

The British Invasion of Egypt. The Suez Canal Campaign Nov-Dec 1956

Field Post Office No 443. 4 DE 56.

From. E. G. Goldring, Major R.E. (A.E.R.)
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A. B. P. O. 300



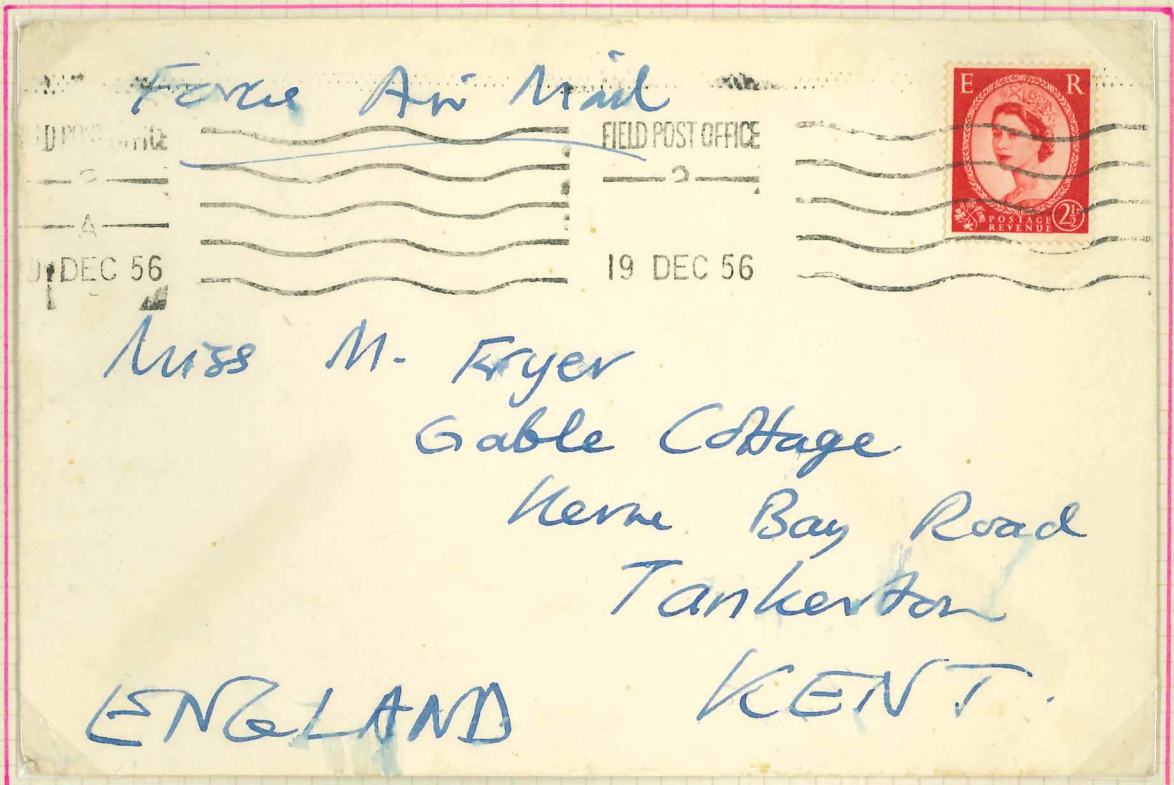
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From Lady Rathdonald.

c/o C.P.L.O. H.Q. MEAF. BFP053.



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اللجنة الدولية للصليب الأحمر

٨ شارع عبد الخالق ثروت القاهرة - تليفون ٥٧٢٨٢

Personne recherchée

الشخص الذي يبحث عنه

- 1) Nom : Khalil Ibrahim Safa : الاسم :
 2) Prénoms : : اسم العائلة :
 3) Date et lieu de naissance : تاريخ ومحل الميلاد :
 4) Fils de et de : اسم الأب : اسم الأم
 5) Nationalité Egyptienne الجنسية (6) Religion (race) Musulman الدين :
 7) Si naturalisé, indiquer date et nationalité d'origine : المتجنس بذكر التاريخ والجنسية الأصلية
 8) Si dénationalisé, indiquer nationalité d'origine : فاقد الجنسية بذكر الجنسية الأصلية
 9) Célibataire - marié - veuf - divorcé (biffer ce qui ne convient pas)
 الحالة المدنية : غير متزوج - متزوج - أرمل - مطلق

10) Profession ou grade Rétameur : العمل أو الرتبة العسكرية

11) Dernière adresse connue ou incorporation militaire : آخر عنوان معروف أو الوحدة العسكرية

Rue Souk el Markaz
Arish

Demandeur

مقدم الطلب

- Nom : Naima Mohamed : الاسم :
 Prénoms : : اسم العائلة :
 Adresse : Haret El Saaida g
Harb el Ahwar : العنوان :
 Lien de parenté avec la personne recherchée Caire : صلته بمن يبحث عنه :
 Date de la demande : تاريخ الطلب

7-12-56

Signature : التوقيع

Ecrire très lisiblement وضع الكتابة

انظر خلفه
Tournez S.V.P.

EGYPT - SUEZ AFFAIR, - 1956 / 1957.

Red Cross Enquiry Form for Missing Person Civilian, A Tinker from El Arish.....£15.

Operation Musketeer

British Forces returned to Egypt to protect the international waterway - the Suez Canal - with France, following its nationalisation by President Nasser. The action was referred to in Egypt as the Tripartite Aggression as Israel attacked across the Sinai Desert to the Canal.

Certificate of Posting The undermentioned postal packet has been registered and posted here this day. (Ordinary postage.....s.....d. if parcel)

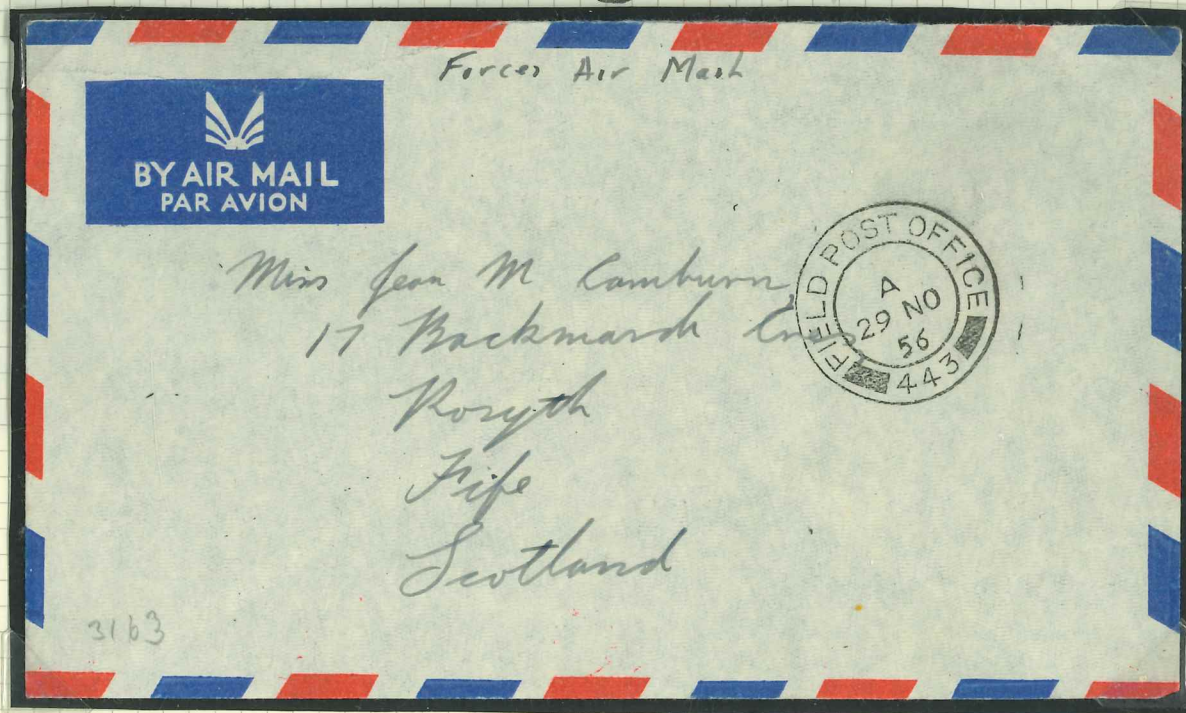
Regn. No. 8712	Regn. fee SIX pence
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Mr M Knott
47, Smithfield
Totnes

Date Stamp
F.P.O. C 938
24 NO 56
P.T.O.

Accepting Officer's Initials. }

Certificate of posting of a registered letter from F.P.O. C 938 on 24th November 1956 during Operation Musketeer.



Airmail letter from Corporal J. Gray of the First Battalion A/SH at B.F.P.O. 300 - clearly taking part in the operation, although F.P.O. 443 was based on Cyprus.

Official Mail

5 MAR 1955

In addition to the manuscript "Certified Official" top left, this unfranked air cover has two hand-stamps, while on the reverse a large O.H.M.S. label testifies to the official status; moreover the cover itself is CODE N° 26-37, i.e. it is 'On His Majesty's Service'. The FPO number is illegible.



Sent from the Fayid Orderly Room by O.C. 186 LAA Battery, R.A., an official cover 5 MAR 1955 airmail to London from MELFIS Transit Camp; it arrived four days later in London 89 on 9th March - Fayid then headquarters.

British Forces in Egypt

Stages in the withdrawal of British Troops from Egypt

August 1946 Evacuation of Cairo
Citadel



6th May 1947 Evacuation of Nile delta.



11th February 1952 Abrogation of Anglo-Egyptian Treaty



October 1954 Evacuation of the Suez Canal Area



End of the Concession

Abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, 8th October

22nd December 1936 saw the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty incorporating the Postal Concession into Egyptian law. Although military surface mail travelled free from 1 MA 41, the forty millicimes concessionary airmail rate remained. Amended to tenpence, with registration at half a crown (3/6) British and Commonwealth stamps were also allowed and the military postal systems took over transmission of mail. The formal Abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty was signed on the 8th October 1951 so ending the Concession.



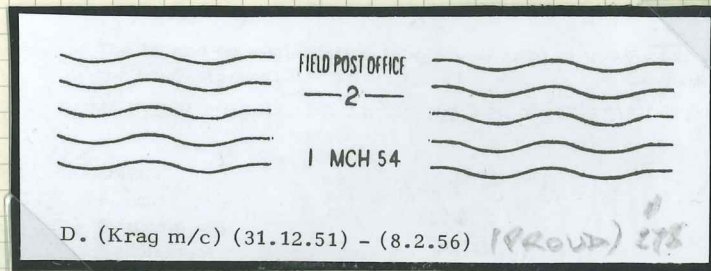
Original cover mounted as FPO 293. (1942)

Registered airmail cover from F.P.O. 293 at Bassassin with BAPO 4 Cairo transit on reverse. Franked 2/6³ registration, and 2x5³ airmail, in George VI definitives to Lincolnshire.

Krag Machine F.P.O. 2

Field Post Office 2 at Kasfareet

M.E.A.F. 10; 3 SEP 54



Date stamp also used in Cyprus during Operation Musketeer.



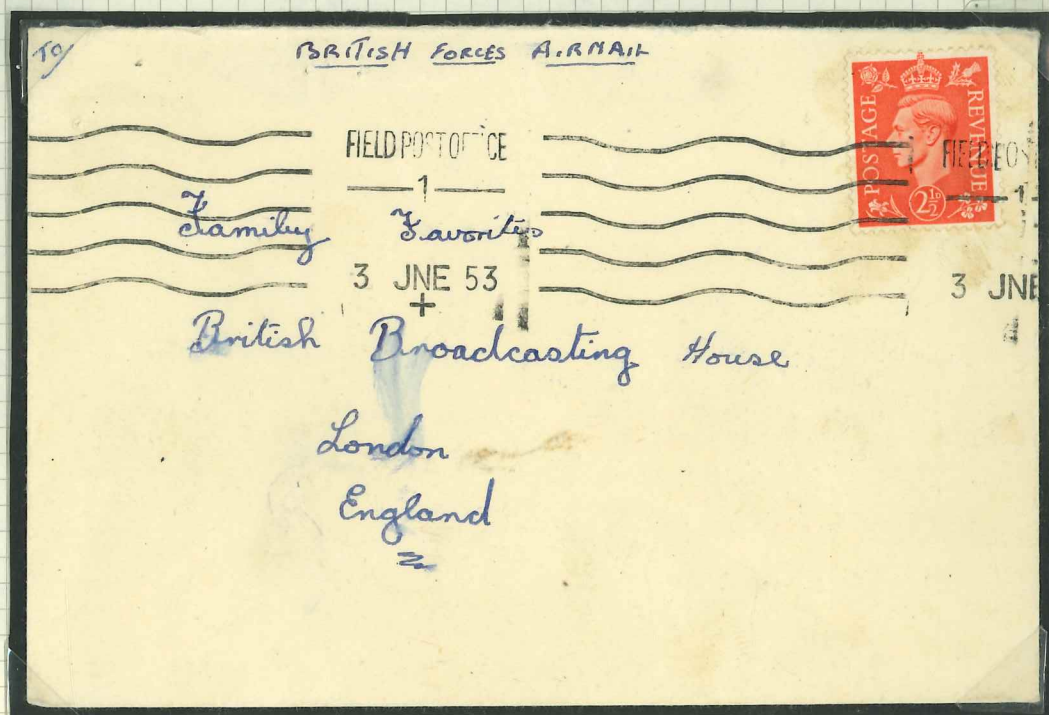
Forces Air Mail cover franked 2½^d G.B. Queen Elizabeth to Halifax, Yorkshire; this new type of Field Post Office stamp exists only as 1 or 2, in Egypt, is dated 3 SEP 54 - note 3 digits in the month rather than 2.

Krag Machine F.P.O.1

Field Post Office 1 at Deversoir

M.E.A.F.10 dated 3 JUN 54

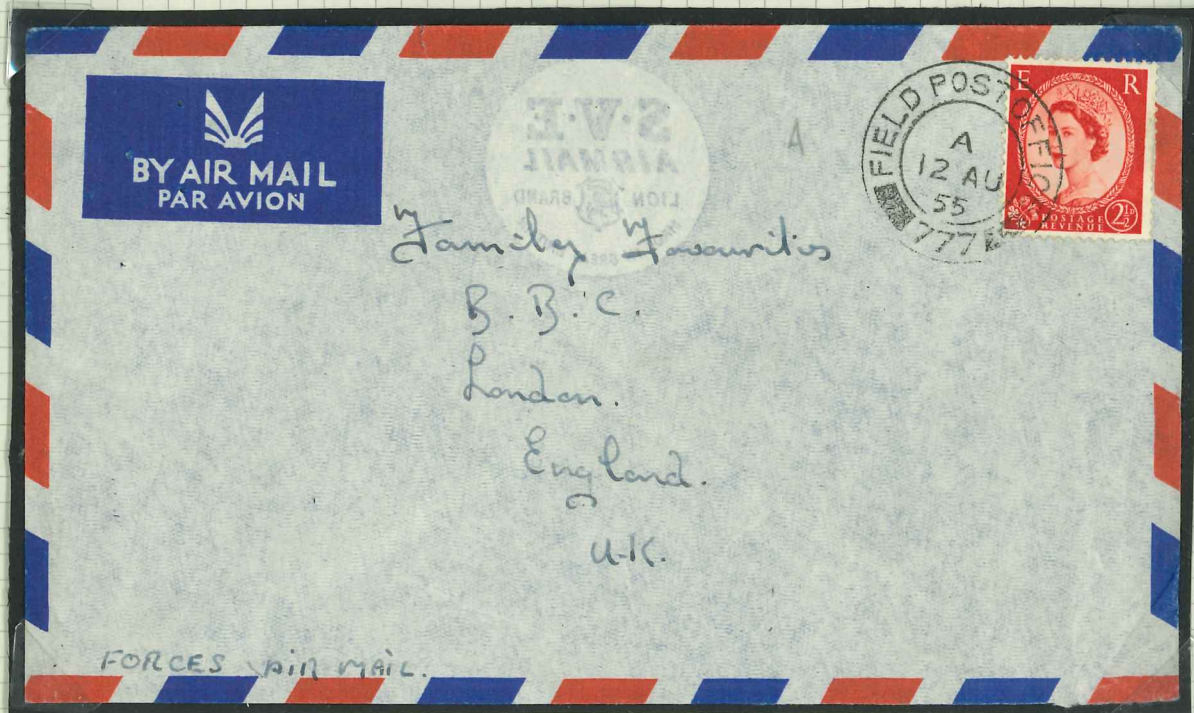
*A completely new design for F.P.O.s 1 and 2 from Krag
with effect from 1 JAN '52*



*June 1953 letter to the B.B.C. from a gunner in 188
A.A.F.C. Battery, Royal Artillery at Deversoir
M.E.A.F.10; note the late use of George VI stamp.*

Field Post Office 777

*el-Ballah M.E.L.F.12
from 31-12-53 until 24-02-56
R.E. Works Squadron*

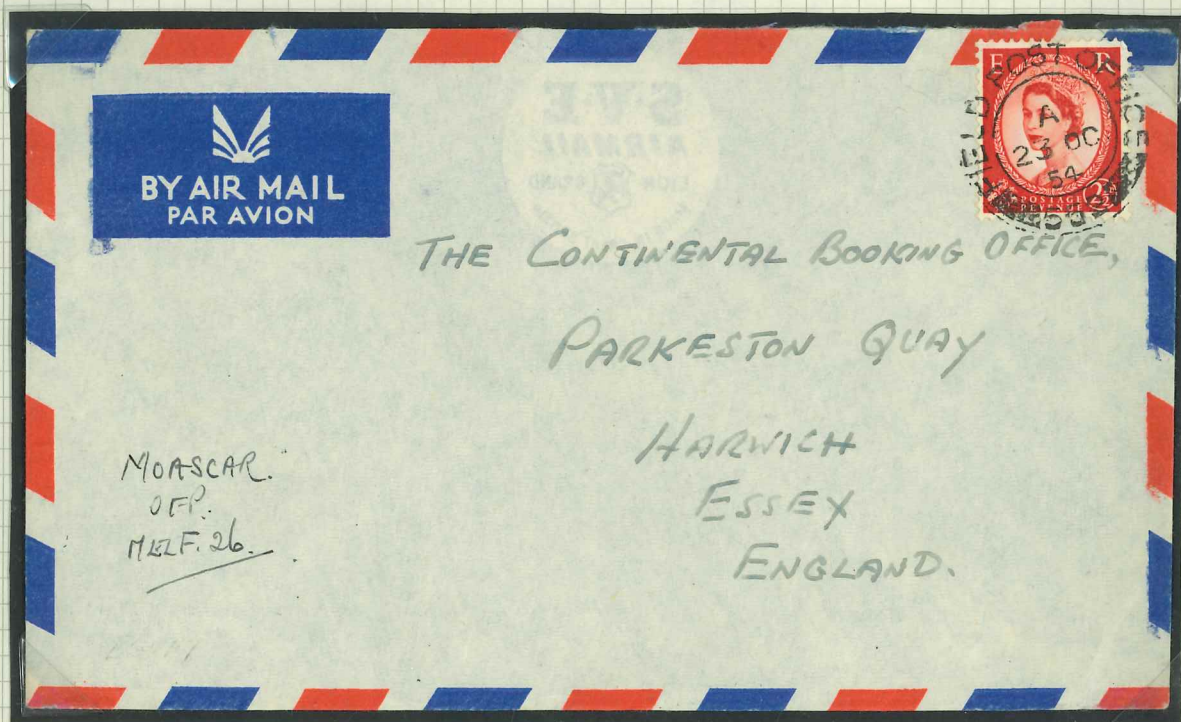


Forces' Airmail covers to the B.B.C.; top from el-Ballah at M.E.L.F.12-note franking in George VI stamps, late use, Bottom from Moascar M.E.L.F.26, dated 12 AU 1955 with A.

Field Post Office 552

MELF 26 at Moascar

Originally allotted in February 1942 to General Headquarters Middle East, Field Post Office 552 was held by 19 line of Communication Postal Unit in Palestine in late June 1942 to early May 1943, before terms in Lebanon, Syria and Cyprus, 8 and 9 lines of Communication to Libya, before arriving in Egypt for five months only from May to October 1954 - the time of posting this.



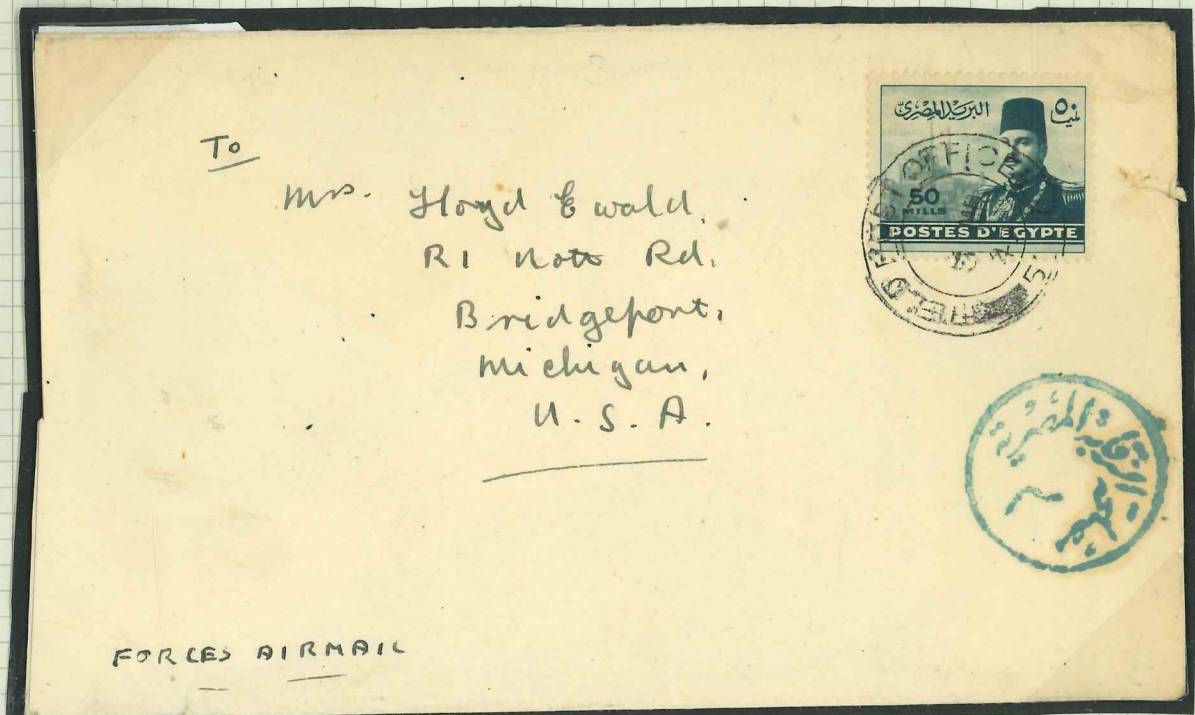
In Egypt in 1954 for five months only, F.P.O. 552 is cancelling 2½ Queen Elizabeth on a pre-printed airmail cover from MELF 26 Moascar to Harwich.

Field Post Office??

Suez Canal area to United States

Sent by a serving Private M. Gillam (W.R.A.C)* serving in the Suez Canal area 2 Signal Squadron 16th Battalion 'B' Company, this letter, endorsed bottom left, with 'Forces Airmail' would not have qualified for the forces' concession, hence the use of an Egyptian stamp. Unfortunately, the Field Post Office number is not legible, so despite sender's data, origin unknown.

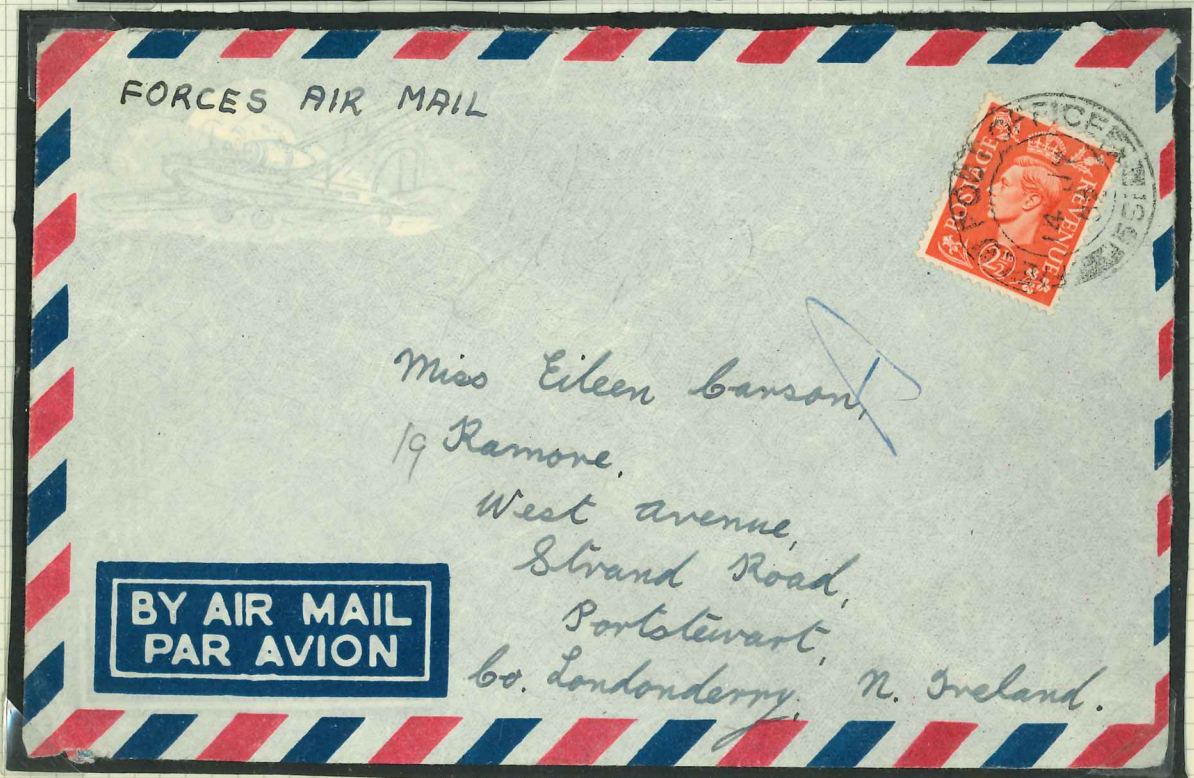
* W.R.A.C. means Women's Royal Army Corps.



Civil censored in blue, forces' airmail franked 50 mill-
cimes Farouk Maréchal to Michigan U.S.A. in 1949.

Field Post Office 551

MEAF 10
Instrument Section at R.A.F. Deversoir and St-Ferdan.



Two 1952 air covers from FPO 551 to U.K. & N. Ireland.

Field Post Office 551

Mixed Franking

Originally allotted to General Headquarters Middle East in late February 1942, Field Post Office 551 was based at Moascar near Ismailia covering in addition both Deversoir and el Ferdan; from late June 1943 until late July 1953, i.e. at the time of this cover, before transferring to Bahraik until late 1956.

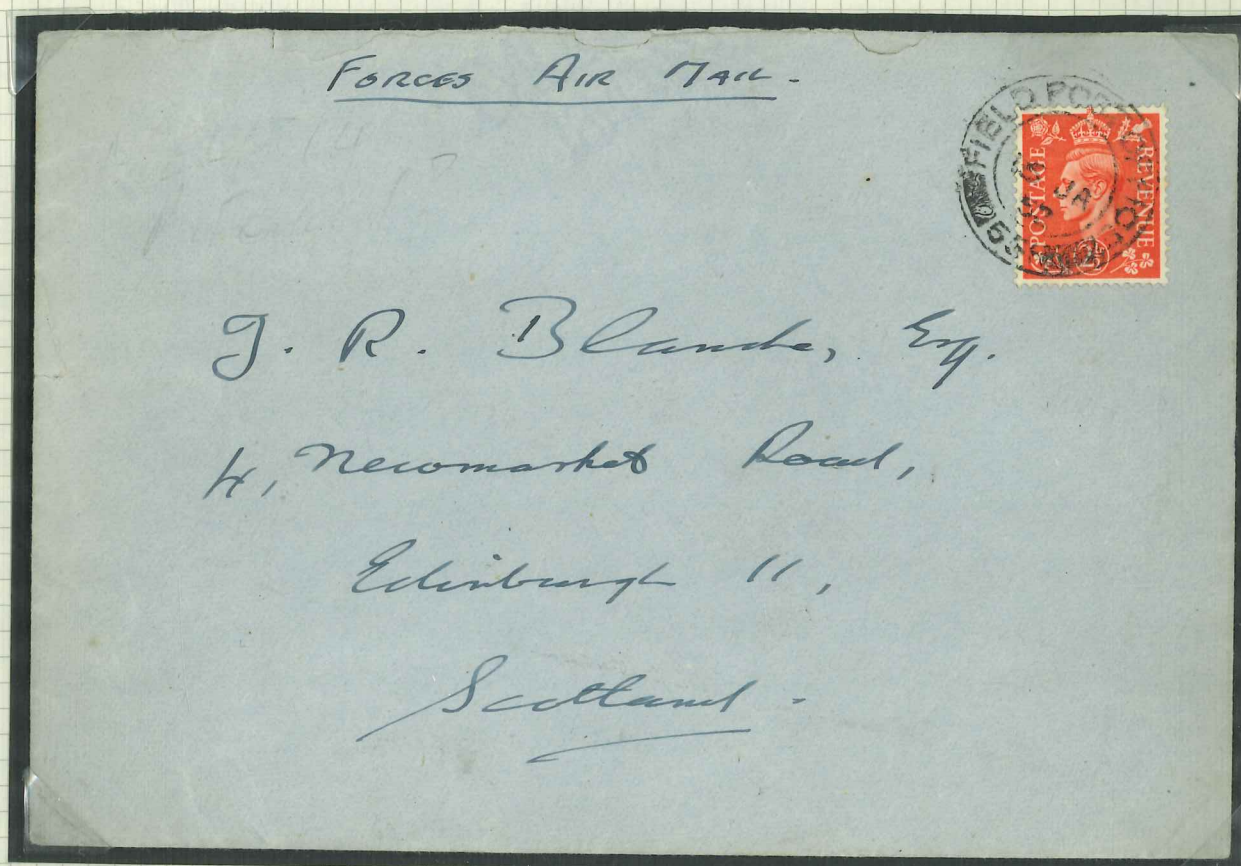


Incorrectly marked 'first day cover', the Egyptian stamp was issued 15th June 1948 to celebrate Egypt's troops in Palestine (Gaza) a month earlier (but not required for postage) both on an air cover with George VI 2½^d to London - sent from A.P.O. S. 205 based at FPO 551, Moascar.

Field Post Office 531

MELF 14 at Port Fouad

Field Post Office 531 was originally allotted to the 8th Army Postal Unit early in December 1941 remaining as F.P.O. ADS between late November 1942 and early June 1943 (Proud). The date-stamp moved to Italy at Torinto until 1948. It was seemingly returned to Egypt by 1952 and was based at Port Fouad at the time this letter was posted.



January 1952 air mail cover to Edinburgh sent from MELF 14 based at Port Fouad; 2½^d George VI, franking.

Field Post Office 516

Incoming mail from Switzerland
Geneva to Port Fouad via
Field Post Office 76 at Mersa Matruh

The transit date-stamp appears to be F.P.O. 76 which, as Proud suggests, was in France during 1940. It was "allotted to General Headquarters M.E." The address included as (Med) suggesting the G. H. Q. (Med) was based at MELF 14, so seemingly located at Port Fouad - extends Proud's time in Egypt by three years!

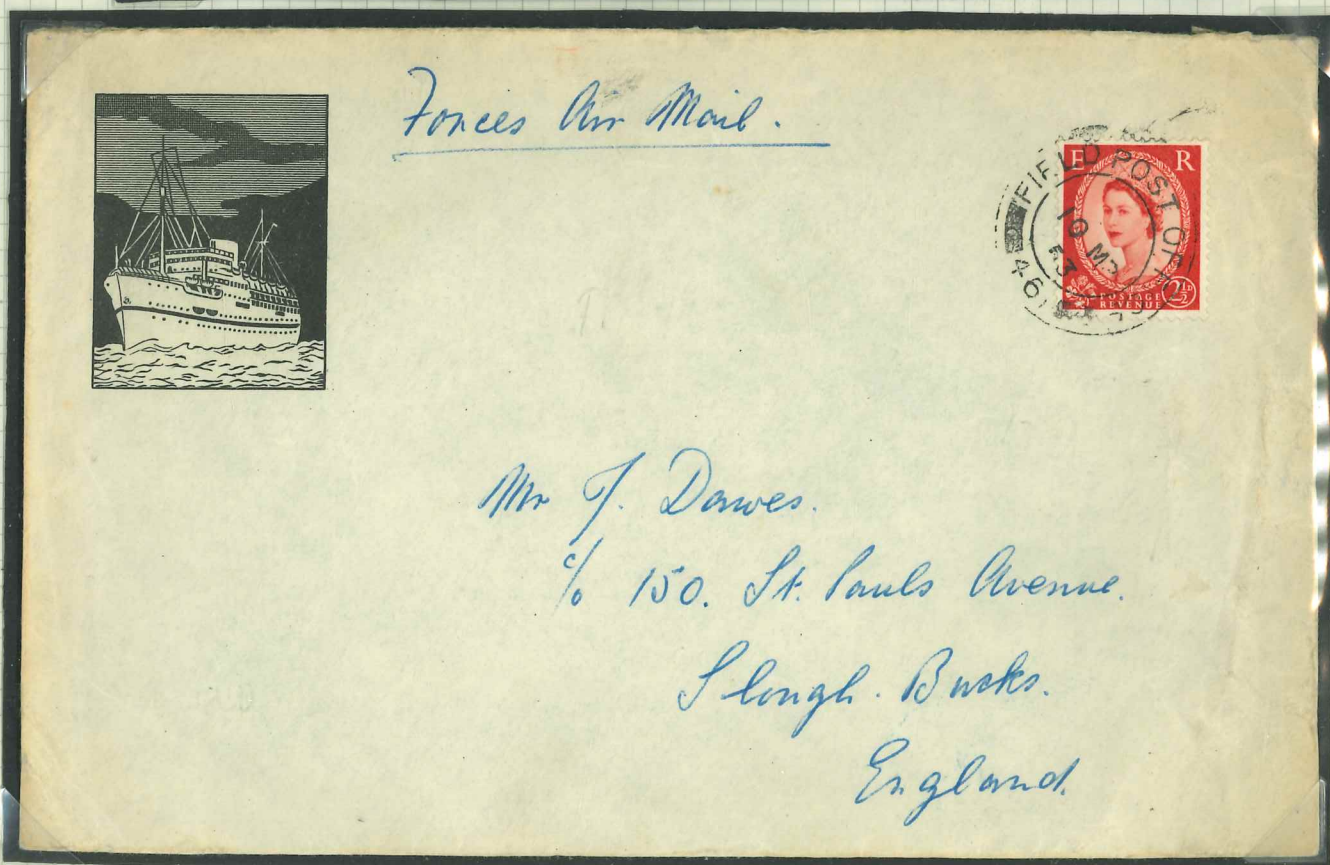
Transit F.P.O. 76



Colour postcard of the lake at Geneva to a Lt. Col. of Queen Alexandra's Royal Auxiliary Nursing Coy. at MELF 14 located at Port Fouad; Field Post Office 516 in July 1954; also bears an Egyptian civil censor.

Field Post Office 461

Two forces' airmail covers from F.P.O. 461 at M.E.A.F. 9 at Port Fouad, opposite Port Said at the head of the Canal.

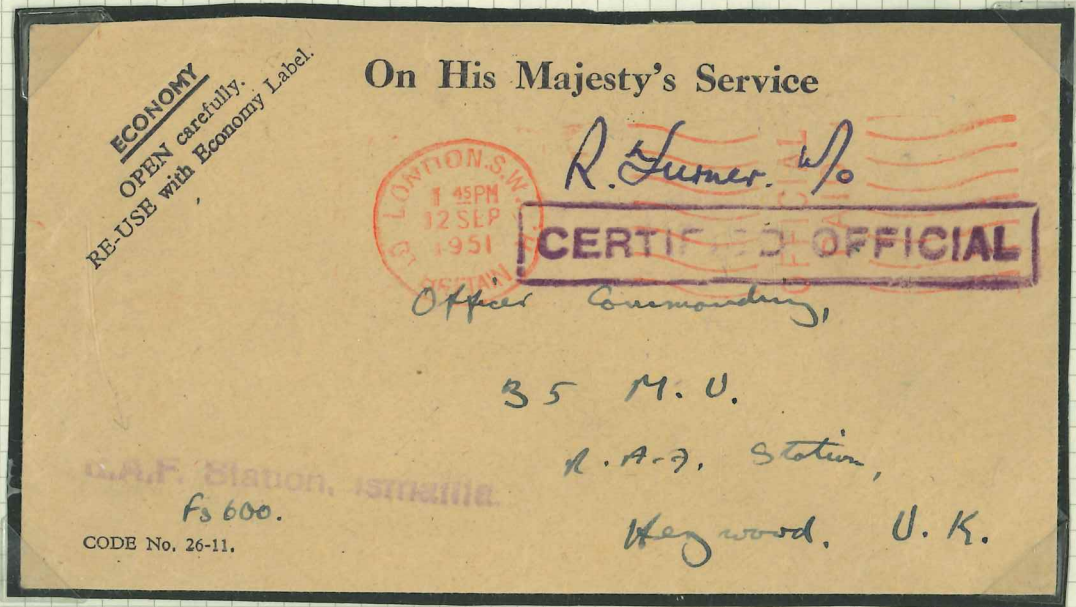
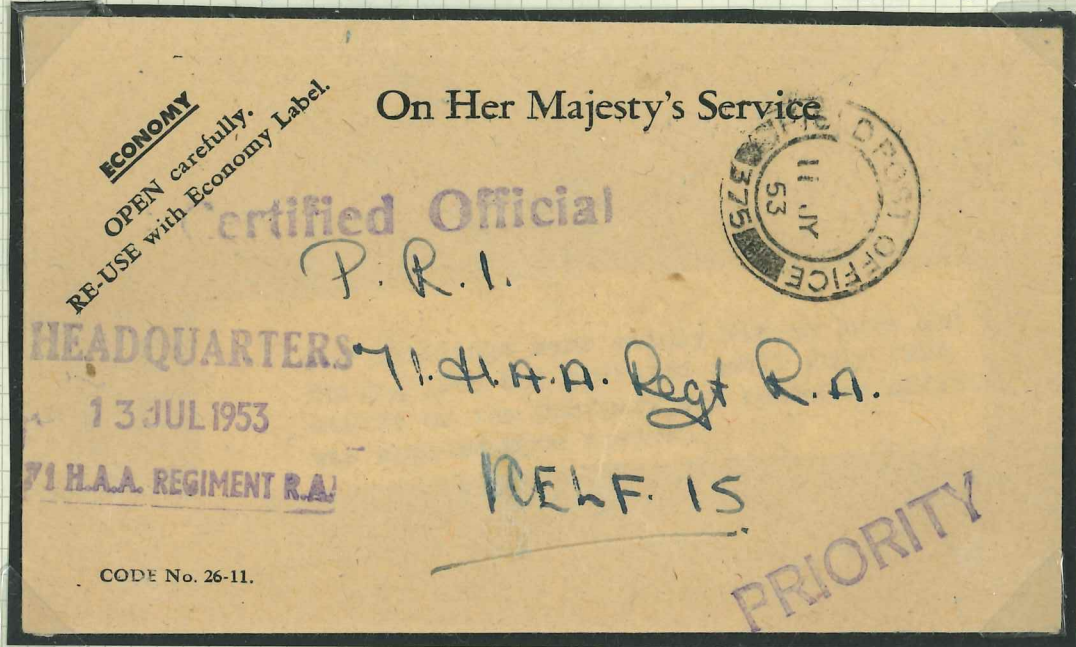


Air cover, possibly British India Line, to Slough 10 MR 53.

Field Post Office 375

Official Mail

Sent within the Suez Canal Zone from Moascar to the MELF 15 at Kasfareet from H.Q. 71 H.A.A. Regt Royal Artillery



Sent from R.A.F. Station Ismailia to an R.A.F. station at Heywood U.K. in September 1951; another O.H.M.S. official cover, printers code form N^o 26-11, London arr.

Field Post Office 375

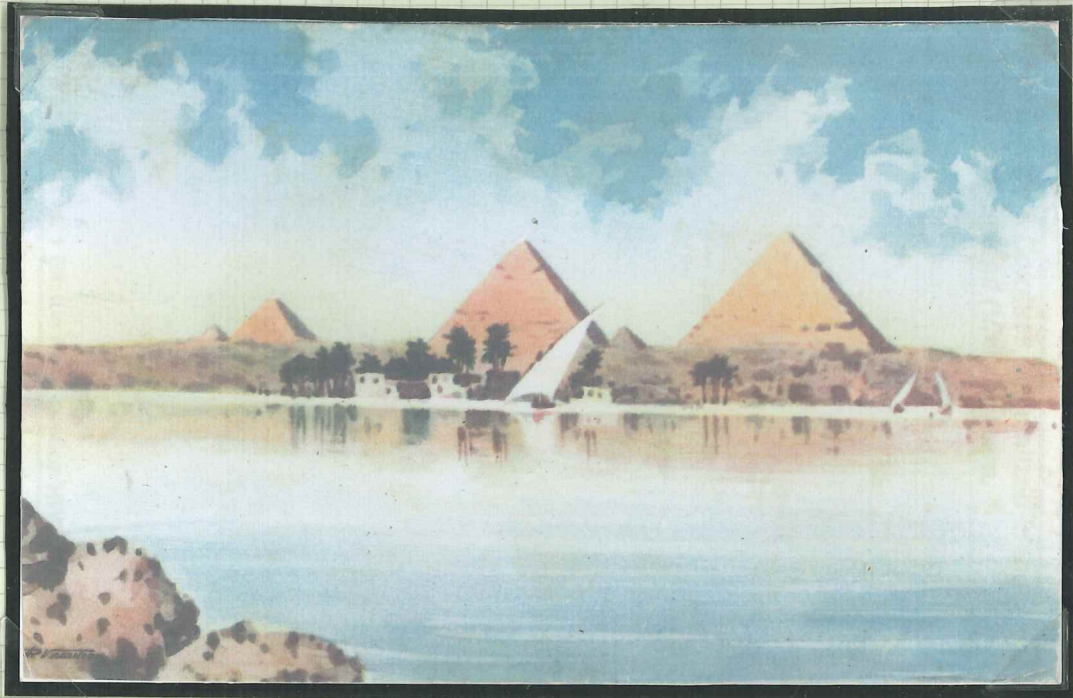
Two forces' airmail letters to London from FPO 375 there
in Egypt at Moascar between 1941 and 1953 (Proud),
top has Festival of Britain commemorative 15 JY 1951



Pre-printed airmail envelope of F.P.O. 375 on 17 May 52.

Field Post Office 375

Colour postcard, unusual for forer's mail, of the annual Nile inundation, close to the Pyramids of Giza, Cairo.



FORLES MAIL BY AIR.
POST CARD
EGYPT

MR. AND MRS. T. EAGLE.
14. GREEN LANE.
WORCESTER PARK.
SURREY.
ENGLAND.

Saturday 9th.
Dear Mr and Mrs Eagle.
Many thanks for the sample of 'The Weekly Cake' that you sent me, it contains a good deal of interesting information & facts, but our swimming & diving in the near future. — I am not particularly attracted to Egypt, and will certainly not go there when it is in the hands of some time. — As the main part of our shooting is a shooting office such with my trade. — So keeping the you are all well at number 14. Please for now.
G.H.Q. — MELF 17.

2193491. SPR. EVANS. P.
G. (PLANS AND OPS).
Copyright by Lehnert & Landrock Succ. Cairo.

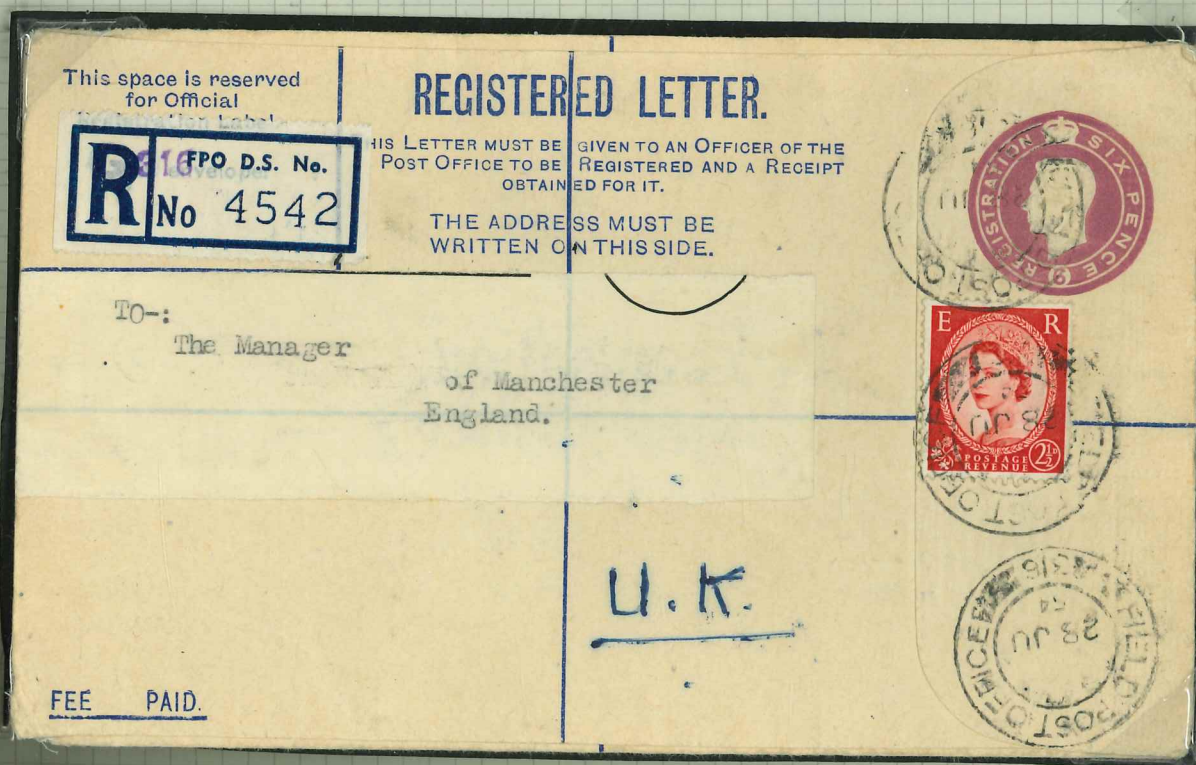
No 14 The Giza Pyramids at Nileflood

Card franked 2^d George VI sent to England in 1950 from G.H.Q. MELF 17 at Moasgar, originally A.P.O.S 212 and in Iraq in 1942, Iran (Persia) in 1943 then Egypt 1943 to 1945, to Dodecanese Rhodes 1945 to 1946 and Egypt 1947-1953.

Field Post Office 316

Mixed franking
on Registered Mail 1954

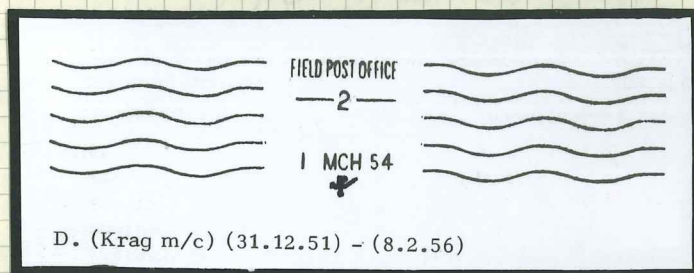
Queen Elizabeth 2nd added to George VI Registered cover
rated 6^p - the fee for registration for civilians despite its
being posted at Nooscar FPO 316 to an unknown manager.



Registered letter, Daynas type REG b (the GZ size) sent
from La Chaland Camp at, or near, Nooscar from the
2037 Guard Coy; MEAF and MELF covered the Ismailia area.

Field Post Office 299

Signal Squadron 16th Independent Parachute Brigade
M.E.L.F. 28



Following use in Northern Ireland until 1942, F.P.O. 299 went to the Near East at Iraq, Iran and Palestine before arriving in Egypt as A.P.O. S 207 at Farara in 1946. From Jan 1954 it was at MELF 10 at Moascar through until January 1956. This extends Proude's dates bringing it forward to August 1953.

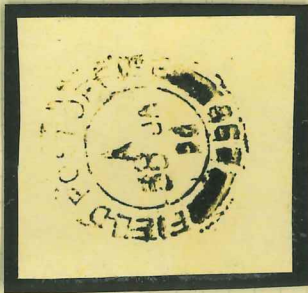


For contents of cover, see overleaf.

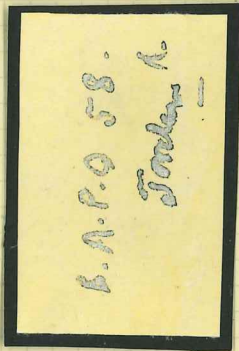
Cover franked 1953 Coronation 2½d commemorative to the U.K.
F.P.O. 299 at Moascar; also has F.P.O. 2 in the Krag machine style.

