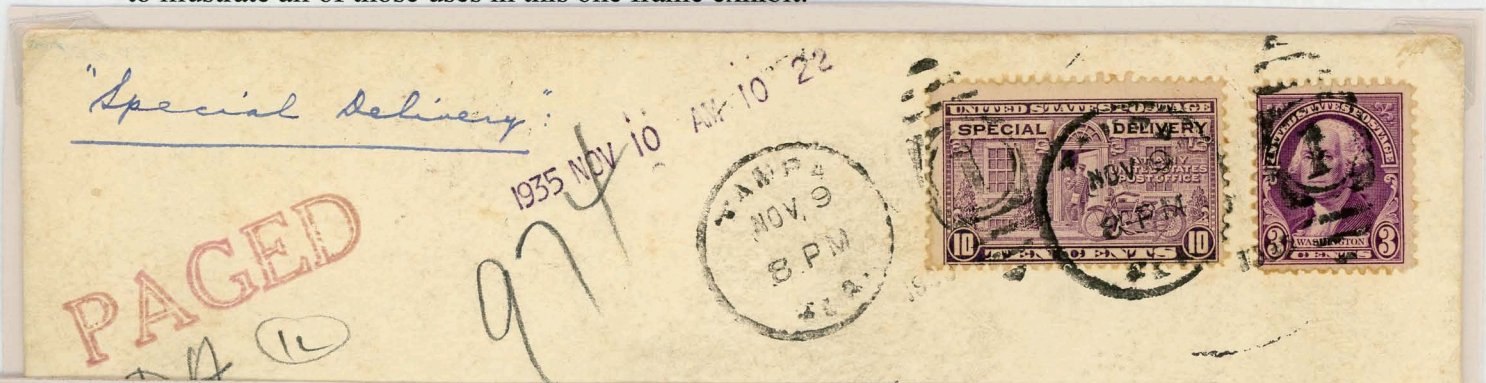


U.S. Special Delivery Issue of 1927

On November 29, 1927, the U.S. Post Office issued the 10 cent special delivery stamps on the rotary press utilizing the same design as the 1922 flat bed issue. This exhibit is an abbreviated postage history study.

The first class under 2-lbs special delivery fee continued as the rate of 10 cent during the period of usage of this stamp. Three weight classifications had been established. During this period the U.S. issued a 20 cent special delivery stamp primarily to be utilized for foreign special delivery service for which numerous treaties with various countries were being negotiated at that time. But this 1927 issue saw considerable use on foreign treaty mail. Because this issue had a 17 year life and it went through numerous printings and shades, it is not possible to illustrate all of those uses in this one frame exhibit.



- Hotel - Paged
- Over 10 lbs - 35c fee
- Last day - 10c fee

Issue of November 29, 1927

The existing motorcycle design was reused for the Bureau's newly adopted rotary presses.



Most difficult plate number



Plate crack at position 35 (upper right stamp)



Ink Smear



Gutter



Broken window variety at position 46 (lower left stamp)



Partial plate number

Varieties



Double paper



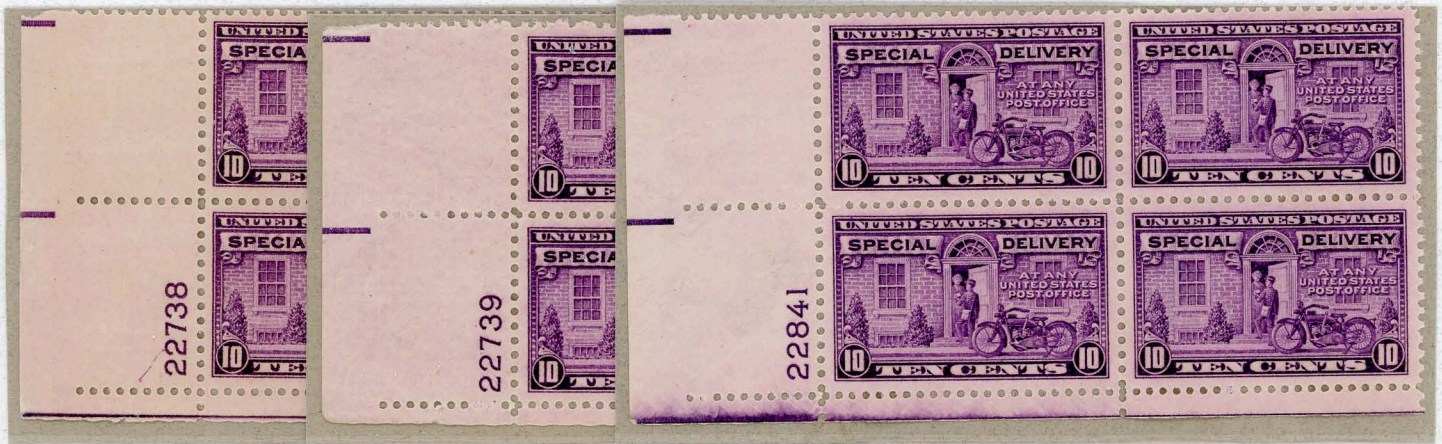
Misperforation



Paste-up using transparent adhesive tape

Electric Eye Printing of September 8, 1941

Printing of horizontal or vertical gutter and frame bars in the sheet selvage provided guides for the perforating machine. Six plate numbers were used to print Special Delivery issues.

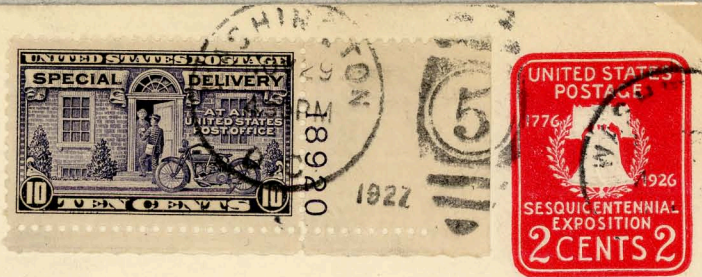
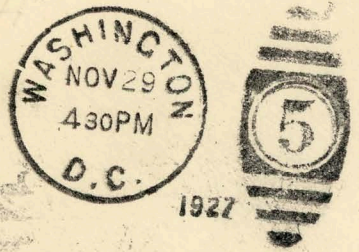
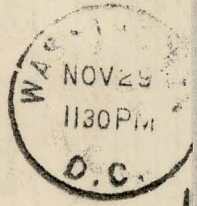
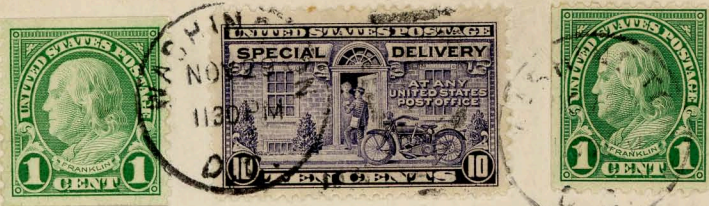


First Day of Issue for electric eye plate usage
Washington, D.C. to Albany, N.Y., September 8, 1941

Official First Day of Issue
November 29, 1927



FIRST DAY ISSUE
ALBERT E. GORHAM



*1st issued by Bureau
in an order about
Nov. 14/27.*

"1st issued by Bureau in an
order about Nov. 14/27."

