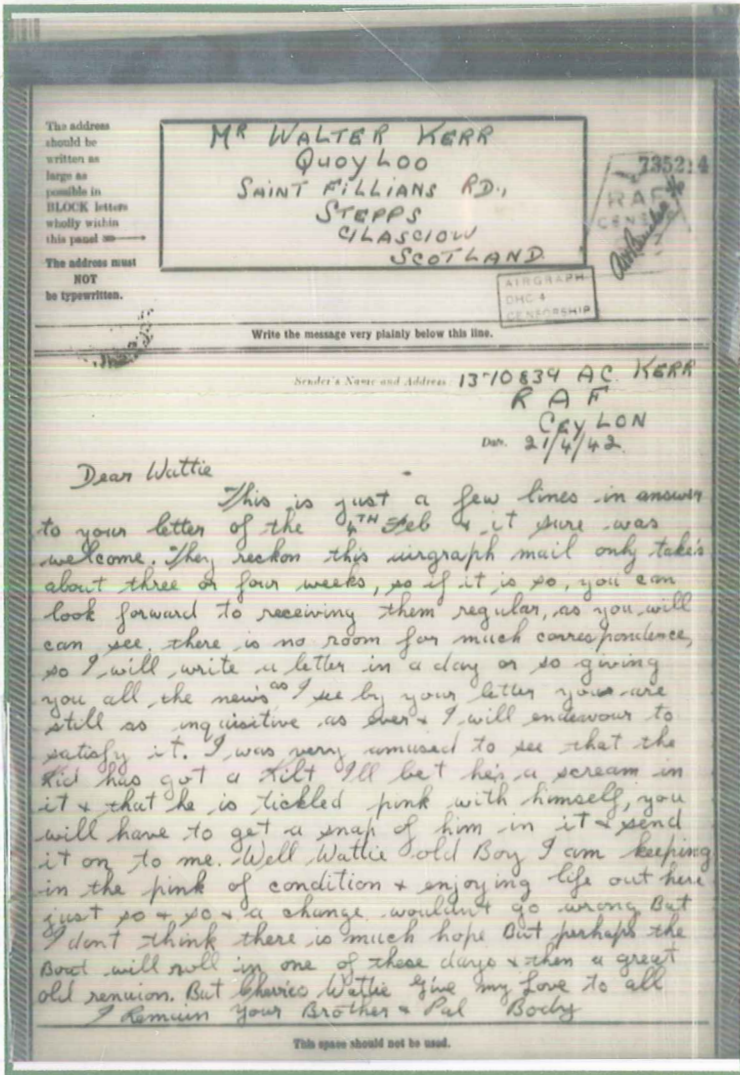




Ceylon Airgraph Stationery Forms

Ceylon to Glasgow: First month of Airgraph service



Airgraph From: Ceylon To: Glasgow, Scotland April 21, 1942
Sent from Ceylon within a month of service beginning on the island.

Exhibit & Scope

This is a Postal Stationery exhibit focusing on **Airgraphs forms** used in Ceylon. The Airgraphs are microfilmed correspondence sent from Ceylon based servicemen during World War II. Ceylon Airgraph service began March 27, 1942, and ended July 31, 1945. Airgraph correspondence was processed in Bombay, India until late in war when processing began on the island itself. This exhibit focuses on the specific Airgraph forms used by Ceylon based troops. It is not an exhibit of the war artist graphics drawn on the forms, while some are shown to highlight forms used.

Known variations found on Ceylon Airgraph forms used, as well as new variations not identified in prior works are shown here. This includes the unusual Airgraphs from Ceylon written on Indian and South African Airgraph forms. Near to the end of the war, Airgraph service was opened to a limited extent to commercial use, these form types are also shown.

Format

Headings and form variations are **bolded**. Quotes from these Airgraph letters are shown in *Arial italic gray*. Original research is typed in maroon and underscored. The exhibit is ordered by Airgraph type and use.

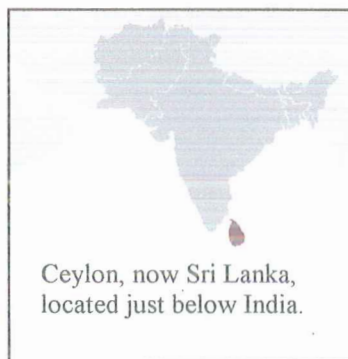
Historical Background

British Navy and Air Force troops were stationed in Ceylon during WWII because of the island's strategic importance in preventing Japanese advances. Restricted airspace and cargo space shortages caused Airmail service to take over four months in transit from Ceylon to England. Airgraphs cut that delivery time to weeks, not months, and cost less to send.

Airgraphs were used by British forces from April 21, 1941 to July 31, 1945.

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Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, located just below India.

Ceylon's service began later, on March 27, 1942. Airgraph mail used the same microfilming technology as V-Mail, developed by the Eastman Kodak Company and used for military mail in World War II.

Ceylon Airgraph Stationery Forms

Synopsis

March 14, 2014



Exhibit & Scope:

This is a postal stationery exhibit of Ceylon Airgraphs used by forces in Ceylon during World War II. The exhibit studies Airgraph forms used in Ceylon, highlighting **fine differences found on the forms used**. Ceylon troops correspondence was processed in Bombay, India until late in the war, and Airgraphs from the Ceylon troops are found written on Ceylon and Indian Airgraph forms and rarely on South African forms, all are shown here.

Examples of privately made artistic greetings drawn onto the standard forms are iconic of symbols of the Airgraph are included, as are the limited forces Commercial Airgraphs. This exhibit includes quotes from the actual Airgraphs shown, and includes a few photos and a number of Airgraph envelopes to expand the overall interest of the exhibit.

Background:

The island of Ceylon was a key stronghold for Allied troops in keeping back Japanese forces, although very limited Airgraph communications remain to be collected. Airgraphs played an important role in wartime correspondence. Axis control of airspace made communications from the far east back to Europe especially delayed. Airmail was processed by sea vessels going around Africa, and costly airmail letters could take up to four months to arrive. Airgraphs service for Ceylon was established in March of 1942, a year after service implemented elsewhere in the British Commonwealth. For Ceylon, Airgraph service greatly improved communication reliability and speed. This exhibit provides specific quotes from servicemen comparing mail service. As the war drew down, regular Airmail services resumed and lower rates were established. Airgraph use was discontinued in July, 1945.

What you will not find:

This is an exhibit about the Airgraph forms used in Ceylon and the differences found between them. Interesting Airgraph items such as: original Airgraph form artwork, a box used for shipping film from Ceylon, a photograph sent in Airgraph—each of these would be interesting to see, but are not known from Ceylon and not within this scope. While island bases were active in the war, the role and number of troops and troop access to Airgraph services were limited. The many censor markings used on Airgraphs in Ceylon is a broad topic and beyond the scope this single frame. This exhibit is on Forces Airgraphs, the 50c rate civilian form use is not included.

Original Research & Findings:

Form Varieties: While the primary reference on Airgraphs, written by E.H. Keeton, suggests eight Airgraph form types found on forces mail from Ceylon, personal research shown here presents eleven form types. Through careful investigation of the form itself, its printing, the process used to print the full sheets of multiple forms and cut those down to the forms actually used, the identification of varieties work is done. This exhibit's research updates Keeton's findings, especially in the area of left margin text form differences.

Foreign Form Usages: With Ceylon's proximity to India and war time troop movements and challenges, Airgraphs from Ceylon forces are found on India Airgraph forms. Indian Airgraphs are found on over forty different form types. Interestingly, certain of these forms have been identified as made *for use only by Ceylon forces*. Of particular rarity, four Ceylon Airgraphs on these specific Indian Stationery Forms are presented here. In Keeton's text, these are marked as forms IN5A, IN8A, IN15A, and IN 27A identified as used in Ceylon and as "Not Seen", these form types used in Ceylon are each presented here, these are only known usages. Ceylon Airgraphs on other Indian forms are also included, as is a Ceylon Airgraph on a South African form, quite an oddity.

Rarity:

Limited troops were active on the island of Ceylon, and, as a distant and remote outpost, Airgraph service came later for these servicemen. The final processing center for Airgraphs was opened in Colombo, Ceylon just as the war was ending. Fewer Airgraphs were sent and remain for collectors. This exhibit is comprised of original holdings from the Keeton collection used for illustration in his definitive text. The exhibit also includes as significant items from long collectors Berman, Cosentini, Stendel and other materials collected over time. No rarity boxes around items are shown, instead just specific text describes the items. The original forms and Indian only known usages are of note.

Format:

Headings and form variations are **bolded**. Quotes from these Airgraph letters are shown in *Arial italic gray*. Original research is typed in **maroon** and underscored. The exhibit is ordered by Airgraph type and use following a general chronology as description best allows.

Highlights Include:

- ◆ Two Original Blank Forms
- ◆ Eleven Form Varieties
- ◆ An Offset Impression Variety
- ◆ Four Unique Ceylon Airgraphs Sent on Indian Forms
- ◆ A Ceylon Airgraph Greeting on a South African Form
- ◆ An Airgraph Form Mailed Shortly After Use Ended

References Consulted:

Ordered by amount used.

Primary Source: [Airgraph](#)

by E. H. Keeton and site:

http://www.airgraph.com/keeton_5.html

Berman Postal History Site:

Alan Berman on line.

Airgraphs Alphabetilately:

<http://alphabetilately.com/airgraph.html>

Airgraphs Malcolm Sanders:

<http://www.kg6gb.org/airgraphs.htm>

Airgraphs British Postal Museum:

www.postalheritage.org.uk/collections/news/

GPO Press Notice PN1751

Airgraph Novel and Speedy Letter Service, 1941.

Airmail Operations During

World War II by Thomas H.

Boyle, Jr: Airgraph and

Ceylon reference pages

British India Postal

Stationery by Derek Lang

153-156

Post Dates by Kenneth

Wood: July 31, 1945 Entry,

British Airgraph Service

Ended.

2. Airgraph Mail Process

A. Why Airgraphs & How the Process Worked

Airgraph Innovation Introduced to:

- ◆ Handle Large Volumes of Wartime Mail
- ◆ Free Airplane Cargo Space
- ◆ Avoid Standard Airmail Delays
- ◆ Address Military Security Needs

Comparing Mail Services:

	<u>How Sent</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Transit</u>
Airgraph	All Air, 1st Priority	100x lighter	Two Weeks
Air Letter	Normally by Air	¼ OZ	Weeks to Months
Airmail	By Sea & Air	½ OZ	3 to 4 Months

Ceylon Airgraph Standard Form

From this Airgraph Text →

“I’m sorry about the Airmail, but I haven’t given up hope yet. It takes a hell of a time for some of it to get here.”

