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Things change.....

By Max Lynds
President



Everett Parker has helped keep the Maine Philatelic Society together for many years by editing and publishing our newsletter. Everett has continually asked for articles and information to print. Unfortunately very few items have been sent for publication. Some members have sent more than their fair share and in particular Bruce Corey who has done much research on small Post Offices in Maine. Because of lack of material Everett has decided to no longer act as our editor. As a result I am preparing this issue to keep everyone informed and to seek guidance from you members as to what *you really* want to see printed in the newsletter. The MPS Board will meet later this summer to take action on the newsletter and another issue of dues. Our dues have only been \$ 5.00 for some time. You know the story—postage and paper costs have increased to the point where we will most likely have to increase dues to meet costs. MPS needs to hear from. Please either e-mail or call me or any of the board members to express your thoughts. If you have a favorite cover-stamps-story please send it to me for inclusion in the next newsletter. It does not need to be a long article with hours of research. Just something you like. Chances are if you like it someone else will be interested also. This issue *only* will be 6 pages instead of the usual 8. Please e-mail your comments-suggestions to me at max@pwless.net

Some other news:

MPS along with the York County Stamp Club will be having a Stamp Show in Portland again on November 10 at the Holiday Inn Portland-West, Exit 48 - Maine Turnpike, 81 Riverside Street, Portland, ME, Saturday-November 10, 2007, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The show was well attended last year and will be on the Saturday before Veterans' Day. There will be a Dealers Bourse with stamps, post-cards, covers and supplies. We are going to be adding more exhibit frames.

Latest information on the show is on the web at:
http://www.maxlynds.com/mps_shows.htm

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The purpose of the Society is to promote philately in the Pine Tree State. Membership is open to everyone. Please send your name and address to the Secretary listed below along with \$5.00 dues for a year. Life memberships are not available at this time but you may prepay for as many years as you wish.

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Maine Stamp Club Meetings



WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fairfield (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call 872- 5107. Non-members are invited to attend.

YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm Street, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$5 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Comer Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

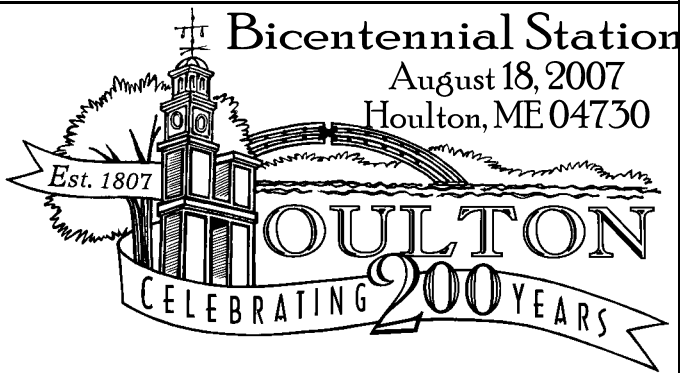
UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB

The club meets from April to November on the third Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Ellsworth Library. Typical events include an auction, a raffle, presentations and an opportunity to purchase from a member stamp dealer. Non-members are welcome. For further information, contact Eric Beal, 827-2686, Eric.Beal@umit.maine.edu

KENNEBEC VALLEY STAMP AND COLLECTOR CLUB

The Kennebec Valley Stamp and Collector Club meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of from September thru June at the Central Maine Power Co. main office in Augusta. The time of the meeting is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Contact Shirley McKay, 622-7978 or kildonan@prexar.com

Please send your articles, scans, stories, comments, suggestions or questions to Max Lynds at the address listed on the left.



Houlton, Maine is celebrating it's Bicentennial this year and has a Pictorial Postmark scheduled for August 18. Mail your request to :
Bicentennial Station, Postmaster, 39 Court Street, Houlton, ME 04730-9998.

Check out the USPS Postal Bulletins at <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb.htm>
 For information on other Pictorial Postmarks and other postal news.