Script text on rear of cover

*1st day at agency
no official day set*

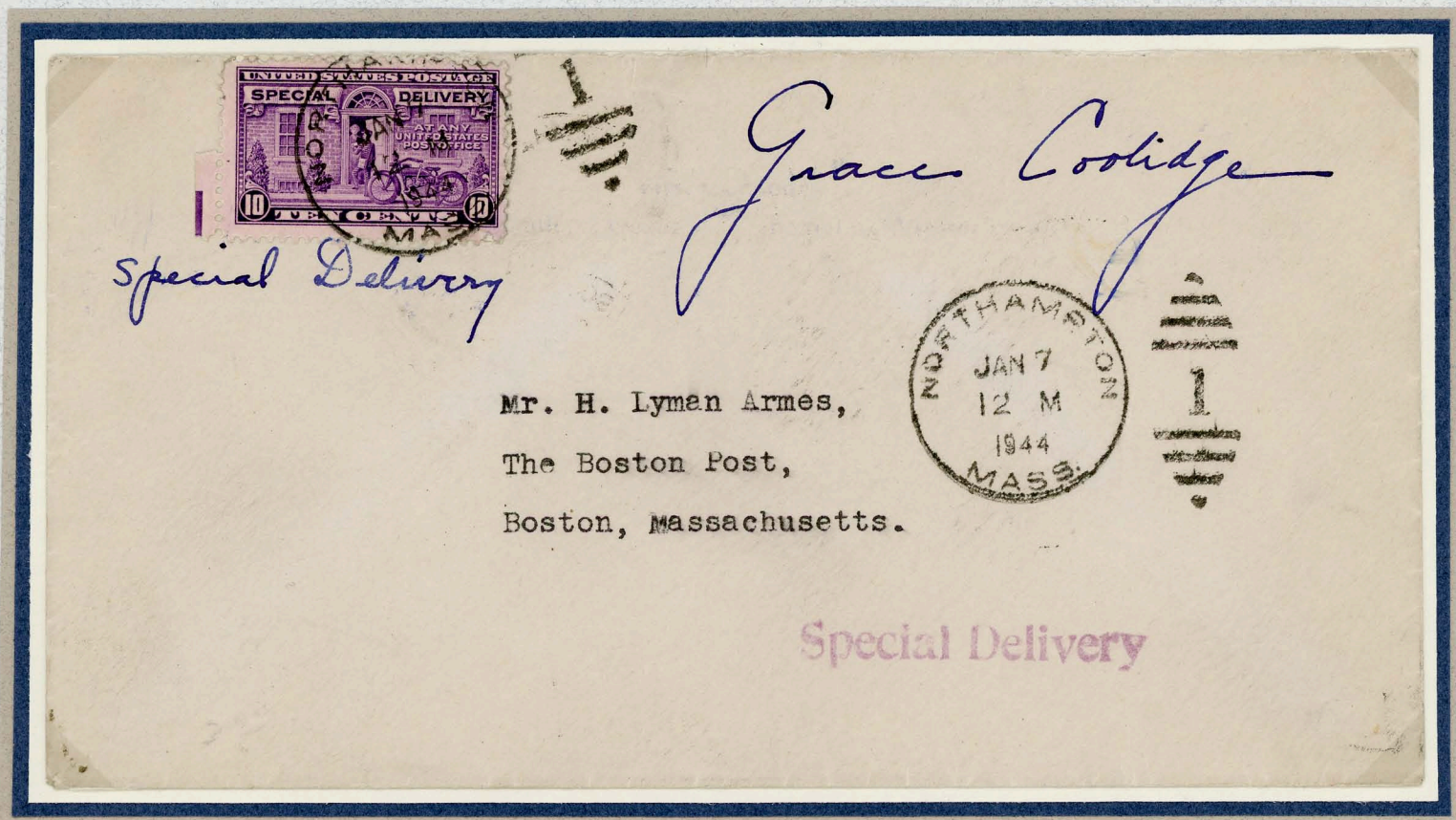
*Mr. Wm. O. Siebold
69 New York Ave. N.E.
Washington D.C.*

Official First Day of Issue, November 29, 1927

Presidential Widow Usage



Free frank by First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson, Special Delivery fee paid by stamp



Free frank by First Lady Grace Coolidge, Special Delivery fee paid by stamp

Rate Change of July 1, 1928
Other than 1st Class Matter greater than 10 pounds

35¢ rate for
 >10lbs.
 folded parcel
 label used
 multiple times

SPECIAL DELIVERY
INSURED
 PARCEL POST NO. 1
 JAN 11 1945
 PHILA., PA. (W.P. Parcel)
 PHILA., PA.
 WILLIAM L. LUMEX
 PHILA., PA.
 JAN 11 1945

SPECIAL DELIVERY
 PHILADELPHIA, PA.
 JAN 11 1945
 1 20 AM

SPECIAL DELIVERY
 PHILA., PA.
 JAN 11 1945
 6 1 8 AM
 MAIL DIV.

