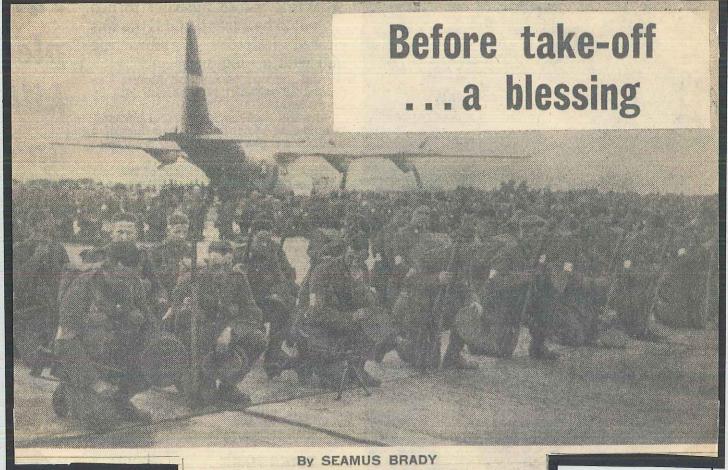
# UGANDA FORCES AIRMAIL 4 K.A.R. PRIVATE BAG, JINJA, UGANDA - ARMAGH

June 9, 1960 / December 15, 1960



### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: "BEFORE TAKE-OFF ... A BLESSING": DAILY EXPRESS

July 28, 1960



COLONEL MORTIMER BUCKLEY and the 650 men of his Congo Battalion went marching into history yesterday as the first troops of the Irish Republic to leave for active service overseas. The day belonged to the 32nd Irish. A day of national pride.

It began with a parade through Dublin, past a saluting base at the city's G.P.O., where the troops were reviewed by Prime Minister Sean Lemass.

Twenty thousand people lined the route and cheered.

And at Baldonnel Military
Airport, 12 miles from Dublin,
5,000 relatives and friends lined
the tarmac as the men marched
out behind their colours to be
blessed by Archbishop John
McQuaid of Dublin.
Roads leading to the airport
were blocked for two miles by
cars.

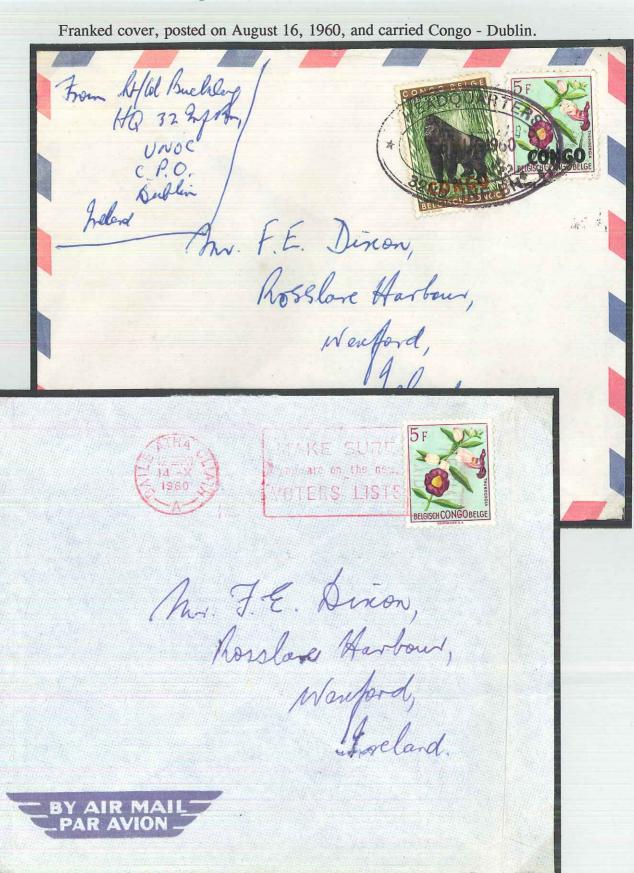
cars.

The battalion will stop at Tripoli for a rest on their 4,800-mile journey to Coquatheville in the Northern Congo.





August 16, 1960 / October 14, 1960



Cover carried free Congo - Dublin, postmarked in Dublin Official Paid on October 14, 1960. As of August 1960 mails from Irish troops serving in the Congo were sent free of charge and distributed through Dublin Army H.Q. bearing the Dublin Official Paid postmark.

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN FRED DIXON AND LT./COL. M.J. BUCKLEY

August 4, 1960

Rosslare Harbour Wexford Ireland 4 August 1960

Commanding Officer Irish Contingent U.N.E.F.

Dear Sir

I am an active member of the Irish Philatelic Study Group, which concerns itself with assembling information and material connected with all aspects of Irish postal matters.

It will therefore be of considerable interest to us if information can be supplied as to what postal service is available to the Irishmen now serving in the Congo, particularly if there is a Field Post Office allocated to you or if distinctive postage stamps are issued to the United Nations forces.

I shall be very grateful if you can supply me with some particulars of the arrangements for the postal service you have for mails home to Ireland.

The best I can do at present to prepay postage on a reply is to send Irish stamps.

Yours faithfully

F.E. Dixon

RISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: 32 Infantry Bultalian, LT./COL. M. J. BUCKLEY, COMMANDING OFFICER 2ND INFANTRY BATTALION OF IRISH UNOC FORCES Natione Unies, XPLAINING EARLY POSTAL REGULATIONS CONGO - IRELAND Portele 7248 Leopoldwille, Republic of the longo F. E. Denon Ofrica. hosslore Harbour, 1 16/8/60. Weaperd Sin, hagarding your enquiry or skamps I wish to inform you that V. of here no distinctive stamps. We send our Pletters free through Leopoldville by air, and they are delivered from bublin by any Headquarters, They do not require staty s. Therefore there in no Field Post office for Stangent or francing letters. For a few weeks who did have Aboy starys locally, but this is no longer necessary. However I ask putting a few stongs on this letter and Tam frenching them wilk the unit stamp in the hope that ithe, will be of some value to you. There are many other stomps available in the bongo, but of I were to suppoly all who seem I them I would be very busy andeed and Iwould want the support of the Bener of theland to by them. So thopperfor under stand my position. To thousing you for your interest, and hoping that this small effort may be of some wales.

