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etc... great graphics and information... from all eras and publications. Please contact me for more details: Sandi at gallopingbeggar@adelphia.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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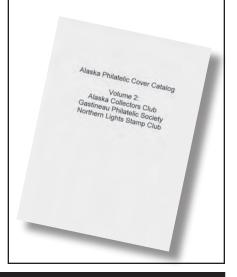
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President's Message

by Jim Zuelow (jimzuelow@aol.com)

The bad news: my wife, Virginia, dislocated and badly fractured her right ankle while hiking in the Santa Catalina Mountains early in June. It will be three months before she is able to hike and bike again. The good news: my son, James Jr., is out of Afghanistan and back home in Juneau! He is also an ACC member.

The results of the latest ACC election appear on page 25 in this TAP issue. Thanks to those members who agreed to be candidates and to all those who participated in the election!

On page 18 of the last TAP issue I described a Skagway black oval cancel on an April 28, 1911 registered cover that is not included in the 3rd edition of Richard A. Helbock's "Postmarks of Territorial Alaska." I'd purchased the cover on eBay in 2006 and wanted to know if the cancel was also known on a first class mail cover. It turns out that a first class mail cover with this cancel was included in the February 23, 2005 H. R. Harmer, Inc. auction (item 1272) of Seely Hall's famous Alaska collection. The cover sold for \$350.00 plus the 15% buyer's premium. Seely was a long term member and officer of the ACC.

In addition, a 10 cent Louisiana Purchase stamp (Scott 327) with this cancel was offered on eBay in early June, 2008 (item 160247910969e). It now seems the oval Skagway cancel should be included in an updated Alaskan postmarks catalog.

A few days ago I visited The Postal History Foundation again here in Tucson (www.PostalHistoryFoundation. org). Their extensive philatelic library includes a complete run of The Alaskan Philatelist from 1959 to the present. Contact me if you would like me to send you a copy of any particular back issue. In fact, it was at the Foundation (then called the Western Postal History Foundation) where I first discovered information about the Alaska Collectors' Club! Now, I admit this late discovery may have been due to my own lack of attention to things philatelic back during the 25 years when I was working full time & then some in Alaska. However, I mention this since there are likely more than a few collectors who might be interested in becoming ACC members. How do you think we should publicize the Alaska Collectors' Club? Always glad to hear from you,

Im F. Zolbut

Jim Zuelow

Secretary Treasurer's Report

Eric Knapp (eknapp@gci.net)

Well, it has been kind of a blah summer here in Anchorage. It has been rainy and windy and we have not had a lot of warm days. Of course we have very little to complain about considering what a pounding some of the rest of the country is getting.

There is very little club business to report on. We have had a couple of inquiries, but no new members since my last report. This is usually a quiet time so I am not surprised.

We held elections and the results are on page 25. We thank everybody who agreed to run and be a substantial part of the healthy functioning of this club.

The events are starting leading up to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood. If you are interested in finding out about the various planned events, the website for The Alaska Statehood Commission is: http://www.gov.state.ak.us/ASCC/

Alaska Statehood Anniversary Request for Articles

The State of Alaska turns 50 next January 3rd. We have two issues of TAP that come out before that. I would like to see articles in both issues devoted to the anniversary. So I am issuing a challenge to all club members to help fill TAP with statehood articles. Please write one for us and sent it to me. Thank you.

Closed Album

Laszlo Lemhenyi-Hanko April 9, 1916 — Dec 5, 2007

The June issue of *The American Philatelist* lists our long time member Laszlo Lemhenyi-Hanko has passed away. I corresponded with Laszlo extensively and met him in person a time or two.

You probably didn't know that he ran for the office of municipal mayor for Kodiak, several times throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. He was always a gentleman and was always interested in the hobby. He will be missed.

Our Readers Write... and We Write Back!

Mr. Martin,

Thank you for your article in the 4th Quarter *The Alaskan Philatelist* about Alaskan Cigarette Tax Stamps! I checked my collection & found I do not have a single such stamp! However, I have contacted some friends in Alaska & asked them to be looking for them.

In case you might not be aware of the article, I suggest you see Angela Watson's article in the 3rd Quarter *TAP* issue, pp 65-66, titled "Revenue Stamp Examples and the History of Alcohol Control in Alaska" This is the best article I've ever seen on this topic! I wish you success with your efforts & hope to read more articles from you in TAP! I'm sending copies of this email to our VP (Angela Watson), and our Secretary/Treasurer (& TAP Editor) in case they have information that might be of interest to you.

—Jim Zuelow, Alaska Collectors' Club President

Mr. Koppersmith,

Per your note in the latest *The Alaskan Philatelist*, the only unfranked Alaska cover that came up for auction

recently that I think you might not be aware of is one with an oval Alaska Commercial Company stamp dated Nov. 5, 1891 from San Francisco (company HQ) & sent to Seattle, WA. The cover is shown in the Nutmeg Stamp Sales catalog for their Mail Auction 134, Thursday, Jan. 23, 2007, p.32. This cover may or may not have originated in Alaska (this company was one of the first, if not THE first, to carry the mails from Alaska to San Francisco after the US purchase of Russian America in 1867).

I am in the process of writing a brief article for an up-coming TAP issue about mail from Russian America. While the Russians apparently did have a postal system of sorts in Alaska, I am still unaware of the existence of any actual covers from the period prior to the transfer to the USA.

I'm sending a copy of this email to our Alaska Collectors' Club Vice President (Angela Watson) and Secretary/ Treasurer (Eric Knapp & TAP Editor), in case they are aware of other information that might interest you. Hope this is of some help...

—Jim Zuelow, Alaska Collectors' Club President

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

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

- 1725 Peter the Great sends Vitus Bering to explore the North Pacific.
- 1728 Vitus Bering sails through the Bering Strait.
- 1733 Bering's second expedition, with George Wilhelm Steller aboard, the first naturalist to visit Alaska.
- 1741 Alexei Chirikof, with Bering expedition, sights land on July 15; the Europeans had found Alaska.
- 1742 First scientific report on the North Pacific fur seal.
- 1743 Concentrated hunting of sea otter by Russia begins.
- 1774 Juan Perez ordered by Spain to explore west coast; discovers Prince of Wales Island, Dixon Sound.
- 1775 Captain James Cook expedition to search for Northwest Passage.
- 1776 Cook reaches King Island, Norton Sound, Unalaska.
- 1784 Grigorii Shelikov establishes first white settlement at Three Saints Bay, Kodiak.
- 1786 Gerassin Pribilof discovers the rookeries on the islands now know as the Pribilofs.
- 1791 George Vancouver leaves England to explore the coast; Alejandro Malaspina explores the northwest coast for Spain.
- 1792 Catherine II grants a monopoly of furs in Alaska to Grigorii Shelikov.
- 1794 Baranov builds first vessel in northwestern America at Voskres-senski on Kenai.
- 1795 The first Russian Orthodox Church established in Kodiak.
- 1799 Alexander Baranov establishes Russian post known today as Old Sitka; trade charter grants exclusive trading rights to the Russian American Company.

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

ACC Election Results

reported by Eric Knapp

Here are the results of the ACC election. Thank you to everyone who agreed to stand for office and thank you to everyone who voted.



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Richard Wood	17
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Gold Nuggets

At the height of the gold rush boom, most of Dawson's population was American-born. For those now living so far from home, getting to the gold fields may have seemed easy compared to getting their mail. Both the Canadian and the U.S. government were caught off guard by the speed and volume of the stampede. During the summer, mail could be carried by boat along the Yukon from St. Michael's, Alaska, but winter mail was brought up from Skagway, across the pass and into Dawson by dog sled. First class mail had the best chance of getting through, especially during winter months. Everything else was left for summer steamships.

Is It Postal History or Postage Stamp on Cover?

by Terry Shaw

I would venture to guess that most members of the Alaska Collectors Club consider themselves collectors of Postal History. We tend to like the postmarks, especially the towns they are from and the particular dates and types. Cancels from towns no longer in existence or hosting an operative Post Office, referred to as "DPO's" in the ACC auction, are especially sought after.



Often a cachet can enhance a cancel type, like lot # 97 in the current ACC auction. It is also nice when the stamp used on a cover enhances the cachet and or cancel theme, like with auction lots # 22 and # 128. Sometimes we do not even care if the stamp is present, the cover can still be of interest to a collector of postal history (see current auction lot # 119).

On the other hand, sometimes it is the stamp that makes the cover special. First day of issue covers are one example of this type, of which there are many in the current auction. Another cover made special by the stamp is shown above. It is a stamp not listed in an "on cover" state in the Scott catalogue. In a casual look, one might think I'm nuts, it is just Scott #629 with a nice period use cancel from Nome, Alaska.

