

**The American Civil War 1861-1865:  
Background, Course of Events and Aftermath**

*An introduction to the Civil War illustrated by thematic philately.*

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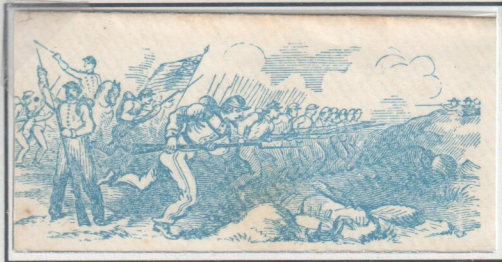
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# THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR 1861-1865 - background, course of events and aftermath

## Seat of War Military Map



Union label showing both flags



Battle scen on a patriotic cover



This thematic collection is an introduction to the American Civil War. Postal materials often excellently illustrate conflicts. By political and military reasons there are improvisations in the services, special rules, new routes and not least an increase of correspondence and afterwards thematic cancels and traditions to celebrate by stamps. The plan gives a timetable for the political events precluding the war but the main purpose is the military aspects of the war. Mobilisation, strategy, organizing of supplies and transports and how it military developed. The aftermath is also given a short view.

The first "modern war" depending on railroads, telegraph and new technologies. First fought in an old fashion but the importance of protection led to developing into a trench warfare. A most costly war, more than 700.000 soldiers were killed in action, died by wounds or by diseases.

Initially a war to save the Union versus the right to secede, but to abolish slavery became an important factor. Slaves used by the seceded states in the war were seen as contraband (property for warfare) and confiscated by the Union. By the Emancipation Declaration they were declared free in states still in rebellion. By an Amendment to the Constitution 1865 ratified after the war, slavery was declared illegal.

## 1 PLAN

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## 2 POLITICAL TENSION

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### .1 The Constitution of the United States

...by the Constitution of 1787 rules for States Right vs. Union was regulated.

### .2 Slavery and expansion 1820-1860

...slavery in new territories became an important political question.

### .3 Lincoln's election 1860

...the Republican party nominated Abraham Lincoln but the Democrats nominated two candidates.

## 3 SECESSION

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### .1 Independent States 1860-61

...with Lincoln elected South Carolina as the first state declared independence.

### .2 Confederate States of America 1861-1865

...February 4 1861, a Provisional Confederate Government was established.

### .3 Declaration of war 1861

...state units occupied Union arms depots and April 12th 1861 did Confederate forces open fire.

### .4 Border states 1861

... the outbreak of war forced states to take stand for the Confederacy or the Union.

**4 STRATEGY AND RESOURCES FOR WAR**

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**.1 "Anaconda Plan" vs. "King Cotton"**

...enclosure by military blockade vs. foreign recognition and supplies by export of cotton.

**.2 Transports**

...the transport systems by rail and waterways were essential.

**.3 Logistics and arming**

...in a prolonged war raw material, armaments and supplies were needed and ways to finance it.

**.4 Blockade**

...supply bases were secured for the Blockade Squadrons to operate from.

**5 ORGANIZATION OF UNITS AND SUPPORT FORCES**

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**.1 Mustering and training**

...neither side expected a long war and the troops were based on volunteers but later by enlistment .

**.2 Army units and services**

... diversified services and structures for orders were necessary.

**.3 Hospitals and Benevolences**

...the quality of medical treatment was low and pharmacy could not cure infections. Many volunteer organisations worked to improve the conditions.

**.4 Military Prisons**

... at the outbreak of war prisoners were released on parole. Later prisoners-of-war were taken in custody until exchanged.

**6 BATTLES**

**.1 Indecisive battles 1861-62**

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...attempts to break through were stopped and the battles were not decisive, mainly Union victories on the western front and Confederate on the eastern front.

**.2 Turning Points 1863**

...in July 1863 the Union won the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg, followed by Chattanooga.

**.3 Final campaigns 1864-65**

...in spring 1864 the Union forces took the initiative and in April 1865 the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered, soon followed by the other units.

**7 AFTERMATH**

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...soldiers were mustered out, prisoners released. Slavery was prohibited and it was time for political reconstruction and restoring of civil services.

Total 128



**"United we stand divided we fall"**  
Kentucky State motto on a Soldier's letter from Military Hospital 3, Lebanon Ky. 1862.



1787 U. S. Constitution  
 "We the people of the United States of America,  
 in order to form a more perfect Union..."

US #116P4  
 Card Proof



Soldier's letter due 3, 35th Regt. Indiana  
 Vol. Militia, Indianapolis 1861.

The Constitution, rules for the  
 Union vs. States, and division  
 of power in three branches.



The Constitution became valid 1789.  
 Eire commemorating the 150th anniversary.

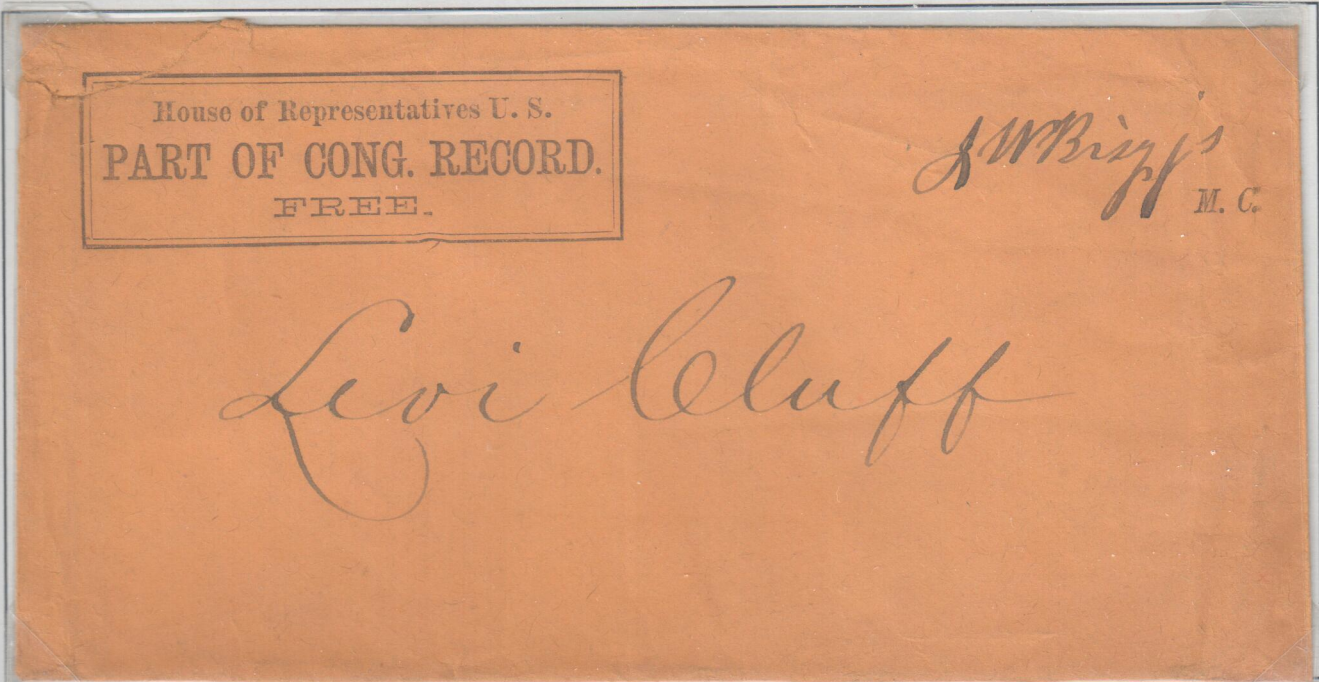
The Representative branch

The Congress

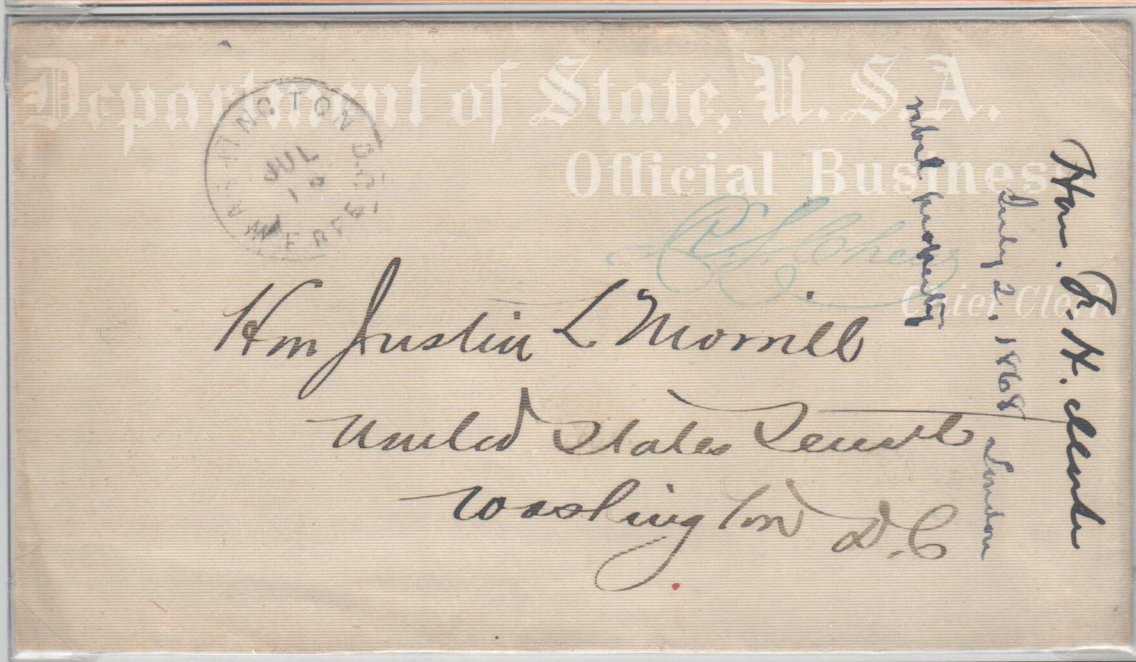


Two senators represented each state, congressmen were in accordance to free men in the State, including three fifths of all other Persons (= slaves).

U. S.. Senate Post Office postmarked Washington D.C. Congress.



Member of Congress. House of Representatives Free frank.

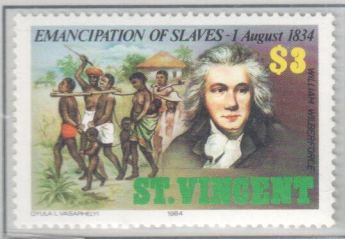


**The Executive branch**  
The President and the administration.

Department of State, Washington D.C. Free, signed R. S. Checy Chief Clerk 1868. (Notation "rebel property".)

**The Judicial branch**  
U.S. Supreme Court postmarked  
U.S. Senate Post Office.





The import of slaves to the British Colonies in America began around 1620.



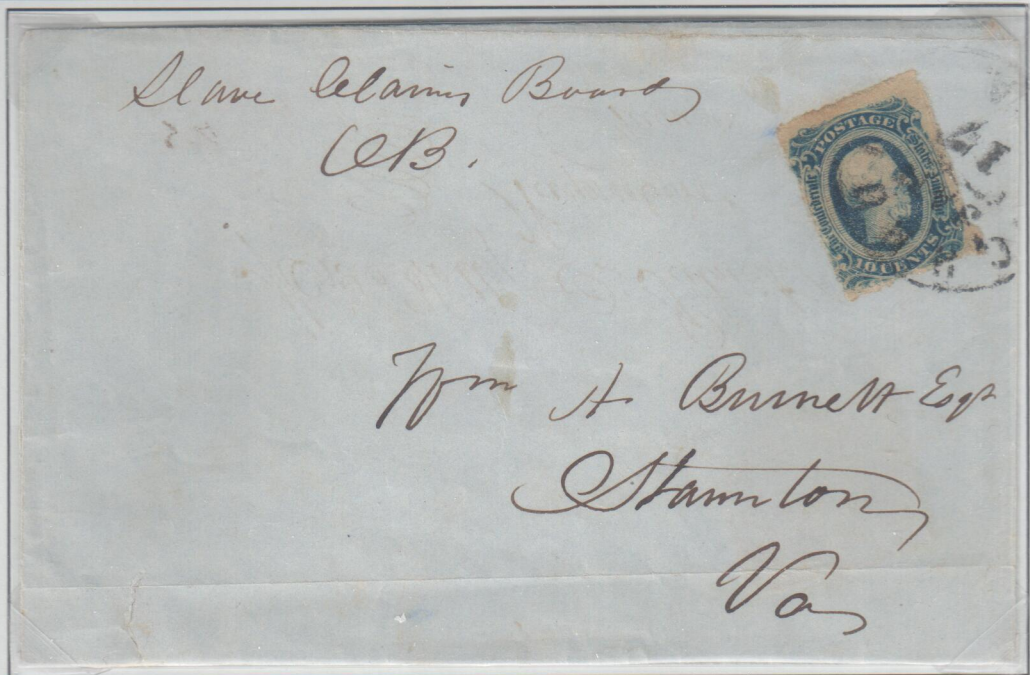
Letter carried by slave Isaac 1846. A slave was only allowed to carry written messages if signed.



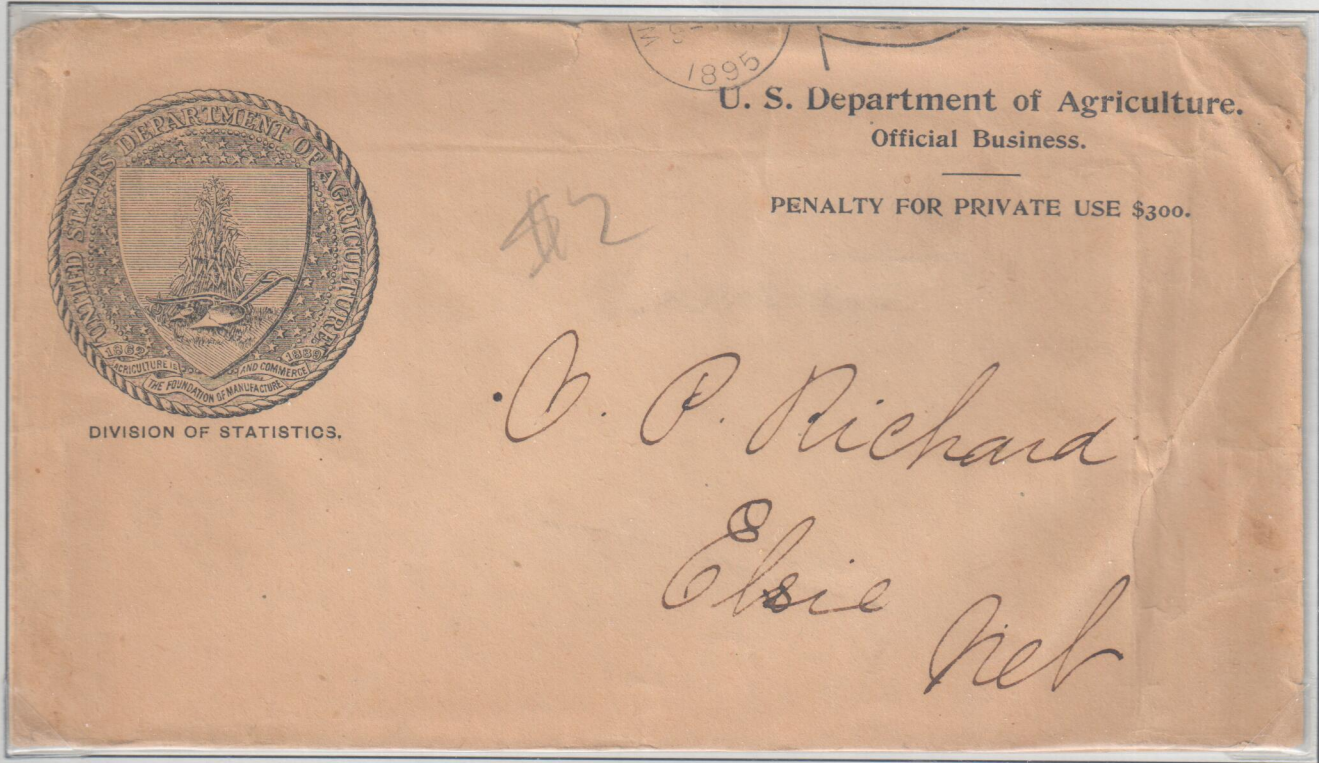
Slave transport "Pr Steamer Frank Lyon with 8 negro women".  
 Stamped envelope U1 issued by Nesbitt 1853. Watermark POD, used for letters by railway or river transports.



England abolished the slave trade 1807 and United States followed 1808. But only international and not internal slave trade.



Slave Claims Board valued claims for loss of slaves impressed for military employment. Official business, postmarked Richmond, turned and postal used Staunton Va.



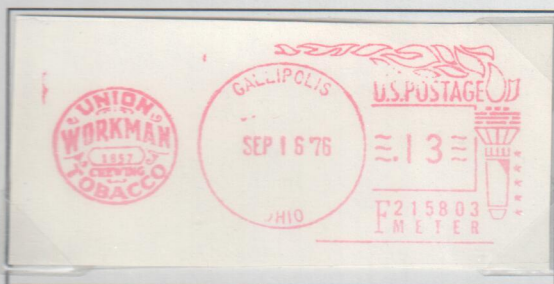
U.S. Department of Agriculture, official cover.

The use of slave labour depended upon the local agriculture. Farmers in the North grow food and invested to mechanize. In the South, a gentry exported bulk crops and invested in slaves.

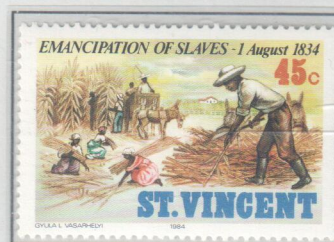


Sugartown La.

Tobacco, Sugar, Rice, and Cotton were exported from the South.



Tobacco



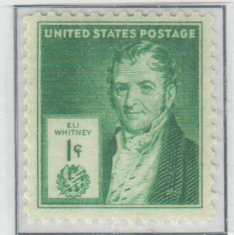
Sugar



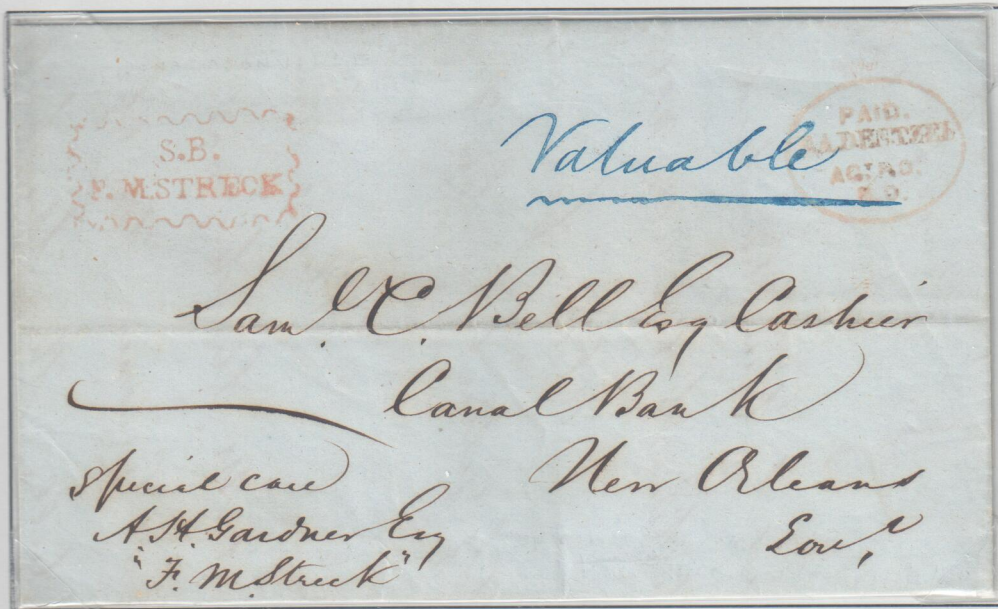
Rice



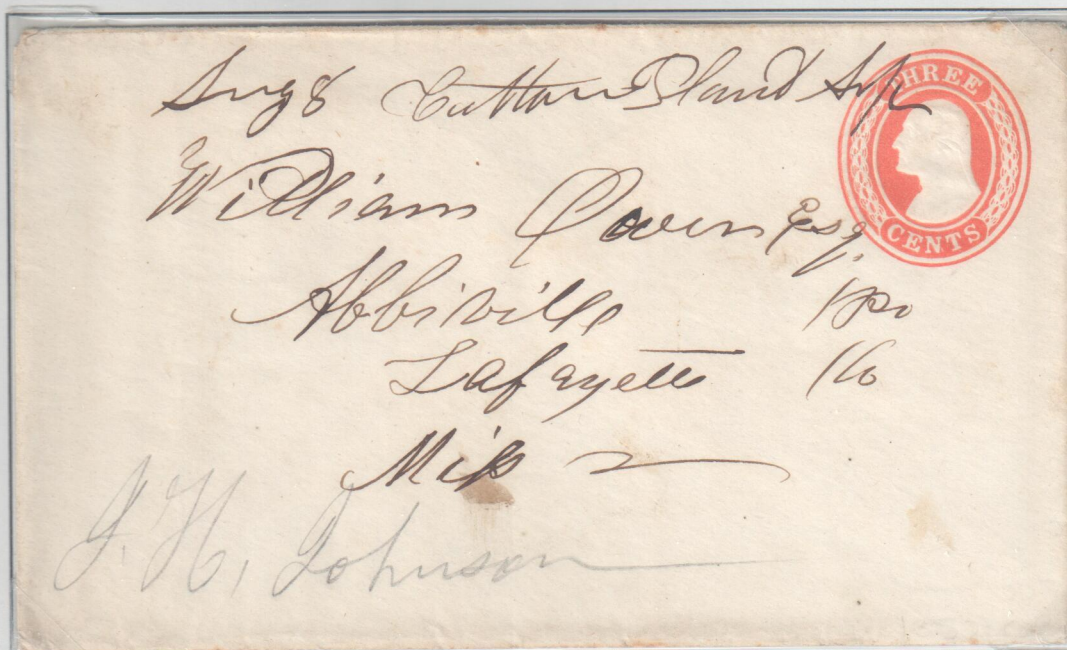
The cotton gin  
A machine that quickly and easily separated cotton fibres from their seeds.  
As a result the demand for slaves increased.



Eli Whitney  
Invented the cotton gin.



Slaves represented a large value. If slavery was abolished who should stand the costs and secure workers for the planters?  
Valuable letter, Special Care, sent by S(team) B(oy) F.M. Streck, postmark Paid/F.A Dentzel/Agnt. P.O. N(ew) O (leans)..



Postmark Cotton Plant Ark. 185?





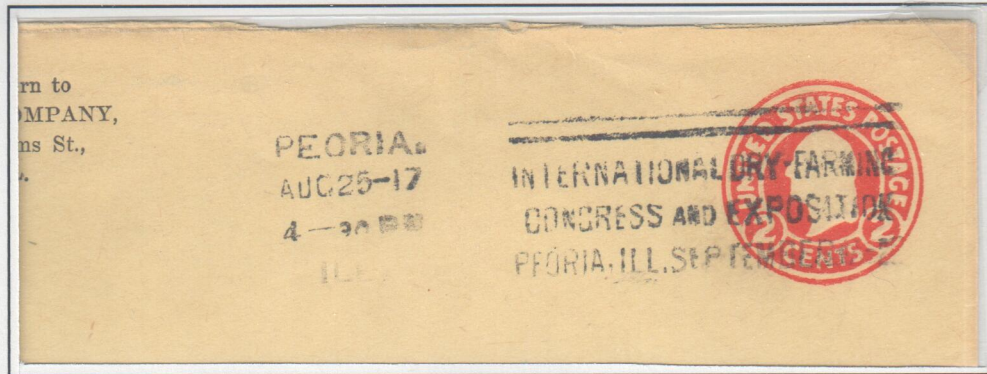
In the North farming was on a family basis mainly for local markets, why the demand for slaves became obsolete.



Corn (not cotton) is king  
Northern propoganda against "King Cotton".  
Soldier's letter, postmarked Marietta O. Due 2 drop letter charge?



Corn Exposition



Wheatland

Dry Farming Congress



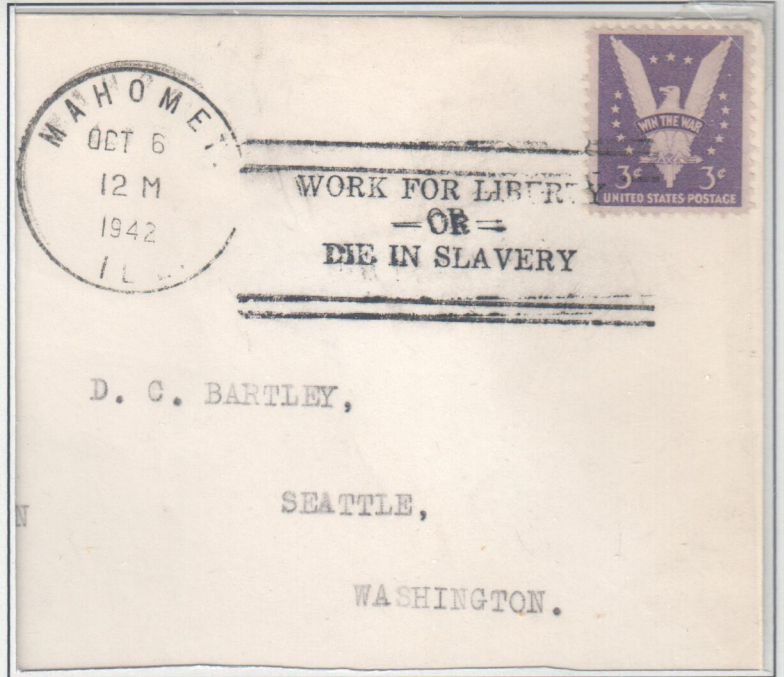


The North West Ordinance 1787. The Ohio River was made boundary between free and slave territory.

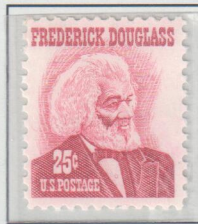


Liberia Established 1822 to send back "free men of color" to Africa.

The abolitionists movement



Harriet Beecher Stowe "Uncle Tom's Cabin"



Frederick Douglass Writer, statesman



Harriet Tubman "Moses of her people"

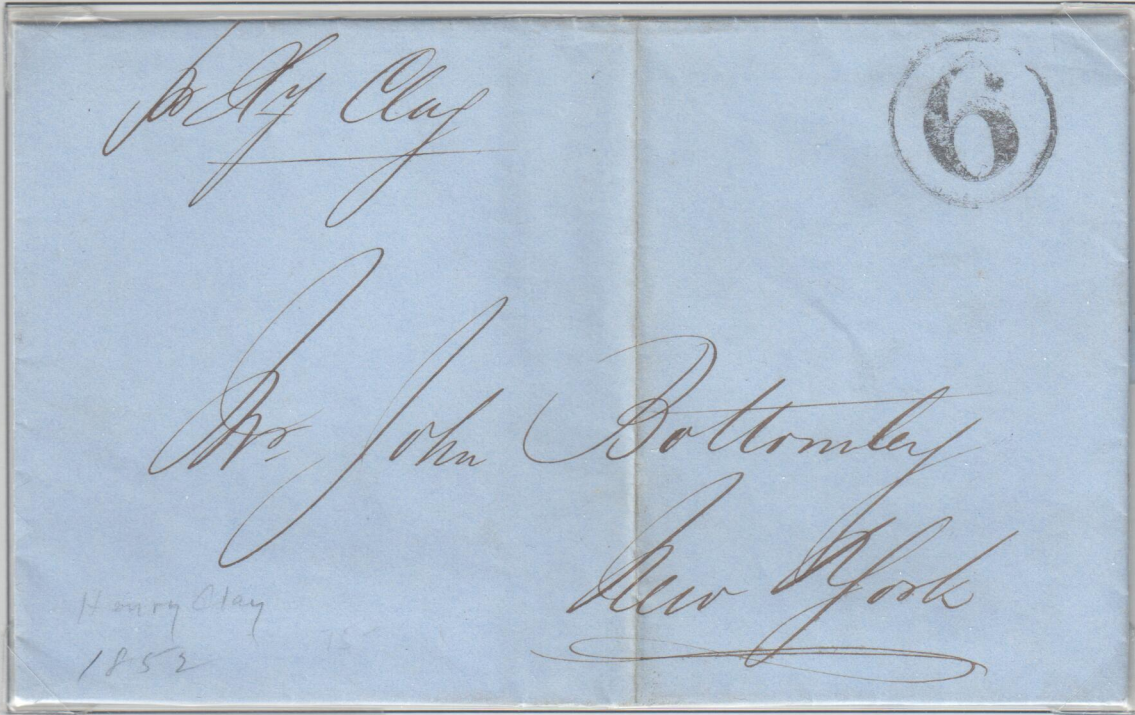


Sojourner Truth



Charles Sumner and Thaddeus Stevens, abolitionists and leading politicians against slavery. Free frank.

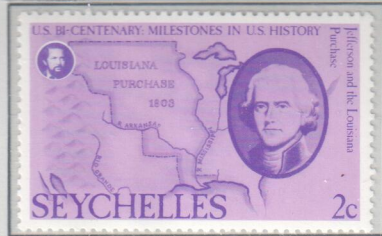




1820  
Missouri Compromise



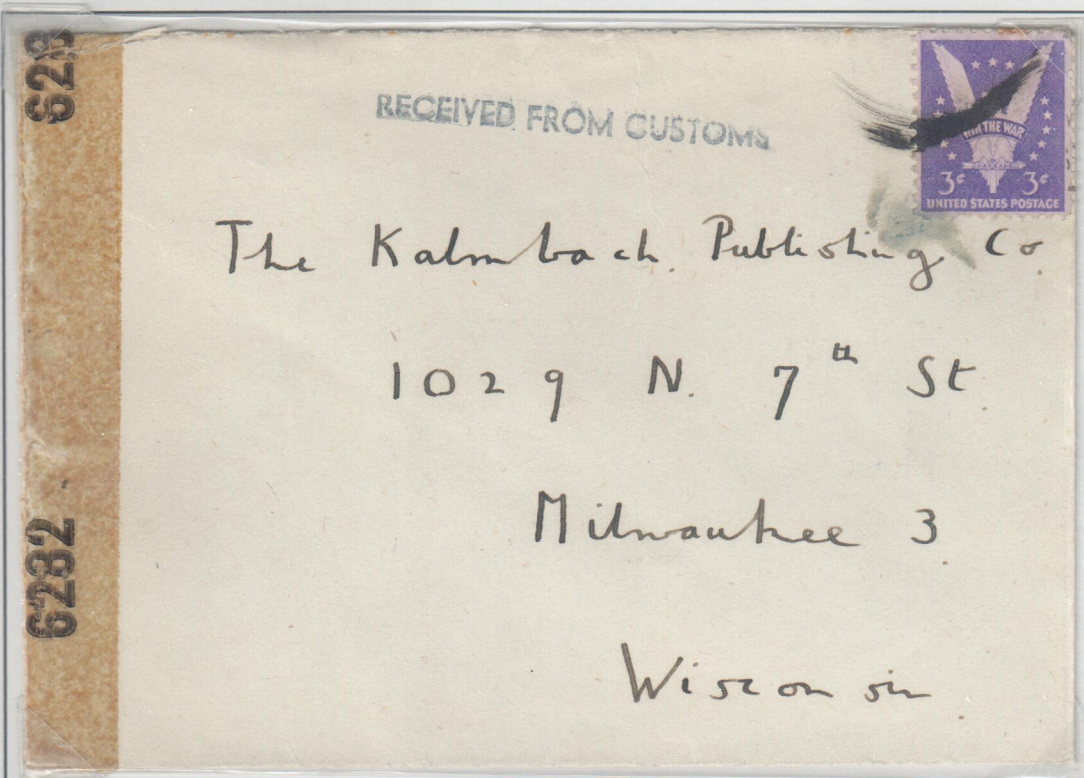
Henry Clay suggested slavery prohibited north of lat. 36°30' in the Louisiana Purchase, with Missouri a slaveholding state.



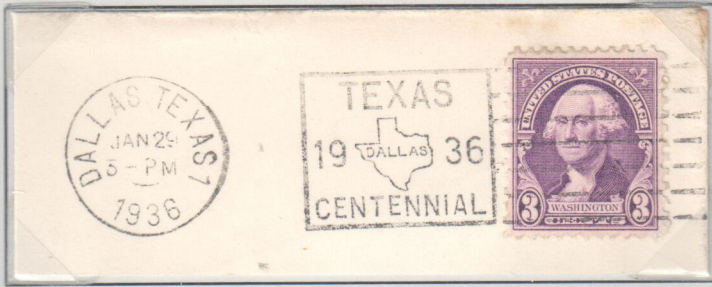
Per Steamer Henry Clay  
Incoming shipletter from Liverpool, due 6¢ New York 1852.