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN FRED DIXON AND LT./COL. M.J. BUCKLEY

September 1960

Rosslare Harbour Wexford Ireland September 1960

Lt./Col. M.J.Buckley
Officer Commanding
32nd Infantry Battalion

Dear Sir

DIACINI, DIV. UDL

I am very grateful for your letter of 16th August giving just the information that I wished regarding the postal arrangements, and for your thoughtfulness in cancelling the stamps on the envelope with the Battalion frank.

The information has been passed on in a circular to the members of the Irish Philatelic Study Group who will I am sure support my vote of thanks. And I am mm sure that they would wish me to add a word of sympathy to you and your men for the very difficult situation you are in - a situation which would undoubtedly have been even more chaotic if United Nations forces were not on the spot.

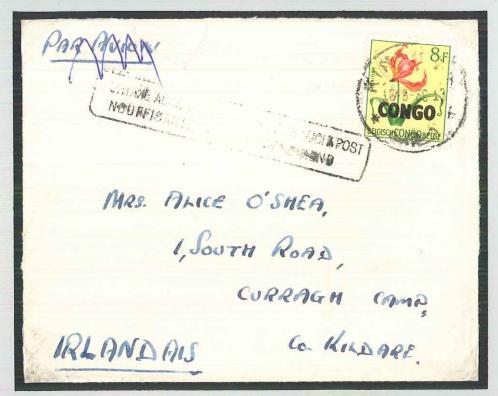
In the hope that difficulties will soon be resolved and that you will have time to deal with such casual correspondents as myself, I venture to ask a further favour. For my collection I would like one or two of the envelopes from letters sent from Ireland to men in your battalion. To cover the cost and as a gesture of goodwill I enclose what is I believe the most international of currency, the dollar bill.

Yours faithfully

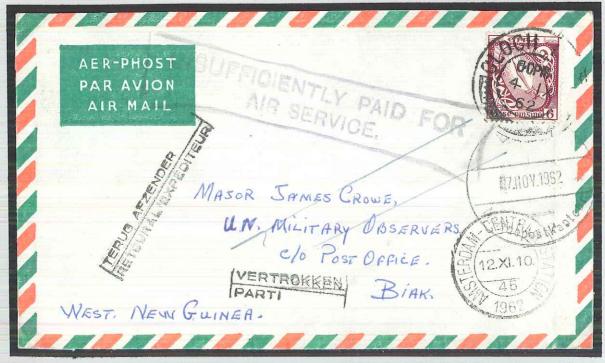
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# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO AND IN WEST NEW GUINEA: INSUFFICIENTLY PAID..... COVERS KINSHASA - CURRAGH CAMP AND GREYSTONES - BIAK, WEST NEW GUINEA

August 16, 1960 / September 4, 1962



Posted in Kinshasa, Congo, on August 16, 1960, to Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare. Boxed two line cachet in black "Insufficiently paid....." for airmail service.

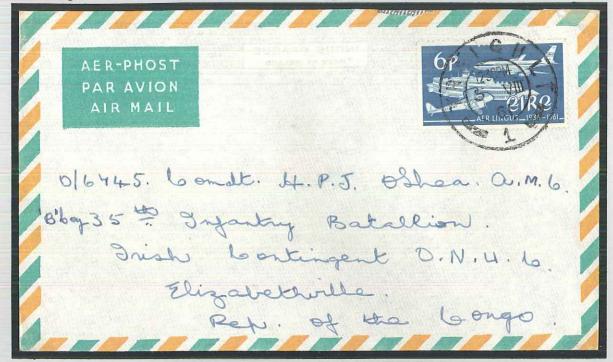


Posted in Greystones, Co. Wicklow, on September 4, 1962, to an Irish U.N. Military Observer in Biak, West New Guinea, before West New Guinea was controlled by United Nations Temporary Executive Authority (UNTEA). INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR / ..... AIR SERVICE in violet and reaching Biak only on November 7, at that time under control of the UNTEA. Returned to sender via Amsterdam (November 12). Irish mails to West New Guinea are not common.

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: IRISH MAILS IRELAND - CONGO AT 6p CONCESSIONARY RATES

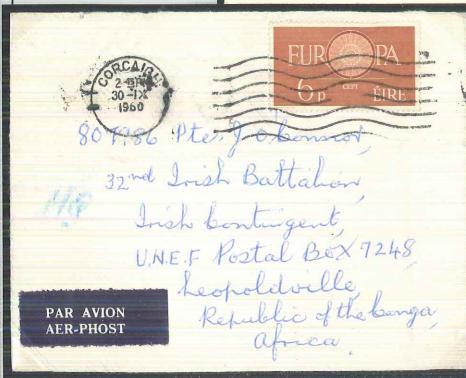
September 26, 1960 / September 30, 1960 / August 5, 1961

Mails from Ireland to Irish troops serving in the Congo were carried by air at the special airmail rate of 6d per ½ oz. compared with 1/3 for the full airmail rate.