Field Post Office 298

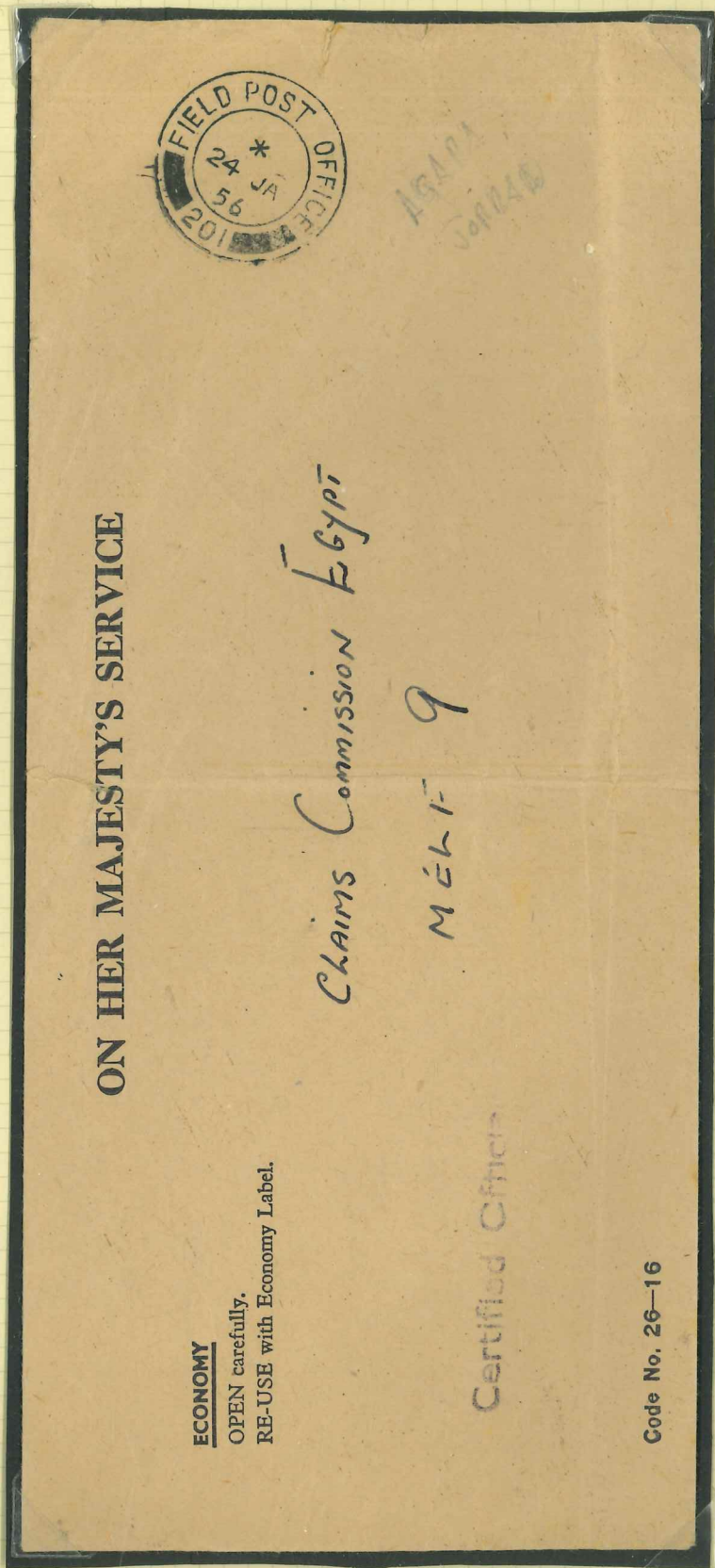
Incoming official envelope from Aqaba in Jordan to M.E.L.F. 9 based at Port Said early in 1956; the cover bears "Certified Official" handstamps.



Backstamp
revers, from
Port Said.



Handstamp
of Sender
at Aqaba
in Jordan.

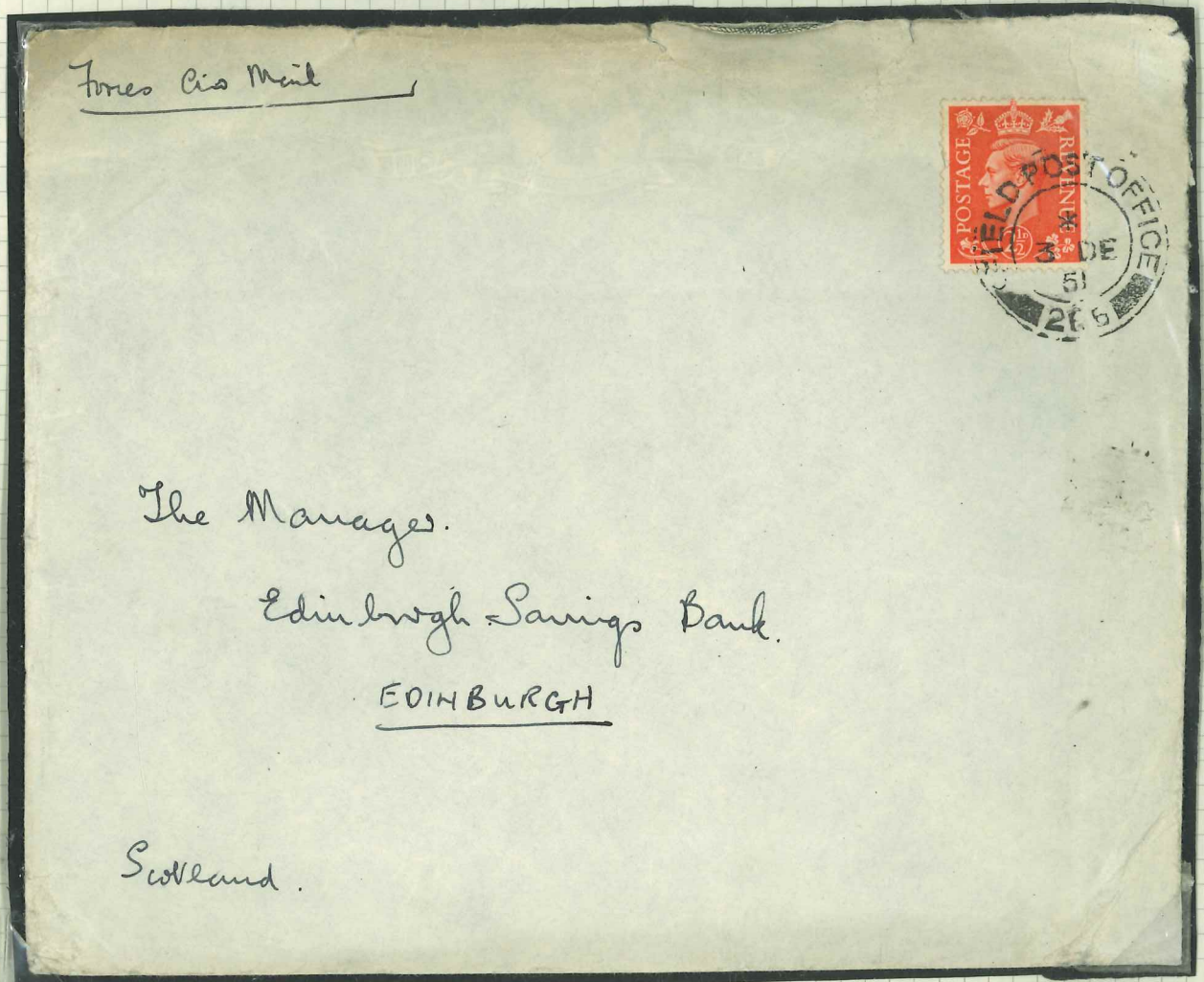


Sender's address, centre above, and postmark of Field Post Office 201.

Field Post Office 266

3 DE 51

Originally in U.K. and north Africa, then Egypt though not seen by Proud, F.P.O. 266 appeared in Egypt in late 1943 until February 1944, before travelling to Italy and Greece. Arriving as Army Post Office S. 207 at Fanara, which Proud gives dates between 3 OC 47 and 28 AP 52.



Two-pence halfpenny airmail cover sent from 73 HAA Regiment Royal Artillery, then based at Fanara as MELF 15 to Edinburgh and dated 3 DE 51.

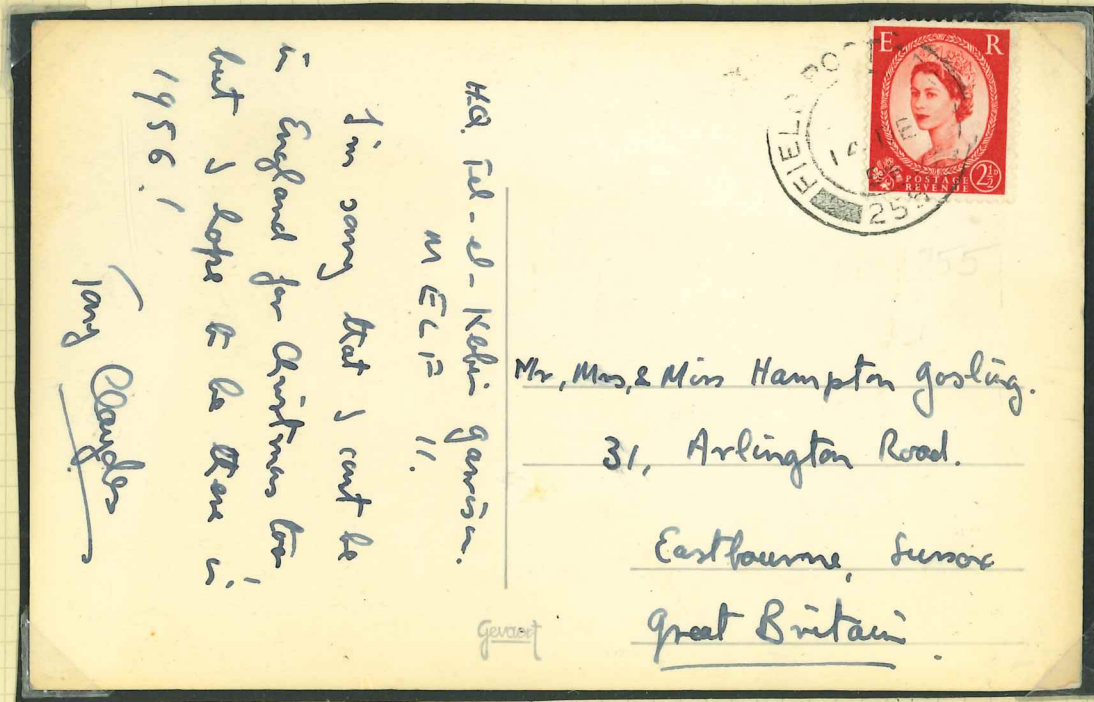
Field Post Office 255

22 MR & 14 DE 54

Top: Two-pence halfpenny airmail cover
from MELF 26 based at Tel el-Kebir -
the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engrs.



1953 definitive



A second two-pence halfpenny airmailed postcard from
H.Q. Tel el-Kebir Garrison, also designated MELF II.

Field Post Office 234

In Egypt from 24 JY 42 until 30 JA 43 but unused by
Droua, Field Post Office 234 returned to the Suez Can-
al area, following time in Libya during World War II,
and Palestine in the late 1940s, and was first based
at Moascar at the time of the cover below at MELF
10; the date-stamp was moved to MELF 27 based at Fayid.



Two-pence half-penny airmail letter from 1st Infantry
Workshop, R.E.M.E based at MELF 10 in the Moascar
area near Ismailia, dated 21 MY 52 addressed, like
so many others, to the B.B.C. London.

Field Post Office 170

'Calm' before the storm

25 FE 56

On 26 JL 56 President Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal, much to the consternation of the shareholders, mostly French and British, in the Compagnie Maritime du Canal de Suez. By October that year British and French troops had re-taken territory surrounding the canal. However due to international pressure United Nations troops were sent in to keep the enemies apart.



Also known as Army Post Office S.203, Moascar, located at Ismailia, had become MELF10 housing both Army and Royal Air Force contingents; this cover sent to H.M. Customs and Excise at Harwich on 25th February 1956.

Field Post Office 218



23040010 Pix CARNO
 ACCOUNTS GROUP POST CARD Egypt
 SECTION III
 R.P.O.
 M.E.L.F.17

FORCES AIRMAIL
 9 APR 1955
 FIELD POST OFFICE
 9 APR 55

DEAR DISC JOCKEY,
 IT'S MY MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY
 ON THE 24th APRIL, WOULD YOU
 THEREFORE PLEASE TRY, AS NEAR
 THAT DATE AS POSSIBLE, MARIO
 MANZA SINGING "I'LL WALK WITH YOU"
 WOULD YOU ALSO BROADCAST THIS
 MESSAGE: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY MUM,
 AND BEST WISHES ALSO TO DAD,
 KIT, SIM, CHERIE & NOT FORGETTING
 BLACKIE THE CAT."
 THANKING YOU IN ANTICIPATION,
 YOURS, *George Cato*

FAMILY FAVOURITES
 B.B.C.
 BROADCASTING HOUSE
 LONDON
 W. 1.
 ENGLAND

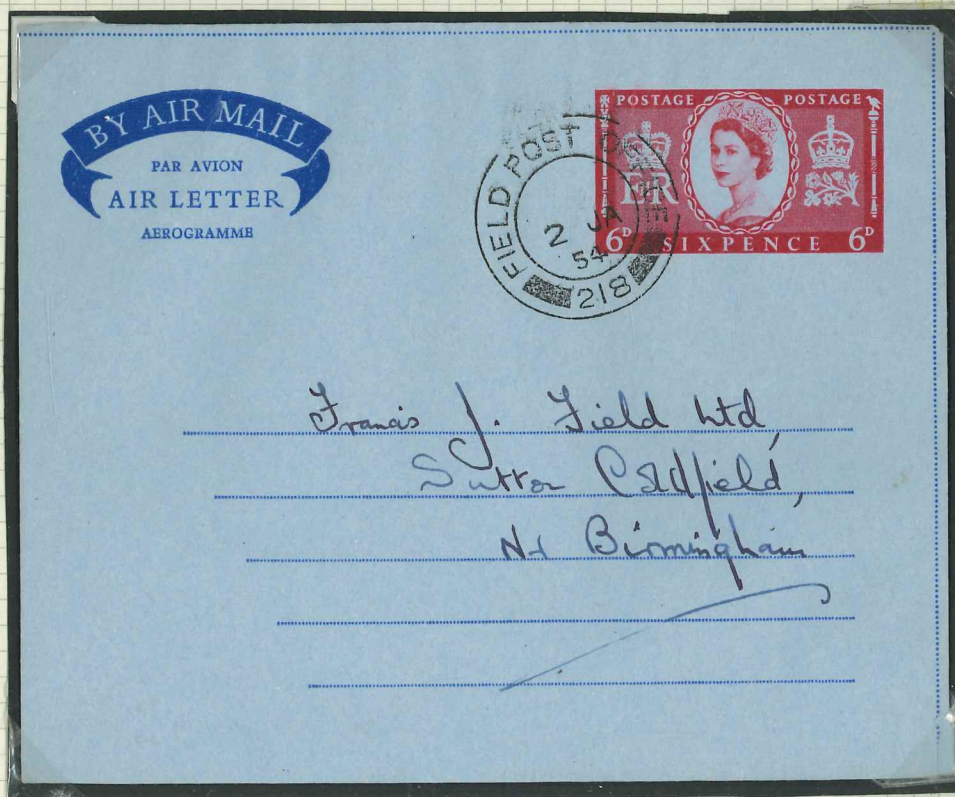
Photo and Copyright by Lehner & Landrock Suct. Cairo

n° 8 The Pyramids during Nile Flood
 P.S. HOME ADDRESS
 11 HOLMSTAY ST, LONDON S.E. 15.

Postcard by Lehner & Landrock of Pyramids during the Nile Flood sent from MELF17 at Fayid to BBC London 9 APR 55 franked at 2½^o to meet forces airmail rate.

*Field Post Office 218
Philatelists at Fayid*

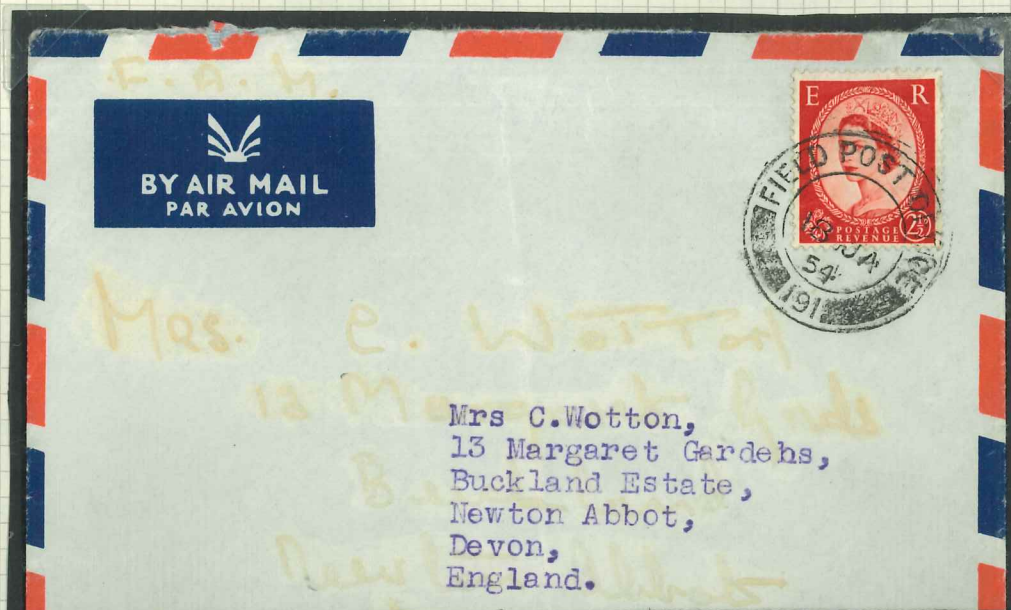
These M.E.F. overprints, although produced in Cairo, were not intended for use in Egypt but former Italian colonies.



The above cover with a well known philatelic addressee, is unusual use of an air letter with the coronation insert.

Field Post Office 191

18 JA 54 & 11 DE 55



M. E. L. F. 29

45 Commando R.M.

P/mk. No. 191.

The Royal Marine Brigade also had its own MELF number to speed mail to the three units which made up the Brigade. Their mail out however was handled by the nearest Field Post Office to each unit which was spread throughout the zone and in this instance while 45 Commando was at Port Said their mail went through the Port Said FPO. Headquarters of 3 Commando Brigade was at Geniefa in 1955.

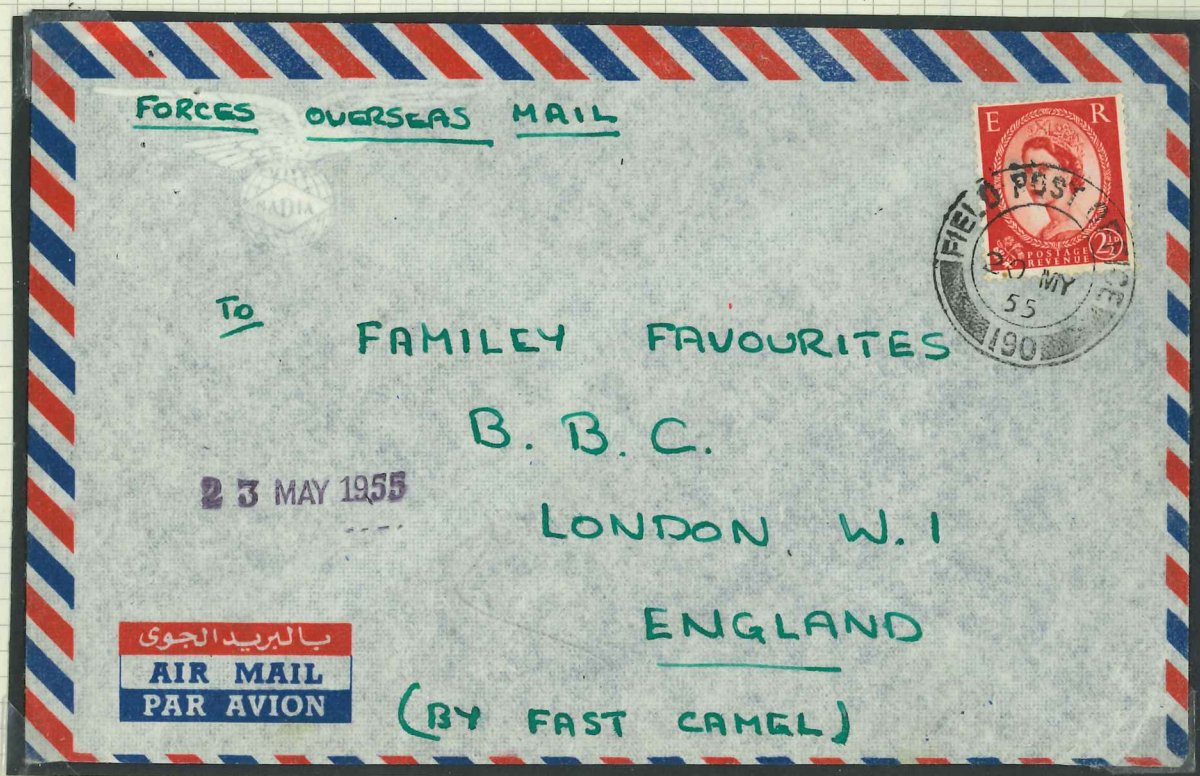


Top cover mailed through Port Said; bottom 45 Commando at Geniefa.

Field Post Office 190

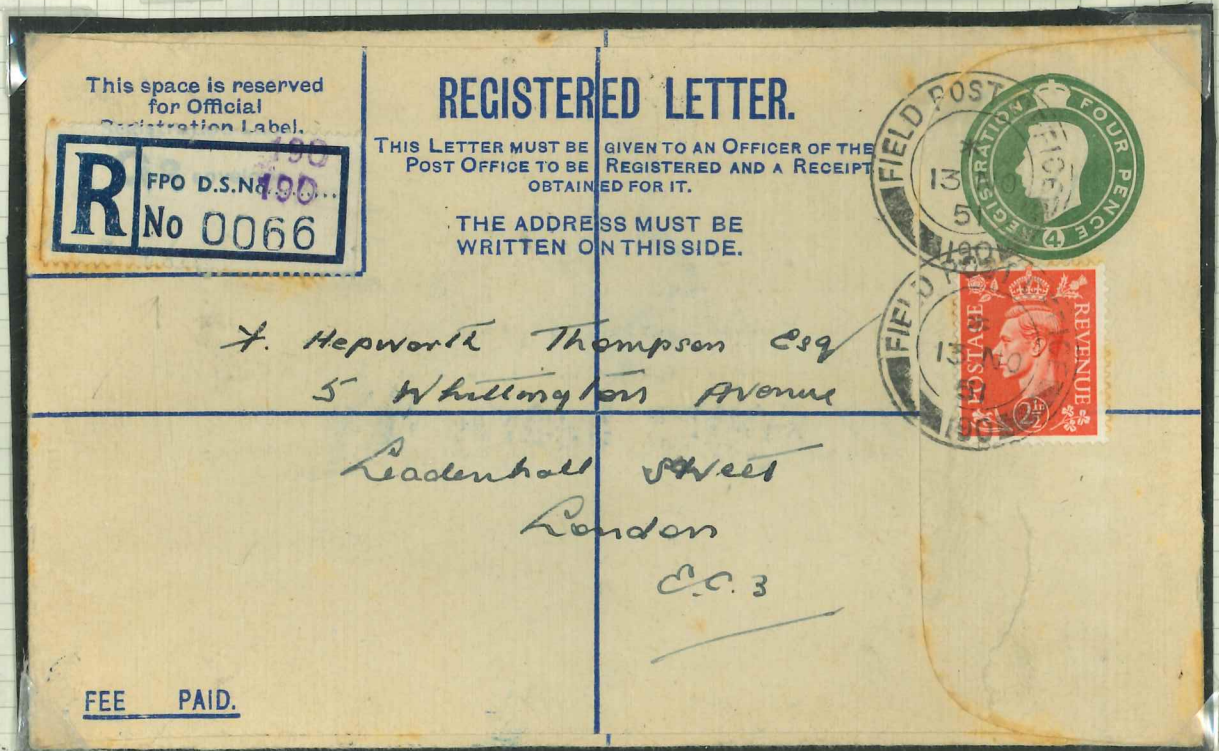
20 MY 55

This FPO 190 date-stamp had been in use from 1940 to 1944 at General H. Q. at Cairo, from whence it was transferred to Port Tenfik, opposite Suez at the southern end of the Suez Canal from 1944 until October 1948. At the time of this cover to the mis-spelt Family Favourites at the B.B.C., it was with the 1st. Infantry Division Yorks and Lances, at MELF 27 at Fayid, Bitter Lake.



Our correspondent clearly had a sense of humour - but the camel was not even native to Egypt - it was brought to Egypt by the Persians around 750 B.C.

Field Post Office 190
July and November 1951

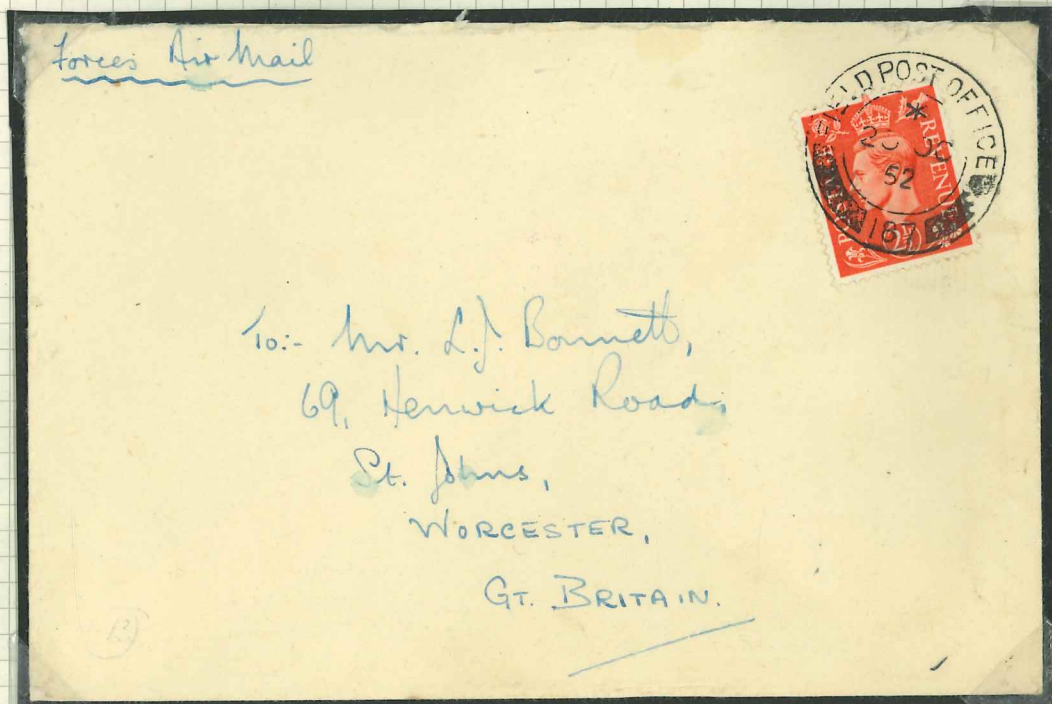


*Four pence registered letter (Daynes RE 8) with 2½^d to pay the airmail rate in 1951 from MELF 16, H.Q. Suez Garrison at Shallufa to London. * Above is airmail rate to Cheshire, also from Shallufa, Suez. * via F.P.O. 5/6 based at Moascar.*

Field Post Office 187

20 00 52

Sent by a member of 33rd Airborne at Kantara also designated MELF 28 and known as A.P.O. S 222. Prof. Vatikotis* tells us: "The next day, 26th January in 1952 the mobs burned Cairo. Over 750 establishments were destroyed, at least thirty people lost their lives, iconic tourist centre, Shepheard's Hotel was destroyed



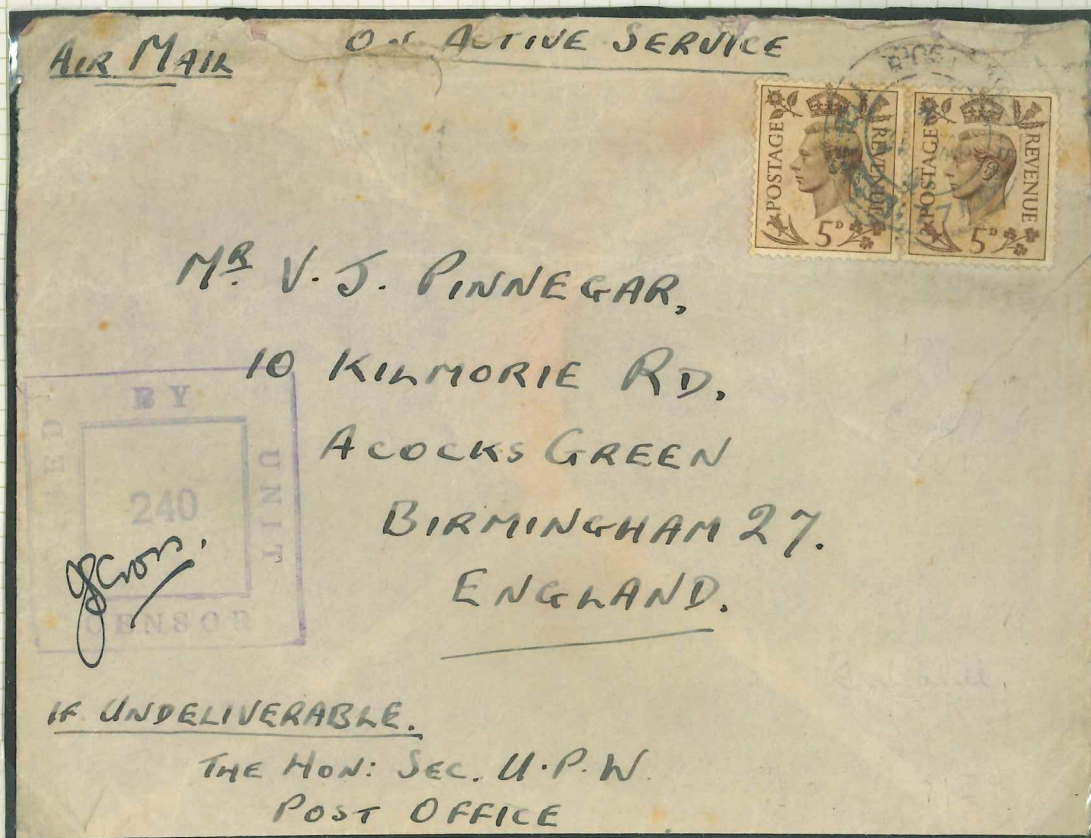
With colour changed from blue to red, to conform to U.P.O., two-pence halfpenny rated air cover from Kantara on the Suez Canal to Worcester on 20 00 52.

* The History of Modern Egypt 4th Edn 1991.

British Forces in Egypt

Field Post Office 177

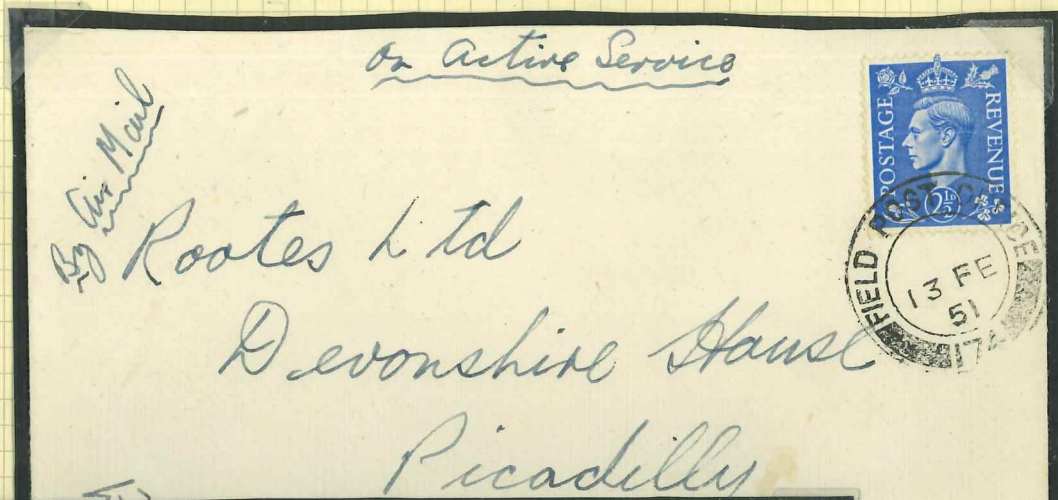
An early 10d airmail rate from
FPO 177 dated 31st May 1941 with
Censor type A3 in purple and signed.
The office was in Egypt during 1940 and
1941 before moving to Greece and Palestine.



Airmail letter rates for Servicemen from
1st May 1941 were 10d for the first half oz.
and double that (1/8d) for each additional
half ounce. FPO 177 seemingly at Moascar.

Field Post Office 174

A.P.O. 5209 at Tel el-Kebir (TEK)



*Festival of
Britain
2½d value.*



Three examples of 2½^d airmail sent from Tel el-Kebir in 1951 and 1952; note change of colour from blue to red.

Field Post Office 168

8 FE 54

listed by Crouch and Hill as 'Middle East' from 1941 to 47
this Field Post Office 168 was located at Suez by 1954 and it
also offered registration facilities; a philatelic addressee.

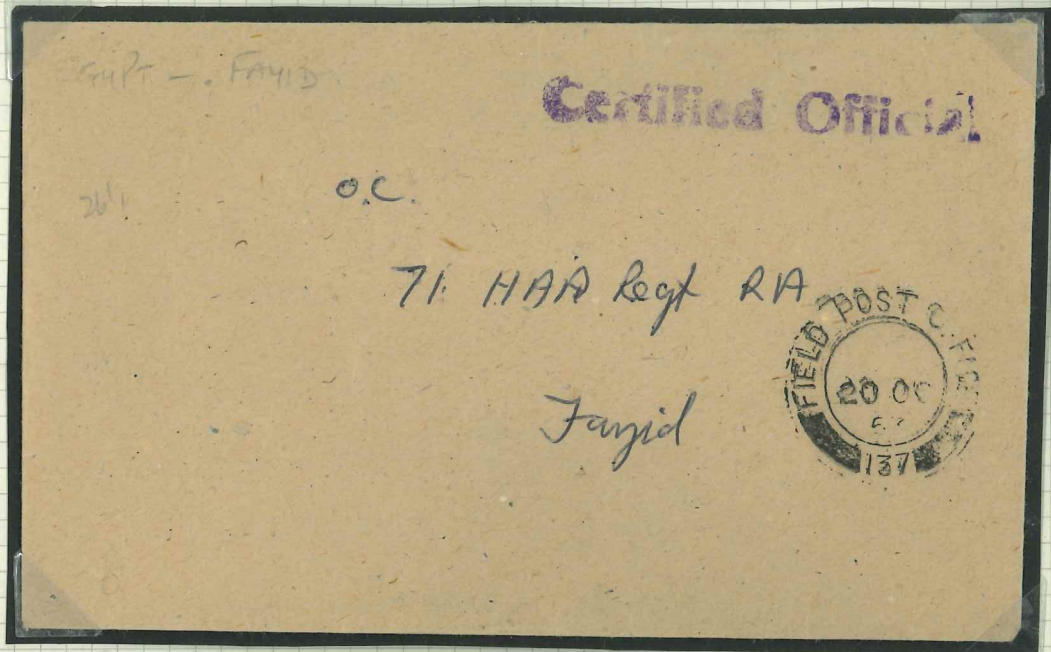


Registered first day cover of the 9^d, 10^d and 11^d values of
the 1952-54 definitive issue of Great Britain with Dorothy
Wilding portrait of Her Majesty, the Queen. The letter is
dated 5th February 1954 and was posted at Field Post
Office 168, MELF 16, then located at Suez.

Field Post Office 137

Official Mail

Front and back of official mail actually sent within the same base at Fayid, Field Post Office 137 sent 19 Oct 53 on the reverse and receiver of the base dated the next day.



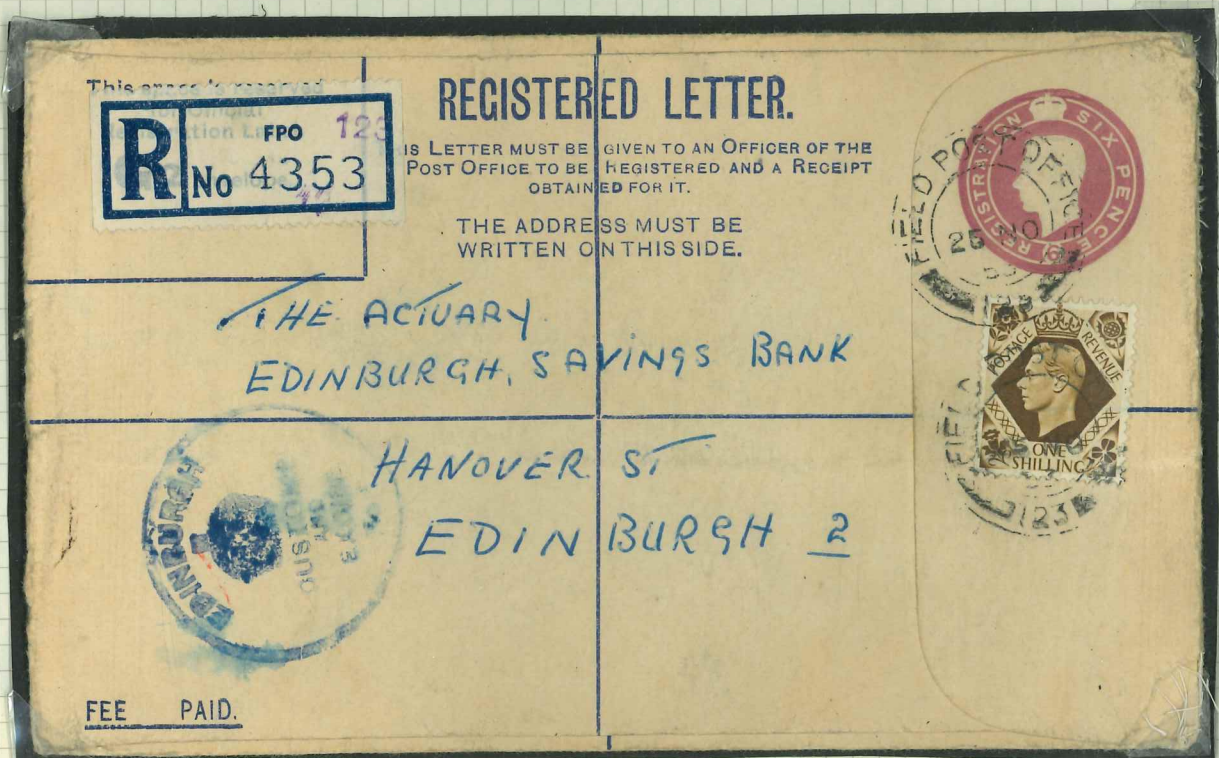
October 1953 official mail showing the use of official resealing label at MELF 17, Field Post Office 137 Fayid to a different section 71HAA Regt Royal Artillery.

Field Post Office 123

25 NO 53
Registered envelope
Daines RE 9

(page 153)

First issued in 1944 with pre-paid values from 3^d to 6^d, this has compensation rather than registration on the reverse. The sixpence fee covered compensation to £5 if sent inland but reduced to £2.18s if abroad.



Registered cover from MEAF 10 at Ismailia bearing a registration label N° 4353 on 6^d postal stationery envelope plus 1/- definitive; crown Edinburgh receiver.

Field Post Office 17

Two May 1952 covers to BBC from NOLF 15; top has a wide 17, sent from 6th Field Post. Royal Artillery based Fayid.



Bottom has narrow 17 from Station Workshops, REME, Fayid.

Germany Prisoners of War

KRIEGSGEFANGENER

DIESE SEITE NUR FÜR ANSCHRIFT
ZU BENUTZEN

PORTOFREI

in das

Rote Kreuz

Ludwigsburg

Württemberg

Nachforschungsstelle

Germany
USA
Zone

14A

GHCP/3,000,000/9-48

Preprinted P.O.W. postcard to Württemberg in the U.S. 4
Zone of West Germany from Lager (camp) 2769 in 1947.

Kriegsgefangenenpost?

Deutschland

P/W MIDDLE

Frau

EAST 63

Elisabeth Graudeck

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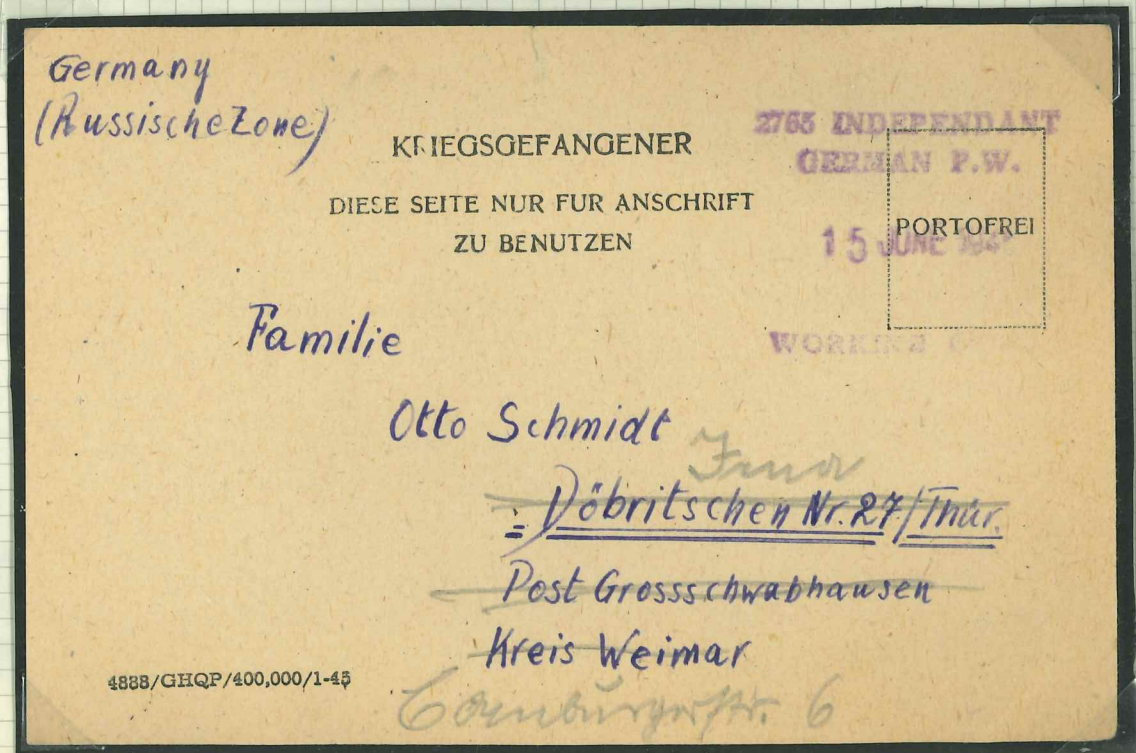
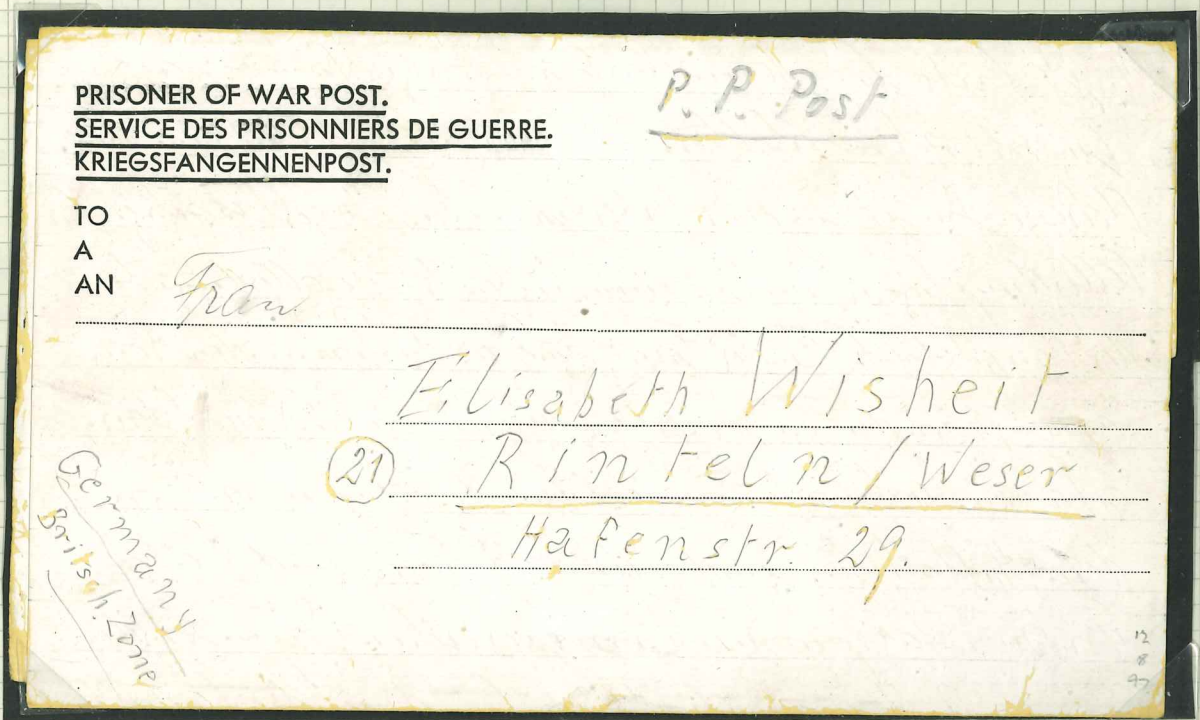
Senftenberg N.H.

Moritzstr. No. 24

Sender's name: Sold. Herm Graudeck, P.O.W. No. M.E.
127237 based at Camp 307/80 his wife, or mother, at
Seftenburg the recipient, from Egypt in 1945.

German Prisoners of War

A pre-printed letter sheet, 2780 Independent German PW Working Coy sent in July 1946 to the British Zone of the



divided Germany and a card from 2765 Independent German P.W. Working Coy on 15th June 1946, re-directed on arrival in Germany to the Russian controlled zone.

German Prisoner of War

Field Post Office 174 at Tel el-Kebir

By 1948 many German internees were actually working for, and being paid by, the British forces in Egypt, possibly as a result, they had lost the privilege of the free franking for internees still allowed during 1941.



F.P.O. 174
29 JY 48
Tel el-
Kebir

Egypt
civil
censor

Fifty-seven millièmes franking this letter to Germany sent from Independent German Working Coy 3016 at the Signal Camp to meet the foreign airmail postage rate.

*German
Prisoners of War*

*Pre-printed card to Basel, Switzerland sent from 1282
Camp Lager A. W. Company on 1st February 1947.*

1282 A.W. Co. Lager

KRIEGSGEFANGENER
DIESE SEITE NUR FÜR ANSCHRIFT
ZU BENUTZEN

107
PORTOFREI
Postage free

Frl.
Lina Dick
BASEL
Eimeldingerweg 45

SWITZERLAND

(S) 8911m/GHQP/3,000,000/10-46

PRISONER OF WAR POST.
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE.
KRIEGSFANGENPOST.

Germany

TO
A
AN

Familie

Weener Lüsebrink

(215) Halberstadt

British Zone

*Pre-printed letter sheet sent in 1948 from the British
Military Hospital Cassassin to the British Zone.*

German Prisoners of War

Two 1947 Kriegsgefangener cards to the American Zone.

2772 Indep. German P.W. Wkg. Coy.

KRIEGSGEFANGENER

Postage Free

DIESE SEITE NUR FÜR ANSCHRIFT
ZU BENUTZEN

FRANKFURT AM MAIN
PAULSKIRCHE

FRANKFURT AM MAIN
PORTOFREI

An Fam.

Anna Hofknecht

13a Wäischenfeld Ecke Nr. 70

Oberfranken / Bayern /

Germany. U.S.A. Zone.

(S) 8911m/GHQP/3,000,000/9-46

P.O.W. - Post

KRIEGSGEFANGENER

Postage free.

DIESE SEITE NUR FÜR ANSCHRIFT
ZU BENUTZEN

16 APR 1946

PORTOFREI

Frau

Margot Frühling

Seligenstadt

Steinheim a. Main, Hessen,

16 Amerikanische Bes.-Zone

Albanuswintbergstr. 14

engl. G. Spaschke

8023m/GHQP/3,000,000/2-46

Norwegen
with
Obligations
18. 11. 46

Germany

Top: prisoner held at "2772 Indep. German P.W. Wkg. Coy." sent to Bavaria, 31-NA-47 arrival; bottom: M.E. Form 62 sent from Camp 305 at Helwan, south of Cairo to Hessen 16 AP 1946, also in the American Zone of a divided Germany

Prisoner of War Mail

German church's 1947 incoming letter from the U.S. Zone

Sent by : Evangelische Kirchengemeinde
(Evangelic Church) Reinhardtsausen
(16) Bad Wildungen - West
Kreis Waldeck,
Greater Hessen - Grosshessen
Germany - Deutschland
U.S. Zone



MIL. GEN. CIVIL MAILS

Sender's
address

OPENED BY

To the
Commanding Officer
of the
Prisoner of War Camp 2722
In dep. German Work Coy.
P.W. Postal Section

MPT / Egypt.



United
States
German
civil
censor

OPENED



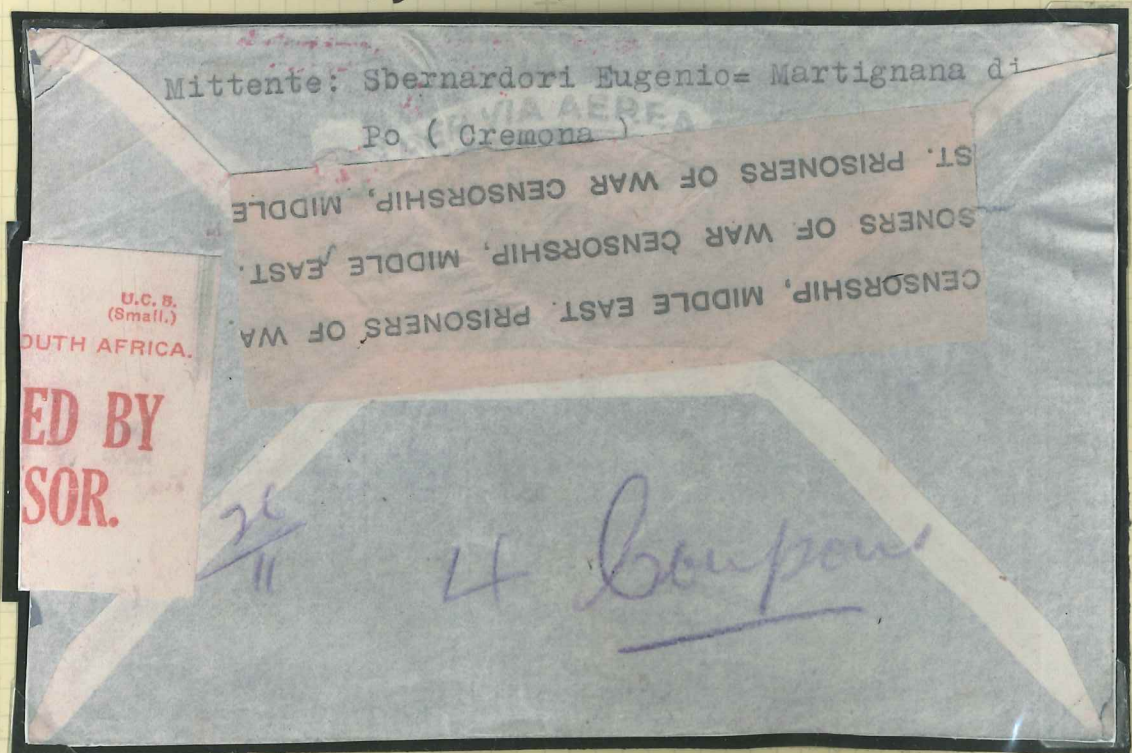
language.