1832 Nullification Crisis

South Carolina and resigned Vice President John C. Calhoun attempted to nullify a federal protective tariff. Confederate #14 printed in London by Thomas De La Rue, delivered but never issued.



Free trade, not custom regulations, was seen as a State's Right in the Southern States. Received from Custom, examined.



1845, Texas admitted to the Union as a slaveholding state.

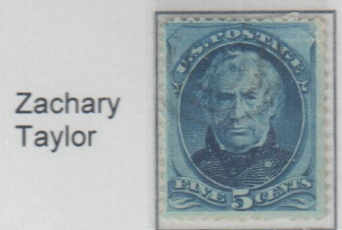
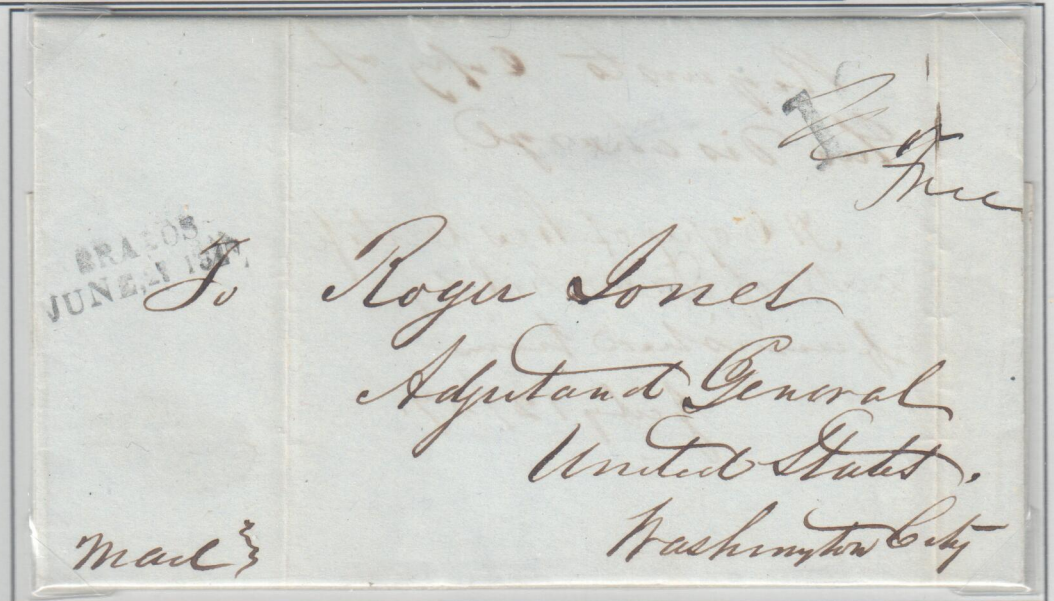
1846-48 Mexican War



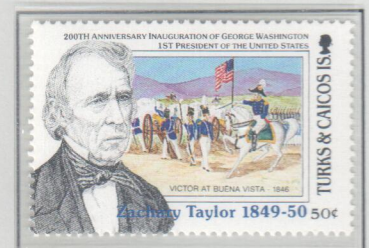
US troops are attacked by Mexican forces at Brownsville. Mexican Consular free mail. Post-marked Brownsville Tex.



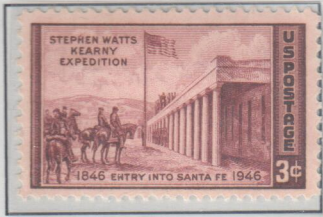
Cover from occupying federal forces in Mexico 1847. Matamoroz (Mexico) June 26, forwarded to Brazos Texas by military, postmarked June 28 1847. First charged 10¢ letter rate, deleted and changed to Free; Official Business to Washington.



Zachary Taylor

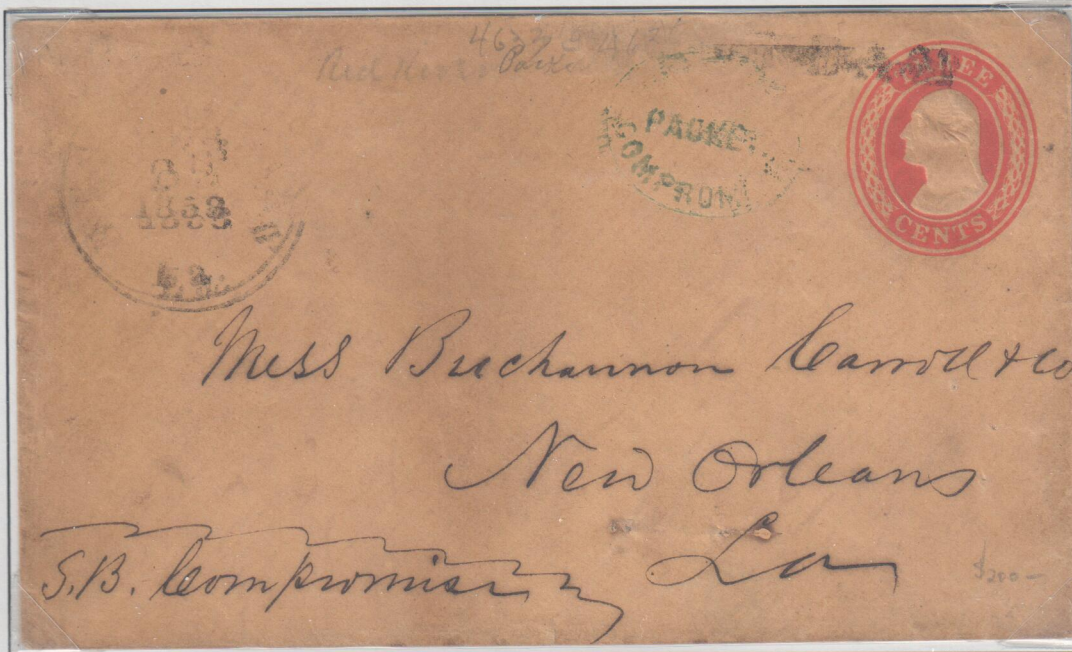


"Old Rough and Ready", General Zachary Taylor, victorious at the Battle of Buena Vista 1847. Letter *Rough and Ready Cal.*, established by gold miners 1849 and named after the general's nickname.



American settlers in California revolted 1846 and Kearny marched via Santa Fe, N.M. to secure the up rise.

In the battle of Churubusco outside Mexico City, August 1847, the Mexican Army was defeated. A month later the war was over. Churubusco Ind. named after the battle. Paid 3, Sept 11 (1861). Old stamps were demonetized and new issues had not yet been delivered.



**The Compromise of 1850**

A political agreement about the territory taken from Mexico. Designed by Henry Clay, supported by Stephen Douglas and Daniel Webster.

S(team).B(boat).  
Compromise  
Red River Packet boat La.



Clay

Webster

Free frank  
Daniel  
Webster.



Douglas

It included...



...California admitted to the Union as a free state, New Mexico and Utah would decide later about slavery by popular sovereignty.

Gregory's Express, Union Cal. 1852., oval "Paid" with manuscript "M & C Union".

Cover to Fort Sumner N.M. via Fort Union N.M. Postmarked Lebanon O., manuscript missent and postmarked Ft. Laramie Nebraska Terr. and forwarded.



...the Fugitive Slave Act, federal marshals should execute the return of escaped slaves. Free frank U.S. Marshal.



...slave trade prohibited in Washington D.C.

1854 Kansas - Nebraska Act

Contrary to the Missouri Compromise 1820 the decision about slavery was delegated to the territories.

Under the pair is stamped "Returned for insufficient postage" and postage 10c added.



Nebraska Territory



James Denver, Governor of Kansas Territory. Postmark Washington Free, Member of Congress



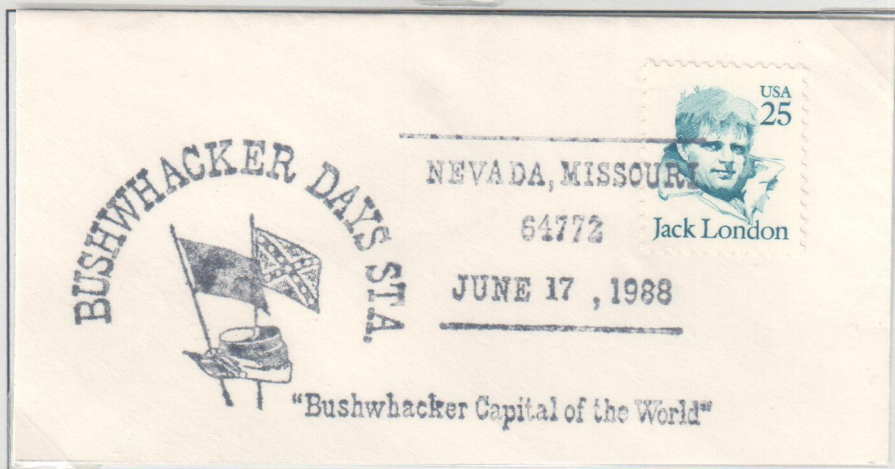
The Republican Party was founded 1854 by Free-soilers and abolitionists against the slave owning South. John Frémont was their first presidential candidate 1856. Campaign cover, Free frank P.M. South Milford Mass.



**"Bleeding Kansas"  
1855-1858**

An initial local civil war. Kansas, frontier for "free" vs. "pro-slavery" elements. Patriotic cover, manuscript postmark Frontier Mich.

Jayhawkers (free soilers) vs. Bushwackers (slavery supporters).



Free-Stater's and Pro-Slavery supporters wrote State Constitutions. The Leavenworth Constitution (by Free-Stater's) was finally adopted by the people in election 1858.



1857 Dred Scott vs. Sandford

Scott, who long had lived in Illinois and Wisconsin, filed a suite to be free.

Supreme Court declared:



...by Declaration of Independence any descended from black Africans, slave or free, was not a U.S. citizen.

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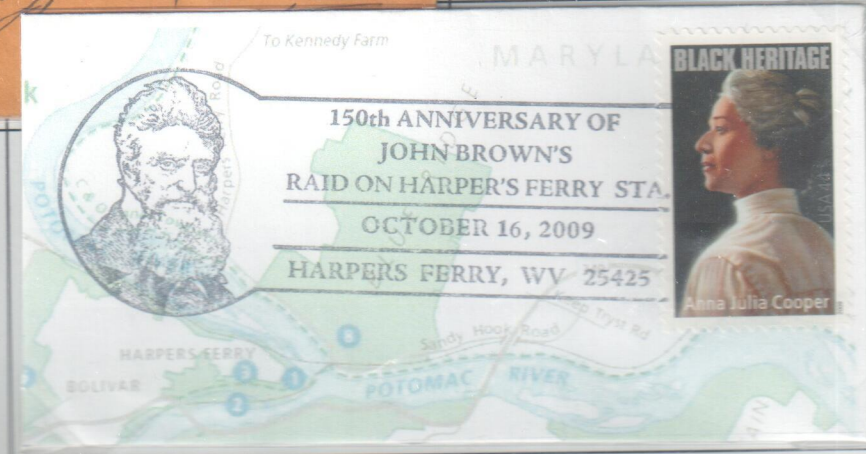
150th Anniversary  
**Dred Scott Decision**  
Station  
March 6, 2007 • St. Louis, MO 63103

...The Fifth Amendment barred any law depriving property from a slaveholder why the Missouri Compromise was voided.  
Folded letter O.H.M.S. about Property Tax. Paid, receiving postmark on the back.



C.C.Chaffee, an abolitionist, married to the widow of Dred Scott's owner. He had no impact of the case but arranged his emancipation. Free frank MC.

**1859 John Brown's Raid**  
John Brown's raid against Harper's Ferry Arsenal, to arm slaves in Virginian failed. Captured and hanged he became a symbol for the abolitionists and in the South fear of slave revolts increased.



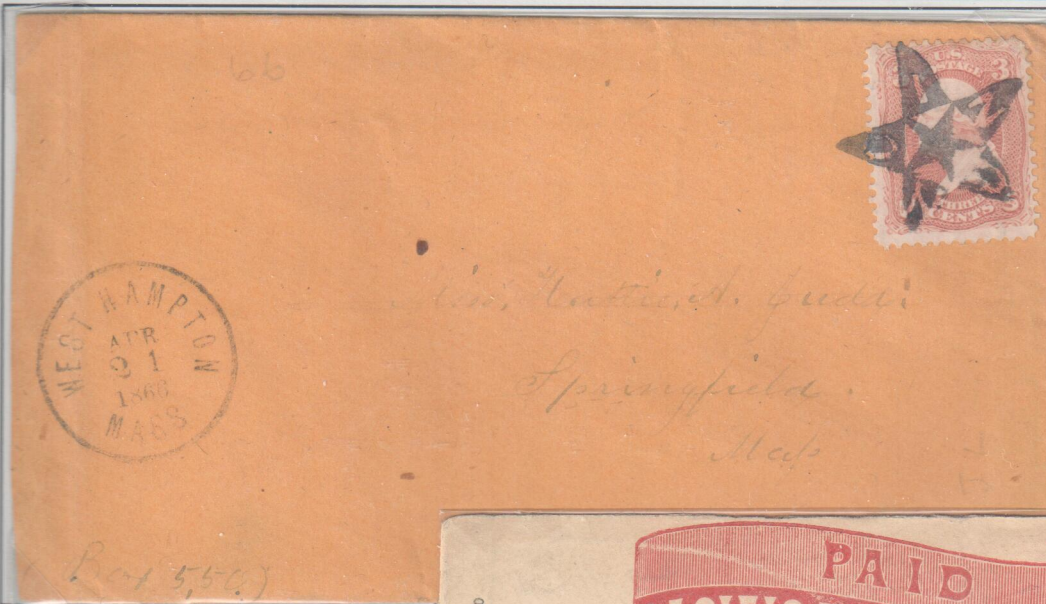


The Republican Convention 1860



W. Seward  
Senator William H. Seward, Free frank.

At the Republican convention 1860 Lincoln won the nomination against Seward.



Republican Party Platform

...“the Union of the States must and shall be preserved.”  
Patriotic cancel “Union”.



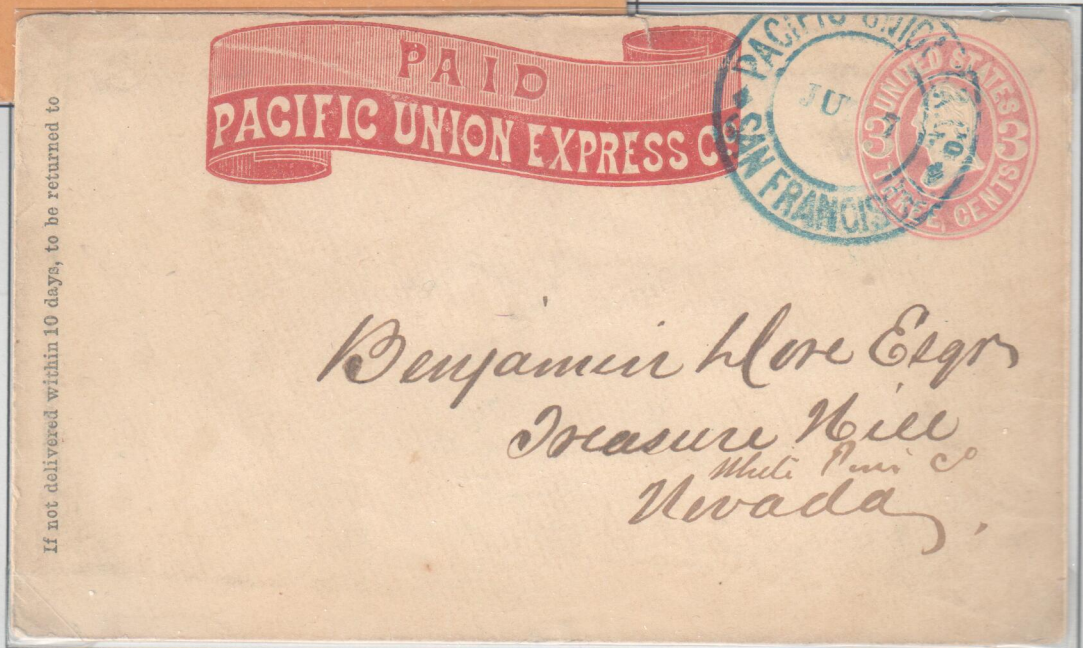
Kansas admitted as a free state.



Free soil.



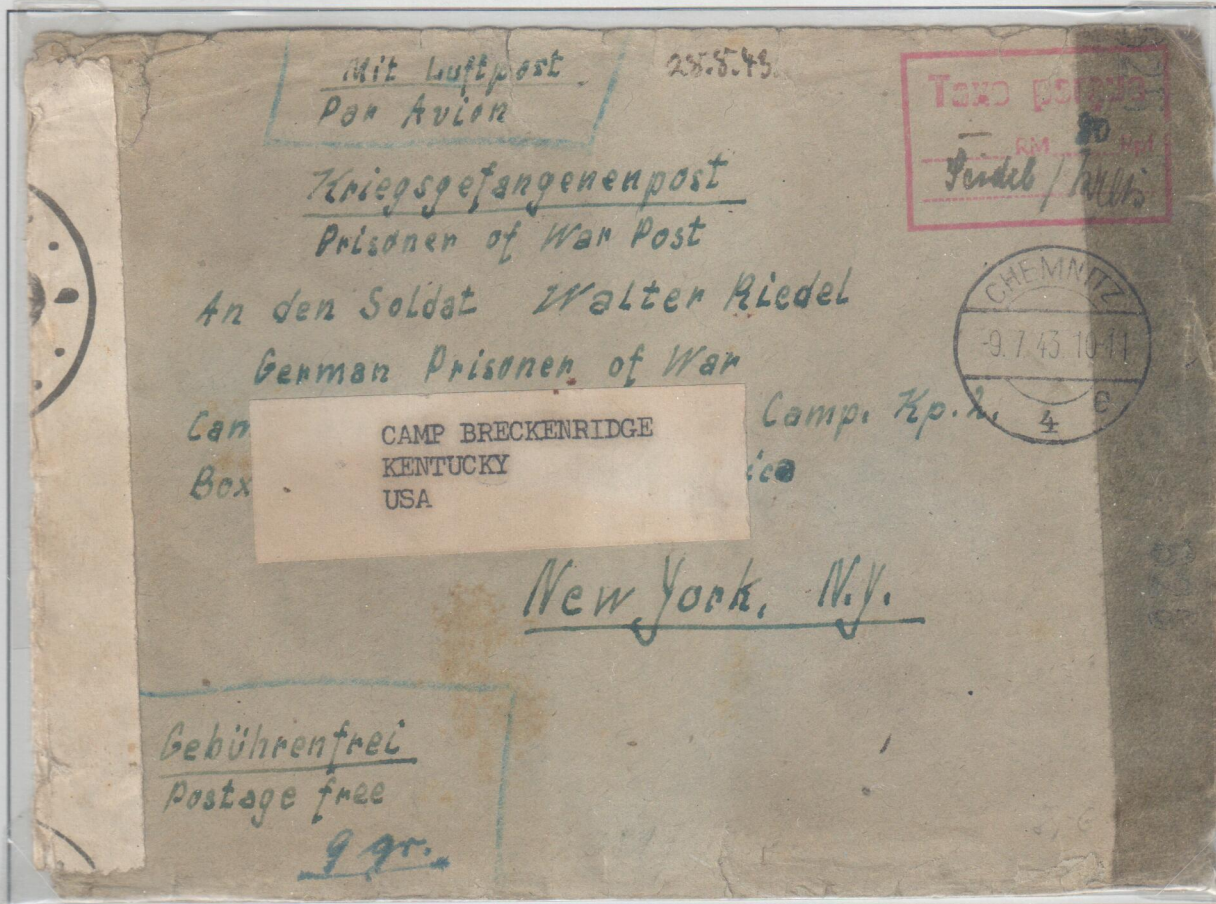
A Transcontinental Railroad.



If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

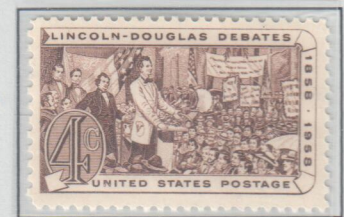
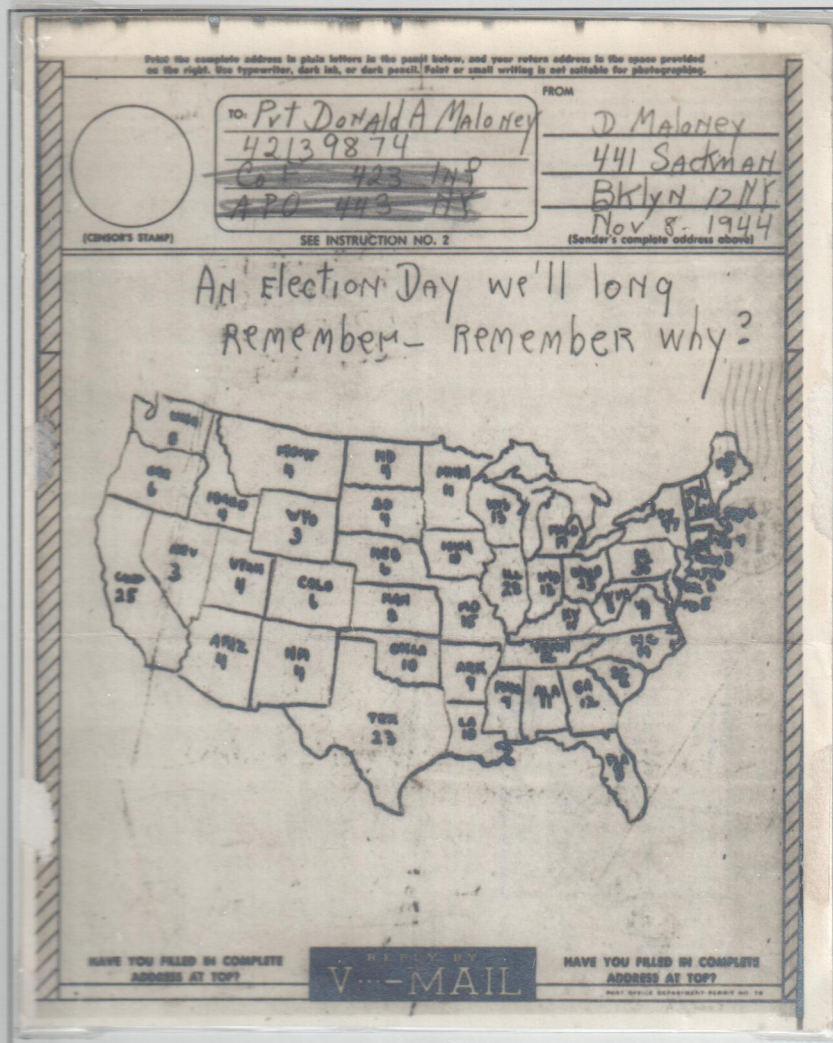
Pacific Union Express, contracted to carry mail and gold on the Central Pacific Railroad. July 1 1868 to December 1869, bought by Wells Fargo when the Transcontinental railway was connected.

The Democratic Party



Two fractions, one from the South and one from the North, nominated their candidates.

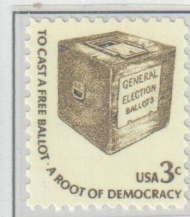
John C. Breckinridge represented the South. Camp Breckenridge Ky. Censored Prisoner of War cover from German.



Stephen Douglas represented the North. Lincoln-Douglas Debates 1858.



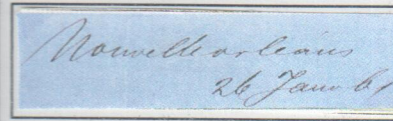
Lincoln was elected President November 1860.



Not by a majority of the ballots but by the electorate votes. Electorate map of USA. V-mail with postmark on the back "Return to writer no forwarding".



South Carolina seceded December 20 1860. Independent South Carolina, cover postmarked Jan 21 1861.



Folded letter dated New Orleans La. 26th of January 1861, day of secession. Sent via exchange office New York. Postmarked Feb 2 12¢ debit France, direct routing rate 15¢ (3¢ USA inland, 9¢ Sea and 3¢ French inland). Arrived Le Havre Feb 17 and charged due 8 décimes.



Alabama Confederate postmark Mobile Ala. Feb 24? 1861



Finally 11 states seceded from the Union.

Mississippi  
Fort Adams Mar 15 1852.



Georgia  
Augusta & Atlanta RR



Arkansas  
Fort Smith Ark. #10. The notation Aug 2nd 1863 can not be correct, the town was under Confederate administration until Sept 1 1863 and used a double circle year/date postmark.



North Carolina

A propaganda cover for the Constitutional Union Party and John Bell, candidate in the presidential election 1860.

Tuckasaga, Mecklenburg Co. N.C.



Charlotte N.C.



Virginia  
Winchester Va. May 22 1861,  
United States issue used after secession.



Henry Wise, former governor, was an advocate of immediate secession by Virginia. He was a member of the Virginia secession convention of 1861.

Free frank, member MC.



Providence Fl., Union Co.

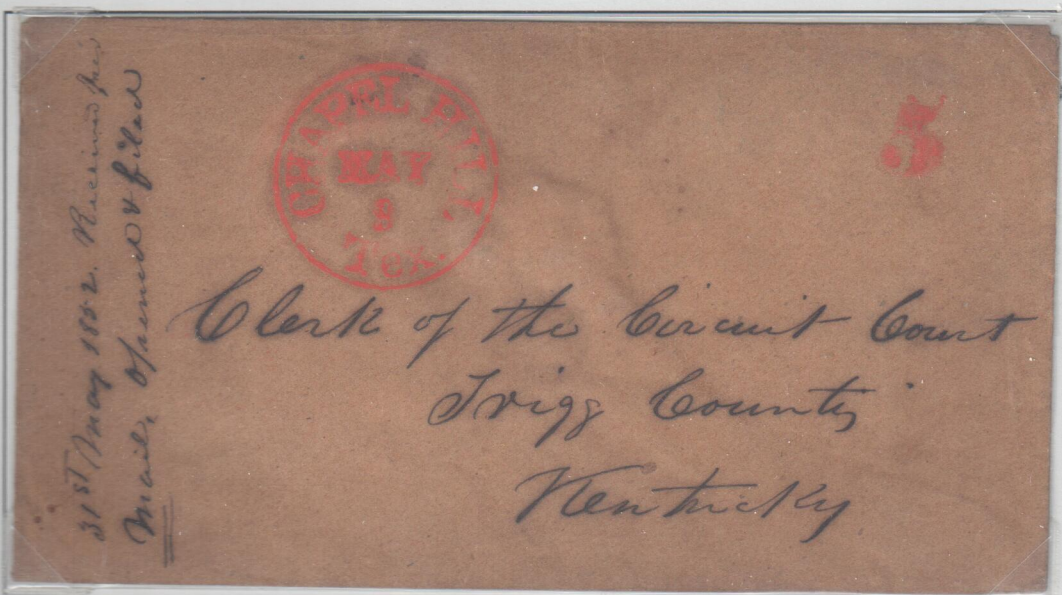


Florida



Tennessee

Tallahassee Fla. to Catoosa Springs Ga., first forwarded due 5 (unpaid) to Nashville Tenn. and then due 5 (unpaid) to Columbia Tenn., a total of 10 ¢. to collect.



Texas



Jefferson Davis, president, CSA .  
Cancellation "Jeff Davis" on #6 in pair, folded cover  
from Military Agent, Dinwiddie C.H. Va. May 9 1863.

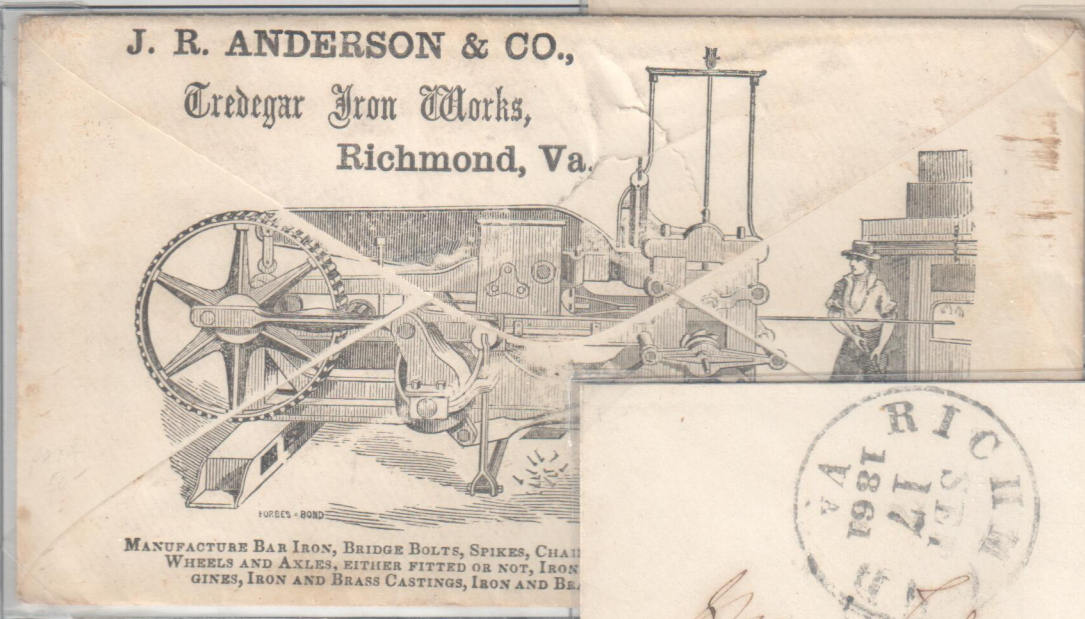


A constitution for the Confederate States of America was drafted and signed in Feb 1861.



Alexander Stephens, Vice President.  
Postmark Free Washington D.C.,  
signed A. Stephens, U.S. Congress.

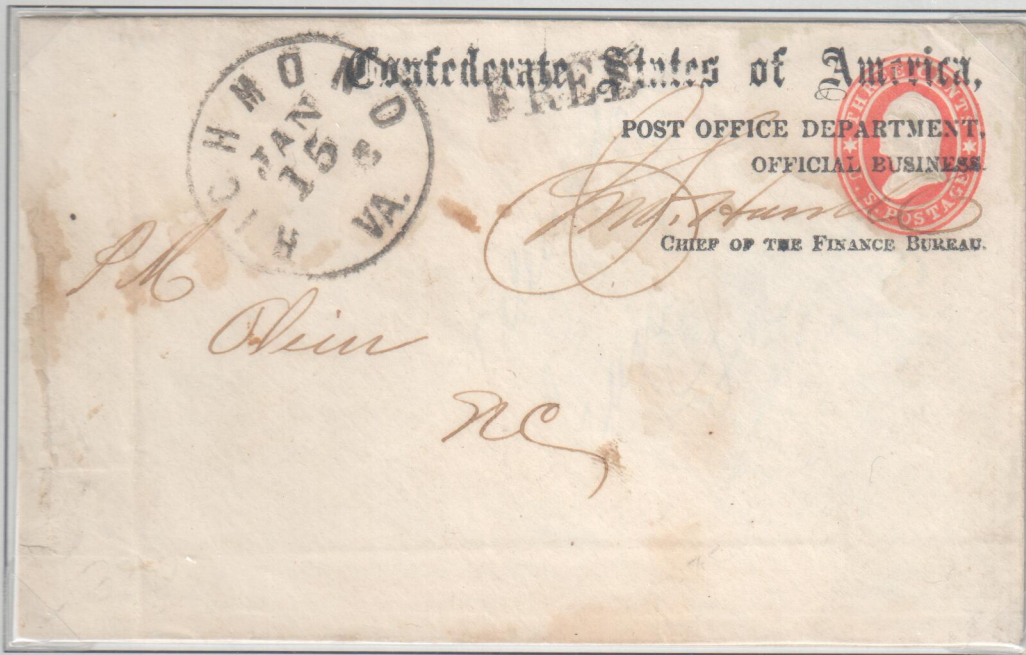
Tredegar Iron Works, the  
main weapon arsenal.  
Advertised cover 1860.



Richmond became Capitol when Virginia seceded. Not least for the industry.  
Drop letter, Richmond Sept 17 1861, Paid 2.

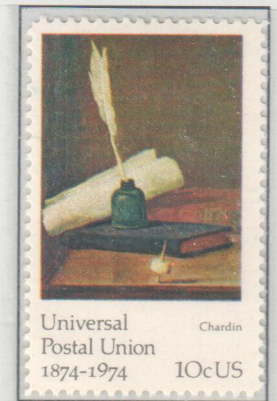






The Confederate Post-Office Department was established in February 1861 and Postal Service began operating June 1.

