

REBELLION

Fourteen 5¢ Prexies paid the 70¢ per half ounce Trans-Pacific air mail rate in effect July 1940 thru the beginning of World War II.

Backstamps show a four-week delay in delivery caused by the fundamentalist Ali Rashid rebellion against British authority of 1941.



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A CENSOR B

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IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT DESPATCH AGENCY

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

W. M. ...

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Three 10c Prexies prepaid the 30c per half ounce air mail rate on this August 29th, 1939 cover addressed to the Slesko region of Czechoslovakia on the border with Poland. On September 1, 1939, German forces invaded Poland thru the Slesko region and Great Britain declared war. This letter in transit was seized by the British and returned to sender.

International Air Mail

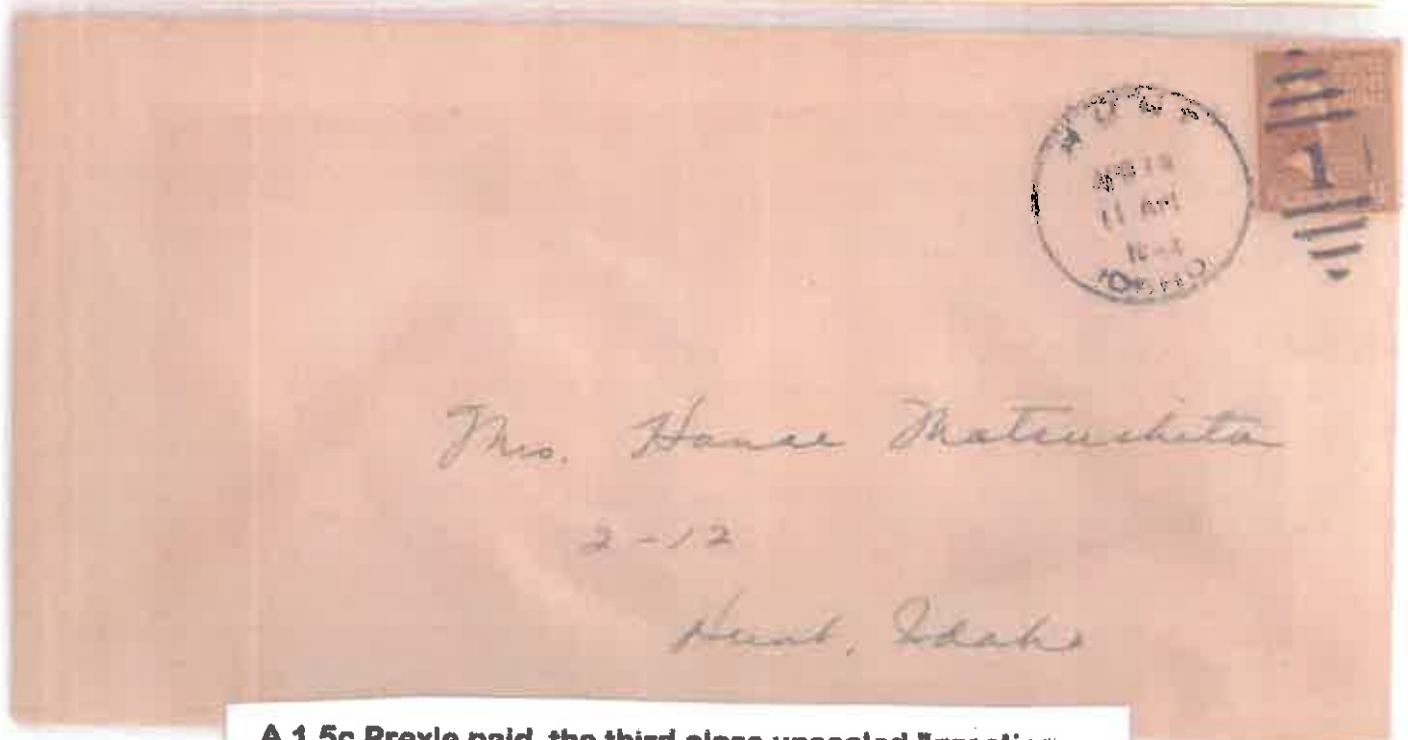
Six 10¢ Postals paid twice the air mail rate of 30¢ per 1/2 ounce on This censored cover mailed December 1, 1941, to Germany. It contained a copy of a Cuban exit visa for two Jewish women via Lisbon. The item was returned



In February 1942, President Roosevelt, bowing to political pressure, authorized the forced relocation and incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry who lived on the Pacific Coast to Governmental internment camps throughout the Interior West.



A 3c Prexie paid the first class letter rate to mail this 1944 cover from a resident of the Topaz (UT) Internment Camp to another resident housed in the Heart Mountain (WY) Internment Camp.



A 1.5c Prexie paid the third class unsealed "greeting card" rate on this April 1944 cover mailed from and to the Minidoka Internment Center in Hunt, ID which once housed 9000 Japanese internees during World War II.

CASUALTY OF WAR

This double-weight surface envelope was mailed on December 15, 1939 addressed to the Captain of the SS Panachrandos c/o The Furness Shipping Company in Belgium.

Censored and received January 26, 1940, by the shipping office and returned March 6, 1940. On January 16, 1940 the unescorted freighter was hit by a torpedo from a German U-Boat (U-44) west of Brest France and sank in three minutes with the loss of all 31 on board.



