

# Philatelic stories in a Nurse Thematic collection

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Started collecting at 6 years old

Thematic nurse collection began in 1993

Used an ATA checklist(s)

Licensed as a RN in 1978



# What is Topical Collecting?

Topical or thematic stamp collectors develop themes or story lines based on images or subjects of the collected stamps. They assemble their collections according to themes or topics instead of by country.

## Deluxe proof



## Deluxe proof & Specimen



# Philatelic Elements for Exhibits

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<https://americantopical.org/Philatelic-Elements-for-Exhibits>

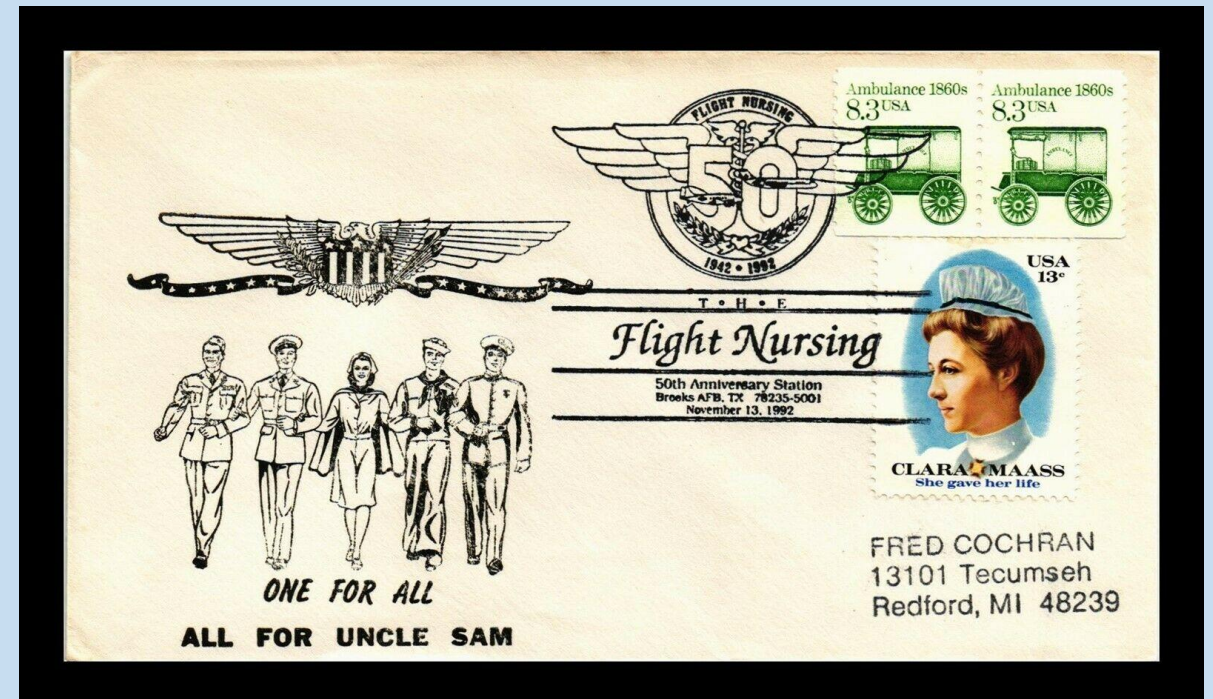
Available from American Topical Association website; The Philatelic Exhibiter October 1994 original

Two different elements per page of stamp exhibit

## Joint issue



## Cancel, stamp, not cachet



# Beginning stamps -- Allegory

Semi-postal – expensive, rare

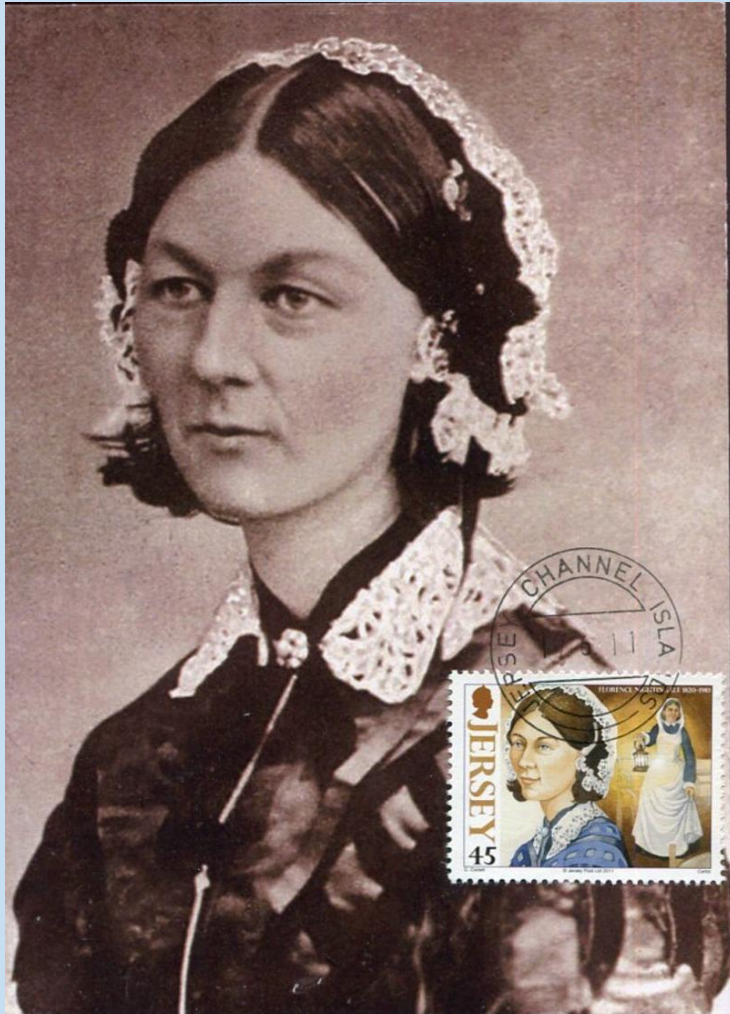
- Angel is a nurse?
- Which comes first

1897



Maxi cards

# Nursing Leaders stories that include others



www.delcampe.net

greengardenfriend

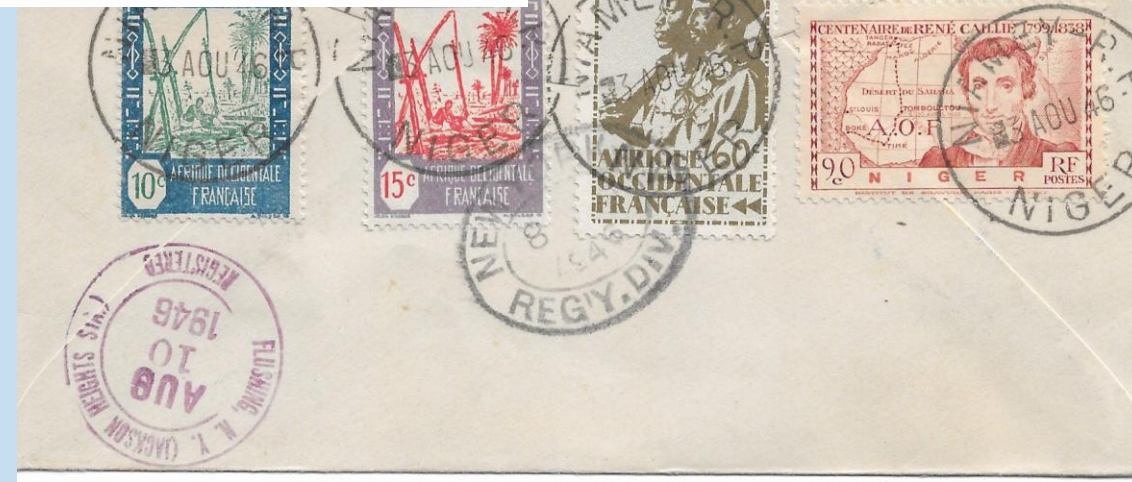
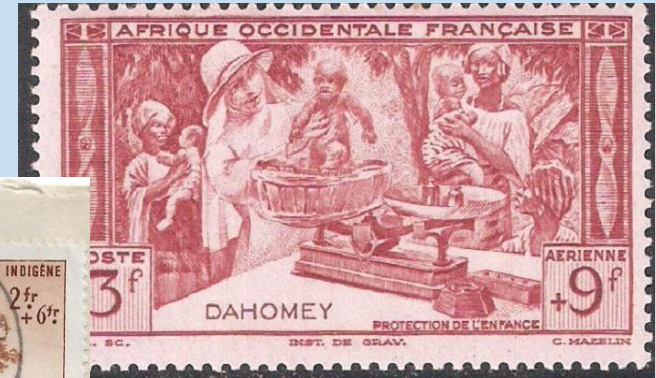