Official envelope Post Office Department, Finance Bureau (Dietz IV, overprinted U26), signed Jno. Harrell. Postmarked Richmond Free. Only the Post Office Department had franking privilege.



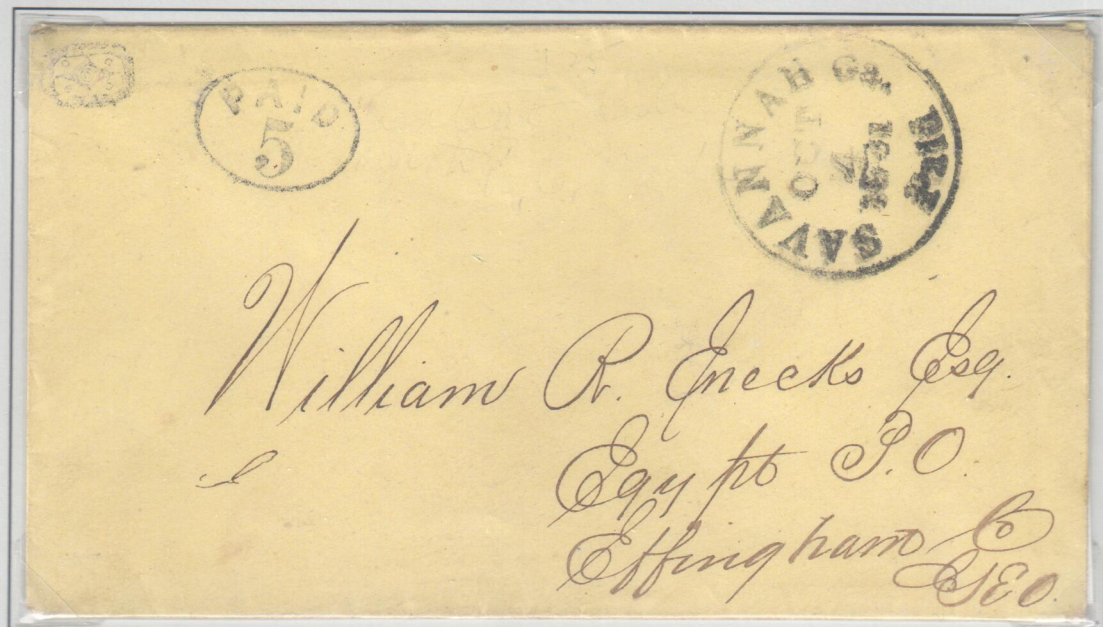
Rates were changed but no adhesives existed.



Carolina City N.C. with 5 Paid in the circle, Confederate postage 1861 (<500miles).



Postmaster's provisional hand stamped envelope. Provisional, Savannah Ga Oct 4 1861 postmark. The control mark, in the upper left corner, and Paid 5 applied before the cover was sold as a stamped envelope.





New Orleans's postmaster's provisional, the first adhesives in the Confederacy, issued June 1861. #NO-62X4, valid for postage locally but accepted for deliverance within the Confederacy, postmarked New Orleans La. Oct 6 1861.

Commercial Intelligencer and instructions for foreign mail.

Mail for foreign Countries. Mr Auguste de Mesigreny, appointed by the Postmaster of this city special mail carrier for the New Orleans and Mexican mail, connecting at Tampico with the English steamers for West India and Europe, has just completed the necessary arrangements at Tampico, and will start from this city with the first mail on 10th instant when the double daily stage line of four horses post couches between New Iberia and Niblett's Bluff will be running to carry passengers to and from the Texas frontier. The office for the reception of letters, No. 16 Customhouse Street. The first mail will close on the 9th.

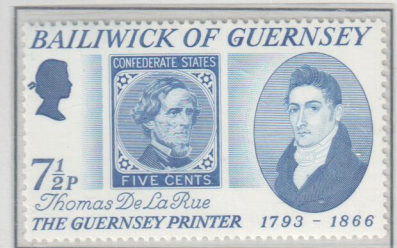
First official stamps were printed in Oct 1861 by Hoyer & Ludwig Richmond.



Banknote printed by Hoyer & Ludwig who printed the first CSA stamps.

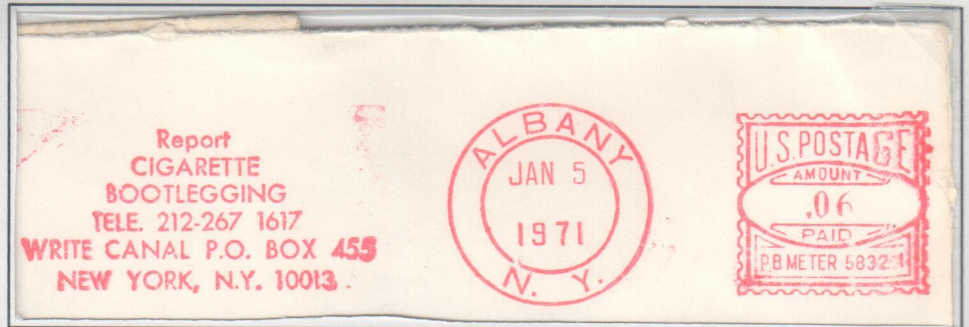


CSA #1 Jefferson Davis 5¢



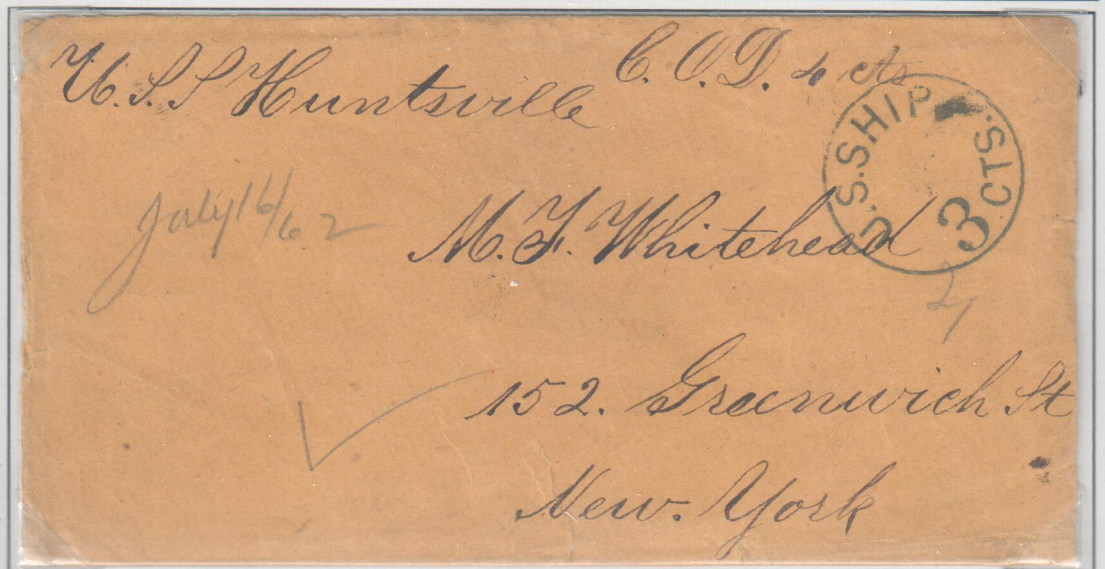
Engraved stamps were ordered and delivered 1862 from Thomas de La Rue & Co London.

The first bootlegged deliverance was captured by the blockading fleet and ordered destroyed. The printing plate survived destruction and private reprints have been made from it.



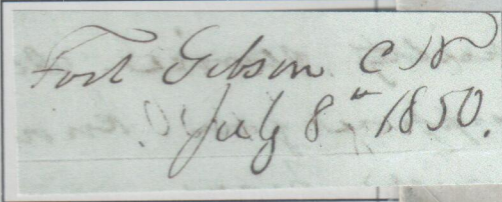
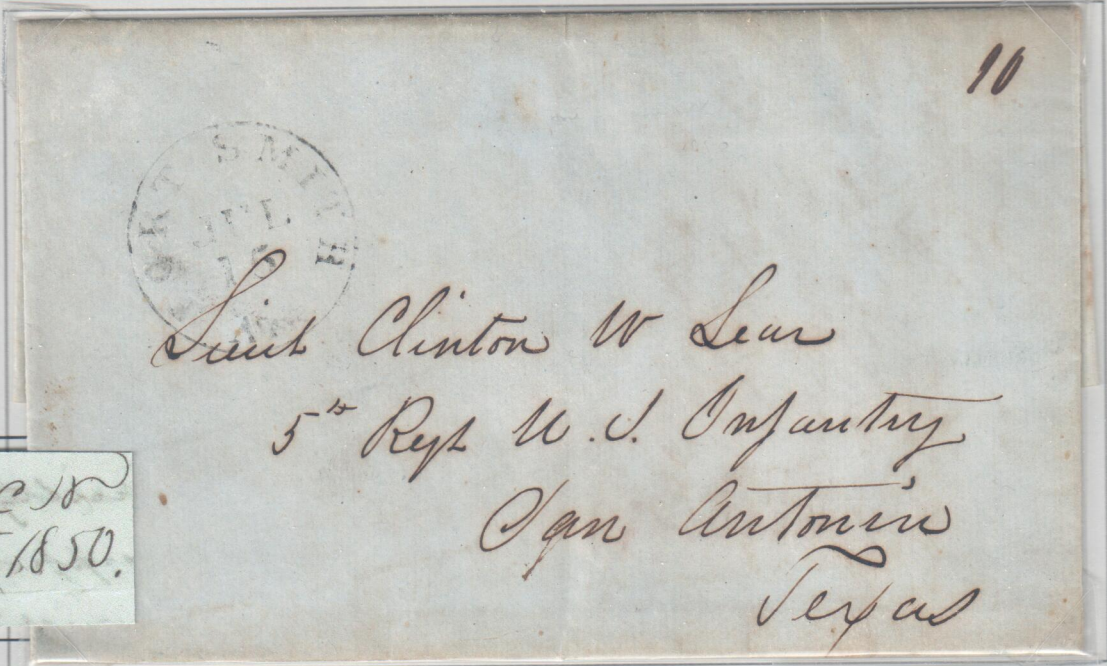
Blockade-runner

USS Huntsville, notation C.O.D. (=collect on delivery) 4 cts. Postmarked U.S. Ship 3 cents. Unpaid letters could be sent by sailors, no penalty or shipletter charge. Manuscript July 16 (18)62 with a 4 indicating letter rate 3¢ and carrier fee 1¢

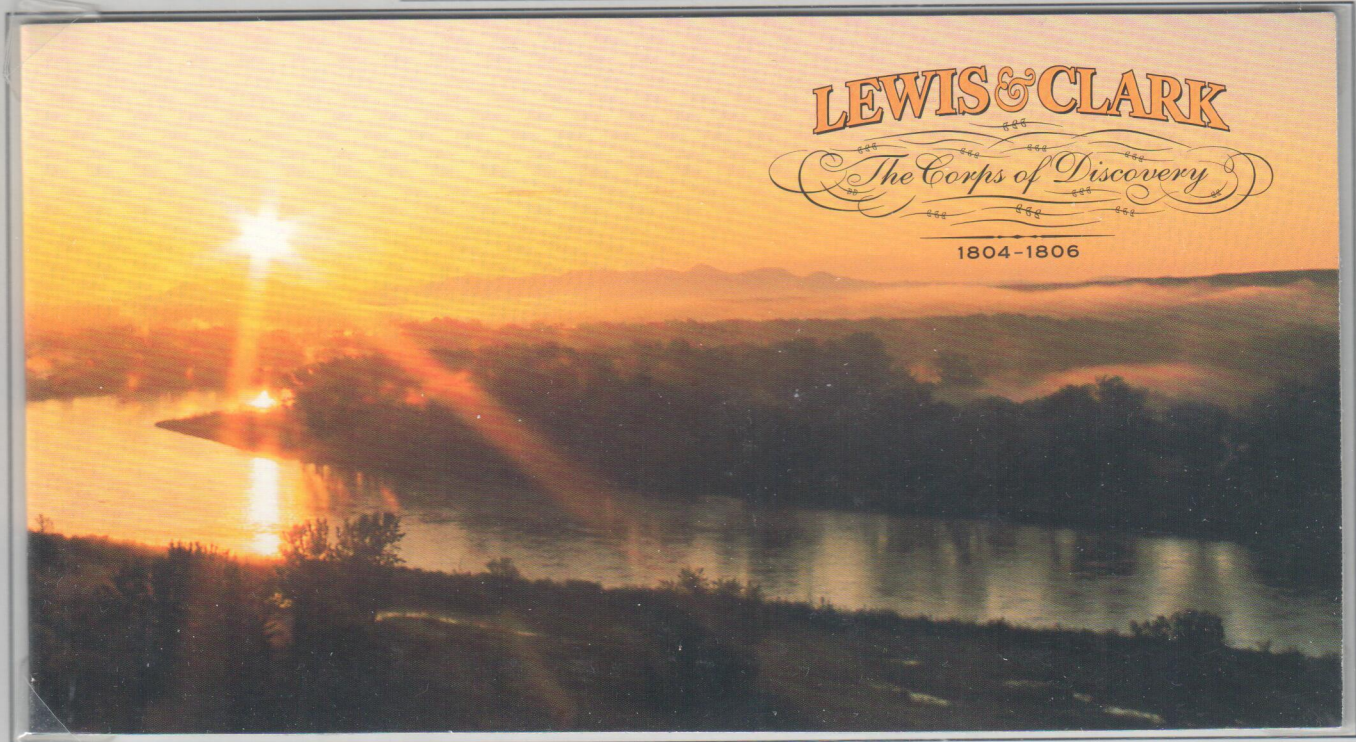


The US Regular Army, 16000 man, was mainly stationed in the West .

Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, forwarded by military to Fort Smith Ark for postal service. A letter to 5th Regt U.S. Infantry, Texas.



Mailers postmark permit on postal card.



**LEWIS & CLARK**  
*The Corps of Discovery*  
 1804-1806

Missourie River, Montana. U.S. booklet



The Union held control of a few coastal forts in the South, later important in the blockade and recapturing of territory.



Ft. Barrancas, Pensacola Fla., abandoned for Fort Pickens to block the Navy Yard.

**Fort Pickens**  
Held by U.S. troops until the Confederate forces retreat from Pensacola.  
Fort Pickens Fla., in service May 1861-June 1862, when moved and renamed Pensacola.

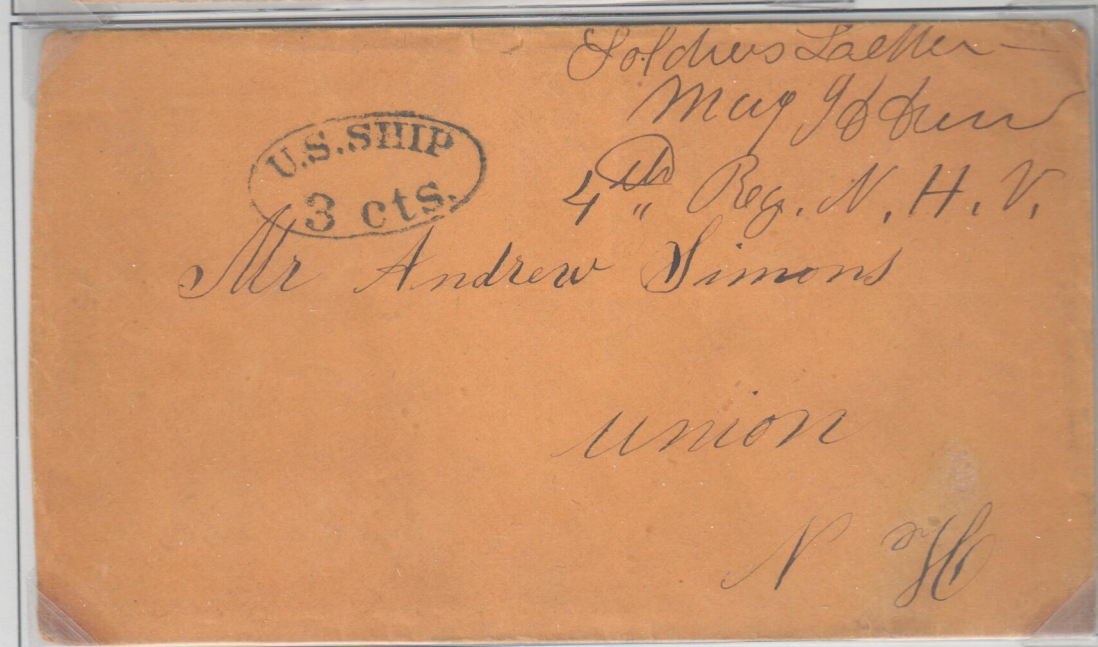
Pensa(cola) F. (T.), 1828, PM Free.



**Fort Monroe**  
At the tip of the Virginia Peninsula, blocked the shipping to Richmond.  
Cover to 4th R.I. Regiment, Burnside Expedition, sent to Fort Monroe to be forwarded by ship. Notation "received while in camp of the 37th N.C. Regt (Rebel) March 17 1862."

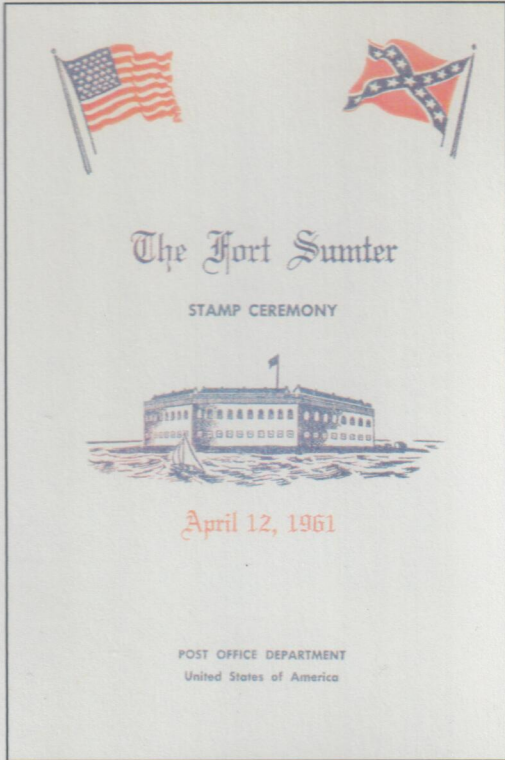


**Key West Fla.**  
Soldiers letter 4th N.H. Vol., Florida 1862, via Key West.  
Endorsed by Major and stamped U.S. Ship 3 cents (SH-13), Key West Fla.



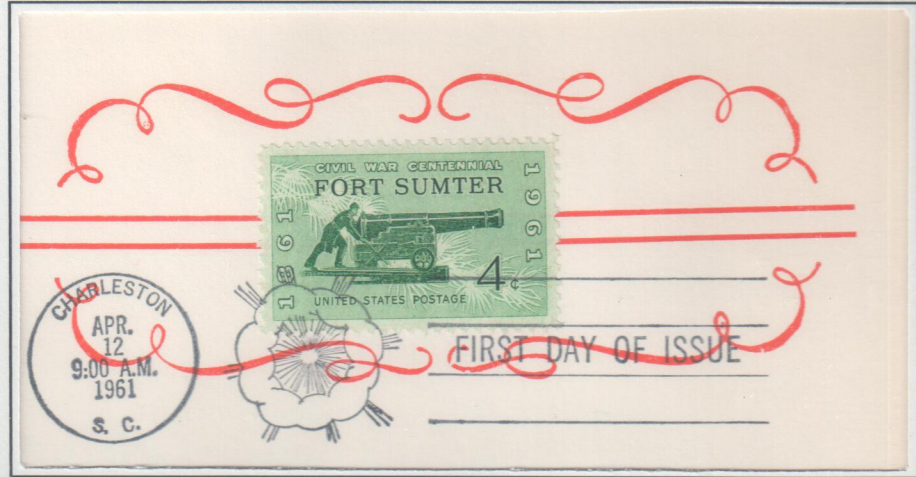
**Ft. Jefferson, Dry Tortugas Fla.**

Fort Sumter

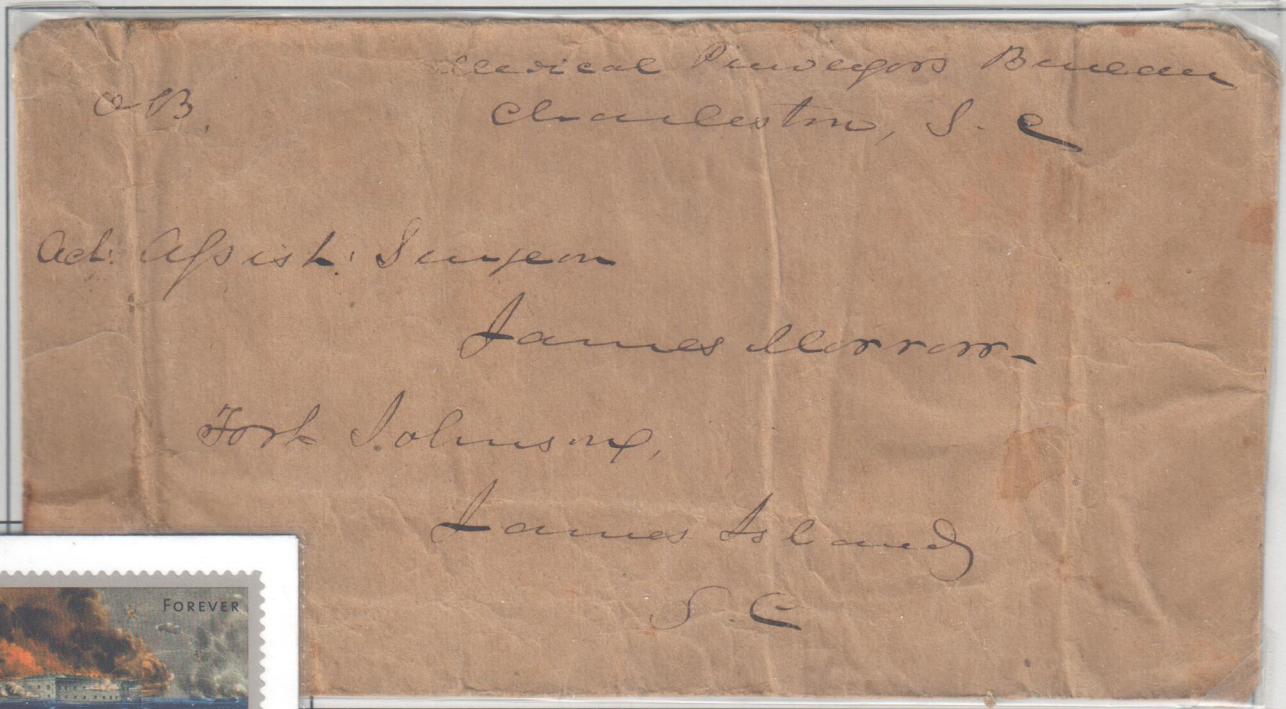


War  
Confederate artillery  
opened fire against Fort  
Sumter April 12 1861 .

The Union forces had withdrawn from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter S.C blocking the inlet to Charleston.



Program by Charleston post office at the first issue in the Civil War Centennial series.



The first shot was fired from James Island, Charleston S.C.  
O.B. from Medical Purveyor Business Charleston to Fort Johnsons, James's Island. 1861.



Mortar





7th Regiment New York State Militia, in service April 26 to June 6 1861. Adams Express, sent free of postage as a gesture of support.

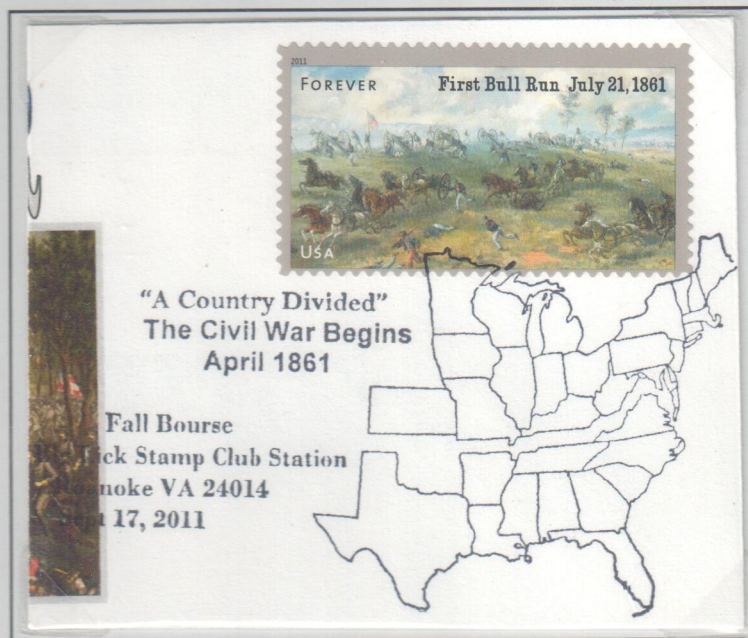
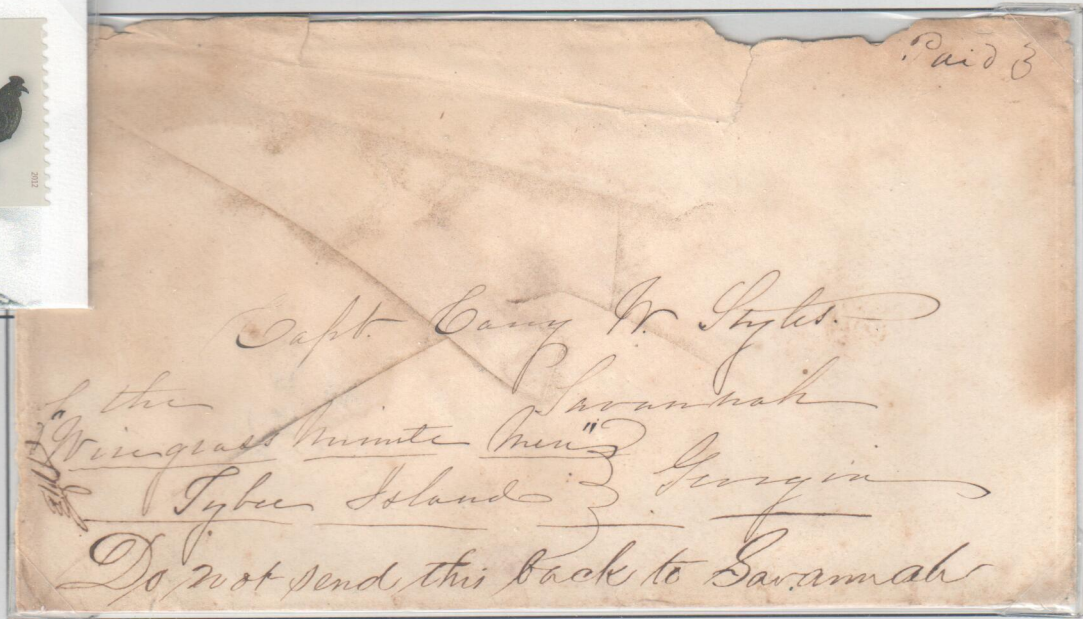
Militia was called in April 15 1861.



Philadelphia Light Horse The First City Troop was called into active duty.



Winegrass Minute men, Georgia militia, forwarded to Tybee Islands. Notation Paid 3, Union postage 1861, with a demand "Do not send this (letter) back to Savannah".



"A Country Divided" The Civil War Begins April 1861

Fall Bourse Book Stamp Club Station Norfolk VA 24014 17, 2011



Patriotism swept each side at the declaration of war. Patriotic cancel US in Shield, Albany 1861.



Brooklyn N.Y. Patriotic shield.

Borders were closed and mail routes suspended.

"Return to sender for the reason that service is suspended. There are no means available for transmission of the article to destination."

Russian Civil War, cover sent Nov 9 1917 (probably via Vladivostok). Arrived Moscow and forwarded to Bele and Kirjevskaya. Notation "Return to sender, addressee has left for unknown destination in Kuban. Sealed Military Department.



Special deliverance by Express companies continued.





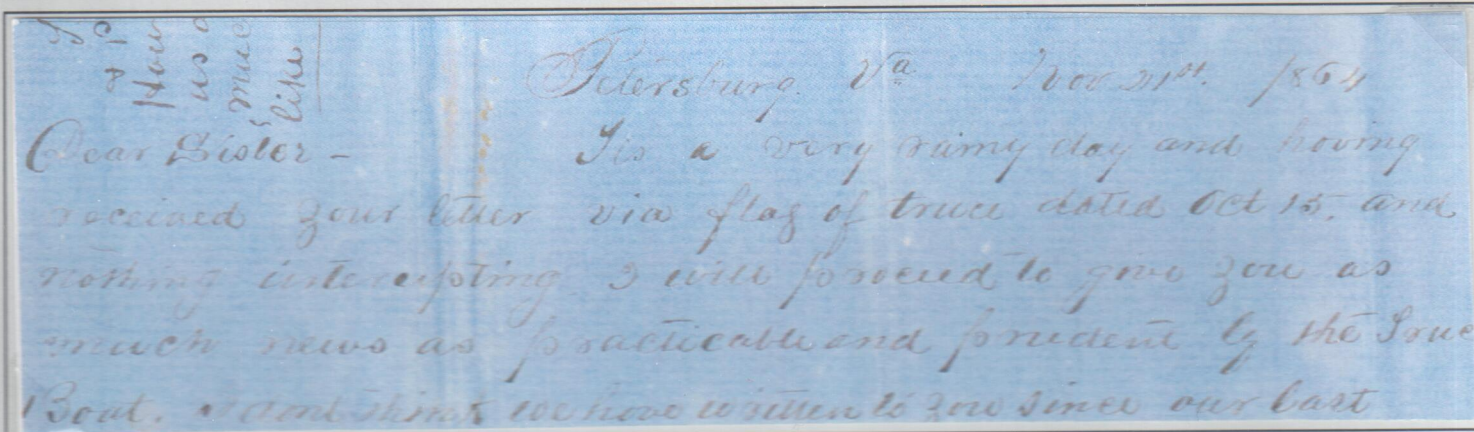
Across-the-line letter by Express Company. To the South stamped envelopes paid postage (3¢), a fee (25¢) and Confederate postage was paid to the company. To the North sender paid all postages and fee in cash. Stamped envelope U27 from Hartford Ct., delivered to Adams Express. Sent outside the mail to Louisville Ky., hand-stamped by Adams Express Aug 6 1861 and sent by courier to Nashville Tenn. Postmarked Nashville Aug 8 1861, stamped Paid 10, Confederate postage. 10 crossed over, and changed to 5 ¢ as distance to La Grange < 500 miles.

Mail routes from the Confederacy were suspended May 31 1861 except Tennessee which was closed June 7. Express companies continued their services until Aug 26 but after that date only unreliable Civilian Flag-of-Truce mail existed.



Civilian Flag-of-Truce mail A prepaid letter, in an unsealed cover, was sent for exchange, examined and placed in the mail. Cover identified as civilian flag-of truce by enclosed letter, dated Petersburg Va. Nov 21. Exchanged and delivered to Fort Monroe. Postmarked Old Point Comfort Va. Jan 16 1865 with #65 to Nashville Tenn.

photocopy



Enclosed letter : \* ...having received your letter via flag of truce..., I will...give you as much news as practicable and prudent by the Truce Boat. Do you need any Confederate stamps? Send two US stamps to me..” Stamps for postage were necessary for exchange of civilian correspondence, only soldiers letter were admitted to be paid by the recipient.

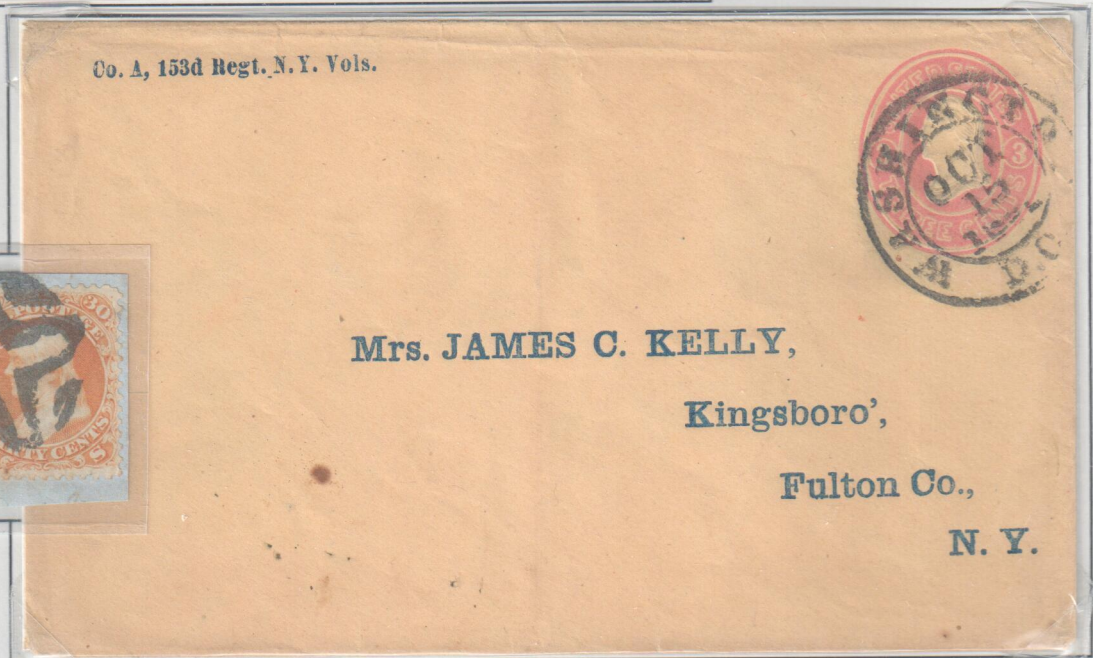




Postmaster General Blair demonetised old issues and ordered new stamps and entires.

