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W J STANTON

532 AVE D CORONADO CALIF

HAVE REQUESTED LAKEHURST SHENANDOAH MAIL TEN COVERS YOUR NAME AND
ALSO MY NAME CARE NAVAL AIR STATION DALLAS LIKEWISE SAME
QUANTITY EACH NAME SANDIEGO AM USING TWO CENT RATE
SO IF NOT SUFFICIENT YOU COVER POSTAGE DUE AND ADJUST
WITH ME ALSO REQUESTING SPECIAL HISTORIC RUBBER STAMP CANCELLATION
AND DATE

JOSEPH A STEINMETZ

336PM

December 17, 2003

Mr. Allen Klein
3540 Stone Canyon
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

RE: USS SHENANDOAH (ZR-1) drop cover - Los Angeles, CA cancel.

I have examined the reproduction of your above subject cover (picture post card) and it is my opinion that it was flown aboard SHENANDOAH on its Transcontinental Flight to the West coast, under the command of Lt. Cmdr. Zachary Lansdowne.

The SHENANDOAH arrived over Los Angeles at 12:45 p.m. on October 16, 1924, circled the city, then sat its course for Camp Lewis, Washington. The streets of Los Angeles were filled with excited people out watching the airship as it passed overhead and this cover would have been dropped at that time.

The written message on this cover bears the signature of Junius B. Wood, a civilian visitor representing the press. He was aboard the SHENANDOAH during this entire flight and later wrote the article "Seeing America From The SHENANDOAH", which was published in the January, 1925 edition of The National Geographic Magazine.

A copy of this cover is attached as Exhibit A.

Please let me know if you want additional information.

Sincerely,

William O. Boss

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GWA:NERK

U. S. S. SHENANDOAH
NAVAL AIR STATION, LAKEHURST, N.J.

31 October 1924

Dear Sir:

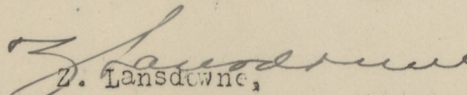
Receipt of your letter and interesting information relative to Radio broadcasting during 10,000 mile cruise of the SHENANDOAH is acknowledged with thanks.

Time of your reception checks with our position and schedules.

The apparatus used is a Navy standard aircraft transmitter, 150 Watt output, radiation four amperes, antenna 216 feet in length suspended from radio car, Wave length 525 meters.

Again thanking you for your interest in the SHENANDOAH, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Z. Lansdowne,
Lieut. Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.

Mr. C.C.Woolsey
4301 Hobart Ave.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

U. S. S. SHENANDOAH
NAVAL AIR STATION
LAKEHURST, N. J.

Mr. C.C. Woolsey
4301 Hobart Ave.,
Los Angeles, California.

Signed by Commander Langsdorff
describes the airship's radio equipment.
during her Trans-Continental Flight. It
radio contact with amateur radio operator
Official mail confirms Shenandoah had

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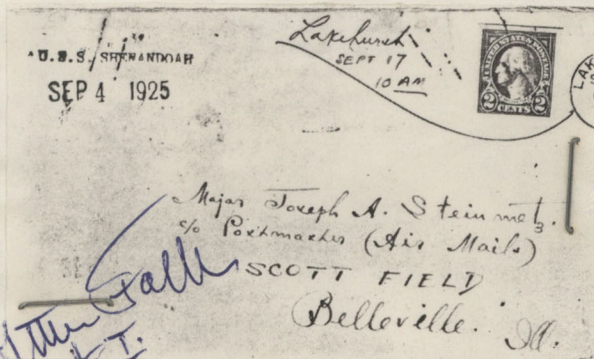
March 29, 1982

number 1

C E R T I F I C A T E

SHENANDOAH crash cover, US dispatch, addressed to Major Joseph A. Steinmetz, c/o Postmaster [Air Mails], Scott Field Belleville, Illinois, carried as pocket mail by a crew member on the ~~XX~~ last flight of the Shenandoah. The front shows a hand-stamp U.S.S. Shenandoah Sept 4 1925 and P.O. arrival mark Belleville Sept. 19, 6 A.M. 1925 on back. as well as partial Lake[hurst] S. cancel. - The Steinmetz is the first and only known cover which survived the crash with additional adequate documents. In my opinion the cover is genuine, I have signed front and back. as Shenandoah number 1. The other documents were signed as part of this certificate number 1.

Arthur Falk



Reverse side org. size

U. S. S. SHENANDOAH
NAVAL AIR STATION, LAKEHURST, N. J.

Caldwell, O.
Friday night,
Sept. 4, 1925

My dear Louise:

Two nights ago, this stationery was aboard the Shenandoah, ill-fated mistress of the skies. It was given to me today by Lieut. Commander C. C. Rosedahl as a memento of the event. I have other souvenirs from his hands.

I had hoped to see you before now but I understand I am to be stationed here a while.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Karl.

Lorain, State of Ohio-

To Wit: I, M. Ducar, of Lorain, Ohio,
County of Lorain, make oath and say; That on September
3rd, 1925, I was living in Pleasant City, Ohio, about
three miles from Ava, Ohio.

And, That on September 3rd, 1925, the
Dirigible Shenandoah Z-R-1 crashed at Ava, Ohio, during
a storm, and I viewed the wrecked ship.

As I was crossing the field near the
wrecked ship, I picked up a piece of the gas bag for a
souvenir. Piece of this cloth attached to affidavit.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence
this.....19.....day of.....February.....1931.

Witness;

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Signed;

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Notary Public

My Commission expires 2/28/1932