Incoming civilly censored letter from Bad Wildungen in Germany franked 80 pfennigs to the C.O. of a German prisoner of war camp No. 2722 Working Coy on 8th March '47

Italian Prisoner of War



Letter in Italian from Cremona to an internee in South Africa sent via Egypt and general Red Cross. Back ↓



Doubly censored in Egypt, tape on reverse and also on arrival in South Africa with the handstamp of the Red Cross in Geneva and also on arrival in Rome

Italian Prisoners of War

PRISONERS OF WAR POST
WRITTEN IN ITALIAN

POSTAGE
P/W MIDDLE
EAST 31

ITALLY
Alla Famiglia
Beltrami
Cascina Ceramica
Bagnolo Mella
Pia / Brescia

PRISONER OF WAR. POST WRITTEN IN ITALIAN

POSTAGE
P/W MIDDLE
EAST 158

Alla Famiglia
Eduardo Gemma Tia
Fagnano 17
Spagnola
Napoli
Italia

Two 'home made' letters from P/W Middle East 31 and 158 respectively to Pia in Brescia and to Napoli: both sent late in 1945 towards the ending of World War II.

Italian

Prisoners of War

Letter sheet with flap sent to Milano cancelled by P.W. Middle East 61 from 2701 Pioneer Coy 21-SE-45.

Torino
 Torino Gallo
 Via Lonardi Bonanno 84
 Italia
 Milano 549 H/3000
 P.W. MIDDLE EAST 61

P.O.W. POST POSTAGE FREE
 WRITTEN IN ITALIAN
 Signora
 Carlana Giuseppina
 Costamerrona Di
 Italia
 Noce
 Parma

Letter sheet with flap sent by a civilian internee ex 305 POW camp at Tel el Kebir also in 1945 (December) Registration Office handstamp au verso, this to Parma.

Italian Prisoner of War

"Poste d'internés de Guerre" & "FRANC DE PORT"

Egypt civil
censor type
CC18-92
dates item
to 1942
(Andrews)

Poste d'Internés de Guerre



Franchigia
portale

FRANC DE PORT

Ing. Giulia Cano

Via a. Albertazzi 36

Bologna
Italia

Via Croce Rossa Internazionale
GINEVRA Svizzera

Sady Cano Police Kism
Ismailia
Egitto

Egypt
censor tape
and Red
Cross stamp

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EGYPTIAN CENSORSHIP EGYPTIAN C
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المراقبة المصرية المراقبة المصرية المراقبة المصرية
EGYPTIAN CENSORSHIP EGYPTIAN C



Letter to Bologna sent via Red Cross at Geneva in 1942

Italian Prisoners of War

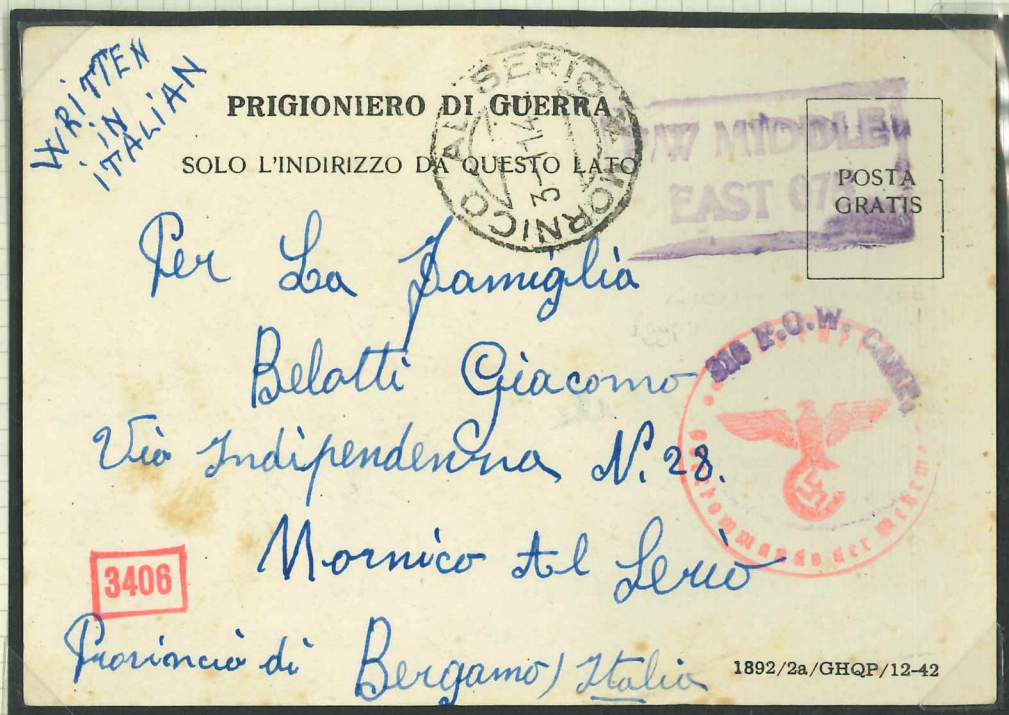
Two examples of pre-printed postage free internal cards.



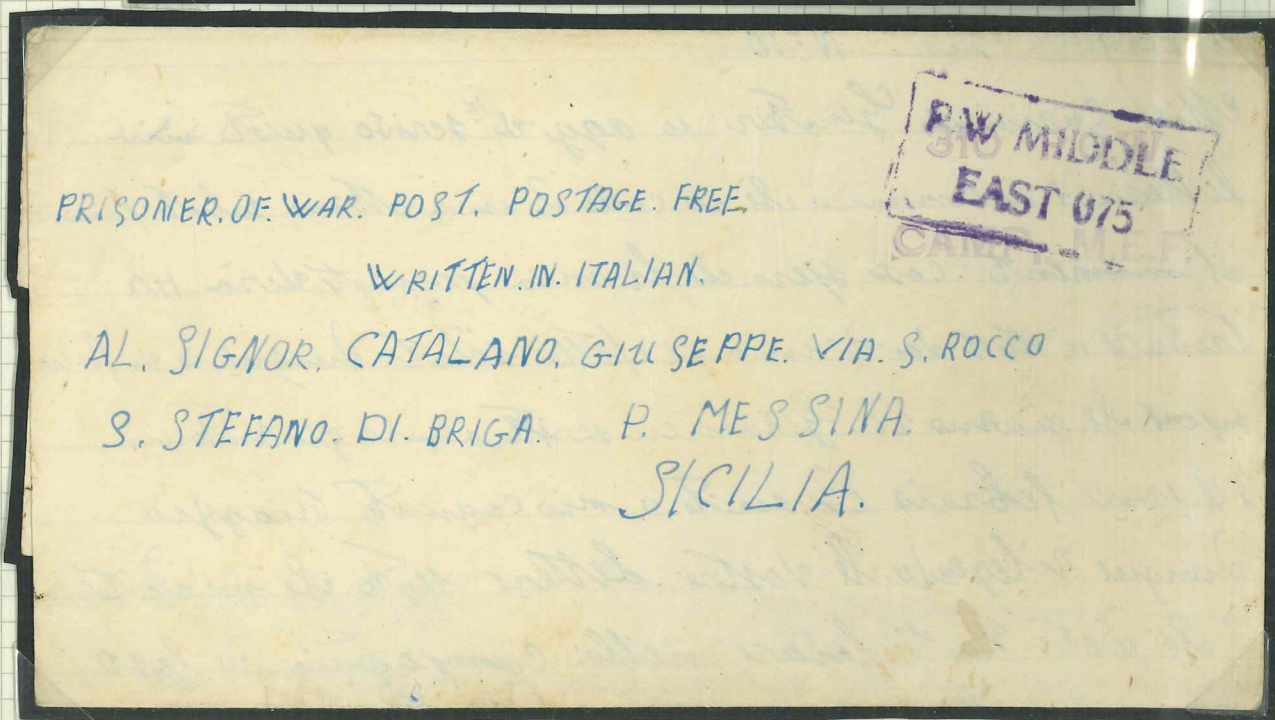
Two different versions of form NE/65 each cancelled with PW Middle East 'postmarks', top to Enna, bottom Taranto, each has Italian receiver and handstamp in purple.

Italian Prisoners of War

Italian internee Pietro Belotti sent this card with return address: Chief P.O.W. Postal Centre Middle East, from Camp 310 at Geneifa on the Great Bitter Lake where he was being held, to Bergamo in 1941.



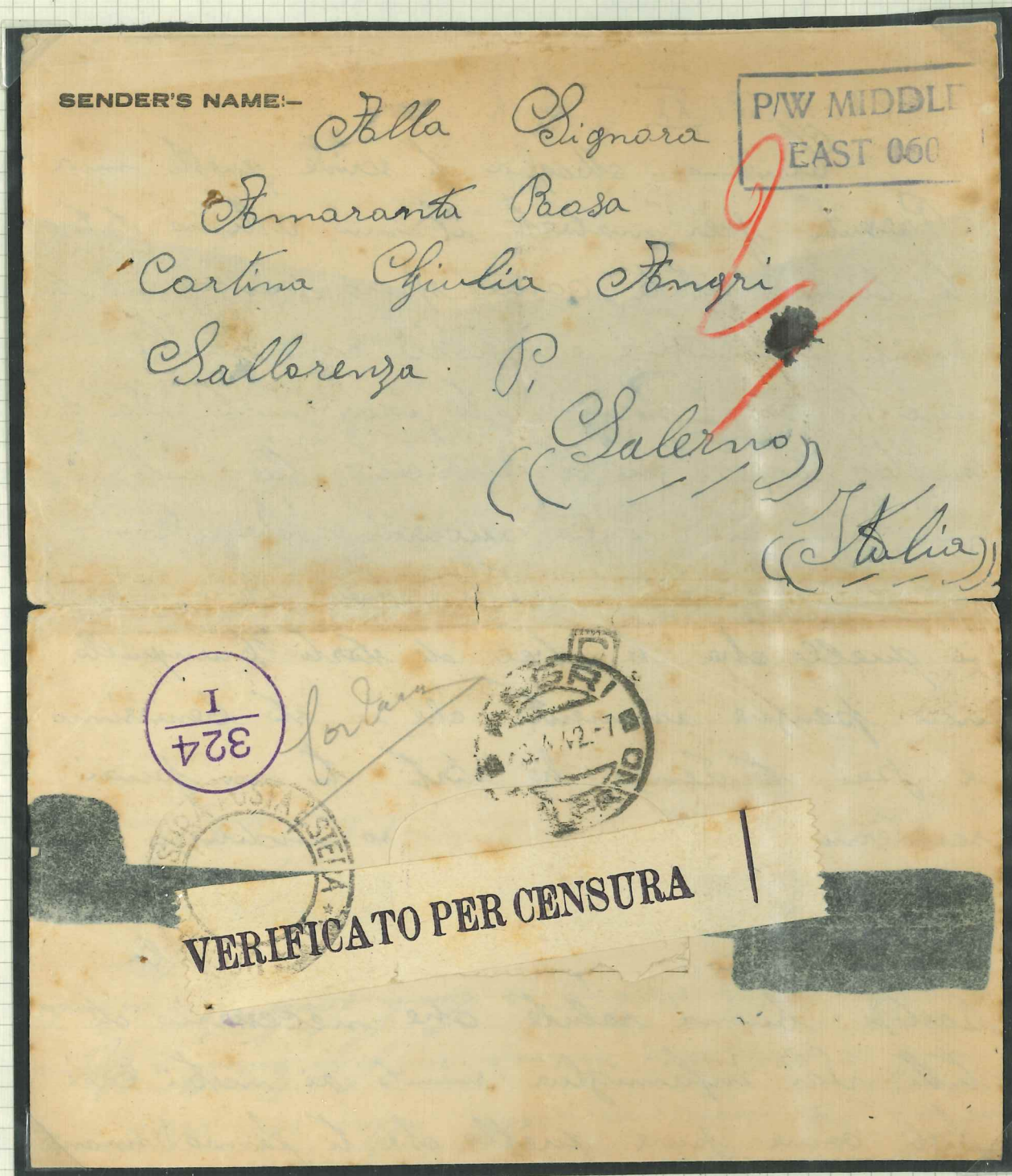
Unusual
red Ger-
man
censor.



Also from Camp 310 is this letter sheet to Messina, Sicily while both items cancelled PW MIDDLE EAST 075.

Italian Prisoner of War

1942 censored Italian prisoner's letter to Salerno
sent from Camp 306 at Fayid with P/W Middle East 060.



Opened out to show censor's blocking out and a circular 324/1 cachet? The censor's tape attempts to hide his work! Arrival postmark of Magri, Salerno in April 1942.

Italian Prisoner of War Notification of Capture

Form 268 - PMEO - 30,000 - 12/40 A.F. P.M. 3054 - a lot of numbers to identify this card; provided specifically for Italian prisoners to notify their families that they had been captured and were being held.

Deputy Chief
Field Censor
(Egypt)

Italian
Censor 146
at Rome

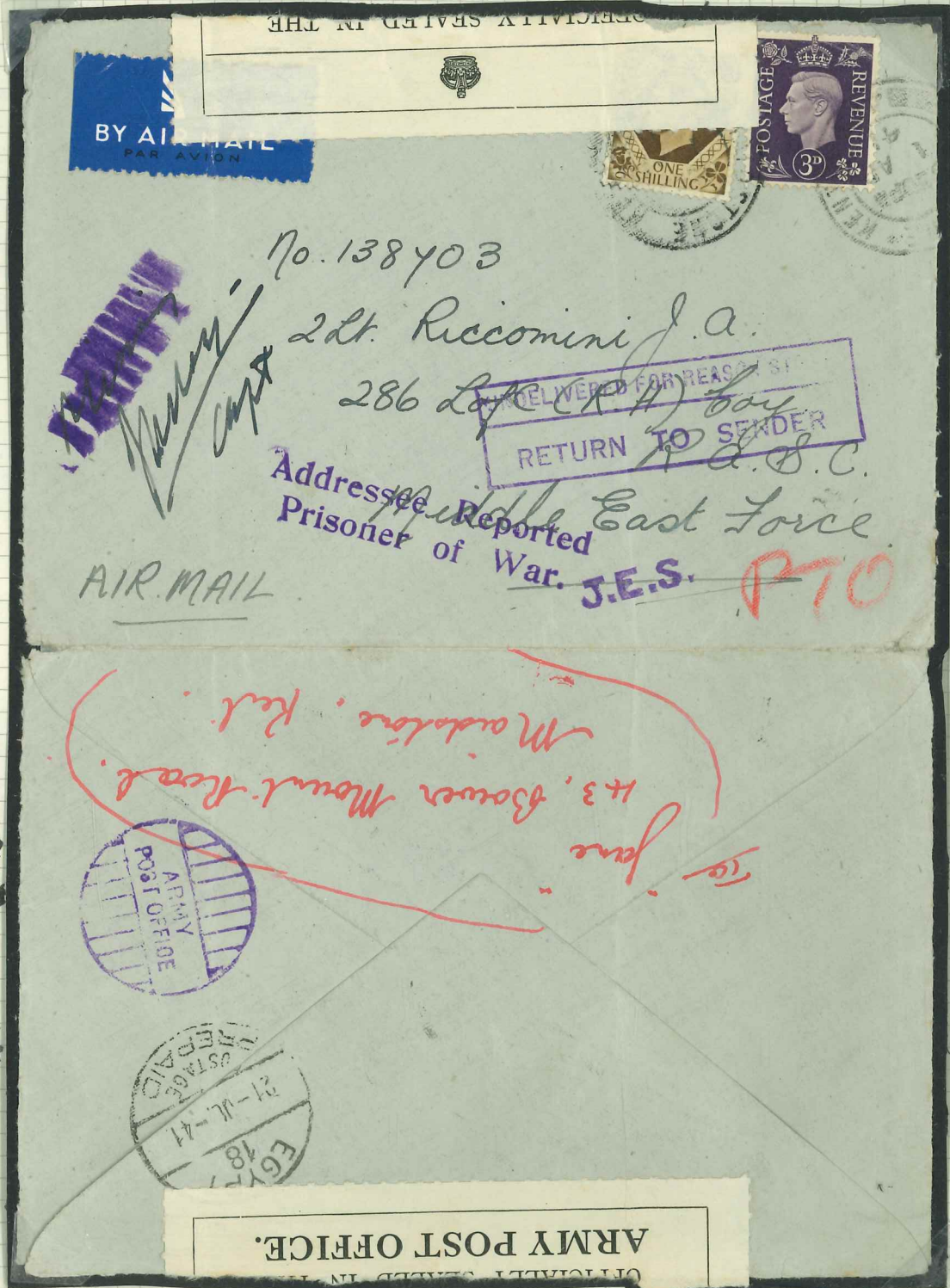
CARD TO BE USED FOR NOTIFICATION OF CAPTURE ONLY	
PRISONER OF WAR	
<p>Nome <u>LUIGI</u></p> <p>Cognome <u>AMBROSINI</u></p> <p>No. Matr. <u>951 (36) c.</u></p> <p>Grado <u>CAPORALE</u></p> <p>Unità <u>203° ARTIGL. DIV. "CATANZARO,"</u></p> <p>Data e luogo di nascita : <u>10 SETTEMBRE 1917 ROMA</u></p> <p>Nome { padre : <u>VINCENZO</u> madre : <u>ANTONIETTA-ANGELUCCI</u></p> <p>No. dell' Internato : <u>20527</u></p> <p>Indirizzo : <u>CAP. AMBROSINI LUIGI 20527</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Italian Prisoners of War Camp. Egypt.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">268 - PMEO - 30.000 - 12/40</p>	<div style="text-align: right;"> <p>APEN 3054 (Substitute)</p> <p>Postage Free Franco di Bollo</p> <p>COMMISSIONE DI CENSURA ROMA 146</p> </div> <p>Sig. <u>AMBROSINI-VINCENZO</u> <u>VIALE-DELLE-MILIZIE 34</u> <u>ROMA</u> <u>(ITALIA)</u></p> <p>aux soins du COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL de la CROIX ROUGE</p> <p>Agence Centrale des prisonniers de Guerre GENÈVE</p>

Card produced for the purpose; completed with a message on the reverse, transmission to Rome to the care of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.

Prisoner of War Mail

Addressee Reported Prisoner of War
Opened, re-sealed and Returned to Sender by the Army
Post Office with explanation and signatured handstamp.

1/3^d
civilian
rate



Scarc
Army P.O.
handstamp

Benion's
Type 1
No 18
at BAPO
4 (Base)

Army Post Office re-sealing label

Prisoner of War Mail

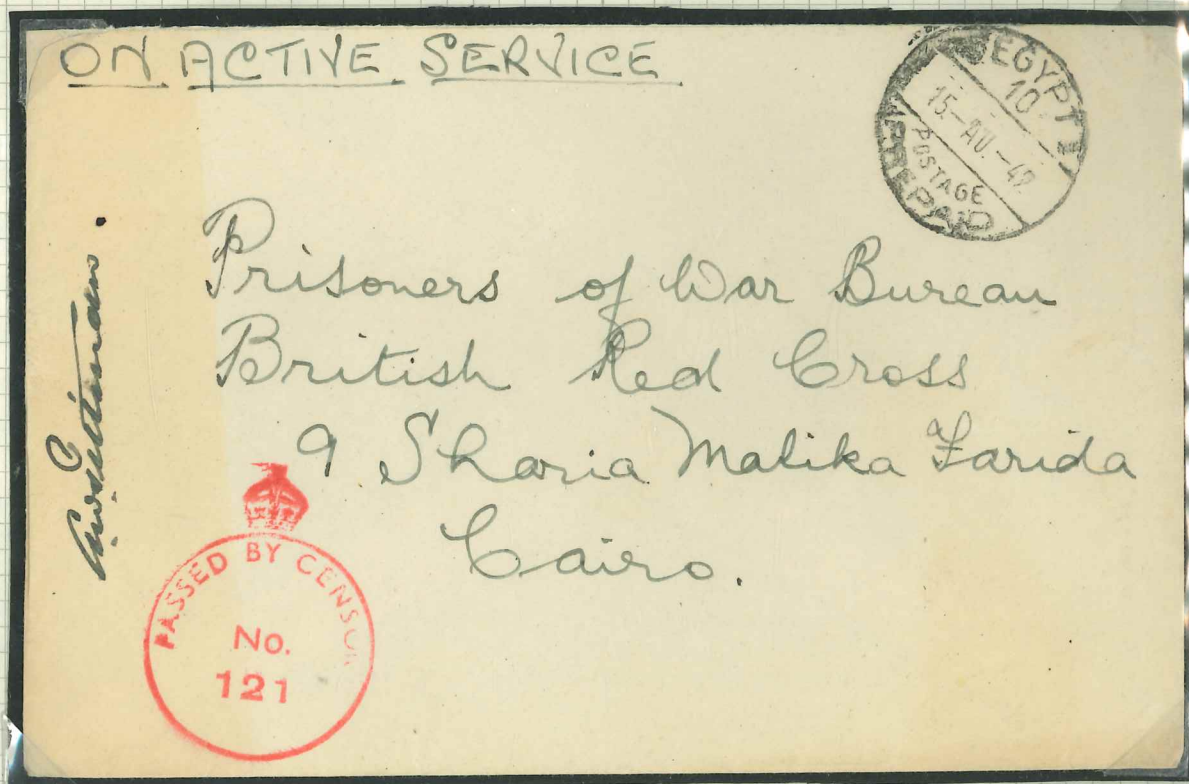
1941 'O.A.S' censored Y.M.C.A. envelope to Yorkshire from a

Benjamin's
Censor
Army A2
No. 3227



F.P.O.
368
16 JAN
2nd Army
Censored
Division

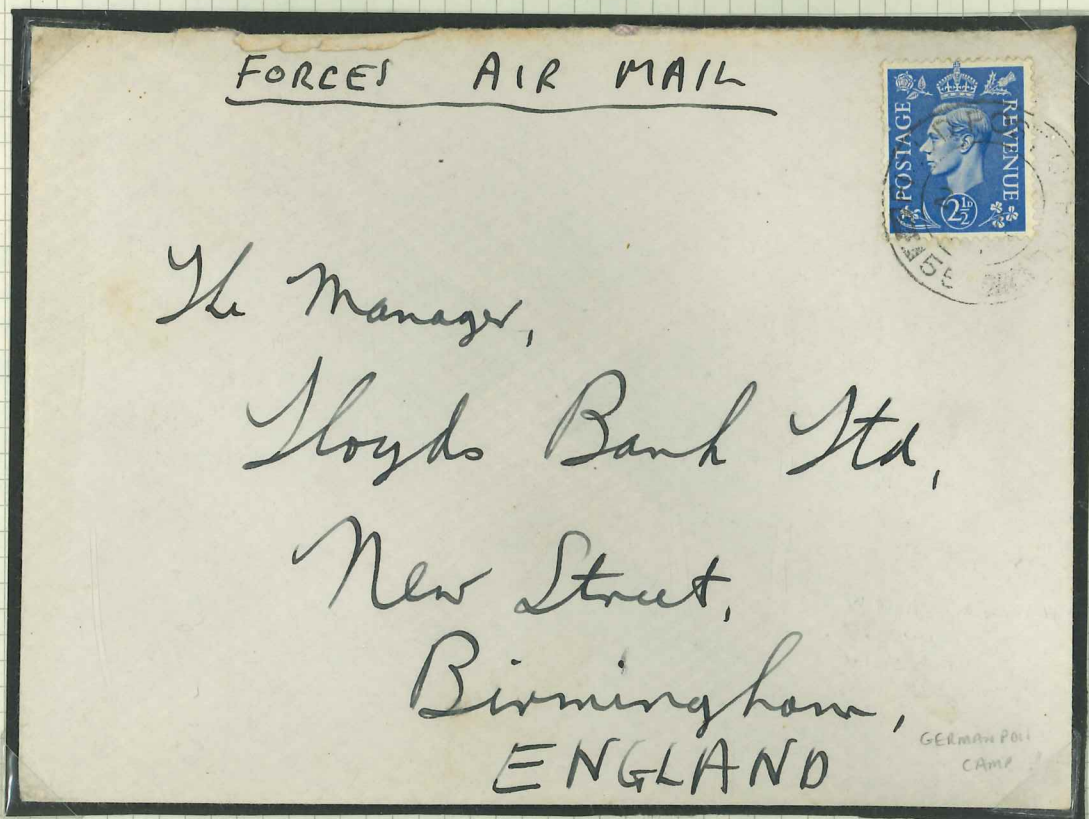
Driver Cowling taken prisoner and held at Stalag 18A



Another 'O.A.S.' cover censored Benjamin's Army A5 from E.P.P. 10 at Port Said addressed Prisoners of War Bureau in 1947.

P.O.W. Mails

Italy declared war on Great Britain in July 1940 and Italians were rounded up and interned in the Fayid-Gen-eifa area near the Great Bitter Lake in the Suez Canal zone. Many were captured at el-Alemain on 24th October 1942 and Prisoners of War camps were set up mainly at the southern end of the Canal zone.



Cover from British P.O.W. of the Germans; Capt. A. Ellwood who identifies himself on the reverse, as 3112 of M.E.F. to his bank manager in Birmingham.

R.A.F. Station Deversoir

R.A.F. Identification Pass

1951 Civil Police Permit as an Identification Pass for non-British employees.

CIVIL POLICE PERMIT No.

CARD AND DATE

W. W. W. W.

11546

SENIOR SECRETARY OFFICER
ROYAL AIR FORCE

R.A.F. IDENTIFICATION PASS No. N.B. (1) 94696

(For other than British men and women employed by the Royal Air Force)

Name (in full) MOHAMED ISSA HEIGHT 5' 6"

ISSA - EL KHATTIB COLOUR OF EYES BROWN

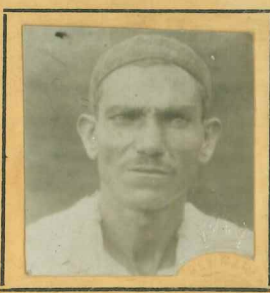
AGE 22 YRS COLOUR OF HAIR BLACK

NATIONALITY EGYPTIAN SPECIAL MARKS -

PERMANENT ADDRESS EL ASSAIA MOUSTACHE/BEARD/CLEAN SHAVEN

VILLAGE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT STOKER

PERMITTED TO ENTER R.A.F. STATION.



Signed *W. W. W. W.* S/LR.
(Authorising Officer)

STATION STAMP

1702

G. B. ...
(ISSUING OFFICER)

DATE OF ISSUE 14 JAN 1951

R.A.F. Station el-Ferdan

R.A.F. Identification Pass

1951 Civil Police Permit as an Identification Pass for non-British employees. The reverse has spaces for monthly hand-stamps of the civilian labour office. Passes enabled Egyptians and other civilians access to R.A.F. bases for work - here a transport fitter.

1478

699

CIVIL POLICE PERMIT No. 2442.

CARD AND DATE

R.A.F. IDENTIFICATION PASS No. N.B. (1) 00864

(For other than British men and women employed by the Royal Air Force)

Name (in full) MOHAMED HAMEL HEIGHT 5'10"

MOHAMED COLOUR OF EYES Brown

AGE 49 yrs COLOUR OF HAIR Black

NATIONALITY EGYPTIAN SPECIAL MARKS -

PERMANENT ADDRESS ISMAILIA MOUSTACHE/BEARD CLEAN SHAVEN

NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT FITTER MT 1099

75



PERMITTED TO ENTER R.A.F. STATION.

EL FERDAN

Signed (authorising Officer)

HEADQUARTERS

STATION STAMP

R.A.F. STATION EL FERDAN

S. Bauldwin (ISSUING OFFICER)

DATE OF ISSUE 27 JAN 1951

Handwritten signature and date 13/1

Handwritten signature and date 27/1

Telegrams "42/44"

MARCONI RADIO TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF EGYPT S.A.E.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LTD.

I5 20 72

MIDDLETONS 18 FEB

C18-4

NO NEWS OF YOU FOR SOME TIME PLEASE TELEGRAPH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT

12 Jan 44
28 Jan 44
4 Feb 44
20 Feb 44

STANLEY JOSEPH

ROW 450 - CAIRO (IN O) 10110 ALEXANDRIA 7555 SUEZ 694 PORT SAID (CANAL) 2153

TELEGRAM

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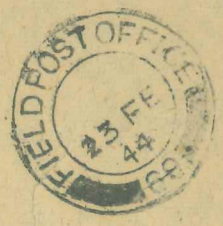
MEREDITH

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E. S. R. T. & T.
EGYPTIAN STATE TELEGRAPHS
TELEGRAM اقاده تليفرافيه

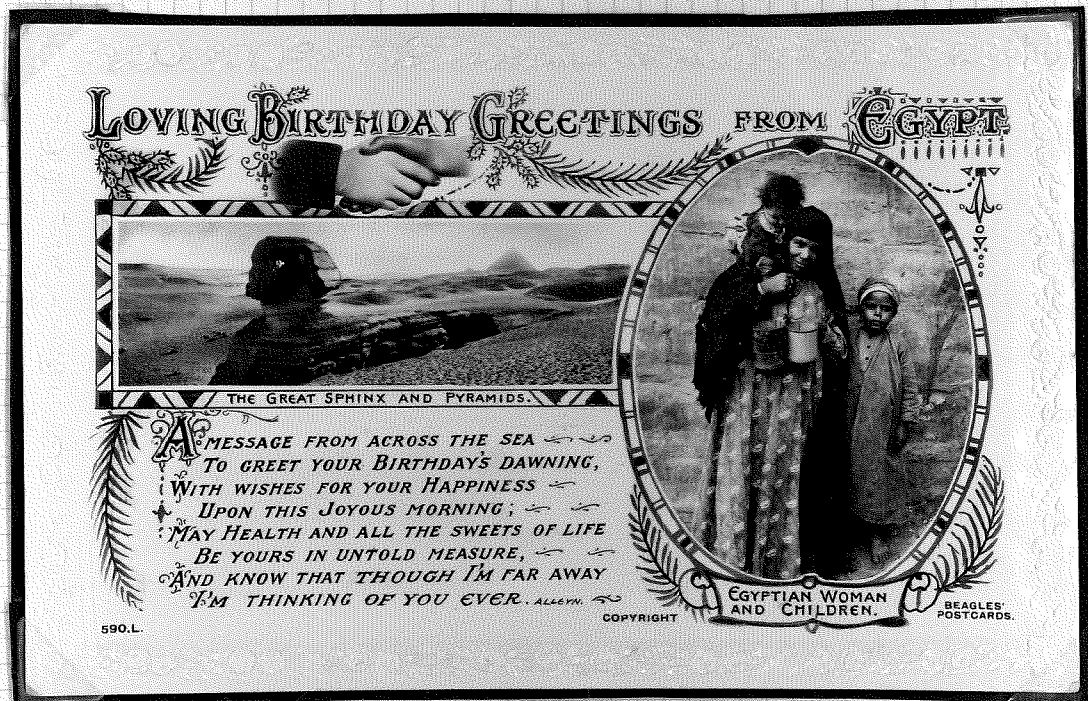


Pay nothing to messenger. لا بدفع شيء لرائعه. G.10.B/P.S. 117A.

Top; commercial from Marconi; bottom; Egyptian State

Greetings Postcard

Loving Birthday Greetings from Egypt
Produced by Beagles Postcards

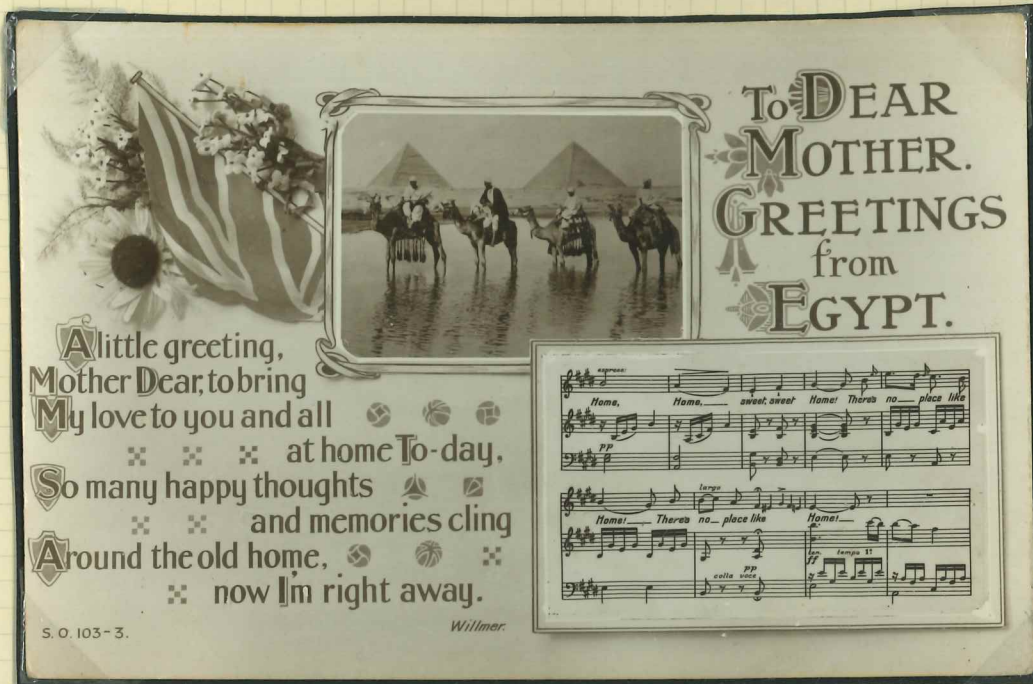


Unused Beagles postcard 590.L for the use of
British military personnel in time of war.

Greeting Postcards

Birthday Greetings

To DEAR MOTHER. GREETINGS from EGYPT.



A little greeting,
Mother Dear, to bring
My love to you and all
at home To-day,
So many happy thoughts
and memories cling
Around the old home,
now I'm right away.

S. O. 103-3. *Willmer.*

GREETINGS to my DEAR FATHER.

*"Are we downhearted?
No!!!"*



Here's just a card to let
you know
That things are going well
with me. ~
I hope the time now won't be long
Before the home-folks I can see.

ROTARY PHOTO. E. C.

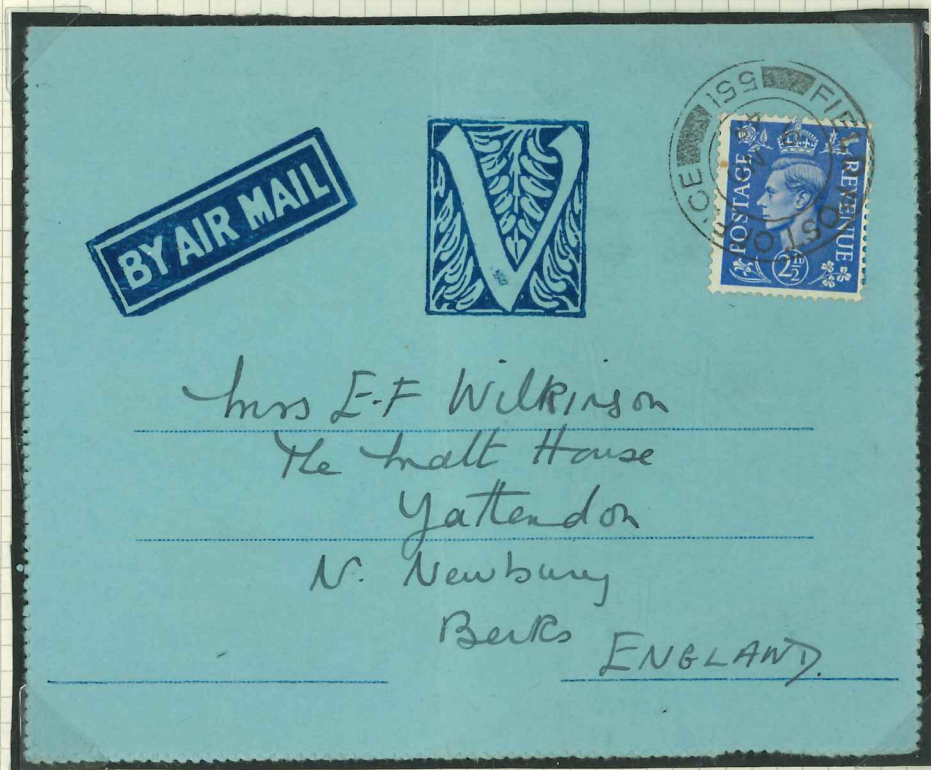
Two birthday postcards from Rotary Photo. E.C. sent to Egypt for the use of British forces to send home.

V for Victory Envelope

'Celebratory' Envelope

Victory in Europe Day (V.E. Day) occurred on 8th May 1945, when Germany surrendered, followed by the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, two Japanese cities with large civilian populations. This event resulted in the surrender of Japan on 15th October 1945.

Despite these momentous events many allied troops, as well as Axis prisoners of war, remained in Egypt until 1948; British troops remained in the Suez Canal Zone until as late as mid-1956.



Posted at either Deversoir or el-Ferdan (FPO 551), airmail sent 6th November 1948 some three years after the ending of the war, this 'celebratory' cover to Newbury from FPO 551.

Reply Paid Postcard

The Lady Provost's Comforts Fund

These cards were provided in parcels containing food, cigarettes etc., to enable recipients to acknowledge receipt of 'welfare parcels' by the troops.

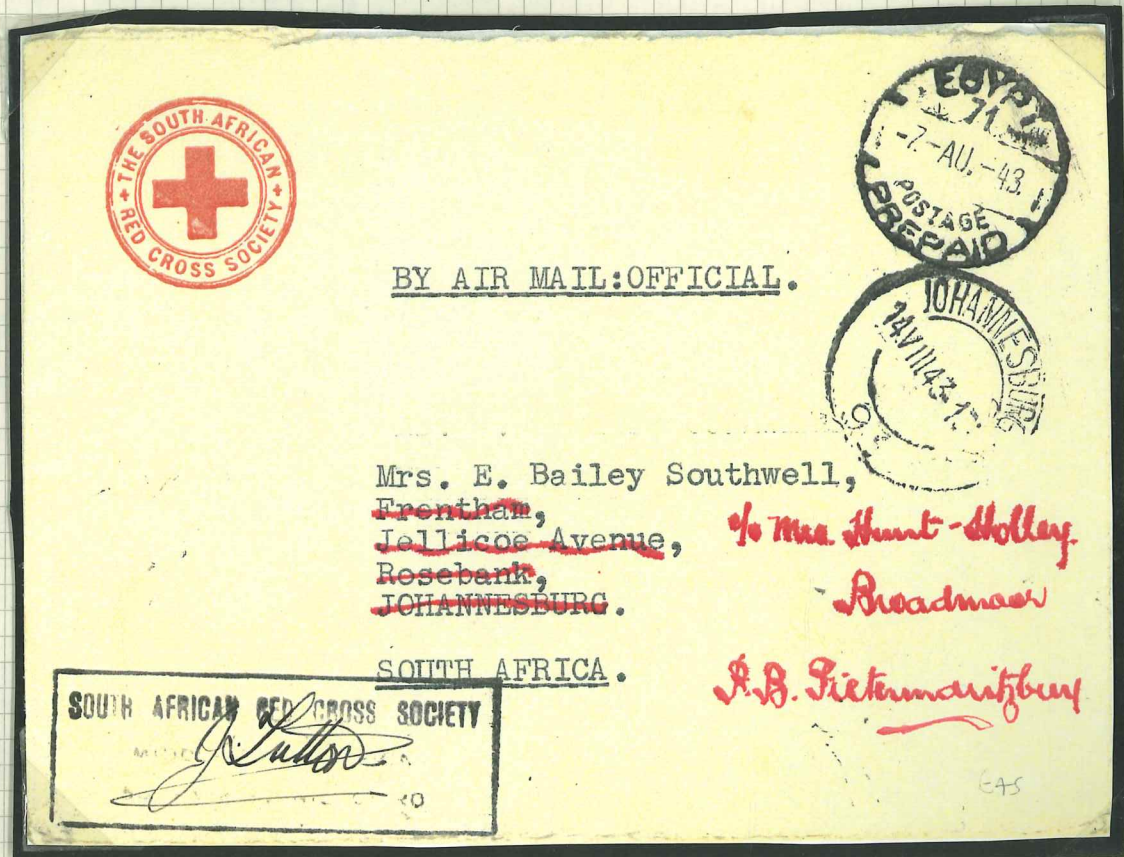


Benians' censor type Army A5 No. 2069 and signed;
Egypt Postage Prepaid 89 (Benians' type II) dated
25 Jul 44 on reverse message side of 2^d pre-paid card.

South African Red Cross

The South African Red Cross Society

Benians' E.P.P. 71 was originally allocated to the South African Army Post Office - Startup, courtesy Forces P.H.S.



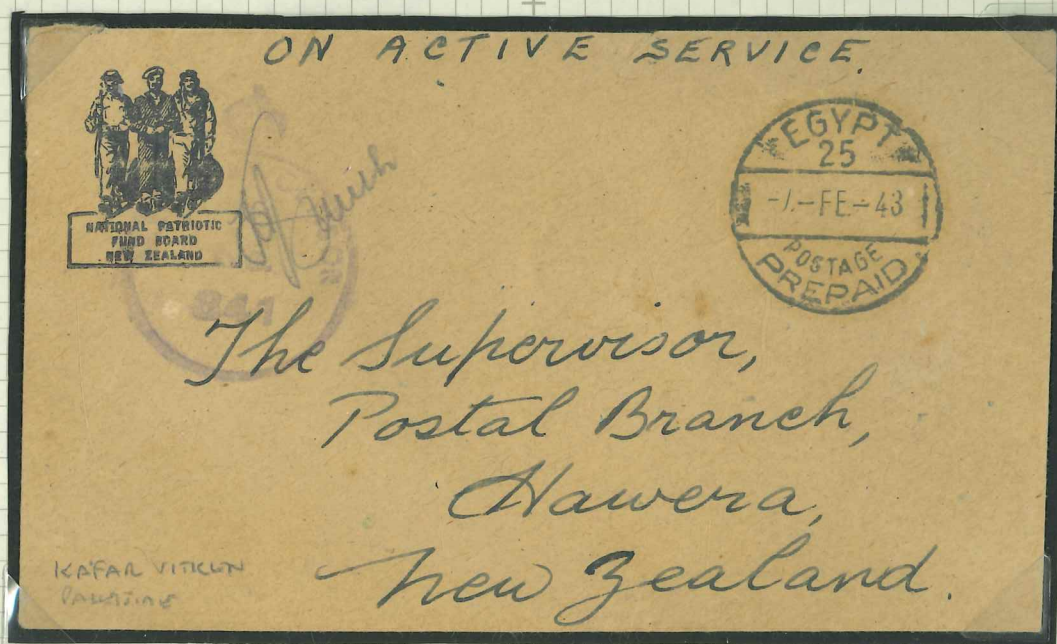
Re-directed front of Red Cross envelope sent from E.P.P. 71 to Johannesburg, seven days' transit, then re-directed to Pietermaritzburg; signed official mail of the Society.

New Zealand
National Patriotic Fund Board



Benians' censor
Army 45
No 105

9/11/41
PASSED BY UNIT 105 CENSOR



Benians' censor
Army 45
No 341

Two different sized envelopes from New Zealand's National Patriotic Fund Board from Benians' EPP numbers 25 to 42; No 25 was initially the NZ Base Army Post Office and No 42 is listed as the South African Army Post Office (Star-tup). Both covers are addressed to New Zealand.

Y.M.C.A.

Young Men's Christian Association

One of several types of pre-printed envelopes supplied to the Australian Forces by Y.M.C.A. Australia.

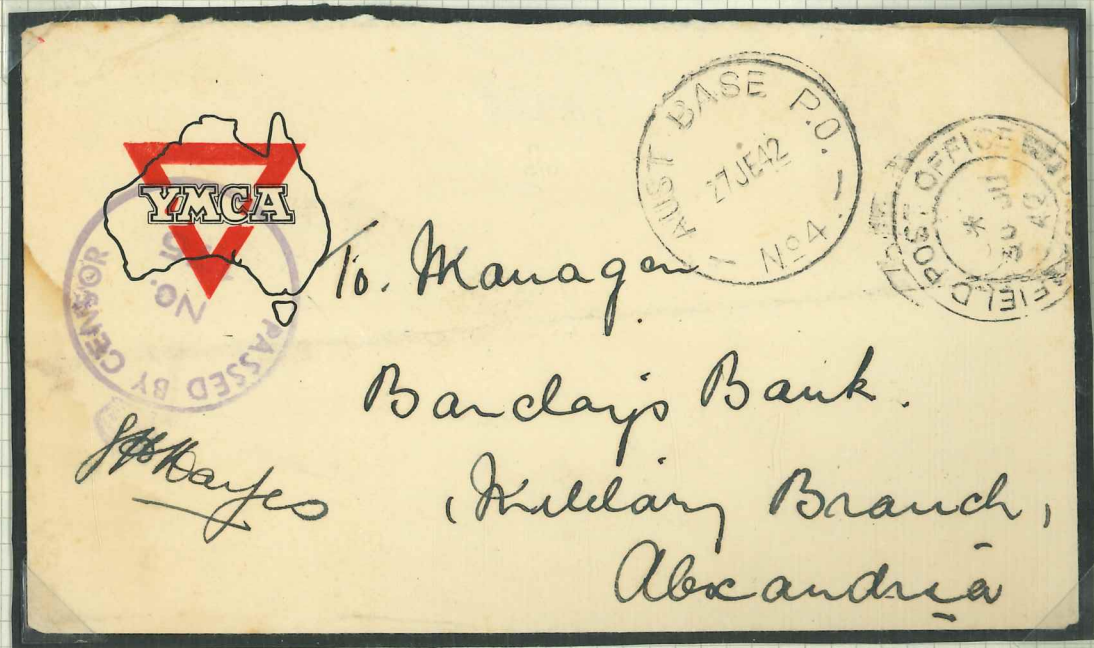


Aust Base P.O. No 4
at Tel el-Kebir



Alexandria
arrival

Berrian's
Censor
type Army
A5 No 175



Australian Y.M.C.A. cover sent from Aust Base P.O. No 4 in use at Cairo from December 1941 moving to Tel el-Kebir (TEK) on 31st October; at TEK at time of this letter to Alexandria.

Y.M.C.A.

Young Men's Christian Association

Not strictly for posting, but essential information for H.M. Forces including a map (over) for those newly posted to Cairo.



INFORMATION
FOR H.M. FORCES



With the compliments of
**Y.M.C.A. INFORMATION
AND CABLE BUREAU**
CONTINENTAL-SAVOY BUILDINGS,
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CAIRO.

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Sightseeing tours, Hospitality, Games,
Reading & Writing facilities, Lounges,
Dances, Music, Showers, Friendship, Sport,
Religious Services, Advice upon anything.*

WITH H.M. FORCES

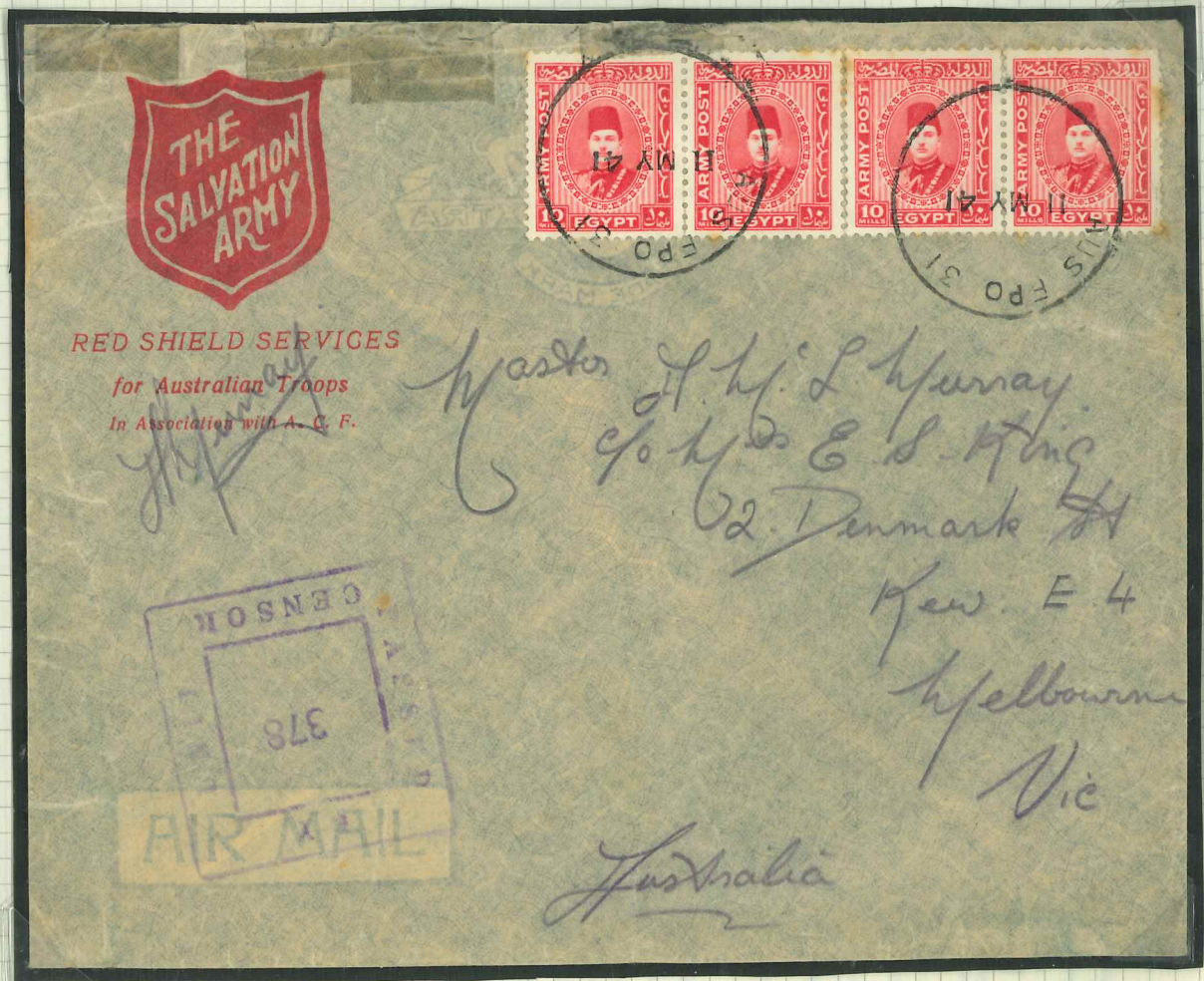


In Camp or City there is "Welcome"
at Y.M.C.A. Services Centres.

