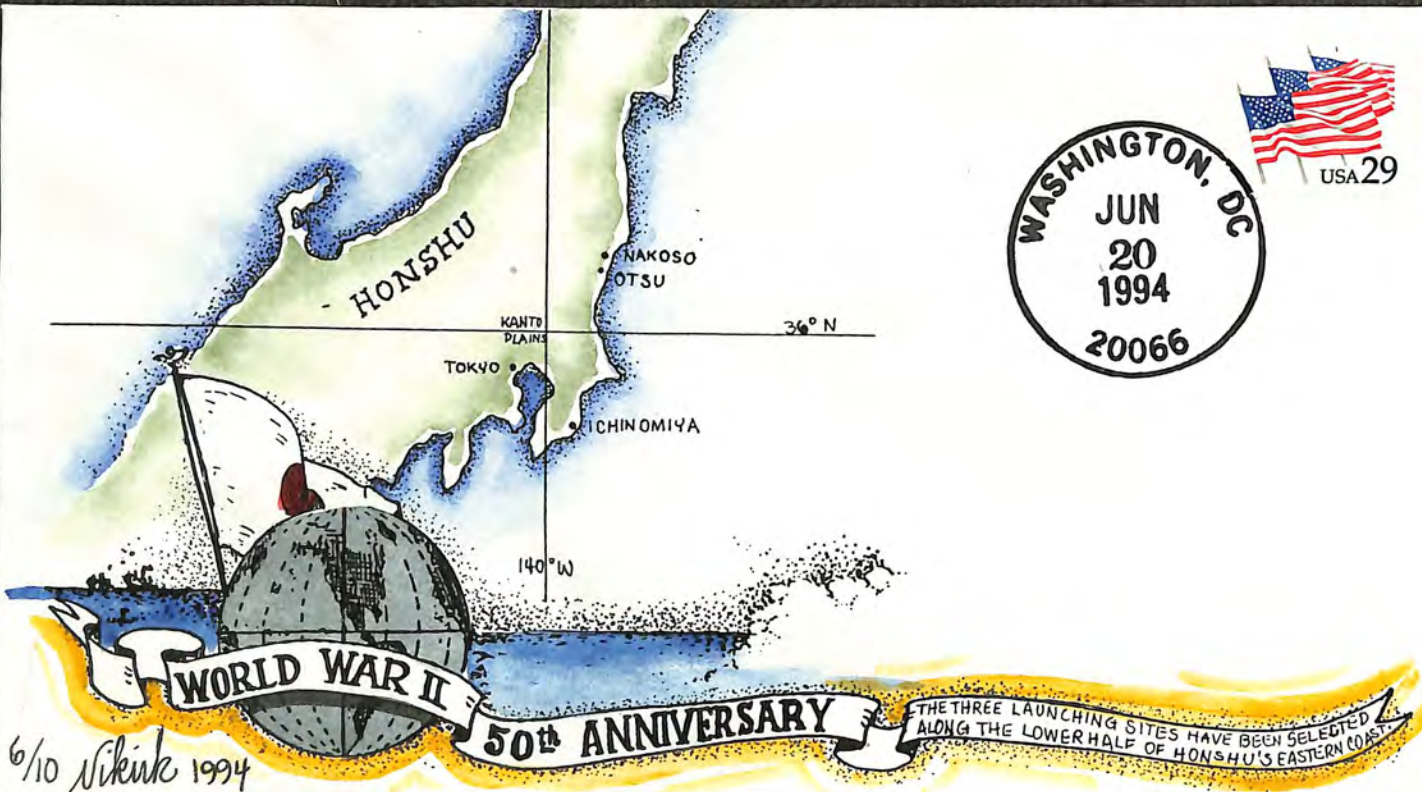


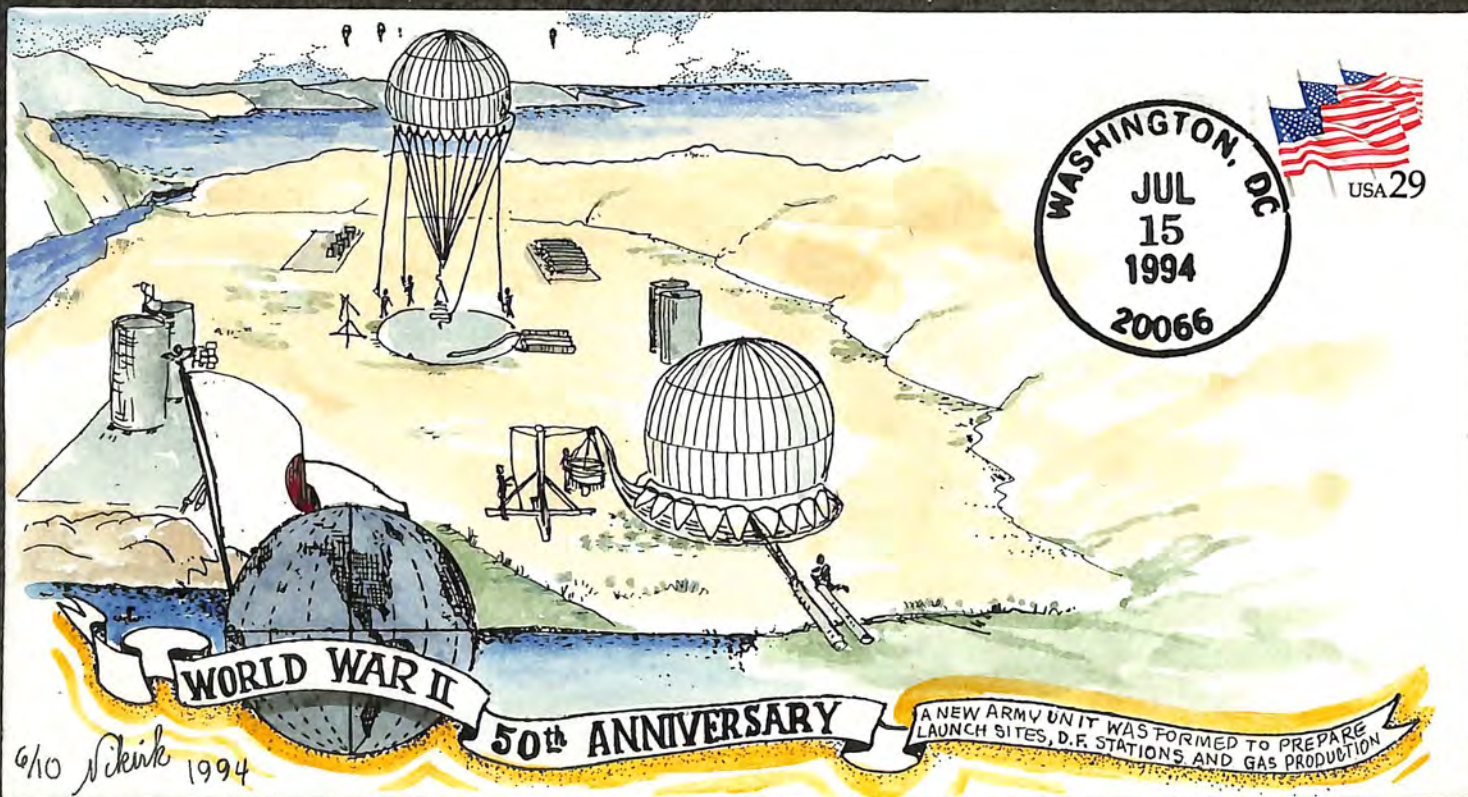


WORLD WAR II • JULY 15, 1944

THE NEW ARMY UNIT FORMED PREPARED THE LAUNCHING SITES, SET-UP DIRECTION FINDING STATIONS, PREPARED FOR GAS PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND TRAINED THE LAUNCHING CREWS. TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST EFFECT FROM THE BALLOON BASES UPON WEATHER FORECASTS, THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED LAUNCH SCHEDULE WAS WORKED INTO THE PLAN, BASED ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT 15,000 BALLOONS WOULD BE MADE.

