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Most of you will not be surprised to learn that, since World War II, the United States has maintained more foreign sites for its military forces than any other country in the world (you pay for them, after all!). But (and here's where your tax dollars really start paying dividends), lucky for us, many have produced their own special matchcovers.

There have been hundreds of U.S. foreign military locations since World War II, from tiny Pacific islands that only geographers and military strategists have ever heard of to more recent sites, such as in Saudi Arabia...Naval bases, such as Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and Atsugi Naval Air Station, Japan; Air bases, such as Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, and Goose Air Base, Labrador; Army posts, such as U.S. Army Post Orleans, France, and Camp Alpha, Saigon, Vietnam. There are even overseas military recreational areas, such as Garmisch in Bavaria (Southern Germany).

Many have since been closed, of course, as first one party's administration shrinks the Military and then the other party's administration builds the Military back up again. Thus, aside from the waning state of matchcovers in general, the output of matchcovers from such sites has fallen off drastically since "the good ol' days."

As is usually the case, however, there is still a goodly amount of these covers to be had.

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Normally, one doesn't see them advertised as 'foreign U.S. military bases' in auctions, simply because sellers don't bother to break them down into that category. They're usually just tucked in a bundle marked 'Military,' and you simply have to cross your fingers and hope for the best, if that's what you're looking for.

Unlike the World War II P.O.W covers we reviewed in earlier issues, few of the foreign U.S. Military covers are 40-strikes. Most are 20s, with some being 10s and 30s. Most, but not all, carry specific locations. There are a number of 'Nationals' in this subcategory, almost always put out by the "Exchange System." This is the network of military stores ('exchanges') on bases that provide out-of-the-country service personnel access to U.S. goods as at extremely reasonable prices [*it's where I bought all my stereo equipment before being shipped back to the States!*]. Of these Exchange System covers, there are 'AFEX' covers (Air Force European Exchange) and Army and Navy Exchange System covers.

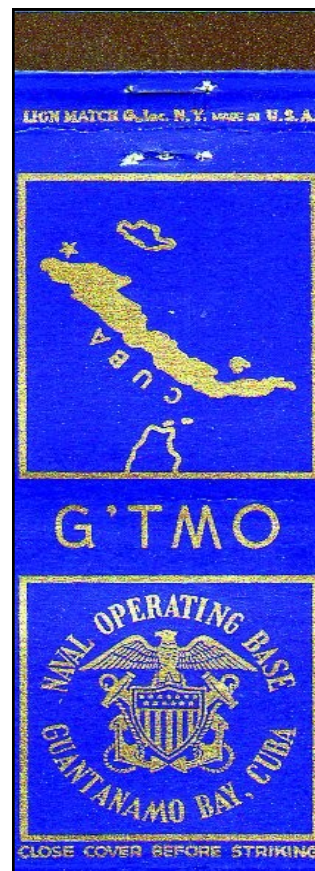
There are also a variety of conjunctives here. A cover from the U.S. Navy Exchange in London, for example, is also a Beer cover. There is at least one stock Girlie set, as well as a few non-Girlie sets in existence, as well.

Only a small percentage of U.S. Military covers are actually from foreign locations, but there are certainly enough to make a nice 'small' collection. Since I have my Military covers arranged by location anyhow, my foreign location covers are set off by themselves in any event, but they are still housed with my overall Military collection.

Note: The following is not a list of current military overseas facilities; it focuses on older installations since those are the ones we see almost all the covers from, and is certainly not necessarily complete.

Foreign Installations Listing

Base/Unit	Location	Branch
8th Army	Seoul, Korea	Army
314th Air Division	Osan, Korea	Air Force
6160th Air Base Wing	Itazuke, Japan	Air Force
Albrook A.A.B.	Canal Zone, Panama	Army Air Corps
Albrook A.F.B.	Canal Zone, Panama	Air Force
Anderson A.F.B.	Guam	Air Force
Aschaffenburg Army Base	Aschaffenburg, Germany	Army
Ashiya Army Base	Ashiya, Japan	Army
Asmara Army base	Asmara, Eritrea	Army
Athens Army Base	Athens, Greece	Army
Atkinson A.F.B.	British Guiana	Air Force
Atsugi Army Base	Atsugi, Japan	Army
Atsugi N.A.S.	Atsugi, Japan	Navy
Augsburg Army Base	Augsburg, Germany	Army
Azores Air Transport Station	Azores	Army Air Corps
Bad Kissingen Army Base	Bad Kissingen, Germany	Army
Bad Nauhelm Army Base	Bad Nauhelm, Germany	Army
Bad Tolz Army Base	Bad Tolz, Germany	Army
Baguio Army Base	Baguio, Philippines	Army
Bamberg Army Base	Ashiya, Japan	Army
Batista A.A.B.	Asmara, Eritrea	Army





