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# War Propaganda By Air

by FRANCIS J. FIELD  
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**L**ESS NERVE-RACKING than high explosive, but more effective in the long run because insidious, was the propaganda bombardment from the air in the Great War. It differed, too, in that the missiles were dropped by aircraft over their own, as well as enemy, terrain. It began in 1915 and increased in frequency and volume until 1919 when most of land operations had ceased. 1918 was the peak year, but 1917 was a close runner, on the Western Front at least.

The propaganda may be divided into groups as follows:—

1. Over Occupied and Enemy Territory—Handbills, Phamplets, Maps, cartoons, photographic reproductions, and newspapers.
2. Over Home Territories—Posters, leaflets and small cards.

Though so varied in format and contents the purpose of the propaganda was well-defined. It was used in attempts to demoralise the enemy—both civilian and military; to support and inform civilians in occupied countries; and to advertise financial and other special programmes in the home countries.

The first group was the most prolific as to quantity and variety, and the British appear to have been the most consistent and extensive practitioners. Large bundles were taken in aeroplanes and dropped over the back areas on the Western Front, and smaller lots were sent aloft attached to small balloons at times when the wind had veered in the correct direction. Material despatched by the latter method almost invariably bore the imprinted inscription "By Balloon", but most of the aeroplane distributions can only be identified by the purpose of the letterpress or by the small holes by which bundles were strung together.

As to the areas of operation, it will be most convenient to summarise them with the classes of documents:

**Western Front**—Trench areas and back areas (leaflets quoting from press, information as to enemy casualties, news of battle successes, maps showing lines of advance, statistics of American troop

arrivals, cartoons of war profiteers, reproductions of gruesome trench photographs, etc.). Occupied territories (news of allied successes, newspapers containing news and messages between relations; and (over Belgium) portraits of the King and Queen, flags, aerial photos of Zeebrugge raid results, etc.)

**Eastern and other fronts:** Incitements to rebellion, messages from Bolshevik leaders, appeals to racial sentiment of such troops as Czecks, Magyars and Croats, peace offers, and so on.

**Home "fronts".** In Britain and France "Tank Weeks", War Loans, Liberty Bonds, etc., were advertised by small leaflets, cards, discs, etc., some bearing the name of the town and special aeroplane inscriptions.

In 1919, apart from war and revolutionary propaganda in Germany and Russia, peace and other announcements were dropped as publicity for newspapers and commercial enterprises.

The British efforts over German troops may be divided into the obvious propaganda handbills and illustrations; distribution of counter-rumors; and the more insidious broadcasting of messages from German prisoners of war.

Letterpress and pictorial leaflets nearly all received a serial reference number ranging from "AP 1" to about "AP 80". The numerical sequence was not necessarily chronological as to period of distribution, though Nos. 1 to 14 were among the earliest despatches. Further, the same number was often printed on a considerable range of differing propaganda pieces.

Perhaps the most interesting of British achievements in this direction were the series of replica letters and messages (in German) from German prisoners in Camps in Britain and France wherein satisfaction was expressed in various forms with prison life. All were addressed to friends and relations in Germany. There are several distinct groups, as follows. All received one or two (occasionally more) punched holes for stringing and dropping en voyage.

1. German Field Postcards, white or buff, without postmarks and without a "By Balloon" imprint. The messages are usually dated 1916 and 1917.

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2. British Photo Postcards depicting scenes in British prison camps, or group photos. Two punch holes at top of each. No postmarks, nor "By Balloon" imprints. Probably flown early in 1918. Some pieces bear reference imprints, in small ovals, from

"A-6" to about "N-6".  
 3. As group 2, but imprint in olive-grey "By Balloon, Durch Luftballon", 37 mm. wide. Reference numbers "W-4" to Z-4".  
 3. German Field Letter Sheets in pale blue, etc., without postmarks or balloon imprints. Reference



● TYPES of Facsimile Letters and Cards addressed by and to Prisoners of War, and dropped over Western Front.

numbers "O-5A" onwards.  
 5. "Prisoner of War" Letter Sheets, white oblong format, printed in various shades of black and deep olive. No postmarks nor Balloon imprints, but a few with replica P. O. W. Company cachets. Letters dated during 1917. No reference numbers.

5a. As No. 5, but letters dated punch holes at top of each. No ber imprints (approximately) "A-5" to "G-5"; "A-5A" to "K-5A"; and "1-6" to "N-6".

6. As 5a, but with large "By Balloon. Durch Luftballon" im-  
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• THREE LEAFLETS dropped over German troops in France and Belgium: one over the German Eastern Front, and French Liberation Loan Card (in two colours) dropped over French towns.—Photos courtesy of Francis J. Field.

# Indian State Fires First Official Rocket Mail

from the April 19 issue of the newspaper "STAR OF INDIA": Through courtesy of

**STEPHEN H. SMITH**

Hon. Secretary Indian Air Mail Society

It was left to Sikkim (a British Protectorate) nestling amidst the Eastern Himalayas to carry out the first official Rocket experiment, not only for using the rocket as a means of conveying mails across difficult places, but also for the purpose of transporting small parcels of medicines, tobacco, tea, sugar, etc.

This progressive little mountain State has also earned the distinction of being the first country in the world to successfully despatch by means of a rocket, a parcel containing small quantities of such useful articles as medicines, tobacco, tea, sugar, etc. We are not aware of such an experiment having been successfully carried out before in any other part of the world and the achievement is therefore of considerable importance and deserves recognition as such.

The keenest interest in this quick-as-lightning method of transport was taken by His Highness Sir Tashi Namgyal the Maharajah, Mr. C. E. Dudley, the General Secretary, Tashi Dadul Densapa, the Private Secretary, Rai Sahib Faqr Chand Jali, the State Engineer, and also the British Political Officer, Mr. F. Williamson, I.C.S.

With the sanction of the Sikkim Durbar Mr. Stephen H. Smith visited Sikkim early in April and conducted a series of successful experiments, none of the rockets bursting or falling short of their mark. The Durbar also sanctioned the use of four special rocket stamps for use on the various mail and parcel experiments, 2,000 of each kind being printed, by the experimenter (Mr. Smith.)

The following are the details of the various Rocket experiments:—

First Firing—April 7th, from the Gan-tok Post Office compound to the Durbar High School, 200 items being carried. Rocket fired by Mr. Stephen H. Smith.

Second Firing—April 8th from the Sir Tashi Namgyal Field towards the Post Office, this mail which consisted of six covers and 410 blue cards, was despatched by His Highness, the Maharajah, who afterwards very kindly autographed three cards for the experimenter.

Third Firing—April 8th, this firing was a vertical one, the rocket containing 388

gold cards, was despatched on its journey high into the sky by His Highness the Maharajah, who again very kindly autographed two cards for the experimenter, and granted him permission to have a block made of His Highness' signature to impress on all the items despatched by this means by His Highness.

Fourth Firing—April 9, on this occasion the rocket containing 175 covers was despatched on its rapid journey by Mr. F. Williamson, the British Political Officer from the Dak Bungalow towards the Post Office.