# COVERS enhancement of the topic



# Maintaining a country? Resistance movement

- Vichy Government stamps
- Letters – cancels date, location
- Child welfare worldwide stamps
  - Engraved
  - Photograuve
  - No catalog numbers



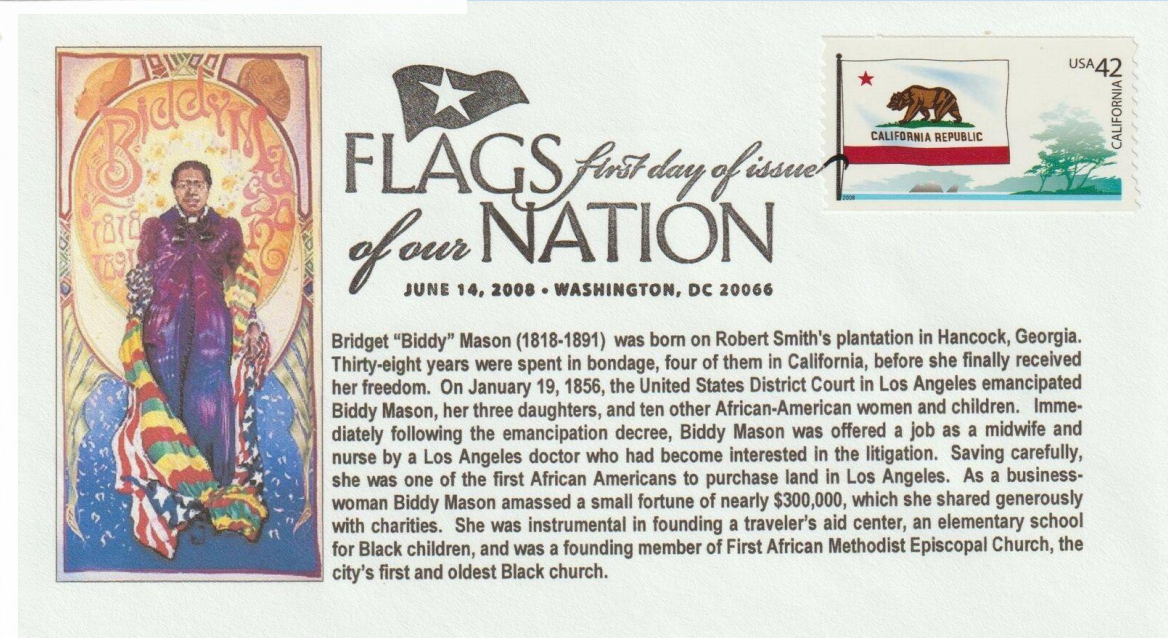
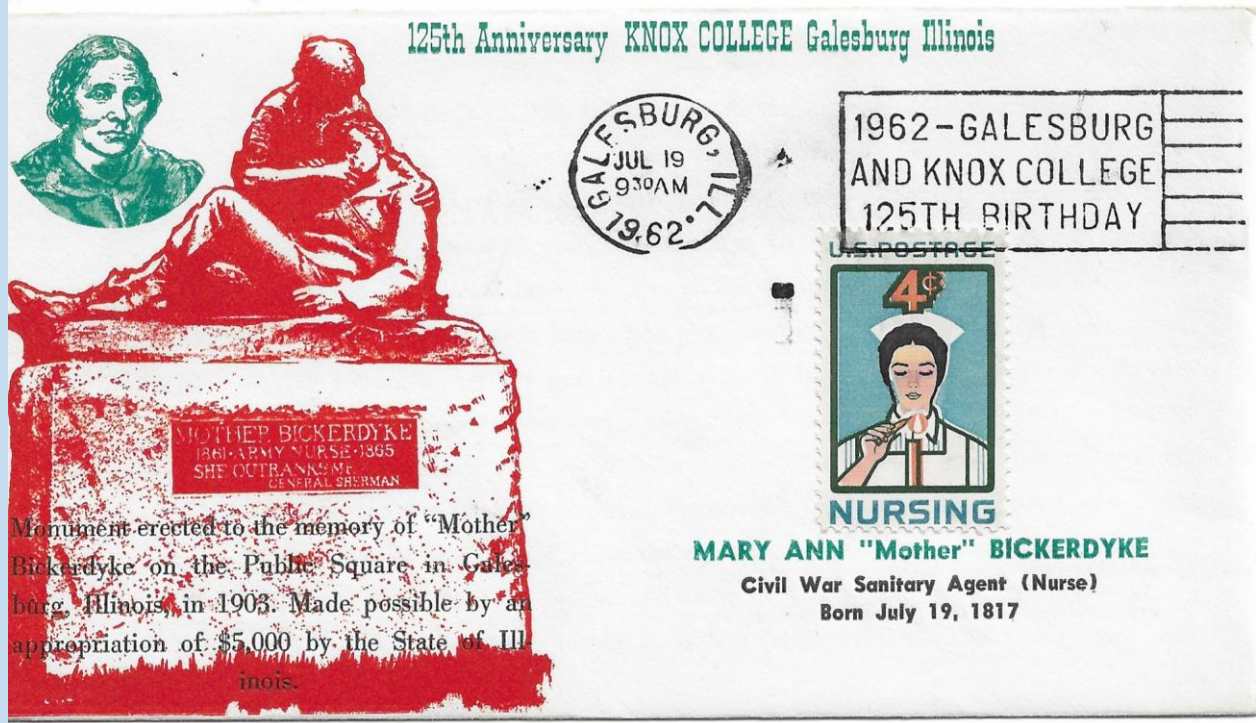
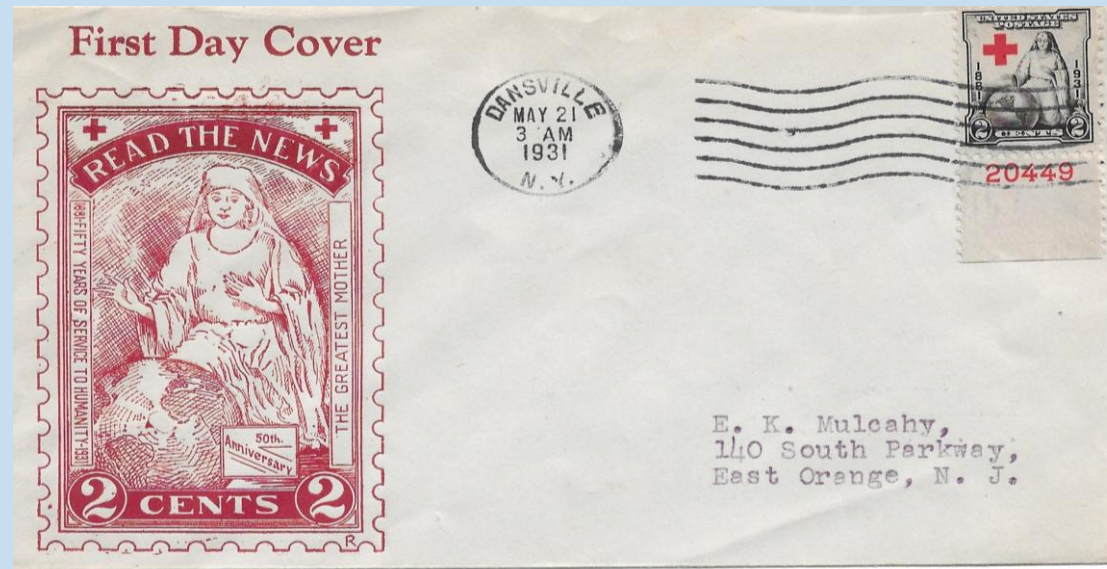
# Independence statement

