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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: 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

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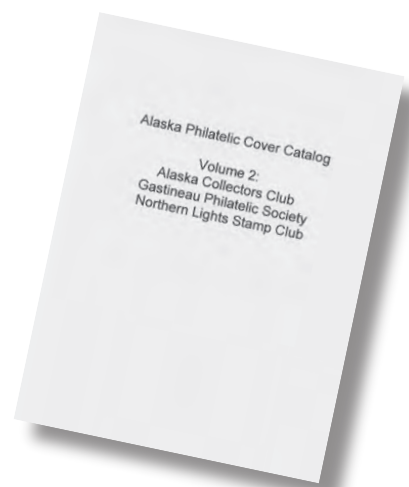
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President's Message

by Jim Zuelow (*Jimzuelow@aol.com*)

Congratulations to ACC Vice President Angela Watson for getting our new Alaska Collectors' Club website up & running! If you haven't already done so, check it out at www.alaskaphilatellic.org. Jim Hanson of Mountainpad Media, the expert selected to help put up the website for us, has also earned our appreciation (www.mountainpad.com). American Philatelic Society President Janet Klug, who had previously helped advise me about website development, also sent us her congratulations upon the launching of our new site.

It will still take some time and effort before the major web browsers are likely to find our website when she or he is surfing for topics related to Alaska stamp collecting and/or postal history. Perhaps, as previously suggested by ACC Secretary-Treasurer Eric Knapp, a portion of Director Dirk van Gelderen's Alaska Statehood Postmarks site in The Netherlands could also be used as a "mirror-image" of our site. All ACC members are also strongly encouraged to keep our site current by sending relevant book reviews, and link & site suggestions to Angela (you can access her, Alaska Philatelist Editor Eric Knapp, and myself via e-mail through our ACC Website).

Congratulations are also in order to long-term ACC member & former officer David Schwantes for producing, with help from Robin Rampmeyer & Bob Spaugy, the attractive Alaska Collectors' Club Sustaining Member Cover #18! This cover honors the 70th Alaska State Fair that was held in Palmer, Alaska, beginning last August. Such covers are a great reason to become an ACC Sustaining Member!

Speaking of Bob Spaugy, another long-term ACC member, officer, & Anchorage Philatelic Society Corresponding Secretary, copies of "The Anchorage Philatelist" are now available online. Contact him at spaugy@ak.net for membership details.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, check out the informative website of the Collectors Club of Chicago, www.askphil.org. Their address will be added to our site's links the next time revisions are made.



Secretary- Treasurer's Report

by Eric Knapp

Winter came fast and hard to the Anchorage area. It hovered around zero for most of the month of November. It has warmed up a bit and we have had some snow. The days are still getting shorter but will start getting longer again by the end of December. That is always a good sign.

It has been quiet on the Alaska Collectors Club front. We have no new members to report since the last issue. However this is not unusual for this time of year. People are just getting back to indoor hobbies and are now starting to think about stamps again.

"Thanks to long-term ACC member F. R. (Bob) McKain for allowing us to publish his Census of Canadian Military Covers known to have been posted from Alaska during WW II! Thanks also to our Canadian friends for helping us out in Alaska in WW II!

The financial report for 2006 will appear in the next issue of TAP. We are finishing the year in good shape money wise. I think we are well set for new projects in the new year.

Until later,
Eric

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About the Auction

by Terry Shaw, Auction Manager (*Cgsarchxx@aol.com*)

For some time now I have been asked to write an article for TAP about the ACC auction. The problem with this worthy idea is that by the time I finish assembling and attributing the auction lots, my philatelic energy is pretty much used-up and the idea remains in the pile of good intentions.

As a compromise to a full length article about the auction, I've agreed to do a short column for each issue of TAP to address various auction-related topics. For this first column, let's get down to the basics regarding one of the primary ways that you, as a member of the ACC, can actively participate in the auction -- By Bidding!

For seasoned bidders in the ACC auction, this subject likely seems an unnecessary one to address; however, based on the limited number of ACC members who bid in the auction (rarely more than 15 to 20), I'm guessing we have some bidding Chechacos out there. Don't let just a few have all the fun as these shrewd, sagacious members always snap-up over 50% of the lots offered!

To get started, one needs to read the introductory material at the beginning of the auction. Doing so will help you to understand the abbreviations used in the lot descriptions and to realize that many of the items have a very low reserve or required minimum bid. Mind you, there are some other great items (like the elusive cancel from Dome, a great 1898 cover from Orca, and three

classics from Iditarod) in this auction with considerably higher starting bids.

The reserve ("R = \$x.xx" in the lot description) is the minimum amount that will be accepted as a bid on the lot. In this auction, a lot description without an "R = \$x.xx" in it has a minimum bid of only 50-cents! In contrast to this minimum amount (which is an acceptable and sometimes winning bid), conventional wisdom suggests that one should bid whatever the lot is worth to them. If you are the high bidder, then you will win the lot at your bid amount, or quite often at a lower (sometimes much lower) price depending on bids made by other auction participants.

You can write your bids by lot number on the bid sheet provided with the auction and mail it to me, send them to me in an E-mail, or call me on the phone. Hand delivery of bids is also acceptable, but that has not happened since I last lived in Juneau!

Bids need to be made on or before the closing date of the auction (bids that are mailed need to be postmarked on or before this date). Successful bidders will receive their winnings along with an invoice that includes a small shipping and handling charge a couple of weeks after the closing date. Prompt payment is always appreciated.

This auction contains a wide range of statehood and territorial items that I have tried to accurately describe. If you are interesting in bidding on an item, but are confused by the description, then drop me a note (E-mail or snail mail) to clarify the description or to request an image. The images provided within the auction write-up can guide you in understanding the particular lot shown as well as in visualizing others lots with similar descriptions.

The ACC auction provides club members with an excellent means to obtain quality items of Alaska Postal History at very reasonable prices. Trust me; I know this to be true. As such, bidding, which is limited to ACC members, can be both fun and rewarding. So, why not give it a try and bid!

This auction is already an ACC record-setter in that it contains the most lots in the 15 + years that I have been the Auctioneer. It would be nice to set another record with this auction and have it also be the auction with the most club members bidding and winning!

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Canadian Postal Corps No. 1 and CAPO 51

by F.R. (Bob) McKain

On July 12, 1943, the Canadian 13th Infantry Brigade sailed from Vancouver Island aboard four United States Army Transports bound for Adak, Alaska. The Canadian Force, code named GREENLIGHT, consisted of four infantry battalions (Canadian Fusiliers, Winnipeg Grenadiers, Rocky Mountain Rangers and Le Regiment de Hull), the 24th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, engineer and machine gun companies, and a medical detachment. In all, the Canadians numbered 4,800 officers and men.

The Canadians arrived on Adak on July 19 and continued training in preparation for the invasion of Kiska. For nearly a month they worked together with their American comrades in arms to minimize confusing details or organization and terminology. On August 15 the 13th Brigade landed on Kiska as part of the Northern Force along with the US 184th Infantry Regiment, and a Regiment of the First Special Service Force, a joint American-Canadian combat regiment.

Immediately after the island was determined to have been devoid of Japanese, the First Special Service Force was returned to the United States. They arrived before the end of August. The 13th Infantry Brigade, however, remained on Kiska four months and did not reach British Columbia until mid-January 1944. While on Kiska the Brigade was served postally by Canadian military post offices. Two different types of postmarks are known on mail originating from this unit during its Kiska occupation. Examples are listed as scarce to rare and almost all of those seen by this writer have been applied exclusively to US stamps or postmarked 'Free'.

United States APO's at Adak and Kiska

US Military personnel were served postally through APO 980 on Adak. APO 980 was officially established on Adak on August 3, 1942, however, the first troops did not arrive until August 30. The intent was to prepare for the invasion of Kiska. The importance of Adak peaked in mid-1943 with the invasions of Attu and Kiska. The earliest reported APO postmark to date from APO 980 is September 17, 1942.

The other APO serving US troops in the area was APO 730 which was established at Adak effective August 8, 1943 and transferred to Kiska effective August 17, 1943. The Kiska operation was dubbed operation COTTAGE by the American forces. The massive invasion occurred on August 15, 1943, and no Japanese were ever seen on the island, having vacated the area after receiving orders from the high command on June 8 and evacuating on July 28. The search for Japanese continued until August 22 when most of the American forces were withdrawn and reassigned elsewhere. The earliest reported APO postmark bearing an APO 730 cancellation is dated August 4, 1943 with a Medical Detachment return address (probably in transit prior to arrival at Adak). The next reported postmark using the APO 730 cancel in dated September 5, 1943(after return to Kiska).

References:

1. Military Postmarks of Territorial Alaska by Richard W. Helbock, PhD, 1977.
2. Personal correspondence with readers of *The Northerner*.



Canadian Postal Corp Census

Canadian Postal Corps, No 1 (C.P.C. 1) Cover Census

EKU – July 1943 • LKU – August 1943

RMR = Rocky Mountain Rangers

Date	Unit	Sender	Censor Type(s)	Postage	Location
23 Jul	1 st RMR's/CAPO 51, Vanc. BC	G. W. Haug, Capt	GL/12	Free C.A.A.	Adak
24 Jul	1 st Bn, Canadian Fusiliers	Spark	GL/12	7¢ Cdn	Adak
26 Jul	1 st RMR's/CAPO 51, Vanc. BC	G. W. Haug, Capt.	B.1(24316)	Free C.A.A.	Adak
27 Jul	Le reg de Hull/Adm Nings(?)/ CAPO Vanc./B.C. DLI 5060	Charbonneau, R	B.1(24321)		Adak
01 Aug	85 th Battery, RCA c/o RMR	Grosseth	B.1(24331)		
02 Aug	D Tp, 46 L.A.A. Bty. R.C.A./ c/o Winnipeg Grenadiers/Vanc., BC	Lieut. B. Harley	C.1(1710)	6¢ US	Adak
10 Aug	RC Signals c/o Winnipeg Grenadiers	Forbes	B.1(24309)		
13 Aug	1 st RMR's/CAPO 51, Vancouver, BC	G. W. Haug, Capt.	B.1(24316)	6¢ US (US Naval Cancel)	
16 Aug	1 st RMR's/CAPO 51, Vancouver, BC	G. W. Haug, Capt.	B.1(24316),C.1(1705)	6¢ US	Kiska
19 Aug	On Piece				Kiska

