

Auxiliary Markings On United Nations New York FDCs Sent To Domestic United States Addresses.

Purpose/Scope: This exhibit will show First Day Covers (FDCs) from the United Nations New York (UNNY) office commercially sent through the mail to domestic United States addresses and will showcase the auxiliary markings. These auxiliary (instructional, supplementary) markings applied by manuscript, hand-stamp, machine, were applied to covers indicating that the covers were given special attention due to some special circumstance.

* Some covers were originally sent to domestic U.S. addresses and forwarded to non U.S. addresses but because they were originally sent to domestic U.S. addresses , they are included.

Exhibit Plan:

1. Sending Post Office Markings.
2. Delays in Transit
3. Receiving Post Office Markings
4. Postage Due
5. Forwarded
6. Return to Sender
7. Address Incorrect

Treatment: This exhibit is organized chronologically according to the progress of the FDC through the mail-stream. Meaning when it was cancelled and added to the mail-stream to when it reaches the addressee or needs to be returned.

Personal Study and Research: I have been collecting UNNY postal history for around 10 years and have also collected auxiliary markings (U.S. and UNNY) for the same amount of time. I have been a member of the UNPI (United Nations Philatelists International) for 15+ years and AMC (Auxiliary Markings Club) for 5+ years. I have read hundreds of UNNY articles and Auxiliary Markings articles but there are not too many dealing with both. I spoke for an hour at one of the Philatelic Group of Boston's monthly meetings about this subject and have started to write some articles but have not published any.

Rarity: Rarity for auxiliary markings is difficult to quantify due to there are thousands and thousands of auxiliary markings and there is no definitive catalog.

As for auxiliary markings on UNNY FDCs, I can describe to you what has crossed my path. I have purchased over 10,000 UNNY FDCs by buying very large collections of UNNY FDCs and commercial covers on eBay and Delcampe and then pulling out the better commercial covers and FDCs with auxiliary markings. I have 5 different UNNY cover "collections" and a few exhibits and I am constantly checking auctions online and at shows (I attend 3-5 WSP shows + local shows a year) looking for items. I spend a few hours every week looking through the newly added items on eBay. I currently have less than 100 UNNY FDCs with auxiliaries in my collection. I only see one new one a month and usually it is a "duplicate" of what I already have. My greatest purchase was when I purchased John Hotchner's collection of UNNY covers (FDCs and commercials) with auxiliary markings. I believe that I bought everything except the two UNNY FDCs which ended up being on a flight which crashed so they ended up being crash covers. These are currently in one of John's exhibits "Interrupted Mail" and are not on the market.

Condition: Seeing that these FDCs went through the mail and something "happened" to them (Forwarded, Return to Sender, Missent, ..) and they went through multiple hands, some wear and tear is expected.

References:

I have only written a few articles on auxiliary markings on covers with anti-malaria stamps on them for the Malaria Philatelist International (MPI). The article below is relevant and the 2nd cover in the article will be in the exhibit:
<http://www.malariastamps.com/mpi/malaria-stamps-club-article-un-gro-license-not-required.asp>

The second article discusses "Received Unsealed" markings and is also relevant:
<http://www.malariastamps.com/mpi/malaria-stamps-club-us-auxiliary-markings-unsealed.asp>