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VOLUNTEER WORK AT LIBRARY!

Due to popular demand one Saturday each month will be set aside for volunteers to visit the library and put in a few hours helping to work through our many tasks and piles of literature. The third Saturday of each month will be Volunteer Day. Here are the dates for 2014.

January 18
 February 15
 March 15
 April 19
 May 17
 June 21

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Deceased

Harold Fagerquist 1425 L
 Kennedy L. Wilson 1085

Moved

New

Book Returns

The WPL exists as a resource for everyone. The lending policy is very lenient for anyone borrowing books or other items. Most members appreciate this service and use it well, including returning the items in a timely manner. However, a few overextend their borrowing time and stretch it to the limit. It makes more work and problems to the few volunteers that we have who need to chase down delinquent borrowers and call them for returns that are sometimes **years** old. Please check any of your borrowed books and return them so others might benefit from them. The alternative is one we don't like: the limiting of borrowers who are chronic extenders, by denying their borrowing privilege.

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Editor's Corner

Hope that you will all have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

If you find yourself with some free time on your hands on the 3rd Saturday of a month, why not go to WPL and volunteer some of your time. It will be GREATLY appreciated. And you don't have to wait for the 3rd Saturday-help is greatly appreciated at any time. And don't worry, there is plenty of work to be done, see lower right hand photo on page 4 for example.

We now begin on the next 100 issues, and at 6 per year, it will take over 16 years to get to #400.

And yes, this is a short issue. Hopefully it will be back to 16 pages next issue. Because of the paper size, if I don't have enough material for 16 pages, I have to remove 4 pages (one sheet of paper) at a time.

Richard M. Hanchett, Editor

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Ongoing Library Support

The Sunnyvale Public Library provides all of our facilities at the Raynor Activity Center at no charge to the FWPL or patrons using the library. This is a major factor in our ability to stay in operation and enables us to devote the funds of FWPL to maintaining and building the collection itself.

BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are open to all FWPL members. Meetings begin at 4PM the fourth Wednesday of each month at the WPL at the Raynor Activity Center. Feel free to drop in and see what is going on. You might call President Stuart Leven, (408) 978-0193 beforehand to confirm details of location, time and date.

Mission Statement

The Western Philatelic Library exists to enhance the preservation and dissemination of philatelic knowledge by acquiring, organizing, interpreting and distributing information resources in a globally networked community.

WPL Vision Statement

We will be known as setting the standard for providing a responsive, convenient gateway to philatelic knowledge.

Our Commitments:

- To build and conserve a world-class collection of printed, electronic and other media;
- To support, extend and enrich the pursuit of knowledge and enjoyment through stamp collecting;
- To provide access and support for beginners, hobbyists, specialists, writers and postal historians;
- To promote knowledge through public educational events and displays; and
- To collaborate and cooperate with other libraries.