C.A.P.O. 51 Cover Census

EKU – August 1943 • LKU – January 1944

Date	Unit	Sender	Censor Type(s)	Postage	Location
02 Sep	D. Tp 46 L.A.A. Bty. R.C.A./ CAPO 51, Vanc., B.C.	Lieut. B. Harley	C.1(1720)	6¢ US	Kiska
02 Sep	46 th LAA	Wilkinson	B.1(24315)	6¢ US	Kiska
02 Sep	RMR's, A Wing	H G Smith	B.1(24315)	6¢ US	Kiska
03 Sep	25 th Field Ambulance	Bush	B.1(24336)	Free C.A.A.	Kiska
03 Sep	1 st RMR's/CAPO 51, Vanc., BC	G. W. Haug, Capt	B.1(24316)	Free C.A.A.	Kiska
06 Sep	46 th LAA	Cayley	B.1(24334)	6¢ US	Kiska
08 Sep	Hq 13 th Inf Brigade	None	NIL	3¢ US	Kiska
09 Sep	Hq 13 th Inf Brigade	Robins	B.1(24301)	3¢ US	Kiska
13 Sep	46 th LAA	Wilkinson	B.1(24334)	6¢ US	Kiska
14 Sep	25 th Field Ambulance	Campbell	B.1(24336)	6¢ US	Kiska
15 Sep	1 st Bn, Canadian Fusiliers	Thompson	B.1(24308)	Free	Kiska
15 Sep	46 th LAA Btry CAA	Lieut B Hanley	C.1(1720) & B.1(24334)	Free C.A.A.	Kiska
16 Sep	No Return Address	None	B.1(24315)	6¢ US	Kiska
16 Sep	Le reg de Hull/CAPO 51/Vanc., BC	R Charbonneau	B.1(24321)	6¢ US	Kiska
20 Sep	On Piece				Kiska
28 Sep	24 th Field Company, R.C.E./ CAPO 51, Vanc., BC	Cpl Gane, B40419	B.1(24335)	6¢ US	Kiska
05 Oct	CAPO 51	G. W. Haug, Capt	C.1(1721)		
07 Oct	49 th Bty 24 th Field Regt RCA	Sigmn Robinson, J.E.	B.1(24329)		
16 Oct	Canadian Fusiliers Ca/ CAPO 51, Vanc., BC	Lt. Col. R. N. Reaves?	Self censored	6¢ US	Kiska
23 Oct	25 th Field Ambulance	Deller	B.1(24336)	66¢ US	Kiska
25 Oct	13 th Infantry Brigade, Signal Section	Lieut J K L McGown	C.1(1721)	6¢ US	Kiska
25 Oct	CAPO 51, Vancouver, BC	G. W. Haug, Capt.	C.1(1721)	6¢ US	Kiska
01 Nov	(Reported – not seen – REGISTERED)				Kiska
02 Nov	46 th LAA	Harley	None	6¢ US	Kiska
08 Nov	99 th Det, RCASC	Stewart	C.1(1721)	Free	Kiska
08 Nov	Cdn Fusiliers	Stewart	C.1(1720)	Free	Kiska
09 Nov	"B" Co, Cdn Fusiliers CA (A)	L/Cpl Maitland	B.1(24308)	6¢ US	Kiska
16 Nov	24 th Field Company, R.C.E./ CAPO 51, Vanc., BC	Hobbs, SL. B623993	B.1(24335)	6¢ US	Kiska
20 Nov	1 st RMR's	G. W. Haug, Capt.	C.1(1720)	Free	Kiska
24 Nov	1 st RMR (CA)	L/Cpl Guinette, RM	B.1(24???)	6¢ US	Kiska
24 Nov	"B" Co, Canadian Fusiliers, C.A..(A).	L/Cpl Maitland. J-B622630	B.1(24308)		
26 Nov	24 th Field Company, R.C.E./ CAPO #51, Vanc., BC	Capt. J. D. McKichan	C.1(1748)	Free C.A.A.	Kiska
27 Nov	1 st Bn, Canadian Fusiliers	Spark	None	Free	Kiska
30 Nov	Winnipeg Grenadiers	Faulkner	C.1(1748)	Free	Kiska
01 Dec	BHQ Vancouver, BC	Sgt McLeod	B.1(24303)		
07 Dec	Winnipeg Grenadiers CA	Capt P W Faulkner	C.1(1748)	Free C.A.A.	Kiska
11 Dec	1 st RMR's	Upton	C.1(1748)	Free	Kiska
28 Dec	R R M Rangers, CAPO 51	Capt L Upton	C.1(1748)		

ACC Auction Results

Auction Closing Date: 9/30/06 • 14 Bidders; 13 successful • If lot number is not listed, then it received no bid

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>
2.....	5.00	58.....	5.00	113	17.25	181	167.00
7.....	5.00	60	3.00	115	4.00	182	4.00
8.....	5.00	61	4.00	116	8.75	183	4.50
9.....	3.75	4 62	7.00	118	6.00	185	165.00
10.....	15.00	7 63.....	.00	120	12.75	186	4.00
11.....	4.25	65	6.00	122	6.00	188	5.00
12.....	4.00	66	1.75	124	5.00	194	27.00
13.....	8.00	67	199.00	125	18.00	195	8.00
15.....	14.00	68	37.00	128	5.00	197	2.00
16.....	6.00	70	5.50	129	5.50	203	4.75
17.....	5.50	71	5.00	131	12.25	205	3.75
18.....	2.25	72	18.00	134	57.75	207	17.00
20.....	4.50	73	24.00	135	27.00	216	2.00
21.....	12.50	75	7.00	137	7.50	217	6.00
23.....	3.50	76	3.50	141	6.50	218	17.00
25.....	5.50	79	11.25	142	11.00	219	7.00
26.....	17.50	84	177.50	144	5.50	220	12.50
28.....	2.75	85	8.00	145	8.00	221	7.25
29.....	6.50	86	9.00	147	1.50	222	21.50
30.....	4.50	87	4.50	152	43.00	223	26.75
31.....	3.50	88	5.00	155	17.00	224	8.25
32	9.00	89	4.25	156	3.25	225	7.50
33	7.50	90	2.75	158	20.00	226	9.25
35	8.00	92	5.00	161	13.25	227	5.50
36	6.50	93	9.25	164	3.25	228	9.25
37	7.00	95.....	6.75	165	100.00	229	15.25
38	8.00	101	6.75	168	4.00	230	7.75
39.....	6.50	102	5.75	169	2.75	231	8.50
45	6.00	104	3.00	171	2.50	232	13.00
50	2.25	105	6.75	172	3.00	233	14.00
52	5.00	107	6.00	174	22.00	234	4.00
53	4.00	108	9.25	175	31.50	236	18.00
54	4.00	109	25.00	176	31.50	239	15.50
55	3.25	112	7.75	178	18.50	244.....	7.25

100th Anniversary of the Ester Post Office

A Club Member's Introduction

On September 15, 2006 the people of Ester, Alaska were joined by members of the U.S. Postal Service in celebrating the Centennial of postal service at Ester. Until 1965 the post office was known as Berry, Alaska. By coincidence, our club had for auction a postal card written by Bertha Moody, Postmaster in 1943, which clarified the relation between the names of the post office, Berry, and the community, Ester. Through the kindness of ACC Auction Manager Terry Shaw, we were able to use copies of that postal card as the graphics for the official celebration program.

Postmaster Bill Ackiss sought and received extensive community involvement in expressing the theme of the celebration, "Providing a Century of Service to the Arts and Mines of Ester", the post office was decorated with the work of many local artists, and antique mining equipment from local miner, Jerry Hassel. A commemorative cancel incorporating the theme was also created.

Postal officials attending the celebration were Ms. Dianne Horbochuck, USPS Alaska District Manager, Postmaster Bill Ackiss, Ruth Jasper (Long), who was the longest serving postmaster in the history of the post office, 30 years. And a very special guest came out from Fairbanks to join the celebration, James Moody, the son, and grandson of three former Berry postmasters. Indeed, his presence along with the postal card about Ester, provided a path back through more than half of Ester's history, for the card was written by his grandmother, in 1943.

One final note, I was the successful bidder on the Moody card, and it will now remain in Ester as a historical icon. We all are very thankful for the graciousness of the Alaska Collectors Club in allowing us the use of the card while it was still up for bid.

Raymond Hadley
ACC Member and resident of Ester, Alaska

THE POSTAL NEWS

100 Years of Going Postal

by D. Helfferich, photos by Monique Musick
People's Republic of Ester, AK 99725

The centennial celebration at the Ester Post Office on September 15 brought the population of Ester out in droves, providing good news fodder for KTVF TV—that's Channel 11 for those not on the cable system—and

the Fairbanks *Daily News-Miner* (not to mention these belated stories in *The Republic*). Folks got dressed up and the yellowjacket population turned out to forage for goodies. Postmaster Bill Ackiss looked positively polished and even more cheerful than usual. A table laid with coffee and carrot cake was set outdoors on the Village Road side of the building, a podium borrowed from the Ester Volunteer Fire Department was set in front of the entrance, and there was a pavilion with commemorative envelopes, stamped and cancelled with the centennial postmark (pictured above).

The cake bore a screened photo of the post office done in purplish icing. Postal bigwigs came up from Anchorage for the occasion: Dianne Horbochuck, Alaska District manager; Kathy Loera, postal retail specialist; and Kathy Phillips, marketing manager.

Birthdays call for speeches: Postmaster Bill started things off, jollying the throngs and introducing various postal people and what passes for dignitaries in Ester. Community association president Frank Therrell pointed out that Ester was news, waving a copy of the *News-Miner* with a photo of a nearby picturesque pond featured on its front

page, and spoke about the community's tight-knit spirit and can-do attitude, using the local library as an example. He ended his speech with an exhortation to support the post office, to get out and meet your neighbors there: "Buy more stamps. Forget about those e-mails." Bill's boss, Dianne Horbochuk, teased him about his obviously not having enough work to do, much to the amusement of the assembled, and talked about the history of the Berry/Ester post office, drawing on Matt Reckard's "fine research" into the matter. I told an only slightly embroidered tale or two about how the post office was saved from oblivion by the stubborn and determined efforts of many a generation of Esterites.

Speeches were interspersed with jokes and a drawing: two framed copies of the Byron Birdsall stamp and print commemorating the Alaska Highway were given to two



Postmaster Bill, also known as William Ackiss, wore this uncharacteristic sporty gray coat and black-and-white abstract tie for the celebration.

100th Anniversary (continued)

attendees. Jamie Smith and Jean Lester, artists both, were the lucky winners. Lisa Sporleder sang; Monique Musick acted as the post office's official photographer; and Kate Billington and Sandy Willis were on duty. Politicians showed up to glad-hand the crowd: Jason Crawford, David Guttenberg, Mike Musick, Joe Thomas. Local artists displayed their work all over the grounds and within the building, among them: Craig N. Buchanan, Gary Grata, Ray Hadley, Ellen Harney.

The post office sold special centennial envelopes cancelled with a commemorative postmark (see p. 19) for a dollar.

Frank Therrell described in his speech how, many years



*Deirdre Helfferich in the midst of her speech.
(See text following.)*

ago, he was lying on the spot where the post office is now, enjoying the sunshine and listening to Led Zeppelin for the first time. "I haven't been the same since!" he declared, to the appreciative (and knowing) laughter of the audience.

Deirdre Helfferich, Jean Lester, Amy E.C. Luick, Peter

McRoy, Hans Melders, Jeff Rogers, and Sherri Schleiter. George and Bobbi Lounsbury provided a copy of a letter written in 1937 about mining activity in Ester, mailed from the Berry Post Office. Jerry Hassel provided some old mining equipment, from a hydraulic cannon to shovel, pick, and goldpan, for display on the lawn.

About a hundred or more people showed up to the event, which is saying something, given that it was at one o'clock on a workday. The celebration lasted only a couple of hours, but, as Ray Hadley's suggested theme expresses best, the post office served both arts and mines of Ester that Friday just as it has for a hundred years—and as the village of Ester certainly seems to expect that it will for the next hundred.

Ackiss introduced several former postal workers who attended the centennial celebration, among them Kay Sisson and Ruth Jasper. There have been four postmasters during the time that our post office has been the Ester Post Office; Ruth Jasper was the longest-serving postmaster throughout the station's history. When she retired, she

had run the post office for thirty years. Bertha Moody was the only other postmaster who came even halfway close, having served for fifteen years. Bertha was Edson Moody's mother; Edson was Alaska's husband. See chart below for more detailed listing of Ester Postmasters.

Saving Ester

speech by Deirdre Helfferich, September 15, 2006, Ester Post Office Centennial Celebration

Once upon a time, the Ester Community Association, the Ester Community Park, the Ester Volunteer Fire Department, the John Trigg Ester Library, and the local newspaper inadvertently saved our beloved People's Republic of Ester from extinction. Or at least, that's how the story goes—like all perhaps apocryphal tales, parts of it are factual, and parts of it may be exaggerated to better reflect the truth.

To understand this story you need to realize the significance that the Ester post office has here in the village. The Ester post office is more than simply a place to send a letter or buy a stamp. If the Golden Eagle is Ester's living room, the post office is the parlor. It's Ester's news central, where people meet and find out what's going on. We've got the bulletin board, the book exchange, our neighbors and friends as postal employees. Our post office has inspired postmasters elsewhere in the state: a recent example comes from the July 26 *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, in an article about the new Denali Park Post Office postmasters, who decided to follow our post office's model, complete with book exchange and community bulletin board.

(It helped that they used to live in the Ester area.)

In Ester, "going postal" has a somewhat different connotation than it does elsewhere. People like going to



Lisa Sporleder was the event's featured singer: she performed a warm and slightly jazzy rendition of the "Alaska Flag Song."