Airgraph System Process:

- ◆ Forms Given Free to Troops, 20 cents to Mail
- ◆ Completed Airgraph Passes Censor and Serialized
- ◆ Completed Forms Sorted & Photographed
- ◆ Film Rolls Sent by Air to Destination, Saving Space

Airgraph Film Process:

- ◆ Film Arrives at Destination and is Printed
- ◆ Letters Put in Envelopes and Distributed

From: Ceylon

To: Berks, England

October 15, 1942

Airgraph Forms from Different Countries:

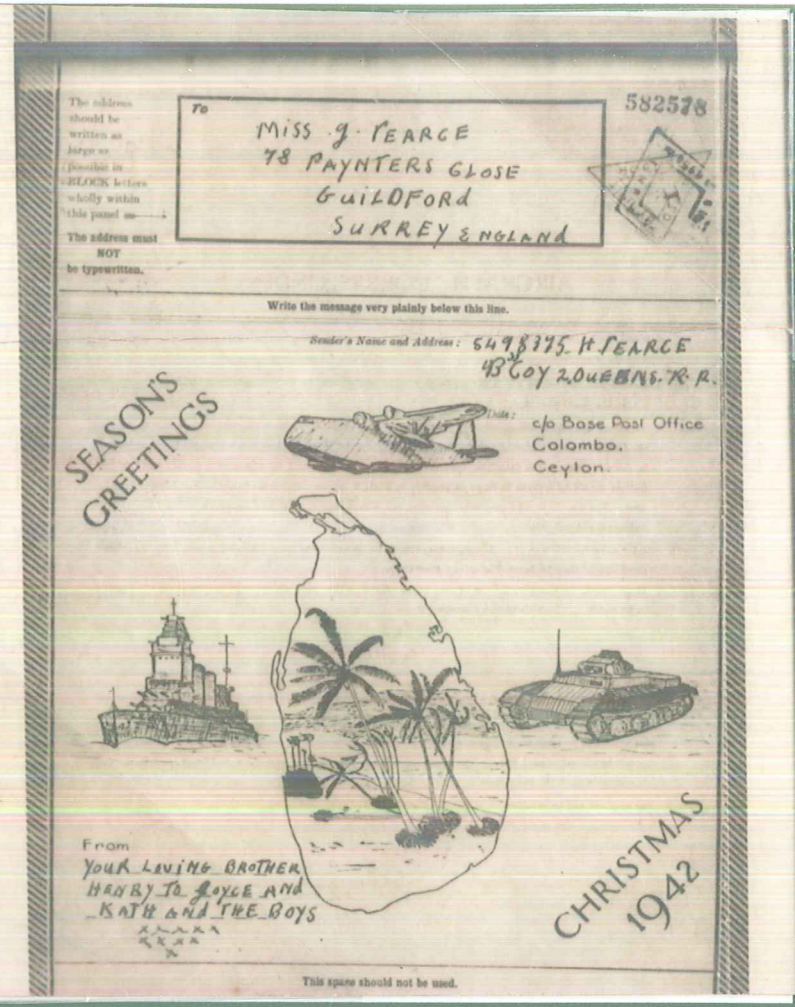
- ◆ Look Similar, but are Not Alike
- ◆ This is Ceylon’s Standard Form on the Front Side
- ◆ The 20 cent Postage and Instructions are on the Reverse



← Microfilm Letter
Small film reduction from
full page original

2. Airgraph Mail Process

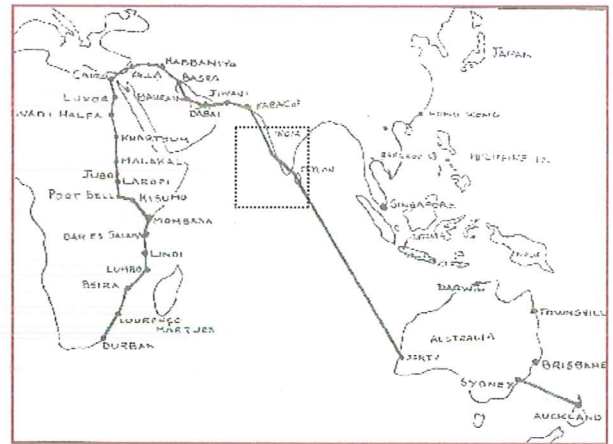
B. Carrying the Airgraph Mail



Routing Ceylon Airgraphs with Delivery via the BOAC Empire Horseshoe Route

1. From Ceylon to Karachi, Karachi to Cairo, on to London via BOAC direct route along the north African coast.
2. From Ceylon to India and Persian Gulf, on to Cairo, then via Khartoum to Lagos, and via the African west coast to England.

Wartime flights flown by the Royal Air Force (RAF).



Empire Horseshoe Route mimics the British colonial mail route to Australia of the 1850s.

From: Colombo, Ceylon To: Surry, England Christmas, 1942
Holiday Greeting drawn on Standard Ceylon Airgraph stationery form.

Forms were mechanically reproduced and preprinted with "Base Post Office Colombo Ceylon" imprinted.

12.
R.A.F. SIGNALS CENTRE
GANODAWILLA, 10 OR SO
MILES FROM COLOMBO.

Reverse



Ceylon Original Photo. Signal Centre handled Airgraph communications.

For use of
Services only

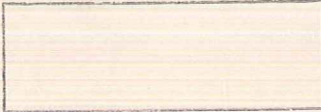
Standard Ceylon Airgraph Form

For Service and not Civilian Use

Fewer than Ten Blank
Ceylon Airgraph Forms Known



The address
should be
written as
large as
possible in
BLOCK letters
wholly within
this panel as
shown.
The address must
NOT
be typewritten.



Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address

Image of Reverse Side, reduced

Date

Forms Printed first in blue, later in gray.

Image of document front reveals forms "cut
line" in design on right. Forms printed in
large sheets. →

This space should not be used.

For use of
Services only



AIRGRAPH CORRESPONDENCE.

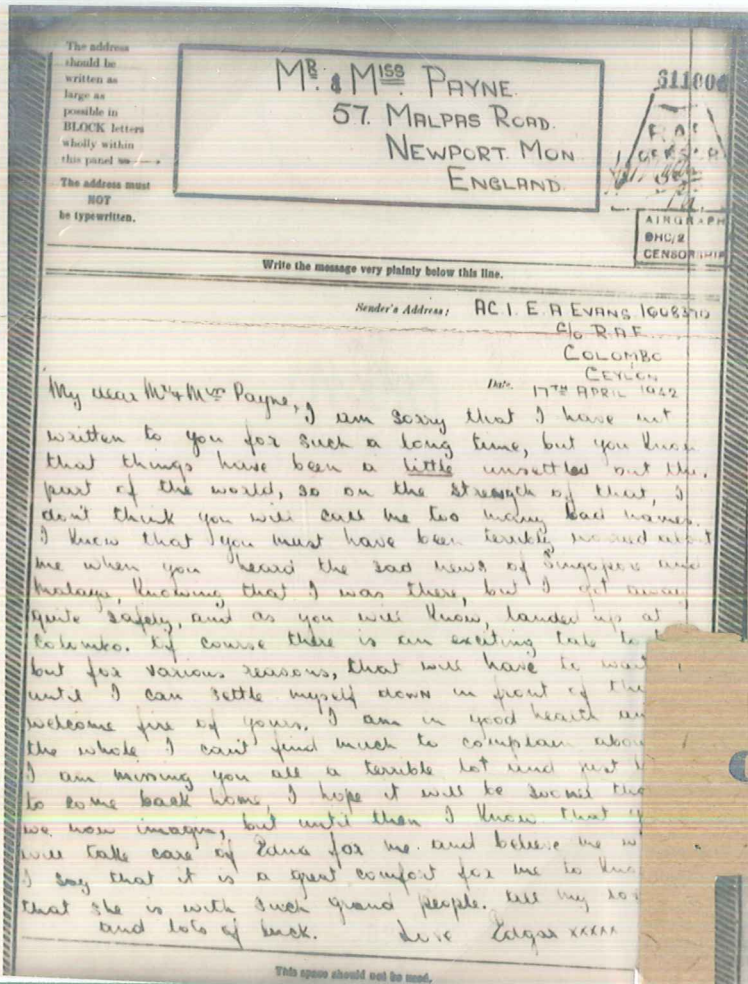
- (1) Nothing should be written on this side of the paper. The whole of the message should be written on the other side below the double line, and the address wholly within the panel provided. The completed form should be handed in at the unit Mail Office.
- (2) A miniature photographic negative of the message and address will be made and sent by air mail. At the destination end a photographic print, measuring about 5 inches by 4 inches, will be made and delivered to the addressee. It is therefore important that the message should be written very plainly and that the address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters. Wherever possible, black ink should be used. The use of pencil is not recommended, but if it is used it must be a very soft pencil. Very small writing is not suitable. The message may be typewritten.
- (3) If it is desired to send more than one sheet, a separate form must be completed and the name and address of the sender and of the addressee must be inserted on each form in the usual way.
- (4) The original will be retained by the Post Office and eventually destroyed.

Introduction to Airgraph Variations

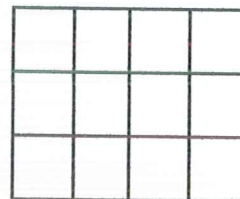
- ◆ Wording differences in instructions
- ◆ Alignment differences between text sections
 - ◆ Eight previously identified variations
 - ◆ Three new findings, shown with maroon text

Where Form Differences Occurred

- ◆ Individual forms created to make a large printed sheet. For these Airgraphs, 12 forms per sheet.



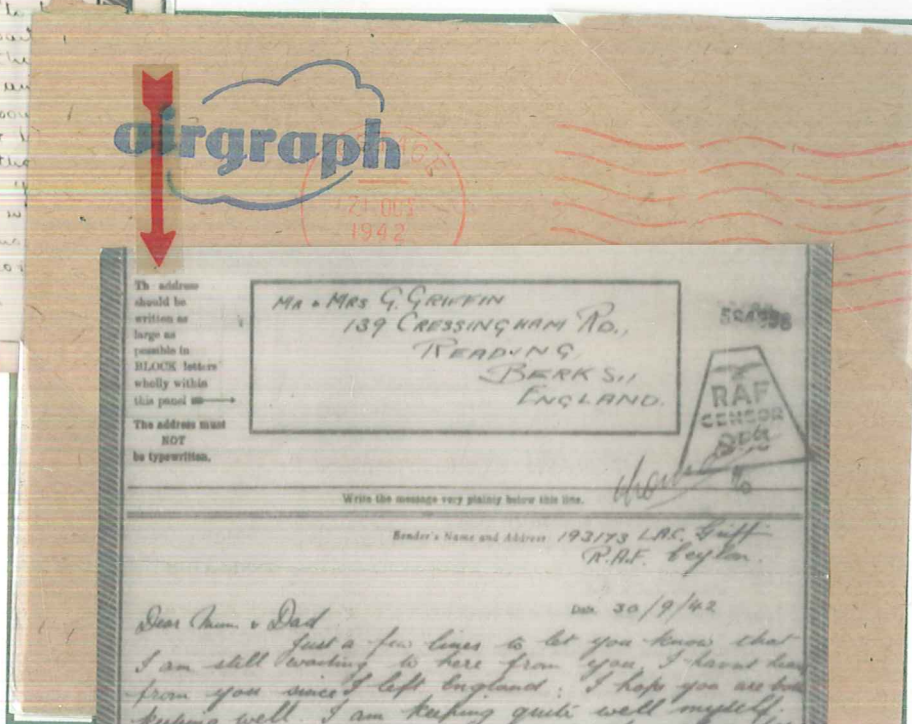
Four Across



Three Down

← Variation One:

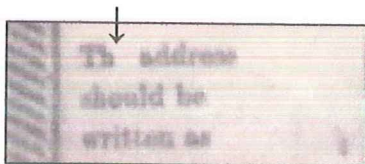
“Sender’s Address” instead of “Sender’s Name and Address”



From: Colombo To: Newport, England April 17, 1942
Airgraph variety used within one month of service starting.

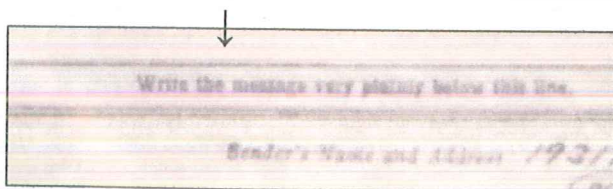
Variation Two: →

Missing “e” and no period after address.

