

THE  
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OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF  
UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,  
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

ARMY FRANK

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# ARMY FRANK

This bogus post was created by Major Brewster C. Kenyon in 1898. Kenyon, a philatelist, was at the time the Major and Paymaster of the United States Volunteers. The Design is based on the 30¢ US postage stamp of 1869. Although advertised as being used during the Spanish American War, its use was never sanctioned by the Army or Post Office Department.

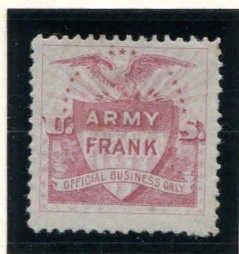
The stamp's identity as a bogus was confirmed by the US Army Headquarters and the Post Office. When asked about the authenticity of the stamp, Third Assistant Postmaster General John A. Merritt responded "The label [...] does not conform to these requirements, and even if it did, the use of it would be objectionable, as army officers should use only such penalty envelopes or labels as the War Department authorizes or provides."

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A Complete set of War Stamps used exclusively on official correspondence during the SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

BOGUS ROSE, BLUE, AND BROWN "CANCELLED" ARMY FRANKS ON DISPLAY CARD



BOGUS  
ROSE



BOGUS  
BLUE



BOGUS  
BROWN



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The Army Frank stamps are known in rose, blue, and brown colors. The colors do not appear to have any significance regarding supposed value or usage. Most examples are perforated, but imperforate and mixed perforation stamps also exist.



**BOGUS  
BLUE  
IMPERFORATE**



**BOGUS - BLUE  
BLOCK OF NINE  
IMPERFORATE**



**BOGUS - ROSE  
BLOCK OF NINE  
IMPERFORATE**



**BOGUS - BROWN  
BLOCK OF NINE  
IMPERFORATE**



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BOGUS - BLUE  
VERTICAL STRIP OF THREE  
IMPERFORATE BETWEEN - HORIZONTAL



Although the Army Franks were not legitimate payment for postage, some examples are cancelled. Many of the cancels are from US army post offices.

These were most likely favor cancels. It is also possible that the stamps were cancelled by postal agents when affixed to covers that were mailed prepaid by other methods.



BOGUS - BLUE  
BLOCK OF FOUR  
CANCELLED  
US ARMY CDS  
JUNE 28, 1898



BOGUS - BROWN  
BLOCK OF FOUR  
CANCELLED  
FOUR CORNERED  
CORK CANCEL