14 BS. Large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting Musher hanging onto a dog-pulled sled full of US Mail bags. F+. R = \$8.00.
145. Unalaska (2/18/32) T10. Naval Radio Station on Saint Paul Island Penalty env. F. R = \$6.00.
146. Unalaska (7/5/79) 4BC. SS. President Johnson Straight Line cachet. VF.
147. Unga (5/8/27) T3, blue ink. Super "Eat Canned Salmon" cachet on backside of cover from Pacific American Fisheries. F. R = \$17.50.



Lot 147

148. Valdez (3/19/07) T5. US Survey corner card. F. R = \$20.00.
149. Valdez "Kopper is King" envelope (mailed from Seattle in 1908) and letterhead (cut top of Stationary). F. R = \$3.00.
150. Valdez (5/21/37) T15 on a non-registered item. F. R = \$6.00.
151. Valdez (7/7/77) MC. Ship cachet, Linbald Explorer. F.
152. Vancouver (1/5/40) MC as a receiving postmark on a cover cancel aboard the Princess Norah R.P.O (1/2/40). F. R = \$16.00.
153. Venetie (6/13/59) 4BC on a block of 4 of the \$1.00 President Woodrow Wilson stamp (off cover). F. R = \$4.25.
154. Wacker (10/29/49) T3, DPO. EAMC (plane cachet) to Barrow, no BS. Marked "Postage Due 3 Cents" F. R = \$3.25.
155. Wainwright (8/12/36) T1 EAMC (no cachet) to Nome (8/25/36) T23 BS. F. R = \$3.25.
156. Wasilla (9/29/34) T3. Nonphilatelic. F. R = \$2.50.
157. White Horse, Yukon (5/8/38) First Flight cachet & "First stamp" cachet on cover carried on first airmail to Juneau (5/8/38) BS. Cover signed by Pilot, Captain

S.E. Robbins, and 1st Officer, Walter Hall. C-10 env. F. R = \$15.00.

158. Four mint Plate # Blocks of 4 of the Alaska Stamp, Scott # 800. F+. R = \$2.50.
159. 4 mint Plate # Blocks of 4 of the Statehood stamp, Scott # C-53. F- VF. R = \$2.00.
160. 4 mint Plate # Blocks of 4, Alaska Purchase stamp, Scott # C-70. VF. R = \$2.00.
161. 14 different territorial era, small town/village 4-bar cancels on cover. F. R = \$5.00.
162. 16 different statehood era small town/village cancels on full, C-10 sized postal envelopes. F. R = \$3.00.
163. 1962 Rotchford's Alaska Deluxe Escorted Vacations travel brochure. VF. R = \$5.00.
164. 1894 letter written from Alaska on Board "Alaska Excursion Steamship Queen", Pacific Coast Steamship Co. Interesting letter. F. R = \$11.00.
165. APO 724 (9/23/43) Special signed cachet for inauguration of mail service on the Alaska Highway. APO 702 (9/26/43) BS. F. R = \$25.50.



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166. APO 937 (1/1/43) MC. Censored. (APO # in corner card, not cancel). F. R = \$3.00.
167. APO 976 (8/3/45) 4BC. Free frank. F. R = \$3.00.
168. APO 980 (7/28/45) MC. Free frank. Ant-Nazi patriotic cover; censored. VF. R = \$6.00.
169. MC Columbia (7/5/74) Seattle. Special cancel, cachet & backstamps for the ship's Maiden Voyage. VF. R = \$5.00.
170. 1971 Sea Post for the Tanker Manhattan, returned from Barrow to Germany. Berlin postmark (5/22/71). Super cachet. VF. R = \$5.00.
171. USS Crowninshield (6/28/34) @ Ketchikan. ROTC Cruise cachet. F. R = \$6.00.
172. USCG Cutter Sedge @ Anchorage (10/3/95) MC. Great cachet. F. R = \$3.00.

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173. U.S.S. Tanager (5/21/34) @ Dutch Harbor. Roessler envelope. F. R = \$4.50.
174. 1928 White Pass & Yukon Vacation trip booklet with many pictures and comments on trips in Alaska, around Atlin and in the Yukon. Nice. F. R = \$8.50.
175. Rare, unused aluminum postcard showing Chief Anotlosh, Head Chief of the Taku tribe. F. R = \$45.00.
176. Unused Alaska fold out postcards; 1940's era. VF. R = \$4.00.
177. Book: Military Postmarks of Territorial Alaska. 1977. By Richard Helbock. 197 pages. F. R = \$12.50.

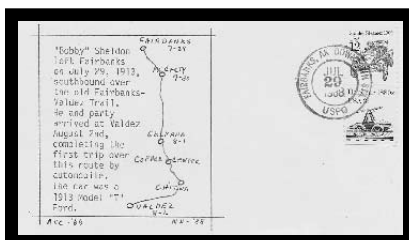
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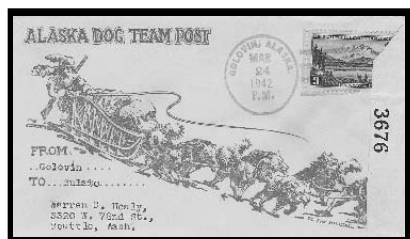
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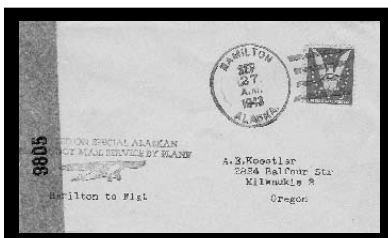
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