

PALESTINE MANDATE GOVERNMENT MAIL

The military occupation of Palestine lasted from January 9, 1917 to July 1, 1920 when the British Civil Administration assumed control. The period from December 17, 1917 to February 20, 1918 is known philatelically as the First Interim Period. The Mandate ended in 1948 with the establishment of the State of Israel.

The postal administration was responsible for telegraph, telephone and radio services in addition to the mail service.

All Government Offices and Agency mail was judged to be official, free from basic postal charges within the country; each department used an appropriate rubber stamp identifying the department. All overseas mail and internal express mail were subject to the rates in effect at the time. Wartime shortages caused many covers to be reused (known as austerity usage). Some mailings were made by simply folding the message.

In this exhibit there are five key areas:

1. Military Administration Mail
2. Mandate Inland Mail
3. Mandate Registered and Express Mail
4. Mandate Foreign Mail
5. Late Use of Mandate Official Forms by the Israeli Government

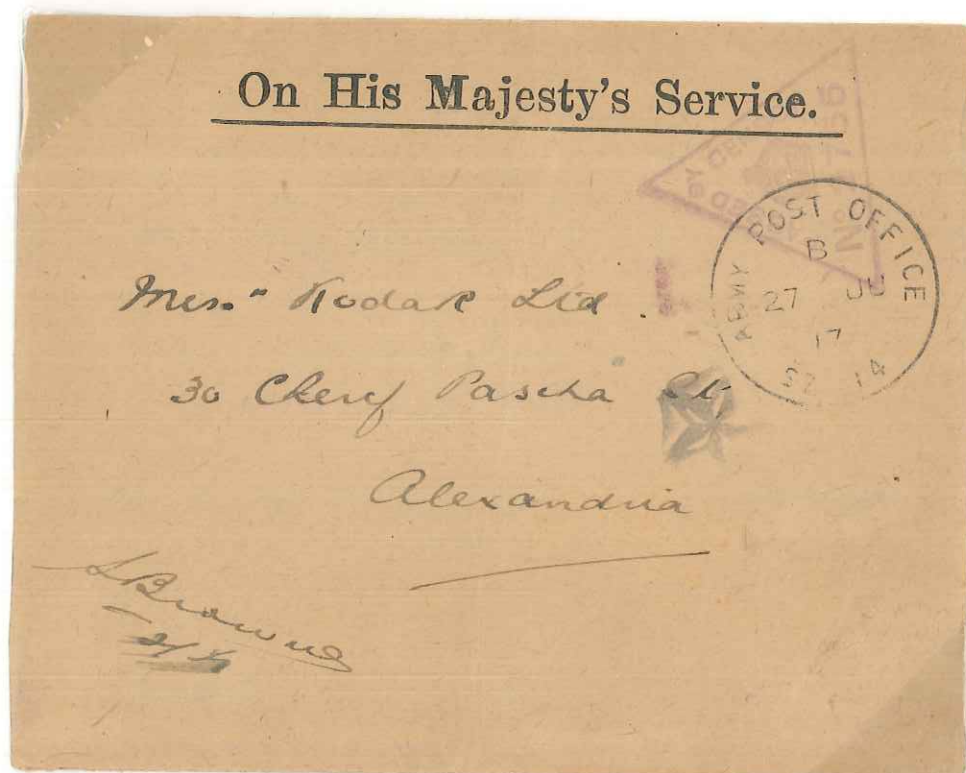
Of special interest are those covers showing:

1. Scarce rates for external mail
2. Provisional registered entires
3. Mail of important personalities
4. Mail to unusual destinations
5. Late recorded usage in Israel

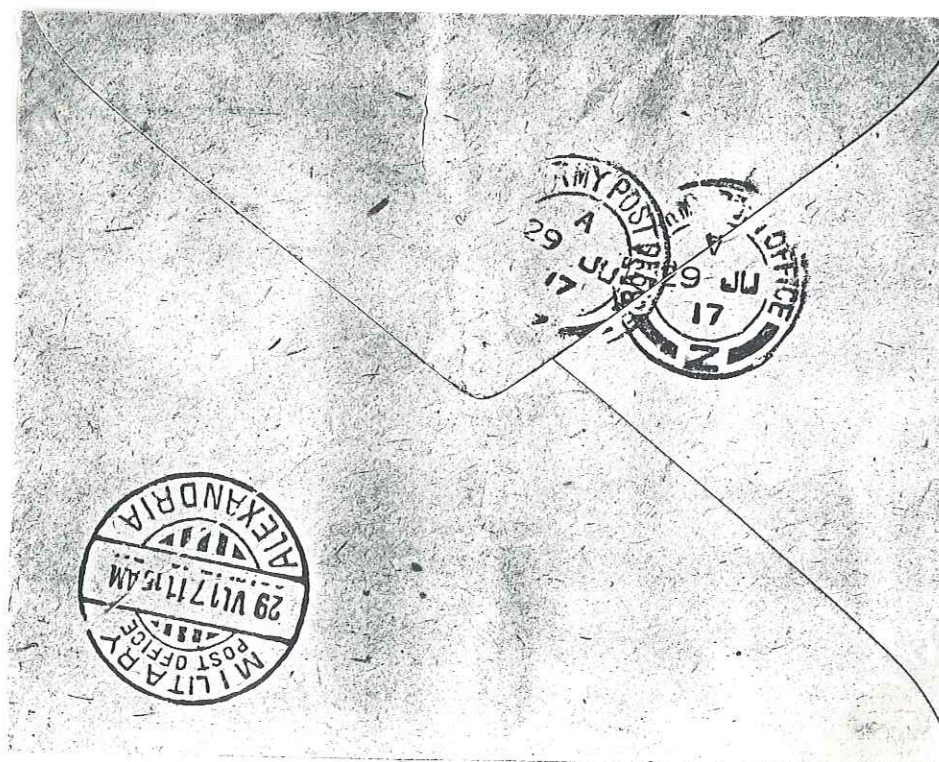
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MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL



Censored cover from APO SZ14 near Beersheba, 27 July 1917, to Alexandria, Egypt. Two Base Army "Z" arrival postmarks on reverse dated 29 July 1917 (one cancel has inverted "A"). Also bears postmark of the Military Post Office in Alexandria.



MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL

No. 91



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Mons. Joseph Grecht

Twickenstr. 17

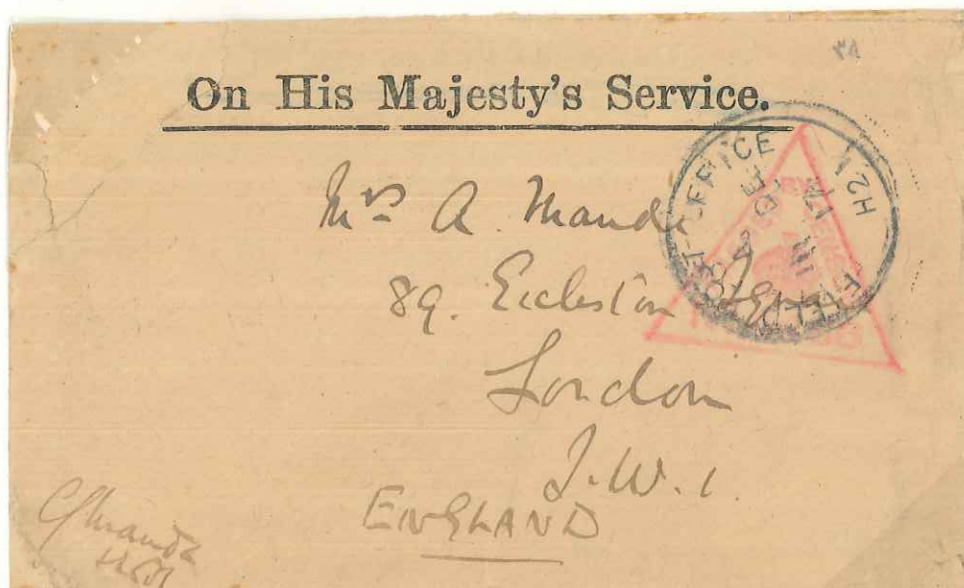
Basel

Switzerland

POST OFFICE.

General Staff Headquarters EEF (GM-1), 1 March 1918, arrived Basel, Switzerland, 30 April 1918. Handstamped "Director of the Army Postal Service EEF". Delivered without postage even though rates of one piastre for foreign mail and one piastre for registered mail had been in effect since 10 February 1918.

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL



Field Post Office H-21 (Jerusalem) with triangular censor cachet 3346 used by the first censor 10 December 1917 to London, England.

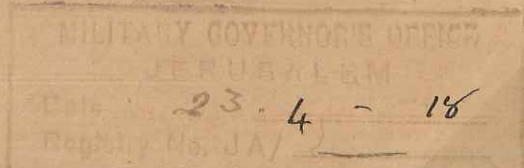


Registered cover 16 May 1918 SZ 45 to EEF General Staff Officer XXI Corps with mixed franking Palestine #3 and #4, censored. Backstamped FPO #21, 17 May 1918.

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL

On His Majesty's Service.

H. L. Larsson
Armenian Colony
Jerusalem



Local mail handstamped "Military Governor's Office, Jerusalem" 23 April 1918. GSS #NA11, earlier date than listed.

URGENT

The Secretary,
Zionist Commission,
Tel Aviv,
Jaffa.

On His Majesty's Service.



SZ16 (Haifa) to Tel Aviv, Jaffa. Handstamped "Chief Political Officer GHQ EEF". Handstamp unlisted. 25 March 1919, late usage of postmark.

From 21st Corps Headquarters EEF,
Palestine. Registered 14 August 1918
to Cardiff, Wales - arrived London
4 September 1918. Unnecessary Frank
with two pence British stamp.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

132/90 R. Brasfer Eng

W. C. Taggart
S. M. H.



MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL

SZ 44 (Jerusalem) from American Red Cross with OHMS handstamp and Red Cross handstamp to Joint Distribution Committee, New York, N.Y. 7 September 1918.

O. H. M. S.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Joint Distribution Committee,
20 Exchange Place,
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., U. S. A.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
COMMISSION TO PALESTINE



MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL

General Staff (GM-1) Intelligence
Section, 7 December 1918, to
Military Governor, Jerusalem.
Reused 8 December 1918 from
Military Governor's office to
American Red Cross, Jerusalem
(NA11). Handstamp five months
later date than shown in GSS.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Lieut. Huntington

*American Red Cross Commis-
sioner*

Jerusalem

MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JERUSALEM
8-12-18
Registry No. JAI-4

DO NOT
REMOVE
AGAIN

Label attached
to cover reads
"Please use this
envelope again".

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL



Registered, from General Staff Headquarters (GM-1) to London, England 13 November 1918. Arrived London 12 December 1918. Franked with two 1 Piastre (Palestine #3) proper rate for registered mail to Great Britain.



Registered from General Staff Headquarters (GM-1) to Ipswich, England 20 November 1918. The blue crayon marking, continued on the reverse, indicates the cover was attached to a larger item, probably triple weight. Therefore, 3 Piastre plus 1 Piastre registration fee. Franked with two 2 Piastre typos (Palestine #11).

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL

Handstamped from the "General Staff Intelligence Section" to the Anglo-Palestine Bank in Jaffa, 30 July 1919.

3741- ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Mr. Lova. Schmittson.
Anglo-Palestine Bank
Jaffa.

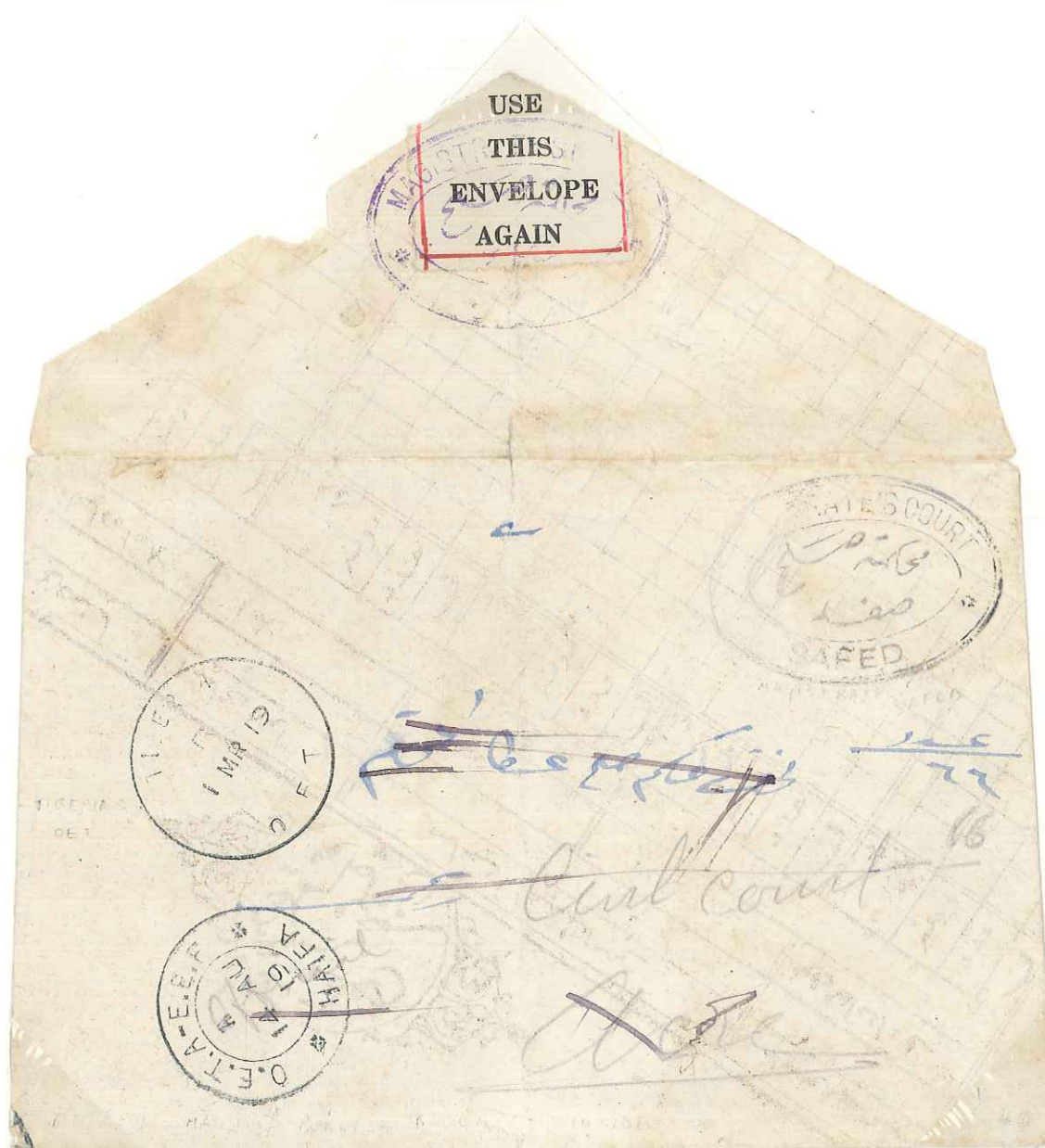
Z.C.

B



Jaffa O.E.T.A.-E.E.F.
postmark on reverse,
dated 31 July 1919.

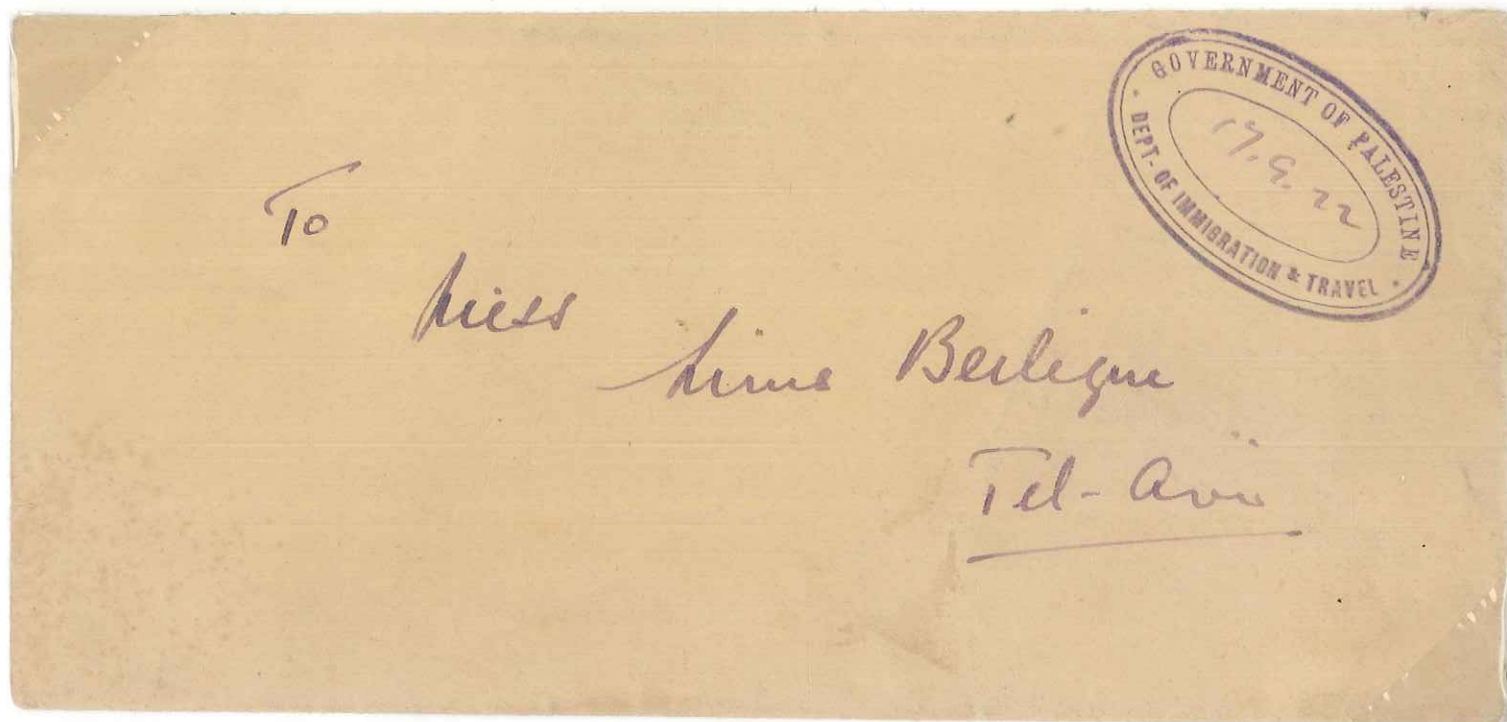
MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL



Cover formed from a Turkish document from Magistrate's Court, Safad, to the Civil Court, Acre. Evidently reused since cover bears Tiberias OET postmark dated 1 March 1919 and OETA Haifa postmark dated 14 August 1919.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Early Mandate cover dated 17 September 1922, addressed to Miss Nina Berligne in Tel Aviv, from the Department of Immigration and Travel.



Nina Berligne was a volunteer nurse in the British Army during World War I. She was romantically involved with Vladimir Jabotinsky. Her father objected to this and sent her to Switzerland to study medicine. She later returned to Tel Aviv as a dermatologist. Since she spoke five languages, she served in the Chief Censors office in Palestine, during World War II.

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION MAIL

Ramallah 17 January 1920,
Registered. Postmark
rated V.R. in Dorfman,
later date than listed.
"Magistrates Court" hand-
stamp unlisted in Sacher.
Arrival postmark Jerusalem
19 January 1920 on reverse.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

لورد

سعادة النائب المولى بالقدس الحرم

لورد



A

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Palestine Posts and Telegraphs

*The Secretary General
Chief Rabbinate of Eretz Israel*

Date Stamp

POSTS & TELEGRAPHS
PALESTINE

Jerusalem

ASST. DIRECTOR
GENERAL SERVICES

Ref. No.

POST OFFICE

Very early P.T. form (hand numbered receipt)
19 April 1921, folded and mailed without cover.
Posts and Telegraph handstamp in blue; in-
frequently seen since most examples are black.

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.

