

THE LONDON - BELFAST "A.D.L.S. - AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE"
BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, OPERATING FROM THE AIR MINISTRY/WHITEHALL
VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST AND RETURN

July 11, 1940

SECRET

S E C R E T

From:- Headquarters, No. 41 Group, Royal Air Force.

To:- Officers Commanding:-

No. 5 M.U.	No. 19 M.U.	No. 37 M.U.
No. 6 M.U.	No. 20 M.U.	No. 38 M.U.
No. 8 M.U.	No. 22 M.U.	No. 39 M.U.
No. 9 M.U.	No. 23 M.U.	No. 45 M.U.
No. 10 M.U.	No. 24 M.U.	No. 46 M.U.
No. 12 M.U.	No. 27 M.U.	No. 47 M.U.
No. 15 M.U.	No. 33 M.U.	No. 48 M.U.
No. 18 M.U.		No. 52 M.U.

Date:- 11th. July, 1940.

Ref:- 41G/211/Sigs

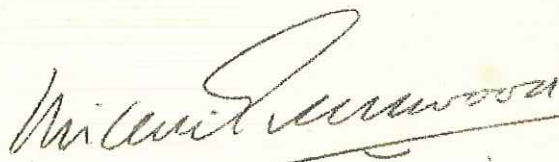
AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE
WHITEHALL - BELFAST

An Air Despatch Letter Service is in operation between Air Ministry, Whitehall, and Sealand (Chester), proceeding thence to Belfast.

2. This will be used only for the despatch of letters and packages of such importance that normal transit arrangements will not suffice.

3. All communications sent by this service are to be marked A.D.L.S., bear a reference to the originating branch or Unit, and reach Whitehall Registry by 0800 hours.

4. The return service will leave Sydenham (Belfast) at 1500 hours and, calling at Chester, will arrive Whitehall at approximately 2000 hours.



(Vincent Greenwood)
Squadron Leader,
Signals Officer,
Headquarters, No. 41 Group,
Royal Air Force.



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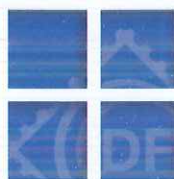
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only selected items are shown

LOT PARTIELLEMENT SCANNÉ

Du à la taille ou à la complexité de ce lot, ceci est une selection

LOS IST NUR TEILWEISE GESCANNT

Aufgrund des Umfangs und Vielschichtigkeits dieses Loses
werden nur ausgewählte Stücke getzeigt



AIR DESPATCH
LETTER SERVICE

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PROOF STRIKES OF THE RED AIR DESPATCH / LETTER SERVICE CACHET

July 1940

AIR DESPATCH
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LETTER SERVICE

R.A.F. Form 96A.
S.575A. (Naval).

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No.....

Call IN
and :—
Preface OUT

No. of
Groups
GR

Office Date Stamp

SECRET

(Above this line is for Signals use only.)

TO* ALL HOME UNITS. NO. 645 Sqdn. Air Ministry, Sigs. 3A.

FROM* SIGNALS 3

Originator's Number
A.796

Date
30/7

Your/My Number and Date

(Write horizontally)

FOLLOWING IS TIME TABLE OF DAILY AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE BETWEEN LONDON AND 5
BELFAST. HENDON DEPART 1000 . SEALAND FOR CHESTER ARRIVE 1130 DEPART 1200 SYDENHAM 10
FOR BELFAST ARRIVE 1430 . RETURN SERVICE DEPART SYDENHAM 1600. ARRIVE SEALAND 1700. 15
ARRIVE HENDON 1930 . COMMUNICATIONS BY THIS SERVICE MUST BE MAKRED A.D.L.S. AND 20
SHOULD BEAR REFERENCE TO THE ORIGINATING BRANCH AND MUST BE DELIVERED TO WHITEHALL 25
OR OTHER POINTS HALF HOUR BEFORE SCHEDULE TIME OF DEPARTURE. THIS SERVICE WILL BE 30
ONLY USED FOR PACKAGES OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT NORMAL TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS WILL 35
NOT SUFFICE. TIME OF DEPARTURE WILL NOT BE DELAYED AND NO PASSENGERS WILL BE 40
TAKEN. 45

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July 30, 1940

This message must be sent **AS WRITTEN**
and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

This message must be sent **IN CYPHER**
and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions* Degree of Priority*

TIME OF
ORIGIN. 1715

‡ Originator to insert "NOT" if message is not to go by W/T over any part of the route. (Below this line is for Signals use only.)