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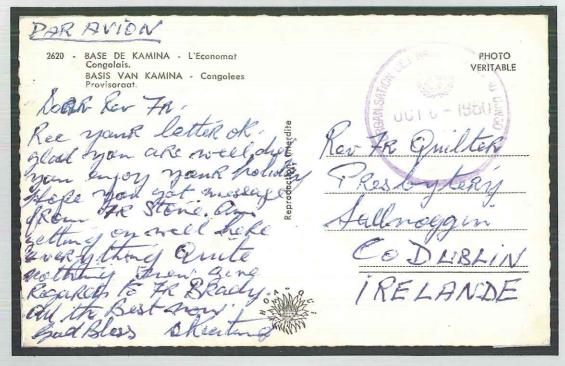
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: POSTCARD OF KAMINA BASE CARRIED CONGO - IRELAND

October 6, 1960

Postcard of Kamina Base, posted on October 6, 1960, and carried by airmail service to Dublin.

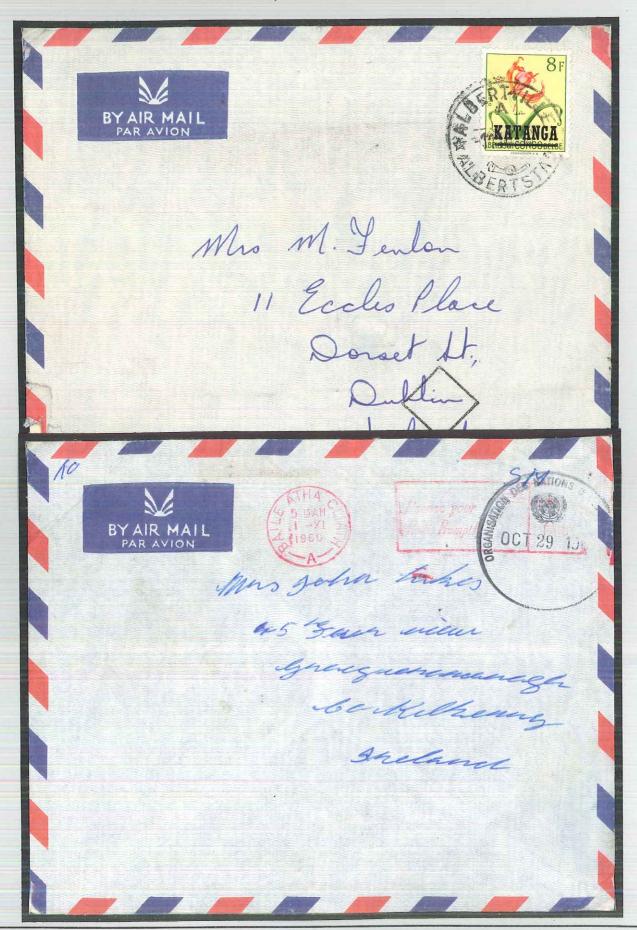
Blue ONUC postmark





# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: ALBERTVILLE - DUBLIN WITH KATANGA STAMP AND CONGO - DUBLIN WITH OFFICIAL PAID DUBLIN POSTMARK

October 11, 1960 / October 29, 1960



# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: LETTER BY LT./COL. M. J. BUCKLEY, COMMANDING OFFICER 32ND INFANTRY BATTALION OF IRISH UNOC FORCES EXPLAINING EARLY POSTAL REGULATIONS CONGO - IRELAND

32 Infantry Bettelien, Goma, Kiver. Republie Telle longe africa. 19/10/100. f. E. Seion, Mosslar Harborer, Wenford. Ser, Have you be your letter of a few weeks ago, and also for the defler /bill to cover aspenses involved, I should neturn this money as the engense involved in your case was very small indeed, but I have decided to theep it I for no other reason than to be able to truthfully say that of all Philatelists who wrote to me (and there were many). - only con on hishman - to int your self in was considerate enough to Pay for the enpenses introlvett. I should say that the myority Sent international report coupons, but they are no use here at present - at least 1 the native post office personel throw more would make the letter overweight for air mail.

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### IRISH UNITES NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: ONUC ENVELOPES CARRIED CONGO - DUBLIN

October 14, 1960 / November 3, 1960



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Mrs Joseph Mahon 30, Fairview, Graignamanagh, B kilkenny, Eine, Grelande.

BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION

Special ONUC postmark in blue



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Special ONUC postmark in violet

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### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: CHRISTMAS CARD FROM KAMINA BASE CARRIED CONGO - DUBLIN

October 29, 1960



KAMINA BASE KATANGA



32 IRISH BATTALION

CHRISTMAS 1960

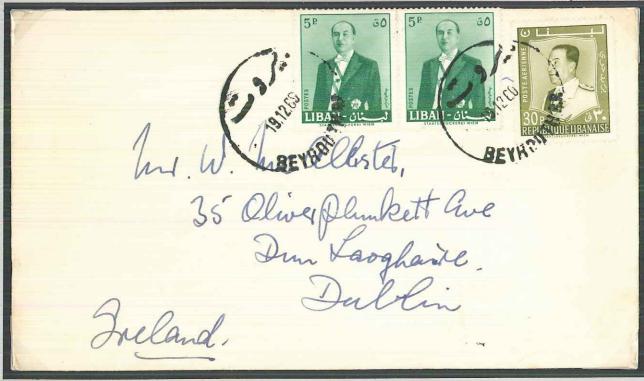
" PEACE TO MEN OF GOODWILL "

Christmas greetings from the Officer Commanding, Chaplains, Officers, NCO's and Men of the 32 Irish Battalion serving the cause of peace in the Republic of the CONGO.

Printed Christmas card from 32 Irish Battalion at Kamina Base, posted Albertville on October 29, 1960, and carried Congo - Dublin.