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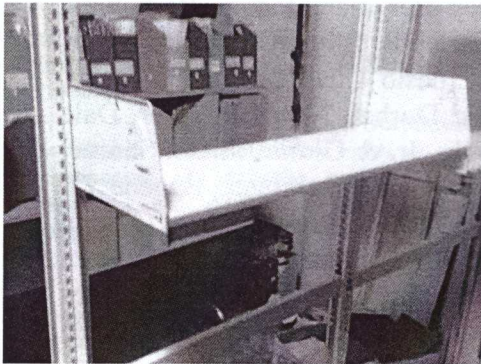
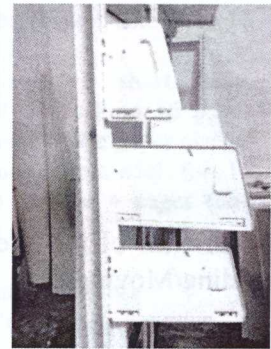
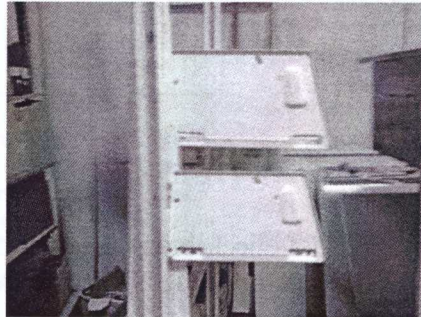
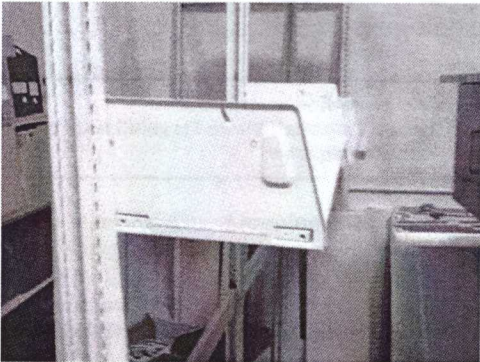
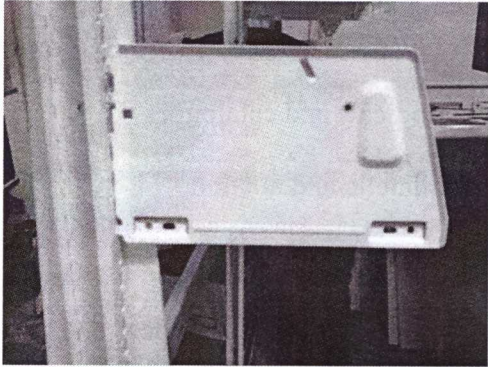
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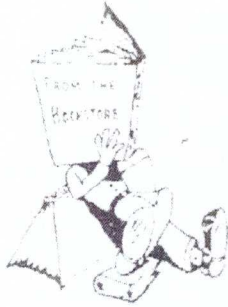
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Your continuing support of the library is greatly appreciated by all who use the library whether they are specialists or beginning collectors. Many Thanks!

New Shelving being Assembled at WPL
photos by David Dirkes



Looks like WPL could use some volunteers to unload the boxes .