- Stamps printed outside the country
- Selling to the philatelic community
- Mailed letters



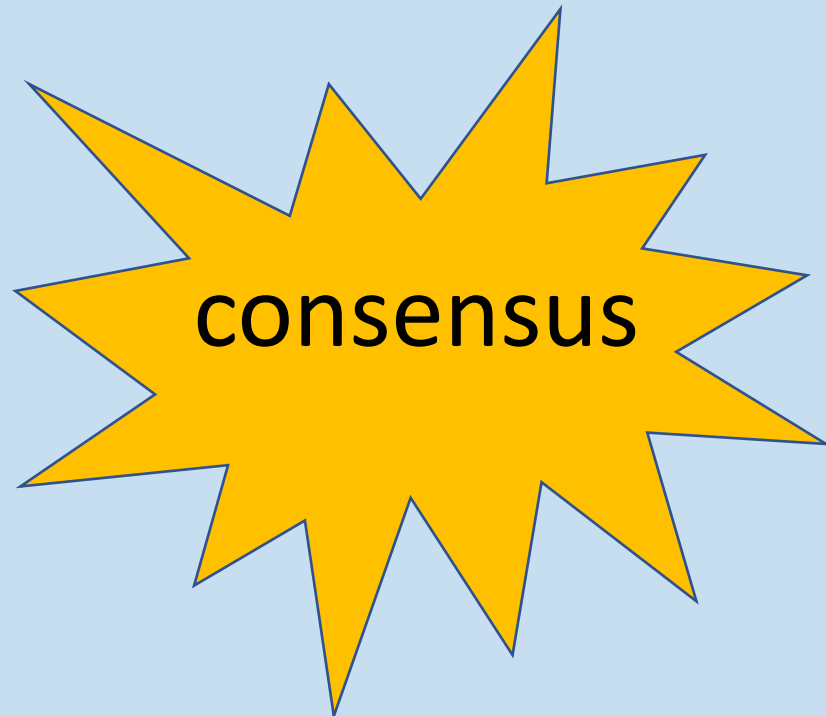


# FCDs



# Who is a Nurse?

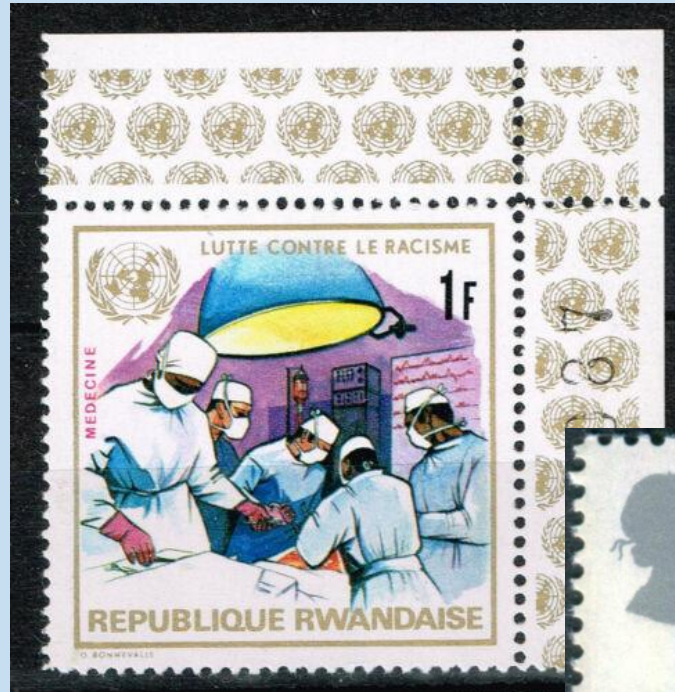
- Good Samaritan
- Clara Barton
- Mother Teresa



When one looks at who is a nurse--  
The categories I look at are ...

1. Educated/Trained as a nurse
2. Functioned as a nurse
3. Provided nursing education or started a school
4. Religious figures actions/role
5. War time service ?Disaster/Red Cross work
6. Nurses honored by their country
7. Figures of nurse or nurses (white dress/white hat)

# Where is the nurse?



# Where is consensus?



- Search for study group – poll members
- Read literature – labels in articles
- Call a meeting at a regional/national stamp show
- Websites
- Stamp exhibit topics/programs

# Appropriate uniform and shoes?

- High heels on Arabian peninsula stamps
- White hats or habits
- Overdressed for work

Color Trial



# Not in uniform but a nurse

- USA ice skater
- Caribbean Olympic athlete



## Misperf sheet

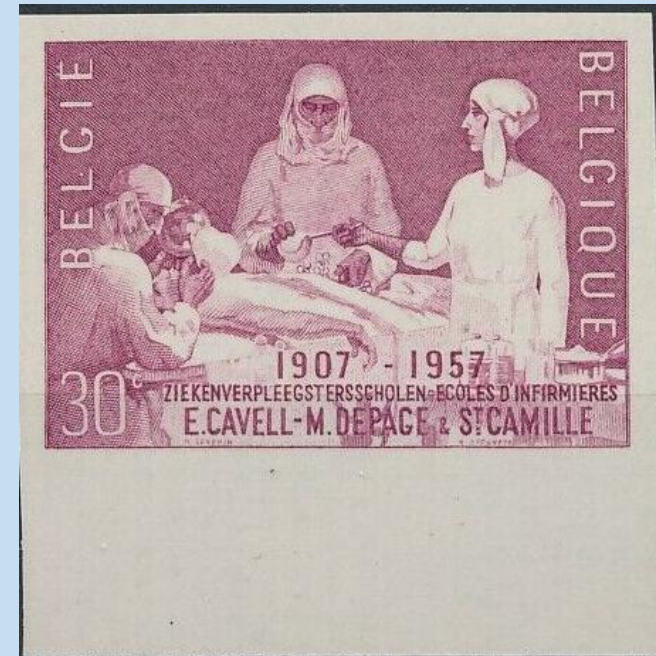


# Queens as Nurse –some really are nurses

- Encouragement and motivation to continue the fight
- Princess Astrid, Luxemburg
- Queen Fabiola, Belgium
- Queen from Hungary?
- Spain,



# Heroines





# Souvenir sheet, sheetlet? Illegal? American nurse here?



- Clara Barton refused to go to nursing school, so refused entry into Army Nurse Corps
- Refused to meet with Florence Nightingale
- First Federal woman employee

# Student Nurses



Photo ad



# Die Proofs with signature

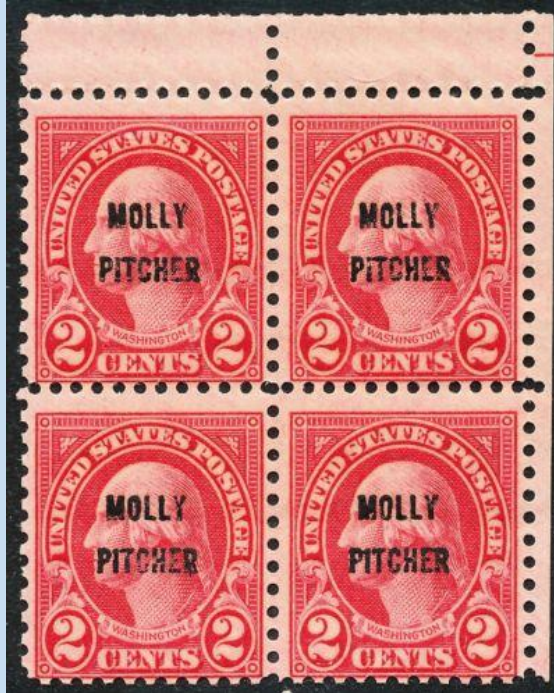


Do you know the Catholic Saints?