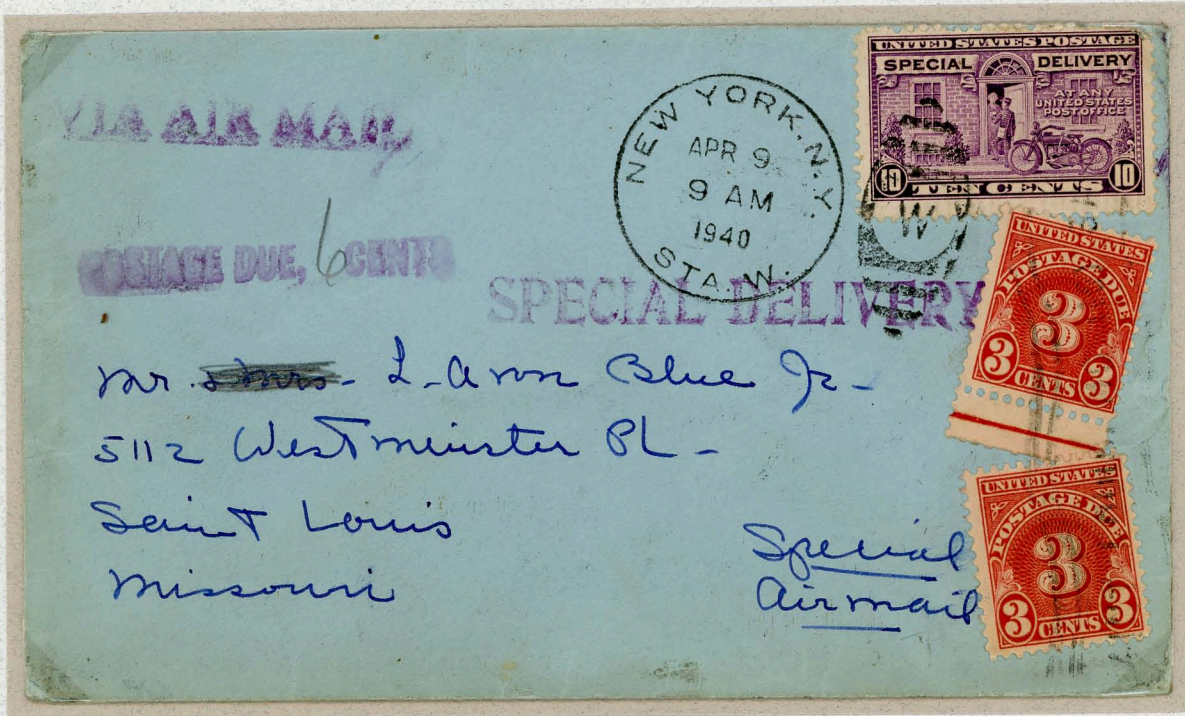


SPECIAL DELIVERY
INSURED
FEE PAID, 35 CENTS
 PHILADELPHIA, PA.
 FEB 11 1945

SPECIAL DELIVERY
FEE PAID, 35 CENTS
 Miss G. E. Reed
 1912 Spruce St
 Philadelphia Pa
 19103



First Class Postage Unpaid



Shortpaid airmail rate

Local Service



Special Delivery service within Saint Louis, October 9, 1942

Domestic Forwarding



Local delivery San Diego to Camp Callan, San Diego, Ca., 1942
Initial fee claim marking obliterated and forwarded to Ft. Monroe, Va.
without second fee charged since timely notice of change of address had been filed
Handstamp "FORWARDED--FEE NOT CLAIMED"

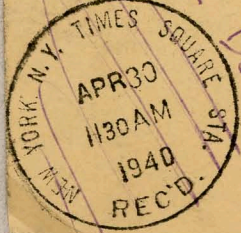
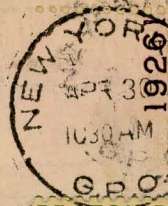


Examples of Special Delivery service attempted and forwarded via Special Delivery
with a second Special Delivery stamp added to pay for new delivery attempt

John Tabor
M. C.

*K. Weiss
216 River Street
HOBOKEN.
N.J.*

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

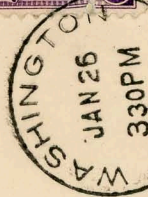


SPECIAL DELIVERY

*Ma Frederick H
DIETZ*

*Room 30
135 West 42 nd Street
N.Y.C.*

Local postal card use
within New York City
April 30, 1940



SPECIAL DELIVERY 1933

Mr. J. E. Kelley
Crouse and Pope Foundry Corp.,
Auburn, N.Y.

SEE CLAIMED BY OFFICE
FIRST ADDRESS

Washington, D.C. to Auburn, N.Y.
Congressional usage
January 26, 1933

Free frank did not include
Special Delivery fee

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—FREE

Domestic Airmail Service

From
R.A. Wells
R.R. No. 6,
Xenia, Ohio.



David DeVore
704 W2 nd ST.
Ft. Worth
Tex.



Xenia, Oh. to Ft. Worth, Tx., August 22, 1931
Airmail rate 5¢, Special Delivery fee 10¢

Forwarding of Damaged Mail

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
WARREN, OHIO.
POST OFFICE,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
(97)

Special Delivery

In Air Mail

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

In Air Mail

WARREN
SEP 23
5 30 P M
OHIO 1930



*The Night
Progress Director*

NATIONAL RADIO ADVERTISING, INC.
410 NORTH MICHIGAN AVE.
CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILL.
SEP 20
3 30 P M
AIR MAIL
1930



DAMAGED IN PLANE
AT WARREN, OHIO, 9-21-30

Program Director,
Radio Station WLIT,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Chicago, Ill. to Philadelphia, Pa., September 20, 1930; "DAMAGED IN PLANE FIRE at Warren, Ohio, 9-21-30"
Forwarded via Special Delivery from Post Office of Warren, Oh. to Philadelphia, Pa., September 23, 1930

Undeliverable



San Francisco, Ca. to Kansas City, Mo., November 22, 1936
 Delivery attempted at general delivery, "Not claimed at general delivery", directory search performed
 Addressee unknown "Not in Directory", "RETURNED TO WRITER Cannot be found at KANSAS CITY, MO."

Fee Reverted

Return in Five days to *over*

The Columbus Dispatch
 READER SERVICE DEPARTMENT
 34 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio
 The Columbus Dispatch Insurance
 Protects the Family

DISPATCH INDUSTRIAL TRAVEL-ACCIDENT POLICY	PROVIDES PROTECTION for the insured while at HOME—at WORK and while TRAVELING. Issued to Dispatch subscribers and members of their families between the ages of 16 and 69 years inclusive, living in the same house.	\$1,000.00 POLICY for \$1.50 a year
DISPATCH TRAVEL ACCIDENT POLICY	PROVIDES PROTECTION for the insured while walking or standing on the public highway, driving or riding in a public or private conveyance. Issued to Dispatch subscribers and members of their families between the ages of 16 and 69 years inclusive, living in the same house.	\$1,000.00 POLICY for 75¢ a year
DISPATCH SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACCIDENT POLICY	PROVIDES PROTECTION for your children while they are HOME, going to school and from school, and while they are at play. Issued for children 6 to 15 years of age inclusive.	\$1,000.00 POLICY for 50¢ a year

Box

Maurice Gould Brighton Mass.

SEE REVERTED

No Physical Examination Required. Policy increases 10% in value each year up to and including 5th year it is in force.
 All Claims Adjusted and Paid Through the Dispatch
 Every Policy Is Backed By OHIO'S
GREATEST HOME DAILY

OHIO 1944

Columbus, Oh. to Brighton, Ma., December 16, 1944
 Source and purpose of "Fee Reverted" marking unknown

Official Mail Service

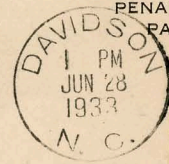
WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS R. O. T. C.
DAVIDSON COLLEGE
DAVIDSON, N. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Not Claimed by Office
Return Address*

COMMANDING OFFICER
PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
21st & JOHNSTON STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA

(SPECIAL DELIVERY)



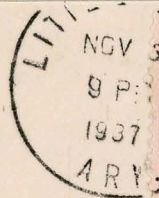
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.00



Penalty imprint paid first class postage, Special Delivery fees paid by stamp

**SPECIAL
C**

MR. S. L. BRYAN,
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICIAN,
519 FEDERAL BUILDING,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.



