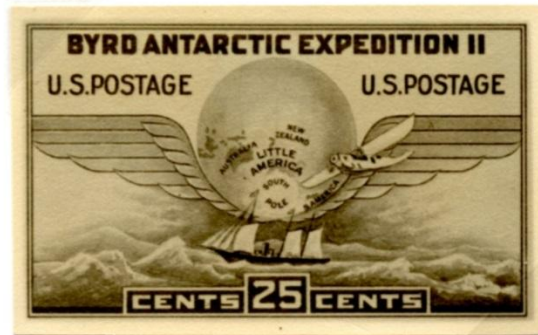


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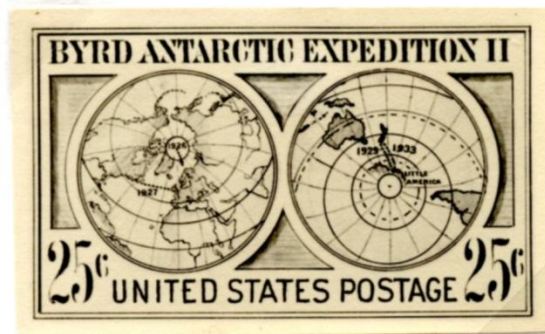


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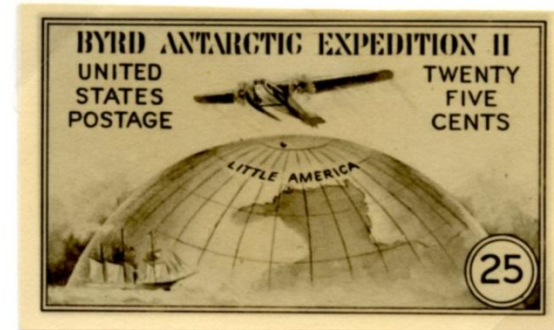
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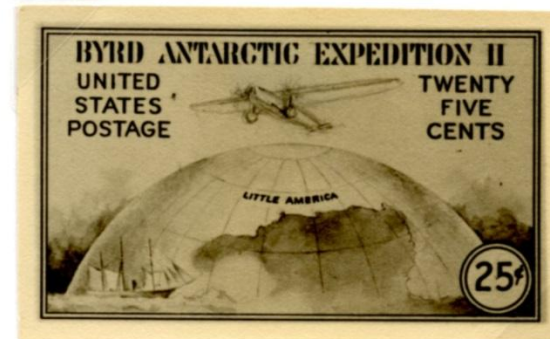
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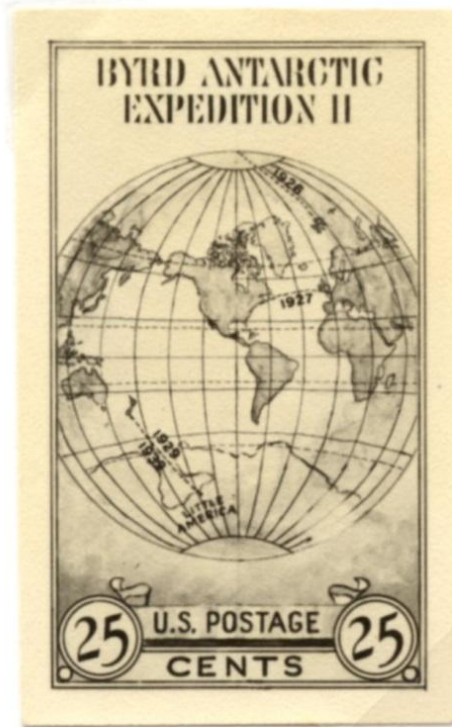
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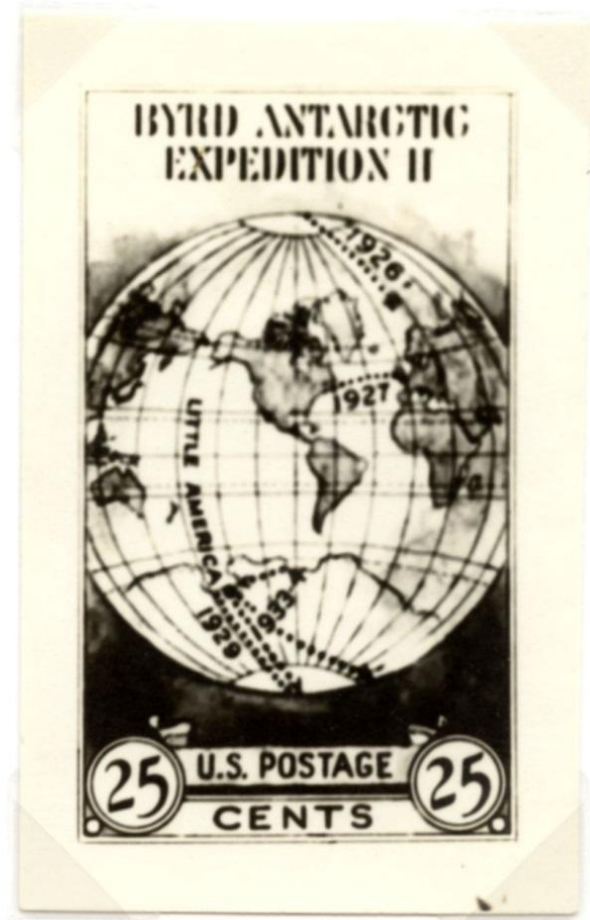
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## Production



## Photos of Essays



Production

Large Die Proof





## Production



## Designer, Engraver



Production

Pre-printing paper creases





# Production



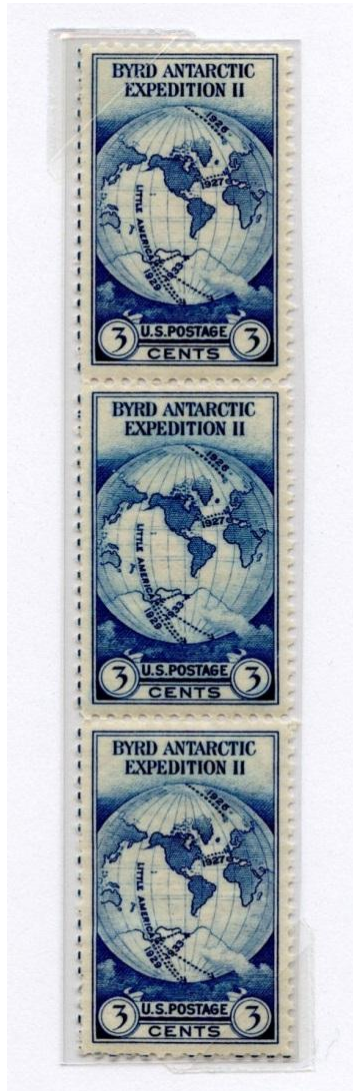
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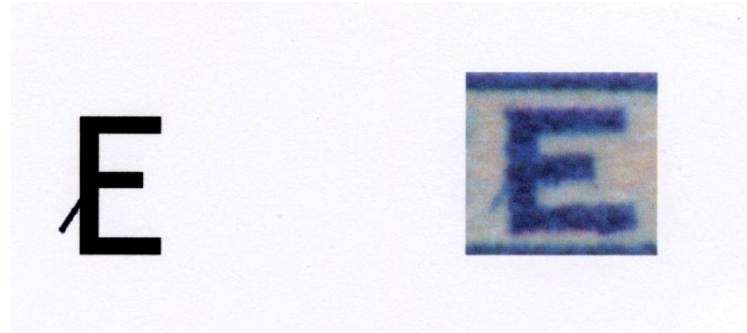


Fold-over

# Production



# Transfer roll defects





Production

Plate numbers



# First Day Related

# POD Announcement

## LITTLE AMERICA POSTAGE STAMP

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
*Washington, September 22, 1933.*

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are notified that the Department is preparing to issue a special postage stamp in the 3-cent denomination in commemoration of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition of 1933 for use on letters mailed through the Little America post office to be established at the base camp of the expedition in the territory of the South Pole.