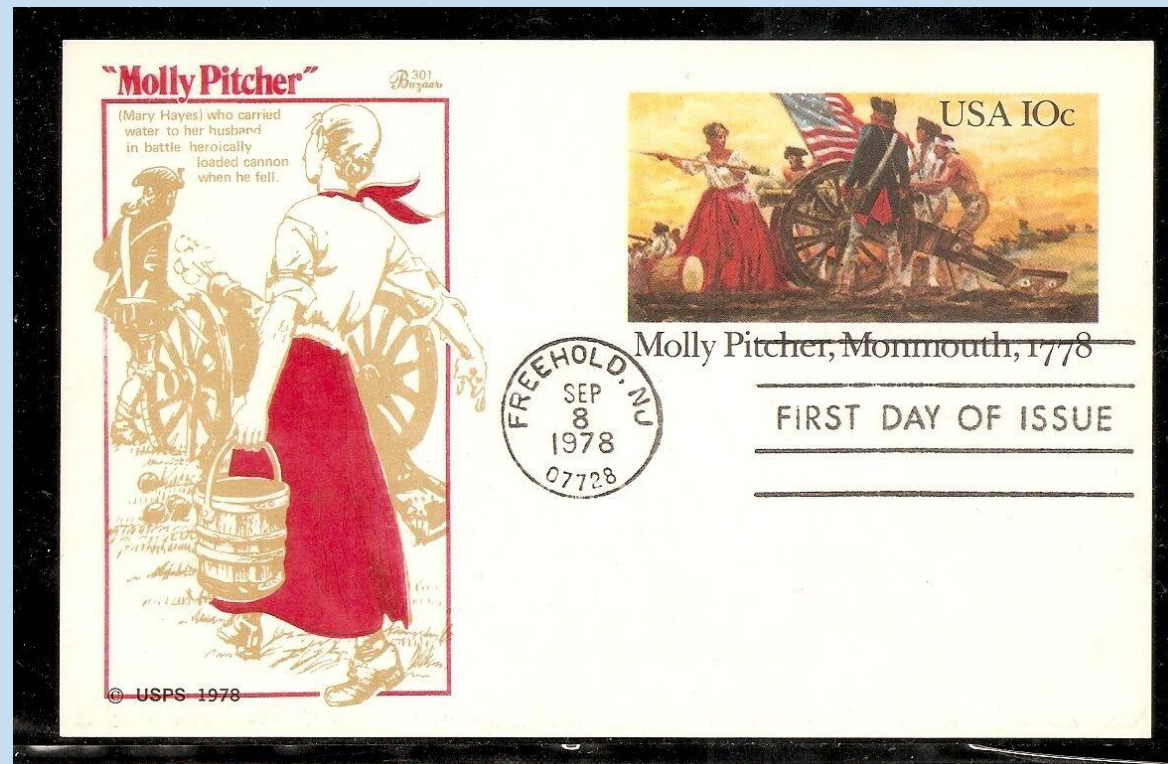


# Molly Pitcher stamps

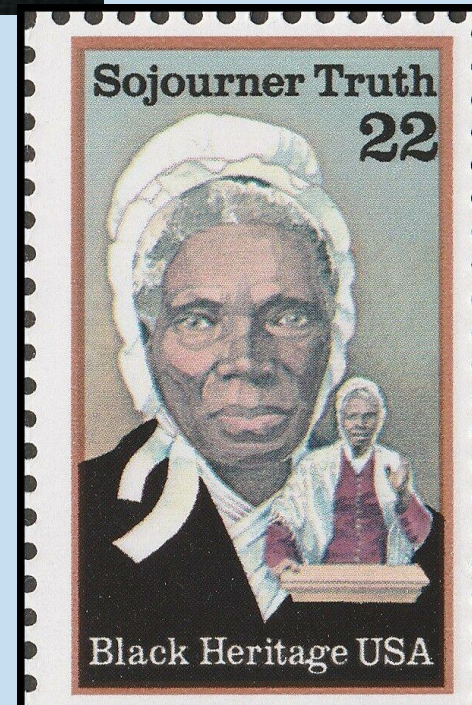
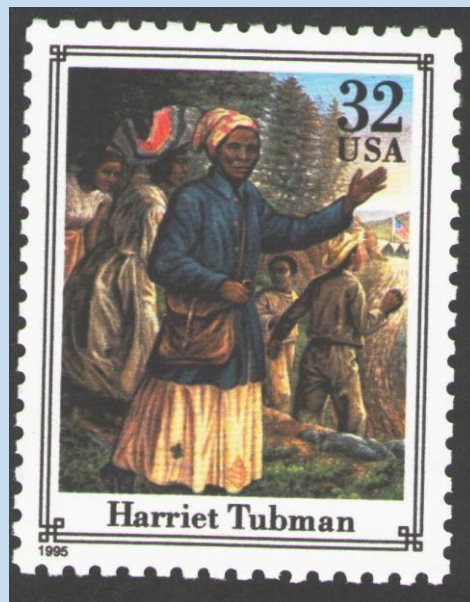
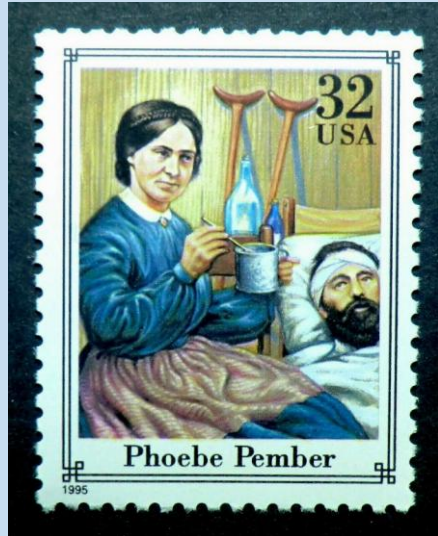
- UX pre-issue cancellations
- Congressional input



## Postal stationery



# American Nurses on USA stamps



# Watch for overprints that change the stamp.



Yugoslavia #15 is different in the overprint was on B1 which had no overprint and issued the year prior & different overprint on B1.



Gold overprints are easier to find than none

# Semi-postals (B) history



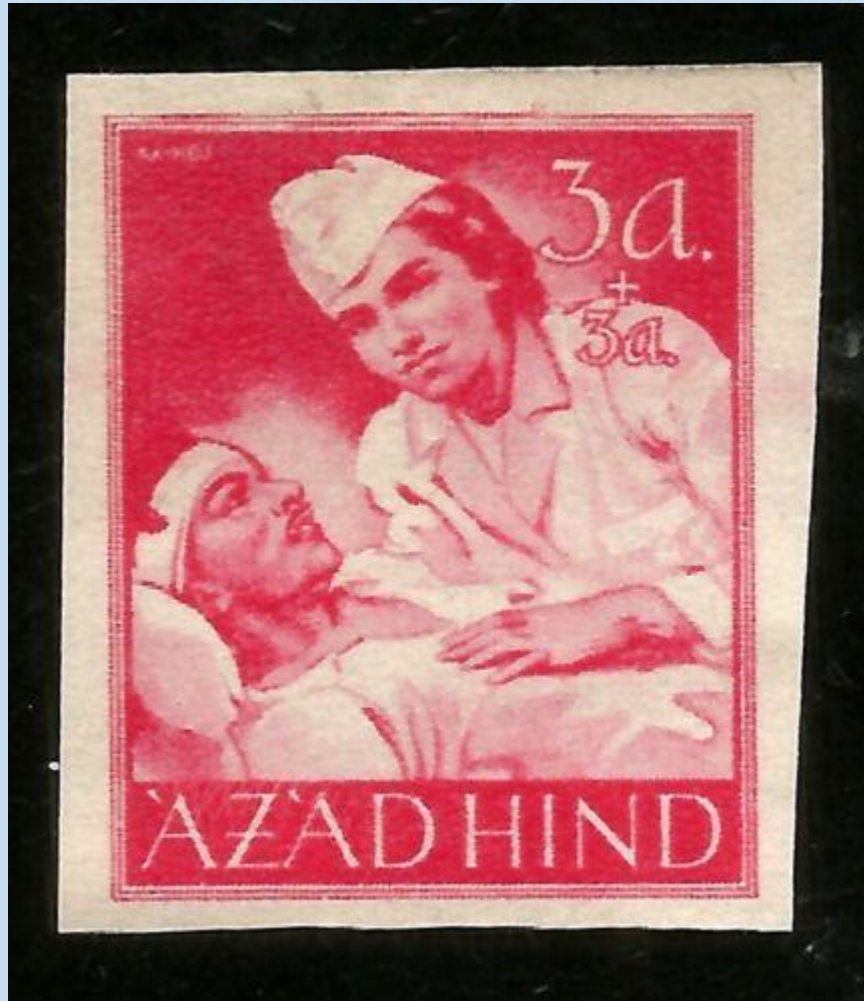
My \$1 for \$100 stamp.