T.O.R. 1201

T.H.I.

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(50294) Wt. 40176/3811 238,000 pads. 1/40 Hw. T.9648

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August 2, 1940

SECRET C O P Y

From:- Headquarters, No. 41 Group, R.A.F.
To:- All No. 41 Group Units (except F.P.P.S.)
Date:- 2nd. August, 1940.
Ref:- 41G/211/Sigs.

AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE
WHITEHALL - BELFAST

Further to this Headquarters' letter as above, dated 11th. July, 1940, the following is the time table of the daily A.D.L.S. between London and Belfast.

Hendon	Depart	1000	Sydenham	Depart	1600
Sealand	Arrive	1130	Belfast		
"	Depart	1200	Sealand	"	1700
Sydenham					
Belfast	Arrive	1430	Hendon	Arrive	1930

2. Communications must be marked A.D.L.S. and bear reference to the originating branch or Unit, - they are to be at points of departure half an hour before scheduled time of departure.

3. This Service is to be used only for despatch of letters and packages of such importance that normal transit arrangements will not suffice. Time of departure will not be delayed and no passengers will be taken.

(Signed)

VINCENT GREENWOOD.
Squadron Leader,
Signals Officer,
Headquarters, No. 41 Group,
Royal Air Force.

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VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
REGISTERED OHMS ENVELOPES / AUGUST 24, 1940 / NOVEMBER 7, 1940

On His Majesty's Service

On His Majesty's Service



The Air Officer Commanding
Royal Air Force in Northern Ireland

Dunlambert Hotel,
Belfast,
Northern Ireland

Air Ministry,
Kingsway,
London, W.C.2.

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING
H.Q. R.A.F. N.I.,
DUN LAMBERT H.
PORT WILSON

AS.291

9018



BY REGISTERED POST

S.5. (C) AIR MINISTRY

If undelivered, return to

Air Ministry,

LONDON, W.C.2.

LAND"

R.A.F. Form 96A.
S.575A. (Naval).

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No.....

Call IN and :— Preface OUT	SECRET IMPORTANT G O P Y	No. of Groups GR	Office Date Stamp
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(Above this line is for Signals use only.)

TO* ALL R.A.F. UNITS AT HOME.

FROM* AIR MINISTRY SIGNALS 3		Originator's Number	Date	Your/My	Number and Date
		A 580	4/10		
(Write horizontally)					
A 796	30th. JULY	FOLLOWING IS	REVISED	TIME TABLE	5
COMMENCING	MONDAY 7/10	AIR	DESPATCH	LETTER	10
SERVICE	BETWEEN	LONDON AND	BELFAST	HENDON	15
DEPART	0900 .	SEALAND	CHESTER	ARRIVE 1030	20
DEPART	1100 .	SYDENHAM	ARRIVE 1230 .	RETURN	25
SERVICE	DEPART	- 15	ARRIVE	SEALAND	30
1630	DEPART	1700	ARRIVE	HENDON 1830 .	35
TIME OF	DEPARTURE	FROM	TERMINAL	POINTS (of)	40
REMAINDER	ARE APPROXIMATE.	CONDITION	GOVERNS	USE THIS	45
SERVICE	REMAIN	AS BEFORE	EXCEPT THAT	COMMUNICATIONS	50
MUST NOW	BE DELIVERED	TO	WHITEHALL	REGISTRY	55
BY	0700	REPEAT	0700 .		60

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Signature

This message must be sent **IN CYPHER**
and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions* Degree of Priority*

TIME OF
ORIGIN. 1303

T.O.R. 2230

† Originator to insert " NOT " if message is not to go by W/T over any part of the route. (Below this line is for Signals use only.)

System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	T.H.I.
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October 4, 1940

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REGISTERED BY BRITISH / PACKET ONLY AND S.5.(c) AIR MINISTRY ENVELOPES

October 4, 1940 / November 2, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

LONDON, A.B.