The stamp will be of the same size and shape as special-delivery stamps, 0.83 by 1.42 inches, arranged vertically. The stamp is surrounded by a narrow double line border, and will be printed in navy blue. Across the top of the stamp is the inscription "Byrd Antarctic Expedition II", arranged in two lines in solid roman. In the central part of the stamp is a large geographic globe, the sides of which are partly hidden behind the border. Routes of the several Byrd flights are depicted by dotted lines with the dates thereof in solid gothic. Proposed new flights to the Antarctic and to the South Pole are also indicated. The position of the base camp is marked by a solid dark circle, with the wording "Little America" in solid gothic extending parallel with the line of longitude to the west of the base. Within a circle with white ground and double line border, in each lower corner, is the large numeral "3" in solid color. At the bottom of the stamp is a narrow horizontal panel with white ground containing the word "Cents" in solid gothic. In a ribbon panel directly above, with white ground, are the words "U.S. Postage", also in solid gothic lettering. A clouded effect, heavy below and lighter at the top, forms a background for the central globe.

Since the Department has no means of providing for the transportation of this philatelic mail to Little America, other than through the facilities of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, arrangements have been made with the expedition to accept covers for mailing through the Little America post office, bearing appropriate postmark, at a service charge of 50 cents for each letter exclusive of the postage rate of 3 cents, to cover which the special stamp is being issued. Stamps of the regular or other commemorative issues should not be used on mail matter to be sent to Little America and covers bearing such stamps will not be forwarded.

Collectors desiring the Little America cancellations may send the desired number of addressed covers under separate wrapper plainly marked: "Byrd Antarctic Expedition, c/o Postmaster, Norfolk, Va.," in time to be received not later than October 8, the announced sailing date of the expedition from that port, accompanied with a postal money-order remittance of 53 cents for each cover, the money order to be made payable to the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, Norfolk, Va. Postage stamps will not be accepted in payment.

After October 8, 1933, collectors desiring the Little America postmark will send all covers to the "Byrd Antarctic Expedition, c/o Postmaster, Washington, D.C." (accompanied with postal money-order remittance at the rate of 53 cents per cover, payable to Byrd Antarctic Expedition, Washington, D.C.), from which point the covers will be forwarded to the Little America post office for postmarking and return. Provision is being made to have covers submitted after October 8, but not later than November 10, forwarded by regular mail steamers to Dunedin, New Zealand, in time to connect with the expedition before sailing from that point for Little America, about January 1, 1934. Covers taken with the expedition to Little America will be dispatched on the supply ship on the return trip to Dunedin. Such covers should reach addresses in the United States in the early summer of 1934.

Covers will continue to be received by the expedition office in Washington, D.C., until about November 1, 1934, approximately the latest date mail can be forwarded to Dunedin, New Zealand, in time to reach the relief ship before its departure to Little America to return the expedition from the Antarctic. These covers will reach addresses approximately one year later than those carried to Little America on the first trip.

As the new Little America 3-cent stamp is being issued solely for use on mail matter of the Antarctic Expedition, supplies thereof will not be placed on sale in post offices for use on ordinary domestic mail.

However, stamp collectors desiring Little America stamps for collection use may obtain same from the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, where the stamp will be available at face value beginning October 9, 1933. Remittances should be by postal money order and must include, in addition to the cost of the stamps ordered, allowance for return postage and registration. To insure prompt delivery, orders to the agency must be restricted to the Little America stamp.

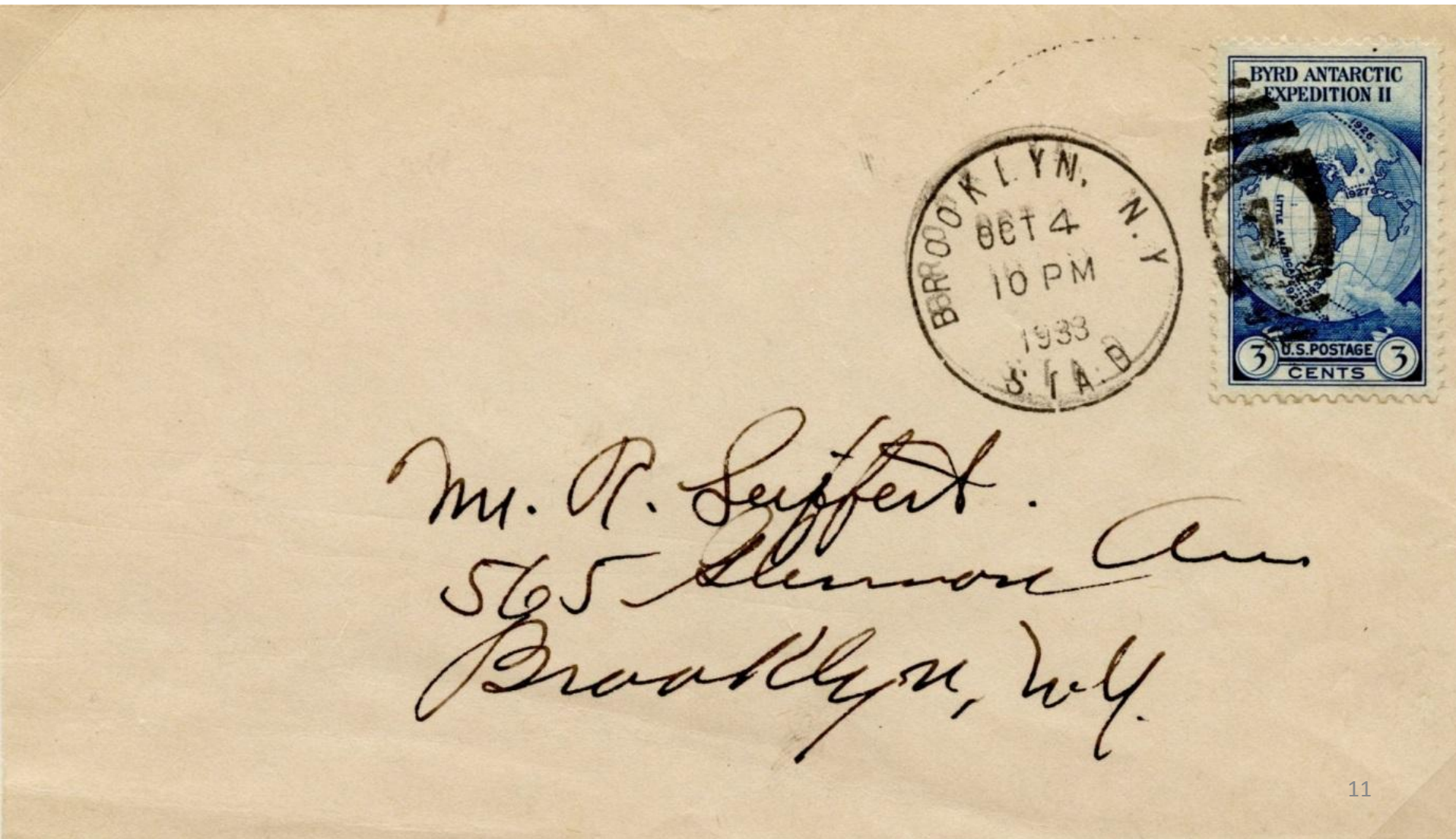
No provision is being made for cover service from Norfolk direct to collectors.