- Turkey has lots of semipostals following WWII which have nurses.
- Days were designated in mail service in which you had to add these stamps.
- Later years, there are fundraiser stamps like our TB seals, then it becomes difficult to track/



# Cinderella - Fundraising stamps not B (semipostals)



# Revenue stamps



- Good to have on a document
- Be careful of fundraiser stamps
- Often regular stamps use in lieu of money or to show money provided
- Thailand, China, Turkey, Canada,

# Common Design – not all the same

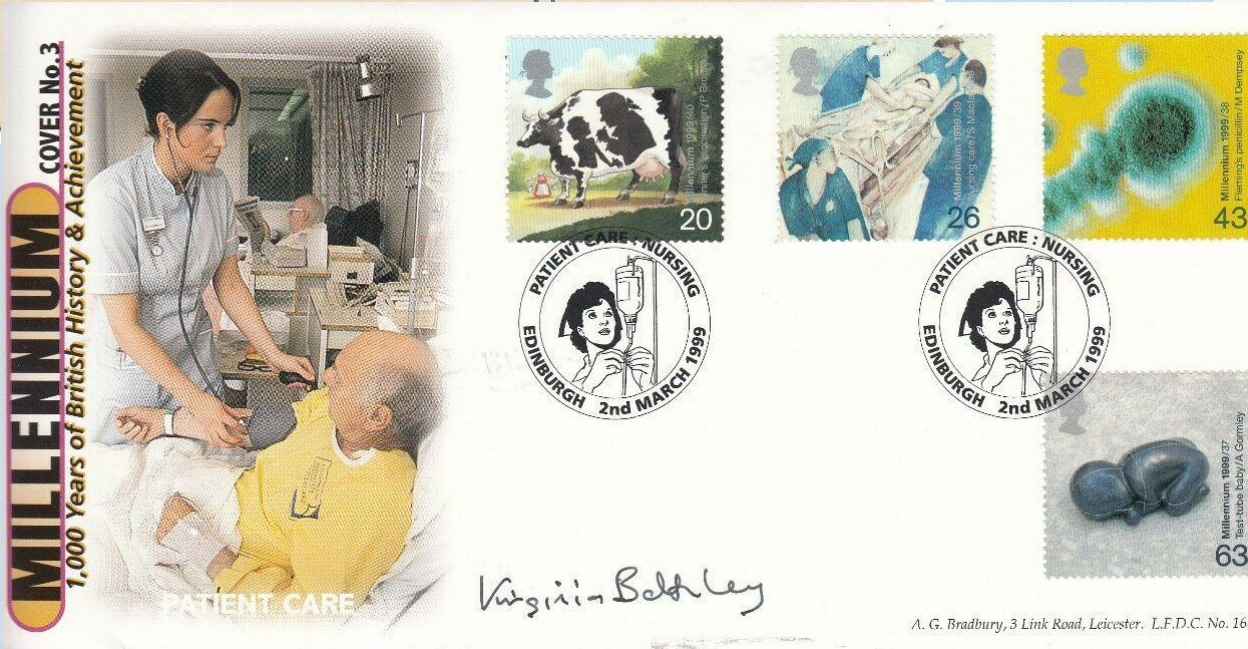
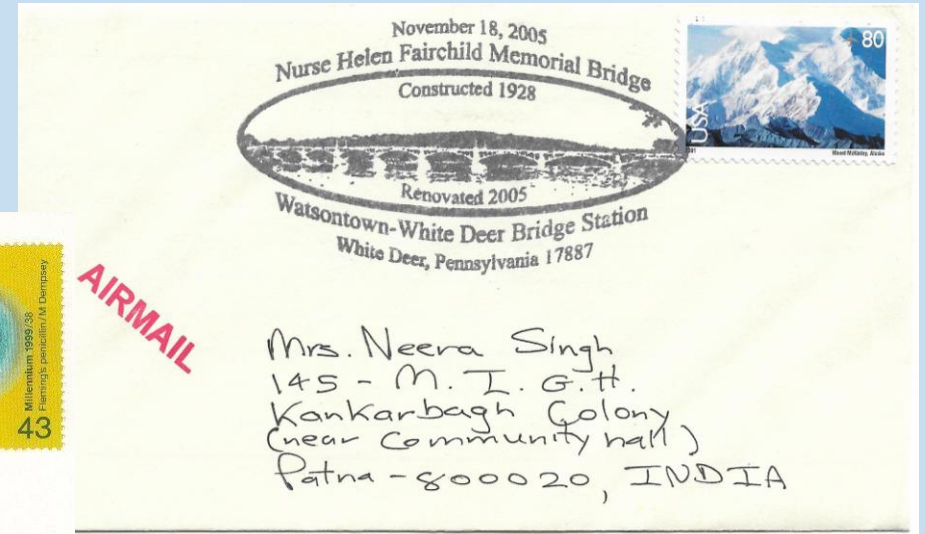
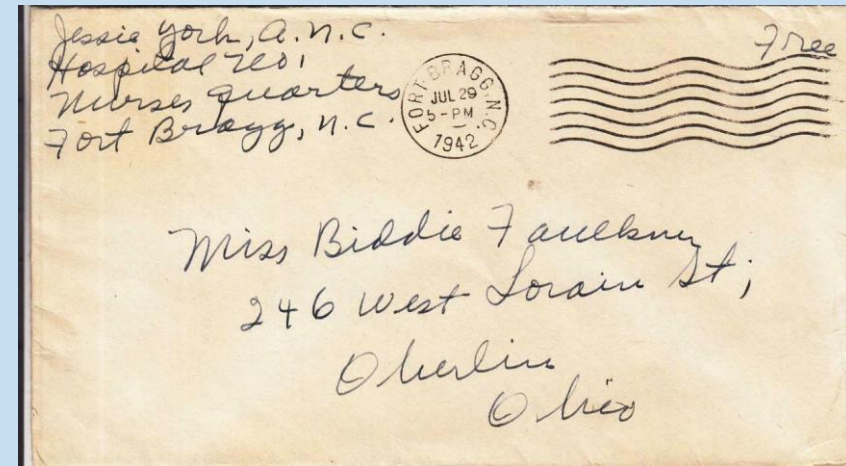
- Medical Congress – not all alike and difficult when photo not included in Scott catalogue