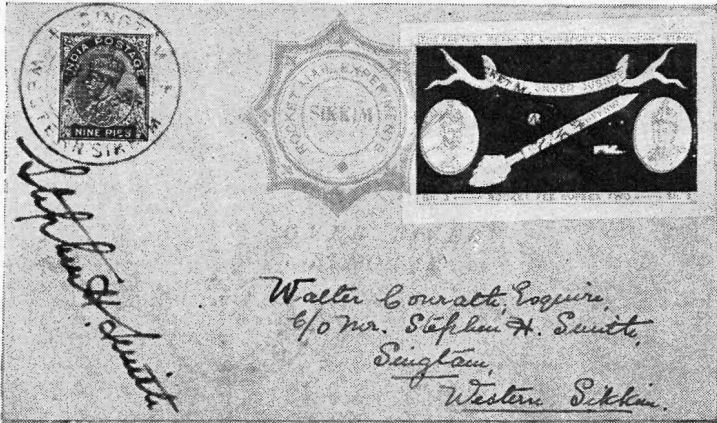
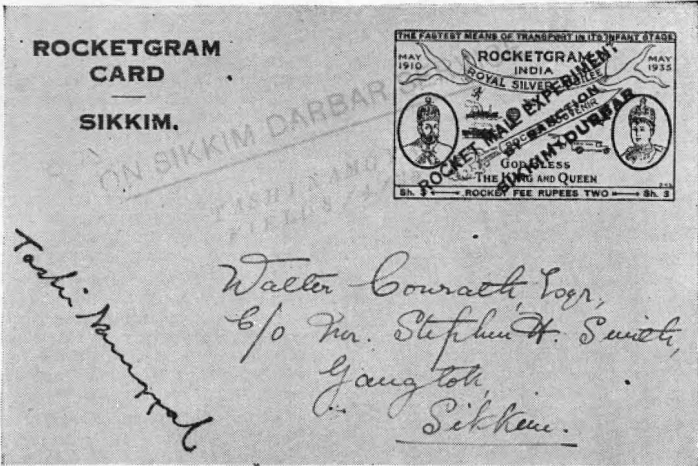
Fifth Firing—April 10, over the River Ranakhali from Surumsa to Ray. The mail rocket which consisted of 158 covers was discharged by Mr. C. E. Dudley the General Secretary. The rocket successfully accomplished its journey.

Sixth Firing—April 10, This rocket experiment was a very important one of the whole series. It may be definitely stated that its successful accomplishment has established a new world record as this was the first time a parcel was carried by means of a rocket. The rocket was loaded with the following articles, all likely to be in great demand during a time of emergency such as floods or landslides, when all means of communication including the telegraph are at a standstill for days or perhaps weeks:— The contents were as follows:—

One bottle of Genasprin; one bottle of Dimol; one tube of Phenosen, one packet of cigarettes, one box of matches, one cigar, one packet of tea, one packet of sugar, one toothbrush, one spoon, one handkerchief, fifty messages "on Sikkim Durbar Service". The Parcel rocket was fired over the River Ranaghali from Surumsa to Ray by Mr. C. E. Dudley, the General Secretary, a prominent Sikkim official. On the Parcel rocket reaching its destination, the river Ranakhali was crossed, and the sealed rocket was opened by Mr. Smith in the presence of Mr. Dudley, Tashi Dadul Densapa and Raj Sahib Faqr Chand Jali, all the articles were perfectly intact.

Seventh Firing—April 10, this firing was again over the river Ranakhali but from the opposite bank, viz, from Ray to Surumsa. The rocket which contained 186 covers was fired by Tashi Dadu Densapa, the Private Secretary. At the conclusion of the above experiments a certificate was handed to Mr. Smith on the 11th by Mr. C. E. Dudley, certifying to the utility of the rocket as a means of

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transport during floods or landslips.

**Eighth Firing**—April 13, in this instance the mail rocket containing 118 covers was fired by Mr. Smith in Western Sikkim at Singtam over the Singtam River.

**Ninth Firing**—April 13, this last firing in Sikkim was made at Rungpo, over the River Rungpo, by Mr. Smith. The mail in this instance consisted of 100 covers.

The following is the text of the Certificate given Mr. Smith by Mr. C. E. Dudley, General Secretary of His Highness the Maharajah of Sikkim:

"Certified that Mr. Stephen H. Smith conducted the undermentioned Rocket Mail Experiments in Sikkim by sanction of the Sikkim Durbar. A series of four Rocketgram Stamps for use on the Rocket Mail Experiments was also sanctioned by the Durbar. Two thousand of each kind were printed.

## Rocket Mail Experiments

1. April 7th. From Gangtok Post Office to the Durbar High School (Mr. Smith).

2. April 8th. From Sir Tashi Nangyal Field to Post Office. His Highness the Maharajah).

3. April 8th. Vertical Firing, Sir Tashi Nangyal Field. (His Highness, the Maharajah).

4. April 9th. From Dak Bungalow to Post Office. (Mr. F. Williamson, I.C.S. Political Officer.)

5. April 10th. From Surumsa to Ray (mail) (Mr. C. E. Dudley).

6. April 10th. From Surumsa to Ray. (Parcel Mail). (C. E. Dudley.)

7th. April 10th. From Ray to Surumsa. (Tashi Dadul Densapa)

The utility of the Rocket as a means of transport during floods or landslips has been clearly demonstrated, especially in Experiment No. 6, when a rocket conveying medicines, cigarettes, tea, sugar, etc. was shot over the River Ranikhola without any damage to the contents.

Two further experiments, one over the Singtam River, and the second over the Rumpo River are to be conducted on the 13th instant.

C. E. DUDLEY,

General Secretary to His Highness, the Maharajah of Sikkim.

GANGTOK,  
The 11th April, 1935."

In all these experiments the items carried bore the special rocket stamps as well as various cachets indicating the date, nature of experiment, etc. Photographs of the various rockets' experiments were secured, thereby adding further interest to the historic nature of the first successful official rocket mail experiments.

## ERIE, PA. MAY HAVE AIR MAIL SERVICE

Although no official announcement has been made, newspaper reports from Erie indicate that the lake city may soon be given air mail service connecting with revised Route 21 (old route 20) and revised route 14, from Pittsburgh (old Route 11).

Erie has sought air mail connections for some time and according to Congressman Chas. Crosby the postoffice department is now working on plans to allocate funds for the extension, which now looks favorable.

The government maintains a lighted route from Pittsburgh to Erie and the eastern hop from Erie to Buffalo would be made along the regular revised air mail route 21 from Cleveland to Buffalo.

This additional service would greatly expedite the delivery of air mail to and from the AIRPOST JOURNAL, as Albion is located about twenty-five miles from Erie.

## Random Notes

by ALTON J. BLANK  
East Cleveland, Ohio

COMPARED with 1931 and 1932 the days of sanity have returned in the air mail stamp field. The issuance of unnecessary sets of high value and never used denominations is definitely on the wane. Now and then some backward country arouses itself from its lethargy and sows a few wild oats and the air mail stamp collector suffers. But on the whole the novelty of such experiment has dulled.

Shortlived provisionals are practically a thing of the past. Saner officials have seen to it that a definite air series is provided before the assumption of service. And these definitives are becoming a thing of beauty. Evidently the best of the nation's artists are consulted and truly artistic works are produced. Witness the recent New Zealand emission.