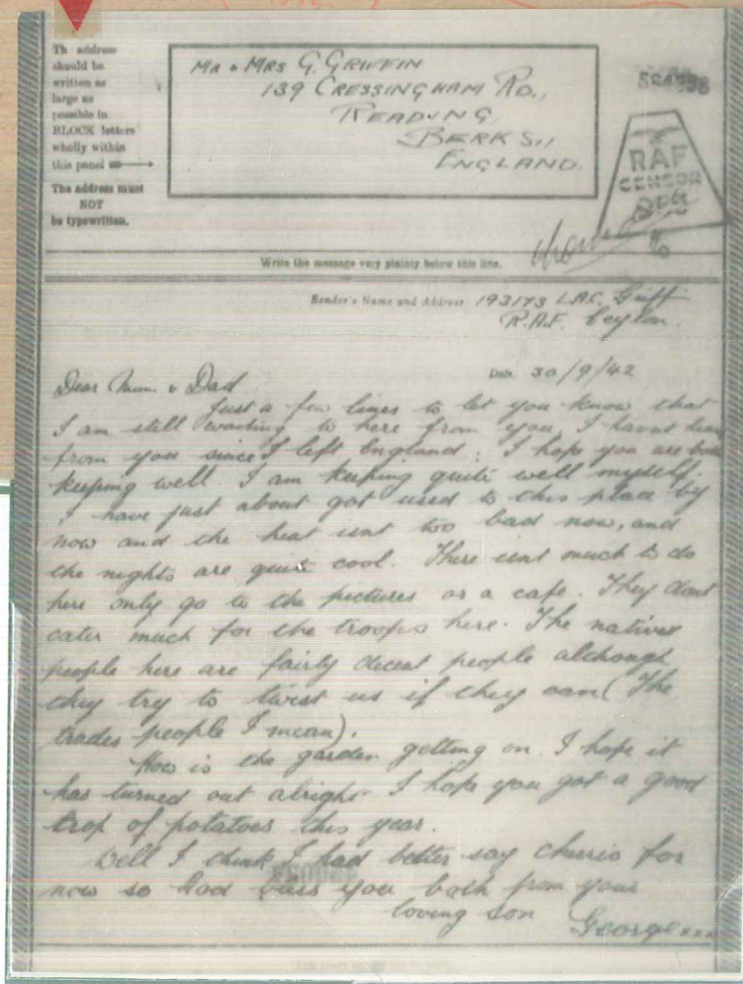


Variation Three: →

Alignment of the “S” of Sender below the “m” of “message”.



On the Standard Form “S” of Sender is below “t” of the.

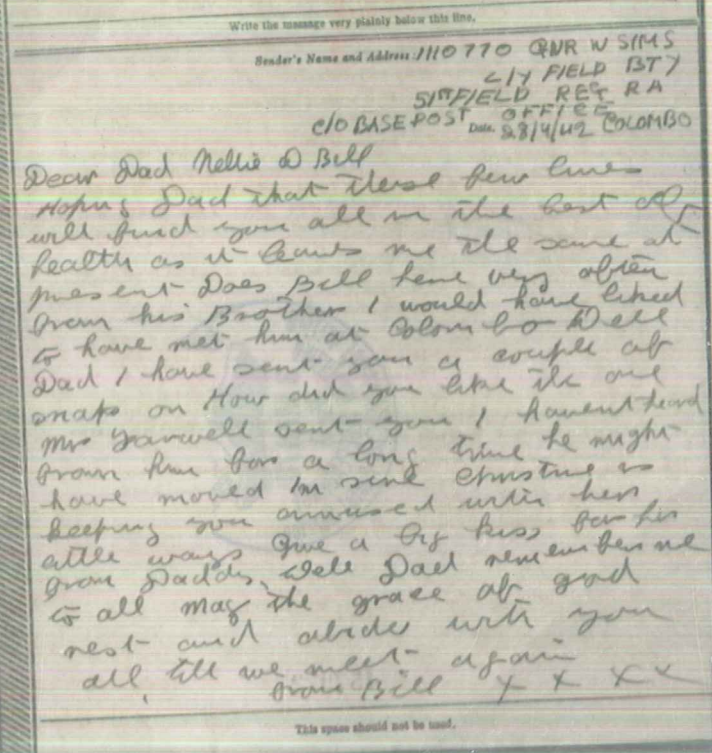
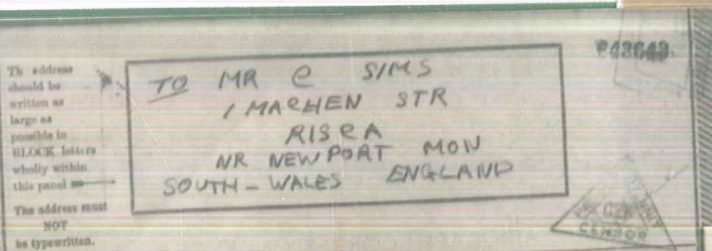
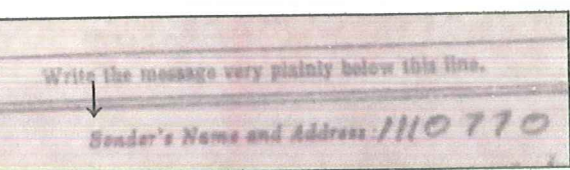


From: Colombo To: Berks, England September 30, 1942
With envelope used for this Airgraph. Single circle cds cancel.

Envelope used for this Airgraph: Blue Postage Paid pre-printed CDS, 1943 with no date indicated. This was done for faster processing.

Variation Four: ↓

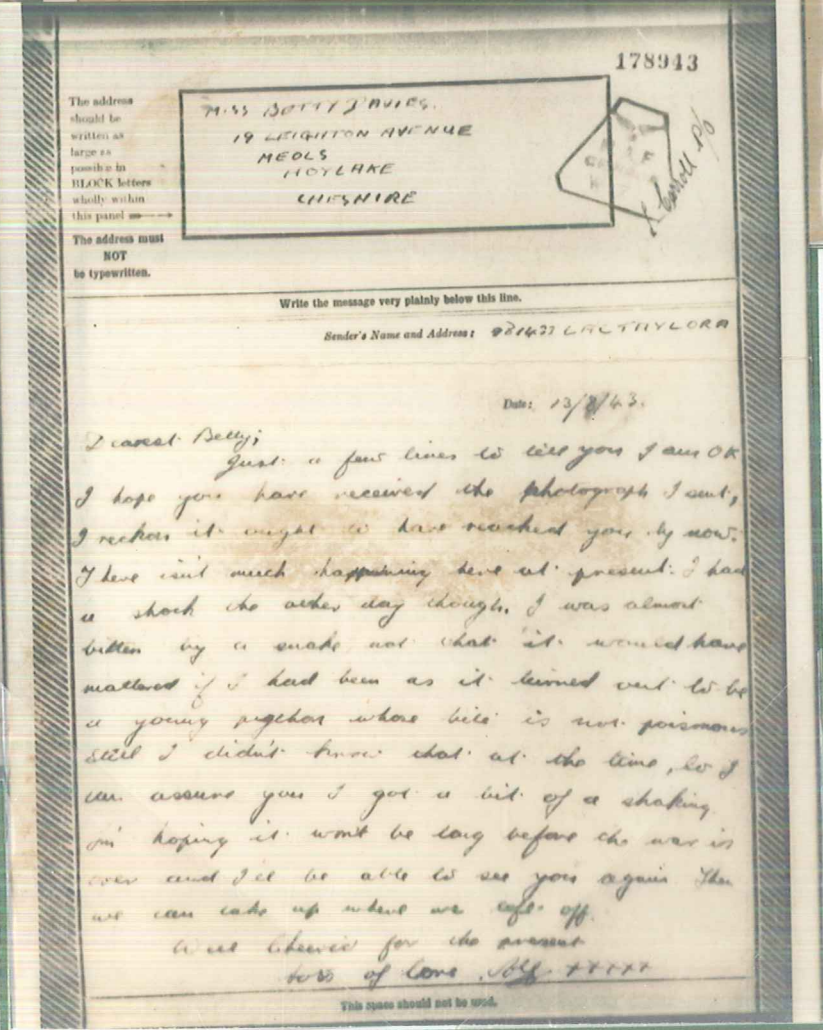
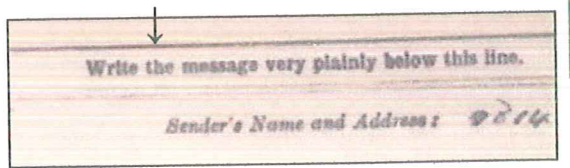
The "S" of Sender below the "e" of "Write".



From: Ceylon To: South Wales, England April 28, 1942

Variation Five: →

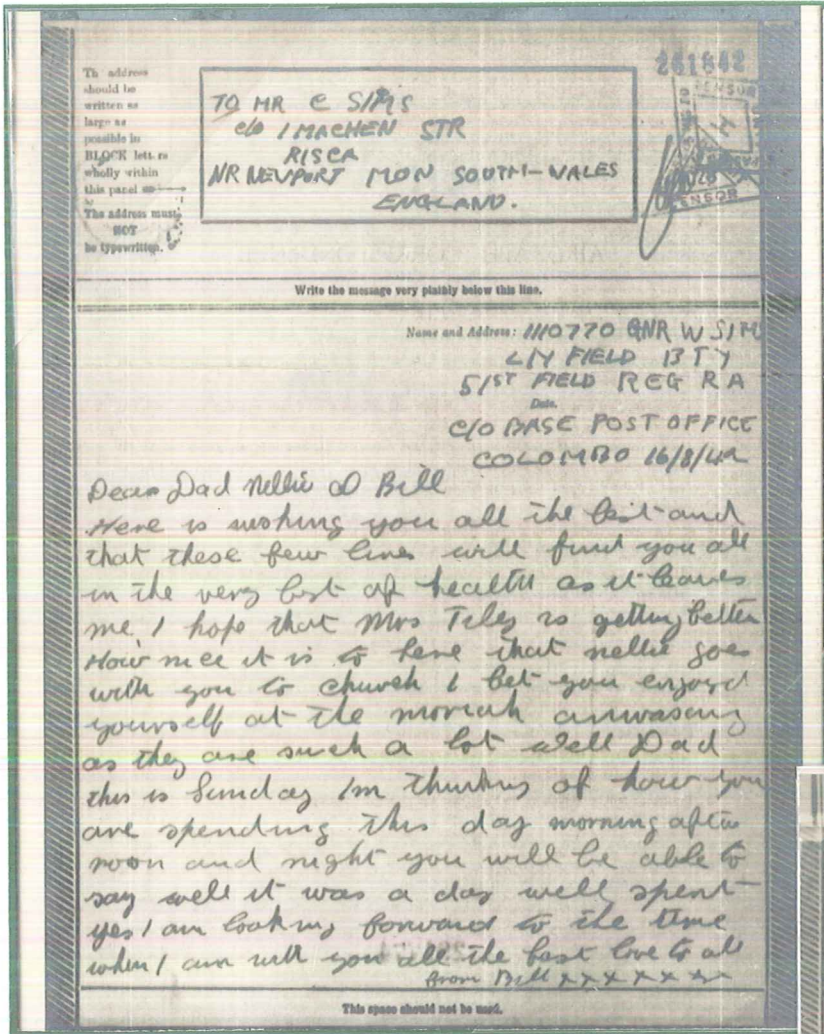
The "S" of Sender below the "h" of "the".



From: Colombo To: Cheshire, England August 13, 1943

3. Ceylon Airgraphs Form Variations

Variations Six Through Nine

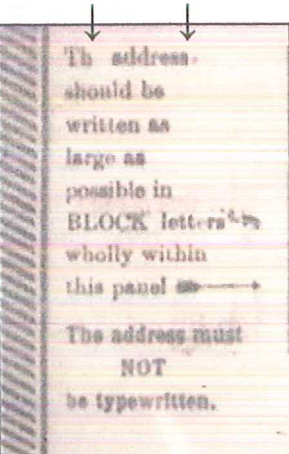
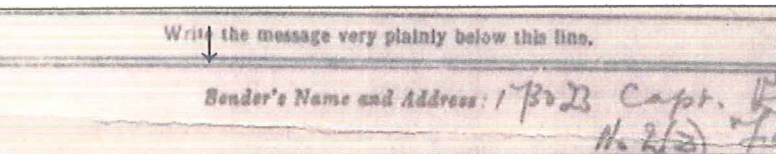


From: Ceylon To: South Wales, England August 16, 1942

Variations on this Airgraph: →

Variation Seven:

“S” of Sender below “te” of Write.



Variation Eight:

Missing “e” in The & “.”
Added after address

Variation Nine:

Broken “e” in letters
Newly Identified Variation

Why the Form Variations?

