

Canadian forces in Jamaica during World War II



Letter to the International Red Cross Committee.

December 29th 1941, 7pm, Calgary slogan mark. COUPON-REPOSE handstamp in light red. There is no evidence to directly link this cover to the Winnipeg Grenadiers or the fall of Hong Kong. However, the surrender was reported in the Canadian press on December 26th.



Addressed to Private MacTier.

May 12th 1942, sent initially to Ottawa for censorship, and forwarded with violet "POSTAGE FREE PRISONER OF WAR MAIL" handstamp to the Japanese Red Cross.

"HELP \+ THE \RED CROSS" slogan postmark.

Blue and orange Japanese, Niimori, censorship mark at the right.

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December 6th 1940. Franked 10d, standard rate for ½oz airmail.
Winnipeg Grenadiers Military Censor in black.

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Winnipeg Grenadiers May 1940-September 1941

Christmas
1940



New Year
1941

The Season's Greetings and
every good wish for
the Coming Year.

On Active Service.

Christ



Capt Ian C Morgan
5477 Earnscliffe Ave
N. D. G.
Montreal P.Q.
Canada.

November? 16th 1940; Oval military censor handstamp in blue.

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From Captain Gresham to Mrs Gresham.

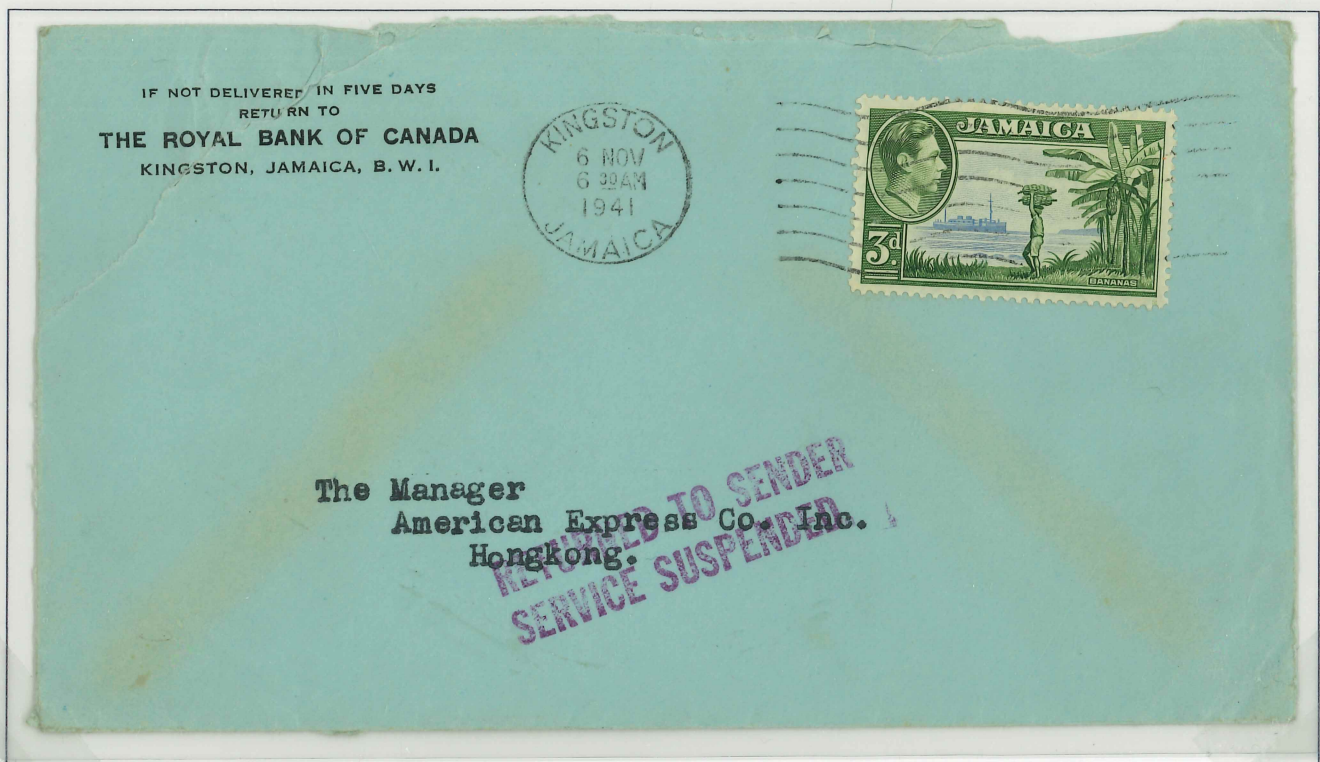
January 24th 1941. Franked 10d, correct rate for ½oz airmail, but charged 10c due. Censor No. 4 in black, unquoted. Personal handstamp on reverse.



