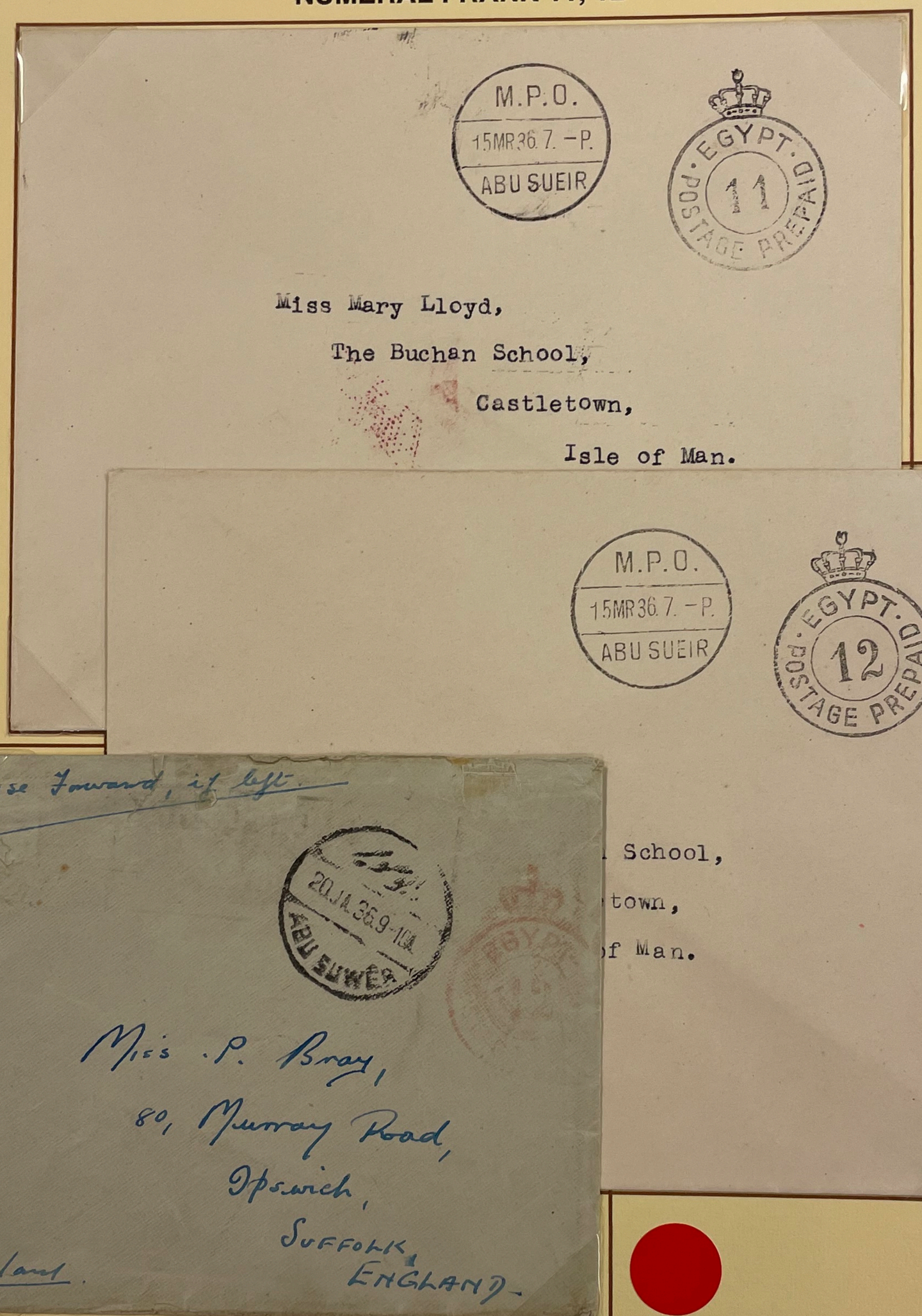
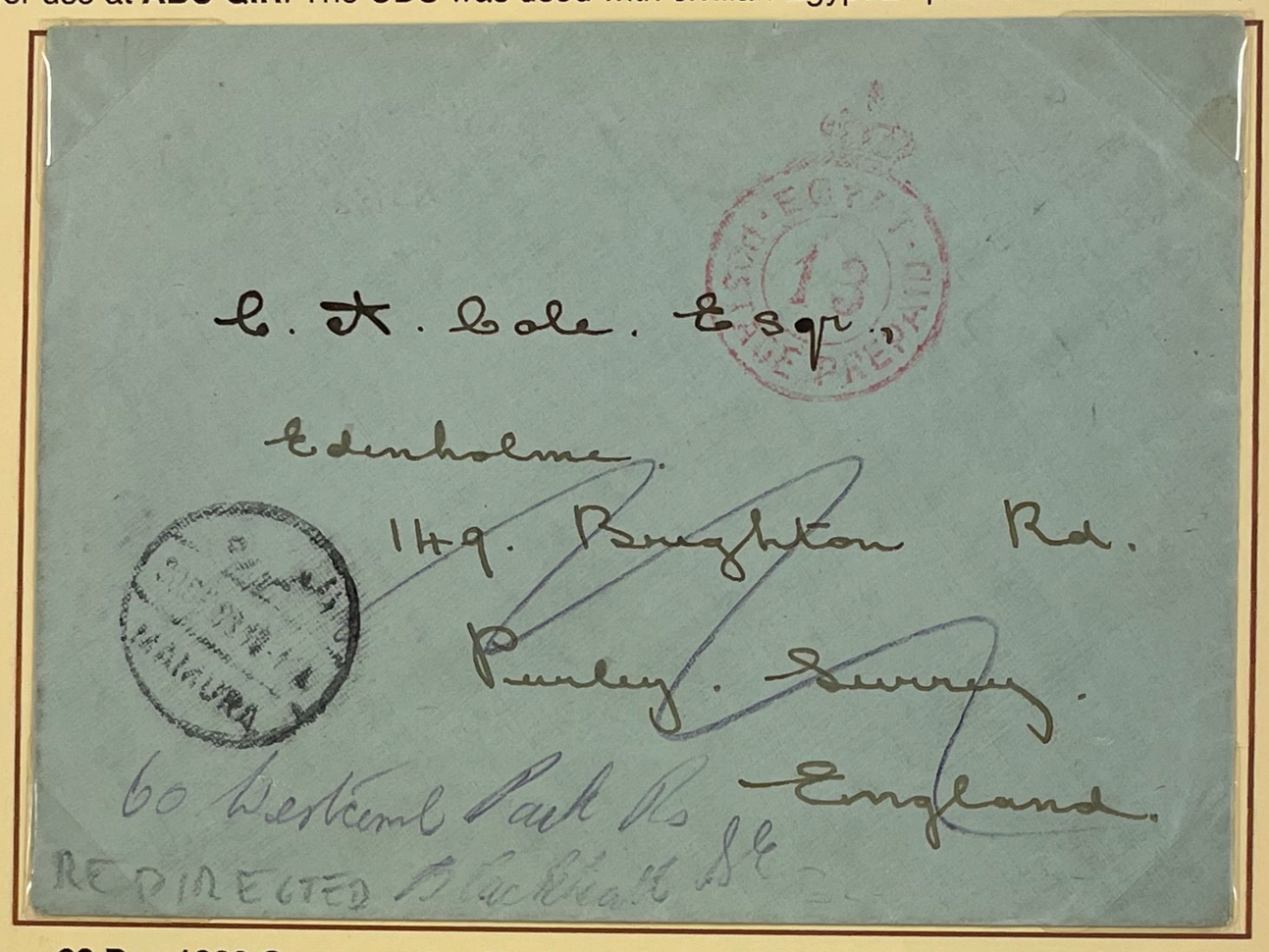
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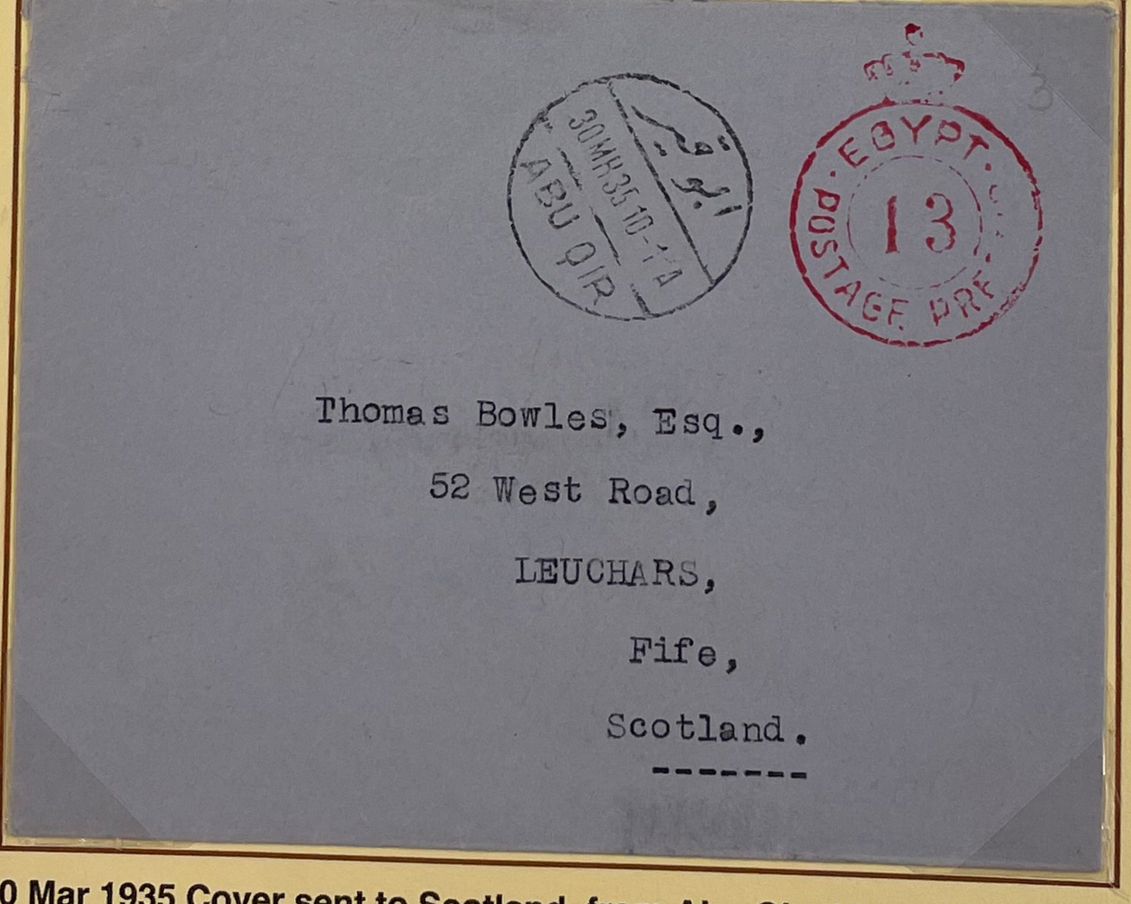
The Military Post Office at the Royal Air Force Station, No. 4 Flying Training School in Abu Sueir received its M.P.O. postmark on March 15, 1936, for use with the Army Post stamps. Before that date, letters were processed through the local Egyptian post office. **Crown Cancel #11 and #12 were used very limited.**

NUMERAL FRANK 13

Crown Cancel #13 was initially used with the Military Post Office in **MAMURA**, Alexandria before being transferred for use at **ABU QIR**. The CDS was used with civilian Egyptian post office datestamps.



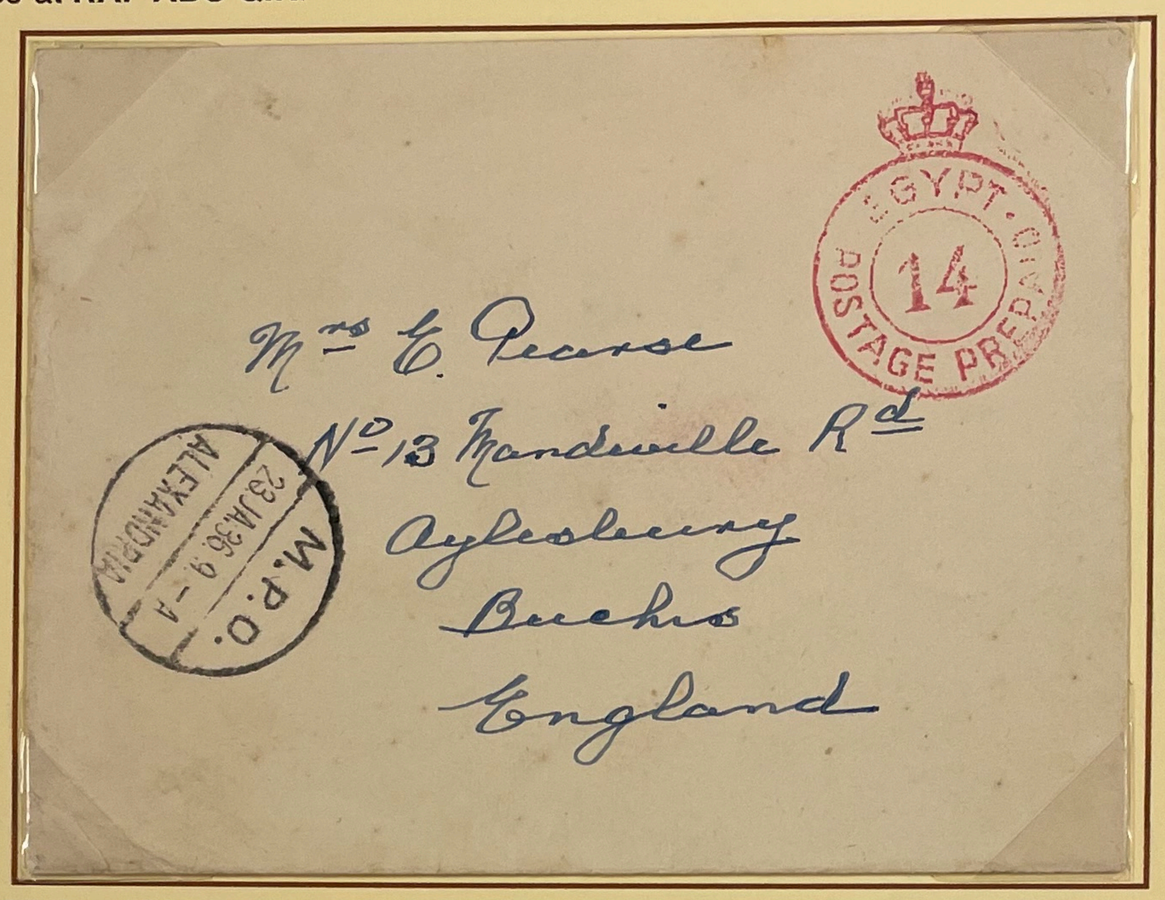
30 Dec 1933 Cover sent to England, from MAMURA, Alexandria, Egypt.
Canceled by Crown #13 red, MAMURA civilian Egypt Post Office
Reverse: Alexandria (A) same date and retta black



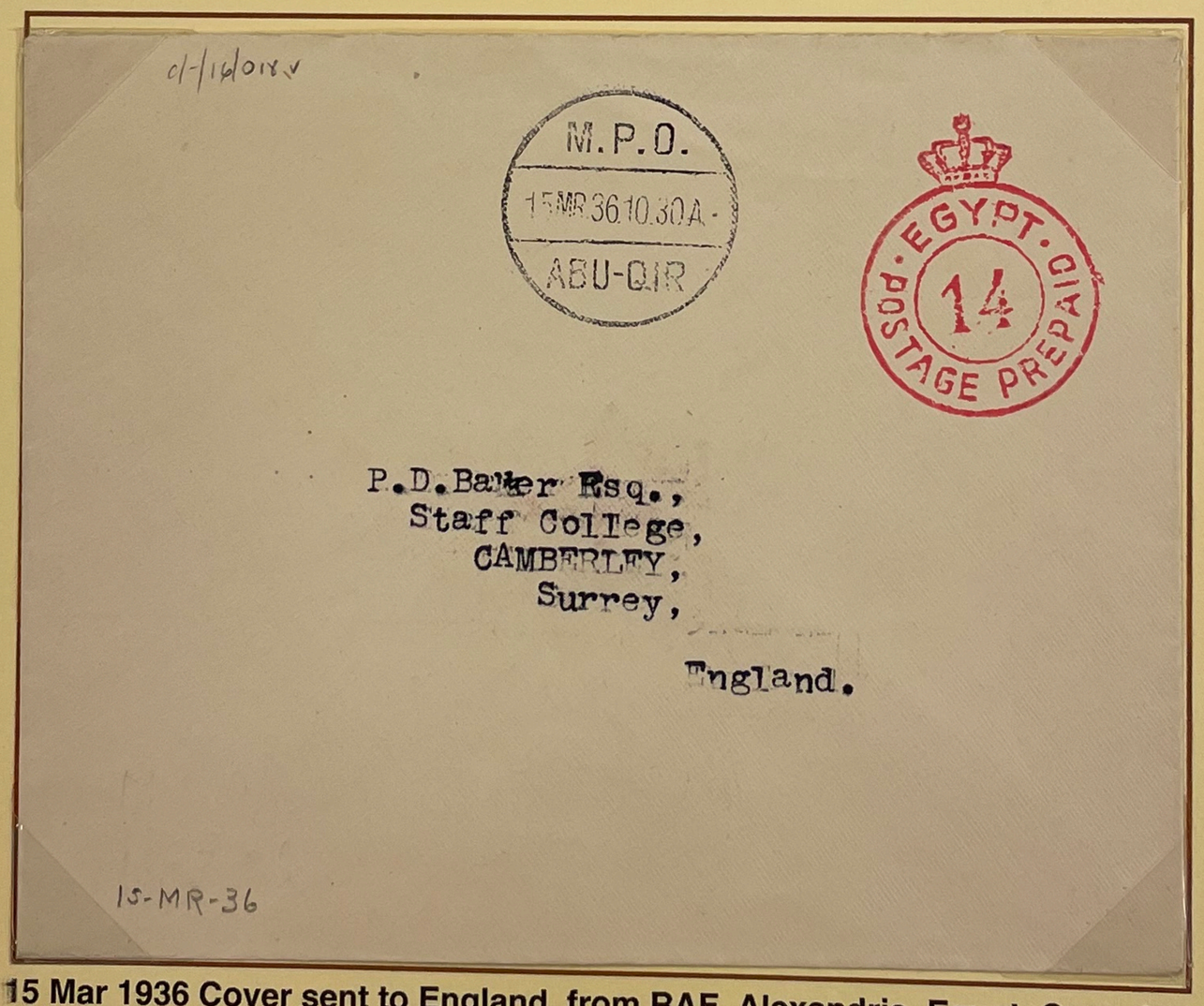
30 Mar 1935 Cover sent to Scotland, from Abu Qir, Alexandria, Egypt.
Canceled by Crown #13 red, ABU QIR civilian Egypt Post Office
Reverse: Alexandria (A) same date and retta black

NUMERAL FRANK 14

Crown Cancel #14 was initially used with the Military Post Office in **ALEXANDRIA**, on 1 March 1936 being transferred for use at **RAF ABU QIR**.



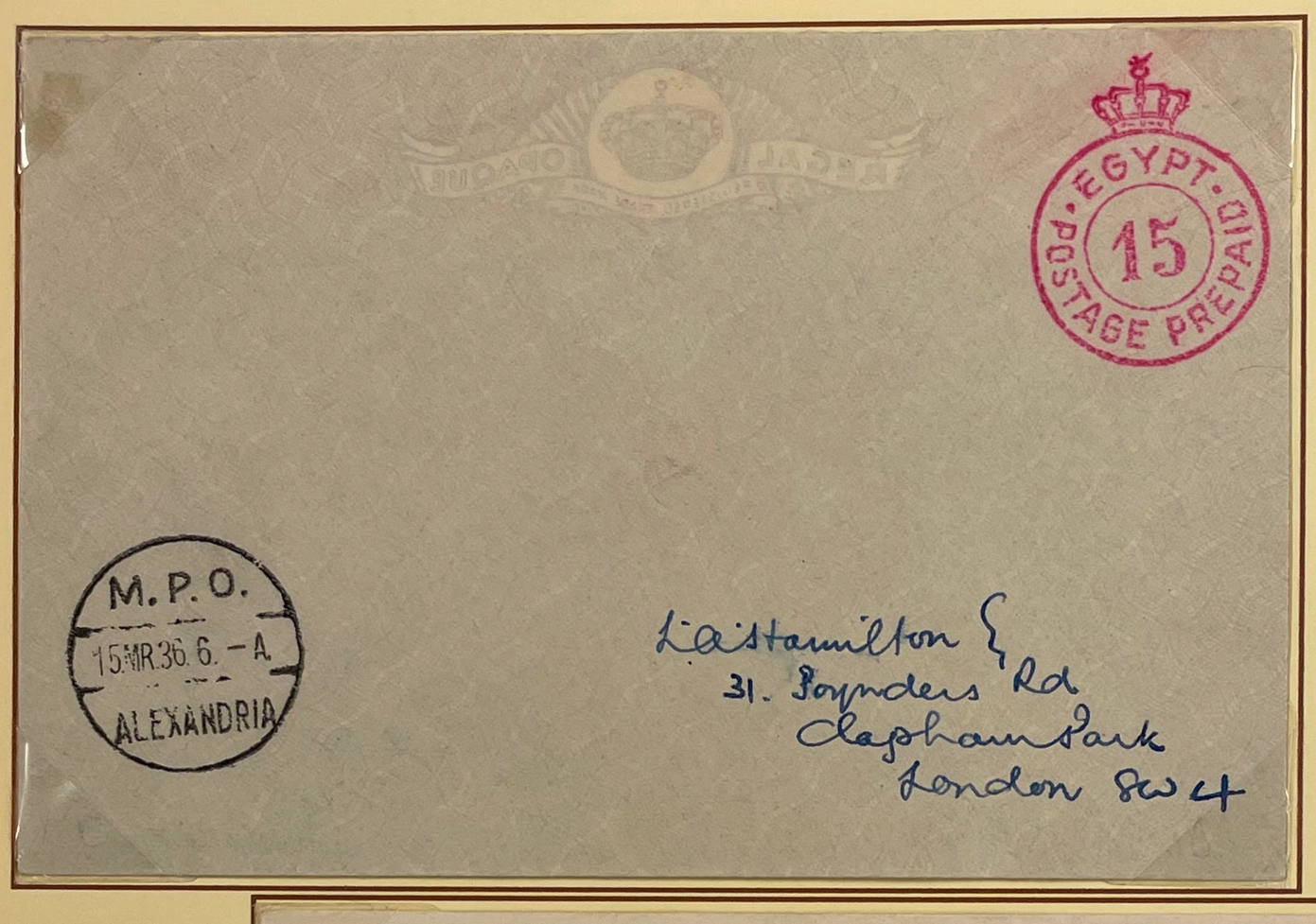
23 Jan 1936 Cover sent to England, from Alexandria, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #14 red, M.P.O. Alexandria Egypt reverse: retta black.



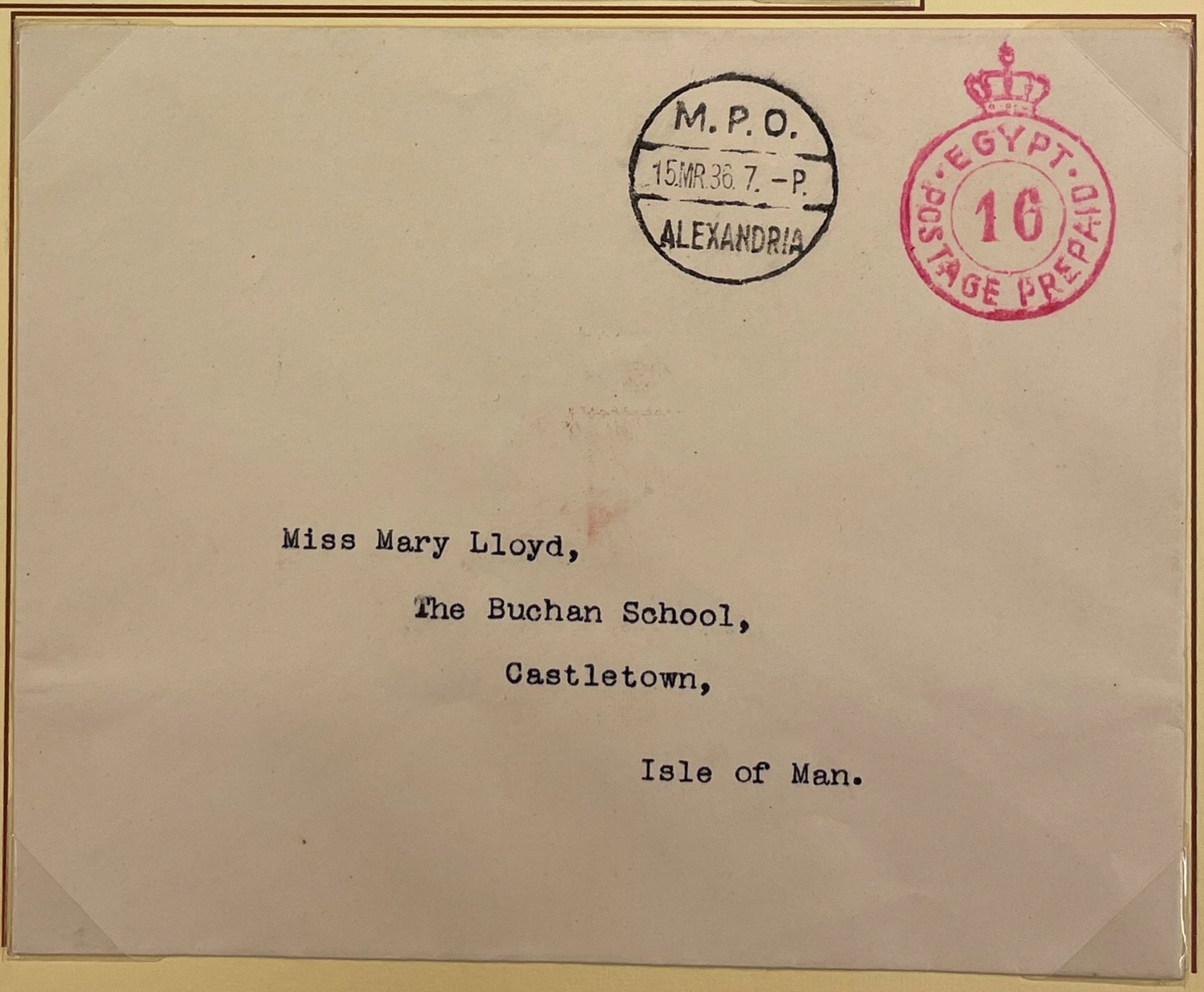
15 Mar 1936 Cover sent to England, from RAF, Alexandria, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #14 red, M.P.O. ABU QIR Egypt reverse: retta black.

