

## Issue of 1918

May 13

Between 1918 and 1936, five different combination air mail / special delivery service stamps were issued by the United States Post Office. The Scott catalogue has clearly misnumbered these stamps. The first two air mail stamps of the United States included ten cents for special delivery service; and no additional stamps were required for that purpose. Later, between 1934 and 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt designed three additional stamps which also included the ten cent fee for special delivery service in addition to the six cent fee for airmail service.



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First AirMail Trip, flown from Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia, Pa. and via surface to Ogoutz, Pa.  
Airmail stamp included Special Delivery service fee, Special Delivery stamp not required



# AEF Christmas Package Service

IS TO CERTIFY  
THAT THE CONTENTS OF  
THIS PARCEL HAVE BEEN  
INSPECTED AND PASSED BY  
CHAPTER  
AMERICAN RED CROSS

CHRISTMAS



from Mrs. R. J. Thresher  
26 W. 53rd St.  
Kansas City, Mo.

## OFFICIAL COUPON.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

## CHRISTMAS PACKAGE COUPON

FOR:

THRESHER, S. THRESHER (Name.)  
2ND LIEUT. (Rank.) (Army Serial Number.)

A.P.O. 724 (Company.)  
AIR SERVICE (Regiment.) (Army of Service.)

### PASTE THIS COUPON ON THE PACKAGE

**DIRECTIONS:** One Christmas package not heavier than 3 pounds and not larger than 9 by 4 by 3 inches will be carried free from Hoboken, N. J., to each American soldier in Europe. Standard boxes of these dimensions will be furnished, upon application, by local chapters of the American Red Cross in the United States. Christmas packages must not contain perishable articles, or any articles prohibited by the postal laws from transmission by mail. PACKAGES NOT CONFORMING TO STANDARD FURNISHED BY RED CROSS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. This coupon is authority for any postoffice to accept on or before November 20, 1918, a Christmas package conforming to the above regulations for the soldier named hereon. Postage to Hoboken, N. J., must be prepaid.

THIS COUPON MUST BE PASTED ON THE PACKAGE TO SECURE ITS TRANSMISSION

A. G. PRINTING DEPT., G. H. Q. A. E. F., 1918.

1918 AEF Christmas package with Red Cross censor label.

Postage free from Hoboken, N.J. to the military site.

Parcel Post rate:  
Zone 6 (1200 mi.)  
9¢ first pound  
8¢ second pound  
8¢ third pound  
25¢ total

Few examples survived the war

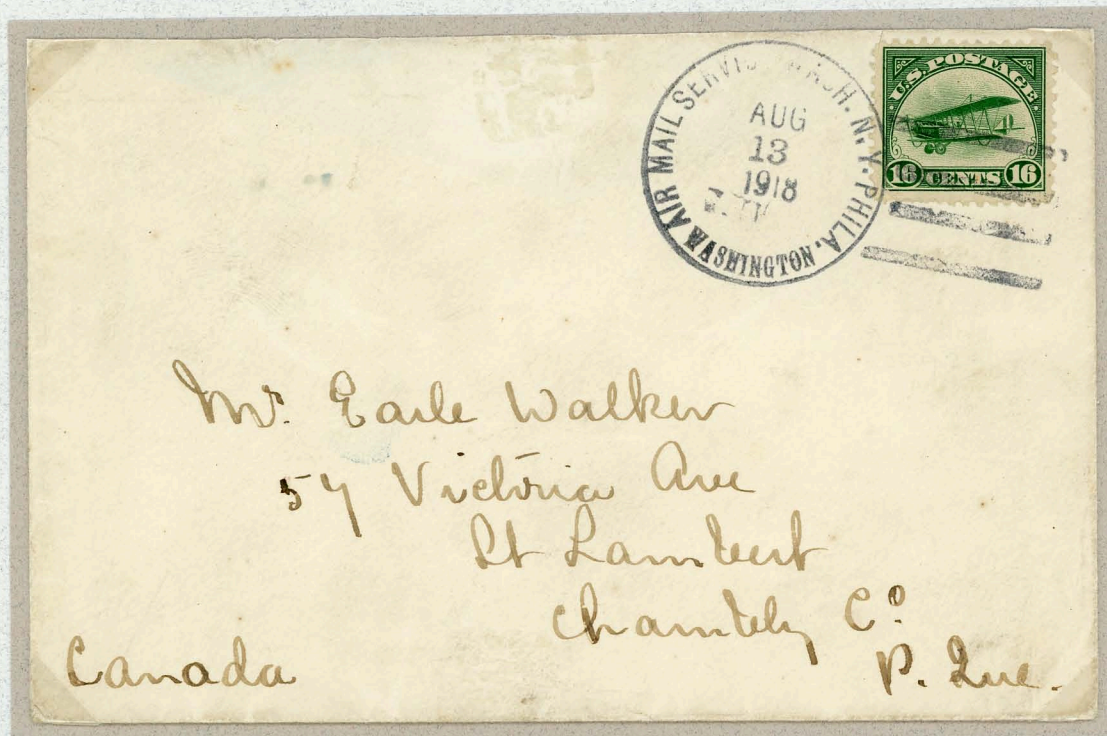
Kansas City, Mo.  
to A.P.O. 724  
Dec., 1918

