

## Phillip's Corner by Phillip Fetting

### More letters home during World War II, this time from Orlando, FL!

Recently my article illustrated a postcard and cancel from the Orlando Air Base. This article features two letters from Sgt. Arthur Novotny to his parents in Rochester, MN.

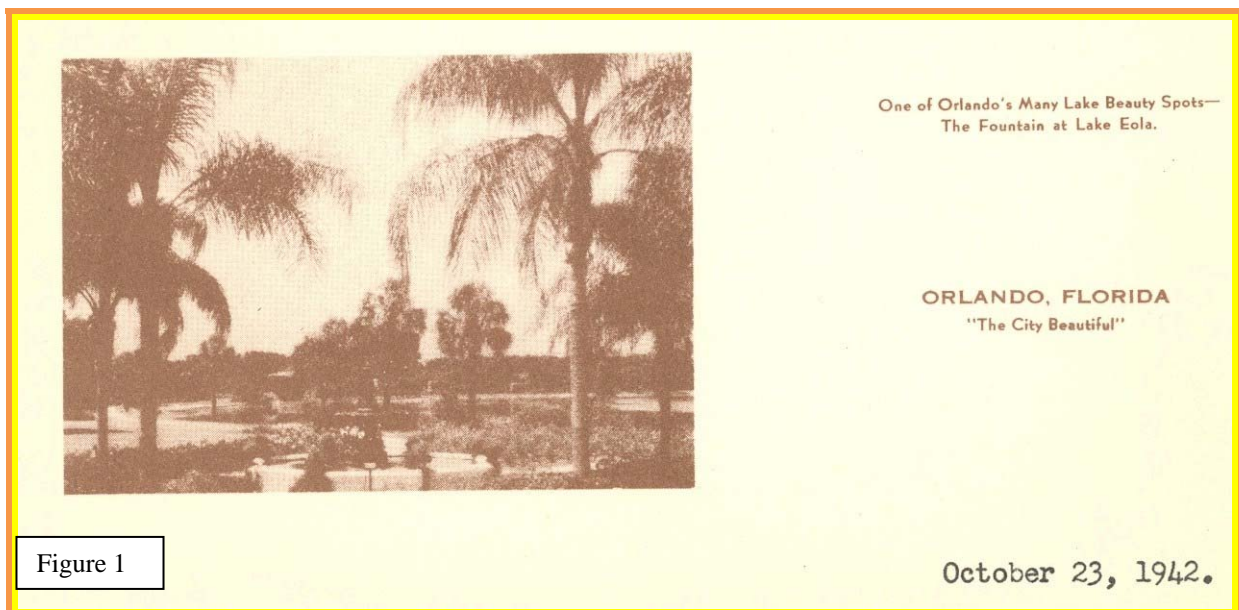
Sgt. Novotny was attached to the Headquarters Squadron of the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, a major training command. Initially it was housed on the Orlando Base, but outgrew the space.

Figure (1) shows the letterhead stationery that was used. It shows a view of the Fountain at Lake Eola. Note that Orlando's nickname was "The City Beautiful".

Both letters are full of routine family comments and references. Of interest to us are his comments in the October 1943 letter stating "We are all settled here at the fairgrounds now and I don't like the place at all but I think that after a few days here it won't seem to bad. We were to accustomed to the comforts of the base...we just have to do all our usual crabbing just to show that we are becoming regular solders."

A few months later in January, 1943 Sgt. Novotny jokes his parents about their 31 degree below weather at home. He states "I get cold here when the temperature drops below 50". He also comments "You should here [sic] the Natives moan about losing the tourist trade. Yet the Army spends twice as much." So you see, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

The training work started by the military in early World War II continues today with the Army and Navy having a major presence in the UCF area working on Simulation and Training Technology.



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**Appendix A: Central Florida Stamp Club Officers**

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2000 - 2001	Carl P. Ulstad	A. Stephen Patrick		Al Quintana	John D. Shirley	
1998 - 1999	Thomas L. Mizak	A. Stephen Patrick		Wade H. Berry	John D. Shirley	
1996 - 1997	James A. Estes	A. Stephen Patrick		Wade H. Berry	John D. Shirley	
1994 - 1995	James A. Estes	William J. Bomar		Wade H. Berry	John D. Shirley	
1992 - 1993	James A. Estes	William J. Bomar		Barbara A. Turgeon	John D. Shirley	
1990 - 1991	Charles Siddaway	William J. Bomar		A. Stephen Patrick	John D. Shirley	
1988 - 1989	A. Stephen Patrick	William J. Bomar		Jane C. Morrison	John D. Shirley	
1986 - 1987	William J. Bomar	A. Stephen Patrick		Wade H. Berry	John D. Shirley	Herman C. Cohen Manny Delgado Sidney R. Weinberg
1984 - 1985	William J. Bomar	Alvin Hintz		Wade H. Berry	Jane C. Morrison	
1982 - 1983	William J. Bomar	Alvin Hintz		Vincent F. Holmwood	Jane C. Morrison	Howard F. Leavitt Gladys S. MacMahon Harold Thomas Jr.
1980 - 1981	William J. Bomar	Alvin Hintz		Howard F. Leavitt	Jane C. Morrison	Charles N. Micarelli Harold Thomas Jr. Max E. Trainer