NUMERAL FRANK 15, 16

Crown Cancel #15 was initially utilized at the Military Hospital in Ras El-Tin, Alexandria. **Crown Cancel #16** was assigned to Alexandria on November 1, 1935, when the Military Post Office was re-established, and it was transferred from the **Military Hospital located in Ras El-Tin, Alexandria.**



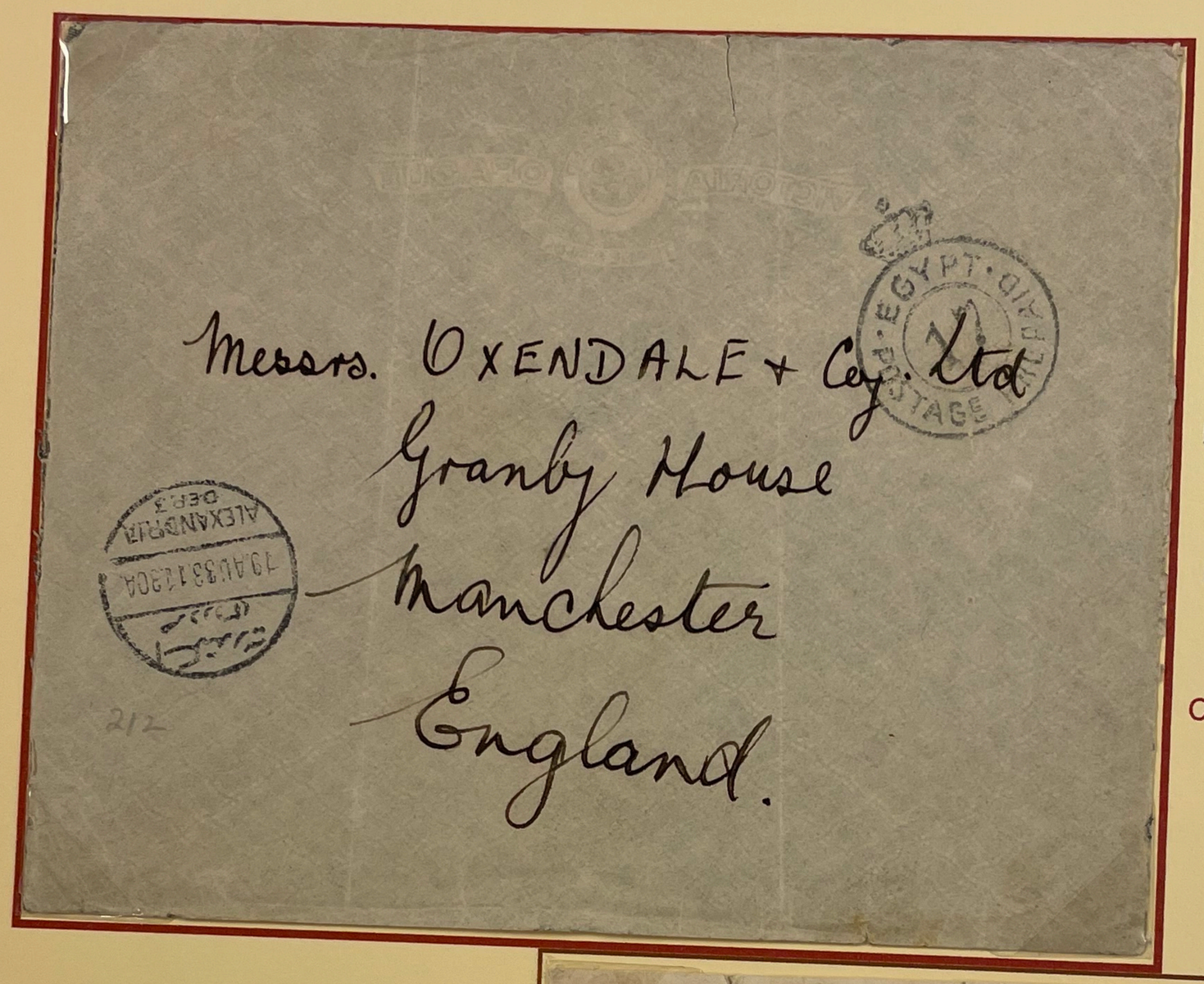
15 Mar 1936 Cover sent to England, from Alexandria, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #15 red, M.P.O. Alexandria Egypt reverse: retta black.



15 Mar 1936 Cover sent to England from Egypt CDS M.P.O. Alexandria datestamp with Crown Cancel #16. (Philatelic last day cover)

NUMERAL FRANK 17

Crown Cancel 17 was assigned to Alexandria on November 1, 1935, following the re-establishment of the military post office. This Crown Cancel was transferred from Mustapha Barracks, and it is known to have been used on a limited number of covers.



19 Aug 1933 Cover sent to England, from Alexandria, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #17 (black), civilian Alexandria D.E.P3 reverse: retta black.

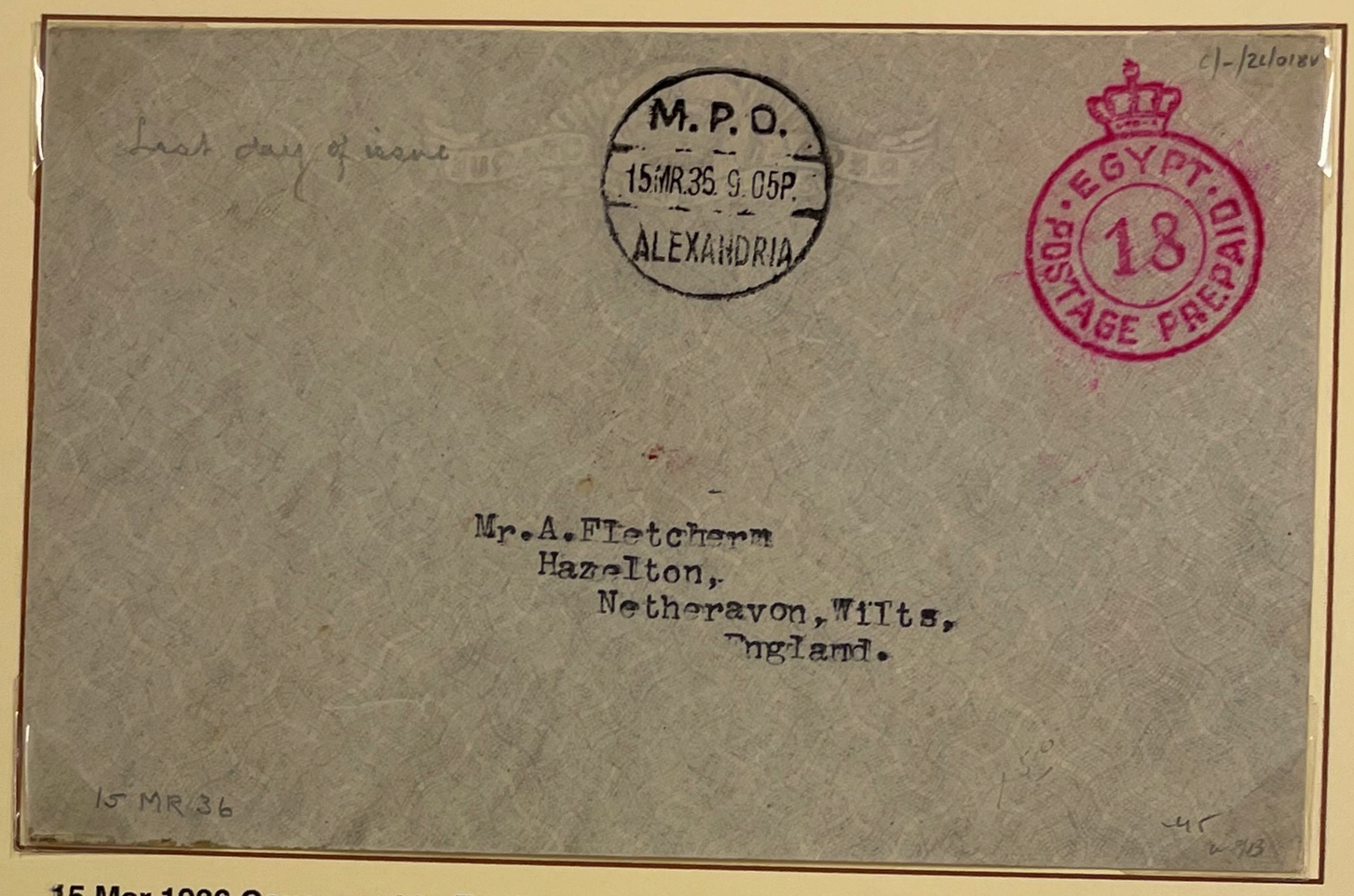
One of kind
Crown 17 in Black



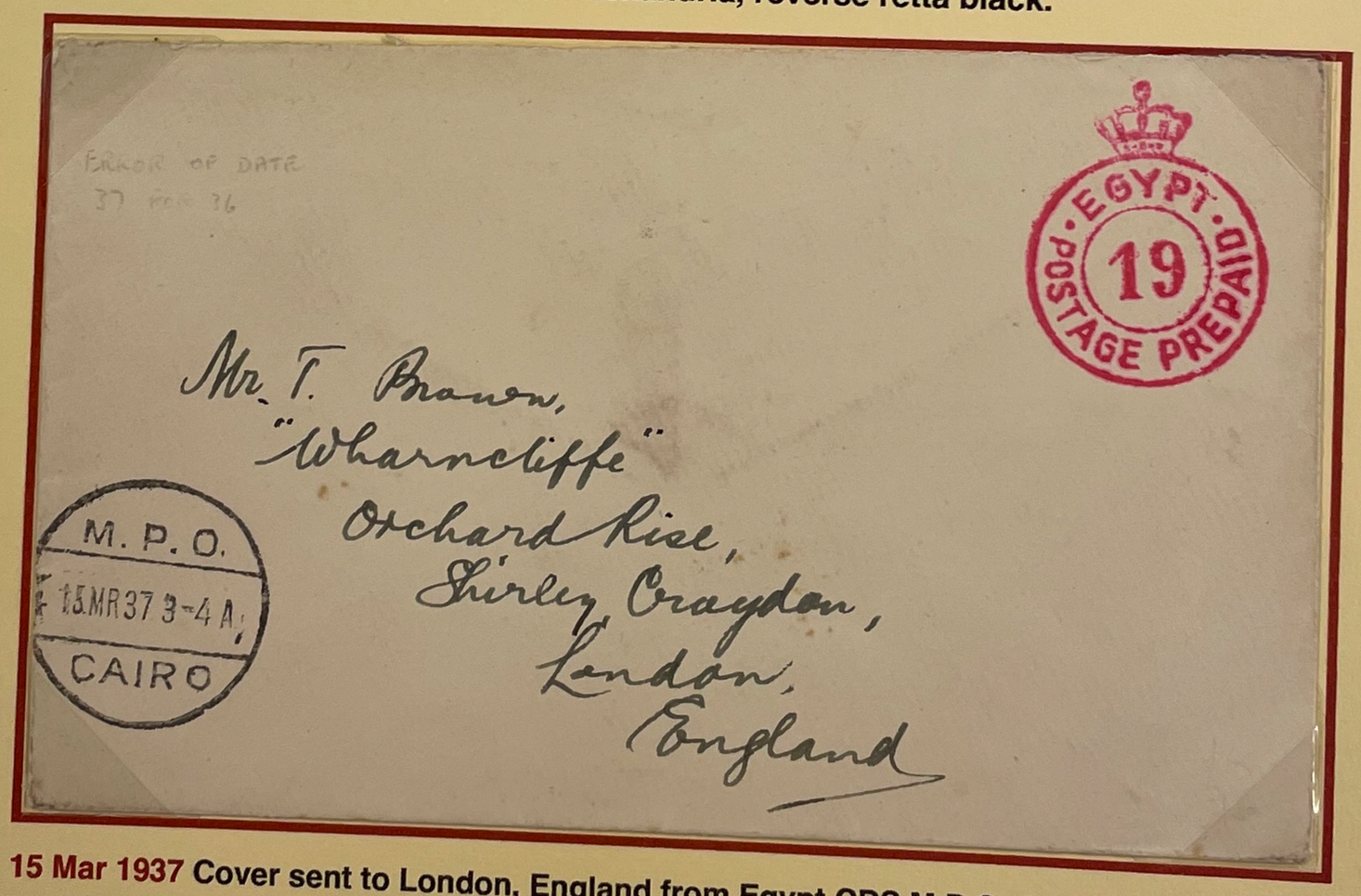
3 Dec 1936 Cover sent to Kent, England from Egypt CDS M.P.O. Alexandria datestamp with Crown Cancel #17 in red reverse: retta black.

NUMERAL FRANK 18, 19

Crown Cancel 18 was assigned to Alexandria and Crown Cancel 19 to Cairo



15 Mar 1936 Cover sent to England, from Alexandria, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #18 red, M.P.O. Alexandria, reverse retta black.



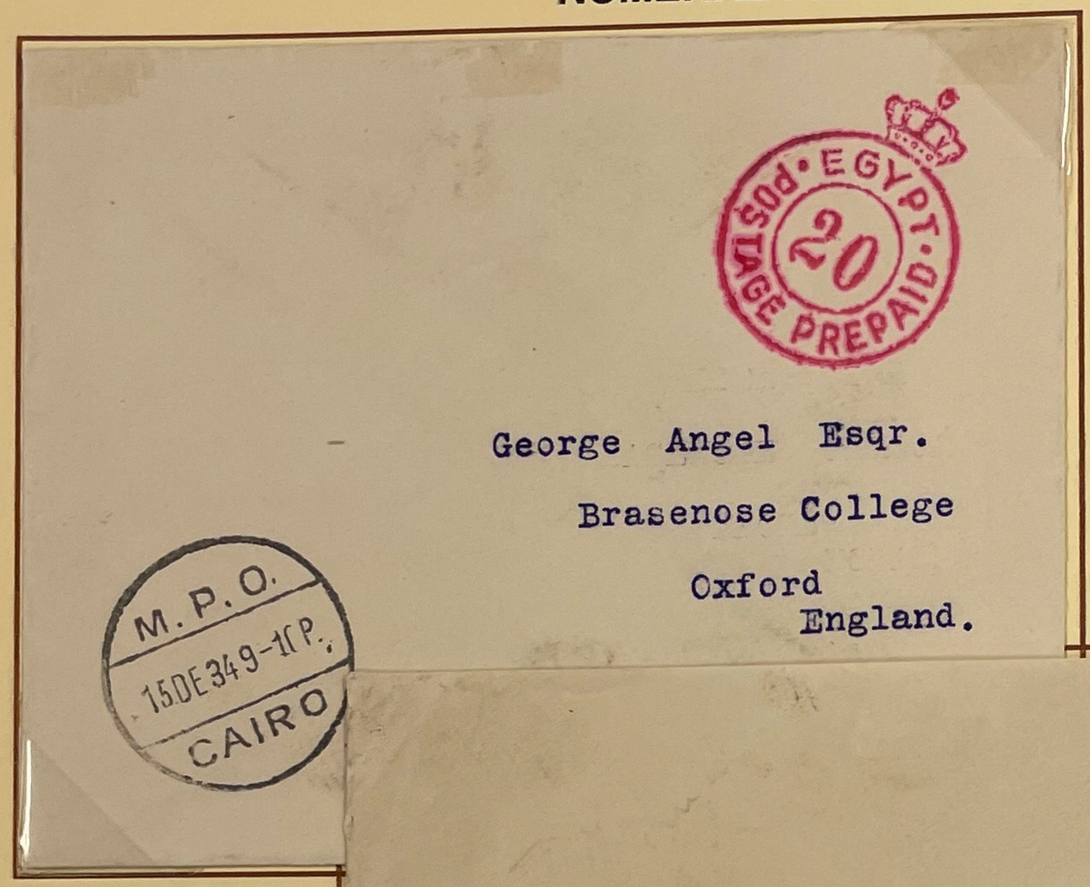
15 Mar 1937 Cover sent to London, England from Egypt CDS M.P.O. CAIRO datestamp with Crown Cancel #17 in red reverse: retta black.

The last date of use for Crown Cancels is 15 Mar 1936, this cover contains error & unrecorded date.

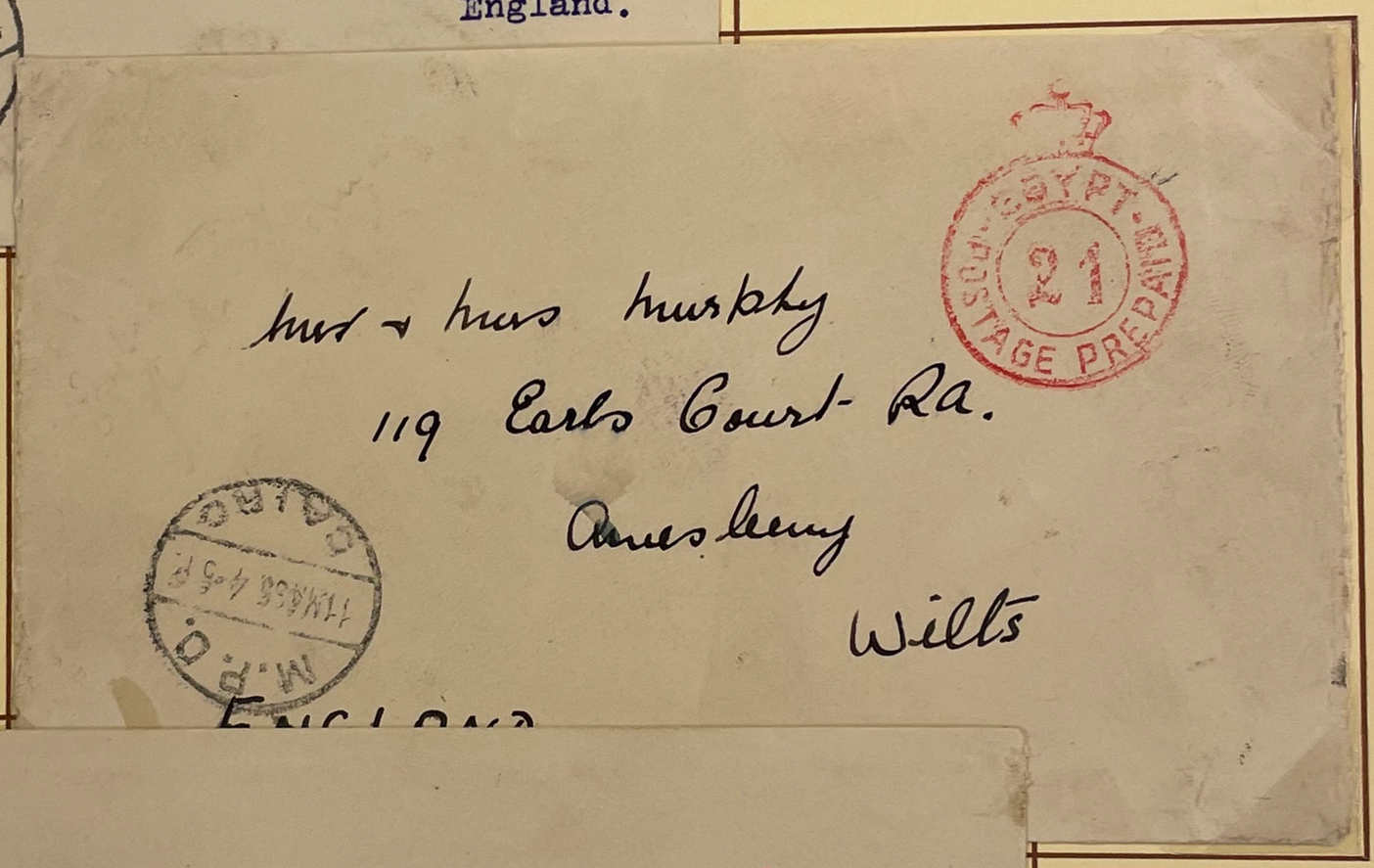
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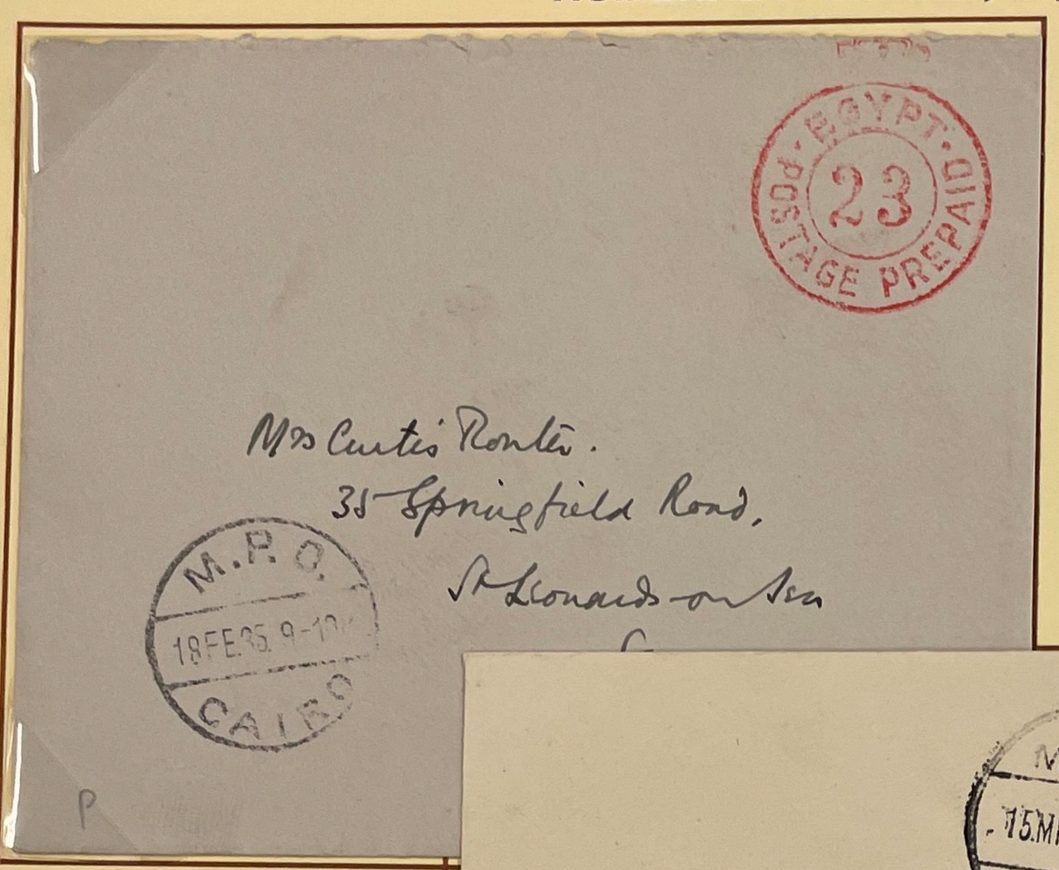


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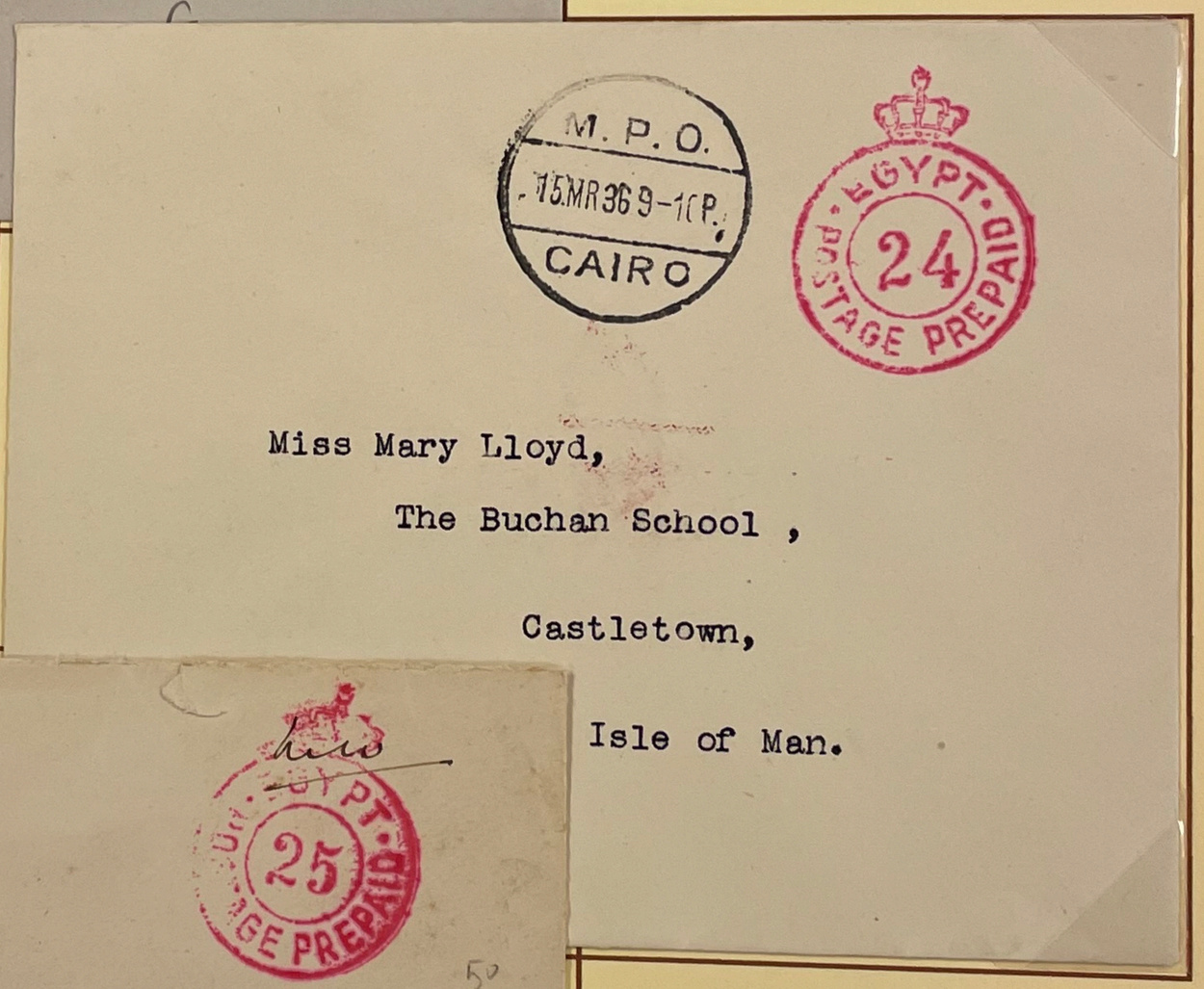


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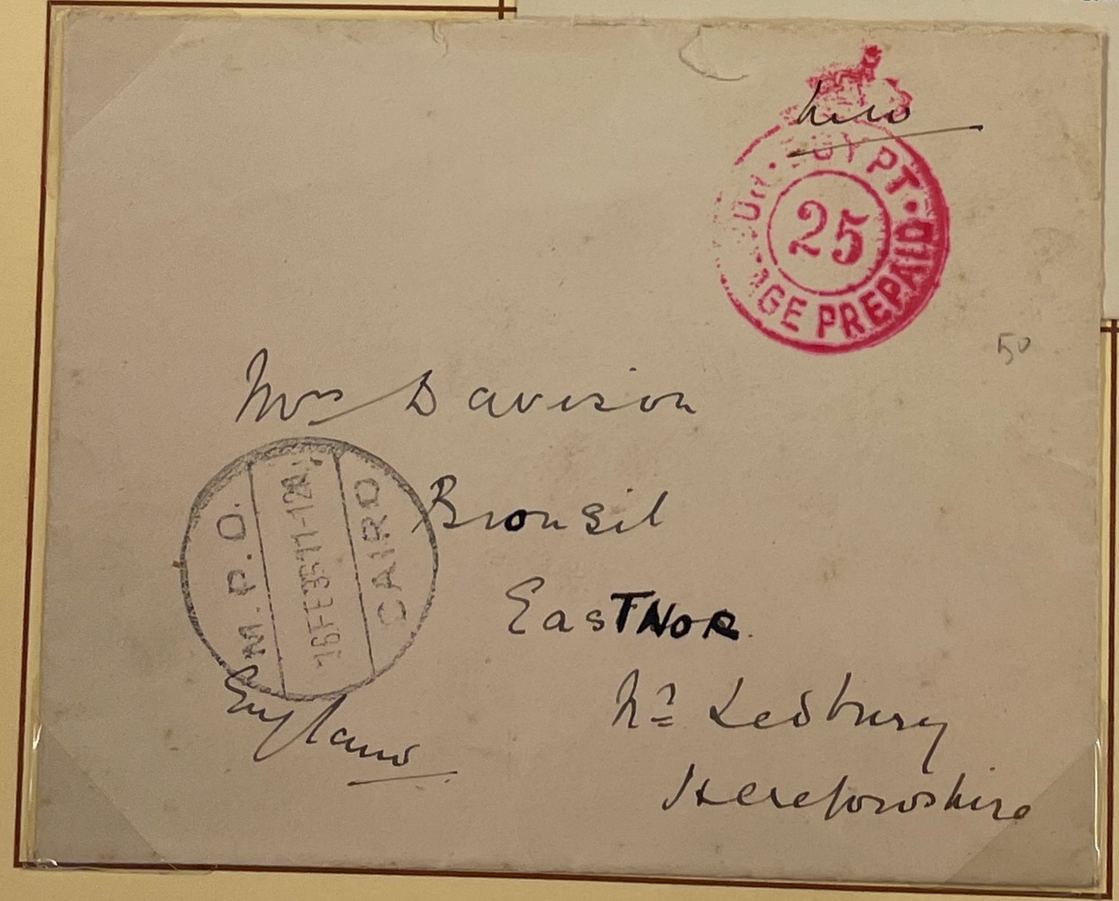
NUMERAL FRANK 23, 24, 25



18 Feb 1935 cover sent to England, from Cairo, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #23 red, M.P.O. Cairo, reverse retta.