To Miss Evelyn Blackburn.

August 19th 1941. Up Park Camp Military Post oval datestamp. Censor No. 4 in red, unquoted.

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3d surface rate only to Hong Kong.

November 6th 1941 from The Royal Bank of Canada, Kingston, Jamaica,
to the Manager, American Express, Hong Kong.
Violet "RETURNED TO SENDER \SERVICE SUSPENDED" handstamp,
possibly applied at San Francisco.

From December 7th 1941 services were suspended.

Surface mail originating in the US after mid-November was also returned.
The last departure of the air service, FAM 14, served by the China Clipper flying from San Francisco,
was on November 19th.

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Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, September 1941-May 1943



Censor No. 2 in red.

November 15th 1941. Airmail rate was 1s per 1/2oz from May 5th 1941.



Censor No. 5 in black.

November ?? 1941. 2d surface mail to USA.

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Large type Censor No. 10 - signed by sender.

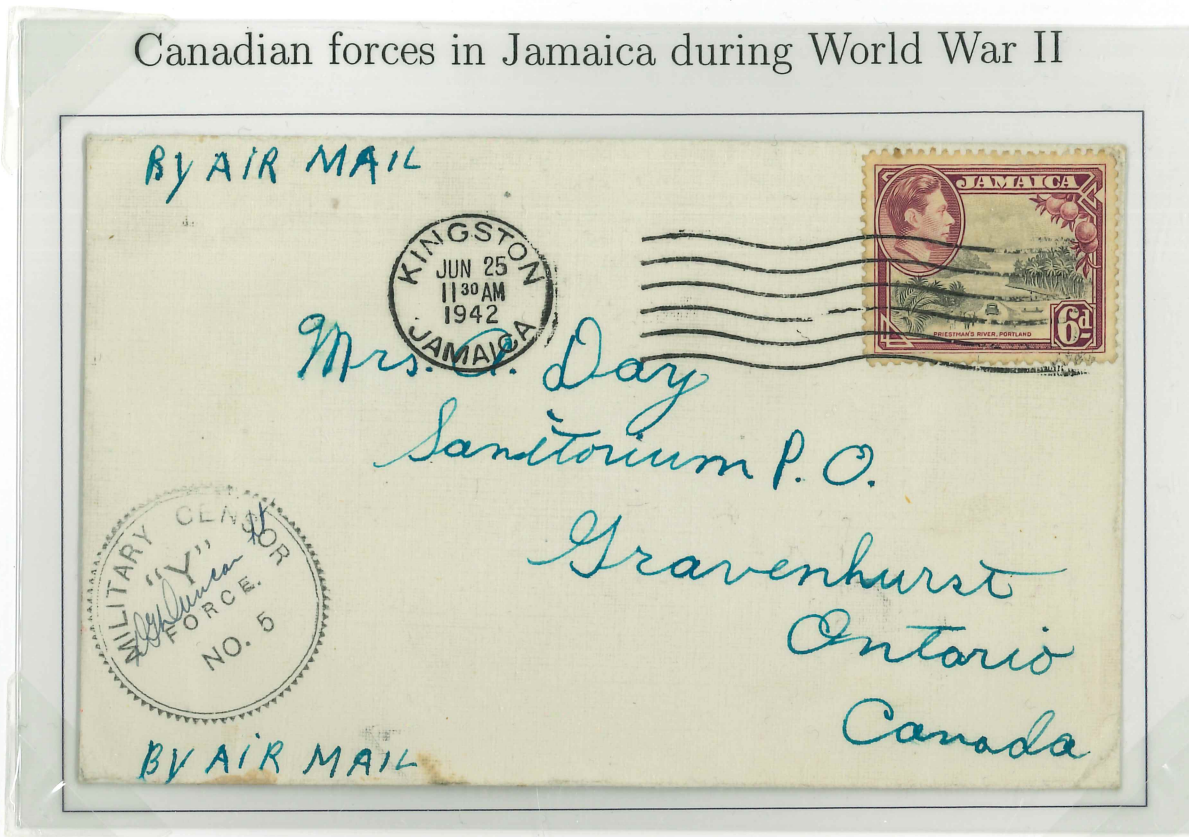
April 23rd 1942. Letter from Captain Janner, thanking his family for presents, and describing how he had spent his birthday in Jamaica.