Up coming Stamp Shows

Waterville Club's Stamp Show/Auction

October 27, 2007

American Legion in Winslow, Maine



Please let me know of any other Stamp-Coin-Collectible Shows coming up and I will list them here.

MAINEPEX 2006

Our show in November was well attended and dealers seemed pleased with the turnout. John Flaherty of Pine Tree Stamps made sure we had coffee and pastry. Thanks to the York Club we had exhibits and these were viewed by many of those in attendance. The 2007 show will have more dealers and more exhibits.

The dealers were busy at last year's show in Portland.

Some of the exhibits



Houlton, Maine POW Camp

As World War II waged a young German soldier was stationed at Normandy on D Day in 1944. Over taken by the Allied Forces Gerhard Kleindt was captured by the Canadian Services. As a Prisoner of War, Kleindt was transported to the Houlton, Maine POW Camp located at the Houlton Army Air Base. This base had been set up before the United States had entered into the war to facilitate ferrying aircraft across the border into Canada.

As many men and women from Aroostook County had either enlisted or traveled to Connecticut to work in the factories to support the War effort there was a severe shortage of labor to help cut timber and to plant and harvest the potato crops. As soon as the POW's were transported to Houlton they were given duties to help fill this workforce shortage.



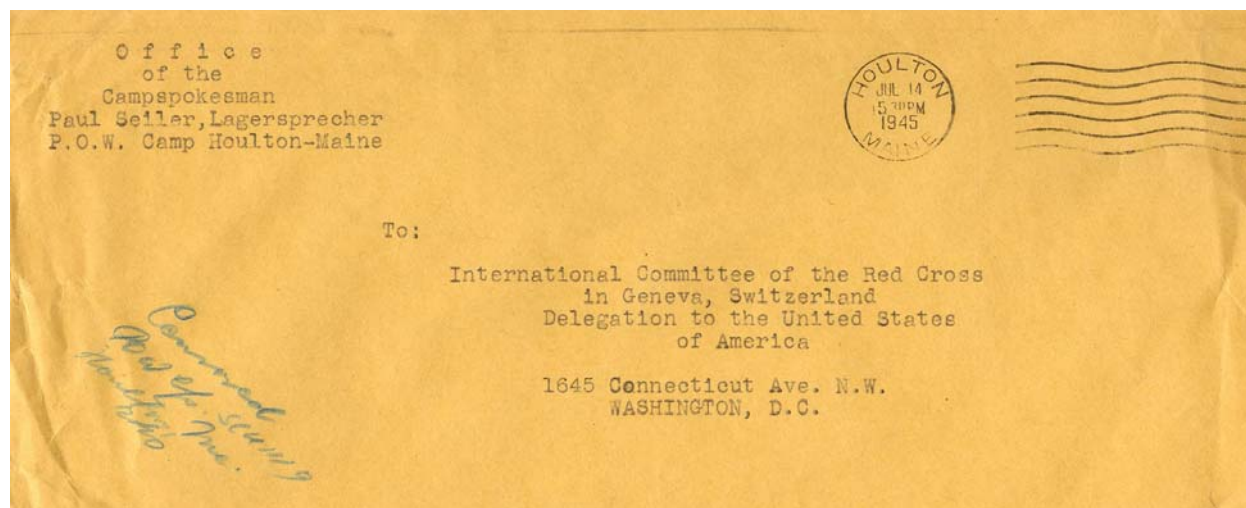
Gerhard Kleindt
German POW



Working in the fields and woods the POW's were "paid" \$1.00 a day . They were issued script to be exchanged at the PX for candy, gum, cigarettes and beer.



The POW's would report to the Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis.
Here is an envelope from the Campspokesman or Lagersprecher .



The POW's were given post cards and letter sheets and were allowed to send messages back to Germany. The mail was of course censored and treated to make sure no "invisible" ink had been used to send home secrets.

Form No. 6-1 with U.S. Censor markings used by POW Gerhard Kleindt to send a message back to Germany on January 14, 1945.

Gerhard Kleindt, Sold. 31G-70825.