15 Mar 1936 *Last day philatelic* **cover sent to England, from Cairo, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #24 red, M.P.O. Cairo, reverse retta red.**

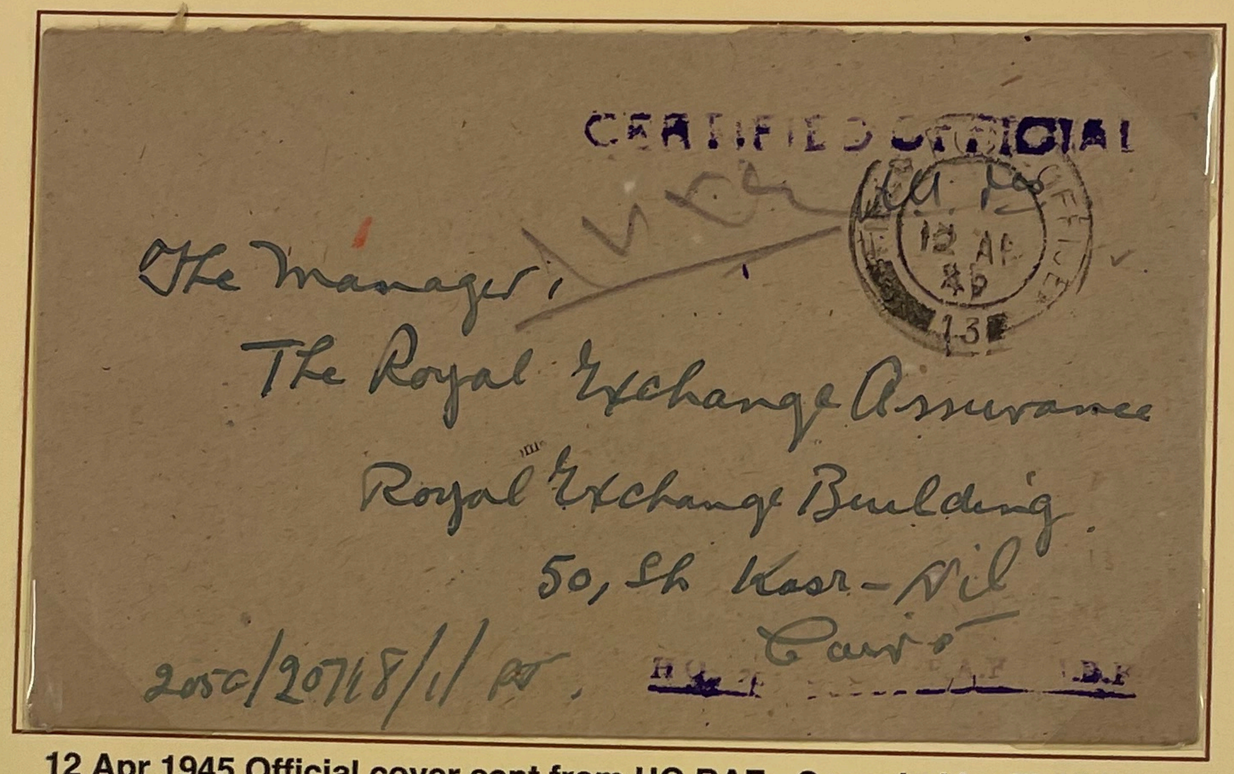


16 Feb 1935 Cover sent to England, from Cairo, Egypt. Canceled by Crown #25 red, M.P.O. Cairo

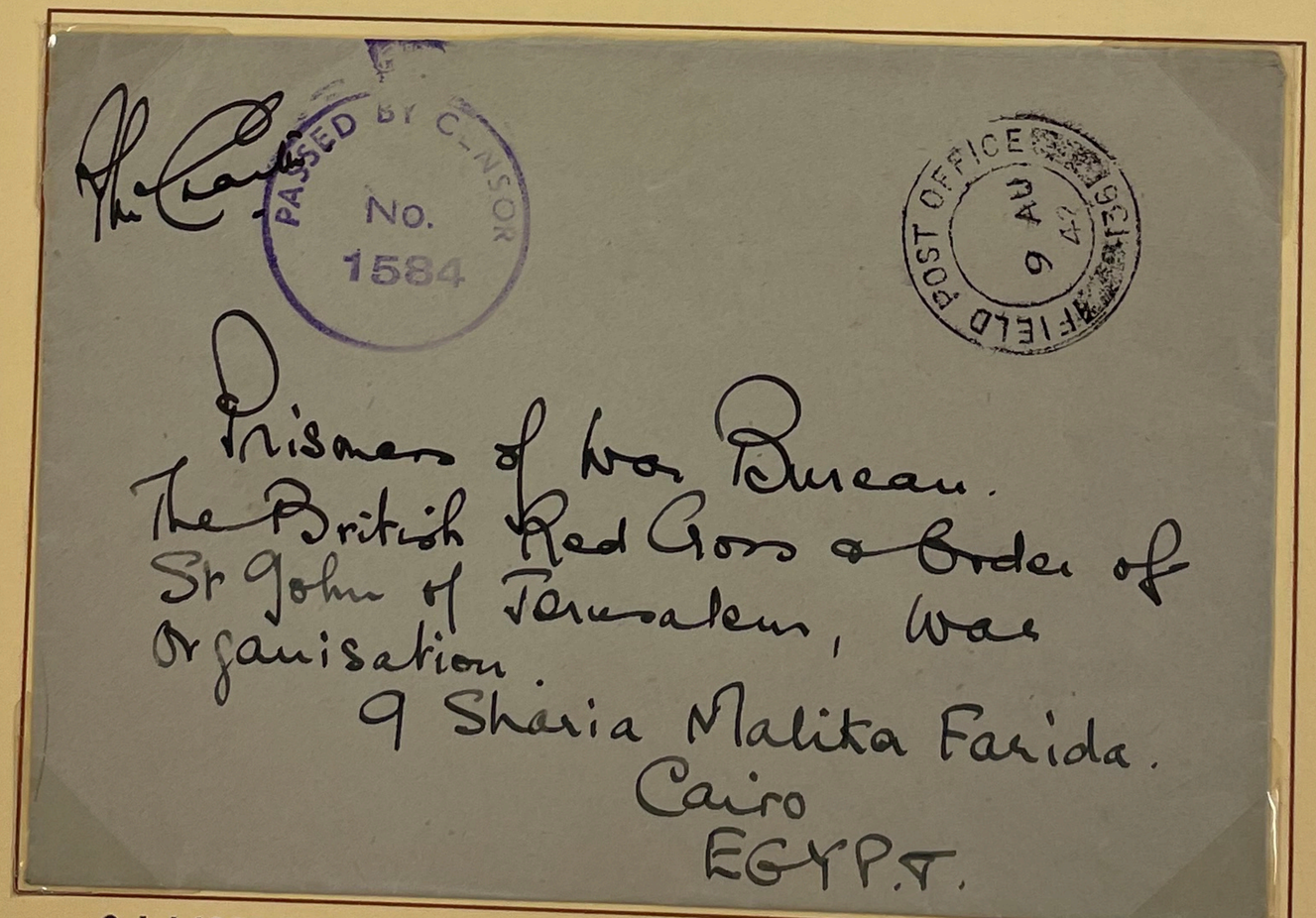
WORLD WAR II **FIELD POST OFFICES**

F.P.O. 13, 136

Field Post Office (FPO) 13 was a mobile unit that provided postal services to British military personnel stationed in Egypt during World War II. Specifically, FPO 13 was responsible for managing the delivery of mail and packages to British soldiers stationed in various locations throughout Egypt



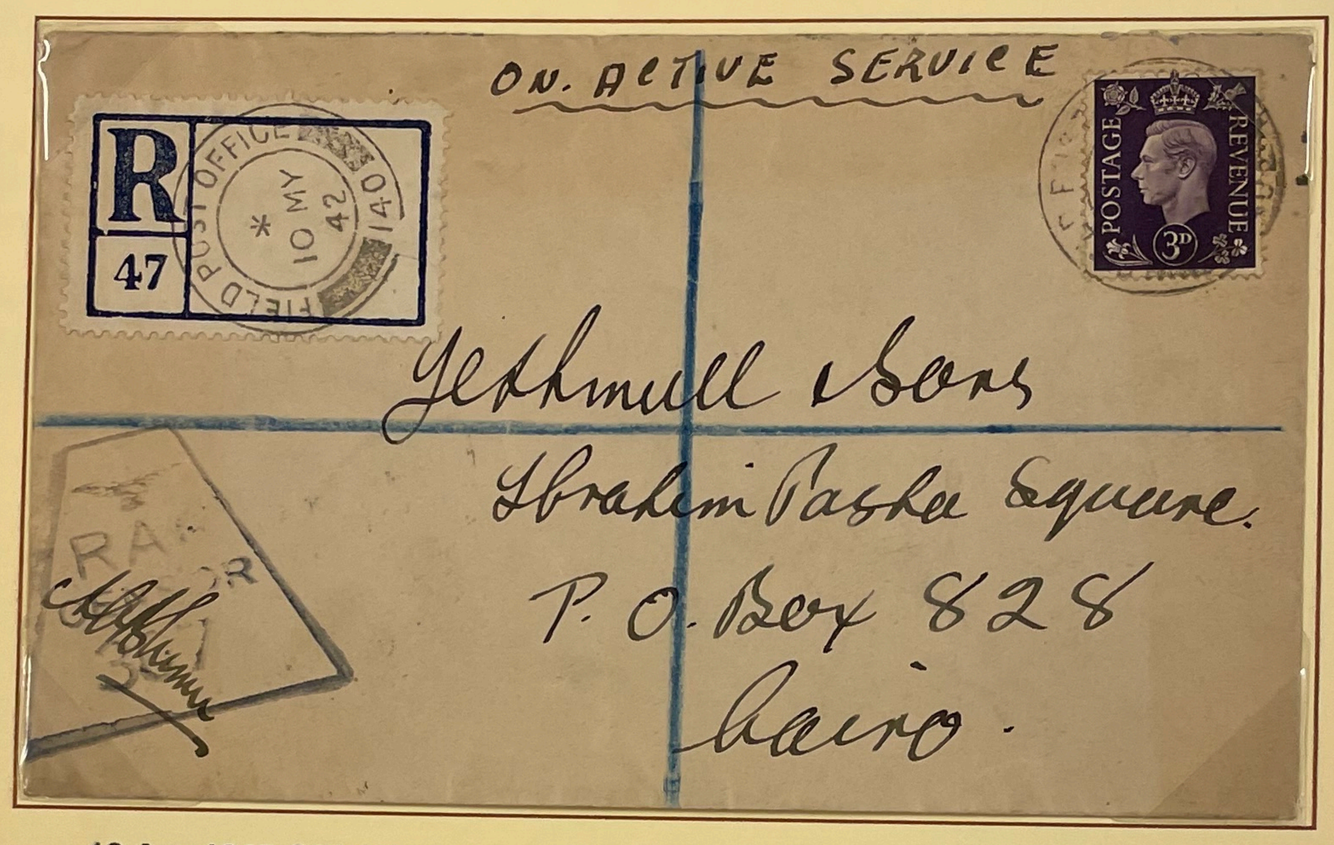
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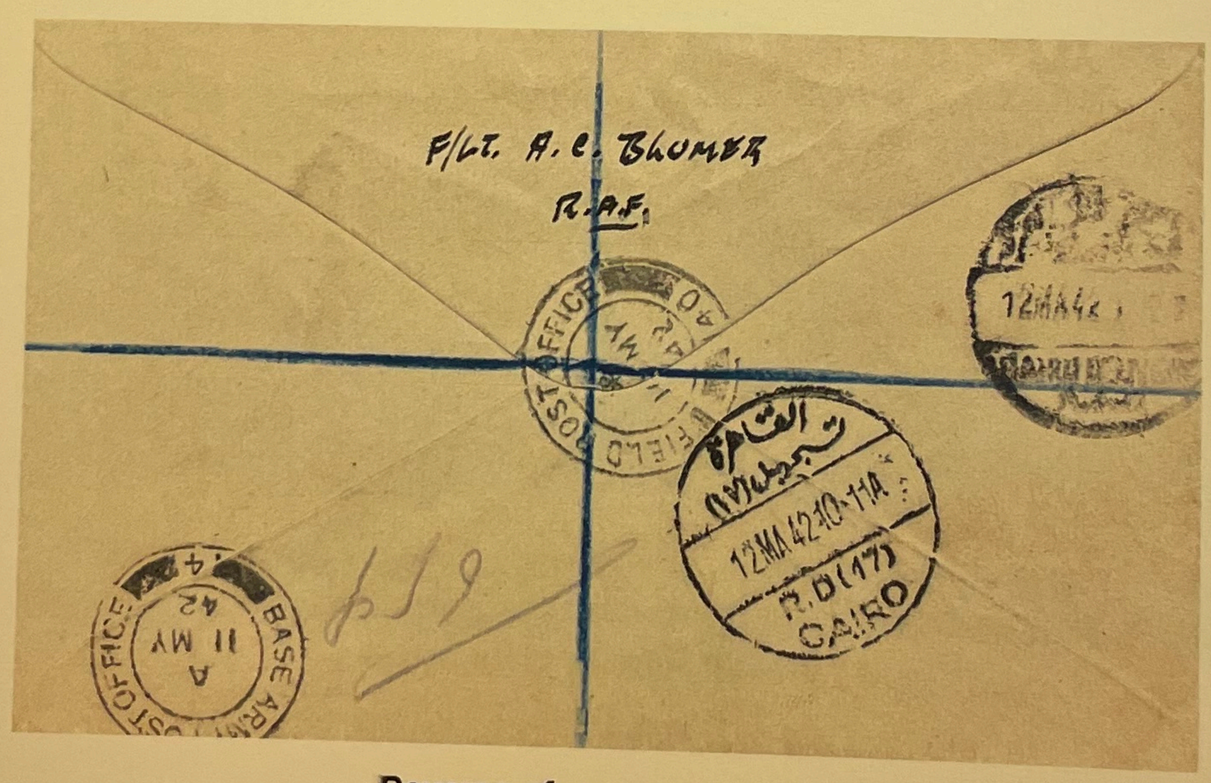
6 Jul 1945 Official cover sent from FPO 136 Mobile Unit canceled by Field Post Office #136 to Cairo. Censored by No 1584.

F.P.O. 140

Field Post Office (FPO) 140 was a Royal Air Force (RAF) mobile postal unit that provided postal services to RAF personnel stationed in Egypt during World War II. Specifically, FPO 140 was responsible for managing the delivery of mail and packages to RAF personnel stationed in various locations throughout Egypt, including Cairo, Alexandria, and the Western Desert.



12 Apr 1945 Official cover sent from RAF - FPO #140 - Canceled by Field Post Office #140 to Cairo. CDS' CAIRO R.D (17) arrive in 12 Mar 1942.



Reverse of cover reduced.

WORLD WAR II **FIELD POST OFFICES**

F.P.O. 169

Field Post Office (FPO) 169 was a mobile unit that provided postal services to British military personnel during World War II. Initially, it was deployed on HM Transport Queen Mary between 5 and 27 July 1940. Later, it was assigned to General Headquarters in Cairo, Egypt.

Each FPO has a unique identifier to track and manage mail delivery. This number is used to identify the FPO in postal markings and cancellations. The earliest known usage of FPO 169 dates to 26 September 1940, while the latest known usage was on 21 April 1941.

FPO 169 played a crucial role in maintaining the morale of British soldiers stationed in Egypt during the North African campaign. The efficient and reliable delivery of mail and packages was essential to maintaining the connection between soldiers and their families back home.

Overall, FPO 169 was just one of many mobile postal units that played a vital role in facilitating communication between soldiers and their families during World War II. The surviving mail and artifacts from this period provide valuable insights into the challenges of managing mail delivery during times of war.



3 Mar 1941 Airmail cover sent from RAF - FPO #169 - Canceled by Field Post Office #169 to Scotland. CDS' CAIRO R.D (17) arrive on 12 Mar 1942. Censored by R.A.F CENSOR 118.

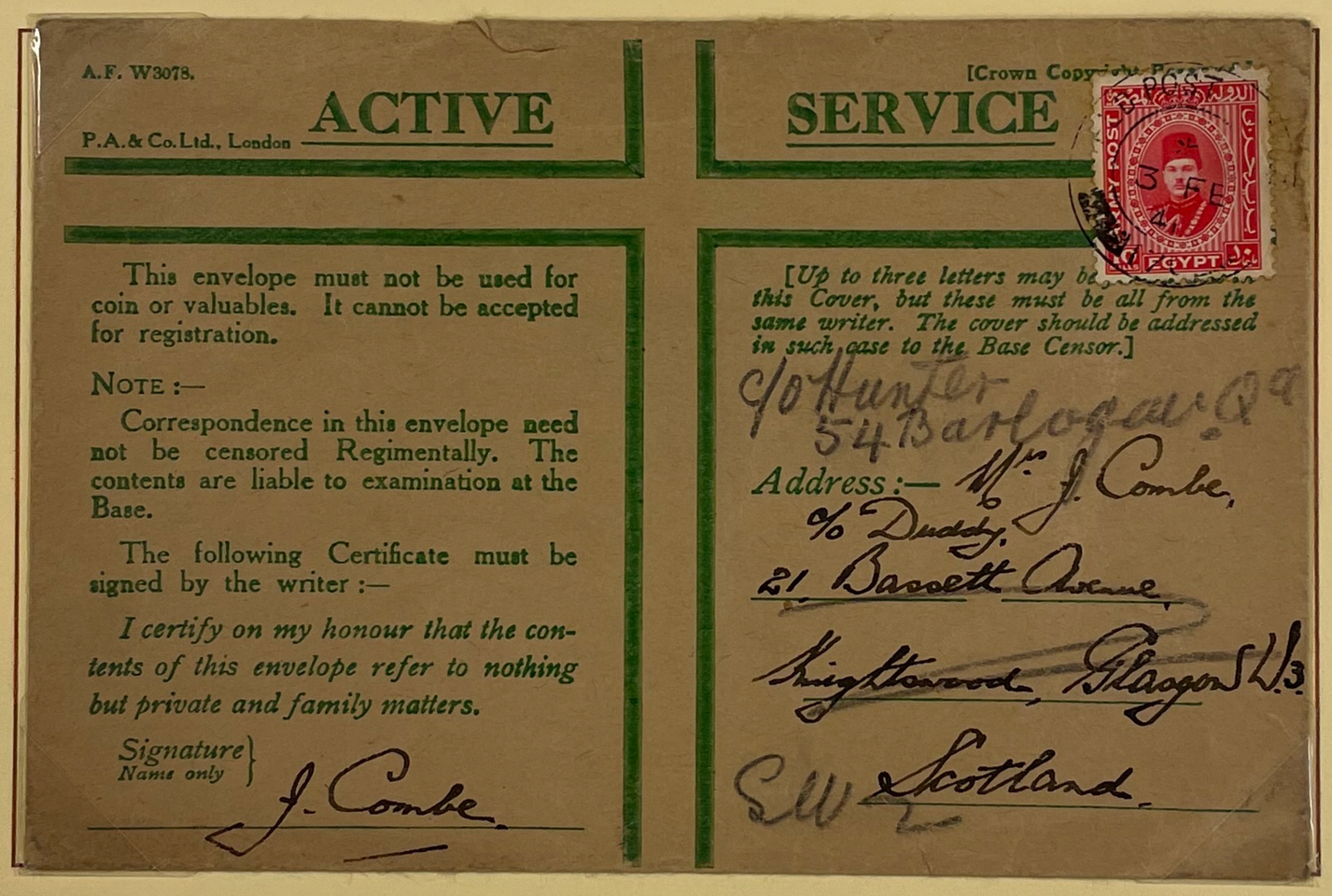
F.P.O. 170

Field Post Office (FPO) 170 was assigned to the 5th Line of Communications Postal Unit stationed at Port Tewfik, Egypt, during World War II. This FPO was responsible for managing the delivery of mail and packages to military personnel stationed in the area.

The earliest known usage of FPO 170 dates to 30 September 1940, while the latest known usage was on 23 April 1941. This period of operation coincided with the North African campaign, which was a critical period of the war.

FPO 170 played a vital role in maintaining the morale of British soldiers stationed in Egypt during this period. The efficient and reliable delivery of mail and packages was essential to maintaining the connection between soldiers and their families back home.

Overall, FPO 170 was just one of many mobile postal units that played a crucial role in facilitating communication between soldiers and their families during World War II. The surviving mail and artifacts from this period provide valuable insights into the challenges of managing mail delivery during times of war.


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54 Barlogan Qr

Address :— Mrs J. Combe,
c/o Daddy,
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Knightswood, Glasgow S.W.3
Scotland.

3 Feb 1941 Official On Active Service cover sent from FPO #170 - Canceled by Field Post Office #170 to Scotland.

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F.P.O. 171

Field Post Office (FPO) 171 was assigned to the 5th Line of Communications Postal Unit during World War II. It replaced the M.P.O. E601 datestamp at Cairo when the Royal Engineers (Postal Section) took over military postal operations on 24 September 1940. FPO 171 was primarily used on mail from the Royal Air Force Base at Heliopolis and has recorded dates from 24 September 1940 to 17 April 1941. Later that month, it was relocated to Palestine for further use in the region.

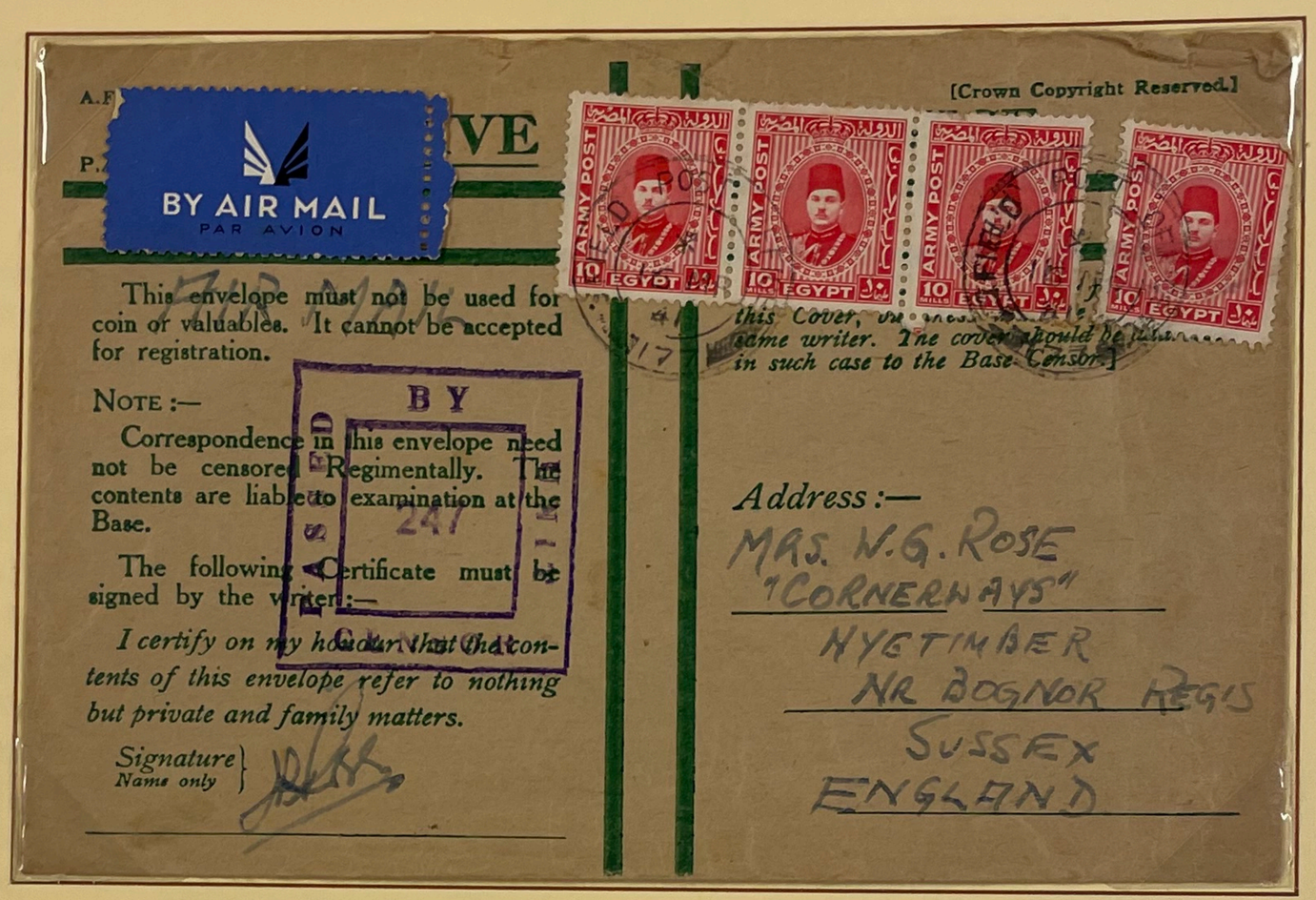


4 Oct 1940 Airmail cover sent from Cairo - FPO #171 - Canceled by Field Post Office #171 to England. Censored by DEPUTY CHIEF FIELD. Postmarked PAR AVION.