1s airmail rate for ½oz, plus 1½d for?

From Capt. J. A. Garner
Serial 300 of Force
up Park Camp
Kingston Jamaica.

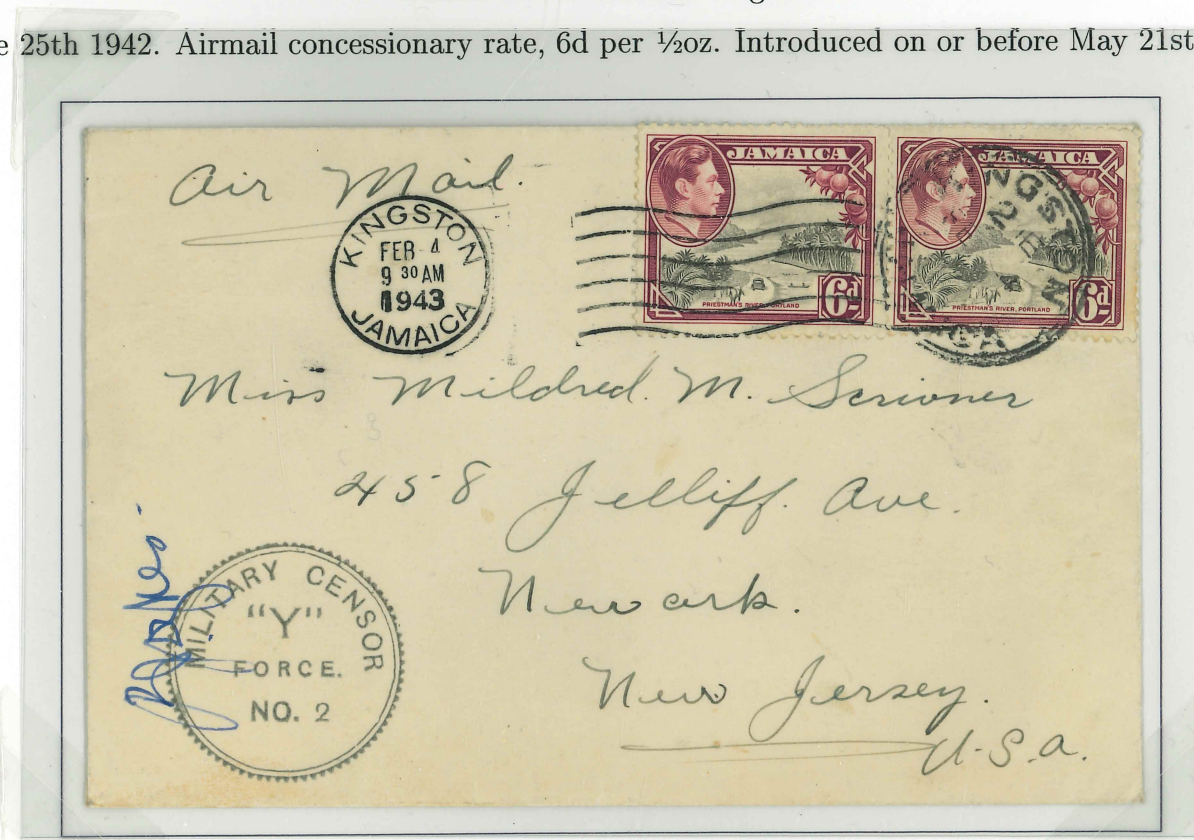


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Censor