

U. S. Army Post Offices in Greenland 1941-1945

Purpose: Show APO mail from isolated outposts in Greenland sent during World War II, including U.S. bases, postmark types, and covers with special features.

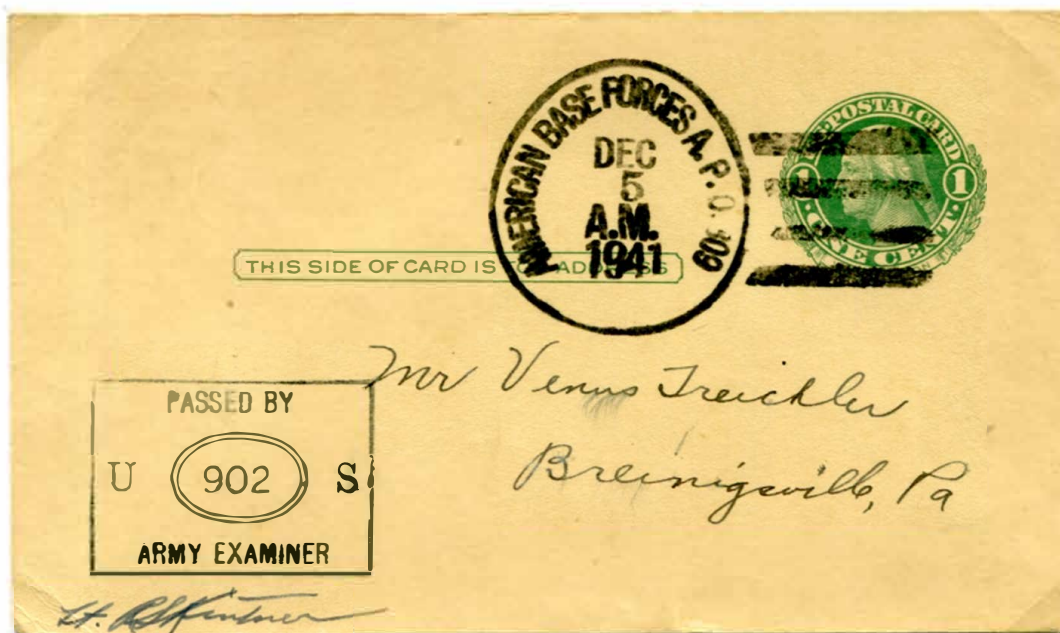
Importance: The Greenland forces made a significant contribution to the war effort while enduring rigorous, isolated conditions. The forces were small, their mail is scarce, and this material is much sought after by both American and Danish postal historians.

U.S. WW II Bases in Greenland

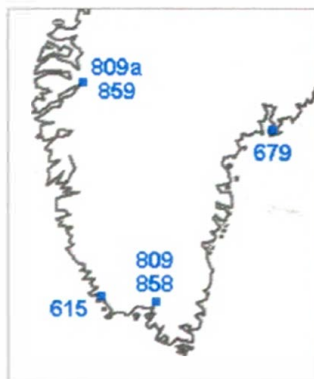
U.S. WW II Bases in Greenland		APO
Narsarssuak	Main Airfield	809, 858
Søndre Strømfjord	Alternate Airfield	809a, 859
Ivigut	Cryolite Mine Guard	615
Ikateq	Emergency Landing Field	679

Rationale for U.S. Bases in Greenland.

- Ferry planes between the U.S. and Britain.
- Protect and support North Atlantic convoys.
- Guard the cryolite mine at Ivigtut.
- Track Greenland storms heading to Europe.



Message Describes Mail Delivery in 1941 - "Dear Brother, Rec'd letters of 10/27 and 11/8 [at] midnite Thanksgiving [20 November]. Being 5 weeks accumulation it is over 200 bags."



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WW II Use

Original APO Numbers		
809	Narsarssuak	1941-1942
809a	Søndre Strømfjord	1942
615	Ivigut.....	1942-1944
679	Ikateq.....	1942-1945
Replacement APO Numbers		
858	Replaced 809.....	1942-1945
859	Replaced 809a.....	1942-1945

Blue borders highlight the most important items.