Forms Retyped

Alignment Differences

Missing Characters & Changes

Forms Reprinted

Characters Faded or Misprinted

Wartime Haste & Carelessness

Supply Stock Variability—Paper & Printing

← Variation Six:

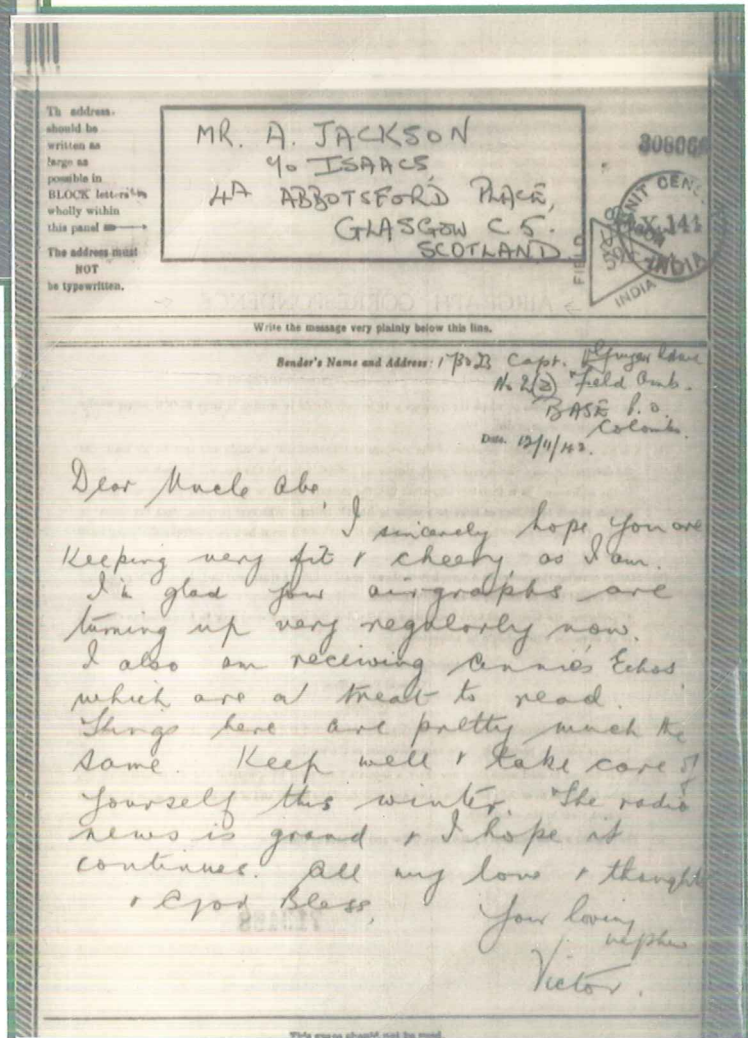
“Name and Address” instead of

“Sender’s Name and Address”

Example of Form Retyped Variation

From Airgraph Text Below:

“I’m glad your Airgraphs are showing up regularly now.”



From: Colombo To: Glasgow, Scotland November 12, 1942

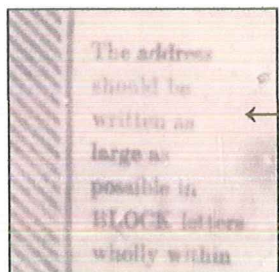
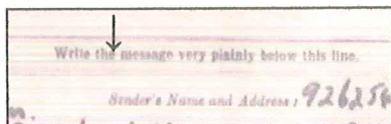
3. Ceylon Airgraphs Form Variations

Variations Ten & Eleven

Variations on this Airgraph →

Variation Ten:

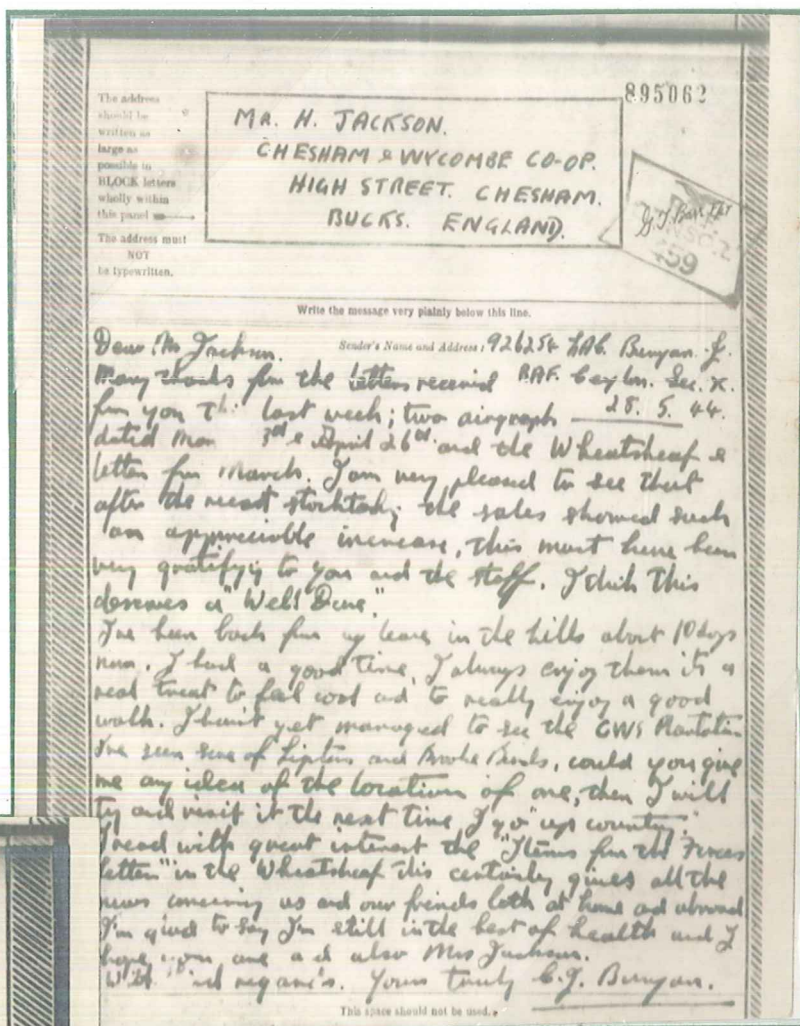
The "S" of Sender below the "e" of "the".



Variation Eleven:

Printing at left, "should be written as" lightened.

Newly Identified Variation



From: Ceylon To: Burks, England May 28, 1944

↑ From this Airgraph Text:

"I'm back from my leave in the hills. I've seen some of the Lipton's... I will try to visit again next time I go 'up Country'."

← War Artist Drawn Holiday Greeting

- ◆ Added Graphic on Censor Area
- ◆ Graphic Added to Address Box
- ◆ RAF Censor Marking Preprinted
- ◆ No Message Space Provided
- ◆ Imprinted "RAF Postal Service, Ceylon" at form bottom right



Ceylon Holiday Greeting professionally printed onto Airgraph Standard Form

Ceylon Airgraph Form Variations

Commercial Forms

Businesses encountered delayed mail service during wartime, when prior air routes were changed to avoid “no fly” zones. When Airgraph service was extended to Commercial correspondence, new forms were used. Airgraph use was welcomed, as it provided quick and expensive mail service.

Commercial Use Airgraph Form Type 1943

- Larger feathered arrow, top left
- Left at bottom line, “CAC Press Colombo”
- “CAC Press Colombo” - Commercial only

Commercial Use Airgraph Forms

Only two types known, as shown.

Commercial Airgraph Form Type 1944 ↓

- ◆ Instruction text above address box, centered
- ◆ “To:-” added to address box
- ◆ Space and italic “:” after “Sender’s Name and Address”
- ◆ Follows format of British Airgraph forms

MAKE SURE THAT THE ADDRESS IS WRITTEN IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS IN THE PANEL ABOVE.

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel. The address must NOT be typewritten.

705373

THE SECRETARY,
THE SEA INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
EXCHANGE BUILDINGS,
LIVERPOOL.

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address:
--2-- CARSON & CO: LTD.,
P.O. BOX NO. 24,
COLOMBO.

Date: 28th Octr: 1943.

consignee's ware house in Colombo by the "Braunfels" and/or vessel, and insured for 225/- sterling. The policy was issued in Hamburg on the 22nd of July 1939 by your agents there.

2. An invoice issued in Hamburg on the 22nd of July 1939 covering these goods and showing a C.I.F. Colombo nett value of 222. 6. 11.

3. A debit note for Rs 374/64 issued against us by Messrs. Abdulhussan Davoodbhoy, being the local equivalent of 225/- at ex. 1/5, 15/16.

We have merely sold the importers that the matter is being referred to you for instructions, and we shall be glad to have such in due course.

are, dear sir,
yours faithfully,
CARSON & CO., Ltd.
DIRECTOR,
AGENTS.

NO. 2828
RECEIVED
NOTIM, 11 DEC 1943
U/W CLAIMS
SEC. ANS.

Ex Keeton

From: Ceylon To: Liverpool, England October 28, 1943

With the address in large BLOCK letters in the panel below. The address must NOT be typewritten.

TO:-
W.F.A. RIDLER, Esq.,
MARSHALL'S TEA MACHINERY CO. LTD.
BRITANIA IRONWORKS,
GAINSBOROUGH,
ENGLAND.

70458

Write the message very plainly below this line.

September 30th, 1944. Sender's Name and Address: D.T. Angus, Hapugastenne, Battaramulla, Ceylon.

My dear Ridler,

I seem to have delayed a very long time in replying to your last airgraph of the 25th April. At that time I had not the figures of the latest drier erected at Wikiliya and when I had them, seem to have put the matter off. My apologies.

The new 4 ft. "Quality" drier turns out under normal conditions 350 lbs an hour and we are quite satisfied with that result. It is, of course, slightly under the output of the lengthened "Empire" but nevertheless all that was claimed for it and all that was expected. I am afraid we have finished our drier equipment for quite a long time but it is very useful to have this new machine and its performance tested.

Things are going on apace in the west now and everybody here is beginning to feel more hopeful of prospects of leave, one or two odd people have gone and people will be going now as circumstances permit but we are terribly short. Trust you are all well,

Yours sincerely,
D.T. Angus

Ex Keeton

From: Ceylon To: Gainsborough, England September 30, 1944

↑ From this Airgraph Text:

“Things are going on a pace in the west now and everyone here is beginning to feel more hopeful of prospects of leave...people will be going now as circumstances permit.”

4. Ceylon Airgraphs Printing Variations

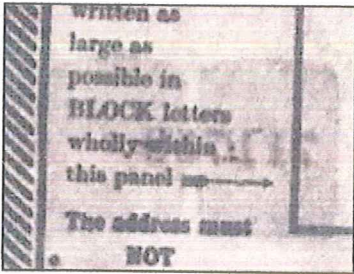
Offset Impression of Reverse Side of Form →

Reverse image of form revealed on printed Airgraph:

- ◆ Two 10c KGVI stamps at left
- ◆ "For use of Services only" and Correspondence block
- ◆ Form Use Directions over Correspondence block

Newly Identified Film Printing Variation

Impressions from reverse attributed to photographing process.