*Chief Rabbinate for
Palestine
Jerusalem*

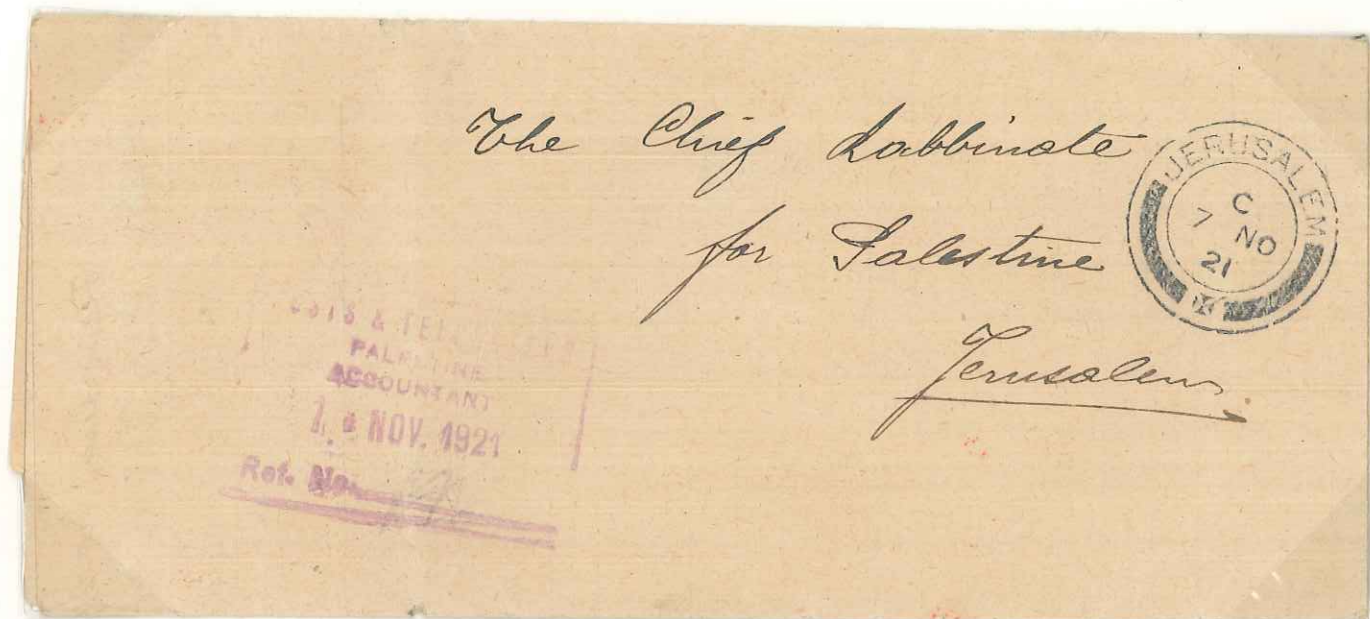
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TELEPHONE TRUNK CALL ACCOUNT.

P.T. form #64 with style of type seldom seen on official forms. Hand-
stamp of Posts and Telegraphs, Accounts Branch Registry. Mailing
consisted of a folded invoice for monthly telephone charges, to
Chief Rabbinate for Palestine, Jerusalem, 6 March 1922.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



Telephone invoice mailed without cover. Handstamp from Accounting office dated 7 November 1921, six years earlier than listed in GSS.

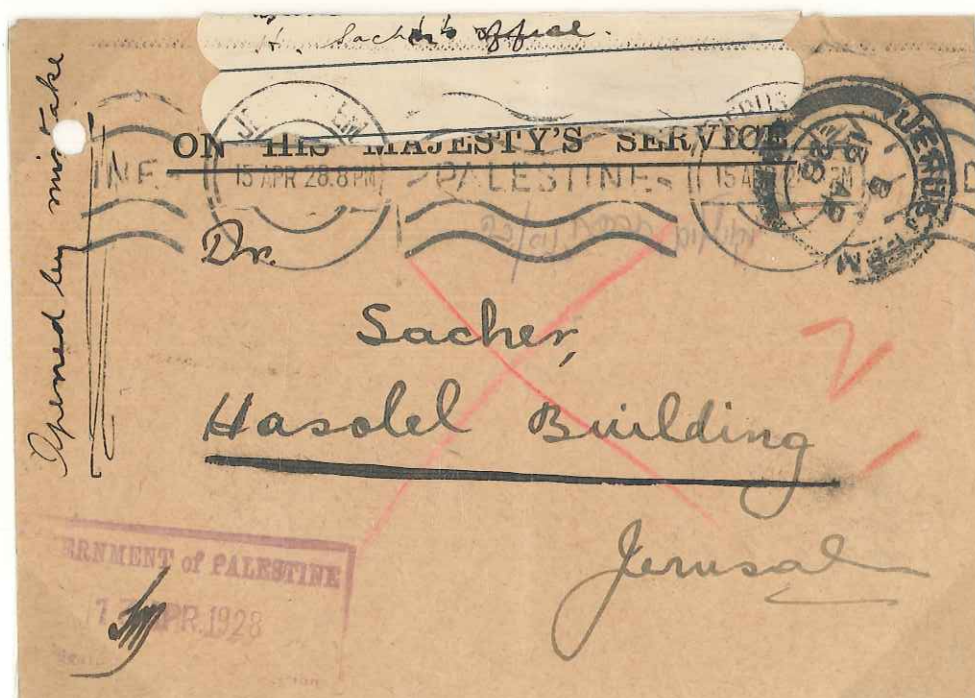


Early O.H.M.S. preprinted Post Card to Jaffa. Earliest recorded date of "Public Security" handstamp 9 October 1922.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



P.T. Form 366 printed Palestine Posts, Telegraphs & Telephones, 19 August 1926. "Postmaster" handstamp usage known from 1924 to 1928.

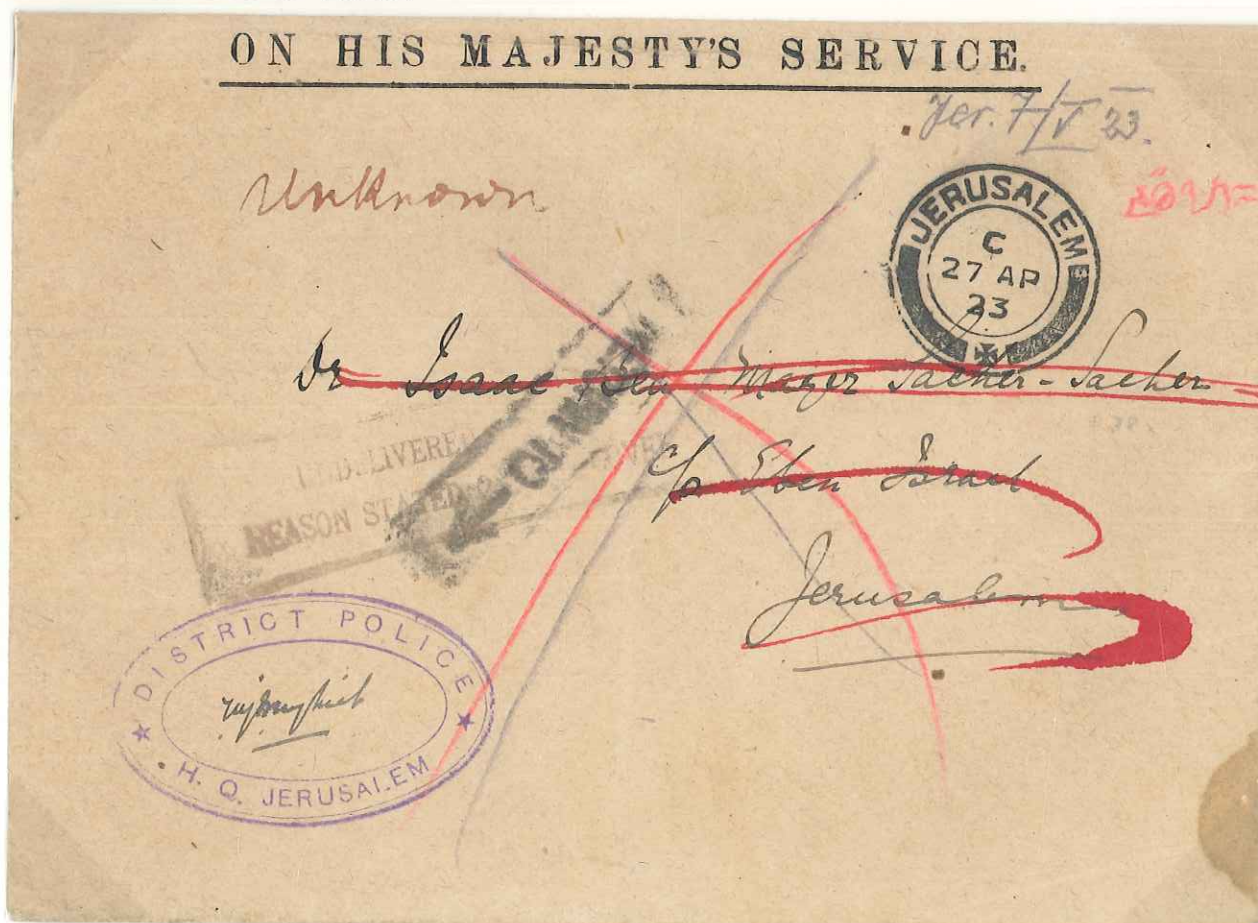


Cover mailed 13 April 1928. Opened in error. Reused 15 April 1928 with "Jerusalem-Palestine" machine cancel in use only from January to August 1928.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



Cover to Jaffa using Haifa-Kantara TPO cancel
1 December 1926. TPO cancels seldom seen on
Official Mail.



Local Jerusalem mail 27 April 1923, returned undelivered -
addressee unknown. "District Police" handstamp unlisted
in GSS.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

From Ber Jacob 10 February 1926
to Haifa. Ber Jacob cancel
seldom seen on Official Mail
since this post office was
closed in October 1926.

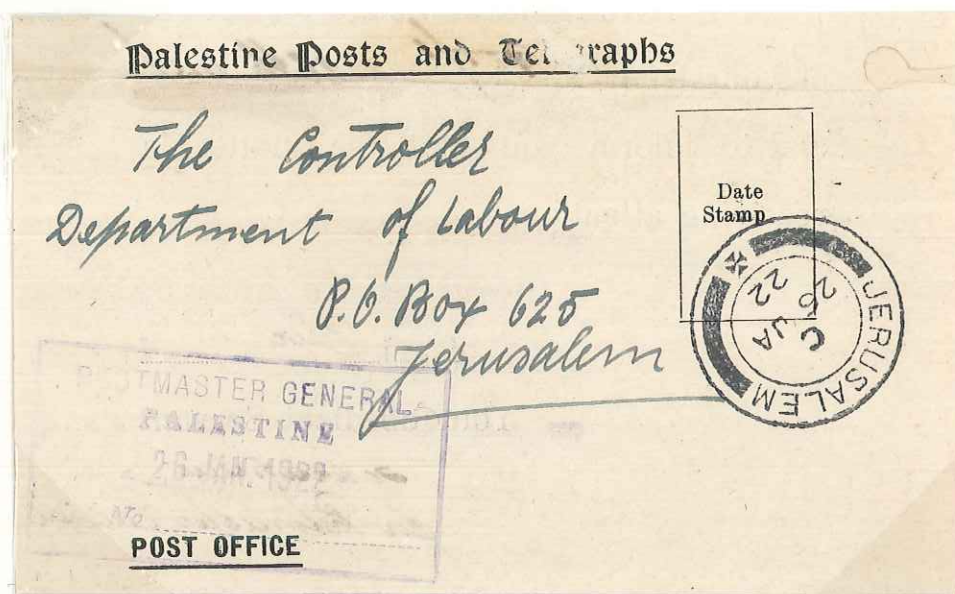
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.
Chief Accountant
Palestine Railways
Haifa

CERTIFIED OFFICIAL

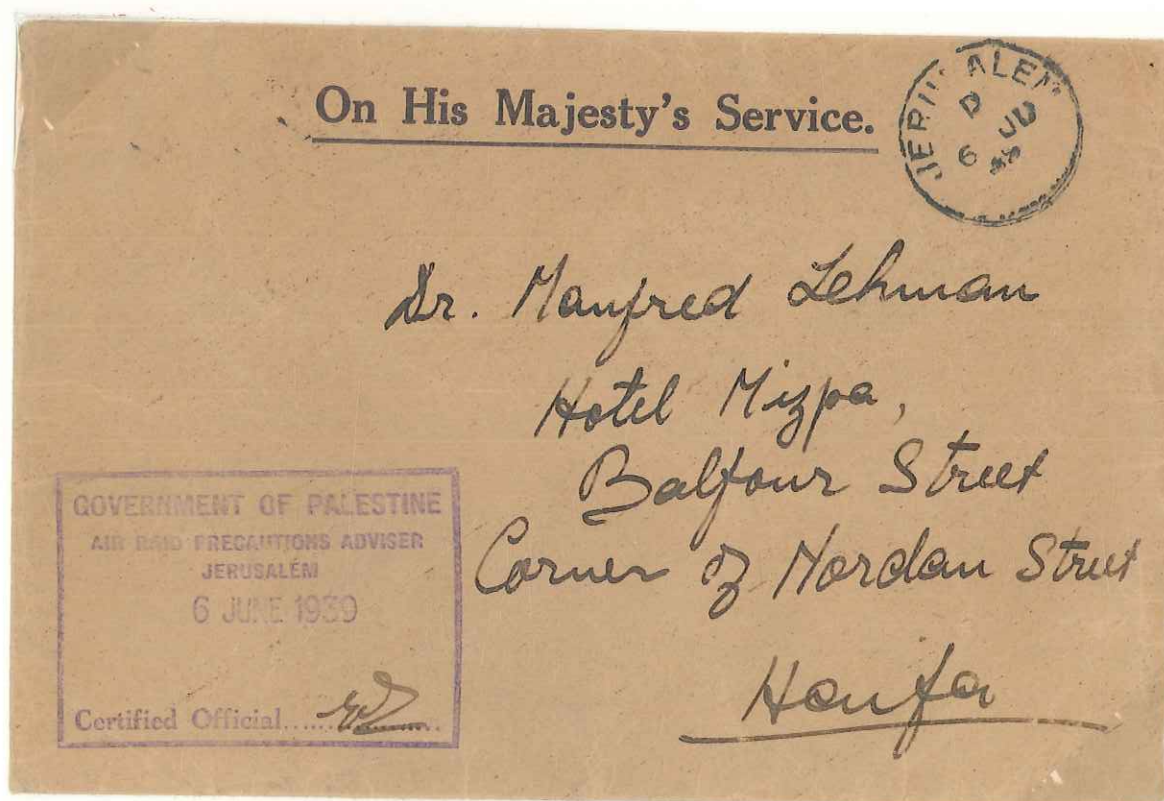


Ber Jacob, the site
of an important Bri-
tish military base,
was on the Haifa-
Kantara railroad.
A TPO cancel is on
the reverse. The
"Command Accounts
Office" handstamp is
unlisted.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



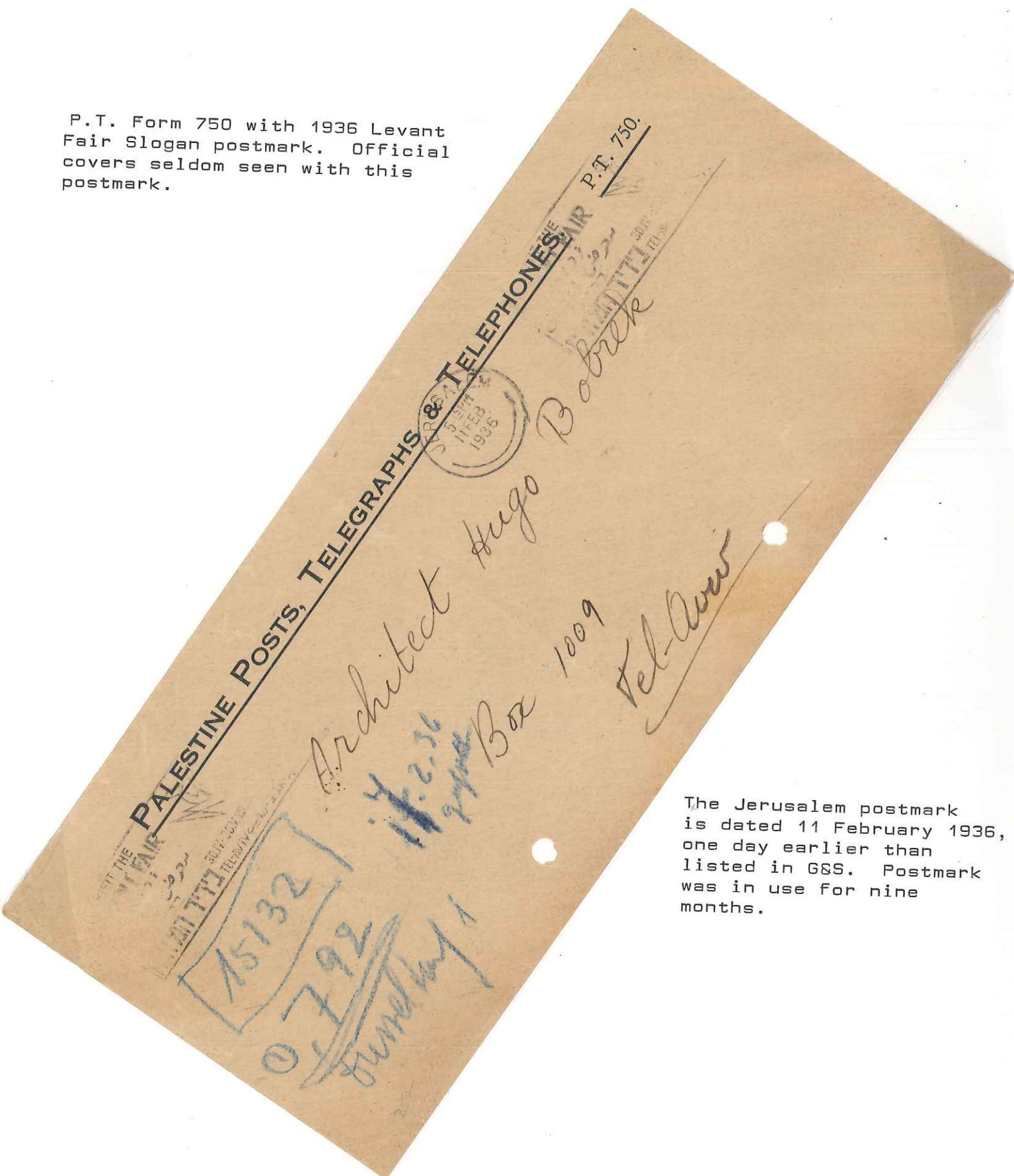
Early unnumbered PT form mailed without an envelope, from the Postmaster General to the Controller of the Department of Labor Jerusalem, 26 January 1922.



From Jerusalem to Haifa, 6 June 1939. The Air Raid Precautions Adviser handstamp is unlisted. Unusual in that World War II was not declared until September 1939.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

P.T. Form 750 with 1936 Levant Fair Slogan postmark. Official covers seldom seen with this postmark.



The Jerusalem postmark is dated 11 February 1936, one day earlier than listed in G&S. Postmark was in use for nine months.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

From FPO 20, Army Force
Headquarters at the King
David Hotel in Jerusalem,
dated 20 November 1936.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

*Cl Main Supply Depot
Rase
Haifa*



This office was open
from 25 September
1936 to 10 January
1937 during the Arab
riots. It is hand-
stamped at the head-
quarters of the
British Forces in
Palestine and Trans-
Jordan.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Cover from German
bank taken over
by the British
Government during
World War II.

BANK DER TEMPELGESELLSCHAFT
(Bank of the Temple Society) Ltd.
JAFFA, P. O. B. 24
(PALESTINE)



Handstamped "On His
Majesty's Service"
and "King Solomon's
Bank" in Hebrew,
20 March 1940.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

From the office of the Superintendent of Palestine Railways in Haifa to Tel Aviv, 20 March 1937; also stamped "Certified Official-Palestine Railways".