(Army Post Office 724 was located at Issoudun, France and was home to the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center)

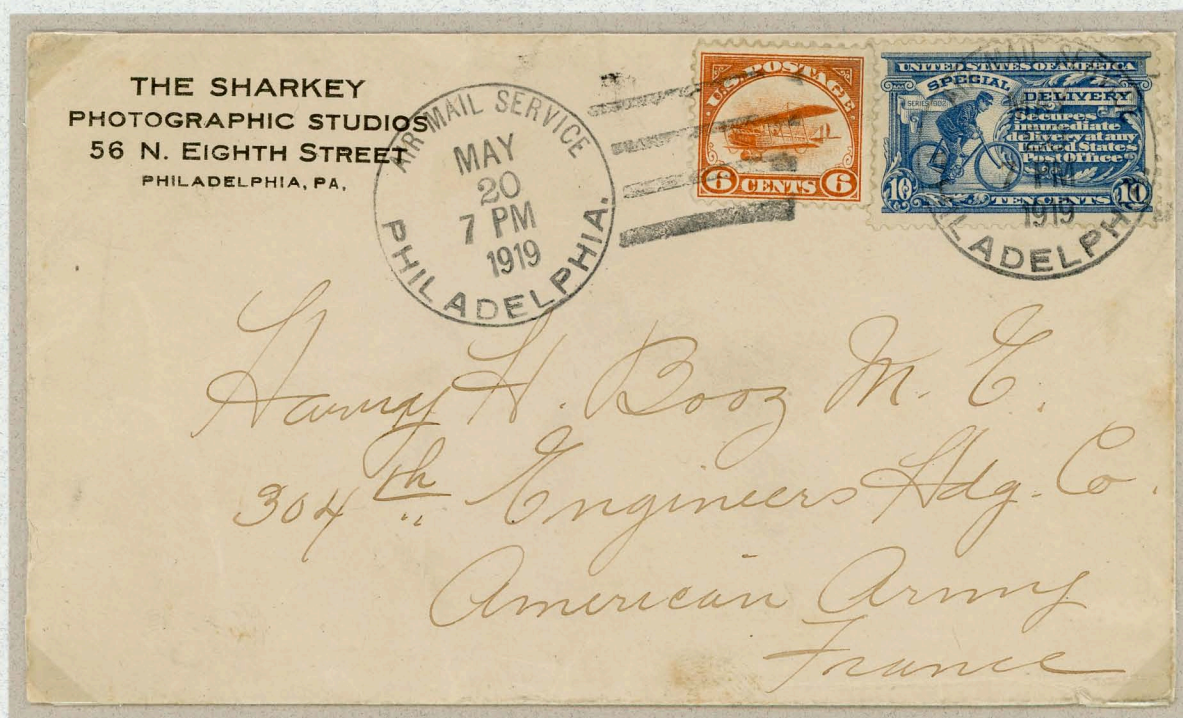
Received  
Dec. 24, 1918,  
per letter, with  
water and mud  
damage still visible  
in top left.



## Foreign Destination



Flown from Washington, D.C. to New York, N.Y.



Flown Philadelphia, Pa. to New York, N.Y.