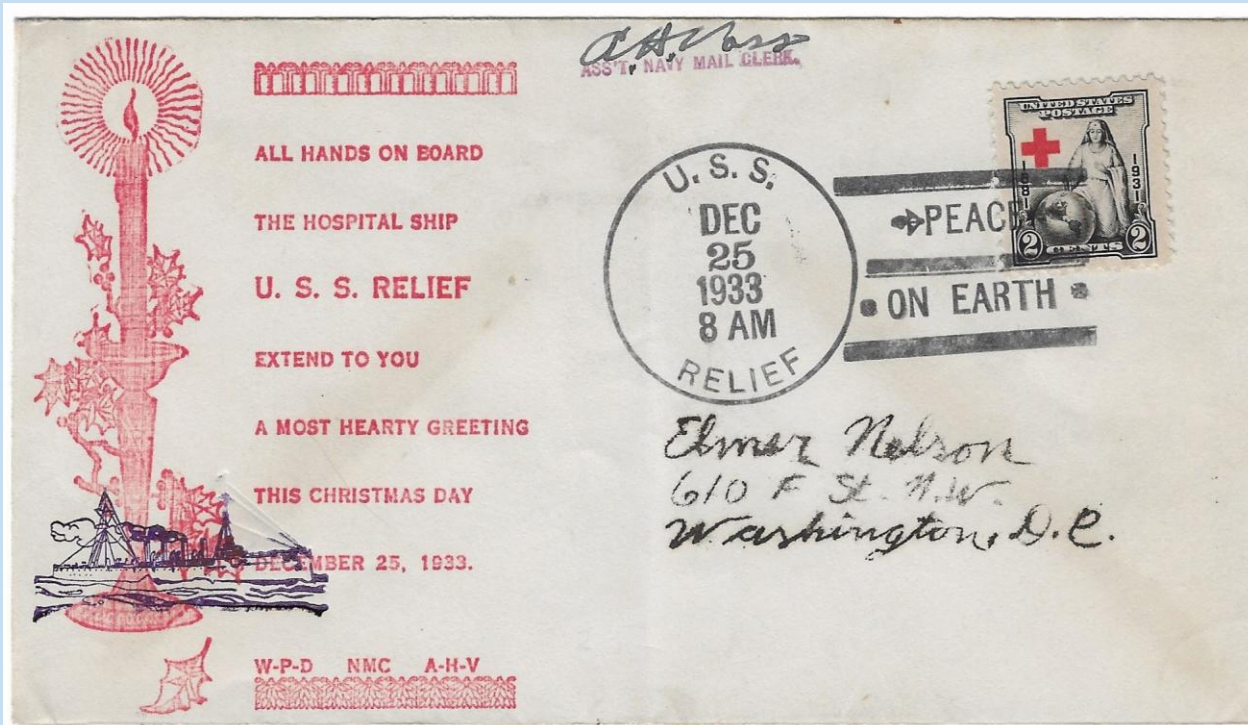
Do you need a strip of 3? Overprint?



# Cancels related to topic



# Cancels as part of the exhibit story



Maxi cards & specimen copies

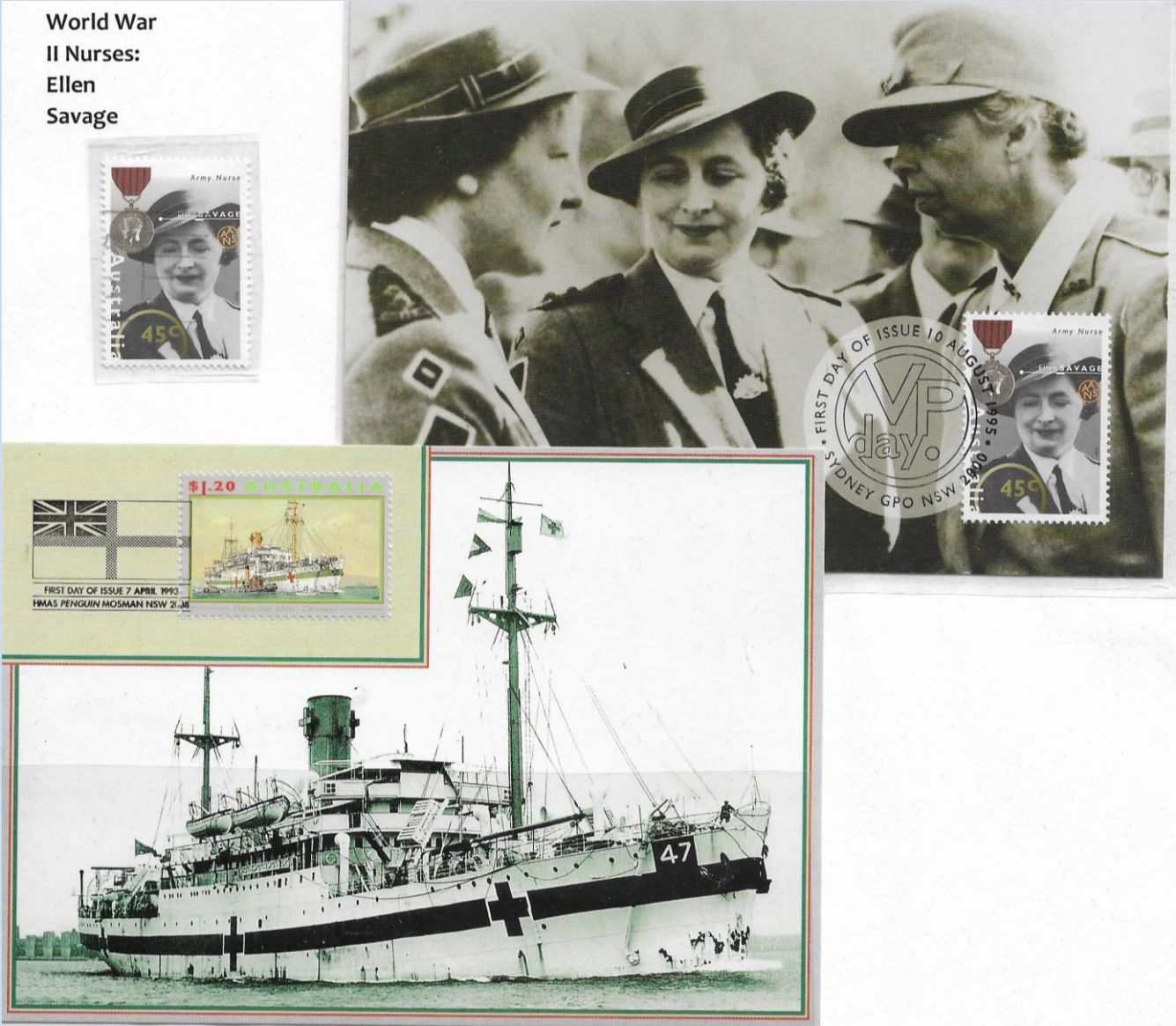


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# ERRORS, FAKES, ODDITIES?



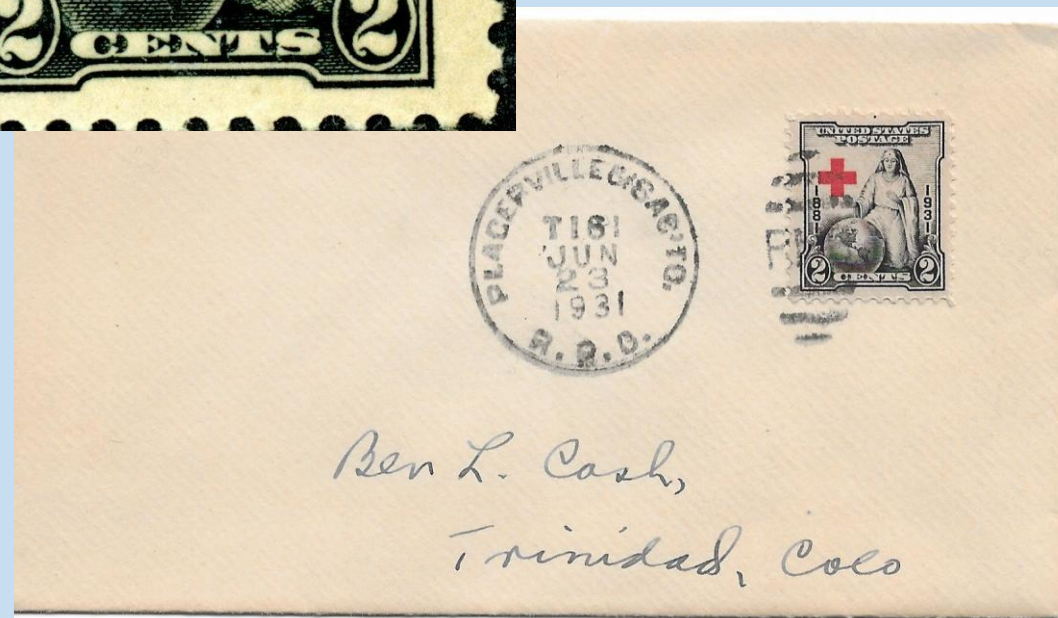
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SHIFTS IN THE RED CROSS, SCOTT # 702 – Unused Stamps