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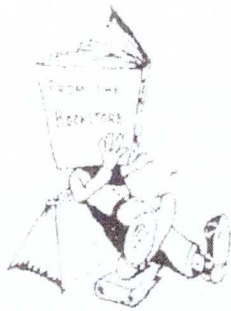
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UNITED STATES - CALIFORNIA				
15108	A Deal For Dealers. (Early Bay Area Stamp Dealers)	Thomas, F.B.	2pp	1956 1.00
15107	California Backdrop.	Geilfuss, G.L.	3pp ill	1950 1.50
UNITED STATES - CANAL ZONE				
15109	An Introduction to the Postage Stamps of the Canal Zone.	Neff, LI.	1pp ill	1958 .50
UNITED STATES - HAWAII				
15110	Stamps of Hawaii.	Andersen, H.C.	1pp ill	1958 .50
UNITED STATES - ILLINOIS				
15111	The Collectors Club of Chicago. 3.00	Heller, R.E.	6pp	971
UNITED STATES - OHIO				
15112	Cincinnati Stampless Markings.	Swetland, M.W.	3pp ill	1959 1.50
15068	Cleveland or Cleveland?	Baker, H.J. & J.D.	1pp	1965 .50
UNITED STATES - OKLAHOMA				
15113	Fort Sill, Indian Terr., Oklahoma Terr., & Oklahoma.	Signorelli, G.	2pp ill	1958 1.00
UNITED STATES CIVIL WAR				
15061	Civil War Postal Notes.		1pp	1954 .50
15059	Hilton Head, S.C.	Antrim, E.	2pp ill	1958 1.00
UNITED STATES CIVIL WAR - CONFEDERACY				
15062	Confederacy Covers.		1pp	1954 .50
15060	Confederate Navy Covers.	Dukeshire, T.S.	2pp ill	1956 1.00
15063	Confederate Postal Issues.		1pp	1954 .50
UNITED STATES ERRORS AND VARIETIES				
15064	'Tear in Eye' Contagious.		1pp ill	Unk .50
UNITED STATES FORGERIES AND COUNTERFEITS				
15103	Faked Arrow & Center Line Blocks.	Sloane, G.B.	1pp	1935 .50
UNITED STATES LOCALS AND PRIVATE POSTS				
15104	American Letter Mail Co. Reprints.		1pp	1934 .50
UNITED STATES MARITIME MAIL				
15065	Havana Steamers.	Wierenga, T.	1pp	1977 .50
UNITED STATES NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL ISSUES				
15106	Newspaper & Periodical Stamps.	York, N.D.	2pp ill	1958 1.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL HISTORY				
15067	South's Fumigated Covers.		1pp	1954 .50
15066	The Oldest Stamp Advertisement.		1pp ill	1983 .50
UNITED STATES POSTAL MARKINGS				
15069	"John Goldsborough".	Truax, R.A.	2pp ill	1938 1.00
15102	Waterbury, Conn. Cancellations of the 1869 Issue.	Norona, D.	4pp ill	1934 2.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL RATES				
15114	The 18 ½ Cent to 18 ¾ Cent Rate Change in 1825.	York, N.D.	1pp	Unk .50
UNITED STATES POSTAL STATIONERY				
15071	That Controversial "Die J"...	Slawson, G.C.	1pp	1950 .50
15070	United States Envelopes—The Recut Types of 1904.	Bartels, J.M.	1pp	1940 .50
UNITED STATES PRECANCELS				
15072	Bar & Lines Precancels.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959 .50
15075	Bureau Precancel Parade of States. Alabama.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959 .50
15076	Parade of Bureau Precancels. Arizona & Arkansas.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959 .50
15077	Parade of Bureau Precancels. Colorado & Connecticut.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959 .50
15078	Parade of Bureau Precancels. Idaho.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959 .50
15115	Parade of Bureau Precancels. Illinois.	Gunesch, A.	3pp ill	1959 1.50
15079	Parade of Bureau Precancels. Iowa.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959 .50