DATE	TO BE LAUNCHED	APPROXIMATE N° LAUNCHED
NOVEMBER 1944	500	700
DECEMBER 1944	3,500	12,000
JANUARY 1945	4,500	2,000
FEBRUARY 1945	4,500	2,500
MARCH 1945	2,500	2,500
APRIL EARLY '45	0	400

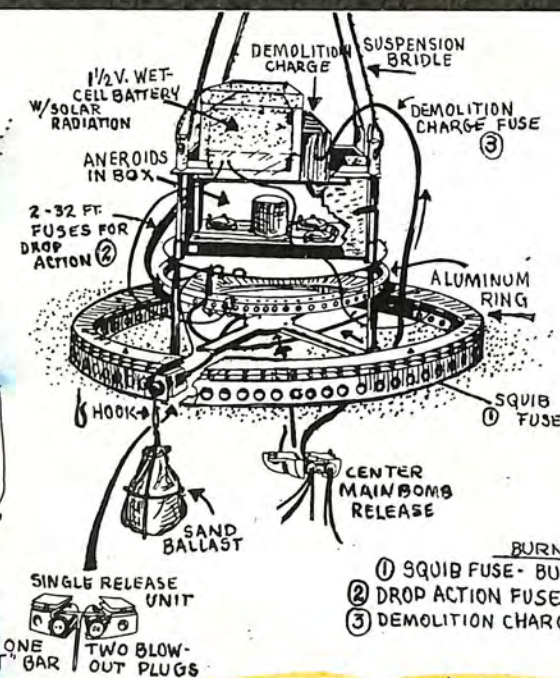
THE PLAN CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING BALLOON ORDNANCE: 15 KILOGRAM BOMB, 5 Kg. INCIDIARIES, 12 Kg. INCIDIARIES. BALLOON LOAD VARIED • MIN. 25 POUNDS TO MAX. OF ABOUT 70 POUNDS (AVERAGE 50 POUNDS).



1941-1945

WORLD WAR II • JULY 30, 1944

THE OLD PRE W.W.II THOUGHT ABOUT "MADE IN JAPAN", REALLY DOESN'T APPLY TO THE 'BALLOON BOMB' WEAPON. WE HAVE FOLLOWED HOW THE JAPANESE WERE ABLE TO SOLVE ALL THE MAJOR PROBLEMS REGARDING THE MAKING OF THE BALLOON, NOW THE JAPANESE HAD TO WORK OUT A METHOD TO CONTROL THIS BALLOON DURING ITS FLIGHT ACROSS THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THE SOLUTION WAS FOUND IN THEIR AUTOMATIC-CONTROL DEVICE. ON THE COVER AT THE LEFT IS AN AIRBORNE BALLOON AND TO THE RIGHT IS A DETAILED DRAWING OF THIS REMARKABLE ALTITUDE CONTROL DEVICE. THIS DEVICE IS CONNECTED TO THE SHROUD LINES WITH RUBBER BUNGEE SHOCK CORDS SUSPENDING AND PROTECTING THE ALTITUDE CONTROL DEVICE. THE ALTITUDE-CONTROL DEVICE HAS 3 FUNCTIONS: FIRST, TO CONTROL THE LOWER ALTITUDE LIMITATION; SECOND, TO RELEASE AN OBJECT OR OBJECTS CARRIED BY THE BALLOON; LASTLY, A METHOD TO DESTROY THE BALLOON AND THE ENTIRE APPARATUS. THESE TASKS ARE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE OPERATION OF THE ANEROID-BAROMETER-ALTITUDE ELEMENTS, PRE-SET FOR DESIRED OPERATIONAL ALTITUDE, WHICH CAUSED BALLASTING INCREMENT AND PAYLOADS TO BE DROPPED AND FINALLY A SELF-DESTRUCTION CHARGE TO BE SET OFF.



- BURNING TIME KEY
- ① SQUIB FUSE - BURNING TIME - 2 MIN. 16 SEC.
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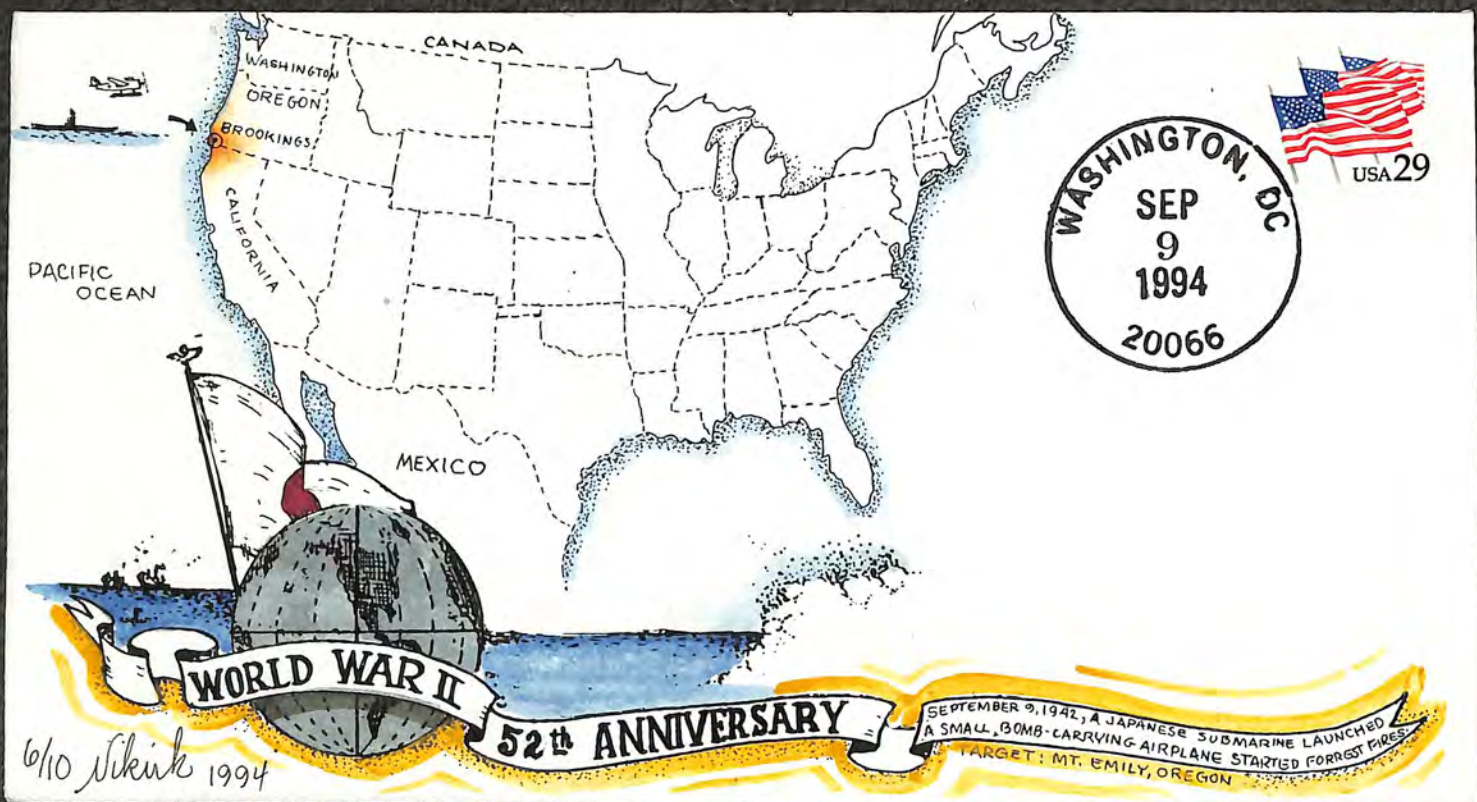
50th ANNIVERSARY

THE OLD PRE-WAR 1940, THOUGHTS ABOUT MADE IN JAPAN DOESN'T APPLY TO THE BALLOON WEAPON.