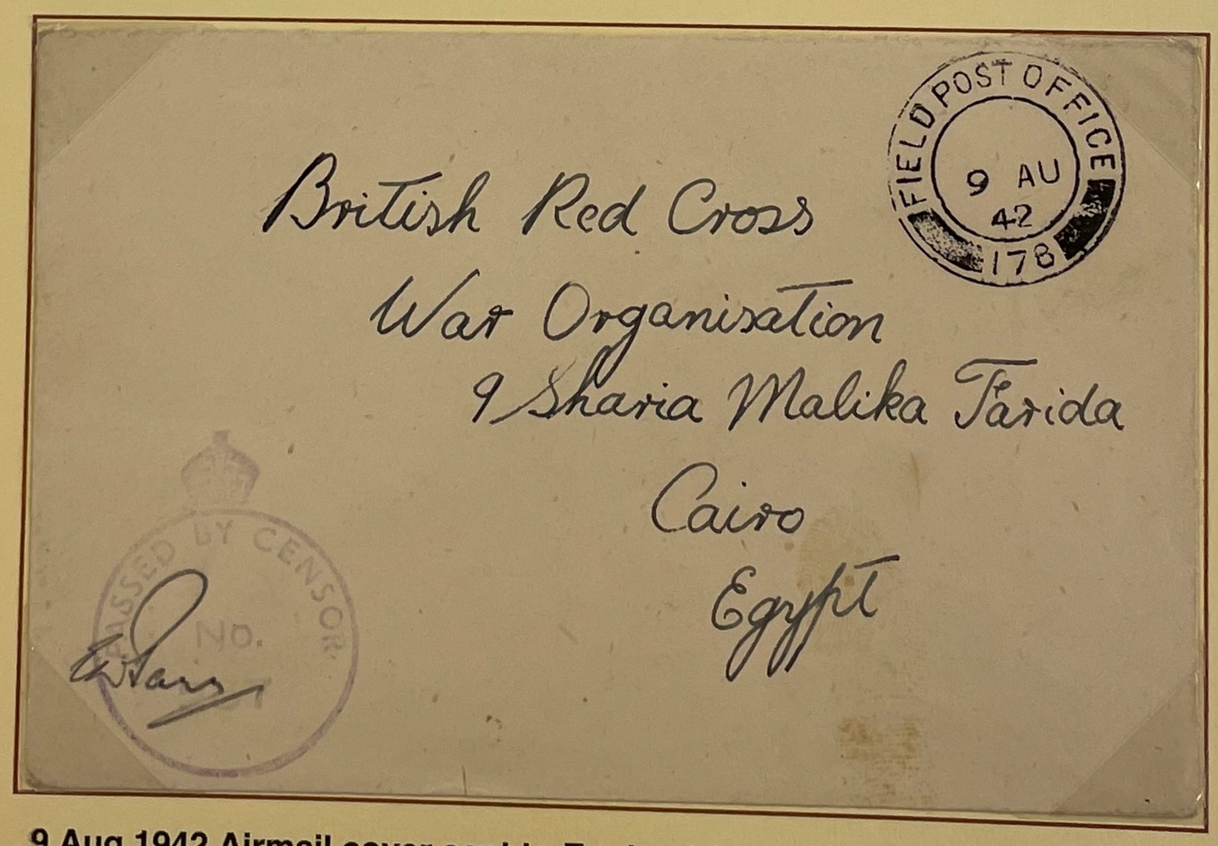


7 Jan 1941 Airmail cover sent from Cairo - FPO #171 - Canceled by Field Post Office #171 to England. Censored by R.A.F. 62, labeled PAR AVION.

F.P.O. 177, 178



16 Mar 1941 Airmail cover sent to England from FPO #177 - Canceled by Field Post Office #177. Censored by 247, labeled PAR AVION.



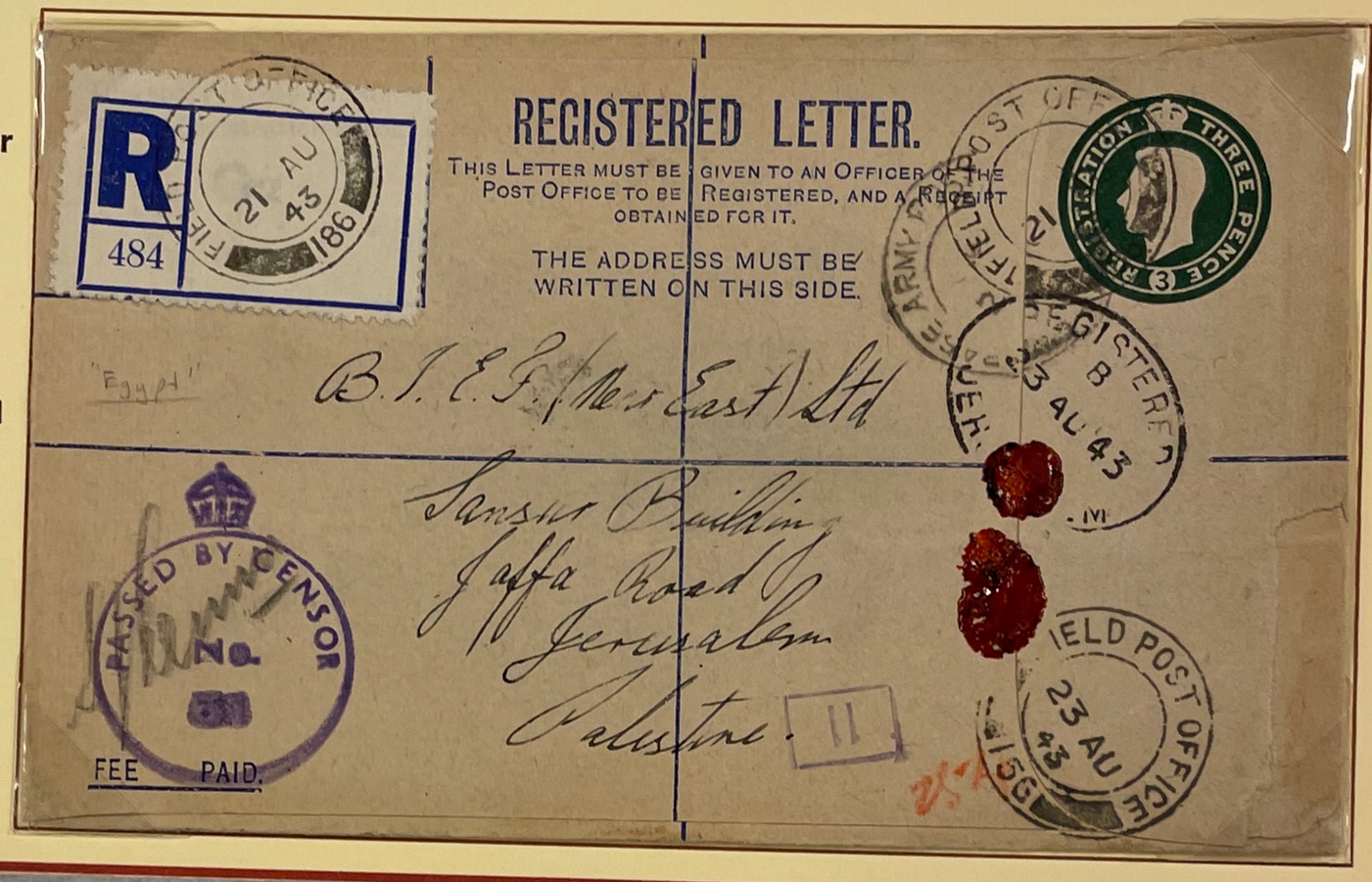
9 Aug 1942 Airmail cover sent to England from FPO #178 - Canceled by Field Post Office #178. Censored by 237, labeled PAR AVION.

WORLD WAR II **FIELD POST OFFICES**

F.P.O. 186, 189

On 24 Sep 1940, the military post office at Port Said, previously known as M.P.O. E604, was redesignated as F.P.O. 186. The new FPO number was used to manage the delivery of mail and packages to military personnel stationed in the area.

21 Aug 1943 Registered Letter sent to Jerusalem, Palestine, from Port-Saïd CDS' by Field Post Office #186, Field Post Office 156 Censored by 51, arrived and canceled by JERUSALEM datestamp on 23 Aug 1943.





12 Mar 1941 Airmail cover sent to Camberley from Sidi Gaber Alexandria - Canceled by Field Post Office #189, arrived on 1 May 1941 - *LONG TRANSIT*

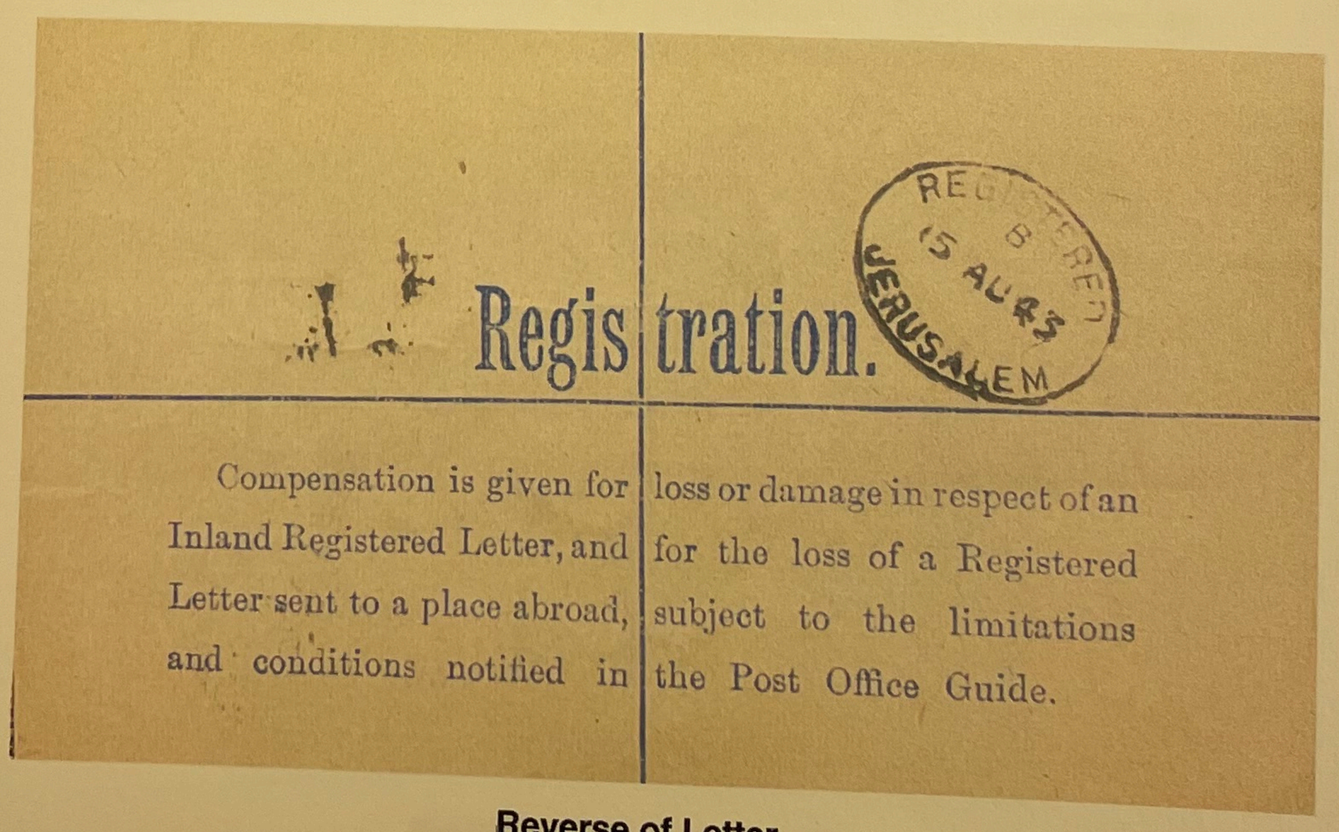
WORLD WAR II **FIELD POST OFFICES**

F.P.O. 196

Field Post Office (F.P.O.) 196 was a British military post office that operated in Egypt. It was used by British Forces stationed in Egypt to send and receive mail during various military campaigns, including the North African Campaign of World War II. The F.P.O. system enabled soldiers to keep in touch with their loved ones back home and helped to boost morale during times of war.



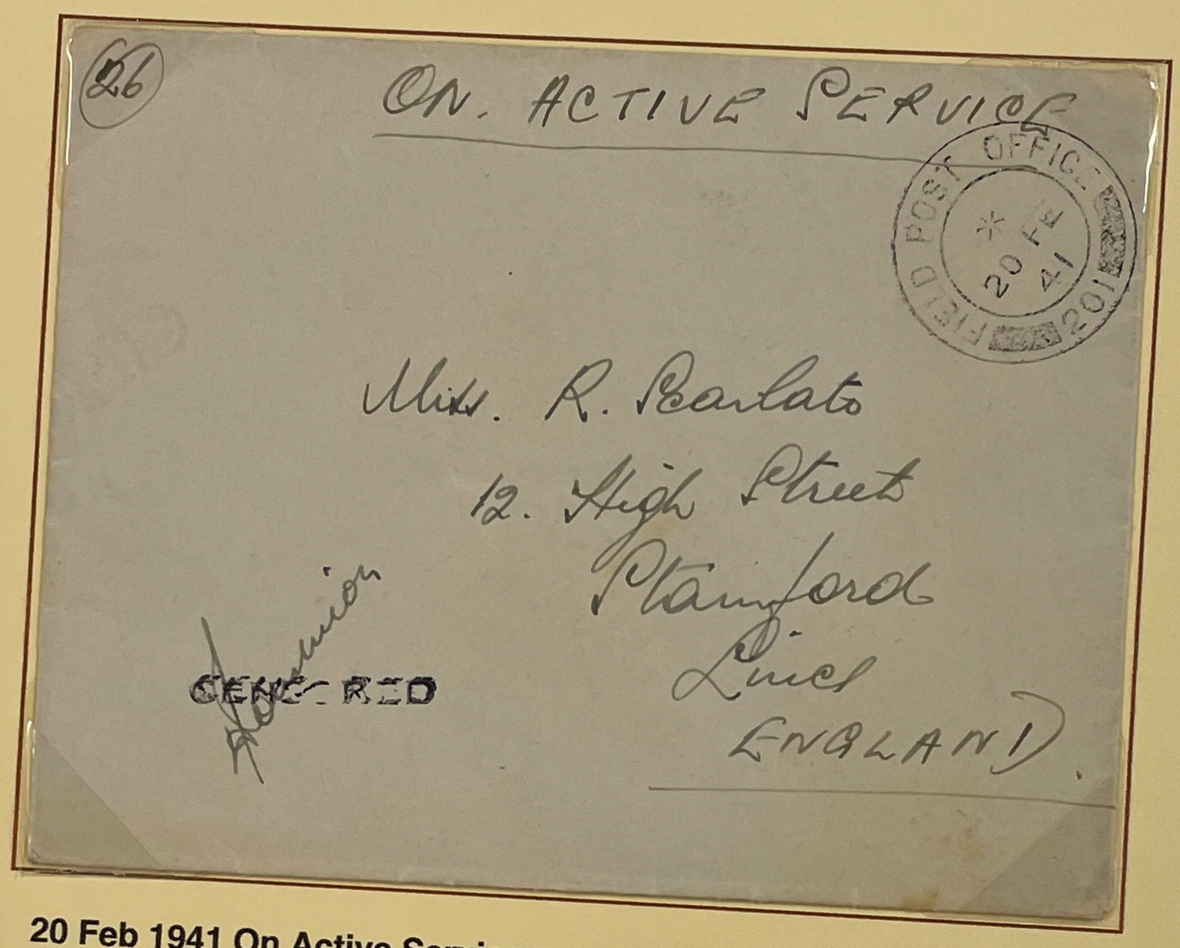
11 Aug 1943 Registered Letter sent to Jerusalem, Palestine, from Port-Saïd CDS' by Field Post Office #196, transit at Field Post Office #156. Censored by 6273, arrived and canceled by JERUSALEM datestamp on 15 Aug 1943.



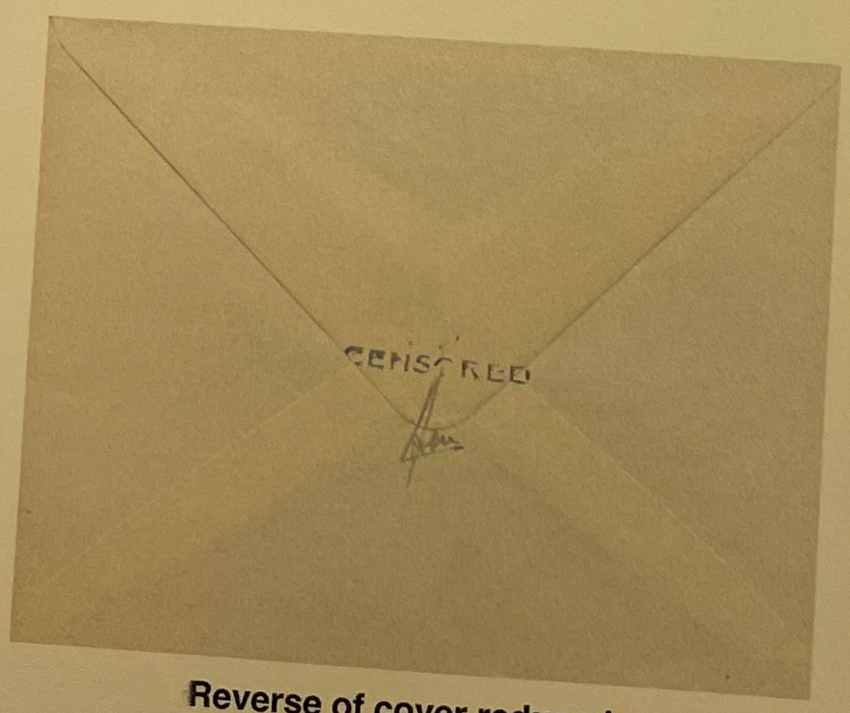
Reverse of Letter

F.P.O. 201

F.P.O. 201 was a British military post office that was assigned to the 5th Line of Communications Postal Unit at Heliopolis, Egypt during the Second World War. The unit as likely associated with the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards. The F.P.O. 201 datestamp was used to mark mail that was processed through this post office, with recorded dates of only 13 February 1941 to 6 April 1941. This information suggests that the post office was likely only operational for a short period of time during the North African Campaign of the Second World War.



20 Feb 1941 On Active Service cover sent to England, from HQ of British Forces in Cairo CDS' by Field Post Office #201. Censored by HQ 'CERTIFIED' on front and revers of cover.



Reverse of cover reduced.

WORLD WAR II F.P.O. 201 FIELD POST OFFICES

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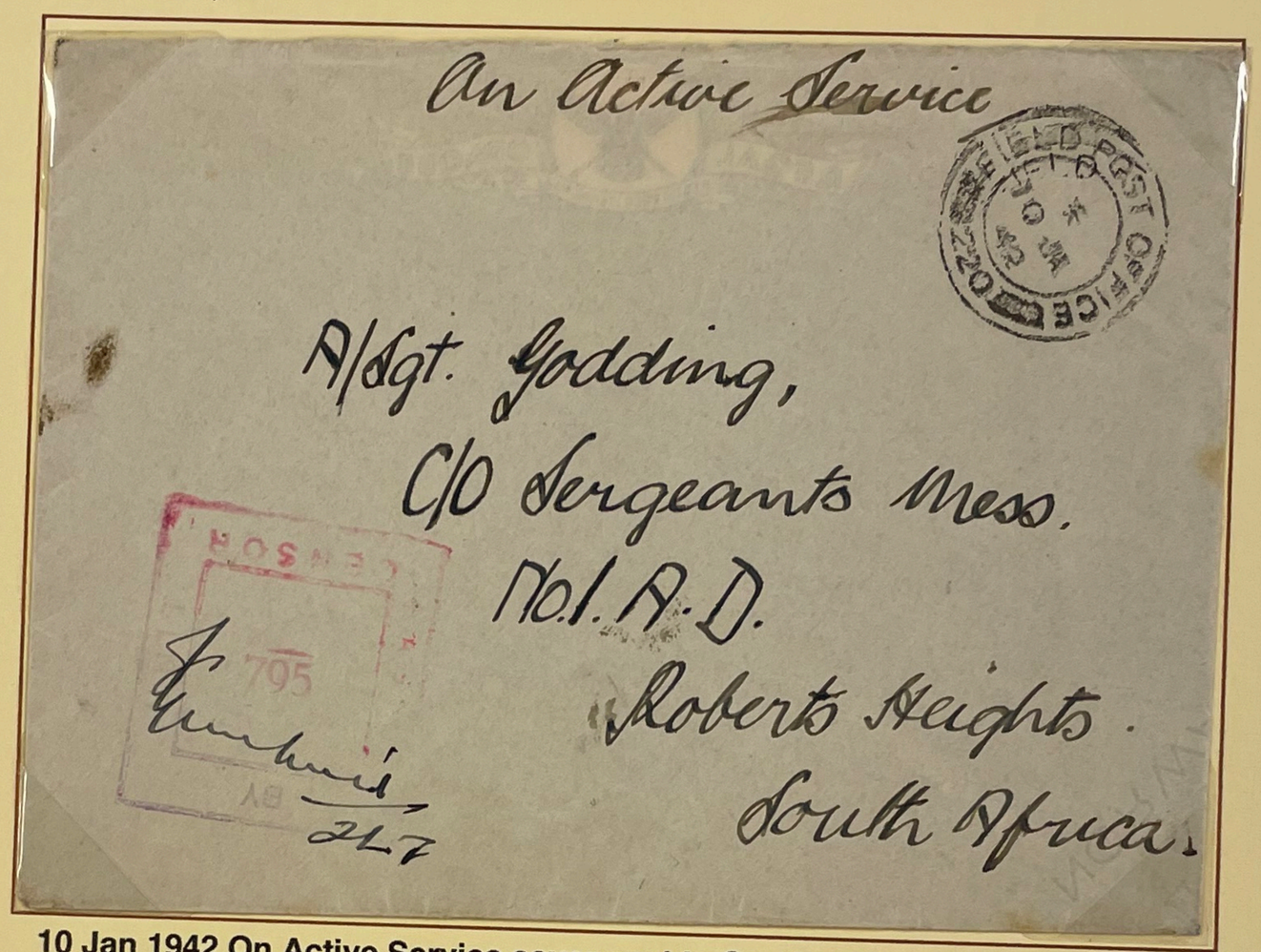
Front of full sheet of Egyptian Military stamp Farouk 10ml. cancelled by F.P.O 201 'Largest peace'.

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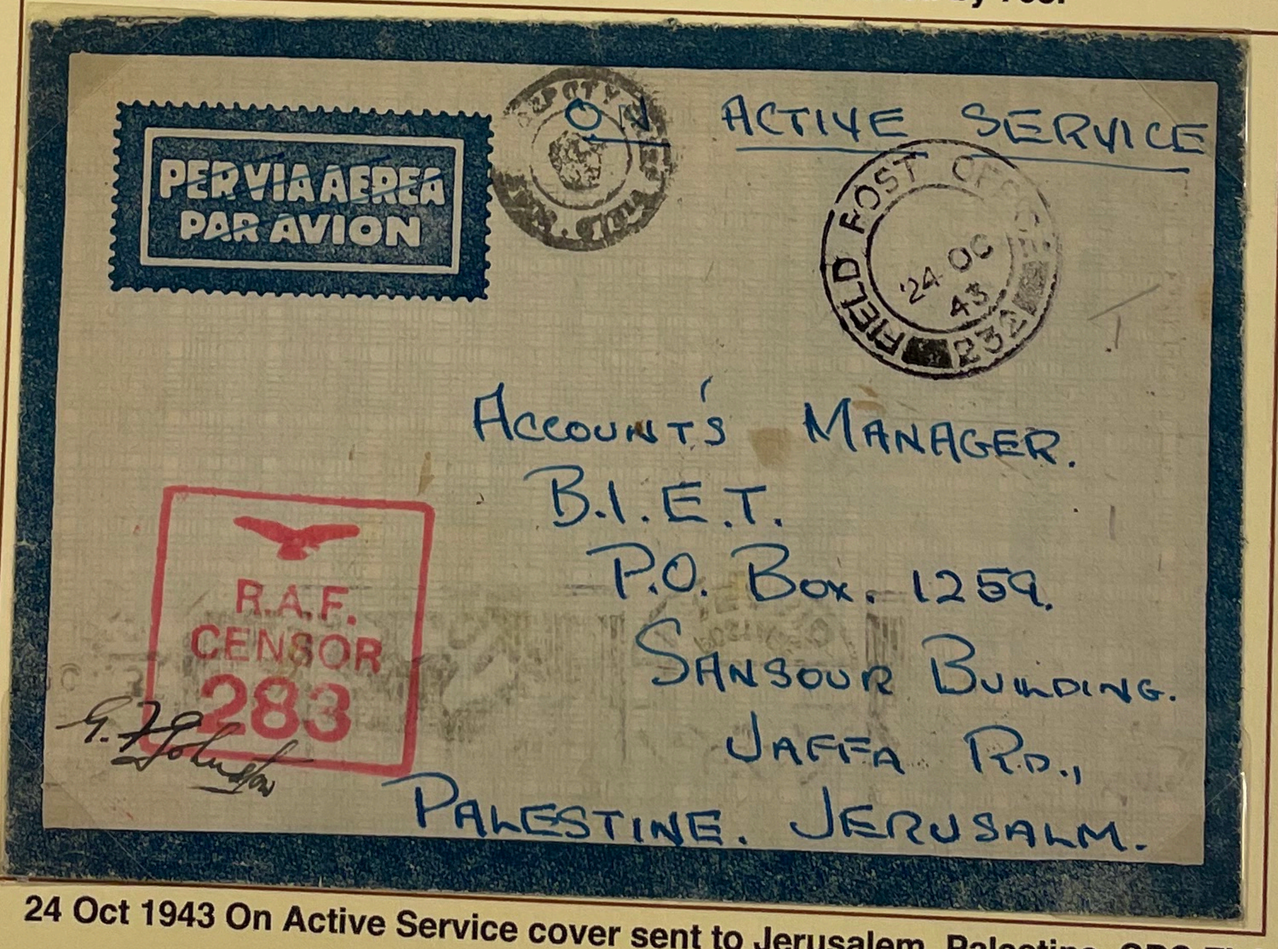
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F.P.O. 220, 232

The FPO CDS' were used for a variety of postal services, including money orders and registration, in addition to canceling stamps. This allowed soldiers to continue to send and receive mail, even if they did not have access to EPP datestamps.



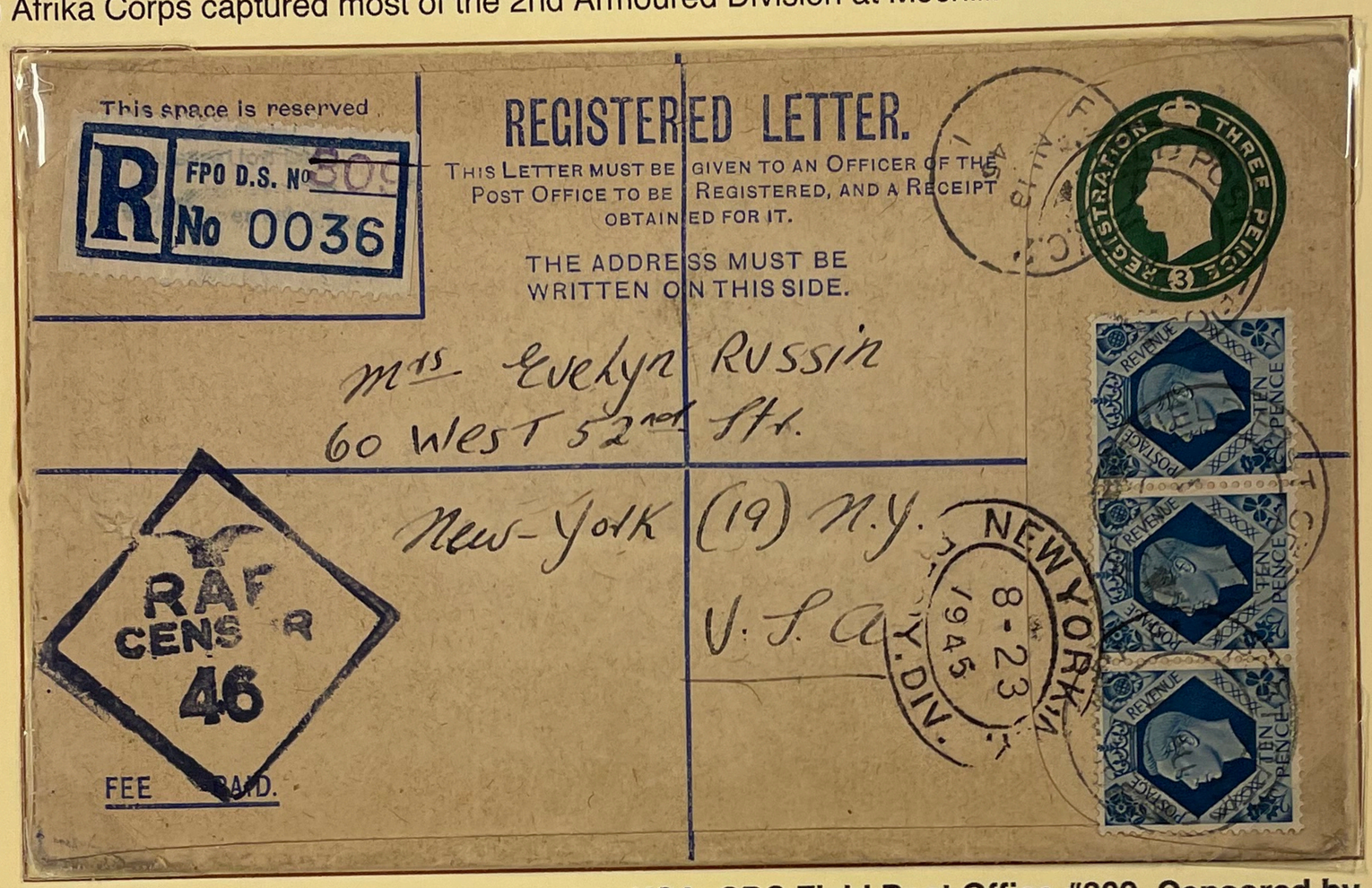
10 Jan 1942 On Active Service cover sent to South Africa, British Forces in Cairo CDS Field Post Office #220. Censored by 795.