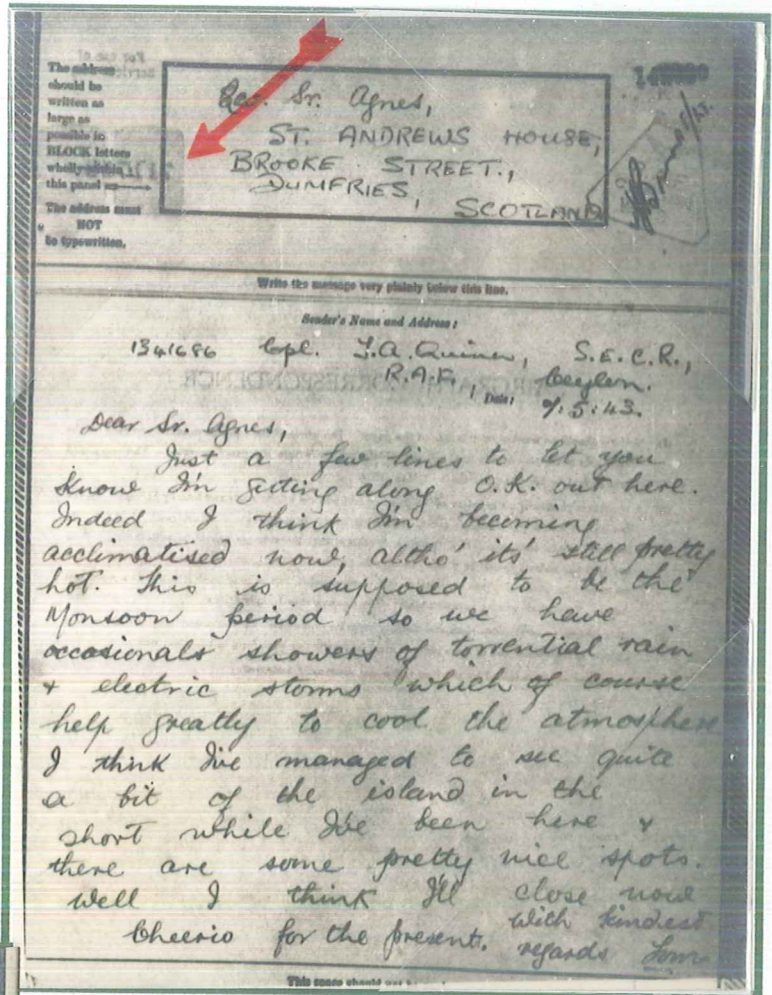


Why did this happen?
Image of stamps shows from reverse

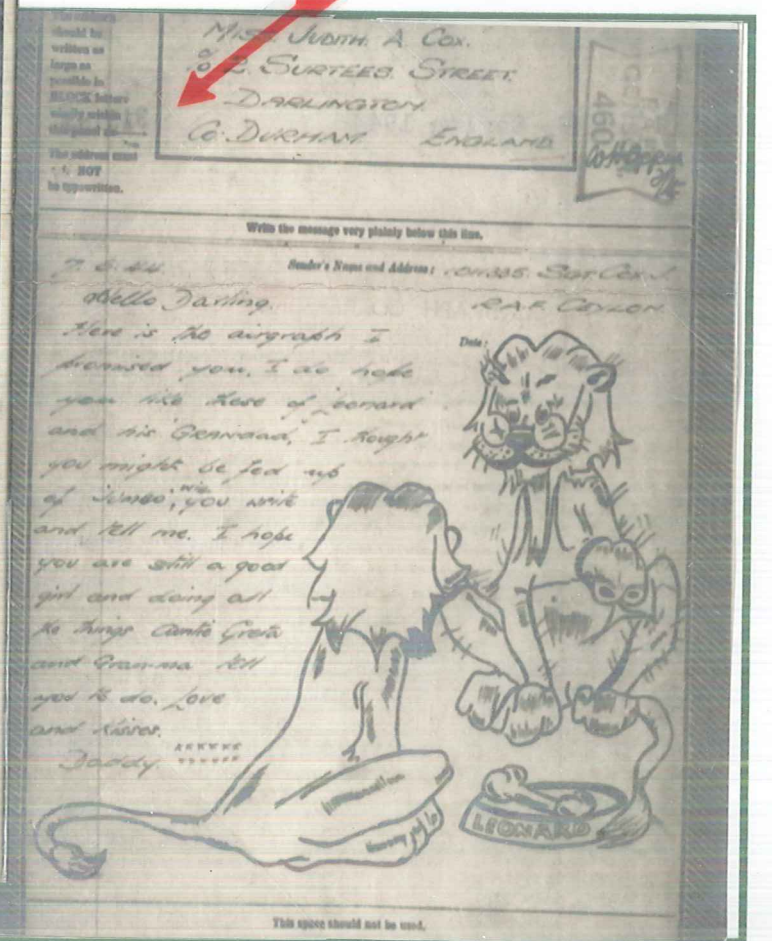
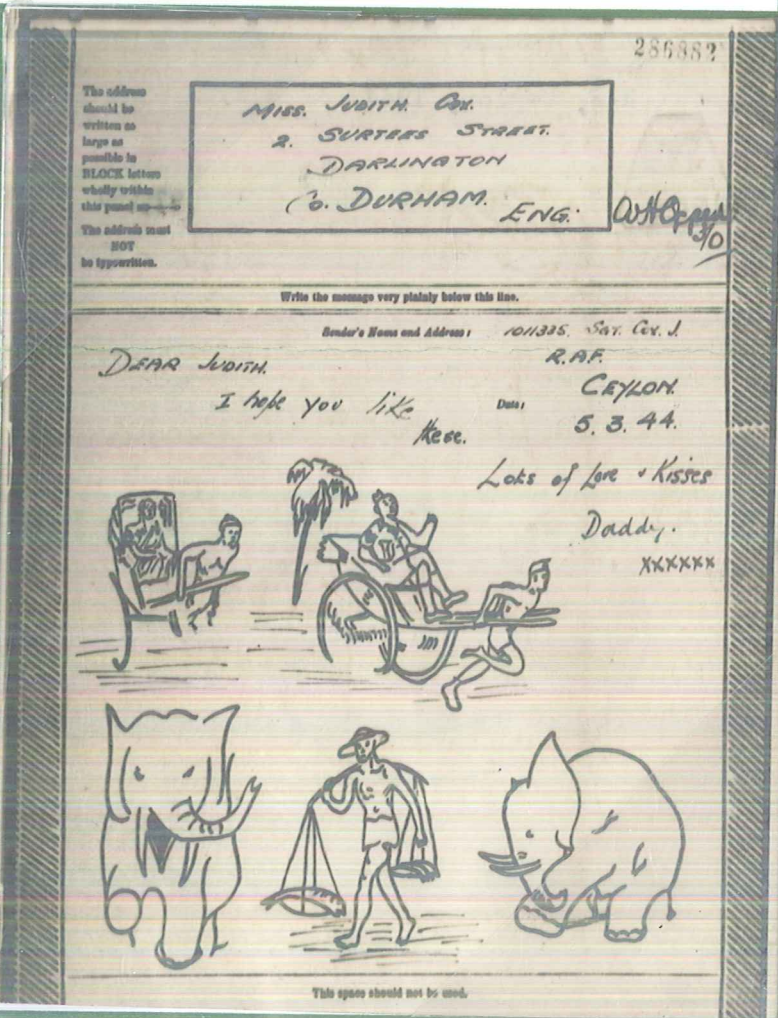
- ◆ Bright light used
- ◆ Poor film setting
- ◆ Thin paper form



Lithograph Print Showing Through



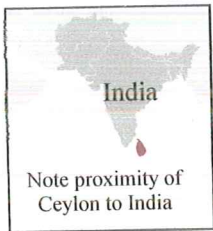
↑ From: Ceylon To: Dumfries, Scotland May 4, 1943



Two Drawn Greetings on Standard Forms. Above form with no impression from reverse side, to the right with a trace impression.

5. Ceylon Airgraphs on Indian Forms

Form Differences

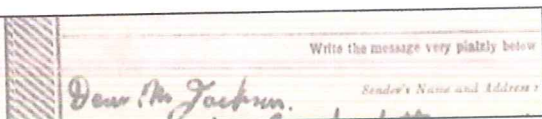


These Airgraphs were sent from Ceylon based troops, but on Indian Stationery forms. Four Indian Airgraph forms were exclusively used for Ceylon Airgraph mail. The reason for this is not known, however, Ceylon Airgraphs were processed in Bombay, India until close to the end of the war. Troops moved between India and Ceylon as war conditions required. The Airgraphs shown here are the **only recorded uses**.

Differences Between Indian and Ceylon Airgraph Forms:

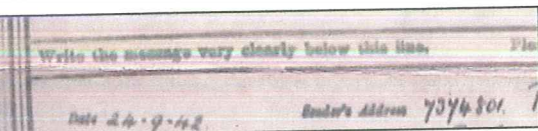
Ceylon Forms:

- Centered Message Line
- Side Bars Diagonal Hatched Lines



Indian Forms:

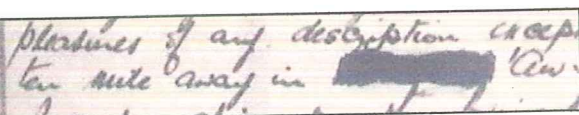
- Left justified Message Line
- Six Side Bars Vertical Lines,



From this Airgraph Text:

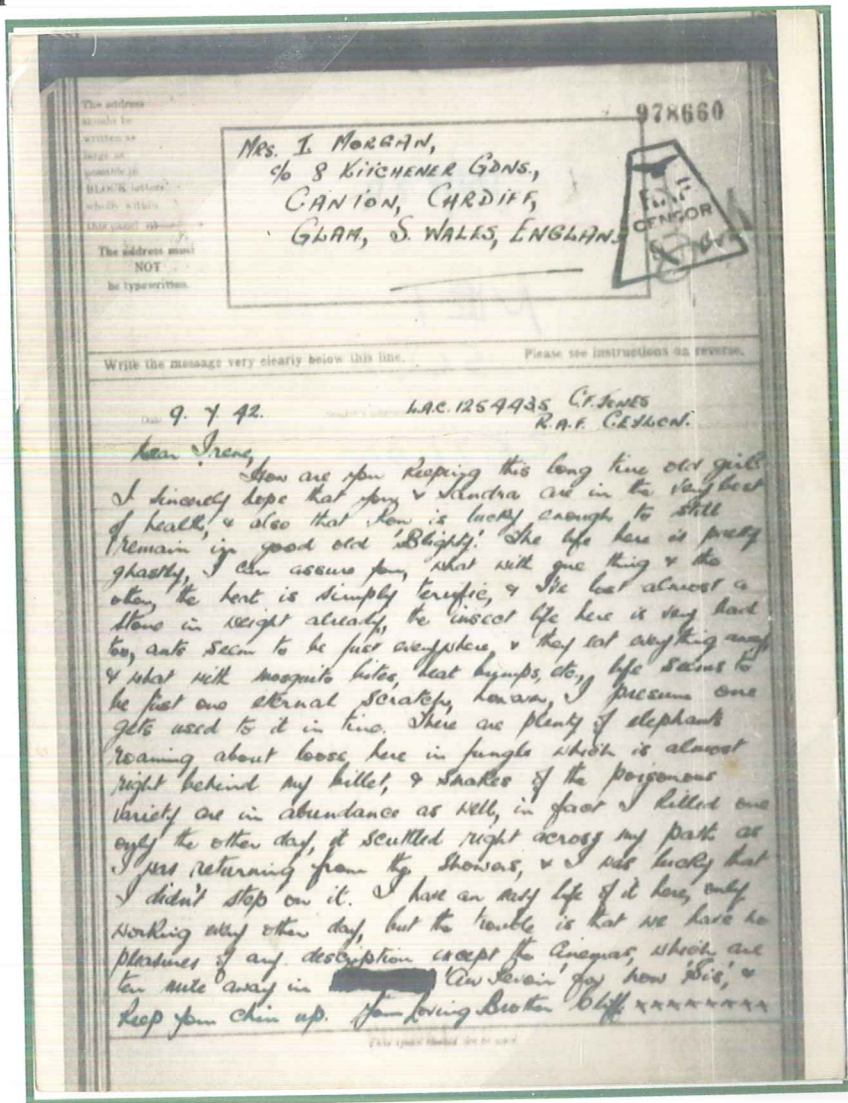
We have no pleasure of any description except the cinemas ten miles away in CENSOR."

Censor removal of town name, as shown below.



From This Airgraph Text:

"I have to say life here is pretty ghastly." "With mosquito bites, heat bumps, life seems to be one eternal scratch... Right behind my billet, in the jungle, snakes of the poisonous variety are in abundance."



From: RAF Ceylon To: S. Wales England July 7, 1942
India form, this one with a long thin arrow pointing at the address box.
Only Recorded Use known.

5. Ceylon Airgraphs on Indian Forms

airgraph



← 1943 Envelope with closed date slug.
Christmas Greeting from Ceylon on an Indian Airgraph form.

The address should be written in large BLOCK letters measuring at least a quarter of an inch in height and wholly within this panel. The address must NOT be typewritten.