C. B. EILENBERGER,  
*Third Assistant Postmaster General.*



First Day Related

Predate



First Day Related

Predated

First Day Cover.  
New York City.



Mr. Frank Sesti,  
1045 - 64th St.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Par Avion**  
**By Air Mail**

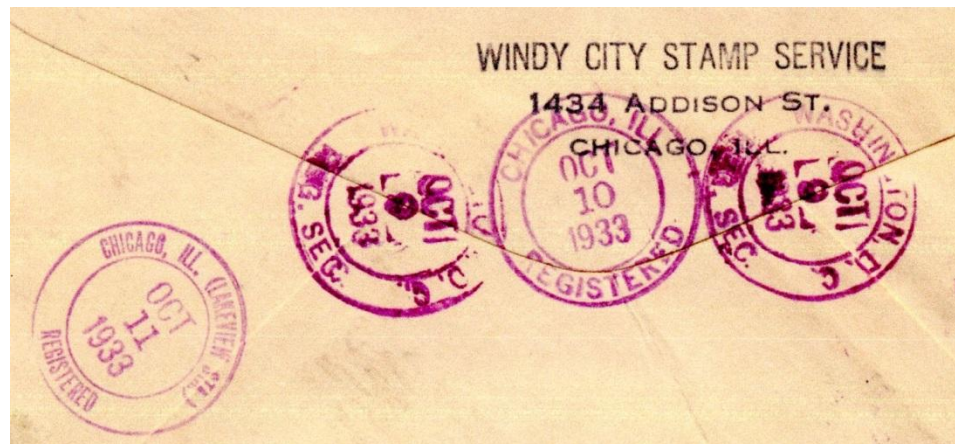
FORM 2978





First Day

Registered





First Day

Air mail special delivery





First Day

Free frank envelope

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

*adm. Byrd FIRST DAY  
a issue of stamp  
Covers at Washington D.C.  
(closed), 1933*



*Harry F. Byrd*



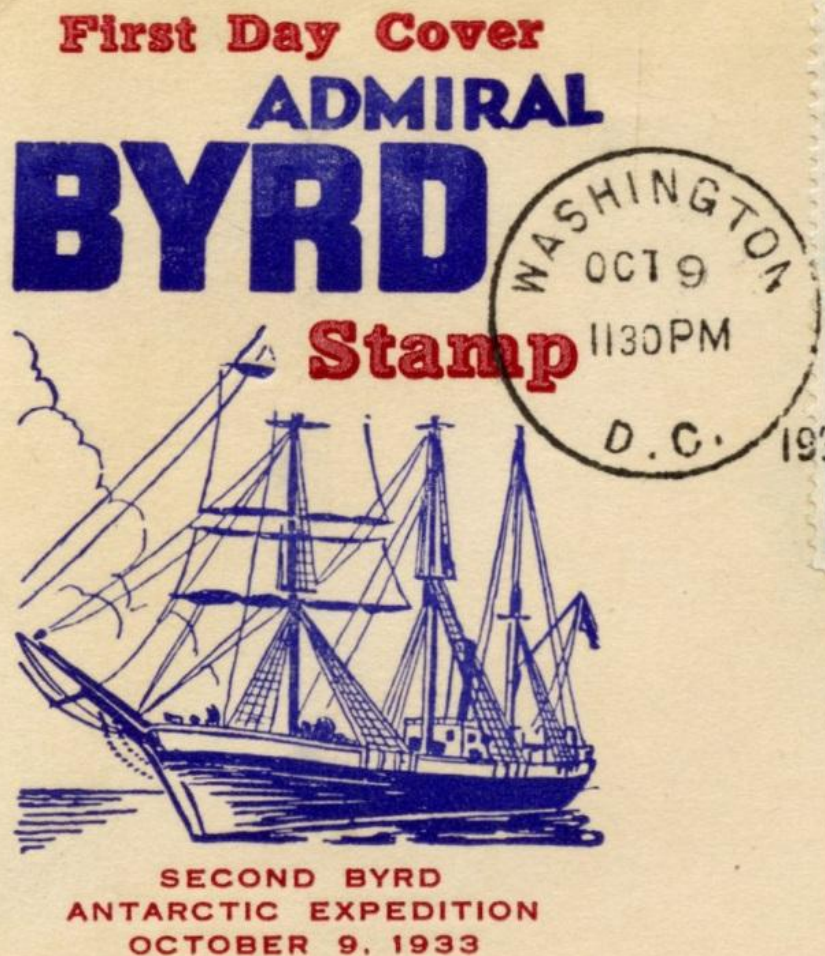
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Washington,  
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First Day

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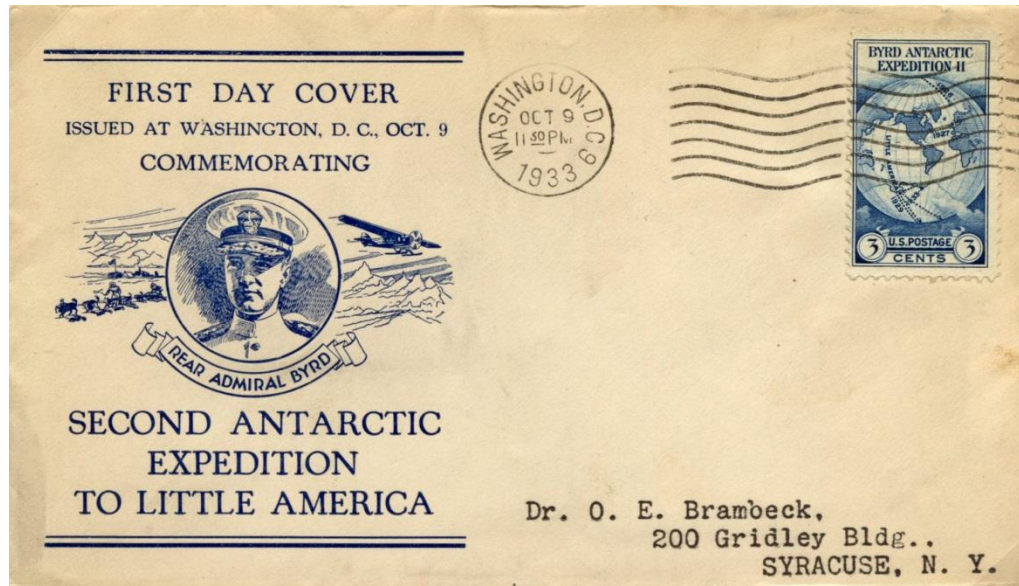