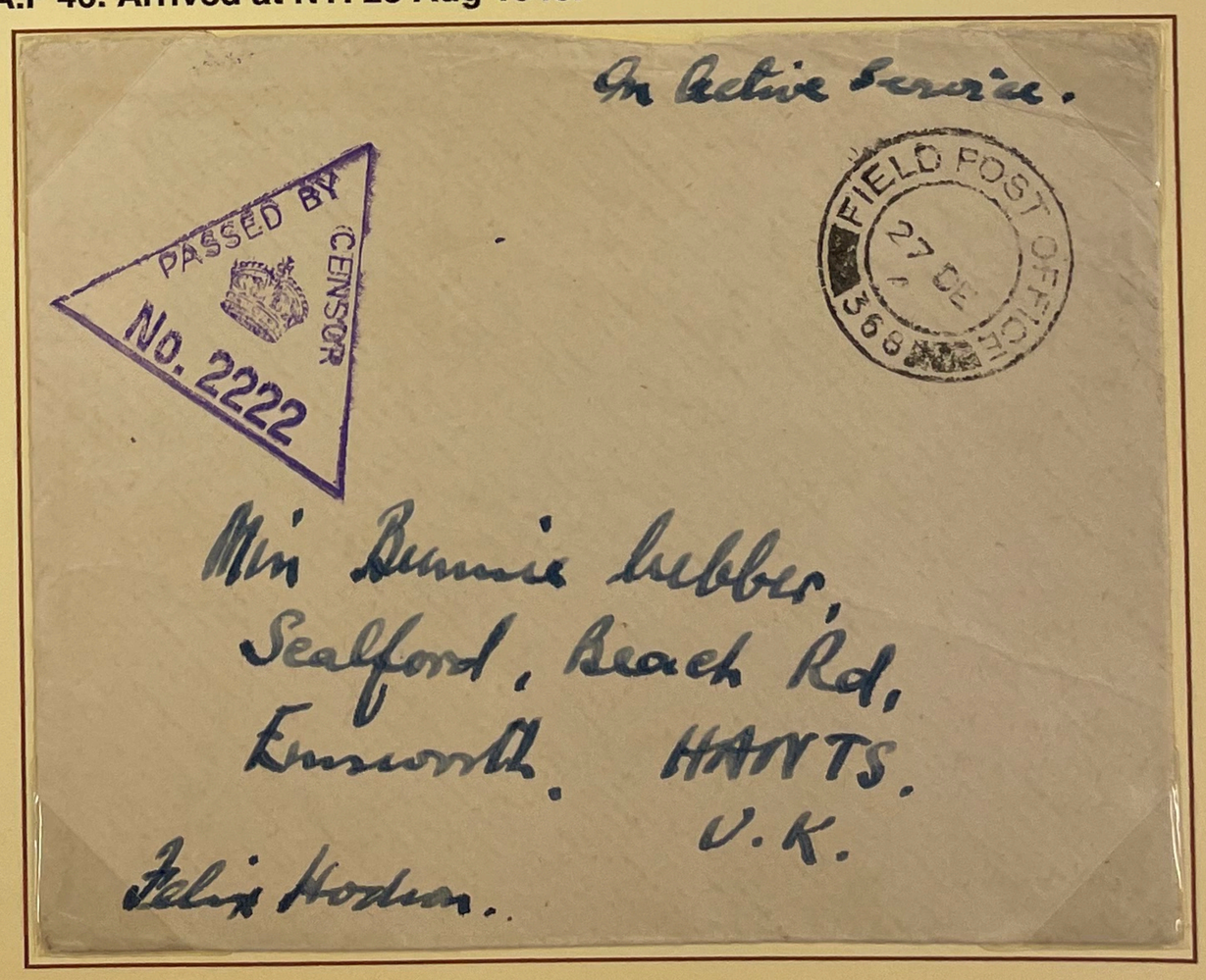
24 Oct 1943 On Active Service cover sent to Jerusalem, Palestine. CDS Field Post Office #232. Censored bv R.A.F. 283.

F.P.O. 309, 368

The F.P.O. 368 (2nd Armoured Division) datestamp had several uses throughout its brief history. It was used in the United Kingdom from June 7, 1940, to October 25, 1940. After that, it was used on mail sent from the UK to Egypt on a troopship from October 26, 1940, to December 31, 1940. From January 1, 1941, to March 12, 1941, the datestamp was used in Egypt, and then in Libya from March 13, 1941. However, the datestamp was captured or destroyed around April 8, 1941, when the Italian 10th Bersaglieri Regiment and troops of the German Afrika Corps captured most of the 2nd Armoured Division at Mechili.

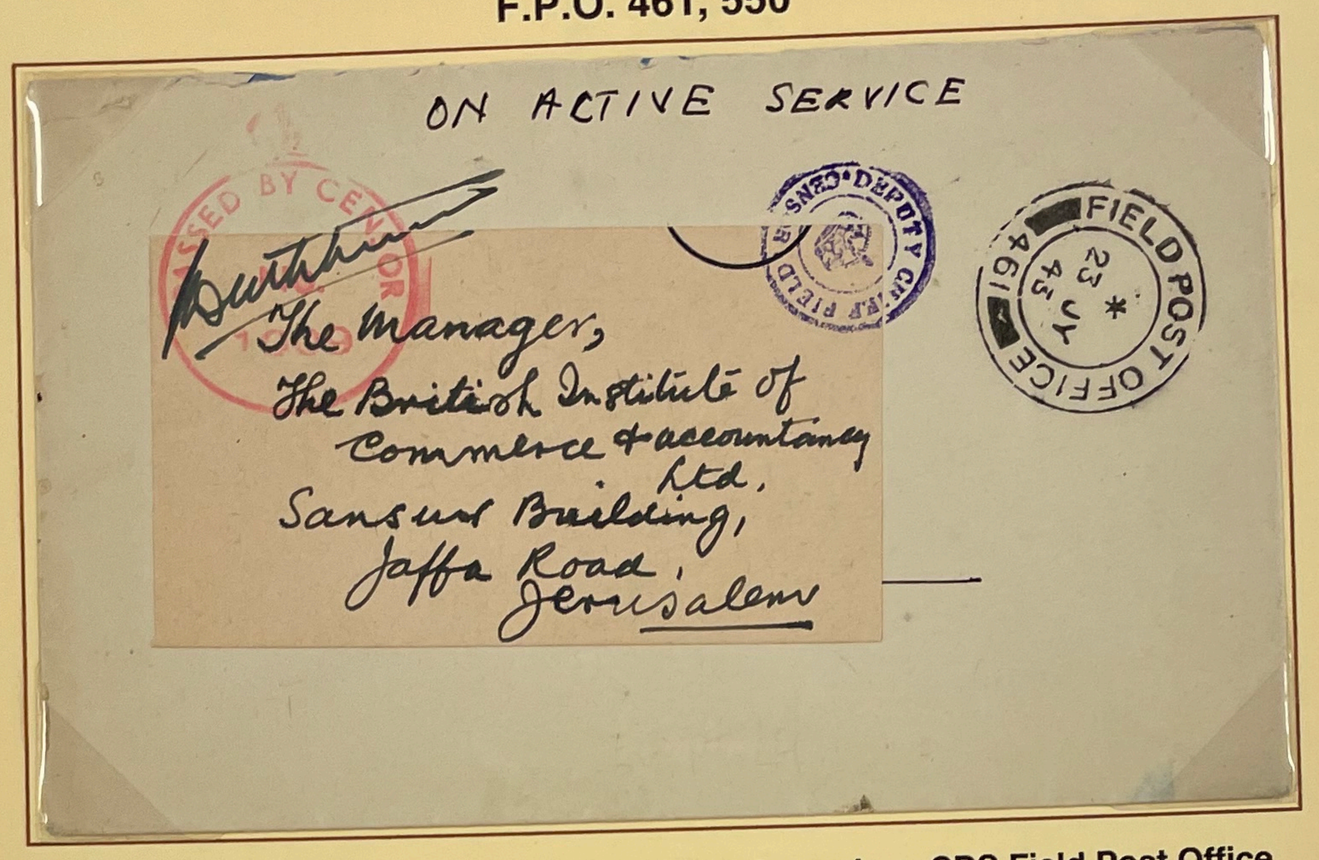


18 Aug 1945 Registered Letter sent to USA, CDS Field Post Office #309. Censored by R.A.F 46. Arrived at NY. 23 Aug 1943.

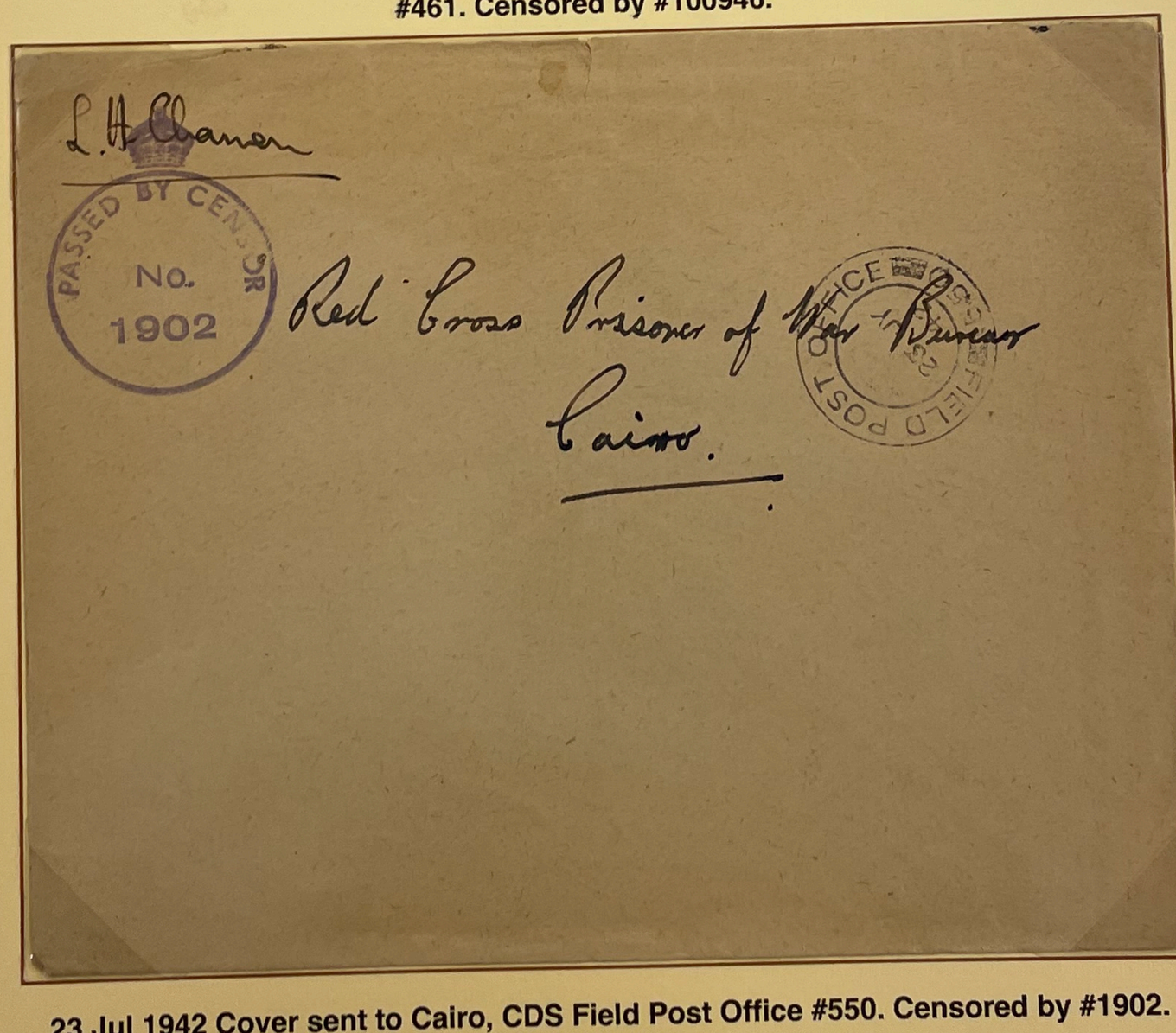


27 Dec 1940 On Active Service cover sent to England, British Forces in Cairo CDS Field Post Office #368. Censored by 2222.

F.P.O. 461, 550



23 Jul 1943 On Active Service cover sent to Jerusalem, CDS Field Post Office #461. Censored by #100946.



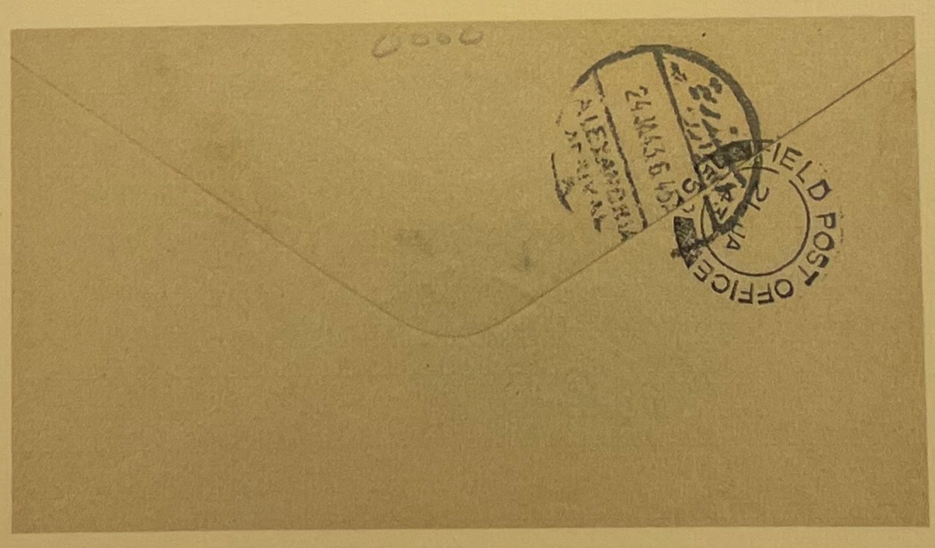
23 Jul 1942 Cover sent to Cairo, CDS Field Post Office #550. Censored by #1902.

F.P.O. 552

Field Post Office (F.P.O.) 552 was a British military post office that operated during the Second World War. The unit was assigned to the British Eighth Army and was used by soldiers during the North African Campaign. F.P.O. 552 was based in Egypt and was used to send and receive mail from soldiers who were stationed in various locations throughout the region. The post office processed letters, parcels, and other types of mail, which helped to boost morale among soldiers who were far from home. Overall, F.P.O. 552 played an important role in facilitating communication between soldiers and their loved ones during the Second World War.



20 Jan 1943 Cover sent to Alexandria, Canceled by Field Post Office #552. Passed By Censored #242. Arrived at Alexandria on 24 Jan 1943.



Revers of the cover reduced.

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F.P.O. 553

Field Post Office (F.P.O.) 553 was a British military post office that played a crucial role in facilitating communication during the Second World War. The unit was assigned to the British Eighth Army and operated in Egypt as part of the North African Campaign. F.P.O. 553 was responsible for processing letters, parcels, and other types of mail from soldiers who were stationed in various locations throughout the region. By enabling soldiers to stay in touch with their loved ones back home, the post office helped to boost morale among troops who were far away from their families and friends. Overall, F.P.O. 553 played a vital role in maintaining the emotional well-being of soldiers during the Second World War.



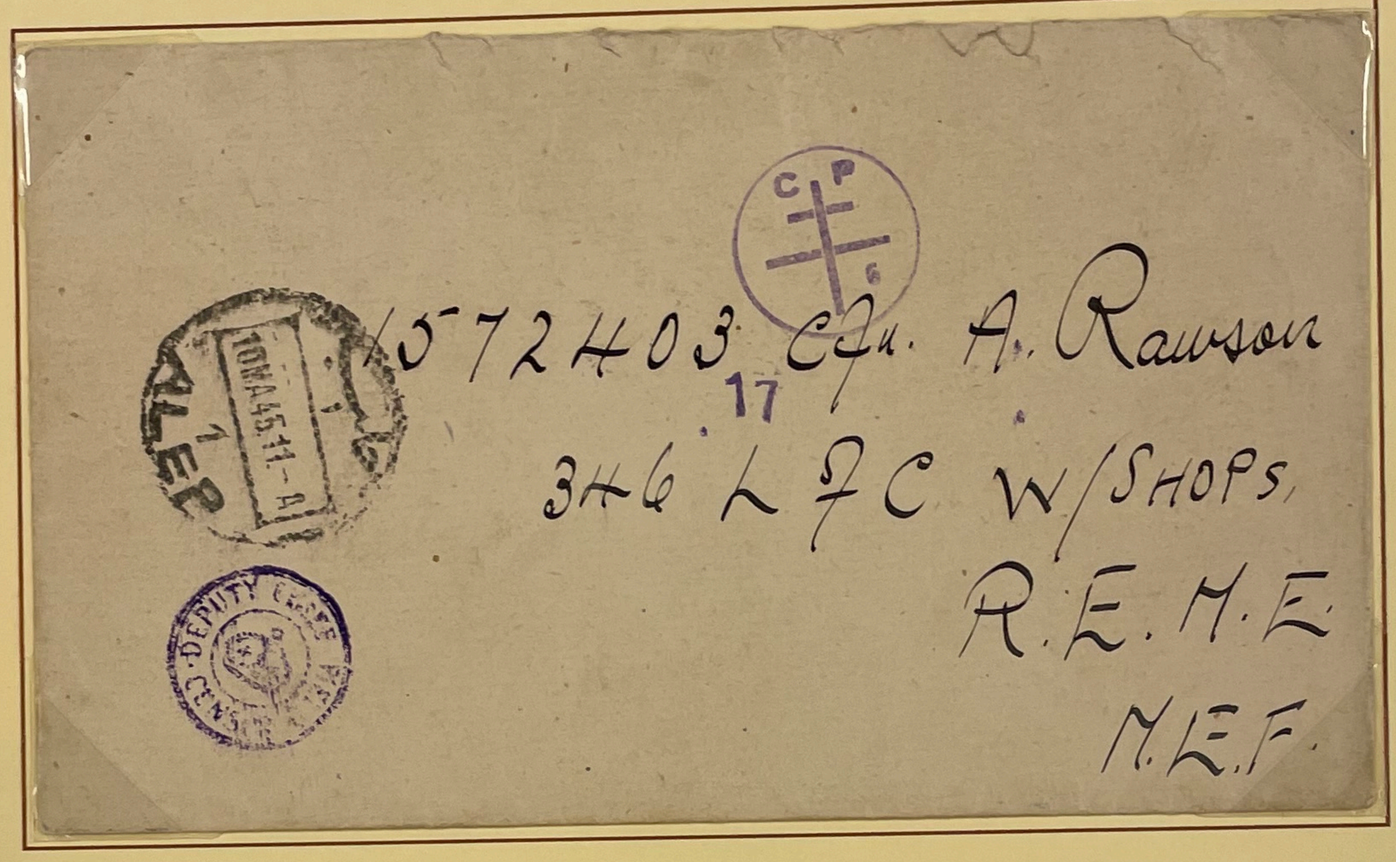
14 May 1943 On Active Service cover sent to Cairo, Egypt, Canceled by Field Post Office #553. Passed By Censored #244. Arrived at Cairo on 21 May 1943, tedded by Machine Cancelation



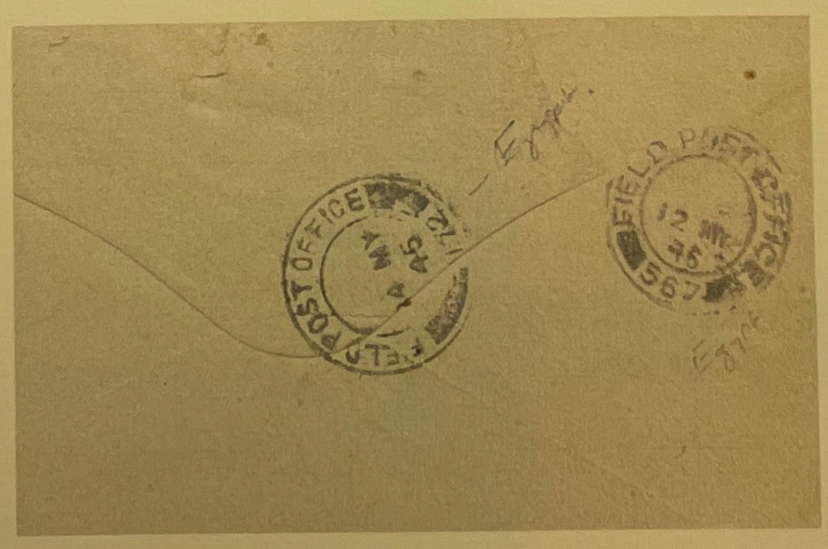
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10 May 1945 Cover from ALEPPO, SYRIA sent to M.E.F, Egypt, canceled on front of cover by ALEP (1) datestamp on 10 May, Cross of Lorraine 'Free French Insignia' postmark, Deputy Chief Field Censor 'Used in Middle East'. On reverse canceled by FIELD POST OFFICE #567 Egypt transit, arrived at FIELD POST OFFICE #172 on 14 May 1945. A few days after the end of war in Europe on 8 May 1945.

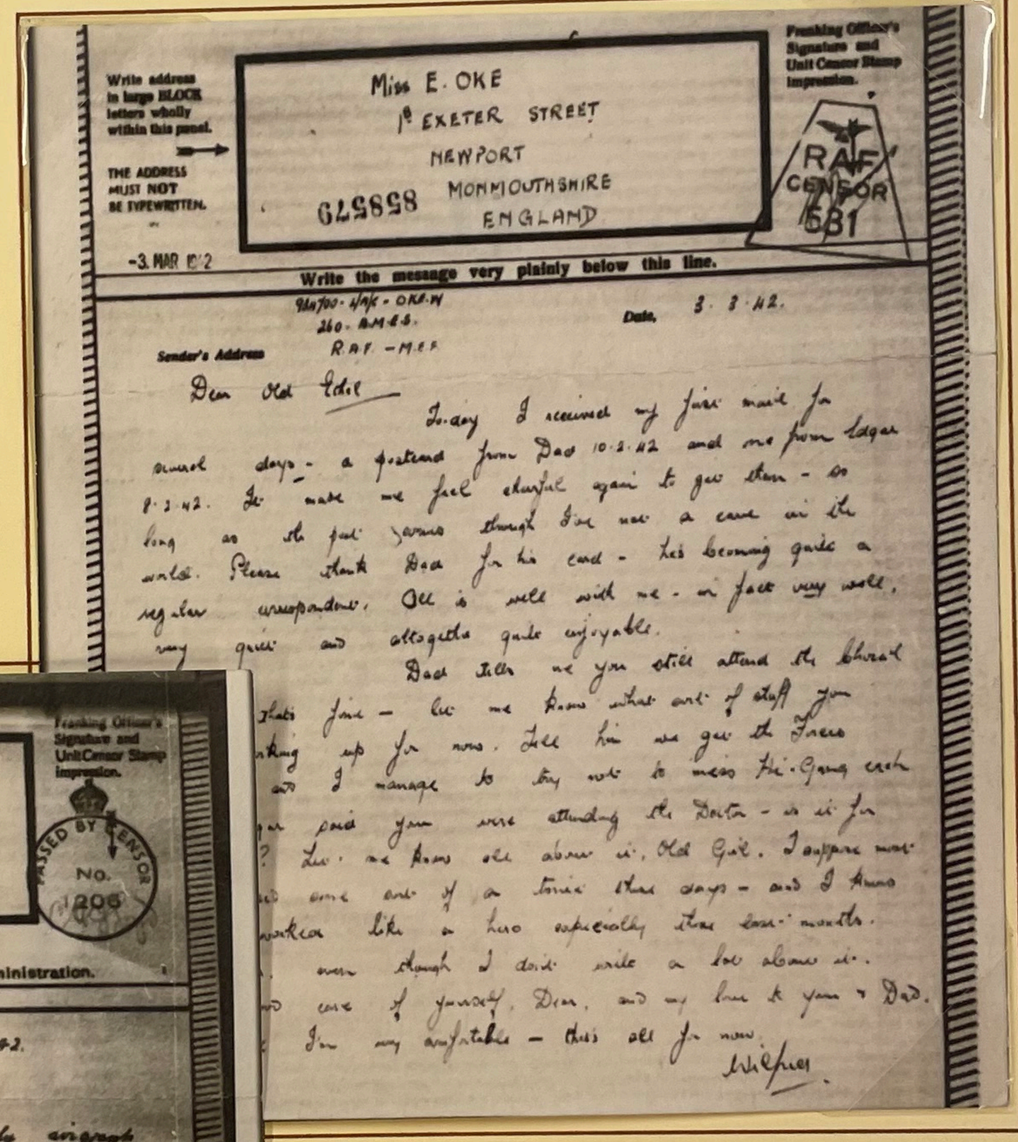


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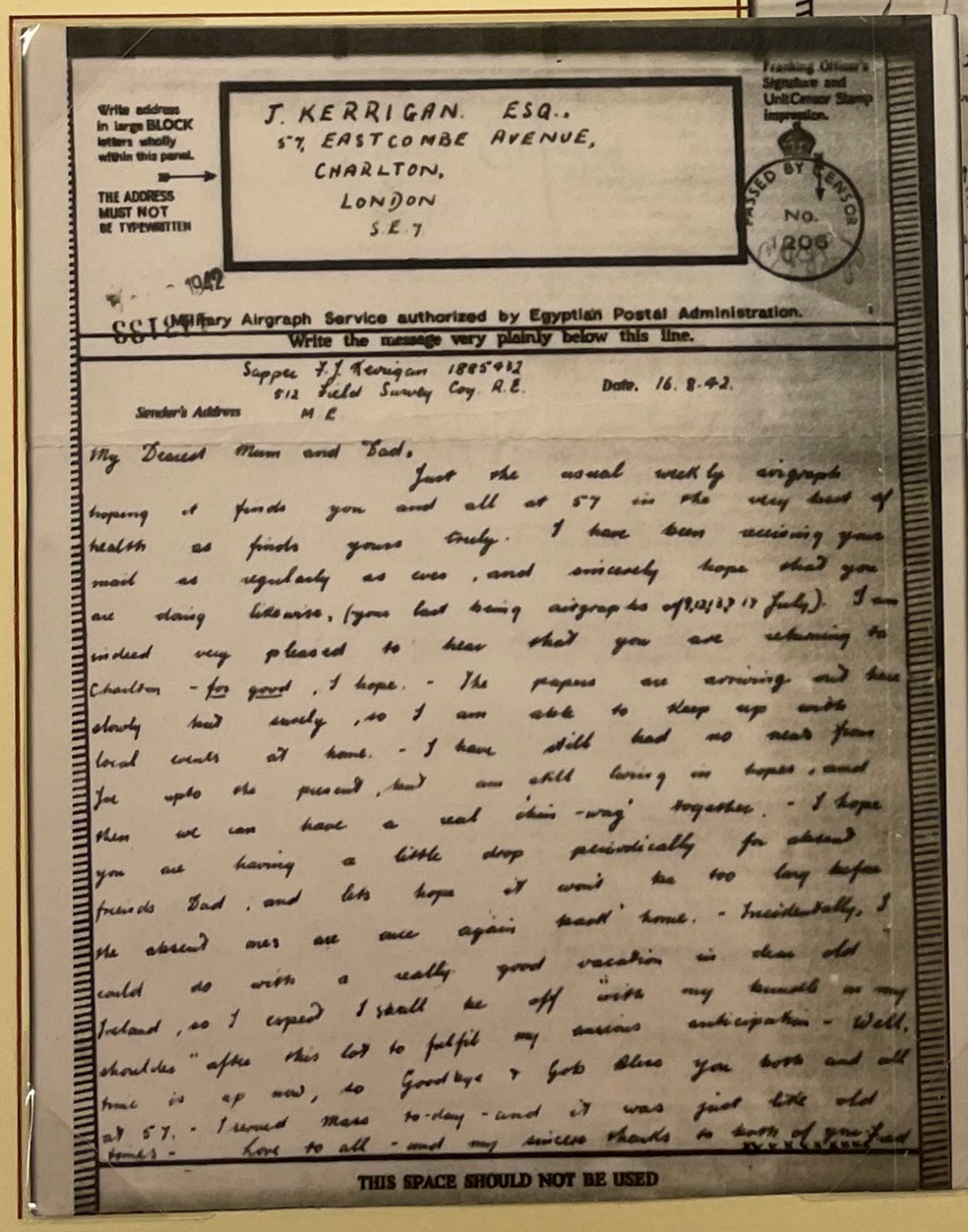
WORLD WAR II

MILITARY AIRGRAPH

Military Airgraph was a method of sending messages via airmail during the Second World War. It was widely used by the British military and enabled soldiers to send messages to their loved ones back home. The system involved the use of a special form, which was filled out by the sender and then photographed onto a microfilm. The microfilm was then transported by air to the receiver's location, where it was printed onto photographic paper and delivered to the recipient. Military Airgraph was a relatively fast method of communication, with messages usually being delivered within a few days. It was also more secure than regular mail, as the microfilm format made it difficult for messages to be intercepted or tampered with.