The Salvation Army

Red Shield Services

For Australian Forces in Association with A.C.F. - the
Australian Comforts Fund



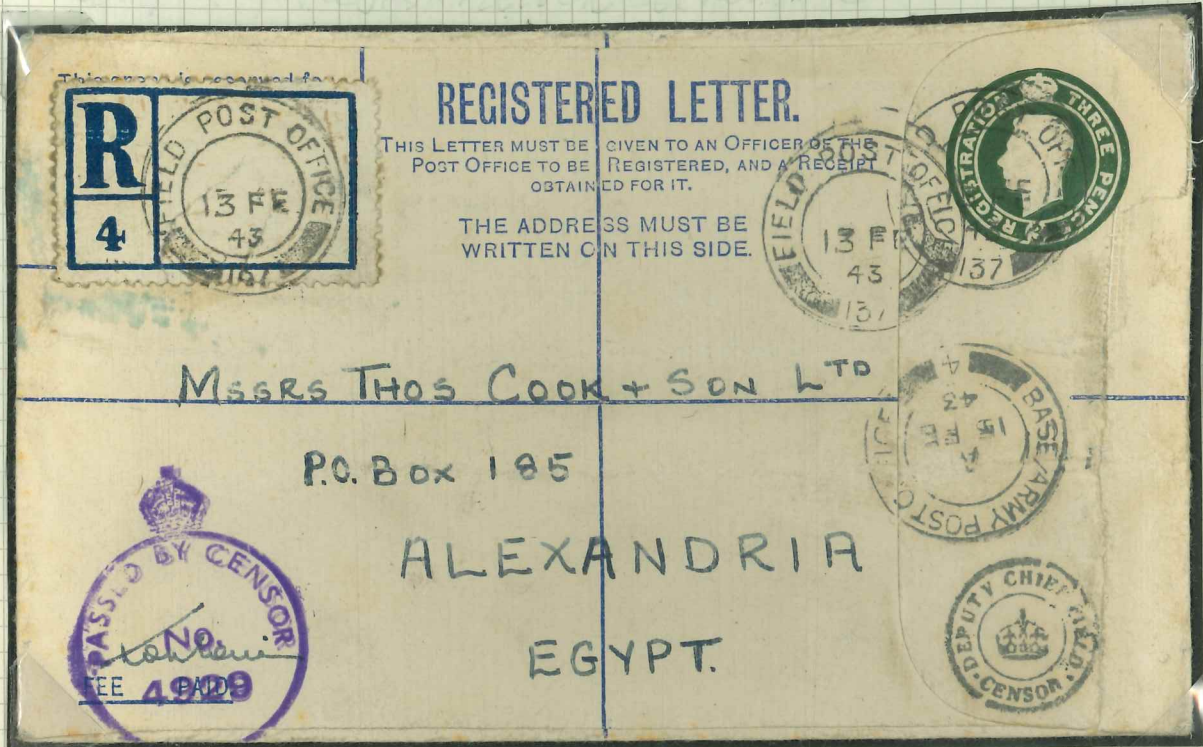
Forty millimetre Farouk Army Post stamps via a strip of
four franking airmail rate cover to Melbourne sent
from AUS. F.P.O. 31 (7th AUS Divn, 18th Bde) dated 11 May 1941.

Registered Letter

Daynes RE 2 b

Has REGISTRATIONS NOT COMPENSATION*

*ON REVERSE

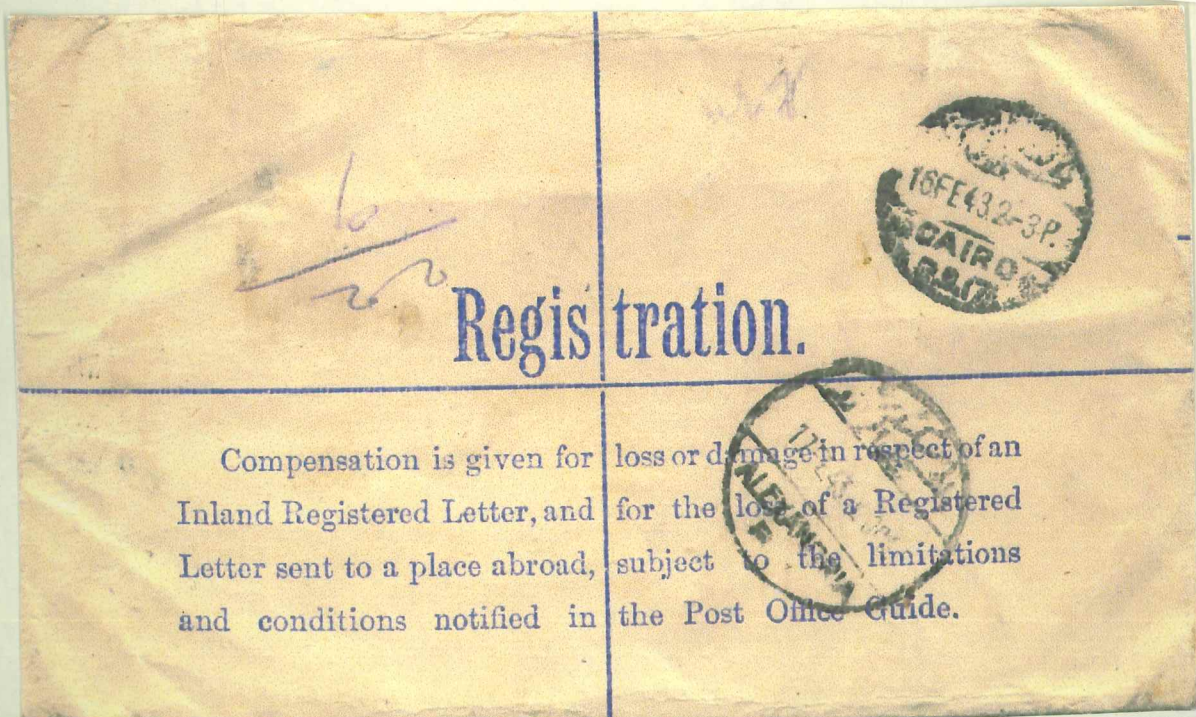


Two examples of Daynes type RE 2b; Cairo to Alexandria ex F.P.O. 137 (2 A.F.P.U. - Proud), and below with 2^d in increased franking from F.P.O. 235 via B.A.P.O. 4 and Fayid to Cairo.

British Forces in Egypt

*Postal Stationary
The Registered Envelope*

*Field Post Office 137, after a period in France with
12 Division during 1940, was allocated to 2 Air
Formation Postal Unit on 4th June 1941; late use.*



Royal Navy

Daynes type Royal Navy B1

Note: there are four types listed by Daynes of this "Group R.N.B. a single armed three armed cross T shaped Royal Navy at top, S.1324." In B2 Royal Navy has much smaller letters, B3 has no line for the signature, and B4 the printers imprint is C & Co. (B) Ltd.

F.P.O. 572 was at Alexandria from November 1943 having been in Libya and Tunisia previously during 1942-43.

S 1324 [Crown Copyright Reserved.]

ROYAL NAVY

FROM H.M. SHIP
SUPERVISING ADMIRAL
PASSED BY CENSOR

9 DE
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This envelope must not be used for coin or valuables. It cannot be accepted for registration.

NOTE :—

Correspondence in this Envelope need not be censored on board. The contents are liable to examination by the Chief Postal Censor.

The following Certificate must be signed by the writer :—

I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.

Signature } P. Winstanley
Name only }

[Several letters may be forwarded in this Cover, but these must all be from the same writer.

Address :—
Mrs. R. Fuzer
201 Rue Thelard
Sporting
Alexandria

Posted on board - see censorship in mauve - letter was dropped off at Alexandria and cancelled at FPO 572 Alexandria FMO and delivered within the city.

R.A.F. Privilege Envelope

Daynes RE 5b

Royal Air Force Form 1645

Note: Three 'types' exist all numbered 5 (a, b & c); the word 'must' at the foot is underlined in 5a, while on 5c the imprint indicates J.D. & Co. Ltd. i.e. different printer.

ACTIVE SERVICE
R.A.F. PRIVILEGE ENVELOPE

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Up to 3 letters by the same writer may be forwarded in this cover. Each letter must be individually addressed.
2. If the enclosed letters are all for the same addressee, this cover should be similarly addressed. If they are for various addressees, this cover should be addressed to the Base Censor, Army Post Office.
3. Except in areas where the free postage concession is in force, postage stamps at the full inland rate must be affixed to the enclosed letters. If there is only one letter enclosed, the stamp should be affixed to this cover.
4. This cover must not be used for coin or valuables. It cannot be accepted for registration.
5. The certificate on the back of this cover must be completed.

R.A.F. FORM 1645. C & Co (B) Ltd

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

ADDRESS.
Miss G. M. Canning
9 BEATRICE RD.
SALISBURY,
ENGLAND WILTS



Active Service R.A.F. Privilege Envelope Daynes RE 5b
franked George VI 10 pence for airmail, censored in red
by Benjamin's RAF type R11 to Salisbury from EPP10 based
at Port Said.

Green Envelope

Daynes INH 15e

Heading of (Green envelope) added but printed in black on white paper, similar envelopes exist written in Hindi and/or Urdu for use by Indian Forces - the total listing exceeds the alphabet - see page 142 - value 10 lacks, 1944

A.F.W. 3078 (English) GREEN ENVELOPE (Crown Copyright Reserves)

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FORCES. MAIL

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Signature
Name only

R. W. Henderson

D.P.W.—283/450/G—1532—

D/14.3.44—10 Lacks.

(Up to three letters may be forwarded in this Envelope, but these must be all from the same writer. The cover should be addressed in such case to the Base Censor.)

Address:—


MRS DAY
39 WINDSOR HSR
REDHILL ST.
LONDON. N.W.1
ENGL.

Benians' cursor
Type A6
(Army)
1133

Posted by a British officer possibly attached to Indian's unit, cancelled Benians' EPPTI listed as 'spare' located at BAPO 4 (Cairo) to London 8 NOV year unclear.

Daynes HE4b

Green Honour Envelope

A. F. W3078. **ACTIVE** [Crown Copy] **SERVICE** 

J. D. & Co., Apsley.

By Air Mail.

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Signature }
Name only }

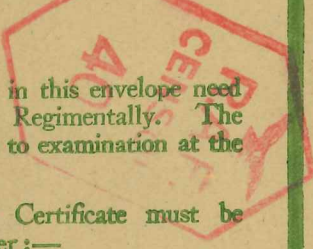
James M Dods

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Address:—

*Miss J. G. Irvine,
12 Gladstone Pl.,
Edinburgh 6
Scotland*

Benians
Censor
Type RAF
R9



Two tenpence airmail covers, both censored with Benians Type R.A.F. R9 in red and cancelled Benians EPPA?

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J. D. & Co., Apsley.

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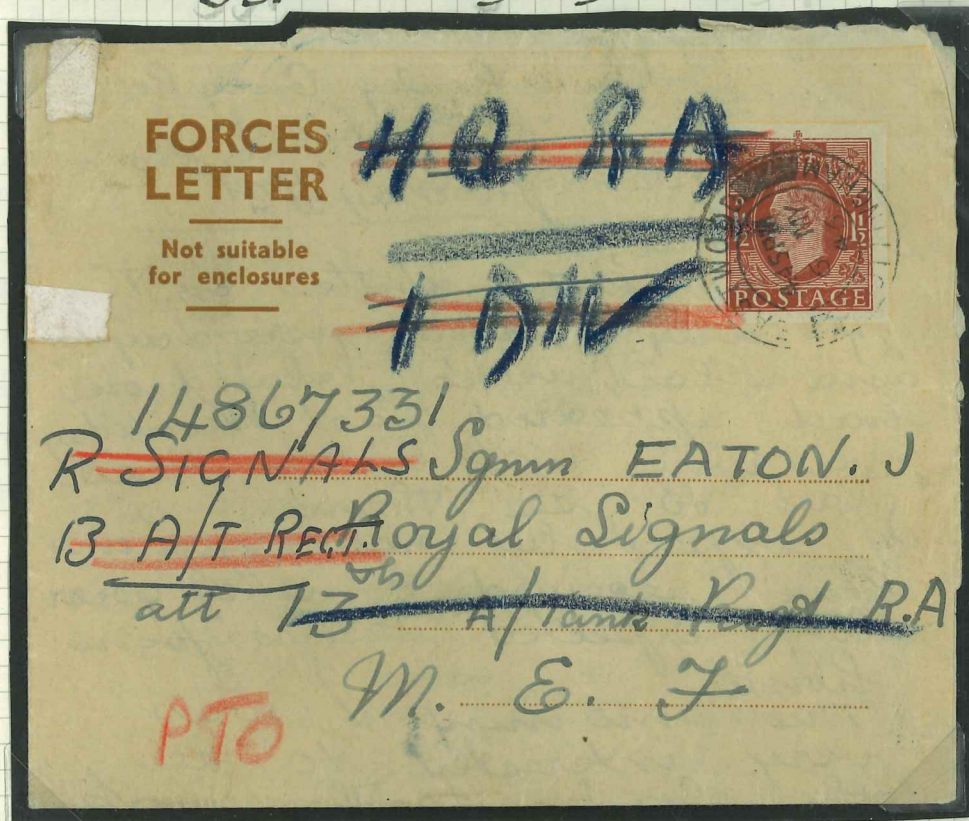
Address:—

*Miss J. G. Irvine,
12 Gladstone Pl
Edinburgh 6
SCOTLAND*

EPPA is listed as 'Base 4' and 'spare' probably at BAPO 4.

Forces Letters

Post war, so unlisted by Daynes, however many forces remained in Egypt through 1946 and until 1956.



Two examples; top incoming from U.K. then re-directed; bottom from New Zealand Army Post 444 FPO-3 to the UK.

Greetings Air Letter
Censored Benians' type Army Ab; EPP 73 allotted South Africans.

DPSS U.D.F. M.E.



AIR LETTER
LUG BRIEF
FREE POSTAGE

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
OP AKTIEWE DIENS



Mrs. H. Craas
 46 Mrs. C. Swaris,
 24 High Street,
 GEORGE (Cape Province)

PASSED BY CENSOR
 No. 4894

South Africa

For details on how to handle the contents of this air letter refer to suitable leaflets and family notices.

SIGNATURE (Name Only)

[Handwritten signature]



Air Letters

Air letter similar to one on previous page, but with the addition of a blocked in triangle bottom right, sent to Johannesburg from 16 Squadron R.A.F. Middle East.



Written on New Year's Day 1946, and sent by Lance Bombardier George Campbell, this Air Letter is franked with a 3^d South African 'bantam', posted E.P.P. 73^d to South Africa.

Air Letters

Two different styles of Air Letters with maritime connections, both bearing Post Office MARITIME MAIL cancellations. Top from Navy personnel on H.M.S. Nile based at Alexandria. Bottom is Army Form W. 3077 to London.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

POST OFFICE

MARITIME MAIL

Affix Stamp Here

Mrs. M. Larkin,
36, Westbere Road,
West Hampstead,
London, ~~W~~ N.W. 2.
England.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

MARITIME MAIL

Affix 3d. British Stamp here

MISS E MAIDMAN
45, WHITTA ROAD
MANOR PARK
LONDON, E 12.

From H.M. Ship censor mark (faint)

Army Form W. 3077.

Air Letter

Civilian Airletter with 6^p pre-printed franking to R.A.F. Command H.Q. Middle East No 6 Postal Unit H.Q.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Walton-on-Thames
Surrey

Miss. D. G. Hilton

X Education Department

Command Head Quarters

R.A.F

HQ. 1 Middle East.

E 26/4

Second fold here

Sender's name and address :-

M. Hay

Emol Cranley Road.

Burwood Park.

Walton-on-Thames

Surrey.

England

To open cut here



Received
26 Nov.
1945

To open cut here

Posted at Walton-on-Thames, transit time one week.

Air Letters

The two different types of Egyptian produced Air Letters: top sent to John Gilbert (committee member of Egypt Study Circle) reproducing 1933 airmail issue.

Civil
censor



Civil
censor



Bottom depicts Dakota over the Nile Barrage at Embabeh.

Airmail Letter Cards

Inside of a Christmas Greetings version of an Airmail Letter Card showing ship designed by Edgar Longman; the front is identical to those on the previous page.



Posted Benjamin's unclear number and date to Hertsforth in Leeds with RAF censor no 50 type R11 struck in blue.

Airmail Letter Cards

Two Christmas Greetings versions of Air Mail Letter Cards both to the U.K., top from a ship docked at Alexandria.

Tombstone
censor of
Royal
Navy



Benians'
EPP82

Benians'
censor
type Army
A5, 1584

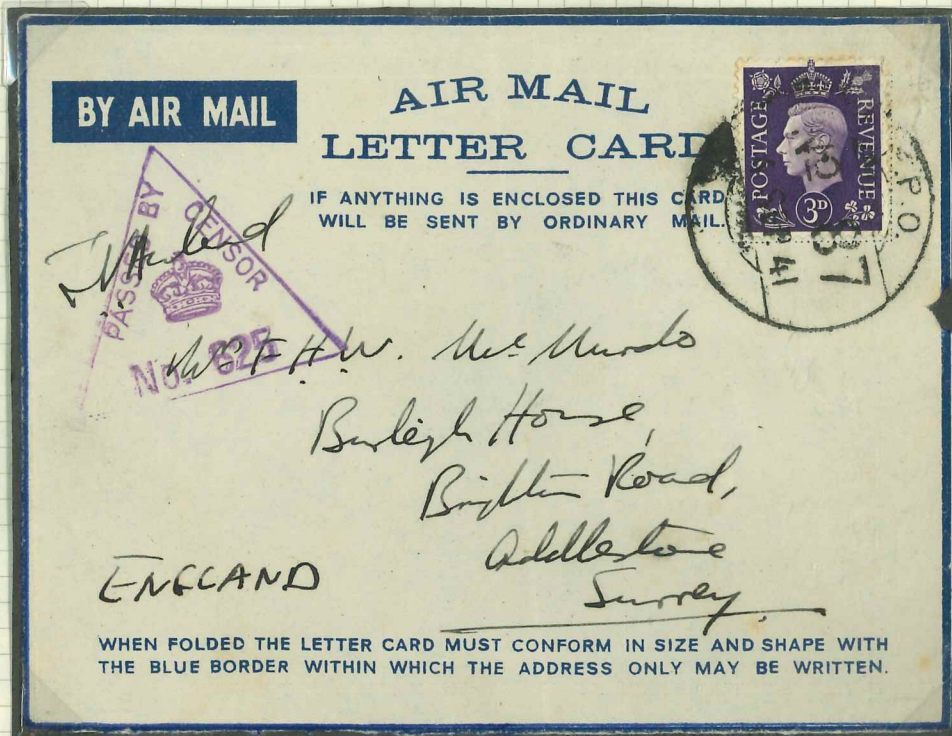


Both franked 3^d George VI; bottom from Field Post Office 136

Airmail Letter Cards

Two card fronts, both sent by British officers attached to Indians: top from Indian F.P.O. N° 87 based at Moascar.

Benians
Army A2
Censor
N° 625



Both cards to the U.K: bottom sent from Indian Section Base Office N° 7, censored bottom right by the Deputy Chief Field Censor. Two of several styles of Letter Card.

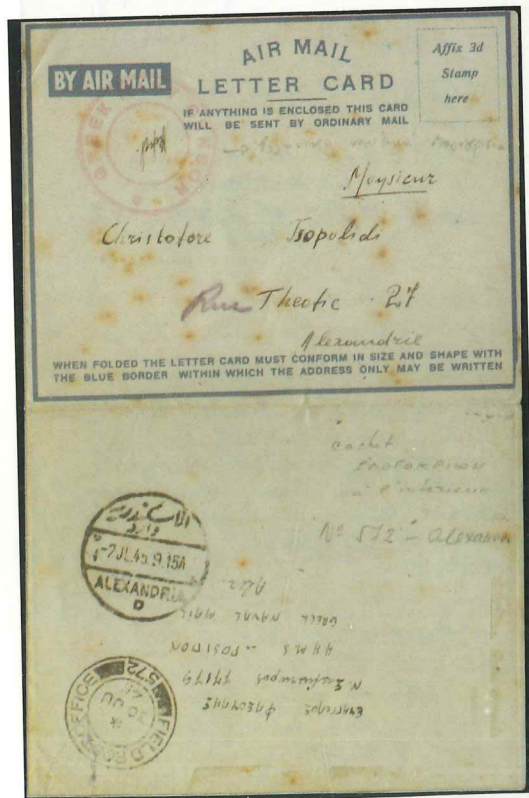
Airmail Letter Card

First used in Iraq, Airmail Letter Cards were invented by Douglas Gumbley, Director of Posts in that country. They were first registered for copyright in 1933 at Stationers' Hall. Several different types became available.



Censored (Benians' type Army A3 struck in red), no price but franked with dark, so early, version of George VI 3.

A.Karamitsos



1866

Official Paid Card

The airmail letter cards

A single printing of two hundred and twenty thousand 'Official Paid' Airmail Letter Cards was issued on 1st May 1941. The Egyptian Postal Authorities had refused to allow the use of British postage stamps. It should be borne in mind that the original concession meant the use of special 'seals' then stamps produced in Egypt so a loss of revenue was involved, although the mail was hitherto also handled by the Egyptians posts.



A day later that refusal was withdrawn but these forms were used until they were sold out at the usual postage rate of 3^d each; above censored to London.

Official Paid



A single printing of 220,000 'Official Paid' Air Mail Letter Cards was made and issued on May 1st 1941 to avoid a sudden Egyptian Post Office refusal to allow the use of British postage stamps. One day later this refusal was withdrawn but the forms were used until sold out at the usual postage rate of 3d.

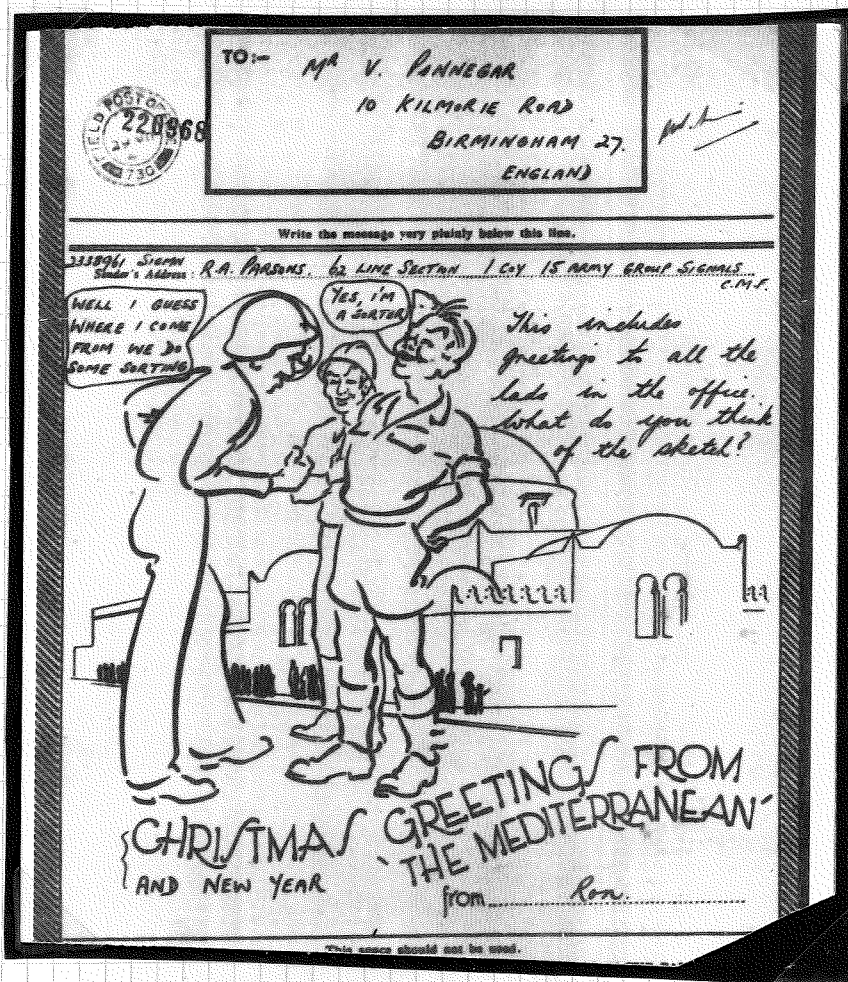
Printed on white paper with a blue internal security overlay.

Writer date 27th June 1941 and Egypt Prepaid cancel dated 29 June 1941

Square censor numbered 369.

Christmas Airgraph

Born of necessity in 1941 when communications with the 'Middle East' were interrupted by Italian military action in the Mediterranean and North Africa. The two processing stations were at Cairo and at Kodak's U.K. Headquarters at Wealdstone.

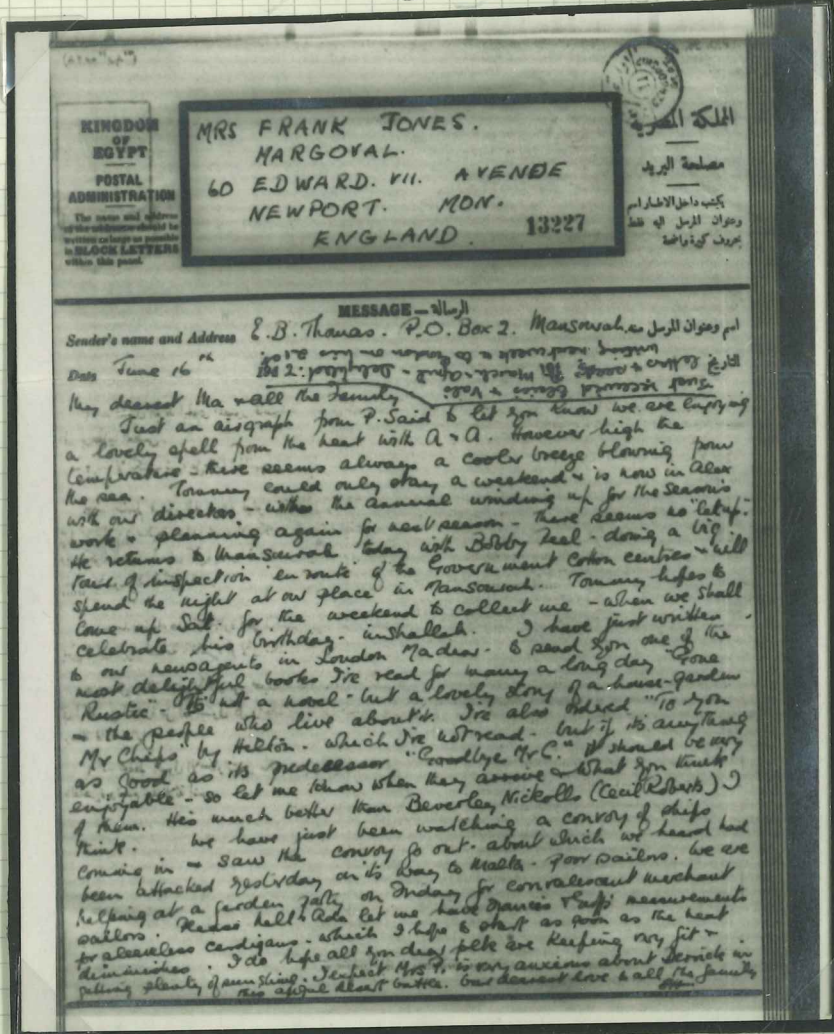


Christmas Greetings Airgraph with locally made picture sent from F.P.O. 730 to Birmingham U.K.

In four years 350 million Airgraphs were transmitted weighing only 50 tons compared to 4500 tons weight for ordinary letters; destinations were worldwide.

The Airgraph

16th June 1942 Airgraph from Mansura to Newport Men.



Airgraph letters were photograph-
ed on micro-film and a film of 1600 to 1700 letters with its canister weighed only five ozs yet equal to the mailbag of approximately fifty pounds weight. The homeland's route was: Cairo south to Khartoum, west to Takoradi, then north to Lisbon and on to London.

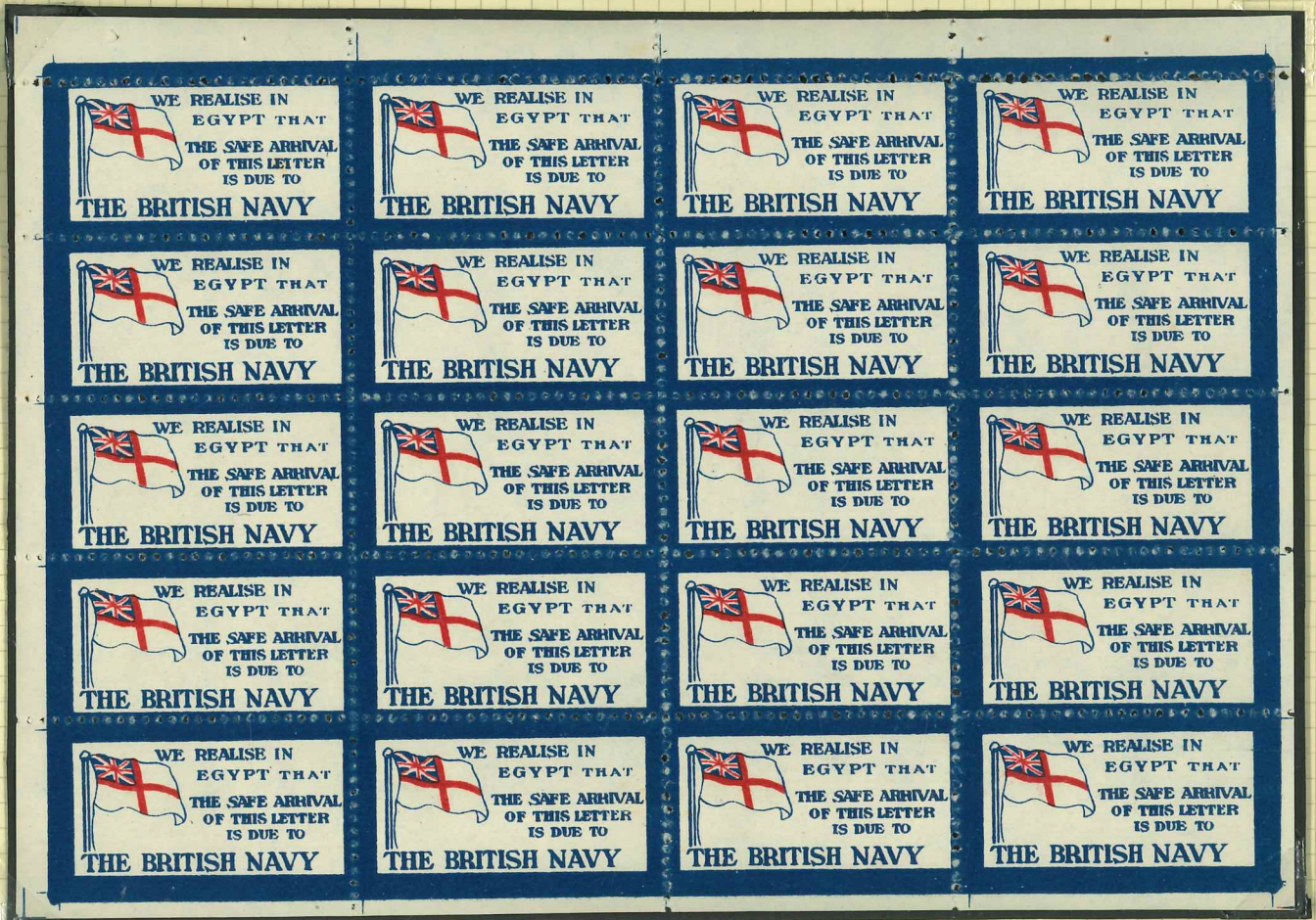
As received in London in 'cloudy' envelope in 1943 (June) Type ME/33 sent from the 227 Corps. of Field Bk. Coy R. Artillery & folded for the addressee to be at the bottom of envelope



Patriotic Labels

The British Navy

Often referred to as "Cinderellas" these patriotic labels were made available in the nominated country - in this case Egypt - to be placed on mail to show appreciation for the efforts of the Royal Navy in keeping open lines of communication.



Sold in booklets of 10 sheets (4x5=20 per sheet) sometime in 1941; a complete sheet of twenty is shown as originally issued.

Christmas Card 1945

This card was reproduced and printed by 512 Field Survey Coy R.E. (Royal Engineers) note on reverse.

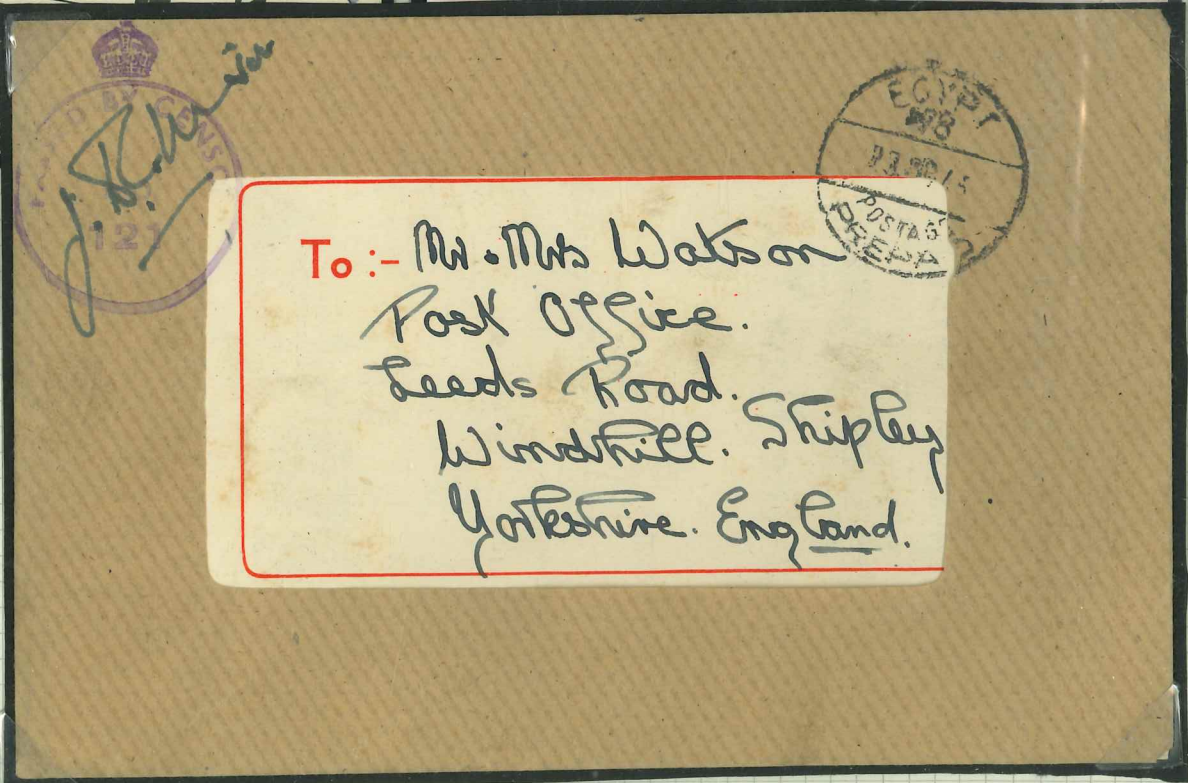


Here 'the Middle East' is a common misconception - technically, from the U.K. the area is the Near East, even including Palestine (PAIC) w/ Iraq.

Christmas Cards 1943



As received in
U.K. Yorkshire
Two examples
of Christmas
Cards produc-
ed by the
military for
the use of the
troops in the
Middle East
including in
Egypt 1943.



Christmas Cards

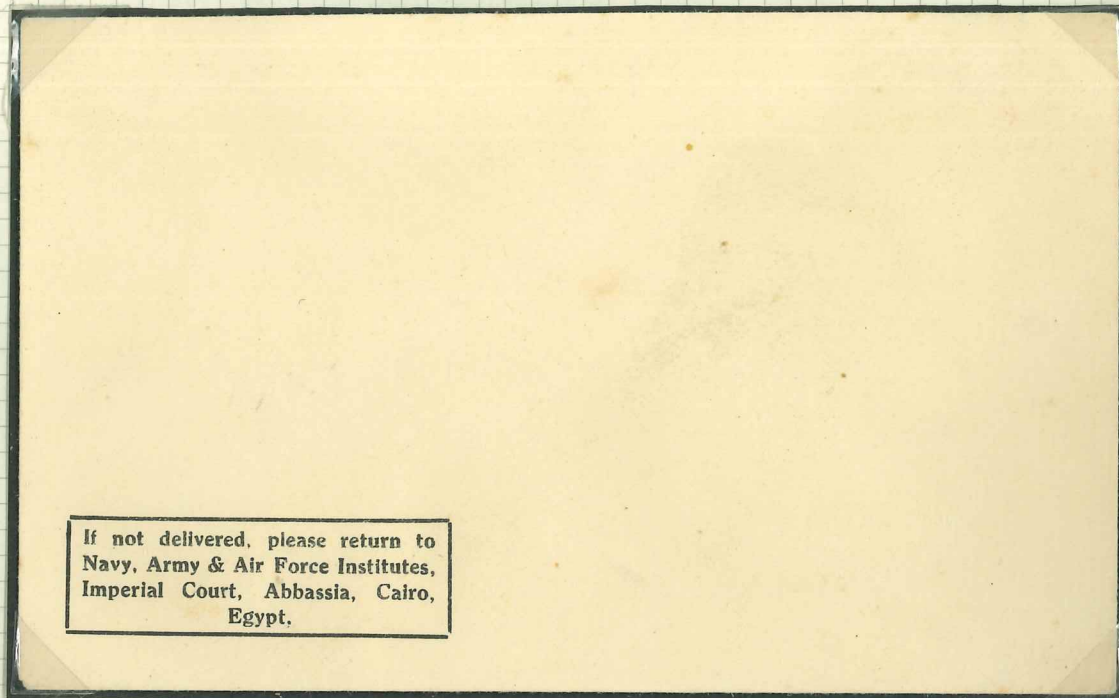


← Jasmit

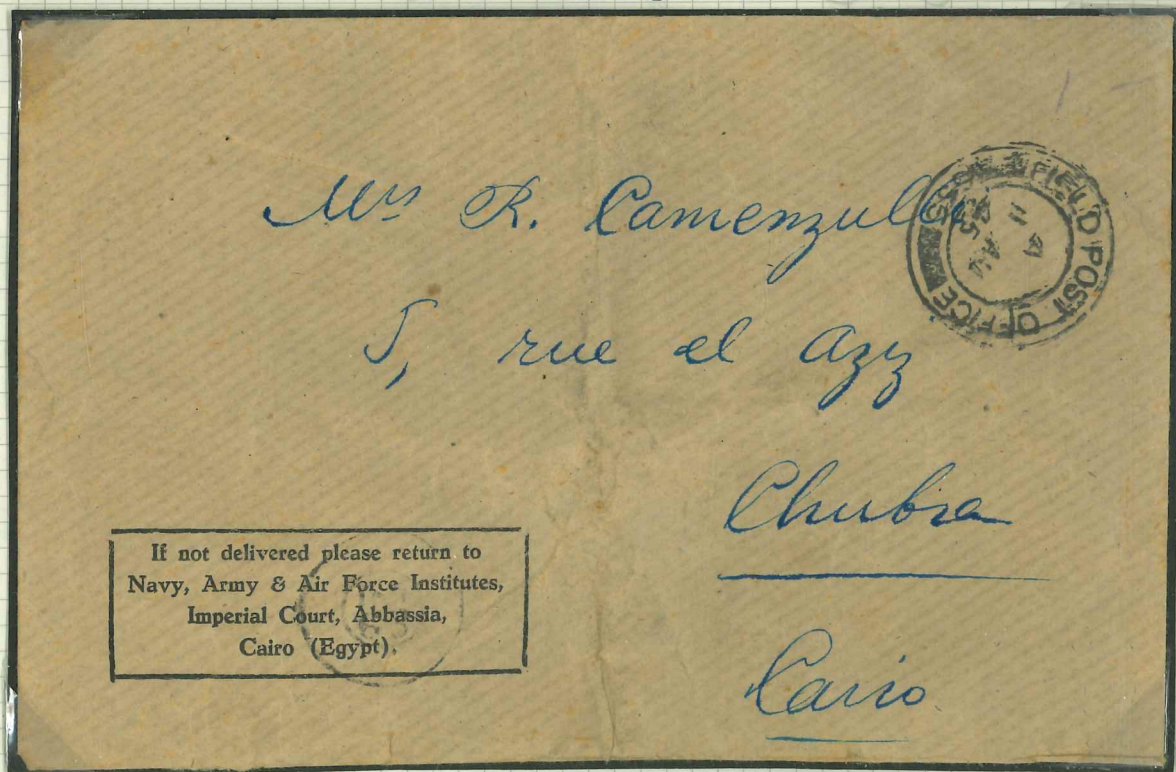
This design is reproduced from an original drawing by JASMIT (i.e. L.A.C. Jack Smith of the R.A.F., B.N.A.F.)

Forces Postal Stationery

Envelopes provided for forces personnel at Abbassia.



Unused N.A.A.F.I. envelope sold at Abbassia, Cairo early in WWII - note the difference in quality by 1945 cover below.



Special posted stationery sold at N.A.A.F.I., Abbassia, Cairo sent unfranked in the city from FPO 655 Abbassia to Shubra.

Military Censorship
South African Forces; Benians SAIB



Benians' SAIB



*On Active Service Airmail cover from Benians' EPP54,
allotted to South African Forces Postal Service (Startup)
to Cape Town (sic), censored by Benians' SAIB No. 254.*

Military Censorship

Royal Navy: not listed by Benians.



Passed by
P 43
Naval
Censor



Passed by
P 6834
Naval
Censor

Two examples of boxed Naval censor: top P43 to South Africa, paquebot unclear; bottom Post Office Maritime Mail.

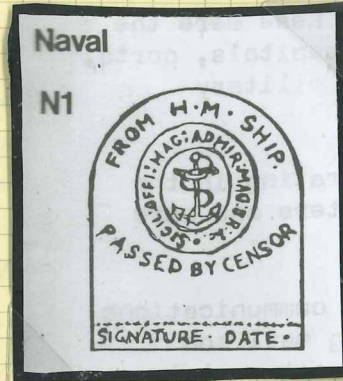
Military Censorship
Royal Navy: Benians type N2



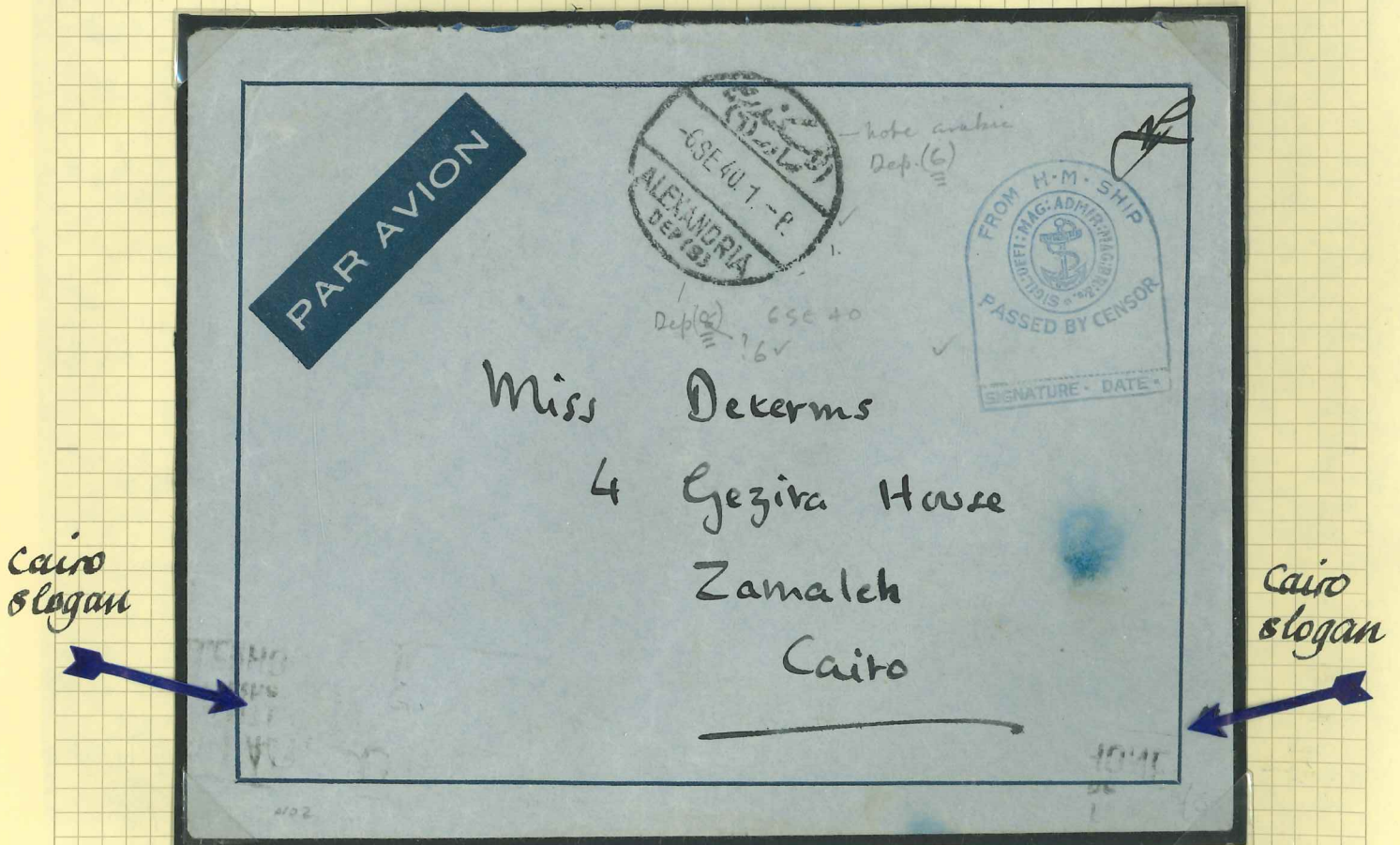
On active service airmail cover franked two George VI, 5^p values posted on board and there censored Benians type N2 number 1824, to London with additional address parts in red crayon. Post Office Maritime Mail in red.

Military Censorship

Royal Navy: Benians type N1
with provision for censor's signature



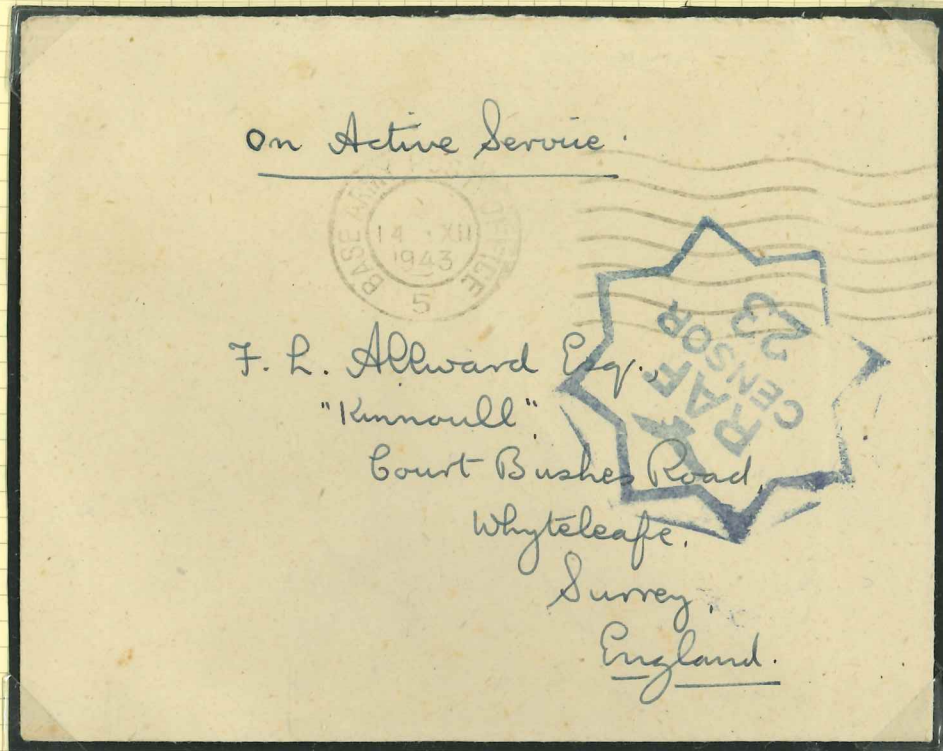
Au verso: Cairo slogan receiver: "you are wanted on the telephone"



Pre-printed airmail cover dropped by Navy at Alexandria, censored on board, censor's signature top right, Alexandria Dep(9) transit 6 SE 40 to Cairo-slogan receiver au verso, full.

Military Censorship

Royal Air Force: not listed by Benians
Wings within octagon



Base Army Post Office 5*

On active service cover posted at Base Army Post Office 5 seemingly at Algiers in 1943 but at Bari, Italy at the time of this letter, sent to Whyteleafe, Surrey.