15116	Parade of Bureau Precancels. Massachusetts.	Gunesch, A.	2pp ill	1959	1.00
15073	Putting Premiums on Mistakes. (Errors in Precancels)	Gunesch, A.	3pp ill	1967	1.50
15074	U.S. Precancels. Rare Precancels.	Gunesch, A.	1pp ill	1959	.50
UNITED STATES PROVISIONALS AND FORERUNNERS					
15096	The Brattleboro and Its Orphan.	York, N.D.	1pp ill	1958	.50
UNITED STATES RAILWAY MAIL					
15081	Railway Mail Begun in Civil War Days.	Fergus, W.L.	2pp ill	1954	1.00
UNITED STATES REVENUES					
15091	Charles Marchand. (Private Die Proprietary)	Holcombe, H.W.	2pp ill	1957	1.00
15082	Consular Service Stamps.		3pp ill	1983	1.50
15092	E. W. Hoyt & Co.—F. Hoyt & Co. (Private Die Proprietary)	Koref, M.	2pp ill	1983	1.00
15083	Embarkation Coupon.		1pp ill	1983	.50
15089	Major Double Transfer on R 71C	Giacomelli, A.	1pp ill	1983	.50
15086	New Type S Discovery. (Revenue Stamped Paper)	Castenholz, B.H.	3pp ill	1983	1.50
15088	Plate Varieties. First Issue 4 Cent Proprietary. Scott R 22C	Giacomelli, A.	1pp ill	1983	.50
15090	Playing Card Precancels.	Miller, H.	1pp ill	1983	.50
15085	Re-entries on the 1898 Two Cent Battleship Documentary.	Bosch, W.L.	27pp ill	1983-84	9.25
15087	The \$1.50 Second Issue Foreign Entry! A Major New Variety For Scott R 120.	Castenholz, B.J.	4pp ill	1983	2.00
15084	Why the Late D. Manning is on the Automobile Stamp.		1pp ill	1983	.50
UNITED STATES SE-TENANT ISSUES					
15105	United States Se-tenant Issues. Plate Blocks Issued for Individual Design.		1pp	Unk	.50
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1851					
15058	Facts About the 5 Cent of the 1851 Series.	Rohloff, P.C.	2pp ill	1955	1.00
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1861					
15093	U.S. 1861. The "Shakedown" Printings. & More Light on 1861 Shakedown Printings.	Rich, S.G.	7pp	1943	3.50
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1861-1863					
15094	"Odd Colors" on US 1861-63 Stamps.	Rich, S.G.	2pp	1943	1.00
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1875					
15097	The 1875 Special Emissions.	York, N.D.	2pp	1958	1.00
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1893					
15095	The U. S. Columbians.	Thompson, C.F.	2pp ill	1957	1.00
15098	United States 10 Cent Columbian Bisect Used on Soldiers Mail.	Fine, H.L.	1pp ill	1966	.50
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1901					
15099	The Pan-American Issue, 1901.	York, N.D.	2pp ill	1958	1.00
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1923					
15100	How to Identify U.S. No. 594.		1pp	1935	.50
UNITED STATES SPECIALIZED - 1935					
15101	Fawcett Notes Difference in Stamp Colors.	Fawcett, J.W.	1pp	1935	.50
GENERAL SUBJECTS					
COLLECTING					
13009	How to Determine the Cost of Your Stamp Collection.	Sawyer, J.D.	3pp	1983	1.50
COLOR					
13012	Do You Know Colors?	Gordon, R.S.	2pp	1957	1.00
FORGERIES AND COUNTERFEITS - WORLDWIDE					
13010	Caveat Emptor—Let the Buyer Beware. (Reproductions of stamps & covers.)	Bohne, W.M.	2pp ill	1992	1.00
13011	Report From the International Secretary. List of Sperati Counterfeits. De Voss, J.T.		1pp	1951	.50
INTERNATIONAL REPLY CARDS					
13007	International Reply Cards.	Brofos, F.A.	3pp ill	1974	1.50
POSTAL HISTORY - WORLDWIDE					
13008	The Forwarding Agents—International Mails Before the U.P.U.	Rowe, K.	5pp ill	1974	2.50
TOPICAL COLLECTING - FAMOUS PEOPLE - ABRAHAM LINCOLN					
15117	Abraham Lincoln in Chicago.	Fergus, W.L.	3pp ill	1959	1.50
TOPICAL COLLECTING - FAMOUS PEOPLE - JOHN F. KENNEDY					
15080	Some President Kennedy Commemorative Covers.	Connor, J.J.	3pp ill	1977	1.50
TOPICAL COLLECTING - FAMOUS PEOPLE - JOHNSON					
15118	President Johnson Inaugural Covers.	Waterman, L.S.	2pp ill	1965	1.00
TOPICAL COLLECTING - UPU					
13006	Universal Postal Union.	Kvasnicka, Z.	4pp ill	1974	2.00



