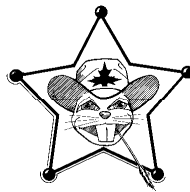


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Happy Holidays

This holiday newsletter is sent to you by the Willsons. We hope your celebrations are happy and meaningful over this season. Feliz Navidad, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah.



POW card at Xmas. The card shown here was sent from the German POW

camp "Engländerlager Ruhleben" (English camp, translation of Ruhleben is quiet life) near the city of Spandau, with the camp cancel dated Dec. 20, 1915. A London transit of Dec. 27 in red is seen at top left of the address side. The red cancel bottom left indicates a free (Freigegeben) of postage mailing, per convention.



Interesting destinations. The interest in stamp collecting for many of us began, I think, when we realized there was a big world out there, and stamps accompanied letters to and from interesting places. My first recollections were of letters from Germany, where I was born. I recall tearing the stamps off both the covers and the paper from the stamps (thereby ruining most of them) long before I had a stamp album. Here is a new acquisition to French Cameroun in 1925. It is the first pre-WWII item I can recall seeing.