#### UNITED NATIONS MAIL LIBANON - DUBLIN

December 19, 1960



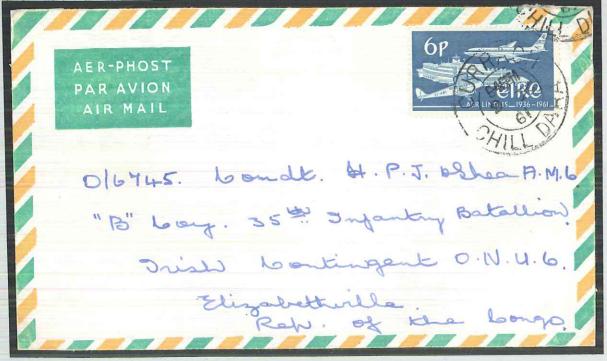


### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: COVERS CARRIED CONGO - CURRAGH AND CURRAGH - CONGO

December 19, 1960 / October 2, 1961



Kamina Base - Curragh Camp, posted on December 19, 1960.

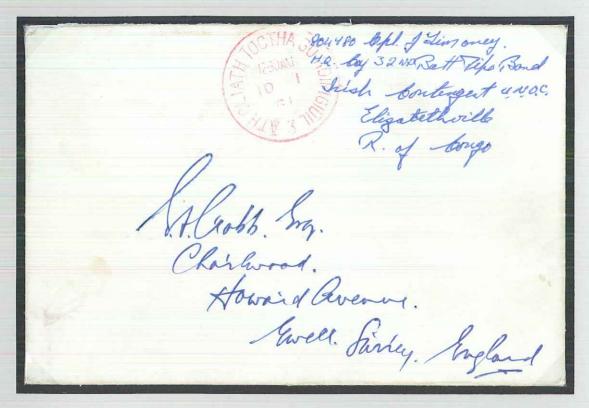


Curragh Camp - Elizabethville, Congo, posted on October 2, 1961.

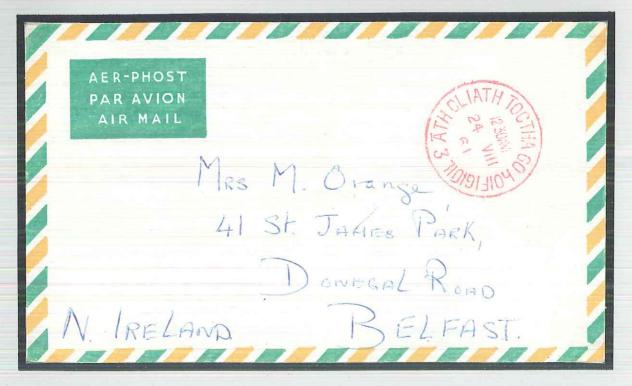
Concessionary 6d airmail rate.

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: COVERS CARRIED CONGO - DUBLIN WITH RED OFFICIAL PAID DUBLIN POSTMARKS AND FORWARDED TO UK DESTINATIONS

January 10, 1961 / August 24, 1961



Congo - Dublin, with red official paid cds of January 10, 1961, forwarded to UK



Congo - Dublin, with red official paid cds of August 24, 1961, forwarded to Belfast

### **IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO:** FRED DIXON LETTER IN "THE IRISH TIMES" - "NO RESULTS"

February 16, 1961

Rosslare Harbour Wexford 16th February 1961

The Editor TRISH TIMES

Sir

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F. B. Dixon

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Yours, etc.,

F. E. DIXON. Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford. February 16th, 1961.

No results

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: COVERS WITH SPECIAL ONUC SLOGAN POSTMARKS AND CARRIED FROM IRISH PEACE TROOPS IN THE CONGO TO IRELAND

June 9th, 1961 / August 28th, 1961





# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: IRISH MAILS IRELAND - CONGO AT 6p CONCESSIONARY RATES

July 7, July 18, July 21, August 28, September 16, October 20, 1961







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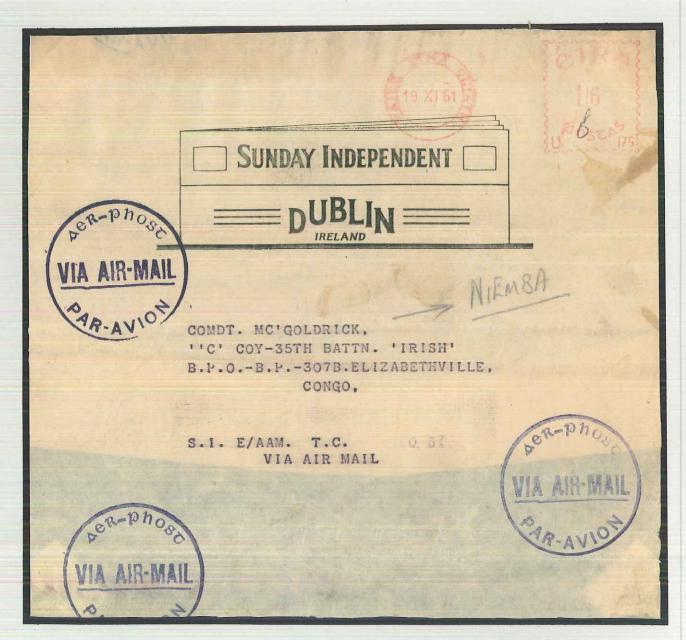
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### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: "SUNDAY INDEPENDENT" NEWSPAPER WRAPPER DUBLIN - ELIZABETHVILLE

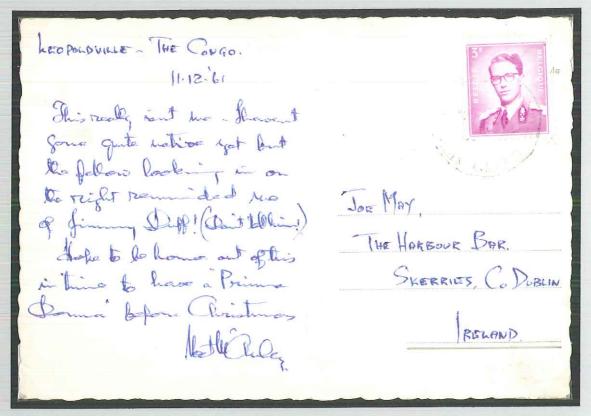
November 19th, 1961



"SUNDAY INDEPENDENT" newspaper wrapper, posted in Dublin on November 19th, 1961, with red 1/6d meter datestamp, carried by airmail from Dublin to Irish Forces in Elizabethville, Congo, and redirected to Niembo (North of Elizabethville). Interesting handstamped "AER-PHOST / VIA AIR-MAIL / PAR AVION" cachets in blue-black.