Write address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel.
THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN.
Miss E. OKE
1st EXETER STREET
NEWPORT
MONMOUTHSHIRE
ENGLAND
Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp impression.
RAF CENSOR 531
-3. MAR 42
Write the message very plainly below this line.
Sender's Address 260 - HQ - OKE-N 260 - A.M.E.S. R.A.F. - M.E.F.
Date. 3. 3. 42.
Dear Old Girl
To-day I received my four mail to date - a postcard from Dad 10.2.42 and one from Edgar 9.2.42. It make me feel cheerful again to get them - so long as the post comes through I've no cause in the world. Please thank Dad for his card - he's becoming quite a regular correspondent. All is well with me - in fact very well, very quiet and altogether quite enjoyable.
Dad tells me you still attend the Choral [illegible] - let me know what sort of stuff you're doing up for now. Tell him we get the Proms and I manage to pay visit to most Thi-Gang each [illegible] you said you were attending the Dentist - is it for [illegible]? Let me know all about it, Old Girl. I suppose now [illegible] some sort of a tonic these days - and I know [illegible] like a hero especially these last months. [illegible] even though I don't write a lot about it. [illegible] care of yourself, Dear, and my love to you & Dad. [illegible] my comfortable - this all for now.
With fond

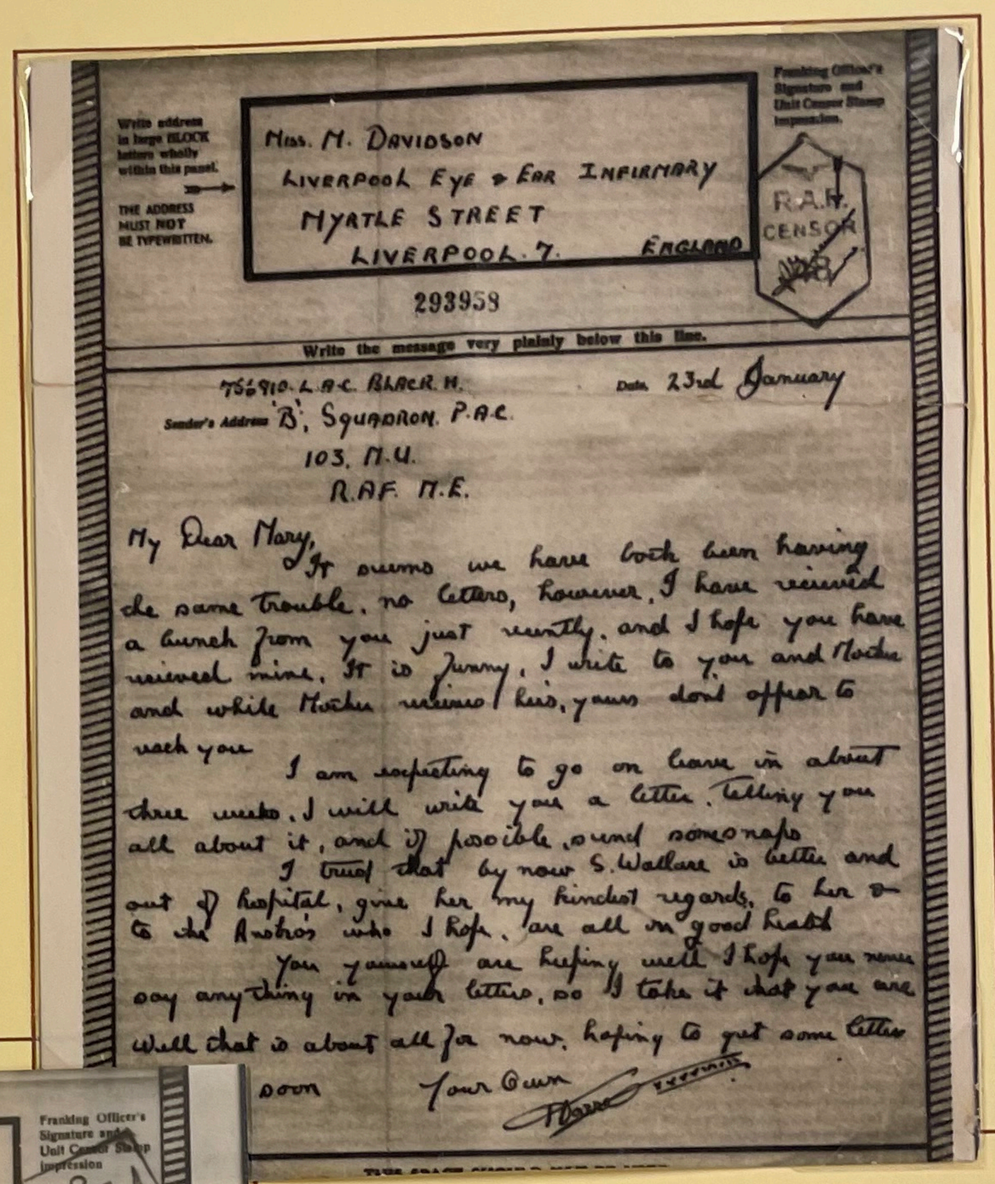
3 Mar 1942 Airgraph mail sent to England from Egypt censored by R.A.F 531


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THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN
J. KERRIGAN. ESQ.,
57, EASTCOMBE AVENUE,
CHARLTON,
LONDON
S.E.7
Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp impression.
PASSED BY CENSOR No. 206
- 1942
SSIFIED
(Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration.
Write the message very plainly below this line.
Sapper T.J. Kerrigan 1865492
512 Field Survey Coy. R.E.
Sender's Address M.E.
Date. 16. 8. 42.
My Dearest Mum and Dad,
Just the usual weekly airgraph hoping it finds you and all at 57 in the very best of health as finds yours truly. I have been receiving your mail as regularly as ever, and sincerely hope that you are doing likewise. (your last being airgraph to hand 13 July). I am indeed very pleased to hear that you are returning to Charlton - for good, I hope. - The papers are arriving and have slowly but surely, so I am able to keep up with local events at home. - I have still had no news from Joe upto the present, but am still living in hopes, and then we can have a real 'chin-wag' together. - I hope you are having a little drop periodically for abroad the absence over we once again want home. - Incidentally, I could do with a really good vacation in dear old Ireland, so I expect I shall be off like my thumb as my shoulder after this lot to fulfil my various anticipation - Well, time is up now, so Goodbye & God bless you both and all at 57. - I served mass to-day - and it was just like old times - Love to all - and my success thanks to both of you Dad
THIS SPACE SHOULD NOT BE USED

16 Aug 1942 Airgraph mail sent to London, England from Egypt censored by 206

WORLD WAR II

MILITARY AIRGRAPH



Write address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel.

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN.

Miss. M. DAVIDSON
LIVERPOOL EYE & EAR INFIRMARY
MYRTLE STREET
LIVERPOOL. 7. ENGLAND

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp impression.

R.A.F. CENSOR

293958

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address 750910 L.A.C. BLACK H. 'B' Squadron. P.A.C. 103. M.U. R.A.F. M.E.

Date 23rd January

My Dear Mary,

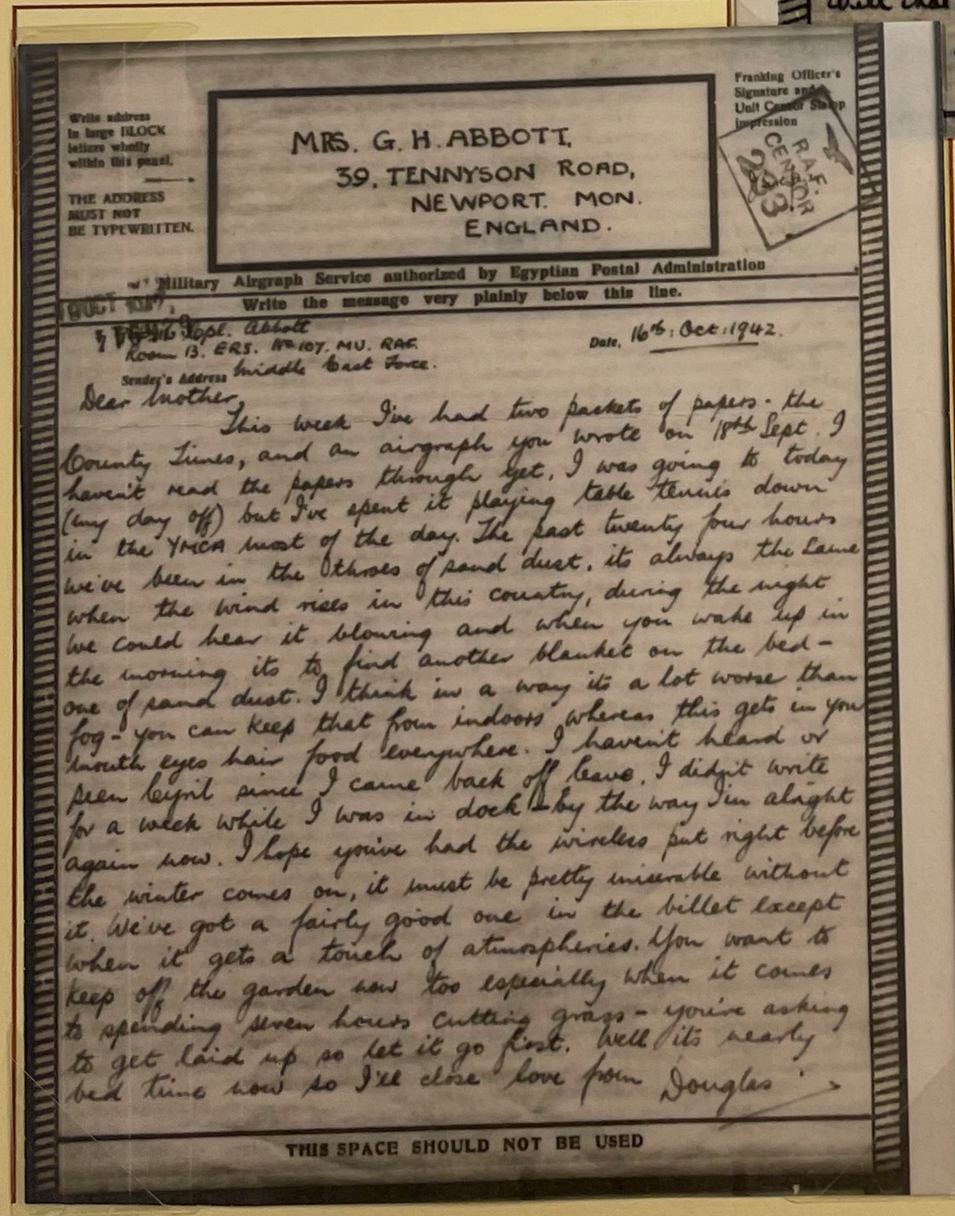
It seems we have both been having the same trouble, no letters, however, I have received a bunch from you just recently, and I hope you have received mine. It is funny, I write to you and Mother and while Mother receives hers, yours dont appear to reach you

I am expecting to go on leave in about three weeks. I will write you a letter telling you all about it, and if possible, send some nylons

I trust that by now S. Wallace is better and out of hospital, give her my kindest regards, to her & to the Arthurs who I hope, are all in good health

You yourself are hoping well I hope you never say anything in your letters, so I take it that you are. Well that is about all for now, hoping to get some letter soon

Your Own



Write address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel.

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN.

MRS. G. H. ABBOTT,
39. TENNYSON ROAD,
NEWPORT. MON.
ENGLAND.

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp impression

R.A.F. CENSOR 233

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address 1383016 Sgt. Abbott Room 13. ERS. No 107. M.U. RAF. Middle East Force.

Date 16th Oct 1942.

Dear Mother,

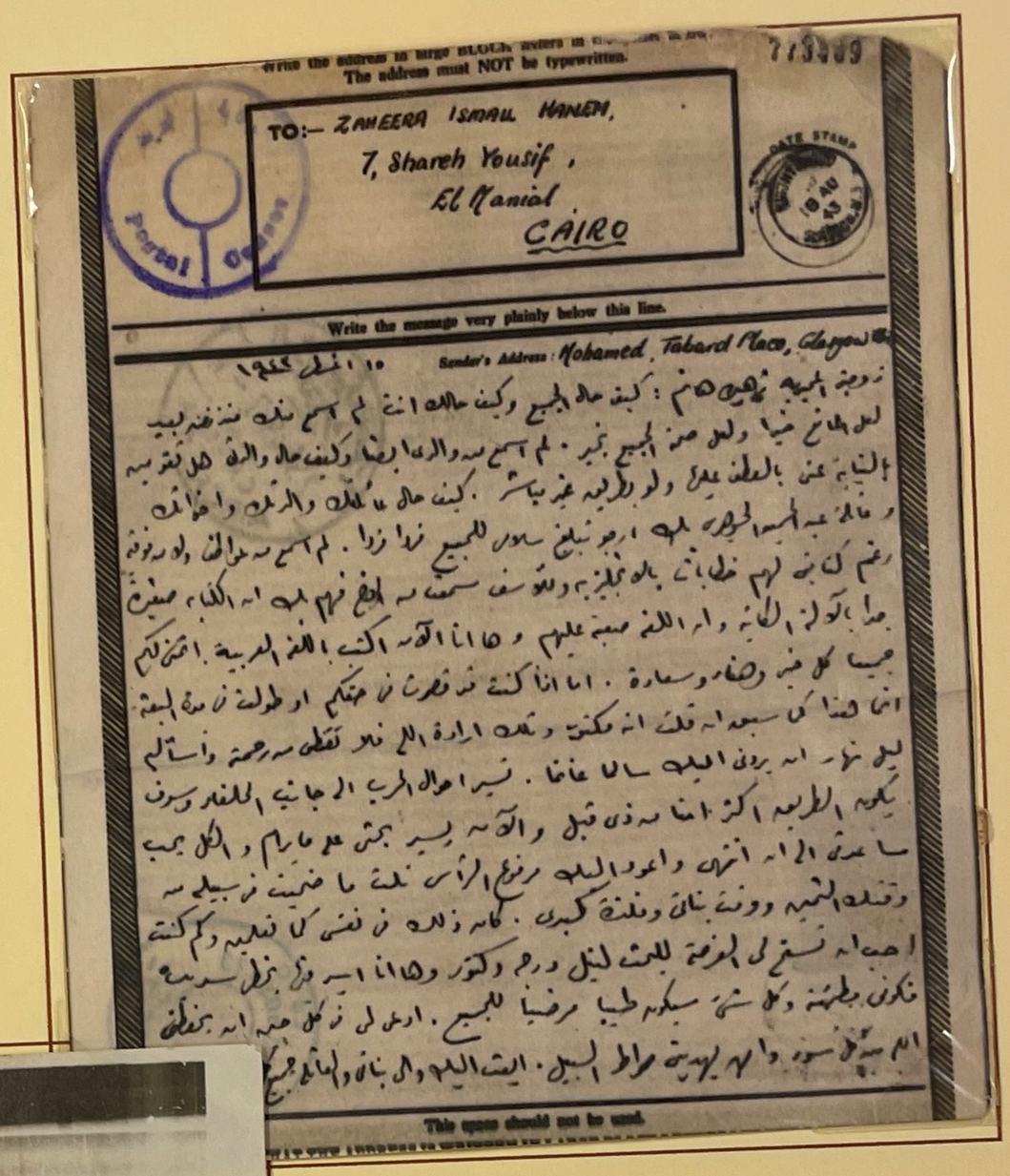
This week I've had two packets of papers - the County Times, and an airgraph you wrote on 18th Sept. I haven't read the papers through yet, I was going to today (my day off) but I've spent it playing table tennis down in the YMCA most of the day. The past twenty four hours we've been in the throes of sand dust, its always the same when the wind rises in this country, during the night we could hear it blowing and when you wake up in the morning its to find another blanket on the bed - one of sand dust. I think in a way its a lot worse than fog - you can keep that from indoors whereas this gets in your mouth eyes hair food everywhere. I haven't heard or seen Beryl since I came back off leave. I didn't write for a week while I was in dock - by the way I'm alright again now. I hope you've had the wireless put right before the winter comes on, it must be pretty miserable without it. We've got a fairly good one in the billet except when it gets a touch of atmospherics. You want to keep off the garden now too especially when it comes to spending seven hours cutting grass - you're asking to get laid up so let it go first. Well its nearly bed time now so I'll close love from Douglas

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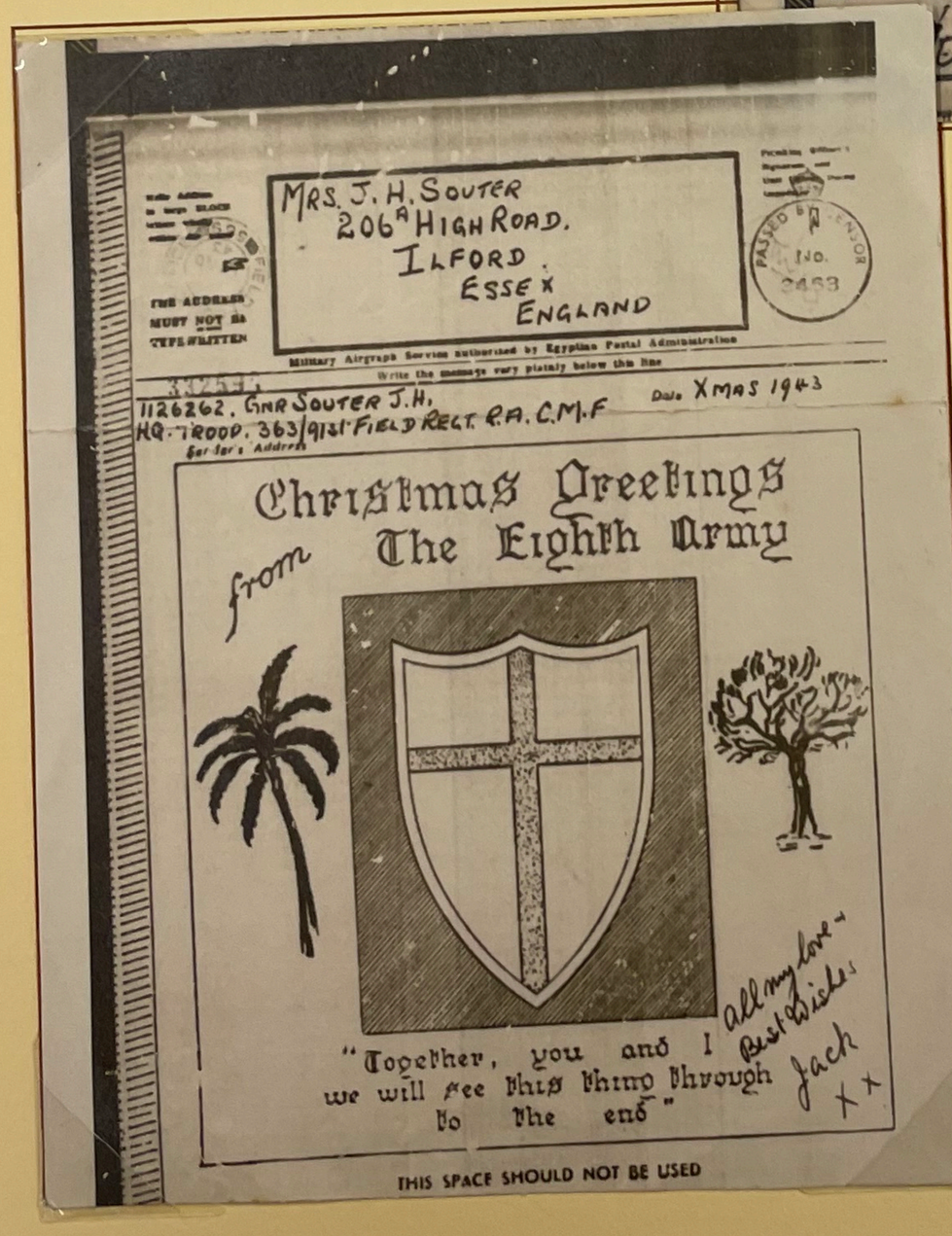
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23 Jan 1942 Airgraph mail sent from R.A.F M.E. to Liverpool, England Censored by R.A.F 46.

16 Oct 1942 Airgraph mail sent from R.A.F M.E. to England Censored by R.A.F 233.



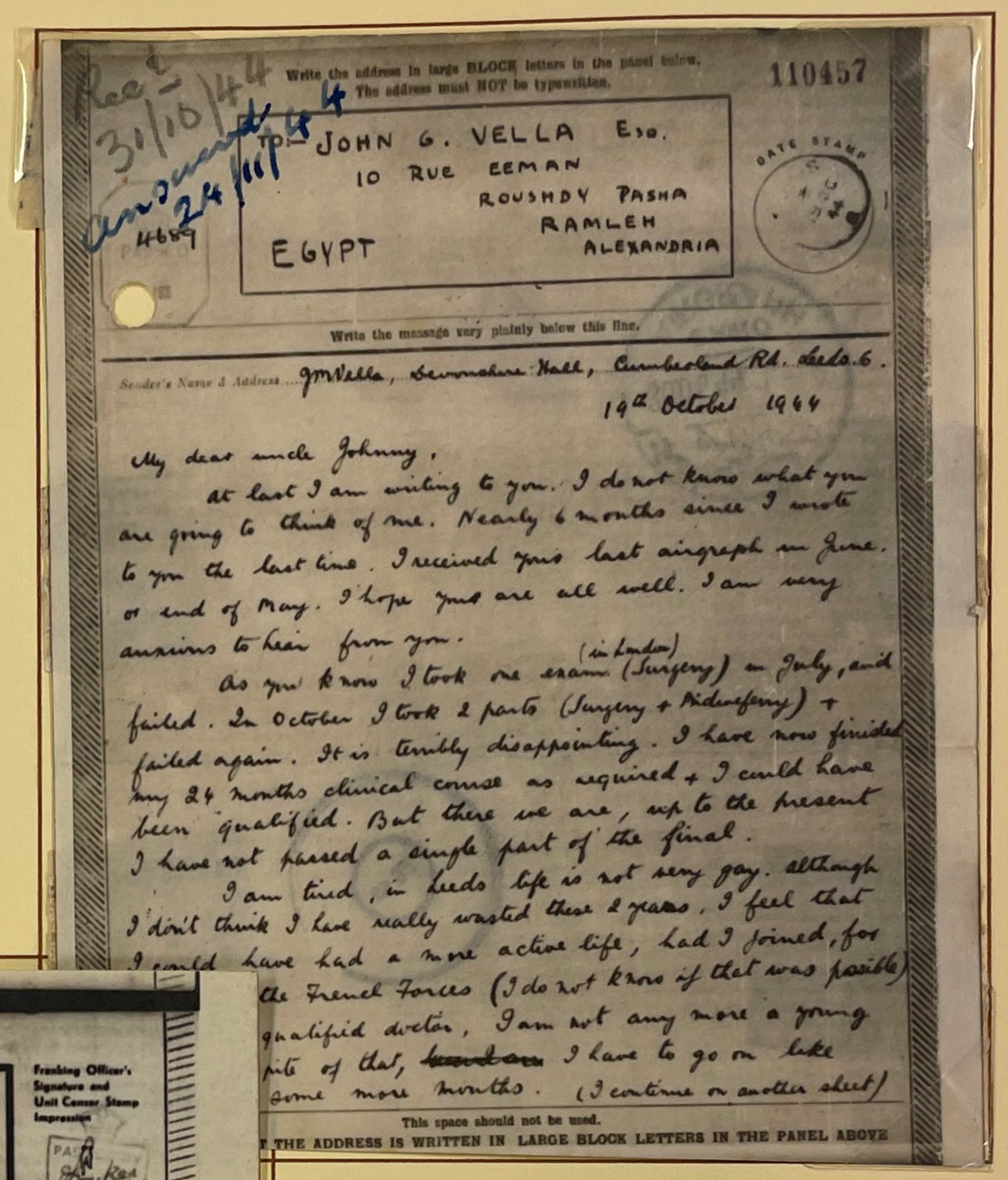
15 Aug 1943 Airgraph mail sent from R.A.F M.E. to Cairo. Egyptian censored.