I wonder just what the average collector would choose for his idea of the best looking air mail stamp? Uncle Sam's 16 cents special delivery will surely be near the top of the list. And how about the German Zeppelin issue?

A good many of the APJ readers may not know it but our worthy Managing Editor is handling the new issue service for the American Philatelic Society. It would pay APS members to get in touch with Walt.

Here is an idea which the reader can make the most of. If you still possess  
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# C. A. M. S.

By CHARLES G. RIESS

Information concerning C.A.M.'s should be sent direct to the editor of section, P. O. Box 11, Albany, N. Y.

**E**FFECTIVE June 22, 1935 West Yellowstone, Montana was embraced as a temporary stop on A.M. Route 19. Notice of this addition was very short, official notice appearing in the daily postal bulletin dated June 17, 1935 with the consequent result that many collectors missed out on first flight covers from this point. On the first day of service there were two northward dispatches and one southward dispatch. Southward service was via trip 3j which starts from Butte, Mont., and not from Great Falls. No official cachet was furnished West Yellowstone by the P. O. Dept. Samuel Peter Eagle, Postmaster at Yellowstone advises that West Yellowstone dispatched mail by plane but did not receive any incoming mail by plane. Therefore, their can be no inbound or received covers for Yellowstone until such time as mail is actually received at that point by planes. West Yellowstone dispatched seven (7) pounds via the first northward flight (trip 2a) and twenty-nine (29) pounds via the first southward flight (trip 3j). Names of the first flight pilots not available at time of writing. Same will appear in a later issue of this journal, together with other data.

Convention time is fast approaching and every A.A.M.S. member, as well as other air mail cover collectors should make every effort to attend same, if not for the entire three days, then for a day or two. The writer of this column will be in attendance at the Convention and shall be pleased to discuss CAM covers with any who intend being in Washington during the Convention days.

A number of replies have been received in connection with the proposed Society CAM Auction service mentioned in this column last month. While the writer of this column is willing to give such a service a try, it will be necessary that a few more CAM collectors send in their replies and comments, otherwise it will be dropped for the present at least.

The Nashville, Tenn. postoffice has returned all covers held at that office for the first inbound flight into Charlottesville, Va., via A.M. Route 23 during the past month or two for the reason that it is very doubtful if Charlottesville will be given air mail service for quite some time to come, on account of unsatisfactory airport conditions.

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1935-'36 OFFICERS

The Committee appointed for making nominations for officers to be balloted upon in the coming election hereby reports as its selections the following names:

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T. F. Southard (Fla.)  
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Emil A. Thurman (La.)  
Fred H. Wilde. (Calif.)

- Committee:  
Maurice S. Petty  
J. T. Schweier  
William R. Alley.

The official ballot is being forwarded to all members with this issue of the Journal. Execute your ballot and forward to Mr. James O. Peavy, Chairman of Board of Elections, % American Air Mail Society, Hotel Lafayette, Washington, D. C., to reach him before 12:00 noon, August 14, 1935.

The balance of the Election Committee includes Miss Irene Pistorio and Miss Helen E. Voorhees, both members of the Washington Air Mail Society.

Additional instructions will be found on the Official Ballot. Members who are unable to attend the Convention, should also execute their Proxy and forward to some member or officer who will attend the annual meeting.

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ALTHOUGH we would rather dismiss our  
editorial assignment for this humid month  
of July and retreat to a cooler sub-um-  
brella position on the shores of Lake Erie,  
we are especially taking time off to in-  
vite our members and readers to attend  
the sixth annual Convention of the  
American Air Mail Society to be held  
at the Hotel Lafayette, Washington, D. C.,  
August 15 to 17.

BETWEEN iced drinks, which seem to  
warm our memory, we like to recall the  
enjoyable Society Conventions we have  
attended in the past. Outstanding among  
these is the last national gathering held  
at Washington in August, 1931. At that  
time the Capital proved to us that it  
had the people and the correct facilities  
and environment to best sponsor an event  
of this nature. Every one of our mem-  
bers who journeyed to Washington that  
year has been eagerly looking forward  
to the return of the Convention to that  
city.

THIS year's Convention will provide  
more interest and entertainment than  
those of the past. The Washington Air  
Mail Society, organized about three years  
ago as a branch chapter of the A.A.M.S.,  
has been carefully planning the three  
important days and we are sure that all  
who attend will be well pleased by the  
program being offered by our hosts.

THE fact that the annual Convention of  
the American Philatelic Society is being  
held at Washington immediately preced-  
ing the A.A.M.S. Convention, will make  
it convenient for a number of our mem-  
bers to attend both of these national  
meetings during the same week.

IN connection with the A.P.S. Convention  
the Washington Philatelic Society is plan-  
ning an Exhibition which will be held  
in the Foyer and Exhibition Hall of the  
National Museum. The organizing com-  
mittee have honored us by dedicating a  
substantial portion of this invitational  
exhibition to the American Air Mail  
Society.

ALL branches of philately will be shown,  
and there will be several highlights, no-  
table among them being the exhibit of  
stamps to be displayed for the first time  
by the President of the United States,  
not in his official capacity, but as a fel-  
low member of the Society.

CONVENTION attendants will also have  
the opportunity of viewing some of the  
other famous philatelic treasures located  
in Washington. The nation's philatelic  
collection, under the expert care of Mrs.  
Catherine L. Manning, will be on display.  
The new Philatelic Museum, recently  
opened at the new Post Office building  
will attract many. Other philatelic dis-  
plays will be found at the Library of  
Congress, the Folger Shakespearean Li-

brary and the Pan American Union building.

**THE** trip through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is worthy of the attention of all of our members. In 1931 Hon. Alvin W. Hall, the Director, personally received and conducted our group through this mammoth plant which produces our postage stamps. Mr. Hall has again generously consented to extend this courtesy to our organization.

**ADD** to last month's imposing list of names of our members who plan to attend the Washington Convention those of Roscoe B. Martin, of Forestville, N. Y., President of the A.P.S.; Carter Glass, Jr., Lynchburg, Va., Vice-President of the A.P.S.; Lester J. Matthews, Mount Kisco, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Delf Norona, Mounts-ville, W. Va., and Leon Berman, Detroit, Michigan.

**GETTING** back to the heat. Please bear in mind that practically all of the public buildings and hotels of Washington have air conditioning systems and if you read the advertisements you'll know that this sort of machinery produces the combined effect of invigorating sea breezes and fragrant mountain atmosphere.

## *In the Air . . .*

Odd Lots of Airpost Collectors' News and Views. Recorded at Random . . . Contributions Welcome.

Mexico's Amelia Earhart overprint must be satisfied, for the present, with a temporary tentative listing according to the recently published supplement to Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue. Although extremely and admittedly shadowed by official chicanery, a number of copies have been sold to leading collectors and the issue will undoubtedly take its place in the leading catalogues, together with other emissions of this type.... Things like this prove to be the headaches of collecting for the enthusiast with the modest pocketbook.

New Contract Air Mail cities and additional services have been happening of late with little or no advance notice, the last two announcements having come less than a week before the scheduled first flights. None of these received first flight cachets, although the covers will undoubtedly be quite scarce. Summer revisions have been responsible for the majority of the new stops and it is understood that the present schedules are temporary.