SPECIAL DELIVERY AIR MAIL

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Official Business

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300



Crop Reporting Board,

U. S. Department of Agriculture,

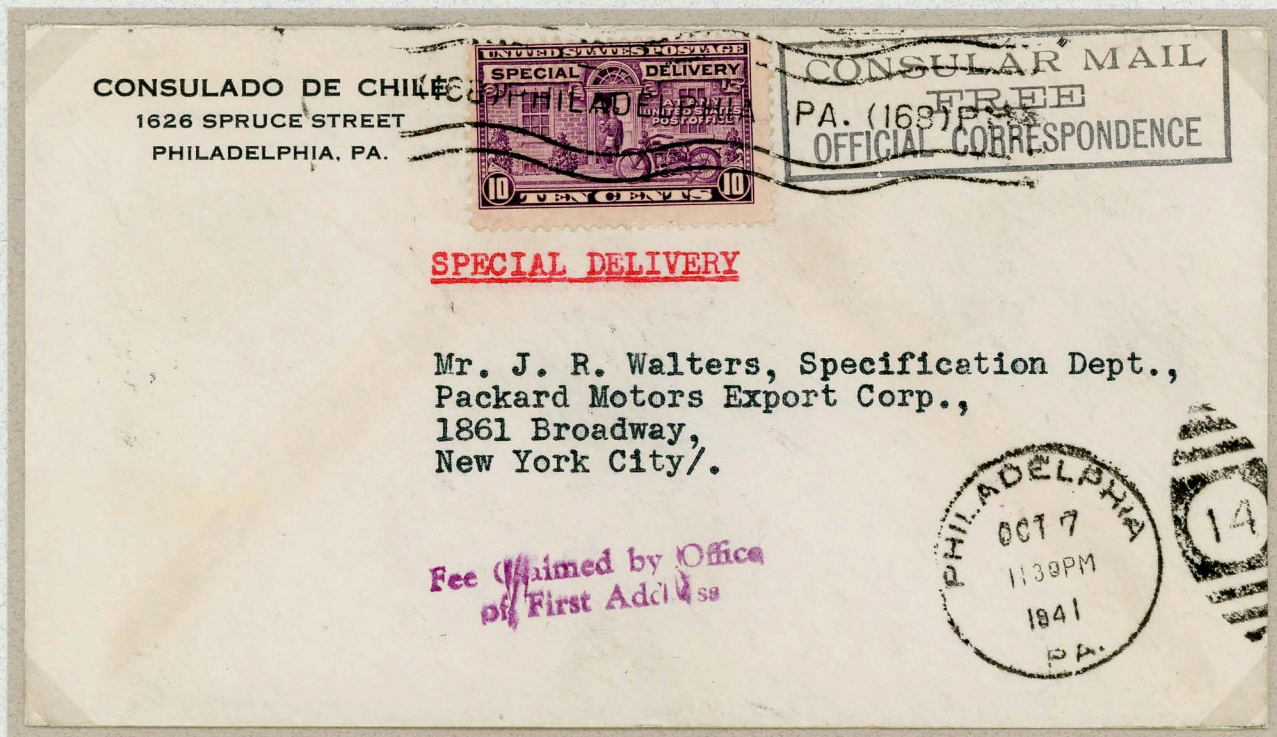
Washington, D. C.

EXPEDITE

121.00

Penalty imprint paid first class postage, Special Delivery and airmail service fees paid by stamps

Diplomatic Service



Chilean consul in Philadelphia to New York City, N.Y., handstamp paid first class postage
Special Delivery fee not included in free services and paid by stamp



Official service mail of Pan American Union, penalty indicia paid first class postge, Special Delivery fee paid by stamp

Territorial Origin

Military Usage



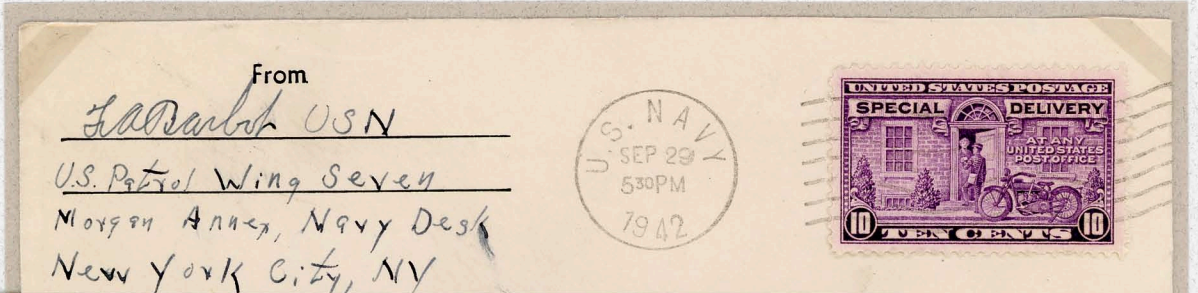
Shortpaid airmail rate



Unusual 'Handed to Carrier to Expedite Delivery' handstamp

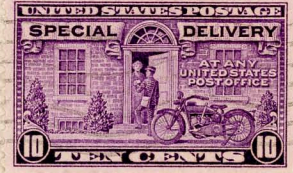
Military Origin

New York local delivery
Military postage free
Special Delivery fee
not included



From
Sarah USN
U.S. Patrol Wing Seven
Morgan Annex, Navy Desk
New York City, NY

U.S. NAVY
SEP 29
5:30 PM
7942



Mrs William Baughard
530 Chestnut Ave,
Long Beach, Calif.

Special Delivery

Via Air Mail

Fee Claimed by Office
of First Address

AIR MAIL FIELD
SEP 24
1934
930P
FORT WORTH

ET
CLYN, N. Y.