Patriotic cover with 1¢(#63) and 3¢ (#65) issued August 1861. Where the Post Offices managed carriers the fee was 1¢.

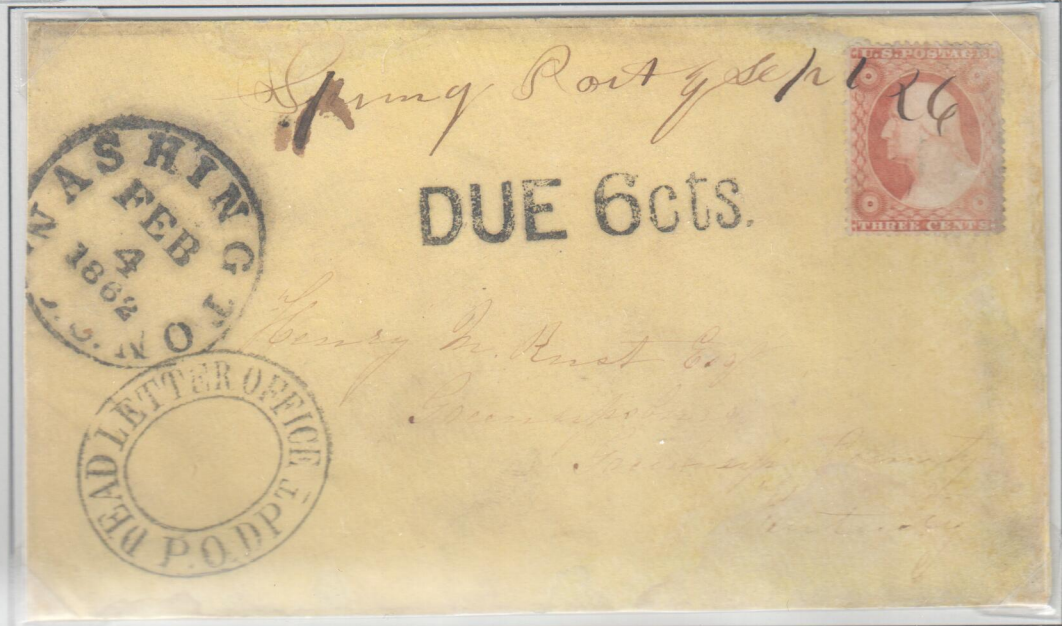
Postal entire #35 issued 1861. Regimental imprint and pre-printed address, postmarked Washington D.C. Oct 15 1862.



30¢ (#71) issued Aug 1861, 24¢ (#70) issued Jan 1862.



Photo-copy



The local post office demonetised old stamps depending on deliverances of the new issues. 3¢ #26 1857, accepted and tied by manuscript Springport Ky. Sept 26 1861. Stamp not accepted at arrival in Greenup Ky., advertised and sent to Dead Letter Office Oct 23. Postmarked Washington Feb 4 1862 and charged Due 6¢ in accordance of an Act January 21 1862 when returned to addressee. (e)

*Oakland Ky* *paid 10*

Hon. A. H. Stephens -  
 Vice President  
 Confederate States  
 Richmond  
 Va

Kentucky

Kentucky declared neutrality but Confederate troops crossed the border Sept 4 1861.

Confederate manuscript postmark Oakland Ky. Nov (12th 1861) with Paid 10. On the back a notation of a request to enrol.

*From Blanche Potter Paducah Ky*

*16/16*

Lawyer. Publishing Company  
 Waterville  
 Maine

REGISTERED  
 NOV 3 1861  
 PADUCAH, KY.

Paducah and the mouth of the Tennessee river, occupied by Union forces Sept 6.

Registered cover Paducah Ky.

SOUTH  
 NO  
 KEN

THREE  
 CENTS

Dr Hodges  
 Grandburg  
 Tennessee

Confederate sympathizers in Kentucky met in Logan Co. to create a government.

South Union, Logan Co. Ky., boxed 3-line postmark

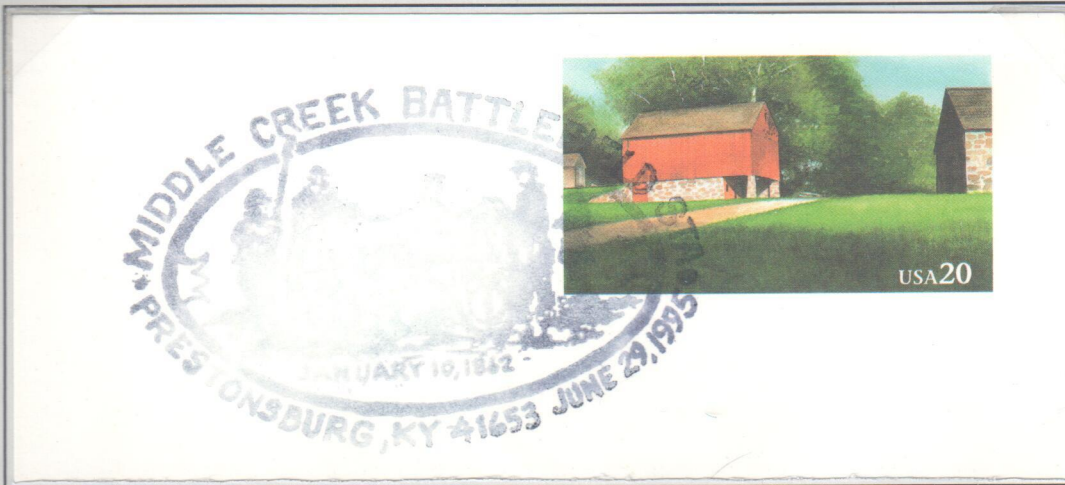
*Feb 5, 1862*

Due 5

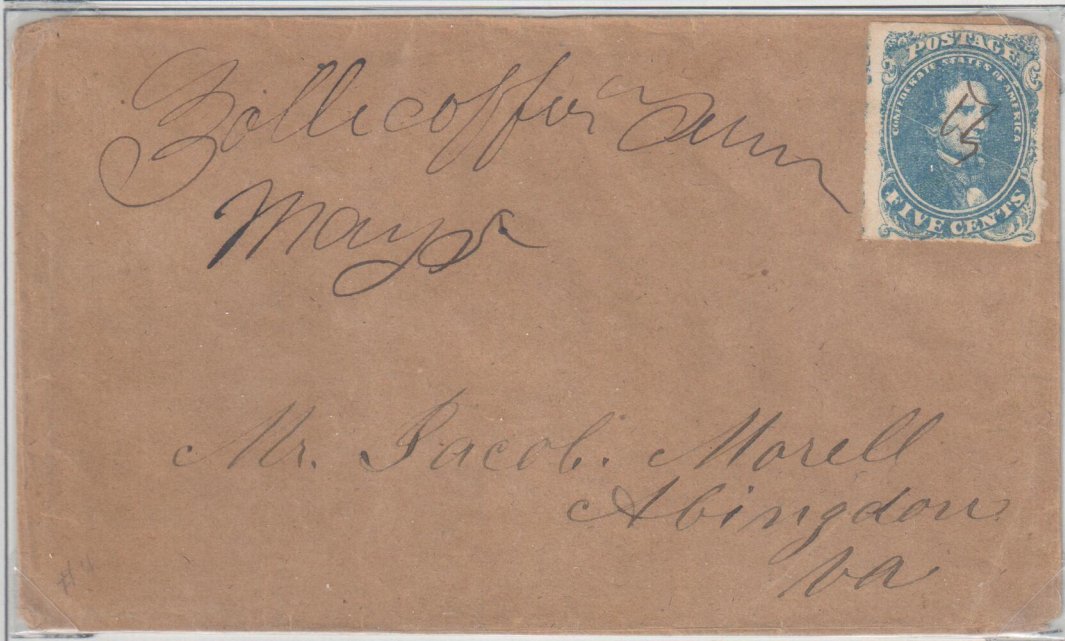
Capt. W. Leigh Wickham  
 Assistant Quartermaster  
 Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Military cover to Bowling Green Ky.

From Richmond Feb 9 1862. Bowling Green was evacuated Feb 12. Due 5 added for distance over 500 miles.



Garfield, commander 18th Brigade Army of Ohio in the Battle of Middle Creek Jan 1862.

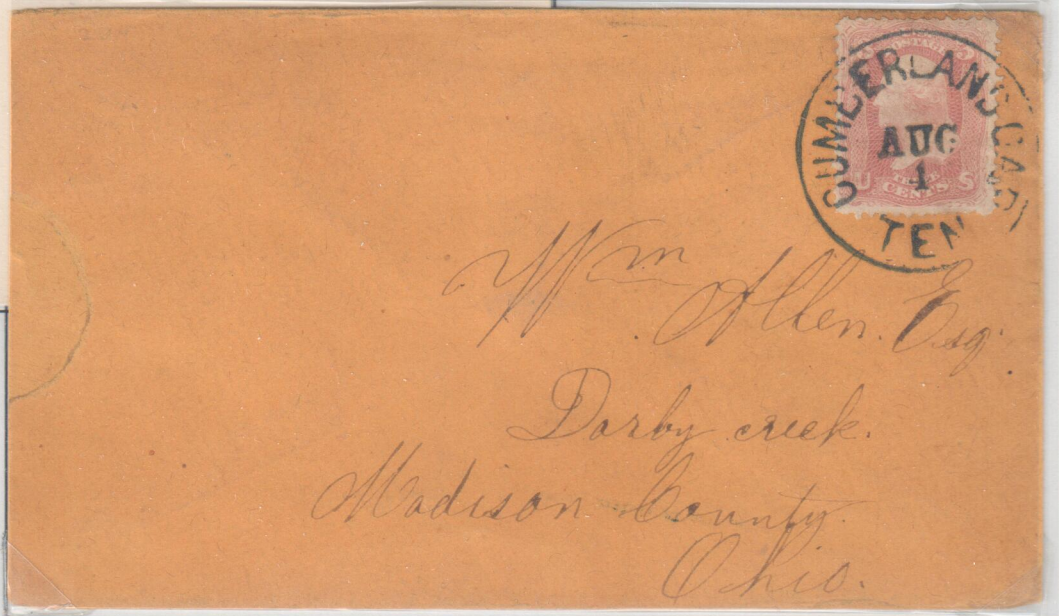


Gen. Zollicoffer killed in the battle, also known as the Battle of Logan Cross Roads Ky.

Confederate cover, Zollicoffer Tenn., postmark, name changed in his honour from Union Depot, #4 scarred design.



Camp (William) Nelson Ky.



In August 1862 Confederate forces under command of Braxton Bragg invaded again, via Cumberland Gap Tenn.

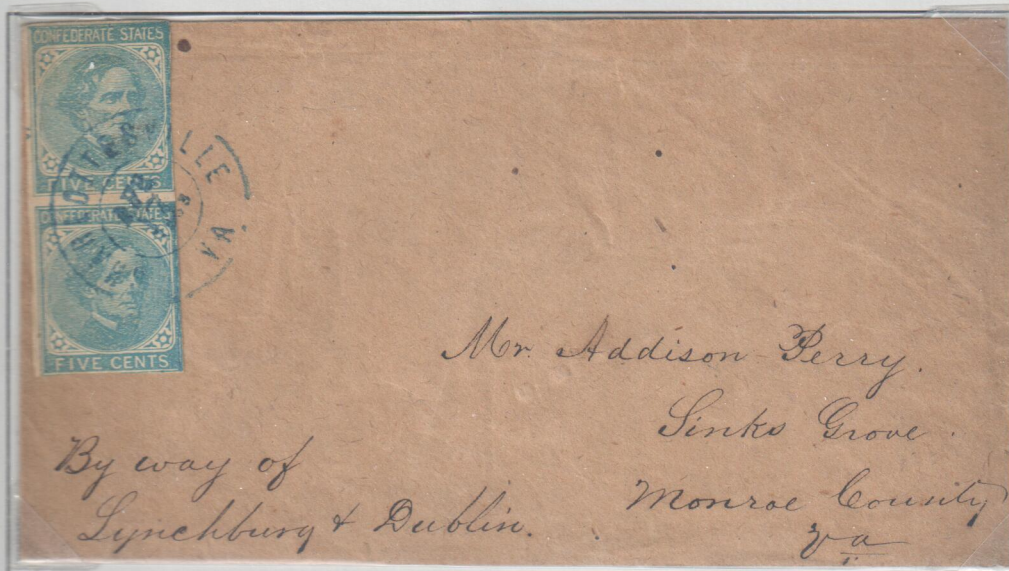


One was Randolph County where the battle of Rich Mountain took part July 9 1861, a Union victory by General McClellan.



Wellsburg W. Va.  
Fancy cancel 1860's

Near Huttonsville, also in Randolph County, (W.) Va., was the Battle of Cheat Mountain fought September 12 -15, 1861. A new Union victory. Manuscript postmark Sept. 19th 1861, Paid 3, Union charge. Deliverances of U.S. adhesives had ended because of the secession.



But in many parts West Virginia's connection with "Old" Virginia was upheld. Volunteers served both sides. Cover postmarked Charlottesville Va. to Sinks Grove W. Va. Sent by Virginia and Tennessee R.R. via Lynchburg and Dublin and carried outside the mail into West Virginia.

West Virginia

Seven counties in Western Virginia nullified Virginia's Ordinance of Secession.



West Virginia was admitted as a new State to the Union 1863.



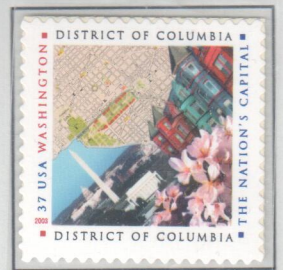
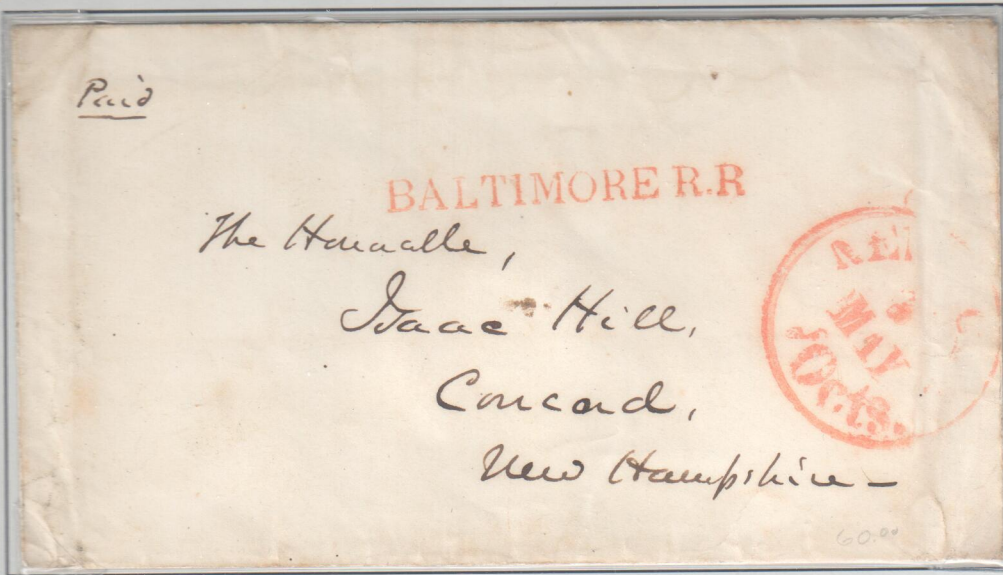
Wellsburg W. Va.  
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Maryland



Ship letter "S.S. City of Baltimore". Sent unpaid from London to New York, due 48¢ gold or 65¢ notes. 6 cents British postage fee.



Baltimore was the hub for transports to Washington D.C.

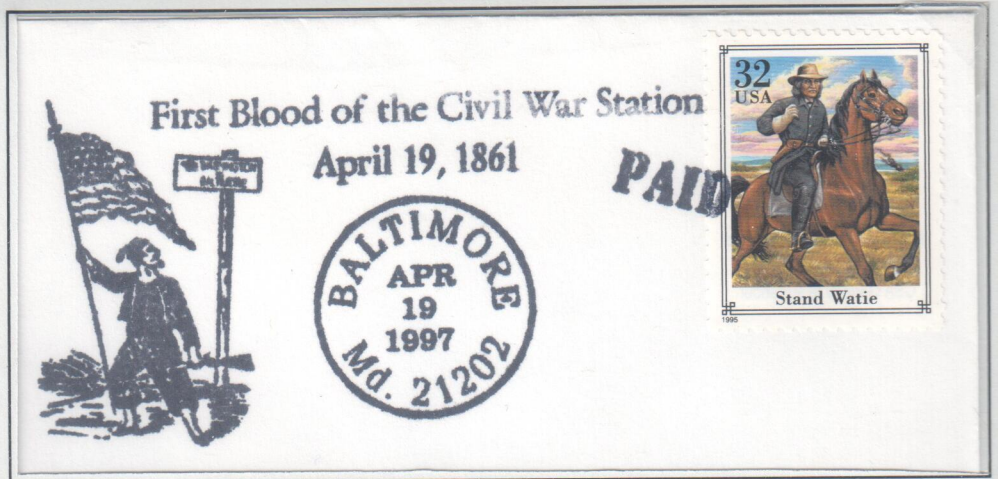


Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the westbound link.

Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, the eastbound link . Cover stamped Baltimore R.R. by agent, postmarked New York 10cts., forwarded. Manuscript Paid.



Fort McHenry defended the Port of Baltimore, served as prison after the riot.



The Baltimore Riot, April 19, 1861. Soldiers on their way to Washington, D.C. were attacked by southern sympathisers and in the end of May 1861, Maryland was set under martial law.



Fort McHenry, Baltimore. A coastal fortification but also a war prison, partly for civilian political prisoners.

Soldier's letter 12th Regt. National Guard, endorsed Fort McHenry. Due 3 is a Baltimore cancel.



April 25 1861, 7th New York arrived by train to Washington and Adams Express first offered free mail service to this regiment.

A handstamp "Free, For the 7th Regiment, Adams Express, Per Hoey (official in New York) was then applied.



But free mail service soon included other New York regiments why the 7th was removed in the stamp.

"Free, For the Regiment, Adams Express, Per Hoey". The usage to Annapolis is by Adams express steamboat mail service.

Annapolis Md., port to Washington.

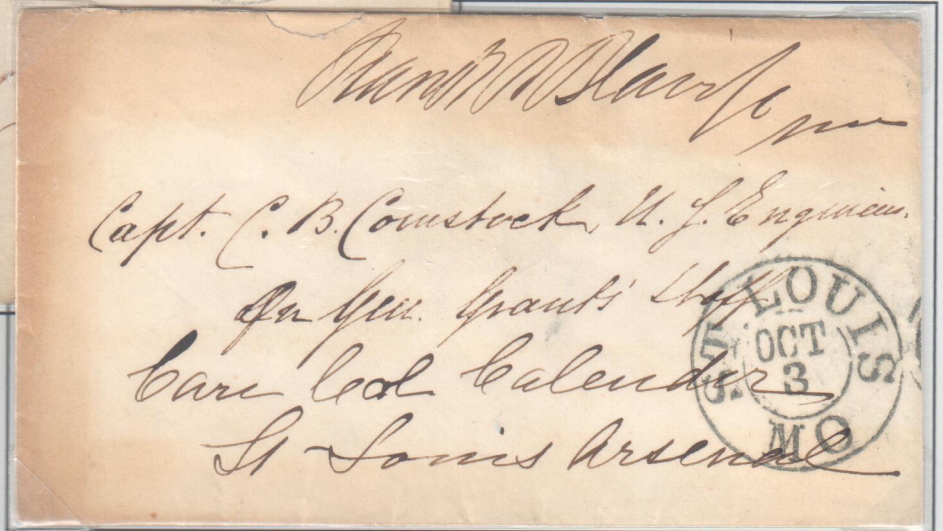




Missouri

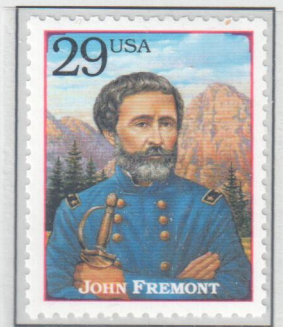


May 10 1861, Missouri Volunteers and U.S. Regulars from Jefferson Barracks marched against Confederate militia at Camp Jackson.



Senator Blair commanded 1st Missouri Regt.

Free frank, postmarked St. Louis Mo. Oct 3 (1861) to the Arsenal for forwarding to Gen. Grant's Staff, Cairo Ill.



Maj. Gen. Fremont  
Commander of the Western  
Department Missouri 1861.  
Fremont O. named after him.

Until 1862 The Overland Mail  
Company carried mail from St.  
Joseph Mo. to California via Salt  
Lake City.

Cover postmarked Savannah Mo. Sept 16  
1861 to California, 10¢ 1861 issue, postage  
across the Rocky mountains.



Published by J. R. Hawley, Cincinnati, Ohio.

HOME GUARD.



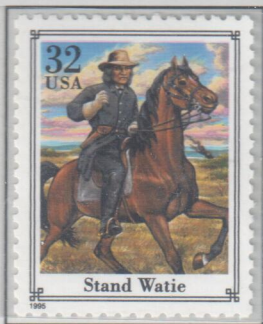
Battle of Wilson's Creek Aug 10 1861 where Gen. Lyon was killed.



Postmark Camden, Lyon Co. Minn., named in honour of Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon.



Fort Davidson, Pilot Knob Mo., where the last major Missouri battle stood Sept 1864. Soldier's letter 16th Ohio Batt.



Cover to 3rd Wis. Cavalry, Army of the Frontier, operating in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Postmarked Ontario Wis., sent via St. Louis, by railway to Rolla forwarded to Southwest Missouri.

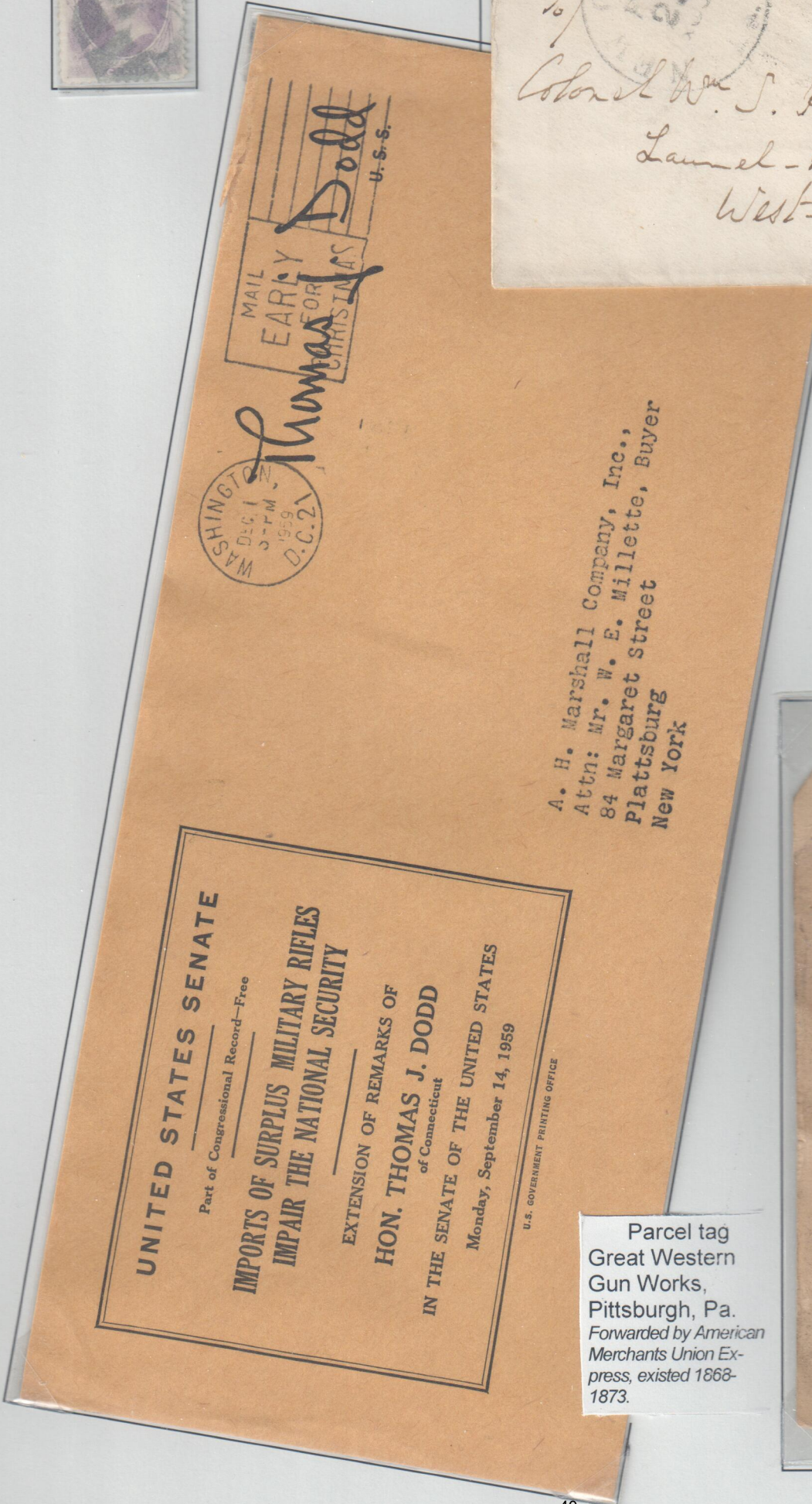
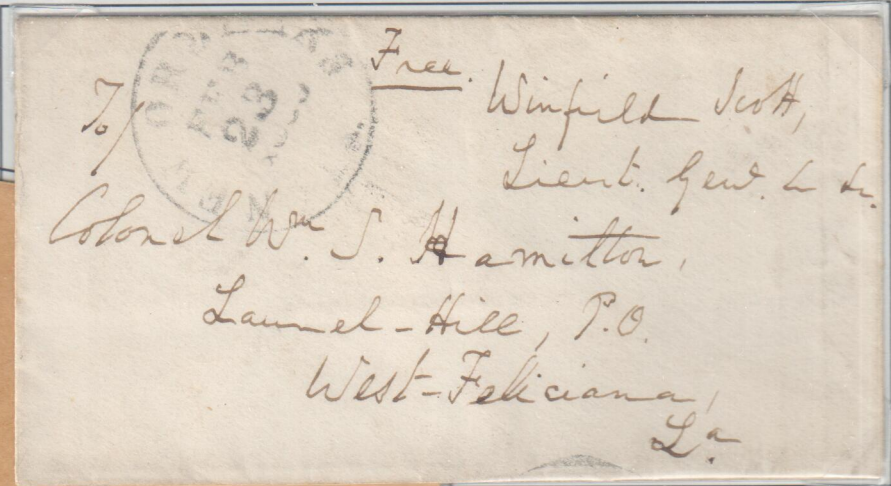


Stand Watie, Confederate commander of the Cherokee's. Cover to Stand Watie, Bonham Texas via Little Rock, Washington Ark. and the Indian Territory. Free frank MC Clarke, postmarked April 8 1865.





Winfield Scott, US  
General in Chief.  
Signed free frank cover.



A. H. Marshall Company, Inc.,  
Attn: Mr. W. E. Millette, Buyer  
84 Margaret Street  
Plattsburg  
New York

**UNITED STATES SENATE**  
Part of Congressional Record—Free  
**IMPORTS OF SURPLUS MILITARY RIFLES  
IMPAIR THE NATIONAL SECURITY**  
EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF  
**HON. THOMAS J. DODD**  
of Connecticut  
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
Monday, September 14, 1959  
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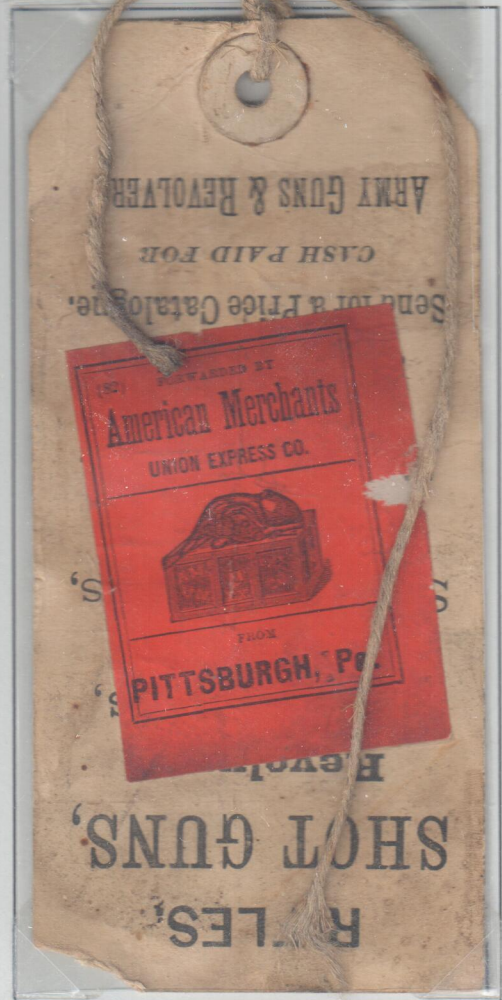
**Strategy**

General Scott's strategy was to force the Confederacy to sue for peace because of lack of supplies.

"Imports of surplus military rifles impair the national security"

Part of Congressional Record—Free, frank signed U.S.S.

Parcel tag  
Great Western  
Gun Works,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Forwarded by American  
Merchants Union Ex-  
press, existed 1868-  
1873.



A blockade was to enclose and lock up the South as in a sack.

Post Office Department, with an official request for **Locks and Sacks**. Official Business with receiving postmark Hayfield Va.

The Plan became known as the "Anaconda Plan".



DIVISION OF EQUIPMENT

**Post Office Department**  
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL  
Washington

SIR:

The Service now needs all the surplus Eagle Mail Locks and Mail Sacks you have in your office. Upon the receipt of this card you will please cause a search to be made, and all that can be spared forwarded without delay to your mail-bag depository, for which please see Section 1367, Postal Laws and Regulations.

In forwarding locks to the mail-bag depository please see to it that they are securely wrapped so that they will not become separated in transit. If you have twenty-five or more locks to forward, inclose them in the smallest pouch you have on hand.

This is an important matter, and your personal attention and cooperation is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,  
**JOSEPH STEWART,**  
*Second Assistant Postmaster General.*

2399-B. 5-2719  
67-C



Occupying Mississippi would separate Dixie in two parts. Dixie, a pseudonym for the South originating from Louisiana ten or "dix" dollar notes. Pair #6 London print postmarked Dixie Ga. March 1863.



Politically it would be a Difficult Run for Richmond to survive. Difficult (Run) Va., turned date.

**"King Cotton"**

European textile industry demanded cotton why the South expected political recognition and supply.

Parcel receipt Sjuntorp Cotton Weaving Mill.