**VIA AIR MAIL**

**W. A. ROWELL**  
68 CORNHILL  
BOSTON, MASS.



# First Day



# Edward Hacker



## First Day



## Hacker “variants”





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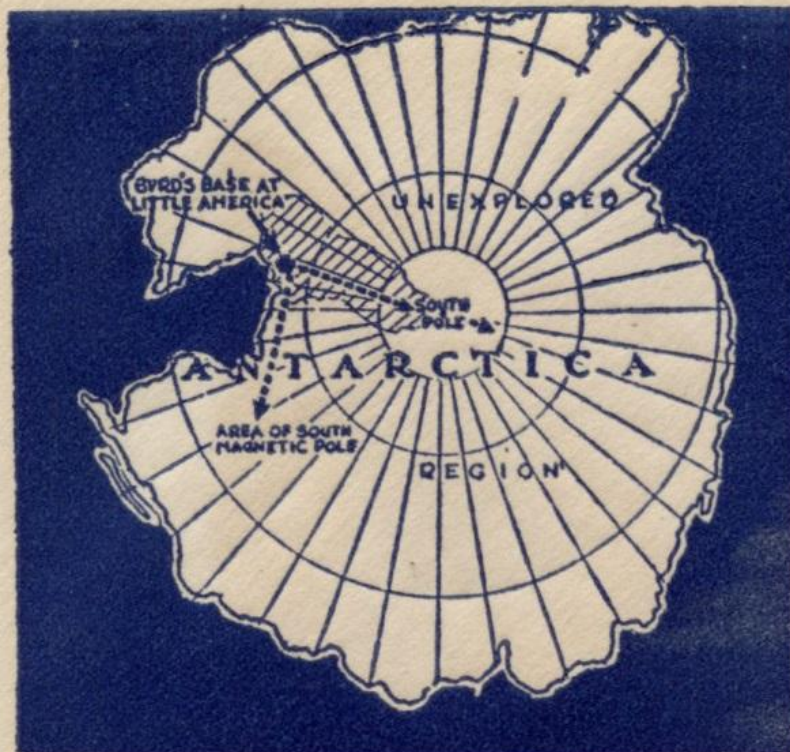
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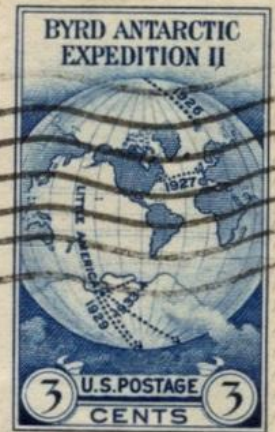
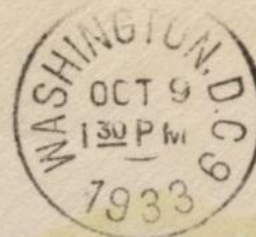
Hobby Cover Service / Ralph Dyer



**BYRD SECOND ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION**

Rear Admiral R. E. BYRD in Command

— 1933 —



Mr. Ralph Dyer

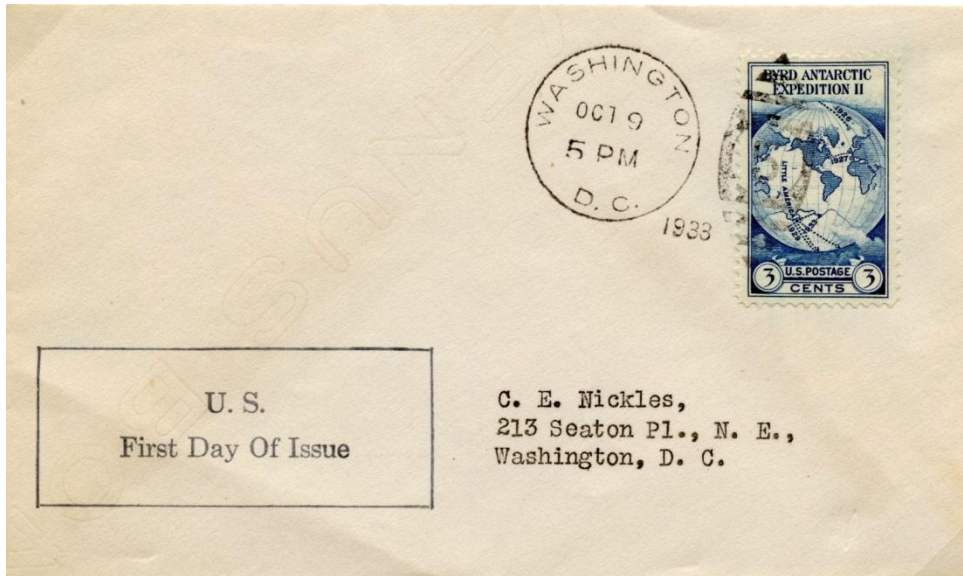
338 Tom Hunter Road,

Fort Lee, New Jersey

*Ralph Dyer*

# First Day

Charles E. Nickles



## HERE'S A NEW FIRST DAY COVER

This card comes to you in or with one or more first day covers.

If not already paid for or accompanied by bill the cover or covers will be charged to your account and bill for same sent later.

C. E. Nickles,  
213 Seaton, N.E.,  
Washington, D. C.

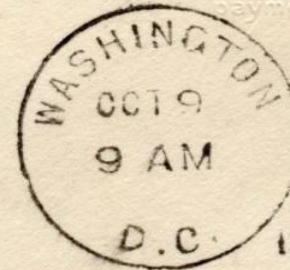
(BOOST the collecting of first day covers. Tell your friends about it. Tell them to write name and address on this card and send it to us. We will send them free information and lists.)



First Day

PMG James A. Farley

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Mr. G. Le Boutillier,  
911 Park Avenue,  
New York, New York.

# First Day

# PMG James A. Farley



THE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1933.

Mr. G. Le Boutillier,  
911 Park Avenue,  
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Le Boutillier:

The special postage stamp on this letter commemorates the second Byrd Antarctic Expedition now enroute to the territory of the South Pole for further exploration and research work.

The stamp will be used on mail matter dispatched at Little America, the first regular post office of any Nation to be established within the realm of the Antarctic. In preparing the design for the stamp, signal honor has been paid the intrepid commander of the Expedition, Admiral Byrd.

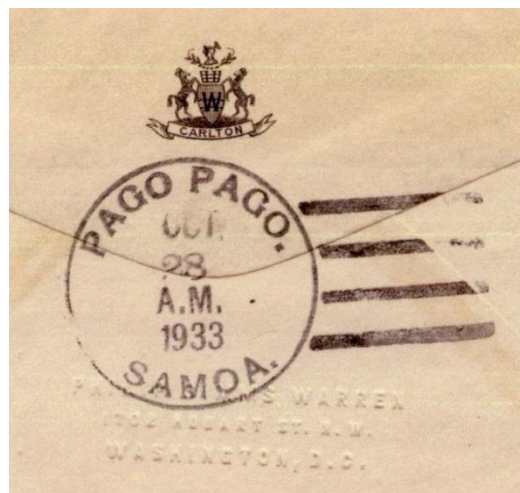
As the purpose of the Expedition is to add to scientific and geographic knowledge of the little known region of Antarctica, the Department is grateful to cooperate with the undertaking by issuing this special postage stamp and establishing the Little America post office.

Very truly yours,



First Day

Corner card/Destination



## First Day

## Autograph

BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION II  
LITTLE AMERICA, ANTARCTICA  
Biological Department  
Paul A. Siple



Mr. August Horowitz  
265 West Chester Street  
Long Beach, L.I., N.Y.

*Paul A. Siple*



First Day

Autograph

*Re Byrd*



COMMEMORATING  
BYRD'S ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

*Re Byrd*



H. A. Opalla,  
109 N. Dearborn St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

First Day

Autographs

*W. M. Mooney.*  
P. M., Washington, D. C.



