

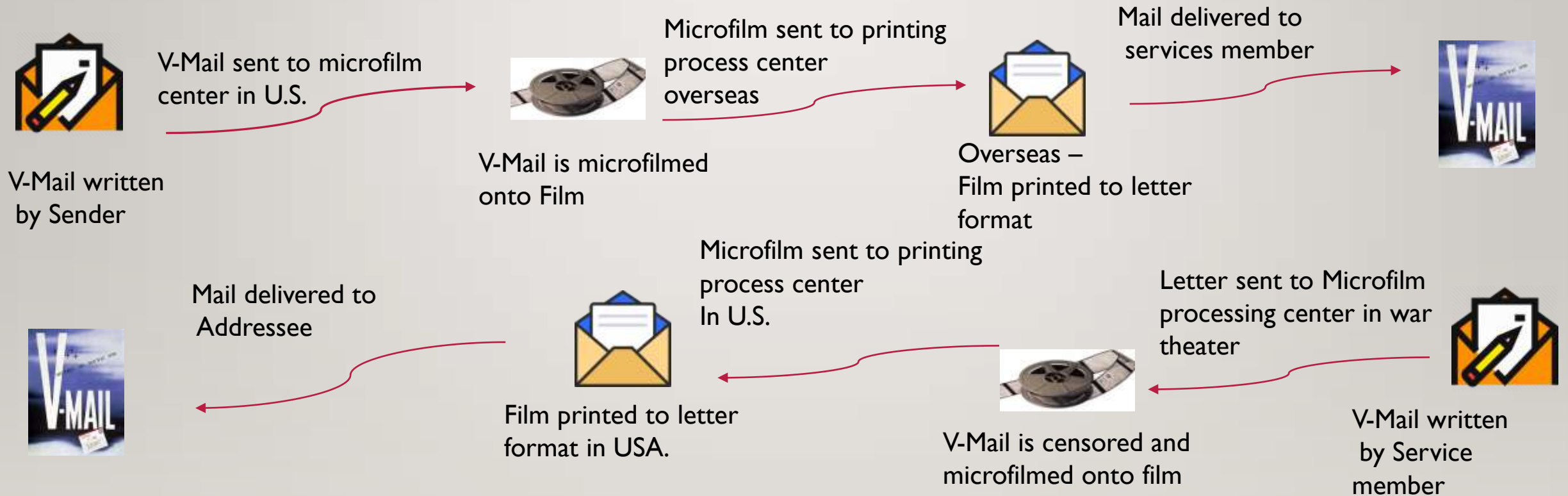
V-MAIL (VICTORY MAIL) WW II FACTS

- The United States adopted the Airograph Service from England, renaming it “Victory Mail” or “V-Mail,”
- The U.S. Post Office Department separated mail by respective Army and Navy Units and delivered it to the V-Mail stations, which were under military jurisdiction
- V-Mail stations were established in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, and in various locations overseas
- Postage was free to the service person mailing a letter or post card
- More than a billion V-Mail letters were delivered between June 15, 1942 and November 1, 1945, when the V-Mail service ended

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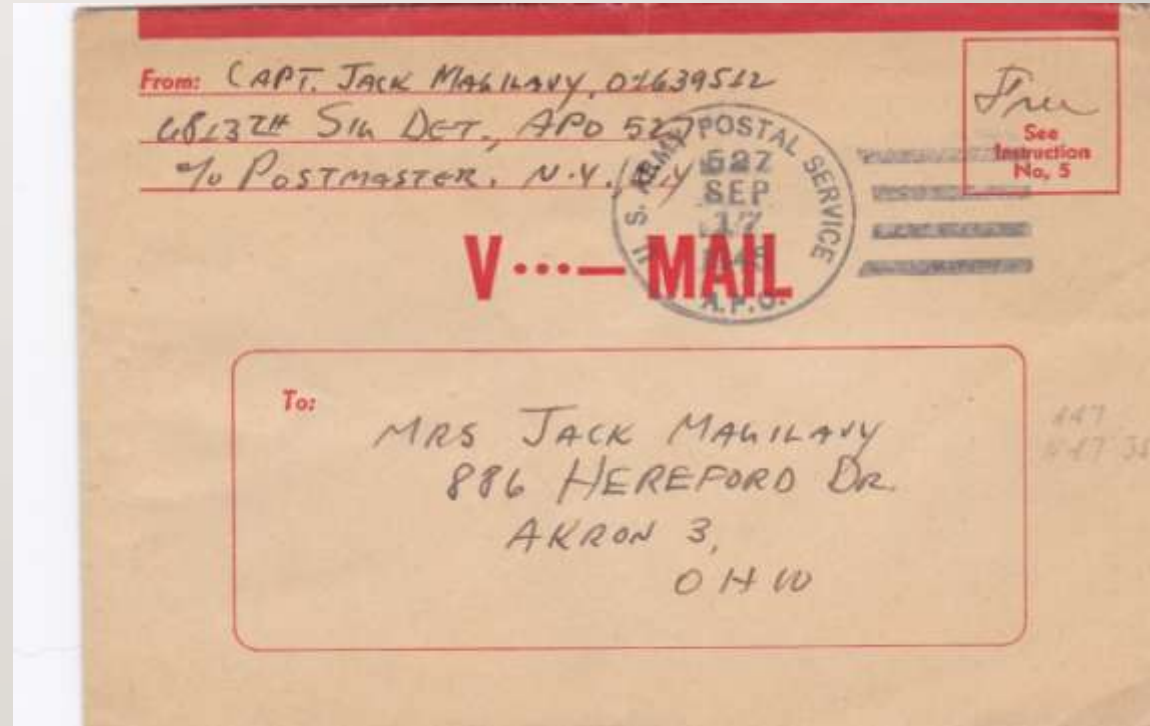
- V-Mail reduce the volume of mail sent to the war front saving over 5 million cargo pounds for essential war supplies such as:
 - ✓ 2,298,280 units of Army K-Rations
 - ✓ 496,428 Garand Automatic Rifles
 - ✓ 1,323,809 units of Blood Plasma
 - ✓ 51,711 packages of Surgical Dressings

V-Mail Process



- Where it had taken up to a month for standard mail delivery by ship, V-Mail delivery could take as little as twelve days or less using aircraft
- The service persons overseas uses the same process for writing letters home, except for their postage was free
- If the V-Mail was mailed within the U.S. to a U.S. address it was not microfilmed but was still censored

V-MAIL LETTER



V-MAIL LETTER SENT FROM SOLDIER TO HOME



V-MAIL AIRMAIL STATIONARY ENVELOPE

V-Mail Air Mail Envelope Post Marked March 12th, 1945



VICTORY POST CARD



4/14/44

Dear Bea + George -
well as for in
taking army life etc.
Of course I miss my
family but I suppose
that is quite natural.
I hope you will
drop me a line
once in a while
when I get to my
Basic Training Camp.
Regards
Bill

EXAMPLE OF V-MAIL STATIONARY

Print the complete address to allow blank space for the postal address, and use return address in the space provided. Use horizontal and only, as possible. Write clearly. Try your writing in wet weather.

Photo: No Yes

Postage: Domestic International Return Other

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

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VICTORY MAIL TRIVIA QUESTION

- What WWII movie shows a GI writing a V-Mail letter to the father of a fallen comrade?
- The 1998 movie “Saving Private Ryan”