WORLD WAR II • SEPTEMBER 9, 1944

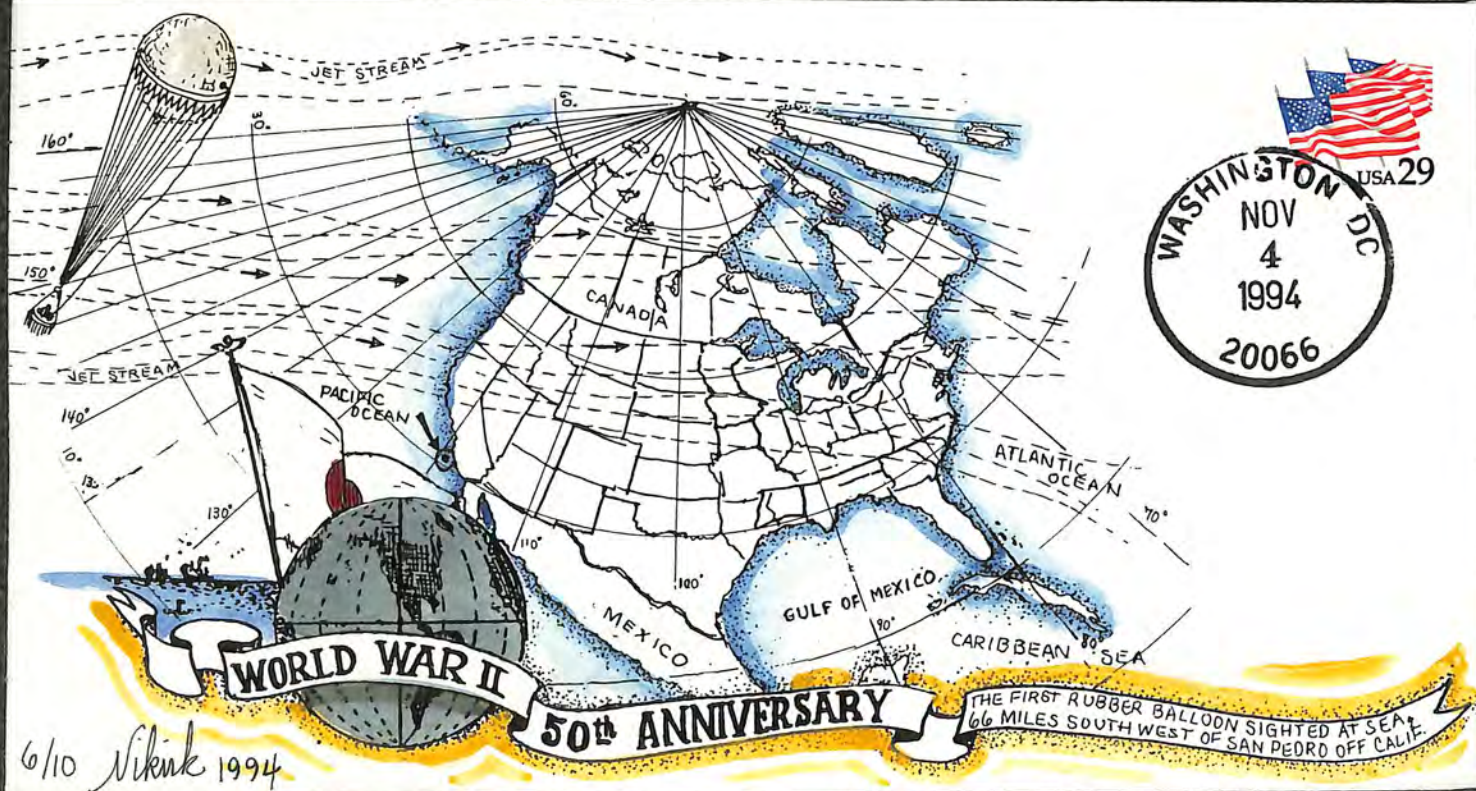
A JAPANESE SUB LAUNCHED A SMALL, BOMB-CARRYING AIRPLANE WHICH CAUSED SMALL FOREST FIRES NEAR MT. EMILY. THE JAPANESE WERE STILL ATTEMPTING TO TAKE THE WAR TO THE U.S. MAINLAND AS THEY CONSIDERED MANY OPTIONS. FOLLOWING THE DOOLITTLE RAID, WHICH ENHANCED THE FEAR OF ADDITIONAL AIR ATTACKS AGAINST JAPAN THERE WAS A CONTINUOUS STATE OF REALITY AND REVENGEFUL ATTACK METHODS GAINED IMPORTANCE. ONE CONSIDERATION WAS ONE-WAY BOMBING ATTACKS BY LONG-RANGE LAND BASED BOMBERS. BUT THERE WAS NO JAPANESE AIRFIELD IN RANGE OF THE U.S.. DURING THE ENTIRE WAR, THE JAPANESE TRIED TO DEVELOP A BOMBER CAPABLE OF NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM JAPAN TO U.S.. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY DEVELOPED THE TECHNIQUE OF SUBMARINE LAUNCH AIRPLANES. SO IT WAS ON SEPT, 9, 1942, ONE SUCH ATTACK WAS MADE BY A YOKOSUKA E14Y1 AIRCRAFT (ALLIED CODE NAMED "GLEN") DURING THE NIGHT OF THE 9th. THE JAPANESE SUBMARINE I-25 LAUNCHED A FLOATPLANE PILOTED BY WARRANT FLYING OFFICER NOBUO FUJITA FROM A POSITION OFF THE COAST OF OREGON TO DROP INCENDIARY BOMBS ON THE U.S. FOREST NEAR BROOKINGS, OREGON. TWO FIRE-BOMBING MISSIONS WERE FLOWN BY THE AIRCRAFT, EACH TIME CARRYING TWO 154 POUND BOMBS. IT IS THE ONLY AIRPLANE BOMBING OF THE CONTINENTAL U.S. NEWS VOLUNTARILY WITHHELD.



WORLD WAR II • OCTOBER 1, 1944

1941-1945

LAUNCHING METHODS: THE BEST TIME TO RELEASE WAS JUST AFTER A HIGH PRESSURE HAS MOVED THROUGH. LAUNCHING CONDITIONS WERE UNSUITABLE IF A HIGH PRESSURE IS APPROACHING OR IF A LOW PRESSURE HAS JUST PASSED. FILLING THE BALLOON WITH HYDROGEN WAS MOST DIFFICULT AND VERY DANGEROUS ON A WINDY DAY. DESIRABLE WIND CONDITIONS FOR LAUNCHING COULD BE EXPECTED ONLY 3-5 DAYS A WEEK. EVEN THEN, THE WINDOW WAS ONLY FOR A FEW HOURS AT A TIME, USUALLY JUST BEFORE THE ON SHORE BREEZE AT SUNRISE. DURING THE PERIOD FROM NOV. THRU MAR., ABOUT 50 SUITABLE DAYS WERE ALL THAT COULD BE COUNTED UPON AND ONLY 200 HUNDRED BALLOONS MAX. COULD BE LAUNCHED FROM THE 3 SITES PER DAY. LAUNCHING OF ONE BALLOON REQUIRED A CREW OF 30 MEN. SET BACKS WERE MANY. EYE WITNESSES RECALL THAT "THESE LAUNCHES WERE AN UNFORGETTABLE SIGHT. WHEN FREED FROM THE GROUND THE PARTIALLY FILLED BALLOON, WITH MANY ROPES HANGING FROM THE UNFILLED CONCAVE LOWER PORTION OF THE ENVELOPE, GREATLY RESEMBLED A GIANT JELLYFISH. THE WHITE AND SOMETIME LIGHT BLUE COLOR IN THE EARLY MORNING SUN ENHANCED THE ILLUSION. THE QUIETNESS WOULD BE BROKEN BY AN OCCASSIONAL RATTLE OF THE SLACK PAPER OF THE ENVELOPE. ALMOST EERIE!"