*R. Steellere*  
Superintendent, Division of Stamps.

*William B. Wells*  
*lettering*

*J. C. Benjamin*  
Picture Engraver

*Victor S. M. Closkey* DESIGNER

*Miss Doris Viola Wunder.*  
*6561 West End Blvd.*  
*New Orleans.*  
*Louisiana.*



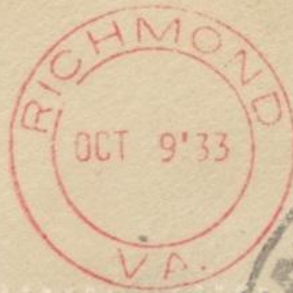
First Day

Meter stamp

Richmond Association of Credit Men, Inc.

305 Travelers Building

RICHMOND, VA.



NAT HORWITZ  
BOOKS - STAMPS - COINS  
213 N. 1st ST.  
RICHMOND, VA.

First Day

Unofficial cancel

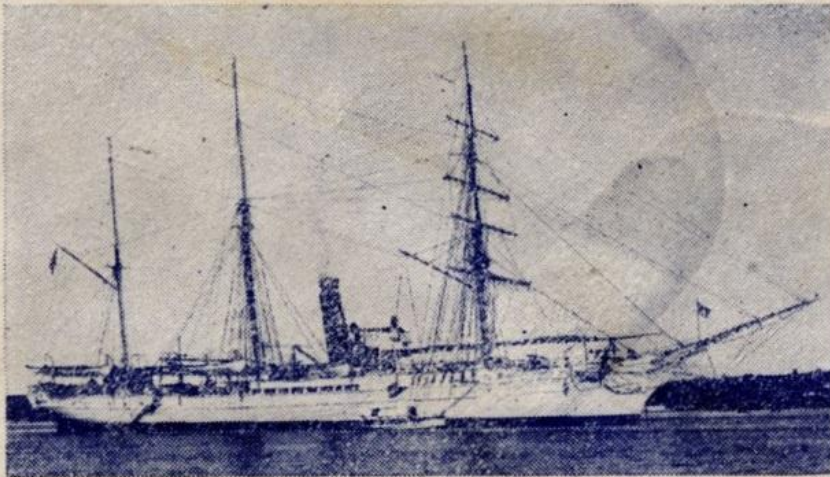


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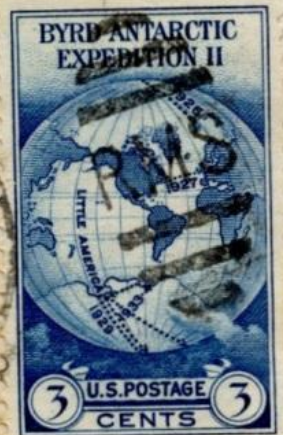


First Day

Unofficial cancel



Stamp Commemorating Byrd Antarctic Expedition  
Setting Sail October, 1933



MISS ANNETTE MALINE,  
% MR. FRED SANDERS,  
5059 40TH STREET,  
LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.

# Use

## Little America Mail

### INFORMATION

How to prepare your covers for  
mailing to LITTLE AMERICA



ADMIRAL RICHARD E. BYRD

In Whose Honor the United States Post Office Department Has  
Issued the Special Byrd Three-Cent Postage Stamp.

#### TIME LIMIT ON MAIL

Letters will continue to be received by the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, Washington, D. C., until about December 1, 1934. The last mail will be taken to Little America when the supply ships go into the ice to return the Expedition to the United States. Through this medium collectors are presented with an opportunity not only to acquire an item of great philatelic interest but also to become, in a small way, patrons of exploration and scientific research.

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Letters may be prepared for LITTLE  
AMERICA at the Byrd Booth of the  
National Philatelic Exhibition, 1934.

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BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

LITTLE AMERICA COVER BUREAU

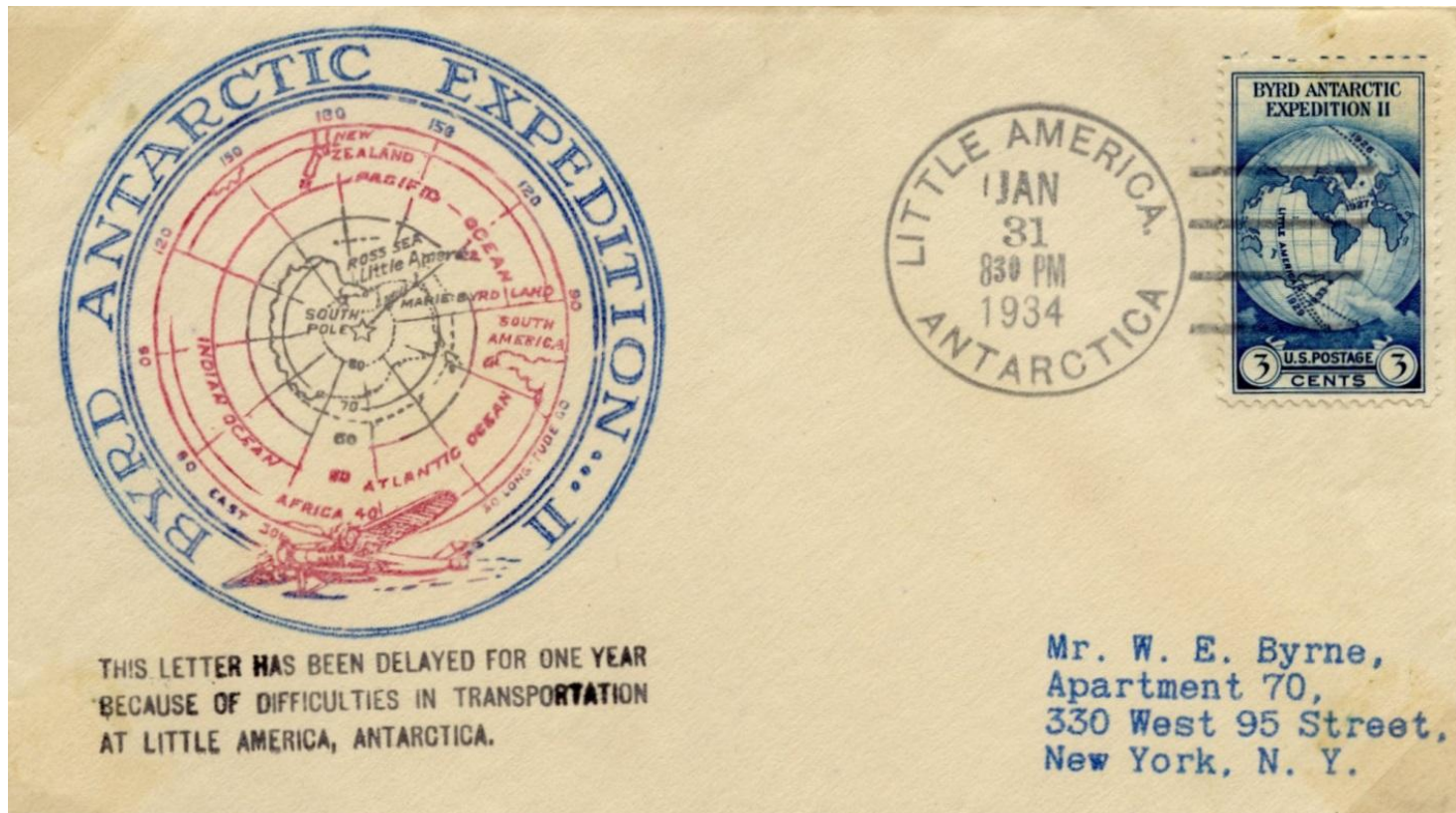
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Use



Little America Mail



Use

Little America Mail

DIVISION OF STAMPS

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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

**N O T I C E**

First Day Little America Cover Orders

The Assistant Postmaster at Little America reports via radiogram that approximately one-third of the letters received for first cancellation have been returned from the Antarctic this season.