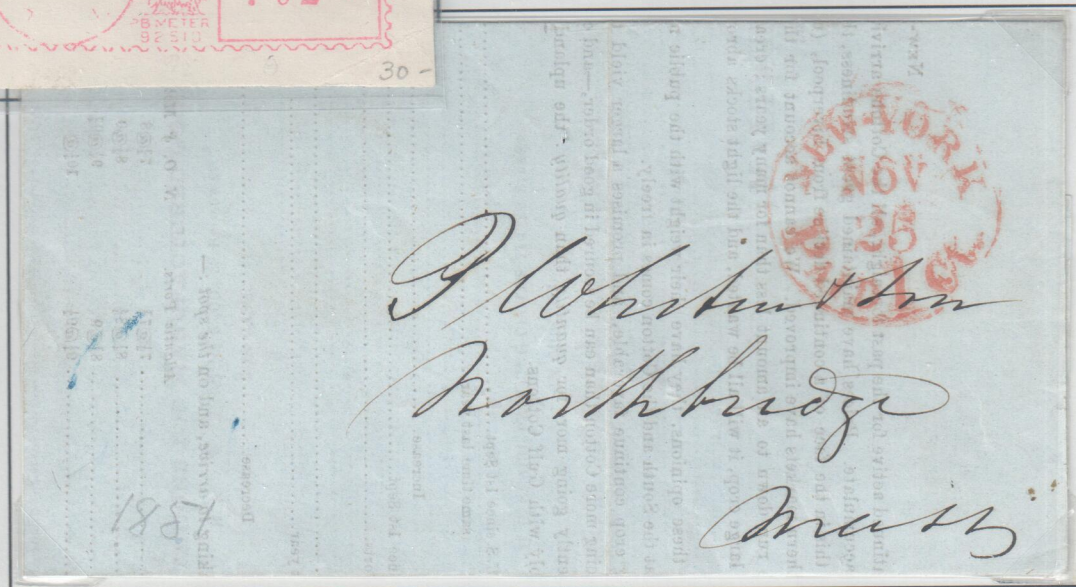


Cotton bales postmarked Pacolet Mills S.C. Rate 15¢ register fee, 2¢ postage.



Revenue, Clenning House, Liverpool Cotton Brokers. Perfin C.H.

Cotton Brokers circular. New York Paid 1 cent Nov 25 1851.





Transatlantic ship letter to the Kanawha Canal House, inland waterway in Virginia. Ship letter sent from Balls Pond, London, to Richmond Va. Paid 1/. 5¢ US inland fee and 19¢ to UK, inland postage 3¢ and 16¢ sea postage.

The waterways, primary links of communication.



S.S Adriatic



Steamboat 5 Applied on letters forwarded by non-contract vessels.



Steamship Origin unknown, but most likely California, 10¢ for distance across the Rocky Mountains.



Patriotic cover, Cincinnati, via New York – Bremen, to Reichenberg, Bohemia. Postmark Cincinnati, stamp removed. Transit New York to Bremen 24¢, indicating full payment. America über Bremen Franco applied. Forwarded via Western Bahnhof (Wien?) to Reichenberg. Credit 44 Kreuzer.



Incoming ship letter to New York from Nassau, Bahamas, one of the hubs for blockade-runners. Letter postmarked Nassau Paid, AP 11 63, 4 pence red crayon. Departed by "British Queen" April 12. Arrived New York April 16, receiving postmark New-York Ship Letter 5 (due), Apr 17. No notations of outbound from the Confederacy, but a blockade run letter from Charleston by "Margaret & Jessie" postmarked Nassau the same date and forwarded via London is known.



Canals and locks  
Connected many  
inland waterways.



Canal Dover Ohio.



Sault Saint Marie

Postmark Canal Pa.



Lockport N.Y., Eire Canal.

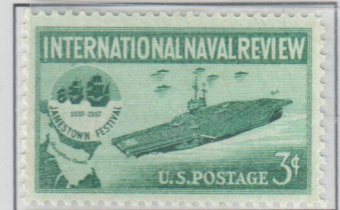
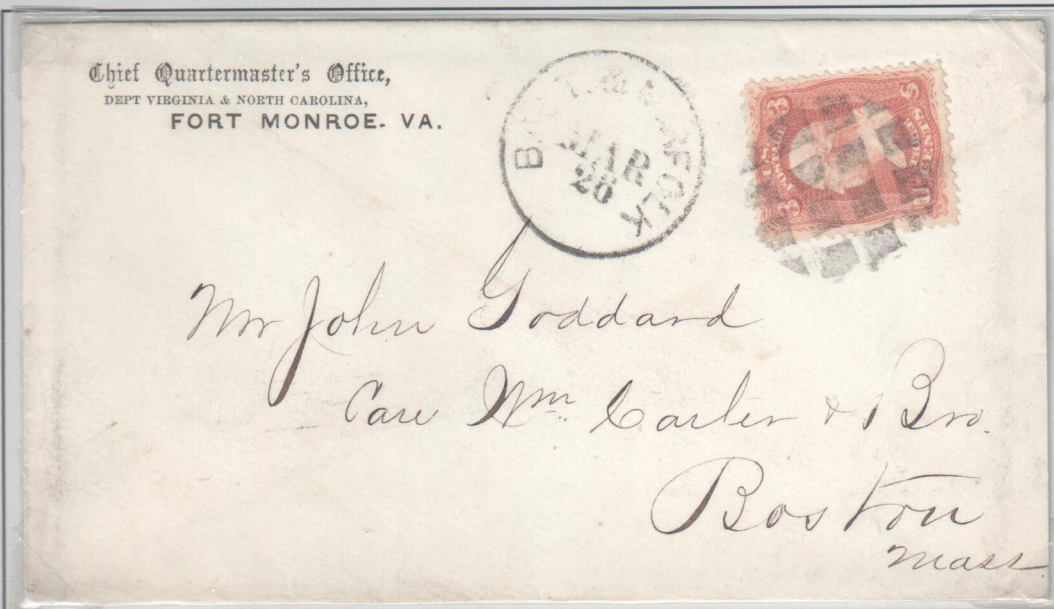


Lock Seventeen O.  
Ohio & Eire Canal



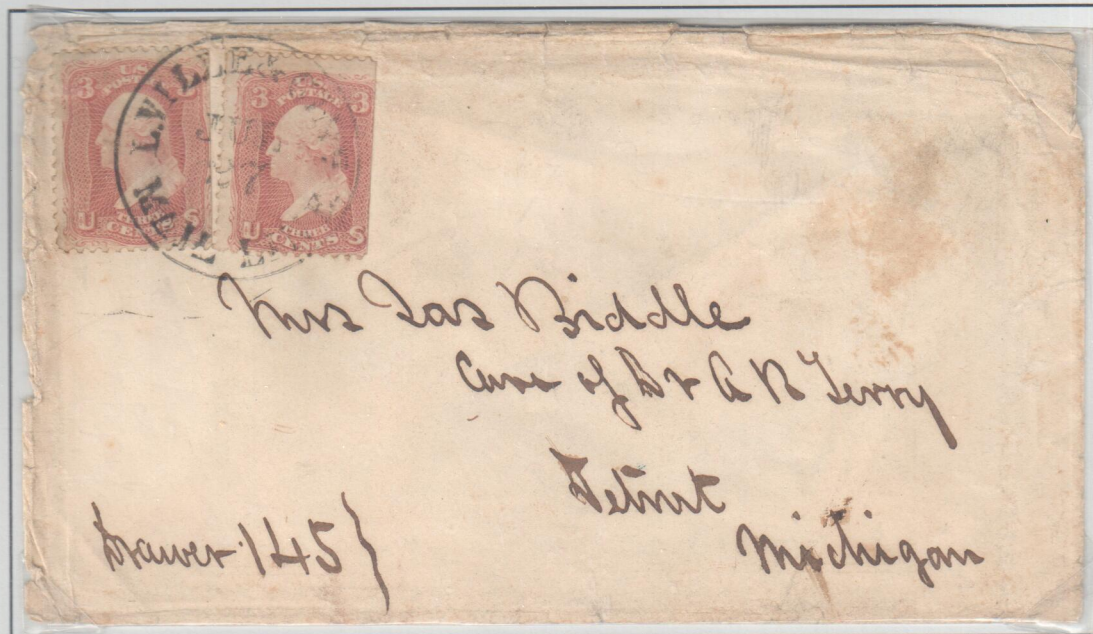


Steamboat W.A. Violet on the Mississippi river.  
New Orleans La. postmark, steam 10 (due), >300 miles Feb. 1851.



Balt. & Norfolk  
Steampacket Co.  
Postmark, used 1864-65 for  
mail to and from Old Point  
Comfort (Fort Monroe) in  
Chesapeake Bay.  
During the war the traffic to  
Norfolk was suspended.

Louisville & Cincinnati Mail  
Line, forwarded by rail.  
Adversity cover, Route  
Agents stamp July 1862  
Lville & Cin. Mail Line.



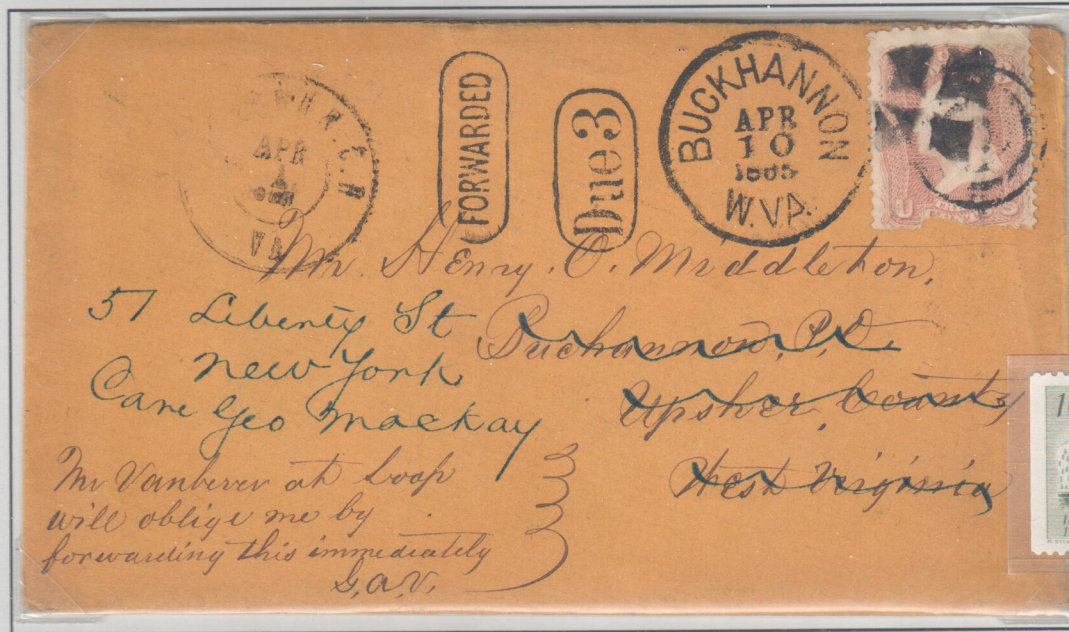


**Railroads**

Fast and important for supply of men and materials.

New York & Boston Steamboat & Railroad Route.

Postmark N.Y. & Boston Stmb. & R. R. R. (month slug turned).



Virginia & Tenn. Central R.R Mountain Cove W.Va. March 26 via Loop W.Va. Postmarked Virginia & Tenn. R.R. Central Depot April 1 1865. Arrived Buckhannon W.Va., forwarded to New York Due 3.



Truman Express, San Francisco - San Jose.

Five Different Designs

**American Steam Locomotives**

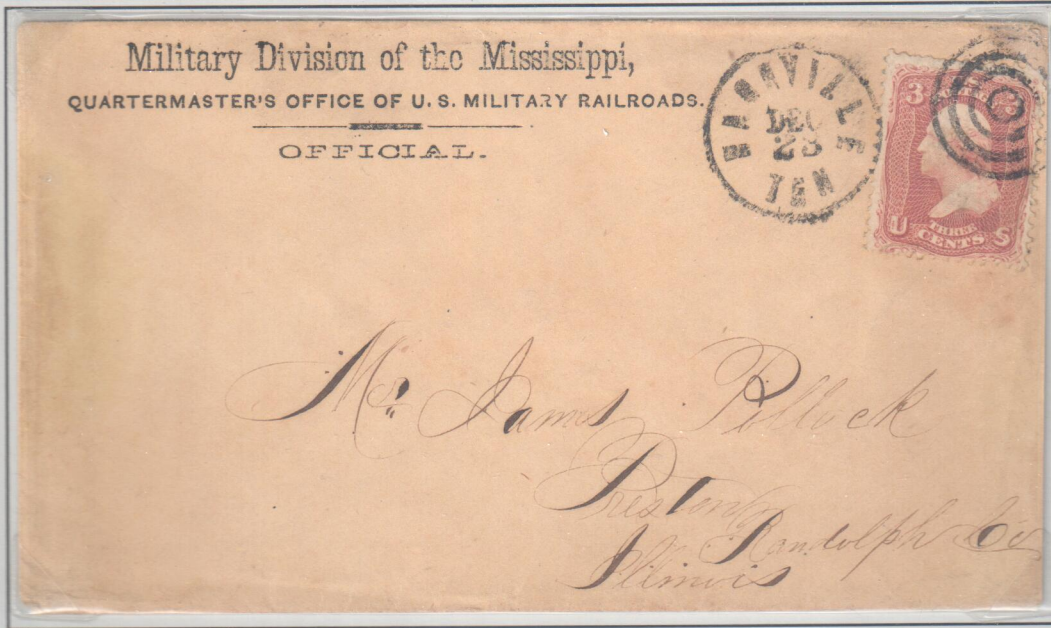
Twenty 29c Stamps

**\$5.80**

USA 29

1893 USA 29

BUCHANAN'S NO 989



Quartermaster's Office U.S. Military Railroads, Military Division of Mississippi. Official cover postmarked Nashville Tenn.



The engine "General" from the "Great train chase", on the Atlanta-Chattanooga line 1862. A pump trolley played an important role when it was retaken.



The Wilmington & Raleigh (later Weldon) Railroad connected to Petersburg Railroad. It was a main supply link for Richmond. Charged double rate, 50¢ >400 miles.

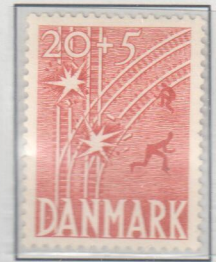


Baltimore & Ohio RR. Soldier's Due endorsed Major De Witt 12th Regt. Penn. Vol., postmarked Adamstown.



Cavalry guard.





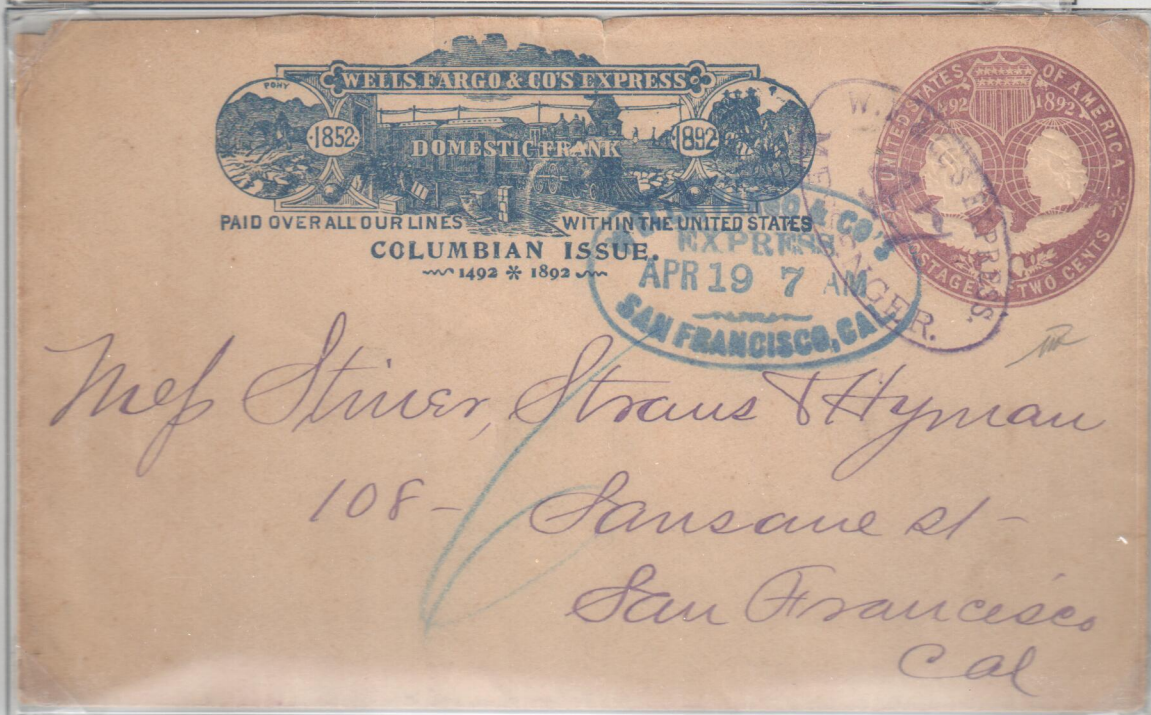
Railroad security upheld by detached cavalry units.  
Austrian field post Landsturm Eisenbahn Sicherungsabteilung (=Railroad security unit) Haupt Feldpostamt 22/M (Lemberg) 1916.



British Cavalry Line



Soldier's letter 1st N.Y. Mounted Rifles.  
Endorsed by officer and postmarked Norfolk Va., Due 3. Notation 4¢, to charge the receiver for postage and carrier service.



But when railroad was not available wagons, coaches, horses and sometimes local messengers served.  
Wells Fargo by Messenger 47, due 6 pieces.

The Argus Daily Edition,

This Wrapper may only be used for Newspapers, or for such documents as are allowed to be sent at the Book-rate of postage, and must not enclose any letter or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise). If this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged as a letter.

Port Elizabeth Library  
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Subscription: To all parts of South Africa 8s. per Quarter, paid in advance. Higher Rates for Deferred Payment.

Union Canal Tunnel Station  
Lebanon PA 17046  
Canal Days May 14, 2005

News paper wrapper with Wagon Wheel cancel.

"Packed out by muletrain from Sunrise High Sierra Camp"

PACKED OUT BY MULETRAIN FROM  
SUNRISE HIGH SIERRA CAMP

Page..... REGISTERED PACKAGE RECEIPT. A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this Card for other than Official Business.

Post Office Department,  
Official Business.

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Stamp of Receiving Office \_\_\_\_\_

and date of Return.

Receipt on other side and return this card by NEXT MAIL, without cover,

To \_\_\_\_\_

P. M. at \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

Stamp of Dispatching Office  
FORBESTOWN, CAL.  
NOV 25 1891  
and date of Dispatch.

5-1630

Wagons, mules, ox-carts and horses were included in the transports.

"Kicking Mule" Forbestown Cal.



PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.

PAID

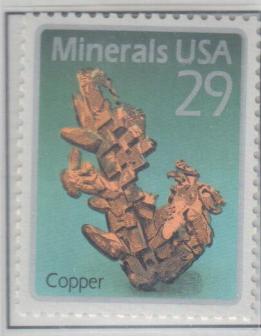
PACIFIC EXPRESS  
SEP 1  
STOCKTON

THREE CENTS

David McKay  
Davis Stephen Jackson  
Lot 30  
San Francisco

Pacific Express  
Postal entire, Stockton Cal.

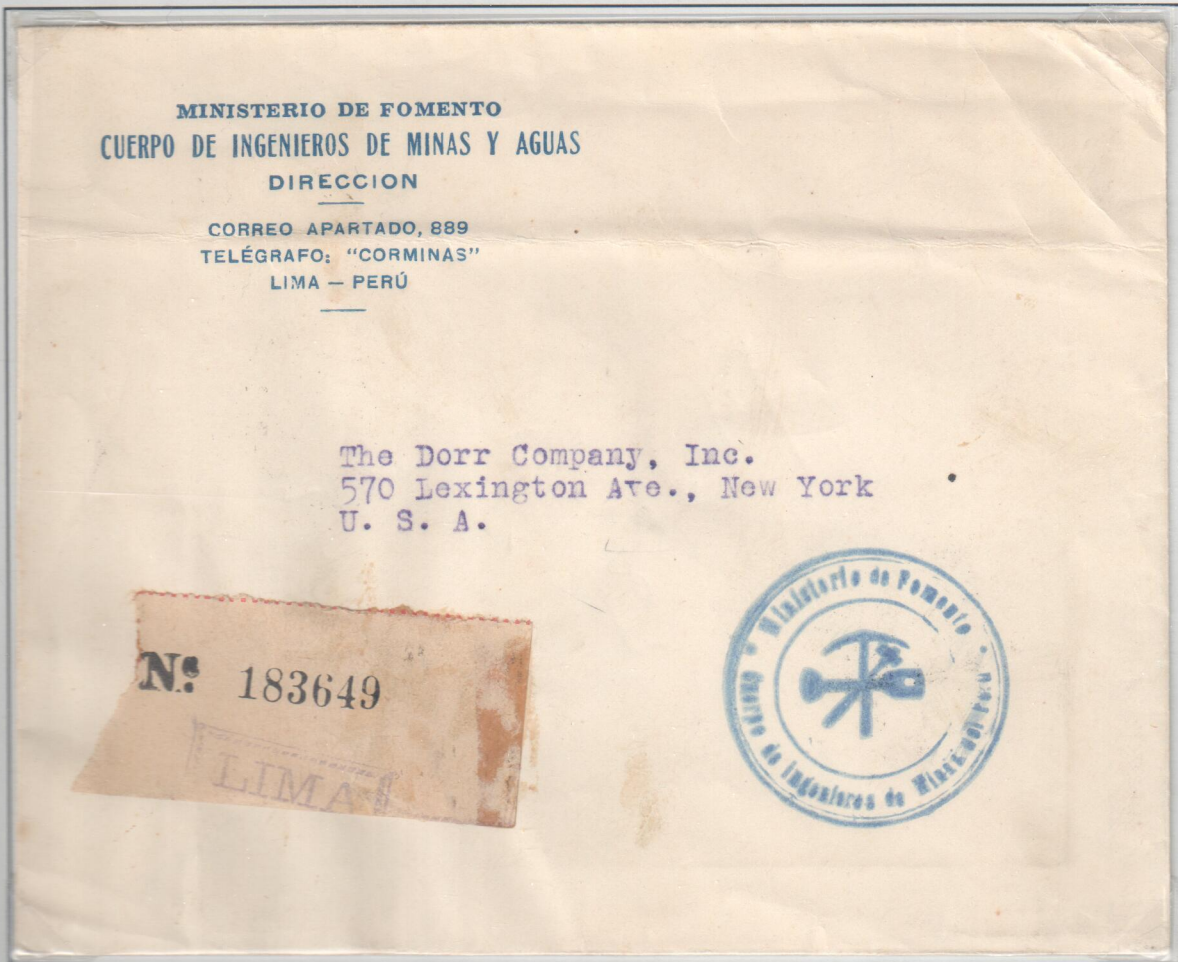
Raw material and manufacturing



Mineral Point Mo.  
Missent and forwarded.



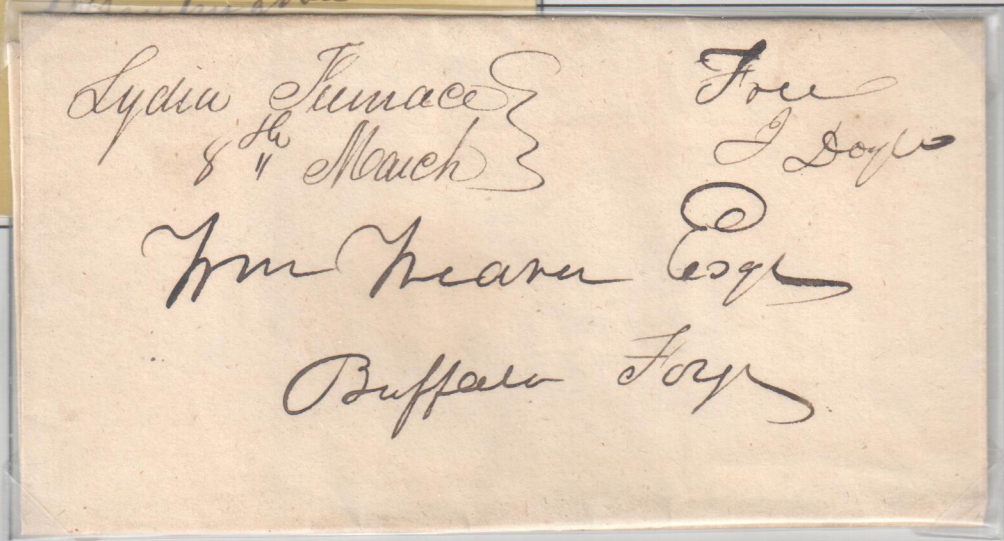
Scarcity of material was a dilemma for the Confederacy.



Official Cover Corps de Ingenieros de Minas y Aguas  
Straight cancel Lima on the register label.



Greenwood Furnace Pa. Broken handstamp.  
Lydia Furnace Va. to Buffalo Forge Va. Free frank.

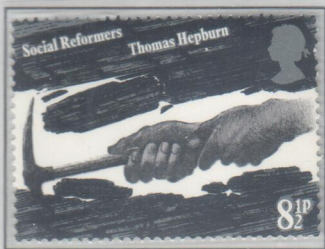


Forging iron

Few iron works existed in the South. Local furnaces produced iron but of a low quality.

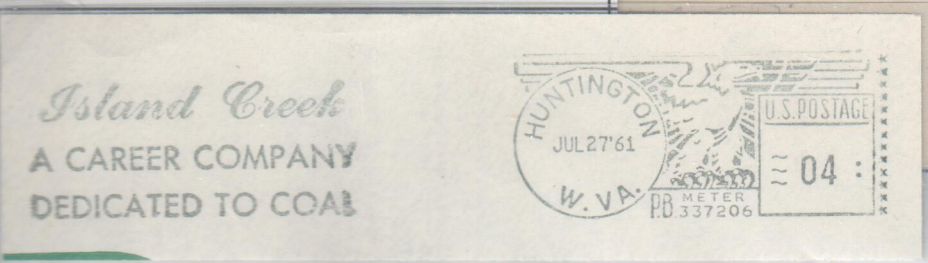
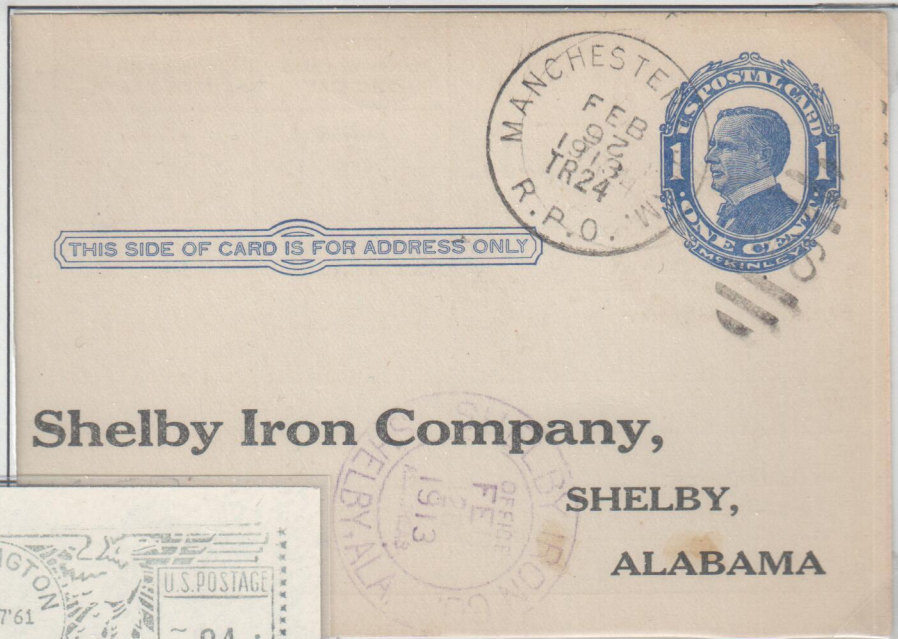


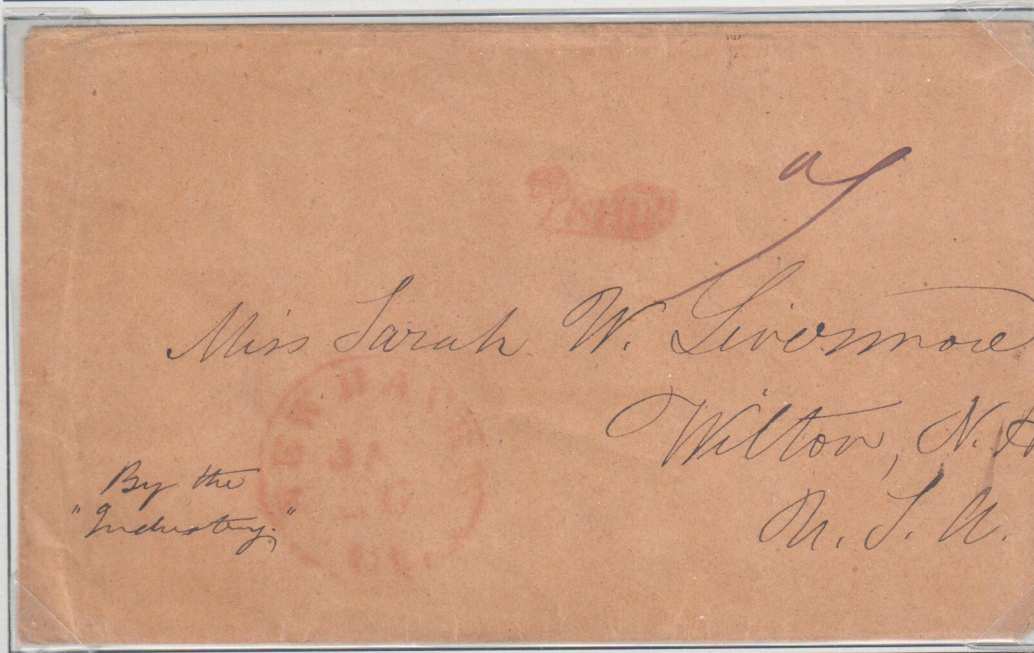
Coal, necessary for iron production.



A printed form for account of wagons and load, in this case coal, to Shelby Iron Company Al, which became a leading Confederate iron work.

Printed postal card from Vincent Al. Sent by Manchester & Birmingham RR to Shelby Iron Company, receiving cancel.

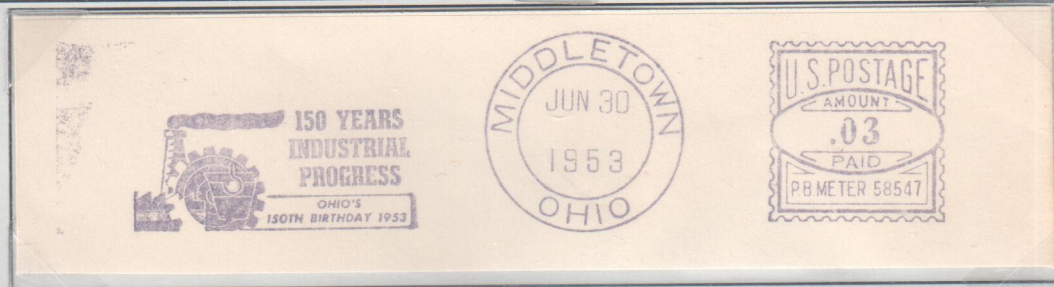
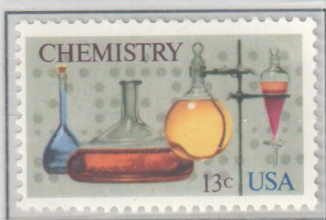




**Manufacturing**

"By the Industry", name of the ship carrying the letter, post-marked by a cancel illustrating a ship under construction.

Ship letter postmark New Haven Conn. Due 7¢, not prepaid 5¢ + 2¢ ship fee.



Chicopee Factory Ms., manufactured swords, bayonets, cannons and projectiles.

A letter 1832 from Ames Manufacturing Co. about boxes containing 450 swords and scabbards.



Richmond Factory Ga., produced textile of wool for uniforms to the Confederacy.



Ordnance Department  
Organized industrial supply  
of arms and ammunition.



Åkers Styckebruk  
(=Gun factory).  
Railroad postmark FKMB =  
Box under surveil-  
lance.



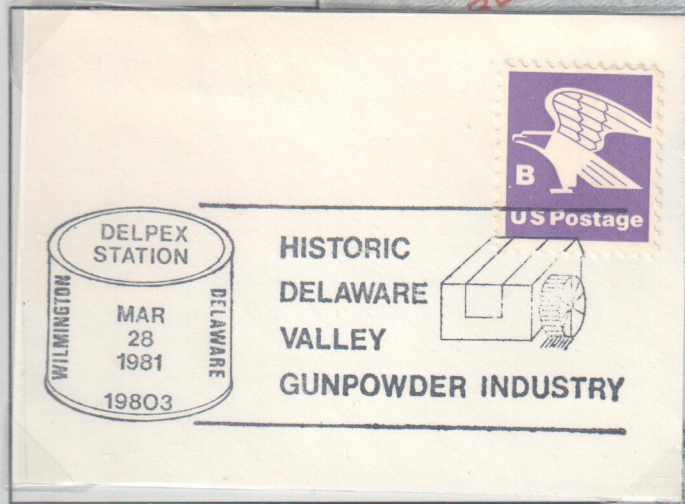
Official business,  
Ordnance Department signed by Brig.  
Gen. Dyer, Chief of  
the bureau.  
Postmarked Washington D.  
C Free, sent to Little Rock  
Ark. June 22 1865. Re-  
ceived and forwarded free to  
Marshall Ill., to the mustered  
out addressee .