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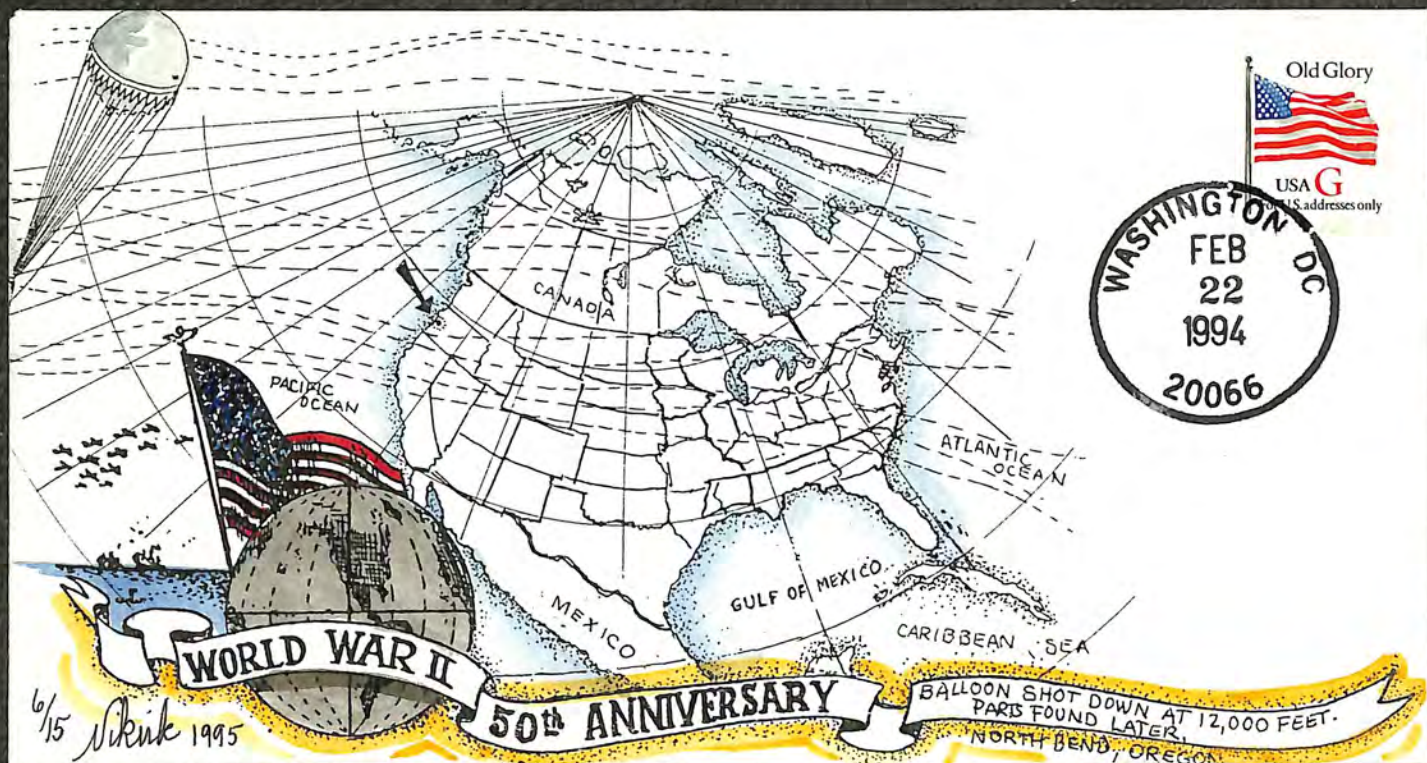
WORLD WAR II • NOVEMBER 14, 1944

THE BALLOON MYSTERY BECOMES DEEPER, WHEN ON THIS DATE OFF KAILUA, HAWAII, ON THIS DATE PAPER BALLOON INCLUDING ENVELOPE, RIGGING AND SOME APPARATUS RECOVERED AT SEA 5 MILES WEST KAILUA, AT 1000 HAWAII WAR TIME BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD. THIS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF A NEW AND UNEXPECTED BALLOON-BORNE WEAPON GAVE RISE TO INCREASED CONCERN, THE RESPONSE CALLING TOGETHER ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL - FOREST RANGERS - STATE AND NATIONAL WERE ORDERED TO REPORT ANY BALLOON LANDINGS AND ANY RECOVERIES OF PORTIONS OF BALLOONS OR THEIR UNDERCARRIAGES. BUT FOREMOST WAS THE VITAL CONCERN OF HOW THE REACTION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD BE TO THIS UNORTHODOX WEAPON. WHAT WOULD BE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RESPONSE AS DEVELOPED FROM THE REALIZATION THAT THE AMERICAN CONTINENT WAS UNDER ATTACK FROM THE AIR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.S.? WHAT TYPE OF PANIC MIGHT RESULT FROM THE THOUGHT OF COUNTLESS SILENT BALLOONS DRIFTING ACROSS OUR COUNTRY, DISCHARGING THEIR DEATH CARGO ONTO HOMES AND FACTORIES IN A MOST RANDOM PATTERN. THE THREAT WAS A POTENTIAL REALITY.



WORLD WAR II • DECEMBER 6, 1944

THE BALLOON BOMBS WERE TREATED AS A POTENTIAL REALITY. THE THIRD BALLOON DISCOVERED IN WYOMING. THE DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSIVE POWER WAS MEASURABLE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE INCENDIARY THREAT? WITH OUR GREAT FOREST ALONG THE ENTIRE WEST COAST AND EXTENDING INLAND, A MASSIVE INCENDIARY RAID DURING THE DRY SEASON COULD ENVELOP THE ENTIRE AREA INTO ONE GIANT UNCONTROLLED HOLOCAUST. THERE WERE FURTHER POSSIBILITIES TO BE CONSIDERED. BIOLOGICAL AGENTS COULD ALSO BE TRANSPORTED BY BALLOON, SPREADING DISEASE AMONG THE PEOPLE AND LIVESTOCK OVER LARGE AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES. PANIC BASED ON THE FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN POTENTIAL OF THIS NEW WEAPON BECAME A CONCERN TO RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES IN THE U.S. THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST PANIC WAS TO SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THIS NEW WEAPON, AND PLAY DOWN ANY ANXIETIES. BUT BACK TO DEC. 6 EVENTS. FRAGMENTS OF A 15 Kg JAPANESE ANTI-PERSONNEL, HIGH-EXPLOSIVE RECOVERED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT 1800 MWT. FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION, A SIGHTING OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PARACHUTE COMING DOWN. A BRIGHT RED FLAME WAS SEEN BY THE OBSERVERS. BOMB FRAGMENTS RECOVERED ABOUT 15 MILES NW OF THERMOPOLIS ON DEC. 7, 1944.



WORLD WAR II • FEBRUARY 22, 1945

NORTH BEND, OREGON: ON THIS DAY THE 12th INCIDENT OF JAPANESE-BALLOON-BOMBS WERE REPORTED FROM ASHLEY, NORTH DAKOTA; EKWOK, ALASKA; EPHRATA, WASHINGTON; MANY BERRIES, ALBERTA, CANADA; KIRBY, WYOMING (BALLOON FOUND IN GOOD CONDITION); PORCUPINE PLAINS, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA (BALLOON FOUND WITH BALLAST-DROPPING EQUIPMENT); POWELL, WYOMING; GLENDON, WYOMING; CHASE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA; ELLSWORTH, NEBRASKA (VALVE AND SEVERAL PIECES OF SHROUD LINES RECOVERED) AND THIS INCIDENT AT NORTH BEND, OREGON. THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED WHEN A BALLOON WAS SHOT DOWN AT 12,000 FEET. PARTS WERE FOUND LATER.