ALL THE STAFF.
G. P. O.
ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

UNIT DEPT
INDIA
851938

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

Sender's full name and address.
Lt R. Manghan. 2828090.
R.A.S. & I.C.F.I.
Ceylon Command.

CEYLON COMMAND
X'MAS 1943

GREETINGS
from
CEYLON

Hope to see you all soon.

CHRISTMAS 1943

will Best wishes for Xmas + New Year.
FROM: Btl. R. Manghan.

This space should not be used.

The address should be written in large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel. The address must NOT be typewritten.

MR. MRS. R. STEVENS
40 BLENHEIM RD.
READING, BERKS,
ENGLAND

632247

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

Date 20/10/42

Sender's Address
632524 Lt R. STEVENS
ADDRESS 40 BLENHEIM RD - 7th BATTN
THE QUEENS ROYAL REGT.
1/8 RD. COLOMBO.

DEAR PHYL & REG,
THANKS FOR THE AIRGRAPHS YOU HAVE BEEN SENDING, THEY WERE CERTAINLY VERY WELCOME, IN THAT IT LET ME KNOW EVERY THING IS UNKY DOOKY AT HOME.
I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR THAT REG IS GETTING ON O.K. AND THE YOUNGSTERS ARE WELL, EVEN THOUGH LENNY IS CATCHING FREDDIE UP I SET THERE AN HANDFUL NOW AREN'T THEY?
YOU MENTIONED YOU HAD NOT HEARD FROM ME, WELL, I HOPE BY NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COUPLE OF SEA MAIL LETTERS, BUT IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T I HAVE DECIDED TO SEND THIS, and thank you for your very good efforts in the airgraph line.
I THINK I SHOULD WISH YOU ALL THE BEST FOR A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS — I A PROSPEROUS HAPPY NEW YEAR — FOR BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE VERY NEAR.
I shall no doubt send you all xmas greetings BUT IN THE MEANWHILE GIVE MY LOVE TO ALL MUST NOW SAY 'AU REVOIR' FOR A LITTLE WHILE HERES TO THE TIME WHEN WE ALL MEET AGAIN 'YIP!' THE WHOLE 20 OF US (NO WONDER YOU PULLED DADS LEG)
REALLY MUST CLOSE, YES I AM AS FIT AS 10 GINITS REFRESHED Hope all at home are Pt and well
LOVE TO ALL LEN XX
K.A.

This space should not be used.

↑ From: Queen's Royal Regt. Colombo
To: Berks, England October 20, 1942
India Form with "Corr.64" at top right.
Only Recorded Use known.

← H.M.S. Ceylon: This Light Cruiser launched July 30, 1942, the H.M.S. Ceylon bombarded Japanese held territory.

RPPC Split Back Card. Printed by R.A. Fisk, Official Photographer for H.M.S. Fleet.



Ceylon Airgraphs on Indian Forms

Other Indian Airgraph forms ended up being used for Ceylon Airgraph mail. The reason for this is likely that troops moved between places, perhaps picking up a form in India, but sending it out once in Ceylon.

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

Sender's Address
 MR & MRS. H. PITCHARD,
 114/124 WYK. ROAD,
 WATTEVILLE,
 CROSSKEYS,
 MONS.

313465

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

11/1/43
 Hello there you two!
 I hope you are both in the best of health, and
 having good times. I suppose Dad has his
 things up a bit at 114, and I'm sure you know
 company. I'm wondering if he has returned to
 the job things for my arrival, I guess that is
 the case I shall fly for her unless she is in a job
 of some sort. I haven't much idea when I
 shall be getting home. I still get a bit
 of a cold. I miss it, so long as I can see and
 hear on all looking fit and happy. I suppose you
 are all huddling around that old fireplace
 these winter evenings and listening to the wind
 howling outside. I hope Dad keeps fit and
 busy at work. I suppose his gardening days
 are finished until the spring. Give my regards
 to all and all the folks and keep smiling. I'm
 feeling as fit as a fidd and hoping to be in
 the near soon. Keep smiling and look after
 yourselves. Give my love to Alina and Bob. I
 love you. Your affectionate Son, Jack

This space should not be used.

Indian Airgraph Format All Have:
 Instructional Text Left Justified
 Alternating Six Vertical Side Bars

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel. The address must NOT be typewritten.

MR & MRS. GRAY.
 649, VILLIERS RD.
 KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.
 SURREY
 ENGLAND.

27234

AIRGRAPH
 DMC/S
 CENSORSHIP

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

RS. Remember me to Wallace
 Date: 1/1/43
 Sender's Address
 114/124 WYK. ROAD,
 WATTEVILLE,
 CROSSKEYS,
 MONS.

SIR J. LEWIS,
 770x 211000,
 16, R.N.B. (1)
 Colombo.
 11/1/43.

Dear Mr & Mrs Gray,
 Glad to hear you received my Christmas card
 o.k. & hope you liked them, by the way I'm waiting
 to hear from you some time so don't forget to
 drop me a line. I'm always happy to hear from
 the old folks at home. Well every thing going
 fine at present & managing to keep smiling,
 but you know the old saying "Christ knows place
 like home!!" But don't think I'm home yet will
 you. I forgot about what 2 years ago, tell me
 how are you all well & happy? I hope
 Wallace & Norma are they both in the R.A.F. I
 they like it they should do from what I
 heard about the war, I suppose you told you
 I play the old game of football out here, well I
 got a bit of a game, we've just got a shield cup & 11 small cups
 I'll be glad if you could send me a few of the
 I'll be glad if you could send me a few of the
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This space should not be used.

From: Colombo, Ceylon To: Surry, England February 1, 1943
 From Royal Navy Barracks on India form "Please see instructions
 reverse" underscored on form instruction line right.

Indian Airgraphs Forms:

- Used extensively by great numbers of troops
- Many variations used in India
- Common side bar design
- Use began in India one year prior to in Ceylon

From: Colombo, Ceylon To: Crosskeys, Wales November 1, 1943
 Similar India form but without date line, this form is narrower, allowing
 more of the form's six vertical bars on either side to be shown in filming.

6. Ceylon Airgraphs on South African Form

P. 1122.

The Address must be written in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS wholly within the panel alongside.

The address must NOT be typewritten.

Read Instructions overleaf. Write the message in ink very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: *Wren G.M. EWING,* Date:
Box 11, H.M.S. HIGHFLYER, Trincomalee, Ceylon.

PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND LIMITED,
 2 ROYAL AVENUE,
 BELFAST.
 NORTHERN IRELAND.

262170

Above space for Post Office use only G.P.S.

XMAS GREETINGS

E.F.C.P.O. OCT/44th space should not be used

Why a South African form?
Troops were moved from South Africa for training and deployment in Ceylon.

Holiday Greeting Sent with no Censor Markings from:
"HMS HighFlyer, Trincomalee, Ceylon."

South African forms have distinct hyphen marks on the side

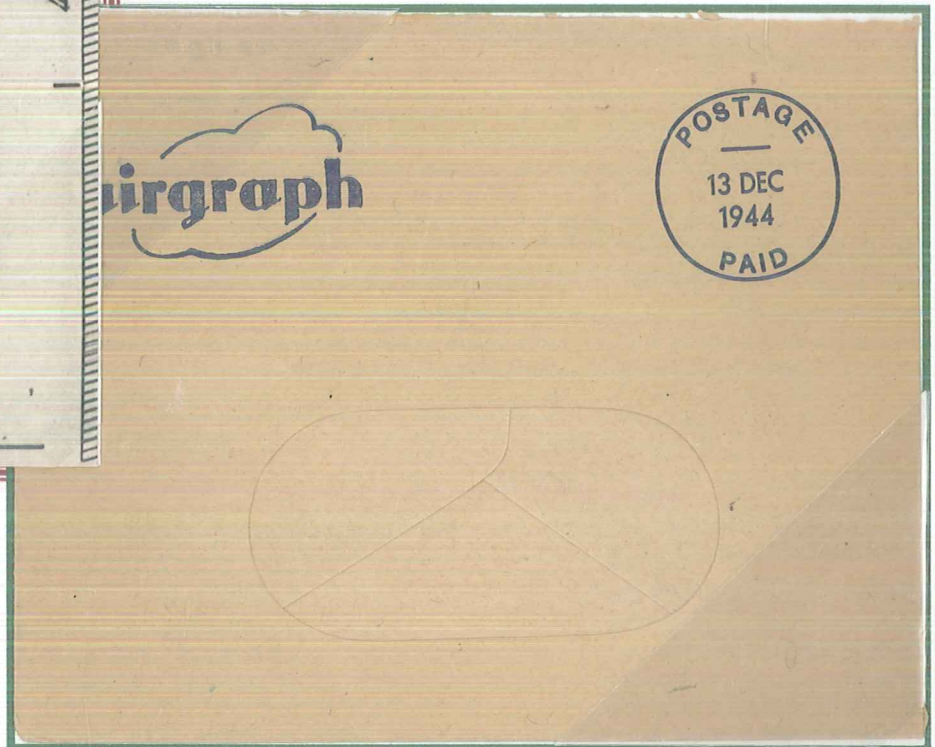


Margin
 Hyphen
 Marking

Read Instructions overleaf. Write the message in ink very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: *Wren G.M. EWING,*
Box 11, H.M.S. HIGHFLYER, Trin

South African Form Message Line and Sender's line differs from Indian and Ceylon forms.



Trincomalee, Ceylon To: Belfast, Northern Ireland
 December 13, 1944

Holiday Greeting drawn and mechanically reproduced
 on a South African Airgraph stationery form. The
 PO in Britain was equipped to handle one million
 holiday greetings worldwide via Airgraph in 1943.

Card: Naval Yard, Trincomalee
 Base for HighFlyers in NE Ceylon

J. A. de Jong Photographer
 Tuck's Phototype Card



7. Conclusion & Epilogue

Ceylon Airgraphs Service Ends Only Known Example

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel →

S. LORENZ Esq.,
SCHULZE ROAD,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The address must NOT be typewritten.

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address : Colombo Broadcasting Unit,
Far Eastern Bureau,
229, Turret Road, Colombo,
CEYLON.

Date: August 3rd, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your very interesting monitoring report of our Station dated June 22nd, 1945. I have checked it with our log book and found that all the items monitored by you tally with our programme, broadcast on that day. I am passing your report to the Engineering Section, who, I am sure, will be interested to read it as well.

I thank you once again for the interest you have taken in

From:- Colombo Broadcasting Unit,
229, Turret Road, Colombo.

faithfully,

W. Ashraf

PRESENTATION MANAGER
Officer-in-Charge.



After Era Use:

Airgraph Sent by Airmail.

This Airgraph was sent three days after all Airgraph service ended worldwide. Backstamped August 3rd. Franked 16c for international postage.

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

Messrs. FRANCIS J. FIELD LTD.
SUTTON
COLDFIELD
ENGLAND.

570263

The address must NOT be typewritten.

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: O. BRIKESAKKA,
75TH. LANE,
TRIMBIRIGASYAYA,
COLOMBO, CEYLON.

Date: 12.2.45

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR AIRGRAPH DATED 22.1.45. AND TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE SENT YOU A AIR MAIL MONEY ORDER FOR 10s TO COVER COST OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR TWO YEARS TOWARDS "AEROFIELD". I HAVE NOT RECD. MAGAZINE AS YET BUT WILL SEND YOU AN ORDER ON RECEIPT OF SAME.

THANKING YOU,
YOURS FAITHFULLY,

O. Brikesakka



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1944

This space should not be used.

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

Miss J A Cox
2. SURTEES. STREET
DARLINGTON.
Co. DURHAM. ENG.

570859

W. H. Cooper
1/10.

The address must NOT be typewritten.

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: J. H. B. SAT. CO. /
R. B. F. COXON.

Date: 2.2.45.

Dear Maith,
You are another few pictures for you I hope you like them



I hope you are both now, Gran ma had told me you was poorly & little Brian too, has a nice Christmas. Lots of Love
To Maith & Brian from
Daddy

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MISS. J.A. COX.
% 2 SURTEES STREET.
DARLINGTON.
Co. DURHAM. ENGLAND.