No 7670

A.O.C. IN IRELAND
HDQRS. NO. 61 GROUP,
R.A.F.,
DUNLAMBERT HOTEL,
BELFAST.
FORTWILLIAM PARK

BRITISH
PACKET ONLY

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(C) AIR MINISTRY



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

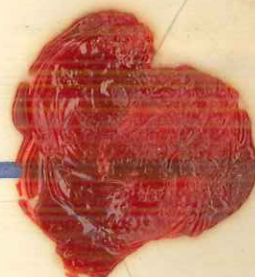
LONDON, A.B.

No 1446

A.O.C. IN IRELAND
H.Q. NO. 61 GROUP,
R.A.F. DUNLEMERT HOTEL,
BELFAST,
N. IRELAND.
FORTWILLIAM PARK.

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AIR MINISTRY



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 HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
 OFFICIAL PAID OHMS MAILS INCLUDING "POSTAGRAM"

October 15, 1940 / November 6, 1940

RAF FORM 1925A.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

POSTAGRAM

IN THE CASE OF NON-DELIVERY
 TO BE RETURNED TO :-

6th Unit

Staff

Air Ministry E.3.

The Air Officer Commanding
 H.Q. R.A.F. in Northern Ireland
 Dunlambert Hotel
 Belfast

Northern Ireland

Wt. 12789 3,000M. 6/40 51-7064



OHMS POSTAGRAM / RAF FORM 1925A with OFFICIAL PAID cachet,
 posted at Harrogate on November 6, 1940 (red postmark).

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

The Air Officer Commanding in Chief
 Royal Air Force in Northern Ireland,
 Dunlambert Hotel,
 Rathfriland Park,
 Belfast.
 N. Ireland.



(Labluge)

Wt. 12789 3,000M. 6/40 51-7064

A.E.P. 4

OHMS label, posted at Harrogate on October 15, 1940,
 with OFFICIAL PAID slogan postmark in red.

R.A.F. Form 96A.
S.575A. (Naval).

MESSAGE FORM

Office Serial No.....

Call IN
and :—
Preface OUT

No. of
Groups
GR

Office Date Stamp

SECRET

C O P Y

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TO* ALL HOME STATIONS.

FROM* AIR MINISTRY.

Originator's Number

X.636.

Date

18/10

Your/My

Number and Date

(Write horizontally)

FOLLOWING

IS

ALTERATION

IN

TIME

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TABLE

COMMENCING

MONDAY

21st.OCTOBER

AIR

10

DESPATCH

LETTER

SERVICE

BETWEEN

BELFAST

15

AND

LONDON .

SYDENHAM

DEPART

1400

20

HOURS .

DEPARTURE

OF

SERVICE

FROM

25

LONDON

TO

BELFAST

SAME

AS

30

BEFORE .

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October 18, 1940

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and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

This message must be sent **IN CYPHER**
and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions* Degree of Priority*

TIME OF
ORIGIN. 1650

T.O.R. 2250

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"AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE" BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE:
ALDERGROVE - ANDOVER

October 18, 1940

Air Despatch Service Mail.
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

File

A.O.C.

Headquarters No 41 Group, R.A.F.

81, Weyhill Road,

Andover,

Hants.,

England.



Packet No 8.

Recd
18 OCT 1940
18 OCT 1940

HEADQUARTERS	
No. 41 (M) GROUP	
To <i>VIA R.A.F. Station</i>	
Date	<i>19 OCT 1940</i>
Received	<i>19 OCT 1940</i>
REVELANT FILE	
<i>Recd 18 OCT 1940</i>	
<i>18 OCT 1940</i>	

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VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
INFORMATION SECTION / N.I.D. CACHETS IN VIOLET AND CARRIED BY IRISH ROUTE

October 20, 1940 / October 22, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS,
NORTHERN IRELAND.
BELFAST.

By Irish Route



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS,
NORTHERN IRELAND.
BELFAST.



Irish Route

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GENERAL STAFF W.O. (RED) AND A.G.10 / WAR OFFICE (BLUE) CACHETS

October 20, 1940 / November 18, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

General Officer Commanding,

Headquarters, British Troops in Ireland,

c/o C. P. O.,

Belfast.



WAR ECONOMY LABEL. RE-USE OF ENVELOPES.

*Command Headquarters
Northern Ireland District
Northern Ireland*



(Label)

Wt. 22705. 7000M. 8/40. 51-7559

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VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
INFORMATION SECTION / N.I.D. CACHETS IN VIOLET AND CARRIED BY IRISH ROUTE

October 21, 1940 / October 23, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS,
NORTHERN IRELAND,
BELFAST.