But, take a closer look. In the selvage still attached to this stamp you can see the word "NEW". This word only appears in the selvage attached to the lower left hand corner stamp from the Souvenir sheet of 25 copies of this stamp (Scott #630) issued at the International Philatelic Exhibition held October 16 to 23, 1926 in New York. Without the selvage attached, there would be no way to distinguish this stamp from a single usage on cover of Scott # 629.

How did the stamp get to Nome? My guess is that the cover was addressed, franked, enclosed in an envelope, and sent to the Nome Postmaster with a note asking for a favor cancel.

So, take some time and check the stamps on your covers; you too may get a nice surprise!

New Cancel On Card

reported by Don Glickstein

I bought a wonderful penalty card on eBay, and although it's not a new cancel, ACC readers might be interested in seeing it.

The card, from the War Department's Office of the Commissary General, was mailed from Washington DC on July 21, 1903 to Lt. J. B. Wilson, stationed in what was then the three-year-old Fort Davis, just a couple of miles east of Nome. The card arrived in Nome on Aug. 4, just two weeks after it was mailed. The Helbock type number for the "received" cancel is R1.

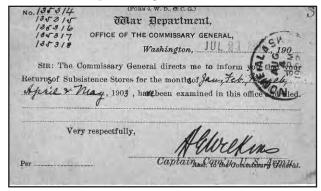
The card is an acknowledgement that Washington received some return supplies ("subsistence stores").

Fort Davis, according to Helbock's "Military Postmarks of Territorial Alaska," opened in 1900 in an effort to bring some law and order to the gold rush town. The fort was named after Alaska's first Army commander, Gen. Jefferson C. Davis. (I don't know if he was related to the Confederate president, but Gen. Davis fought for the North during the Civil War. According to a Wikipedia articlenot always the most reliable sourceDavis was also responsible for evicting Russian Alaskans from their homes

in Sitka to make way for Americans. He died in Chicago in 1870.)

Like most Nome permanent structures back then, Fort Davis was located just above the beach on the Bering Sea. (Then, as now, the beach extends for hundreds of miles, and houses are scattered along the shoreline leading out of downtown Nome. When I visited Nome last summer, I didn't see any trace of Fort Davis, other than its name.) Photos of Fort Davis show typical military wood frame officers' quarters and barracks.

As Nome's gold rush petered out, so did Fort Davis, with the final troops leaving in 1921.



All-Alaska Sweepstakes 100th Anniversary Race

by David Schwantes

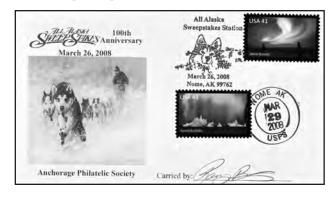
The 100th anniversary of the All-Alaska Sweepstakes Sled Dog Race was held on March 26, 2008. The 408-mile race ran from Nome to Candle and back. The Anchorage Philatelic Society was able to produce covers to be carried in the race by each of the sixteen mushers. We have those covers for sale at the present time. Each musher carried only nine covers, and we have a few of each left to sell. The prices are as follows: 1st: \$15; 2nd: \$12; 3rd: \$10; 4th through 16th: \$5.

The sixteen mushers in order of their finish are listed here. If you wish to call me with your request my number is 907-333-1327. If you mail a request, please

give a second and third choice as we may be out of some of them soon.

1st	Mitch Seavey	2nd	Jeff King
3rd	Lance Mackey	4th	Sonny Lindner
5th	Ed Iten	6th	Jim Lanier
7th	Cim Smyth	8th	Ramy Brooks
9th	Aaron Burmeister	10th	Fred Napoka
11th	Connor Taomas	12th	Cari Miller
13th	Kirsten Bey	14th	Jeff Darling

Two mushers scratched from the race, but we also have the covers they carried. They are Mike Santos and Hugh Neff.



History of All-Alaska Sweepskates

by David Schwantes

THE EARLY YEARS

If you asked most Alaskans what the All-Alaska Sweepstakes was, very few would have any idea. Long before the Iditarod or the Yukon Quest were born, the All-Alaska Sweepstakes dominated the dog racing scene. Born in 1908, the Sweepstakes was to Nome and the rest of Alaska as the World Series, the Super Bowl, or the Stanley Cup are to others cities in the country. The race ran for ten years, from 1908-1917.

Nome, has a past filled with gold rush history. Nome, was snuggled on the shore of the Bering Sea, and home to 20,000 men seeking their fortunes in nuggets from the surrounding creeks, and along the beaches. Nome was the hub of activity, and in 1907 the Nome Kennel Club was formed. Dog teams, at that time were the main form of transportation, but they were soon to also become the main source of competitive recreation. The following year, in April 1908, the first Sweepstakes was run when the Nome Kennel Club established the 408-mile race from Nome to Candle and back. The race was run on the well-packed survey trail, used daily by dog sleds and horse-drawn carriages to travel from one mine to another.

The first All-Alaska Sweepstakes races took place with all the pomp and ceremony that marks great sporting events in other cities. There was a holiday spirit in the air, schools and courts were in recess, and businesses were closed. All anyone was interested in was how the race was going. Because the race was run along the telegraph route, information was readily available. The race ran for ten years, and then with the dwindling of gold rush activity, the race was discontinued. Mushers who became famous during those ten years included John "Iron Man" Johnson, Scotty Allan, and Leonhard Seppala. Seppala won the last three Sweepstakes races, but his real fame came a few years later in the 1925 Serum Run. Eight of the ten races were won by those three men. During those first ten years, John "Iron Man" Johnson held the record for the fastest time--74 hours, 14 minutes and 37 seconds.

75th ANNIVERSARY RE-RUN

The Nome Kennel Club sponsor of the Sweepstakes races continued after they disappeared. Sixty-six years after the last race in 1917, they decided to run a 75th Commemorative re-run of that all important race. Nineteen Alaskan mushers entered the race on March 31,1983. The original rules of the early races were followed as closely as possible. These rules included one stating that a musher may start with as many dogs as they want, but must return to the finish line with the same dogs he left with. There were no facilities for dropping a tired or injured dog along the route. Also, there were no manda-

tory layovers or rest period. The checkpoints for this race were Nome, Fort Davis, Hastings, Cape Nome, Safety, Solomon, Topkok, Timber Roadhouse, Council, Boston, Telephone, Haven, First Chance, Gold Run, and Candle. The teams then followed the same route back to Nome. The winner-take-all purse was \$25,000 and was won by Iditarod Champion Rick Swenson in 84 hours, 42 minutes and 4 seconds. The communications for this race was handled by ham-radio operators, as the telegraph lines had long disappeared from the scene.

100th ANNIVERSARY RE-RUN

As 2008 drew near, the current members of the Nome Kennel Club, decided that another All-Alaska Sweepstakes should be held. Planning started about three years earlier, and the 100th Anniversary Race began at 10:00 am on March 26, 2008. Sixteen mushers left the starting line with hundreds of spectators lining the streets of Nome to cheer them on. Chugiak musher, Jim Lanier is the only musher to compete in both the 75th and 100th anniversary races. This years race had a \$100,000 winner-take-all purse making it the biggest payout for a sled dog race in Alaskan history. The trail for this race was much more difficult to travel then it was back in 1908. The old trail hasn't been used much since those days, and markers had to be put in just before the start to make sure the mushers could follow it. The beginning of the route follows the end of the Iditarod trail into Nome, but then heads into country rarely traveled anymore. The telegraph lines are gone, and no place along the route has permanent inhabitants any longer.

Iditarod Champions Lance Mackey, Jeff King, and Mitch Seavey were among the competitors, and Mackey and King were also considered the favorites to finish first. Mackey and King had just finished a tight Iditarod race, with Mackey winning by a few hours. The Sweepstakes race was much the same, with Mackey and King leading most of the way. Mackey's team seemed to peter out about half way back to Nome, and King was in the lead and appeared to be well on his way to victory. However, on the last legs of the race Mitch Seavey overtook him and claimed victory and the \$100,000 purse. King finished second and Mackey third. Seavey broke "Iron Man" Johnson's 1917 record by almost 13 hours, finishing in 61 hours, 29 minutes and 45 seconds. With all the new technology, communication was first-class.

Leo Rasmussen, a long-time member of the Nome Kennel Club, and a two-term Mayor of Nome, played a great part in bringing the All-Alaska Sweepstakes back. He says "The only sporting event in Alaska older then the Sweepstakes is the Alaska League's Midnight Sun Game, which has been held in Fairbanks since 1906."

Alaska Flag Stamps FDC

by Robert Beeman

Greetings Eric...

Rarely does an occasion present itself where a member living near Washington DC has an opportunity to get a first day cover for an Alaska stamp. Today, the first ten Flags of Our Nation coil commemorative stamps were issued in Washington, DC. The series will be issued in sets of ten alphabetically and with Alaska being near the top of that scale, this stamp was among the first issued.