The unusual conditions resulting from ice breakage and storms made it impossible to load all of the mail on the returning supply ship.

Because of the interest you have shown in the mail service to Little America, I feel it proper I quote you the following radiogram received from Admiral Byrd before he left for the advance base.

NA23 96 EXPED VIA MACKAY RADIO  
LITTLE AMERICA VIA SAN FRANCISCO

CLINTON B EILENBERGER  
3RD ASST POSTMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON D C

ALL U S MAIL AT LITTLE AMERICA IS SAFE COMMA COMBINATION OF UNFORESEEN  
CONDITION IN UNLOADING ARISING FROM NECESSITY OF PROTECTING LIVES OF MEN  
COMMA TRANSPORTING SUPPLIES TO LITTLE AMERICA AND INITIATING SCIENTIFIC  
PROGRAM MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CLEAR ALL MAIL FROM LITTLE AMERICA POST  
OFFICE THIS SEASON STOP ALL MAIL POUCHES SAFELY STORED AND WILL BE  
RETURNED WITH ALL SECOND CANCELLATIONS WHEN EXPEDITION LEAVES LITTLE  
AMERICA

REGARDS

R E BYRD

If you do not receive your cover by June you will know that it has been stored at Little America and will be returned in 1935 together with all second cancellation mail.

Address all correspondence regarding the matter and all letters for second cancellation to the BYRD ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION, % Postmaster, Washington, D. C.

I appreciate deeply your kind cooperation.

Yours truly,

*C. B. Eilenberger*  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.



## CLOSING DATE OF THE LITTLE AMERICA MAIL SERVICE

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
*Washington, July 13, 1934.*

The attention of postmasters, employees of the Postal Service and others is called to the fact that the mail service to Little America, Antarctica, will close on or about November 1, 1934. This is the last opportunity to secure a second cancellation cover with the United States official postmark placed thereon at the post office at Admiral Byrd's camp.

Covers will continue to be received by the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, in care of Postmaster, Washington, D.C., until about November 1, which is approximately the latest date mail can be forwarded to Dunedin, New Zealand, in time to reach the relief ship before its departure to Little America to return the expedition from the Antarctic.

Collectors desiring the Little America second cancellations should send all covers to the "Byrd Antarctic Expedition, in care of Postmaster, Washington, D.C.," accompanied with postal money order remittance at the rate of 53 cents per cover, payable to Byrd Antarctic Expedition (postage stamps will not be accepted in payment). The outer envelopes or wrappers containing the covers must bear the proper postage.

The covers should not be stamped, as covers bearing stamps of the regular or other commemorative issues will not be forwarded to Little America. The covers should be addressed in the usual way, either to the collectors themselves or to the persons to whom they are to be returned.

When the covers are received by the Byrd Antarctic Expedition at Washington, the 3-cent United States Little America stamp will be placed on them, after which they will be forwarded to Admiral Byrd's base camp at the bottom of the world where they will be appropriately postmarked and returned by June 1935 after traveling approximately 25,000 miles.

The Byrd Antarctic Expedition II will place an attractive and unique cachet on the second cancellation covers to distinguish them from the first cancellation. These final covers from the Little America post office will serve as official souvenirs of the expedition and in future years will, no doubt, increase in value and interest to stamp cover collectors.

As stated in the original notice of September 22, 1933, concerning the issuance of the Little America postage stamp, the foregoing procedure for having covers postmarked at the Little America post office is necessary because the Department has no means of transporting this philatelic mail to the Little America post office other than through the facilities of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

Postmasters are requested to give this matter the widest possible publicity, without expense to the Department, and should make special efforts to bring it to the attention of collectors and such other persons as they have reason to believe may be interested in securing cancellation covers from Little America.

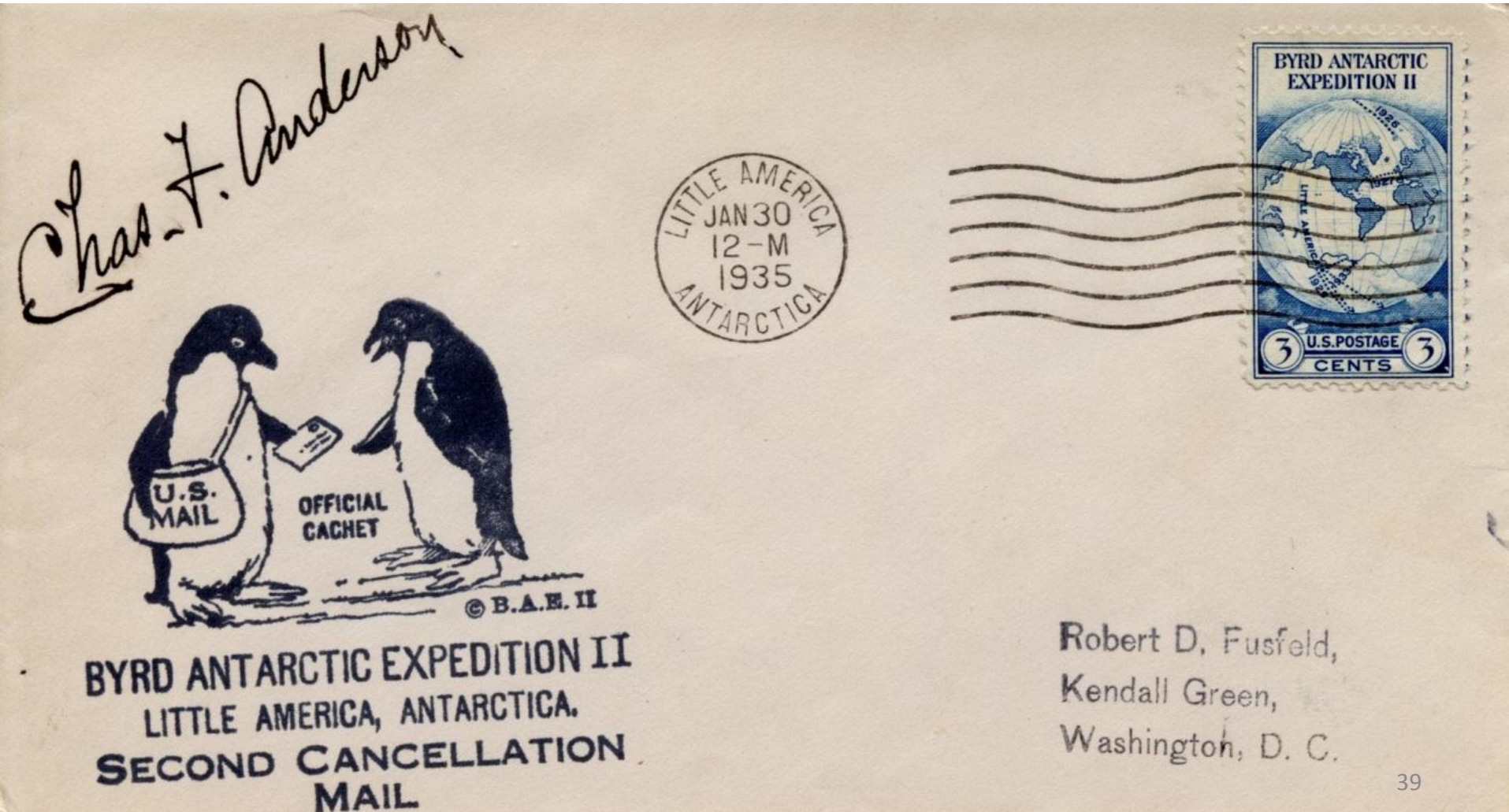
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*Third Assistant Postmaster General.*