No. 5 in black - signed.

June 25th 1942. Airmail concessionary rate, 6d per 1/2oz. Introduced on or before May 21st 1942.

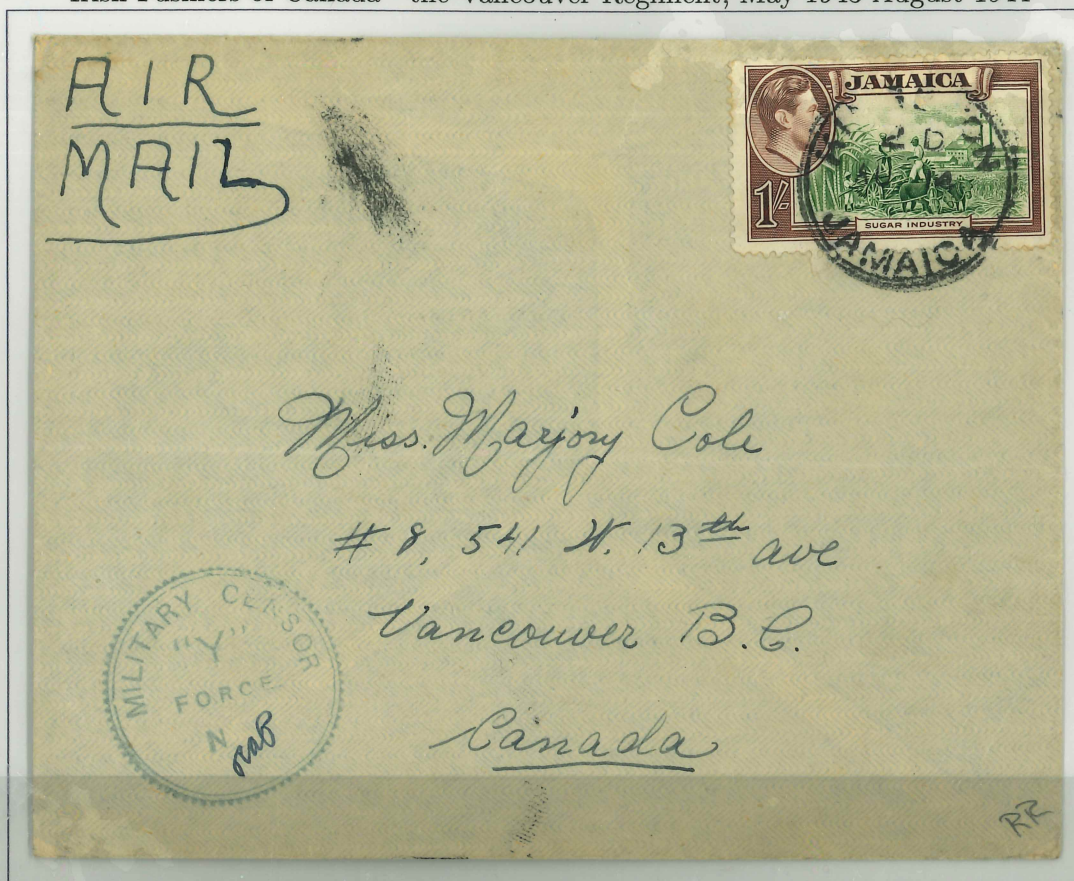


Censor No. 2 in black - signed.