If you recall from our earlier correspondence, I purchased the estate collection of Paul E. Smith (ACC Member #168) and among his collection was a group of unused cacheted envelopes with totem pole artwork. The cachets date back to the 1960s and I thought this would be a good opportunity to make something of them.

The stamps were sold in coil rolls of 50, which means for every roll I purchased, there would be only five Alaska stamps. You can imagine the frustration of only being able to use 10% of your stamp purchase to complete a project, but with a little bit of effort and some trading with other collectors, I was able to put together a set of 27 special first day covers with the Alaska flag stamp. I've attached copies of



the covers which involve two design in both red and green.

The reason I am writing you is because

I would like to offer these covers to other members of the Alaska Collector's Club. I have a short email list of other members whom I've had cor-



respondence with, but I was hoping to either share these item with a larger group of collectors in a way that is most appropriate.

Also, I'd like to learn more from members about who the cachet artist might be. The artwork appears to be a wood block print and again dates to the early or mid 1960s, which is when Paul Smith was active. Perhaps this would be an interesting Q&A for the next newsletter should anyone recognize and identify the artist. I can provide additional scans if needed, including a few that remain unused.

Again, I only have 27 of these covers available and would like to offer them to club members at a special price. Let me know what you think is the best way to go about doing this. Right now, I'm thinking primarily about the seven members whom I've had regular contact with but I'm happy to broaden the discussion to include all members in a public forum.

Thanks in advance for your thoughts on the matter... (Editors Note: If you are interested, please contact Robert at the addresses below.)

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Gaithersburg, MD 20898-0563

Gold Nuggets

Citizens occasionally hired individual carriers to carry the mail during the winter, but they were not always reliable. In April 1898, word reached Dawson that one carrier had used the letters he was hired to transport to "kindle his camp fires."

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

For those who remained in the Klondike, gold fever dimmed, but it never disappeared. In 1899, rumors of a massive strike on the western Alaskan coast near Cape Nome flooded Dawson. Thousands picked up and traveled west. Those who missed their chance in Nome had other opportunities as strikes were made over the next few years across the Alaskan territory.

Report on Iditarod 36: March 1st, 2008

POSSIBLE BACK-TO-BACK "MACKEY ATTACK?"

by David Schwantes

COULD HE DO IT TWO YEARS IN A ROW???

That was the question everyone was asking about Lance Mackey at the start of the 2008 Iditarod Sled Dog Race. In 2007, Mackey was the first musher to win both the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod in the same year. For years and years, everyone said it couldn't be done. Mackey proved them wrong. He had already won the Quest a few weeks earlier. Would 2008 be a repeat of last year?

Iditarod 36 set a record for the number of participants, as 114 teams had signed up for the race. Eighteen withdrew before the race began, and a record number 96 teams set off for Nome on March 1st, with 78 teams crossing the finish line (also a record). There were sixty teams from Alaska, twenty-one from other states, and fifteen from other countries. There were thirty-three rookies—also a record. Seventeen teams scratched from the race, and one was withdrawn for losing a dog between checkpoints. (The dog was later found).

The lead tipped back and forth during the first few days of the race. Nearing the mid-point at Cripple, Paul Gebhardt was in the lead. Thinking he had missed the checkpoint, he turned around (they had moved the checkpoint a few more miles down the trail), and got lost for a few hours. The checkers at Cripple were mighty surprised when DeeDee Jonrowe arrived in the lead. After that, with everyone having taken their twenty-four hour layover, the race lead became a contest between Mackey and four-time winner, Jeff King. King let Mackey take the lead most of the time, and it seems like Mackey had one problem after another all the way, while King's team seemed to run like a well-oiled machine. Mackey kept the lead, but his

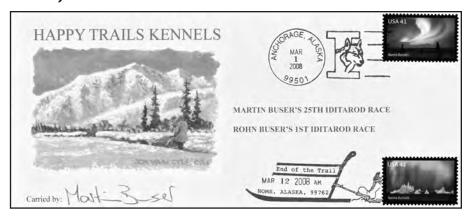


team was slower. He got less rest at the checkpoints. King would leave each checkpoint a few hours later than Mackey, and would arrive into the next checkpoint just a few minutes behind. King still had his original sixteen dogs. Things went like this until they both were resting in the tiny village of Elim, about 130 miles from the finish line. The deciding factor in the race came at that checkpoint. They were both getting some well-needed sleep (at least that is what King thought), when Mackey crept out of the checkpoint without King realizing it. Mackey gained an hour and a half on King, and never looked back. The cagey moved garnered Mackey his 2nd straight Iditarod Championship.

The race is getting more competitive each year. The top five saw two mushers running their best Iditarod races ever. Behind Mackey and King, in third place was Ramey Smyth, running his best race, and 4th place winner was Ken Anderson with his best finish. Four-time winner Martin Buser rounded out the top five. This was Buser's 25th Iditarod, and his son Rohn was one of the thirty-three rookies.

As happens every year, mail was carried by the mushers during the race. For the second year, the "Official





Trail Mail" carried by each musher was a postal card form rather then an envelope. It is shown in (Figure 1). Martin Buser's Happy Trail Kennel cover is his ninth. He and his son Rohn each carried 40 covers. It is shown in (Figure 2). Paul Gebhardt continues to carry a cover of his own each year, and his 2008 covers is shown in (Figure 3), and finally the 36th cover in the set I produce is shown in (Figure 4). These covers are usually carried by Aaron Burmeister. This year Aaron had a second team in the race, so some of the covers were carried by him, and some

by Benedikt Beisch of Germany. I did hear that a couple of other mushers had covers, but I have not had time to search them out yet.

The field of mushers and their teams in this year's race was spectacular and very competitive. A number of younger mushers are moving their way to the front of the line, and we look for a new champion in the near future. Melissa Owens of Nome also set a new Iditarod record by becoming the youngest woman to complete the race, having turned eighteen just days before the start of the race.



Gold Nugget

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

Alaska Highway Construction Camps

by Bob McKain

Listing of Management and Associated Contractors Employed by the Public Roads Administration

The Public Roads Administration (PRA) divided the highway into six lettered sections of several hundred miles each south from Alaska for administrative purposes.

Section A

Extended from Fairbanks to the Alaska Boundary (308 miles) (CF Lytle & Green Construction, Sioux City, IA) Individual Contractors paid through Lytle and Green Construction Company Group included the following:

Lytle & Green – Fairbanks Lytle & Green – Tok Junction

Duvall & McKinney and Graves Brothers, Logan and Melvin, IA:

Milepost 1970, Big Gerstle River

E M Duesenberg, Inc., Clear Lake, IA:

Camp #1 – Milepost 1777

Camp #2 – Milepost 1800 (Midway Lake)

Frank Eblen & Hilding Ekdahl, Cumberland, IA:

Eblen & Eblen – Milepost 1755 Eblen & Ekdahl – Milepost 1742

Frank & Orville Eblen, Cumberland, IA and Ferguson & Diehl, Jefferson, IA:

Camp #1 – Milepost 1970, Big Gerstle River Camp #2 – Milepost 1970, Ferguson & Diehl

Gus Ostermann, Ocheyedan, IA: Milepost 1852

Ira Van Buskirk, Hawarden, IA: Located on Yukon side of border

J Leo Hoak, Des Moines, IA: Located near Tok Junction

J W Scothorn Construction Co., Cherokee, IA: Milepost 1982

Kaser Construction Co., Adel, IA:

Camp #1 – Milepost 1800

Camp #2 – Milepost 1775

Camp #3 – Milepost 1756 Camp #4 – Milepost 1734

L Peterson and Clyde Elliott, Cedar Rapids and Independence, IA:

40 – Mile – Peterson Saw Mill Camp Milepost 1957, Johnson River

Sears Construction Co., Clear Lake, IA: Milepost 1938

W B Linnan Construction Co., Pocahontas, IA:

Camp #1 – Milepost 1861 Camp #2 – Milepost 1837

Welden Bothers and Hughes & Easton, Iowa Falls and Waterloo, IA:

Camp #1 - Milepost 58-mile, Clearwater Camp #2 – Milepost 1815, Tanana River

Western Engineering Co. and Ben Cole & Son, Harlen and Ames, Iowa:

Camp #1 – Milepost 1847, Yerrick Creek Camp #2 – Milepost 1861, Robertson River

William Horrabin Contracting Co., Iowa City, IA: Milepost 1958

V L Lundeen, Inc., Montezuma, IA: Located on Yukon side of border United States Steel Export Co., Pittsburgh, PA

Section B

From the boundary to Whitehorse (Dowell Construction, Seattle, Washington)