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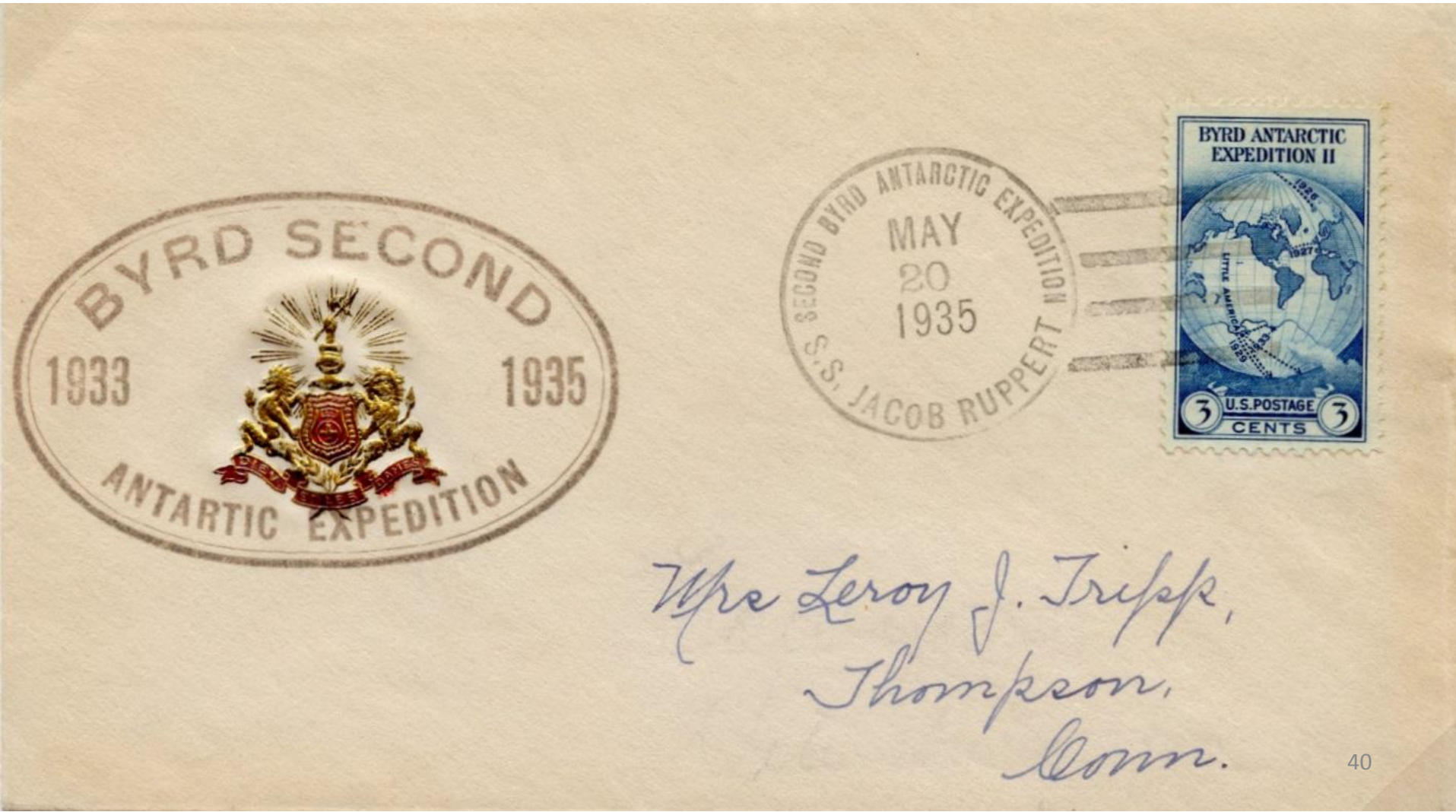
Little America Mail





Use

Expedition Mail



Use

Origin

Agana, Guam, M.I.  
("Guam, Guam")



Mr. R. C. Hendricks,  
P. O. Box 2582,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.



Use

Origin

J. H. M.  
AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE  
Beirut, Syria  

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Mrs. John Mc Murray  
# 275  
Whitewright, Texas  
T. D. A  

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Use

Destination

P u e r t o   R i c o .



Mrs. E. R. V o s s

c/o Mr. U. v. Prittwitz



Apartado 4 0 2

E.R.Voss.

280 No. Columbus Ave.  
Freeport, N.Y. USA

S a n   J u a n .



Use

Destination

Holger,  
J. Holger, Ill.



Mr. Carlos Thross,  
Cumaná,  
Estado Sucre,  
Venezuela,  
South America.

Use

Destination

DANIELS' WASHINGTON SERVICE  
ROOM 1012  
1010 VERMONT AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Mr. Richard C. McGregor

Box 2580

Manila, P.I.