Military Censorship
Royal Air Force: unlisted by Benians at F.P.O. 245

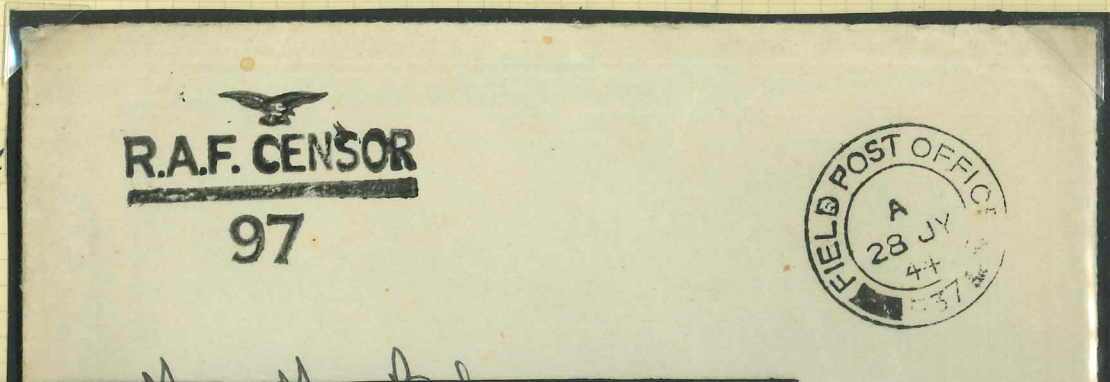


Two Farouk covers; top airmail, bottom surface both 1940?

Military Censorship

Royal Air Force: unlisted by Benians, but three colours.

No. 97
in black
to London



No. 127
in red

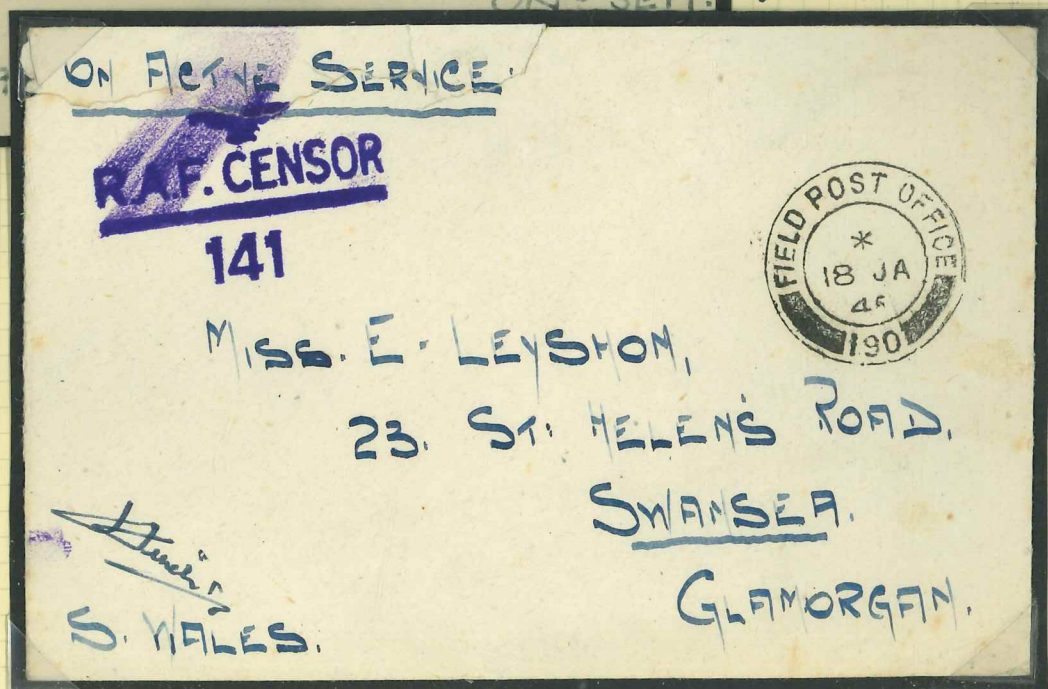


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F.P.O. 190 was at
Port Tewfik from
7-1-44 to late in
1948 - to St. Leonards

Walsingham

No. 141 in
purple to
Swansea



St. Helens
S. WALES.

Top: F.P.O. unclear; other two posted at Port Tewfik (Suez).

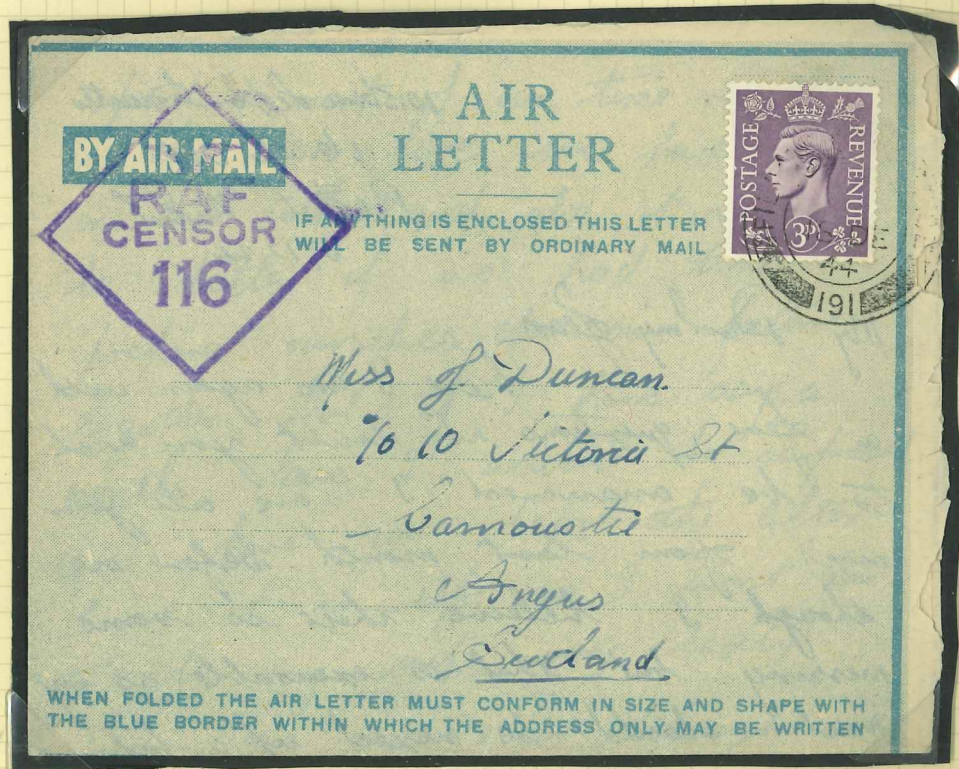
Military Censorship

Royal Air Force: Bunions R.A.F. R12

This censor number 116 was struck at Field Post Office 191 on 5 line of communication Postal Unit on 18 SE 1944 - Air Letter franked 3 George VI pale lilac wartime shade



wings in diamond



Air Letter (different type) sent 5 line of communication P.U. in 1944 to Carnoustie, (famous golf course) Angus.

Military Censorship

Royal Air Force: Benians' type R.11

Wings in square



F.P.O. 69, in France early in World War II, transferred to Palestine A.P.O. B. 243 6 line of Comm'n late in 1940 at Nazareth

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Signature }
Name only } A. G. Bowyer.

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20 AP 44 UK

Address:—
No 1547458
LAC AYERS. R.F.
No 378 A.M.E.S.
R.A.F.
INDIA COMMAND.

Active Service 'honour' envelope posted 20 AP 44 from 5 line of Communication postal unit at Nersa Matrakh between 23 AP 43 and 14 SE 44 (Proud), censored Benians' RAF type R11 struck in red; F.P.O. 69 was at Nersa Matrakh at the time.

Military Censorship

Royal Air Force: Benians' type R.A.F. R10

Wings in parallelogram

Benians' RAF
censor type
RAF R10 No
118 and motto
from cover of
the Johnson
family motto



Cover from Rafah on the Egyptian-Israeli border.



Airmail cover with printed winged wheel and "Nunquam non paratus" motto, means 'never unprepared' - interestingly, the motto of the Johnson/Johnstone family; sent from FPO 121 to King's Lynn 5th October 1940 from Rafah (A.P.O. S253).

Military Censorship

Royal Air Force - Benians' type RAF R9
Wings in Hexagon



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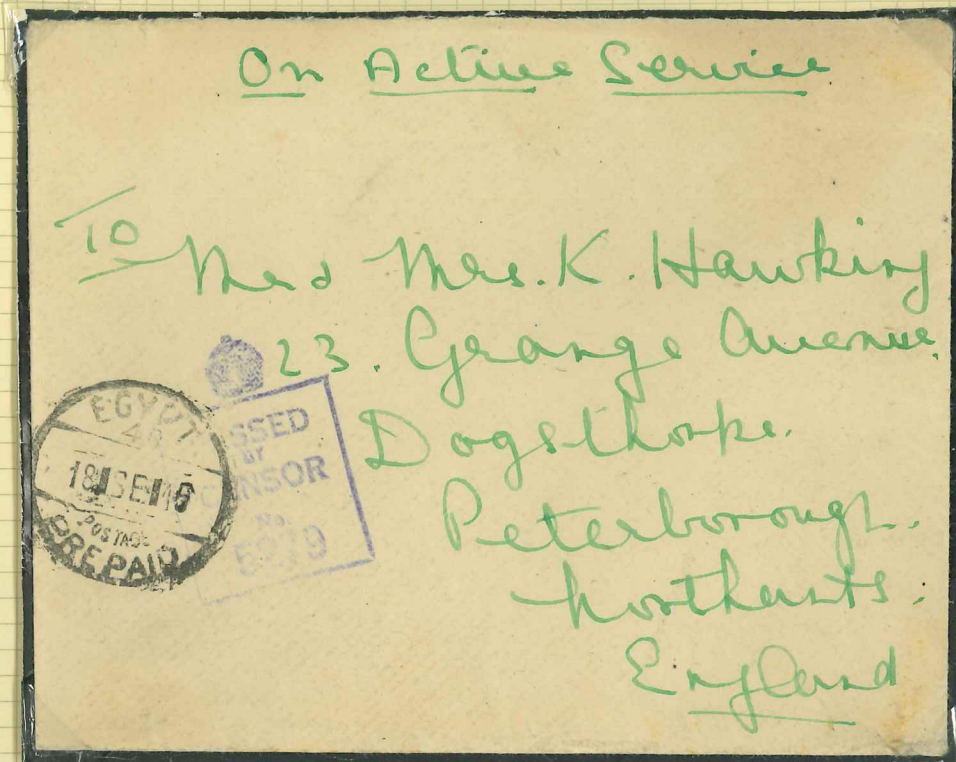
MISS J. G. IRVINE
12 GLADSTONE PL.
EDINBURGH
Scotland

Wings R.A.F. Censor 40 struck in red on green 'honour' envelope franked George VI ten pence for airmail. Unfortunately, the other Benians' mark is illegible.

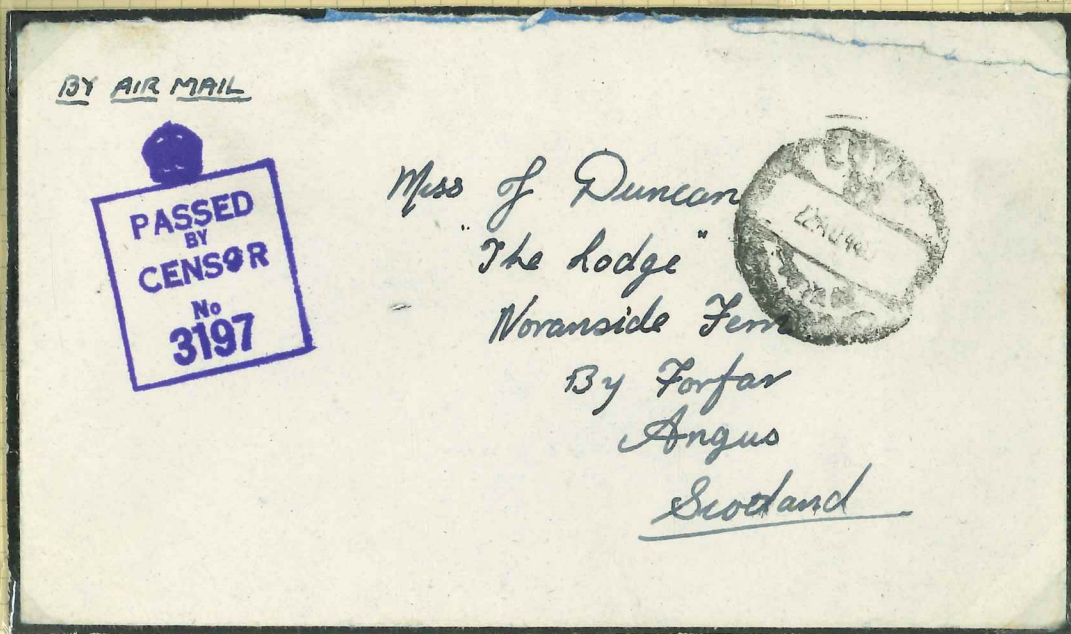
Military Censorship

Benians' type Army A7

Crown over square box.



Benians' EPP 40 at Qassassin



Benians' EPP 56 at 44th Div

Two unfranked covers; top from Benians' EPP 40 located Qassassin in 1945 censored 5279 to Peterborough, and bottom, from EPP 56 censored 3197 and marked airmail (not paid for) to Angus, Scotland.

Military Censorship

Crown over Shield
on
Benians' EPP 69

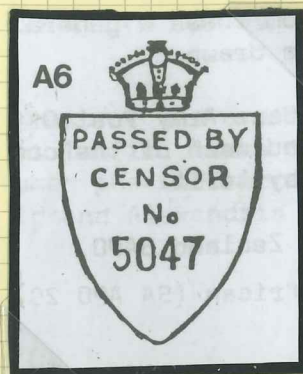


Army Censor
Benians' type A6



Airmail Letter Card franked GB. George VI 3^d pale violet cancelled Egypt Postage Prepaid 69 sent 19th May '44 by an officer of Northamptonshire Regt. to Liverpool. 3.

Military Censorship
Benians' type Army A6
Crown over shield



1944 letter from Helmeih to Almaza dated 26 DE 44



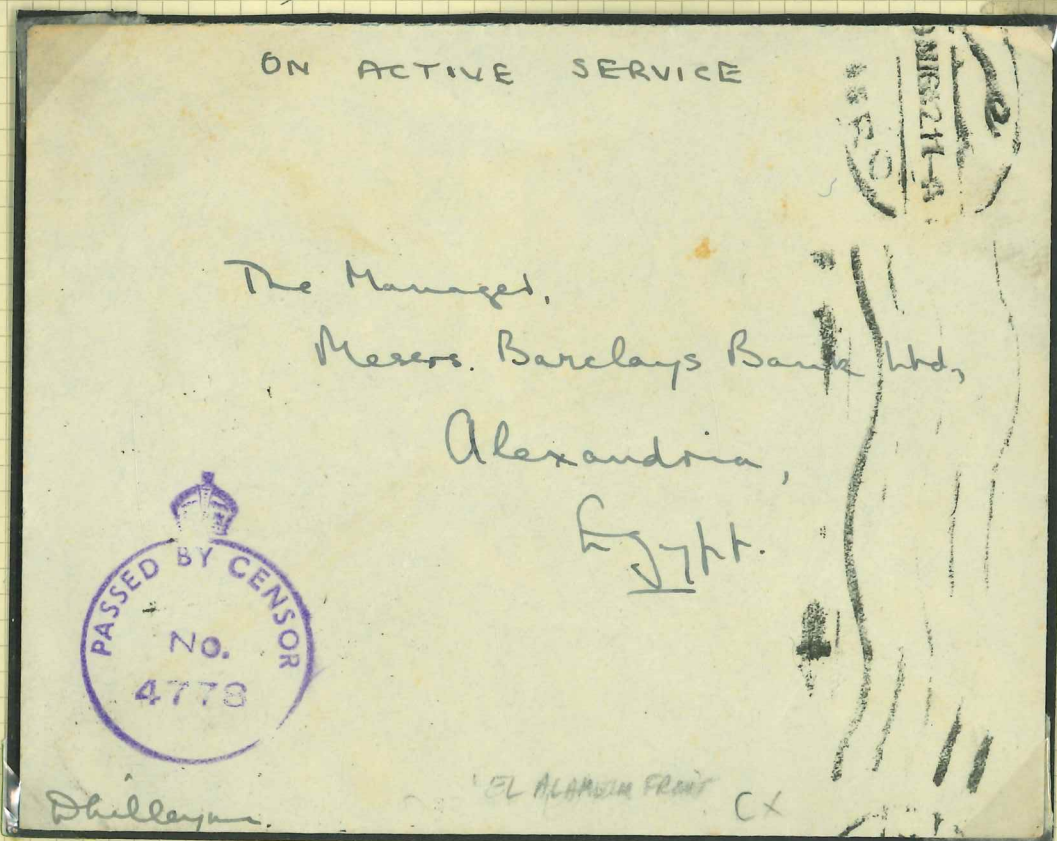
*Field Post Office 519 was allotted to 9th Line of Communication
P.U. 30 SE 41; here on O.A.S. cover censored Benians' Army A6
number 443 from F.P.O. 519 then at Helmeih near Cairo.
Almaza located in Suez Canal Area South, so internal.*

Military Censorship

Army: Benians' type A5
No. 4778



On reverse: Indian F.P.O. R.6 dated 27th August 1942,
(Indian) Base Post Office dated 29 AUG 42, (Alexandria),
and civilian Alexandria receiver with same date.



Sent by a British officer attached to the 4th Indian Division located at the end of the 30th Corps front guarding the Ruweisat Ridge before el-Alamain to his bank at Alexandria with A5 censor no. 4778 struck in purple.

*Military Censorship
Benians' Army type A2
Crown within triangle*



Cover bearing no less than three unit censors plus the boxed PASSED BY CENSOR applied in purple at Melbourne, Australian Base Post Office - F.P.O. E. 608 at Cairo on back.



Airmail cover from Melbourne franked 9^d platypus sent to Jerusalem via Australian B.P.O. Cairo (on reverse); with three different numbered unit A2 censors, Transit F.P.O. E. 608 dated 19 AP 41, days only before transfer to Kantara.

Censors' Handstamps

*Censors used by Commonwealth
Forces*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL
FORCES
PASSED BY CENSOR
291

AUSTRALIAN
MILITARY FORCES
PASSED BY CENSOR
3287

PASSED BY CENSOR
M.F.F. No. 238 U.D.F.
GOEDGEKEUR DEUR SENSOR

PASSED BY CENSOR
M.F.F. No. 357 U.D.F.
GOEDGEKEUR DEUR
SENSOR

PASSED
CENSOR
11 INDIAN.

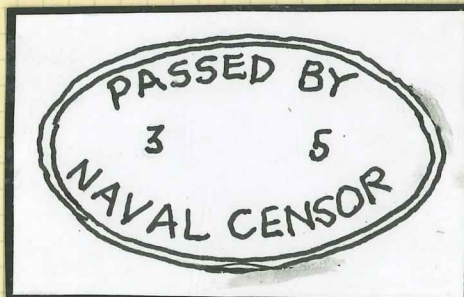
Censors' Handstamps

Royal Air Force and Royal Navy
censors during World War II

R.A.F.



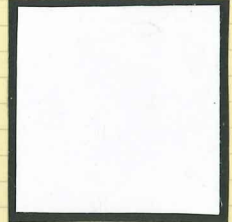
Naval



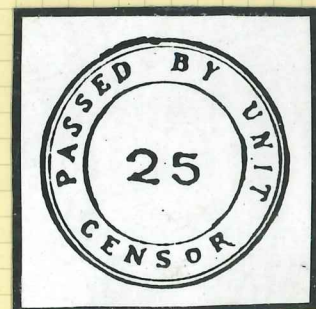
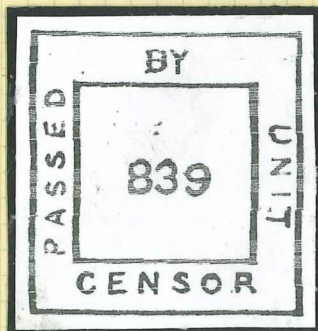
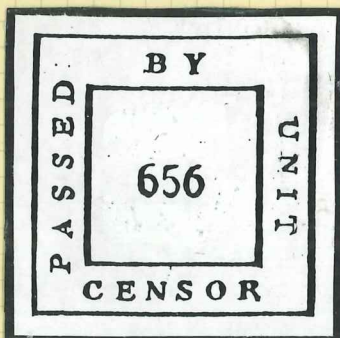
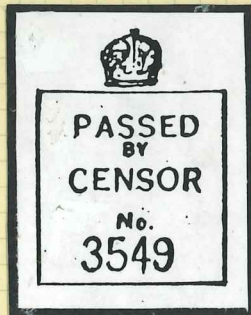
Censors' Handstamps

Army censors during World War II

Army



Base censors (above) and unit censors



British Forces in Egypt

Strange goings-on!

Well it got there! Cover from illegible origin to Kabrit, 1949.

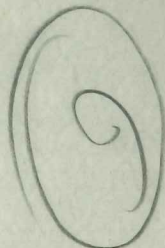


Unfranked Consular cover from Jerusalem to Port Said



(083)
Unclassified

11/13/9



Lt. Col. H. Poulter R.E.,
Claims Commission,
Egypt, M.E.L.F.9.



MS

Port Said

British Forces in Egypt

Front and back of Egyptian sender's cover to military acquaintance

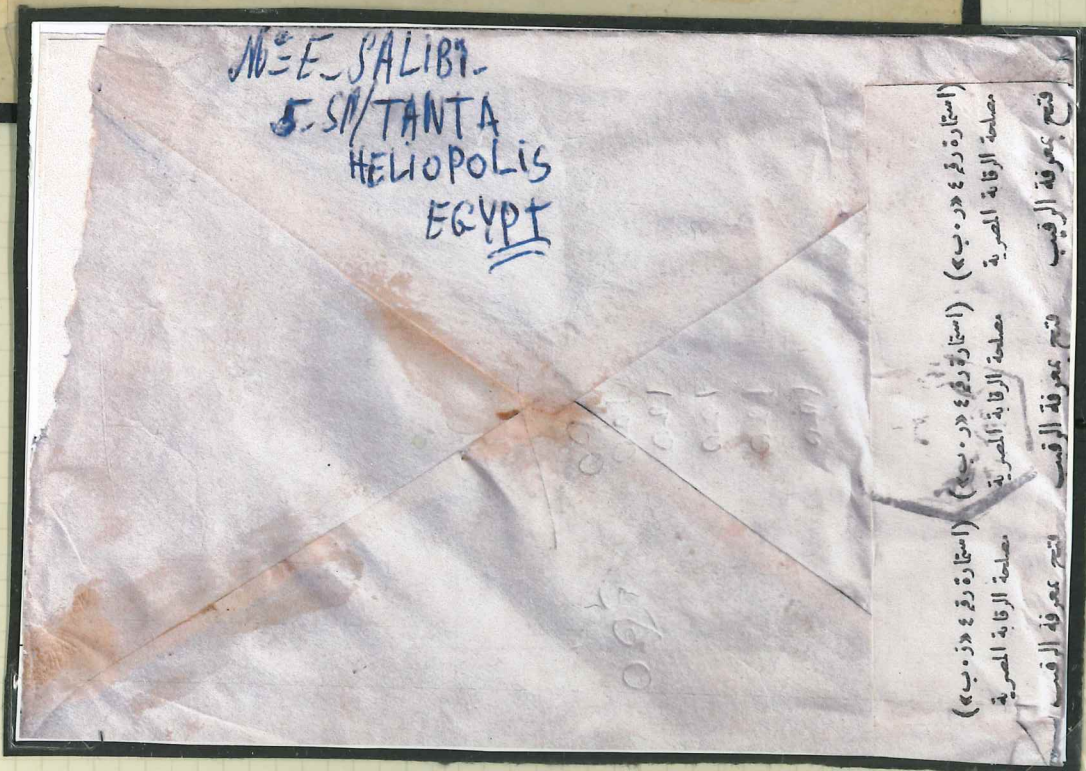


Port Said

Civilian censored air cover from Heliopolis struck in blue.

Reverse shows the sender & the civil censor's tape

Port Said



Post war cover sent airmail to married quarters in Liverpool dated 5 SE 48 to a serving 'squaddie' and cancelled in blue; franked with 27 millimes Farouk military to defray airmail.

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E.P.P. 154.



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E.P.P. 151



EPP153



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Benians' type IV

E.P.P. 149

Hon. Mr. H. Palmer

A.F. W3073.
P.A. & Co. Ltd., London

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Signature }
Name only } *H. Palmer*

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Address:—
M^{rs} H. Palmer
4 Blayford Place
Knotty Ash
Liverpool



Active Service cover franked 10^d George VI to defray the airmail fee from E.P.P. 149, censored Benians' Army A3 number 327 sent SE 447 to Knotty Ash in Liverpool.

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Type IV All used in 1943 censored Army AS, but "Late Use" noted in 1944 - Benjamin says.

E.P.P. 148



Airmail Letter Card franked 3^d pale George VI GB to defray airmail fee, cancelled E.P.P. 48 date unclear, censored AS no 1773 to Kidderminster, Worcs. Sender part of Royal Army Service Corps.

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E.P.P. 143



Late use, 1945

A. F. W3078.
J. D. & Co.,

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THE AVIATION

FIVE

SERVICE [Crown Co.]

TEN PENCE

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RAF. 85

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Signature: *E. P. Hastings*
Name only: *E. P. Hastings*

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Mrs E. P. Hastings.
Address:—
256 Ayres Road
OLD TRAFFORD
MANCHESTER 16

Active Service cover franked 10⁰ George VI G.B. to defray the airmail fee from E.P.P. 143, type IV, and censored with Benians' RAF. RII number 85 to Manchester, 1 JUL 1945.

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type IVms type IV

E.P.P. 137



Benians says 'originally allocated to the South Africans.'
Two bantams dated 4 DE 43.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

Cairo type IV

E.P.P. 141

He says RENE 2 Base numbers.



fifteen days transit recorded by recipient for this
air mail cover sent 5/8/43, cancelled 7/10/43 and
censored by Deputy Chief Field Censor and Army AS no 382?

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 141.

Un Actue Service
BY AIR MAIL AIR MAIL
Emkhp
No. 112
IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

PAID
112

REVENUE
POSTAGE
3⁰⁰

DEPUTY CHIEF FIELD CENSOR

Mrs. L.M. Shanahan,
6 Station Road,
Manor Park
London E.12. England.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER
THE BLUE BORDER WITH



Un Actue Service
BY AIR MAIL AIR MAIL
Emkhp
No. 112
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PAID
112

REVENUE
POSTAGE
3⁰⁰

Mrs. L.M. Shanahan,
6 Station Road,
Manor Park,
London E.12.
England.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH
THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESSES ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN

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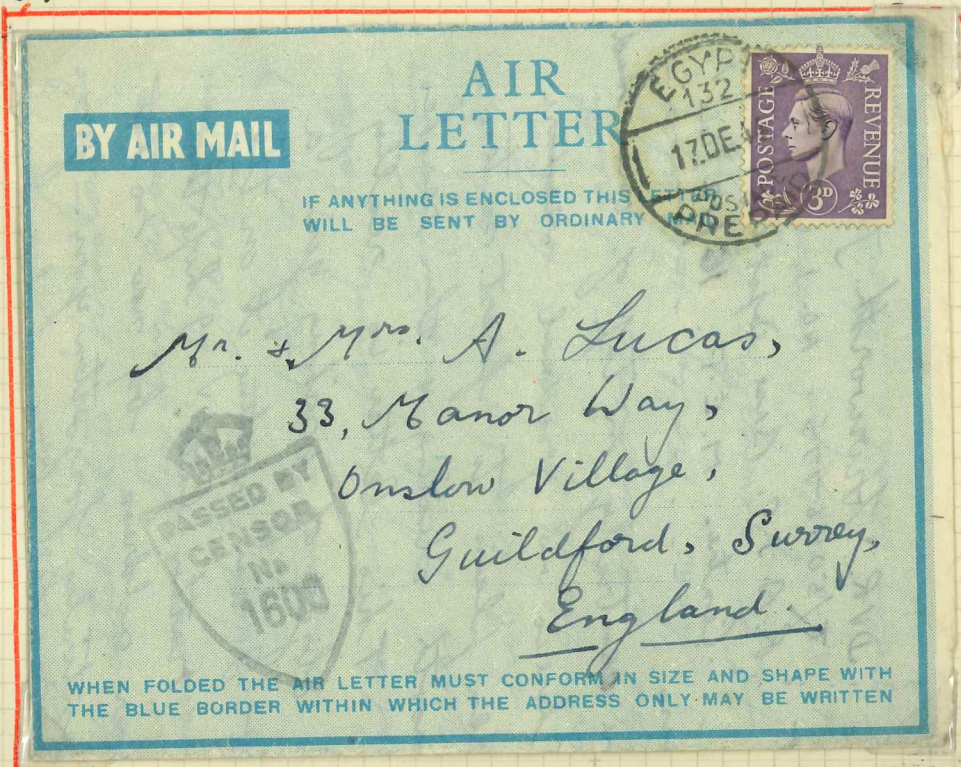
E.P.P.134



Egypt Postage Prepaid

Type IV

E.P.P.132



All recorded
by Benians
used between
Feb. 1943 and
Jan. 1944.

Benians'
MM 46
n. 7800

Benians' RAF
12, no. 142

Two covers
both used
Dec. 1944
i.e. outside
Benians'
dates, and
two stamps.

17 DE 44



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World War II 1939-45

E.P.P 132

2 JL 43



23 JU 43



23 JU 43



2-JL 43



28 SE 43



30 JL 43



11 DE 44



21 NO 43



JA-45

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[Handwritten signature]

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46 VALLANCE RD,
ALEXANDRA PARK,
LONDON · N. 22
ENGLAND

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E.P.P. 129

8 FE 45



7 JA 45



E.P.P. 139



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 112

Type IV used 1944-45

Ju 43



-FE-

27 JA 44

27 JA 44



31- FE 44

21 JA 44



3 FE 44



27 JA 44



23 JA 44



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

EPP 103

11 FE 42



EPP 109

16 AU 43



Only recorded
5 examples

EPP 111

15 NOV 42



EPP 114

21 JA 43



EPP 124

17 DE 43

14 DE 43



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 104

FE 42



FE 42



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

PER AIR MAIL

PASSED BY

Miss Rowena Cooney
Lato Ridge
Marion Hill
Natal.
S.A.



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PER AIR MAIL

British Forces in Egypt

Egypt Postage Prepaid
96

Apparently based at General Headquarters
Cairo from September 1942 through to September 1945
the latest recorded with censor AS number 6464 being
18th November 1943; all such mail is addressed to
the U.K. or Malta.



Benions



type II

Personal airmail from G.H.Q. Cairo to an
serving on Malta dated 23 SE 42



D2 (4.3.42)-(9.4.42)

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E.P.P. 96

24 NO 43



21 JL 41



21 JL 43



9 DE 43



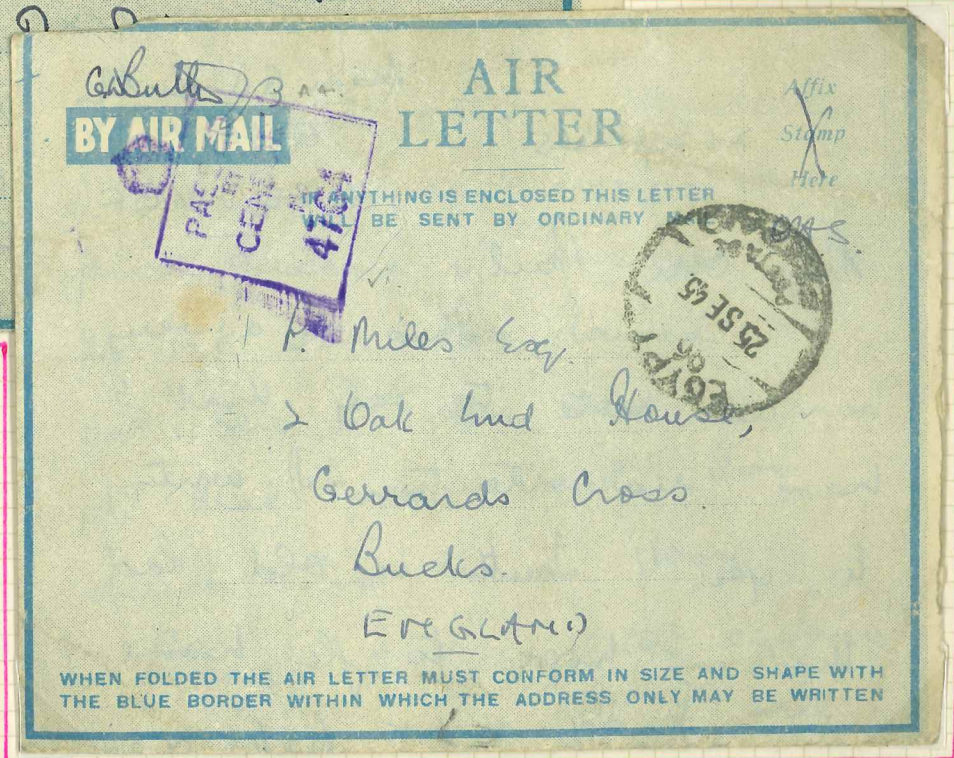
From RASC. SMC. GHQ MEF

5 AP 45

10 SE 43



From Q(AE) GHQ MEF
25 SE 45

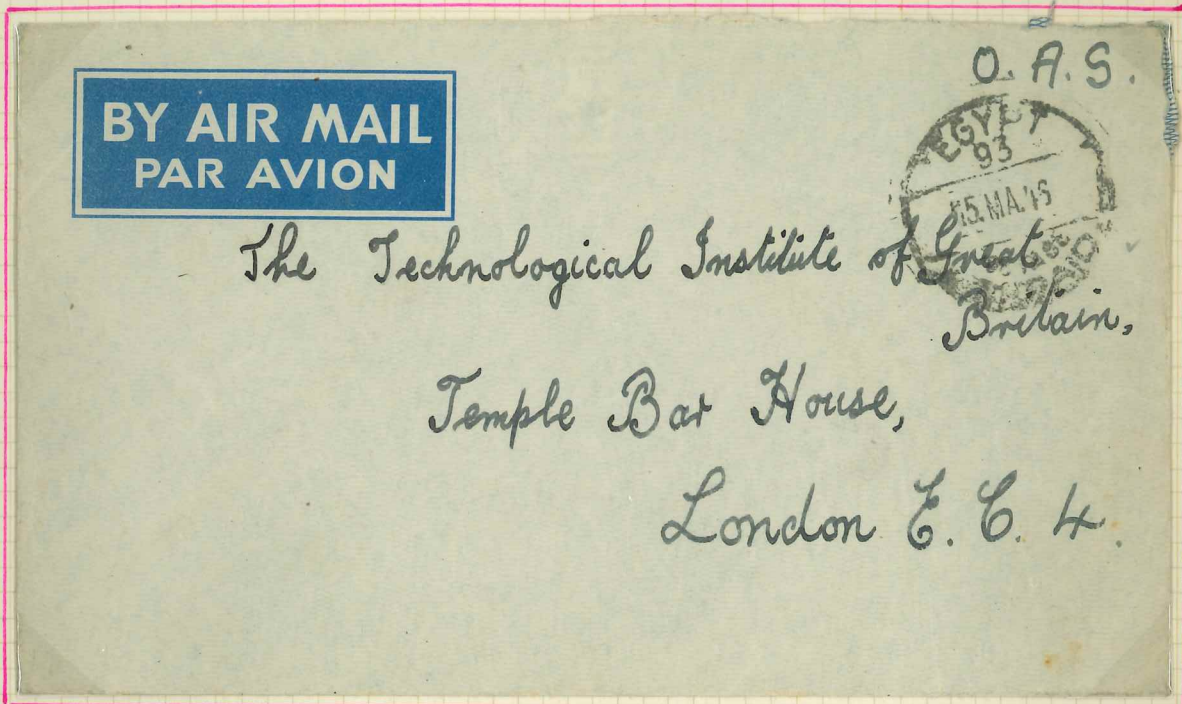


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E.P.P. 93



E.P.P. 98

28 FE 44



E.P.P. 99



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E. P. P. 89

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Signature: _____
Name: _____

10 pence postage stamp (Queen Elizabeth II) cancelled with a postmark.

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MRS. A. L. PERRY
Address: 46 VALLANCE RD,
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ALEXANDRA PARK,
LONDON, N, 22,
ENGLAND,

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E.P.P. 89

Backstamped with large double ring circle

3-MAY-1944
A.B.A.O.D.

Similar to purple handstamp on next sheet but 1943

addressee?

2-MAY-44



Is this addressee S/Sergeant Perry the same as the sender of many letters and stamps to Mrs. A.L. Perry at 104 London Rd. Leicester? Clearly a philatelist, as other covers in the same handwriting have South African or New Zealand stamps. See E.P.P. 29 for covers and also loose stamps. Internal letter to Royal Army Ordnance Corps, censored A5 no. 2048.

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World War II 1939-45

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Type II

E.P.P 89

On reverse Field Post Office 437 with same date 23-9-43.



On Active Service freepost cover from E.P.P. 89 type II to the U.K. censored Belgians' Army A5 number 1773 with a large double circle handstamp in purple ORD. HQ 21 Army Group giving the date otherwise unclear 23 SEP 1943.

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World War II 1939-45.

E.P.P. 89.

1 AP 43.

MR 43



15 AD.



4 JL 43



FROM HQ BASE DEPOT. RA

11 AP 43

AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

MR. & MRS EVERSON.
32, BROAD ROAD.
KINGSWOOD.
BRISTOL.
ENGLAND.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

Shaw

Stamp: 3D, King George VI, cancelled with a circular postmark.

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E.P.P. 88



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Bromley KENT.

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E.P.P. 87

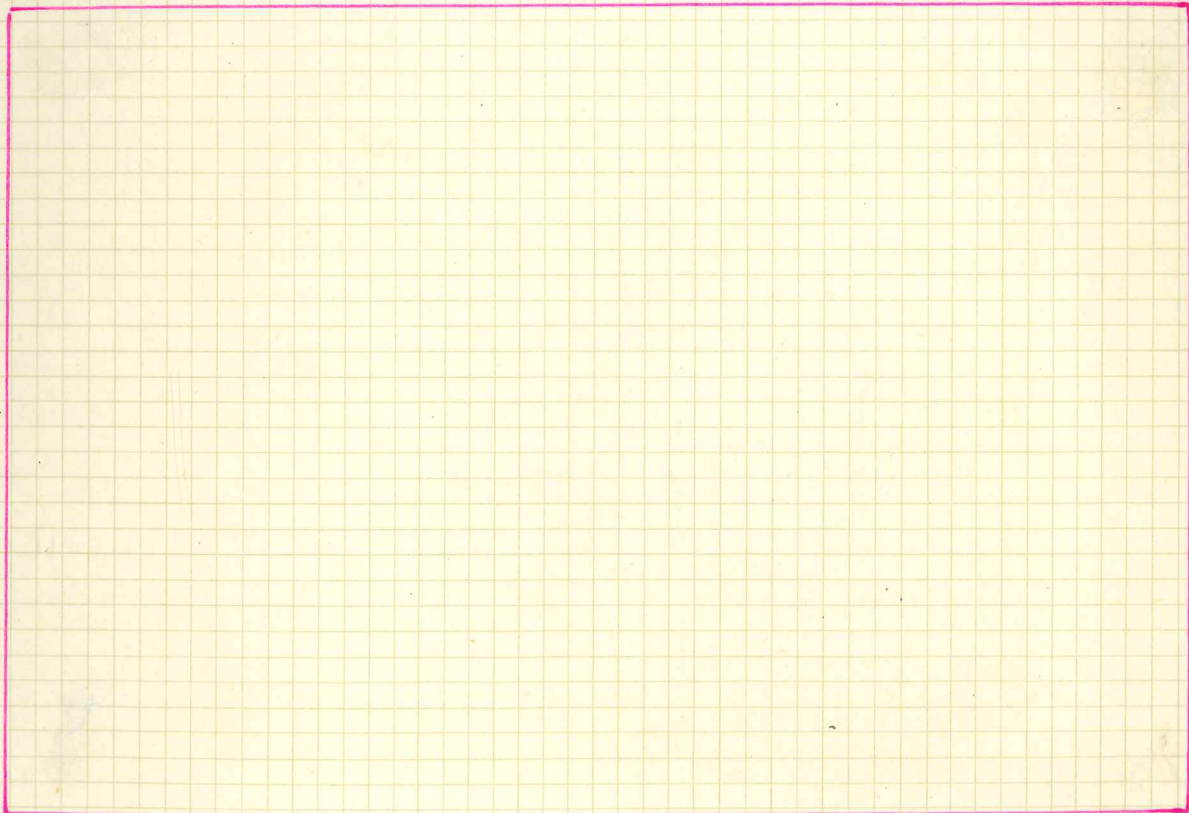
16-43



Bullians states, type at New Zealand Base Post Office, Cairo

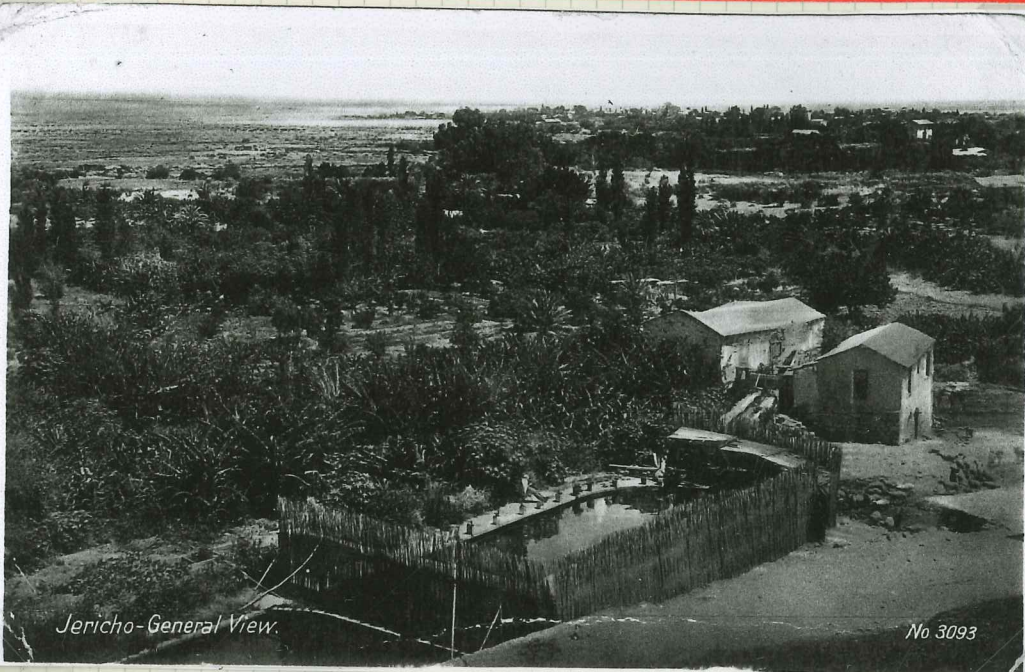


17 JUL 42



Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P.86



Jericho-General View.

No 3093

Postcard sent Jericho, Egypt to England.



POST CARD

Palestine



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Mr Geo. E. Byers
12 Slade Rise
Enfield
Middlesex. ENGLAND

1034214. 1943. J. Jones
R.A.F., H.E.F.

Jericho-Generalansicht

E.P.P. 86 type II dated 12 FEB 43 on a surface postcard to Lincolnshire and re-addressed to Enfield, Middlesex; R.A.F.

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E.P.P. 86

26 AP 44

29 JA 44

MR 44



1 AP 44

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R.A.F. PRIVILEGE ENVELOPE

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PERSONAL



ADDRESS

To The City Electrical Engineer
S.J.C. ELLIS Esq.
The Corporation Electricity

11 JU 43

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41608
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LAC Benney

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MRS H A BENNEY

Address :-

46 ROSELAND CRESCENT
HBAVITREE
BRETHER
DEVONSHIRE
ENGLAND

ians'
CENSOR
No 26

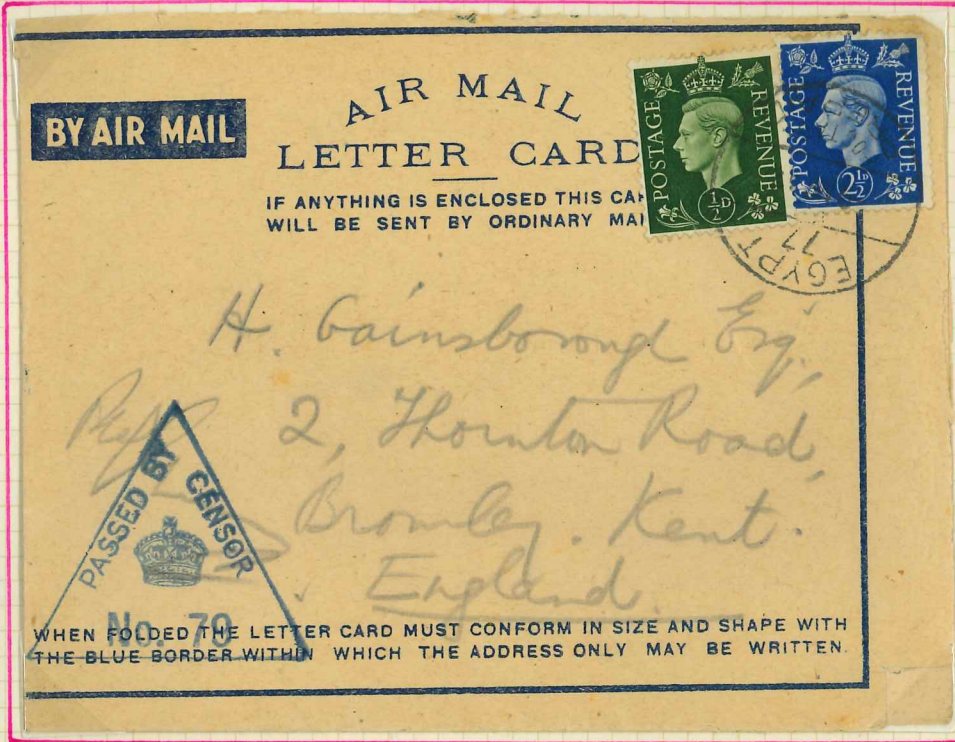
uty Chief
Censor

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E.P.P. 77

From: 43RD BATTERY
61ST LAA REGT RA. MEF

8 MR 41



E.P.P. 79

E.P.P. 80

E.P.P. 82

8 00 42

2 N0 42

6 N0 42



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E.P.P. 75

12 FE 43



4 AU 43



17 OC 44



From: 261ST BATTERY
94TH H.A.A. REGT. RA. MEF

25-AU 41



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Signature }
Name only } P. G. Smith.

INDIA POSTAGE 8 AS 3 AS

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Hill View
Pallavaram
(MADRAS SOUTH INDIA)

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Mary Smith
Address:—MRS. C. A. Smith
Mary Smith
Patel: Matron, Superintendent, Jail
1/39A Santhome High Rd:
Mylapore.
Madras.

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E.P.P. 72

Benians' Indian censor 11 and taps

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Matron Superintendent
Presidency Jail for Women
Vellore (North Arcot
South INDIA)

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Name only }

P.A. Smith

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00-21 Kasim Sable
Presidency Jail for Women
Free C. Rajakelathi
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Name only }

P.A. Smith



*Army censor
AS no. 02?*

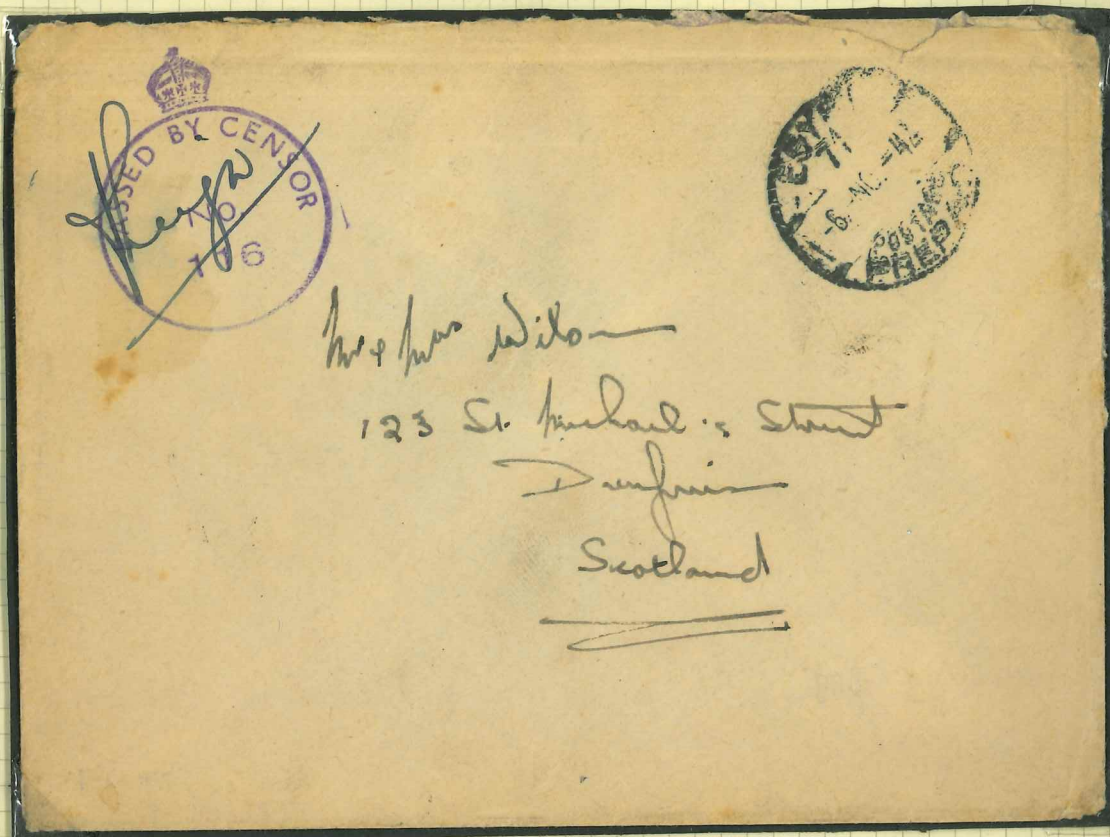
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E.P.P. 70



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Egypt Postage Prepaid 71 has both Benians types 1 and 4



Benians
type 1 on
6 NO 42
on C.A.S.
cover to
Scotland.

Mr & Mrs Wilson
123 St. Michael's Street
Dunfermline
Scotland

Crown
circle
censor
No. 116

Crown
Shield
No. 1436



Benians
type 4 on
30 DE 43
'honour'
air to
England.