Section C

From Whitehorse to Watson Lake (Dowell Construction, Seattle, Washington – 627 miles total)
Individual Contractors paid through Dowell Construction Company Group included the following:
Angeles Gravel Supply Co., Port Angeles, WA
Bates & Rogers Construction Corporation, Chicago, IL
L.L. & R.W. Byers, Los Gatos, CA
Concrete Materials Construction Co., Cedar Rapids, IA
J. C. Dawson, Bellingham, WA
E.L. Gates & Son, Project City, CA

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AK Highway (continued) -

Hugh & Adler Govan Construction Co., Seattle, WA Gustafson & Jarvis, Sioux Falls, SD E.T. Haas-Ken Royce-R. Johnson, San Francisco, CA Joe A. Jussel, Seattle, WA McVaugh-Haynes Co., Dubuque, IA Morse Brothers & Associates, Rochester, MN David Nassif Co., Boston, MA Crockett E. O'Neal, Ellensburg, WA J.S. Ramstead, Oroville, WA W.C. Thompson, San Francisco, CA Ulland Brothers, Austin, MN

Section D

From Watson Lake to Ft. Nelson (250 miles) (R. Melville Smith Construction, Toronto)

Section F

From Ft. St. John to Dawson Creek (48 miles) (R. Melville Smith Construction, Toronto, Canada) Individual Contractors paid through R. Melville Smith Co. Group included the following: Emil Anderson Construction Co., Ft Williams, ONT Bond Construction Co. Limited, Kenora, ONT Campbell Construction Limited, West Toronto, ONT Caswell Construction, Kirkland Lake, ONT Caurran & Briggs Limited, Toronto, ONT Don Construction Co. Limited, Toronto, ONT Dufferin Paving Co. Limited, Toronto, ONT W.H. Harvey & Son, Kingston, ONT Harold Harvey, Kingston, ONT Highway Paving Co., Toronto, ONT A.E. Jupp Construction Co. Limited, Toronto, ONT Wallace A. Mackey Limited, Weston, ONT McNamara Construction Co., Leaside, ONT Storms Construction Co. Limited, Toronto, ONT Rayner Construction Co., Leaside, ONT

Section E

From Ft. Nelson to Ft. St. John (256 miles) (Okes Construction Co. of St Paul, MN)
Individual Contractors paid through Okes Construction Co. Group included the following:
Adolphson, Huseth, Layser & Welch, Minneapolis, MN M.G. Astleford Co., Minneapolis, MN Art Boiler, Robbinsdale, MN
Brown & Leguil, Mankato, MN
Coghlan Construction Co., Robbinsdale, MN
Dunnigan Construction Co., St. Paul, MN

Pederson Brothers, Incorporated, Montevideo, MN Reese & Olsen, Greenbush, MN Roverund Brothers, Spring Grove, MN Sorenson & Volden, Albert Lea, MN S. Minnesota Construction Co., Spring Valley, MN Standard Salt & Cement Co., Duluth, MN Thomas Brothers, Foley, MN Volck Construction Co., Rice Lake, MN Mike Welch, Minneapolis, MN

Contractors employed by the War Department

Completion of construction of the Haines Road Project included the following:
Foley Brothers Inc., St Paul, MN
Rohl-Connolly Co., Los Angeles, CA

Completion of the permanent bridge program on the ALCAN in 1944:

Bates & Rogers Construction Corporation, Chicago, IL

The PRA hired E W Elliott of Seattle whose original assignment was transportation and camp construction: E.W. Elliott Co., Seattle, WA

In each section the PRA maintained a general management contracting company which, with subsidiary road construction companies, was responsible for the construction of the road in that section. For instance, in Section E, extending 252 miles, from Ft. St. John to Ft. Nelson, the Oakes Construction Co. of St. Paul, Minnesota, with its half dozen sub-contracting companies, had some 2,500 men at work. The R. Melville Smith Co. of Toronto, Canada, with its sub-contacting companies, had some 4,300 men at work on the 250 miles of Section D, and the 48 miles of Section F. In the summer of 1943 there were 81 of these sub-contacting companies employing some 14,000 men on the road proper, not including the large bridge building companies also at work along the way.

Gulkana Lodge – Headquarters of C F Lytle and Green Construction Co. which had 17 subsidiary companies and 36 construction camps and was in charge of improving the southern Alaska Highway system from the ports (Valdez & Anchorage?) up to Fairbanks and the Alaska Highway proper.

Cathedra Bluff – site of a large road construction camp and Army relay post.

AK Highway (continued) -

Northway – large airport and Army camp, 261 miles below Fairbanks

Beaver Creek area – Lundeen Camp

White River area – Utah Construction Co. established a camp, Horse Camp Lake

From Dawson Creek – Milepost 25 – South Minnesota Construction Co. (Camp #2?)

Camp #3 - (20 miles north of #2)

Camp #7 – the valley of Buckinghorse Creek

Ft. Nelson – site of several construction camps

1943 – Above Ft. St. John the mileage on the signposts was designated with a "J" preceding the figure which meant so many miles North of Ft. St. John. Above Ft. Nelson, mileage was given by a "N" preceding the figure.

Mile 0 – Dawson Creek

Public Roads Adminstration (PRA) Offices

R. Melville Smith Camp

US Engineers Camp

MHK CB Construction Company Camp

Area Numbers 1 and 2 Army Camps

Dowell Construction Company Camp

US Quartermaster Corps

Mile 35 – Taylor, BC

Peace River Bridge – 1st Main Army Camp, 341st Engineers

Mile 47 – Ft. St. John

Camp constructed in 1942 for highway crews

Mile 49 – Camp Alcan

Public Roads Administration HQ

Okes Management Contracting Headquarters

Standard Salt & Cement Company

Coughlan Construction Company

M G Astleford Company

Southern Minnesota Construction Company

Art Bolier

Sorenson & Volden

R M Smith Headquarters

Mile 52 – Charley Lake Mile 0 – Army Tote Road

Site of a major distribution camp for workers and supplies heading north.

Mile 101 – Blueberry Control Station

Site of the Blueberry Control Gate, a 24 hour military

checkpoint operated by US Army personnel during the war years.

Mile 300 - Fort Nelson

End of Section "D", start of Section "E", which was contracted by the Don Construction Co. Called "zero" by the troops because it was the beginning of the roads to Whitehorse and Fort Simpson. Home to about 2,000 troops during construction.

Mile 422 - Toad River

Camp 138 – Jupp Construction

Mile 496 – Liard Hot Springs

Site of a major construction camp.

Mile 588 – Contact Creek

On September 24, 1942, the soldiers of the 35th Regiment from the south and the 340th Regiment from the north met here, completing the Southern section of the highway.

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AK Highway (continued) -

Mile 836 – Johnson's Crossing

The junction of the Alaska Highway and the Canol Road.

Mile 910 – McCrae

There were 3 major construction camps in the area:

The Utah Construction Company Camp

Camp 1-E

KCB Camp

Mile 1016 - Haines Junction

The junction of the Alaska Highway with the Haines Road, a 160 mile highway built to access the coast, for supplying crews by ship.

Mile 1061 – Soldier's Summit

On November 20, 1942, at -35°F, the highway was officially opened at a ceremony here.

Mile 1093 – Destruction Bay

During the early years, driving the highway was difficult and often dangerous, causing wear and tear on both men and machines. Destruction Bay was one of the relay stations which were spaced at 100 mile intervals to give drivers a break and to service vehicles.

Mile 1130 – Donjek River Bridge

Mile 1202 - Beaver Creek

On October 28, 1942, the final connection was completed here when the 97th Engineers met the 18th Engineers.

Mile 1292 – Dusenberg Camp No. 2

The E M Dusenberg Co. was one of about 50 civil road construction contractors working on the highway in 1943.

Mile 1420 - Delta Junction

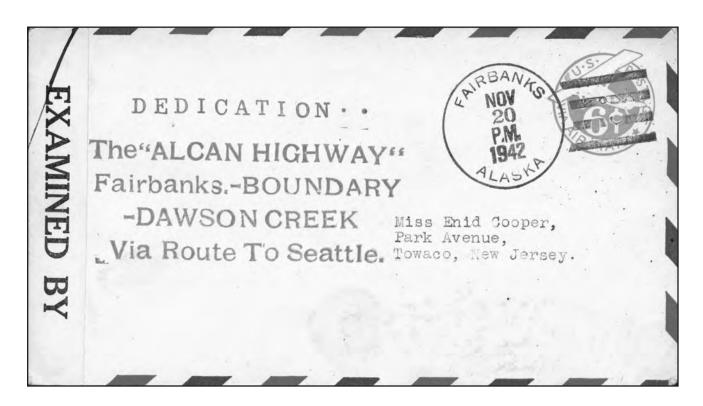
The Alaska Highway met the pre-existing Richardson Highway here.

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Dedication cover for the ALCAN Highway. Note the censor tape, which was quite common by 1942.