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the post office. There's art on the walls (and not just today, although there's a lot more art than we usually have), candy on the counter, odd trivia questions from the postmaster, and Klingons in the foyer from time to time. And stamps and mail and all the usual stuff. It's a

great place to meet your neighbors, find good books and magazines and berry buckets, and see who's selling what or performing in which concert or when the next art show or cookie exchange is. The post office is the heartbeat of Ester.

My first editorial in *The Ester Republic*, written in January 1999, was about "our one legally recognized bastion of Esterdom, that shrine of local news and communication: the Ester Post Office." The village of Ester is a legally recognized entity only within the interior of this log building you see here. Otherwise we are known variously as "the Ester Census Designated Place", or "the Ester Fire Service District", or "the Ester community," or "home of the Ester Extremist Wing", or, as many of us prefer, "The People's Independent Republic of Ester." This wasn't always the case: before the borough decided to make all street names in the borough unique, streets in Ester were in Ester, just as streets in Fairbanks are in Fairbanks. This wasn't satisfactory to the borough, however. Around 1996, after asking us nicely what we wanted our street names to be and putting those names on the map, we discovered that the borough had designated all the streets as being in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, or "Fairbanks," for short.

Somehow all of our houses and streets had magically moved to Fairbanks without budging an inch, and Ester had disappeared—except for the interior of the post office building, which is federal territory. The United States Postal Service wasn't apparently interested in accepting the sovereignty of borough-level bureaucracy.



Ester-area residents, political candidates, local firefighters, and postal employees past and present turned out for the centennial celebration at the Ester Post Office. The log building was constructed in 1986, and unlike other such rural post offices in Alaska, was not painted battleship gray, but remained natural log (varathaned for protection from the elements) at the insistence of the local residents. The flagpole, seen near the handicapped parking sign, was made from a local tree, finished and erected by local residents in 1999.

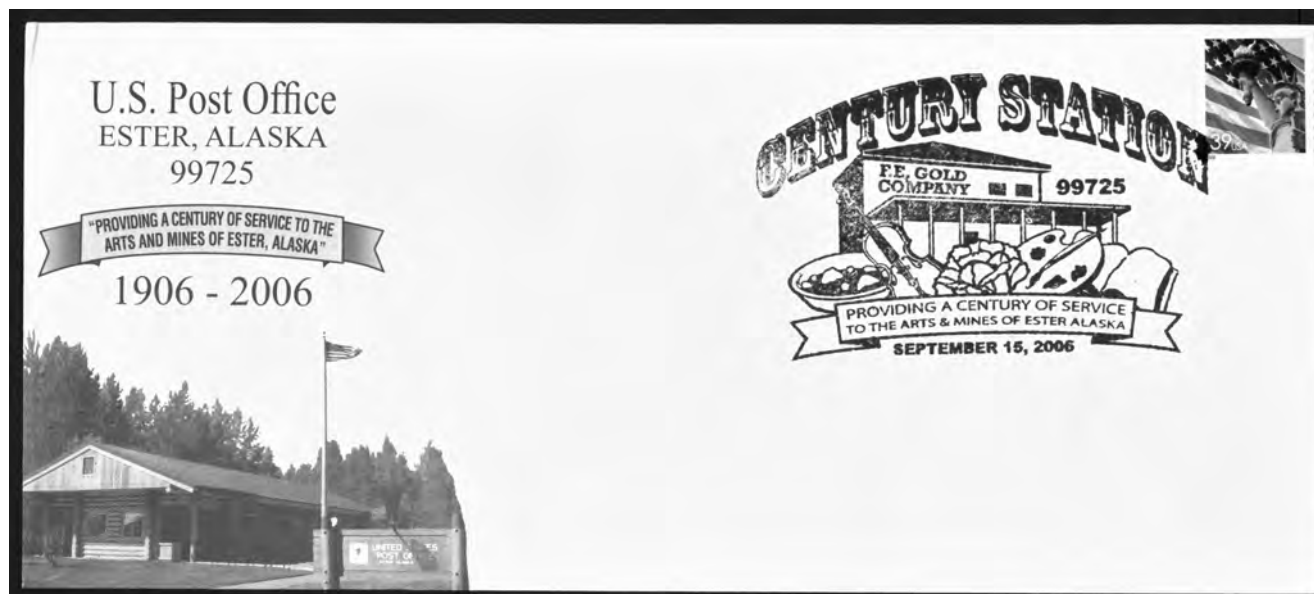
So Ester was saved, as they say in the Malmute Saloon's show—but then in 2000 came a new threat: rumor had it that the post office itself might be downgraded to a branch office of the Fairbanks post office, or made into a contract station. This happened around the time Ruth Jasper was set to retire from her position as postmaster. We'd lose our postmaster! We'd lose our collectible and art-inspiring Ester cancellation stamp! New

residents might think that they lived in a Fairbanks suburb! And worst of all, Ester would legally no longer exist!

This wasn't the first time that the Ester/Berry PO had been faced with obliteration. In 1901, as a supposed economy measure, the post office in Ester City, then in J.C. Kinney's store, was closed for rerouting to Chena. Ester City had 50 patrons and Chena had 5, so this made perfect sense. James Wickersham, the then-territorial delegate, had to intervene to get the Berry post office reopened. Then in 1915, the postal powers tried to close it again, but a massive lobbying effort by the locals saved it just six days before the scheduled closure. The uproar was so great that it took another eighty-five years before the postal service decided to contemplate tangling with Esterites again—or maybe they just forgot what a mess they were getting themselves into.



Dianne Horbochuk, Bill Ackiss' boss and Alaska District Manager, gave Bill a good ribbing and regaled listeners with the history of the Ester Post Office.



The Ester Post Office sold specially postmarked envelopes on September 15, 2006, in celebration of a century of service to the Ester and Berry communities. The envelope features a screened photo of the modern post office and the century station postmark made for the occasion. The postmark was designed by an Anchorage firm working on contract for the postal service. Ray Hadley came up with the "arts & mines" theme.

We did have another close squeak in 1971—the Wikstroms had the post office in their house then, and Mrs. Nora Wikstrom was the postmaster up until the end of October 1970. They sold their house to Lois Sala and moved out of town. However, this meant that Ester would only have thirty-five families getting their mail at the post office, which was one too few to keep the post office going here. (Lois got her mail in College.) Mrs. Elnna Wilderson had taken over as Officer in Charge and then postmaster, and explained the situation to Lois. So Lois started getting her mail in Ester, and our post office continued service unperturbed until 2000, and Ruth Jasper's impending retirement.

Whatever the reason for the long hiatus between attempts to axe the post office, Ester reacted in predictable fashion to the new threat, and the regional office of the USPS was sent a lot of those little how-are-we-doing cards praising the Ester post office. Jeff Rogers claimed at the time that he sent hundreds! Now he's fessed up and recently said to me that he only sent four or five—but he wasn't the only one sending them.

In the end, however, it wasn't the cards that made the difference. Apparently, for a town to qualify for a general post office complete with post-master and official legal townhood in the postal service's eyes, a community needs to have certain minimum town-like services. This includes a local government or community association (ours was established in 1941), a fire department

(ours was official in 1974, but we'd had a bucket brigade long before that), a newspaper (est. 1999), and a public institution like a museum or school or library (est. 1999). So it turned out that we accidentally had all the necessary community ingredients, just in time, to save our post office and hence our official existence.

However, the People's Republic of Ester has existed for a good 100-odd years now without the government of the United States or the State of Alaska or even the Fairbanks North Star Borough's official recognition. Even though Joe Ryan (former borough assemblyman) did actually admit in print that we are a republic, nobody's sent an ambassador yet. But who cares? We've got our park, our newspaper, our library, our community association, our fire department, and, of course, our post office. We're independent, and we know it.



This cover was created for the dedication of the current post office building in 1988.

100th Anniversary (continued)

Postmasters of Ester

OFFICIAL'S NAME	TITLE/STATUS	START DATE
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Berry Post Office

Elizabeth Pidge	Appointed postmaster	10/26/06
James C. Kinney	Failed to qualify; Appointed postmaster	12/06/10

Mail service discontinued 10/31/12, mail sent to Chena, service re-established 5/20/13

Thomas Markuson	Appointed postmaster	5/20/13
Joseph A. McDonald	Appointed postmaster	4/10/15
Neil McDonald	Appointed postmaster	2/25/29

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Mrs. Helen Straiger	Appointed postmaster	12/12/33
	Assumed charge	3/21/34
	Resigned	9/19/34

Mrs. Alaska Moody	Assumed charge	9/1/34
	Appointed postmaster	1/2/35
	Resigned	3/5/35

J. Edson Moody	Appointed postmaster	5/3/35
	Died	6/6/36

Mrs. Bertha C. Moody	Appointed postmaster	7/6/36
	Assumed charge	8/28/36
	Retired	8/31/51

Maurice V. Lawrence	Assumed charge	8/31/51
	Acting	11/19/51
	Appointed postmaster	11/27/51
	Assumed charge	12/31/51
	Resigned	7/16/62

Mrs. Lorraine H. Knabe	Assumed charge	7/16/62
	Acting	7/18/62
	Resigned	8/19/62

Mrs. Nora H. Wickstrom	Assumed charge	8/19/62
	Acting	8/27/62
	Appointed postmaster	12/21/62
	Assumed charge	12/21/62

Post office name changed to Ester, effective 2/1/65. Mrs. Wickstrom continued as Postmaster. Between 1906 and 1970 there were eleven postmasters at the Berry office, plus James Kinney, who failed to qualify for postmaster.

Nora Wickstrom	Retired	10/30/70
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Mrs. Elnna D. Wilderson	Officer in Charge (same as Assumed charge)	10/30/70
	Postmaster	6/26/71
	Resigned	8/20/71

Ruth V. Long	Officer in Charge (same as Assumed charge)	8/20/71
	Postmaster	12/18/73

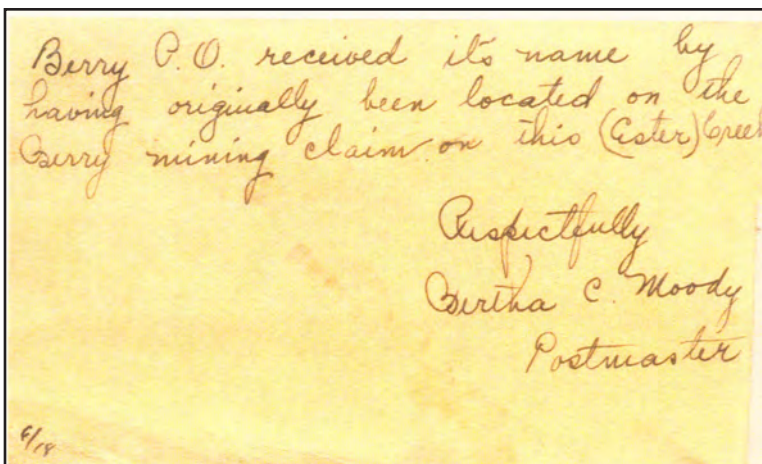
Ruth V. (Long) Jasper	Retired	9/28/2001
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William H. Ackiss	Postmaster	10/6/2001
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Source: Alaska Postal Service

For more on the history of Ester's post office, read Matthew Reckard's articles on the subject in v. 1 nos. 10 & 11 and v. 3 nos. 1 & 2 of *The Ester Republic*. An overview of the history of the Ester post office is also in the *Local Et Cetera*, 2002 edition.

Images on this and following page are from the Ester Post Office 100th Anniversary commemorative program.



(Bertha Moody was the Postmaster of Berry, Alaska, from 1936 – 1951).



Our special thanks to the following customers who helped make this event possible:

Ray Hadley
George Lounsbury
Matt Reckard

"Providing a Century of Service to the Arts and Mines of Ester, Alaska"

Welcome

Music - "Alaska Flag Song"

Remarks

Remarks

Remarks

Music - "It Had to Be You"

Closing Remarks

Bill Ackiss, Postmaster

Lisa Sporleder

Dianne Horbochuk,

District Manager, Alaska

Deirdre Helfferich, Editor,

Ester Republic

Frank Therrell, Mayor of Ester

Lisa Sporleder

Bill Ackiss, Postmaster



Remembering 1906

President: Theodore Roosevelt

Postmaster General: George B. Cortelyou

Domestic Letter Rate: 2 Cents per oz.