Although nothing definite has yet been announced, this column would not be overly surprised to note the appearance of a new air mail stamp for first day sale at the Washington Convention of the American Air Mail Society, August 15 to 17. Several different varieties have been under discussion for some months, but have not received definite action as yet, according to the best of our knowledge. The Trans-Pacific \$1.00 stamp seems to be most favored, but it is doubtful if arrangements can be completed in sufficient time to produce this issue by the middle of next month. Other issues under discussion were the addition of higher values to the current set of air mails and the reprinting of the 16-cents Air Mail-Special Delivery in carmine and blue, which, it is claimed, would make this already beautiful stamp more attractive than ever and at the same time allow postal employees to more readily recognize the issue, which seems to be mis-handled on sundry occasions.

While some of our more patriotic collectors demand a special stamp in tribute to the accomplishments of American aviation first, favorable mention has been heard on a new United States Zeppelin set which would prepay postage on the trans-Atlantic mail of the new German ship, scheduled to make regular trips between Europe and North America.

From Friedrichshafen comes the news that construction on the new German Zeppelin, L.Z. 129, is between two and three months behind expectations, and the initial flight to Lakehurst will probably not be made until late October. It is expected that the giant ship will carry fifty passengers, a crew of fifty and about twenty-five tons of mail and freight. It has been rumored for some time that Germany would issue a new Zeppelin Post stamp for the maiden voyage. The next Zeppelin's cruising speed will be 81 miles an hour and Dr. Eckener expects to make the flight from Friedrichshafen to Lakehurst in less than sixty hours, while the return eastward crossing will probably be negotiated in forty-eight or fifty hours.

Take a few days off and meet us at the Washington Convention of the American Air Mail Society, August 15 to 17, Hotel Lefayette. A good time is in store for the many collectors who are planning to come from all parts of the country for this important and pleasant event..... See you all there.

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# AIRS OF THE MONTH . . .

By ALTON J. BLANK.

All data on New Issues of Air Mail Stamps should be sent direct to Editor Alton J. Blank, 1850 Burnett Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

**S**EVEN POUNDS! No that's not the weight of the newest addition to the Costanzo family. It's the face value of the two newest stamps from New Guinea. It seems that gold brick carrying has come to such enormous proportions that rather than plaster the bulion with one pound stamps the postal department has economically seen fit to issue two and five pound values.

• **AUSTRIA** • The set chronicled last month has been delayed and will not appear until August.



• **BELGIUM** • Surecharging the current 1.50f. sepia and the 5f maroon 1fr and 4fr. respectively in red and blue we have this country's first provisionals. A large "X" obliterates the old value.

• **BRAZIL** • The last little 100 reis tax stamp has been issued perf. 11x11½.



• **CHILE** • The 3 and 4 pesos values have appeared. Colors are brown and dark brown. The 6 and 8 pesos values will soon make their appearance. This will then complete the twelve pesos values which comprise the series.



One of the four new provisionals chronicled last month.

• **GREECE** • Our correspondent informs us that there is a variety which can aptly be called "Wireless floating under plane" of the 50d. A plate scratch runs from the tail of the plane and gives the appearance of an aerial wire. This variety occurs once in every sheet.

• **MEXICO** • In the last issue of Scott's Monthly Journal appears a copy of the letter George Palmer Putnam wrote giving the circumstances attendant upon the release of the "Earhart" stamp. The facts speak for themselves and the Scott organization states that the item will not be listed in their catalogue.

• **MORROCCO** • Hubert Lyautey, Marshal of France, is honored with a series of semi-postals. One of the values is an airmail stamp. It is 1.50 plus 1.50f deep blue. It shows a medallion portrait of the colony's organizer and three plane silhouettes.

• **NEW GUINEA** • While the writer has not yet seen the two new high values, it is understood that the stamps are of large size format and distinctive in design.

• **NEW ZEALAND** • Colors of this issue are 1d red, 3d deep violet, and 6d blue. They are one of best appearing airmail sets that have come along to date.



• **PARAGUAY** • The 50c has been reissued in dark blue. Quantities of the Zeppelin set are not very large. They are: 4.50 (25,000), 9p (15,000), 13.50p (12,000); 22.50p (12,000) and 45p (7,000).

● **PERSIA** ● Last month's speculation becomes this month's fact. The word "IRAN" in Gothic letters has been overprinted on the airmail set. Undoubtedly this will be the forerunner of a permanent set inscribed "Postes Iraniennes."

● **POLAND** ● Of the "Challenge" set issued last summer, there were issued two million of the 30g and but two hundred thousand of the 20g.

● **SPAIN** ● An autogiro will be depicted on a new 2P. stamp to be issued in the near future by Spain, according to word just received from our correspondent there.

After a rather restful vacation from the lengthy sets of air mail commemoratives of high face values, the new Spanish stamp will be the first air mail adhesive showing this type of airship, to the best of our knowledge.

The new air mail stamp will picture the first autogiro "La Cierva" flying over Sevilla, with the popular Giralda (minaret of the Arabic occupation, which now forms a part of the Cathedral of Sevilla) in the foreground. The date of the issue of the new stamp has not yet been announced.

● **UNITED STATES** ● Since the Trans-Pacific experiments seem to be quite a success it is not improbable that with the inauguration of the service this country will produce a suitable stamp. One dollar is the face value according to the rate. Be a mighty nice thing to show up for first day sale at the A.A.M.S. Convention in Washington this coming month. ARE YOU GOING?

Cooperators include: M. H. Chlumecky, W. J. Conrath, J. S. Whittlesey, P. J. Drossos, D. K. Grieve and H. H. Griffin.

## Dedication and Unofficial Air Mail Covers

Maurice S. Petty

News of future and past events under this section should be sent direct to Mr. Petty, 507 Quackenbos St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

**C**OMING: Detroit, July 20. Cachet by Detroit Air Mail Society for 1st Day National Aircraft Show; covers to J. B. Jackson, 764 Spencer Ave., Ferndale, Mich.....Brookings, S. D. Dedication in mid-August. Covers to E. A. Walker, 804 14th Ave.....CofC of Pratt, Kans., will hold for dedication cachet in Fall.....Escanaba, Mich. dedication July 4th. Covers to E. F. Lucas, 1009 Ludington St. ....P.M. at Port Angeles, Wash. says Municipal Airport may be dedicated this Fall.....Vancouver, B. C. Canada, July 20. Jr. CofC cachet for air show. Covers to George Fawkes, 567 W. 18th Ave., and he will accept loose mint U.S. stamps in exchange for the 6c Canadian ones he will put on your covers.....Apparently it is a mistake as no dedication scheduled for Flint, Michigan in August.....Airport dedication possibilities (only) are Redfield, S. D., Mitchell, S. D., Lakeview, Ore., Garretson, S. D., Brunswick, Maine, (CofC); Sanatorium, Miss., Magee, Miss. (P.M.), Lansing, Iowa, (Frank L. Clark); Rushville, Neb., (CofC), and Biloxi, Miss., far in future (CofC).