Brief History of the Alaska Highway

by Bob McKain (Internet research assist by Angela Watson)

Construction of this highway officially began on March 8, 1942 and ended eight months and 12 days later on Octorber 25, 1942. But an overland link between Alaska and the lower 48 had been studied as early as 1930 under President Herbert Hoover. It was not until the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December, 1941 that construction of the highway was deemed a military necessity. Alaska was considered vulnerable to a Japanese invasion. The general route of the highway was along a line of existing airfields from Edmonton AB, to Fairbanks, Alaska. This chain of airfields was known as the Northwest Staging Route and was used to ferry more than 8,000 war planes from Great Falls, Montana to Ladd Air Base in Fairbanks.

The Americans paid for the construction and turned over the Canadian portion of the highway to the Canadian government after the war ended. Candada waived immigration regulations and provided construction materials along the route.

By June more than 10,000 U.S. troops had poured north. The highway followed existing winter roads, old Indian trails, rivers and on occasion "sight" engineering. For the soldiers and workers it was a hard life. Working seven days per week, they endured mosquitoes and black flies in summer, and below zero temps in winter. Weeks would pass with no communication between headquarters and field parties. "Equipment" was always a critical problem.

Military policy during World War II decreed that Blacks would not be sent to northern climes or active duty, but after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the need for an inland route to Alaska appeared vital. Manpower was scarce, and segregated troops were shipped north under the leadership of white com-

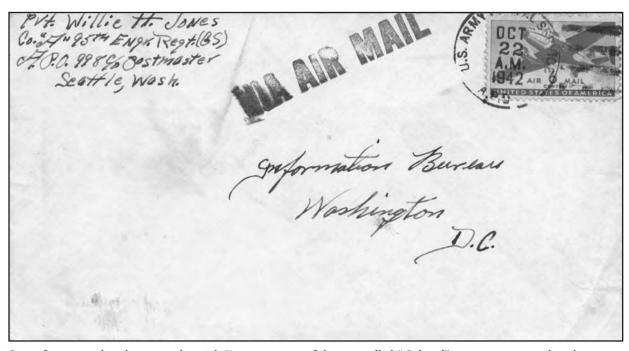
manders... despite protest from the U.S. Army commander in Alaska, Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, son of a Confederate general whose negative attitude toward Blacks was legendary.

The construction of the 1,522 mile long road from Dawson Creek, British Colombia, to Fairbanks, Alaska through rugged, unmapped wilderness was heralded as a near impossible engineering feat. Many likened it to the building of the Panama Canal. There was much praise for soldiers who pushed it through in just eight months and twelve days. However, Black battalions were seldom mentioned in publicity releases, despite the fact that they numbered 3,695 in troop strength of 10,670.

According to the testimony of their commanders, these men did an exceptional job under duress. Ill housed, often living in tents with insufficient clothing and monotonous food, they worked 20 hour days through a punishing winter. Temperatures hovered at 40-below-zero for weeks at a time. A new record low of -79 was established. The majority of these troops were from the South; yet, they persevered. On the highway's completion, many were decorated for their efforts and then sent off to active duty in Europe and the South Pacific. The veterans of the Army's Black Corps of Engineers were members of the 93rd, 95th, 97th and 388th units.

Due to the fine showing of these Black troops and others, the U.S. military integrated all units during the Korean Conflict, becoming the first government agency in the United States to do so.

The road, originally called the Alaskan-Canadian Highway quickly adopted the shortened name Alcan Highway. Today, this road, known as the Alaska Highway, still provides the only land route to Alaska.



Cover from an enlisted man in the 95th Engineers, one of three so-called "Colored" regiments assigned to the project.

U.S. Troops Engaged on AK Highway Construction

UNIT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	OFFICERS	MEN
18th Engineers	Apr 1942	Jan 1943	55	1,459
Co D, 29th Engineers	Apr 1942	Feb 1943	5	186
35th Engineers	Mar 1942	Feb 1943	46	1,230
Co D, 58th Medical	Mar 1942	Feb 1943	5	54
73rd Engineers	Apr 1942	Feb 1943	6	215
74th Engineers	Mar 1942	Jun 1943	10	328
93rd Engineers	Apr 1942	Jan 1943	46	1,250
95th Engineers	Jun 1942	Jan 1943	48	1,228
97th Engineers	Apr 1942	Jan 1943	51	1,227
340th Engineers	Apr 1942	May 1943	46	1,260
341st Engineers	May 1942	Jul 1943	43	1,146
438th Engineers	Jul 1942	Jan 1943	4	118
Co A, 648th Engineers	Mar 1942	Nov 1942	8	270
Signal Detachment B	May 1942	Feb 1943		16
Signal Detachment H	Apr 1942	Feb 1943		4
Signal Detachment D	May 1942	Feb 1943		15
Signal Detachment I	Jun 1942	Feb 1943		16
Signal Detachment I	Apr 1942	Feb 1943		16
Finance Department	Mar 1942		1	10
Finance Department	Apr 1942		1	10
Quartermaster			5	27
Quartermaster	Apr 1942		2	86
Quartermaster	Apr 1942		1	5
133rd Quartermaster Truck	Aug 1942	May 1943	4	120
134th Quartermaster Truck	Jul 1942	May 1943	4	120
140th Quartermaster Truck	Apr 1942	May 1943	3	126
141st Quartermaster Truck	Jul 1942	May 1943	3	114
	Total	-	394	10,756

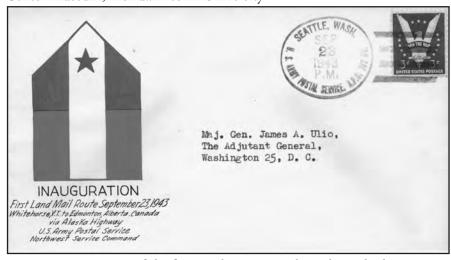
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Black Archives Research Center Museum, Florida A & M University



Inauguration of the first mail route over the military highway.

AUCTION



Abbreviations used:

BS = Back Stamp

DCC = Double Circle Cancel EAMC = Emergency Airmail Cover

FD = First Day
FF = First Flight
LD = Last Day
NP = Nonphilatelic
PO = Post Office

T = Territorial postmark type from Helbock; 3rd. Ed.

VF = Very Fine

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CC = Corner Card return address

DPO = No Longer Active "Dead" Post Office

4BC = Four Bar Cancel

F = Fine

II = Informative insertMC = Machine Cancel

PC = Postcard

PMS = Postmaster signed

VG = Very Good

R = Reserve Bid, only 50¢ unless otherwise noted

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

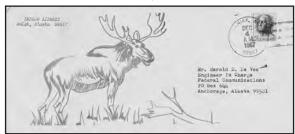
- 1. Akulurak (8/31/51) T2, LD of DPO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.00.
- 2. Aleknagik (8/31/61) 4BC. F+. R = only 50-cents.
- 3. Anchorage (3/9/42) T7, later than listed. Great franking on this registered, censored, airmail cover sent to Seattle; Terminal Annex Reg. BS. VF. R = \$17.50.
- 4. Anchorage (12/15/64) First day cancel for the 5-cent Amateur Radio Stamp, Scott # 1260. Official APS & Radio Club embossed cachet. XF. R = \$2.00.
- 5. **Anchorage** (3/2/85) Special Iditarod cancel and winner Libby Riddles cachet and signature! XF. R = \$125.00.



Lot 5

- 6. Anchorage (11/22/85) MC. Great USCG Cutter Ironwood cachet and Commanding Officer corner card. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- 7. **Anchorage** (3/28/88) Cancel and special cachet for FF by Lufthansa to Munich, Germany (3/29/88) BS.

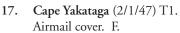
- **8.** Anchorage (9/21/93) Special cancel & signed cachet for Deaf Awareness Week. VF.
- 9. Andreafski (9/1/51) T1, FD of DPO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.25.
- **10. Aniak** (12/4/67) 4BC. Special Ledlow Airways Moose cachet on C-10 sized cover. VF. R = \$3.50.

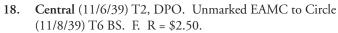


Lot 10

- 11. Anvik (6/1/16) T2 on cover. VG. R = \$28.00.
- 12. Barrow (12/31/42) T10. Large green Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto the back of dogsled full of US mailbags. Wainwright (1/6/43) T2, earlier than listed, BS. F. R = \$6.50.
- 13. Barrow (11/1/60) 4BC. Great polar bear/sailor cachet, USCG Cutter Northwind. VF.
- 14. **Barrow** (7/15/72) MC. Real photo PC, Whaling Camp at Barrow. F+ R = \$2.25.