Baumholder Army Base	Athens, Greece	Army
Beppu Army Base	Beppu, Japan	Army
Berchtesgaden Mil Rec Area	Berchtesgaden, Germany	
Berlin Army Base	Berlin, Germany	Army
Bermuda N.S.	Bermuda	Navy
Bopyong Army Depot	Bopyong, Korea	Army
Borinquen A.A.F.	Aguadilla, Puerto Rico	Army Air Corps
Bremen Army Base	Bremen, Germany	Army
Bremerhaven Army Base	Bremerhaven, Germany	Army
Bremerhaven Naval Base	Bremerhaven, Germany	Navy
Burnside A.A.F.	Iloilo, Philippines	Army Air Corps
Burtonwood Army Base	Burtonwood, England	Army
Camp Alpha	Saigon, Vietnam	Army
Camp Butler Marine Base	Okinawa	Marine
Camp Eldridge	Los Banos, Philippines	Army
Camp Greeg	Bayambang, Philippines	Army
Camp Hay	Baguio, Philippines	Army
Camp Kiethley	Lanao, Philippines	Army
Camp Kinser	Okinawa	Army
Camp Kinser	Okinawa	Navy
Camp Loeper	Honshu, Japan	Army
Camp McGill	Japan	Army
Camp Paraiso	Canal Zone, Panama	Army
Camp Schmilphlinic	Honshu, Japan	Army
Camp Sendai	Honshu, Japan	Army
Camp St. Johann	Austria	Army
Camp Tachikawa	Tachikawa, Japan	Army
Camp Tokorozawa Army Dep	Tokorozawa, Japan	Army
Camp Wallace	San Fernando, Philippines	Army
Camp Zama	Zama, Japan	Army
Cerro Palado Army Subpost	Canal Zone, Panama	Army
Cerro Tigre Army Subpost	Canal Zone, Panama	Army
Chambley Army Base	Chambley, France	Army
Chiemsee Military Rec Area	Bavaria, Germany	
Chitose Army Base	Chitose, Japan	Army
Clark A.A.F.	Pampanga, Philippines	Army Air Corps
Clark Air Force Base	Pampanga, Philippines	Air Force
Coco Solo N.A.S.	Canal Zone, Panama	Navy
Coco Solo Naval Base	Canal Zone, Panama	Navy
Coleman Army Barracks	Mannheim, Germany	Army
Corozal Army Post	Canal Zone, Panama	Army
Cuartel de Infateria Army Post	Manila, Philippines	Army
Darmstadt Army Base	Darmstadt, Germany	Army
Dhahran Army Base	Saudi Arabia	Army
Eniwetok Army Base	Eniwetok, (Pacific)	Army
Erding Army Base	Erding, Germany	Army
Estado Mayor Army Post	Manila, Philippines	Army
Eta Jima Army Base	Eta Jima, Japan	Army
Fort Amador	Panama City, Panama	Army
Fort Brooke	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Army
Fort Buchanan	San Juan Puerto, Rico	Army
Fort Bruckner	Okinawa	Army

Fort Bundy	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Army
Fort Clayton	Balboa, Panama	Army
Fort De Lesseps	Canal Zone, Panama	Army
Fort Drum	El Fraile Island, Philipp.	Army
Fort Frank	Carabao Island, Phillip.	Army
Fort Grant	Balboa, Panama	Army
Fort Gullick	Canal Zone, Panama	Army
Fort Hughes	Pulo Caballo, Phillipines	Army
Fort Kobbe	Panama City, Panama	Army
Fort McKinley	Manila, Philippines	Army
Fort Mills	Corregidore, Philippines	Army
Fort Randolph	Margarita, Panama	Army
Fort Santiago	Manila, Philippines	Army
Fort Sherman	Cristobal, Panama	Army
France A.A.F.	Cristobal, Panama	Army Air Corps
France A.F.B.	Cristobal, Panama	Air Force
Frankfurt Army Base	Frankfurt, Germany	Army
Fritzlar Army Base	Fritzlar, Germany	Army
Fukuoka Army Base	Fukuoka, Japan	Army
Furstenfeldbruck Army Base	Furstenfeldbruck, Ger.	Army
Furth Army Base	Furth, Germany	Army
Furvmaki Army Base	Honshu, Japan	Army
Garmisch Army Base	Garmisch, Germany	Army
Garmisch Military Rec Area	Garmisch, Germany	
Giessen Army Base	Giessen, Germany	Army
Gifu Army Base	Gifu, Japan	Army
Goose A.F.B.	Goose Bay, Labrador	Air Force
Grafenwohr Army Base	Grafenwohr, Germany	Army
Grant Heights Armed F. Fac.	Tokyo, Japan	
Great Exuma N.A.S.	Bahamas	Navy
Guam Army Base	Guam	Army
Guantanamo Bay N. O. B.	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Navy
Hakata Pen Army Base	Hakata Pen, Japan	Army
Haneda A.F.B.	Tokyo, Japan	Air Force
Harmon A.F.B.	Stephenville, Newfound.	Air Force
Heidelberg Army Base	Heidelberg, Germany	Army
Henricks Army Barracks	Cayey, Puerto Rico	Army
Horshing Army Base	Horshing, Austria	Army
Howard A.A.F.	Bruja Point, Panama	Army Air Corps
Howard A.F.B.	Bruja Point, Panama	Air Force
Irumigawa Army Base	Irumigawa, Japan	Army
Itazuke A.F.B.	Itazuke, Japan	Air Force
Iwo Jima Army Base	Iwo Jima	Army
Kadena Air Base	Okinawa	Air Force
Kadena N.A.S.	Okinawa	Navy
Kassel Naval Base	Kassel, Germany	Navy
Kindley A.A.F.	Corregidore, Philippines	Army Air Corps
Kindley A.F.B.	Corregidore, Philippines	Air Force
Koizuma Army Base	Koizuma, Japan	Army
Kokura Army Base	Kokura, Japan	Army
Krobe Army Base	Krobe, Japan	Army
Kumamoto Army Base	Kumamoto, Japan	Army

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