P.O.W. Camp
Houlton
c/o Box 20, G.P.O.
N.Y. N.Y.

Postage Free
Portofrei

YORK
JAN 24
1945

PRISONER OF WAR POST CARD
Postkarte für Kriegsgefangene
German A

Jan. 18, 1945.

Address
Adresse

Fam. Richard Kleindt
10 Rosenthal, Nr. 77
Krs. Pirna/Elbe.
Germany

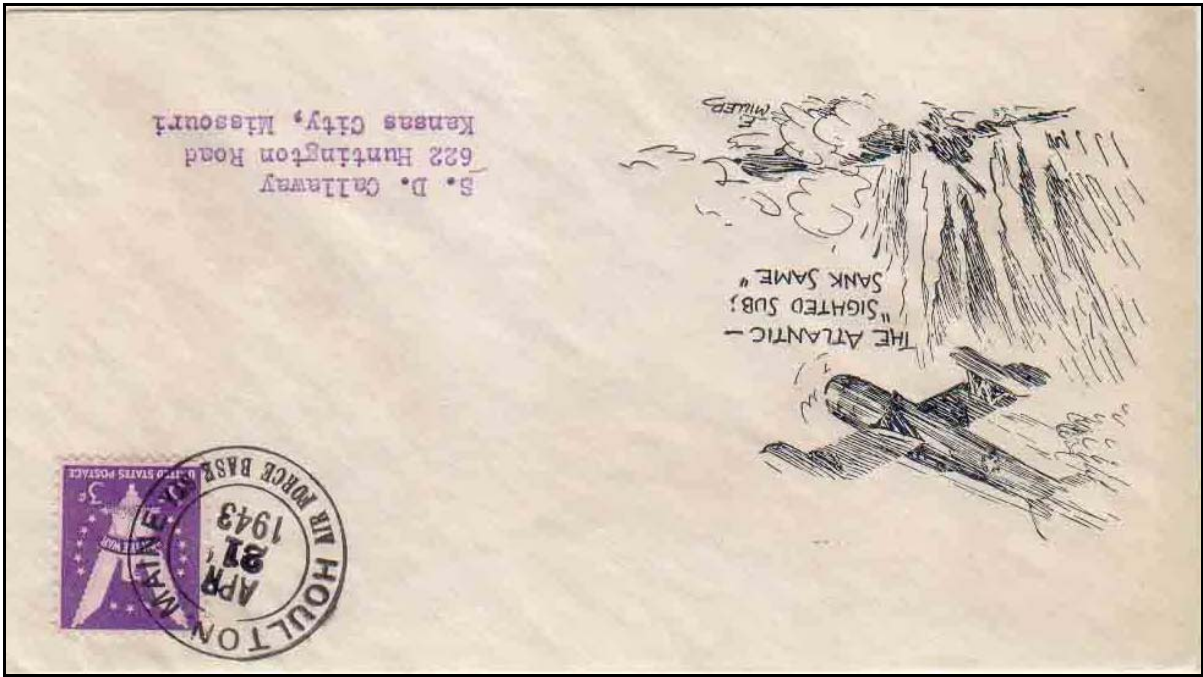
Do Not Write Here!
Nicht Hier Schreiben!

U.S. CENSOR
W. D., P. M. G. Form No. 6-1
November 1, 1942
16-51472-1

Meine lieben Eltern, Großeltern, Frieda und Paul!
Houlton, am 14.1.45.

Will Euch heute, am Sonntagabend wieder ein
Kärtchen senden. Vormittags waren wir im
Kino, Nachmittags habe ich geschlafen und
heute Abend wollen wir noch einmal in die
Kantine. So vergeht fast jeder Sonntag hier.
In der Hoffnung, dass Ihr noch alle auf und ge-
sund seid, grüßt Euch Euer Gerhard. Gerhard Kleindt

IN 2004 Gerhard Kleindt came back to visit Houlton along with 2 other former POW's. They told of their stay in Houlton and how they very pleased with the way they were treated while here. There are efforts under way at this time to restore some of the remaining POW site .



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