The World War I era
A library subject guide

Suggested Search Terms

To search the Philatelic Union Catalog (catalog.stamlibrary.org) for more on WWI stamps and postal history, try these terms.

The subject heading used by the APRL for the war is World War I. Use this term in the subject box (using the advanced search) to find books.

Other relevant subject headings:

Air Mail
Occupation Issues
Overprints and Surcharges
War Savings Issues
Military Mail
Prisoner of War and Internee Mail
Censored Mail

If you are looking for journal articles, not all indexers use the same terms, so consider alternates and synonyms, for example:

Great War
First World War
WWI

Suggested Introductory Resources


A good introduction with an extensive bibliography of philatelic and non-philatelic resources.

For copies of exhibits by Al Kugel, mostly on WWI, search the Philatelic Union Catalog for exhibit & Kugel.

War Cover Club Bulletin (1940-1991)
Military Postal History Society Bulletin (1991–)

U.S.C.S. Log (Universal Ship Cancellation Society, 1932–)

Military Postal History Society, www.militaryphs.org

Exhibits, presentations, videos, and articles about military postal history