- 15. Bethel (10/22/44) T4. Censored cover (paper tape) to Mass. F. R = \$1.50.
- 16. Candle (12/18/35) T3,
 DPO. Gov. PC sent
 via EAMC to Baldwin
 (12/23/35) T1, DPO BS.
 PMS both towns; great note
 from Baldwin PM. F. R =
 \$8.50.





Lot 16

19. Circle Springs (10/18/36) T1, DPO. Unmarked EAMC to Beaver (12/20/36) T1 on cover face. F. R = \$2.50.

20. Circle Springs (10/13/39) T1, DPO. Unmarked EAMC to Circle (11/4/39) T6 BS. F. R = \$1.75.

21. Clam Gulch (9/27/58) T2. Airmail Gov. PC. VF.

22. Chugiak (10/15/88) 4BC. Special carousal cachet and stamp (Scott # 2391) honoring stamp collecting day. VF.



Lot 22

- 23. Cold Bay (11/17/60) 4BC. Nonphilatelic airmail cover. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- 24. Cold Bay (8/26/95) 4BC. Special cachet for 50th anniversary of USS Burlington and its role with the Soviet Navy under the Lend Lease Act. VF. R = \$1.75.
- 25. College (11/4/41) T3, DPO. Airmail cover. F.
- 26. College (7/23/60) MC, DPO. Special cachet for Pony Express Centennial ride and Golden Days Parade ride; PMS. VF. R = \$3.50.
- 27. Cordova (7/30/37) T6. Unmarked EAMC to McCarthy (12/7/36) T2, DPO BS. F. R = \$2.00.
- **28. Cordova** (12/5/36) T6. Unmarked EAMC to Chichagof (8/6/37) T2, DPO BS. F. R = \$2.00.
- 29. Crooked Creek (10/10/66) 4BC on Cover. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- **30.** Deering (11/2/48) T5. Registered airmail cover via Nome (11/3/48) T24 BS to Tampa, Florida (11/10/48) BS. F+. R = \$10.00.



Lot 30



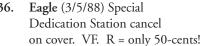
31. Dempsey (5/2/10) T1, DPO! As noted in Helbock for the known example, this also is "a favor postmark on a picture postcard with no address or stamp". Rare. VF. R=

32. Diamond (10/28/37) T1, DPO. EAMC to Fairbanks (11/28/37) T15 BS. VF. R = \$3.25.

33. Douglas (5/25/1898) T5, earlier than listed on cover to Philomath, OR (5/31/1899) BS {note year difference in postmarks}. F (rough open, right). R = \$95.00.

34. Dutch Harbor (6/10/41) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$2.00.

35. Eagle (7/6/34) T5. EAMC to Chicken; headless Chicken PM mark on cover face. VG. R = \$1.75.





Lot 33

- 37. East Anchorage (7/5/46) T1, DPO. Local Mountain View store CC; C-10 sized airmail cover. F. R = \$2.25.
- 38. Edna Bay (6/7/51) T2, DPO. Gov. PC. F.
- 39. Eek (2/4/52) T4. Gov. PC. F.
- **40. Fairbanks** (8/31/32) T15. Real photo PC, Caribou swimming across the Yukon River. F+. R = \$4.00.
- 41. Fairbanks (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Beaver ((9/28/36) T1 on cover face. F. R = \$2.25.
- **42. Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Franklin (10/16/36) T3, DPO on cover face. F. R = \$4.50.
- **43. Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to (Tetlin (11/16/36) T2, DPO BS. PMS Tetlin. F. R = \$3.75.
- 44. Fairbanks (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Chicken (10/15/36) T3 on cover face. F. R = \$2.25.
- **45. Fairbanks** (9/18/36) T18. Unmarked EAMC to Tanacross (10/13/36) T1, DPO on cover face. F. R = \$3.00.
- 46. Fairbanks (8/30/61) MC. First Flight Alaska Airlines Convair 880 Golden Nugget Jet to Seattle (8/30/61) MC, BS. F+. R = \$1.50.
- 47. Fairbanks (8/20/74) MC Special photo cachet and CC, Senator George Silides Election Campaign. VF. R = \$3.50.



Lot 47

- **48.** Fairbanks (8/26/78) FD cancel block of 4 owl stamps (Scott #'s 1760-63) franking on Northern Lights Stamp Club Owl/map cachet. VF. R = \$2.00.
- 49. Fairbanks (8/26/78) FD cancel block of 4 owl stamps (Scott #'s 1760-63) franking on ceremonial Program for stamp's release; signed by Dick Bishop, Alaska Conservation Society. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 50. Fairbanks (1/3/84) FD cancel block of 4 stamps honoring 25 years of Statehood (Scott # 2066). Northern Lights Stamp Club Caribou cachet cover. VF. R = \$1.50.
- Fairbanks, Downtown Sta. (3/13/88) DCC. Arctic Winter Games cachet. VF.
- 52. Fairbanks (10/10/91) FD use of Alaska map machine cancel. Cover has signed photo cachet of Ann Osentoski, designer of cancel; II. VF. R = \$2.50.



Lot 52

- 53. Fairbanks (5/10/92) FD cancel Alaska Highway 50th Anniversary stamp, Scott # 2635. Gold Foil replica of stamp cachet; II. XF. R = \$3.50.
- 54. **Goodnews Bay** (8/29/42) T2. Censored plain PC. F. R = \$1.50.
- 55. **Gronwoldt** (11/30/51) T1, Last Day of DPO. Gov. PC. F+. R = \$3.50.
- 56. Haines (7/29/50) T13. Airmail cover; postage due paid with another airmail stamp. Unusual. F. R = \$4.25.
- 57. **Haycock** (5/31/57) T3, DPO. PMS on Gov PC. F+. R = \$2.00.
- **58. Holikachuk** (2/28/64) 4BC, DPO. "Last Frontier" bear photo cachet on cover. F+. R = 1.75.
- 59. Homer (2/13/59) MC. Winter carnival cachet. VF. R = \$1.25.
- **60. Homer** (8/28/59) Duplex cancel. Homer Fair cachet. VF. R = \$1.25.
- **61. Hot Springs** (8/7/08) T1, DPO. Cover, rough open right. VG. R = \$42.50.
- 62. Hot Springs (11/30/57) T4, DPO & Manley Hot Springs (12/1/57) T1. LD & FD cancels on Roadhouse Dog sled cover. VF. \$2.25.
- **63. Hyder** (5/21/21) T2, later than listed, DPO. Real photo PC of Hyder. VG F. R = \$37.50.
- **64. Iditarod** (4/5/12) T2, DPO on cover. F (a bit rough open, right, does not affect cancel). R = \$97.50.



Lot 64

- **65. Juneau** (4/30/15) T14. Color PC, Governor's Mansion. F+. R = \$3.50.
- Juneau, vintage (1900 1910) unused color PC of A.J. Mine.
 F+. R = 3.25.
- **67. Juneau** (8/25/25) T22. Color PC, Natives milking reindeer. F. R = \$3.50.
- **68. Juneau** (9/24/25) T22. Real photo PC, Auke Lake & Glacier. F. R = \$3.00.
- **69. Juneau** (7/26/26) T22. Real photo PC of city. F. R = \$3.25.
- **70. Juneau** (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Great map cachet. F+. R = \$2.25.
- 71. **Juneau** (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Airmail cover, Mt. McKinley cachet. F. R = \$2.25.
- 72. **Juneau** (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Possession series cachet. F+. R = \$2.00.
- 73. **Juneau** (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Muir Glacier cachet. F+. R = \$2.25.
- 74. Juneau (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Gold Panner cachet F+. R = \$4.50.
- 75. **Juneau** (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. "Six little arctic natives" cachet. F+. R = \$2.00.
- 76. Juneau (11/12/37) T28. FD Alaska stamp, Scott # 800. Grimsland cachet Mendenhal Glacier cachet. F+. R = \$2.50.
- 77. **Juneau** (1/26/38) T25. Vintage real photo PC Main Street in Juneau. F+. R = \$3.25.
- Juneau vintage (1940's), unused real photo PC Capitol Building. Robinson PC # 850. VF. R = \$3.00.
- 79. Juneau (1/3/59) FD cancel Alaska statehood stamp, Scott #
 C53. Great Eisenhower/totem/Territorial Seal cachet. VF. R
 = \$2.25.



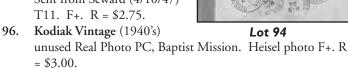
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- **80. Juneau** (5/6/61) 4BC (no bars) PANEX II cachet. VF. R = \$1.50.
- 81. Juneau (3/30/92) Special Patsy Ann Station paw/heart cancel. VF.
- 82. Kake Vintage (1910 –1920) unused color PC of village. F+.
- 83. Kake (2/18/20) T4. Registered Montgomery Ward blue cover to Chicago (3/2/20) Reg. BS. F (CC return address cut off). R = \$12.50.
- **84. Kake vintage** (marked December, 1923 on reverse) unused real photo PC "steam blowing". ?? F+. R = \$3.25.
- 85. Ketchikan (4/18/19) T10. Real photo PC Lake Washington, Seattle. F+. R = \$2.25.