NO dedications in immediate prospect at Laurens, S. C., Faribault, Minn., Oakes, S. D., Searcy, Ark., Key West, Fla., Myrtle Beach, S. C., Aberdeen, Wash., West Palm Beach, Fla., Auburndale, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Winner, S. D., Vero Beach, Fla., Springfield, Mo., Haines City, Fla., Columbia, S. C., Rapid City, S. C., or Belle Fourche, S. D.....We are indebted to Rex Copp for first news on definite dedication dates at Joplin, Mo., and Oroville, Calif., and to Kenneth Tallmadge for data on the Michigan cities, notice of which we sent out on post cards this past month. Remember, if you are an A.A.M.S. member or A.P.J. subscriber, you can keep a supply of addressed Govt. post cards with the editor of this page for short notice airport dedications received too late to print.....Sorry that the information on Traverse City, Mich. was wrong, as the dedication will not be for some time.

**WASHINGTON AIR MAIL SOCIETY** is preparing for a large attendance at the A.A.M.S. Convention. May we see you here? Beginning in July, monthly meetings will be held at the Hotel Lafayette, the third Monday in each month and visiting collectors are invited.

**PAST AIRPORT DEDICATIONS:** Inquiry to CofC., Middleburg, Fla., replied



to by Postmaster, who says, "The Middleburg airport was used first March 4th, 1935. There was no celebration, no official dedication." So cross that one off your list.....Gossip says 300-400 from Jersey City, N.J., April 27th.....Flint, Mich., May 18th, about 900 with Jr. CofC cachet. Only 8 flown in from Selfridge Field by Col. Royce.....Mr. Hunter in Chambers Journal, says 850 covers from Winston-Salem on April 13th and 360 by Chico Cover Service, Chico, Cal., April 13th.....Scottsbluff, Neb., dedicated Municipal airport, 4½ miles S.E. on May 1st. Covers have CofC stamps and advertising stickers and rubber stamp and ink inscription. Said to have been 30 or 40.... Hazelhurst, Miss. reported May 5th, with out markings. Not verified as to event.... Fort Pierce, Fla. dedicated county-owned airport, 2 miles south on May 25th. Cachet by CofC on 1248 air covers, 35 ordinary, 1283 total.....Center, Ala., May 25, covers without cachet, pmkd. at Center for airport dedication. Advance notice was given us as Gadsden and CofC at Gadsden mailed 120 covers there with their rubber stamp and inscription that dedication was 24 miles away, at Center.....Poplar Bluff, Mo., May 26th, municipal airport opened. Blue cachet by the CofC.....Unclaimed cover from Flint, Mich. dedication addressed to Joseph Leo Cronin is in my possession and he may have it by sending present address..... Govt.-owned Hamilton Field, 5½ miles north of San Rafael, Cal. dedicated May 12: Sec. CofC says official cachet sponsored by city and county CofC and applied to about 2100 covers of which about fifty percent. were air mail. 220 of the total had printed title and signature of

Col. C. L. Tinker. All mailed through San Rafael as it is official Post Office through which all field mail is handled. A different cachet showing a scene between two bombs, was sponsored by the Alameda CofC and applied: in green, to 69 air covers, pmkd. San Rafael; in yellow to 113 air covers, pmkd. Ignacio (nearest P.O. to field); in brown, plus printed blue of San Rafael CofC to 50 ordinary pmkd. Ignacio.....Oroville, Cal. Municipal, 2½ miles west, June 1st. Large cachet by CofC, who say it was a two day event, but actual dedication only 1st, and 490 covers (mostly air mail) sent out that day only. Some others are reported flown out and pmkd. at Oakland on June 2nd.....Branson, Mo. dedicated June 5th the airport 2 miles west. Two-line cachet by airport committee and P.M., applied to 115 air covers.....Kewaunee, Wisc. reported dedication May 26th and covers pmkd. late 27th. Definite data not yet received.....Ralph Field at Sonora, Calif. June 16th, large round cachet by CofC. Also 30 reported flown to and pmkd. at Oakland, same gate.....Adrian, Mich., dedicated Municipal airport June 16th. Red printed cachet by Legion and CofC applied by Mrs. Ruth Borradaile, whose efforts are highly commended by friend H. H. Hudson, an attendant at the event. One day event, no varieties of cachet, and applied to 819 air and 14 ordinary covers.....Columbus, Ind., June 17, received with six-line stamped cachet by Columbus Aero Club for dedication of Wolf Municipal Airport.....Rensselaer, Ind., June 19th cover received with typed inscription "Airport dedicated" etc. Event not yet verified.....H. H. Hudson reports Forsyth, Mo., June 5th with P.M. signa-

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# Karel Roberti Continues Dutch Rocket Experiments

**U**NDER the sponsorship of the Netherlands Rocket Ship Society, Karel Roberti, well-known Dutch inventor, has continued his experimentation with mail rockets during the past several months. The majority of these firings have been highly successful and several different types of projectiles are being developed with remarkable results.

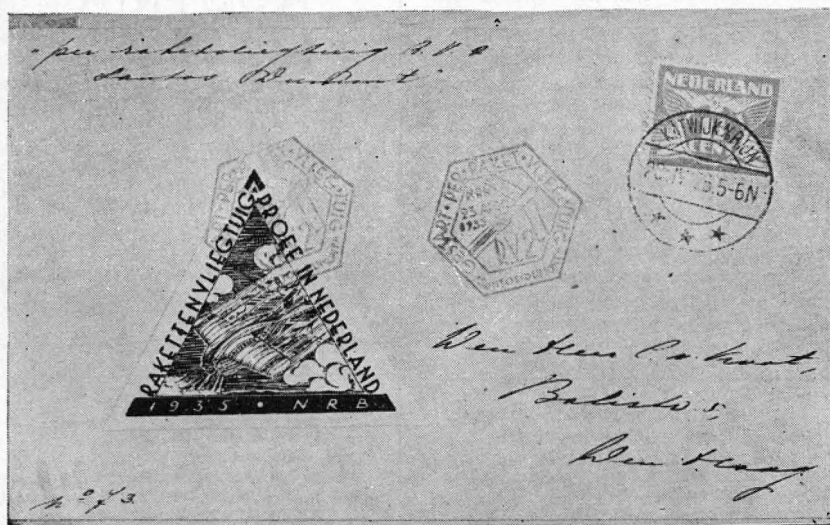
During the past six weeks, Mr. Roberti has been working on the perfection of rockets to be used on a flight across the English Channel, between Dover, England and Calais, France, a distance of almost twenty-five miles. Mr. Raad van Beheer, secretary of the Dutch Society, has kindly shown us the original letter of authorization for this firing from the Mayor of Dover, a city of approximately 40,000. The population of Calais, France is 75,000. The flight is scheduled to take place sometime during the Summer.

Two new rocket Stamps were issued for future flights by the NRB on April 17. Both are triangular and 2,000 copies of each were printed, half of the issue being perforated. The violet stamp shows the rocket aeroplane "Icarus" in flight, while the brown stamp depicts the future rocket aeroplane of 1960.

On April 23, a successful rocket experiment, with parachute landing, carried 466 covers, franked with the special green parachute rocket stamp which was chronicled in our June issue. A special cachet in red is inscribed "P.P.1" and shows a rocket floating down on the parachute. Covers also bear a diamond-shaped cachet in blue.