U.S.S. Portland
(in New Orleans, La.)
to Long Beach, Ca.
September 24, 1934



FROM H.M. SHIP
PASSED BY CENSOR
JUL 16 1941
SIGNATURE DATE

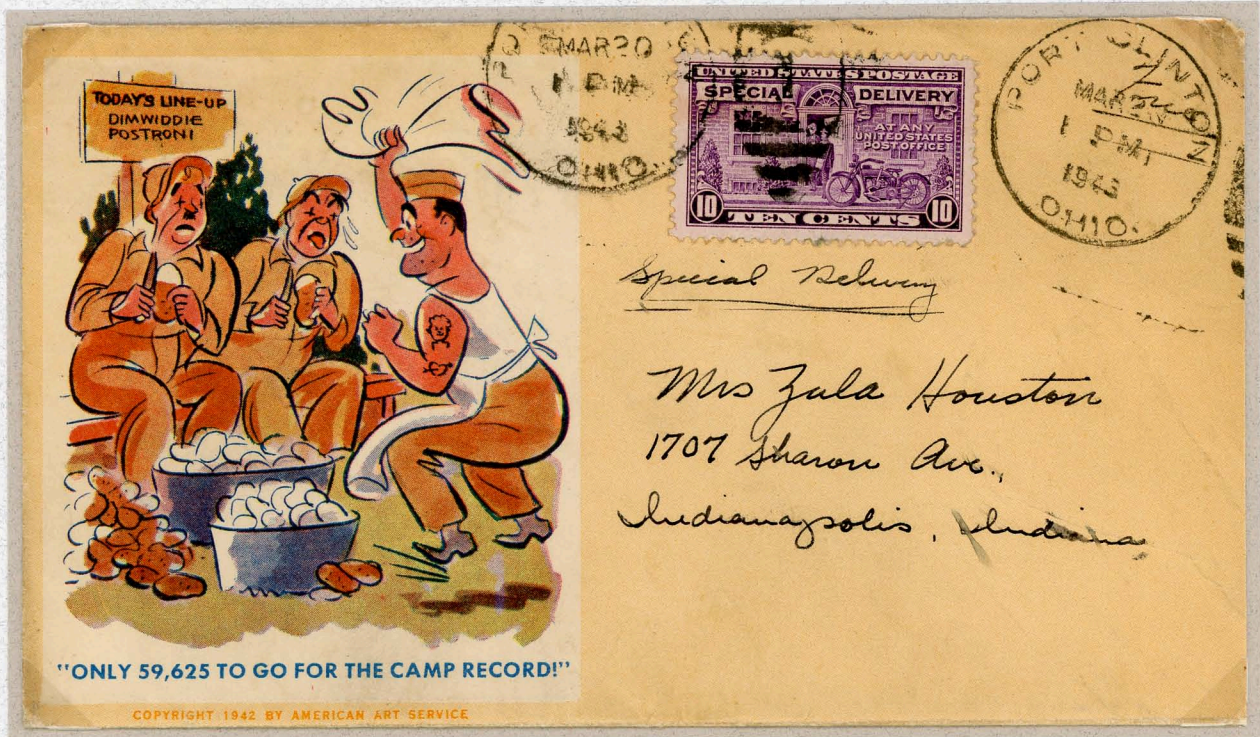
MARE ISLAND
JUL 17 1941
1 PM
CALIF.

Dencques
2221 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley
California

Urgent

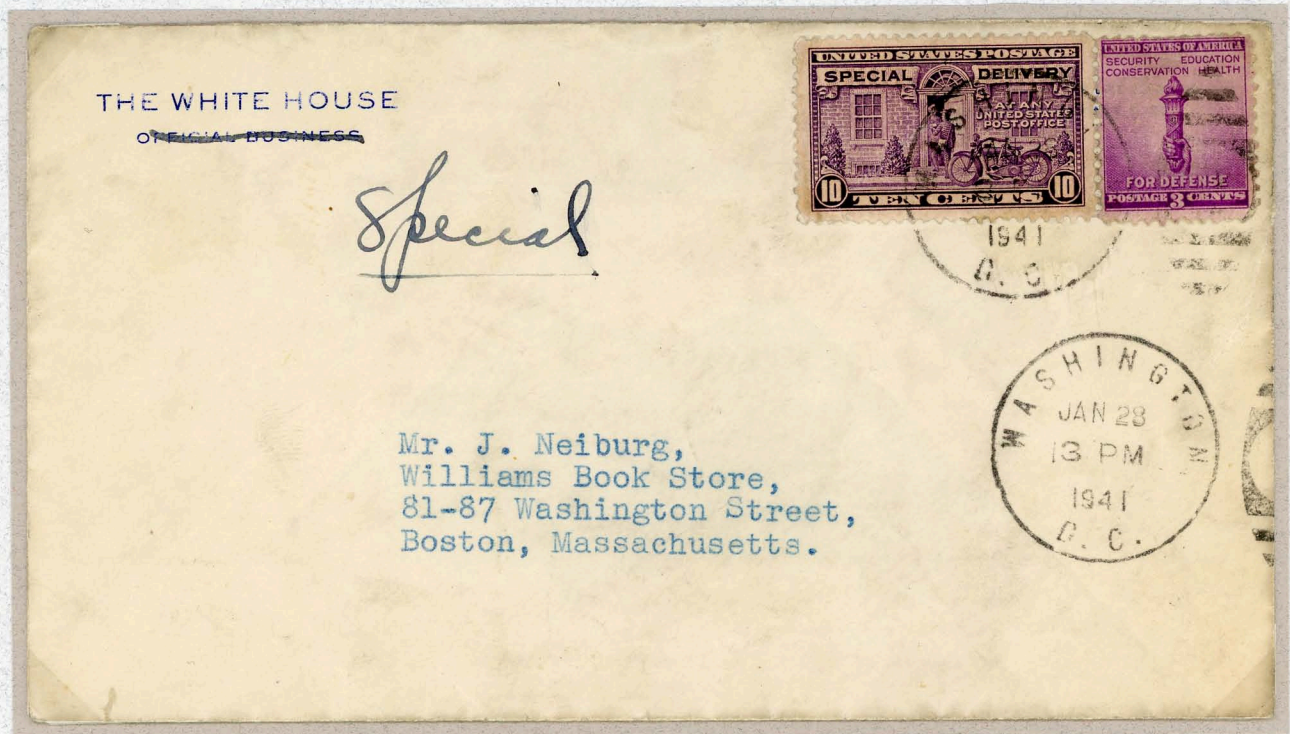
British Navy ship via Mare Island naval base to Berkeley, Ca., July 16, 1941 (British censor mark)
U.S. domestic postage and Special Delivery fee paid at Mare Island post office