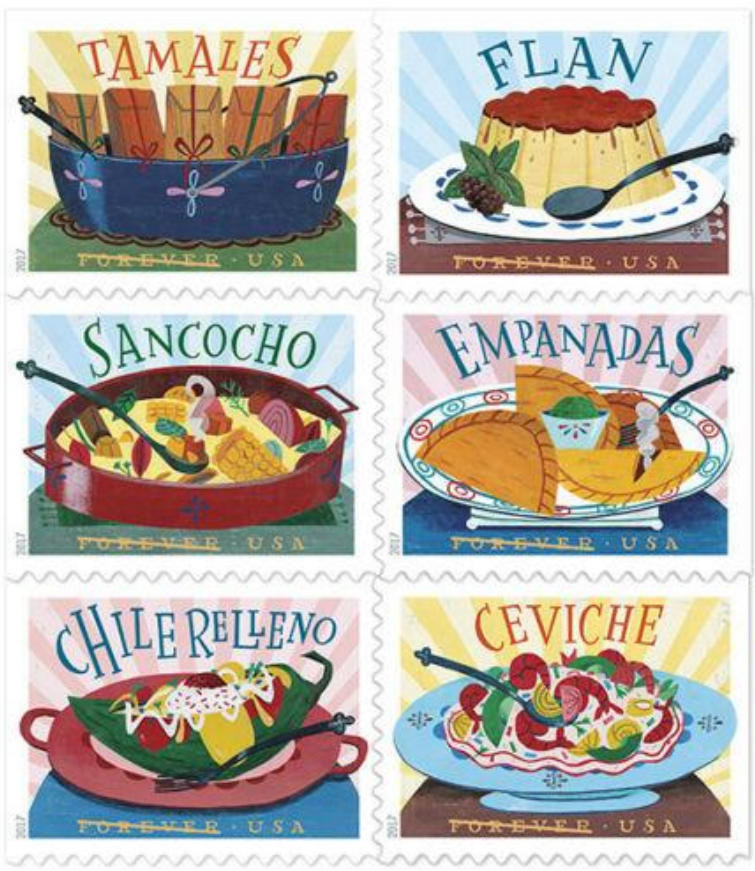
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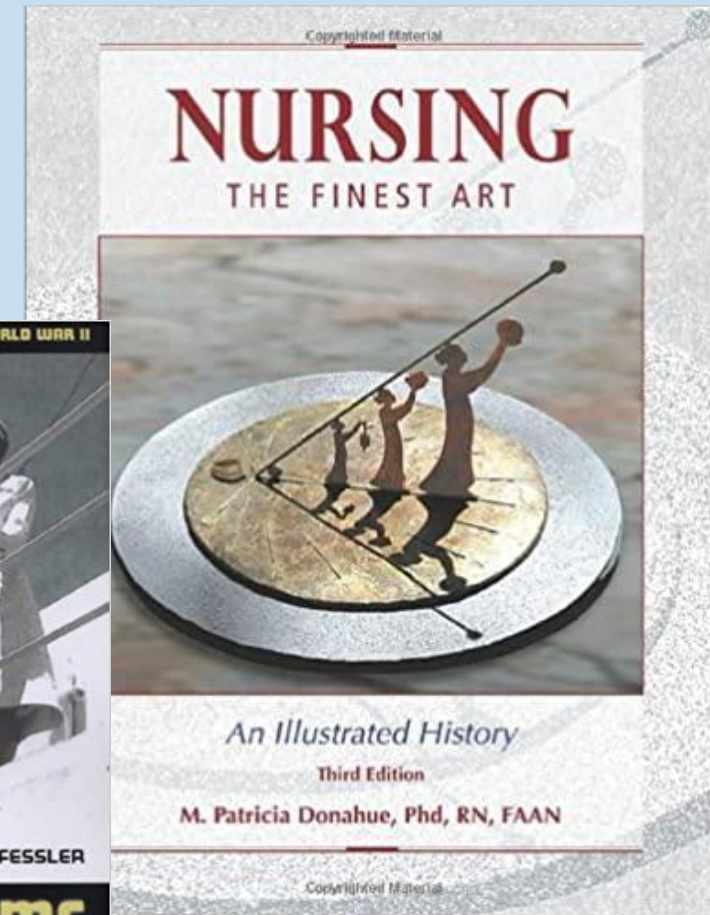
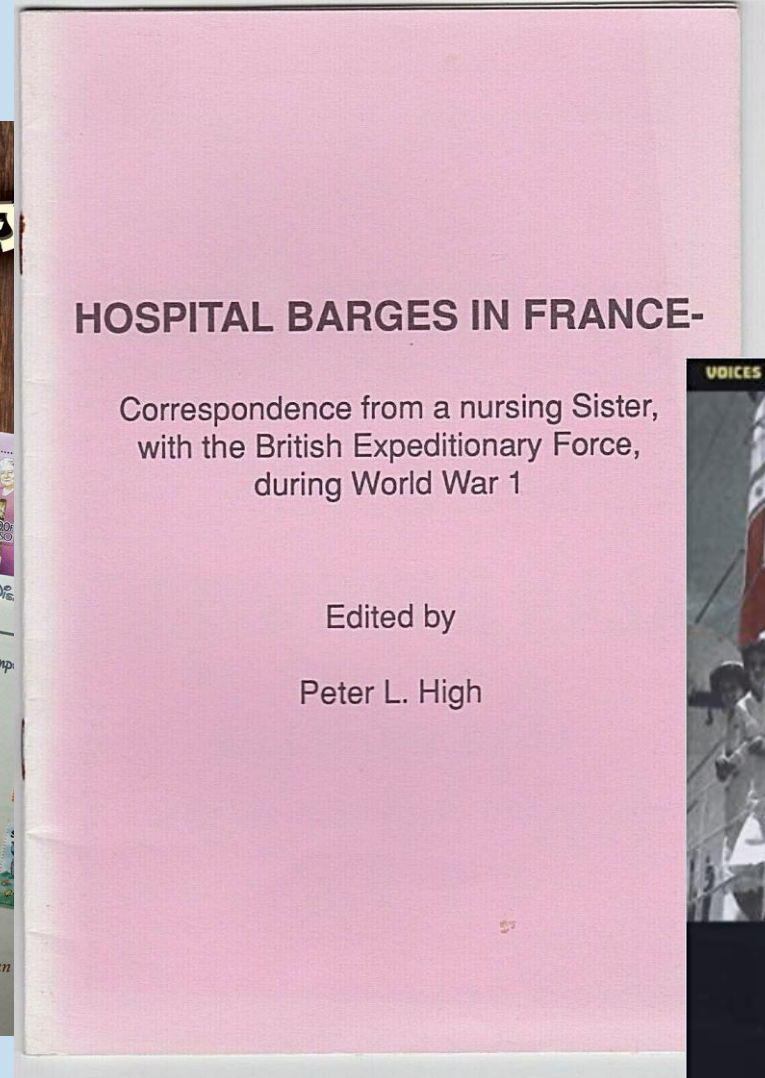
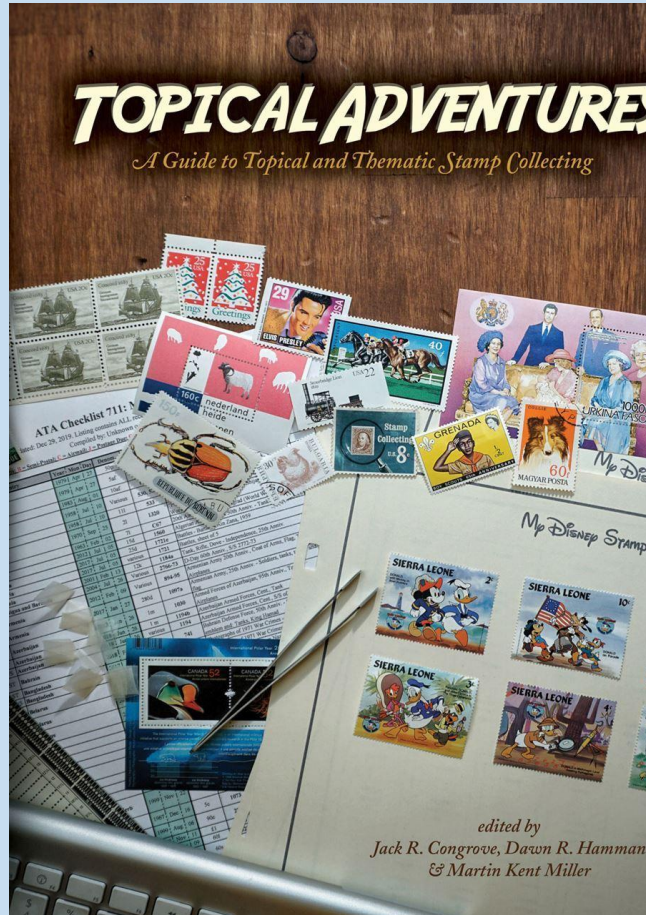
# Booklets or Coils – Expanding the topic/story