Black Powder  
A mixture of charcoal, nitrate and sulphur.



Advertising postmark sodium nitrate, Chile 1934.



Skogens kol = Charcoal



Sulphur La.



Ministry of War Egypt, postal meter slogan Factories Directorate. Registered letter from Egypt, by air to a Swedish Powder factory. Postage 105 millimes paid by mixed franking of official stamps and meter cancellation Oct 30 1955.



C.S. Central Laboratory, (Ordn.), Macon Ga., centre of testing and production of percussion caps, and pressed bullets.

Official Business, franked with #7 (Archer and Daly), only Postal Department disposed franking privilege.



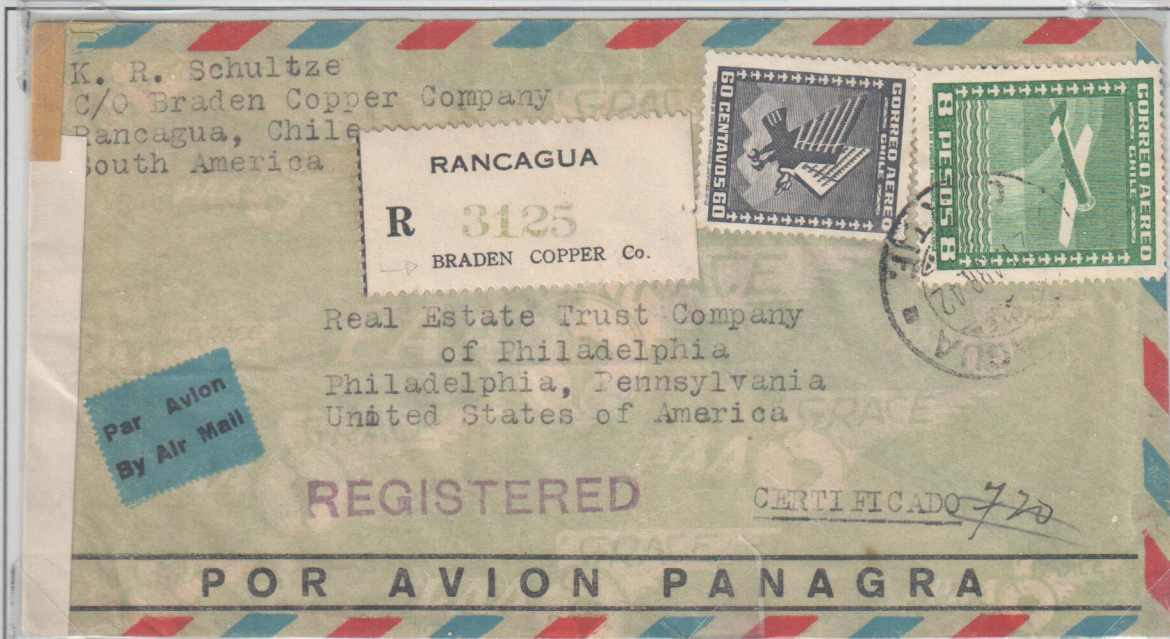
Bullets

Lead for bullets was extracted from galena, lead sulphide.

Patriotic cover postmarked Galena Ill, June 6 1861 with #26, honouring Col. Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter April 12 when the war broke out.



USS Nitro, ammunition ship.



Primers

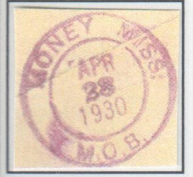
Percussion caps were produced of copper.

Registered cover from Braden Copper Co, Rancagua Chile. 1942, examined.

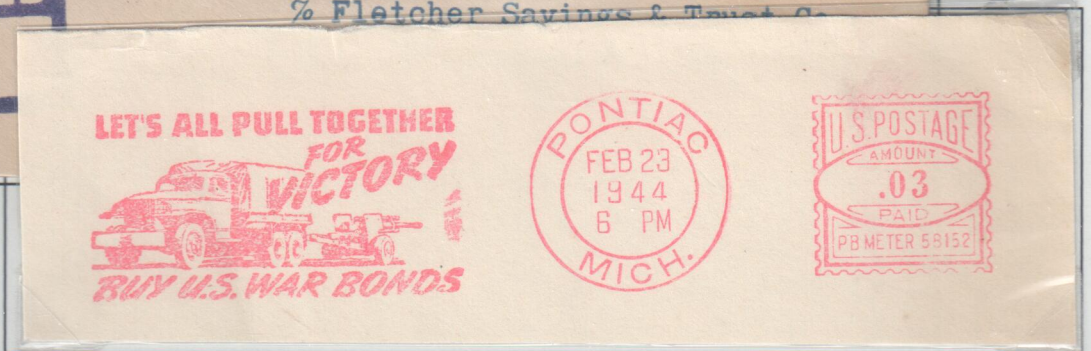




Financing the war



War bonds were issued.



**ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY**  
**BOSTON, Mass.**  
**ARMY & SOLDIERS PACKAGE EXPRESS.**

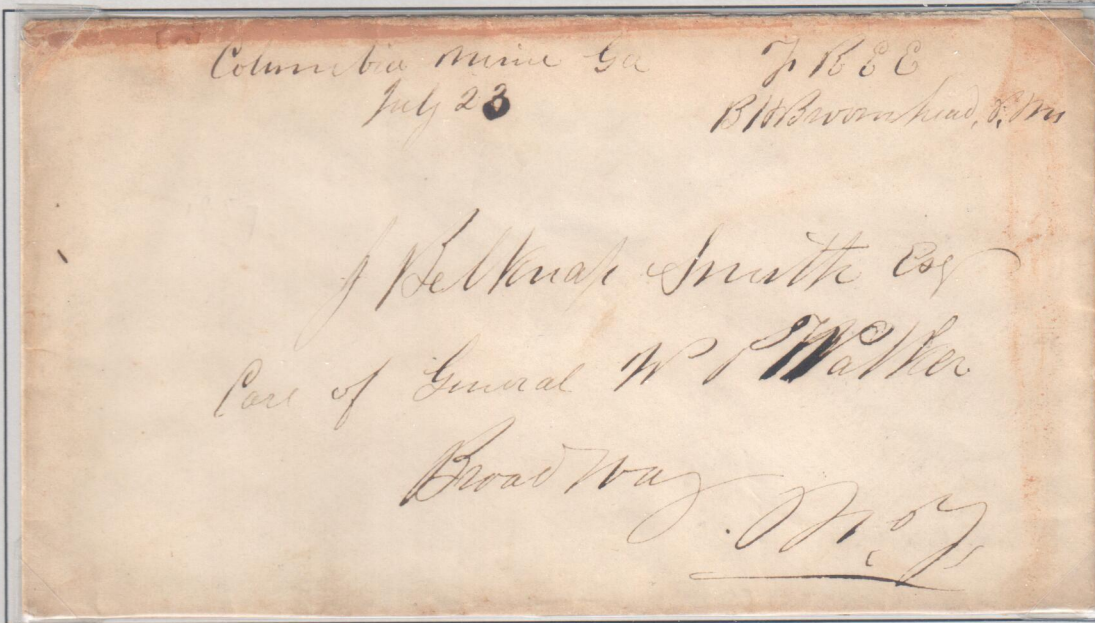
**EX. CO.**  
**MAR 12 1863**

Received of Boston, Mass., March 17<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Sawyer & Co's Express  
 one pkg  
 Value Co. G. 14<sup>th</sup> Mass Reg.  
 Marked W J Snee  
Sandy Hook Md

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation, or to the order of the Consignee, or to the order of the Quartermaster or other officer of the command to which the Consignee is attached. It is further mutually agreed, that the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY are not to be held liable or responsible for the property herein mentioned, after delivery to the army wagons, or to the order of the officer of the Regiment, or to such other parties, or to the order of the Consignee; nor shall said Company be liable for any loss or damage to the property above described, unless the claim for such loss or damage shall be made, in writing, at this office, within thirty days from the above date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. And in no event, shall the holder hereof demand of said Company as the value of said property a greater sum than Fifty Dollars, unless such greater sum is herein stated as its value.

Freight, paid 1.511 For the Company, Dow

To fund the war income taxes and taxes on documents and retail articles were also introduced. Express revenue adhesive R25b tied by Adams Express on an Army and Soldiers Package Express receipt for forwarding a parcel.



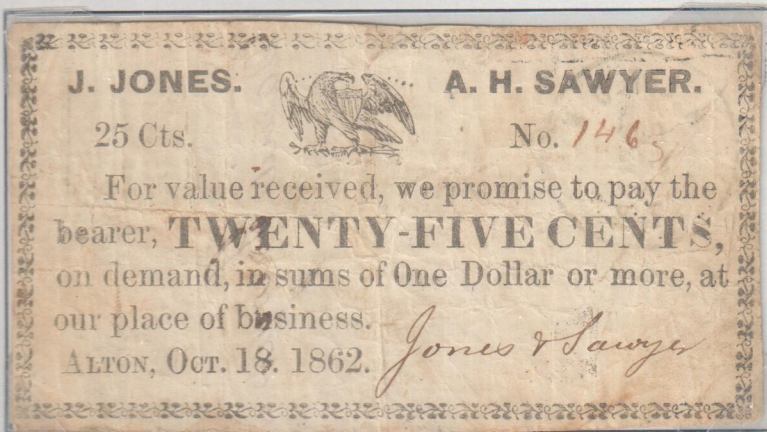
Both sides kept gold standard.  
Columbia (Gold) Mine Ga.  
B.H. Broomhead P.M  
Free. (Postoffice open  
1856-1866.)



Paper notes were issued by necessity  
Stamps printed on banknote paper Latvia 1919.



Postage currency for exchange, issued because of shortness of coins.



Paper change currency, issued by merchants Jones and Sawyer. Endorsed Daniel Sawyer and postmarked Alton N.H. Oct 22 1862. (A.H. Sawyer was also postmaster in Alton.)



Inflation by paper notes, Due 24¢ (gold) or Due 35¢ (notes). Cover from Liverpool to New Orleans (reoccupied) via New York. Handstamp illustrating depreciation, 19 cents British inland postage and sea postage.



"Black marketers are enemies of the Society"



Running inflation. 225000 Mark., registered express letter, Germany 1923.



A blockading fleet needed supply bases.



The first naval expedition, August 1861, did occupy Hatteras Island N.C.

USS Cumberland off the Hatteras Inlet.

Postmarked Steamboat, prepaid with 2x#26. Steamboat letter, handed by non contract vessel at domestic route for deposition at post office. Incoming rate 6¢ but if forwarded the rate was 5¢. The captain received 2¢ for each letter.



Port Royal S.C. was taken November 7 1861. Handstamped Paid.



USS Jamestown Sloop of the War.

New-Berne N.C., captured March 14 1862 .

The first postmark applied, used in the end of Nov 1862 and for about two weeks. Soldiers letter Nov 23 (1862) Due 3.



USS Susquehanna and USS Mississippi.



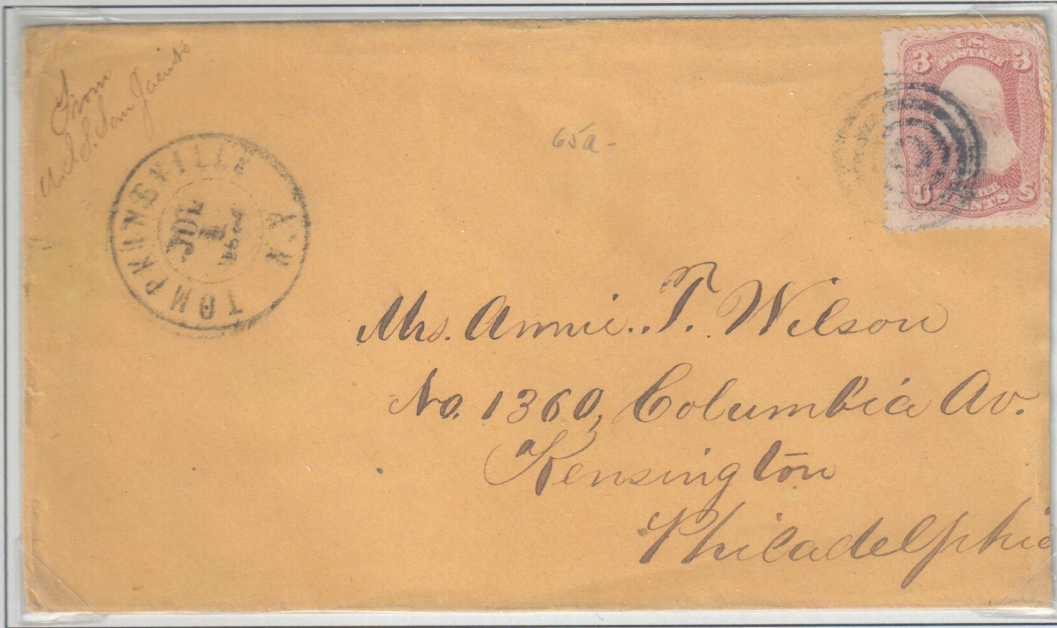
Shipbuilding increased for war production.



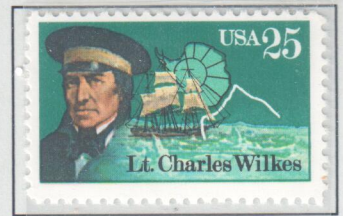
Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks. Free frank Official Business. (Probably about cutlasses/swords, compare Chicopee Factory cover.)



USS Florida St. Simons Sound Ga. via Port Royal S.C. Ship letter postage paid by 6 cents, but charged double weight Due 6.



Stamped envelope from USS San Jacinto, postmarked Tompkinsville N.Y., shipbase on Staten Island.



**The Trent Affair**  
 Captain Wilkes, USS San Jacinto, provoked England to the brink of war by removing two Confederate commissioners from the British mail steamer Trent in Nov 1861.

Notice, The Sun, London, Jan 3 1850 :  
 "Southampton, Jan 2, sailed Trent, steamer to the West Indies"  
 Cover postmarked Wells - Somerset, Dec 29 1849, paid 2 shillings 3 pence, London transit Paid and carried by Trent to Vera Cruz Mexico. Receipt postmark at British Post Office Feb 20 (?) where it was picked up poste restante. No Mexican postage needed.



Union Jack  
 Fancy cancel



James Mason, one of the Commissioners, later Confederate envoy in England.  
 Senator Mason free frank postmarked Richmond Dec 12 1848 to Philadelphia. no postmark. Forwarded to Towson town, postmarked Baltimore Dec 14 with a notation "forwarded and rec Eve of 14th Dec postage 5 cts."

U.S. Ship with fleurons from unknown port, Soldier's letter not endorsed why it was charged double postage. But also double weight, final due 9 ¢.



Mary Celestia, wrecked on blockade run to Wilmington.

The submarine H.L. Hunley detonated a spar torpedo, destroying USS Housatonic but was also lost.



USS Housatonic, naval letter postmarked Port Royal S.C.





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*Not called.*

Cover to USS Iroquois on patrol in the Mediterranean. Advertised, marked "Not called for", postmarked "Dead Philadelphia Post Office Aug 26 1864" and forwarded to Dead Letter Office in Washington.



Old Dominion Trading Company, owning vessels in foreign and domestic commerce, trading from ports of Confederate States...



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Prize courts handled captured cargo and ships. Cover released by Prize Court. Postmarked Narbonne, Vichy France 1941. Sent via Lisbon, intercepted and detained. Released in Hamilton Bermuda 1950.





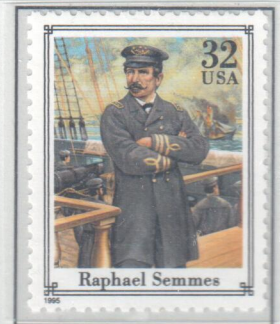
Confederate Sea warfare.



U.S. Mail Steamer Roanoke, seized by Confederates leaving Havana Sept 29 1864. Sailed to Bermuda. When stores and coal was refused burned off St. George's, Bermuda. March 4 1864., Steamship 10 ¢.



Cover endorsed Capt. T. Page CSN, Florence Italy June 18 1864. Awaiting a ship from England, later Commander of CSN Stonewall in Copenhagen Jan 1865. Sent to agent enclosed in an outer cover either via Liverpool-New York-Bahamas July 2 1864 or via Liverpool-Halifax-Bermuda July 9 1864 or handcarried. By blockade-runner to a Confederate port, (Wilmington) and forwarded to Richmond Va. Addressed to Staunton, stamp added, postmarked Aug 10 1864 with #11.



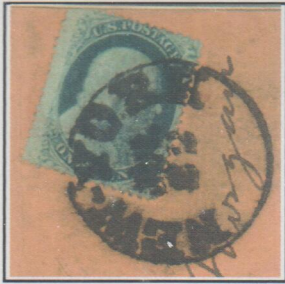
Rear Admiral Semmes Commander CSS Sumter and CSS Alabama.

CSS Shenandoah. Confederate cruiser, in the Pacific Sept 1864 to Aug 1865.

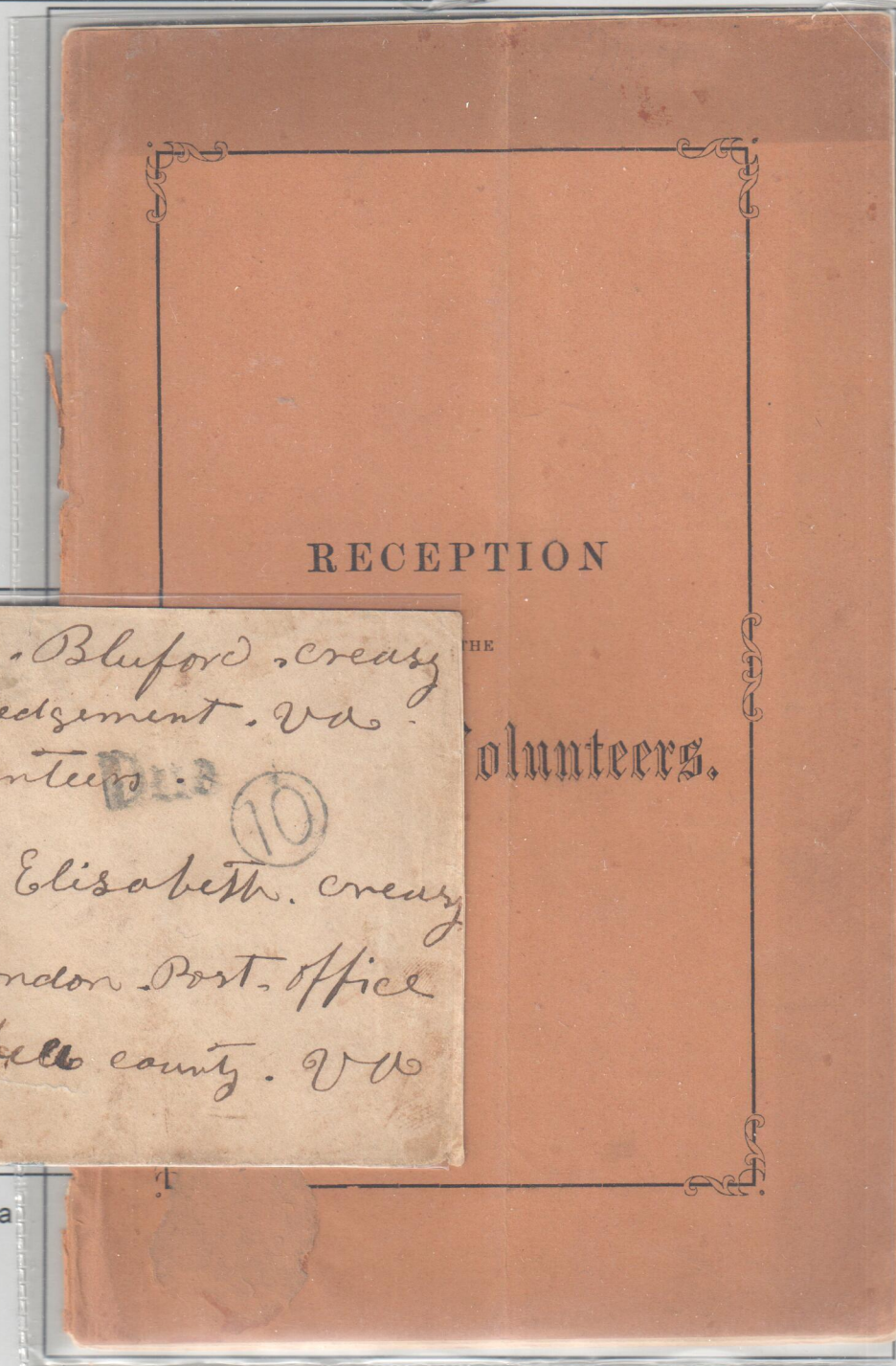




**1861 Volunteer Regiments.**  
 The call for militia ended and regiments were mustered in. C.J. Biddle, commanded 1st Penn. Rifles (42nd Penn. Regt.).  
 Free frank, member of congress.



Oneida Volunteers Ceremony Booklet issued June 1861 in honour of 14th N.Y. State Volunteers. The regiment contained 780 men from Oneida Co. enlisted for three years. Unsealed circular 1¢.



THE  
 olunteers.

Captured Union Patriotic cover sent by a Confederate soldier in 42d Va. Vol. Postmarked Winchester Va, Due 10.



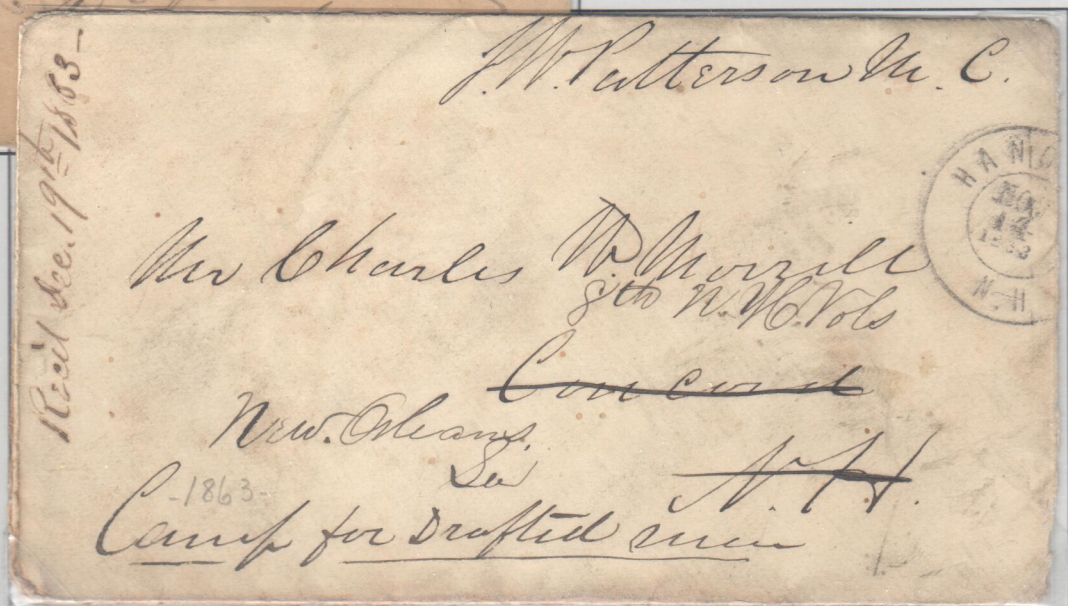
6th Mass. Regt  
Soldier's letter handstamped.  
Due 3 Norfolk and applied at arrival.



C.H. Van Wyck,  
commander 56th  
N.Y. Infantry.  
Free frank, member of  
Congress.



But conscription was soon  
necessary.  
Cover to Consript Bureau  
Richmond. Forwarded c/o  
E.D. Blake, officer Consript  
Bureau Atlanta.  
Turned cover, postmarked Woodstock  
Va. and Richmond Va. when forwarded.



Cover forwarded to Camp  
for Drafted men.  
Addressee had been en-  
listed in a N.H. regiment  
and the cover was for-  
warded to New Orleans.  
Sent by Member of Congress, Free  
frank.

Provost Marshal's Office,

29th DISTRICT N. Y.,

Sackport, Sept 30 1864.

I Certify, that Archelaus G. Smith of Alexander Genesee County, N. Y., has presented Arch Doggins who has been accepted as his Substitute in the Military Service of the United States, for the term of three years and is credited to the above named Town; said Substitute has been accepted for at the General Rendezvous.

L. F. Bowen

Captain and Provost Marshal.

Batavia, N. Y., Sept 3 1864

Received of M. Woodward Four Hundred Dollars

In Genesee Co War Bonds Nos 1759 & 1760 Dollars, in full of the above, being the amount applied by the Supervisors of Genesee County, for Bounty and premium on above.



Archelaus G. Smith

Provost Marshal's Certificate for accept of a substitute conscript. The initial drafted signed the receipt for 400\$ Genesee County War Bonds, paid for bounty and premium. 2¢ revenue stamp is affixed, they were issued to finance the war.

Sept 1862, the first Union colored regiment was mustered in.



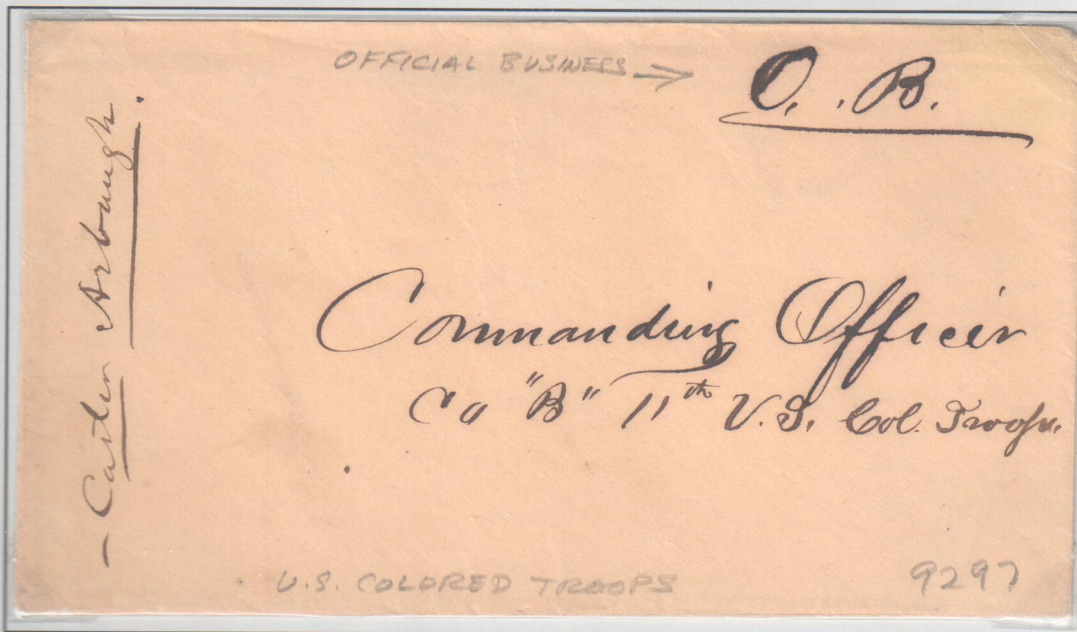
54th Massachusetts Vol. Colored Infantry.



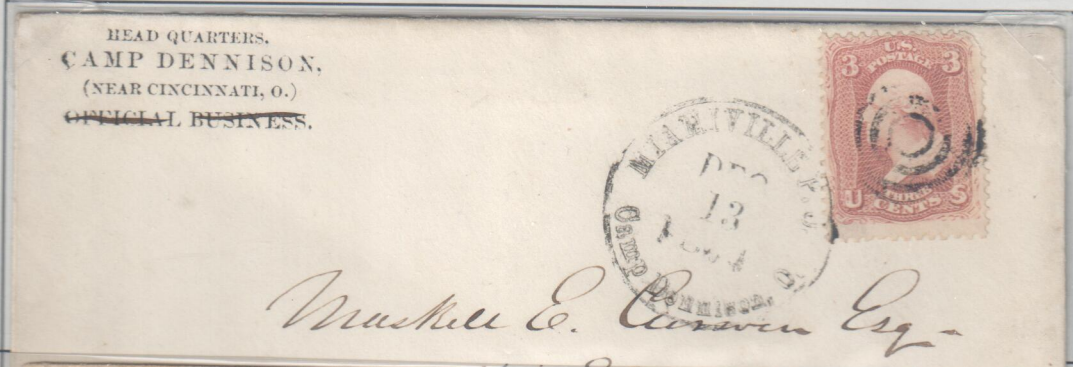
Official Cover postmarked New Orleans La. Aug 13 1864 to 54th N.Y.S.M. , with a request to forward the letter if the unit was not on duty, a service free of charge for the armed forces.



Local letter from Old Point Comfort Va. to 2d U.S. Colored Cavalry, Deep Bottom Va. After a battle Aug 1864 it was maintained as a bridgehead for the advance toward Richmond. Local postage 2 ¢.



Official Business to 11th U.S Colored Troops.



In Camp the men were equipped and armed.

Camp Dennison Ohio.  
Cover postmarked Miamiville P.O.  
Camp Dennison O. Dec 13 1864.



A soldier from the New York Excelsior Brigade, armed with a Springfield Mod. 1861, in front of the tents at the Camp.

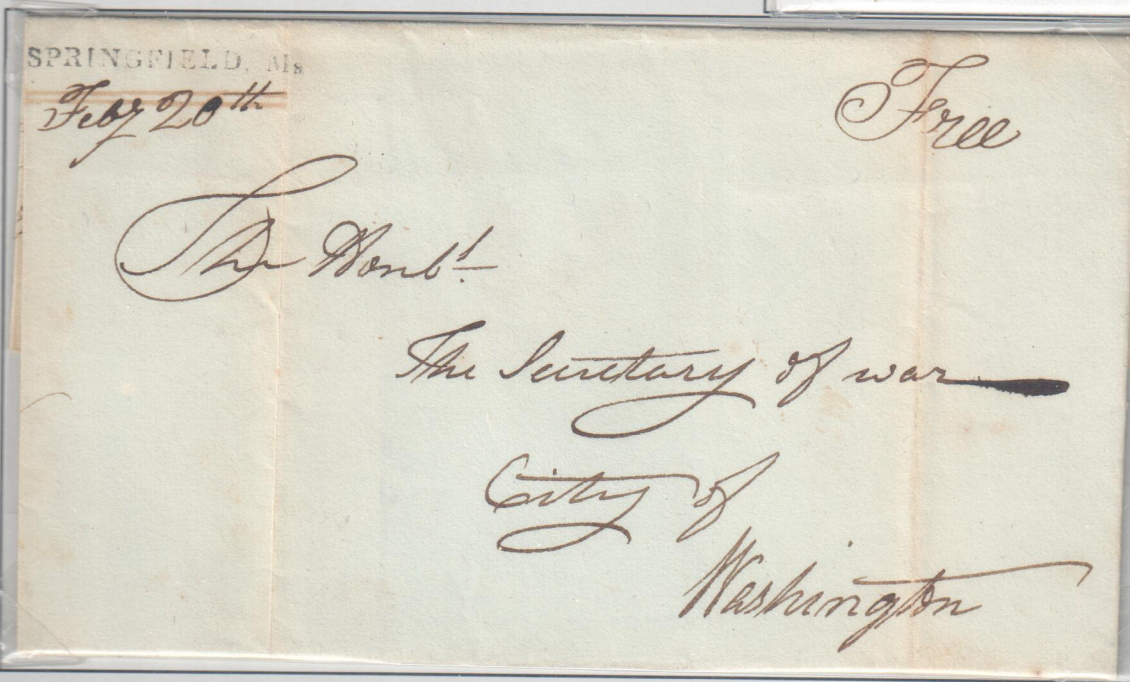
Soldier's letter endorsed by Col. 85th N.Y. Vol. and postmarked Alexandria Va. By mistake charged Due 2 (in lozenge) but changed to Due 3 by pencil.



Fort Sumter April 12-13, 1861 USA

Union Corner Station

May 31, 1861-Jan. 27 1864  
Fairfield, Ohio 45014  
May 31, 2011



Obsolete flintlock muskets were initially used.

Springfield Arms Factory, produced United States Rifle Musket Mod. 1861, the principal weapon. Straight postmark Springfield Ms, Feb 20 1867. Free, to The Secretary of War from the Armory about returned manufactured arms



**Exercise**  
Formation, marching  
and use of weapons.

Camp of Exercise  
3rd Division Field P.O.  
Delhi



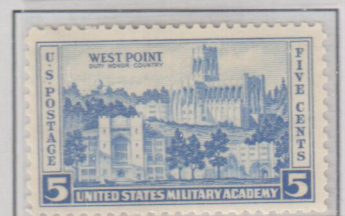
Truppen-  
Ubungsplatz  
(= Troop exer-  
cise place)  
German field  
post mark 1915.