RECEIVED
17 JUN 44
RAF Ceylon

Write the message very plainly below this line.

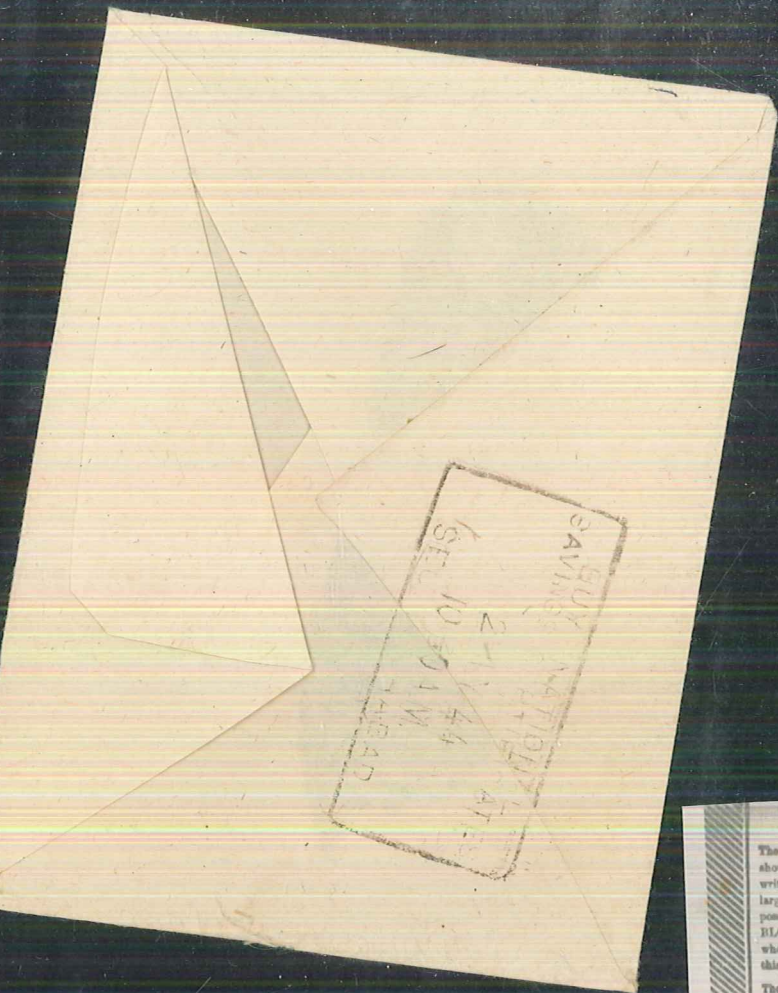
Sender's Name and Address: 101335 Sgt Cox, J.
20 CAS. ROOM
RAF. CEYLON.

20.6.44

My Dear Smith,
Here's another Leonard
to you. I hope your never
lived like this. I hope you
are better now and having
a holiday with Auntie
She'da be a good girl.
Lots of love from Daddy. xxxxxx



This space should not be used.



985583

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel —

The address must NOT be typewritten.

Miss. JUDITH A COX
 No. 2 SURTEES STREET
 DARLINGTON
 CO. DURHAM ENG.

Christine Cox

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: 57, 335, 507 Cox St.
RAF CEFNOR

Date: 2 June 1944

Darling Judith,

I hope you received my last message. Oh I promised you some new drawings. I do miss you and miss of "coming" the way I shall come you some more next week. At of love to Gramma and write Gosh + kisses of love + kisses to you from Daddy

This space should not be used.

Write address in large BLACK letters wholly within this panel
The address must NOT be typewritten.
For method of address see paragraph (4) overleaf.

S/217435 Pte. Webb. L. C.
N^o 46 Detail Issue Depot.
R.A.S.C. F.P.O. 7th.
Colombo.
Ceylon.

17982

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address: 32 Kenwyn Road,
West Wimbledon,
S. W. 20.
Date: 28. 5. '42.

Dear Laurie,

I am writing my message on a graph this time & wondering if it will reach you any quicker than the cards do. As we told you in our last two, we are home now, but I expect your letters to us will not come direct for some time yet. In one to Aunt Eva a week later than ours, she said you found the heat rather trying, so I hope you keep well, in spite of it. Now that Bertie has found out your address at last, you will get any news she may receive of Jack, & she promised to let us know which she gets any news of you (which she has done already) so that will be an added pleasure to you. Your father told you in his, that we saw Ron. Of this morn: so we have only got now, & we naturally hope he won't go yet, though as we told you he has been warned for overseas. We are going down to Arch: End for ever. We are going down to Arch: End to fetch the rem: of our things on Sab. much love
mother.

16.01.1942
 du Fleet Mail Officer COLOMBO Ceylan
 vers GRANDE-BRETAGNE
 2 censures = 735 - DHC/1

The address should be written as large as possible in BLACK letters wholly within this panel → The address must NOT be typewritten.

Mrs. F. W. CLEMO
 13 DANIEL ST.
 CADOXTON.
 BARRY
 GLAMORGAN
 S. WALES
 G.T. BRITAIN.

988567
 BX
 735
 AIRGRAPH
 DHC/S
 CENSORSHIP

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

Date 16/1/42. Sender's Address Mrs. F. W. CLEMO, Ex. 5064 R.M. 9.6. C/o. FLEET MAIL OFFICER, Colombo.

My Own Darling Wife,
 Just a few lines to let you know that I am quite well and have been discharged from hospital. I was disappointed on returning to camp to know that there was still no mail for me dear and must admit that I am really worried. I really can't understand it darling as you say that you always write twice or three times weekly, if that is so, goodness knows where all your letters are going to. Since the 13th June I have only received 2 letters and 2 bonds, so I would be greatly relieved if you would send a babble. Well sweet heart I sincerely hope you and the children are keeping well and hope to hear from you very soon. Always, yours
 F. Clemo

To address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel — The address must NOT be typewritten.

609361

MRS E EVANS
57 MALPAS RD
NEWPORT, MON.
SOUTH WALES
GREAT BRITAIN.

RAF
CENSOR
955

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address L.A.C. EVANS, E.A. 1002310
R.A.F.
CEYLON.

JULY 29th 1942

Dear Edna, it is just 6.30pm dear, and I am writing these few lines in rather a hurry because I have to get my dinner and crash back to the office as soon as possible to do a spot of overtime, I did intend writing an airmail letter tonight dear but I am afraid that this bit of unexpected excitement will mean that I shall have to leave that pleasure until tomorrow. I didn't manage to get any mail from you today dear, but I did receive a letter from your mum which enclosed that photo I have waited for so long, indeed Ed dear, I think it is grand and absolutely life-like of her, indeed Ed it has done the world of good to see her lovely smiling face again, tell your mum that I shall be waiting to see her tomorrow, but in the mean time I shall be getting endless joy by putting this lovely photo out every few minutes. I am more anxious to receive your photographs dear, but I don't think I shall have to wait longer because I know that you posted them about the same time as this letter of your mum. Oh dear dear, good health good luck
Edna

This space should not be used.

airgraph

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TO MR C SIMS
60 NO 1 MACHEN STR
RISCA
MR NEWPORT MON
SOUTH WALES ENGLAND

275070
1942

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address

1110770
QVNW SIMS
LY FIELD STY
Dn 51ST FIELD REG RA
C/O BASEPOST OFFICE

COLOMBO 3/7/42

Dear Dad Nellie and Bill
just a few lines to you all hoping
and trusting that you are all in
the very best of health as it leaves
me the same at present How encourag-
ing Dad your letters are to me I'm
so pleased to hear that Nellie and
mass are alright you must find the
word of god very comforting these
days We shall see him as he is
Give my love to Nellie and Bill
hope that they are both alright
Well Dad
day dawn

No. 243

AIRGRAPH

PAID
1942

CE-8

Instructions at left; right of panel, blank
S of Sender's under the e of the

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MR. AND MRS. W. T. GREY,
34, BATHGATE ROAD,
WIMLETON COMMON,
LONDON, S. W. 19.
ENGLAND.

FIELD 63
INDIA
F58081

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: 1447757
Lt. Col. D. O. King,
16/54 Hq. A. A. Regt. RA,
7 Base Post Office,
Colombo, Ceylon.

Date: Wednesday,
15 November 1942.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grey,
Being unable this year to send my usual card, I'm writing this instead to convey my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year: may the latter bring appreciably nearer the day when Philip will be home again.
I'm continuing to enjoy life in Ceylon. The most noteworthy event since I last wrote being a grand seven days leave, which I spent with two friends from camp. Apart from that there is the unending flow of insect life to enthral me on the silt. Philip and I could have a rare time with the butterflies.
I hope you are both keeping fit; best wishes to Arthur. Very sincerely yours, Desmond

This space should not be used.

Write the address in large BLOCK letters in the panel below.
The address must NOT be typewritten.

131625

TO:- WEBA Pte LC 3/21425
R.A.S.C.
46 D.I.D. RASC.
FIELD POST OFFICE
COLONY B.D.
CEYLON.

DATE STAMP
SINGAPORE
SEP 12 1943

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address 3 AVONDALE AVENUE WOODBURN PARK SURREY
21. Aug. 1943.

My dear Webb, It is such a long time since I wrote you and I expect you think I have forgotten you - on the contrary we often speak of you in the office & wonder how you are. Things are still pretty strenuous in the hands with the short staff and the lack of experience of the temporary ones. We do manage, of course, but things are not done as well as they used to be in the old days. The boys in the forces are all very well. Le Borden is in the Middle East but the rest are still in England. We still hear little bits of the news but the news are now almost fully trained and it is a little different. Keeping them interested, but we do our best. We have just finished a week end camp, which was very good, but quite strenuous. Things are quiet at home here, but who's to grumble with all the good news we are getting? I will write you by ordinary mail soon and send you the message. In the meantime, good luck and take care of course. Yours G. B. Bland.

This space should not be used.

MAKE SURE THAT THE ADDRESS IS WRITTEN IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS IN THE PANEL ABOVE

To RASC (Royal Army Service Corp) Colombo, Field Post Office. RASC was the supply regiment for the front line.

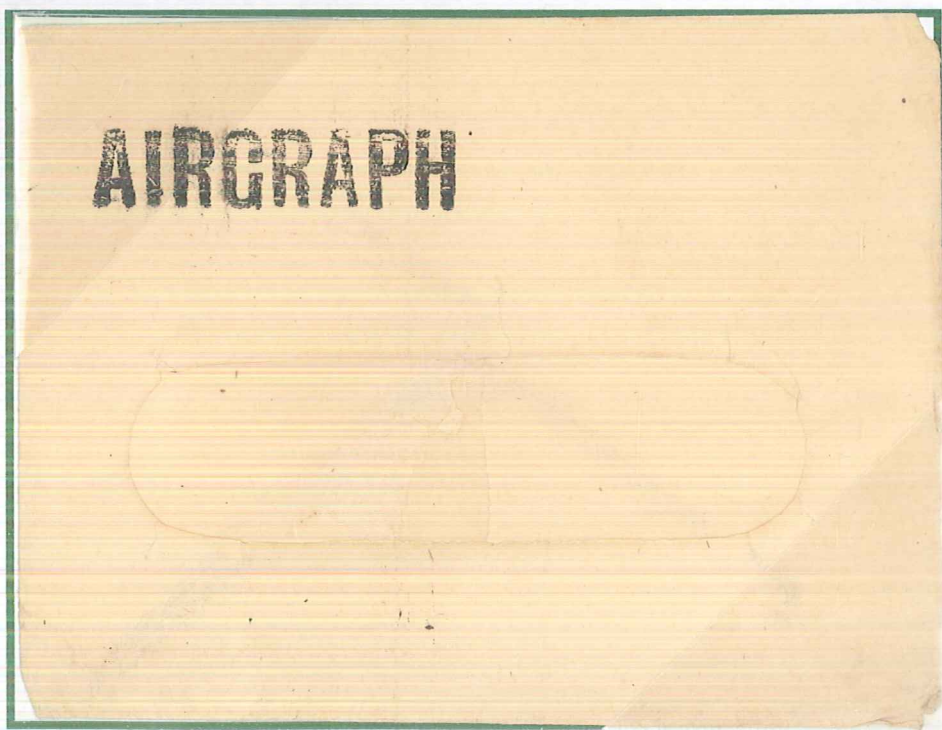


On Reverse: At the door of my kingdom—the Section.