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

*Mr. J. Shannopolsky
44. Yarnet Street
Tel. Aviv*

**Certified Official
PALESTINE RAILWAYS**

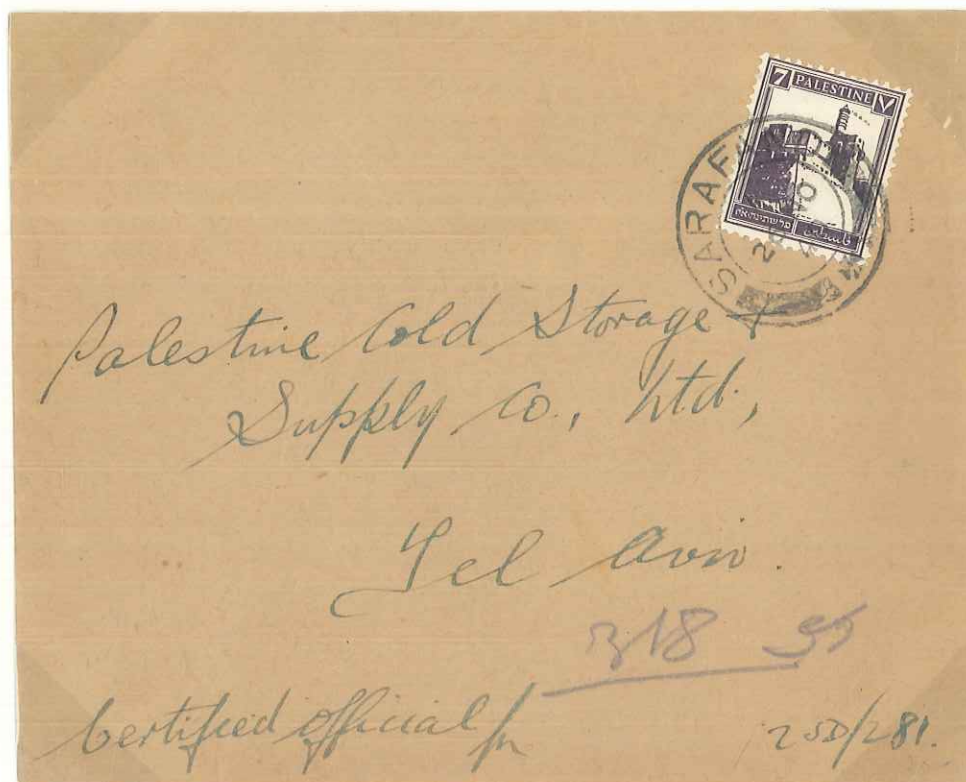
**PALESTINE RAILWAYS.
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE LINE**

Reference
Date

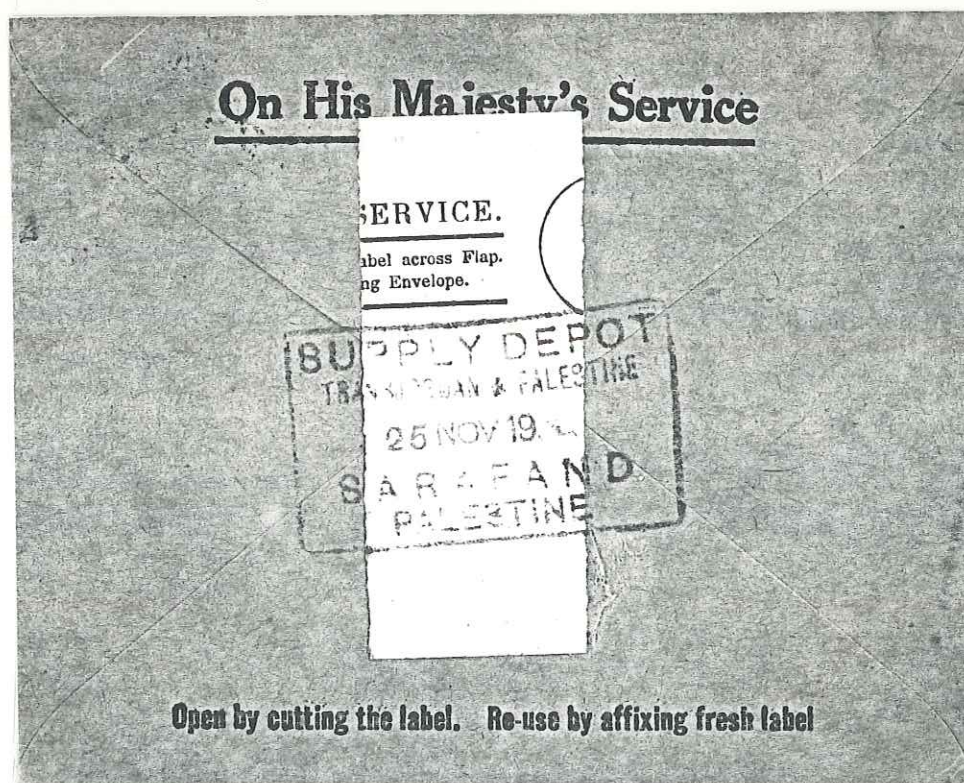
20 MAR 1937

20 March 1947 is the latest known date of this handstamp. A Tel Aviv arrival postmark dated 21 March 1937 is on reverse.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



Official cover from Sarafand Supply Depot
26 November 1940. Franked 7 mil, local rate
in effect at time, even though franking was
not necessary.



Sarafand was the principal military base for
Transjordan and Palestine.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Official wrapper
of the Palestine
Gazette, the official newspaper
of the British
Government -
10 February 1948.
Dated four years
earlier than
listed in G&S.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Dr. S.F. Grunzweig,
c/o Dr. Zakheim,
28, Achad Haam Str.,

841 E

TEL AVIV.



GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.



The PALESTINE GAZETTE

(Registered as a Newspaper)

الوقائع الفلسطينية

الجريدة الرسمية لحكومة فلسطين

مسجلة كجريدة

מגזין השלי של ממשלת פלשתינה (א"י)
(גרסה בתור עותק)

"The Government Printer accepts no
responsibility for the non-delivery of publica-
tions once they have been despatched."

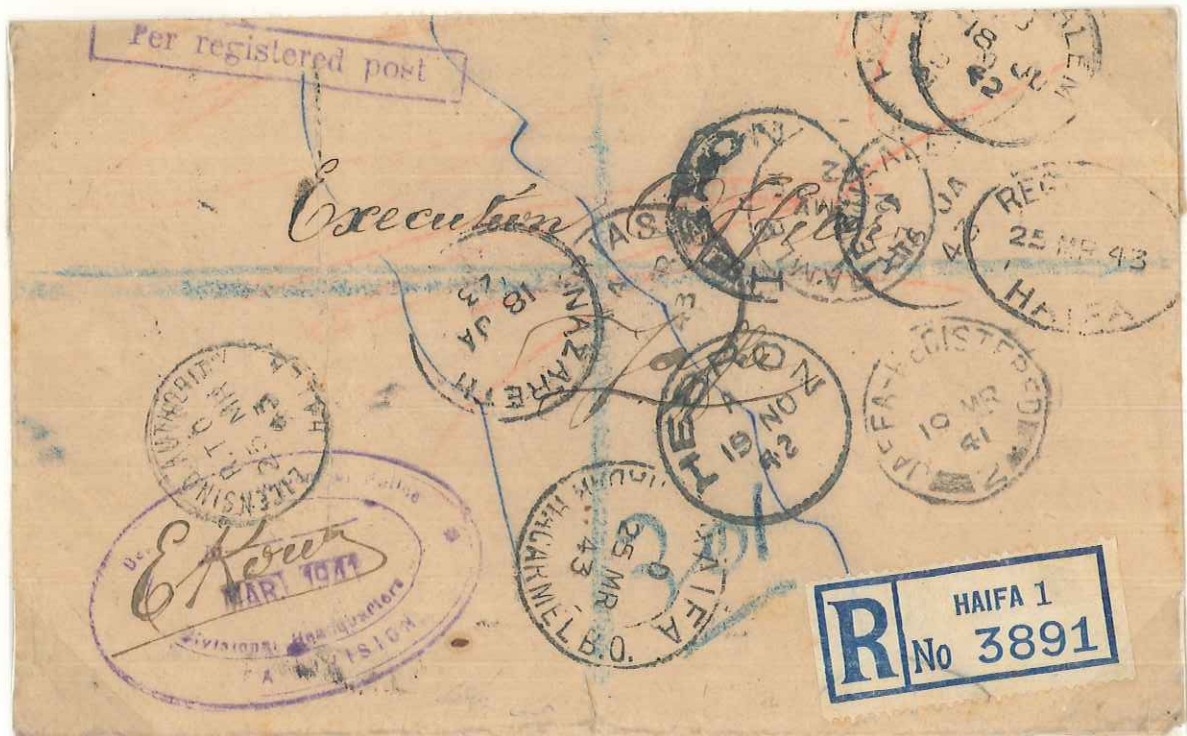
« אין מלאחץ מ... »

مسؤولية عن عدم توزيع المطبوعات بعد ارسالها

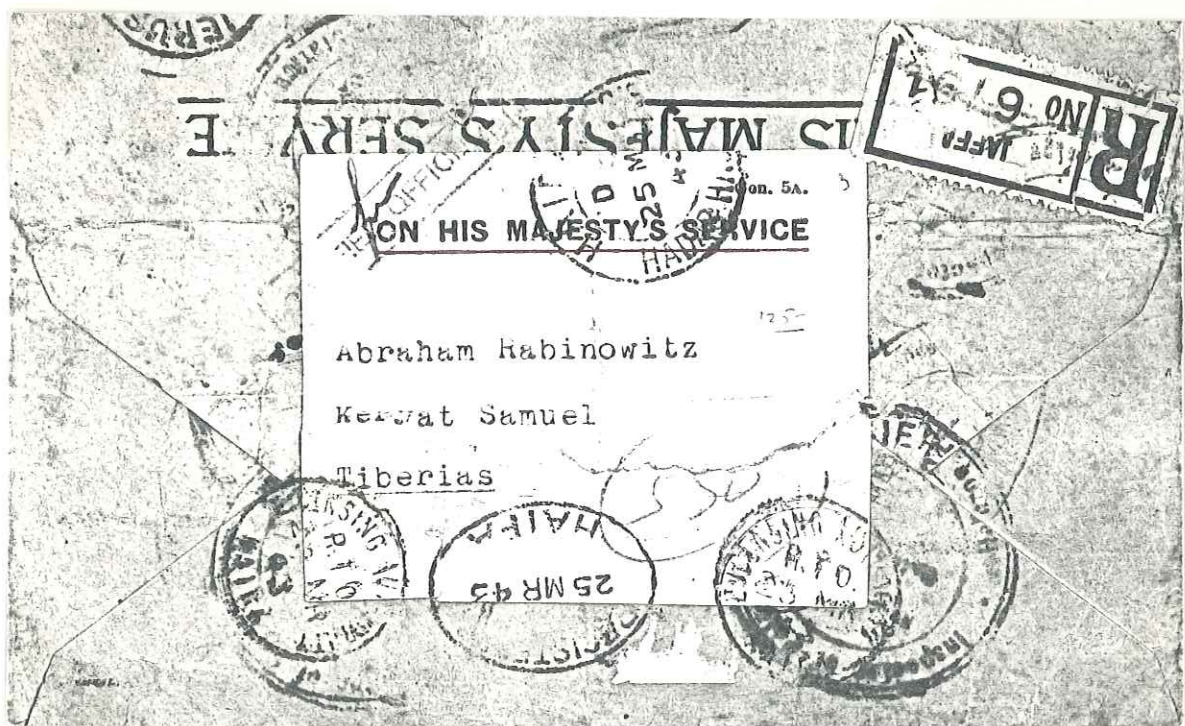
« מנהל בית הדפוס הממשלתי אינו מקבל אחריות
לאי-מסירתם של דברי דפוס לאחר שנשלחו מבית הדפוס. »

GPP. 928-60,000 5.7.27-27/8.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



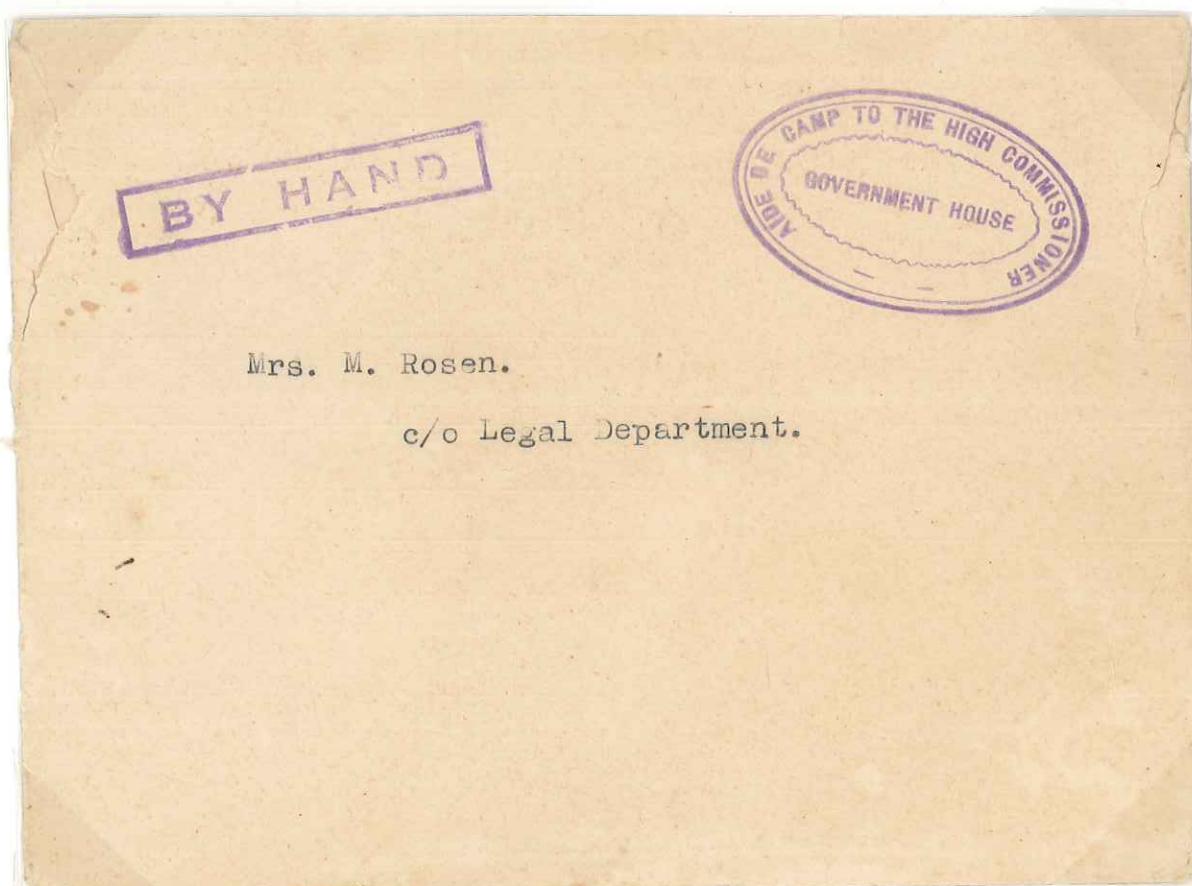
Example of extreme multiple usage. Cover used several times over a two year period with cancels from 19 March 1941 to 25 March 1943. Handstamped March 1941 "Deputy Inspector of Police, Haifa Division", Licensing Authority postmark unusual on mail.



MANDATE INLAND MAIL

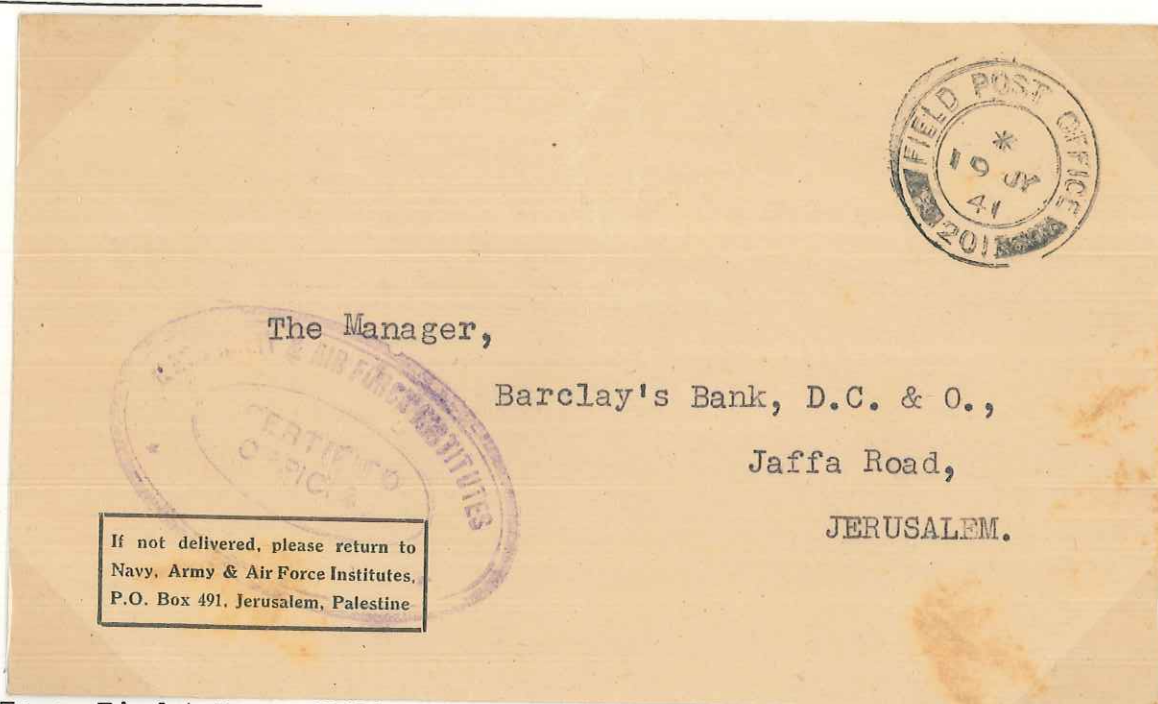


Agricultural Office Tulkarem to the Agricultural Office Tel Aviv, 19 September 1943. A scrap of paper was used to transcribe the letter, it was folded and marked O.H.M.S. by hand.



From the Aide De Camp to the High Commissioner, sent to a member of the Legal Department, carried "by hand" in January 1946. It contained an invitation to visit the High Commissioner.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



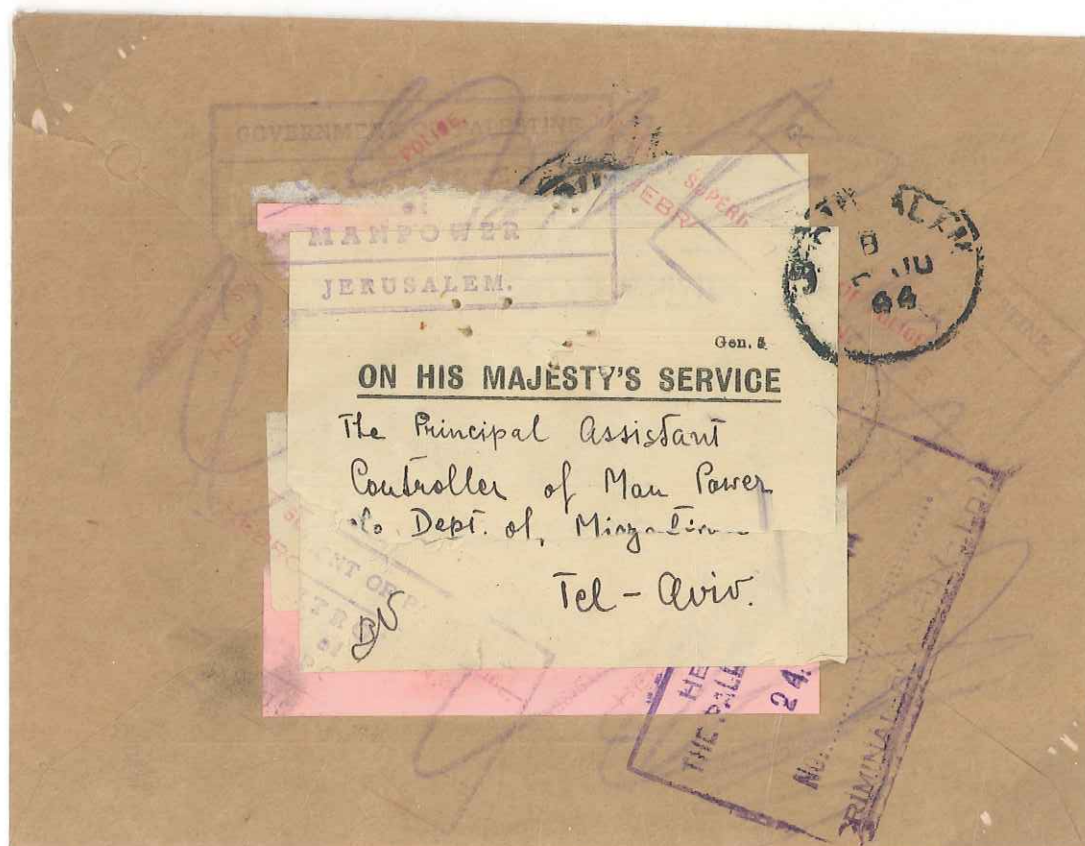
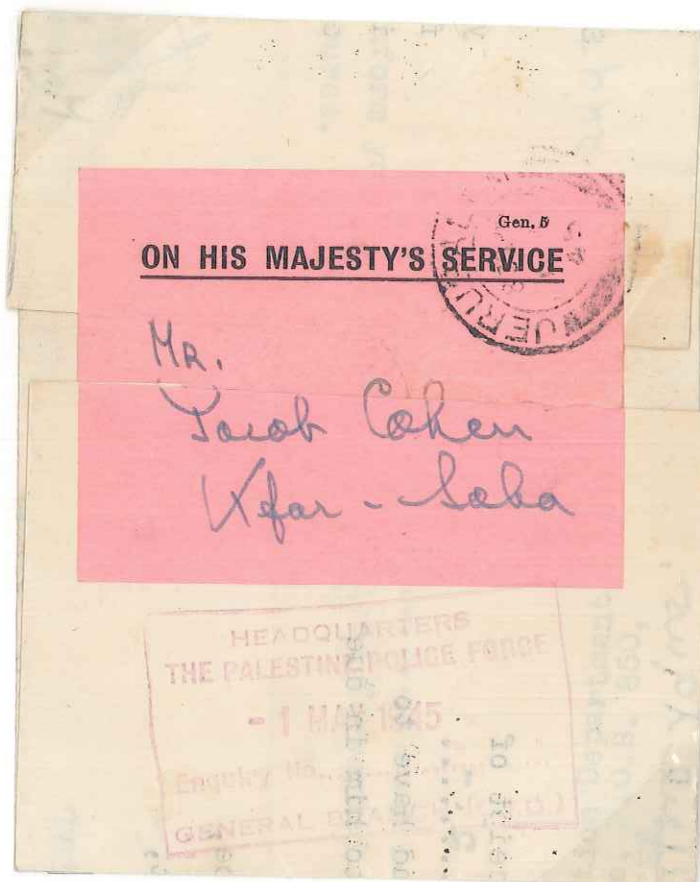
From Field Post Office 201 (Jerusalem), 19 July 1941. Early usage of Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes handstamp.