Postcard Rate: 1 Cent

Registry Fee: 8 Cents

Foreign Rate: 5 Cents

Gold Nugget

The Naming of Nome: In February 1899, a group of 42 men who had staked property and mining claims on the Snake River near Nome City, officially agreed to change the name of the new mining camp to Anvil City, because of the confusion with the Nome River, which was located four miles to the southeast, and with Cape Nome, the point of land located twelve miles from the city.

The name change only made the situation even more confusing. The town was locally known as Anvil City for much of 1899, but the United States Post Office Department insisted on calling the community "Nome," apparently because it was thought that a town called Anvil City would be easily confused with the village of Anvik on the lower Yukon. A competing town site had been established at the mouth of the Nome River and it was also called Nome City. The Anvil City

merchants feared that the Post Office might decide to move the "Nome" Post Office from Anvil City on the Snake River to Nome City on the Nome River. After a vote was held, the merchants reluctantly agreed to change the name of Anvil City back to Nome.

Against its wishes, the city was stuck with the unusual name of Nome. Unlike other towns, which are named for explorers, heroes or politicians, Nome was named as a result of a 50 year-old spelling error. In the 1850's, an officer on a British ship off the coast of Alaska noted on a manuscript map that a nearby prominent point was not identified. He wrote "? Name" next to the point. When the map was recopied, another draftsman thought that the "?" was a "C" and that the "a" in "Name" was an "o," and thus a map-maker in the British Admiralty christened it "Cape Nome."

Odds -n- Ends

News Item

The U.S. Postal Service has announced that the 2007 International Polar Year souvenir sheet will be issued on February 22, 2007 in Anchorage. The sheet consists of two 84 cent stamps picturing the northern and southern lights.

The International Polar Year 2007-2008 will be highlighted on a souvenir sheet Feb. 22, when scientists around the world will conduct research and field observations to increase understanding of the roles that both polar regions play in changing ecosystems, coastal erosion and other phenomena.

The sheet features two international rate stamps. One is a marvelous photograph of the aurora borealis. The second is an equally eye-catching photograph of the aurora australis. The souvenir sheet will only be available online at www.usps.com/shop or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24. Advance orders will be accepted beginning Feb. 1st.

Two stamps in sheet format with similar designs will be issued later in 2007 at the new first class rate (probably 42 cents). The first day city has not been announced, but *Linn's Stamp News* thinks it will be another Alaskan city.

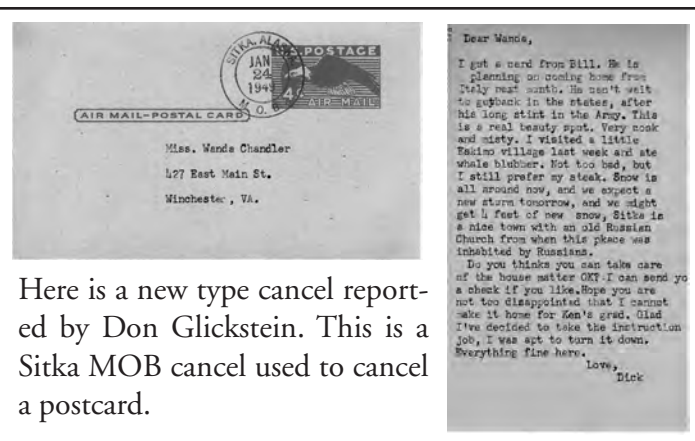


International Polar Year 2007-2008

Continuing the tradition of international cooperation that began with the first IPY in 1882-1883, scientists from around the world will initiate a new era in polar research by participating in IPY 2007-2008. Working across many disciplines, they will conduct field observations, research, and analysis to build upon current knowledge and increase our understanding of the roles that both polar regions play in global processes.



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Here is a new type cancel reported by Don Glickstein. This is a Sitka MOB cancel used to cancel a postcard.

Member Profile: Art Lyons

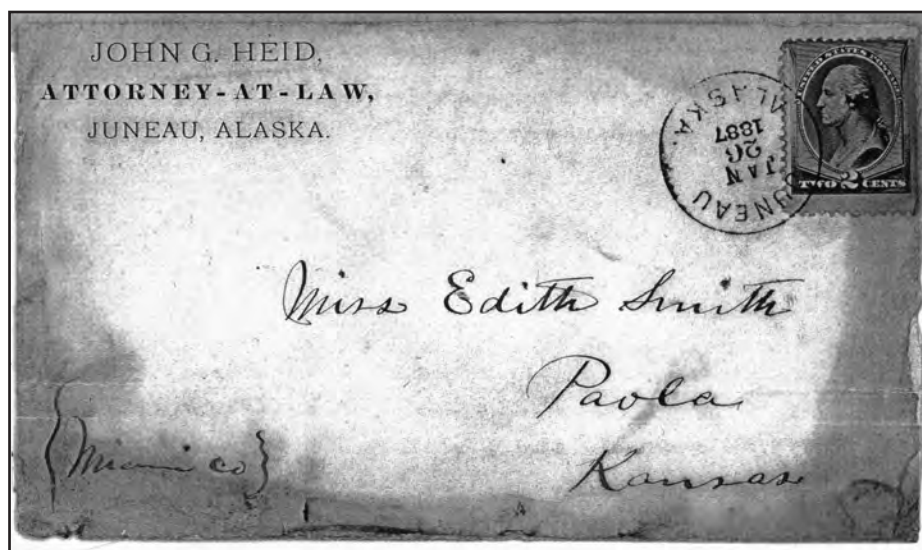
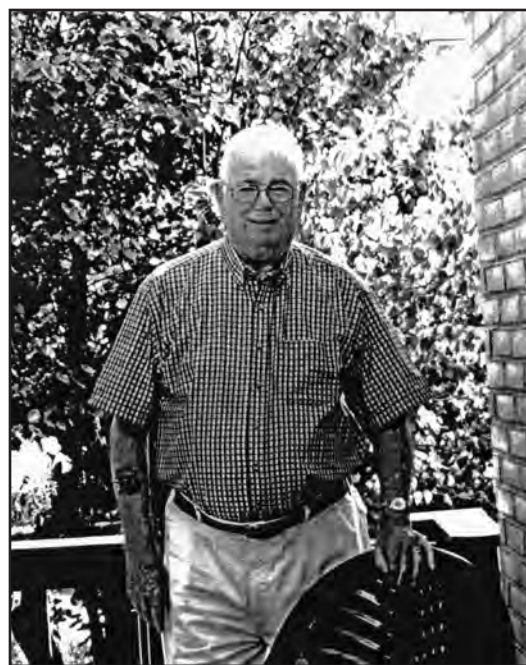


My name is Art Lyons, and I live in East Greenbush, NY. I am retired and have been a stamp collector since childhood.

My Alaska philately interests & specialties are Alaska APO's and cancellations, however, I also collect Iceland. In addition to ACC, I belong to the APS and the Scandanavian Collector's Club.

My favorite pieces of Alaska postal history are these two Alaska covers. The Juneau cover has a great strike of a scarce Helbock type 3 cancel on a cover with a nice Attorney Corner Card. The Killisnoo cover is also a great strike of a scarce type 1 cancel from a town that has not had a Post Office sine 1930. It was unfortunately all too common for early collectors to remove the stamp from covers, like happened here. But I still think these are great covers!

Anything else: I spent 4 years in Yakutat and Naknek during World War II.



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 • 5519 E. Mezzanine Way • Long Beach, CA 90808.
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?)

AUCTION

Closing Date:
February 28, 2007

Send bids to:

Terry Shaw, P.O. Box 1435, Prineville, Oregon, 97754 (*NOTE NEW ADDRESS!*)

Phone 541-416-6600 (days); 541-447-5836 (evenings). E-mail: cgsarchxx@aol.com

Minimum bid is 50¢ unless otherwise noted, please bid in increments of 25 cents.

**Use Bid
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Page 89!**

Abbreviations used:

BS =	Back Stamp	CC =	Corner Card return address
DCC =	Double Circle Cancel	DPO =	No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office
EAMC =	Emergency Airmail Cover	4BC =	Four Bar Cancel
FD =	First Day	F =	Fine
FF =	First Flight	II =	Informative insert
LD =	Last Day	MC =	Machine Cancel
NP =	Nonphilatelic	PC =	Postcard
PO =	Post Office	PMS =	Postmaster signed
T =	Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed.	VG =	Very Good
VF =	Very Fine	R =	Reserve Bid, only 50¢ unless otherwise noted

Please read carefully and ask for photo copies as desired (5 cents each + SASE), or ask for electronic images sent as JPEG files. Have fun, bid early and often, and please ask others to bid.

I AM IN DESPERATE NEED OF AUCTION MATERIAL!

1. **Afognak** (5/2/55) T5, DPO. Airmail cover. F. R = \$1.00.
2. **Akiak** (7/11/49) T4. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.00.
3. **Akulurak** (8/31/51) T2, LD of DPO. PMS on Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.50.
4. **Akutan** (4/2/35) T1 registered cover to Seward (4/11/35) T13, earlier than listed, BS. F. R = \$7.50.
5. **Akutan** (9/25/55) T2. Airmail cover. F.
6. **Alakanuk** (2/28/58) T1 & T2 on Cover. F. R = \$1.00.
7. **Aleknagik** (1/29/42) T1. Gov PC. PMS marked via dog team to Dillingham. F. R = \$4.00.
8. **Anchorage** (5/28/56) T2 on insured parcel tag, nice franking. F. R = \$1.50.
9. **Anchorage** (12/9/35) T9. EAMC to Susitna (1/14/36) T1, DPO on cover face. F, slight water staining. R = \$3.50.
10. **Anchorage** (3/31/38) T9. Great Ham Radio QSL PC. F. R = \$5.50.
11. **Anchorage** (4/20/44) T9. Censored, airmail C-10 sized cover from the Rexall store. F. R = \$3.50.
12. **Anchorage** (1/2/47) T9. FF cover to St. Paul, MN; great cachet. F. R = \$2.25.
13. **Anchorage** (12/15/64) FD cancel and unusual "quaking house" cachet on PC for FD of Amateur Radio stamp, Scott # 1260. VF. R = \$2.25.
14. **Anchorage** (2/24/66) Circle cancel; 14th APEX cachet on cover. VF.
15. **Anchorage** (2/23/67) Centennial Slogan Cancel; 15th APEX cachet on cover. F+.
16. **Anchorage** (2/23/67) Centennial Slogan Cancel; "Moose Gooser" cachet & 2-cent railroad local post stamp on cover. F+. R = \$1.00.
17. **Anchorage** (3/3/74) Special cancel & cachet, Arctic Winter Games cover. VF.
18. **Anchorage** (7/4/76) Special Bicentennial Station Cancel on cover. VF.
19. **Anchorage** (8/20/86) FD cancel & cachet on cover, 17-cent coil dogsled stamp (pair), Scott # 2135. VF. R = \$1.25.
20. **Anchorage, Atka Rur. Br** (2/22/89) DCC. Gov. PC. F+.
21. **Anchorage** (8/2/89) Special Zoo Station Cancel on cover. VF.
22. **Anchorage, Russian Jack Sta.** (4/15/92). Plain PC. F+.
23. **Anchorage, Postal Store Station** (1/26/96) Special map cancel on cover. VF.
24. **Anchorage** (4/17/99) Special Wal★Mart Station cancel on cover. VF.
25. **Anchorage** (2/21/03) Special APEX cancel on a cover franked with the "Greetings from Alaska" stamp. VF.