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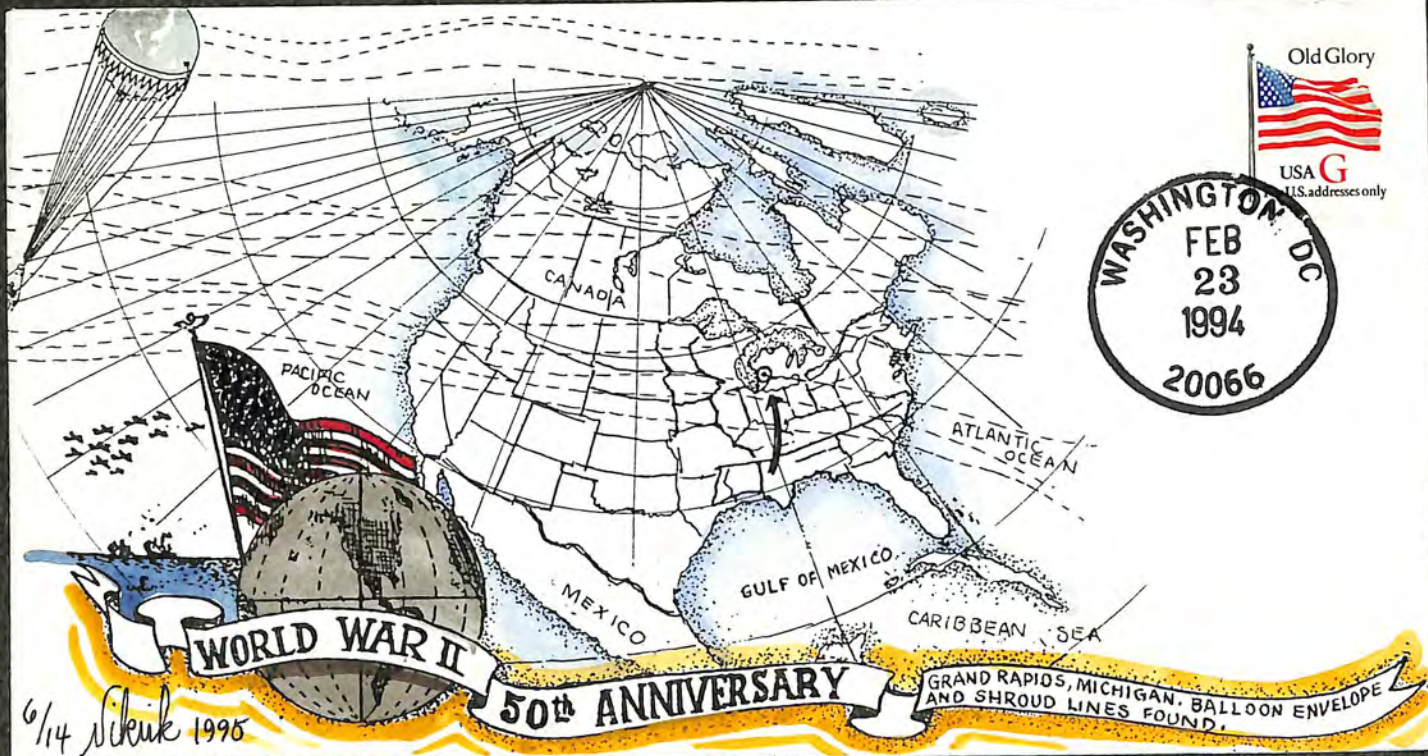


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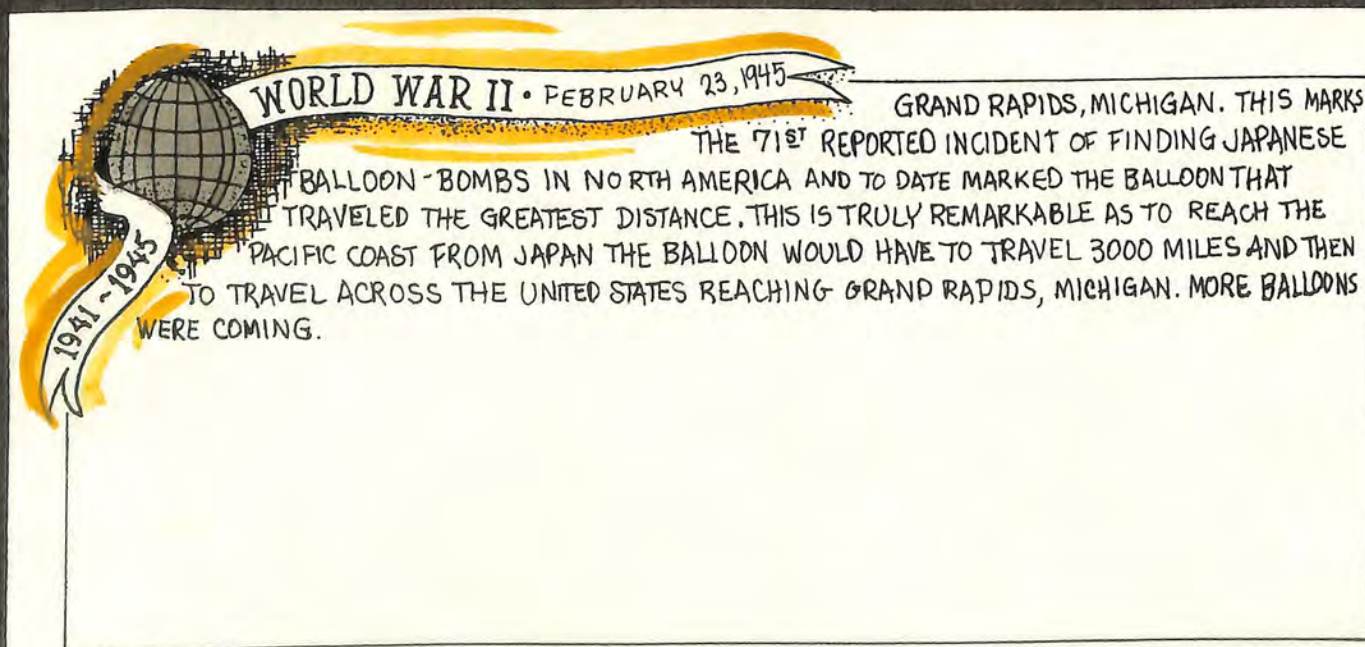
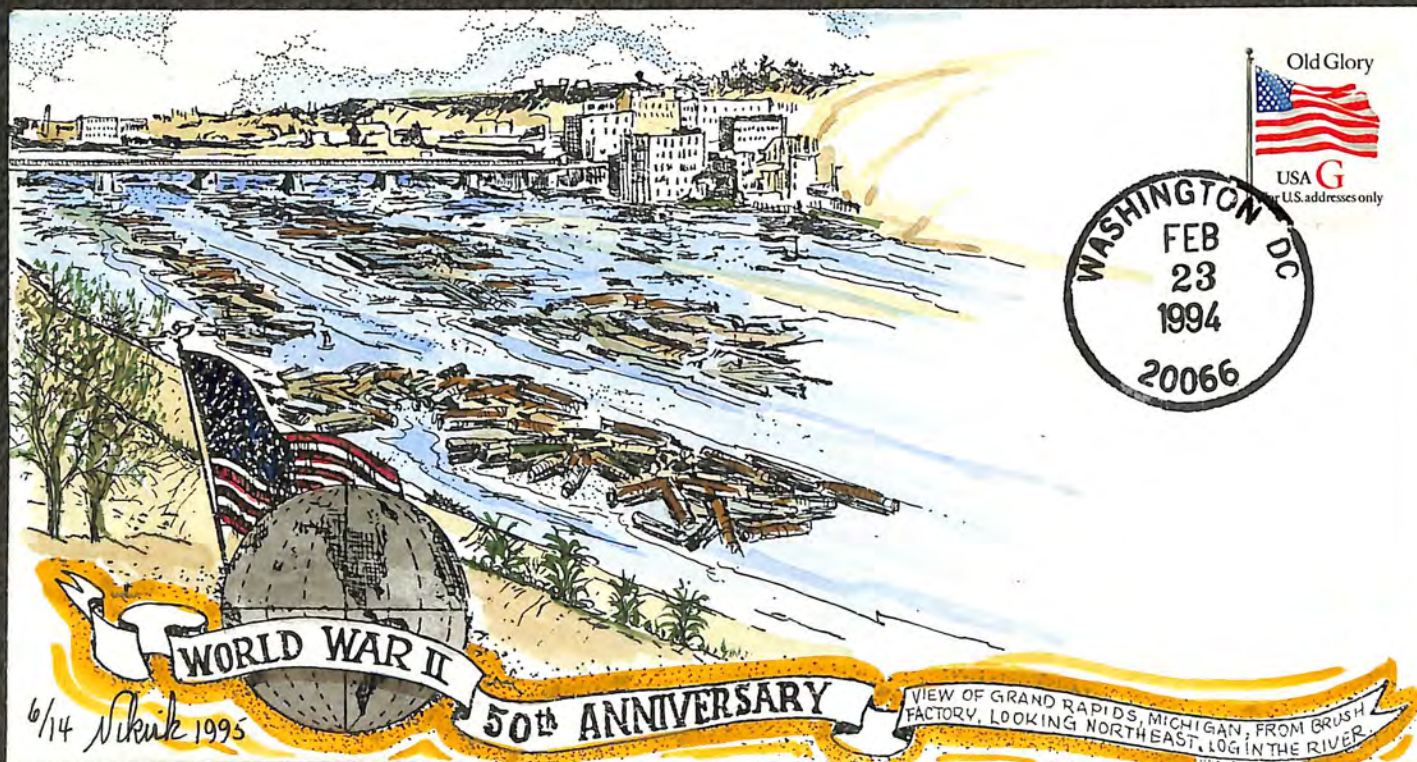
DAMAGE BALLOON AND BALLAST-DROPPING APPARATUS FOUND AT BIGELOW, KANSAS.