Lot 87

- **86.** Ketchikan vintage (1920's), unused color PC of "Nob Hill". F+. R = \$3.25.
- 87. Ketchikan (?/2/34) T13. Elliot Office Supplies typewriter cachet. F+. R = \$2.50.
- **88. Kiana** (1/17/46) T3. Large purple Muridge cachet of a guntoting musher hanging onto the back of dogsled full of US mailbags. Kotzebue (1/17/46) T8, BS. VF. R = \$6.50.
- **89. Killisnoo** (6/7/1898) T2, DPO. Cover with three letters enclosed! VG-F, "Kil" weak, rest strong. R = \$135.00.
- **90. Killisnoo** (7/8/15) T3, DPO. Real photo PC of S.S. Spokane. F+. R = \$55.00.
- 91. King Salmon (10/14/75) 4BC. Great map/crab/fish cachet on airmail FF to Kodiak (10/15/75) 4BC BS. F+.
- 92. Klukwan (1/2/40) T1, DPO. Gov. PC. F. R= \$2.25.
- 93. Kodiak (8/16/15) T4. C-10 sized cover from Dr. F+. R = \$8.50.
- 94. Kodiak (3/13/42) T11, earlier than listed. Registered, censored cover to Seattle (3/24/42) Reg. BS. F+. R = \$12.50.
- 95. Kodiak vintage (1940's) real photo PC Port of Kodiak. Sent from Seward (4/10/47) T11. F+. R = \$2.75.



97. Kodiak (5/22/86) Special cancel & cachet; 1st annual Crab Festival. Signed by Bev Barnett and Ed. Tussey. VF. R = \$1.50.



Lot 97

- 98. Kodiak (5/25/89) special Crab Festival cancel on cover. VF. R = only 50-cents.
- 99. Kodiak, Port Wakefield Rur. Sta. (11/30/64) 4BC on plain PC. VF.
- **100. Kwigilingok** (3/31/44) T1. Cover (old censor tape removed) to Bethel (4/18/44) T4 BS. F. R = \$1.75.
- **101. Kwiguk** (2/29/56) T4, earlier than listed, leap-year date, DPO. VF. R = \$1.50.
- **102. Larsen Bay** (11/1/50) T1. FD of new PO. PMS on Gov. PC. VF. R = \$1.75
- **103.** Latouche (2/22/10) T2, DPO. Dogsled color PC. F. R = \$50.50.
- **104. Livengood** (9/3/35) T3, DPO. C-10 sized PO penalty envelope. VG-F. R = \$1.50.
- **105.** Loring (8/27/13) T5, earlier than listed, DPO. Color PC Fortman Hatchery near Ketchikan. F. R = \$35.00.
- **106.** Lost River (3/14/53) T1, DPO. C-10 sized airmail cover. F. R = \$2.75.

- 107. Manokotak (4/1/60) 4BC. FD of new PO; PMS, plain PC. VF
- **108. Metlakatla** (7/19/54) T6 on airmail routing slip via Mt. Edgecumbe. Unusual item. VF. R = \$1.75.
- **109. Moses Point** (8/2/54) T1, DPO. Nonphilatelic cover with letter. F. R = \$3.50.
- 110. Mountain Village (3/15/58) T2. Nonphilatelic airmail cover.
- 111. Myers Chuck (9/30/65) 4BC, DPO. LD of PO, airmail cover. VF.
- 112. Naknek (12/9/43) T5. Unusual censored, Free Frank cover via Woodley Airways. F+. R = \$27.50.
- **113. Nenana** (1/5/85) Special cancel & cachet, transfer of Alaska Railroad from Feds to State. XF.
- 114. Nikishka (4/13/71) 4BC. Plain airmail PC, postage due crossed out. F. R = only 50-cents!
- 115. Nikolai (4/30/51) T1, LD of first opening. Gov. PC. F. R = \$2.50.
- 116. Ninilchik (12/30/52) T5. Registered airmail cover to Anchorage (12/31/52) T16 BS. Great franking. F+. R = \$11.00
- 117. **Nolan** (3/31/18) T1, DPO. Registered cover to Chicago (5/23/18) BS; great franking. VG-F. R = \$122.50.
- **118. Nome** (3/29/10) T10. B&W photo PC, Thunder Clouds at Nome. F+. R = \$4.00.
- 119. Nome (7/17/10) T13. Great "Golden Gate Hotel, Nome" photo CC cachet. F (rough open right, stamp missing.) R = \$10.00.



Lot 119

- **120.** Nome vintage (1910-1920) color PC, Bird's Eye view of Nome. Sent from Kent WA in 1918. F. R = \$3.50.
- **121.** Nome (10/18/30) T19. PMS & Pilot signed Airmail cover to Deering (10/18/31) T4 BS. F+. R = \$10.00.
- **122.** Nome (6/13/88) Special "Friendship Station" cancel, Cyrillic letters. VF.
- **123. North Pole** (5/28/86) FD cancel for block of 4 stamps honoring polar explores, Scott #'s 2220-2223) Northern Lights Stamp Club cachet & II. VF. R = \$1.50.
- 124. Nushagak (7/15/25) T4, DPO. Wax-sealed registered cover to Seward, no BS. F. R = \$22.50.



Lot 124

- 125. Ophir (8/28/54) T7, DPO. Gov. PC. F.
- **126.** Palmer (2/14/36) T2, slightly "swollen" on cover. F+. R = \$2.50.
- 127. Palmer, Colony Village Station (8/24/90) Special State Fair Cancel. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- **128.** Palmer, Colony Village Station (8/26/94) Special clown cancel and cachet for State Fair. Circus Clown stamp franking, Scott # 2750. VF. R = \$1.25.
- **129. Palmer, Colony Village Station** (8/23/96) Special State Fair cancel. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- 130. Pedro Bay (12/10/58) T2, DPO. Plain PC. F. R = \$1.50.
- **131. Perryville** (5/1/52) T3. FD or re-opened PO; PMS on Gov PC. F. R = \$1.50.
- **132. Petersburg** (9/18/84) MC. Great USCG Cutter Hatteras cachet and Commanding Officer corner card. VF.



Lot 132

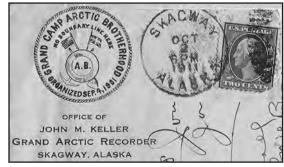
- **133. Pilot Station** (12/17/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
- **134. Point Hope** (10/23/50) T1. EAMC to Wainwright (11/10/50) T2 BS. F. R \$1.75.
- **135. Rampart** (4/23/50) T8, DPO. Special dogsled & Byers Airways cachets. F+. R = \$14.50.
- **136.** Russian Mission (12/7/73) DCC. PMS on plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- **137. St. Marys** (11/17/81) 4BC. C-10 sized nonphilatelic cover. F+. R = only 50-cents!
- **138. St. Michaels vintage** (1910 1920) color PC of School House. F+. R = \$3.50.
- **139. Saint Paul Island** (4/19/49) T1. Airmail to Alaska Sportsman. F.
- **140. Savoonga** (9/29/34) T1. Older 1-cent black Gov. PC. F (stain on right). R = \$1.50.
- 141. Savoonga (10/5/35) T1 on Cover F+.
- 142. Savoonga (1/23/57 T3. Malmute poem & Small blue Muridge cachet of a gun-toting musher hanging onto the back of dogsled full of US mailbags. Gambell (1/25/57) T2, BS. F. R = \$4.25.
- 143. Seattle, Wash Naval Air Station Kodiak (3/13/42) T2, DPO. Provisional censor on airmail cover. F. R = \$18.50.



Lot 143

- 144. Selawik (3/7/44) T1. Censored Gov. PC to Nome (3/21/44) T21 on card face. F. R = \$3.75.
- 145. Seldovia (11/19/24) T4. Registered C-10 sized cover to Seward; Anchorage (11/21/24) unlisted registered BS. F. R = \$27.50

- 146. Seldovia (11/29/28) T5. Registered cover to Seward (10/31/28) apparently unlisted BS. F. R = 27.50.
- 147. **Shakan** (9/5/16) T4, DPO. B&W photo PC of Wrangell Narrows. F+. R = \$35.50.
- **148. Sitka** (10/2/04) T15. Real photo PC, inside of "Greek" Church. F. R = \$8.00.
- 149. Sitka vintage (1900 1910) B&W photo PC Mt. Verstovaya, Church & old Russian Ware House. Mailed in WA in 1907.
 F. R = \$6.00.
- **150. Sitka** (7/7/14) T18. B&W photo PC -- Totems at Indian River Park, Sitka. F. R = \$5.50.
- **151. Sitka** (8/1/34) T21. Vintage real photo PC of Wrangell. F. R = \$5.50.
- 152. Sitka (6/10/42) T23. Censored (paper tape) airmail cover. F. R = \$3.50.
- **153. Sitka** (7/23/92) Special "Treaty Station" cancel on Cover. VF. R = only 50-cents!
- **154. Skagway** (10/2/11) T13. C-10 sized cover with CC cachet, Grand Camp Arctic Brotherhood. F. R = \$6.75.