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: CHRISTMAS POSTCARD UNOFFICIALLY CARRIED CONGO - BRUSSELS - DUBLIN AND PHOTO OF ELISABETHVILLE POST OFFICE IN 1960

December 11, 1961



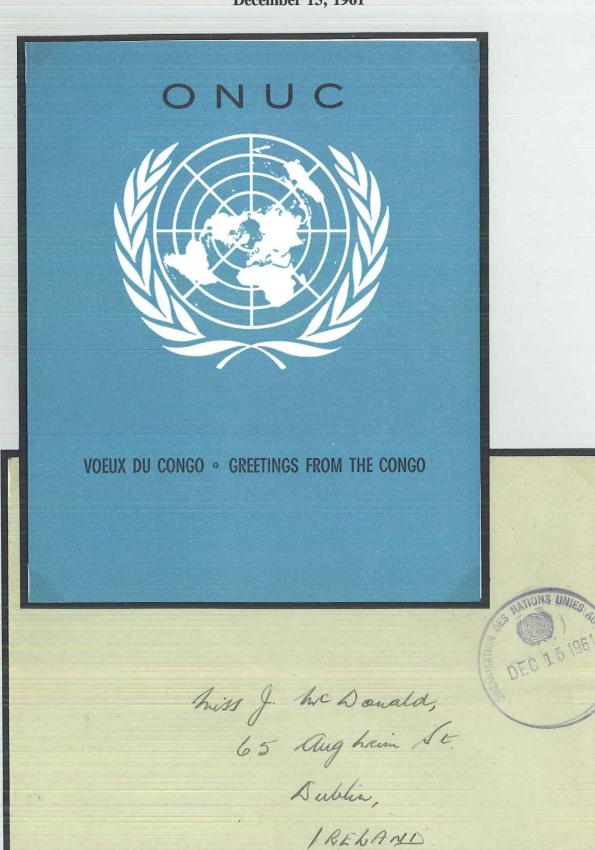
Christmas postcard from Irish U.N. Forces member in the Congo (December 11, 1961), unofficially carried to Brussels, posted at Brussels Airport and carried to Dublin.



Elisabethville Post Office (Photo taken in 1960 by one of the Irish soldiers)

# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: SPECIAL ONUC CHRISTMAS CARD CARRIED CONGO - DUBLIN

December 15, 1961



#### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE CONGO: ONUC ENVELOPES FROM THE UNO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

March 30, 1962 / April 21, 1962

ONUC envelopes originating from a correspondence of the UNO supervised Meteorological Service. The Principal Representative at that time was J.W. O'Byrne, seconded from the Irish Meteorological Service. Special "ONU Base Post Office / Elisabethville" postmarks in black (March 30) and in red (April 21).



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# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS: MAILS FROM IRISH TROOPS CARRIED CYPRUS - LONDON AND CYPRUS - DUBLIN SHOWING INTERESTING PROPAGANDA CACHETS

September 4, 1964





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FORCE IN CYPRUS

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Hon. Packet Secretary,

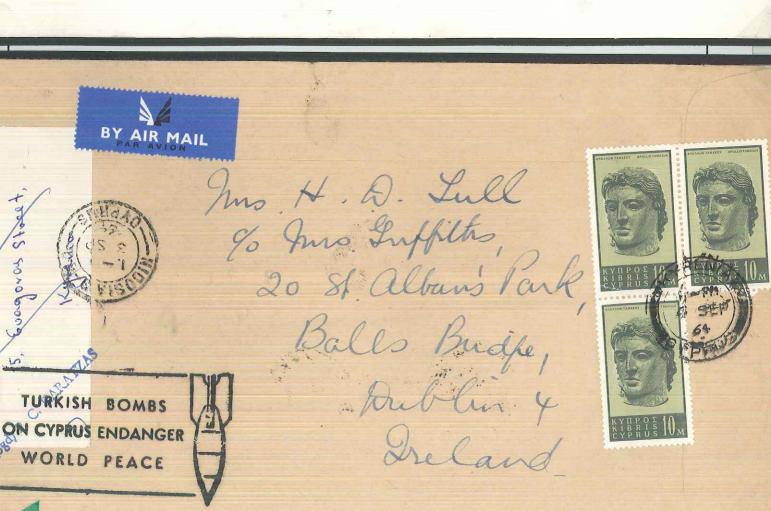
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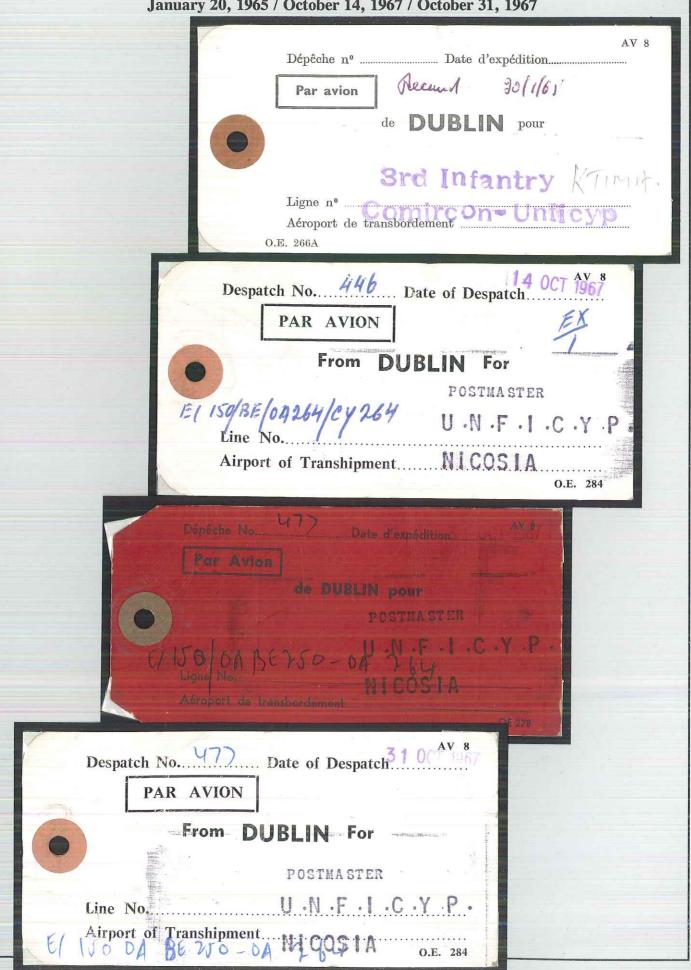