Official usage 6 October 1942 from Assessing Officer, Jerusalem, unfranked. Cover reused by a civilian 7 October 1942 with 10 mil pictorial. Reused again on 9 March 1943 with two five mil pictorials - proper rate for Inland mail.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Letter without cover from Palestine Police to father of Yehoshua Cohen. At the time, Cohen was in prison (The Gilgil) in Kenya for right wing activities against the Mandate Government. The letter acknowledges receipt of two pounds for spending money to be forwarded to the internee. Cohen later became the personal bodyguard and inseparable companion of David Ben Gurion, to whom he admitted that he had been one of the three assassins of Count Bernadotte on 17 September 1948.



Multiple use of austerity cover:

- 1) Hebron
25 May 1944
 - 2) Jerusalem
6 June 1944
 - 3) Tel Aviv
7 June 1944
- Cover shows several government handstamps.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Head Postmaster Haifa

Early

Please confirm that the
3 'lock up' mail bags intended
for Airport Aerial have been
returned to P.O. Stores.

- 4 OCT. 1947

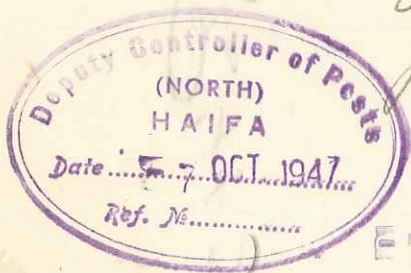
A. Z. S.
DEPUTY CONTROLLER of POSTS
(NORTH)

NR 796/7



Deputy Controller of Posts (N)

The bags are still on hand.
My P. 68. of today refers,
please.



7 OCT 1947

A. Blum's
HEAD POSTMASTER
HAIFA

Notes between Haifa Post Offices re: mail bags. Folded letter sent and answered on same piece. The handstamps were used to identify both the sender and the recipient.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



Letter from the District Officer of settlements in Tel Aviv, 14 July 1947, to the Farmers Cooperative pertaining to the treatment of citrus groves against Black Scale. The letter was folded as shown and mailed without an envelope. It was returned to sender stamped "Embarrassing Postal Packet" postmarked Tel Aviv, 16 July 1947. The Palestine Post Office Guide issued by the Postmaster General stated as follows:

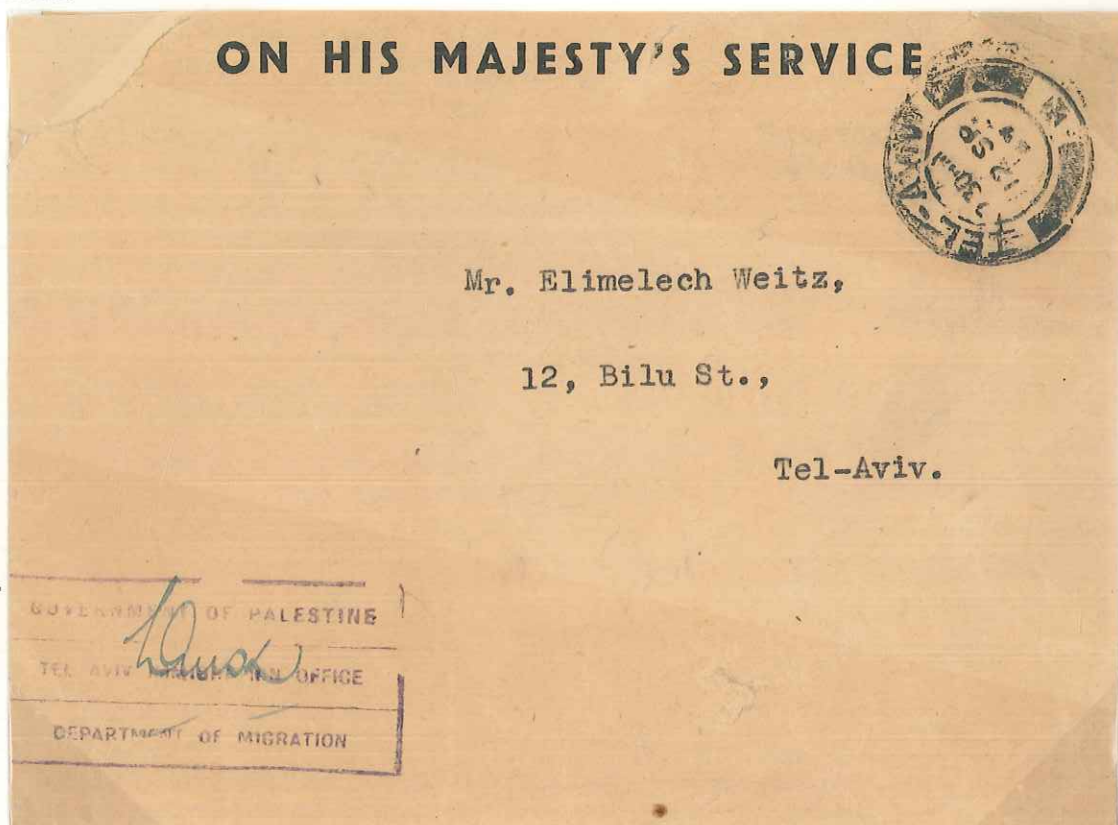
"EMBARRASSING PACKETS: Packets of such a form or so made up for transmission by post as to be likely to embarrass the officers of the post office in dealing with packets in the post are prohibited from transmission by post".

The postal service considered any piece of mail "embarrassing" if it caused confusion or led to errors in delivery.

This piece is the only known combination of Government mail with an "Embarrassing Postal Packet" handstamp.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

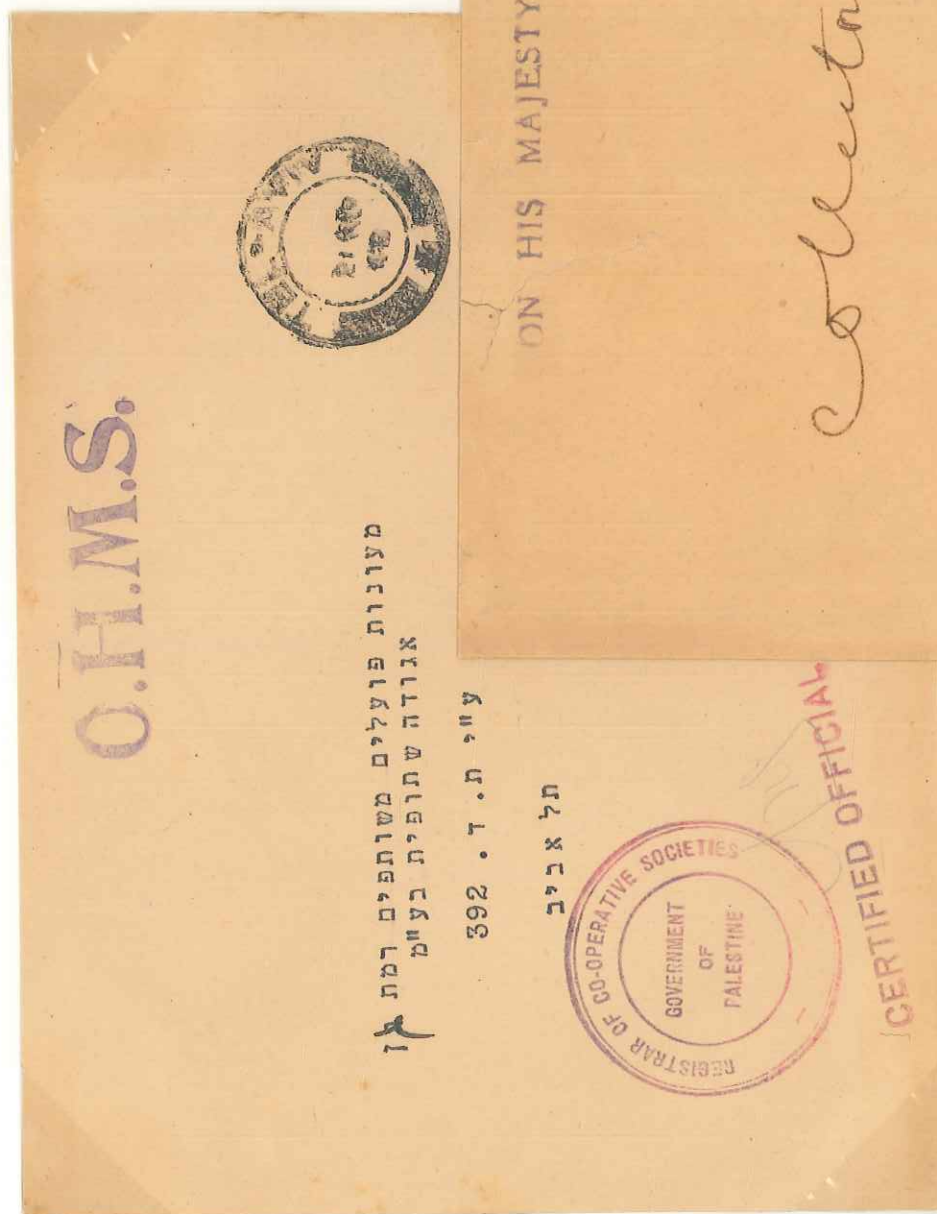
Local Tel Aviv
cover to Emil
Weitz from Depart-
ment of Migration,
12 September 1947.
Emil Weitz was a
founder of the
Judaica Historical
Philatelic Society
and author of
"Jewish History
Through Philately".



Late use O.H.M.S.
handstamp instead
of printed cover,
19 December 1947.
From Supreme
Court, Jerusalem
to Tel Aviv.

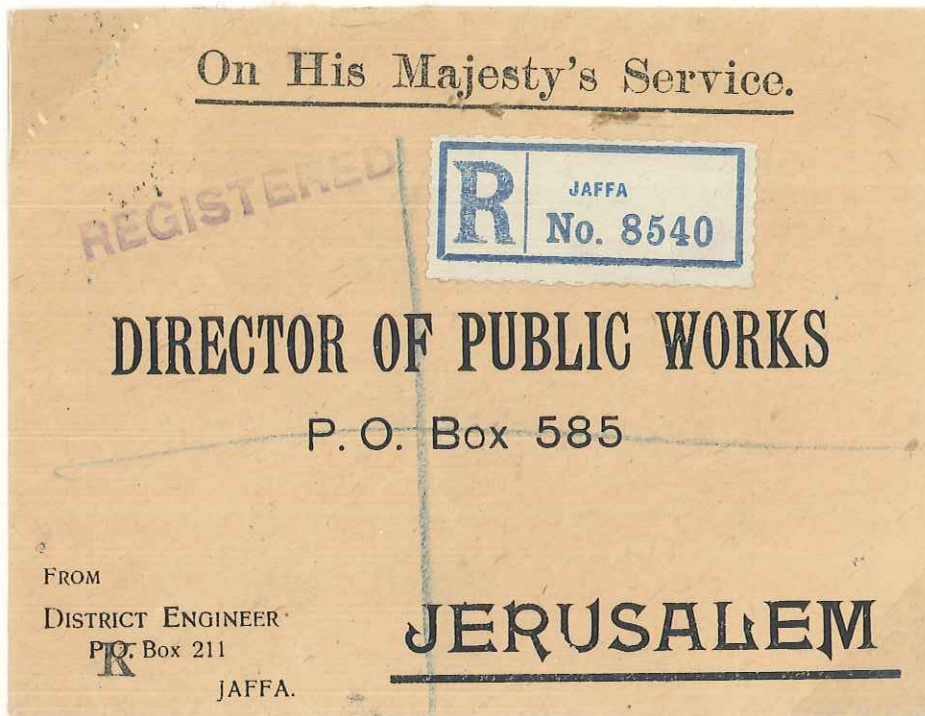
MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Late usage using hand-stamp instead of printed stationery, 4 March 1948. One of the last known official covers from Nablus. Handstamped "Custom House, Nablus".



Late usage using hand-stamp for O.H.M.S., 21 April 1948. Addressed in Hebrew which was unusual for O.H.M.S. mail.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Early registered cover from District Engineer, Jaffa, 17 November 1921 to Director of Public Works, Jerusalem. Arrived 18 November 1921. Arrival cancel on reverse.



Registered and Express cover from Nazareth District Engineer with P.T. Form 534 Express Seal. Franked 25 mil Proper Express rate, 13 December 1940, with Jerusalem arrival cancel on reverse.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Early Advice of Delivery of Registered Mail from the Postmaster, Jaffa to Jerusalem 7 November 1924.

P. T. 506

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ADVICE OF DELIVERY,**

Timbre du Bureau d'origine

TO } *Messrs The Jaffa Motor Works*
Shatebakah Cars Distributors
Birket Mamillah Street
Jerusalem

Stamp of Office of Origin

7 NOV. 1924

Lien de Destination
Place of Destination

Palstine

Pays de Destination
Country of Destination

SERVICE DES POSTES

POST OFFICE *Messrs*

Lubanski Bros
Jaffa

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES DE PALESTINE
POST OFFICE OF PALESTINE

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.
ADVICE OF DELIVERY.**

1 d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de }
of a letter insured for }
d'un objet recommandé }
of a registered article }
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de }
of a parcel insured for }
de }
of }
expédié par } M. *Isaac Hourion*
Sent by }
et adressé à } M. *Secretary Central*
and addressed to } *Town Planning Commission Jerusalem*
(full address) }
(1) enregistré au bureau
registered at the Office

(2) *13 mil*

Le Soussigné déclare }
The undersigned acknowledges that }
et provenant }
and posted at }
livré le }
delivered on the }
Signature (3) }
du destinataire }
of the addressee }
de l'agent du bureau distributeur }
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office }

1 Nature de l'objet } lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc. }
Nature of article } letter, sample printed paper, etc. }
2 { Bureau d'Origine; date de dépôt à ce }
Bureau; No. d'enregistrement au même bureau }
Office of Origin; date of posting at this Office; }
No. of registration at this Office. }

3. Note: Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si le règlement du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier directement à l'adresse indiquée au recto

Note: This advice must be signed by the addressee, or if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first mail to the address shown on the other side.

Reverse of Advice of Delivery for Registered letter mailed to the Secretary of the Jerusalem Town Planning Commission, 5 June 1929.

13 mil fee for return receipt is affixed.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Registered to Haifa from
Veterinary Service in
Jerusalem 11 August 1933.
This handstamp is unlisted.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

REGISTERED

Aziz Eff. Mikati,

HAIFA.



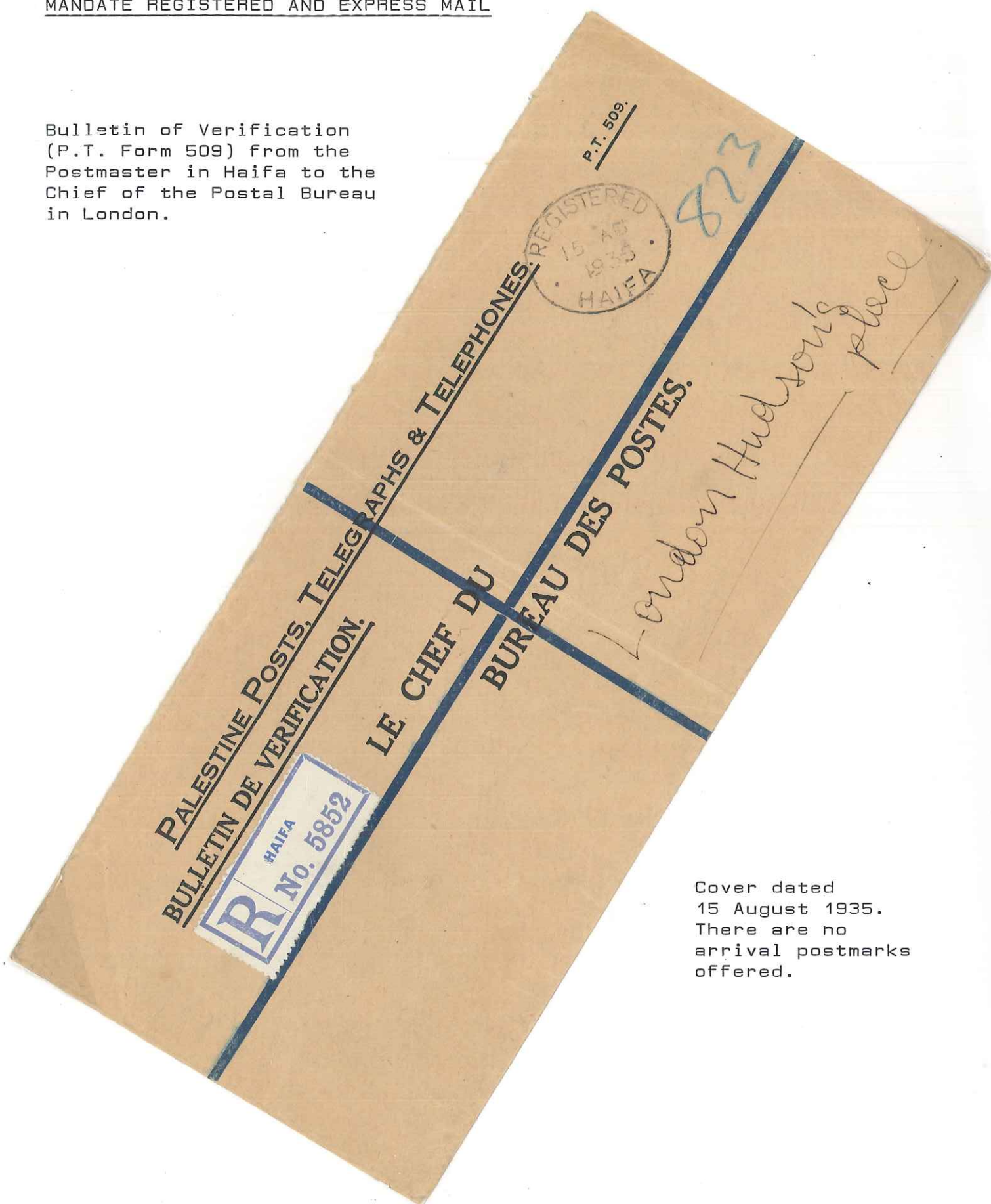
JERUSALEM
R No 4884

Certified Official
11 AUG 1933
VETERINARY SERVICE

The registration
label is denoted
as "RM". It was
put into use on
22 July 1933 and
remained in use
until 7 February 1948.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Bulletin of Verification
(P.T. Form 509) from the
Postmaster in Haifa to the
Chief of the Postal Bureau
in London.