Soldier's 'Free' Mail



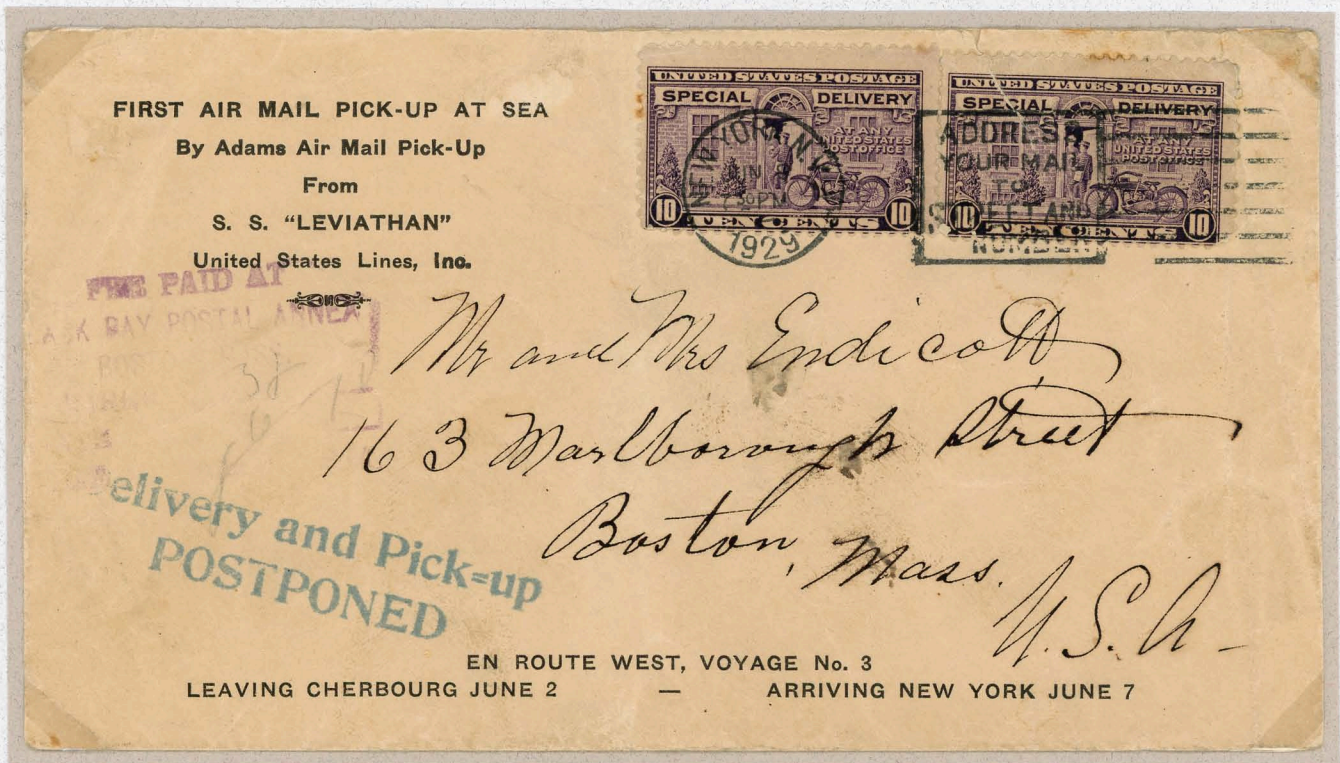
Postage paid by 'Free' manuscript, Special Delivery fee paid by stamp

White House Stationery



Privately used (Official Business notice struck through)

Ship to Shore Service



Cherbourg, France to Boston, Ma. via S.S. Leviathan
 Ship arrived late although scheduled in New York on June 7, 1929
 New York, N.Y. machine cancel dated June 8, 1929, handstamp indicates "Delivery and Pick-up POSTPONED"



Posted onboard S.S. Bremen, outbound from New York, N.Y., February 1, 1930
 Forwarded via airmail (Berlin C2 rectangular marking)
 Domestic airmail and foreign surface rate 8¢, foreign airmail surcharge 3¢, foreign Special Delivery fee 20¢

Foreign Origin
U.S. Offices Abroad



Cristobal, Canal Zone to Territory of Hawaii, September 8, 1934



Censored, General Delivery receiving backstamp, November 20, 1942

Foreign Origin



Mexico City, Mexico to San Antonio Tx., May 2, 1938
Special Delivery stamp canceled in San Antonio, Tx.



Sao Paulo, Brazil to Chicago, Il., April 19, 1934
Special Delivery stamp applied in Brazil to ensure immediate delivery on arrival in USA

Foreign Origin



Vienna, Austria to Los Angeles, Ca. via paquebot, December 9, 1930
Stamps applied in Vienna



London, England to West Orange, N.J., March 4, 1934
Letter forwarded by recipient and stamp added in New York to
"S.S. Majestic, Pier at West 18th Street, New York"

Foreign Origin



Barcelona, Spain to Moorestown, N.J., January 19, 1936
Special Delivery stamp added in Moorestown, no indication service was given



Kassel, Germany to Beloit, Wi., November 15, 1940
Special Delivery stamp added in Beloit to speed delivery in Chicago, Ill.

Foreign Origin



Mailed onboard the ship 'Conte di Savoia', May 11, 1935
 Received in New York May 23, 1935, assessed 10¢ Special Delivery fee, stamp added
 Cover offered, but not delivered due to 'Moved', forwarded to 538 66th Street



Montego Bay, Jamaica to New York, N.Y., February 24, 1941

Foreign Origin
U.S. Office Abroad

Port-au-Prince, Haiti
to New York, N.Y.
March 29, 1932

U.S. Marine Corps
Brigade Signal Co, 1st Brgd



Cape Haitien, Haiti to Philadelphia, Pa.
December 27, 1927

U.S. Marine Corps

Philadelphia receiving backstamp,
January 17, 1928, 7:30P.M. on reverse



Navy Department
Brigade Signal Co., 1st-Brigade,
U. S. M. C., Port-au-Prince,
H. I.

Re Claimed by Office
of First Address

627 Fairmount Ave
Philadelphia Pa

Foreign Origin
U.S. Office Abroad



U.S. Army postal service APO 339 (Maastricht, Holland) to Roselle, Il., December 20, 1944
Roselle, Il. receiving backstamp, December 30, 1944



U.S.S. Quincy to Toms River, N.J., August 2, 1936
In Marseilles, France - Location is between cancel killer bars