BESIDES THIS INCIDENT 6 OTHER REPORTS OF BALLOON-BOMB INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED: TREMONTON, UTAH; RIGBY, IDAHO; GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN; BURNS, OREGON; BOYD, MONTANA AND DEER ISLAND, OREGON (PIECES OF BALLOON ENVELOPE FOUND FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSION).



WORLD WAR II • FEBRUARY 23, 1945

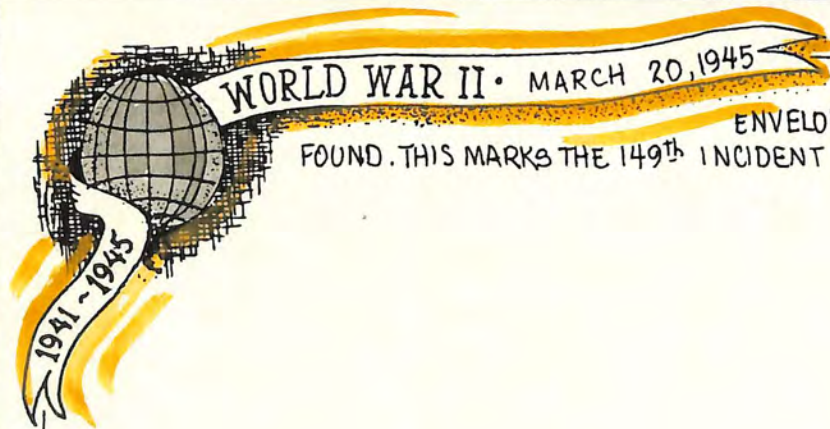
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MICHIGAN AND RECOVERY OF FRAGMENTS OF A 5 K_g, CANDLE-TYPE INCENDIARY
BOMB FOUND NEARBY.





WORLD WAR II • MARCH 14, 1945

GRIMES, CALIFORNIA: ON THIS DAY PARTS OF ENVELOPE, SHROUD LINES AND VALVE WERE FOUND MARKING THE 127th INCIDENT RESULTING FROM THE JAPANESE-BALLOON-BOMBS. ALSO RECOVERED WERE ONE FIN TYPE AND ONE CANDLE-TYPE INCENDIARY BOMBS.



CHADRON, NEBRASKA: THE BALLOON
ENVELOPE AND BALLAST-DROPPING EQUIPMENT
FOUND. THIS MARKS THE 149th INCIDENT OF A JAPANESE-BALLOON-BOMB.



Berlin Airlift delivers food and fuel in 1948-49 blockade

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1948~1949

GAIL S. HALVORSEN - LT. COL. RETIRED U.S.A.F.
IN HIS "OPERATION VICTUALS," THE "CANDY BOMBER" TO BERLIN KIDS

*Massive Airlift maintains freedom
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LEGENDS OF AMERICAN MUSIC SERIES
Gospel Singers



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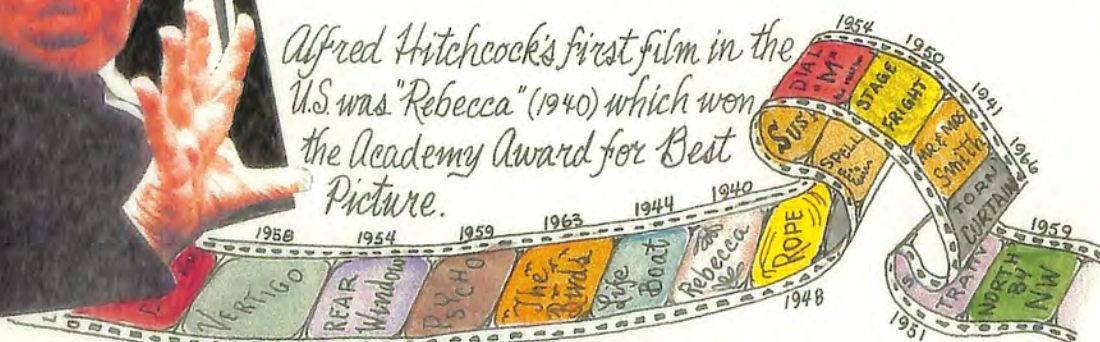


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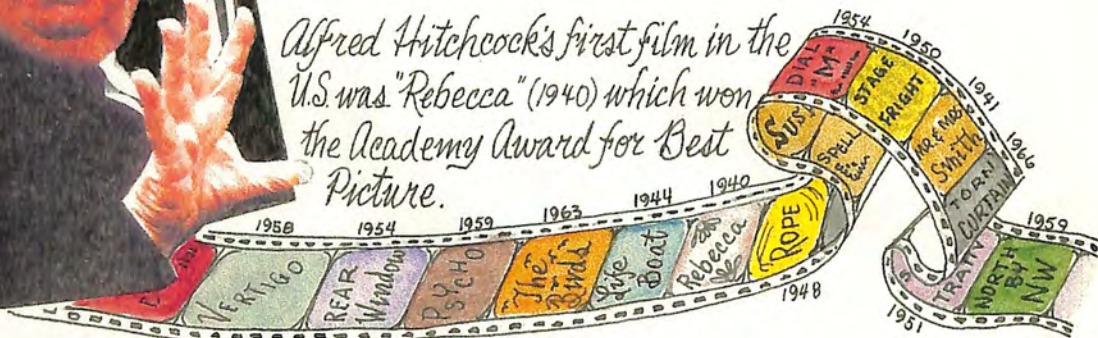


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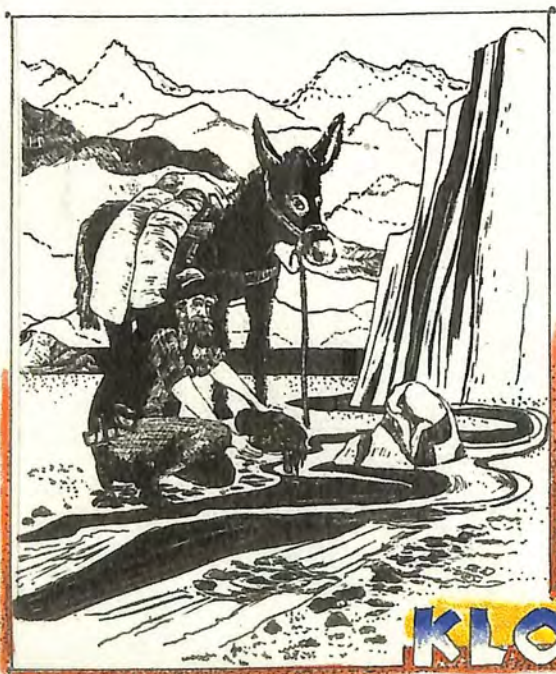
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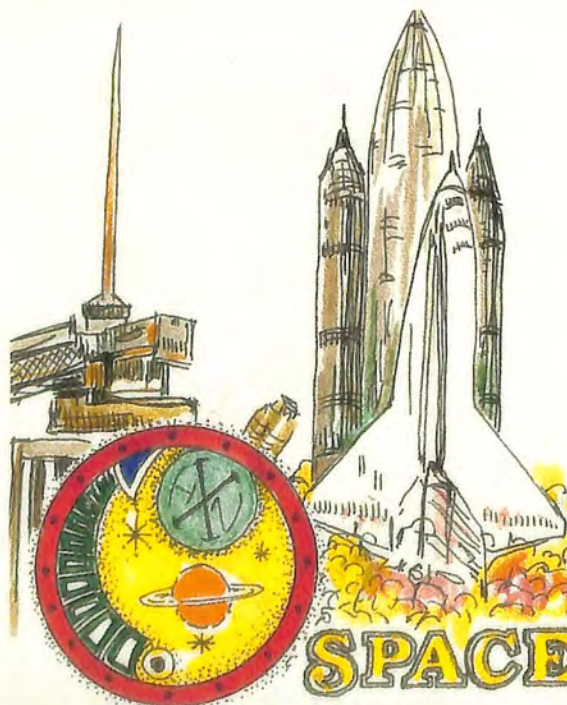