26 Nov 1943 Airgraph mail sent from C.M.F. Egypt to England Censored by 3453.

WORLD WAR II

MILITARY AIRGRAPH


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

110457

DATE STAMP

Rec'd 31/10/44

Answered 24/11/44

4689

TO:- JOHN G. VELLA Esq.
10 RUE EEMAN
ROUSHDY PASHA
RAMLEH
ALEXANDRIA
EGYPT

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name & Address ... J.G. Vella, Devonshire Hall, Cumberland Rd. Leeds.6.

19th October 1944

My dear uncle Johnny,

at last I am writing to you. I do not know what you are going to think of me. Nearly 6 months since I wrote to you the last time. I received your last airgraph in June. or end of May. I hope you are all well. I am very anxious to hear from you.

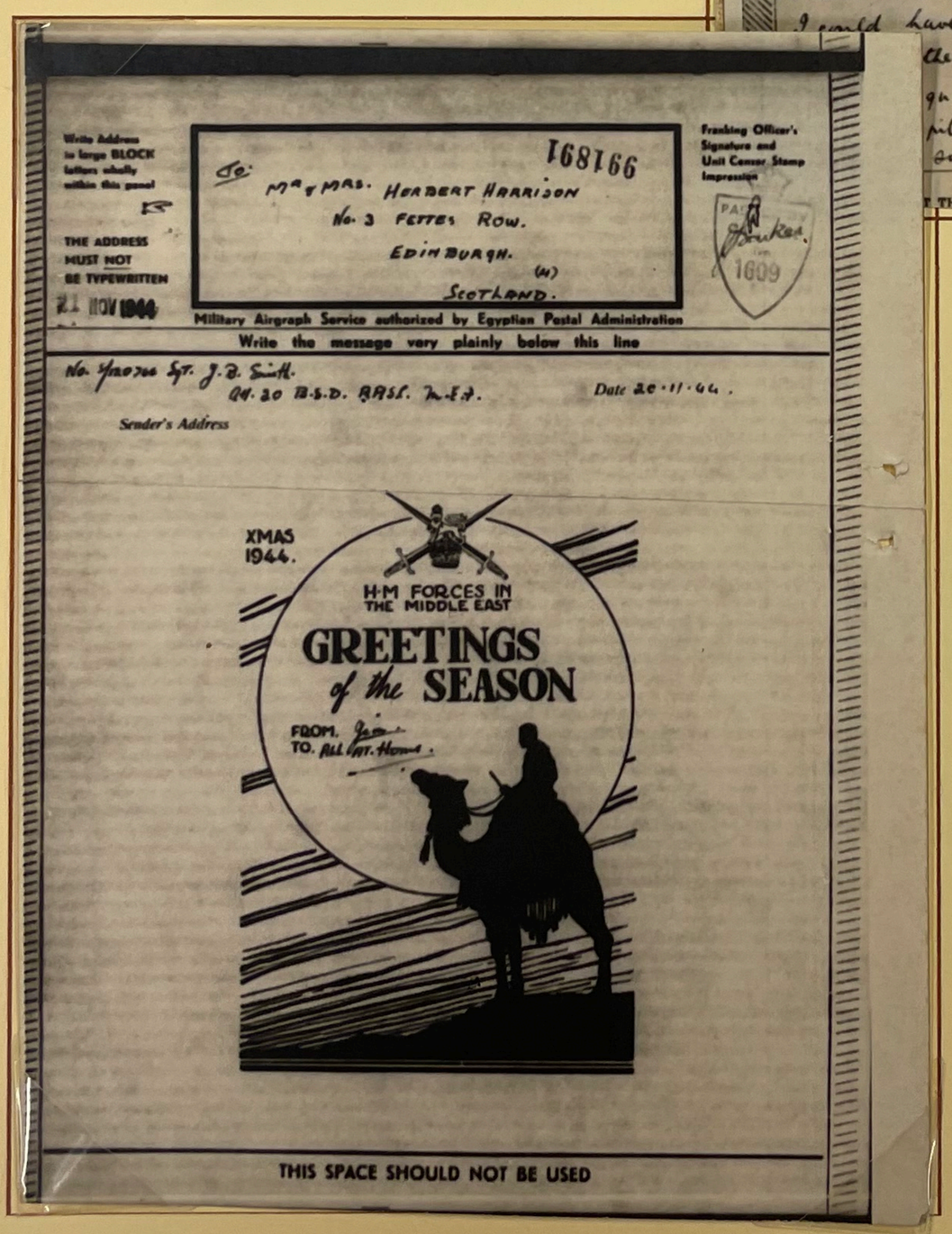
As you know I took my exam (Surgery) in July, and (in London) failed. In October I took 2 parts (Surgery + Midwifery) + failed again. It is terribly disappointing. I have now finished my 24 months clinical course as required + I could have been qualified. But there we are, up to the present I have not passed a single part of the final.

I am tired, in Leeds life is not very gay. although I don't think I have really wasted these 2 years, I feel that I could have had a more active life, had I joined, for the French Forces (I do not know if that was possible) qualified doctor, I am not any more a young pite of that, ~~London~~ I have to go on like some more months. (I continue on another sheet)

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IF THE ADDRESS IS WRITTEN IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS IN THE PANEL ABOVE

14 Oct 1944 Airgraph mail sent from UK to Alexandria arrived on 30 Oct 1944.


Write Address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN

21 NOV 1944

168166

To: Mr & Mrs. HERBERT HARRISON
No. 3 FETTES ROW.
EDINBURGH.
(W)
SCOTLAND.

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression

1609

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line

No. 1140706 Sgt. J.D. Smith.
Qt. 20 B.S.D. RASC. M.E.F.

Date 26.11.44.

Sender's Address

XMAS 1944.

H.M FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

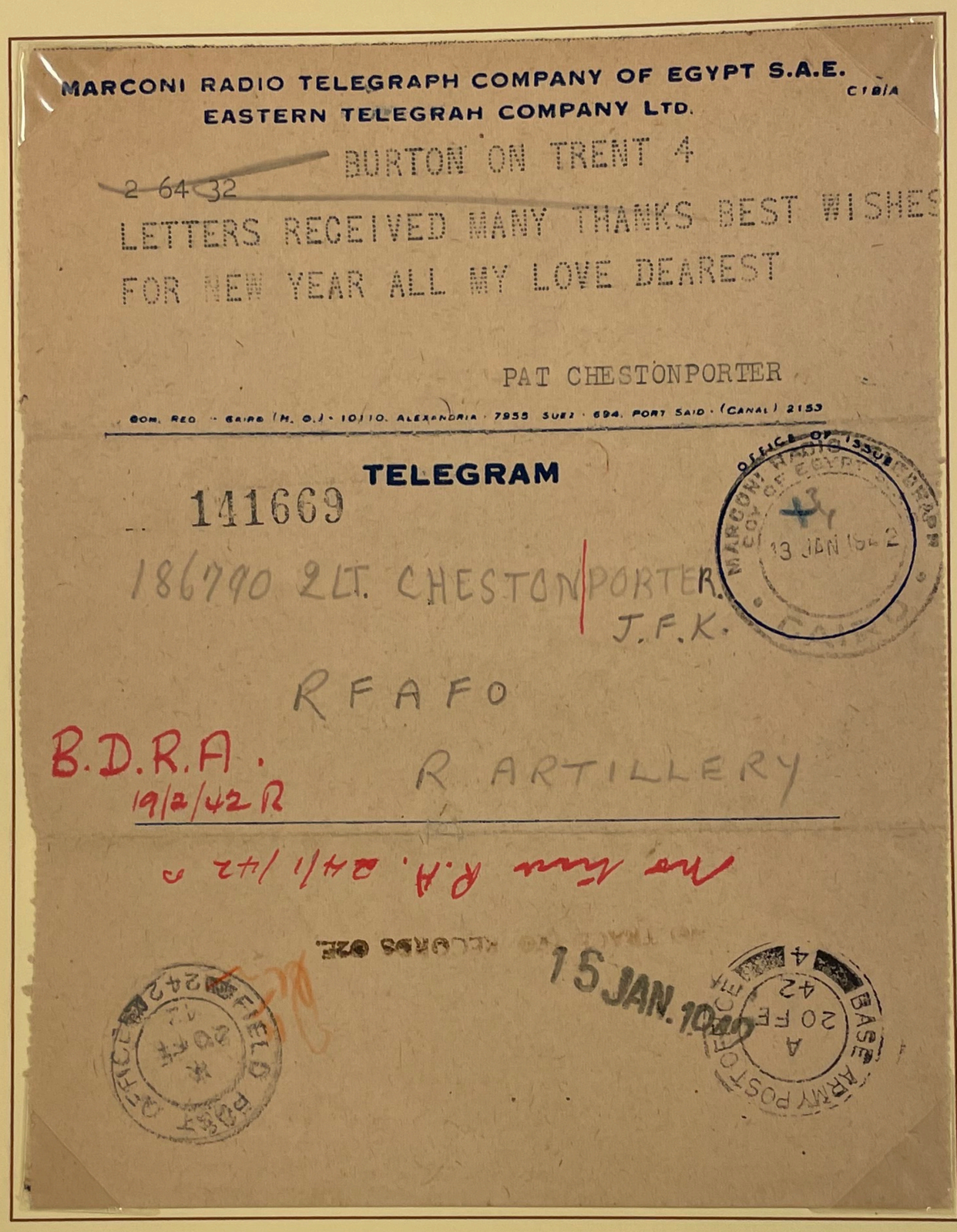
GREETINGS of the SEASON

FROM. Jim
TO. ALL AT HOME.

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26 Nov 1944 Airgraph mail sent from Egypt to England Censored by 1609.

WORLD WAR II **MILITARY TELEGRAM**


MARCONI RADIO TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF EGYPT S.A.E.
EASTERN TELEGRAH COMPANY LTD.
C1B/A

BURTON ON TRENT 4

2 64 32

LETTERS RECEIVED MANY THANKS BEST WISHES
FOR NEW YEAR ALL MY LOVE DEAREST

PAT CHESTONPORTER

GOM. REG - CAIRO (M. O.) - 10110. ALEXANDRIA - 7955 SUEZ - 694. PORT SAID - (CANAL) 2153

TELEGRAM

141669

186790 2LT. CHESTON PORTER.
J.F.K.

OFFICE OF ISSUE MARCONI RADIO TELEGRAPH CO. OF EGYPT
13 JAN 1942
CAIRO

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B.D.R.A.
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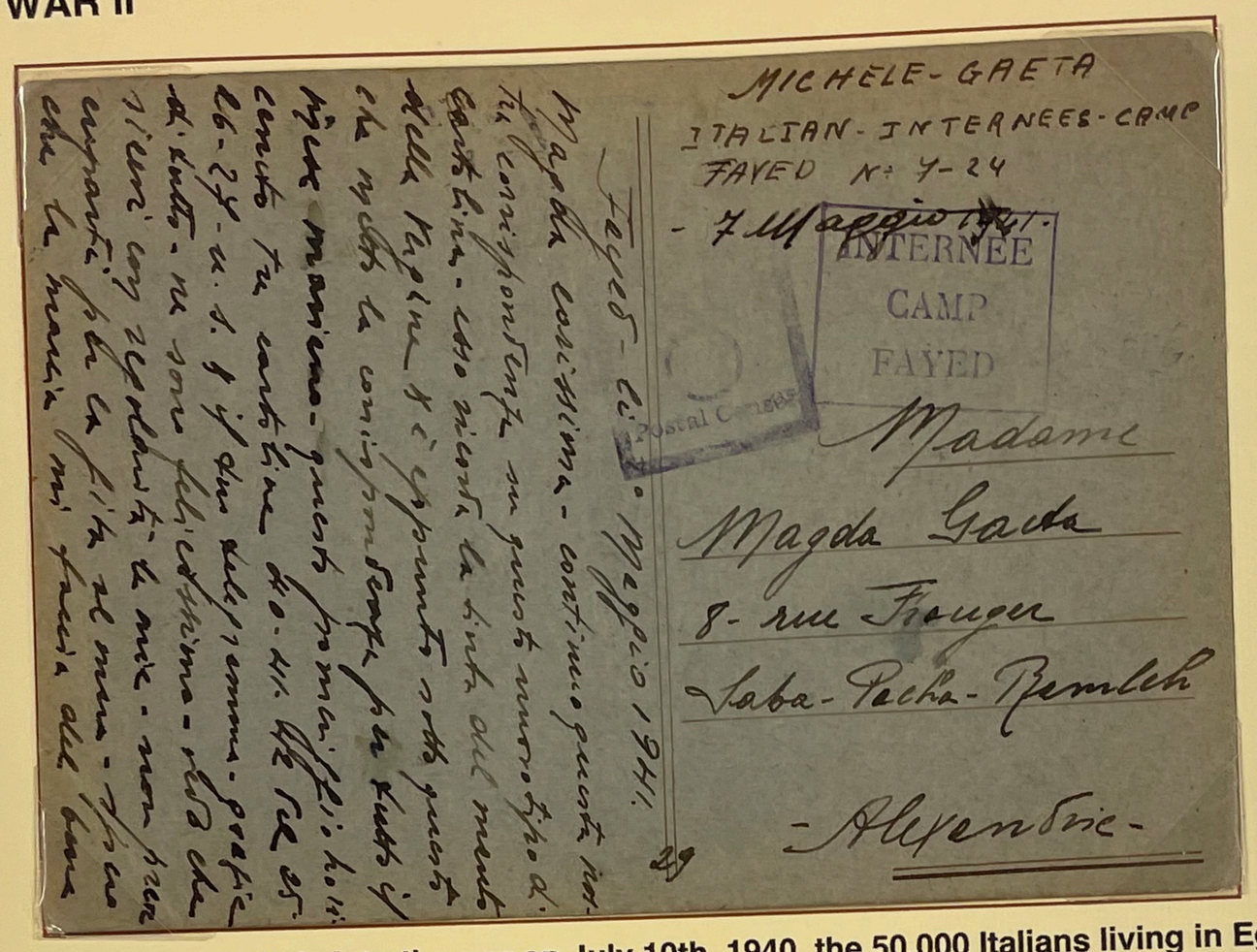
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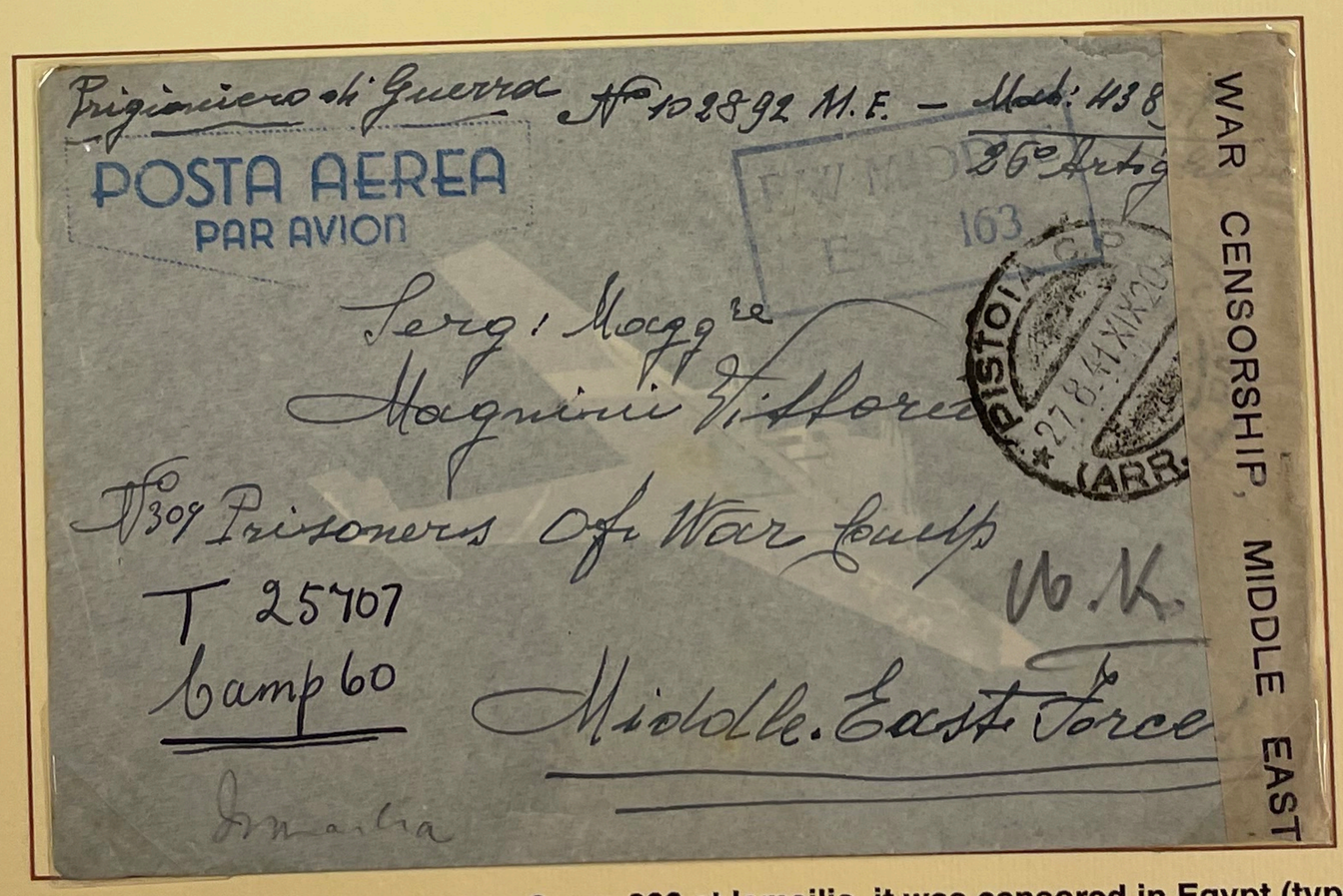
FIELD POST OFFICE 242

BASE ARMY POST OFFICE 4
20 FEB 42

TELEGRAM FROM BURTON ON TRENT TO A 2/LT IN THE ROYAL ARTILLERY RECIVED BY MARCONI RADIO AND TELERAPH CO. OF EGYPT AT CAIRO - RAFO may have been a position draft number annotated "NO TRACE RECORDED 2E" Passed through FPO 242 and BASE ARMY POST OFFICE 4.



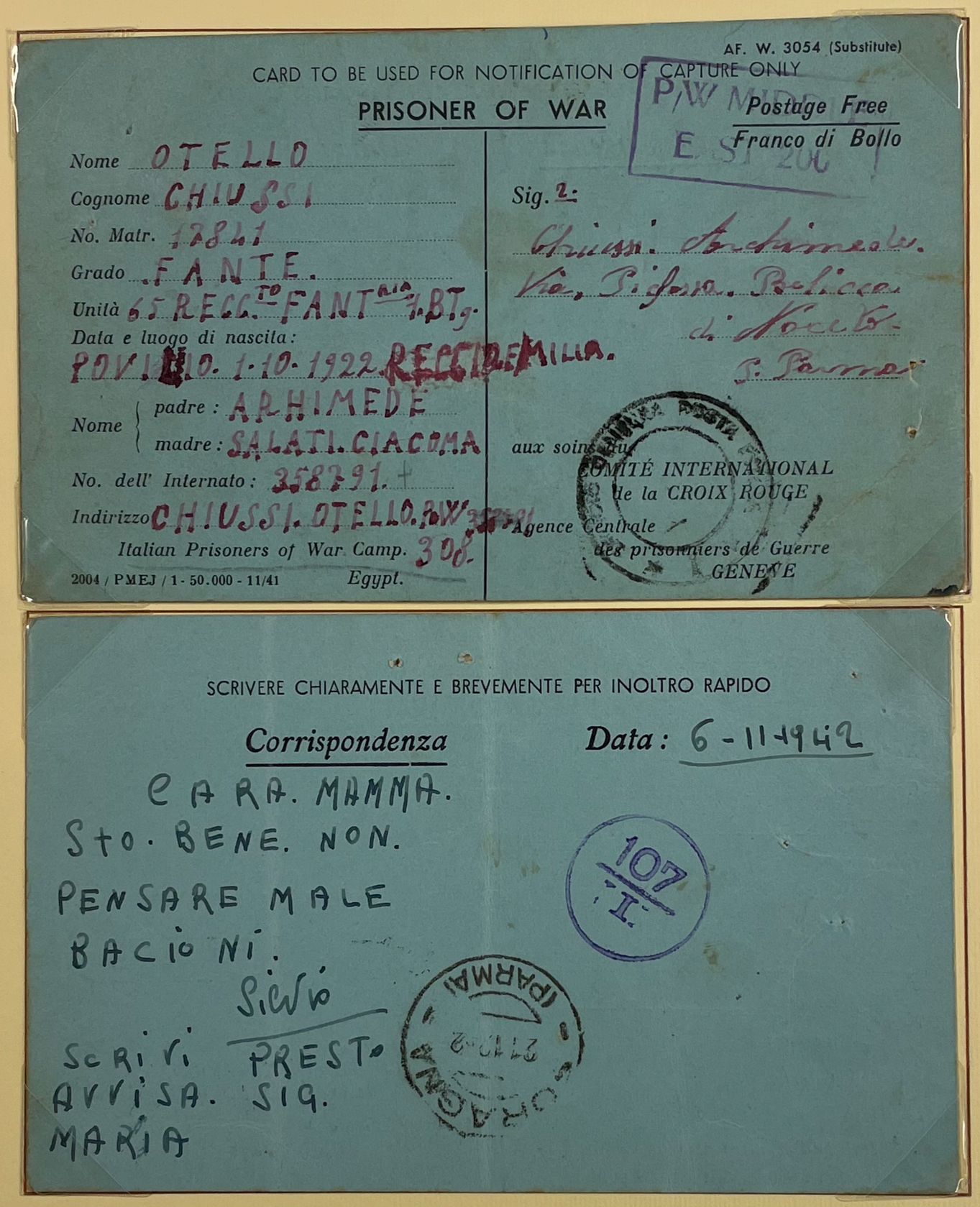
After Mussolini brought Italy into the war on July 10th, 1940, the 50,000 Italians living in Egypt were classified as hostiles. Males between the ages of 15-65 were rounded up and interned, with the main camp located in Fayed. Other camps were also established to accommodate different classes of internees. This postcard features a boxed cachet in purple with serifed letters reading "INTERNEE/CAMP/FAYED." To the left, there is a square Postal Censor (108 Mr. V.P. Kitrilaki).



Posted from Pistoia (N.W. Of Florence) to Camp 309 at Ismailia, it was censored in Egypt (type E) 163 resealed with tape before being sent to camp 60 UK.

WORLD WAR II **PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS**

CAMP 308 - PARMA



AF. W. 3054 (Substitute)

CARD TO BE USED FOR NOTIFICATION OF CAPTURE ONLY

PRISONER OF WAR

P/W MAIL E.S.T. 206

Postage Free

Franco di Bollo

Nome OTELLO

Cognome CHIUSSI

No. Matr. 12841

Grado FANTE.

Unità 65 REGG.to FANT.a 1.BTg.

Data e luogo di nascita: POVIGLIO. 1-10-1922 REGGIO EMILIA.

Nome { padre : ARHIMEDE / madre : SALATI CIACOMA

No. dell' Internato : 358791.

Indirizzo CHIUSSI. OTELLO. P.W. 358791

Italian Prisoners of War Camp. 308.

Egypt.

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di Noce
S. Parma

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SCRIVERE CHIARAMENTE E BREVEMENTE PER INOLTRO RAPIDO

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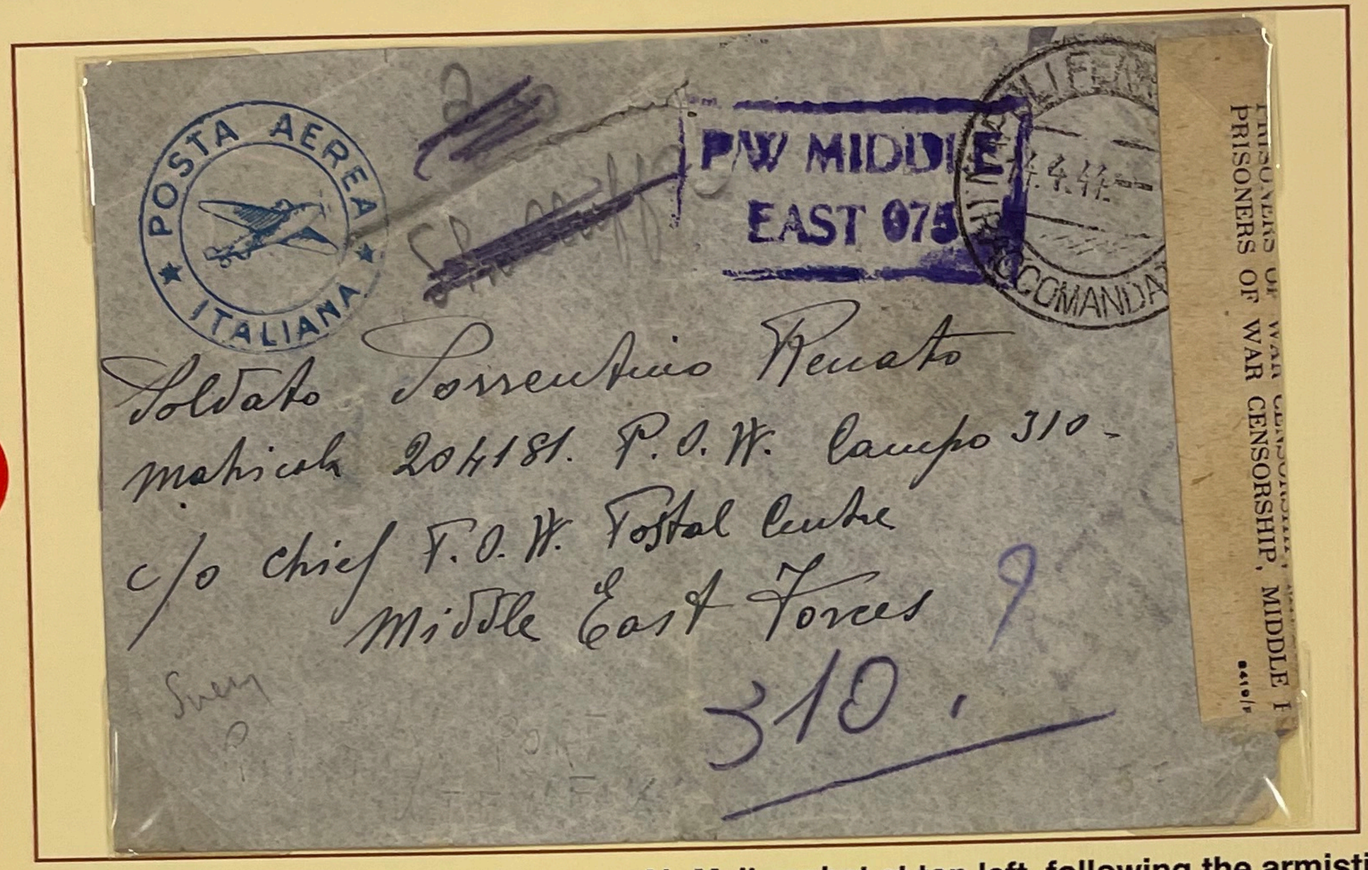
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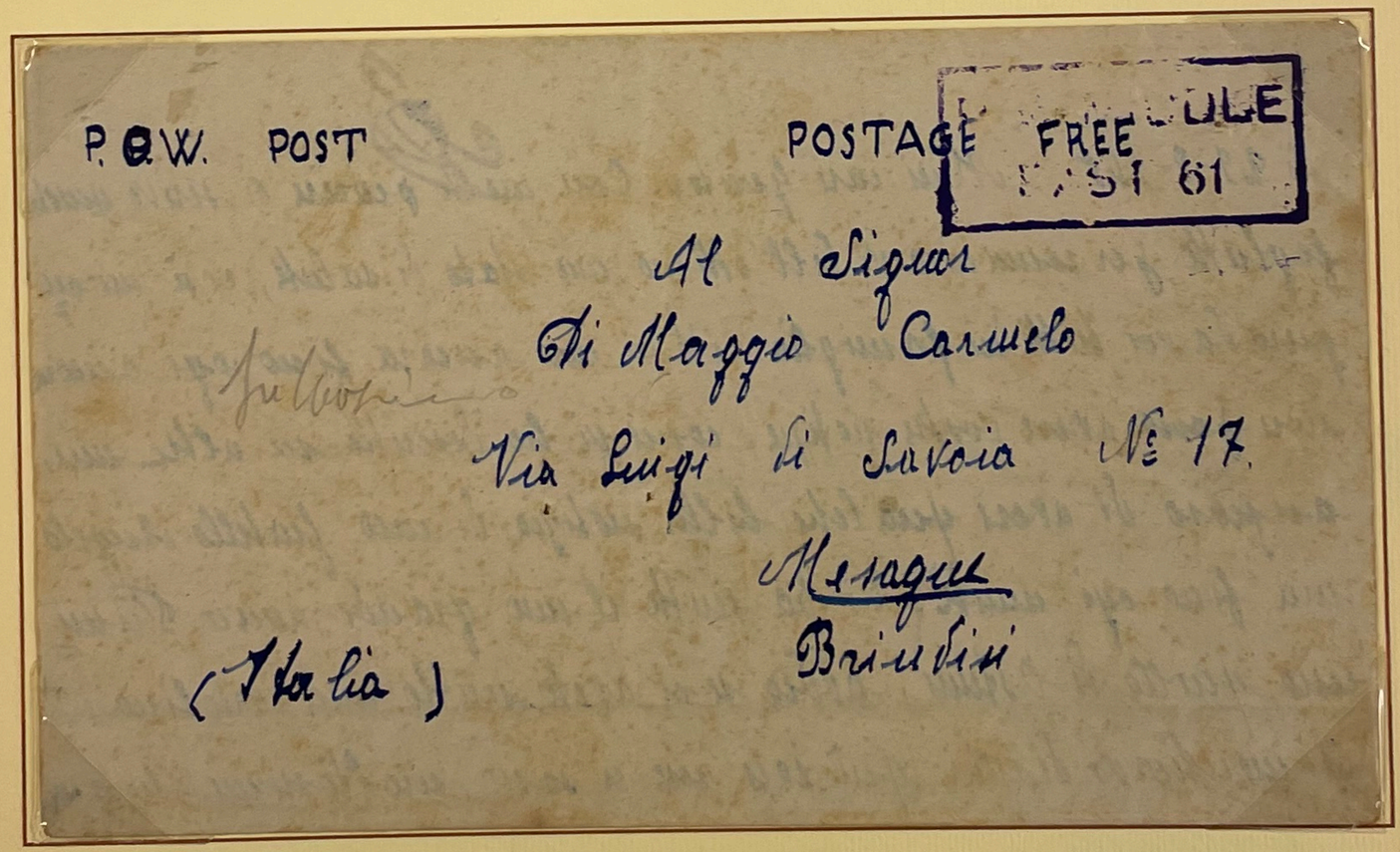
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PARMA 27.11.42

6 Nov 1942 Examples of AF.W. 3054 (Substitute) Notification of Capture Only.



Points of interest on this cover: bears an Air Mail cachet at top left, following the armistice with Italy 3rd. Sept. 1943 it was possible to resume some Air Services to Egypt. On arrival in Egypt, it was cancelled & re-sealed with label (5 lines: PRISONERS OF WAR CENSORSHIP, MIDDIE EAST) and a boxed type E Censor 075 applied front top right in purple.



