

U. S. Army Post Offices in Greenland 1941-1945

Purpose: Show APO mail from isolated outposts in Greenland during World War II, including U.S. bases, postmark types, and covers with special features.

Importance: The Greenland forces made a significant contribution to the war effort while enduring rigorous, isolated conditions. Their forces were small, their mail is scarce, and this material is much sought after by Greenland postal historians.

U.S. WW II Greenland Bases APO

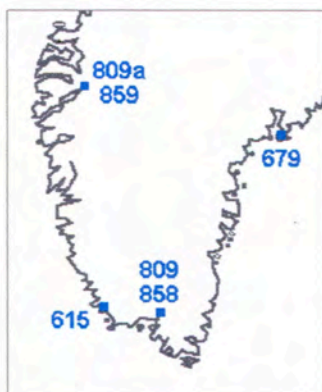
Narsarssuak	Main Airfield	809, 858
Sondre Stromfjord	Alternate Airfield	809a, 859
Iviglut	Cryolite Mine Guard	615
Ikatek	Emergency Field	679

Rationale for U.S. Bases in Greenland

- Ferry planes from U.S. to Britain
- Protect North Atlantic convoys
- Guard the cryolite mine at Ivigtut
- Track Greenland storms to Europe



The APO 858 Post Office at Narsarssuak in 1944



Chapters	WW II Use
Original APO Numbers	
809 Narsarssuak	1941-1942
809a Sondre Stromfjord	1942
615 Ivigtut	1942-1944
679 Ikatek	1942-1945
Replacement Numbers	
858 Replaced 809	1942-1945
859 Replaced 809a	1942-1945

Blue borders highlight the most important items.