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS,
NORTHERN IRELAND,
BELFAST.

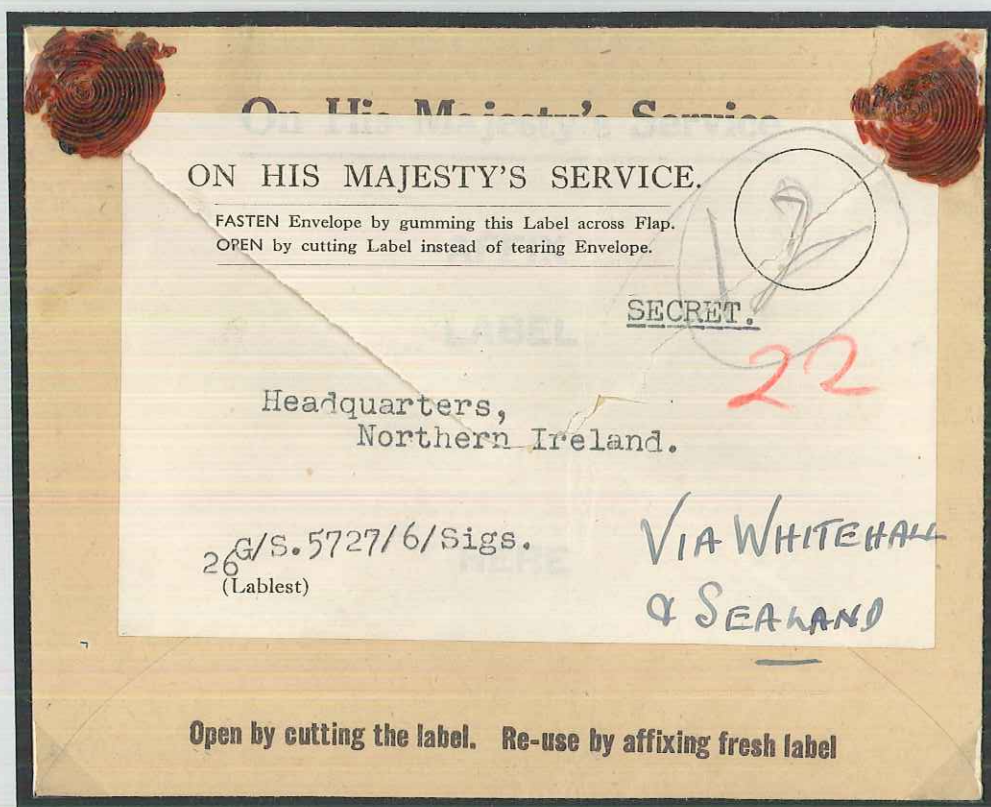
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Irish Route

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October 21, 1940



OHMS envelope, sealed and marked SECRET, with oval cachet AIR MINISTRY, REGISTRY / WHITEHALL in blue on reverse, dated October 21, 1940.



OHMS envelope, marked BY A.D.L.S. in manuscript and red SECRET cachet on reverse. Oval HEADQUARTERS No. 1 GROUP / HUCKNALL / ROYAL AIR FORCE cachet in blue

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 OPERATING FROM THE AIR MINISTRY AT WHITEHALL VIA
 HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
 RED AIR D.L.S. HANDSTAMP AND BOXED CACHET AIR MINISTRY / A.I.1 IN RED

October 22, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
 OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.

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*Air Officer Commanding,
 HQ. R.A.F.,*

AIR MINISTRY
 A.I.1
 22 OCT 1940
 (Lablist)

Northern Ireland

(Receipt)

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To:

A.M. P.M.

1940

INITIALS IF

O:

Air Officer Commanding,

Headquarters Royal Air Force,

Northern Ireland.

(Receipt)

AIR D.L.S.

NOTE.—Open
 by cutting
 the label.
 Re-use by
 affixing
 fresh label.

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VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
OHMS ENVELOPES WITH MARKED SECRET IN BLUE-BLACK

October 25, 1940 / November 5, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

SECRET.

SECRET

S.A.S.O. N. Ireland,

c/o AIR MINISTRY.

H. QUARTERS,
R. A. F. N. I.
REF:
26 OCT 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

SECRET

S.A.S.O., N. Ireland,

C/o. Air Ministry.