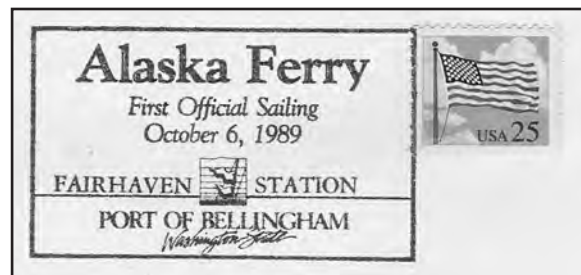
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26. **Anchorage** (3/1/03) Special Iditarod cancel on cover, gray wolf franking (Scott #3292). VF.
27. **Anderson** (9/12/92) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
28. **Andreafski** (9/1/51) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. F. R = \$3.00.
29. **Andreafski** (12/31/54) T1, LD of DPO. Cover from the collection of long time ACC member, Seeley Hall. VF. R = \$3.00.
30. **Angoon** (5/13/92) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
31. **Aniak, Nyac Rur. Br.** (1/13/81) 4BC. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.00.
32. **Anvik** (6/1/16) T2 on cover. VG. R = \$35.00.
33. **Anvik** (6/10/69) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+.
34. **Atka** (2/12/41) T1, DPO. Parcel tag, great franking. R = \$3.50.
35. **Atkasuk CPO** (12/14/85) DCC. Plain PC. F+. R = \$1.00.
36. **Barge** (2/7/50) T1, DPO. Typed letter enclosed in cover from PM explaining the history of the village name. PMS. VF. R = \$6.50.
37. **Barrow** (8/15/38) T12. Special Rogers-Post Memorial cachet on a cover also canceled in Dayton Ohio (5/14/38) with a special cachet for National Airmail Week. Unusual dual cancel & cachet. F. R = \$5.00.
38. **Barrow** (8/15/38) T12. Special Rogers-Post Memorial cachet on a cover franked with a block of 4 of the Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Great newspaper article & II about the Memorial. F. R = \$5.00.
39. **Barrow** (3/4/43) T10. Censored patriotic EAMC to Kotzebue (3/31/43) T8 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
40. **Barrow** (10/16/67) 4BC. 2 covers with different Ice Island T-3 cachets. F+. R = \$1.00.
41. **Barrow** (3/12/99) FD cover, 5 arctic animals stamps (Scott #'s 3288 – 3292); special 1820's explorers on arctic coast with canoes cachet. VF. R = \$2.00.
42. **Beaver** (5/16/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
43. **Bell Island** (8/24/32) T1, FD of DPO on cover. VF. R = \$4.50.
44. **Bell Island** (2/17/40) T1, DPO. Health Springs cachet on cover. F+. R = \$4.50.



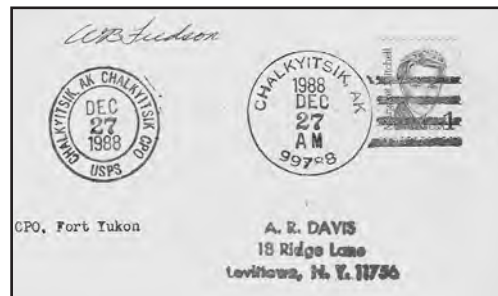
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45. **Bellingham, WA** (10/6/89) Special First Official Sailing, Alaska Ferry @ Fairhaven Station cancel on cover. VF. R = \$1.00.
46. **Bethel** (2/8/44) T4. Censored cover. VG. R = \$1.25.
47. **Bethel, Atmautluak Rur. Br** (6/13/89) DCC. Plain PC. F+. R = \$1.00.
48. **Buckland** (3/23/37) T1, DPO. EMAC via Kotzebue (3/26/37) T6 BS, to Nome (4/5/37) T19 BS. F. R = \$7.50.



Lot 45

49. **Candle** (7/7/31) T3, DPO. Scott # 629 on cover. VG, spotty ink. R = \$2.25.
50. **Cantwell** (11/19/54) T3. Airmail cover. F.
51. **Chalkyitsik CPO {Ft. Yukon}** (2/27/88) DCC & 4BC. PMS on Plain PC. VF. R = \$1.25.



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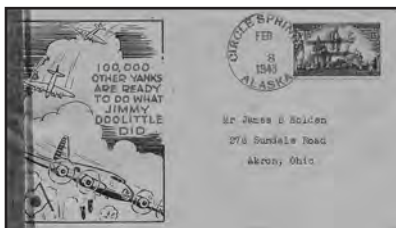
52. **Chatanika** (10/21/72) 4BC. Poker Flats Rocket site, moose/missile (Nike-Tomahawk) cachet on cover. F.
53. **Chatanika** (3/10/75) 4BC. Poker Flats Rocket site cover, polar bear cachet. F.
54. **Chatham** (5/8/43) T4, DPO. PMS, Censored EAMC, to Juneau (5/19/43) T32. VF. R = \$4.50.



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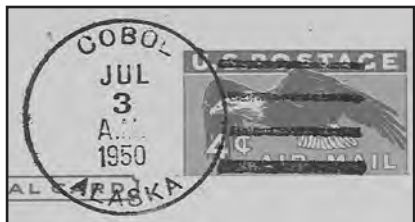
55. **Chenega** (9/1/50) T2, DPO. PMS, GPC. VF. R = \$2.00.
56. **Chenega** (2/28/50) T1, DPO on cover. VF. R = \$2.00.
57. **Chevak** (6/1/51) T1. FD of new PO, PMS. Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
58. **Chickaloon CPO {Sutton}** (3/21/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = \$1.25.
59. **Chignik**, 1932 unused real photo PC of ship loading salmon. VF. R = \$4.00.
60. **Chignik Lagoon** (4/20/72) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
61. **Chitina** (12/29/50) T4. Chitna Drug Store cover. VG. R = \$2.00.
62. **Chitina** (1/17/79) 4BC. Gov PC. F.
63. **Chuathbaluk {CPO, Aniak}** (3/31/88) 4BC. Gov. PV. VF.
64. **Circle** (6/20/31) T4. Roessler Airmail cover, signed by Pilot Ed Young and flown to Fort Yukon (7/4/31) T3, BS; PMS. VG-F. R = \$22.50.

65. **Circle** (5/10/43) T6. Censored EAMC to Fort Yukon (5/18/43) T4 BS. VF. R = \$3.75.
66. **Circle Springs** (12/7/42) T1, DPO. Censored Dogsled cover (large, green Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto a fast-running dogsled) to Central (12/28/42) T2, BS—DPO. FV. R = \$7.50.
67. **Circle Springs** (2/8/43) T1, DPO. Censored patriotic cover. F. R = \$2.50.



Lot 67

68. **Clarks Point** (9/30/43) T1. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
69. **Clarks Point** (8/13/75) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
70. **Cobol** (7/3/50) T1, DPO. Airmail Gov. PC. VF. R = \$3.00.



Lot 70

71. **Cohoe** (9/1/50) T1, FD. Gov. PC; PMS. VF. R = \$1.50.
72. **Cold Bay** (10/15/57) T1. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.00.
73. **Cold Bay** (2/11/87) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
74. **Cooper Landing** (11/22/54) T2. Non-philatelic cover. F.
75. **Cooper Landing** (5/16/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
76. **Copper Center** (5/19/51) T5. Plain PC. F+. R = \$1.00.
77. **Cordova** (8/24/42) T9. Censored patriotic cover. F. R = \$2.25.



Lot 77

78. **Council** (9/3/1903) T1 as BS on cover from Seattle. Also, Nome Rec'd. (8/18/03). F. R = \$55.00.
79. **Council** (6/5/14) T4, DPO on cover. F. R = \$42.50.
80. **Council** (6/16/41) T8 (earlier than listed), DPO. PMS on non-philatelic cover. F, water stain at bottom. R = \$2.00.
81. **Craig** (11/27/44) T6. Non-philatelic airmail cover. F. R = \$1.00.
82. **Craig** (2/13/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.

83. **Crooked Creek** (12/3/31) T1. FF cover to Sleetmute (12/6/31) T2, DPO. F. R = \$6.50.
84. **Crooked Creek** (9/22/71) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
85. **Delta Junction, Dot Lake Rural Sta.** (2/13/89) DCC & 4BC on cover. F.
86. **Delta Junction, Koliganek Rur. Br.** (9/1/90) 4BC & DCC on cover. F.
87. **Diamond** (12/10/42) T1, DPO. Censored dogsled cover to Nenana (12/17/42) T5. F. R = \$5.50.
88. **Dome** (8/21/09) T1, DPO. Native woman PC. F. R = \$100.00.



Lot 88

89. **Dot Lake** (6/2/52) T1, FD of DPO. PMS, great franking on cover. F+. R = \$5.00.
90. **Douglas** (7/1/71) MC. FD cover & cachet for 8-cent, Scott # 1396. F. R = \$1.50.
91. **Dutch Harbor** (6/10/41) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$3.00.
92. **Dutch Harbor** (11/29/41) T1, DPO. Airmail cover; plane, dogsled cachet. F. R = \$3.00.
93. **Dutch Harbor {CPO, Unalaska}** (5/26/88) 4BC on cover. F.
94. **Eagle River** (6/23/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
95. **Edna Bay** (5/25/55) T3. PMS, cover from the collection of long time ACC member, Seeley Hall. F+. R = \$2.25.
96. **Eielson Air Force Base** (2/17/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+.
97. **Elim** (5/12/69) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
98. **Ellamar** (7/18/05) T1, DPO. USGS cover VG-F. R = \$127.50.



Lot 98

99. **Ester** (6/7/76) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
100. **Fairbanks** (5/8/38) T20. FF cover to White Horse (5/8/38) BS. F. R = \$1.00.
101. **Fairbanks** (6/4/42) like T 22 without "registered". Censored, airmail registered cover, great franking. F+. R = \$10.00.
102. **Fairbanks** (8/30/61) MC. Alaska Airlines FF cover, Convair 880 cachet, to Anchorage (8/30/61) MC, BS. F. R = \$1.25.
103. **Fairbanks** (8/26/78) FD of issue cancel on block of 4 owl stamps in the Program for the stamp issuing ceremony; signed by Dick Bishop, Alaska Conservation Society. Scott #'s 1760 – 1763. VF. R = \$4.00.



Lot 102

104. **Fairbanks** (5/2/84) Special cancel & cachet on cover for visit of Pope John Paul II. VF.
105. **Fairbanks** (1/3/84) FD cancel and unusual cachet on cover for the 25 years of statehood stamp (Scott # 2066). VF. R = \$3.00.



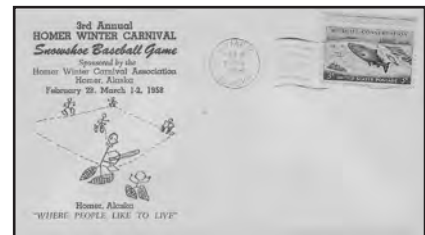
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106. **Fairbanks** (1/3/84) FD cancel, cachet & II for the 25 years of statehood stamp (Scott # 2066); cover signed by Governor Bill Sheffield. VF. R = \$3.00.
107. **Fairbanks**, Badger Rd. Rur. Br. (7/29/89) DCC. Plain PC. F. R = \$1.00.
108. **Fairbanks**, Coldfoot CPU (1/27/89) 4BC & DCC. PMS on cover. F. R = \$1.00.
109. **Fairbanks**, Two Rivers CPU (5/12/89) DCC & large 4BC. PMS, plain PC. F+. R = \$1.25.
110. **False Pass** (7/4/42) T6. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
111. **False Pass** (5/30/50) T9. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.00.
112. **Flat** (9/14/31) T4. Scott # 702 on cover. F. R = \$2.50.
113. **Flat** (8/9/43) T6. Censored Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
114. **Fort Richardson** (6/12/41) T1. Unusual military cachet on cover. F. R = \$12.50.
115. **Fort Yukon** 6/22/15) T2. Totem PC. VG-F. R = \$13.00.
116. **Fort Yukon** 1943 T4. Censored Photo PC, local Native School. F. R = \$7.50.
117. **Fortuna Ledge** (2/19/44) T3 on cover. VG-F. R = \$1.00.
118. **Gakoina** (12/1/51) T4. FD of re-opened PO; PMS on Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.00.
119. **Gambell** (3/18/44) T1. Dogsled cover (large, purple Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto a fast-running dog sled) to Savoonga (4/14/44) T1, BS. VF. R = \$7.50.