A MISSIONARY'S TALE



A 5c Praxie paid the international surface fee on this November 1941 cover to a US missionary in Japanese-occupied China. While enroute, war was declared against Japan and mail service was suspended. Unbeknownst to the writer, the addressee, Missionary Alice Huggins had been arrested by Japanese authorities as an enemy agent.



From 1942 thru 1945, the Swedish ocean liner the MS Grijsholm was chartered by the International Red Cross to make humanitarian voyages to repatriate P.O.W.'s and Civilian internees from Asia. The 5c Praxie paid the international surface rate to bring this cover to the newly-freed Missionary.

3c JEFFERSON



As a tragic reminder of war, this cover stamped with a pair of 3c Prexies taken from a booklet pane, paying the 3c WWII military air mail rate (in effect December 1941 thru September 1946) was returned after multiple forwarding because the addressee had been killed.

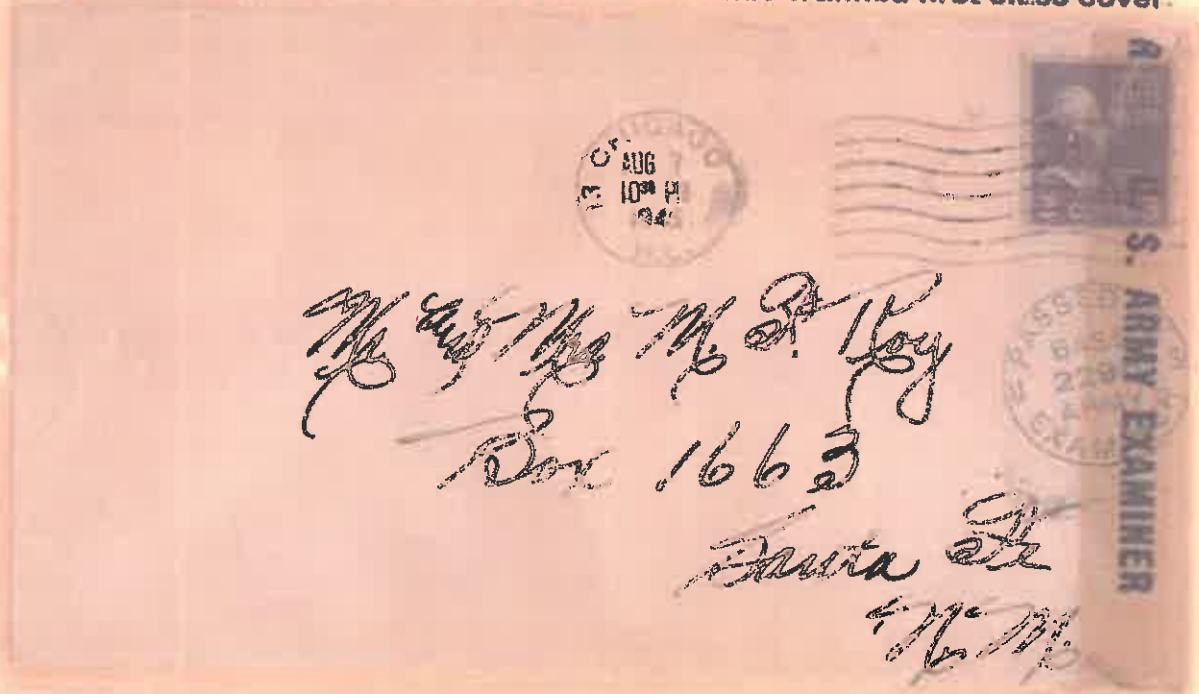


Two 3c Prexies prepaid the May 1951 domestic air mail letter to a soldier in Korea. This cover was marked "Missing in Action" but Private First Class Tutino was later found as a Prisoner of War.

"UNDERCOVER" ADDRESSES



In order to maintain secrecy of the development of the atomic bomb, mail to the Manhattan Project's principle laboratory at Los Alamos, N.M., was funneled through a number of Santa Fe, NM post office boxes. One such, P.O. Box 180, set up for military staff, as seen on this 1945 Prexie-franked first class cover.



P.O. Box 1663 was established for scientists. This cover was addressed to the Assistant Director of Plutonium Bomb Implosion Research and his wife. Note the August 7, 1945 postmark - One day after the Hiroshima atomic bomb drop and two days before the destruction of Nagasaki.

CENSORSHIP

Three Prexies with perfins paid the 5c per ounce UPU surface rate on this May 1945 cover to Sweden, chemically censored with acid to uncover possible secret messages.

Chemicals were used to detect invisible inks (lemon juice, vinegar and urine) which could be made visible thru heating or brushing with chemicals.

Each color streak used inside the cover represents a separate agent used to try to identify any invisible writing.



Inside of envelope showing evidence of acid testing



**PRISONERS
OF WAR**



B. O. SOUTH
117 Larkin Street
San Francisco 2
California



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*Mrs Roger Ray
P.O. Box 251
Coolidge,
Arizona*

Postmaster: Contents—Recorded Voice
from Prisoner of War in Japan.
Please **HAND CANCEL**

A 6c Prexie prepaid two times the 3c first class domestic surface rate on this 1945 packet prepared by California short-wave operators, who received and recorded a Tokyo broadcast announcing the capture of American flyers. In this case it was an American from Arizona and the recording was sent to his mother.