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ADEN				
16002	Aden Adventure.	Koenig, D.	2pp ill 1982	1.00
AITUTAKI				
16003	Aitutaki Issuing Stamps Again.		1pp ill 1973	.50
16004	Aitutaki Recalls Its Discovery.		1pp ill 1974	.50
AUSTRALIA				
12974	"CENSORED" (Civil censorship in Australia during WW II)	Heys, J.	3pp ill 1986	1.50
AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY				
16005	Sir Douglas Mawson & the Australian Antarctic Territory.	Hunter, W.R.	2pp ill 1982	1.00
BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE				
16006	The Postal History of the Tati District.	Holmes, H.R.	3pp 1957	1.50
BERMUDA				
16007	The First Bermuda Air Mail.		1pp 1942	.50
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA				
12975	British Central Africa. The Locally Printed Issue of 1898. Some Further Notes.	Simpson, G.H.	5pp 1961	2.50
BRITISH GUIANA				
16008	The Stamps of British Guiana. The Provisional Issue of Jan. 1882. Townsend, W.A.		3pp 1958	1.50
BRITISH LEVANT				
16001	British Levant.	Sampson, R.H.	24pp 1959-60	8.50
BRUNEI				
12976	Brunei.	South, G.	4pp 1959	2.00
CAMEROONS				
12977	'Cameroons. U.U.K.T.'	Kidd, C.	5pp ill 1958	2.50
CANADA				
16009	Canadian Stamp Subjects. (to 1975) An Index to Designs by Scott Numbers.		2pp ill 1975	1.00
16010	Imperforates of Four Canada Coils Known. Scott 468A, 468B, 549, 550.		1pp ill 1973	.50
CANADA - NEWFOUNDLAND				
12984	Newfoundland Impressions.	Kehr, E.A.	6pp ill 1946	3.00
12985	The Cabot Issue of Newfoundland.	Strange, A.M.	5pp ill 1939	2.50
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE				
12978	Cape of Good Hope One Penny Triangular. Plate Varieties.	Collins, F.W.	2pp ill 1959	1.00
CAYMAN ISLANDS				
12979	Cayman Islands. The "1 d" on 4 d" Provisional—1908.	Hurt, E.F.	1pp ill 1935	.50
GREAT BRITAIN				
12999	Great Britain. George V. New Information on the High Values.	Shaw, C.G.	3pp 1957	1.50
12972	Great Britain One Penny Essays, 1879.	Rogers-Tillstone, B.	4pp ill 1958	2.00
12997	Great Britain Set of Four to Promote British Textiles. Scott 996-999.		1pp ill 1982	.50
12996	Great Britain 1862-72: White Corner Letters.		10pp ill 1959	5.00
16000	Jacob Perkins. (Patent for a vapour compression refrigeration machine)	Van Straten, L.	1pp 1960	.50
12973	Jacob Perkins Invents His First Stamps.	Samuel, M.	2pp ill 1982	1.00
12998	Philately's Perfect Crime. (The "London Stock Exchange" Forgery.)	Jahn, A.W.	1pp 1975	.50
12971	The Postage Stamps of Great Britain, Part 4: Revised Numbering & Description of Later Waterlow Plates in Appendix A.	Beaumont, K.M.	1pp 1959	.50
INDIA				
16011	East India Company Charter.	Bullied, B.	1pp 1974	.50
INDIA - CHARKHARI				
16013	Some Notes on the 1931 Issue of Charkhari State.	Haverbeck, H.D.	3pp ill 1985	1.50
INDIA - HYDERABAD				
16014	The Stamped Papers of the Sarf-e-Khas.	Medhora, A.N.	6pp ill 1982	3.00