Lot 119

120. **Gambell** (7/23/88) 4BC on cover. VF.
121. **Girdwood** (9/13/76) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
122. **Grayling** (11/6/74) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
123. **Haines** (8/22/07) T2. Great PC of Pat Renwick & George Woodburn (miners, Indian scouts and guides) with dog sled and snowshoes. F. R = \$45.00.
124. **Haines** (11/7/97) Special Eagle cancel on 50-cent Eagle Gov. PC. Looks sharp. VF. R = \$1.50.
125. **Haines** (9/24/2003) Special Fort Seward Centennial Stn. Cancel on cover. VF.
126. **Hamilton** (1/28/55) T6, earlier than listed, DPO. Non-philatelic airmail cover. F. R = \$1.25.
127. **Haycock** (10/6/31) T1, DPO. Scott # 702 on cover. F. R = \$3.50.
128. **Haycock** (8/19/40) T2, DPO. Gov PC. F+. R = \$2.50.
129. **Haycock** (5/31/57) T3, DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. VF. R = \$2.00.
130. **Healy** (1/18/95) 4BC on cover. F+.
131. **Hogatza** (4/20/57) T1, DPO. FD of PO; PMS on cover. F+. R = \$2.25.
132. **Holikachuk** (6/20/58) T1, DPO on cover. F. R = \$1.00.
133. **Holy Cross** (12/1/36) T1. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Flat (11/30/36) T4. F. R = \$2.75. (note date reversal)
134. **Holy Cross** (6/10/41) T2. Cross cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.50.
135. **Holy Cross** (5/26/88) 4BC on cover. VF.
136. **Homer** (2/28/58) T8. Great Snowshoe Baseball Game cachet on cover for the 3rd Winter Carnival. F. R = \$3.25.



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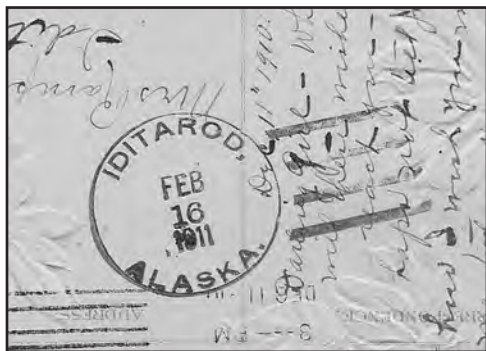
137. **Homer, Port Graham CPO** (6/11/90) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. F.
138. **Hoonah** (11/20/86) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
139. **Hooper Bay** (9/15/35) T1. EAMC signed by Pilot Nat Brown. VF. R = \$15.00.
140. **Hooper Bay** (10/11/41) T1. Gov PC. PMS message about village. F. R = \$3.00.
141. **Hooper Bay** (8/22/51) T1. PMS—Dogsled cover (large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto a fast-running dog sled) to Mountain Village (9/3/51) T2, BS. F+. R = \$5.50.
142. **Hooper Bay** (7/25/89) Large DCC. Plain PC. F+.
143. **Hope** (1/17/79) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+.
144. **Hot Springs** (8/7/08) T1, DPO. Cover, rough open right. VG. R = \$50.00.

145. **Hot Springs** (12/20/35) T2, DPO. PMS on EAMC to Fairbanks (12/24/35) T16, BS. F. R = \$2.50.
146. **Hot Springs** (11/30/57) T3, DPO. LD of PO by this name, PMS and dogsled cachet on Roadhouse cover. F. R = \$2.00.



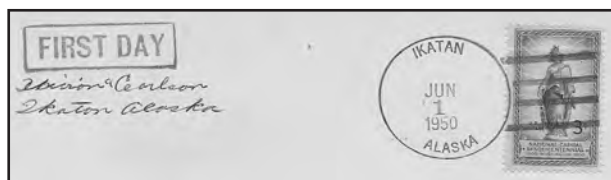
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147. **Houston {CPO, Wasilla}** (5/12/89) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
148. **Hughes** (2/16/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
149. **Huslia** (6/18/58) T1 on cover. F.
150. **Huslia** (10/12/74) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
151. **Hyder** (5/21/21) T2, later than listed, DPO. Real photo PC of Hyder. VG -F. R = \$45.00.
152. **Hyder** (7/26/94) 4BC. Gov PC. VF.
153. **Iditarod** (7/8/10) T1 (blue ink), DPO. PC. VG (date weak). R = \$44.00.
154. **Iditarod** (2/16/11) T2, DPO. Receiving postmark on PC. F+. R = \$50.00.



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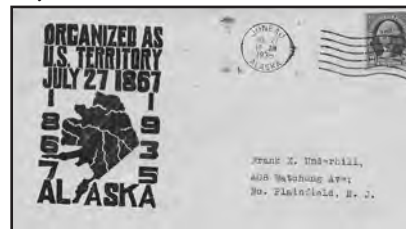
155. **Iditarod** (4/1/13) T3, DPO. Great registered cover that was returned. Juneau, Douglas, and Skagway backstamps. VG-F, opening at right affects one stamp, but not cancel. R = \$145.00.
156. **Igiugig CPO** (2/21/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
157. **Ikatan** (6/1/50) T1, DPO. FD of PO; PMS on cover. F+. R = \$3.50.



Lot 157

158. **Iliamna** (8/18/75) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
159. **Juneau** (10/4/21) T21. Cover with long letter enclosed. VG - F, a bit rough opening on part of top. R = \$6.00.
160. **Juneau** (3/13/34) T23. Great 50th Anniversary of Civil Gov. cachet on cover. F+. R = \$5.00.

161. **Juneau** (7/27/35) T23. Great "Organized as Territory" anniversary cachet on cover. F+. R = \$5.00.



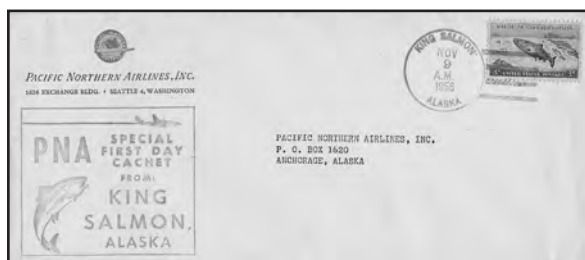
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162. **Juneau** (5/14/36) T26. EAMC to Skagway (6/4/36) T13 BS. F. R = \$3.00.
163. **Juneau** (5/3/38) T30. Roessler FF cover to Fairbanks (5/3/38) T19 BS. PMS stamp. VF. R = \$3.00.
164. **Juneau** (5/10/40) T32. Great Ham Radio QSL card. F. R = \$7.50.
165. **Juneau** (6/21/40) T32. FF cover, great cachet, to Seattle. F+. R = \$2.00.
166. **Juneau** (5/10/43) T32. Censored cover, Crosby photo cachet. F. R = \$8.00.
167. **Juneau** (11/14/59) T32. First PANEX cachet on cover; scarce. VF. R = \$7.50.
168. **Juneau** (4/6/68) 4BC. PANEX IX cachet on cover. VF. R = \$1.25.
169. **Juneau** (1/3/69) Circle cancel. ACC 10 years of Statehood cachet on cover. VF. R = \$1.00.
170. **Juneau** (4/11/70) 4BC. Panex 10 bear cachet on cover. VF. R = \$1.00.
171. **Juneau** (9/6/89) MC. NOAA Ship Murre II; Salmon Treaty Research cachet on cover. VF. R = \$1.50.
172. **Juneau, Douglas Sta.** (3/31/92) DCC. Plain PC. F+.
173. **Juneau, Sta. 1** (9/16/93) DCC. Plain PC. F.
174. **Karluk** (9/12/41) T4. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
175. **Karluk** (2/18/87) 4BC. Gov PC. VF.
176. **Kasaan** (5/31/71) 4BC. PMS on cover. VF.
177. **Kasilof** (8/12/98) Special Historical Station Dogsled cancel on cover. F+.
178. **Ketchikan** (6/22/40) T13. FF, great cachet, cover to Seattle. F. R = \$1.25.
179. **Ketchikan** (11/17/47) T13 & "Take Out". Color cachet, Alaska Sportsman cover. F. R = \$1.75.
180. **Ketchikan** (6/22/48) T13. Great fire engine cachet on C-10 sized cover from the Fire Dept. F. R = \$2.00.
181. **Ketchikan** (5/30/58) T18. All American City cachet on cover. F+. R = \$1.25.
182. **Ketchikan** (3/17/62) slogan cancel. FF, Pan AM jet cachet on cover to Juneau (3/17/62) MC BS. F. R = \$1.25.



Lot 182

183. **Ketchikan** (3/4/92) several cancels on cover with ACC Sustaining Member cachet # 4. R = \$8.50.
 184. **Ketchikan, Sta. No. 2** (9/17/93) DCC. Gov. PC. VF
 185. **Kiana** (2/14/89) 4BC. Gov PC. VF.
 186. **Killisnoo** (6/7/1898) T2, DPO. Cover with three letters enclosed! VG-F, "Kil" weak, rest strong. R = \$165.00.
 187. **Killisnoo** (7/8/15) T3, DPO. Real photo PC of S.S. Spokane. F+. R = \$70.00.
 188. **King Cove** (2/12/87) 4BC. Gov PC. VF.
 189. **King Salmon** (11/9/55) T2. Scarce "Pirate" PNA cachet as a FD cover for the King Salmon stamp, Scott # 1079 (Seattle was the only official City for this FD). F+. R = \$50.00.



Lot 189

190. **Klawock** (8/19/75) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
 191. **Kobuk** (10/16/42) T1. Censored patriotic cover. VF. R = \$3.75.
 192. **Kodiak** (12/17/09) T3. Alaska Yukon Expo PC. F. R = \$35.00.
 193. **Kodiak** (3/13/42) T11, earlier than listed. Censored, registered cover. F+. R = 9.75.
 194. **Kodiak, US Coast Guard Contract Sta. 1** (4/3/89) DCC. Plain PC. VF.
 195. **Kokhanok Bay** (11/16/52) T1, FD of DPO. Unsevered send & return portions of Gov. PC, PMS. F+. R = \$4.00.
 196. **Kokorines** (2/12/35) T3, DPO. PMS on EAMC via Ruby (2/12/35) T2, BS & PMS, to Nome (2/26/35) T22. F. R = \$3.75.



Lot 196

197. **Kokorines** (6/28/54) T4, DPO. PMS on cover from the collection of long time ACC member, Seeley Hall. VF. R = \$1.75.
 198. **Kokorines** (9/20/57) T4, LD of DPO on cover. F. R = \$1.50.
 199. **Kongiganak** {CPO, Bethel} (4/27/91) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = \$1.00.

200. **Koyuk** (6/23/53) T2. PMS on cover from the collection of long time ACC member, Seeley Hall. F. R = \$1.50.
 201. **Koyuk** (12/2/76) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
 202. **Koyukuk** (3/31/77) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
 203. **Kwethluk** (8/21/75) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
 204. **Kwigilingok** (3/31/44) T1. Cover (old censor tape removed) to Bethel (4/18/44) T4 BS. F. R = \$2.50.
 205. **Kwigilingok** (3/17/91) 4BC. Gov PC. F+.
 206. **Kwiguk** (7/1/42) T1, DPO. Gov. PC, PM signed message about the village. F. R = \$4.00.
 207. **Lake Minchumina** (11/1/74) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
 208. **Larsen Bay** (11/1/50) T1. FD of new PO. PMS on Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75.
 209. **Latouche** (2/22/10) T2, DPO. Dogsled PC. F. R = \$62.50.
 210. **Levelock** (9/1/75) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
 211. **Livengood** (5/25/43) T4, DPO. Censored Gov. PC; Great PM signed message about the village. F. R = \$6.00.



Lot 211

212. **Lower Kalskag** (1/10/68) 4BC. FD of new PO; PMS on airmail cover. F. R = \$1.25.
 213. **Manley Hot Springs** (2/12/77) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. F.
 214. **Manokotak** (5/21/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. F.
 215. **Matanuska** (4/22/25) T1, DPO. Registered cover, great franking. VF, small corner pull. R = \$100.00.
 216. **McGrath** (7/23/43) T5. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.00.
 217. **McGrath** (9/19/47) T5. EAMC cachet and "Last Frontier" stamp cachet. F+. R = \$3.00



Lot 217

218. **Medfra** (10/3/50) T3. Gov PC. F+. R = \$1.00.
 219. **Mekoryuk** (7/24/90) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
 220. **Metlakatla** (6/17/10) T1. Ketchikan PC. F+. R = \$22.50.
 221. **Metlakatla** (7/19/54) T6 on airmail routing slip via Mt. Edgecumbe. Unusual item. VF. R = \$4.25.

