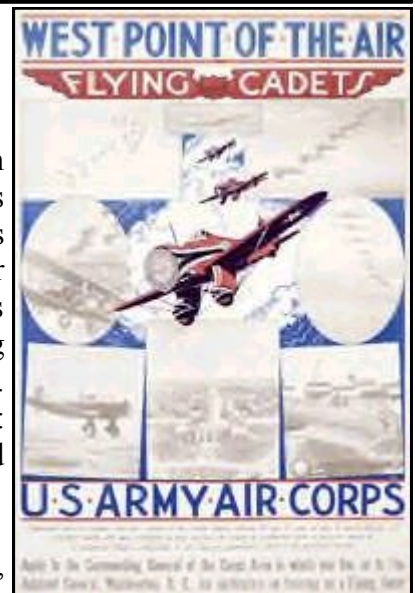




Military Corner

Army Air Corps

The Army Air Corps became the branch for Army aviation in 1926. A few years later, in 1935, General Headquarters (GHQ) Air Force was created for operational aviation units. This arrangement existed in the period leading up to United States entry into WW II. There were two aviation organizations: the Air Corps managed materiel and training and GHQ Airforce had operational units.



Army aviation existed before 1926, but then we're talking bi-planes, and I've never seen an honest-to-goodness Military cover which pictured any, except perhaps in historical retrospect. And, since the Army Air Corps was supplanted in June 1941 by the new Army Air Forces, there just aren't many AAC covers to be seen. Also, both branches used the same logos, making the whole thing even more muddled, from a collecting standpoint. Wikipedia gives a listing of AAC units, as of 1935, which might be helpful: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Army_Air_Corps

I only show 25 covers that one way or another indicate Air Corps, so, as far as sub topics are concerned, this is a small one. We'll see what else we can come up with in future issues.