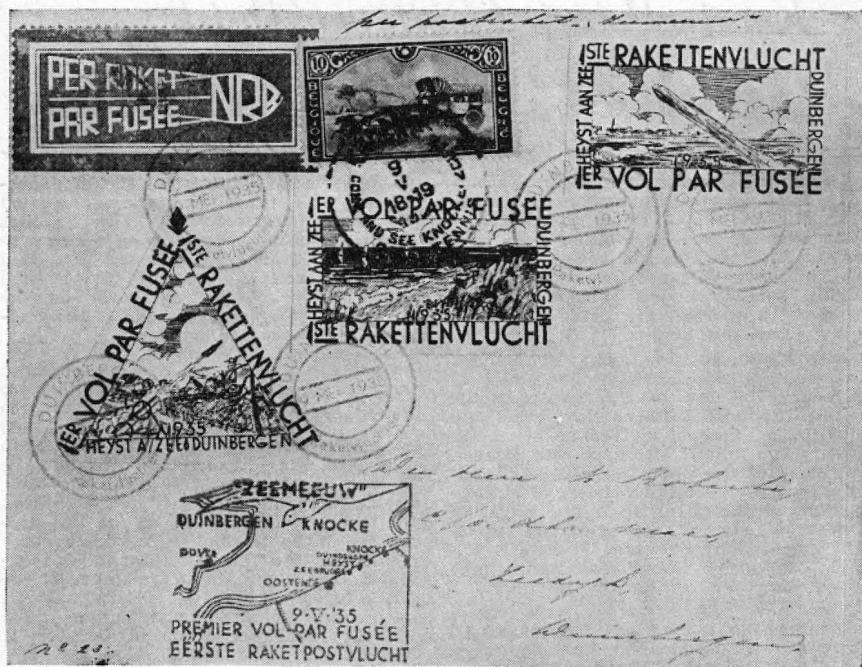
On the same day two rocket aeroplanes were fired, the "Icarus" carrying 260 covers and the "Santos Dumont" 236 covers. These envelopes bore the special issue of stamps described above. Both examples bear hexagonal cachets, the former in red and the latter in blue. Owing to the high velocity of the rockets, the wings were broken off of the projectiles while in flight. A rocket cover carried on the "Santos Dumont" is illustrated herewith. Another member of the NRB, Mr. J. Schippers, is now working on a new type of rocket aeroplane which will be ready for trials in October or November.

In the presence of a number of representatives of the Belgian press, two successful rocket flights were made by the NRB from Duinbergen to Knocke and



● COVER CARRIED on Roberti's Dutch rocket, "Icarus". April 23, 1935.

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to Heyst. 535 covers were carried on the rocket "Zeemeeuw", which was fired to Knocke. "Belgica" was the name of the rocket fired to Heyst. Three special stamps were issued for these flights, two being rectangular and one triangular: 5fr. black, 10fr. yellow and 15fr. red. There are 1,500 perforated sets, 1,500 unperforated sets and 1,000 sets of special blocks which combine all three of the stamps in their regular colors. The covers are franked with the new Belgian "stagecoach" issue and bear also the special rocket stamps and cachets in red or orange. Several of the leading Belgian newspapers carried enthusiastic accounts of these successful experiments which were also conducted by Karel Roberti.

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# CRASH COVER NEWS

By FRANK A COSTANZO

Crash Cover news should be sent direct to Frank A. Costanzo, Box No. 32, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

**WE FAILED** to make our appearance last month because we did not have the necessary data to make our detailed crash reports. I have received several inquiries about the column and wish to say we have not discontinued the Crash Cover News, but now and then we do not obtain the official data in time to prepare the material for publication, so must miss an issue whenever this happens.

### Report of Recent Air Mail Mishaps April 16th. 1935

Detroit, Mich., A.M. 7, trip 8; 4:20 a.m., eastbound. Chicago to Buffalo. A.A. Pilot Usher Rousch uninjured. 308 pounds of mail, all recovered and forwarded from AMF. Detroit, Mich., by plane taking off at 7:25 a.m. No markings applied to the covers.

Taking off from the Detroit City airport with six passengers and a crew of three for Buffalo, the low-winged Douglas twin-motored American Airlines plane was but twenty-five feet in the air when both motors stalled. Unable to make a forced landing, the plane fell to the ground, tearing out a section of fence and crashing into a tree.

Following the mishap, Pilot Rousch was automatically grounded until the U. S. Department of Commerce completed its investigation of the crash.

May 6th. 1935

Near Atlanta, Mo. (six miles south) AM 2, trip 6, 3:45 a.m., eastbound. Kansas City to St. Louis. TWA. Pilot Harvey Bolton, co-pilot K. H. Greeson and three passengers killed. 74 pounds of mail, all recovered undamaged and forwarded by plane from A.M.F., Kansas City, Mo., at 9:27 p.m.

Taking off from Los Angeles on the regular night run to Kansas City, the TWA monoplane was unable to make a landing at Kansas City due to fog. Circling Kansas City. Pilot Bolton was instructed by radio to attempt a landing at the Kirksville emergency field. Two hours later, pilot Bolton wired he was about thirty miles from Kirksville with the "Fuel getting low. We can't find a break in this fog. It looks like a forced landing." A few minutes later they crashed on a roadway and tore through a fence into a pasture, breaking a tree in its path.

United States Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico, mentioned as a presidential possibility, was one of the passengers killed in the crash.

Pilot Harvey Bolton of the TWA saved fourteen passengers and his plane from a crash near Pittsburgh, Pa., about a year ago. A motor stopped in the air over East Liverpool, Ohio, and excited passengers rose from their seats in panic. Bolton calmed them and maneuvered with one motor. A broken propeller fastened on the dead motor caused the plane to wobble, but Bolton nursed his plane along for over an hour and made a safe landing at the Pittsburgh airport.

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requested to send us crash clippings and other data from air mail mishaps occurring in their section. It is absolutely necessary to obtain these clippings in order to obtain the necessary data for this column. Thanks to Benjamin DeBoice, W. M. Pott, R. M. Flinn, C. S. Cowing and G. T. Duncan for clippings on the above mishaps.

## NEW CANADIAN FLIGHTS

Ottawa, Canada, June 14—By authority of the Postmaster General, arrangements have been made for an experimental air mail service between Sydney, Nova Scotia and Halifax, Nova Scotia, from 29th July, 1935 to 3rd August, 1935, both dates inclusive, once daily in each direction, during the period of the celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of Sydney.

On this occasion special cachets will be used as follows:

Sydney, Nova Scotia-Halifax, Nova Scotia Halifax, Nova Scotia-Sydney, Nova Scotia

A different cachet will be used at Sydney and Halifax, for each of the flights, making twelve cachets in all—six at Sydney and six at Halifax.

The Canadian air mail rate is now 6c. Prepared covers should be forwarded to the postmasters at the terminals.

## WAR PROPAGANDA BY AIR

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print in one line. ("By Balloon" measuring 37 mm.) Dated in 1917. Reference Nos. "A-4" to "K-4", 6a. As No. 6, but smaller imprint ("By Balloon" measuring 28½ mm.) Reference numbers "H-5" to about "R-5". Dated usually in 1918.