222. **Moose Pass** (5/17/40) T2. Gov. PC; interesting note about village, likely from PM. F+. R = \$3.00.
223. **Moose Pass** (2/13/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
224. **Moses Point** (1/16/50) T1, DPO. Gov. airmail PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
225. **Mountain Village** (8/16/75) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
226. **Nabesna** (1/15/38) T1, DPO. EAMC to Gakona (partial cancel on face). F+. R = \$4.25.
227. **Naknek** (5/25/17) T1. Photo PC of sailing ship, "Bark Star of Zealand". F+. R = \$95.50.
228. **Naknek** (6/5/36) T4 (Reg.). Registered cover to Seward (6/12/36) T13, BS. Nice franking. F. R = \$8.75.
229. **Naknek** (8/9/88) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
230. **Napamute** (9/10/31) T1, DPO. Scott # 702 on cover. VF. R = \$3.00.
231. **Napamute** (6/13/42) T1, DPO. Censored Gov. PC. F+. R = \$4.00.



Lot 231

232. **Napamute** (3/14/54) T3, DPO. Registered, C-10 sized airmail cover; great franking. F. R = \$6.25.
233. **Nenana** 1998 special Golden Spike, Alaska Railroad cancel on cover. F.
234. **New Knock Hock** (9/1/50) T1, FD of DPO. Gov PC. VF. R = \$4.00.
235. **Nightmute** (9/1/52) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$2.25.
236. **Nikiski** (8/36/88) 4BC on cover. F+.
237. **Nikolaevsk {CPO Anchor Point}** (4/10/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = \$1.00.



Lot 237

238. **Nikolski** (8/4/80) 4BC on cover. F+.
239. **Ninilchik** (8/4/80) 4BC on cover. F.
240. **Noatak** (1/26/89) 4BC on cover. F+.
241. **Nolan** (3/31/18) T1, DPO. Registered cover; great franking. VG-F. R = \$145.00.
242. **Nome** (6/14/13) T7. PC, King Island natives arriving by boat in Nome. F, card face a bit dusky. R = \$3.25.
243. **Nome** (10/18/30) T19. PMS & Pilot (Roy Gresham) signed Airmail cover to Deering (10/18/31) T4 BS. F+. R = \$12.50.
244. **Nome, Golovin Rur. Br.** (7/14/78) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
245. **North Pole** (6/21/72) 4BC. Midnight Sun Stamp Club cachet on cover. VF.

246. **North Pole** (12/25/76) 4BC. Santa Claus cachet on cover. VF.
247. **North Pole** (7/22/2003) Special 50th Anniversary Sta. cancel on cover. VF.
248. **Northway** (820/75) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
249. **Nulato** (8/7/50) T7. Non-philatelic, airmail cover. F.
250. **Nunapitchuck** (5/16/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. F.
251. **Nyac** (10/25/53) T3, DPO. Plain PC, missent to Cascade Idaho. F+. R = \$2.00.
252. **Old Harbor** (2/13/87) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
253. **Ophir** (12/17/35) T4, DPO. Pilot signed (Bill Knox) EAMC. F+. R = \$14.00.



Lot 253

254. **Orca** (6/23/1898) T2, DPO. C-10 sized cover, Nice strike. F. R = \$210.00.
255. **Palmer** (8/30/58) T5. 2nd Rodeo Championship cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.25.
256. **Palmer** (8/29/58) T5. 2nd Annual Tractor Pull cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.25.
257. **Palmer** (9/4/59) T5. First Alaska State Fair cachet on cover. F+. R = \$1.50.
258. **Palmer** (9/5/59) T5. 3rd Rodeo Championship cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.25.
259. **Palmer** (5/23/60) MC. Colony Days, building home cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.25.
260. **Palmer** (6/18/60) MC. First Aviation Fair cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.50.



Lot 260

261. **Pedro Bay** (2/10/38) T1, DDO. Likely EAMC (no cachet) to Anchorage (2/18/38) T8. BS. F+. R = \$3.50.
262. **Pedro Bay** (12/10/58) T2, DPO. Plain PC. F. R = \$1.75.
263. **Pedro Bay** (1/5/76) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
264. **Pelican** (7/29/80) 4BC on cover. F.
265. **Perryville** (5/1/52) T3. FD or re-opened PO; PMS on Gov PC. F. R = \$1.50.
266. **Perryville** (11/14/74) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
267. **Petersburg** (5/14/60) MC. Great 50th Anniv. cachet on cover. VF. R = \$1.25.
268. **Petersburg** (6/26/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
269. **Pilot Point** (8/13/37) T1. EAMC to Anchorage (8/23/37) T8 BS; PMS. F+. R = \$3.50.

270. **Pilot Point** (2/12/87) 4VC. Gov. PC. F.
271. **Pilot Station** (5/1/50) T2. FD of re-opened PO, airmail special delivery cover. F+. R = \$2.50.
272. **Platinum** (7/29/80) 4BC on cover. VF.
273. **Point Hope** (6/24/53) T1. Plain PC. F.
274. **Point Hope** (2/27/87) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
275. **Poorman** (1/9/42) T2, DPO. Dogsled cover (large, orange Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto a fast-running dog sled) to Ruby (1/10/42) T4, BS. F. R = \$7.50.
276. **Porcupine** (8/29/09) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. Note: postmarks of this date are known to have been made for philatelic purposes at a later date; still a scarce item. VF. R = \$33.50.

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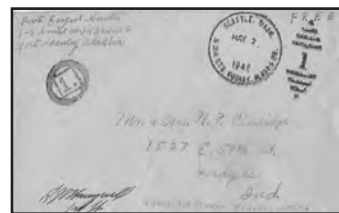
277. **Port Alexandria** (8/15/29) T1. PC. VG ("dria" weak). R = \$5.00.
278. **Port Alexander** (6/12/59) 4BC (like T6). Gov. PC. VF.
279. **Port Alexander** (1/28/86) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
280. **Port Alsworth** (11/1/50) T1. FD of new PO, PMS on cover. VF. R = \$2.50.
281. **Port Alsworth** (5/22/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+.
282. **Port Graham** (12/27/54) T1, DPO. Non-philatelic airmail cover. F. R = \$1.50.
283. **Port Lions** (2/22/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+.
284. **Port Moller** (4/15/55) T2, DPO on cover. VF. R = \$1.50.
285. **Prudhoe Bay {CPO Fairbanks}** (7/23/88) 4BC on cover. VF.
286. **Quinhagak** (9/17/31) T3 on cover. F, spotty ink. R = \$1.50.
287. **Quinhagak** (12/10/37) T3. EAMC. F. R = \$2.00.
288. **Rampart** (5/5/02) T3, DPO. Spokane & Tacoma RPO cancel & "Missent" stamp also on this C-10 sized cover sent to Manila, Philippines. VG, date weak. R = \$75.00.
289. **Rampart** (7/19/15) T6, DPO. Great "First Sheep in Dawson" PC. F. R = \$15.00.
290. **Rampart** (2/8/38) T6, DPO. EAMC to Anchorage (3/1/38) T8 BS. F. R = \$2.50.
291. **Rampart** (2/22/44) T7, DPO. Censored cover. F. R = \$2.25.
292. **Red Devil** (10/29/58) T1. Non-Philatelic Cover. F.
293. **Red Devil** (2/23/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
294. **Ruby** (5/21/14) T1. Ruby Commercial Club cover. F. R = \$80.00.
295. **Ruby** (9/15/33) T2. PMS on EAMC to Deering (9/24/33) T\$ BS. F. R = \$3.75.
296. **Ruby** (12/2/74) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.

297. **St. George CPO** (10/9/91) DCC. Plain PC.
298. **Russian Mission** (9/14/31) T1, DPO – later than listed! Scott # 702 on cover. VG-F. R = \$8.50.
299. **Saint Marys** (1/1/55) T1. FD of new PO, PMS on cover. F. R = \$2.00.
300. **Saint Michael** (6/5/07) Recd. as backstamp on cover from MI. VG. R = \$7.50.
301. **Saint Paul Island** (4/7/47) uncanceled QSL Ham Radio PC. F. R = \$8.00.



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302. **Saint Paul Island** (8/13/49) T1. Plain PC. F+. R = \$1.25.
303. **Sand Point** (4/22/52) T5. Non-philatelic cover. VG.
304. **Savoonga** (7/17/41) T1. Gov. PC. PM signed note about village. F. R = \$3.00.
305. **Savoonga** (6/26/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
306. **Scammon Bay** (6/1/51) T1. FD of new PO; PMS on Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
307. **Scammon Bay** (8/1/80) 4BC. F.
308. **Seattle** (Terminal Sta.) Wash, Alaska Sec. (1/25/18) Unlisted type on cover (neither Helbock nor I have seen this before!). R = \$75.00.
309. **Seattle** (Naval Air Station, Sitka (1/1/42)) Unlisted Parcel Post Cancel, First Day, on blank cover VF. R = \$15.00.
310. **Seattle** (Naval Air Station, Sitka (1/1/42)) Unlisted Registered cancel, First Day, on blank cover. VF. R = \$15.00.
311. **Seattle** Naval Air St. Sitka (1/1/42) T1, DPO. FD on patriotic cover. VF. R = \$7.50.
312. **Seattle** (Naval Air Station, Kodiak (5/2/42) T2) cancel on free frank cover. Unusual hand made cork provisional Censor mark! R = \$40.00.



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313. **Seattle** (Naval Air Station, Dutch Harbor (7/5/42) T2). Censored, airmail patriotic cover. VF. R = \$7.50.
314. **Seattle Air Mail Field** (10/1/51). FF cachet on airmail Gov. PC to Anchorage (10/1/51) T13 BS. F+. R = \$1.50.
315. **Seattle** (8/30/61) MC. Alaska Airlines FF, Convair 880 cachet on cover to Anchorage (8/30/61) MC BS. F. R = \$1.50.

316. **Seattle** (4/25/62) FD of issue Space Needle stamp (Scott #1196) on cover with Alaska Collectors Club cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.
317. **Seattle & Seward R.P.O.** (11/16/41) 4BC on cover. VF. R = \$2.50.
318. **Selawik** (5/20/91) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
319. **Seldovia** (4/17/89) DCC & 4BC. PMS on cover. VF. R = \$1.00.
320. **Seward** (9/1/1905) T1. Advertising PC. F+ (numeral in bars of cancel off of card). R = \$50.00.
321. **Seward** (3/23/43) T11. Naval Censor on C-10 sized cover. F. R = \$4.50.
322. **Seward** (8/11/90) Special 35th Salmon Derby Cancel; plain PC. VF.
323. **Shakan** (9/5/16) T4, DPO. PC of Wrangell Narrows. F+. R = \$37.50.
324. **Shaktoolik** (4/26/57) T4. Plain. PC. F.
325. **Shaktoolik** (1/14/80) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
326. **Sheldon Point** (3/24/52) T1, DPO – earlier than listed. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$4.00.
327. **Shishmaref** (4/16/46) T3 & PM Special Cancel. Via dog team to Teller (4/26/46) T4 BS. PMS (both) with flag cancel and map sticker on cover. VF. R = \$15.00.



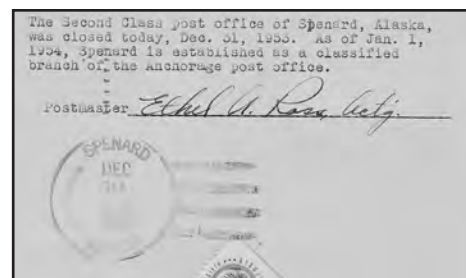
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328. **Shishmaref** (6/30/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
329. **Shungnak** (11/22/86) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
330. **Sitka** (3/30/35) T21. Unusual "Elk" cachet for Alaska Purchase Anniversary on cover. F. R = \$4.00.
331. **Sitka** (12/1/42) T21. Censored, Lutheran Church cover. F. R = \$2.50.
332. **Sitka Contract Sta. One** (4/20/83) Circle cancel. Gov. PC. VF.
333. **Sitka** (7/31/87) Special Pioneer Sta. Alaska Map cancel on cover. VF.
334. **Sitka** (2/4/88) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
335. **Sitka** (11/3/97) Special Whale Fest cancel on cover. VF.