	INDIA - INDORE					
12980	Indore.	Parton, L.C.	3pp	1958	1.50	
	INDIA - JAMMU AND KASHMIR					
16015	Book Review. The Stamps of Jammu & Kashmir, by Fritz Staal.	Walker, W.D.	3pp	1985	1.50	
	INDIA - NAWANAGAR					
12981	A Mysterious Cover. (From Nawanager)	O'Neill, P.	1pp ill	1986	.50	
	INDIA - SORUTH					
16016	Soruth Dispatch & Receiving Memo.	Menta, K. & D.	2pp ill	1985	1.00	
	INDIAN STATES					
16012	Indian States an Alluring Field.	Haverbeck, H.D.	1pp ill	1974	.50	
	MAURITIUS					
12982	Mauritius Cancelled in Aden.	Wren, G.R.	1pp	1958	.50	
	NAURU					
12983	Some Notes on the Lower Values 1916-1923.	Sampson, R.H.	6pp	1959	3.00	
	NEW ZEALAND					
12986	New Zealand. The Surface Printed Issues of 1873-1900.	Beaumont, K.M.	6pp	1959	3.00	
12987	The Stamps of New Zealand With Portrait of King Edward VII. The Problem of the 8d With NZ & Star Watermark Upright, Line Perf 14. SG 468.	Collins, R.J.	9pp ill	1959	4.50	
	NORTH BORNEO					
12988	North Borneo New Definitives. Scott 280-295.		3pp ill	1961	1.50	
	ORANGE FREE STATE					
12989	Orange Free State Stamped Post Cards.	Pennycuick, K.	28pp ill	1956-58	9.50	
	PALESTINE					
12968	The Crown Agents Record Relating to the Waterlow Issues of Palestine Mandate 1921 to 1927. (Revenues)	Collins, N.J.	1pp ill	1982	.50	
	PAPUA					
12990	Varieties to Look For. The Papua Chart. Scott type A2.	Blair, A.	1pp ill	1938	.50	
	SIERRA LEONE					
12991	Within The Stamp. Sierra Leone.	Boggs, W.S.	3pp ill	1933	1.50	
	SOUTH AFRICA					
12969	South Africa. Current Usage Revenues. (Inkomstesees & Penalty Stamps/Boetasees)	Beukes, P.H. & Abrams, G.M.	1pp ill	1982	.50	
12992	South Africa's First Stamp.	Pooler, B.W.	2pp ill	1974	1.00	
12993	Union of South Africa. Cylinder Set X V of the "Ship" Penny.	Ward, G.	6pp ill	1959	3.00	
	SOUTH PACIFIC					
12970	Disasters Around the Pacific. ("Experimental Flights" around Isolated Pacific Islands)	Lake, K.	4pp ill	1986	2.00	
	SOUTH WEST AFRICA					
12994	South West Africa Decimal Pictorials. Scott 266-280.		2pp ill	1961	1.00	
	SUDAN					
12995	Sudan #92 Inverted Center.		1pp ill	1961	.50	
	GENERAL SUBJECTS					
	FORGERIES AND COUNTERFEITS - WORLDWIDE					
13014	Outwitting the Forger.	Crabtree, H.	6pp	1947	3.00	
13020	Possible Forged Overprints.		1pp	1962	.50	
	INVESTMENT AND SPECULATION					
13021	Some Golden Rules of Wise Investment.		1pp	1987	.50	
	LITERATURE					
13016	Handbooks & Similar Publications of the APS. (to 1951)	Kimble, R.A.	1pp	1951	.50	
13015	Philatelic Literature in Competition.	Butler, A.A.	3pp	1976	1.50	
	ORGANIZATIONS - STAMP CLUBS					
13017	Preparation of a Tape/Slide Program	Lievsay, J.E.	4pp	1976	2.00	
	PERFORATIONS					
13013	Perforation Varieties Can Make the Difference.	Baadke, M.	2pp ill	1998	1.00	
	TOPICAL COLLECTING					
13018	Selecting a Topic to Collect.	Mueller, B.R.	3pp	Unk	1.50	
13019	Topicals in Competitive Exhibition.	Mueller, B.R.	2pp	Unk	1.00	

**Book Review: *Civil War Stamp Envelopes, The Issuers and Their Times*
Reviewed by Peter Martin**

***Civil War Stamp Envelopes, The Issuers and Their Times* by Fred L. Reed III. Port Clinton, Ohio: BNR Press, 2013. Hardbound and perfect bound editions, 8.5 x 11 inches, 672pp., Approximately 1,500 B&W illustrations.**

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This book is an impressive mix of stamps, postal stationery, postal history, Civil War ephemera and numismatics.

Civil War Stamp Envelopes came out in October and the hardcover edition sold out so quickly that Reed made some updates and produced an updated second hardcover edition in November.

At 672 pages, the book is not only comprehensive, it's also quite hefty. Despite its size, the pages lay flat, making for easy reading. The more than 1,500 black and white illustrations help with identification. Except for a few illustrations, which obviously came from second-hand sources, the images are of high quality.

