

# War Saving Stamps Used for Postage

The United States Postal Savings System was established by an Act of Congress in 1910 and began operations January 1, 1911 and ceased in 1966.

Over the years savings stamps were issued under several names. There were many varieties of collection booklets and cards used to accumulate the minimum deposit of \$1.00.

In 1942 the War Savings stamps were issued with the Minuteman statue design. War Savings stamps had four major denominations - - 10c 25c 50c and \$1. A \$5 stamp (not shown) was issued in 1945.

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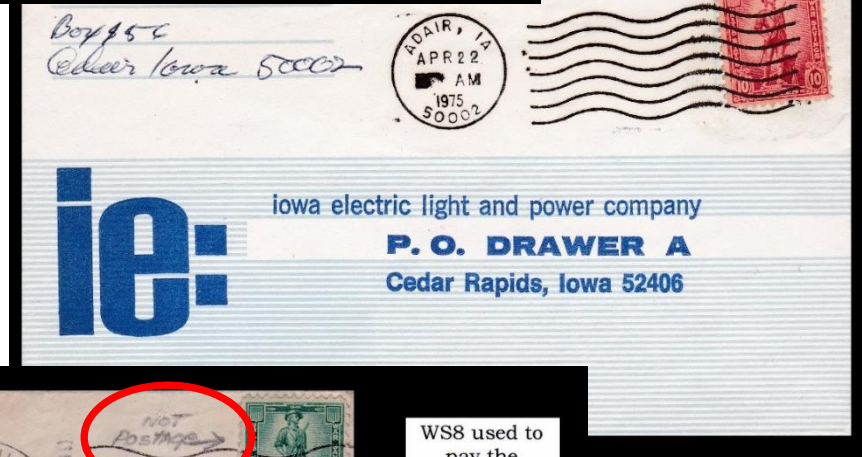


War Savings stamps were not valid for postage but it became a common practice during World War II and thereafter. Here are three examples of the use of war savings stamps in lieu of postage. Two made it through the system; one did not.



The stamp shown below was replaced in November 1954.

Note the date of the postmark is 1975 which is 21-years after replacement.



WS8 used to pay the international airmail rate of 25¢ per 1/2 ounce.

Post Office recognized the savings stamp not valid for postage. The letter was so noted and returned to sender.