<p>A. E. W3078</p> <p>J.D. & Co., Apsley.</p> <p>ACTIVE</p> <p>AIR MAIL</p> <p>This envelope must not be used for coin or valuables. It cannot be accepted for registration.</p> <p>Notes:—</p> <p>Correspondence in this envelope need not be censored Regimentally. The contents are liable to examination at the Base.</p> <p>The following Certificate must be signed by the writer:—</p> <p>I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.</p> <p>Signature } Name only } <u>J. Tollervey</u></p>	<p>[Crown Copyright Reserved]</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>AIR MAIL</p> <p>[Up to three letters may be sent in this Cover, but these must be from the same writer. The cover should be cancelled in such case to the Base Censor.]</p> <p>Address:—</p> <p><u>MISS J. TREADGOLD</u></p> <p><u>12 FRESHWATER RD</u></p> <p><u>READING</u></p> <p><u>BERKS ENGLAND</u></p>
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AIR MAIL
CENSORED BY
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Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Name only

AIR MAIL

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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN



ALEXANDRIA EGYPT 25 APR 1944

Make NATIONAL SECURITY YOUR OWN

this same such

MRS. A. L. PERRY

46. VALLANCE RD,

ALEXANDRA PARK,

LONDON, N. 22,

ENGLAND.

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E.P.P 69

3 MR 44

18 FE

28 FE 44

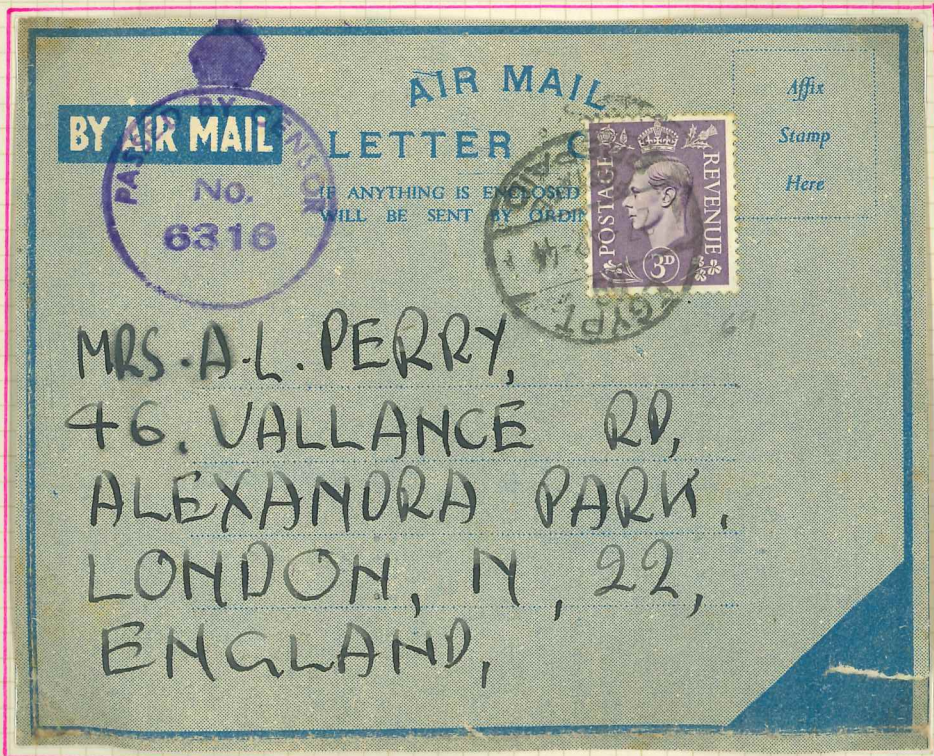


12 SE 44

17 JU 44



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MRS. A-L. PERRY.
Address
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ALEXANDRA PARK,
LONDON N.W. 10.

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MISS. E. PRWIN,
Address
150 NORTHWAY,
DURBAN NORTH,
DURBAN
SOUTH AFRICA

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Signature (Name only) *[Signature]*

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ALEXANDRA PARK,
LONDON, N. 22,
ENGLAND.

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Benians says type I British Army later moving to the Western Desert followed by 'Mixed Use' early in 1944.

22 JU 44



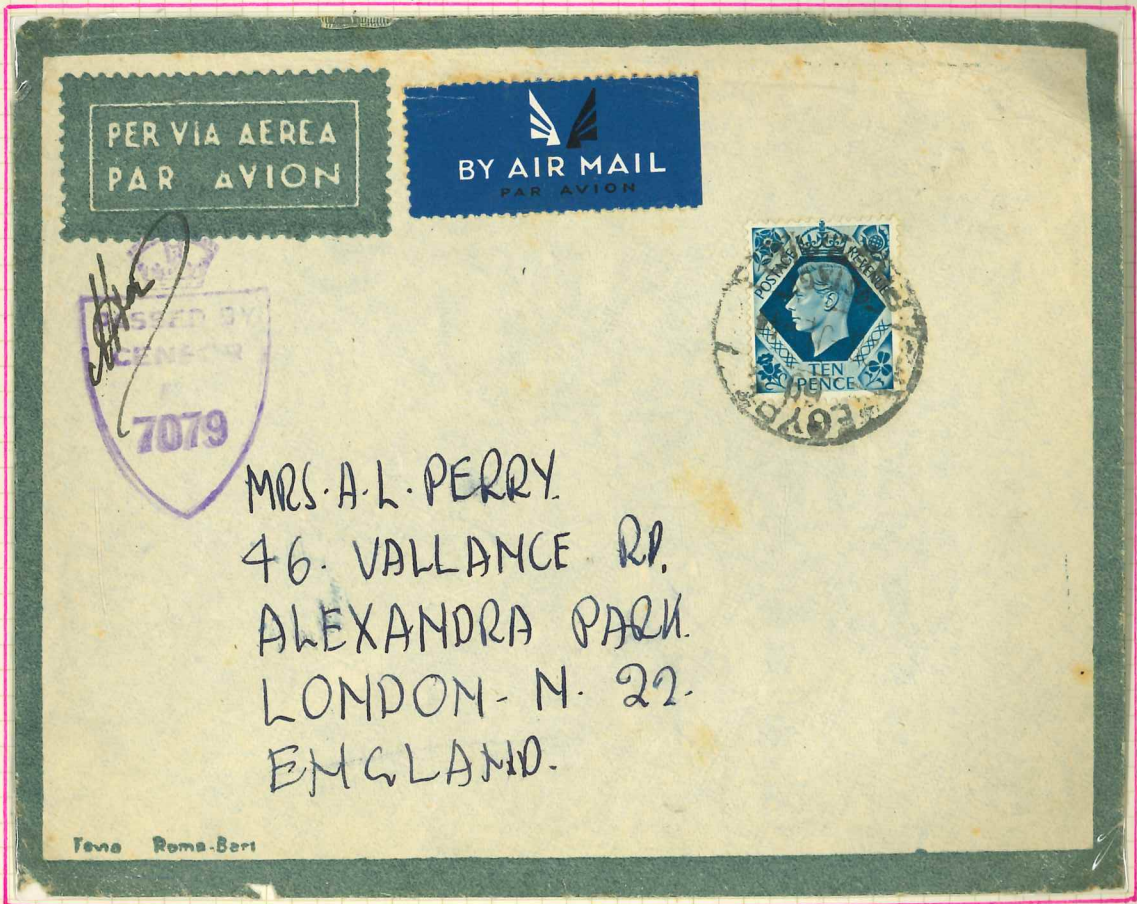
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28 JL 44

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Benians' Ab Army censor no. 7079



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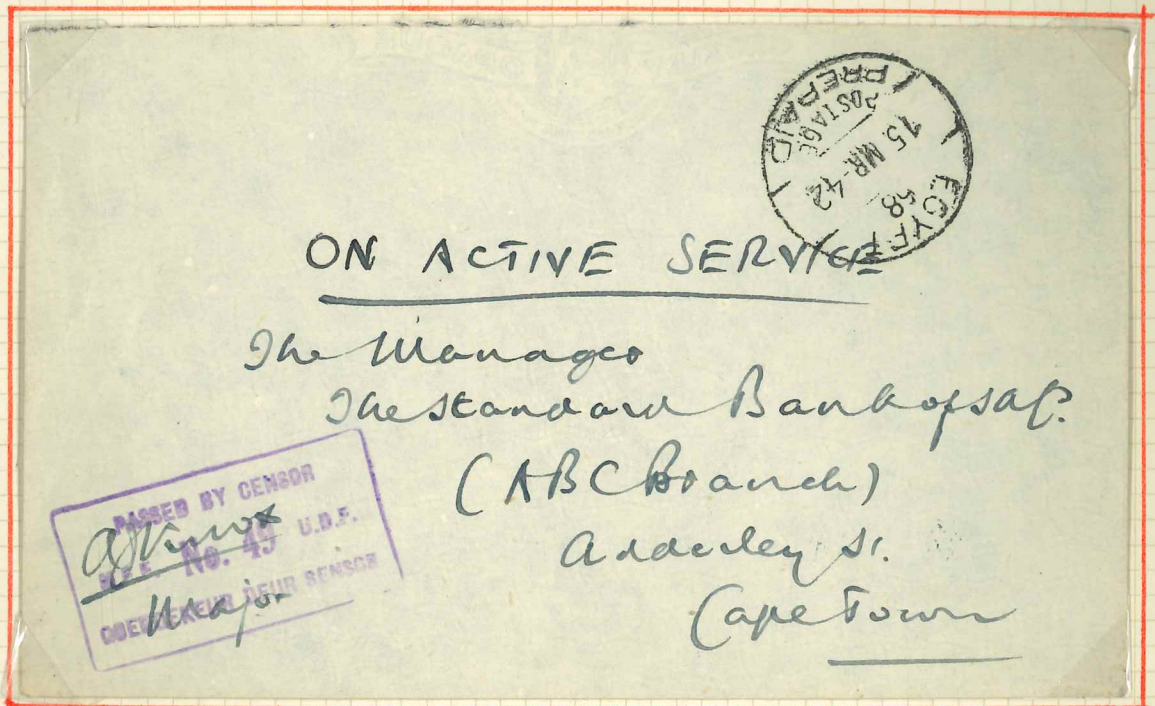
World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 68

21 JU 44



Benians states "Mixed Use, possibly connected with a hospital."
Startup says merely "Buselli".



On Active Service cover sent surface on 15-MR-42 into
Cape Town, South Africa from E.P.P. 68 type I censored
South African SAIB (Benians) No 49, no stamps needed.

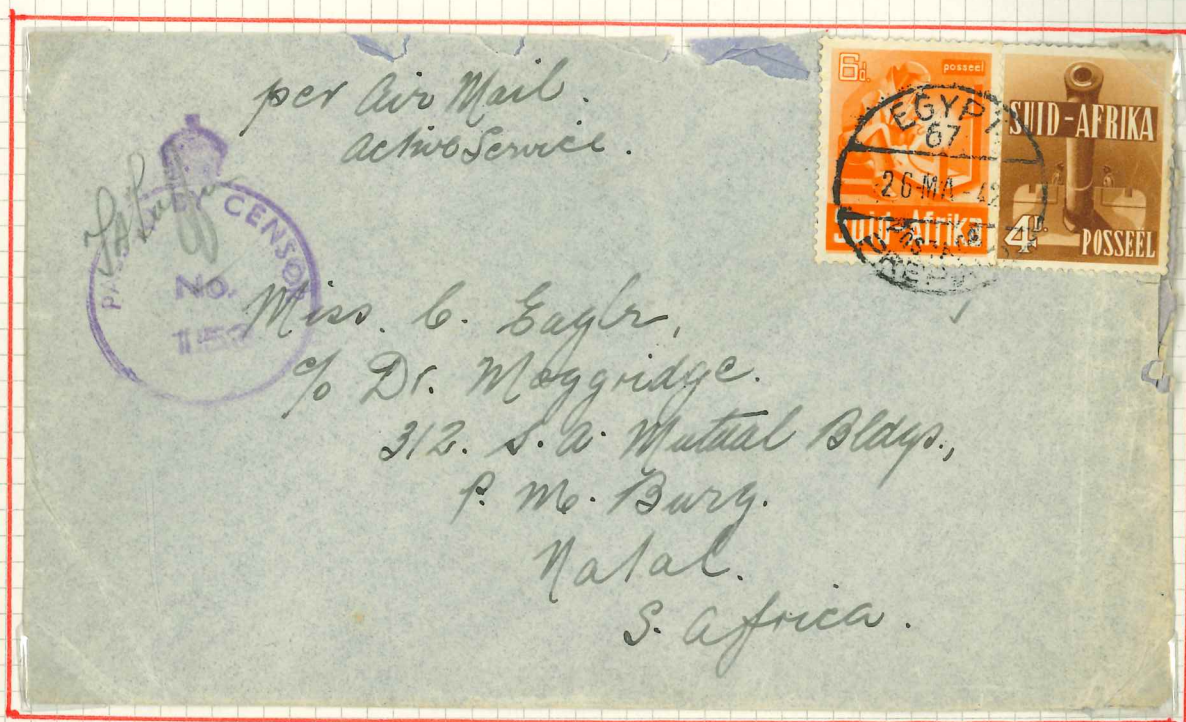
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E.P.P. 67

26 MA 42



Originally allocated, type 1, to South African A.P.S. Startup,
and retained well into 1944 but late use in 1945 by R.A.F.



Manuscript endorsed 'Per Air Mail Active Service', this cover was
censored Army AS number 152 and cancelled EPP 67 type I to
Pietermaritzburg, in Natal, South Africa dated 26 MA 42.

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4 JU 45

E.P.P. 66

On Active Service



Mrs. J. North,

2/33 Phayre Rd.

Quetta.



By Air Mail.



Backstamps:-

Base Post Office
SOR 5 JL 45.

Quetta Dely
9 JUN 45

Airmail censored
three times cover
dated 18-5E-41
to Caulfield in
Victoria, Austr-
alia; censor tape.

Baniams'
RAF censor
R12 no. 318

Deputy Chief
Field Censor

Baniams' RAF
Censor R9 no.
164: censor tape.

BASE CENSOR
CS3382 Wt. 3907/P1390 5,000,000



Mrs. A. Newton
17 Powderham Rd.
Caulfield
Victoria
Australia

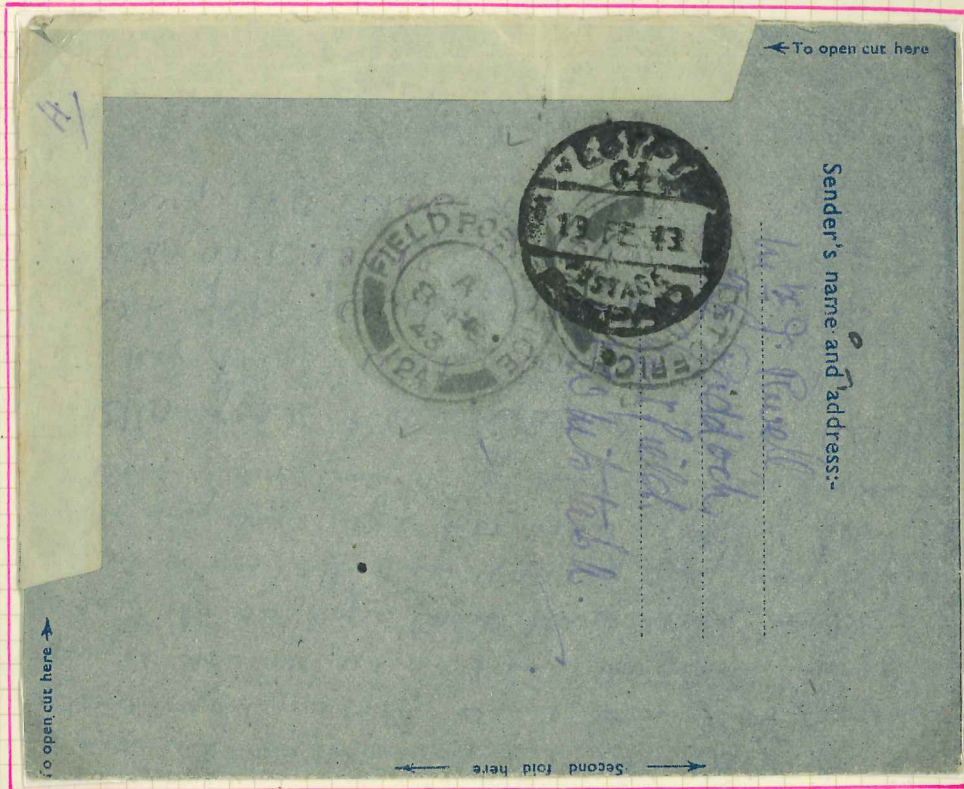
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E.P.P. 64.

USED AS A TRANSIT MARK

13 FE 43



22 56 42



Sent into Egypt from Whitstable in Kent.

E.P.P. 65

AP 43

9 NO 42

28 JA 44



Air Letter addressed to John Revell in Cairo hospital and re-addressed to No 111 Maintenance Unit, February 1943 with E.P.P. 64, type II cancelled in transit all verso.

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E.P.P. 63

Top: late use of EPP63 dated 4-JL-46 at General Headquarters, Cairo, to Westminster Bank in Canterbury, type 1.

Bottom - 23-OC-41 is the early date on this cover, censored Benians' SAIA number 341, sent to Johannesburg, S. Africa. Startup scays originally allocated to S. African Army Service.

4-JL-46



Benians' South African censor SAIA number 341

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E.P.P.62



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E.P.P.61

9443

4245

1643



By air - Registered



AUST. ARMY POSTAL SERVICES
FPO18
Reg'd No. 502



PASSED BY UNIT
281
Gorman
CENSOR

Souvenir Stamps
Only.

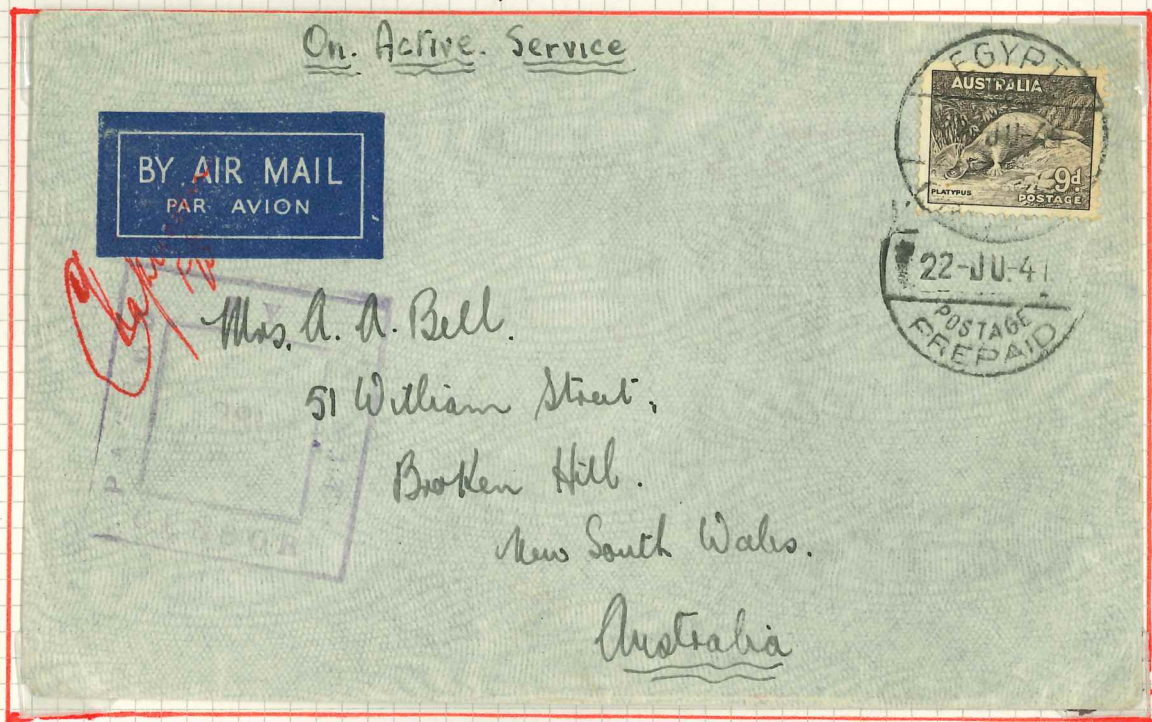
15
Pierre GORMAN
13 OTIRA ROAD
CAULFIELD
VICTORIA
AUSTRALIA

Australian Comforts Fund cover registered and censored Army A3 no. 281 sent from F.P.O. 18 franked one shilling in Australian stamps to Caulfield, Victoria dated 5-21-41; type I.

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E.P.P. 61

Benians states Australian Field Post Office No. 18 was at Alexandria, while Startup adds Mustapha Barracks. Mixed use from 1942



Pre-printed airmail cover franked 9d platypus cancelled type I E.P.P. 61 and censored Benians' Army A3 number 291 dated 22-JU-41 to Broken Hill, New South Wales.

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E.P.P. 60

11 AU 41



43



3 AU 42

4 AU 43

5 AU 44

E.P.P. 61

Egypt Postage Prepaid

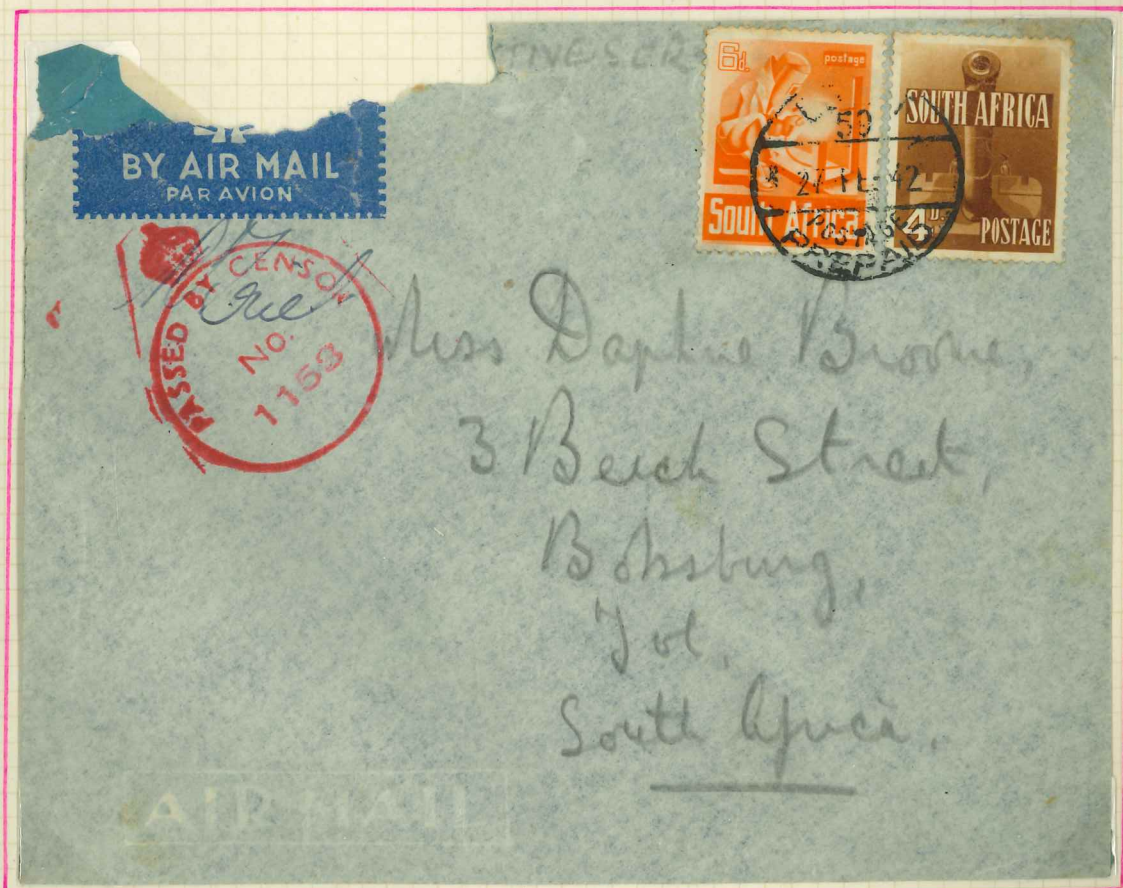
World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 59

"Three separate periods of use have been recorded with the South African Forces", Benians page 92. Always type I.

Benians' first period July 1941 to October 1942 has this air mail cover censored Army A 5 number 1153 struck in red.

27 FEB 42

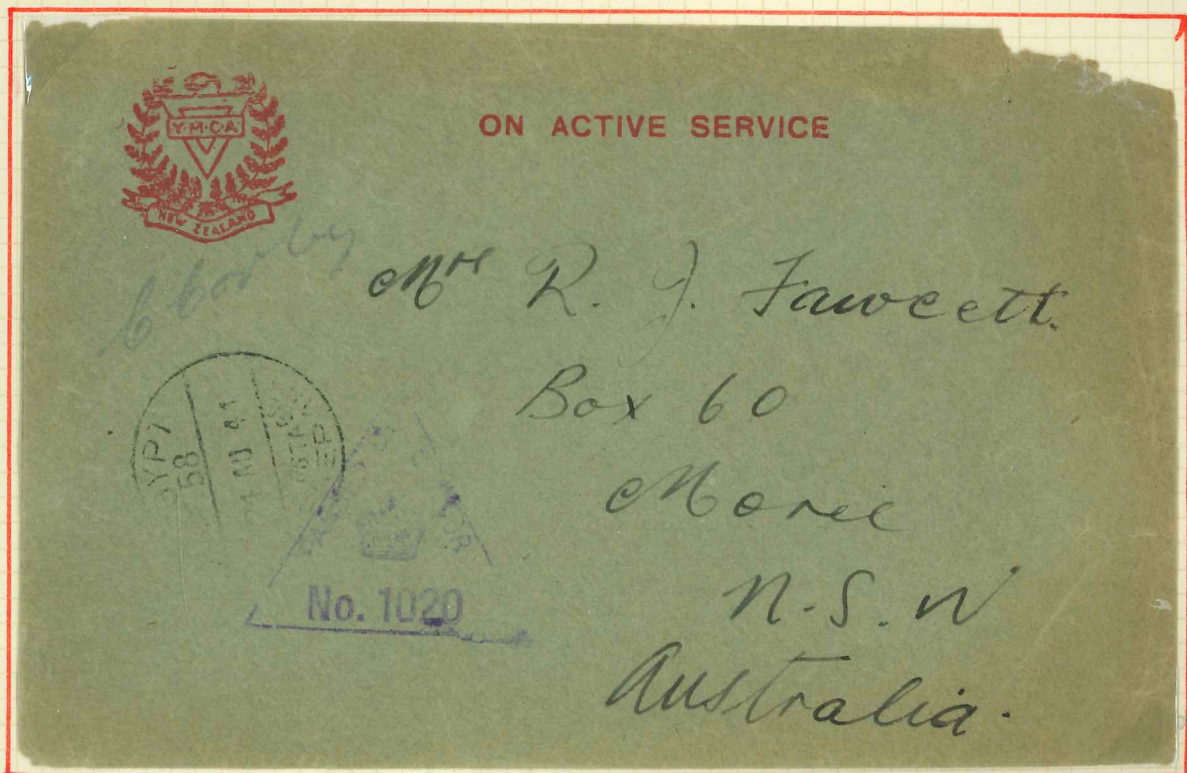


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E.P.P. 58



Benians' type II date stamp; mixed use from January 1942.



Originally allocated to Australian Base Post Office at Cairo, this Y.M.C.A. cover was sent free, surface, on 14 AU 41 and arrived 8-10-41 noted on reverse; cancelled Benians' A2 number 1020.

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E.P.P. 57

*Benjamin says 'Mixed Use' until Jan 1943.
startup says mostly 'Tahag'*

E.P.P. 57 type II was allocated at the time of this Airmail letter card (see the previous pages) to the Royal Army Service Corps for the Field Regiment, the Royal Artillery, Private Humphrey, sender, was a bit of a cartoonist!



Cancel E.P.P. 57 on Australian stamps.



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E.P.P.57

Top: Cover
'on Active
Service
and cens-
ored A5
number
1998 dat-
ed 25-NO-
42 to Aber-
deen with
10^o George
VI to pay
airmail.

A.F. W3078.

AIR MAIL

C & Co (B) Ltd

ACTIVE

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SERVICE

AIR MAIL

This envelope must not be used for
coin or valuables. It cannot be accepted
for registration.

NOTE:—

Correspondence in this envelope need
not be censored Regimentally. The
contents are liable to examination at the
Base.

The following Certificate must be
signed by the writer:—

I certify on my honour that the con-
tents of this envelope refer to nothing
but private and family matters.

Signature
Name only

Sister Riddell

[Up to three letters may be
sent in this Cover, but these must be
sent by the same writer. The cover
must be addressed
in such case to the Base Censor.]

Address:—

Miss M. Craig

Ann Nilla Gault

Aberdeen Scotland

Airmail Letter Card
franked 3^o George
VI sent 21-JL-43 to
Pontypridd; censor
A5 numbered 622



BY AIR MAIL

**AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD**

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

MR & MRS JOHN HUMPHREY
42, TOWER STREET
PONTYPRIDD
GLAMORGAN
SOUTH WALES
GT. BRITAIN.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH
THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

For caricature content, see the next page.

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E.P.P. 56

6 M12 92



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Originally allocated to South African Forces.

E.P.P. 55



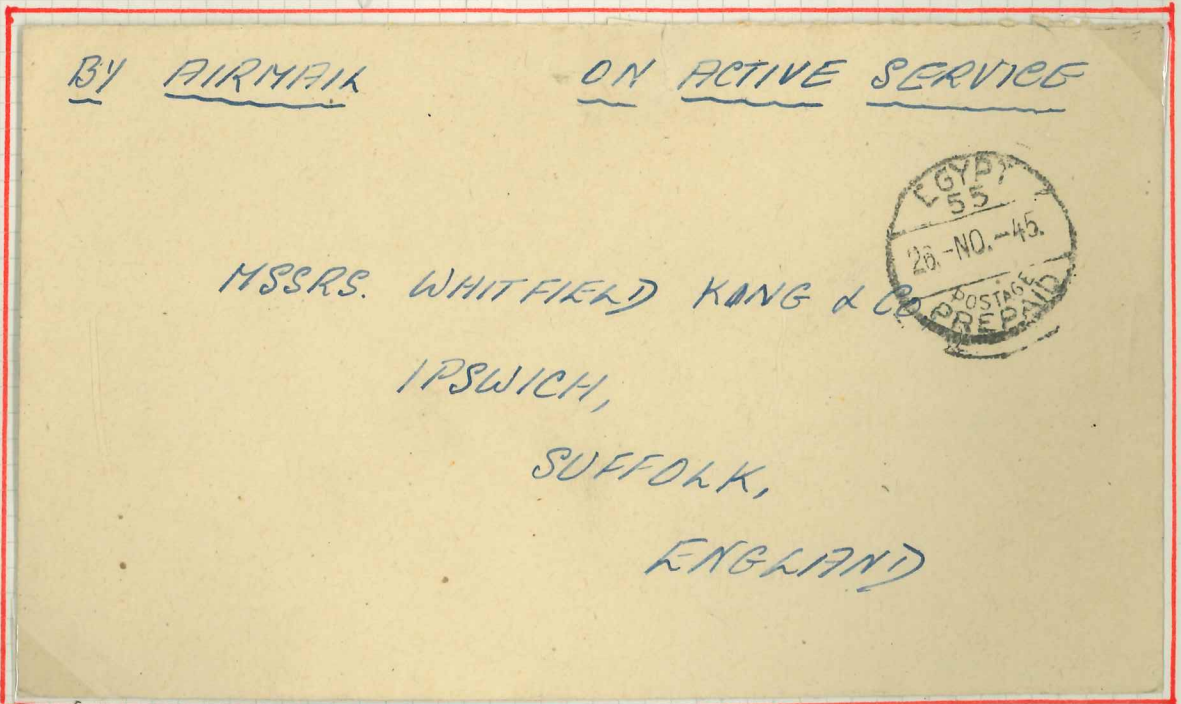
Benians' type I
4-NO-42

Deputy Chief
Field Censor

Benians' A5
censor 1170.

Miss D. Evans.
P.O. Box 644,
Durban,
Natal,
South Africa.

Franked ten pence South African stamps sent to Durban in Natal.



Benians' type IV
small die

On Active Service airmail cover, sent free from E.P.P. 55 then at Cairo, possibly Cairo West, to the philatelic dealers Whitfield King at Ipswich on 25-NO-45, with Benians' type IV date-stamp.

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E.P.P. 54

8-11-42



World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 52

27 MR 43



29 MA 43



11 AP 43



2 MA 43



29 MR 43



27 AP 43



6 JU 43



6 MA 43



6 AP 43



6 JU 43



2 JU 43



26 AP 43



27 AP 43



13 MA 43



Dra NATIONALE VEILIGHEID OP U HART!
Koop UNIE-LEENING SERTIFFIKATE

Make NATIONAL SECURITY YOUR OWN!
Buy UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES



30 AP 43

29 MA



Unie-leningsertifikate



30 AP 43



Dra NATIONALE VEILIGHEID OP U HART!
Koop UNIE-LEENING SERTIFFIKATE

Make NATIONAL SECURITY YOUR OWN!
Buy UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES

27 AP 43



Dra NATIONALE VEILIGHEID OP U HART!
Koop UNIE-LEENING SERTIFFIKATE

Make NATIONAL SECURITY YOUR OWN!
Buy UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES

6 AP 43



23 AP 43

20 AP 43



19 AP 43



27 AP 43

15 AP 43

13 AP 43



27 AP 43



3 AP 43

6 AP 43



9 AP 43



30 Jd 43



17 AP 43



19 AP 43



10 MA 43

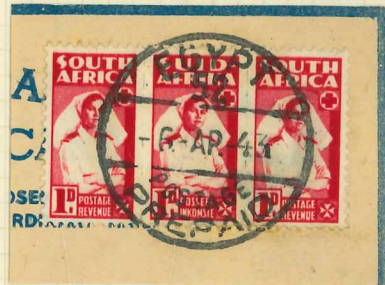


21 MA 43

10 AP 43



6 AP 43



27 AP 43



2 MA 43



8 AP 43



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E.P.P. 52

No 44



23 No 44



24 No 44



24 No 44



3 JU 43



10 MA 43



21 MA 43



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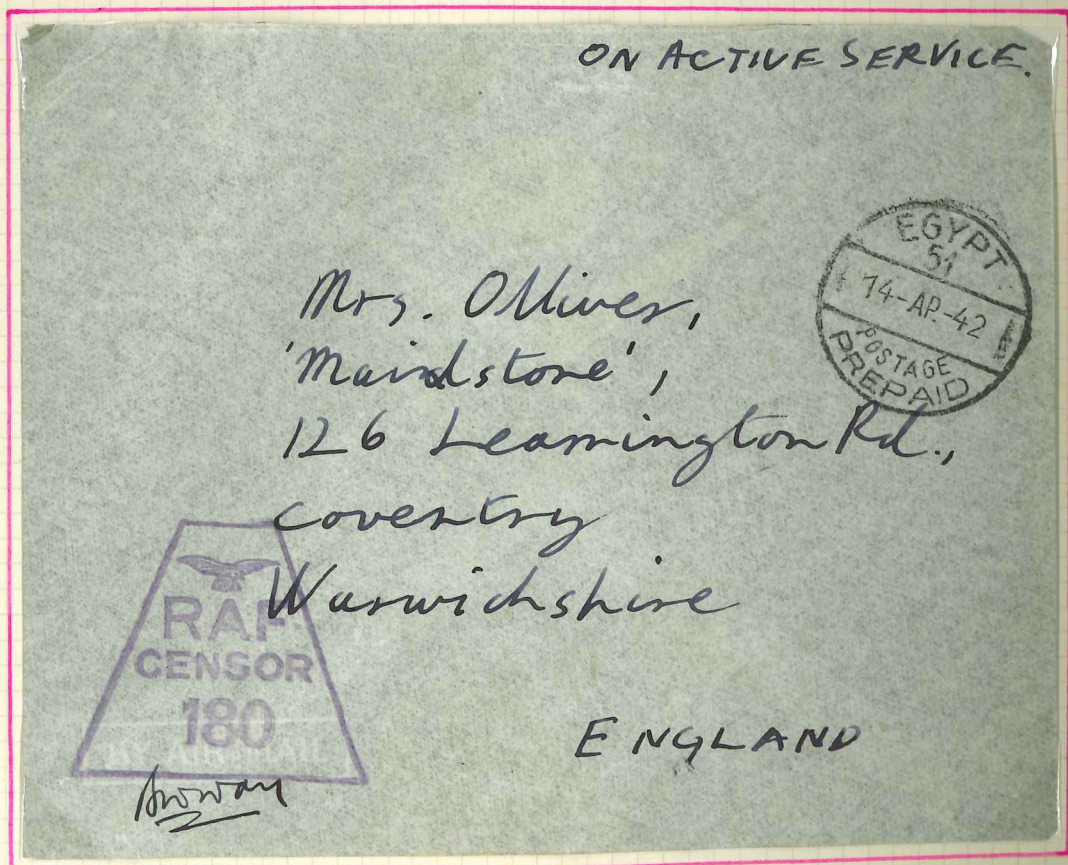
World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 51

Originally allocated (Startup) to 131st Brigade, Benians suggests type I was 'Mixed' (L&R); type II to British Army from March 1942



Censored Benians R.A.F. RIO number 180, On Active Service cover EPP51 dated 14-AP-42 type I to Coventry, Waricks.



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E.P.P. 50

11-AU-41

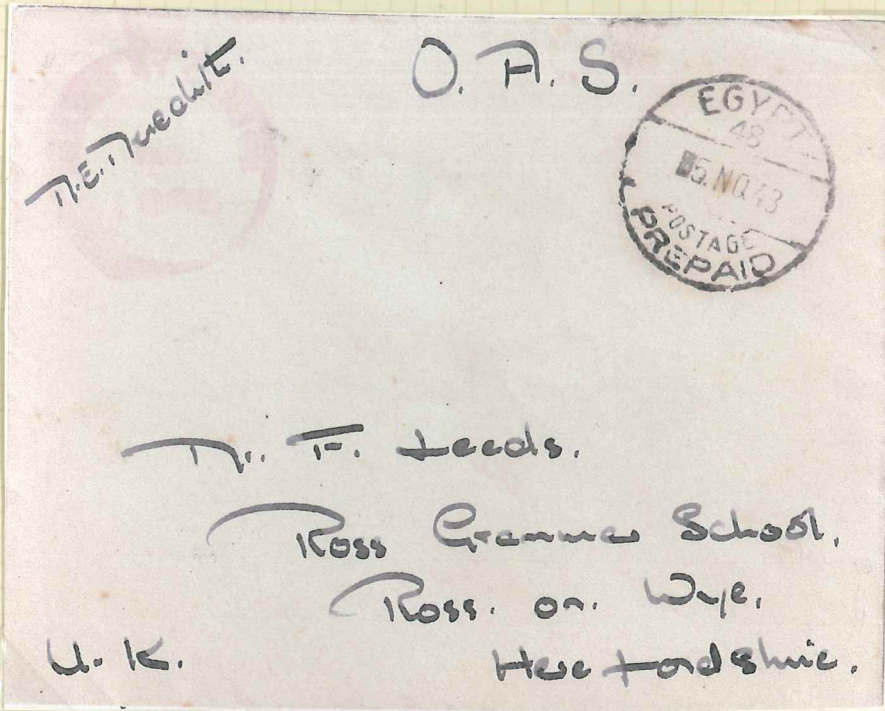
24-AU-42



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 48



Front and back of On Active Service, thus free, cover to Ross on Wye, backstamp, transit, unseen by Benians.

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E.P.P. 48

Benians' type II Airmail Letter Card in second mixed use period during 1943 to 1944; sender Dr. Brian Rhodes of the Royal Army Medical Corps was at the No 6 General Hospital probably at Alexandria dated 18-VA-43.



Censored Benians' Army A5 number 2106 in red, this Air-mail Letter Card sent by Capt. Rhodes who says that he had acquired a copy of *Izvestia*, Russian paper.

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E.P.P.48.

2-JA-43



20-SE-42



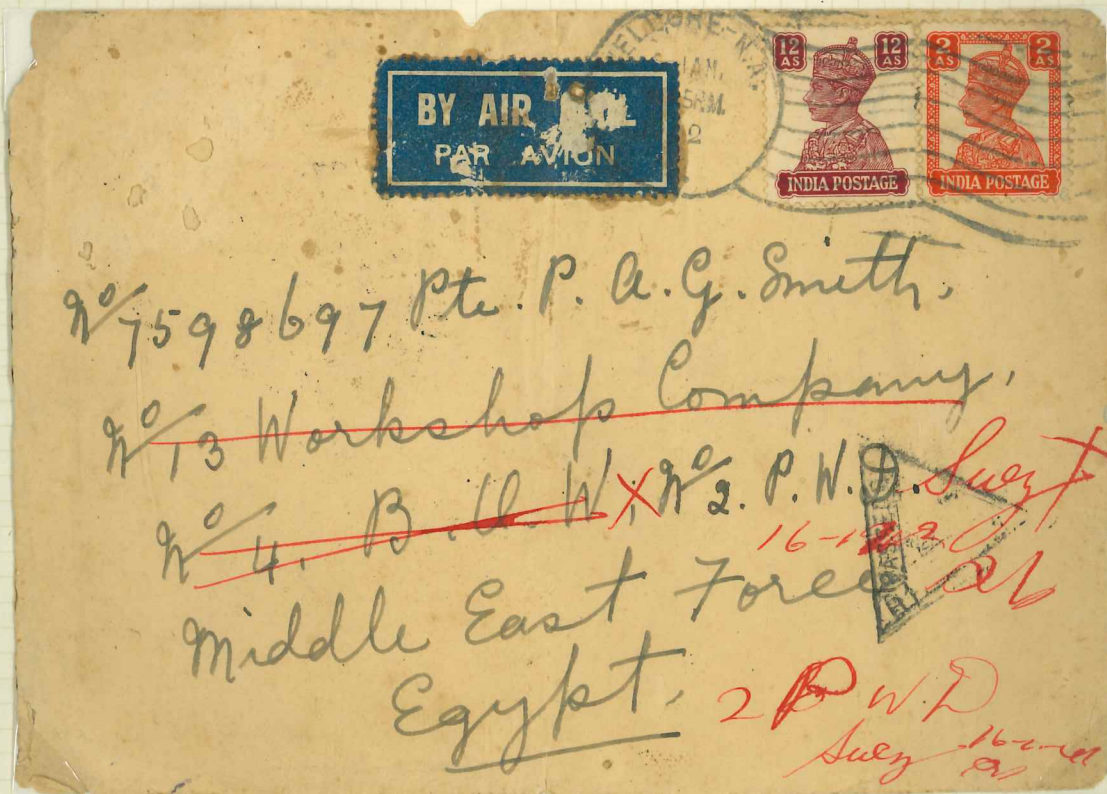
Letter from India addressed to No 2 P.W.D No 13 WORKSHOP COMPANY
No 4 BOW, MIDDLE EAST, EGYPT

Redirected to 2 P.W.D SUEZ 16-1-42 in manuscript

Backstamps:- BASE AIR POST DEPOT 9-JAN-42

BASE POST OFFICE

EGYPT POSTAGE PREPAID 48 16- -42



Egypt Postage Prepaid

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E.P.P. 45.

*Berians' type I was originally allocated to the APS,
i.e. Australian Forces. Startup's list agrees with it.*



27 AU 45



*Air letter censored Berians' Army A7 number 4195 sent on
27-AU-45, type I to London: by this time even airmail free.*

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E.P.P. 44

11-213



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E.P.P. 43

JA 43



<p>A. F. W3078.</p> <p>J. D. & Co., Apsley.</p> <p>ACTIVE</p>	<p>[Crown Copyright Reserved.]</p> <p>SERVICE</p>
<p>BY AIR MAIL.</p>	<p>[Up to this Cover, same writer in such case]</p> 
<p>This envelope must not be used for coin or valuables. It cannot be accepted for registration.</p> <p>NOTE:—</p> <p>Correspondence in this envelope need not be censored Regimentally. The contents are liable to examination at the Base.</p> <p>The following certificate must be signed by the writer.</p> <p>I certify on my honor that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.</p> <p>Signature Name only <u>A. Houghton.</u></p>	<p>Pay Rolls Officer, Address: Pay Rolls Office, <u>55, Broadway,</u> <u>Westminster,</u> <u>London S.W.1.</u> <u>England.</u></p>

Censor
A 5 no.
4328

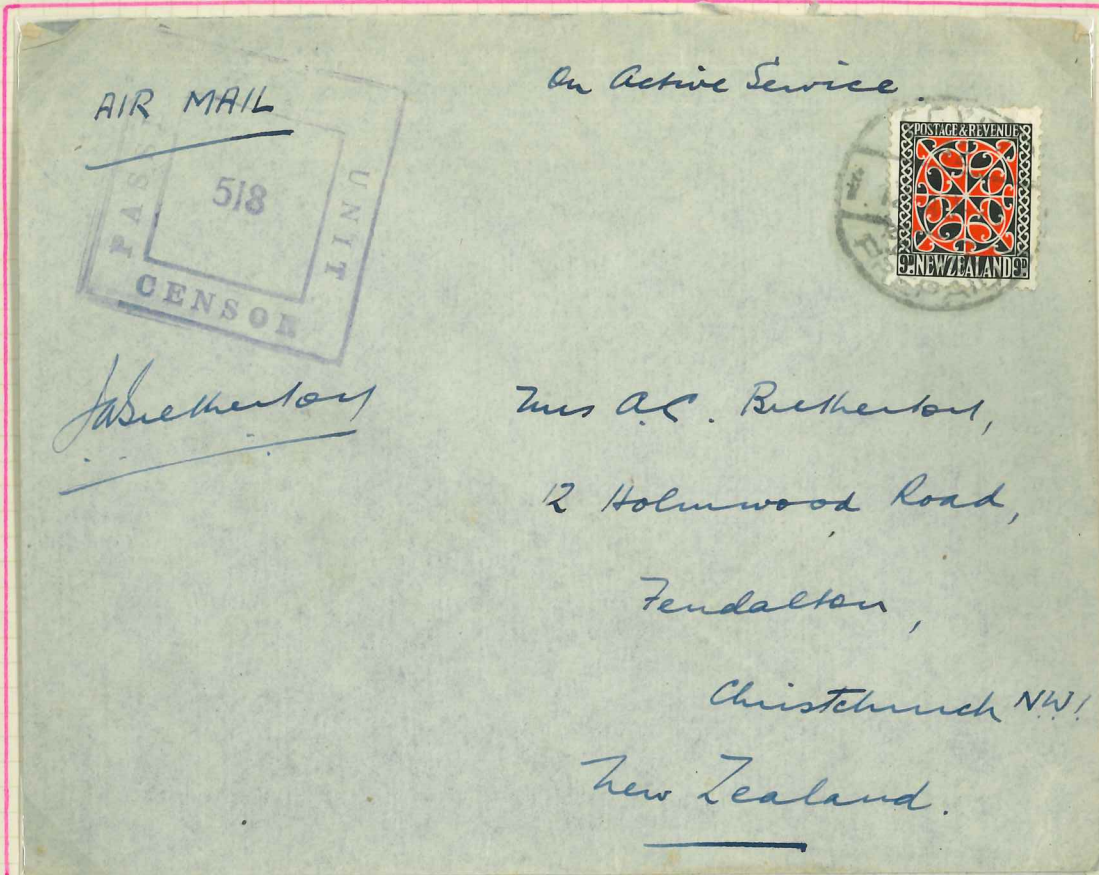
Active Service A.F.W3078 censored Benians' Army A5, posted at E.P.P.43 type II on 4.10.42 from G.H.Q. Cairo to Westminster, franked pair George VI G.B. 5d stamps.

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E. P. P. 42

12 AU 41



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 42

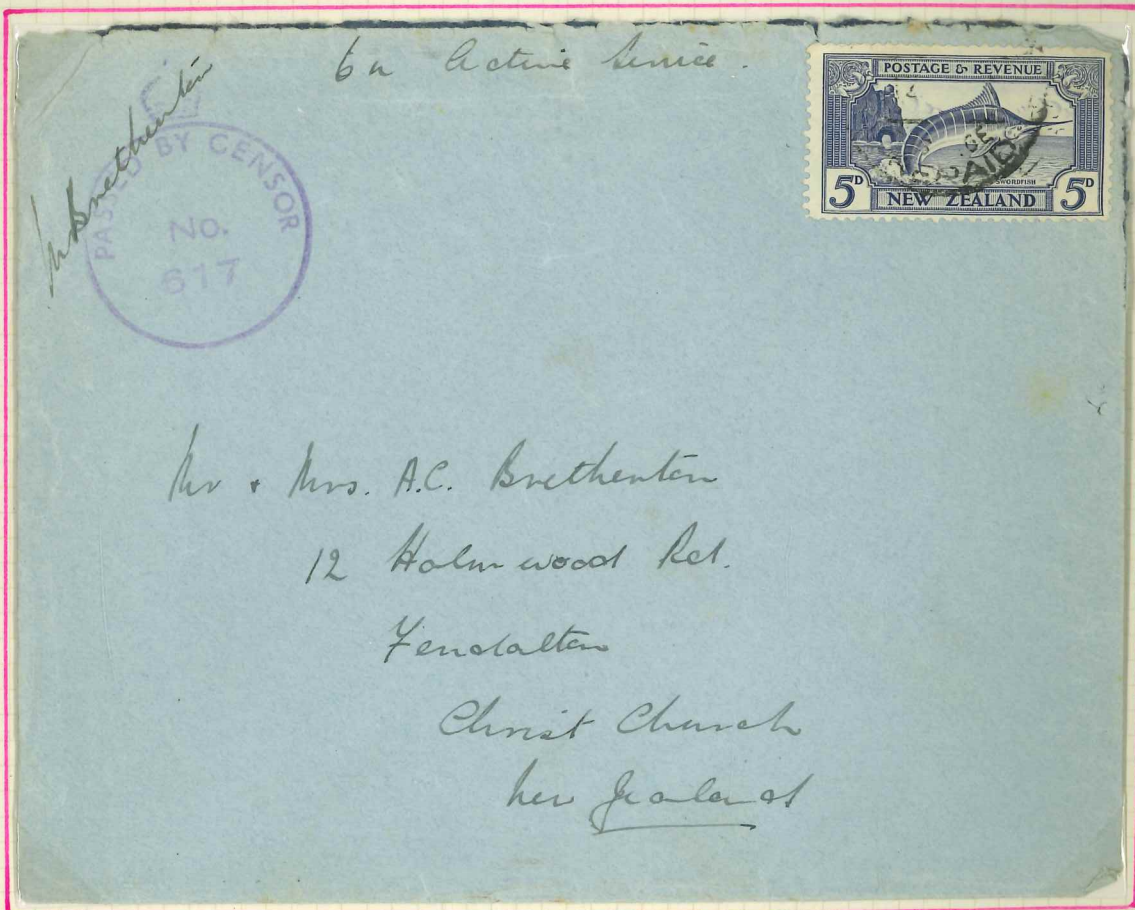


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E.P.P. 42

9 JL 42



Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 42

Allocated firstly to New Zealand Forces at Ma'adi in Cairo and re-allocated to South African Forces, in March 1942, Benians' suggests 'possibly 106 SA. Gen. Hospital.