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336. **Skagway** (7/29/67) MC. Building railroad cachet on cover. F. R = \$1.25.
337. **Skagway** (11/19/86) 4BC. Gov. PC. F+.
338. **Skwentna** (2/23/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
339. **Slana CPO {Gakona}** (3/14/84) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
340. **Soldotna** (3/5/75) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
341. **Soldotna** (7/19/99) Special Progress Days cancel on cover. VF.
342. **Solomon** (3/12/44) T4. Censored cover. F. R = \$2.25.
343. **South Naknek** (9/22/80) 4BC on cover. VF.
344. **Spennard** (3/31/53) T4, LD of DPO. PMS on Gov. PC. F. R = \$3.00.



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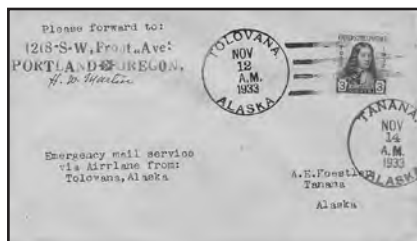
345. **Stebins** (2/14/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
346. **Sterling** (6/24/58) T2 on cover. VF.
347. **Stony River** (11/15/53) T2, DPO. Plain PC. VF. R = \$2.00.
348. **Sulzer** (9/23/12) T1, later than listed, DPO. Ketchikan real photo PC. F+. R = \$90.00.



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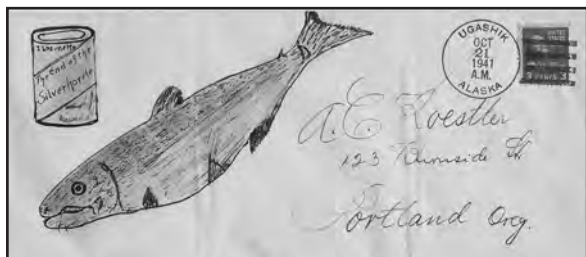
349. **Takotna** (11/2/39) T2. PMS on EAMC to Fairbanks (11/11/39) T20 BS. VF. R = \$4.00.
350. **Talkeetna** (10/11/36) T2. EAMC to Yetna (3/1/37) T2, DPO, BS. F. R = \$4.00.
351. **Tanacross** (4/2/70) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
352. **Tanana** (12/25/11) T3 (later than listed). Metlakatla PC. F. R = \$30.00.
353. **Tanana** (10/30/34) T6. EAMC to Tolovana (11/12/34) T3 BS, DPO. PMS, stamped. VF. R = \$4.00.
354. **Tanana** (9/9/98) Special Centennial Sta., Eagle cancel on cover. VF.
355. **Tatitlek** (4/12/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
356. **Teller** (12/23/46) T5. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
357. **Tenakee Springs** (8/2/40) T1. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.50.
358. **Tenakee Springs** (1/2/59) T2. LD as Territory cancel; Gov. PC. VG-F.
359. **Tenakee Springs** (8/25/69) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
360. **Thorne Bay** (6/21/88) 4BC on cover VF.
361. **Togiak** (6/13/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF.

362. **Tok** (1/3/59) 4BC. FD of Statehood cancel; Gov. PC. F.
363. **Tok, Border Rur. Br.** (4/25/88) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
364. **Tok, Mentasta Rural Br.** (10/7/88) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
365. **Tok** (2/13/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
366. **Tooksook Bay** (3/11/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
367. **Tolovana** (11/12/33) T3, DPO. PMS on EAMC to Tanana (11/14/33) T6 on cover face. VF. R = \$6.00.



Lot 367

368. **Trapper Creek CPO** (8/23/79) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
369. **Tuluksak** (2/16/50) T1, DPO. Gov. PC, PMS. FD of PO. F+. R = \$3.00.
370. **Tuluksak** (11/16/62) 4BC. Plain PC VF.
371. **Tuntutuliak** (9/16/64) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
372. **Tununak** (6/10/50) T2. Gov PC. F. R = \$1.00.
373. **Tununak** (9/14/64) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
374. **Twin Hills** (2/12/87) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
375. **Tyonek** (10/21/57) T4. Non-philatelic cover. F.
376. **Tyonek** (1/3/77) 4BC. Plain PC. F.
377. **Ugashik** (10/21/41) T2, DPO. Unusual hand-painted salmon cachet on C-10 sized cover. VF. R = \$12.50.



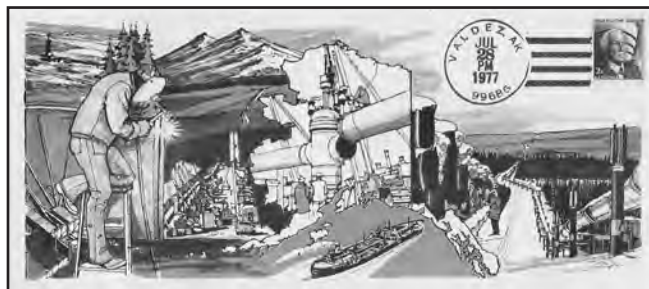
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378. **Unalakleet** (2/5/44) T3. Old censor tape on cover. F. R = \$1.50.
379. **Unalakleet** (8/15/88) 4BC on cover. VF.
380. **Unalaska** (7/11/31) T10. Scott # 702 on cover. F. R = \$3.75.
381. **Unga** (12/12/45) T6, DPO on cover. F. R = \$1.75.
382. **Uyak** (3/8/11) T2, DPO on cover F. (corner pull, lower right). R = \$40.00.
383. **Vancouver, BC** (3/4/37) MC on cover with S.S. Princess Norah oval cancel (3/31/37) on C-10 sized cover from Juneau Cold Storage. F. R = \$15.50.



Lot 383

384. **Vancouver, BC** (2/1/39) MC on cover with S.S. Princess Norah round cancel (1/31/39) on cover from Juneau. F. R = \$15.50.
385. **Valdez** (7/28/77) 4BC. Great pipeline cachet on C-10 sized cover. VF. R = \$3.25.



Lot 385

386. **Venetie** (3/16/52) T2. FD of re-opened PO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.25.
387. **Venetie** (11/14/75) 4BC. Alyeska Pump St. # 6 sticker on cover. F. R = \$1.00.
388. **Venetie** (2/12/87) 4BC. Gov PC. VF.
389. **Wacker** (10/24/42) T2, DPO. Censored, airmail cover with Crosby Alaska cachet. F. R = \$8.50.
390. **Wainwright** (7/31/39) T1. EAMC to Nome (8/7/39) T21 BS. F. R = \$3.50.
391. **Wainwright** (5/15/43) T2. PMS on cover with "via dog team" cachet. VF. R = \$3.25.
392. **Wales** (4/13/37) T3 (blue ink). EAMC to Nome (4/19/39) T19 BS. F+. R = \$3.50.
393. **Wales** (10/16/42) T3. Censored Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.75.
394. **Wales** (3/10/44) T3. Censored Dogsled cover (large, purple Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto a fast-running dog sled) to Teller (4/7/44) T5, BS. F. R = \$7.50.
395. **Wales** (3/25/75) 4BC on cover flown by Munz NW Airlines to Nome; great map cachet. VF. R = \$2.25.



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396. **Wales** (2/21/89) 4BC. Gov. PC. VF.
397. **Wallen** (6/30/51) T1, LD of DPO on cover. F. R = \$5.50.
398. **Ward Cove** (11/1/54) T1 FD of new PO name. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.25.
399. **Washington, DC** (10/16/40) FD of issue cancel & cachet for Scott # 900. Great Crosby photo cachet, Sitka Naval Air Base on cover. VF. R = \$10.00.
400. **Wasilla** (3/8/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF.
401. **White Mountain** (5/31/40) T1. Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75.

402. **Whitter** (1/14/81) 4BC. Gov. PV. F.
 403. **Wrangell** (1/6/75) 4BC on cover. F.
 404. **Wrangell** (2/16/89) DCC & 4BC. Plain PC.
 405. **Yakutat** (6/14/47) T8. QSL Ham Radio PC. VG cancel; great card. R = \$7.50.



Lot 405

406. **Yakutat** (6/29/76) 4BC. Plain PC. F+.
 407. **APO 726 {Attu}** (4/14/85) MC. Censored airmail cover with great Crosby Alaska cachet. F. R = \$7.50.
 408. **APO 729** (4/12/45) MC. Censored airmail, special delivery cover. F. R = \$6.00.
 409. **APO 938 {Ladd Field}** (1/27/44) 4BC. Censored airmail cover; great Alaska map envelope. F. R = \$7.50.
 410. **APO 942 {Fort Richardson}** (7/10/42) 4BC. Censored airmail, C-10 sized cover from Red Cross Field Director. F+. R = \$7.50.
 411. **APO 947 {Fort Spencer}** (9/14/45) 4BC. Airmail cover; great letter enclosed. VG-F. R = \$6.50.
 412. **APO 949 {Fort Richardson}** MC. Great QSL Ham Radio PC. F. R = \$7.00.
 413. **APO 986 {Amchitka}** (11/20/44) MC. Censored, air mail, patriotic cachet. Cancel ties Christmas seal to cover. F. R = \$7.00.
 414. **US Naval Air Station, Kodiak** (4/5/43) MC. Censored airmail cover. F+. R = 3.50.



Lot 409

415. **US Navy @ Kodiak** (6/2/44) 4BC. Naval Censor, C-10 sized airmail cover. F. R = \$3.50.
 416. **US Navy 13608 {Adak}** (1/23/57) 4BC on cover. F. R = \$1.25.
 417. **US Navy FPO 96570 {Amchitna}** (10/19/91) DCC. PMS on cover. VF.
 418. **USS Edsall @ Shanghi, China PC to Luckyshot** (5/26/38) T1, DPO cancel on card face. F. R = \$10.00.
 419. **USS Holland** (7/4/34) & (7/24/34) 2 covers, one at San Francisco, one at Sitka. Great map cachet for the Alaska Cruise, Submarine Division Twelve. F. R = \$7.50.
 420. **USS Ogala @ Amchitka** (6/26/35) Nice "Our Nation's Defense" cachet on cover. VF. R = \$6.50.
 421. **USS Partridge @ Ketchikan** (6/8/34) Nice "In Alaskan Waters" cachet on cover. F. R = \$5.00.
 422. Ralph Rivers, Member of Congress, 1961 free frank, signature cover with cachet for Commercial Fisheries Rehabilitation and Development. VF. R = \$8.00.
 423. Set of 16 different Alyeska Alaska pipeline pump station stickers. R = \$6.50.
 424. Page 58 of the last issue of *The Alaska Philatelist* featured an article about some rather unusual postal cards from Iraq with an ACC connection. This is a donation lot of 4 of these cards. R = \$10.00.

Gold Nugget

The White Pass and Yukon Railroad still stands as one of the most astonishing engineering triumphs of the gold rush. Skagway's boosters, determined to create an easier route over the pass, lobbied hard for investors, dreamers and engineers to help make their plans a reality. That a railroad was considered at all is an amazing thought. The mountain's sheer cliff walls and steep grades must have made such an undertaking seem impossible to most.

To overcome such obstacles, engineers planned a narrow-gauge line, with rails 3' apart, instead of the recently regulated 4'-8 1/2". This shrank the roadbed from 15' to 10'. Workers used picks, shovels and blasting powder to clear a path for the train. Occasionally, the rumors of gold took their toll, and workers would disappear, along with the company's tools.

Construction began on the railroad at the end of May, 1898, nearly the same day as the Yukon River ice had broken enough to allow the thousands of stampeder camped along the shores of Lake Lindeman and Lake Bennett to start downriver to the gold fields.

By February 18, 1899, the railroad reached the White Pass summit. By July 6 of the same year, it stretched all the way to Lake Bennett. In the summer of the next year, the railroad reached as far north as Carcross, meeting the trainline that was being built down from White Horse. The cost for this enormous venture was over \$10 million.

The White Pass and Yukon Railroad is still running today, although ferrying tourists instead of gold seekers. The train runs on its original narrow-gauge track, rising from sea level at Skagway to 2,885' at the White Pass summit in only 21 miles.

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