Single or double  
rank battle lines,  
assault waves  
and other forma-  
tions.



In the South existed  
colleges to teach the  
students in military  
disciplines.  
Postmark Military Institute Ky.



West Point graduates  
were commissioned  
officers.



Line of orders

Army-Corps-Division-Brigade-Regiment.

Cover postmarked Marion Ala. to 46th Miss. Reg., Lear's Brigade, French' Div., Polk's Corps, Army of Tenn.

Forming an army.



Army of Northern Virginia.  
Field postmark ANV - 13



"Army" Seal.  
Adams Express money letter.



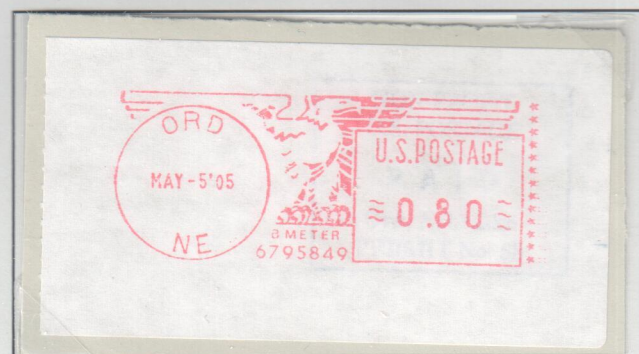
From a regiment on the Eastern to the Western front via Cairo Ill. May 19th 1862.  
44th NJ Vol. to 54th Ohio Vol., 1st. Brigade, Sherman's Div., Army of the Tenn.



John Marmaduke  
Confederate Major  
General.  
Marmaduke Ark.



Carl Schurz  
Major General .



Edward Ord  
Major General, assigned command of the Army of the James.  
Ord Ne.





**Infantry**

Infantry, the main units.  
 Union cover hand stamped "Soldiers letter 24th Mass. Regt. Vol." with hands stamped signature N.E.G. (=New England Guard).  
 Postmarked "U.S. Ship 3 cts" and Due 3. Not charged ship letter fee as a military deliverance.



Seward Infantry, 103rd Regiment N.Y.S.V.  
 Manuscript 3 and Baltimore Due 3, probably sent by ship from Dept. of N.C. spring 1862.



The regiment band.



On the march!



Military postal stationery Finland, postmarked Military Post Office 5, 1942, and on the back signed and marked Kpk 5 - 6500, cover for Infantry Regiment 57. Postage for postcard added, foreign deliverance. Examined censor 103.



Banks' Division.  
46th Penn. Vol., postmarked  
Banks' Division, Type 6, May 9  
1862 and Due 3.

Mrs. Susan Gross,  
Reading Pa  
Berks county

Sharpshooters  
Special infantry units.

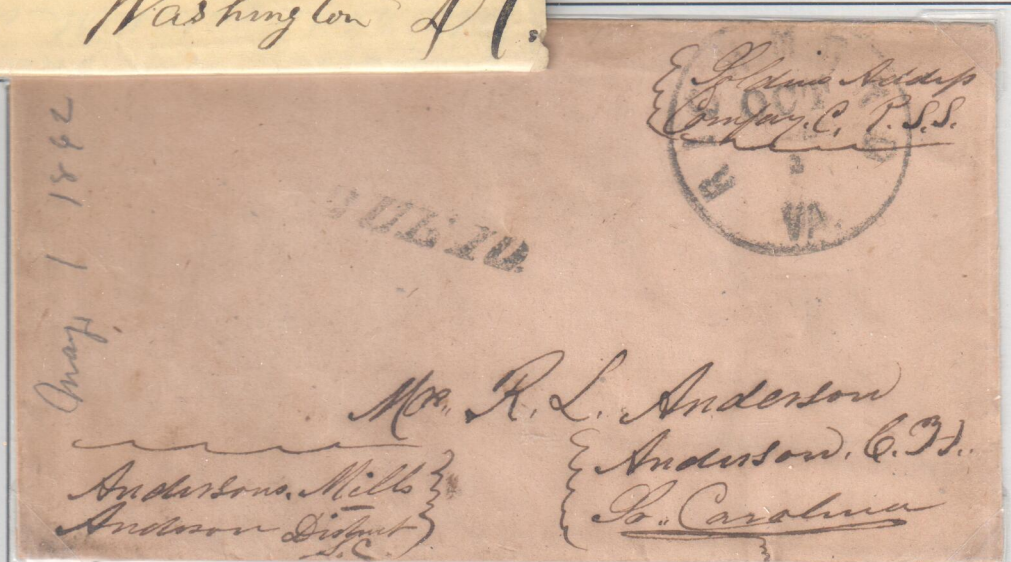


Plainfield N.J. Paid  
Oct 9

Mr John W. Peterson  
Head Quarters of Berdans U.S.  
Sharp Shooters of Camp Instruction  
Company C. Washington D.C.

Berdans U.S. Sharp Shooters,  
Company C, Camp Instruction.  
Manuscript Paid 3, Oct 9 (1861). New  
stamps had not been delivered yet.

Palmetto Sharp Shooters  
Soldiers letter from Company C,  
P.S.S. postmarked Richmond Oct.  
1863 and Due 10.





Corps Badges



Crescent, 11th Corps later 20th Corps.



Clover, 2nd Corps.

Magee, 316 Chestnut Street, Philada., Copy right secured, 1864.

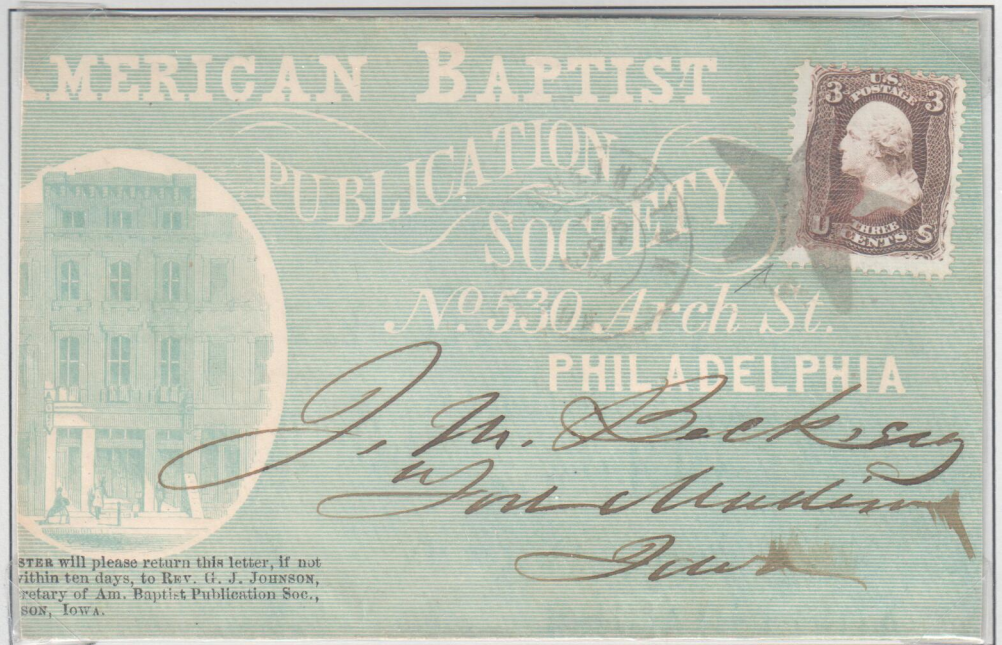
9th Corps, 3d Division

Anchor and Gun crossed, 9th Corps, 3d Division Army of the Potomac.

Star, 12th Corps Army of Potomac later 20th Corps Army of the Cumberland.



Maltese Cross (square centre), 19th Corps Middle Military Division.



Maltese Cross, 5th Corps Army of the Potomac. New Bern N.C.



Triangle, 4th Corps Army of the Cumberland.

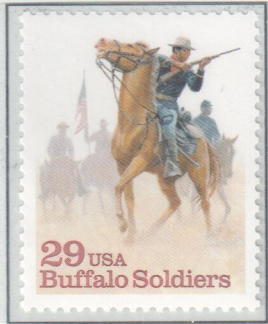
Diamond, 3rd Corps.



**Cavalry**

Mobile units for reconnaissance and raids behind the enemy lines.

Air Mail Moscow - Königsberg, 10th Anniversary of 1st Red Cavalry.



The Cavalry, armed with sabres and carbines,

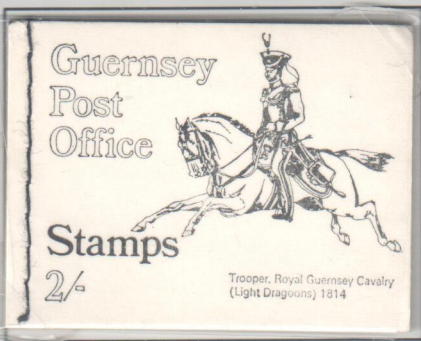


Patrotic cover, soldiers letter from 1st Maine Cavalry, postmarked Washington D.C and Due 3.

Spencer carbine, a repeating fire arm, was introduced to the cavalry.



Revolvers, cavalry side arms.



Cavalry, field post mark. Military post card, postmarked Feld-Postexped. K (önigsreich) B(ayern) Kavalleriedivision Aug 1914.

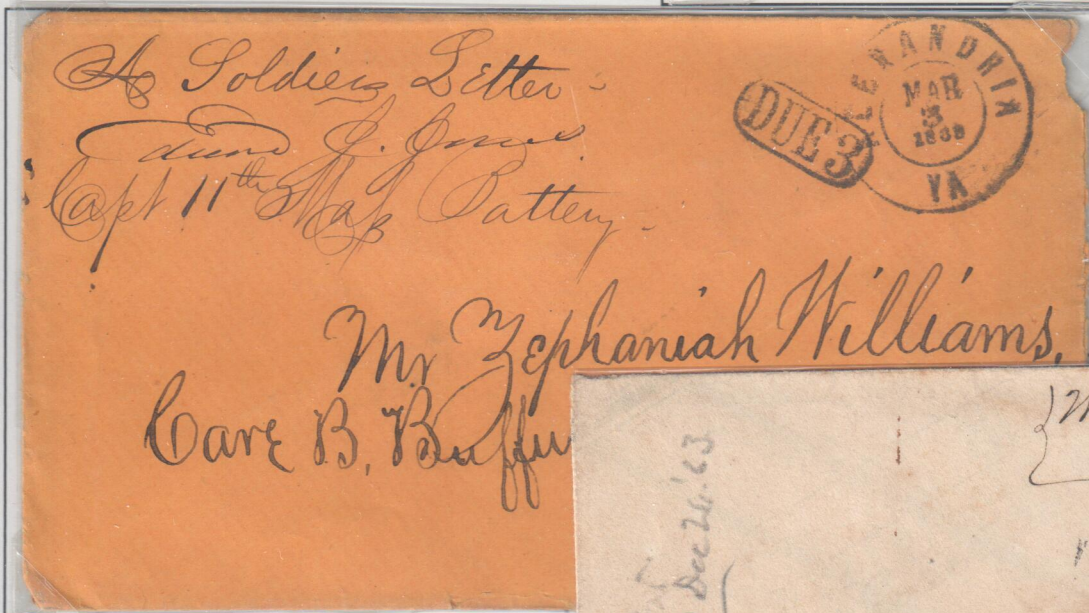


Adversity cover made of a legal form to 10th Va. Cav. Regt., W.H.L. Lee's Brigade ANV.

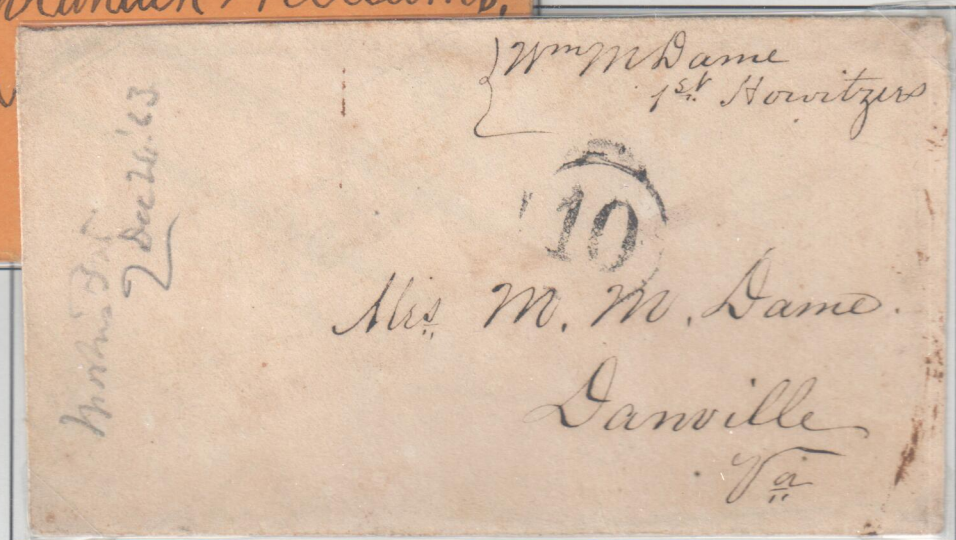
Artillery

Field pieces.

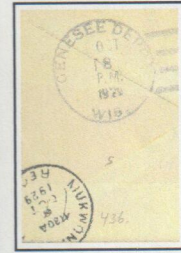
Light pieces, "Napoleons", copies of the French artillery. Free frank Dan Clark senator from New Hampshire.



11th Independent Battery, Massachusetts Light Artillery. Endorsed soldier's letter, Due 3, postmarked Alexandria Va.



Virginia 1st Howitzers, short barrelled cannons with trajectory in arc. Soldiers letter (Due) 10 postmark Army of Northern Virginia Dec 1863.

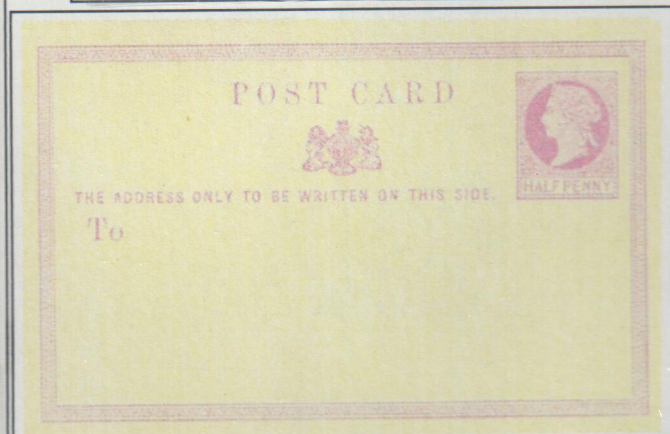
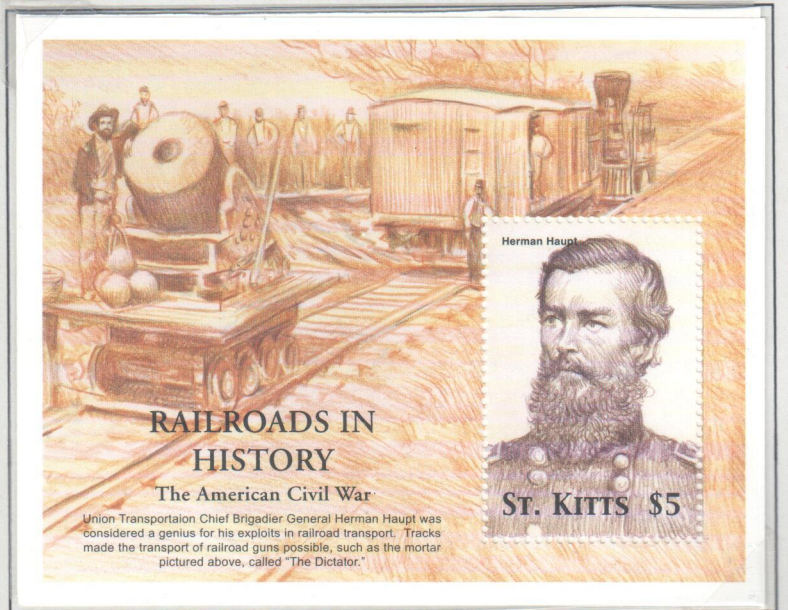
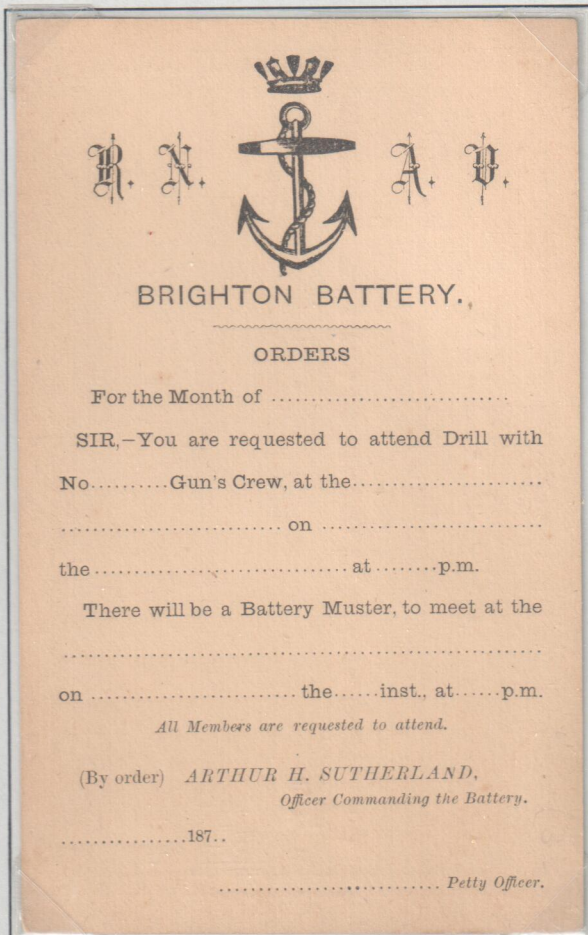


Registered cover Genesee Depot Wis., 1929.

Heavy guns for siege and fortifications.



Fort Morgan, coastal fort at the entrance to Mobile Ala.



Printed circular. Request to attend drill at a Coastal Battery, Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers.

The Engineer Corps



Bureau of Topogrl. Engineers.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

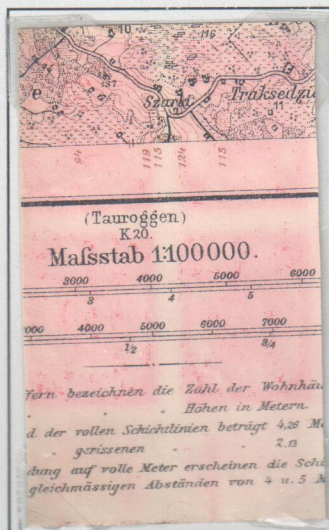
S. A. Long  
Colonel Topogrl. Engrs.

Lt. Col. J. D. Graham  
Corps Topogrl. Engrs  
Detroit  
Michigan

Rare stamp  
Long from M.H. 912/461-3/3/1863

Bureau of Topographical Engineers  
Official business. Signed Col. Long, commanding.

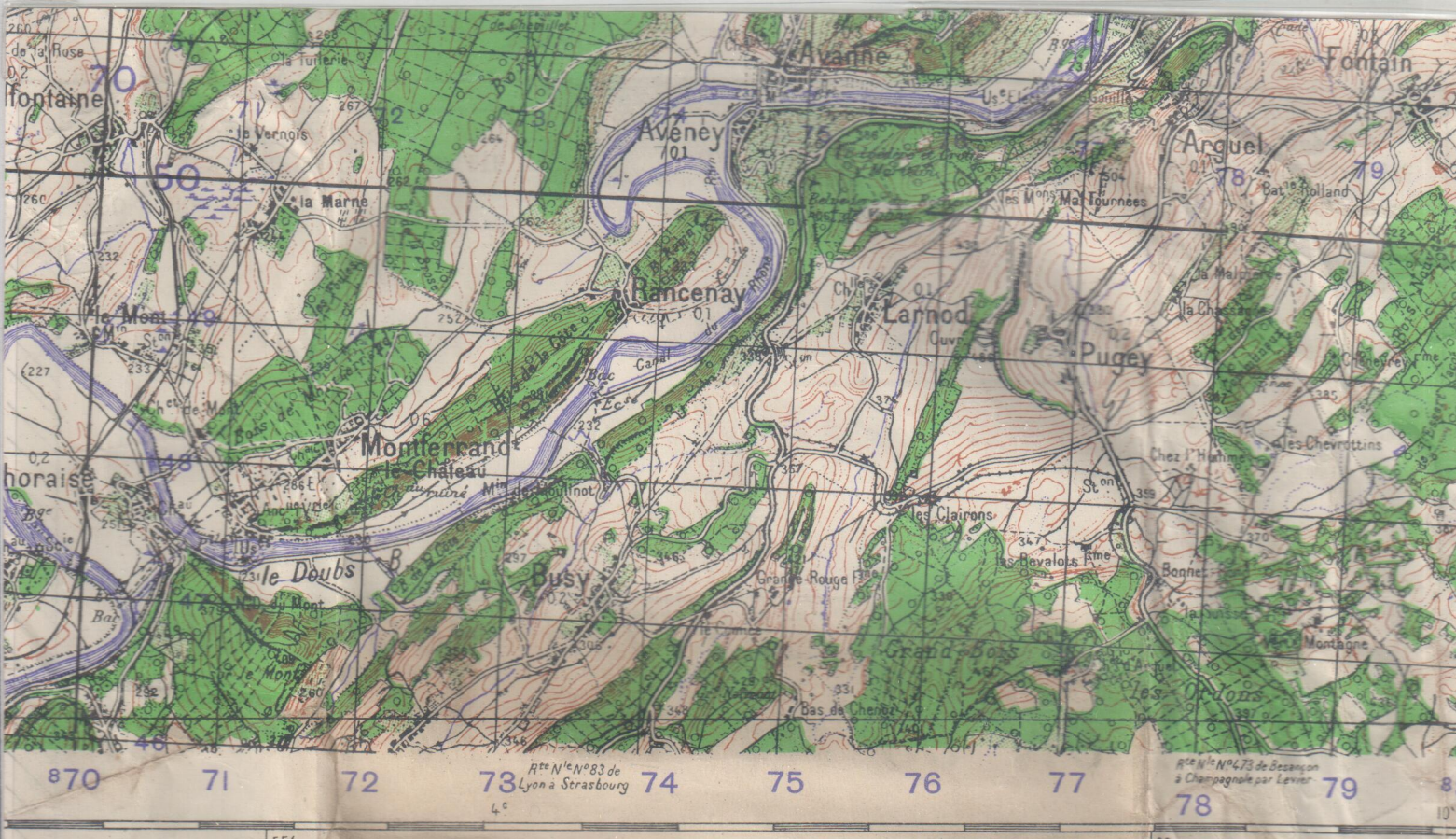
Initially the Union had two Engineer Corps, one for surveillance and one for building defences, bridges, railroads etc. but for efficiency they were emerged.



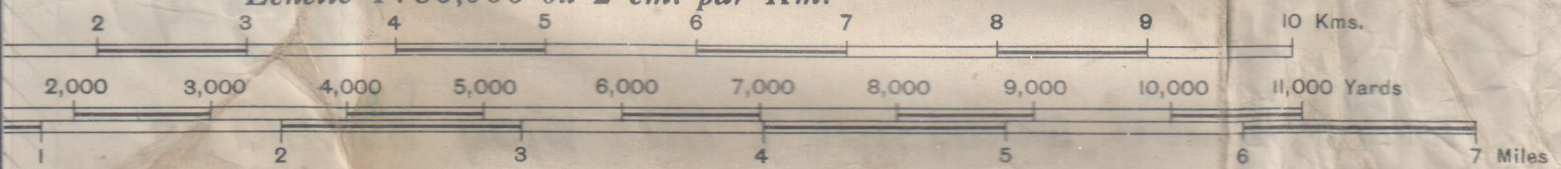
Lack of topographical maps delayed many operations.  
Latvian #1 printed on German Army Map type 1a, area II West, K19 Retowo. (K20 in the margin indicates next page.)

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Quingey (XXXIII-24)  
 Scale 1:50,000 or 1 Inch to 0.79 Miles  
 Echelle 1:50,000 ou 2 cm. par Km.



Contour interval 10 metres  
 Equidistance des courbes de niveau 10 m.

GRID ORIGIN / ORIGINE DE CARROYAGE } Lambert Zone II. : 46° 48' 00" N. 2° 20' 14" E. of Greenwich.  
 Longitude of Paris: 2° 20' 14" E. of Greenwich.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I am scheduled to return to the United States sometime before the end of December so please hold any Christmas parcels you have for me.

Until I advise you otherwise, continue to send my letters, but **DO NOT SEND ANY MORE PACKAGES.**

V-MAIL

V-Mail printed on a map issued July 1945.  
 " I am scheduled to return to the United States sometime the end of December,...

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

*J.D. Kurtz*  
Major of Engineers.

*Col. J. D. Graham  
Corps of Eng'rs  
Detroit  
Mich*

*Rec'd March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864*

Mrs. J. D. Kurtz COCT Knowlton Ave Wash March 1864 rare imprint

Engineer Department  
O.B. signed J.D. Kurtz.

War Department,  
Office of the Chief  
of Engineers.  
Penalty cover for official  
business.



WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.  
Any person using this envelope to avoid the  
payment of postage on private matter of any  
kind will be subject to a fine of \$300.

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**Battle of Fort Stevens**  
150th Anniversary Station  
July 12, 2014  
Washington, D.C. 20011



"Built for protection"

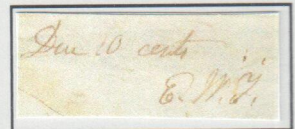


Bridge building

US  
Balloon  
Corps



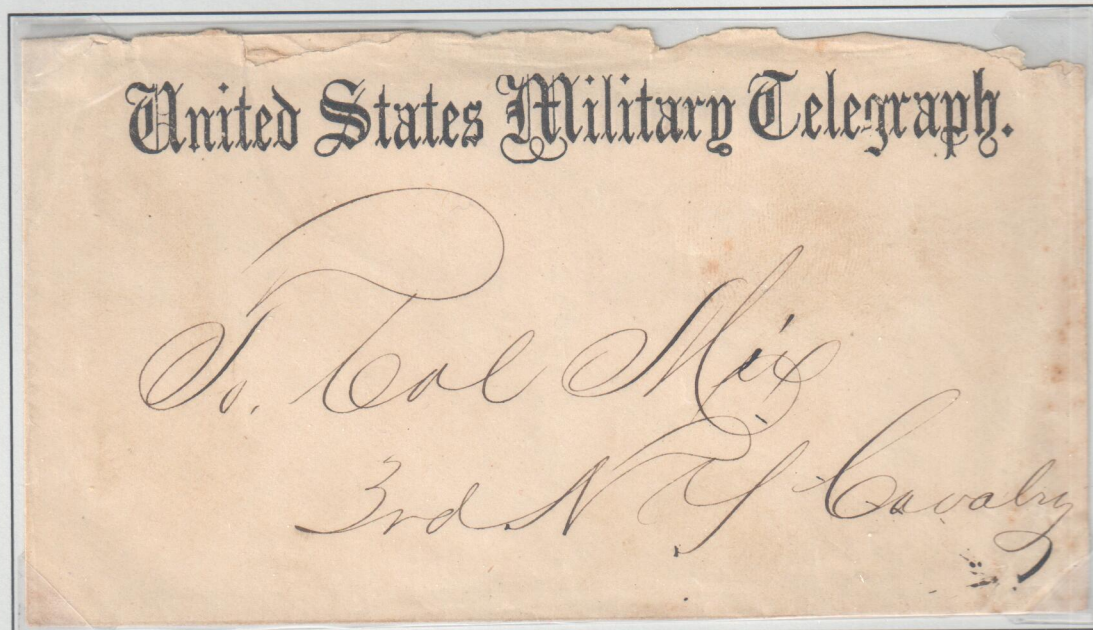
Signal Corps



On the back flap from previous use.

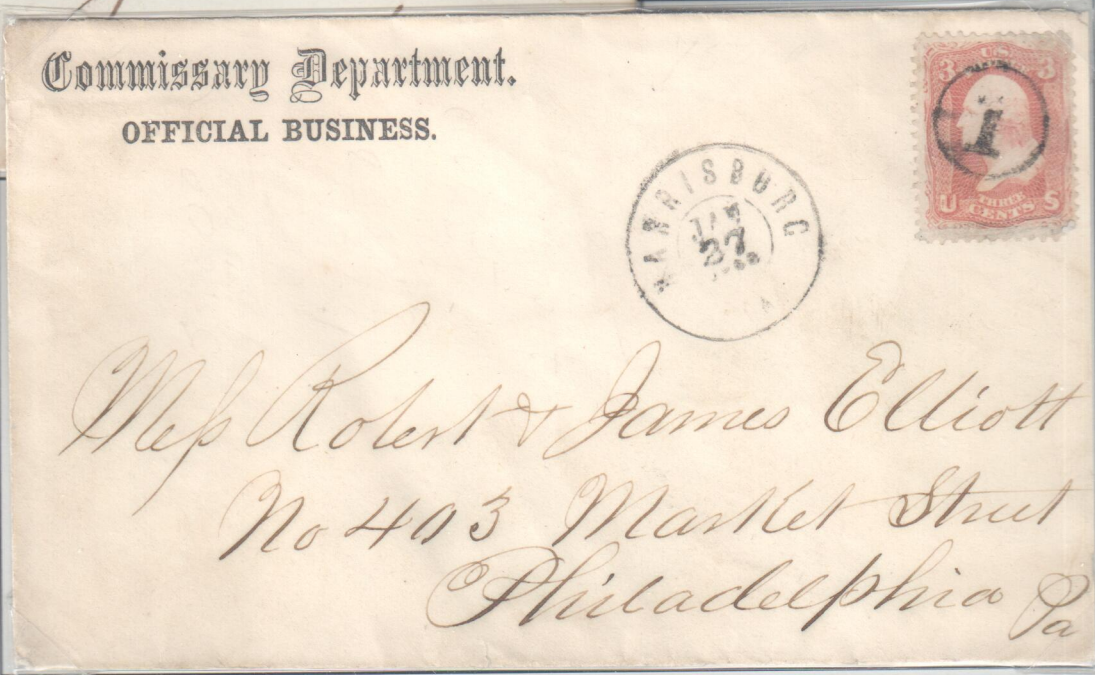
Turned cover endorsed Maj. General J.E.B. Stuart's Signal Corps (Stuart's Cavalry Corps). Confederate Due 10 ¢ Harwicksville Va.

US Military Telegraph





**Quartermaster**  
Organized transports, food and forage.  
Quartermaster General M. Meig, official cover, signed and postmarked Washington Free

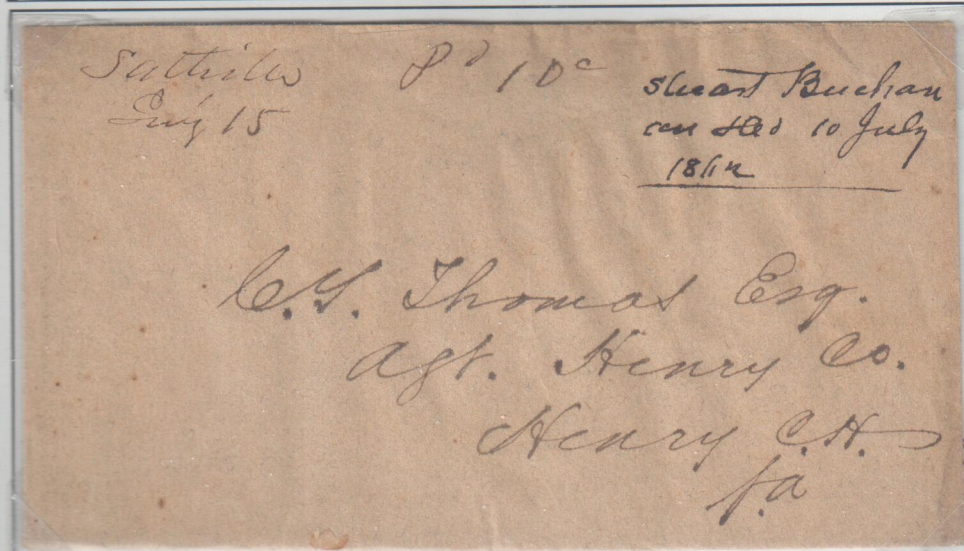


Hard-tack and coffee.



**Commissary Department**  
Was in charge of food and subsistence supplies at the post. The "1" in circle is assumed to have been used as a cancel in Harrisburg Pa. on covers collected by the carrier, normally only bigger cities had carriers but it is confirmed for Harrisburg by a former postal clerk.

Horses, for transports.



Salt, necessary for conservation of meat, pork and fish. Letter about a deliverance of salt, postmarked Saltville Va., the last Confederate source for salt.