Airmail letter card franked South African 'bantam' 3^o, censored Benians' Army A5 number 116, sent 5-SE-43 to Kalk Bay near Capetown; stamp is perf. xim perf.

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E.P.P. 42



Mrs. A.C. Becherston,
12 Hollywood Road,
Dundalk,

Army
Censor
AS no: 59

22 JL 41



Mrs. A.C. Becherston,
12 Hollywood Road,
Dundalk,
Christchurch NW1.
New Zealand

Type I, originally assigned to New Zealand Forces at Maadi nr. Cairo.



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World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 41



date unclear



Registered pre-printed airmail cover to a stamp shop into Adelaide franked one shilling Australian stamps sent 11-NA-41 from Australian Forces at Ikingi Mariut with arrival dated 27-NA-41 via MPO E60J at Alexandria.

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E.P.P. 40

26 SE 41

- E-41



18 SE 41



20 AP 43



25 AU 4



Egypt Postage Prepaid

Benians' Type 1

E.P.P. 40



Dated 31-01-41
censored with
Benians' A3
(Army) No 879

Dated 4-10-41
with South Afr-
ican airmail
etiquette and
censored Army
A3 number 162



Two tenpence franked air covers; top to Grainsborough, Lincolnshire, bottom to Gravesend, Kent, is a pre-printed 'Active Service' cover.

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E.P.P.39



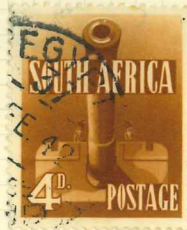
Berriens says type not verified - no mention of the South Africans.

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EPP 37

Originally assigned to South African Forces at Helwan, south of Cairo, possibly the U.D.F. Base Depot. closed '46.

FE 42



28 SE 42

BY AIR MAIL **AIR MAIL**
LETTER CARD

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

POSTAGE 3d

PASSED BY CENSOR
No. 573

Mr. H.V. Sixsmith (Accounts),
The Lancashire Cotton Corporation Ltd.,
Blackfriars House,
MANCHESTER 3., England.

DEPUTY CHIEF FIELD CENSOR

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH
THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

Airmail Letter Card franked 3d dated 13th February 1943 from E.P.P. 37, Berlians' type II, with censor Army A5 no. 573 and Deputy Chief Field Censor to Manchester.

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E.P.P. 35.

Bevians suggests 'mixed use, possibly at Alexandria'

15 AU 43



21 JU 43



5 DE 43



20 43



Egypt Postage Prepaid

On active service endorsed surface cover to Capetown.

E.P.P. 34



Re-directed to Orange?

Capetown arrival 2 weeks.

Benians' censor Army A5 number 331.

Airmail 11th

Deputy Chief Field Censor

Benians' censor South African For. Tes SAIB no. 254



Miss Joy Still,
 "RITA VILLE",
 36 STRUBENS RD,
 MOWBRAY,
 CAPE TOWN,
 S. AFRICA.

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E. P. P. 34

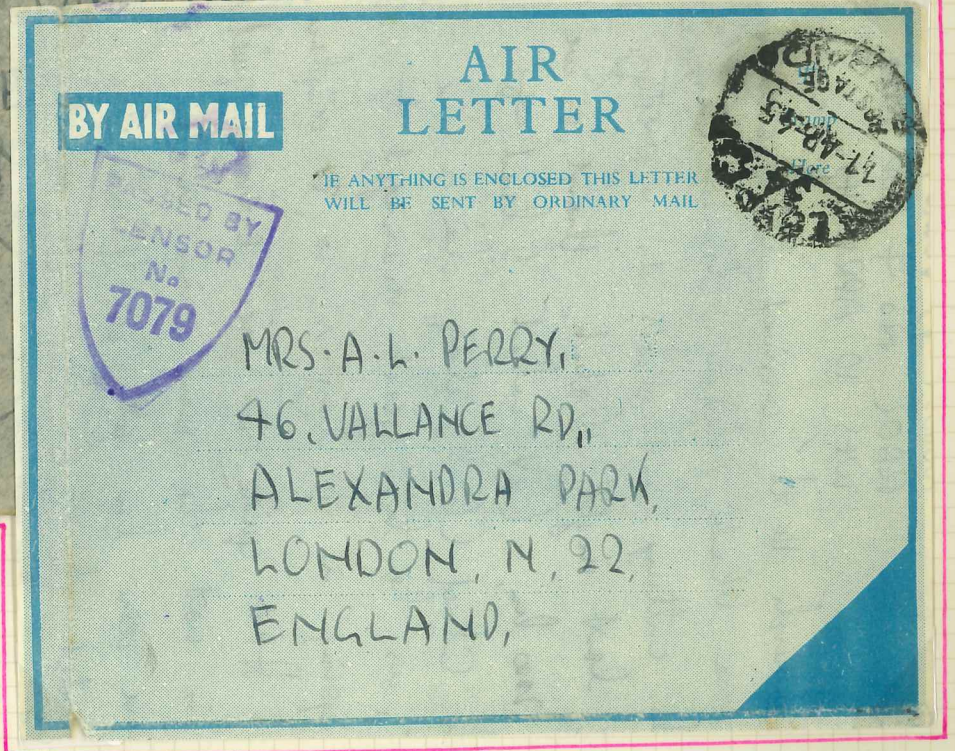
26 FE 42



31 JL 45



11 AP 45



BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

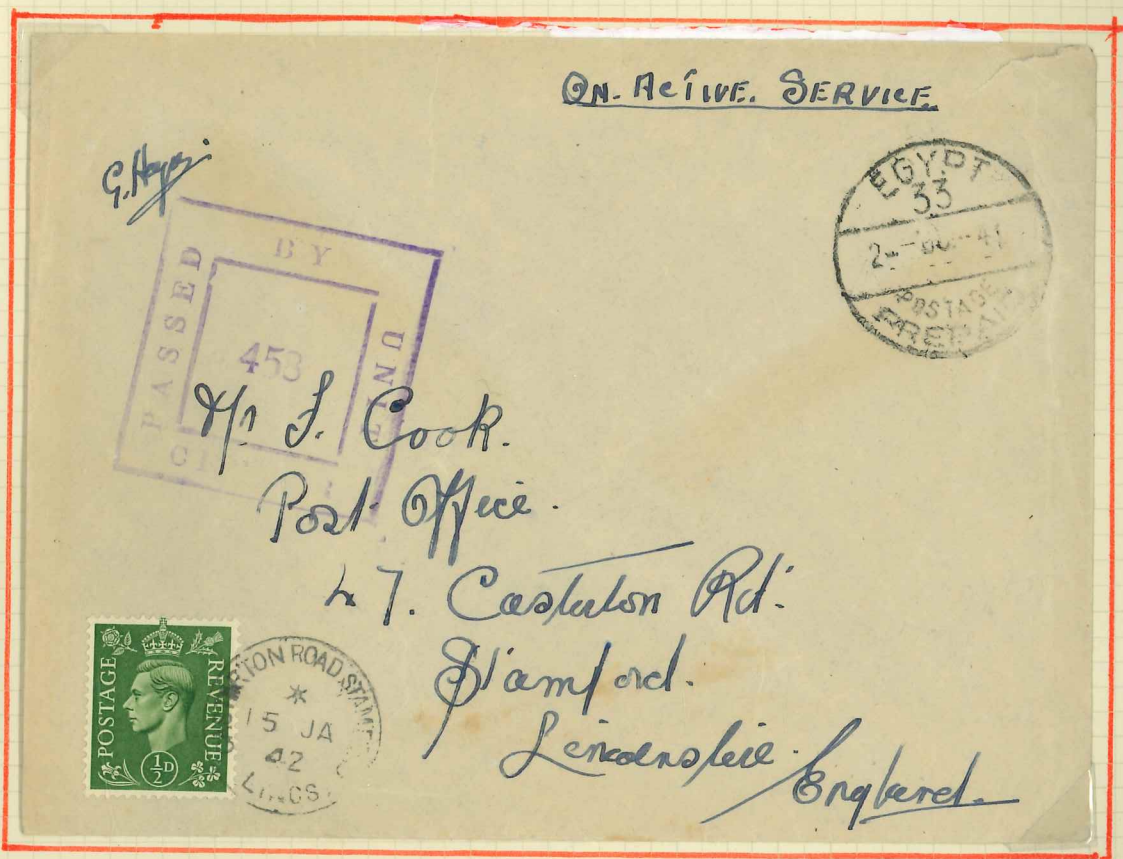
MRS. A. L. PERRY,
46, VALLANCE RD.,
ALEXANDRA PARK,
LONDON, N. 22,
ENGLAND,

Egypt Postage Prepaid

Type I

E.P.P. 33

'Surface' route took 3½ months to arrive!



Receiving postmark
Castleton
Road at
Stamford.

Endorsed 'On Active Service' surface cover sent from EPP33 in October 1941 with Benian's Army censor A30 number 453 to a postmaster who applied and cancelled a 1/2 stamp on 15th January 1942 reflecting the sea route via Kano in Nigeria when Italy and Germany controlled the Med.

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E.P.P.33.

42



28 MA 41

A.F.W3078 (M.E.)	[Crown Copyright Reserved]
ACTIVE 576/PME05,000,000 3/41	SERVICE
AIR MAIL	
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NOTE:— Correspondence in this envelope need not be censored. Regimentally. The contents are liable to examination at the Base.	Mr. & Mrs. Gilby
The following Certificate must be signed by the writer —	Address:— 64, Gnetna Rd,
I certify on my honor that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.	Green Lane,
Signature } Name only }	Coventry,
BY  D A T E	Warwickshire,
	England.

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E.P.P. 31

DE 4



7 AU 42

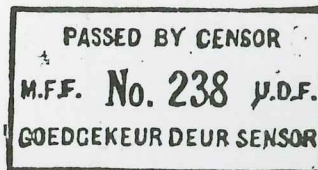


According to the late Robin Startup, E.P.P. 31 was originally allocated to 'S.A. APS'; Alistair Kennedy F.P.H.S. bulletin Winter 1985. From a document Startup found in New Zealand.

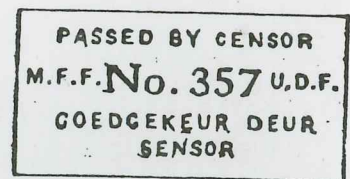
Commonwealth Military
Censor marks: Binians.

South African Forces

SA1B

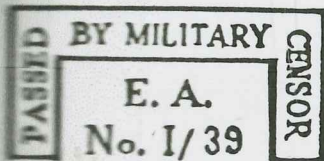


SA1A

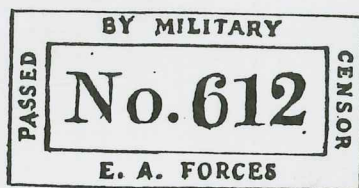


East African Forces

EA3B

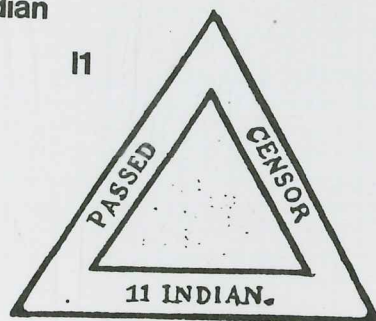


EA3A



Indian

I1

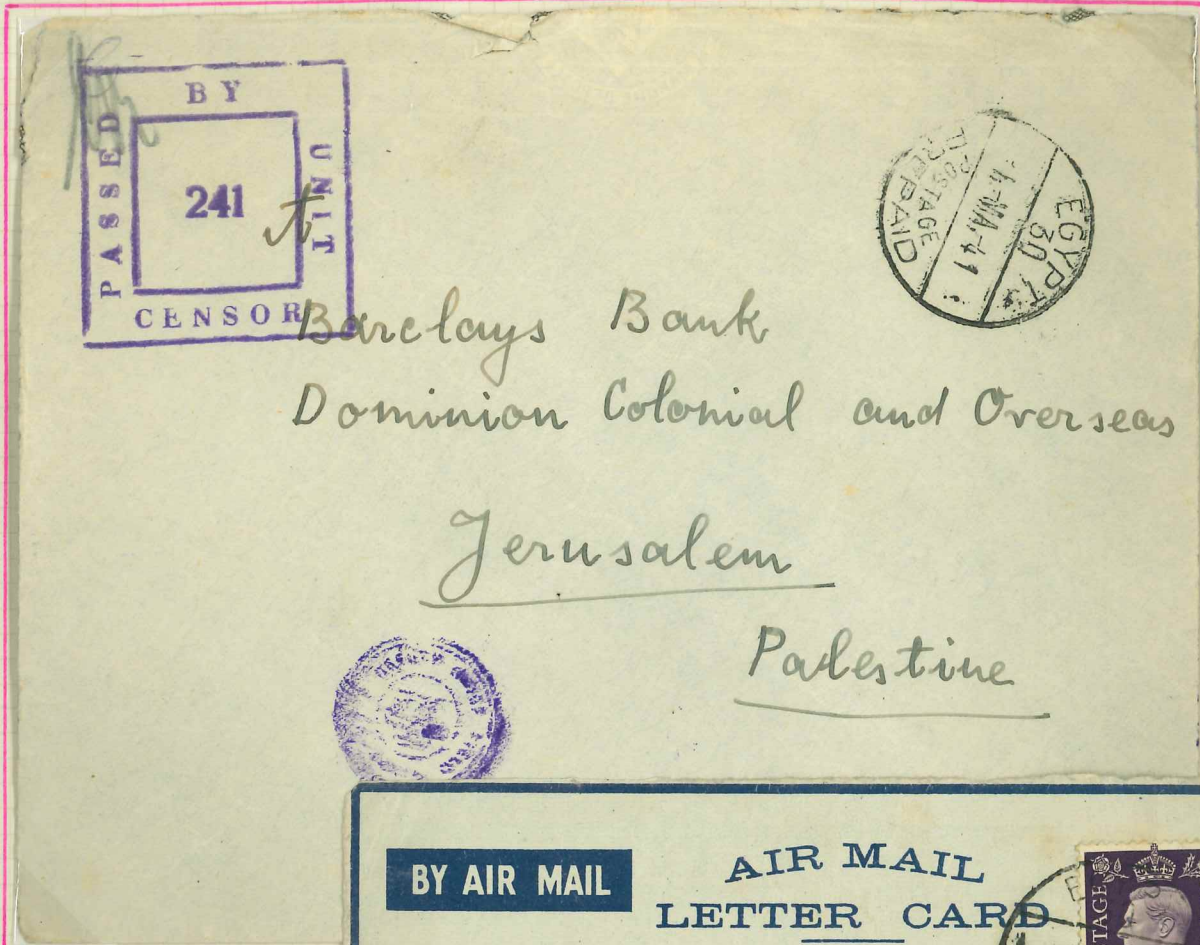


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E.P.P. 30

4 MA 41



Barclays Bank
Dominion Colonial and Overseas

Jerusalem

Palestine



Mrs J Scott.
54 Bromley Gardens
Shortlands,
Kent.
England.

41

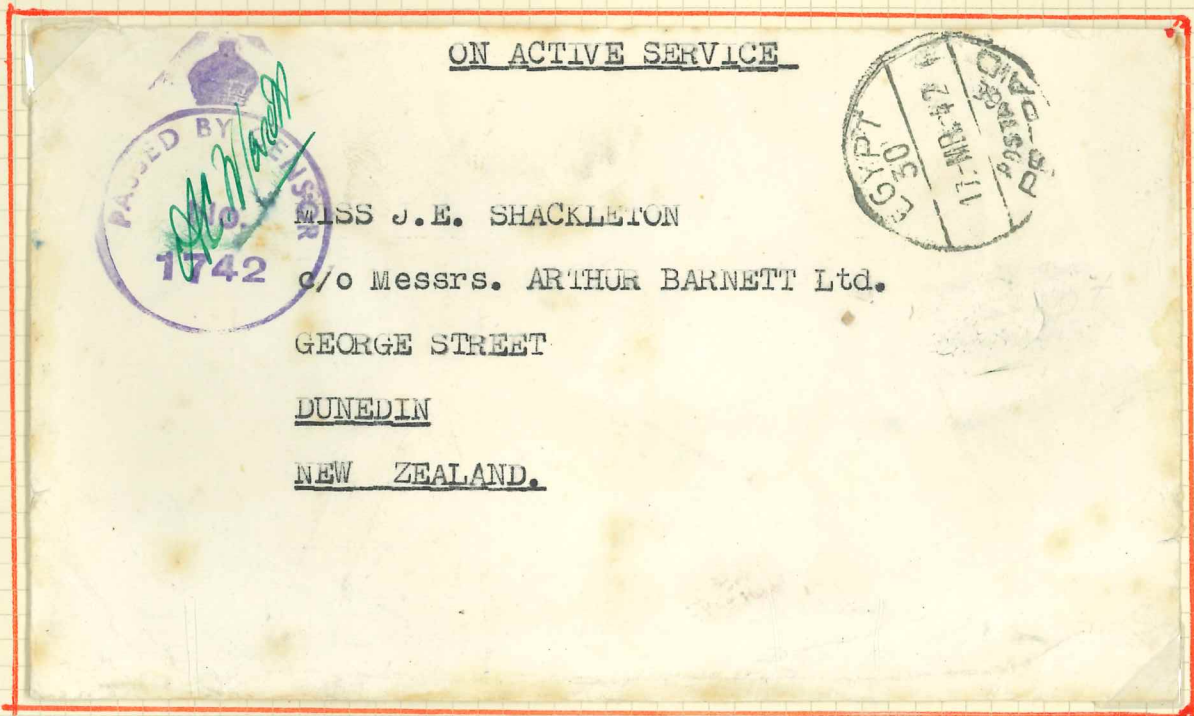
Small die-type IV



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Type I in which the date bars are 9 millimetres apart. EPP 30



Free franked 'On Active Service' cover with E.P.P. 30 date 11 MR 42, from New Zealand Forces at Maadi Camp, Cairo; Benians Army censor A5 number 1742 to Dunedin, New Zealand.

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E.P.P. 29

7 MR 43

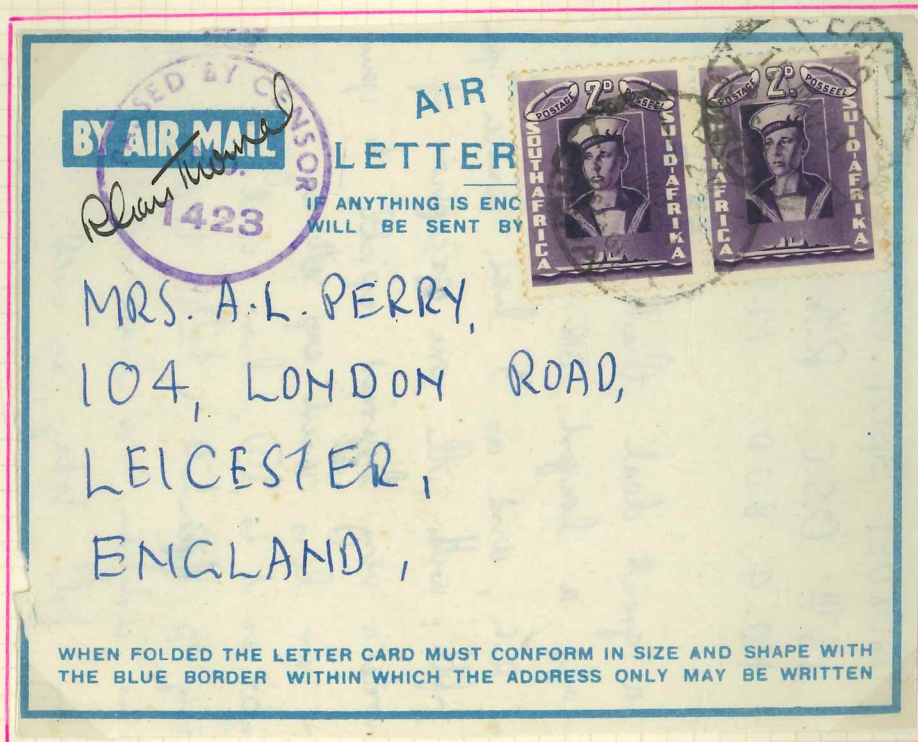
20 FE 43

5 JA 43



FROM:- 7608051 S/SGT PERRY, D.
13TH OSC RAOC
No 4 BOD. MEF

15 MR 43



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E.P.P. 29

24 MR 43



20 JA 43



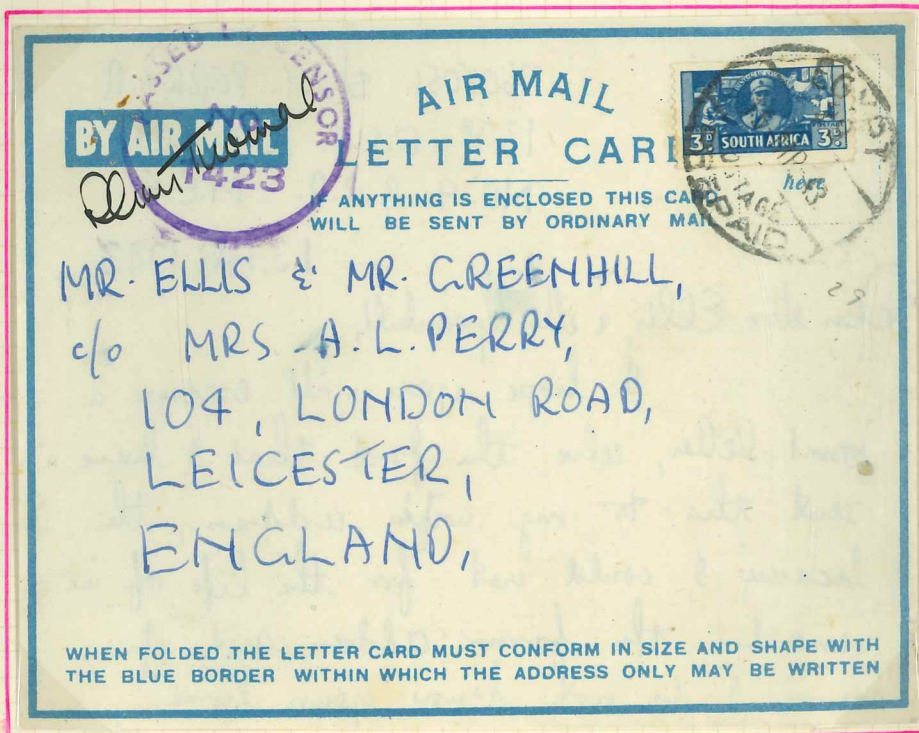
21 MR 43



23 MR 43



15 MR 43



15 MR 43



12 MR 43



4 JA 43



13 FE 43



17 FE 43



25 FE 43



25 FE 43



4 JA 43



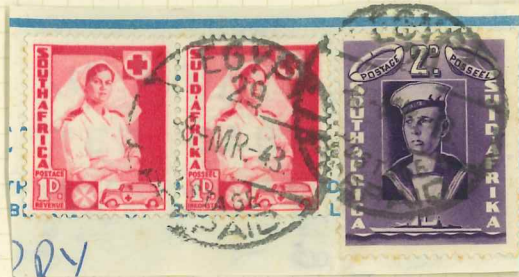
2 FE 43



20-FE



8 MR 43



3 MR 43



2 FE 43



17 FE 43



11 FE 43



20 JA 43



4 JA 43



MR 43



26 FE 43



3 MR 43

25 FE 43



2 JA 43



28 FE 43

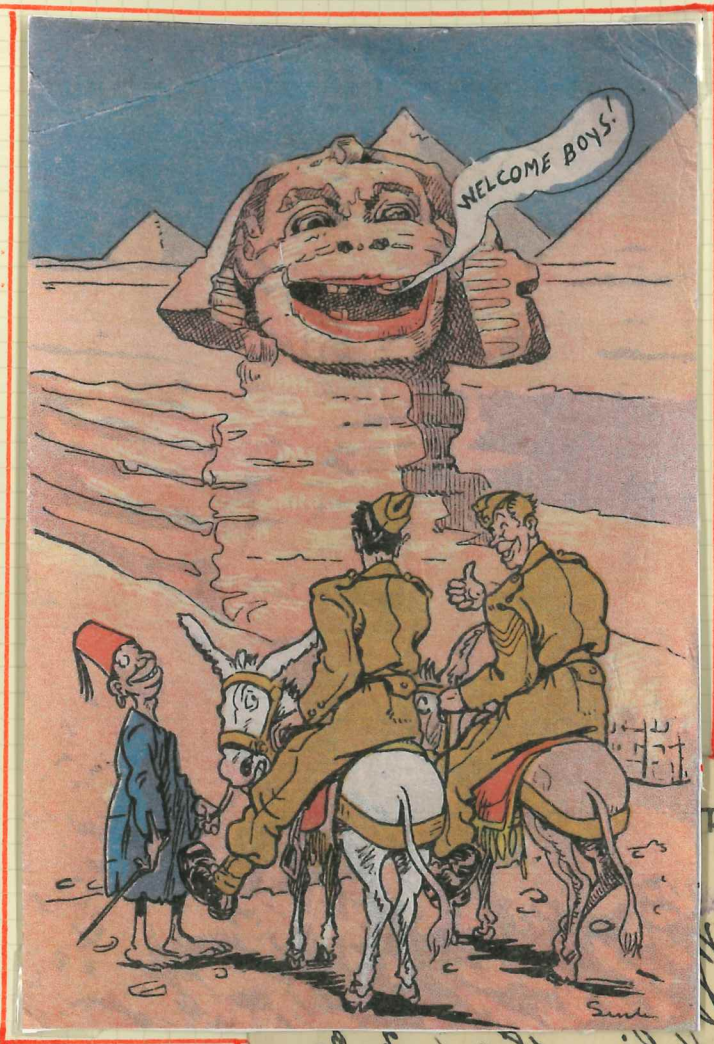


4 MR 43



Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 29



Comic postcard
Reproduction interdite

Benians' Army Censor
A5 number unclear

POST CARD

EGYPT
19-AUG-42
POSTAGE
PREPAID

MAILED
19 AUG 1942

Reproduction interdite - A.F.A.

Mr. G. M. R. Cuthley
Little Howood
Bletchley Bucks
England

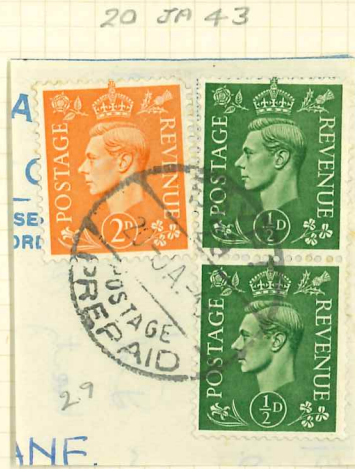
Aug 16/42
M.E.F.
I hope that you
do not get many
postcards arriving
after we have received
the message at home
with our father's
addres

Free franked picture postcard sent 19th August 1942 in the second group 'Mixed use with Indian Army content' into Bletchley, Bucks, home to the now famous transcribers.

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World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 29



3 OC 42

A.F. W3078. (M.F.)

ACTIVE

1715. PHRM 200000. 11. 42 3

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Signature Name only *W.H. Smith*

Mr. H. Smith.

Address :-

3 Low Left Cottage
Langham Valley
W Colchester
England.

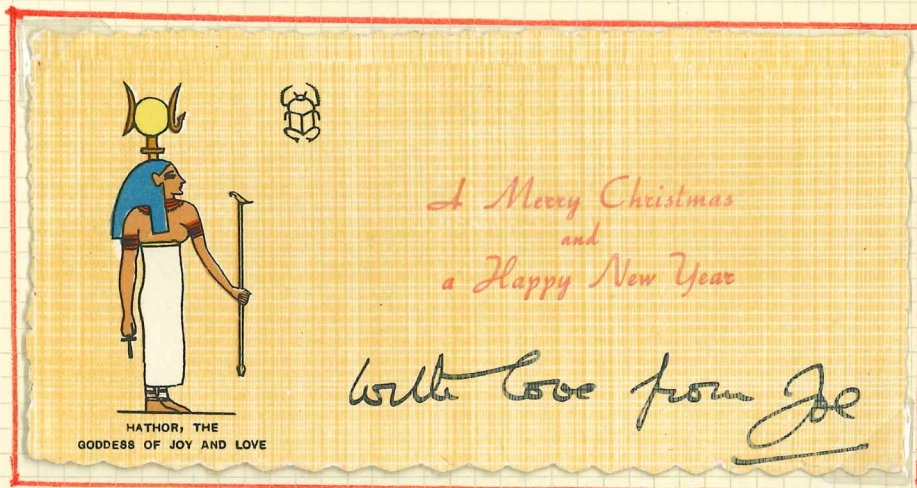
30 OCT 1942

Active Service cover to Colchester dated 3-08-42 (ie. type 1) with 'Benians' Army Censor A5 number 1820 in period of 'mixed use'.

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E.P.P. 28

Originally held by New Zealand Forces at Cairo, 1-3-41, the date stamp was transferred almost immediately to the British Army where Benlions' Army censor A3 was used.



Cover and contents, above, sent free to Bourne mouth Sep. '41



Benlions'
Army Cen-
sor A2 no.
2265.

September 1941 free of charge cover with contents sent 15-SE-41 from British Army judging by the censor.

Egypt Postage Repaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 26

21 JL 43



SMALL DIE

7 AU 43



LARGE DIE

JL 41



17 JL 43

Deputy
Chief Field
Censor



MRS. D. POWER



Small
Die

123, WESTBORNE AVE.,

BOLTON,

LANCS.,

ENGLAND.

Benians'
RAF RII
censor
no. 23



Free-franked cover from E.P.P. 26, type IV, at RAF H.Q. Cairo
censored Benians' RII to Bolton, Lancashire 17th July 1942.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 25



Dated 26th July 1941



Large Die

Double weight airmail cover, hence f²s³ franking cancelled EPP25, cancelled Army A3 number unclear to London.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 24.

21 MA 42



MA 42



AP 42



11 MA 42



AFW3078(M.R.R.)

A.F.W5078 (M.E.)

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ACTIVE SERVICE

576 PMEO 9,000,000-3/41

By AIR MAIL.

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Signature }
Name only } W. R. Boyes

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Address:— Miss M. White,
40. Lansdown Road,
Swindon,
Wilts.
England.

Uncensored Active Service cover sent airmail, hence 10^s George VI dated 25th November 1941 to Swindon, from Alexandria, possibly Mustapha, from Army.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 21

*Form A.F.W.3078
Alexandria to Nairn in Scotland.*

A. F. W3078.

ACTIVE 17

J. D. & Co., Apsley.

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Signature }
Name only }

POSTAGE REVENUE 5p

CANADA POSTES POSTAGE 20 CENTS 20

POSTES CANADA 3 CENTS

POSTAGE REVENUE 3p

POSTAGE REVENUE 3p

forwarded in full from the address

Address :—

MRS FRED

RIVERBANK

NAIRN

SCOTLAND

EGYPT 21 JUL 42

POSTAGE PREPAID

Censored in red Benlian's R.A.F. censor R.10 no. 747 on a combination franked Active Service pre-printed cover from E.P.P. 21 dated 17th July 1942, possibly Alexandria or in the desert to the west of that city along the coast.

15 AU 42



FROM: R. J. RICCOMINI 1270916
47 SQDN. R.A.F. MEF

4 JU 42



Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 19

21 JA 43



16 JA 42



2 DE 49



AP 42



BY
BY AIR MAIL AIR MAIL
54
CENSOR

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

MR. C. F. WOOD,
MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO.,
153, MOORGATE,
LONDON, E. C. 2.
GT. BRITAIN.

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH
THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

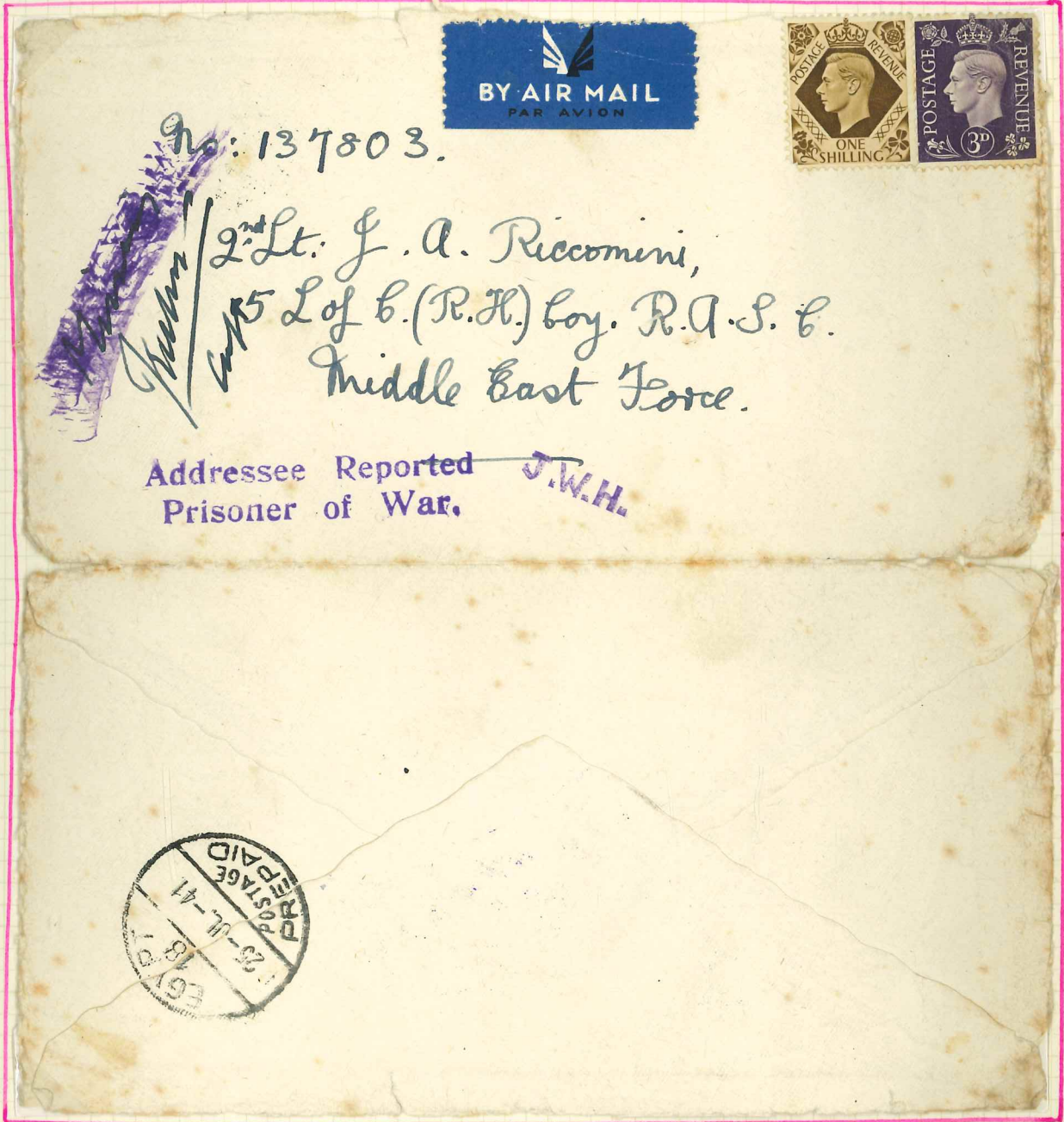
Airmail letter card franked 3^d George VI cancelled with
E.P.P. 19 from H.Q. Squadron 4th Armoured Brigade sent
15th July 1941 to his former employer? at Moorgate, London.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E. P. P. 18

Incoming airmail cover franked George VI G.B. 1/3 not cancelled but received via E.P.P.18 probably Cairo to an addressee Reported Prisoner of War July 1941.



25-JL-41

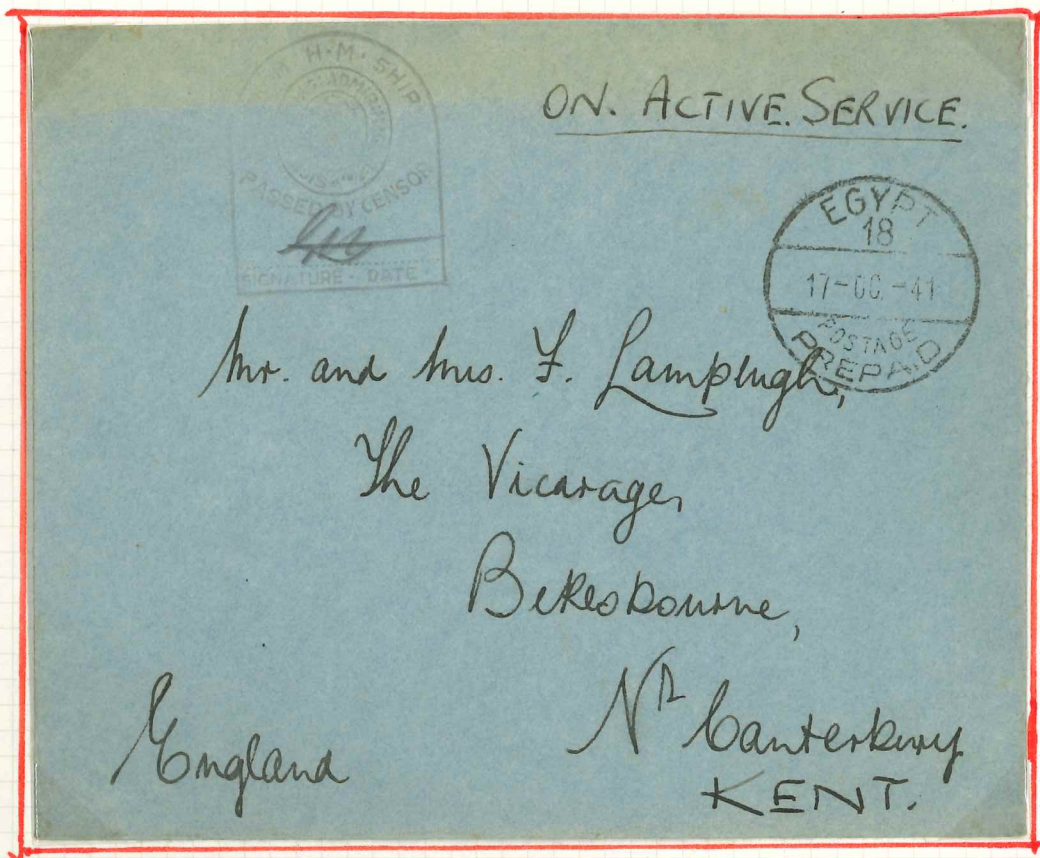
Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 18.

FROM H.M. SHIP

17-00-41



TYPE II

On Active Service cover posted on board a ship sent via E.P.P.18, probably Cairo, to Canterbury dated 17-00-41.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

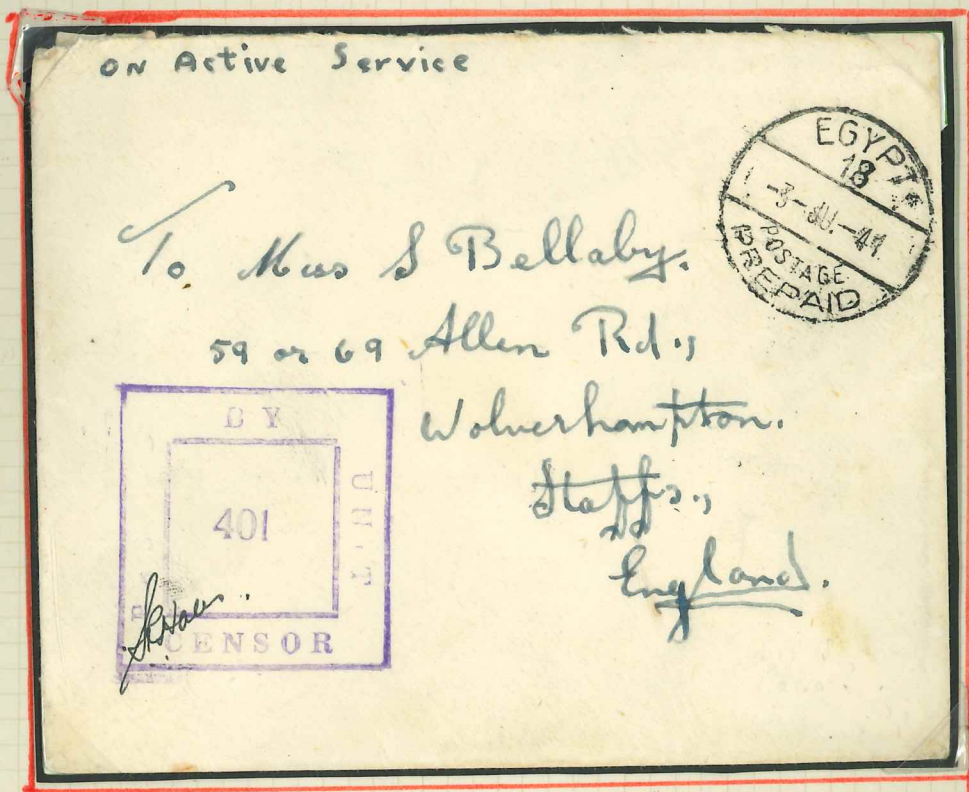
E. P. P. 18

Cairo

30 SE 41

30 JU 41

24 JU 41



Free 'On Active Service' cover from E.P.P. 18, then at Cairo, dated 3rd June 1941 censored Benion's Army censor A3 number 401 sent to Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 17

FROM 1178397 CPL REVELL A.J
111 MAINTENANCE UNIT
RAF. MEF.

111 MU was situated in the caves
at TURA ASMANT,
BETWEEN CAIRO AND HELWAN.

A.P. W3078. (M.F.)

ACTIVE

17. 2. MEM 1780000. 11. 41

BY AIR-MAIL

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Signature (Name only) *A. J. Revell*

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SERVICE



6 MR 43

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Address :—

MR & MRS. REVELL.
43. KING EDWARD ST.

27 No 43

A.P. W3078. (M.F.)

ACTIVE

17. 2. MEM 1780000. 11. 41

BY AIR-MAIL

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SERVICE



17

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Address :—

MR & MRS. REVELL
17/27 No 43
43. KING EDWARD ST.
WHITSTABLE.
KENT.
ENGLAND.

Censor
Belgian's
R.A.F.
R. 11 no
246

Two Active Service airmail covers from A. John Revell, from whom I bought this collection many years ago.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 17

1 MA 43



26 AP 43



Free franking on O.A.S. cover to Captain Hole of the Royal Horse Artillery? sent within Middle East Forces, April 1943.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

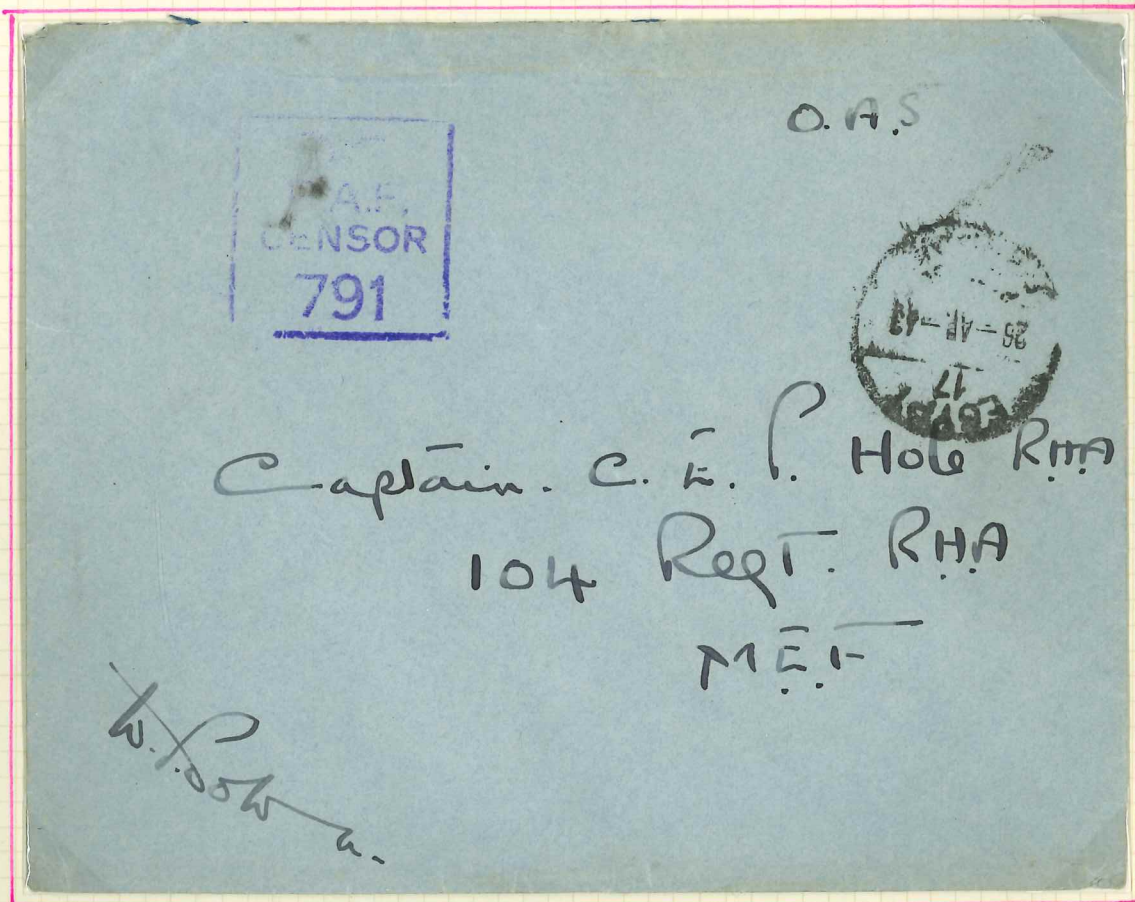
World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 17

9-FE-45



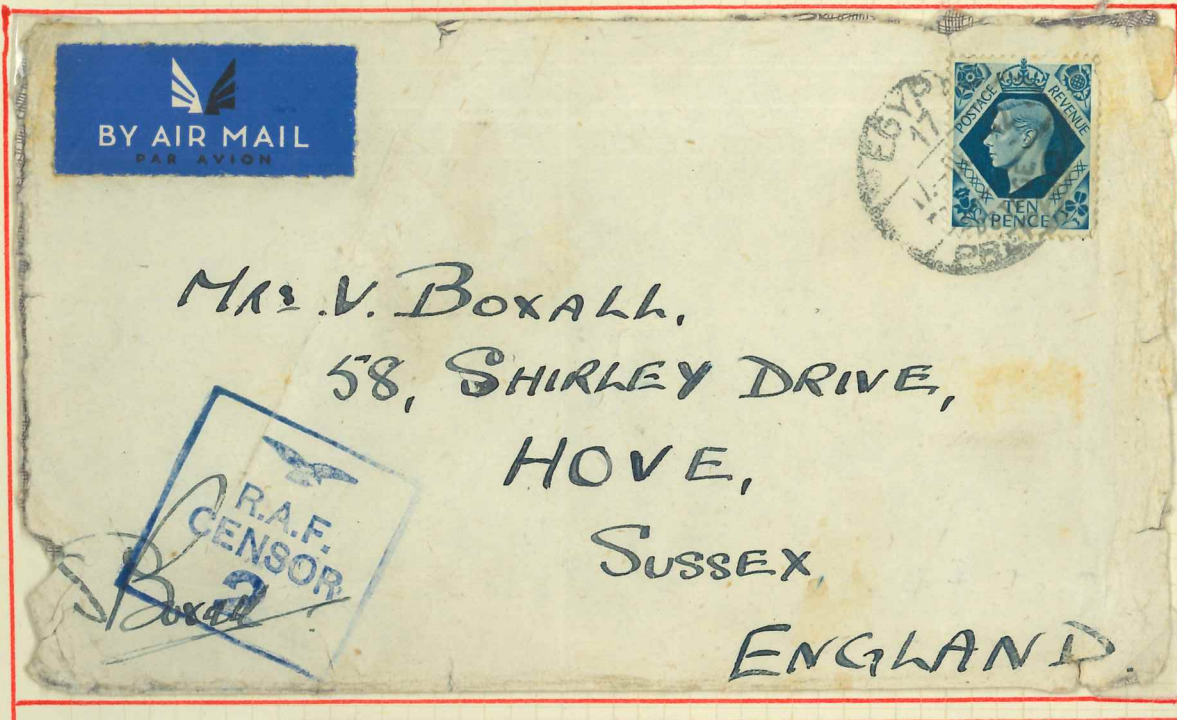
26 AP 43



Free franking on Active Service cover within the Middle East Forces censored Boukian's R.A.F. R11 number 791.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P.17



Two tenpence airmail covers censored Beniamin's R.A.F. R11 numbers 2 and 246 to the U.K., one at top to Hove, Sussex, the other to Heaton Mersey near Manchester, both sent via E.P.P.17 then at Cairo.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E. P. P. 17



type I

FROM 543565 LAC. SMITH. R.D.H.
58 REPAIR & SALVAGE UNIT
R. A. F. M.E.F.

14 AP 42

BY AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL EGYPT

LETTER CARD

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

H. BERRY Esq,
4th ST ANDREWS ROAD,
COULSDON,
SURREY,
ENGLAND.

RAF
CENSOR
872

WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45.

E.P.P. 16

Letter from India addressed to No 2 P.W.D No 13 COMPANY.

No 4 B.O.W MIDDLE EAST. EGYPT.