Precancels

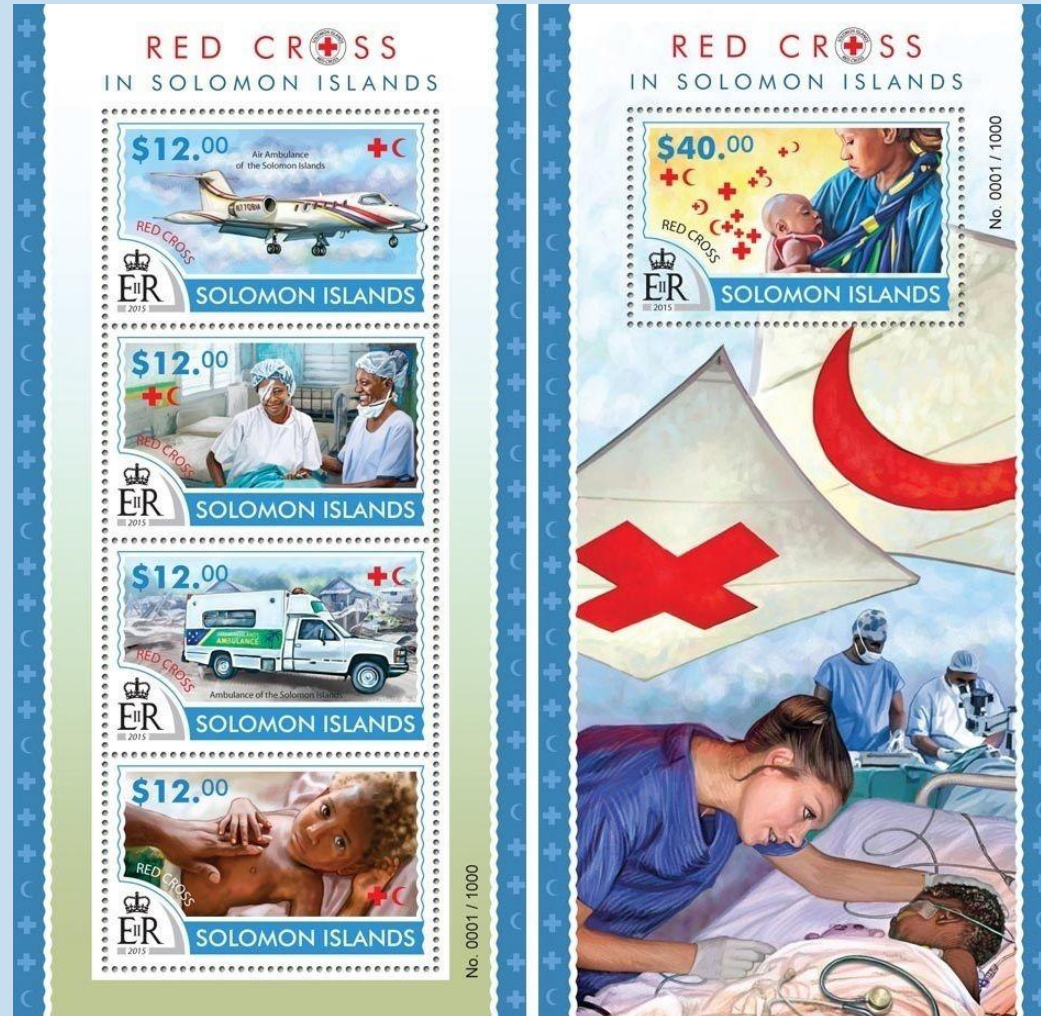


# Difference between collector and philatelists



# Get new issues or new to the list

- Scott Monthly and Linn's Stamp News
- Other checklists (ATA)
- APS stamp shop
- Nurse philately print on the Internet/eBay
  - Websites
  - YouTube
- New issues eBay—Nurse/Stamps
- Reading Philatelic literature; stamp club newsletters
- New Issue Stamp Dealer connections



- Risks in buying on eBay for Cinderellas
- Paying for fake processes (702 without a red cross)
- Exhibiting – paying too much for unrelated material

# Watch what other philatelists post

Alan Barasch showed a program on Covid-19 philatelic response to the pandemic. He displayed new issues and referenced his program to *Vojtech Jankovič's* Website.

Don't fall in love with a personalized stamp!



<https://www.postoveznamky.sk/tribute-to-first-line-warriors-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-and-philately>

# Limited stamps on your want list?

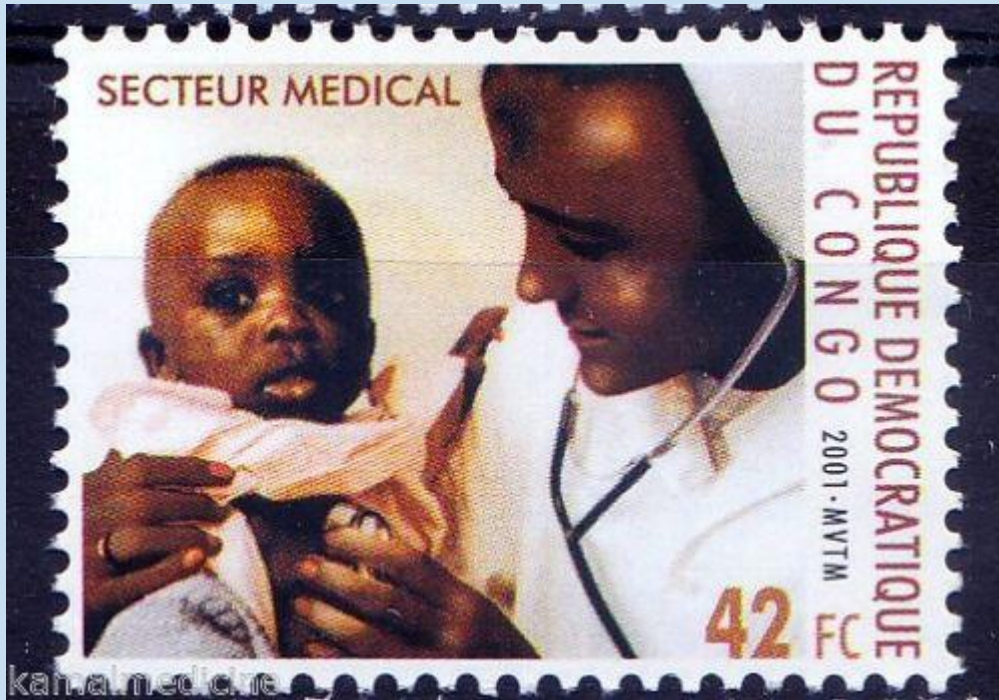


- Start new/expansion of parts of your thematic collection.
  - #702 American Red Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Hospital ships and Ambulance trains
  - Cancels for Red Cross support
  - Covers related to nurses

# Patience for expansion? New Issues?

At point, a philatelic expert told me the mid-modern stamps I wanted were few and I would have to wait for philatelists to die and buy parts of their collections.





Nurses on stamps happens everyday!