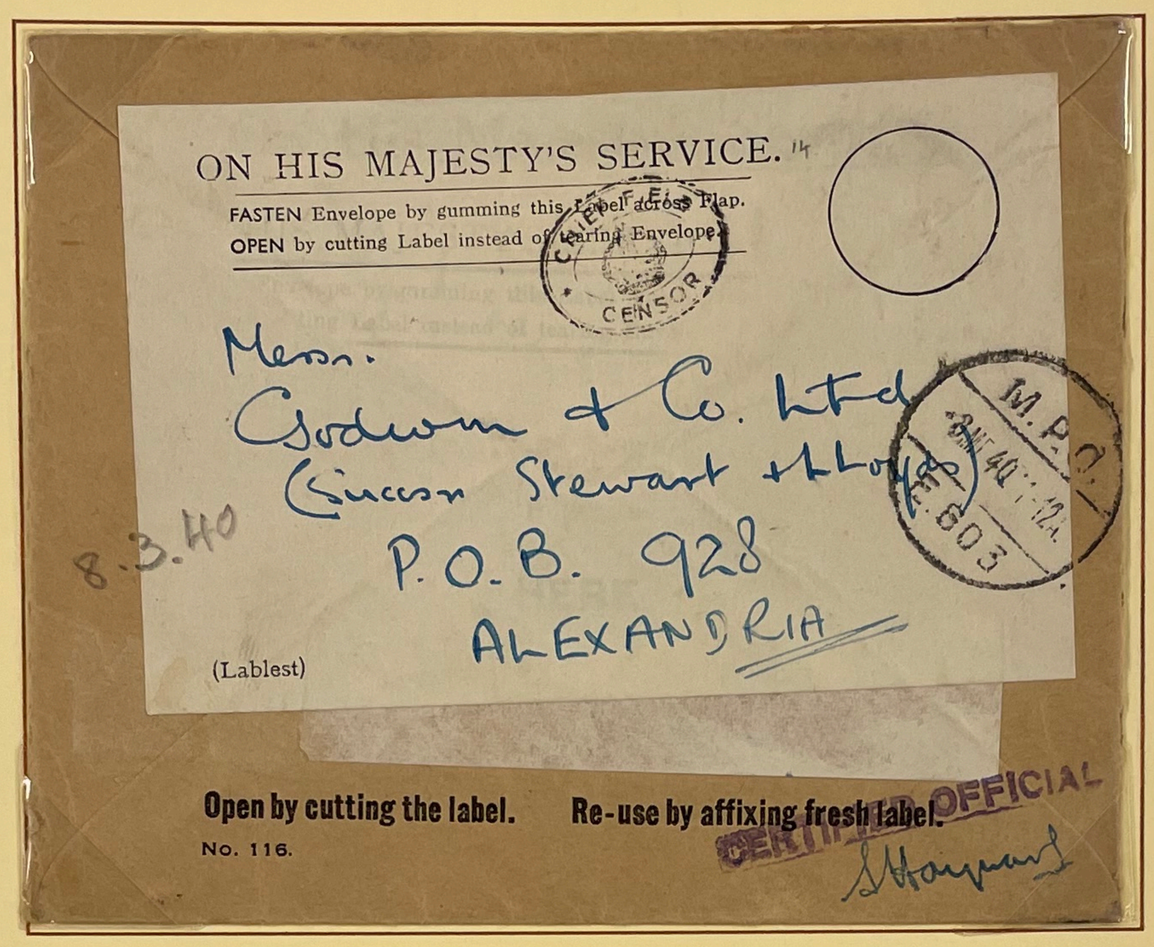
Cancelled on the front top right with a type a boxed P/W MIDDLE/EAST 61, on the back a three-line type H:305 P.W. CAMP 31 AUG 1945 REGISTRATION OFFICE purple.



3 Feb 1940 Cover from B.P.O E602 to England Passed by Unit Censor #31



3 Feb 1940 Cover from NO 17 British-Indian Camp to Canada Passed by CHIEF FIELD CENSOR (Unusual use in green).



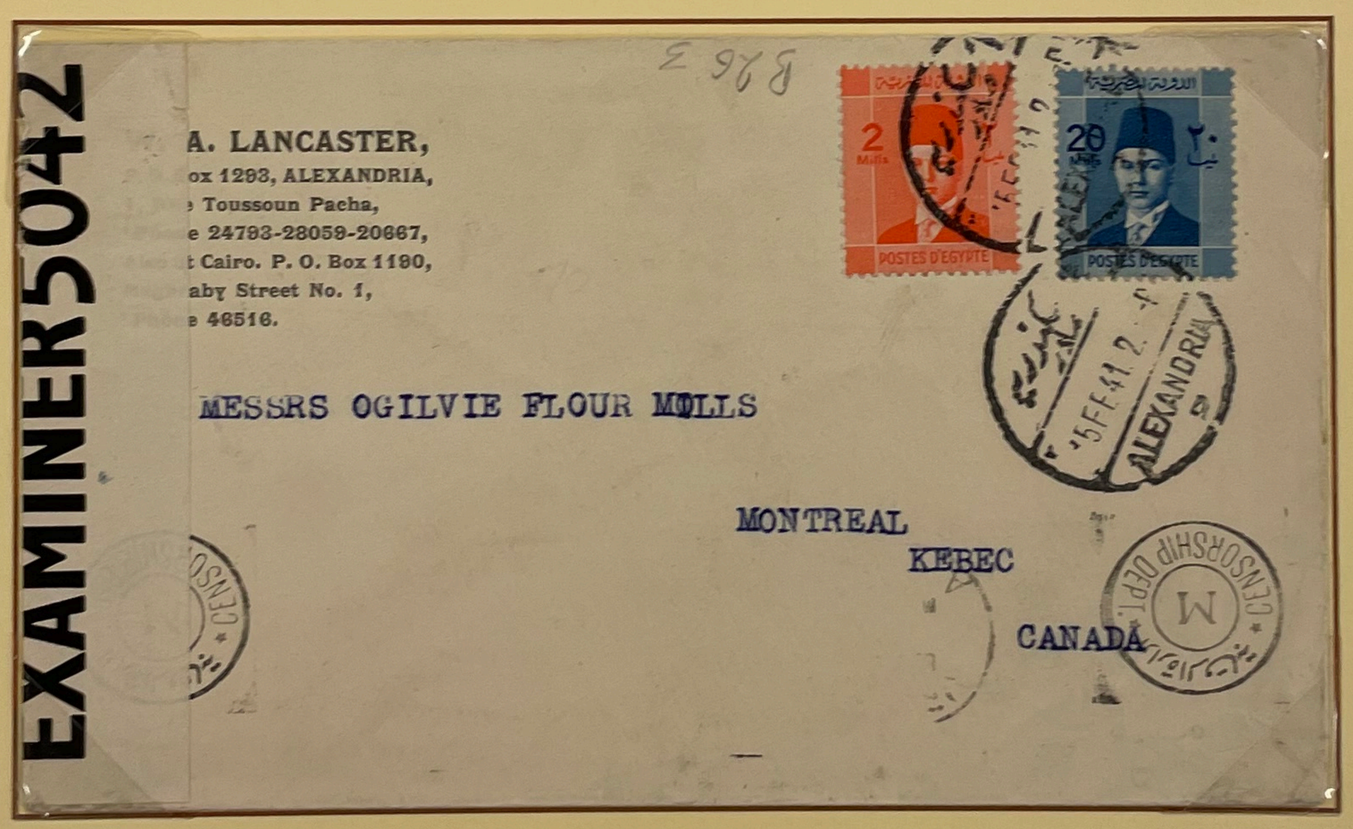
8 Mar 1940 Cover from M.P.O E603 to Alexandria Passed by CHIEF FIELD CENSOR (Black)



11 Mar 1940 Cover from M.P.O. E603 to England Passed by CENSOR 87.



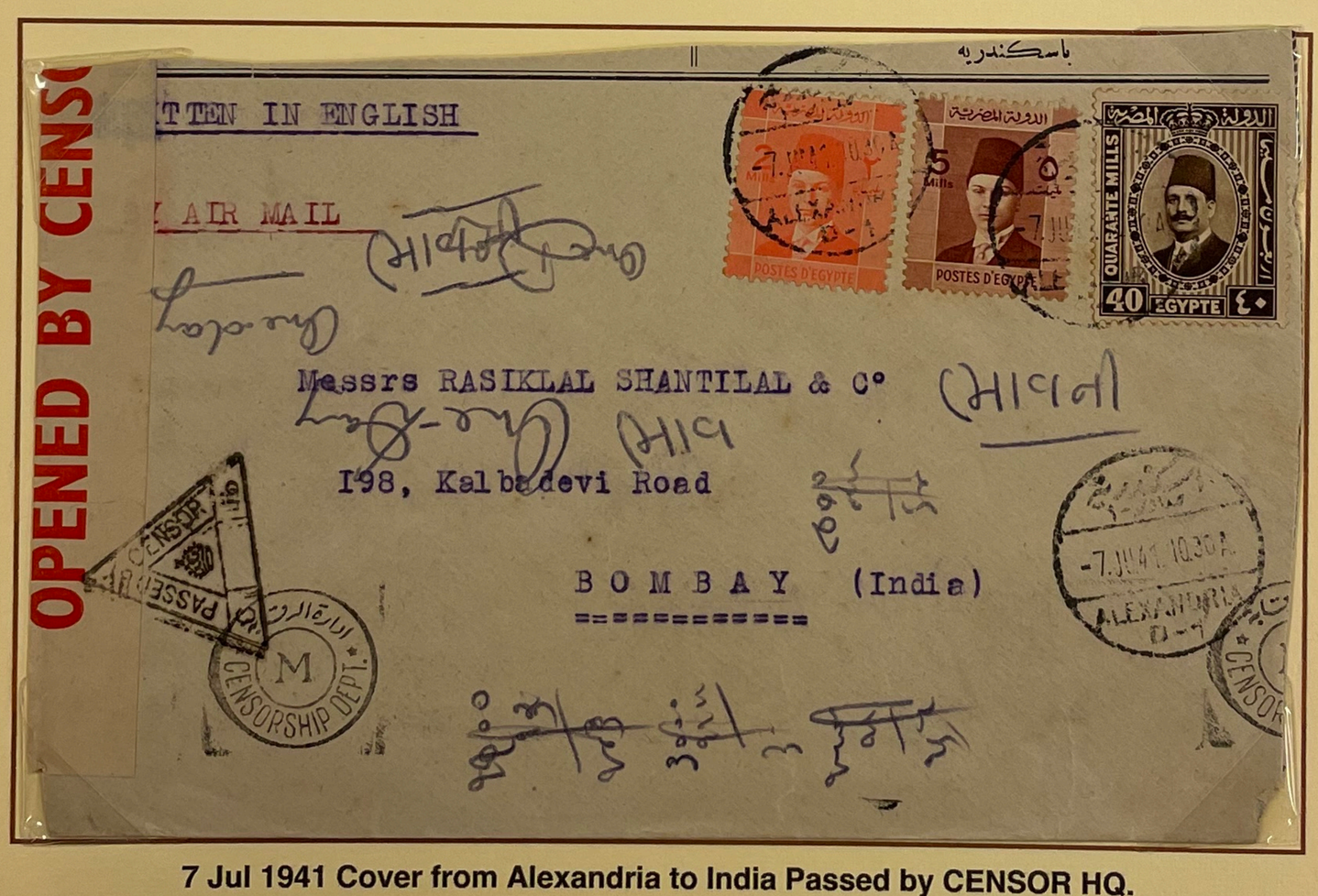
2 Jun 1941 Cover from FIELD POST OFFICE 199 to CAIRO Passed by CENSOR UNIT 164



11 Mar 1940 Cover from Alexandria to Canada Passed by CENSOR EXAMIER 5042.



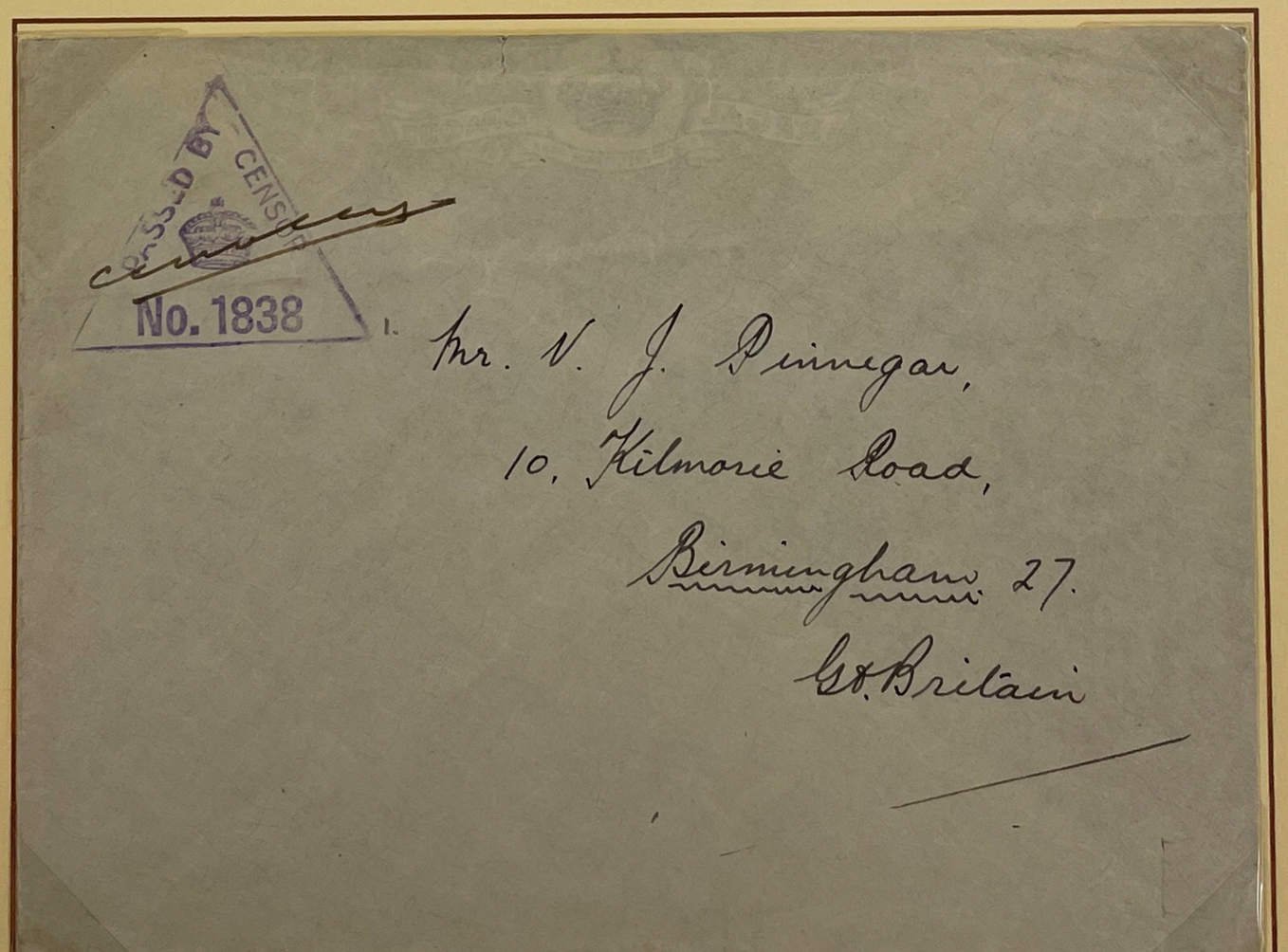
2 Jun 1941 Cover from FIELD POST OFFICE 46 to Australia Passed by CENSOR UNIT 214



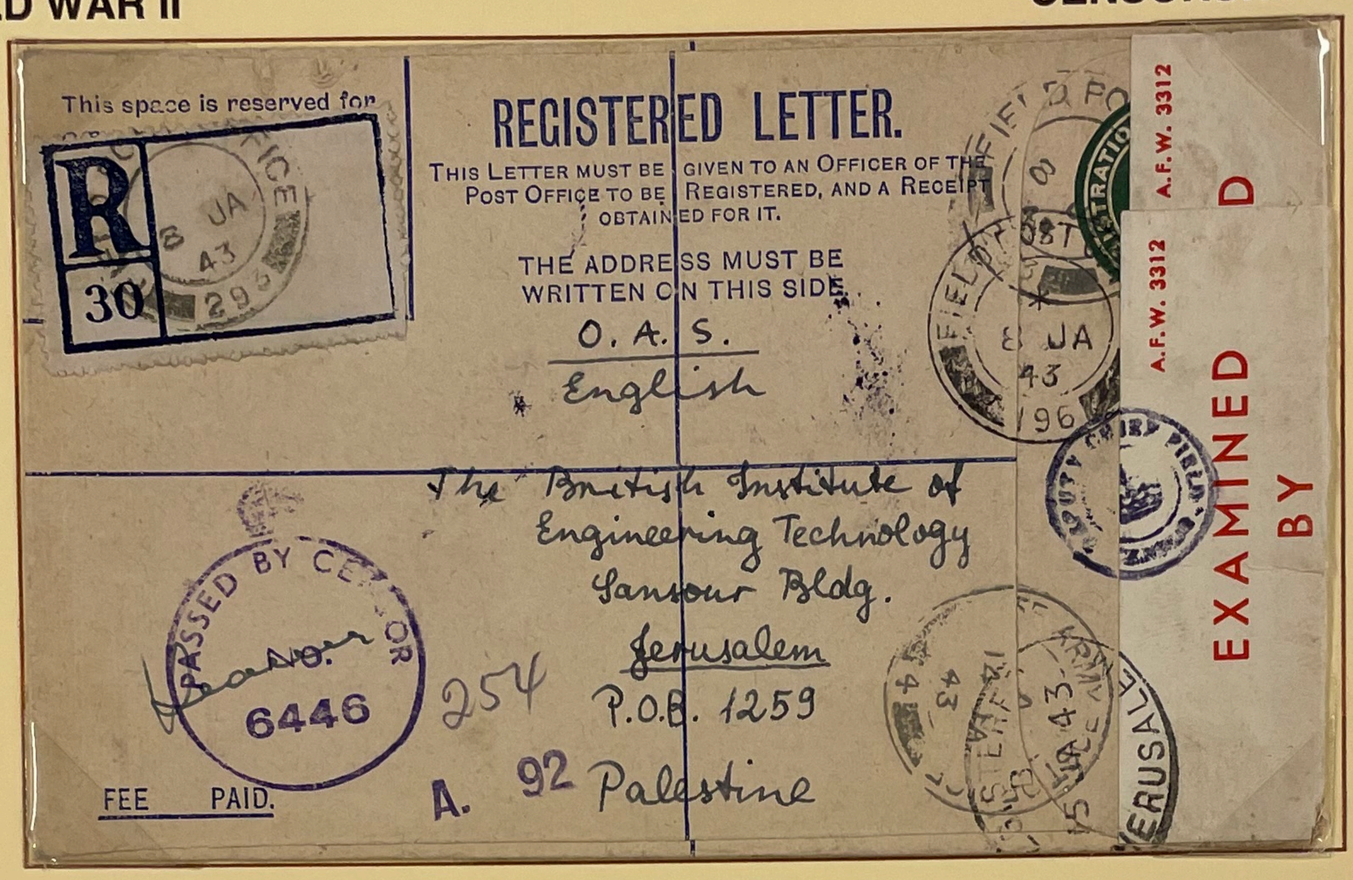
7 Jul 1941 Cover from Alexandria to India Passed by CENSOR HQ.



31 Jan 1941 Cover from FIELD POST OFFICE 189 to England Passed by DEPUTY CHIFED CENSOR.



7 Oct 1941 Cover from F.P.O 19 to England Passed by CENSOR No. 1838.



8 Jan 1943 Registered Letter from FIELD POST OFFICE 293 to Palestine
Passed by CENSOR 6446.



20 Nov 1942 Cover from Cairo 102 to Alexandria Passed by CENSOR No. 6558.



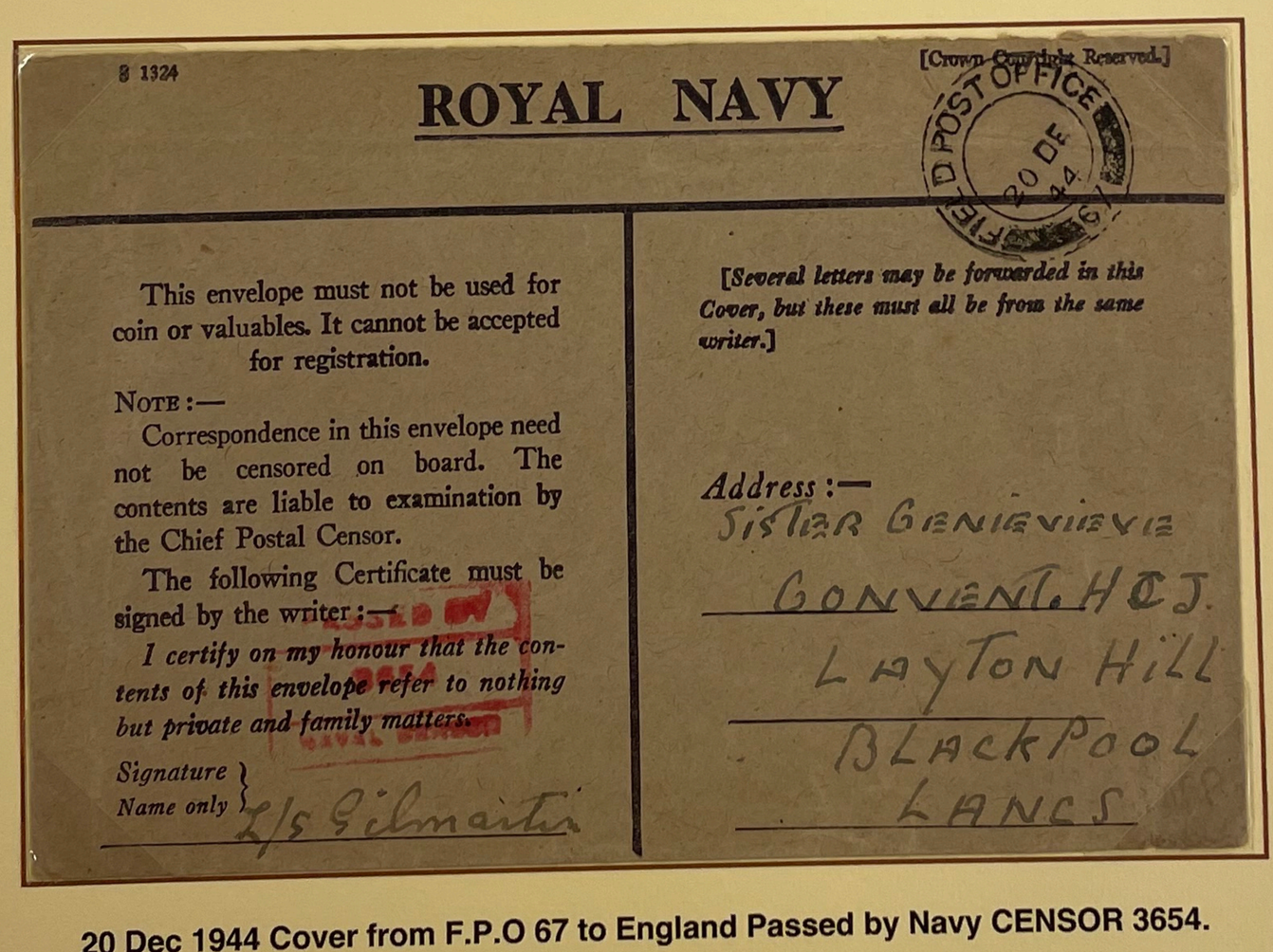
6 Feb 1944 Cover from Sidi Gaber Alexandria to Palestine Passed by CENSOR ZA/43.



26 Jan 1945 Cover from F.P.O 554 to England Passed by RAF CENSOR 854.



21 Feb 1945 Cover from Cairo, Egypt to England Passed by CENSOR 1411.



20 Dec 1944 Cover from F.P.O 67 to England Passed by Navy CENSOR 3654.