←From this Airgraph Text:
 “Things are quiet here at home, but who is to grumble with all of the good news we are getting.”

Airgraph Sent: August 24, 1943 Received: September 12, 1943 19 days

September, 1944, Ceylon received the final Microfilming station. This allowed on base filming and printing of the airgraphs in Colombo.



This three correspondence series in 1943 is on Ceylon Airgraph stationery and from Ceylon Command, but with Indian Censor markings. Each of these Airgraphs were written on the same form type.

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MISS. BETTY. TRIST,
4, STRAND HILL,
JAWLISH,
S. DEVON,
ENGLAND.

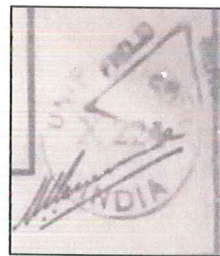
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UNIT CENSOR
INDIA
x224

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: 1645625. L/Bdr. Trist. R.
150/52. H.A.A. Regt. R.A.
Ceylon Command.

Date: Nov. 24.

My Darling Betty,
I thank you so much for the airgraph which I have just received and I hope you will write me plenty more as I look forward to them such a lot. My darling I will come home to you just as soon as I can and of course I will see you when I come home. I say Betty had at school - later like to have one of all of getting a big you do, I'm afraid I rose home. Now, be a good school, give me for me. Bye. Bye.



Each with Circular "Unit Censor India x224" and Triangular "Field Censor India" markings with numbers 58, 59 and 169.

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MRS. L. TRIST,
4, STRAND HILL,
JAWLISH,
S. DEVON,
ENGLAND.

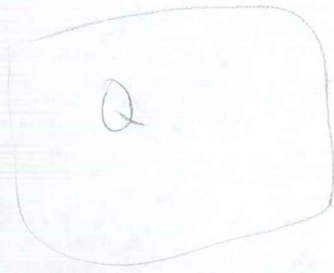
130104
UNIT CENSOR
INDIA

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: 1645625. L/Bdr. Trist. R.
150/52. H.A.A. Regt. R.A.
Ceylon Command.

Date: Nov. 24.

My Darling,
Many thanks for just received, adds the third you in two days so you are very much better now, I last night in answer to I'm glad the cable got to birthday and thanks Dor. right day, when she write ask her to tell me all about want to see, you said that Willie really darling I had tell me dear, how is she their father?, its funny but a lot of people back home anyway its nearly two years suppose its excusable, there darling I have never once and I am longing for the next again, but for now dear and God bless you, I love you Betty
Peter



From this Airgraph text: →
"I've received your letter, so you see, dear, the mail is better now."

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MRS. L. TRIST,
4, STRAND HILL,
JAWLISH,
S. DEVON,
ENGLAND.

714139
UNIT CENSOR
INDIA

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: 1645625. L/Bdr. Trist. R.
150/52. H.A.A. Regt. R.A.
Ceylon Command.

Date: Nov. 23. 1943.

My Darling,
Have just received two more letters of mine that were sent back from England, really Dor. you should have notified the post office that you were still away, its no wonder that you have not been getting much mail from me but never mind dear I will send them off again, they will then have done their trip around the world. By the way darling I have also just had a letter from George, will you tell him for me, as last night I wrote him an airgraph also w/ Shapter. George sent me quite a bit of news from home and Maud told him to ask me if there was any chance of getting any silk stockings, you can tell her not a chance darling, if there was I would have sent you some long ago. Well once again my darling I have to say cherio to you and our darling children God bless and keep you safe. Yours always
BETTY
PETER

↑ From this Airgraph Text:
"I'm forgetting a lot of the people back home, I've been away two years now."

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BETTY
PETER

airgraph

POSTAGE
12 AUG
1943
PAID

MISS BETTY DAVIES
19 LEIGHTON AVENUE
MEOLS
HOYLARK
CHESHIRE

PAID

CEYLON

airgraph

POSTAGE
27 NOV
1943
PAID

The address should be written as large as possible in BLOCK letters, clearly visible, like postal mail. The address must NOT be abbreviated.

MR. A. J. S. MULLINER.
59 CEDAR RD
CROYDON
ENGLAND. SURREY.

298608

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address: M. LONGHURST.
FX 98517, MASS B.H.
HMS. UKUSSA, C/O G.P.O.
Date: LONDON.
Nov. 1st. 43.


Dear Archie,
I was very pleased to receive an air letter from you on Oct 25th. It took rather a long time as it had been to Africa first & half way round the world. I am in the male voice choir here and also have made some good friends at the Methodist church near here. If you were here we could have some smashing hikes Archie as it is very good walking country, especially up country more than here. I am in very good health - I hope you are too. Cheers for now.

Best of luck.
Yours
Jack.

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To: ORD/SEA: R. O. REISS.
COX 399179.
H.M.S. SALTASH
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My dearest Rupert - Sender's Name and Address: Mrs. F. J. Fawcett
Malorne
Madras City.
This was meant to go yesterday & I am sorry I forgot all about it. I am sorry I can't be able to make it. June 10th 1943.
making her melado. I don't do that when rationing really comes in. I don't think she'll bother to crawl much as she gets everywhere she wants by rolling. I'm always so afraid now that she'll fall out of her pram - I shall have to make straps. A little has been added to her first party on Saturday. A little boy of 5's birthday party - I had had a made her give her name to the answer! I think she'll be the only other child there. Still alone here & being it. I go every where with a revolver after 4pm! No roads but I just don't being alone such miles from any where. Dajga does not return till 1st. Francis sounds very well. Had just been tried to take an Urdu exam in which he was able to answer one question in the written one in the oral! He never more useful. Don't have a rupture at exactly the same time as Francis! Really difference being that D.'s is only threatened. I have vague hopes that Madge Morrison is coming to stay 4 days on Sunday. Francis M. (saw Dennis as you) has apparently had promotion to a good job & may be moving. If he moves on Sunday then she can't come. I hope all the time that she will come. I am more than delighted that you got the parcel over & socks. Went quite quick. Do keep fit! With much love from Camp Ram.

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TO: *5/21/43* Pte. WEBB, L.C.
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BASE POST OFFICE,
COLOMBO,
CEYLON.

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Sender's full name and address: 957529 Gns Henton. Date: 2 Jan '44
HQ. R. 7 Ind. Div.
India Command.

Dear Auntie Mabel + Grandpa.
I am very sorry that I have not replied to your letter sooner but thank you ^{so} very much for your presents. I hope you, Grandpa, are feeling much better and continue to do so. I expect you will be glad when the Summer comes round again. The weather here is good, but it gets very cold at night. We had a very good Christmas, plenty of food and drink, I would like to all sit down to a meal again not too long I hope with love to you

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Sender's Name and Address: 1276058-LAC D
R.A.F S.E
Ceylon
Date: 21-12

Dear Beatie,
I am writing you this for to let you know I am coming on for my operation. I hope you have seen letter in which I explained every you of me being in hospital. Well I am not receiving much mail from hope you & the children are kept I am very sorry to hear of Beatie again she seems to have all the she you stated as Coris is no remember me to her love, also to she is keeping fine. Have you re- passed, you should get it in to must come to a close once with all my love to your father. My thoughts are with you. Love
Lester

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TO: MESSRS FREDERICK WARNE AND CO. LIMITED,
CHANDOS HOUSE,
BEDFORD COURT,
LONDON, W.C.2

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Ref - WLM1.

Order No. FW/1/203.

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Sender's Name and Address: MACKEN'S BOOKSHOP
93, Main Street
Colombo - Ceylon

Messrs Frederick Warne & Co. Ltd - Chandos House, London, W.C. 2.
9th August 1944.
Dear Sirs,
Please send by Bulk Post. Terms as per airgraph letter dated 9th August.

- THRASHER LIBRARY 3/- each.
(18) Twelve copies each 1- Numbers 1, 8, 6, 16, 8, 18, 26, 28, 34, 30, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 38, 41.
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Walter Lawrie

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Sender's Name and Address: R. V. Goonetilleke
Colombo, Ceylon.

Date: 26th September, 1944.

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TO: S/217435. P. WEBB, L.C.
46 DETAIL ISSUE DEPOT
R.A.S.C.
CEYLON COMMAND.

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Sender's Address: LEIGHTON
3, AVONDALE AVENUE
WIMBORNE PARK
SURREY.
17 OCT 1943.

My dear Webb

Thank you so much for your delightful letter of September 19th and also for the fact that arrived quite safely and which was much appreciated by Mrs. Paine and myself. We often talk of you here and at the office and wonder how long it will be before you are back with us again. We glad to hear you are keeping fit & well & trust you have in the hills did you find the news here is pretty scarce. All are well in the office. Things go on much the same and we have just finished a visit from our old friend the Inspector! His was news is excellent and the changed outlook after the last twelve months is really amazing. The kids in the house are all well and all in the land except for P. who is very fit & well. I hear all kinds of news & hope you are all well.

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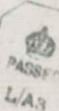
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BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO Co. (LTD.),
RUSHAM HOUSE,
EGHAM, SURREY,
ENGLAND



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Sender's Name and Address:

H. C. Reeve,
Ceylon Tobacco Co. Ltd.,
P. O. Box 19, Colombo.
2nd June, 1944.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

Excise Profits Duty.

Further to my letter HCR/YB of 1st May, I have to-day received the following letter from the Assessor:-

"With reference to your letter of 2nd May 1944 the information furnished by you is noted and an amendment would be due in the computation of cash necessary for purposes of business. After making this adjustment there would be considerable deficits, and the remarks in my letter of February 16/18, 1944, will apply.

E. An amendment is, however, due in the figure of profit for the year to 31st March 1943, in that it should be Rs. 5,805,390/-, and the total deficiency will be Rs. 1,147,046/-."

The Assessor's letter of 16/18 February, 1944, is that quoted in my airmail of 22nd February.

The adjustment in Profits for the year ending 31st March, 1943, agrees with the penultimate paragraph of my airmail of 22nd February.

I have still received no communication regarding Colombo Distributors Limited.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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TO: F/LT G.H.W. GUEST 89186
~~H.Q. SOUTH EAST ASIA~~
AIR COMMAND.



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Sender's Address: Mr Astill 23 Maxwell Rd, West Drayton, Middlesex.
My Dear Brother.

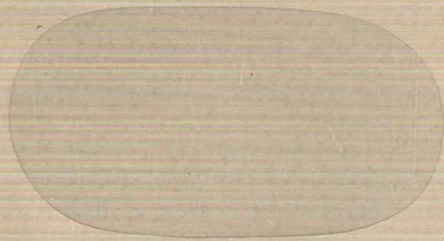
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Thanks most awfully for the very welcome parcel of tea, etc. I've heard the most exciting news from Edith, that things are definite with you and am keeping my fingers crossed till I hear you are safe. I shall remember you extra extra in my prayers these next months. I'm glad to know that Edith and Hilary are well. We are well too but rather troubled with warnings again. Jim is in hospital, abscess trouble. I'm disappointed in Dad's new teeth, they don't show, one gets the impression he hasn't any! We hope to be seeing Stewart shortly. I had a lovely day up in Yow with him, on his last leave saw Dad too. Well dear Au revoir and God bless you, mind you make it! All the best of luck to you. Your loving sister, Eva X

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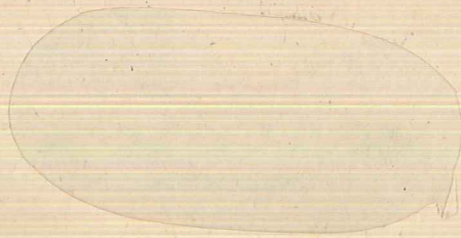
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