7. Prisoners of War" square envelopes, containing letters (usually dated 1916); without postmarks, balloon imprint or reference number, but with punched hole in top left corner.

8. Blue-green Envelopes. "By Balloon" (28 mm.) green imprint at top right. Facsimile despatch postmarks of German towns, and facsimile censor and other cachets. Dated about 1917. Reference numbers around "Y-4".

The foregoing group numbers 1 to 4 are each of about equal scarcity, but No. 8 type is very rare and is also exceptional in that it purports to be correspondence to prisoners of war from friends and relations in Germany.

## DEDICATIONS & UNOFFICIALS

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ture and Blackwell, Okla., June 15th without markings. Were they dedications?... Gus Lancaster reports a dedication at Juneau, Alaska, April 2nd, and covers bear only P.M. signature.....Marshall, Minn. reported dedicated June 15th with five-line black cachet by P.M.....Dedication of new Post Office at Philadelphia, on May 25th, resulted in two varieties of covers flown in autogiro between Camden Air Field and the Phila. P.O. and dropped on the P.O. roof. Large pictorial black cachet plus 3-line stamped. It is said the Philadelphia covers were not flown from the P.O., only those inbound from Camden.

Our thanks for news received from John H. Allen, C. E. Carlson, Rex O. Copp, Milton Ehrlich, Mark C. Emsley, George Fawkes, H. H. Hudson, Francis H. James, BenGuzo, Robert Henderson, C. A. Hunter, J. S. Haldenstein, Gus Lancaster, Kenneth Tallmadge, Dr. J. F. Ullman, Omer C. Thompson, Fred Wilde, Harry L. Witte, Jr., and W. T. Wynn, Jr. Also especial thanks for covers received from F. W. Gaines (2), John C. Horn, Ed. Kee, Omer Thompson, and F. H. Wilde.

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# PACIFIC COAST NOTES

By FRED H. WILDE

All news of Pacific Coast aerial events should be sent to Fred H. Wilde, 917 N. Burris Ave., Compton, California, as early as possible.

**BURBANK.** Over Union Air Terminal Miss Bernadine Lewis King flew her plane in an inverted position for 25 minutes and 26 seconds, to make a new woman's record in this form of amusement. An official time-keeper followed the course of her flight. No covers reported.

**JUNEAU.** Pacific-Alaska Airways inaugurated regular service. April 1st, 1935 between here and Fairbanks, 5 hrs., \$105.00 Flat, 9 hrs., \$161.00; Nome, 9 hrs., \$213.00. Make your reservations now. Just a note for your Alaskan collection from A. E. Koestler, who sends a cover pmkd. Portland, Mar. 29, 1935 and bkst., Nome, Apr. 10. This is a "first trip plane-steamer-plane" item, via S.S. Alaska from Seattle, Mar. 30, and Juneau Apr. 2, 1935, and is so inscribed. Two Farley imperfs. help make this cover of extra interest, which was, of course, carried on the above mentioned flight. Also a cover sent the editor by Geo. Fawkes, cancelled Juneau Apr. 2, is reported by George to be a souvenir of the dedication of the airport at Juneau, and we wonder where the covers which several collectors sent for this event are reposing. They have not shown up. Other Alaska covers, emergency mail, received this month include Aniak-Ophir, pmkd. Apr. 3 at Aniak. bkst. McGrath, Apr. 2, and Ophir Apr. 8. Dates given are incorrect. Explain them if you can. Aphir-Takotna, Apr. 30, Tigara-Nome, 3-26, 5-4; Wainwright-Nome 4-19, 5-4.

**FLINT, MICH.** produced a cover for the dedication inscribed "This cover was flown by Col. Ralph Royce, Commandant of Selfridge Field to the dedication of Bishop Airport, Flint, Mich., May 18, 1935." Autog'd by Col. Royce.

**HAMILTON FIELD.** Covers received from this dedication event include—blue printed cachet, circular, plane flying over base, etc., cancelled San Rafael, May 12. Similar cancel on cover with green ca-

chet, bomb on each side, Hamilton Field above, dedication (and) Mother's Day, May 12, 1935 below. Similar cover from Ignacio, but cachet in brown. Incidentally Ignacio is the P.O. nearest the field, less than a mile away, while we understand San Rafael is several miles from the new air base. A flown item, bearing a green printed sticker, and autog'd by Pilot R. U. St. John, is cancelled at Oakland, May 12, 10 P.M. Francis H. James handled the cacheted items did a very fine job, the sticker cover is from Harry Sweet, and our hearty thanks to each of them.

**SAN DIEGO.** Several FDC's came to us from friends and one pmkd. at the Los Angeles AMF on the 29th, is of special interest. A friend said he had a brainstorm on his return from the Exposition, went out to the Air Mail Field and got a few cancellations. O.K. by us, Frank. Have some more brainstorms.

**MIDWAY ISLAND.** Out of the middle of the Pacific, cancelled aboard the USS Beaver, Midway Islands between the bars, came a cover bearing a printed inscription "This souvenir cover dispatched by airplane in the direction as indicated by the postal markings, etc." Above this a purple rubber stamp says "Midway, May 11, 1935". The ship cancel on face is of May 24, 9:30 P.M. On the reverse is the usual inscription noted on many fine items received from time to time, "Cachet by courtesy of West Coast Airmail Society." The cover is autographed by Supt., of Pacific Cable Co., pilot, navigator and radioman. We heard that some-

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thing like this might show up, and we were quite pleasantly surprised at the completeness of the cover.

**ECHO** of the Mystery ship Honolulu flight, which has been abandoned. A cover cancelled May 29 at Oakland, Cal., with mimeo slip inside "your letter will be carried one one of the test flights and then dropped in the mail." The flight was abandoned in April. Can it be they are still making test flights at the end of May?

**OROVILLE.** Dedication of the airport here took place on June 1, after long delay and postponement. Chamber of Commerce provided a cachet, double line box type showing layout of the field and boundary roads, applied in black, and below in large letters, black or purple "dedicated June 1, 1935". A special cover for this event is pmkd. at Oakland, June 2, 10 P.M., and the printed inscription reads "I certify that this is one of thirty covers flown by me on an air tour from San Francisco Bay to the dedication of Oroville Municipal airport and return, June 2, 1935." Autog'd by R. U. St. John, pilot, manager S. F. Bay Airdrome, Alameda, California. Each cover bears a serial number. Again we have Harry Sweet to thank for a nice flown item.

**PEARL HARBOR - MIDWAY ISLAND.** Pmkd. May 9, by the well known fleet airbase cancellation, a cover arrived here June 6, bkst. aboard the USS Beaver, May 11th, Midway Island. No cachet on this one, but being again sponsored by the WSAMS, we presume it is another flown item during fleet manuevers, and is much appreciated.

**BRANSON, MO.** Never heard of this place before, but a cover bearing a red rubber stamped inscription "Dedication, Branson Airport, Branson, Mo., June 3, 1935, arrived here on the 6th. Who knows?