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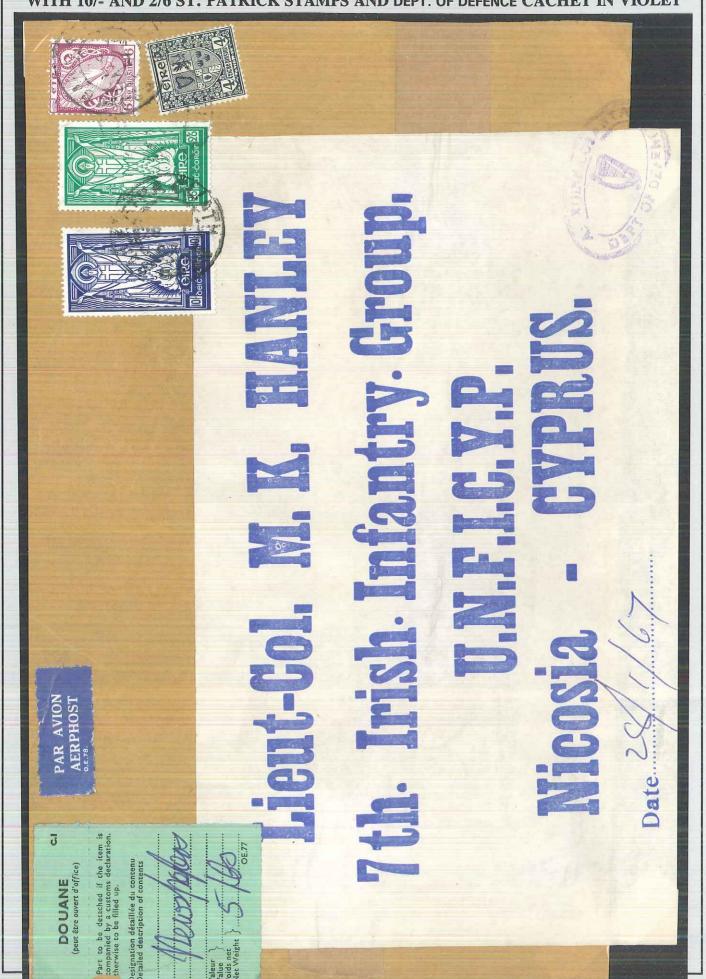
CYPRUS

### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS: MAIL BAG TAGS "O.E. 284 / AV 8" CARRIED DUBLIN - NICOSIA

January 20, 1965 / October 14, 1967 / October 31, 1967



IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS:
NEWSPAPER AIRMAIL SERVICE DUBLIN - NICOSIA (JANUARY 28, 1967)
WITH 10/- AND 2/6 ST. PATRICK STAMPS AND DEPT. OF DEFENCE CACHET IN VIOLET



# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS: NEWSPAPER WRAPPER DUBLIN - CYPRUS AT CONCESSIONARY RATE AND AIR LETTER TO IRISH TROOPS CARRIED LONDON - CYPRUS