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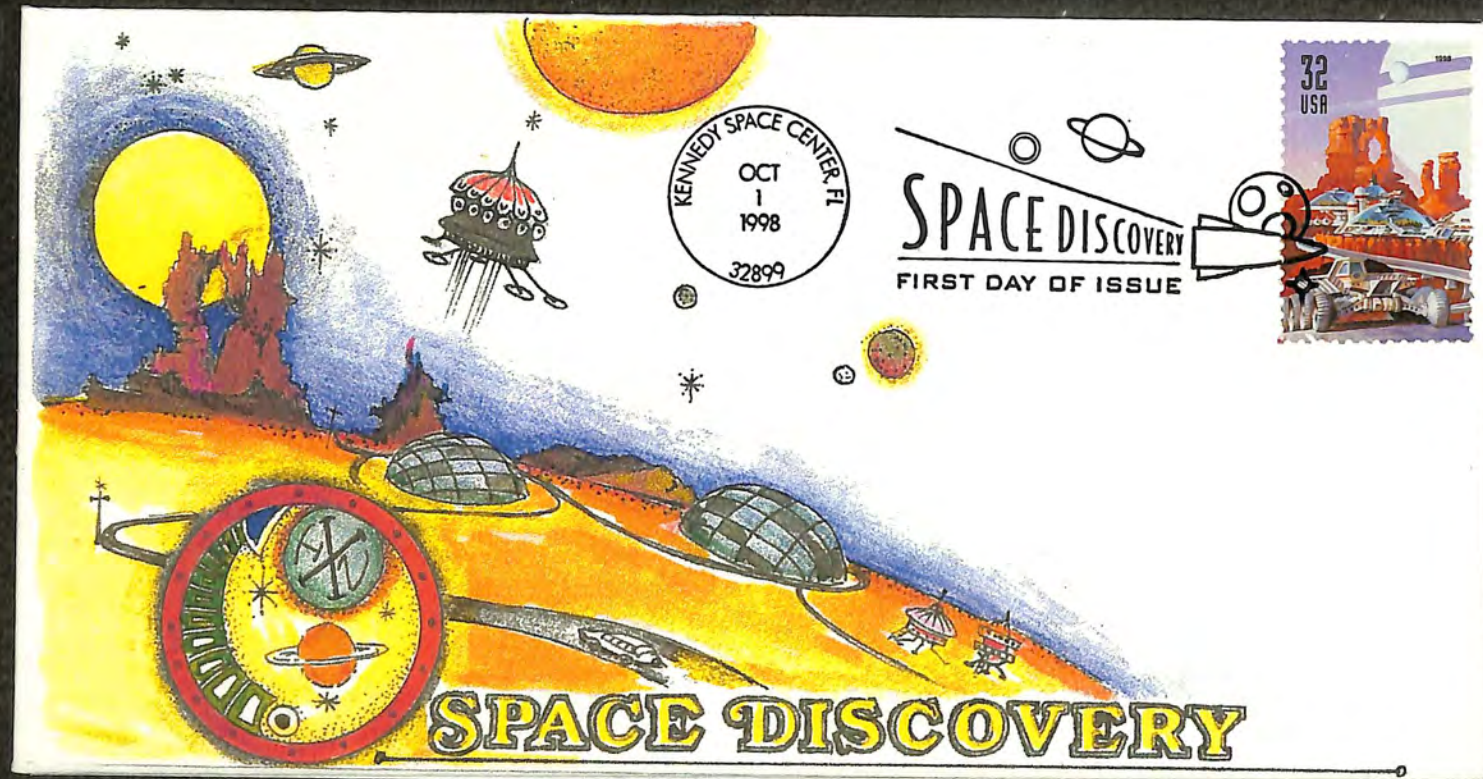
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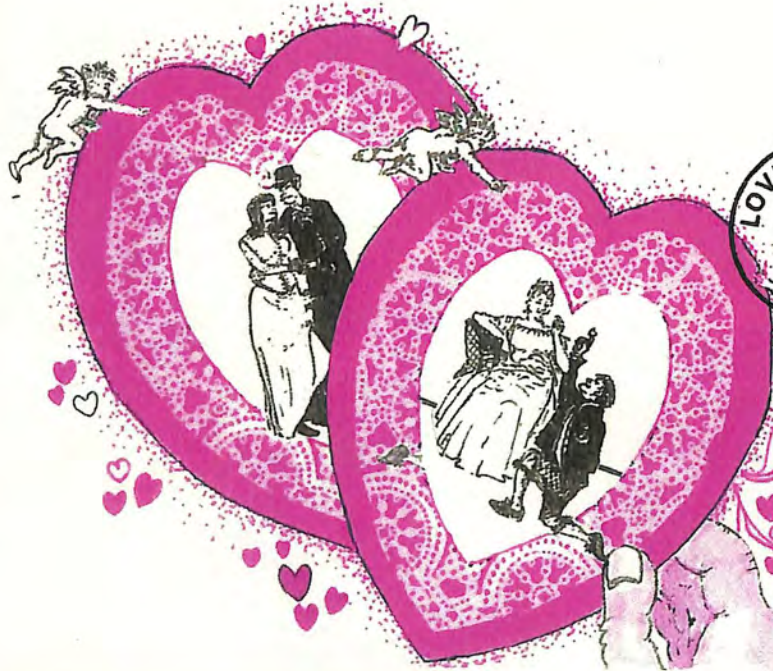
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*Victorian Love
"Lots Of Love"*



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DUCK



FIRST
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*"Hi, this is my old pen
pal, Chuck Jones, and by the
way Chuck, 'Look What I Got!'"*