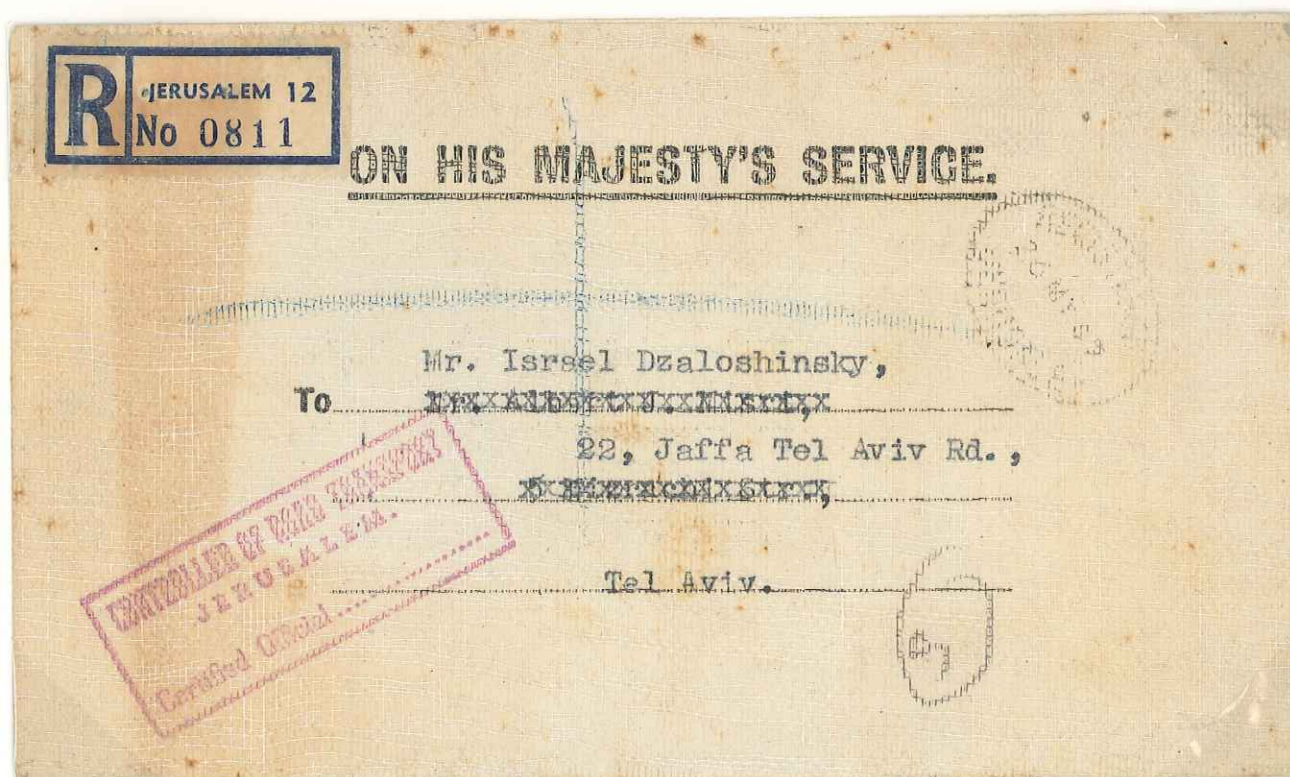


Cover dated
15 August 1935.
There are no
arrival postmarks
offered.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Registered from Ramat Gan to Jerusalem, 14 February 1939.
Handstamped "Inspector of Police, Ramat Gan Police Station".

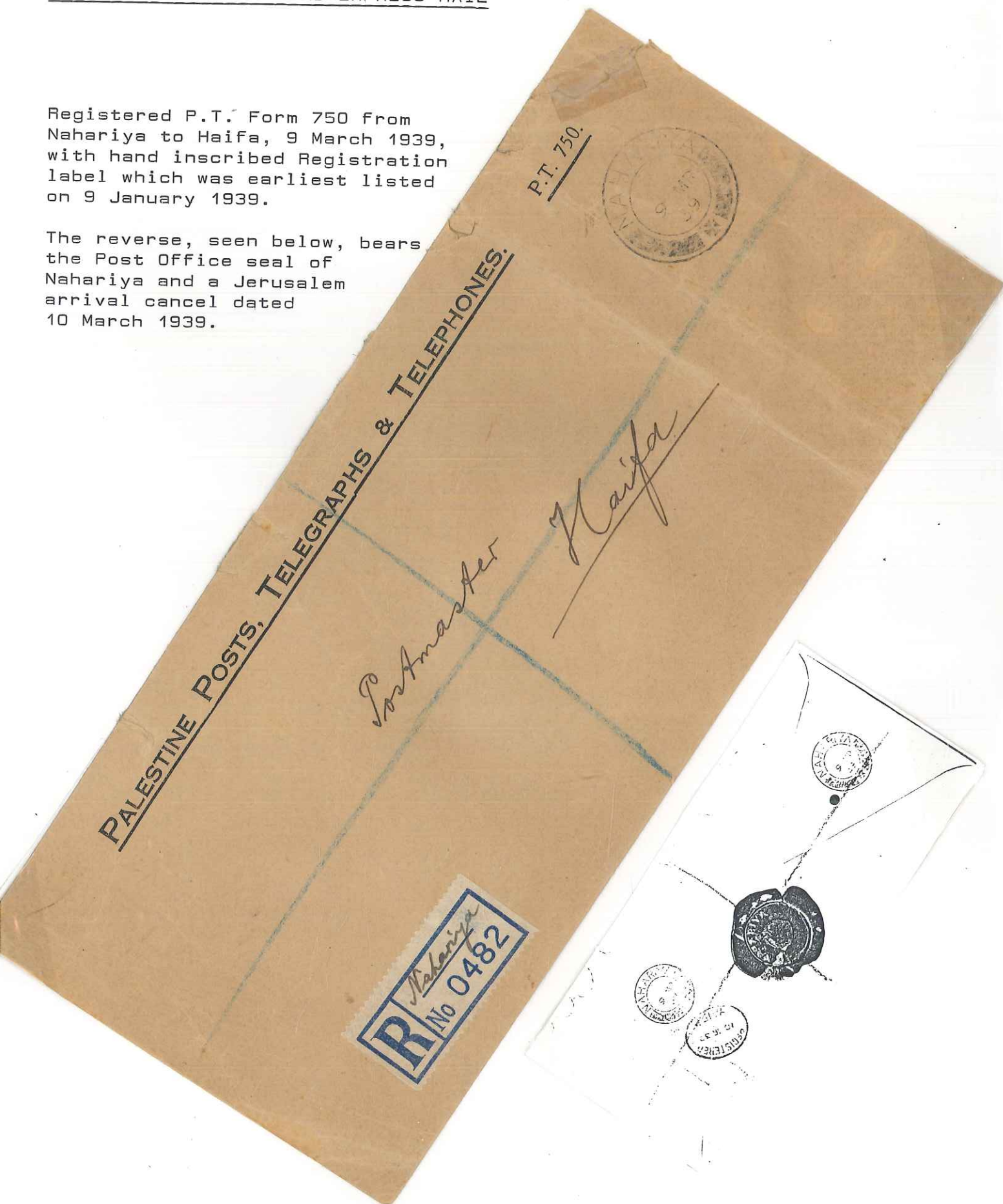


Registered Defense Order for tires, folded and used for mailing
26 May 1947. Handstamped "Controller of Road Transport, Jerusalem."

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Registered P.T. Form 750 from Nahariya to Haifa, 9 March 1939, with hand inscribed Registration label which was earliest listed on 9 January 1939.

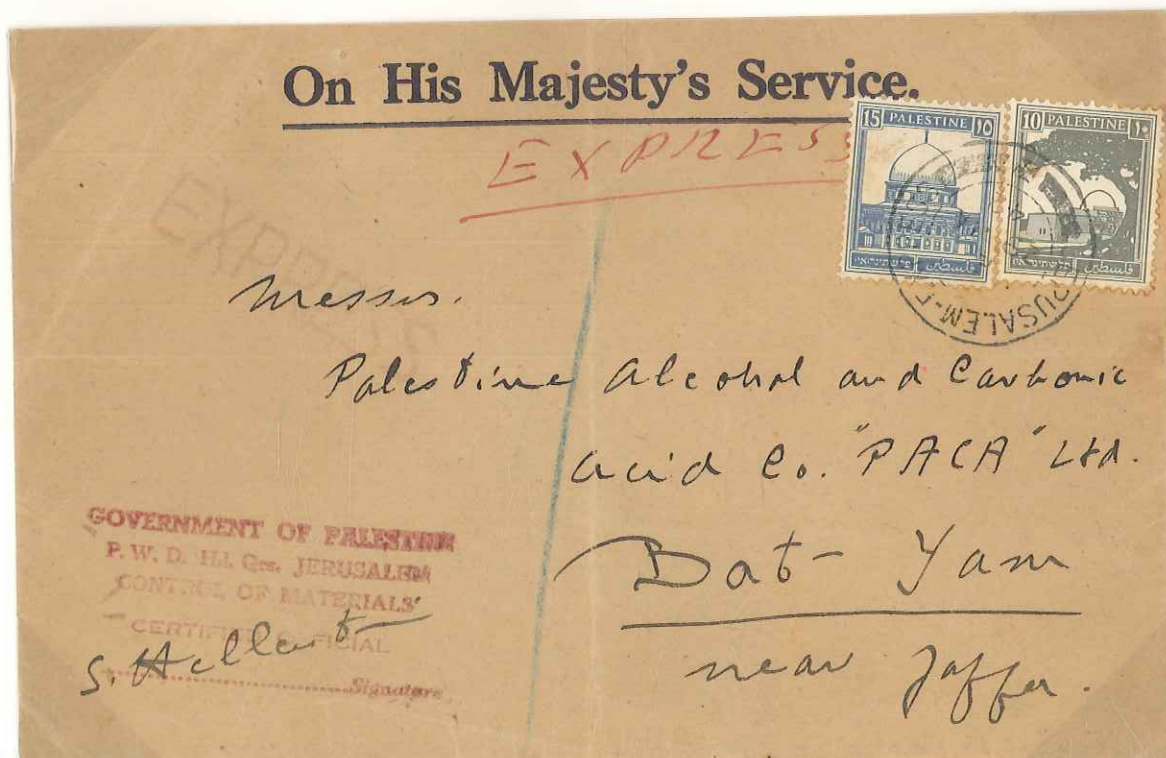
The reverse, seen below, bears the Post Office seal of Nahariya and a Jerusalem arrival cancel dated 10 March 1939.



MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Registered and Express, Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, 29 August 1940.
Handstamped "Public Works Department". 25 mil Express paid.



Express mail, Jerusalem to Bat Yam, 29 January 1942. Hand-
stamped "Public Works Department, Material Control Division",
25 mil Express fee paid.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Unclaimed registered letter #5869 from Tel Aviv to Petah Tiqva 27 November 1940, franked 22 mils (7 mil internal fee plus 15 mil registration fee).

Several attempts were made to deliver. The following cancels appear:

Petah Tiqva-27 Nov. 1940
 Petah Tiqva-29 Dec. 1940
 Tel Aviv-29 Dec. 1940
 Tel Aviv-30 Dec. 1940
 Tel Aviv 1 Jan. 1941
 Jerusalem-RLO-3 Jan. 1941

Attempts to deliver are noted also on 4 Dec., 12 Dec., and 20 Dec. 1940.

P.T. Form 778-retained letter form has Jerusalem cancels dated 3 and 4 Jan. 1941.

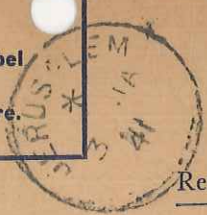
לכבוד
 מר לייזרמן מאיר,
 מחצית מגדל צדק.
 ליד פתח תקוה.

Dup 4/2
 12/12
 20/12



PALESTINE POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

Registration Label
 to be affixed here.



Returned Letter.

No. 5869.



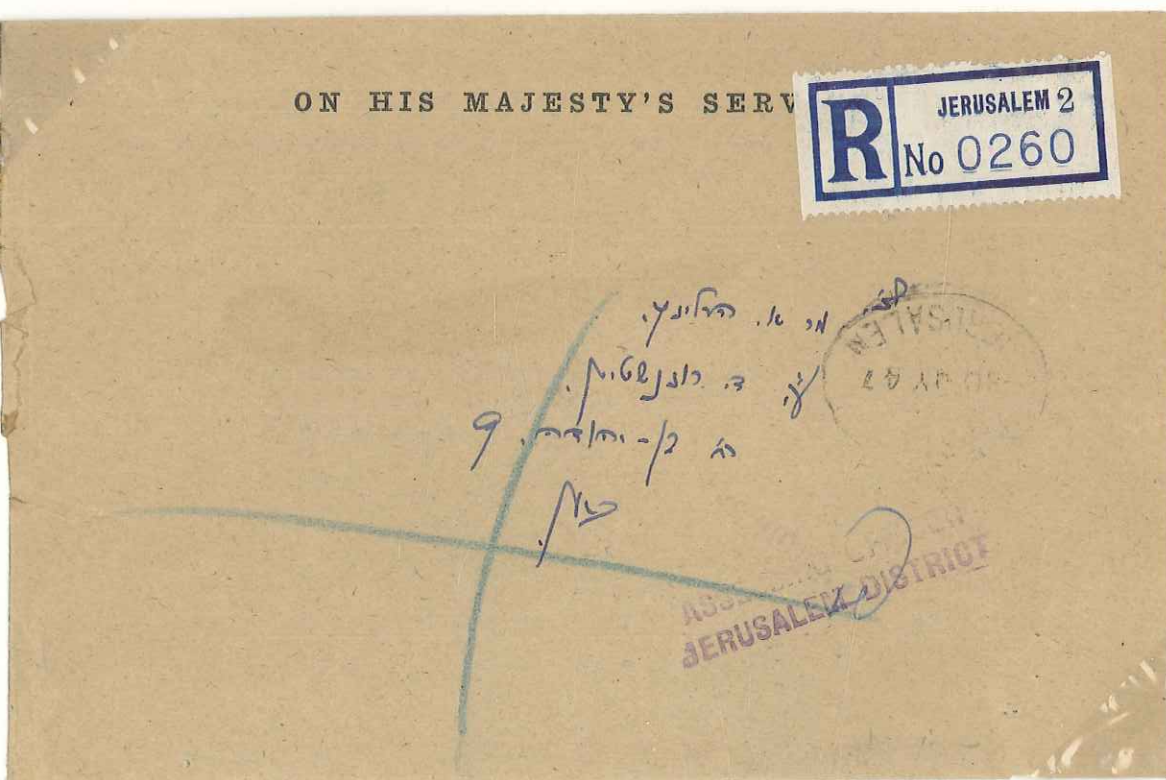
ה
 פ. זיבקט"ן
 מ' אלקי 119
 רביה הלמן
 ש' אלקי

Post Office.
 P.T. 778.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



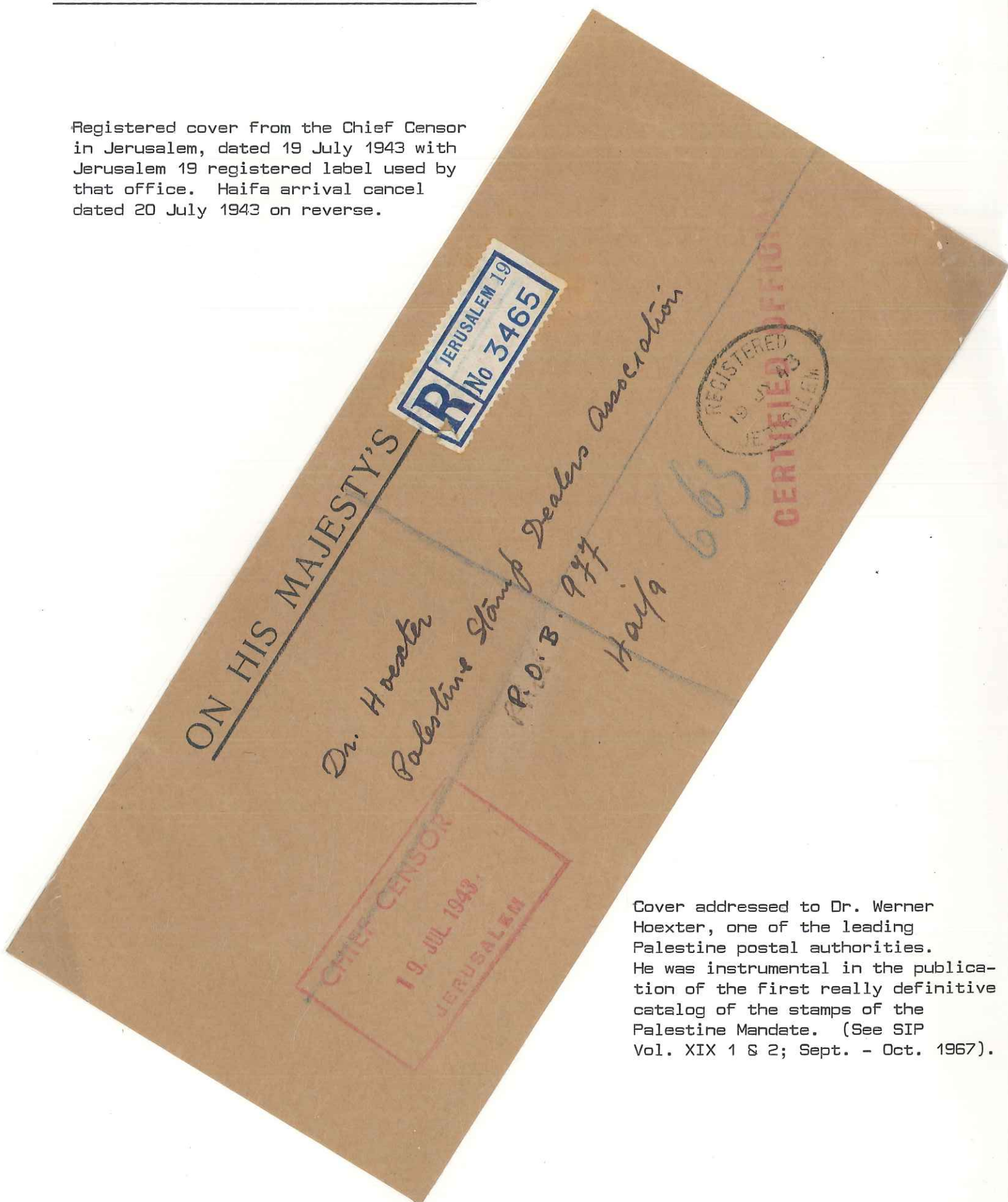
Registered cover from Lydda, 18 February 1942 to one of the pioneer settlers of Palestine, Jehushua Hankin. He was a founder of Rishon Le Zion and Petah Tikvah.



Registered OHMS cover 30 July 1947 with Jerusalem 2 registration label. Local cover from the Assessing officer in Jerusalem without added franking for registry.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Registered cover from the Chief Censor in Jerusalem, dated 19 July 1943 with Jerusalem 19 registered label used by that office. Haifa arrival cancel dated 20 July 1943 on reverse.



Cover addressed to Dr. Werner Hoexter, one of the leading Palestine postal authorities. He was instrumental in the publication of the first really definitive catalog of the stamps of the Palestine Mandate. (See SIP Vol. XIX 1 & 2; Sept. - Oct. 1967).

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



משרד הדאר, הטלגרף והטלפון בפלשתינה (א"י)

4886
חח 1386
לה"אברהם וילנסקי
מרכז מסחרי
חיפה



دائرة البريد والبرق والتلفون في فلسطين



عكا
فضيلة مدير ادارة الاوقاف المحترم
عكا

An unusual pair from the Secretary of Posts, Telephone, and Telegraph listing charges for telephone usage: (1) To the Commerce office in Haifa (in Hebrew); (2) To the head of the Arab community in Acre (in Arabic).

The "Jerusalem T" is unusual since it is a rubber stamp instead of a label and was used only by the Telephone and Telegraph Department. This marking was in use for only one month. 31 July 1943 is the latest known date.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mail with
"Supreme Court"
handstamp. Franked
25 mils, Jerusalem
to Jaffa, 2 May 1944.