March 4, 1976 / October 6, 1968



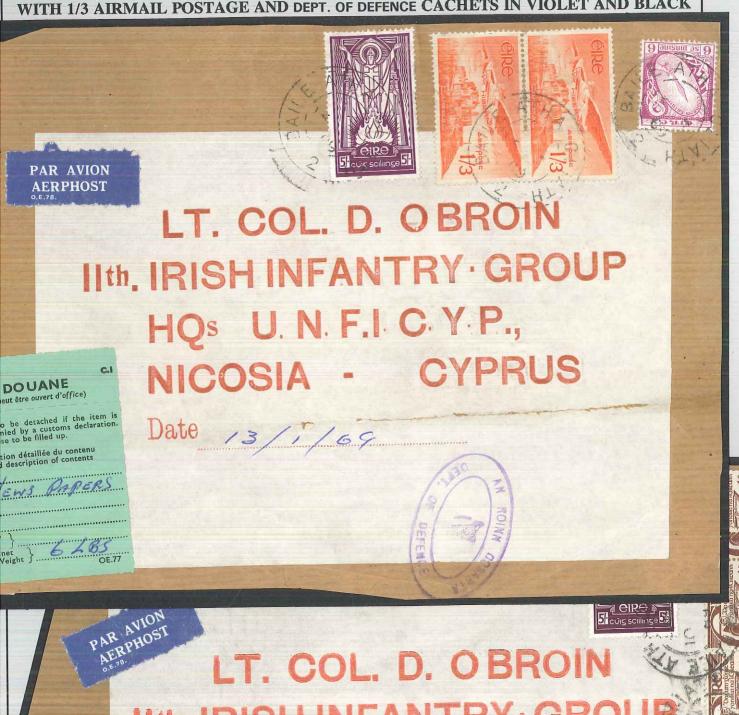
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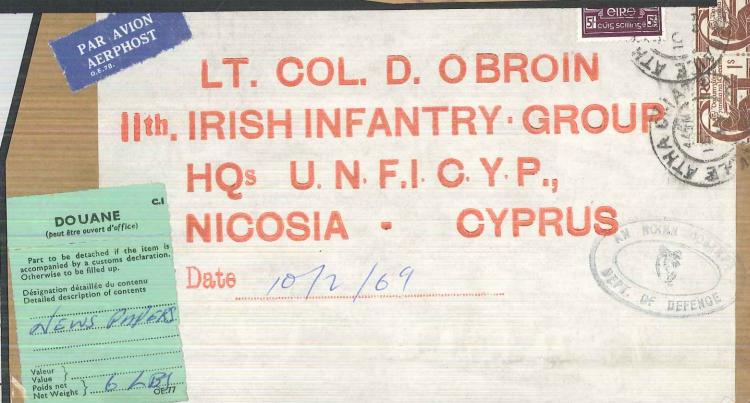
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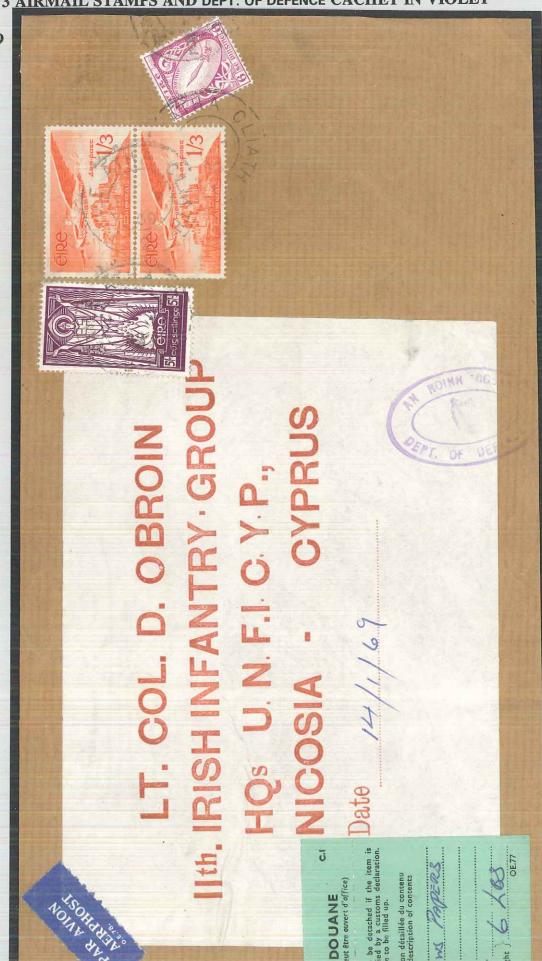
IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS:
NEWSPAPER AIRMAIL SERVICE DUBLIN - NICOSIA
WITH 1/3 AIRMAIL POSTAGE AND DEPT. OF DEFENCE CACHETS IN VIOLET AND BLACK





IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS:
NEWSPAPER AIRMAIL SERVICE DUBLIN - NICOSIA
WITH 1/3 AIRMAIL STAMPS AND DEPT. OF DEFENCE CACHET IN VIOLET





# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS: NEWSPAPER AIRMAIL SERVICE DUBLIN - NICOSIA DEPT. OF DEFENCE CACHET IN BLACK

**February 6, 1969** 



IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS: NEWSPAPER PARCEL DUBLIN - NICOSIA, CYPRUS

February 6th, 1969



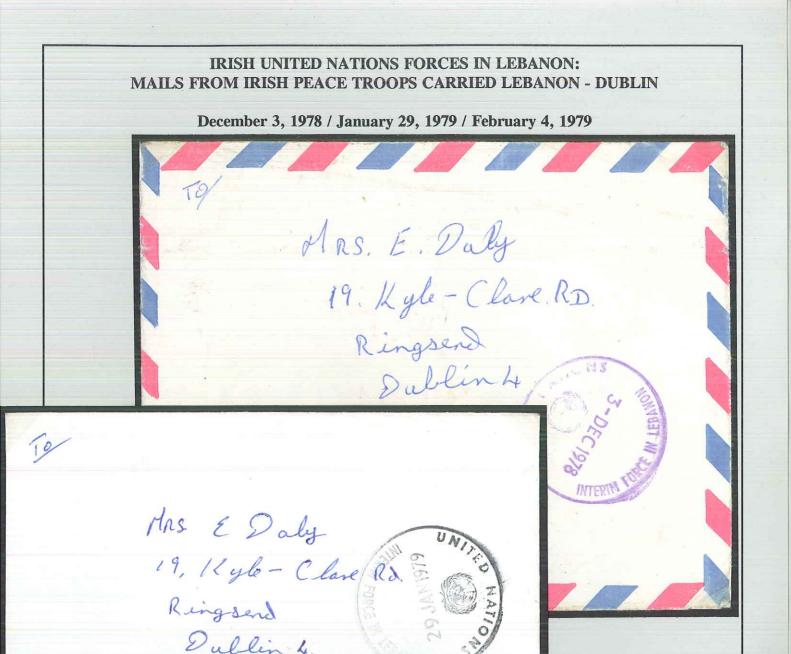
Parcel post address label for newspapers, posted in Dublin on February 6th, 1969, addressed to the Irish Liaison officer, and carried by airmail from Dublin to Nicosia, Cyprus. Oval "DEPT. OF DEFENCE" cachet in black.

### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN CYPRUS: SPECIAL FLIGHT IN SUPPORT OF THE UNFICYP CONTINGENTS INCLUDING INISHFREE CAMP AT LARNACA

July 15, 1973







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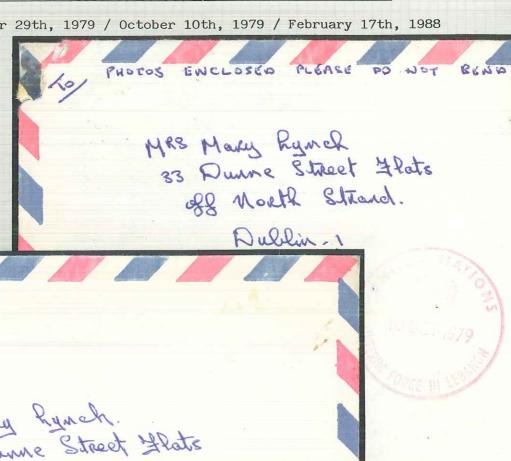
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IRISH "UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCES IN LEBANON": COVERS FROM IRISH PEACE TROOPS IN LEBANON TO DUBLIN SHOWING UN CACHETS IN VIOLET, RED AND BLACK

September 29th, 1979 / October 10th, 1979 / February 17th, 1988



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33 Dune Street Heats
AN North Strand Dublin . 1

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BY AIRMAIL PAR AVION

DUBLIN 8, IRELAND,





# IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN LEBANON: MAILS FROM IRISH PEACE TROOPS CARRIED LEBANON - DUBLIN

November 23, 1982 / January 10, 1983



MINISTER GERARD BRADY

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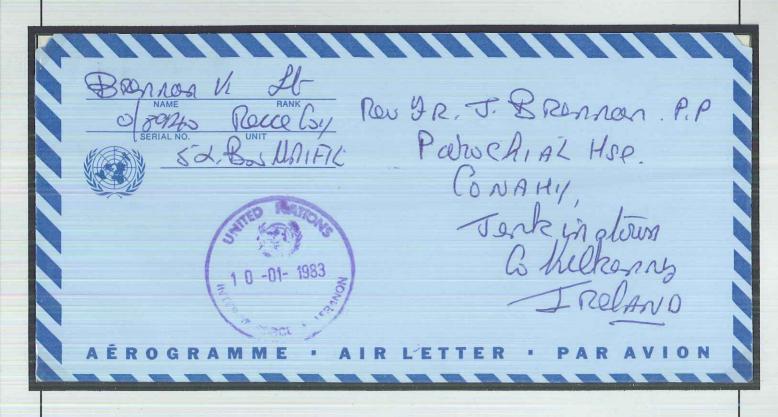




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BY AIR MAIL



IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN LEBANON:
COVERS FROM IRISH PEACE TROOPS IN LEBANON TO DUBLIN
SHOWING UN CACHETS IN VIOLET, BLACK AND BLUE

June 27th, 1984 / July 27th, 1984 / August 5th, 1984



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### IRISH UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN LEBANON: COVERS FROM DUBLIN TO IRISH PEACE TROOPS IN LEBANON

October 1st, 1984 / October 24th, 1988





UNIFIL, Nagoura, Irish Contingent,

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QM, 15 IRISH COMPONENT,

UNBPO, UNIFIL,

NAQOURA, IRISH CONTINGENT,

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Adjutant, 15 Irish Component UNBPO, UNIFIL,

Naqoura, Irish Contingent,
Tel Aviv, Israel.



### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST IRISH FORCES TO SERVE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE CONGO 1960

June 20, 1985



IRISH "UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCES IN LEBANON": COVERS FROM IRISH PEACE TROOPS IN LEBANON TO DUBLIN

October 19th, 20th and 21st, 1989



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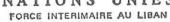


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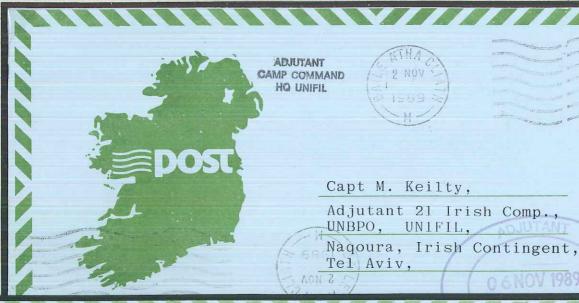


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#### IRISH "UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCES IN LEBANON": COVERS FROM DUBLIN TO IRISH PEACE TROOPS IN LEBANON

November 2nd, 1989











BQMS J. Naughton, 21 Irish Component Naqoura, Irish Contingent,
Tel Aviv,

ARTERMASTER



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Col. S. MacNiocaill,

COMIRCON, UNBPO, UNIFIL,

Naqoura , Irish Contingent, 6 -11- 1989) Tel Aviv,

ISRAEL.



#### SPECIAL FLIGHT FOR IRISH U.N. TROOPS BY AIR FRANCE **DUBLIN - TEL AVIV**

October 18, 1993 / November 2, 1993

FLIGHT SERIES DELAYED DUE TO AIR FRANCE STRIKE LAST AIRCRAFT DEPARTED 2ND NOVEMBER 1993





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> > J K RYAN 32 ELM MOUNT AVE DUBLIN 9 IRELAND

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Posted at Dublin Airport on October 18, 1993, for special flight Dublin - Tel Aviv by Air France. Flight delayed until November 2 due to Air France strike. 81 Air Letters were carried.