Redirected to 2 P.W.D. SUEZ 10/12/41 in manuscript.

Backstamped BASE AIR POST DEPOT 1-DEC-41

EGYPT POSTAGE PREPAID 16 11-DE-41.



6 MA 41



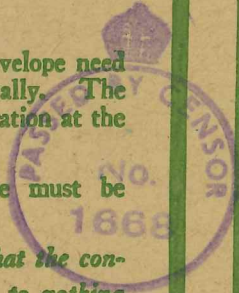
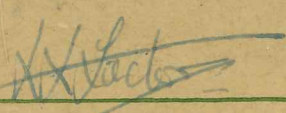
6 OC 41



British Forces in Egypt

Egypt Postage Prepaid 16

It was not until April 1941 that the Egyptian Postal Authorities responded to Allied proposals for revisions to the existing postal arrangements; Egyptian insistence that datestamps contain the word Egypt was agreed in the interests of a speedy settlement and the Egypt Postage Prepaid franked all free mail. Numbers ranged from 1 to 155.

A. F. W3078.	ACTIVE	[Crown Copyright Reserved.]	SERVICE
J. D. & Co., Apeley.			
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The following Certificate must be signed by the writer:—	I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.		
Signature } Name only }			

Letter dated 4-DE.-43 with EPP 16 from No. 1
General Military Hospital and with A5
type censor No. 1668 in mauve.

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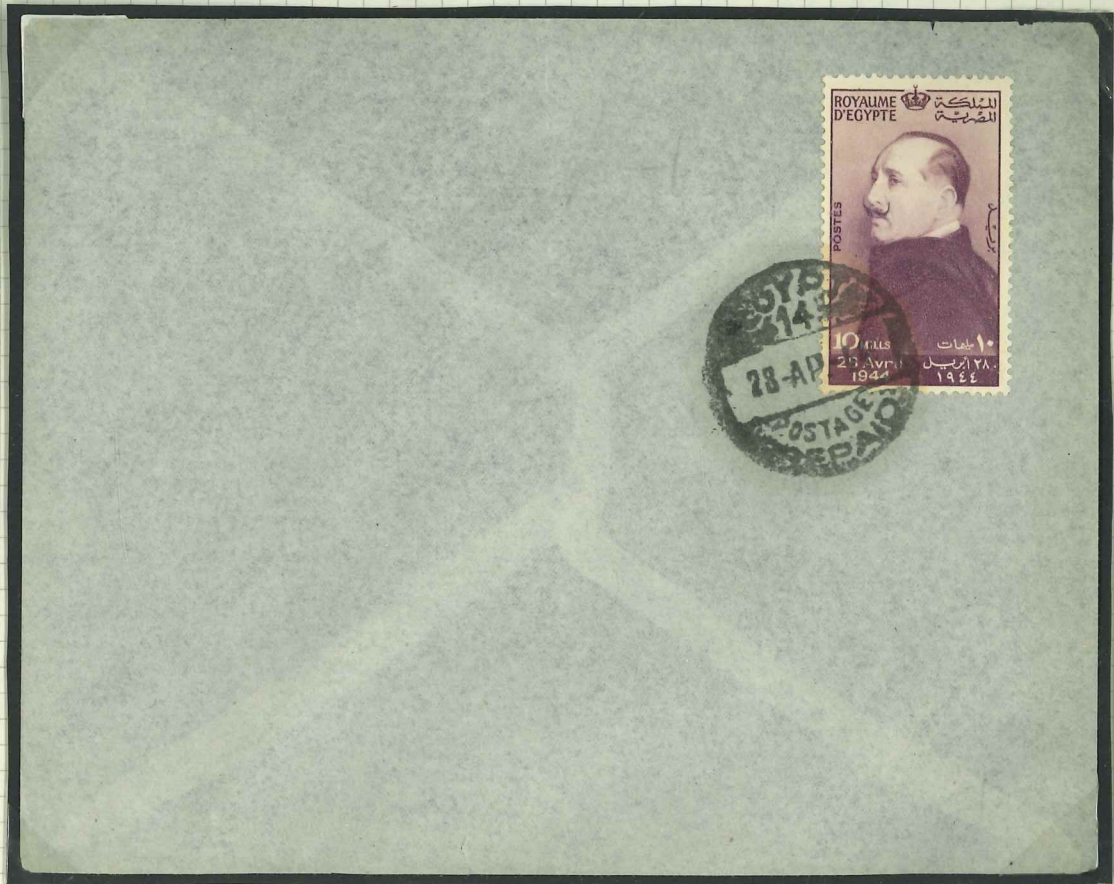
E.P.P. 14



2 MR 41
Period 1



19 MR 43
Cap to period 2



*Cancelled to order cover franked King Fouad 50th
Birthday commemorative and dated April 1941.*

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 13



Datestamp first used by Indian Forces in 1941.

Late date for this 1/2^d letter from RAF el Hamra of 7th July 1947 from Cpt. Greenway to Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.



M. N. & Co. J. Greenway,
2, Olive Villas,
Gloucester Road,
Koss-on-Trip,
England. Herefordshire.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 12.



2 1/2 11

17 1/2 11

E.P.P. 12

Egypt Postage Prepaid

In use by the South African Forces? No! E.P.P. II

South African stamps were on sale at the Springbok Club situated over the Metro Cinema in Cairo. Entry was by invitation only, so the sender got his access to buy stamps probably from a South African.



RAF.
Censor
Benjamin's
R9 no 38

Airmail letter, hence the franking, on an homeward bound item to Chesterfield, Derbyshire on 1st March 1942.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 11

**BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

RASE Suez

SQMS Bonfield

Mr. Hough

Chemist & Radio Specialist

Station Road

Northwich

Cheshire

England



A.F. W3078

BY AIR MAIL

C & Co (B) Ltd

ACTIVE

[Crown Copy

SERVICE



PAR AVION

BASE CENSOR

5156 (Gen P) 1-43

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in or valuables. It cannot be accepted
for registration.

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contents are liable to examination at the

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filled by the writer:—

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tents of this envelope refer to nothing
of a private and family nature.

Signature }
Name only }

Cooke

[Up to three letters may be forwarded in
this Cover, but these must be all from the
same writer. The cover should be addressed
in such case to the Base Censor.]

Address:— MRS R. COOKE

22 BIRKDALE AVE

ST ANNES ON SEA

LANCASHIRE ENGLAND

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E. P. P. 11

5 MA-41



13 OC 42



FROM. P/3167 SGT. M. HOLTZMAN
NO 6 ENGR. STORES PORT SEL. R.E. MEF.

3-DE-45

O.A.S



Mr. Loutfi Gindi
c/o Savoy Stationery
Sh. Soliman Pasha
Cairo,
Egypt.

8

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45.

E. P. P. 11

29-SE-42



FE. 43



9 JL 42



FROM. 1146926 CPL. STANHOPE, G.H.
RAF. C/o No 9 C.R.A.S.C.
PETROL INSTALLATIONS. M.E.F.

31 DE 45

BY AIR MAIL

O.A.S.

To

REV. O.A. BECKERLEGGE MA

129, FINEDON ROAD

IRTHLINGBOROUGH

N^o WELLSBORO

NORTHANTS

ENGLAND



Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P. 11

Inside the tomb of Tutankhamun.



1107105 ACI Route 7
HQ 206 Group. Carte Postale
R.A.F. M.P.F.
April 4/42.

No 1
On Alma Dennis

EGYPT
-7-AP-42
POSTAGE
PREPAID

Dear Sweetheart.
Everything is O.K. &
I am quite fit. I am not
receiving much mail these
days, not even your airgraphs.
But keep on hoping.
Love to all.
Your loving husband,
Fred xxxxxx

M. F. Rutter
109 Sun St.
Shelton.
Stoke-on-Trent.
Staffs.
England.

Beniamini
RAF RIC
NO. 21

GADDIS LUXOR (Egypt)
"Terraia"

RAF
COR
21

THEBES — Tut-Ankh-Amen preceded by the Gods
to Osiris.

E.P.P. 11 dated 7th April 1942, no franking as mail to the homeland free after 1st May 1941 to Stoke on Trent.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 10

27-FC



12 OC 42



AU 42



1 SP 42



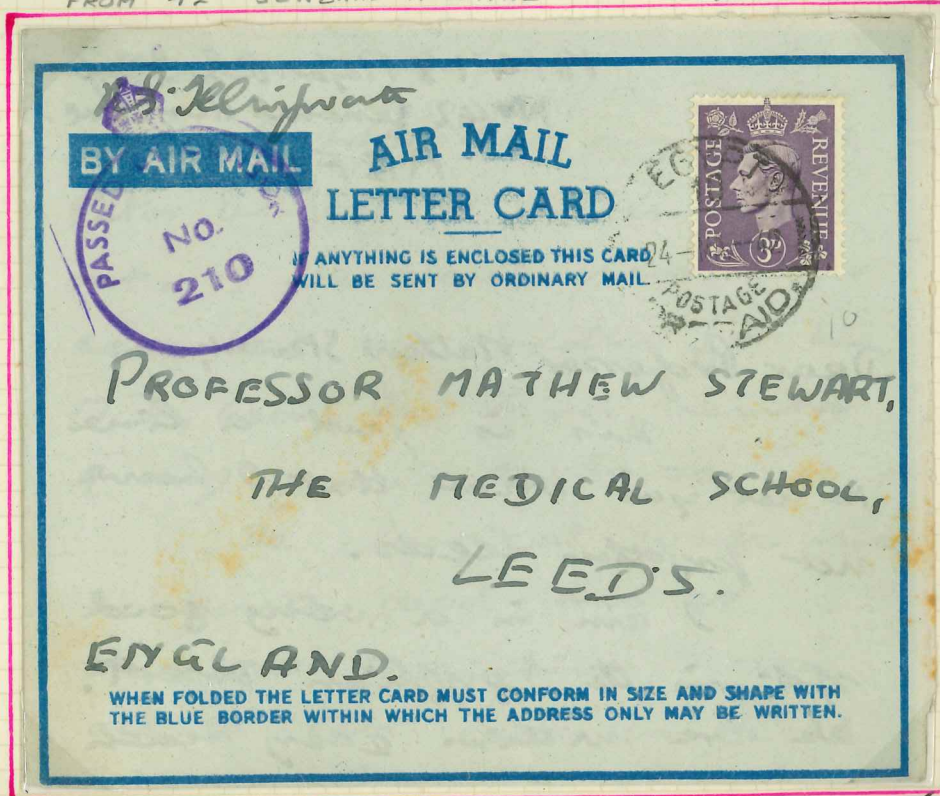
29 FE 42



FROM 42ND GENERAL HOSPITAL

24-MR-42

*Belgian's
Army AS
no. 210*



Most of the stamps used by R.A.F.; cover from 42nd General Hospital.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P.9

no date



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 8.

11-43?



Date stamp first used from March 1941 by Australian Forces - see previous sheet - Beniam's records 17-ND-41 censor used to U.K. then a gap until Feb. 1944 when in use by South African Forces and transferred with them to Italy.

Airmail cover to Scotland franked G.B. 10^s George VI with Beniam's Army censor A3 number 351, date unclear w/ 1942?

Egypt Postage Prepaid

Use by Australian Imperial Forces (A.I.F.)

E.P.P. 8

5, 8, 58, 7, 41, 61



Pre-printed airmail cover sent from the Australian Base Post Office at Cairo to Adelaide, South Australia and franked 9^d platypus to pay the cost of airmail postage.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 7.

6 NO



25 SE 43



10 DE 43



12 NO 43



7 OC 42



15 SE



12 SE 42

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

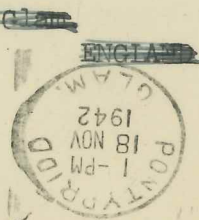
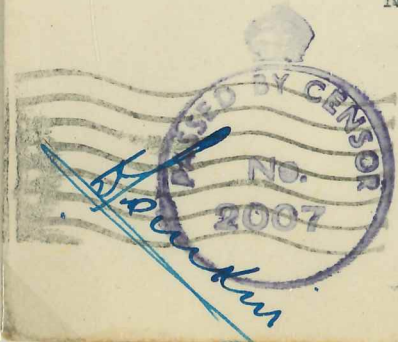
Mr. & Mrs. A. ELLIS,

~~Springrig Road,~~

~~NELSON,~~

17, Alder Road,
Folkestone,

Kent.



Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 6

no date

12-APR-43

8 APR 43



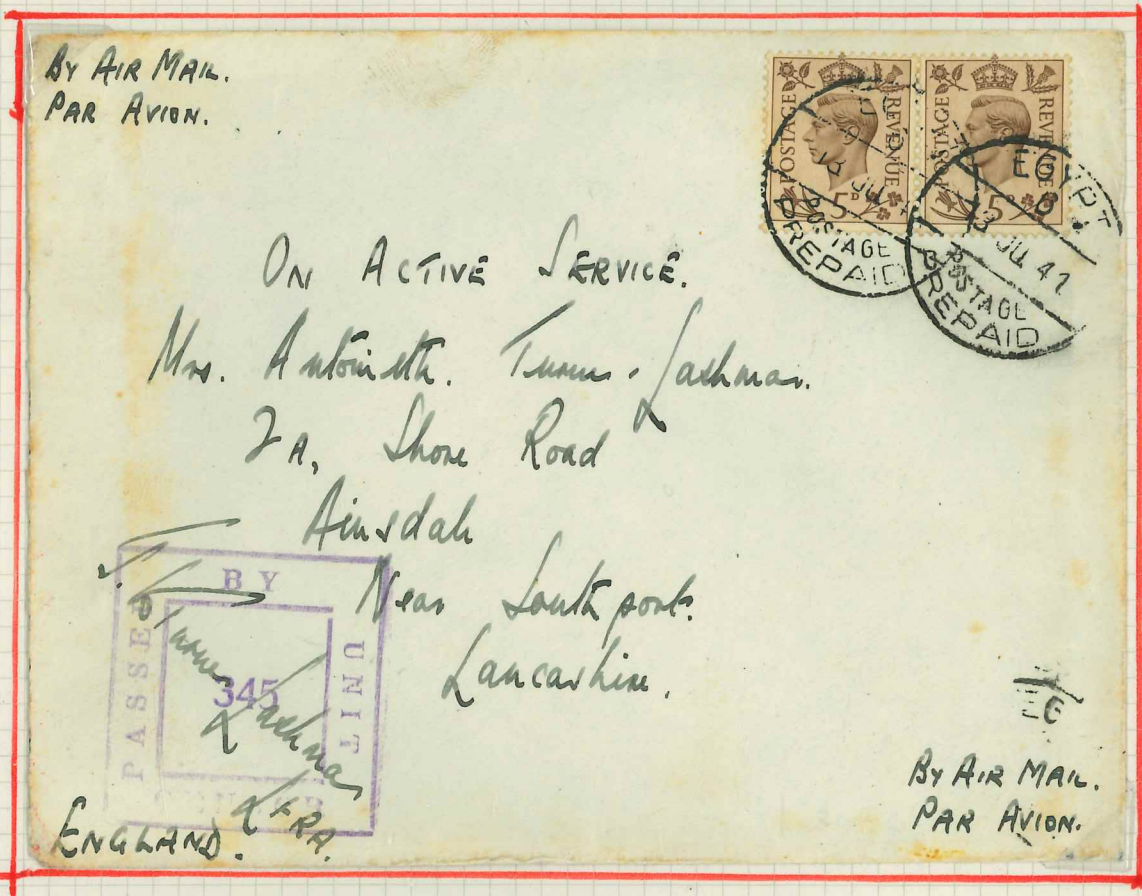
Benian's
ARMY
A3 no 345

Airmail letter franked block of four Farouk Army Post stamps, rate 40 milliemmas, to Southport, Lancashire.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

E.P.P.6

See Benians page 37
Type II dots not dashed.



Airmail letter franked 2 x 5^d George VI G.B. cancelled date 13th July 1941, E.P.P.6 probably at Alexandria G.H.Q. to Southport, Lancashire; censored Benians' Army A3,345.

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 5.

16 SF 43



11 NO 42



12 AP 43

8 NP 42

Egypt Postage Prepaid

World War II 1939-45

E.P.P. 4.

11 OC 4



11 OC 42



AP-43



4 MR 43



11 JU 43



6 OC 42



AP-43



FROM HABBANIYA, IRAQ

2-JU-41

ON. ACTIVE SERVICE



Mrs. J. Donegan.

29 Fenns bank ave.

Cathkin - by - pass.

Burnside

Rutherglen

Lanarkshire

Scotland.

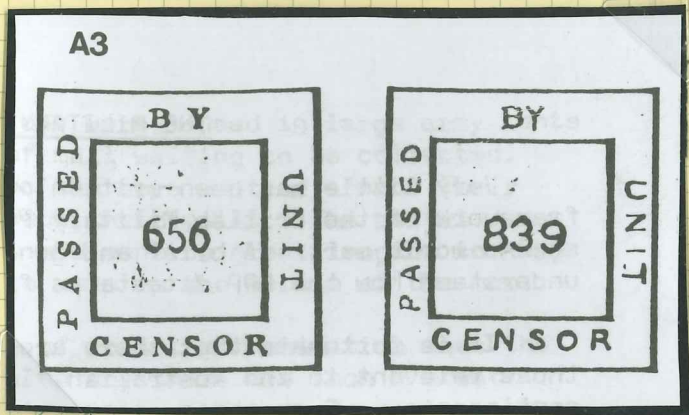
Great Britain



U.K.

Letter from Habbaniya, Iraq, censored Benians RAF no. 109 to Rutherglen, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

*Military Censorship
 Benians' Army type A3
 Doubly boxed - no crown*



*Benians' E.P.P.15
 allotted to the
 Indian Forces
 Type 1 (Startup).*

Benians' Army A3 in purple 40



Airmail cover to the U.K. franked block of four Farouk Army Post stamps cancelled E.P.P.15, so written by a British officer attached to an Indian battalion.

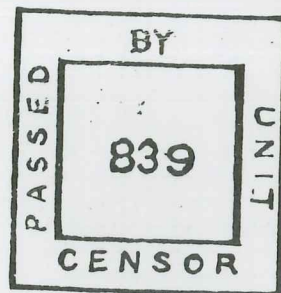
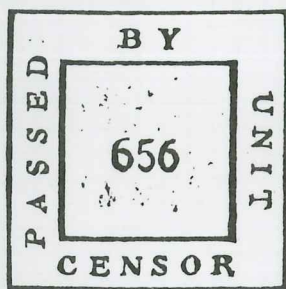
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Army

A2



A3



A4



A5



A6



A7



RAF

R9



R10



R11



R12



Naval

N1



N2



British Military Censor Marks.

Part page from *Banians'* book:
Egypt Postage Prepaid Military
Date stamps 1941 to 1947, page 15.

Egypt Postage Prepaid

Benians EPP II



dots, not dashes, in date line

The use of Egyptian Army Post stamps officially ceased on 30th April 1941; a new convention, known as the New Anglo-Egyptian Postal Treaty, came into effect on the following day. It provided for the use of these Egypt Postage Prepaid datestamps by British and Commonwealth Army Postal Services who became responsible for the carriage of their mail; EPP numbers run 1 to 155.



Surface rate cover to England with EPP 6 (type II) struck on 10 mills Farouk Army Post stamp 3MA41; the soldier was probably unaware surface military mail was free!

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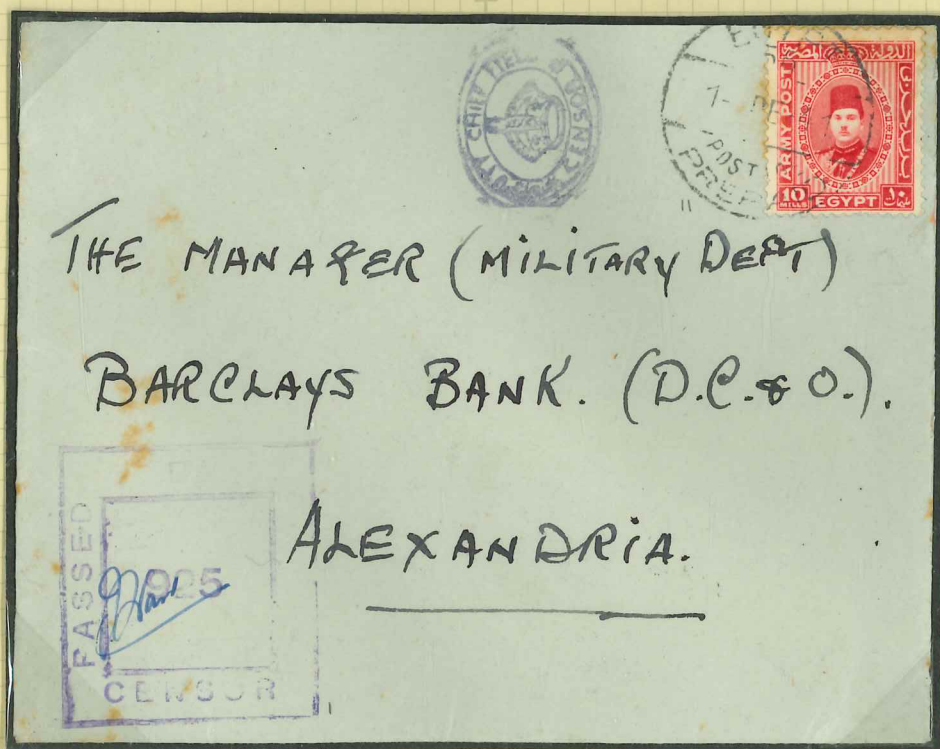
Benians EPP I



dashes, not dots, in dateline



EPP type I no. 11 dated 5 MA 41

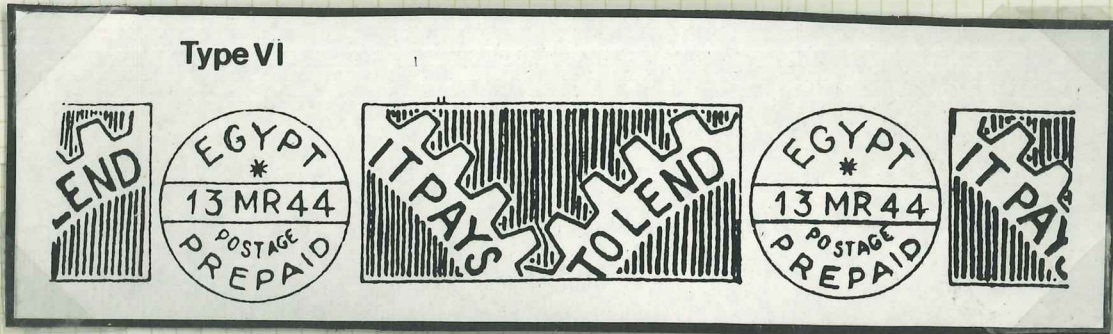


Ten mills Farouk Army Post stamp cancelled EPP type I no. 56 dated 1 DE 41 to pay the inland letter rate in Egypt; two military censors include Deputy Chief Field Censor.

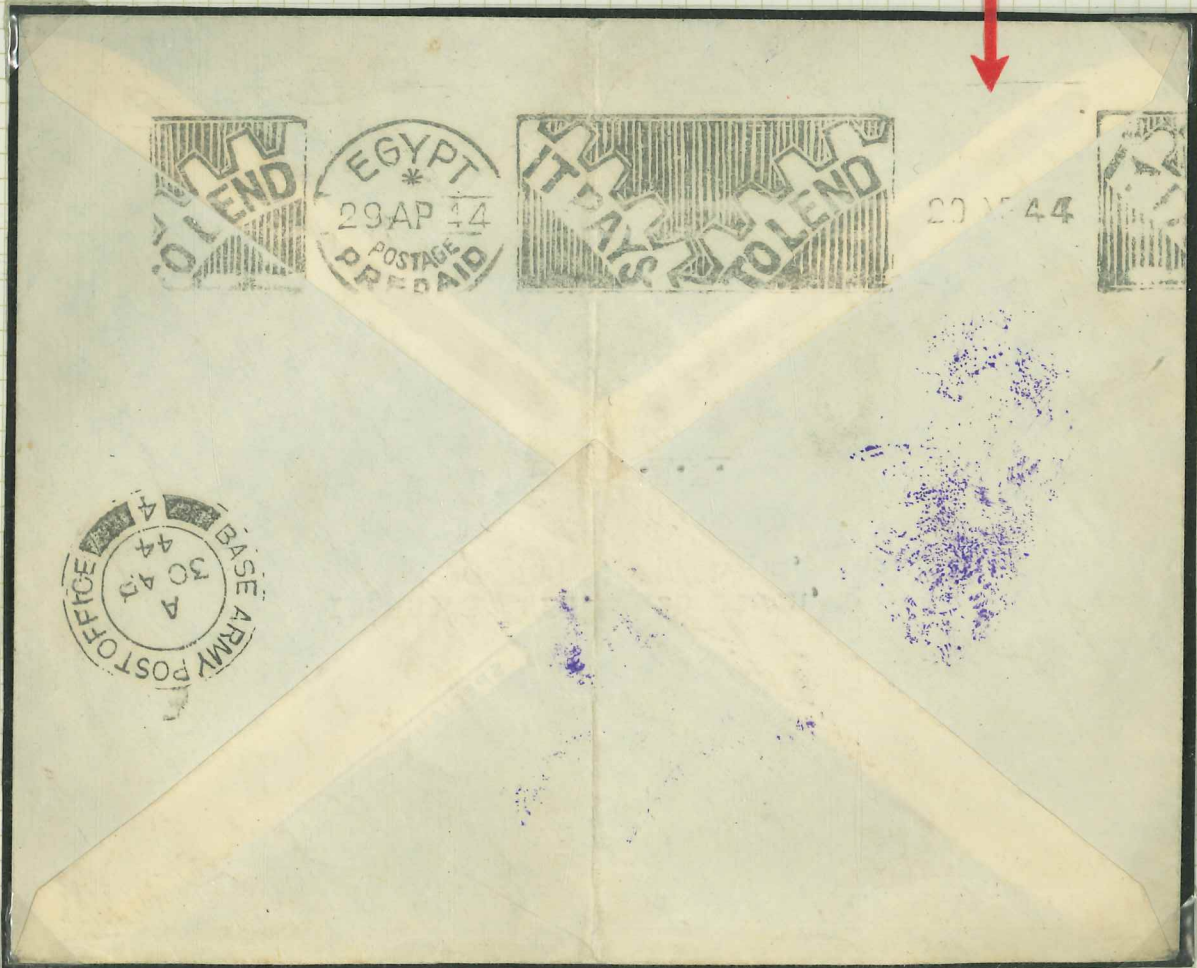
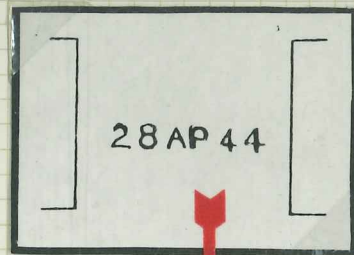
Egypt Postage Prepaid

Missing Circle Variety

Type VI

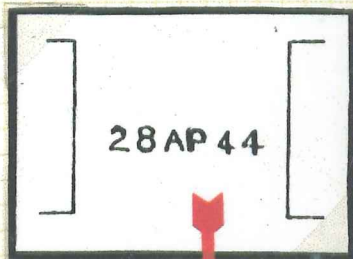


Benians' type VI machine date-stamp with albino or uninked impression - missing circle as a result; in use in this state from 27 MR 44 to 6 JU 44 only.



Proud State III Krag on 2nd day Fuad fiftieth birthday

Benians' type VI machine date-stamp with albino or uninked impression - missing circle as a result; in use in this state from 27 MR 44 to 6 JU 44 only.

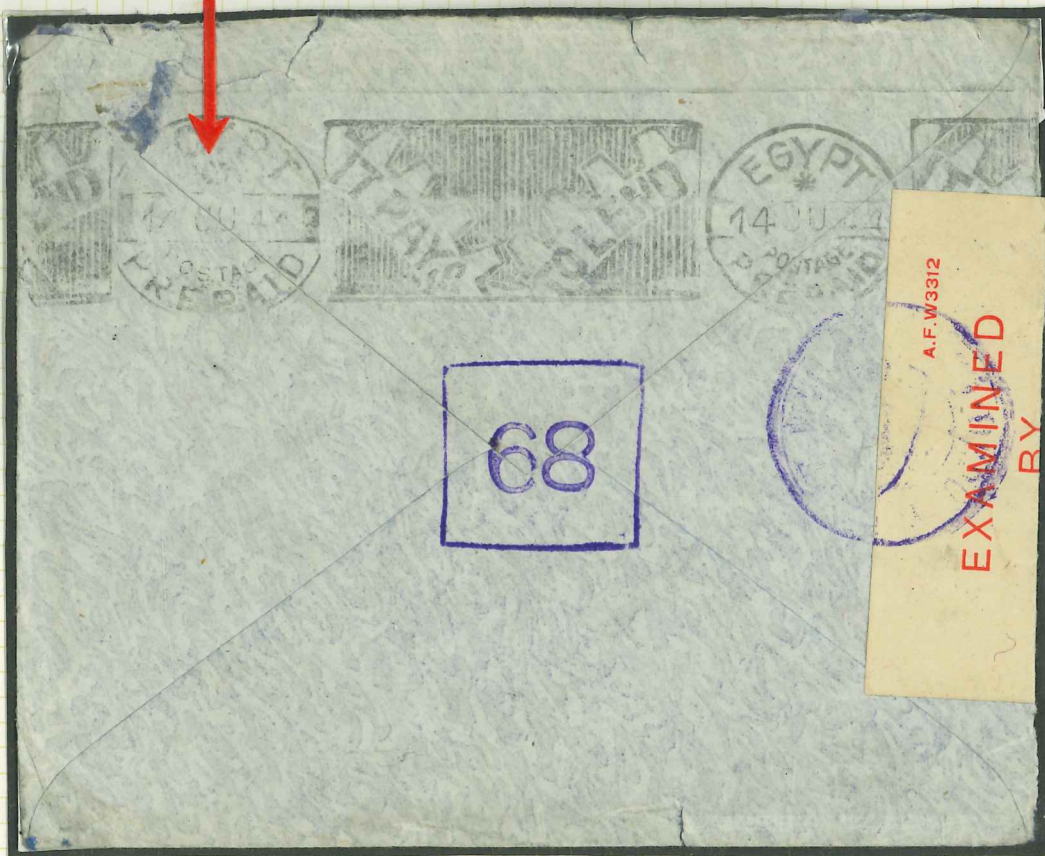


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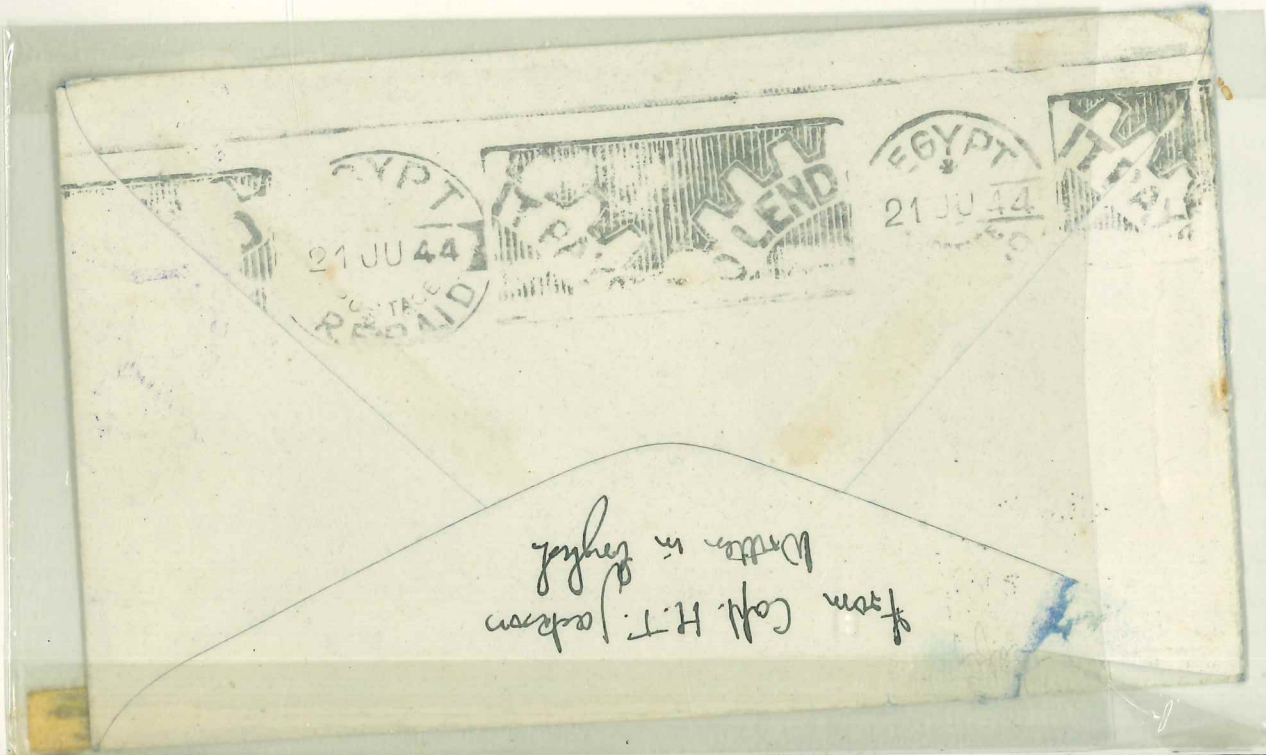
Replaced Die



Berians' Type VI Krag machine with replaced die at left measuring 28 mm; normal 25 mm right



Tenpence blue George VI franking air letter Cairo to Ceylon with shield type A6 censor 6470, censor tape A.F.W3312 sealed censor 68 struck in violet.



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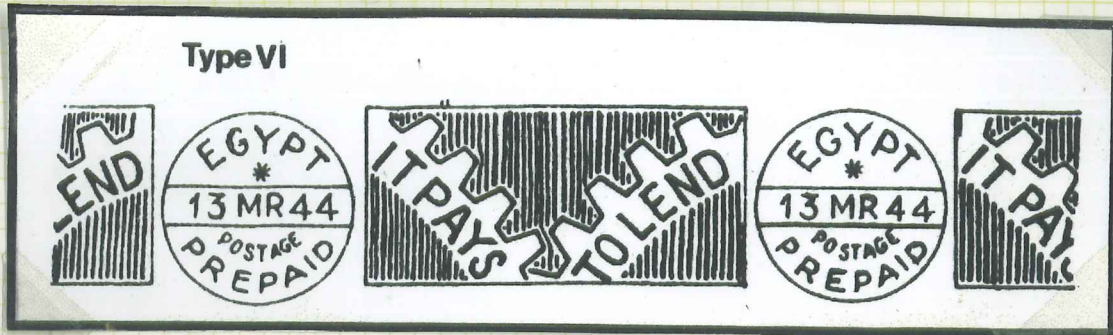
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E.P.P. Machine Cancellation.



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Krag machine cancels



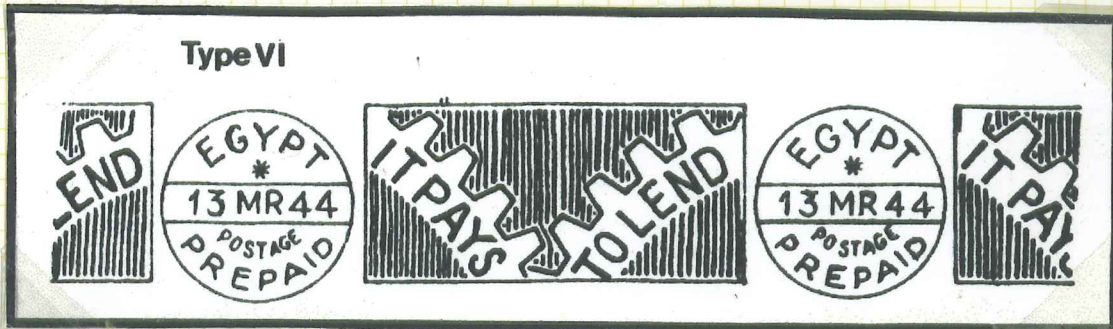
Benians type VI in its original state was allotted to Base Army Post Office 4 located at Cairo from 3 AP 41 until 1 OC 44 - these dates from Proud.



'Honour' envelope franked 10d air rate posted Cairo 8 JL 43 cancelled by Krag machine Benians VI censored in purple with Army censor A5 no. 1837.

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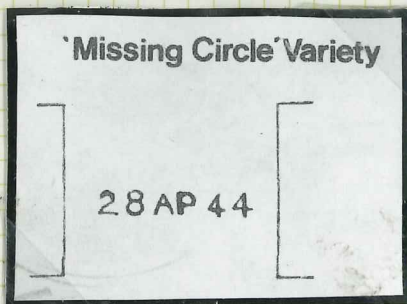
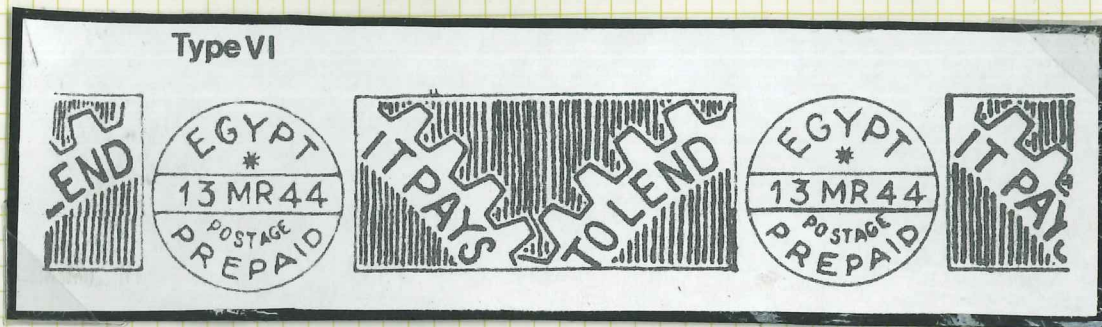
The Krag machine datestamps



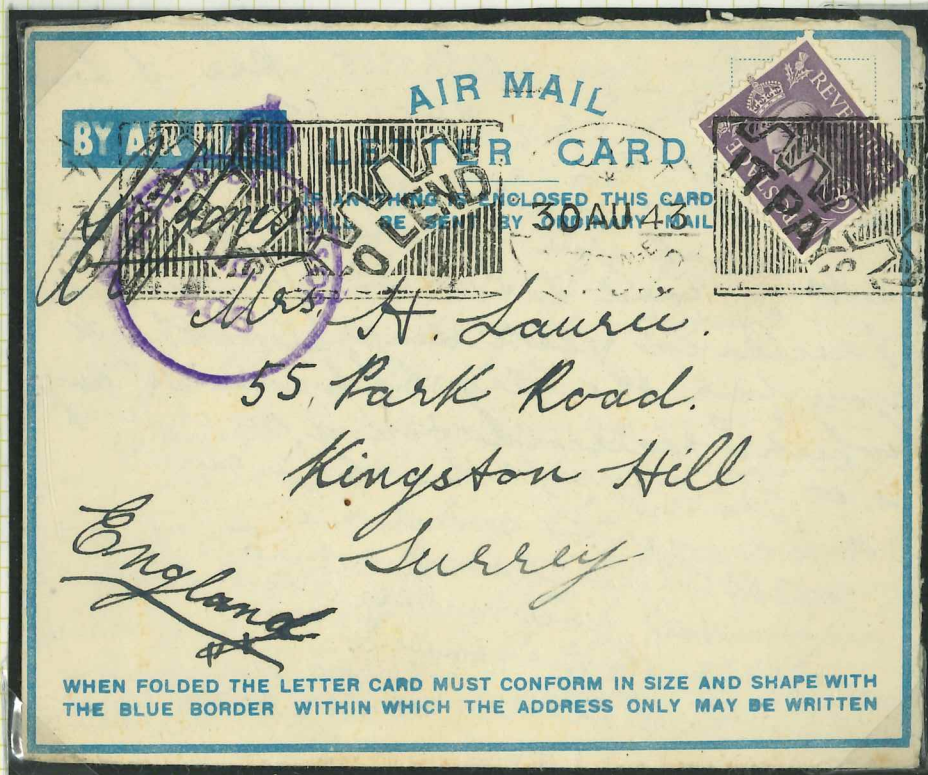
Cover of letter in German - ms bottom left - from a possible Jewish husband/British soldier with the earliest? recorded strike of Krag, Benians VI almost two months before Proud's earliest date. Censored on front and reverse no. 117 both in violet.

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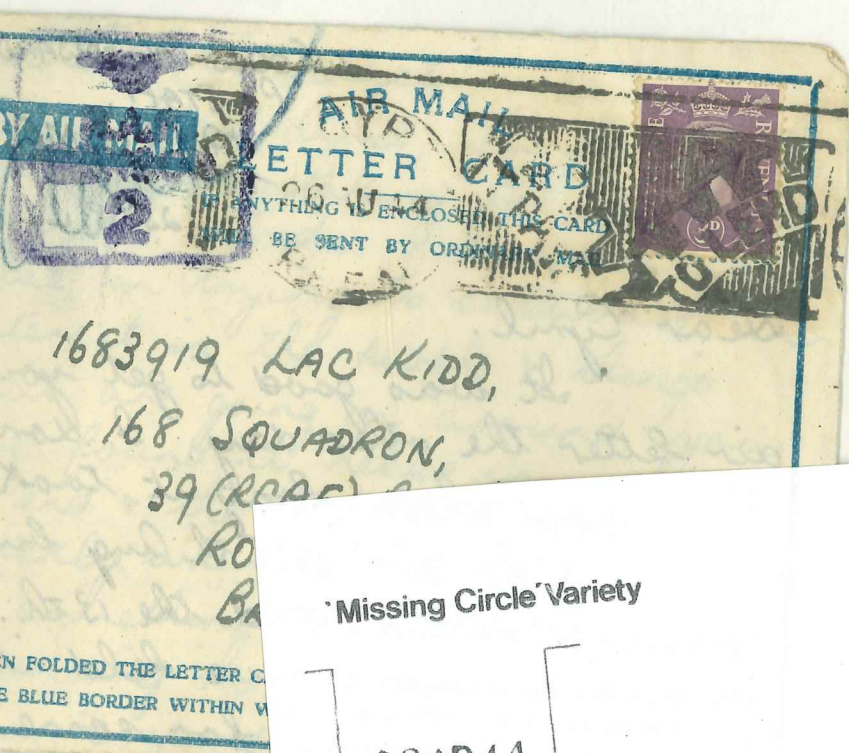
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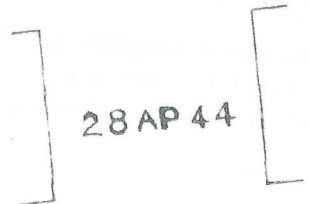
By the end of April 1944 one of the two circles had completely disappeared. Even by August '45 it was extremely faint.



Censored air mail letter card from 30th August 1943 took 6 days (inc on reverse) showing disappearing circle.



'Missing Circle' Variety



Replaced Die

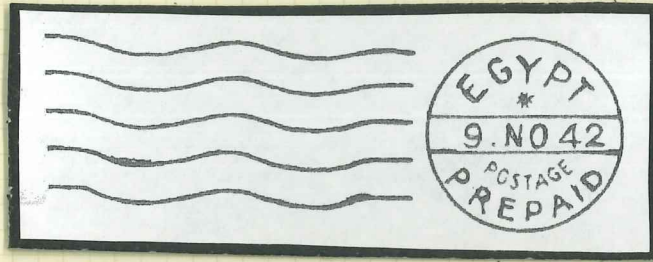


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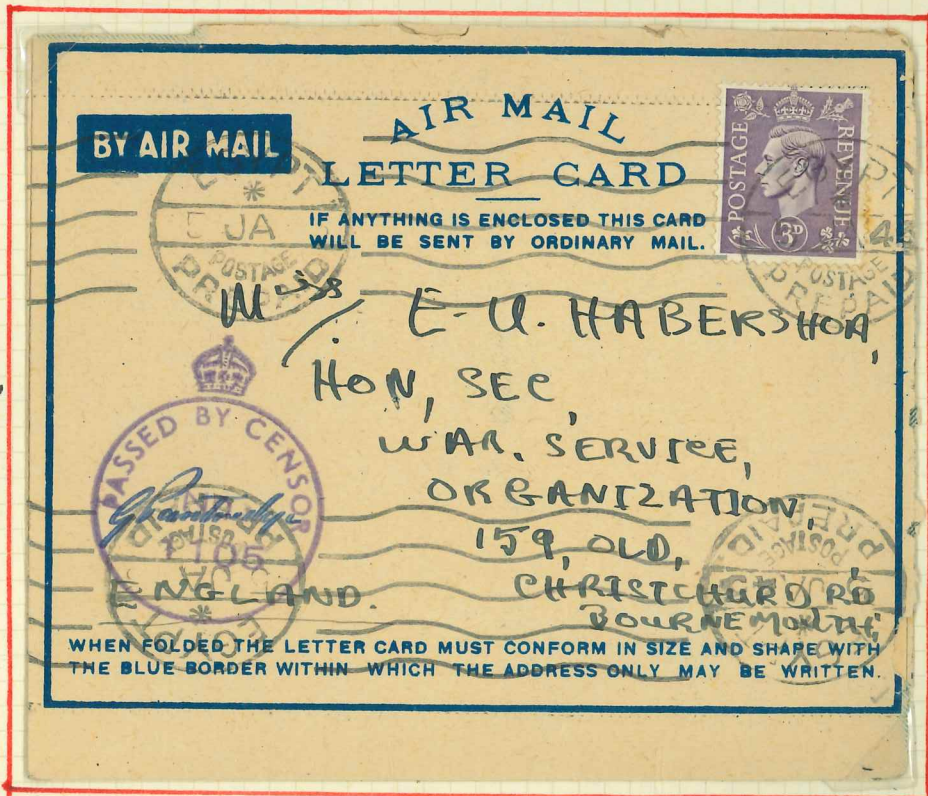
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Benians'

Type V



Short-lived Benians' type V Krag roller cancellation



Benians'
Army
Censor
AS no.
1105

Airmail Letter Card dated 5th January 1943, sent to the War Service Organisation in Bourne Mouth, franked as usual, 3^d George VI tied by Benians' Krag roller Type V.

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Krag machine datestamps



Benians' type V Krag machine roller datestamp introduced 6th July 1942 in use until March 1943.



'On active service' cover Cairo to Scotland with type A5 crowned circle censor 3037 cancelled Krag machine Benians' type V on 18 AU 1942.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Bemione Type V
115 - 6/53
29 SE 42

EGYPT
29 SE 42
POSTAGE
PREPAID

MR. & MRS. CLEGGHORN



WATER ST. N.

KITCHENER ONT.

CANADA



EGYPT - MILITARY
machine cancel
5.00

On Active Service



EGYPT
9 SE 43
POSTAGE
PREPAID



EGYPT
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28 Cardly Rd.
Weysham, (Surrey)
England.



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EPP DATESTAMP TYPES

Type I



Type II



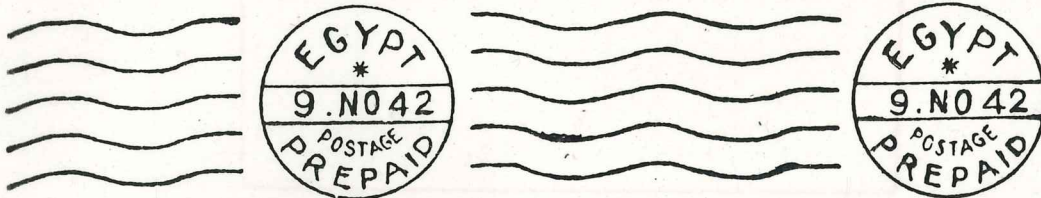
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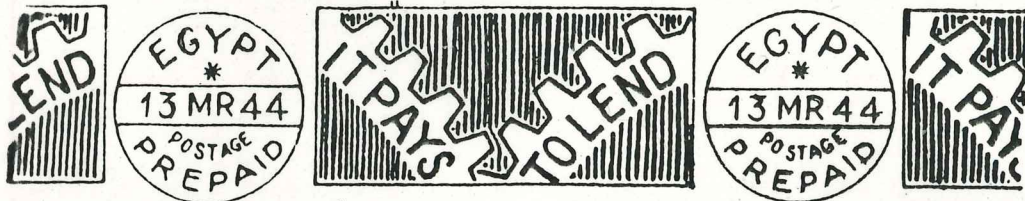
Type IV



Type V



Type VI



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The "EGYPT POSTAGE PREPAID" Datestamps.

These datestamps were used by all Field and Army post offices in addition to their own Field Post Office datestamps and were used for cancelling ordinary and airmail letters and are regarded just as much an Army postmark as those lettered "FIELD" or "ARMY POST OFFICE". The F.P.O. datestamps were mainly used for counter work, i.e. datestamping postal orders, registered letters, etc.

The above refers to the British F.P.O.'s and probably is equally true of the South African, New Zealand, Australian and Indian and other Army Post Offices, and is probably the reason why "EGYPT POSTAGE PREPAID" cancellations are more easily met with than the "FIELD" or "ARMY POST OFFICE" cancellations.

The use of the "E.P.P." datestamps would appear to have been used solely by A.P.O.'s within the confines of Egypt itself. Letter cards and covers emanating from outside the confines of Egypt such as Habbaniya, Iraq, which bear the E.P.P. datestamp were probably cancelled on arrival in Egypt during transit.

The E.P.P. datestamps bear the numbers 1 to 154 and appear to have come into use from MAY 1941 until some time in 1947 as no examples are known bearing later dates. These datestamps are found in two sizes as shown.

Base Army Post Office 4 at Cairo possessed a machine cancellation with star in lieu

of number; in 1943 a slogan was incorporated reading "IT PAYS TO LEND" instead of the five wavy lines. These markings are usually found more often as a backstamp. Base A.P.O. 4 was situated in Sharia Maspero and also used a double ring handstamp inscribed "BASE ARMY POST OFFICE with figure 4 between bars.

South African stamps were on sale at the Springbok Club over the Metro Cinema. New Zealand stamps were on sale at the Kiwi Club in the Hyde Park Hotel and Indian stamps could be purchased at the Citadel. Provided one was invited into these clubs it was possible to purchase the appropriate stamps and use them on letters to Great Britain, but these letters had to be posted in one's own unit Post Office, hence the reason for these stamps appearing on British Forces mail.

This is the introductory page of the late A. John Revell.