Express cover
12 January 1944,
franked 25 mils
with Jerusalem
Express cancel.

"Private Secre-
tary" handstamp
unlisted in GSS.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

Multiple usage:

- 1) Jerusalem to Haifa
31 May 1944.
- 2) Haifa to Jerusalem
4 June 1944.
- 3) Jerusalem to Jaffa
7 June 1944.

25 mil Express rate on first usage. The red lines through the stamps show they are not applicable to subsequent usage.

Two "Supreme Court" handstamps appear on the cover.



MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Registered Mail - Jerusalem 1 March 1945 to Haifa. Handstamped "Department of Migration". Undelivered and returned. The Jerusalem 16 Registered label was used only by the Department of Immigration. The only date shown in GSS is 1 June 1940.



Registered cover, Haifa, 23 November 1946. Cover unusual in that it bears two handstamps from the same agency, "Stores Superintendent, Palestine Railways."

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Much traveled Registered cover:

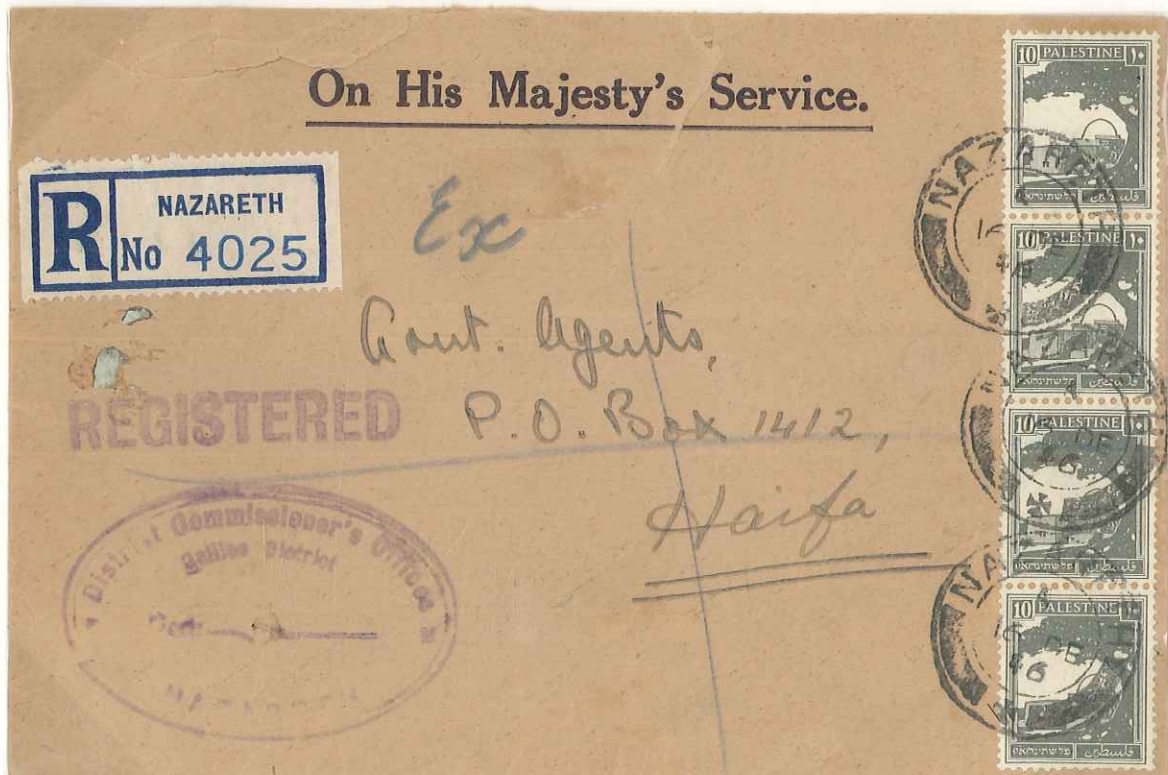
- 1) Safad to Jerusalem, 7 July 1945 - only recorded date of "Department of Health" handstamp. Arrived Jerusalem 8 July 1945.
- 2) Registered, Jerusalem 10 July 1945, from Income Tax Office to Lydda Junction.
- 3) Postmarked Jaffa, 12 August 1945.
- 4) Postmarked Er Ramle, 11 July 1945 on front and 12 August 1945 on reverse.



MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

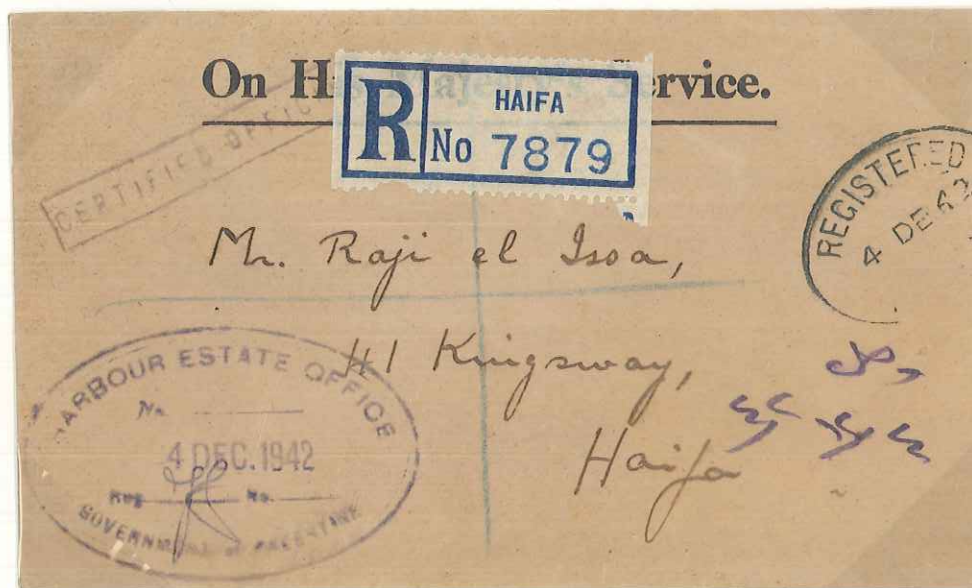


Registered Haifa local mail, 13 March 1944, with "Land Settlement" handstamp, latest date shown in Sacher.



Registered from Nazareth, 16 December 1946, to Haifa. Franked 40 mil express rate with handwritten "Ex" next to registration label. Only recorded date of handstamp in Sacher is 15 August 1946.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



Registered Haifa local mail. "Harbour Estate Office" handstamp date of 4 December 1942 is the earliest date shown in Sacher.



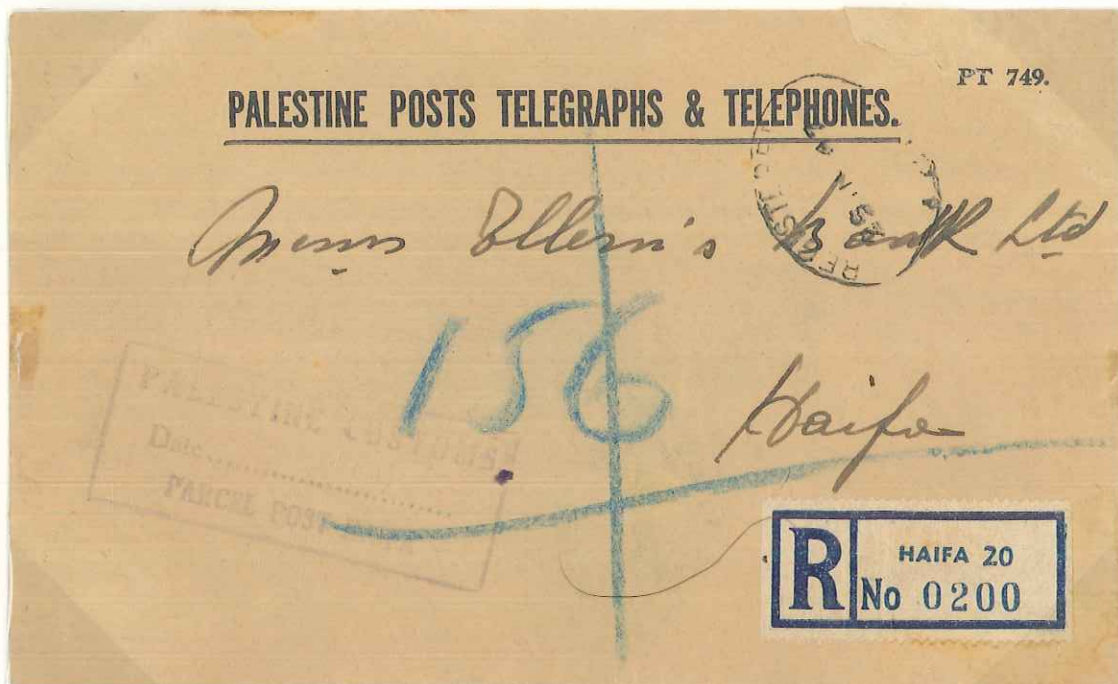
Registered and Express from Jaffa to Haifa, 17 April 1947. Franked 40 mil Express rate. Latest recorded usage of Lydda Food Controller handstamp.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

No. R HAIFA Registered to No 7904	REM.	
On His Majesty's Service		
The Postmaster	Sending Office	
of postal agency <u>Ayelet Hashachar</u>	<u>Hashachar</u>	
<u>POST OFFICE</u>		

Registered envelope mailer - used to transmit mail from one mandate office to another. Mailed from Haifa 27 November 1945, via Rosh Pinna to the postal agency in Meshek Ayelet Hashahar (a Class C agency opened at this Kibbutz on 9 April 1944). The word "meshek" (Hebrew for farm) was added to the name of this kibbutz when postal service was put into operation.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL



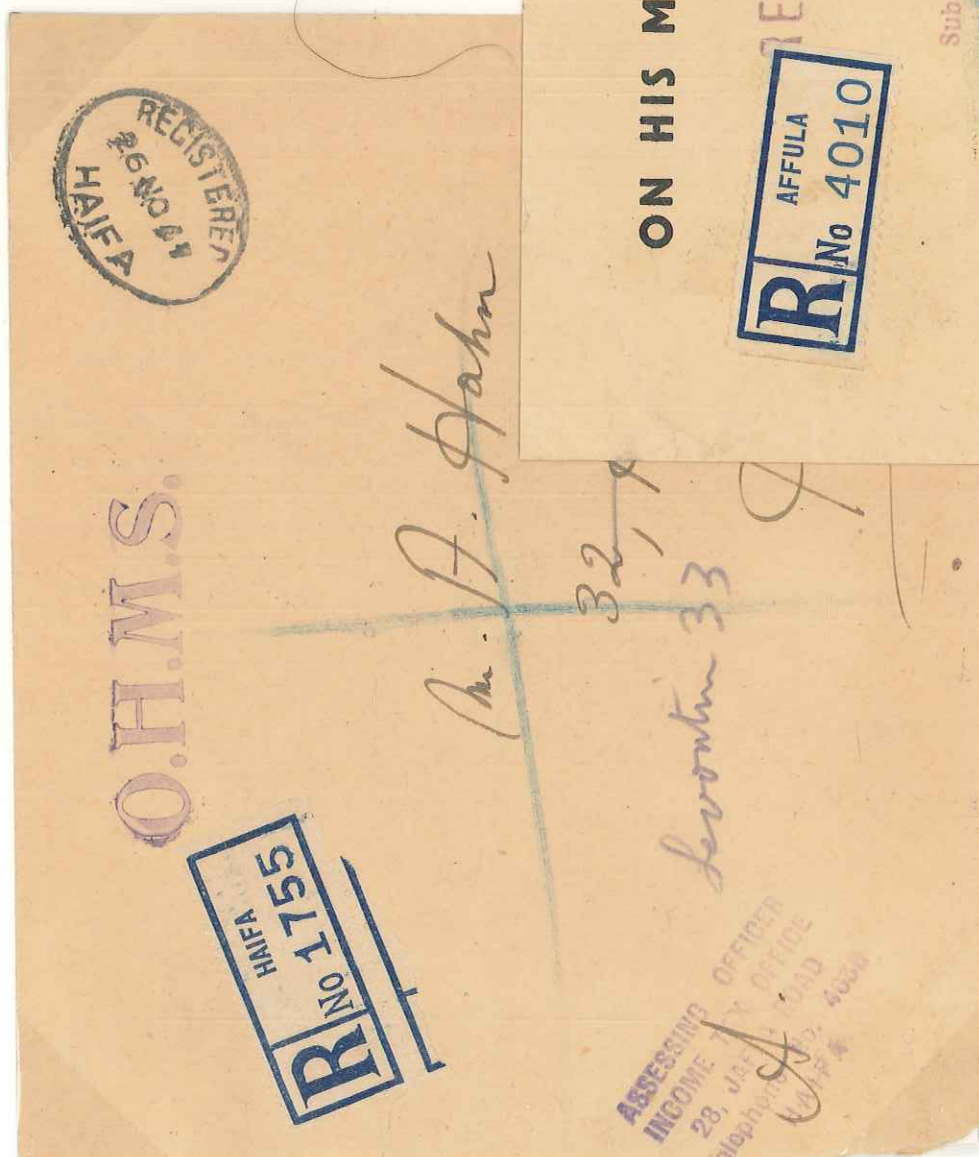
Local Haifa Registered cover, 25 July 1947. "Palestine Customs" handstamp usage later than shown in Sacher.



Express Jerusalem to Haifa, 13 October 1947. Franked 40 mil Express rate. Late usage of Commerce and Industry handstamp.

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

From Affula, 2 December 1947, to Tiberias. Arrived 3 December 1947. Very late usage of Kadoorie School hand-stamp. Only recorded date in Sacher is 31 January 1946.

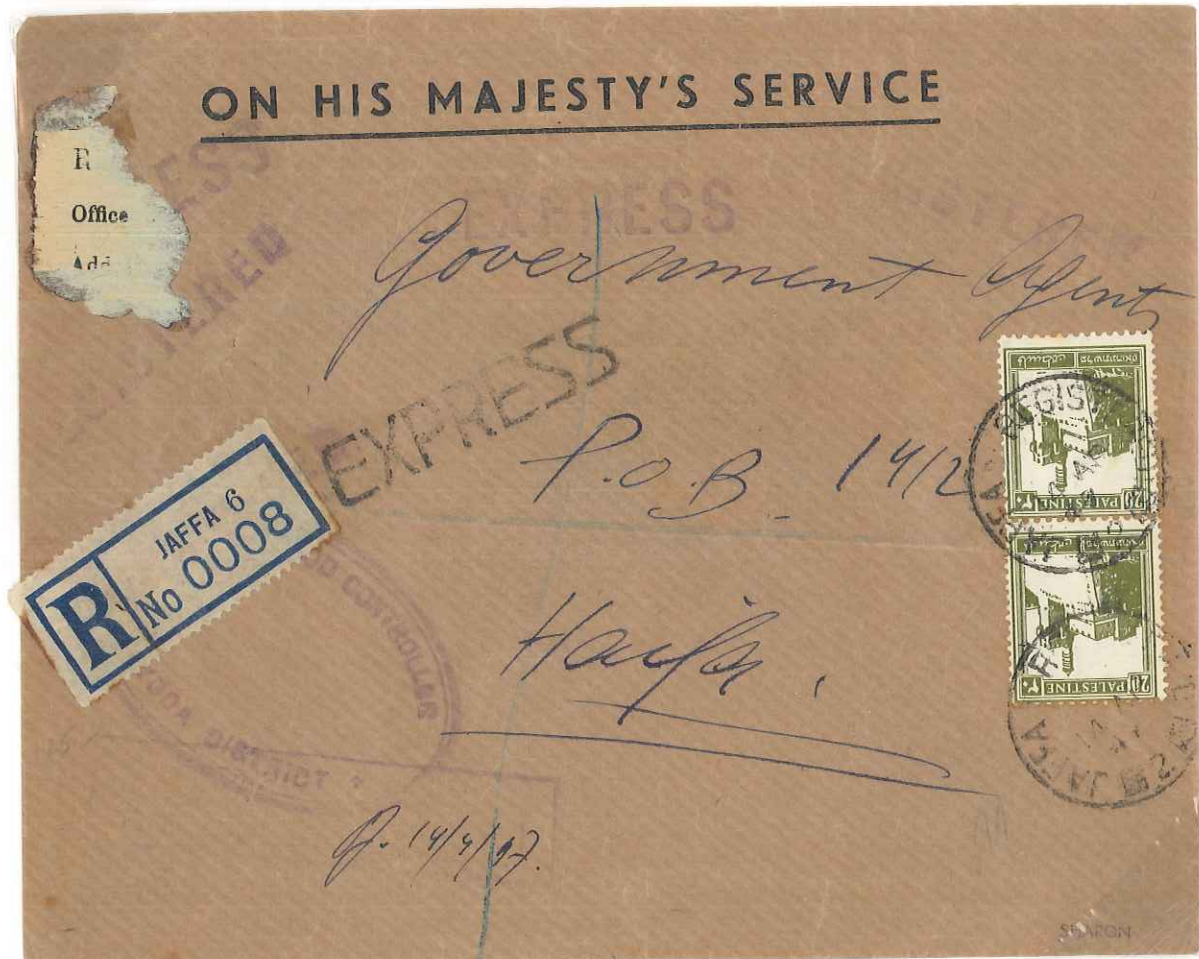


Local Haifa registered cover, 26 November 1947. Late usage of hand-stamp for O.H.M.S. instead of printed form.



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

MANDATE REGISTERED AND EXPRESS MAIL

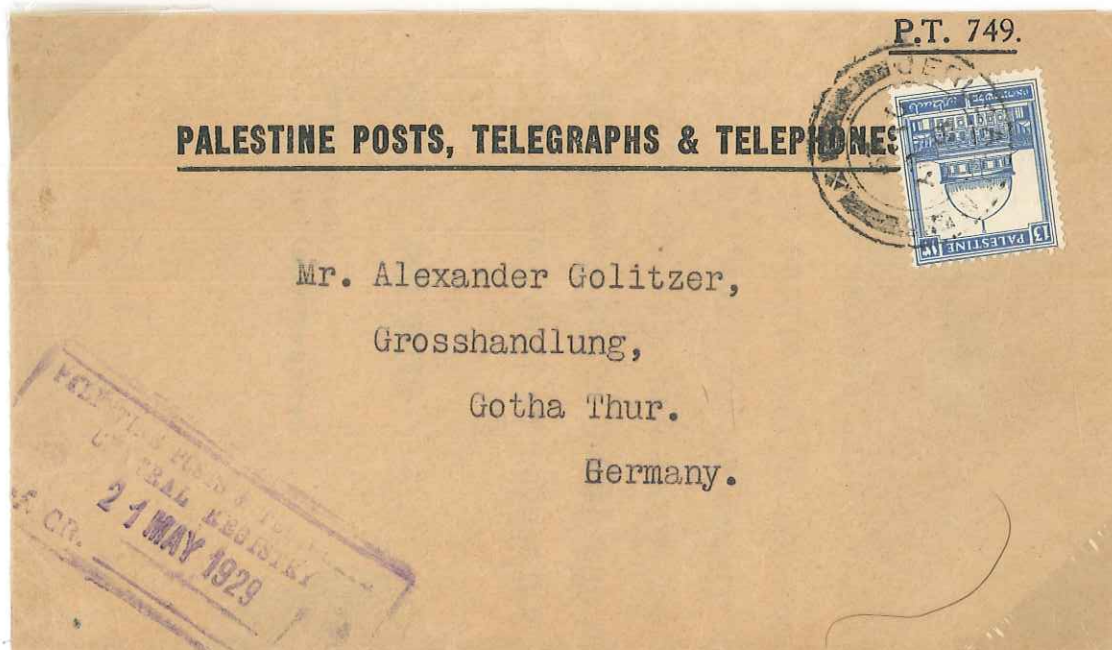


From the District Food Controller in Jaffa (the Lydda District) to the Government agents in Haifa 15 April 1947. The 40 mil franking for Express Mail is proper. There is no charge for registration. The Registration Label, Jaffa 6, was used by the Food Controller's office.

MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL



From Department of Education in Jerusalem 29 May 1922 to Springfield, Massachusetts. Franked with one 1 piastre and two 1 mil London I. Franking is one mil short of proper rate of 13 mils. The handstamp is a variation not listed in GSS.