Bacon, Molasses and Flour, supplies to be delivered by the Quartermasters. Supply deliverance via steamer Texas Ranger for freight on steamer S.W Downs June 29 1853; with notation paid.



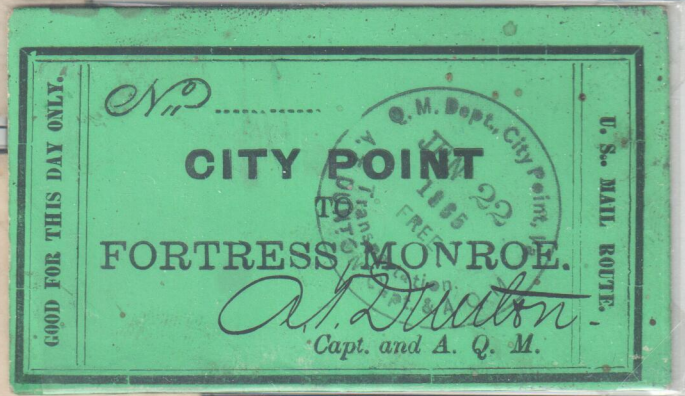


Mail distribution, to and from the regiments and camps, were also their service.

*Mr. Smith  
 Mail's arrival Monday  
 3 o'clock P.M.  
 leaving on Friday  
 morning at 7 o'clock  
 Respectfully  
 Yours  
 A. H. Smith*

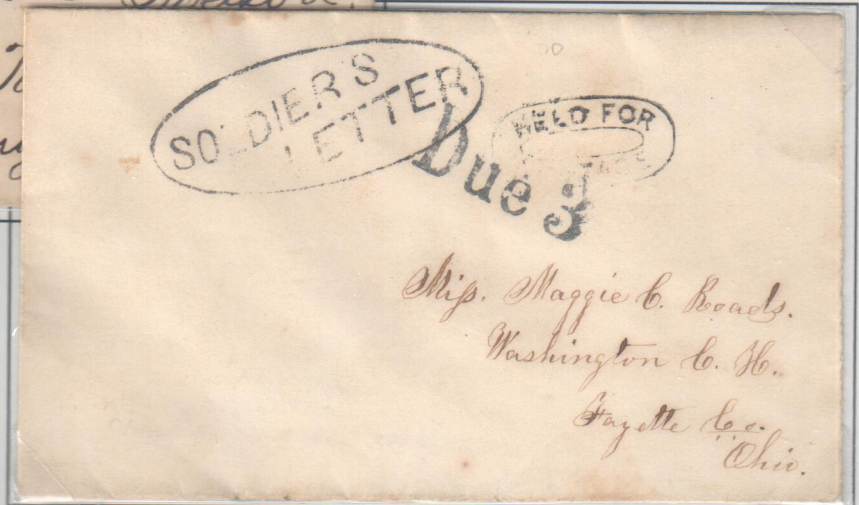
Banks' Division introduced the first Army Post Office postmark in the United States.

Banks' Division (Type Banks-6), Army PM free frank, drop letter with timetable for the postal service.



Passport for U.S. Mail Route, issued and postmarked free by Q.M.

Penalty Postmark. Soldier's letter without regiment and signature, charged Due 6, (3¢ +penalty 3¢).



"Held for Postage", stamp or military endorsement missing. Forwarded to Dead Letter Office, Washington, in separate pouches to a special division all to avoid delays. There the oval postmark and due 3 was applied.



"The within letter was found with others in an Army Warehouse at Aquia Creek Va. not having been mailed." Military postal service failing. POD Official Business, Free.

**RECEIPT**

**MONEY**

**Southern Express Company**

Charleston S.C. 1862

Received of *C. E. Rivers*

Package sealed and said to contain *Drugs*

Addressed *Mr. J. E. Rivers*

*Wm. B. S. Co*

TO BE FORWARDED AS ADDRESSED.

It is AGREED, AND IS PART OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS CONTRACT, THAT THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY is not to be held responsible, except as Forwarders, for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of Railroad, Ocean, Steam or River Navigation, Fire, &c., unless *specifically insured* and so specified in this Receipt; and in no event to be held responsible for the safe transportation of the articles herein receipted for, after the same shall have been delivered to other parties, which the SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY is hereby authorized to do, for completing the transportation or delivery; nor is it to be liable for any loss or damage whatever, unless claim be made therefor within ninety days from its delivery to it.

*Charges, None For the Proprietors,*

Valuable mail could only be insured if sent by Express Companies.  
 Money receipt Southern Express Company Charleston S.C. Charge 1\$. for sealed 200\$.

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JAN 3

Insured

*Secret*


*Express*

German Savings Bank

Cooper Institute

Bowery

New York City



To send money in the field soldiers sent payment by Express Companies. Soldier's wrapper dated Harpers Ferry Oct. 13 1862 to bank account number 6859., German Savings Bank. 2/ express fee paid cash, postage Due 3. Sealed on the back.

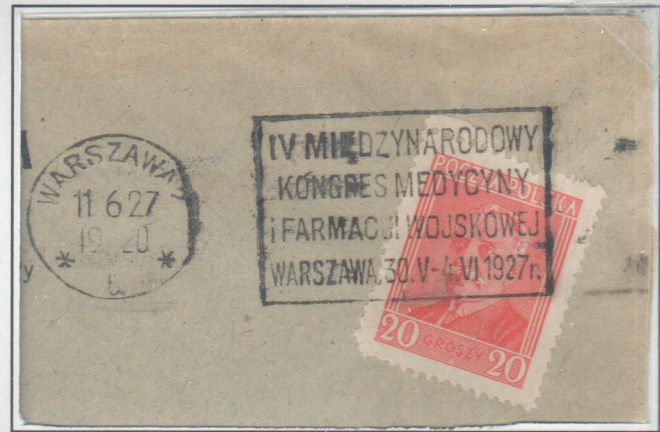


Elisabeth Blackwell  
Organized relief activities.

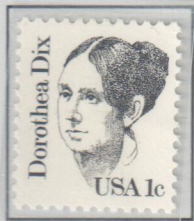
Clara Barton, "for the purpose of comforts for the sick and wounded".



#1473 Color shift



Postmark IV Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy, Warszawa June 11 1927.



Dorothea Dix  
Superintendent Women



Mary Walker  
Female Army Surgeon

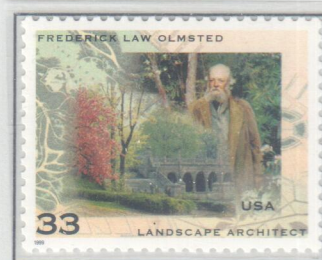


Printed cover Official Business Surgeon General's Office.  
Free frank facsimile signature W.A Hammond, Surgeon General 1862-64, to N.J.



Soldier's letter, hand stamped with a facsimile script surgeon "E. McClellan".

Military medicine was supported by the civilian United States Sanitary Commission, set up by volunteers to assist.



Fredrick Olmsted  
Secretary Sanitary Commission 1861-63.

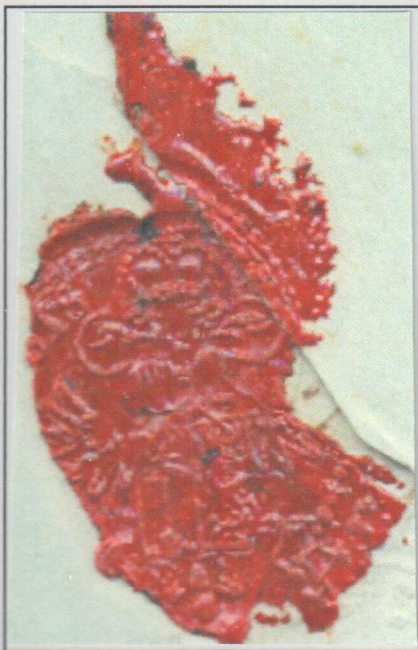




Ether was one anaesthetic.



Alcohol, used for antiseptic.



More soldiers died in diseases than in battles. Knowledge of how to disinfect was missing, but cleanliness lowered infection rate.

Disinfected mail, wrapper from Constantinople to Steyer, date cancel April 28; opened at Sem'in fumigated and sealed. And certified "NETO DI FUORA ET DI DENTRO". Arrival postmark Steyer Mai 3.





Ambulance Corps, organized 1862.

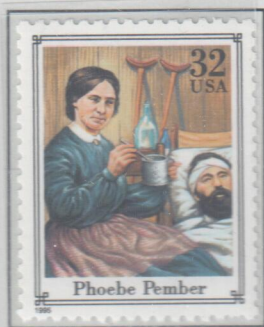
U.S.A. Gen. Hospital  
Brattleboro, Vermont.  
Established under Army  
control, in service June  
1863 to Oct 1865.



After initial treatment  
soldiers were sent to  
hospitals behind the  
lines.

Cover to Hospital No.1 New  
Albany Ind. forwarded to US  
Hospital in Madison Ind.

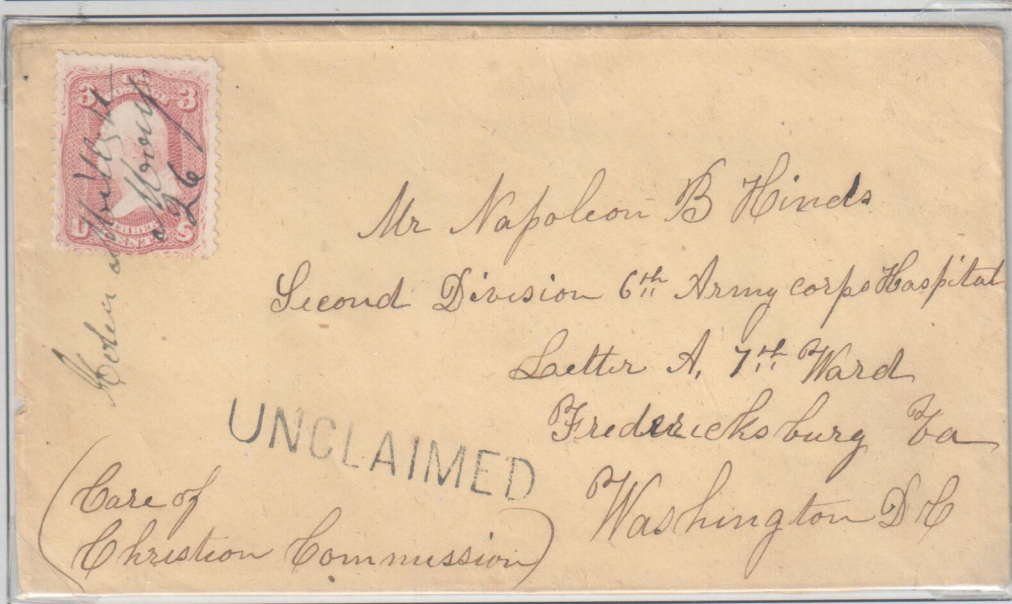
Ballon postmark Upper Aeton III Jul 25  
with #65. Above is written "W Fugitt,  
Miss(ent)".



Phoebe Pember  
Chimborozo Hospital,  
Richmond.



Post Hospital, Big Spring Md. One of many homes and churches  
close to Antietam battle field, pressed into service by urgency.  
Soldier's letter postmarked Frederick Md., Dec 3.



Unclaimed cover to 6th Army Corps Hospital, Fredericksburg Va, care of U.S. Christian Commission.

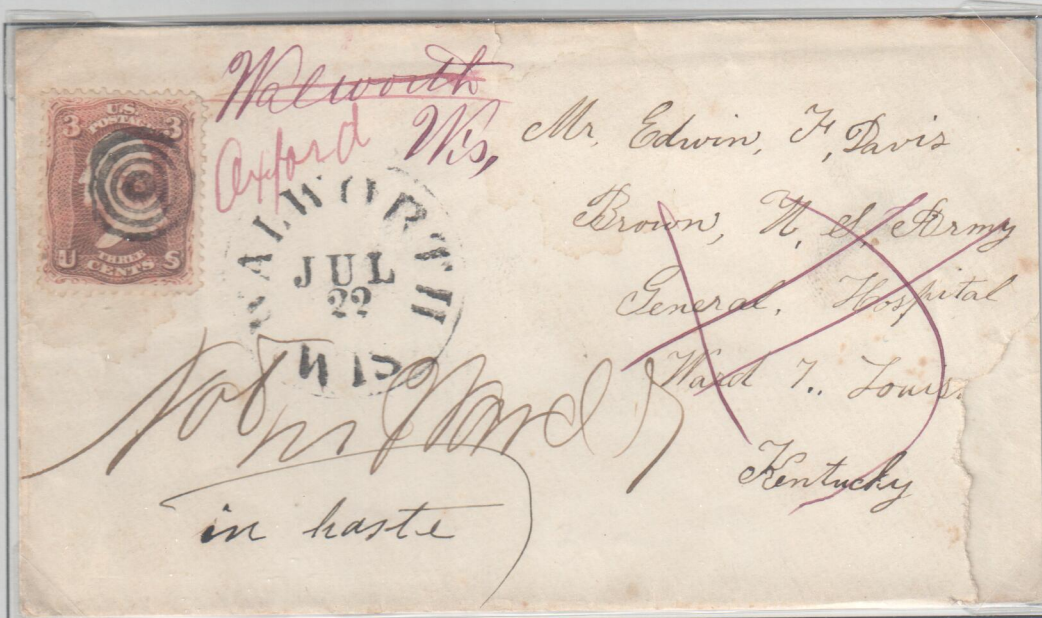
Postmarked Eden Mills May 26 (1864), stamped unclaimed. Sent to Dead Letter Office and returned to sender.

But a great many did not survive...



Return letter cover Due 3 cents.

Issued for return of unclaimed letters, a great part from deceased soldiers.



Cover to Brown U.S. General Hospital, Ward 7, Louisville Ky.

"Not in Ward", and a notation on the back: Died July 21 1864.

Returned to Walworth Wis, and forwarded to Oxford Wis.



Soldiers letter, prepaid and forwarded by the Sanitary Commission via Martinsburg W. Virginia. Sanitary Commission imprint with hand stamp type 1d.



Soldier's Home Cincinnati Due 3, G.W.D. Andrews, Superintendent.



Sanitary Fairs, organized to support the soldiers. Many issued also own stamps valid, within the fair. Great Central Fair Cover postmarked Philadelphia May 21 1864 with #73 circular rate.



Great Central Fair Philadelphia. Local stamp for and valid at the Fair, #WW11.



Brooklyn Fair 1864. Bazaar letter posted and delivered at the fair.



Old Capitol Prison Washington D.C. where also disloyal citizens were kept. Handstamp type I "Passed Military Prison, W.P Wood Supt." Cover postmarked Nashville Tenn. Mar 11 with #65.



Agreement about prisoners -of-war were set up and until 1864 prisoners were exchanged or released on parole. Letters were allowed via flag-of-truce .



Cover to a soldier with notation "Forward to Camp of Parole, Camp Banks near Alexandria Va".



Fort Schyler N.Y. Military prison and hospital.

South-to-North cover from Salisbury Prison N.C. to Rhode Island. "Care Commissary R. S. Ould, Richmond" (in charge for exchange of prison letters). Examined and sent by Flag-of-Truce. Postmarked Old Point Comfort Va. , charged due 6 cents. Double rate for unpaid letter , it is not endorsed by name and unit.

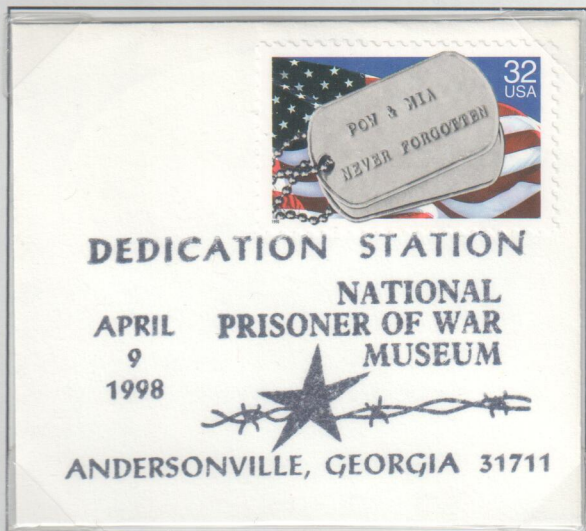


North-to-South cover from Johnson's Island Prison Ohio, examined CHR and sent "For flag-of-truce via Old Point Comfort Va."

Postmarked Sandusky O. Aug 29 1864 with #65 and Richmond Va. Sept 15 1864 with handstamp (Due) 10 for soldier's letter.

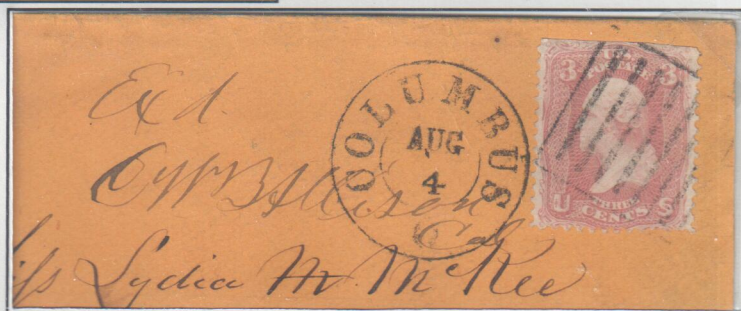
Prison Bars

Examined C.W.B. Allison, Col., Camp Chase, Columbus O. Aug 1862.



Andersonville Ga.

The commander of this prison was the only officer convicted and executed after the war.



Examination of mail performed by the district provost marshals, responsible for P.O.W. mail and civilian flag-of-truce mail.

Flag-of-truce adversity cover via Old Point Comfort Va. to addressee or Provost Marshal Savannah.



Cover examined by Captain, Aide-de-Camp. Probably exchanged in the Shenandoah. Not franked and without any notation. Only a piece of a stamp exist, the rest either removed or lost. Sent to Dead Letter Office. and charged Due 6 penalty postage.



**Bull Run/  
Manassas Va.**  
July 1861

For the first time in history  
railroad was achieved for  
strategic mobility of forces.  
Rapid Ann Station, Orange, Alexandria &  
Manassas R.R.

Return to H. T. HOLLADAY,  
Manufacturer of Extra Family Flour, Corn Meal, &c.,  
RAPID ANN STATION, O. A. & M. R. R., Va.,  
if not delivered within 10 days.

*M. T.*



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Battle formation  
with artillery in  
the centre.



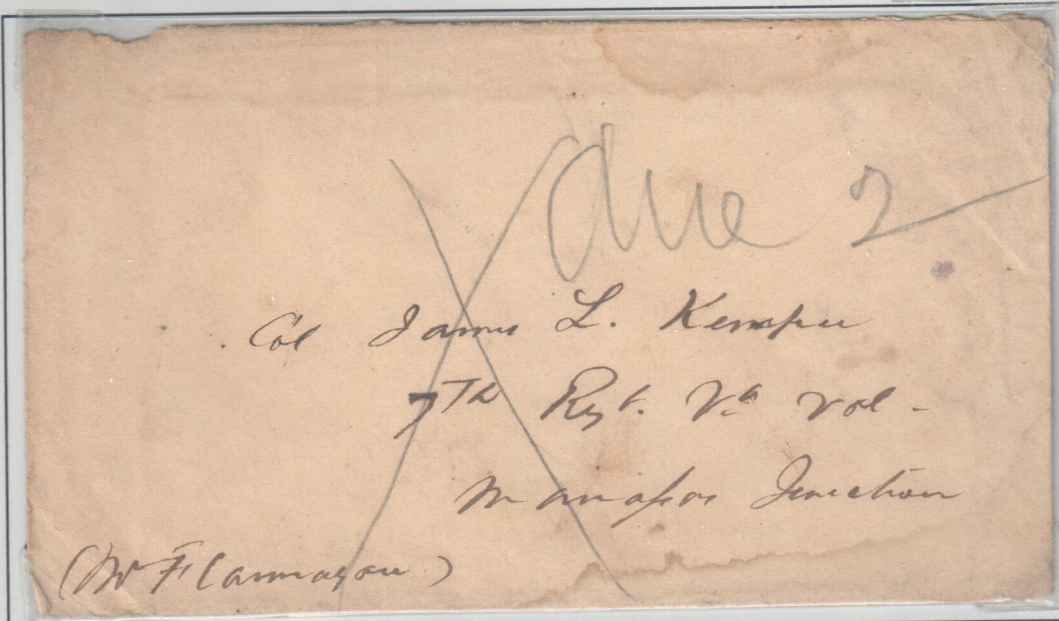
Thomas Jackson and his  
brigade stood as a  
"Stonewall".



Henry Hill



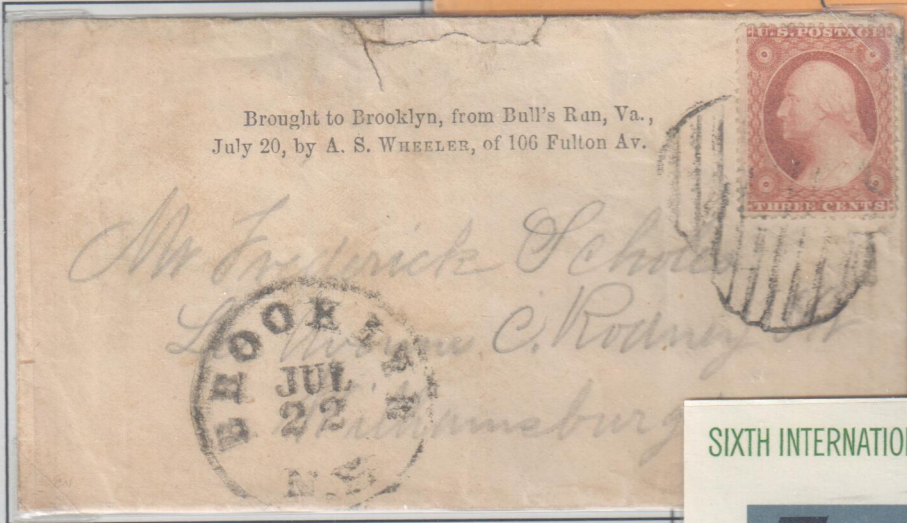
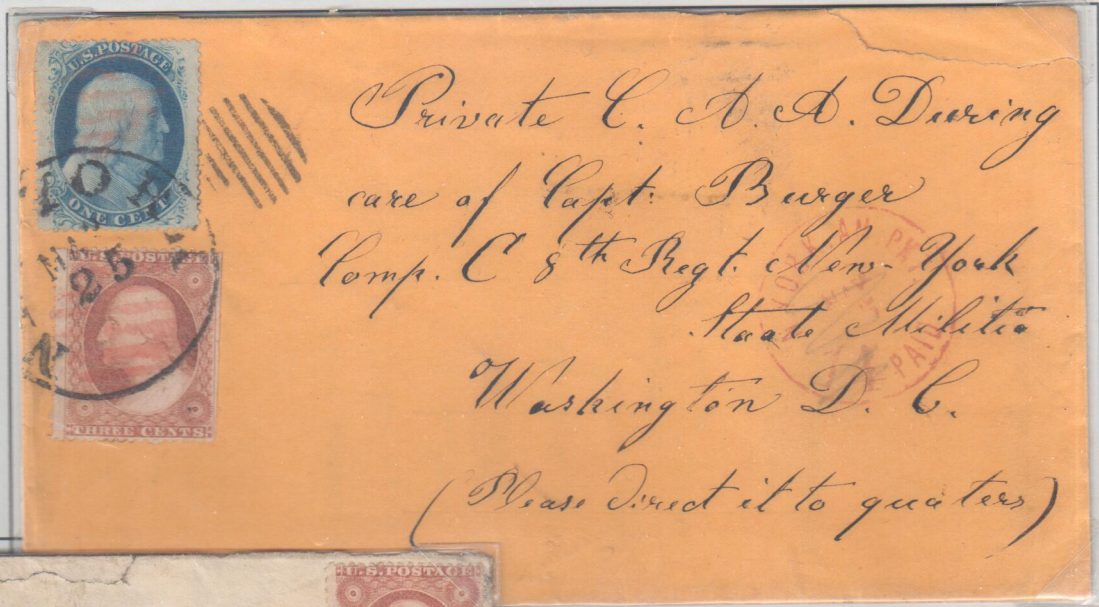
At Henry House the battle  
rushed toward the climax at  
Ricketts' guns.



7th Regt Va. Vol., organized  
in May 1861 at Manassas  
Junction, fought in the bat-  
tle.

Drop letter Manassas/Tudor Hall. Due  
2 ¢. Postmark not applied on a local  
letter.

Cover sent to 8th N.Y. State Militia via Annapolis. By mistake stamped New York Am. Pkt when handled in the harbour.  
Paid carrier 1¢ and postage 3¢.



Envelope printed "brought to Brooklyn, from Bull's Run Va., July 20", a form of private carrier service for 14th N.Y. State Militia.

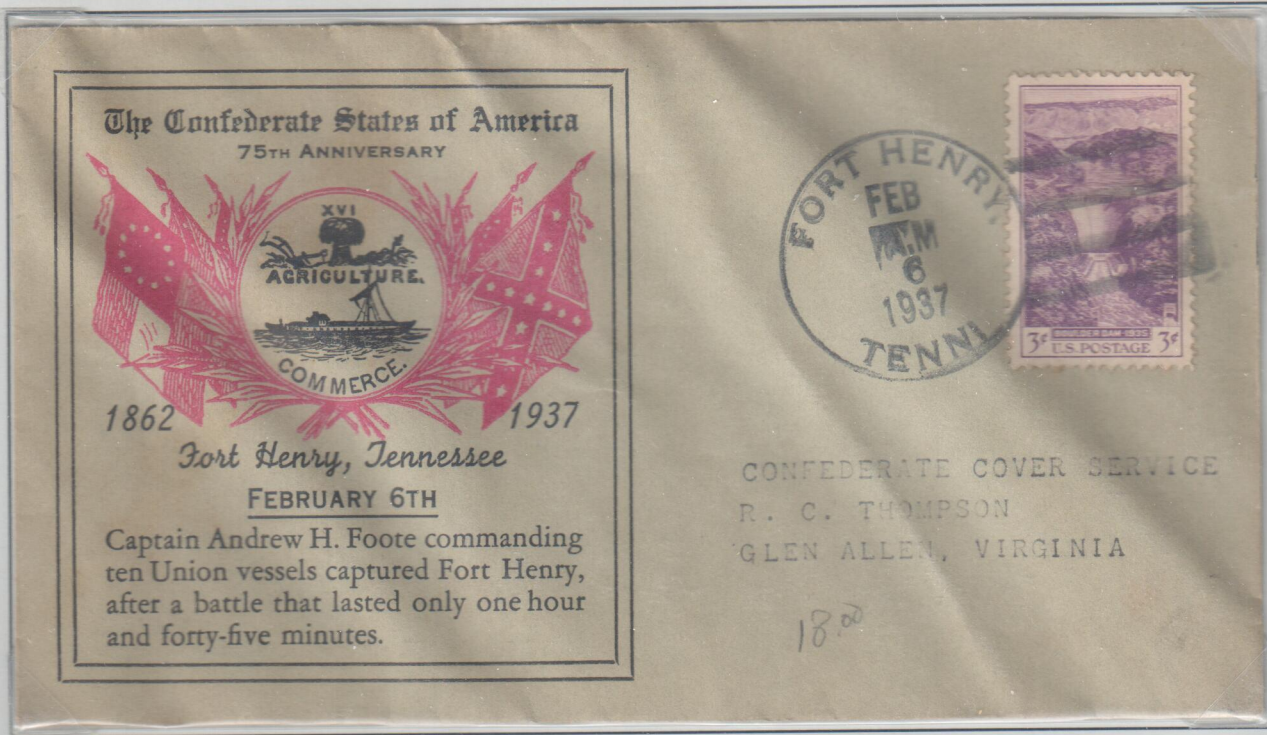
This envelopes exist either signed by Van Wyck M.C. (free frank) or postage paid. A.S. Wheeler was a businessman in Brooklyn, Fulton Av.

The Union forces retreated behind fortification around Alexandria and Washington D.C. after the battle.



Cover to Fort Ellsworth handled by Blood's local post, federal postal service and military authorities. Homemade patriotic cover postmarked Blood's Penny Post, #15L14 1¢, local mail to the post office: Postmarked Philadelphia Oct 30 1861, #65, via Washington and finally to be forwarded by military service to Fort Ellsworth near Alexandria Va.

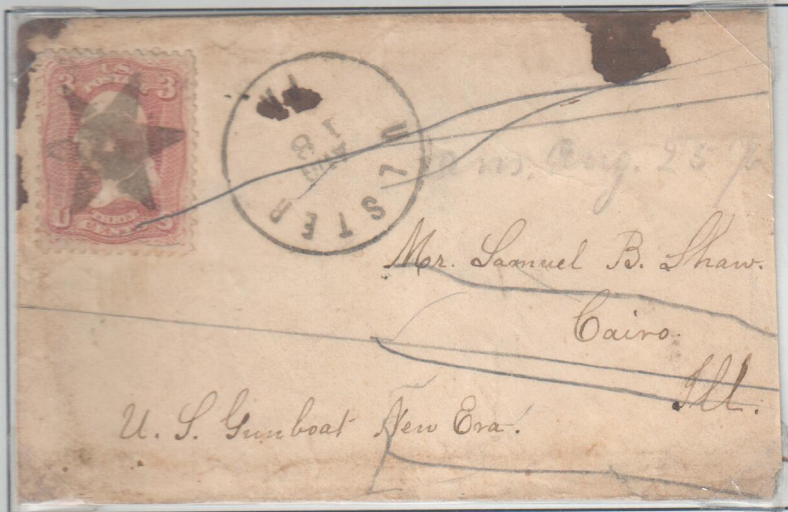




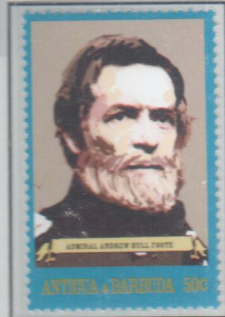
Fort Henry and Fort Donelson Tenn.



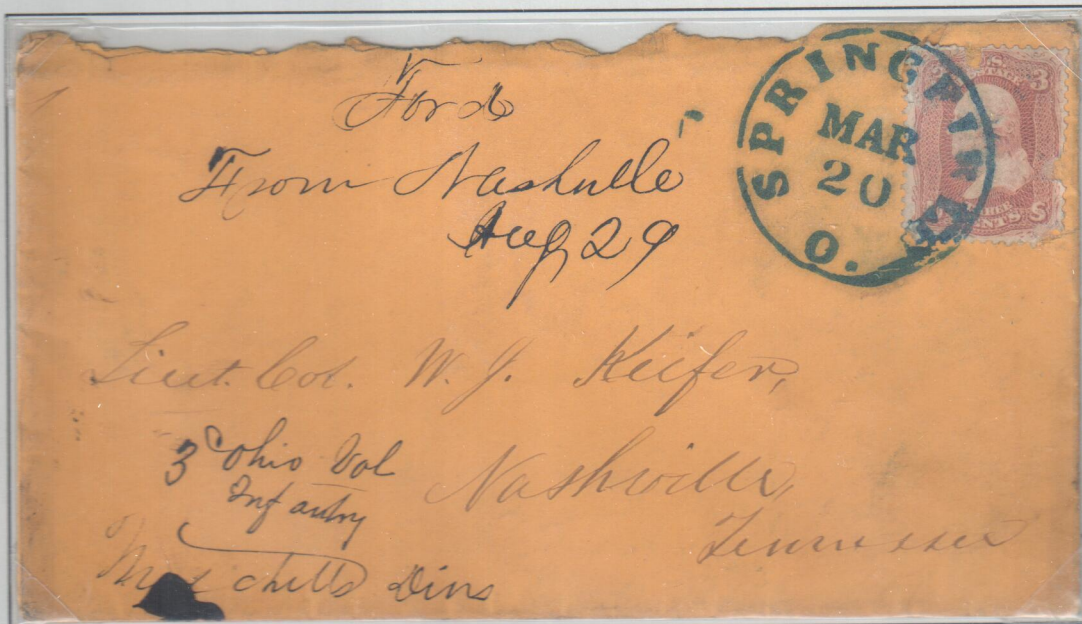
In February 1862 General Grant captured the forts by the aid of naval forces.



US Gunboat New Era, renamed USS Essex, damaged at the attack on Fort Henry.



Flag Officer A.H. Foote commander of the naval forces. Fort Foote Md.



Nashville Tenn.



3rd Ohio Vol. took part in the occupation of Nashville February 25th 1862. Cover to 3rd Ohio Vol. Postmarked March 20 1862 to Nashville. Held and probably advertised. "Ford from Nashville Aug 29" and postmarked Sept 1. To Mitchell's Div. in Huntsville Ala.