R. A. F. N. I.
REF:
26 OCT 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

SECRET

S. A. S. O., Northern Ireland,

C/o. Air Ministry.



To: _____
REC'D. _____
WITH _____ ENCL. ☐ A.M. ☐ P.M.
5 - NOV 1940
INITIALS IF ACKNO. _____
FILE No. _____
ON _____

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VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
REGISTERED OHMS ENVELOPE WITH S.5.(c) AIR MINISTRY CACHET / NOVEMBER 2, 1940

On H

R LONDON, A.B.
No 7421

to be affixed here

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING,
H.Q., R.A.F.N.I.,
DUN LAMBERT HOTEL,
FORT WILLIAM PARK,
BELFAST.
AS.281



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S. 5. (C) AIR MINISTRY

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VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
MARKED AIR D.L.S. IN RED WITH BOXED AIR MINISTRY / A.I.1 CACHET IN RED

November 6, 1940

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.

H. G. S.

*R.A. F. in Ireland
Belfast.*



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.

Air Officer Commanding,

Headquarters Royal Air Force,

Northern Ireland.



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.

Air Officer Commanding,

Headquarters Royal Air Force,

Northern Ireland.



(apt) 6 NOV 1940

OFFICIAL
PAID

ENCL. ☒ P.M.
10 NOV 1940

IF ACKND

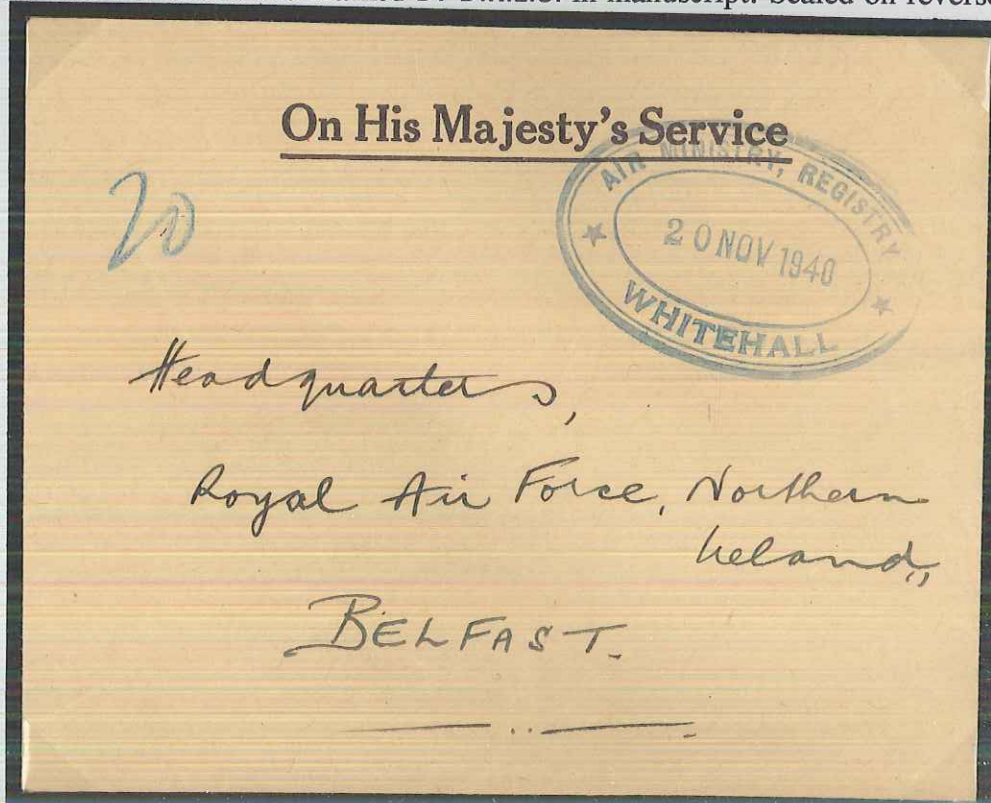
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HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST

November 10, 1940 / November 20, 1940



Oval AIR MINISTRY, REGISTRY / WHITEHALL cachet in blue-violet, dated November 10, 1940.
Red SECRET cachet and marked BY D.R.L.S. in manuscript. Sealed on reverse.



