



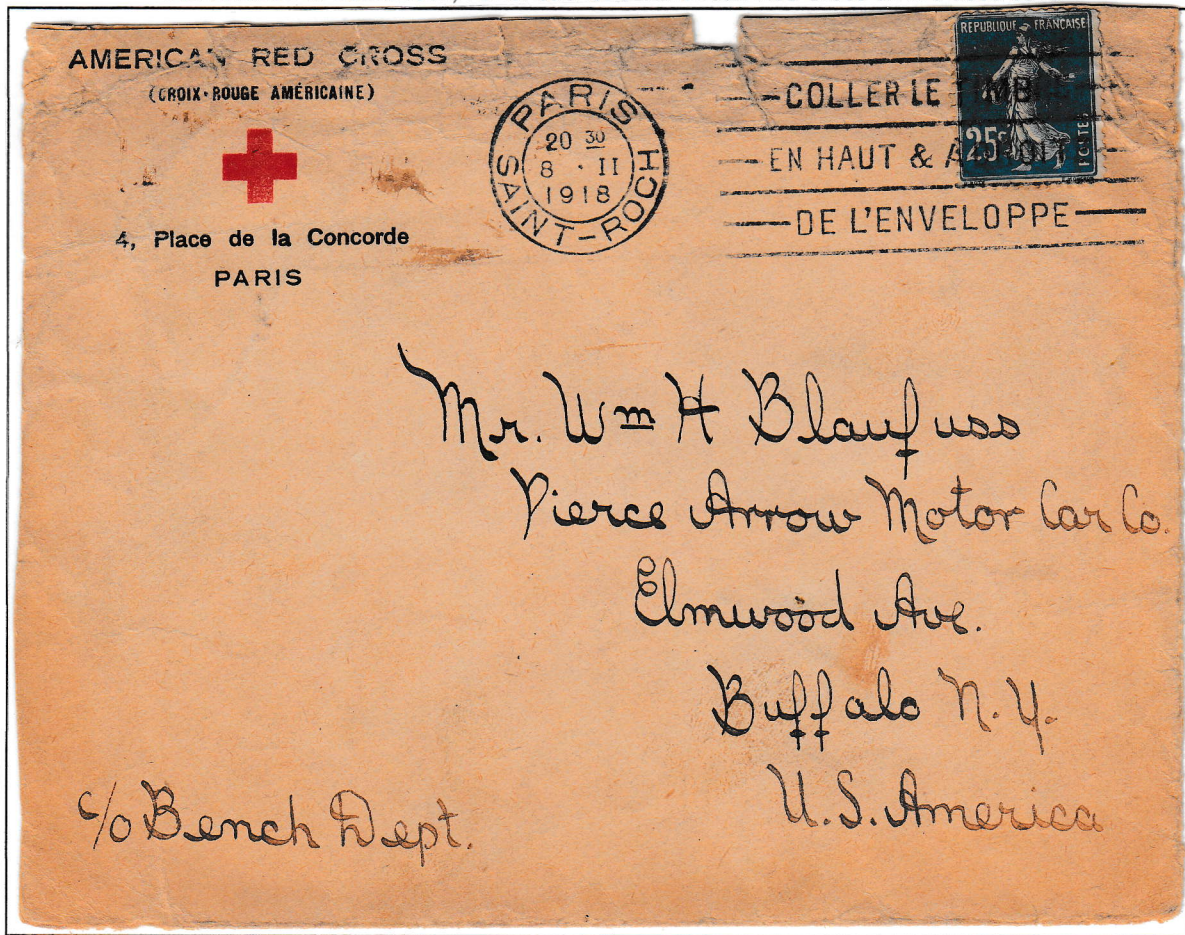
Red Cross

Introduction: International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a humanitarian movement with approximately 16 million volunteers, members and staff worldwide. It was founded to protect human life and health, to ensure respect for all human beings, and to prevent and alleviate human suffering. Within it there are three distinct organizations that are legally independent from each other, but are united within the movement through common basic principles, objectives, symbols, statutes, and governing organizations.

Since its origin, the Red Cross has maintained relations with the postal authorities as close as they are multiple. Indeed the post was the indispensable factor in transmission without whose help the very work of the Red Cross would often have been of no effect. The support given to it by the postal services throughout the entire world enabled it to accomplish its humanitarian tasks in periods of greatest trouble and difficulty.

International exhibition of Red Cross was conducted in Geneva from 15 Aug – 18 Sept 1963 on the occasion of the Red Cross Centenary. One hundred and thirty collections from various collectors worldwide were put on display.

Used cover from American Red Cross in Paris, dated 8 Nov 1918 addressed to Buffalo, N.Y, U.S.A
Cancellation of Saint-Roch, Paris. Cachet of American Red Cross on the used cover



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Henri Dunant and Centenary Emblem

Henri Dunant (8 May 1828 - 30 Oct 1910), was a Swiss humanitarian, businessman, social activist and the co-founder of Red Cross movement. His humanitarian efforts won him the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901.

Horrified by the suffering of the wounded in the Battle of Solferino in N. Italy, Dunant took the initiatives to organize the local population in providing aid for the soldiers. He recorded his experiences in the book "A Memory of Solferino", in which he advocated the formation of an organization that would provide relief for the wounded without discrimination in times of war. In February 1863, Dunant was a member of a five-person committee that sought to put his plan into action, which

in effect founded the organization that would become the **International Committee of the Red Cross**.