P.T. Form 749 to Germany from the Central Registry in Jerusalem, 21 May 1929, with proper 13 mil franking.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL

Local mail returned to Department of Migration, making use of the government handstamp for the return address. Mailed 8 May 1935, returned 16 May 1935.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

UNDELIVERED
REASON RETURNED FOR THE FOLLOWING
13
11 Rokeach Street,
Tel-Aviv.



gsm

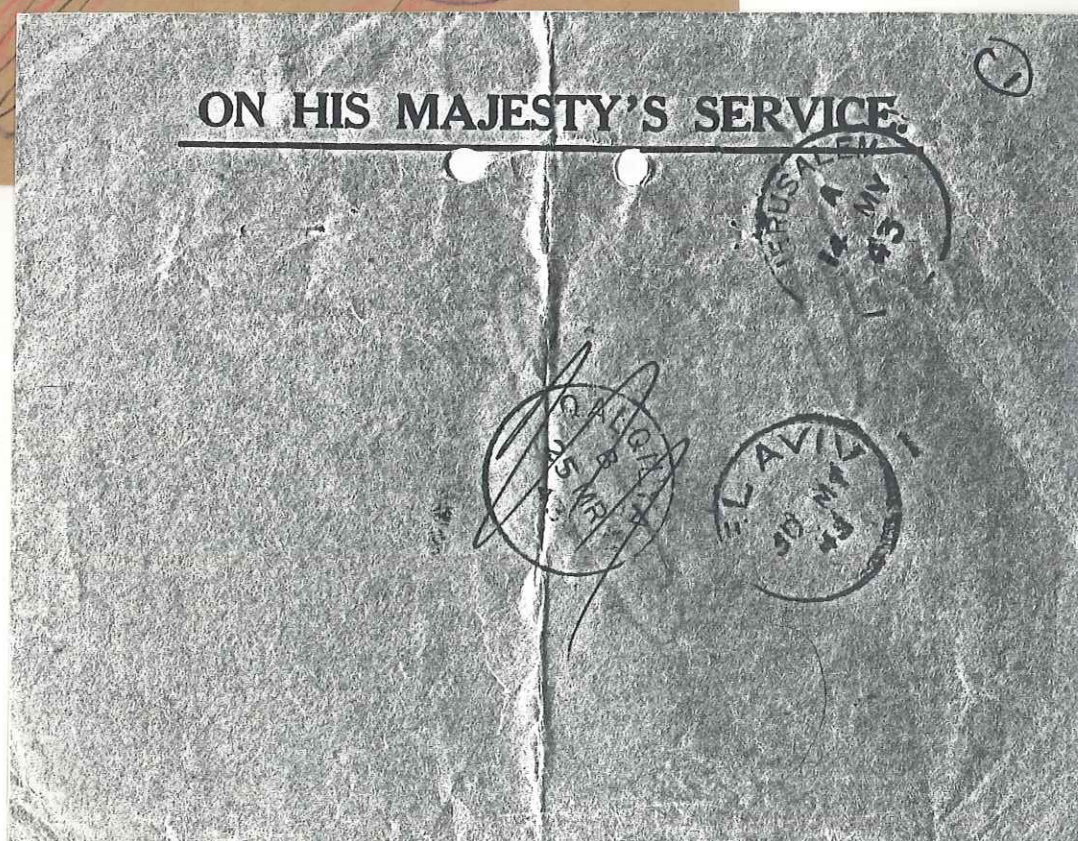
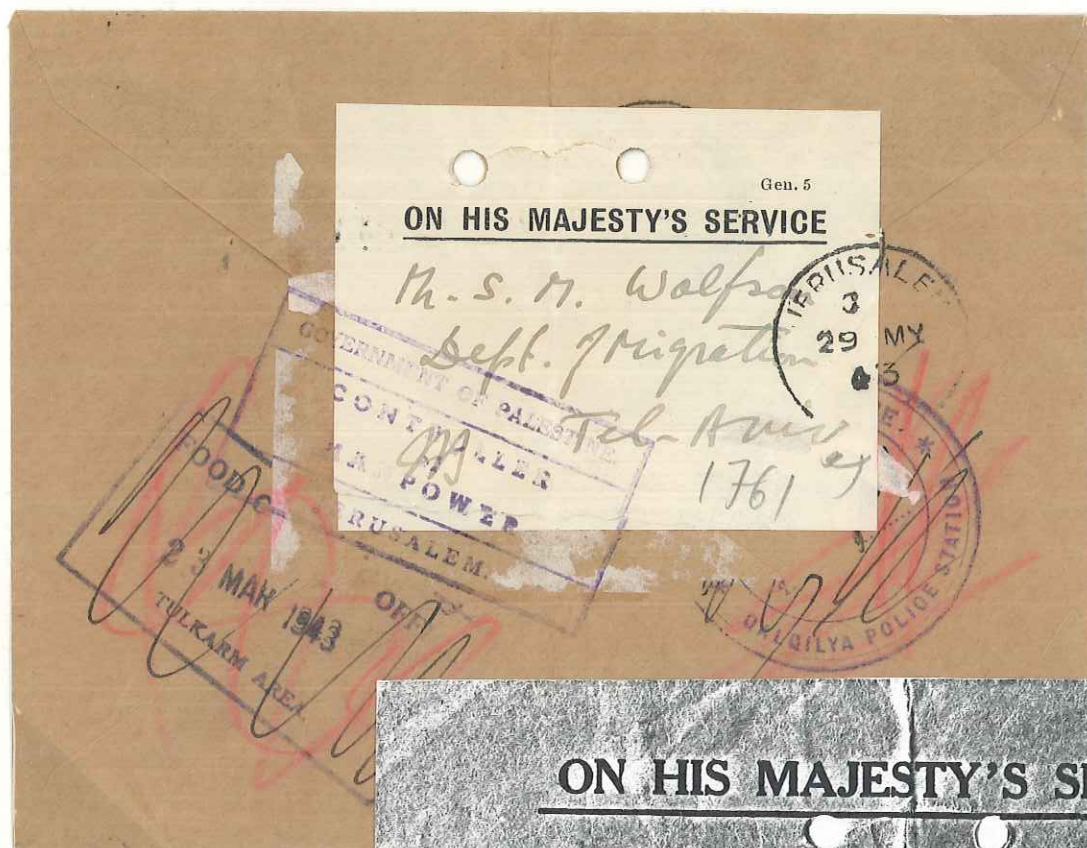
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Dr. S. E. Soskin,
Nahariah Small Holdings, Ltd.,
Nahariah,
Nr. Haifa.



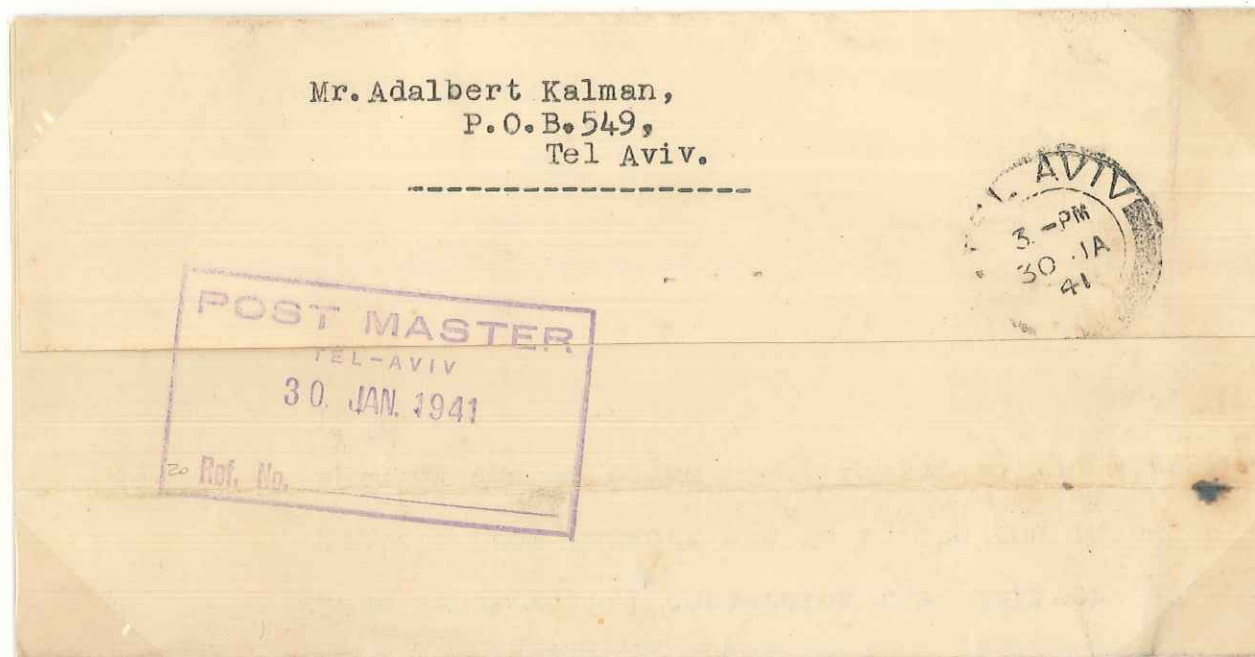
Cancelled with Jaffa Orange cancel even though no postage was necessary. Handstamp 9 December 1936 - earlier date than listed.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



Multiply used cover - from Food Control Office in Tulkarm 23 March 1943 to Qalqilya Police Station (arrival postmark 25 March 1943 on reverse); also a Jerusalem arrival postmark dated 14 May 1943 indicating additional usage. Final usage from Controller of Manpower, Jerusalem 29 May 1943, to Department of Migration in Tel Aviv. Arrival postmark on reverse dated 30 May 1943.

MANDATE INLAND MAIL



Department of Posts & Telegraphs lettersheet from Postmaster at main Post Office, Tel Aviv. 30 January 1941.

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R HAIFA 4 No 0553

INCOME TAX.

INCOME TAX YEAR 1941-42.

RETURN OF INCOME OF THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1941.

To

Mr. Philip Geadah,
P.O.B. 96, Haifa.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER HAIFA Form A.

REGISTERED 2 SE 1941 HAIFA

Under Section 26(1) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 1941, you are hereby notified.

Income tax form mailed from the District Tax Commissioner in Haifa, 2 September 1941.

MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL

From Haifa, 24 September 1932, to Beirut, Syria (now Lebanon). Franked 15 mil, proper rate. Haifa machine cancel is two days after hand cancel. Department of Customs handstamp is later date than listed in Sacher.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



Messrs. Adolph Hess Nachfolger,

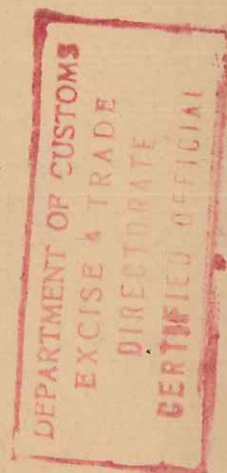
Mainzerstrasse 49,

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



Inspector General
Syrian Customs Administration

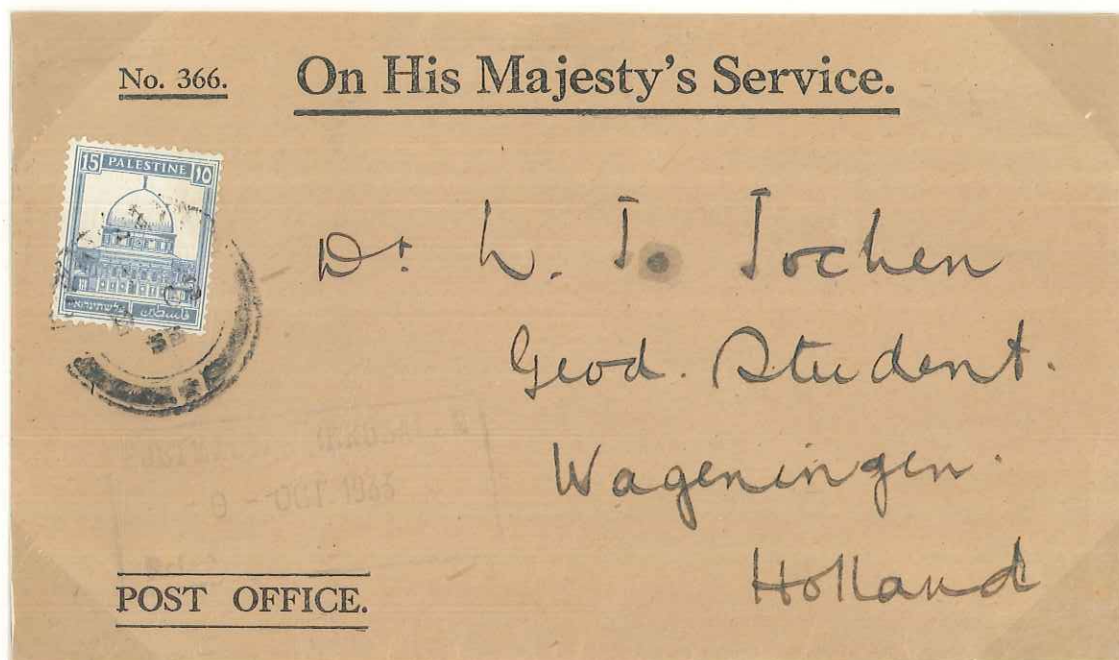
Beirut



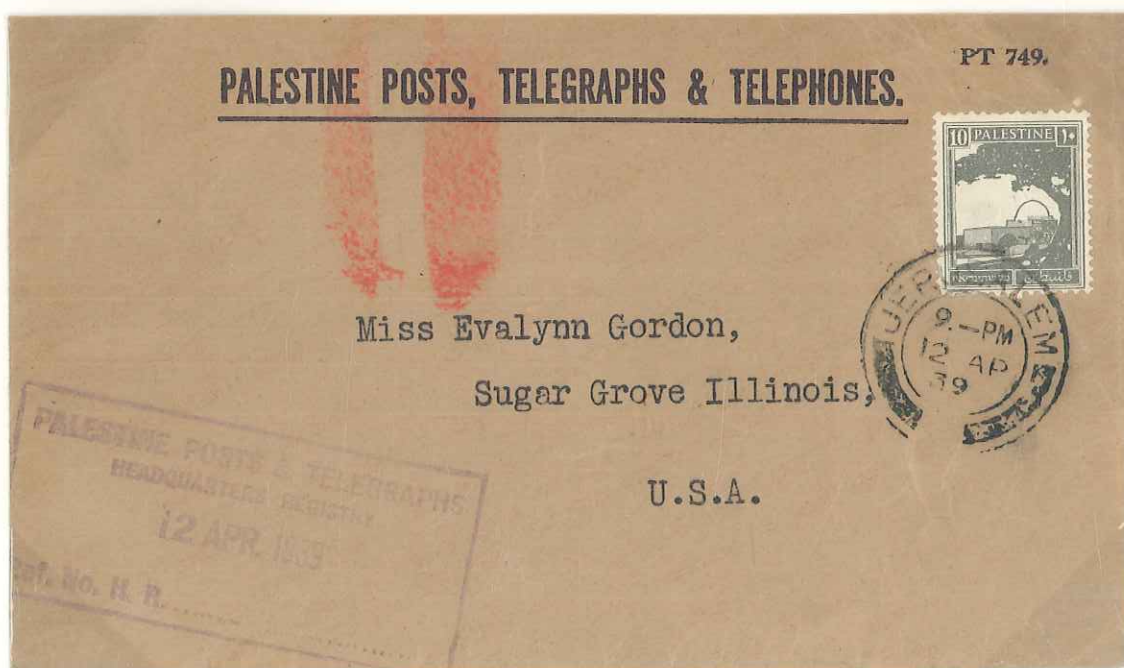
From Jerusalem to Frankfurt on Main, Germany, 19 January 1933. Franked 15 mil, proper rate. The "Department of Antiquities" handstamp is twelve years earlier than the only copy reported in GSS.



MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL

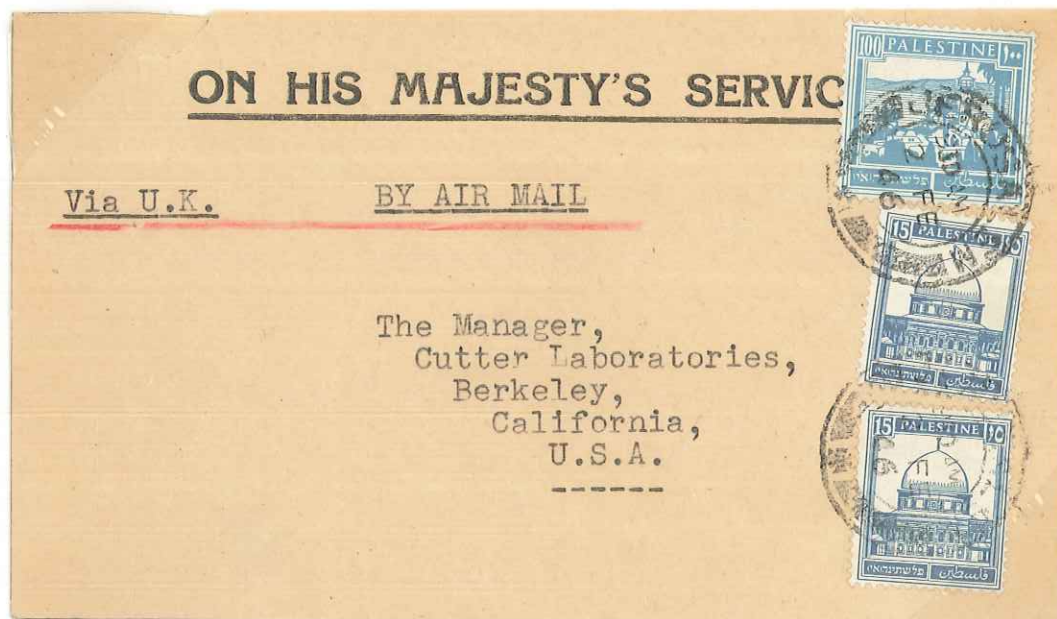


From Postmaster, Jerusalem to Wageningen, Holland,
9 October 1933. Franked proper 15 mil rate.



From Jerusalem to United States, 12 April 1939. 10 mil
franking improper, should be 15 mils. Red markings in-
dicate end of airmail service, balance of delivery by
land or ship.

MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL

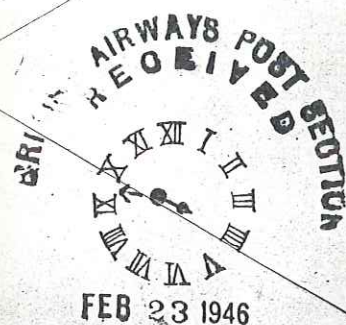


Airmail to Berkeley, California, via the U.K. Backstamped from the Veterinary Service in Jerusalem, 2 February 1946. Franked 130 mils airmail rate.

PALESTINE POSTS TELEGRAPHS & TELEPHONES.



*E. V. Dolby Esq.
B.O.A.C.
Airways House
LONDON SW.1.*



From Jerusalem to London, 18 February 1946 on BOAC Time Test Flight. Arrived 23 February 1946, as shown on handstamp.

MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL



*The Postmaster General and Officers
of the
Department of Posts & Telegraphs, Palestine,
send their Best Wishes for the New Year.*

*Jerusalem,
1st January 1940.*

O . H . M . S



BUY JAFFA ORANGE
AND GRAPEFRUIT
ACHETEZ LES ORANGES
LES GRAPEFRUITS
KAUFE JAFFA ORANGE
UND GRAPEFRUIT



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Le Directeur General,

Postes et Telegraphes,

Tallinn, Esthonia.

PALESTINE POSTS & TELEGRAPHS
HEADQUARTERS REGISTRY

28 NOV. 1939

Ref. No. H R.



1940 New Years greetings to the Director General of Posts in Estonia, mailed 28 November 1939. O.H.M.S. is handwritten. Jaffa orange machine cancel not usually seen on official mail. Arrival cancel dated 13 December 1939.

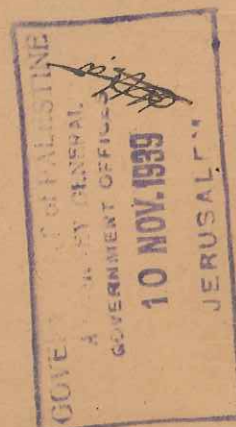
MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL

From Attorney General, Jerusalem, 10 November 1939, to Portsmouth, England. Franked 10 mils, proper rate to Great Britain.