In subject matter, the book covers an area seldom broached in philatelic or numismatic literature and Reed does so with a thoroughness that clearly makes this the definitive work about the topic. The Civil War small change shortage of 1862-63 gave rise to many creative solutions and stamp envelopes was one of them. The difficulty in preparing this book comes in large part

from the fact that postage stamp envelopes were fragile and wore out quickly.

Reed had access to all the great collections of the last two generations and learned inside information that he documents for the first time. More than 200 individuals and institutions provided assistance. After a fascinating preface and introduction that includes a "Civil War Postage Stamp Envelope Timeline," Reed jumps into his *Merchant Chronicles: The 128 known issuers of this type of emergency scrip.*

Extensive census and provenance data are provided, as are auction realizations from the last 100 years.

Appendix A provides Reed's "Cataloging System for Stamp Envelopes at a glance." He concludes the book with a 27-page annotated select bibliography and a very useful index.

As Reed reports, "Collectors and dealers too will finally know which of these pieces are actually the rarest and potentially the most valuable instead of guessing or having



to rely on the uninformed opinions of others."

While written primarily for his numismatic audience, this volume is essential for any philatelist with an interest in the Civil War period, and particularly anyone with an interest in the related encased postage stamps. Even ordinary students of Civil War history will find this work a treasure trove of information.

To say that this book is highly recommended is an understatement. It is essential reading.

Book Review: *Combat and Special Operations of United States Motor Torpedo Boats in World War Two*
reviewed by Alan Warren

Combat and Special Operations of United States Motor Torpedo Boats during World War Two in 2 volumes, by Norman Gruenzner. 254 pages (vol. 1) and 280 pages (vol. 2), 8 ½ by 11 inches, card covers, perfect bound, Military Postal History Society, Cypress, Tex., 2013. ISBN 0-9770649-9-9, \$85 postpaid to U.S. and Canada, \$95 elsewhere. Order from MPHS, PO Box 32, Cypress TX 77410-0032 or from website www.militaryPHS.org.

This extraordinary compendium of Patrol Torpedo boats (PT boats or Motor Torpedo Boats – MTB) and their day-by-day operations during World War II has been a labor of love by author Gruenzner for many, many years. Its progenitor was a 52-page work by Robert T. Murphy, *World War II PT Bases, Squadrons and Boats* published by the Military Postal History Society in 1992. Gruenzner edited Murphy’s book and shortly after publication he realized there was much more to the story of these fast wooden boats and the Navy men who operated them.

As Gruenzner began to uncover additional sources he realized that the story was not only historically important but also that the men and their missions played key roles in the progress of naval encounters around the globe, and especially in the Pacific Theatre.

The bulk of the text begins with a chronological listing, by date, of key agreements and acts of war in the late 1930s that led to the U.S. declarations of war and committing its naval forces. Detailed entries become more numerous in 1940 and 1941 with specific details on building and launching the PT boats, their operations and movements, and the personnel assigned to them. The latter are named with their ranks and some details of their commands, their fate, and their honors.

In order to organize the chronology Gruenzner divides a given month’s actions into geographical areas. Even the rerouting of mail is noted as naval operations often changed rapidly. Mail was an important morale booster and many covers are shown in color throughout the book. In addition to covers

there are wonderful photos and maps presented.

Volume One ends with May 1944. A bibliography concludes this volume as well as Volume Two. Volume Two continues with June 1944 and goes through August 1946. During the last months of record, much of the mail was marked “Return to Sender” as PT bases and boats were shut down.

One important tool that would benefit researchers would have been an index of personal names and a numerical listing of PT Squadrons and PT Boats. However, such an undertaking would be a major task in itself. Norman Gruenzner is to be commended for his many years devotion of time and effort to achieve this study, and the Military Postal History Society as well for making it available to researchers and historians.

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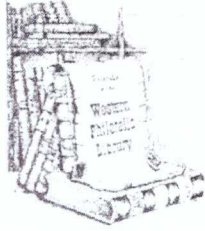
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