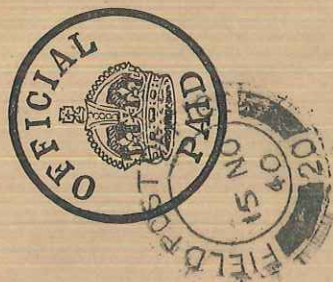
Oval AIR MINISTRY, REGISTRY / WHITEHALL cachet in light-blue, dated November 20, 1940.

**"AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE" BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE:
ALDERGROVE - ANDOVER**

November 14, 1940

Any Answer to this Letter must be Prepaid

On His Majesty's Service



A.O.C.
Headquarters No 41 Group, R.A.F.,
81, Weyhill Road,
Andover,
Hants,
England.



AIR MINISTRY

**If undelivered, return to the Officer
Commanding, Royal Air Force at:—**

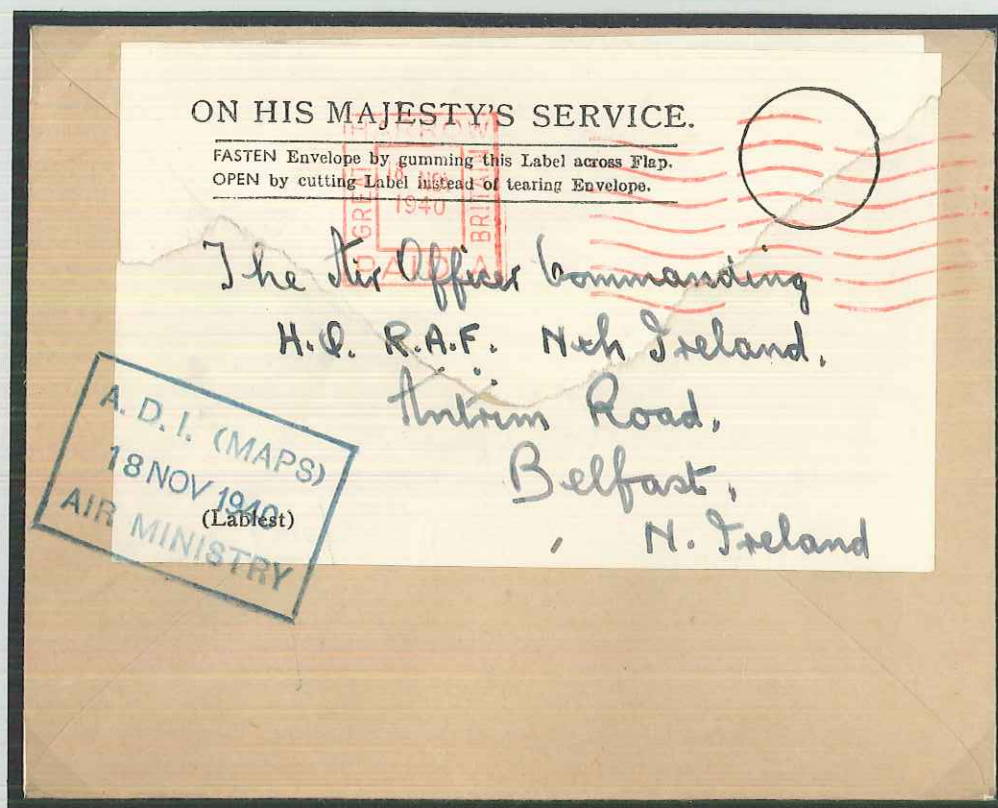
(Full postal address to be inserted by unit)

R.A.F. Form 1992

DOCKETS No 146.

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 VIA HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
 OHMS ENVELOPES WITH BOXED A.D.I. (MAPS) / AIR MINISTRY CACHETS IN BLUE

November 18, 1940 / November 24, 1940



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HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST AND RETURN

November 22, 1940

Ref.
S. D. 155/1940. No. 1130.
dated 22.11.40.

Revised Establishment No. 24 (communications) Sqdn.

"C" Flight.
2 Oxforbs

Ambulances.

{ 4 Handicrafts.
3 Lockheed Electra.
2 D.H. 86

} To run Belfast air mail
three times a week for the
transport of important person-
-ages, parties of representatives
of foreign Governments etc.

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 OPERATING FROM THE AIR MINISTRY AT WHITEHALL VIA
 HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
 REGISTERED AND SEALED OHMS ENVELOPES

November 22, 1940 / November 23, 1940



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



Air Officer Commanding,
 Royal Air Force,
 Dunlambert Hotel,
 Antrim Road,
 Belfast,
 Northern Ireland.