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PRESENTING *Daffy Duck*
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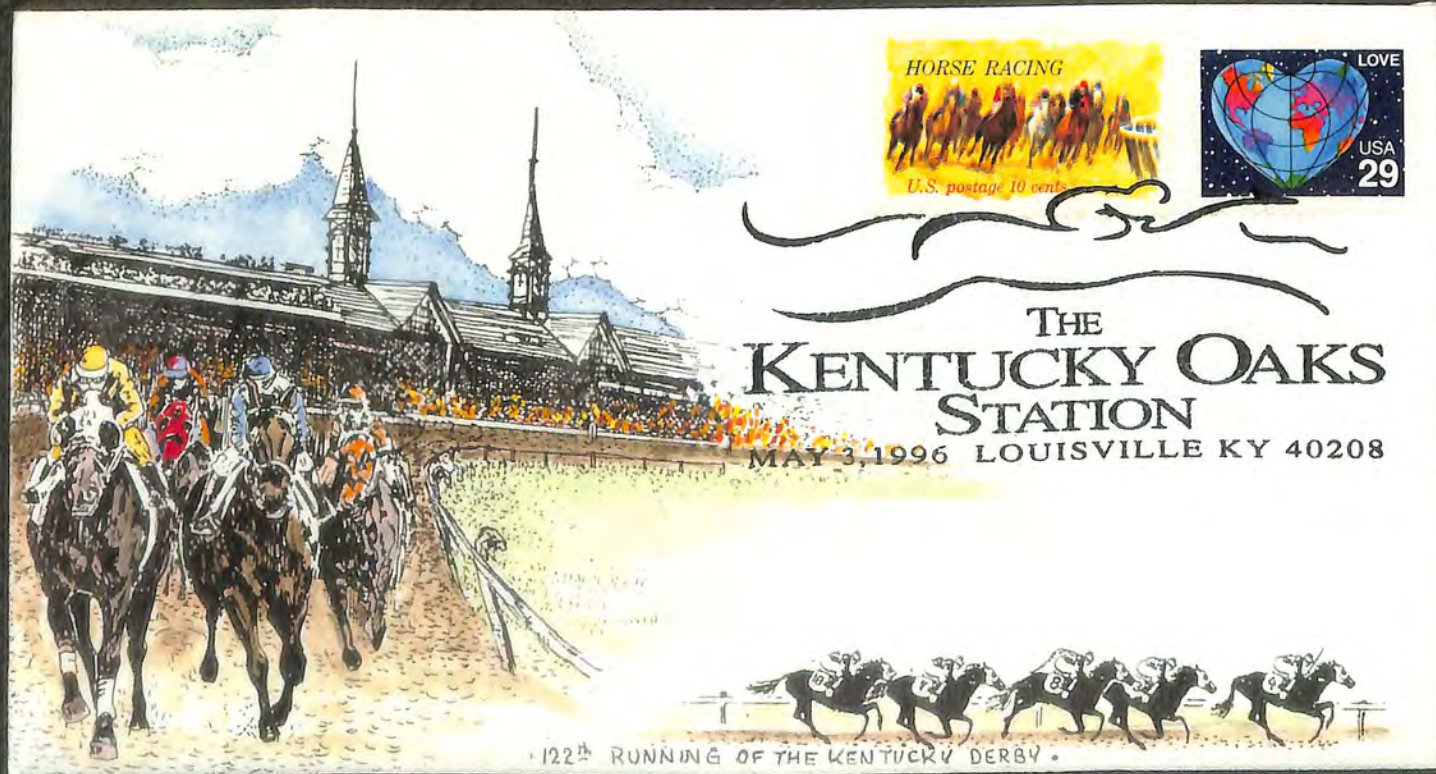
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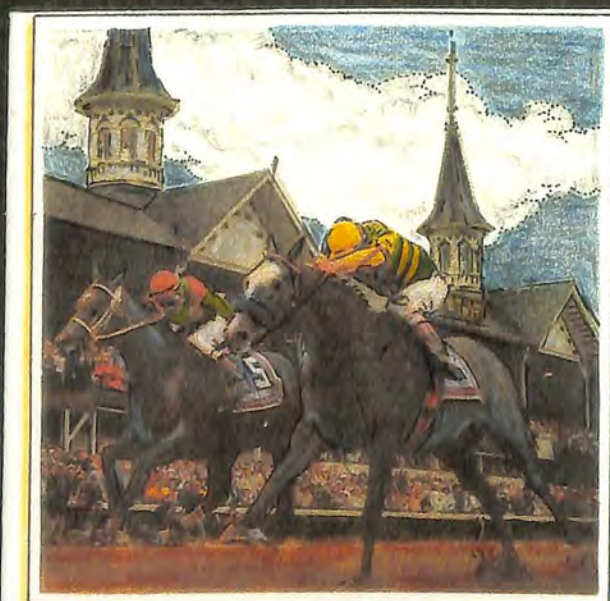
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124th
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May 2, 1998



*"Real Quiet" crosses the finish line after holding off
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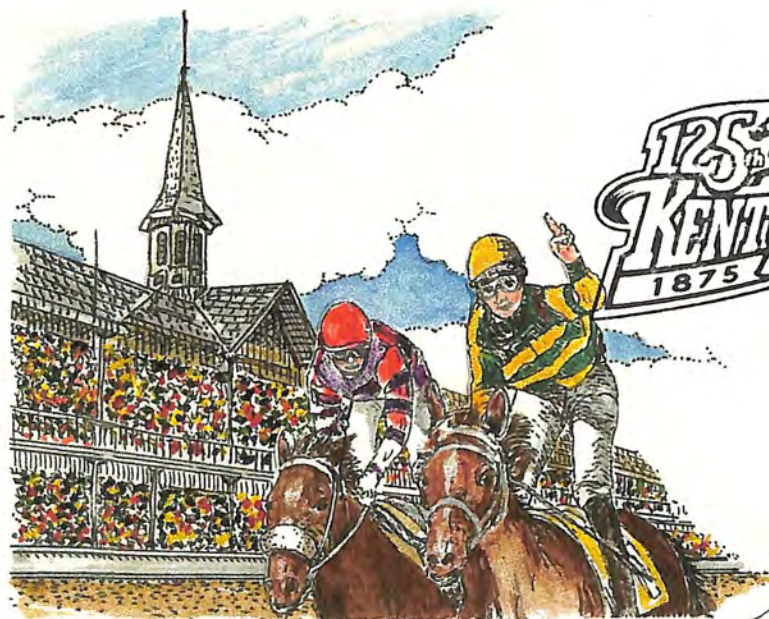
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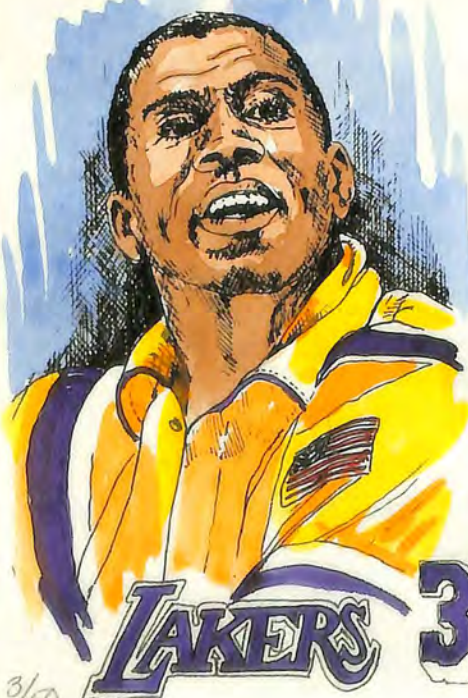
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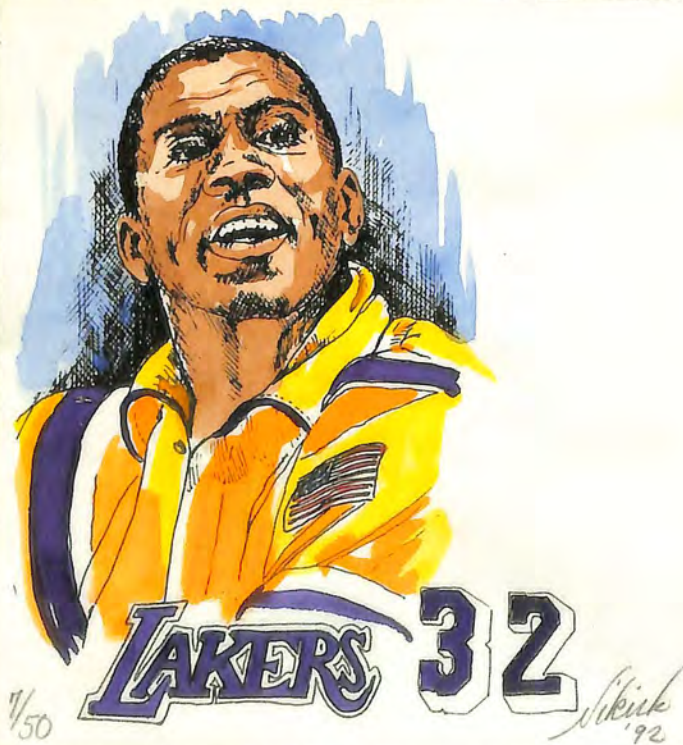
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