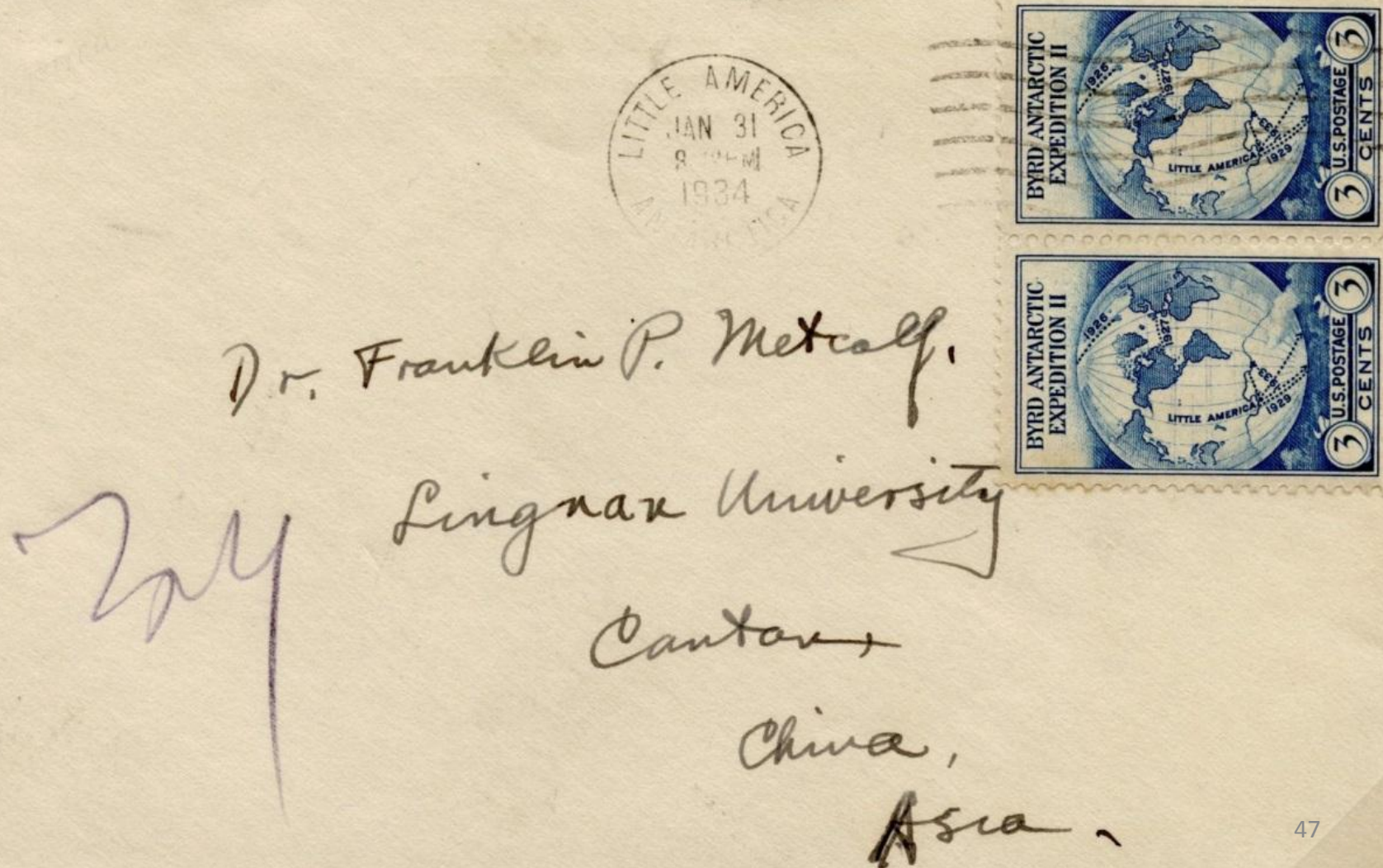
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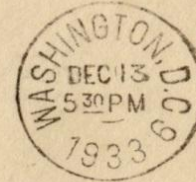




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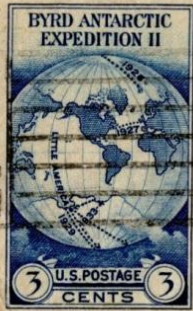
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL  
DIVISION OF STAMPS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
RETURN AFTER 5 DAYS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

EARLY  
FOR  
CHRISTMAS



M. William Tyrrell,

221 West Deem Street,

Eaton, Ohio

**Post Office Department**  
**THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL**  
 DIVISION OF STAMPS  
 PHILATELIC AGENCY  
**Washington**

IMPORTANT.—CORRESPONDENCE  
 CONCERNING THIS INVOICE SHOULD  
 REFER TO ORDER NO.

49347

M. William Tyrrell,  
 221 West Deem St.,  
 Eaton, Ohio

Your order dated .....	=	
Amount received for stamps, \$ .30		For postage, \$ .....
Stamps inclosed herewith, \$ .27		
Return postage and reg. fee, \$ .03	\$ 30	\$ .....
Balance herewith, \$ .....		\$ .....

9-30 Byrd 27

(See reverse side for information)

3-9083

Remarks:

*W. S. Chamberlain*

Philatelic Agent.

Filled by *283a* Shipped *12/2/33*

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Commercial



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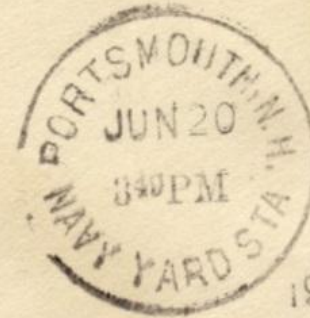
Special event



**U.S.S. PORPOISE**

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|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| 1. Sloop     | - 1828 | 2. Brig      | - 1836 |
| 3. Submarine | 1896   | 4. Submarine | 1935   |

CACHET BY  
**U.S.S. PORPOISE - CHAPTER #23**  
**U.S.C.S.**  
TACOMA, WASHINGTON



JOSEPH G. BAIER

705 HAMILTON STREET  
R. F. D. 6, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

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Special event

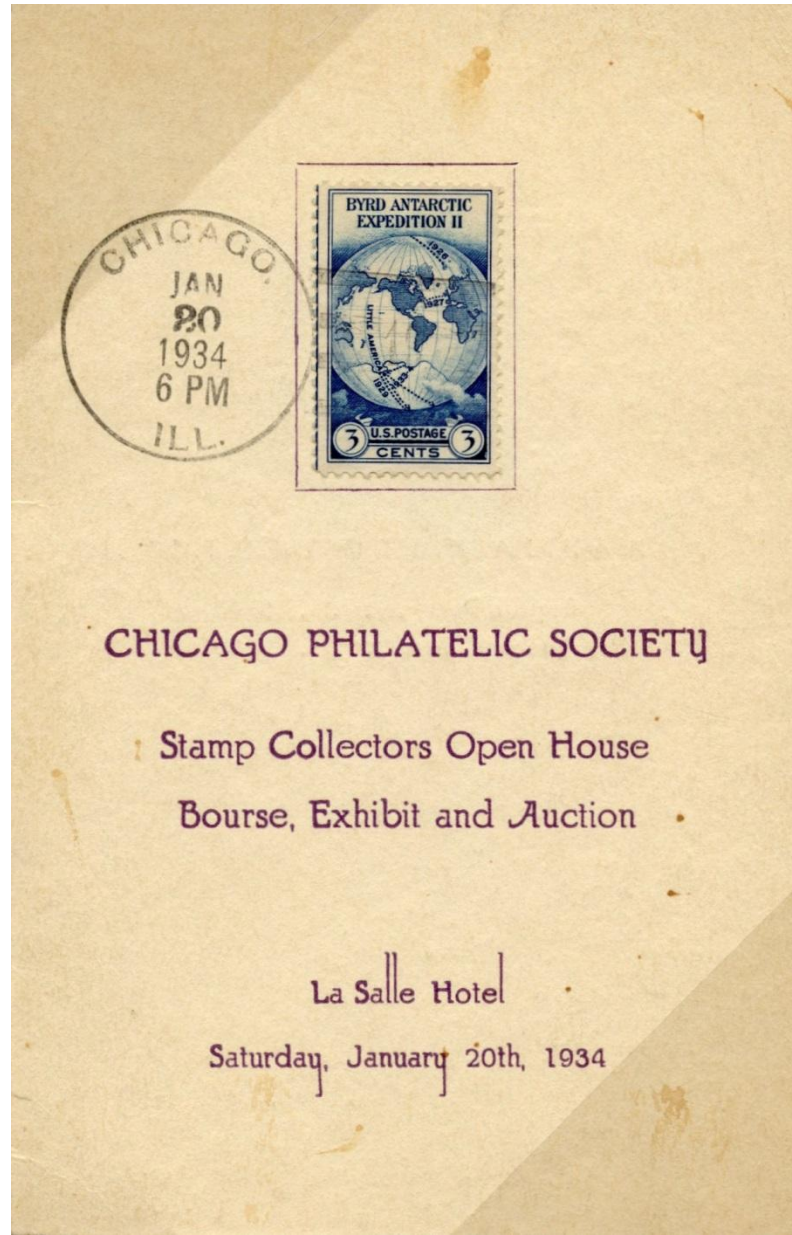


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Special event



## A new issue – the 1934 imperf





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