Lot 154

- 155. Skagway (6/11/69) MC & "Paquebo" Skagway rectangle cancel on M/v Italia ship cover. F = R = \$3.75.
- **156. Soldotna** (7/19/93) Special Progress Days Station cancel. F+. R = only 50-cents!
- 157. Spenard (8/11/52) T3, later than listed. Returned registered cover to Wasilla (7/5/52) T 4 & Anchorage (7/2/52) T16 BS. Great Prexie franking. F. R = \$8.00.
- **158. Stoney River** (6/20/90) 4BC, no bars. Plain PC. F+. R = only 50-cents!
- **159. Sulzer** (9/23/12) T1, later than listed, DPO. Ketchikan real photo PC. F+. R = \$80.00.
- **160. Sumdum** (6/22/40) T3, DPO. Nonphilatelic, C-10 sized cover. F (old fold). R + \$5.00.
- **161. Tanana** (12/25/11) T3 (later than listed). Metlakatla color PC. F. R = \$25.00.
- **162.** Teller (7/26/05) T1 on cover. Partial Nome "Rec'd." BS. F. R = \$67.50.
- **163. Tigara** (11/16/33) T1, DPO. EAMC to Ruby (11/27/33) T2 on cover face & PMS. F+. R = \$6.00.



Lot 163

- **164.** Tok (5/15/73) 4BC. C-10 sized Special Delivery cover; great franking. F. R = \$1.25.
- **165.** Unalaska (7/24/12) T3. U.S. Marshal's Free Frank C-10 sized cover. F. R = \$13.00.
- **166.** Unalaska (3/24/42) T13. Censored (paper tape), registered cover to Seattle (4/6 & 8/42) Reg. BS. F. R = \$15.00.
- **167.** Valdez (9/14/52) T17, 2-years later than listed! Airport Dedication, airmail cover. F+. R = \$7.50.
- **168. Venetie** (3/16/52) T2. FD of re-opened PO. Gov. PC. F. R = \$1.25.
- **169. Washington**, **DC** (2/23/76) FD cancel for 13-cent Alaska Flag stamp, Scott # 1681. Bartlett statue cachet, signed by Senator Ted Stevens. VF. R = \$5.00.
- 170. Wasilla (3/8/89) 4BC. Plain PC. VF. R = only 50-cents-
- 171. **Westport, WA** (7/21/2007) FD cancel for 41-cent Five Finger Lighthouse stamp. Great light house cachet. XF. R = \$1.75.
- 172. Willow (4/3/52) T2. Registered to C-10 sized cover to Anchorage (4/4/52) T16 BS. Great Prexie franking. F. R = \$6.00.
- 173. **Wiseman** (4/19/44) T2, DPO. Censored EAMC to Fairbanks (4/20/44) T15 BS. F. R = \$4.25.
- 174. Wrangell (8/16/70) MC. 50th Anniversary cachet, US Army Black Wolf Squadron flight. VF.
- 175. Yakutat (12/11/73) 4BC. PMS on plain PC. F. R = only 50-cents!
- 176. US Army Postal Service, APO 726 {Camp Earle, Attu} (12/18/43) 4BC. Censored, airmail cover to NJ (12/30/43) MC, BS. F. R = \$4.00
- 177. US Army Postal Service, APO 728 MC on Ham Radio QSL card for KL7WAF from Kenai, Alaska. VF. R = \$3.75.
- 178. US Army Postal Service, APO 729 {Shemya Island} (11/3/43) 4BC. Censored, airmail cover. F. R = \$4.00.
- 179. US Army Postal Service, APO 941 {Fort Raymond, Seward} (5/26/42) 4BC. Censored airmail cover. F+. R = \$4.25.
- **180.** US Army Postal Service, APO 942 {Fort Richardson} (7/10/42) 4BC. Censored airmail, C-10 sized cover from Red Cross Field Director. F+. R = \$6.25.
- **181.** US Army Postal Service, APO 944 {Fort Randall, Cold Bay} (10/7/44) 4BC. Censored airmail cover. F+. R = \$4.25.
- **182. US Army Postal Service**, **APO 980** {Adak} (3/20/45) MC. Censored airmail cover with "Last Frontier" moose cachet. F. R = \$4.25.
- **183.** US Navy 8125 (2/6/43) 4BC {Kodiak}. Censored airmail cover and letter! F+. R = \$7.25.
- 184. US Navy 13608 (1/23/57) 4BC {Adak} on cover. F.
- **185.** Fifteen different smaller town cancels from the 1960's & 1970's on C-10 sized postal envelopes. F. R = \$1.50.
- **186.** Full sheet of twenty, 500-share dividend certificates for the Alaska Mexican Gold Mining Co. All certificates are canceled by perforation. F+. R = \$7.50.



Lot 200

- Postcards. In the above items, there are several postcards noted. Several more postcards are listed below. In all of these listings, "real photo PC" means a black and white photo with a glossy finish printed as a postcard on photographic type paper stock. In contrast, "B&W photo PC" means a more matte like finish printed on more typical postcard type paper stock. Dates listed for these vintage postcards are my best estimate of their age.
- **187. Vintage** (1920's era) unused real photo PC, Admiral Liner at Taku Glacier. F+. R = \$4.00.
- **188.** Vintage (1910 –1920) color PC "Eskimos and their Igloo", which is actually a skin-covered round hut. Not mailed, but anti-native writing on the back. F. R + \$3.25.
- **189. Vintage** (1910 –1920), unused color PC, "Alaskan Belles and Reindeer". F. R = \$3.25.
- **190. Vintage** (1940's) real photo PC; aerial view University of Alaska. F+. R = \$4.50.
- 191. Vintage (1910 1920) color PC "First authentic picture of Mount McKinley". F. R = \$3.50.
- 192. Vintage (1940's) real photo PC; aerial view of Matanuska Valley. Robertson PC # R-819. F+. R = \$4.50.
- **193. Vintage** (1940's) real photo PC, Miles Canyon, Yukon River. Postally used in Canada in 1948. F. R =\$3.75.
- 194. Vintage (1920's) unused (1928 date written on face) real photo PC, Yukon River below Five Finger Rapid. F (alblum mounting tape on corners). R = \$3.50.
- 195. Vintage (1940's) real photo PC, famous Alaskan railroad loop. Mailed from Anchorage (12/4/49) T13. F, old tape stains. R = \$2.50.
- 196. Vintage (1900 1910) color PC, fishing boat at a salmon trap. Mailed in Portland, OR in 1908. F. R = \$3.50.
- 197. Vintage (1910 1920) unused real photo PC, ice breaking up on river at Nulato. F. R = \$4.50.
- **198. Vintage** (1930's) unused real photo PC, "Braling salmon from trap". F+. R = \$6.50.
- **199.** Vintage (1910 1920) unused B&W photo PC, Glacier Lake and Miles Glacier, Copper River. Hegg PC # 333. F, one slight corner bend. R = \$4.00.
- 200. Vintage (1910 1920) unused B&W photo PC, "Bear Hole, Abercrombie Canyon, Copper River". Hegg PC # 277. F+. R = \$4.50.
- **201. Vintage** (1910 1920) unused B&W photo PC, Dog Team in Alaska. R.E. Kern PC. F. R = \$4.00.
- **202. Vintage** (1910 1920) unused B&W photo PC, "Klondyke Vegetables, Dawson, YT". Landahl's Emporium, Dawson. F. R = \$5.50.
- 203. Vintage (1910 1920) unused B&W photo PC, "Yukon Ptarmigan", Dawson, YT. Landahl's Emporium, Dawson. F. R = \$4.50.
- 204. Vintage (1910 1920) unused real photo PC, "Sea Gulls, Alaska Coast". Thwaites # 1434. F, corner bend, lower right. R = \$3.25.
- 205. Vintage (1900 1910) unused B&W photo PC, native woman nursing two children. F+. R = \$6.50.
- **206.** Vintage (1910 1920) unused real photo PC, native woman nursing a child. F+. R = \$5.25.
- 207. Vintage (1910 –1920) real photo PC, midnight sun on Yukon River. F (album mounting tape on corners). R = \$2.50.

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Lot 42



Lot 58



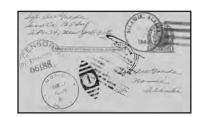
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