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THE LONDON - BELFAST "A.D.L.S. - AIR DESPATCH LETTER SERVICE"
BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
OPERATING FROM THE AIR MINISTRY AT WHITEHALL VIA
HENDON/LONDON - SEALAND/CHESTER - SYDENHAM/BELFAST:
REGISTERED OHMS "POSTAGRAMS"

November 24, 1940

RAF FORM 1925A.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



POST

*Air Officer Commanding,
Royal Air Force in
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Dunlambert Hotel,
Belfast.*



IN THE CASE OF NON-DELIVERY
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AIR OFFICER COMMANDING,
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FORT WILLIAM PARK,
BELFAST.

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LONDON R.L.D. cds in black of November 24 and
oval REGISTERED / LONDON postmark in black of November 25 on reverse.

AST/1328/39.

COLLECTION OF WEEKLY AIRCRAFT STATE.

Aircraft -- HIND K.5540.

Pilot -- _____

- (1) You are hereby detailed to collect and deliver Weekly Aircraft States by air on _____
- (2) You will obtain a weather report from St.Athan at 09.00 hours.
- (3) Your route is:-

No.	19	M.U.	St. Athan.
"	10	"	Hullavington.
"	20	"	Aston Down.
"	5	"	Kemble.
"	41(M)		Group, Andover.
- (4) You will be at St.Athan at 13.00 hours and collect the state for No.19 M.U. from the Watch Office. You will then proceed to units in the order given, para.3, and collect states from them. If possible, this unit's state will be collected before departure, and you will then proceed from Hullavington to Kemble.
- (5) There is no Watch Office at Kemble, and that unit's state will be collected from Unit Headquarters.
- (6) Should a state not be available at any unit, you will ring up the Commanding Officer and request it, immediately. If a delay of more than 15 minutes is involved, you will proceed to the next unit, and include a written report on the unit missed, on arrival at Andover.
- (7) You will fly in accordance with instructions for aircraft recognition given to you verbally at 09.30 hours, for which you will report to the Commanding Officer.
- (8) You will use your downward recognition lamp for signalling, or carry an aldis lamp in lieu.
- (9) On arrival at Andover, you will hand the states in a sealed envelope to the duty pilot and obtain a receipt. You will then ring up Andover 501 and ask for S/Ldr. Stratford-Tuke, or F/Lt.Dovle, and inform him that the

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(NOTE IN THE MAILS TO AIR COMMODORE E.J.D. TOWNSEND, ANDOVER)

November 27, 1940

W. J. H. H.
Squadron Leader.
Commanding Officer.

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ENVELOPE WITH NOTE CONCERNING THE RAF SERVICE ST. ATHAN - ANDOVER

November 27, 1940

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COMMODORE E.J.D. TOWNSEND.

No. 41 GROUP HEADQUARTERS,

81, WEYHILL ROAD,

ANDOVER,

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AOC,

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To	VIA RAFC Andover
Date	16 DEC 1940
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MAINTENANCE UNIT R.A.F.
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To	
Date	21 SEP 1941

AOC,

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CIVIL ASSISTANT
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AIR MINISTRY, REGISTER
21 SEP 1941
WHITEHALL

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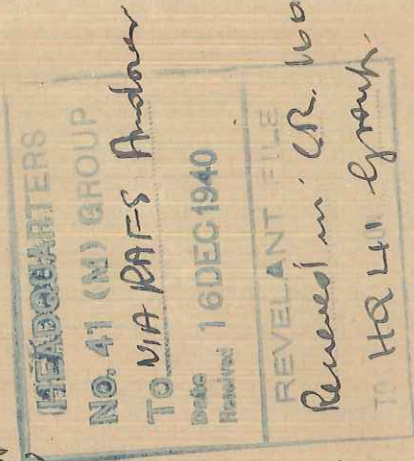
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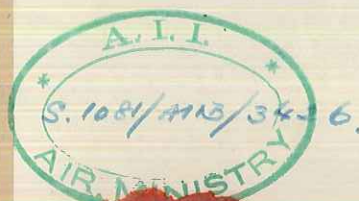
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to Air Despatch Letter
Service, Northern Ireland.

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Service, Northern Ireland.

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BELFAST.

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via Sealand & Margate

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