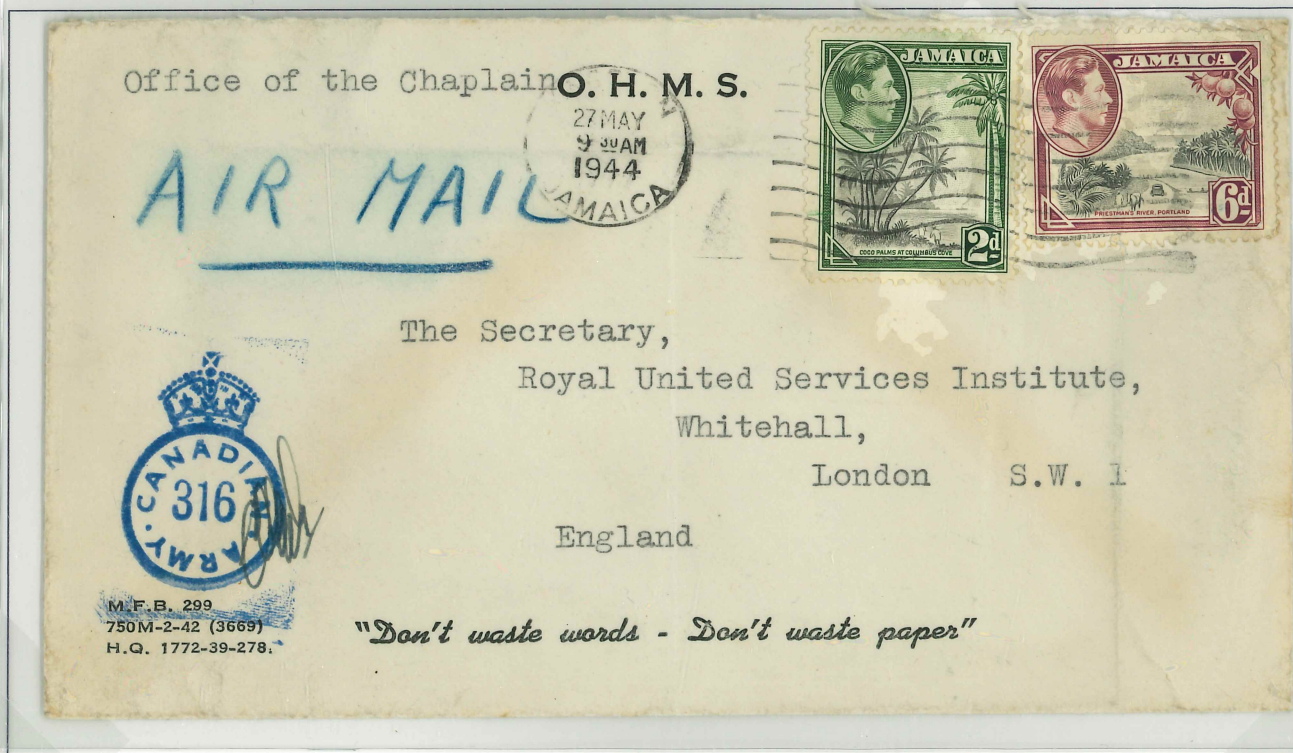
February 4th 1943. The airmail concessionary rate was only for mail to Canada. This cover to New Jersey had to pay the standard rate (1s). The envelope has an Army cachet on the flap.



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Irish Fusiliers of Canada - the Vancouver Regiment, May 1943-August 1944



Censor in black unnumbered - initialled.



Canadian Army Censor 316 in blue - signed.

May 27th 1944. Canadian Army censor mark in use from March 1944. Canadian army pre-printed envelope with the slogan "Don't waste words - don't waste paper".