



# W1 QSL BUREAU

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## ARRL Centennial and WRTC-2014 Special Instructions

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### Introduction

During 2014 two special operating events took place that will require special handling of QSL cards.

The ARRL Centennial has stations on the air from each state and territory using the call W1AW/x, where x is the call area number or territory prefix. For example: W1AW/1, W1AW/2, W1AW/KP2. In addition, the Newington headquarters station is using the call W100AW.

During July 12 and 13, 2014 the New England area hosted the WRTC-2014 event. The competitors used special 1x1 calls. For example: W1A, W1B, W1C, K1A, K1B, N1A. The suffix letters "E", "H", "J", "Q", "X", and "Y" were not used. Many of these cards will have a "via" call indicated on them. This is often the call of the ham that made the application for the special call on the behalf of the WRTC committee. The cards should not be sent to the call in the "via". We, the W1 Bureau, will be collecting the Bureau cards for the WRTC organization.

### Handling Instructions for ARRL Centennial Cards

**PreSort:** Our Bureau receives the incoming cards for the W1AW/x and W100AW QSOs. These cards are hand-carried to Newington. The majority of the cards are pulled out during a pre-sort process. Many cards will still make it to the presorters. Presorters should sort out the W1AW, W1AW/x and W100AW cards. They can be bundled and mixed together. W1AW cards from other years should also be included in the bundle.

Cards for NU1AW should be included with the regular "A" letter bundle.

**Letter Sort:** The "A" letter sorter should send any W1AW, W1AW/x, W100AW cards back to Dennis with the mis-sorts or with the Great Bay club presort cards. NU1AW cards should be in a separate bundle and can be sent to Dennis or directly to the League. The "H" sorter should send any W1HQ cards to Dennis. Watch for cards for "Busted calls" that should be W1AW/x.

## Centennial cards sent to USA Hams

The ARRL will be sending Centennial QSL cards to USA hams via the Bureau. These will be sent to hams that signed up to receive the cards on the ARRL website. This is an allowed exception to the Bureau rules about USA to USA cards.

We will probably receive the cards for the W1 hams in bulk sometime during the first half of 2015. They will be sent to you in the next regular shipment from Dennis. Many hams signed up just to get these cards. Please send them out even if their shipment is less than the 1 oz threshold.

## Handling Instructions for WRTC-2014 Cards

**PreSort:** The majority of the special 1X1 cards are pulled out in the pre-presort process. Presorters should pull out any first call area 1X1 cards with the dates July 12 and 13, 2014. These cards may have a “via” call indicated on them. They should still be pulled out. These cards should all be bundled together as part of the presort process. If checking the date is a problem, for example in a club sort, all 1X1 cards can be bundled together.

**Letter Sort:** Letter Sorters will receive some WRTC-2014 1X1 cards. These should be sent back to Dennis with your mis-sorts. . These cards may have a “via” call indicated on them. They should not be sent to the call indicated by the “via”.

## References

[W1 QSL Bureau Web](#)

[Help with 1X1 Calls](#)

## Revision History

Revision	Description of Change
3-Dec-2014	Initial revision