Foreign Destination

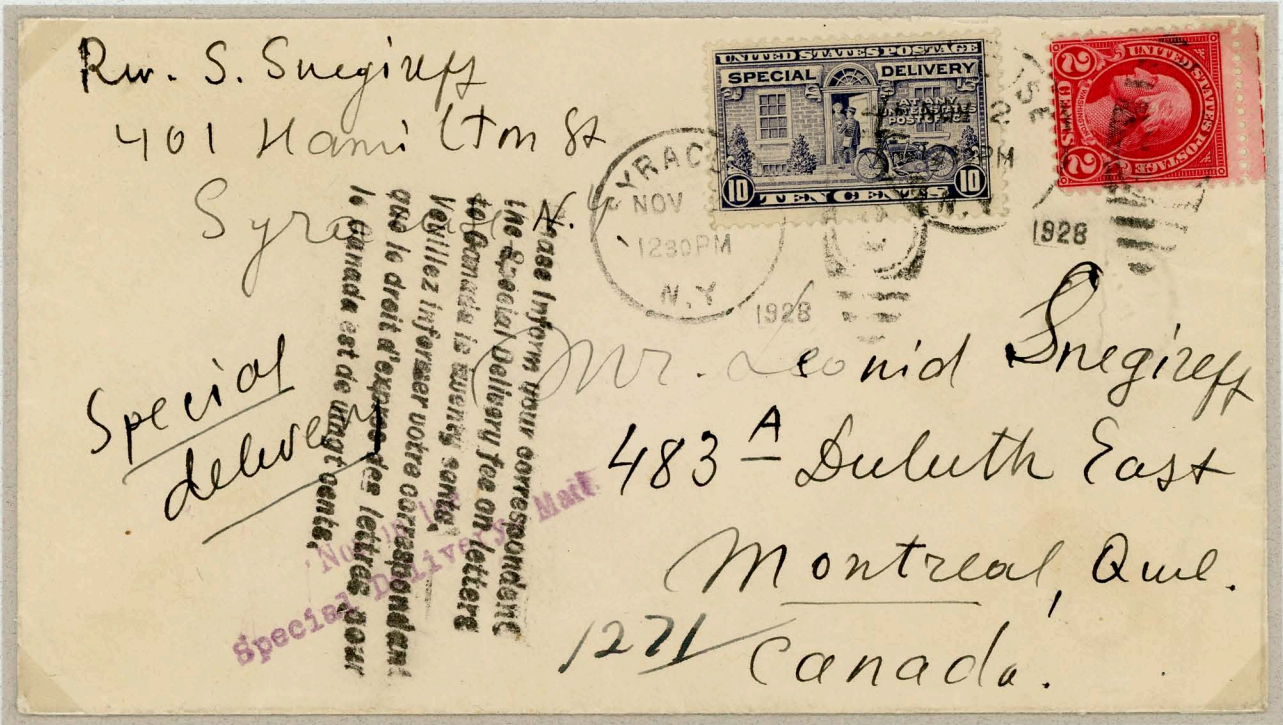


Baltimore, Md. to Vienna, Austria, March 21, 1933
Foreign letter rate 5¢, foreign Special Delivery fee 20¢

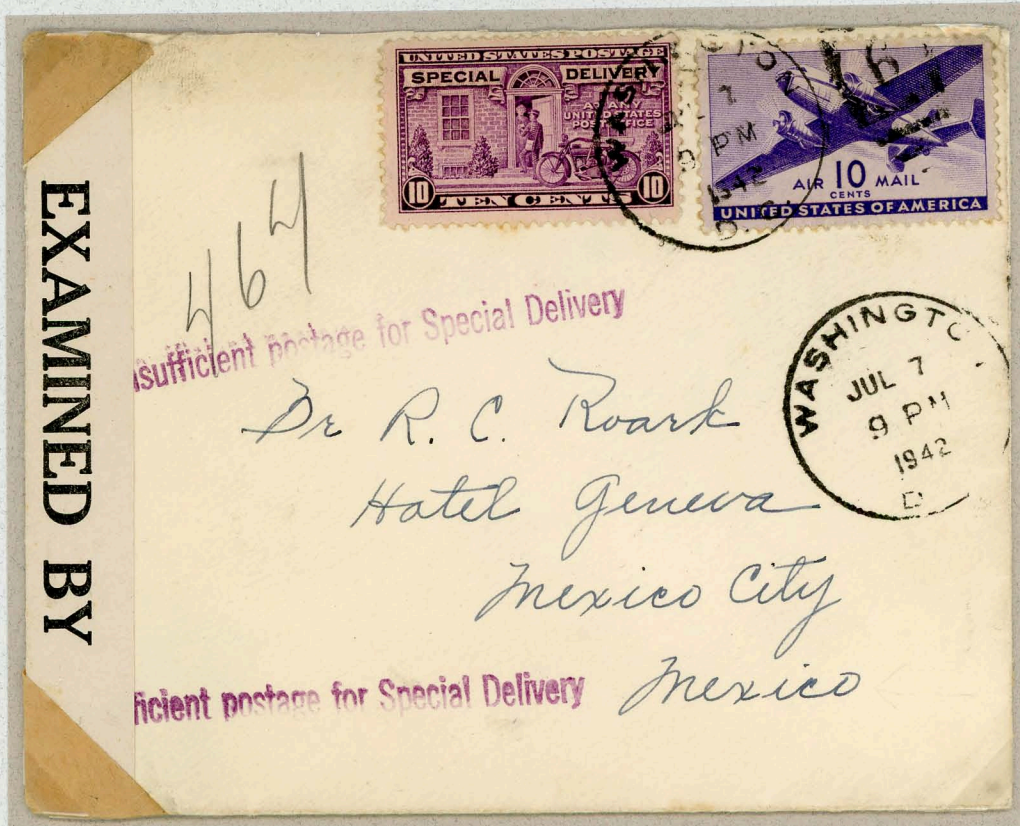


Greenwich, Ct. to Lugano, Switzerland, May 11, 1932
Foreign letter rate 5¢, registration fee 15¢, foreign Special Delivery fee 20¢

Foreign Destination



'Not in Special Delivery Mail' handstamp indicated service denied
Notice indicates 'Special Delivery fee on letters to Canada is twenty cents'



Insufficient prepaid postage to include Special Delivery fee

Foreign Destination



Haverhill, Ma. to Ilford, England, May 7, 1935 via S.S. Bremen
Foreign letter rate 5¢, foreign Special Delivery fee 20¢