**LOS ANGELES.** Cancelled here June 9, comes a cover inscribed "this cover was flown by me on the tour of the Los Angeles Aerial Police Squadron upon its return from Agua Caliente, B. C. (Baja California), Mex., to Los Angeles, California, June 9, 1935." Autog'd by E. M. Biscailuz, flying sneriff of Los Angeles. It seems this squadron of law enforcing aviators flew down to the fair at San Diego, then continued on to Mexico. A similar cover received is cancelled at San Ysidro, Calif., June 10, and yet another, bearing Mexican stamps is cancelled at Tijuana, June 10. Who put these thru? Harry Sweet, of course. He sure stays up nights getting these items for us.

**ALLEN FIELD.** Covers held for this event have been placed in the hands of a co-operator, so that in case the dedication takes place during our absence—

which we do not anticipate—they will be mailed for the event.

**THREE RIVERS.** "In an impressive ceremony, at noon, June 9, the airport here was christened "Davis Field," in memory of Lt. J. Davis, of Woodlake, U.S.A. air corps officer, killed in line of duty in a crash over San Francisco Bay, some years ago. His great-grandfather led a covered wagon train from the East, and was the first white man who settled in this region. Army flyers from March and Crissey Fields, and nearby CCC camps demonstrated the defense of the Sierras from possible enemies. George Salee, noted parachute jumper, dropped a distance equivalent to the height of Mt. Whitney, before opening his chute".—Los Angeles Times. Other performers included Milo Burcham, and Bernadine Lewis King, famous up-side-down fliers. Covers bear a four-line red cachet and autog. of Sol Sweet, pilot. In addition to this, one cover bears a printed inscription in brown "flown from formal dedication, etc." and is also autog'd by Sol Sweet. Two Sweets concerned here. Many thanks to both.

Taking advantage of the opportunity of a long vacation, we hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of our correspondent friends during July and August, and we highly appreciate several hearty invitations to visit here and there. This trip and our many obligations on our return, leaves the Pacific Coast Notes column open for a new editor, and despite our failure to find anyone to fill the job, we sincerely hope it will be taken care of by some enthusiastic collector. We also take this opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed to making the P.C.N. readable during the past three years, and will continue to co-operate with whoever takes on the job for the future.

Appreciatively,

FRED H. WILDE.

## W. R. PATTON ENJOYS TRIP TO THE TWIN CITIES

Canadian Section editor W. R. Patton recently enjoyed a combination business and pleasure trip to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mr. Patton reports that the collectors and dealers there provided a very fine reception for him and his vacation was most enjoyable.

Mr. Patton's Canadian column will again appear in our next issue after the well deserved rest. At the present time Mr. Patton is busily catching up on his regular service orders and those received from his full page in the June Journal.



# American Air Mail Society

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## The Treasurer's Report

### NEW MEMBERS

- 1648 Grossman, Paul, 94th Pur. Squadron, Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Mich.  
1649 Wasserscheid, A. A., 72 Gold Street, New York, N. Y.  
1650 Bock, Julius B., Berlin-Halensee, Eisenbahnstrasse, 4, Germany.  
1651 Cilley, Wesley A., 116 Chestnut Street, Andover, Mass.  
1652 Von Rosen, Ed., Box 134, Elkins, West Virginia.  
1653 Beck, Wm. H., 4502 Mainfield Ave., Baltimore, Md.

### APPLICATIONS POSTED

Following have made application for membership in the Society. If no objection is received and references are found in order, they will be admitted on July 15th, 1935.

Morris, Albert W., Jr., 127 Magazine Street, Springfield, Mass. Age 32. Mechanical engineer. Air mail stamps on cover and flown covers. By Geo. W. Angers.

Tyrrell, Raymond E., 142 Buena Vista Ave., Yonkers, N. Y. Age 22. Clerk. Air mail stamps and covers. By Walter J. Conrath.

Stowe, Rev. Wilbur F., 51 Wynkoop Place, Kingston, N. Y. Age 68. Clergyman. Air Mail stamps and covers. By Walter J. Conrath.

Stewart, Mrs. Ethel B., 76 Ryerson Ave., Newton, New Jersey. Age 42, housewife. Air Mail stamps and covers. By Geo. W. Angers.

Von der Heyde, M. J., 310 W. 106th St., New York City. Age 29. Flying School Manager. Air mail stamps and covers. By Geo. W. Angers.

Hengstler, Oscar, 523 11th St., West New York, New Jersey. Age 32. Photostat operator. Akron and Macon covers, baggage labels, CAM's. By Frank A. Costanzo.

Baxter, Ferd C., Box 139, West Dennis, Mass. Age 23, Ass't Postmaster. Canadian first flights only. By Walter J. Conrath.

### ADDRESS CHANGE—New address shown below:

- 1543 Votaw, Roy C., 431 West 7th St., Claremont, Calif.

### RESIGNED

- 600 Mollen, Edw. P., 58 Tompkins St., Binghamton, New York.

### DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS—Non-payment of dues

- 607 Mackie, William, Coleraine, Minn.  
796 Finch, W. Hugh, Box 529 Spartanburg, S. C.  
799 Gates, Clement L., 2647 Idlewood Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.  
995 Lewis, Francis H., 217 No. Elm St., Manchester, Conn.  
1066 Hauck, Edw. J., 5125 N.E. 21st Ave., Portland, Oregon.  
1078 Schaal, George, Box 1255, Sanford, Fla.

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## CONVENTION TIME

As Convention time draws near, I would like to ask all members to make prompt payment of all dues. The annual financial report is given at the Convention and I would like very much to make my first report a very good one. I appeal to all members to help me.

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Fraternally,

FRANK A. COSTANZO, Treasurer.

### RANDOM NOTES

(Continued from Page 8)

That old Victrola and haven't knocked it apart to use for a radio cabinet, here's something you can do. Take all of the record albums out and use the space for a cabinet for your stamp albums. You will find that the space is just right and you can get at least ten books in there if yours happens to be the popular make. Of course I do not mean to infer that you should have ten volumes for your stamps but with the covers and all, it would be just the thing.

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It is fun to do a little mental picturing and speculating as to what design might be most appropriate for the new Trans-Pacific flight if and when such materializes. Just the wildest of dreams, but would not a triangular stamp be a honey? You know, one of those map kind where the lower right-hand corner has a spot marked San Francisco, the middle Hawaii, the left the Philippines and Canton, China and the top a suitable inscription. A view of the Pan-American Clipper might be poised over the route.

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Isn't it too bad that there were no

Jubilee Airmail stamps? With the flood of issues from all of the colonies, there must be 250 or more, the little air mail stamp was completely overlooked. Of course it can be readily understood when one realizes that the English are not much for air mail adhesives anyhow. Nevertheless some of the far-flung colonies might have used a little initiative and issued at least one air mail stamp of a denomination suitable to carry greetings to "deah ol' Lunnon".

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Recent issues that might become good "spec's". The Paraguay 1935 Zeppelin issue, the Persia "Iran" overprints—provided they are not manipulated as were a good many of their preceding issues, the six Sudan provisionals, and the Salvador Olympics. Also the Jugo-Slav mourning 3d. blue stamp.

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It is pretty generally felt that Scott's are taking a step in the right direction in refraining from listing the Earhart stamp of Mexico. While the legal angles have been complied with insofar as the issue was concerned, the affair has an underhanded air which is typical of the times. It is well that future collectors will be protected.

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