From Department of Customs, Haifa, 30 April 1940, to Lausanne, Switzerland. Franked 24 mils: 15 mils for first 20 grams and 9 mils for additional weight.

The Government maintained a commercial office in Switzerland, even though war was in progress.



PALESTINE POSTS TELEGRAPHS & TELEPHONES.

PT 749.



R.P. O'Neill Esq.,

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ANY REPLY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
JERUSALEM.

YOUR REFERENCE P.O. REFERENCE.
P.T. 216/1.

20 September 1943.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 1st July 1943, I have to inform you that Postage Stamps and Postage Due Labels of the current issue as detailed below, may be obtained on application to the Chief Accountant, General Post Office, Jerusalem, Palestine:-

<u>Postage Stamps</u>	<u>LP. mls</u>
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,13,15,20,50,100,(200,250,500 mils and LP 1.-	.2.193
<u>Postage Due Labels.</u>	
1,2,4,6,8,10,13,20 and 50 mils	-.114
<u>Postage and Registration</u>	-.043
	2.350
	=====

2. The equivalent in English currency is
£.2.7.0.

3. Your remittance should be made by means
of a Money Order or a Banker's draft made pay-
able to the Postmaster General, Palestine.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

R.P. O'Neill Esq.,
Cordelia, California,
U.S.A.

From General Post Office,
Jerusalem to United States,
20 October 1943.

Letter enclosed from Post-
master General answering a
request for prices on cur-
rent Mandate postage
stamps.

Unusual since government
mail was censored.

MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



OFFICE OF STATISTICS

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE



TO *The Librarian,*
U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,
Washington D.C.,
U.S.A.

M. J. Abdul-Hamid

OFFICE OF STATISTICS
JERUSALEM
2 NOV 1943

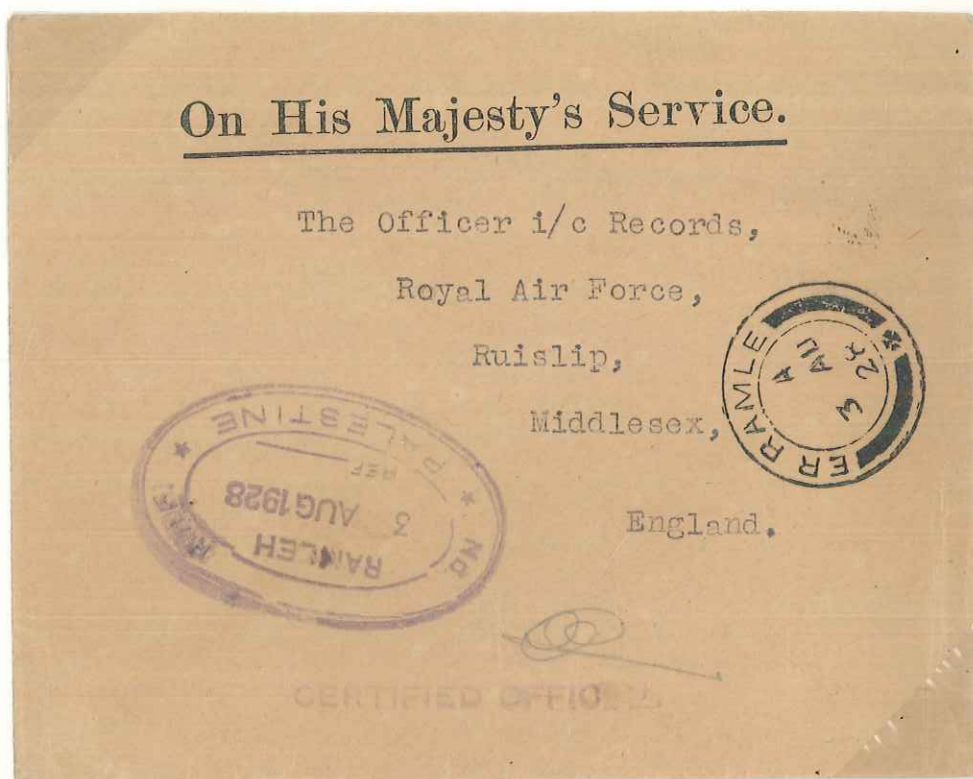


Official wrapper used to send printed matter to the Bureau of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. The wrapper was used by the Office of Statistics in Jerusalem and is handstamped by that office on 2 November 1943. The octagonal censor mark KK2 is listed in GSS as being in use only until September 1943.

The rate for printed matter sent abroad was, at that time, 5 mils per 50 grams. This wrapper is franked with two 20 mil Pictorials indicating that the package weighed eight times the base rate.

MANDATE FOREIGN MAIL

Military cover, Ramleh to
England, 3 August 1928.
Unusual usage of peacetime
official military mail
accepted by civil post
without franking.



From High Commissioner's
office in Jerusalem,
11 June 1935, to New York.
Cancelled with Citrus slogan
cancel in use for only two
years. Mailed without frank-
ing and not taxed, although
proper overseas rate was
15 mils. Handstamp usage is
earlier than listed in GSS.

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



לכבוד
ד"ר פיסר ג.
רמ"כ ירושלים 12
חיפה.



Local Haifa cover, 9 June 1948, with Mandate "Department of Health" handstamp overstamped "State of Israel"; unusual usage.

Multiple use cover:

- 1) From Director of Police, Haifa, 31 October 1947.
- 2) From Acre, 1 December 1947.
- 3) Used by Israel from Haifa, 7 November 1948.
O.H.M.S. was overprinted "State of Israel" in Hebrew.



PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL

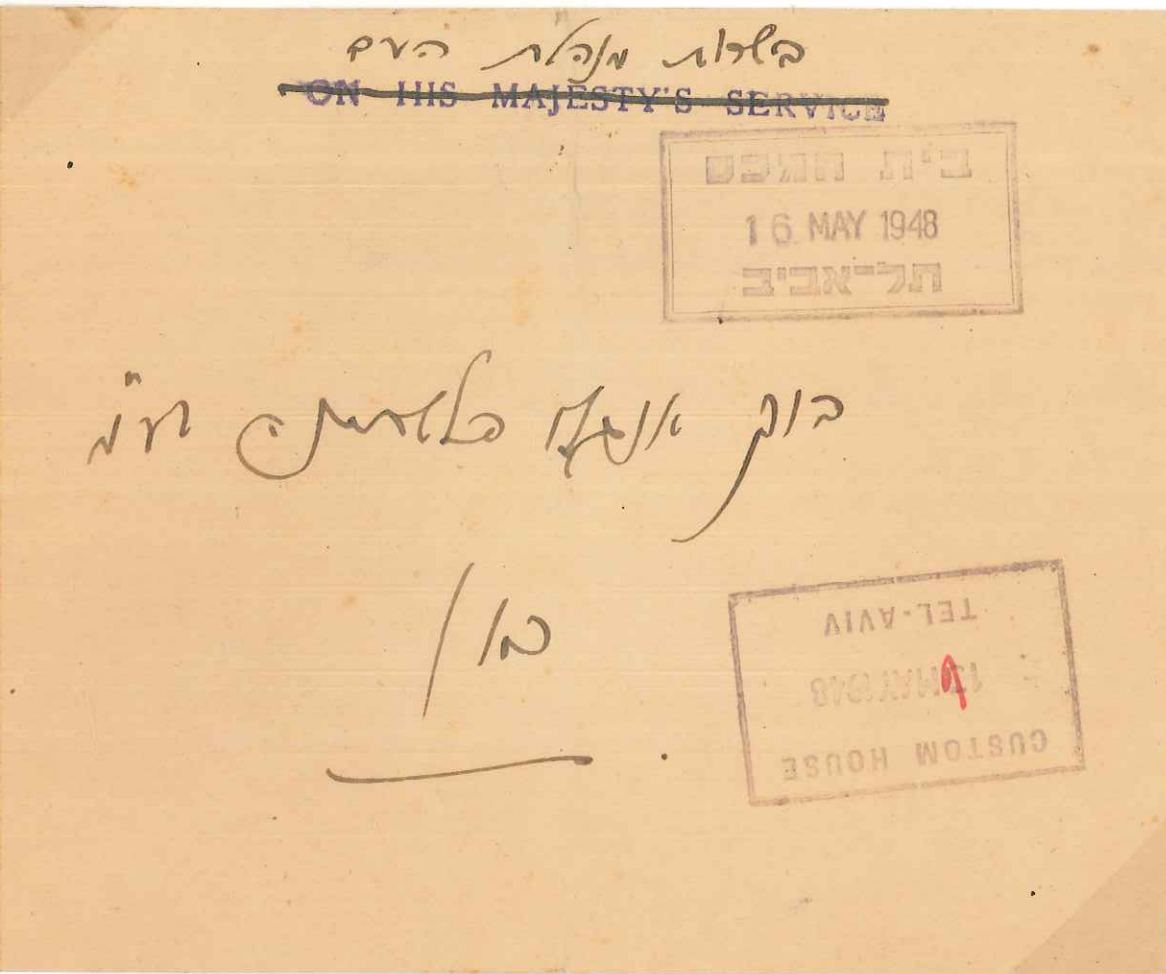


Registered from Tel Aviv, 31 May 1948, to Ramat Gan. From "People's Administration, Treasury Department", with a slogan handstamp for a national loan.

The arrival cancel in Ramat Gan was a Mandate cancel which was in use by several small towns until July 1948.

Unusual usage of Mandate "Income Tax Office" handstamp.

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL



OHMS cover from the Custom House in Tel Aviv, 16 May 1948, to the Anglo Palestine Bank. "OHMS" crossed out and "In the service of Minhelet Haam" is handwritten in Hebrew.

The latest recorded date of the Custom House handstamp is 5 April 1948.

OHMS cover from the British Consulate General in Jerusalem 21 April 1949 to Tel Aviv. Franked with 10 Mil and 5 Mil Doar Ivri stamps.



PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL

P.T. 238.

INLAND PARCEL POST DESPATCH NOTE.

PALESTINE PARCEL POST

Insured for _____

(Pounds to be written in figures)
(כתוב את הלירות באותיות)

Gross weight in grammes (if insured)

Herewith parcel(s) _____

Postage _____ LP. Mils. Date Stamp _____

Insurance _____

Express Fee _____

Name _____

Address _____

Impression of seal used to close the parcel.

(SEE OVER)

Inland Parcel Post Despatch Note with Palestine (Haifa) Parcel Post Label #3791 attached. Bears Israel army post office cancel #5 (Jerusalem), dated 22 February 1949 and Haifa (Israel) postmark dated 23 February 1949.

Reverse bears two 50 mil Doar Ivri stamps and Haifa (Israel) postmark dated 3 March 1949.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER.

اسم المرسل وعنوانه
השם והמען של השולח

Postage Stamps to be affixed here.

تصق هنا طوابع البريد
הדבק את הכותמים

50 MIL

50 MIL

33351-500000-23.14-G.P.

on behalf of South African consignor as per details on parcel

על שם בנין ברקליס קומה ב' 0800-1300 בין השעות 1500-1700

RECEIPT OF ADDRESSEE

وصول المرسل اليه

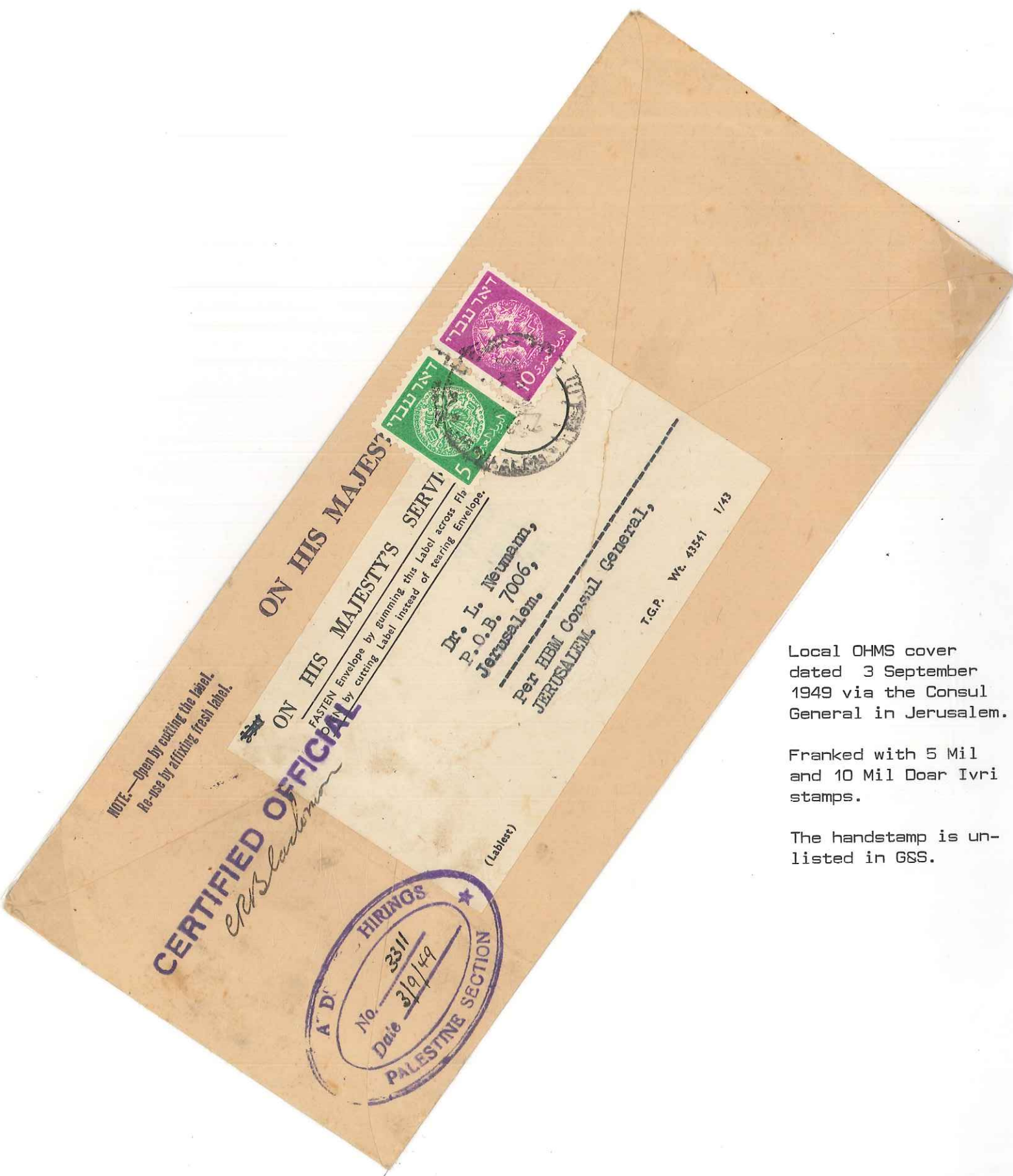
The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the parcel(s) described overleaf.

החתום מטה מאשר את קבלת החבילה (החבילות) המתוארת מעבר למופט.

Date _____

التاريخ
التأريخ

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL



Local OHMS cover
dated 3 September
1949 via the Consul
General in Jerusalem.

Franked with 5 Mil
and 10 Mil Doar Ivri
stamps.

The handstamp is un-
listed in GSS.

מִשְׁרַד הַתְּחַבּוּרָה

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION

מְחַלְקַת הַדָּאָר, הַטֵּלֶגְרָף וְהַטֵּלֶפּוֹן

DIVISION OF POST, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL

P.T. 11

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS PALESTINE

TELEGRAM. برقية

מברק لا يدفع رسم لتوزيعها

NO CHARGE FOR DELIVERY אין לשלם עבור המסירה

P.T. Form 11 from Kinneret, 4 March 1949, to the Manager, Department of Accounts, Haifa. Used for delivery of a telegram.

1949

Registration Label
to be affixed here.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS PALESTINE.

Returned Letter No. 0193

Post Office.
P.T. 777.

P.T. Form 777, Returned Letter Form, used by Israel Post From Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, 28 May 1951.

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL



Registered Envelope Mailer #172, mailed to U.S. by Israeli Ministry of Transport & Communications, Department of Posts, Telegraphs & Telephones, Philatelic Services. From Tel Aviv 17 December 1952, arrived Bronx, New York 28 January 1953, sealed with tape used by Mandate Post Offices.

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL

<p>Registration Label to be affixed here.</p>	<p>DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND Returned Letter</p>	<p>Israel TELEGRAPHS PALESTINE. No. <u>39306</u> <i>הגדה</i></p>
<p><i>31B</i></p>	<p><i>31B</i></p>	<p><i>1372</i></p>
<p>Post Office. P.T. 778.</p>	<p><i>Dr. Manheim</i> <i>25/10/55</i> <i>הגדה</i></p>	<p><i>1372</i></p> <p>משרד הדואר 5.10.55 17</p>

Very late usage of a Palestine form by Israel, 5 October 1955, from Jerusalem to Haifa.

The cover is P.T. Form 778 which was used to return a letter to the sender.

The Hebrew enclosure shown here was prepared by the Israeli Postal Service. It advised the sender that undeliverable letters are returned without delay, unopened, if there is a visible return address.

משרד הדואר
ד.ט. 754 א
ירושלים, 5. אוקטובר 1955

מצורף מכתב רטום שלא נמסר
לתעודתו ונפתח בבית הדואר בהתאם
לתקנות.

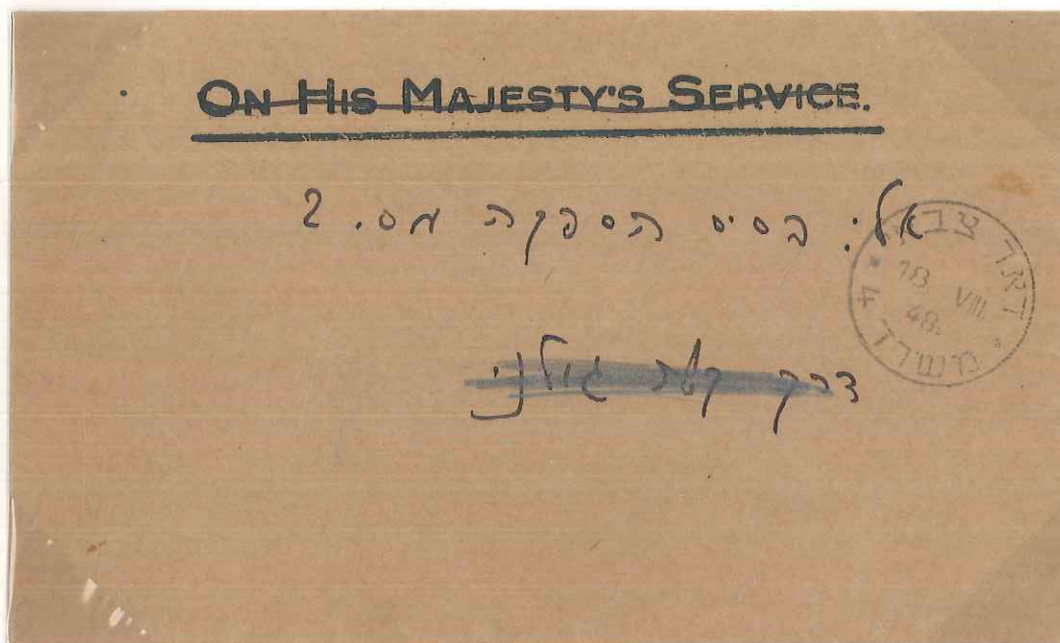
מכתבים שלא נמסרו לתעודתם
מוחזרים לסולחים בלי כל עכוב
ומבלי סיפתחום אם הם נוטאים על
המעטפה את שמו ומענו של הסולח
בכתב או בדפוס.

בהתאם לכך הנני ליעצך
לציין בעתיד על מעטפות מכתבך
את שמך וכתובתך.

א. דנון
מנהל שירותי הדואר

(6.7.55/עג/אט/587)

PALESTINE OFFICIAL FORMS USED BY ISRAEL



Official stationery used by Israeli army, 18 August 1948.

Registration Label to be affixed here.	DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS PALESTINE.
Returned Letter	No. <u>7974</u>
The manufactures Life Insurance	
P.O. 13 281	478
Post Office. P.T. 777.	<div> <p>משרד מחלקת הדואר והטלפון</p> <p>8-10-50</p> <p>משרד לביטוח דאד ואדא</p> </div>

Late usage of P.T. Form 777, 8 March 1950, by Division of Postal Claims and Valuables. Note: "Palestine" crossed out and replaced with "Jerusalem" in Hebrew. Handstamped in Hebrew, "Dead Letter Office".