Domestic and Foreign Special Delivery on Same Letter

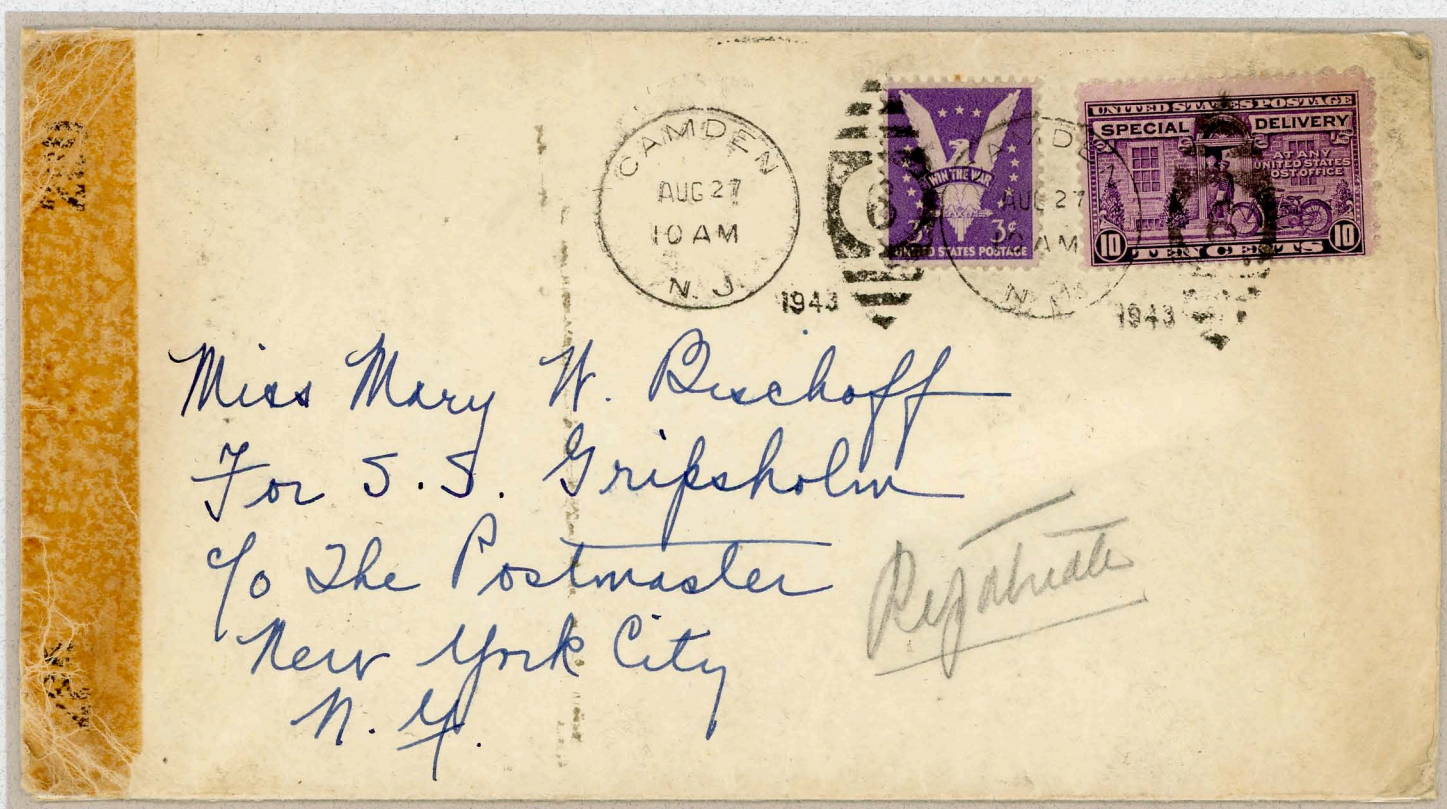


Pittsburgh, Pa. to London, England, October 16, 1936 via S.S. Europa
Domestic airmail to ship 6¢, Special Delivery fee 10¢
Foreign letter rate 5¢, foreign Special Delivery fee 20¢

Unusual Destinations



Addressed to Bruno Hauptmann (convicted kidnapper of Charles Lindberg's son)
Rear text: "Howdy Bruno! It's remarkable to know how you've kept your head up during your very exciting trial! Hope you succeed in your effort for an appeal - Please answer this card if possible."

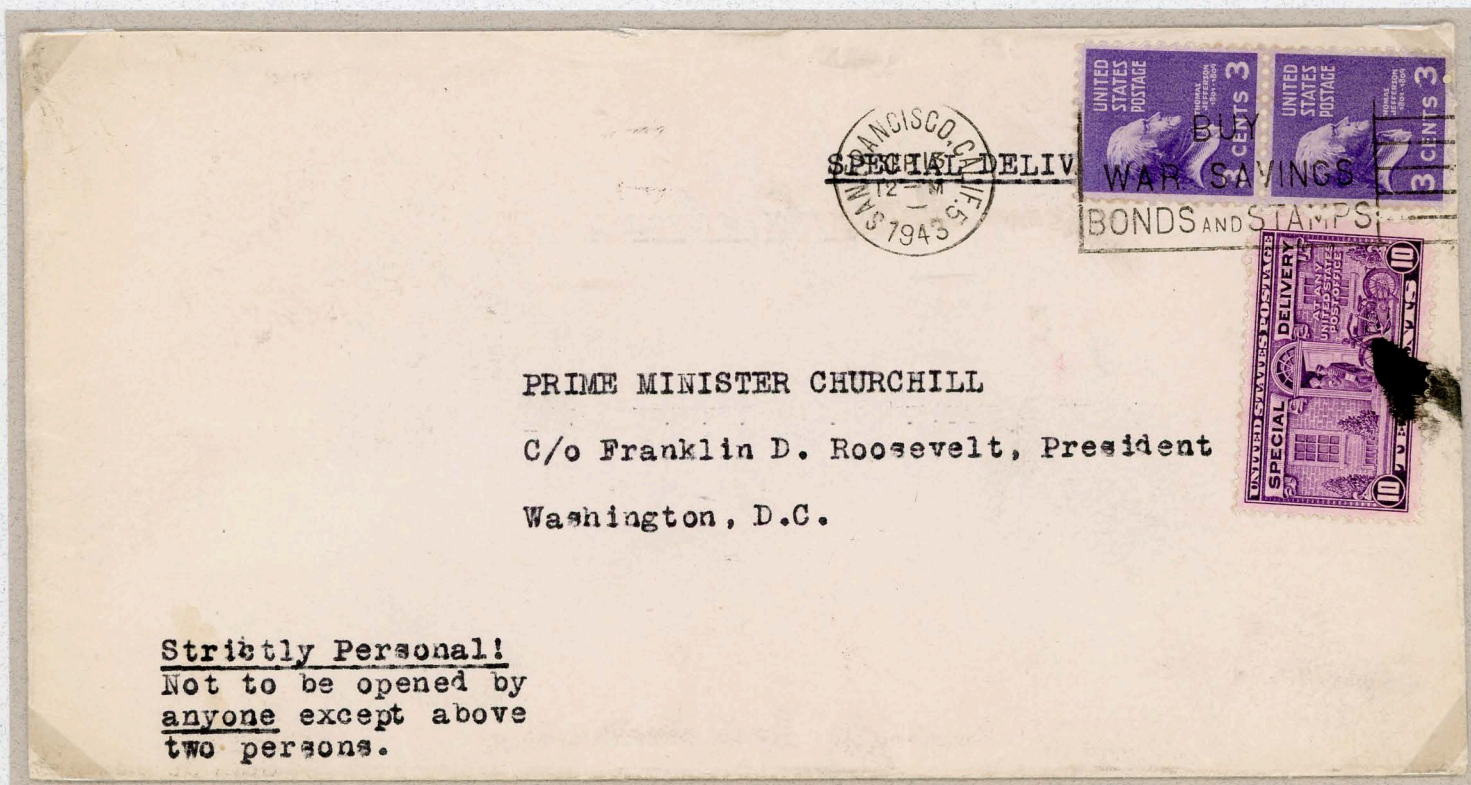


Delivered to ship and censored

Unusual Destinations



Beaver Falls, Pa. to Castle Enzesfeld, Austria, December 18, 1936
 Foreign airmail rate 8¢, foreign Special Delivery fee 20¢
 Addressed to Mr. Edward David Windsor - "Ex-King of England"



San Francisco, Ca. to Washington, D.C., September 13, 1943
 Domestic airmail rate 6¢, Special Delivery fee 10¢
 Addressed to Prime Minister Winston Churchill care of F.D.R. as Churchill was often a guest at the White House