

The 1979 Irish Post Office Strike

Delivery Companies with Philatelic Influence

DUBLIN STRIKE POST (D.S.P.)

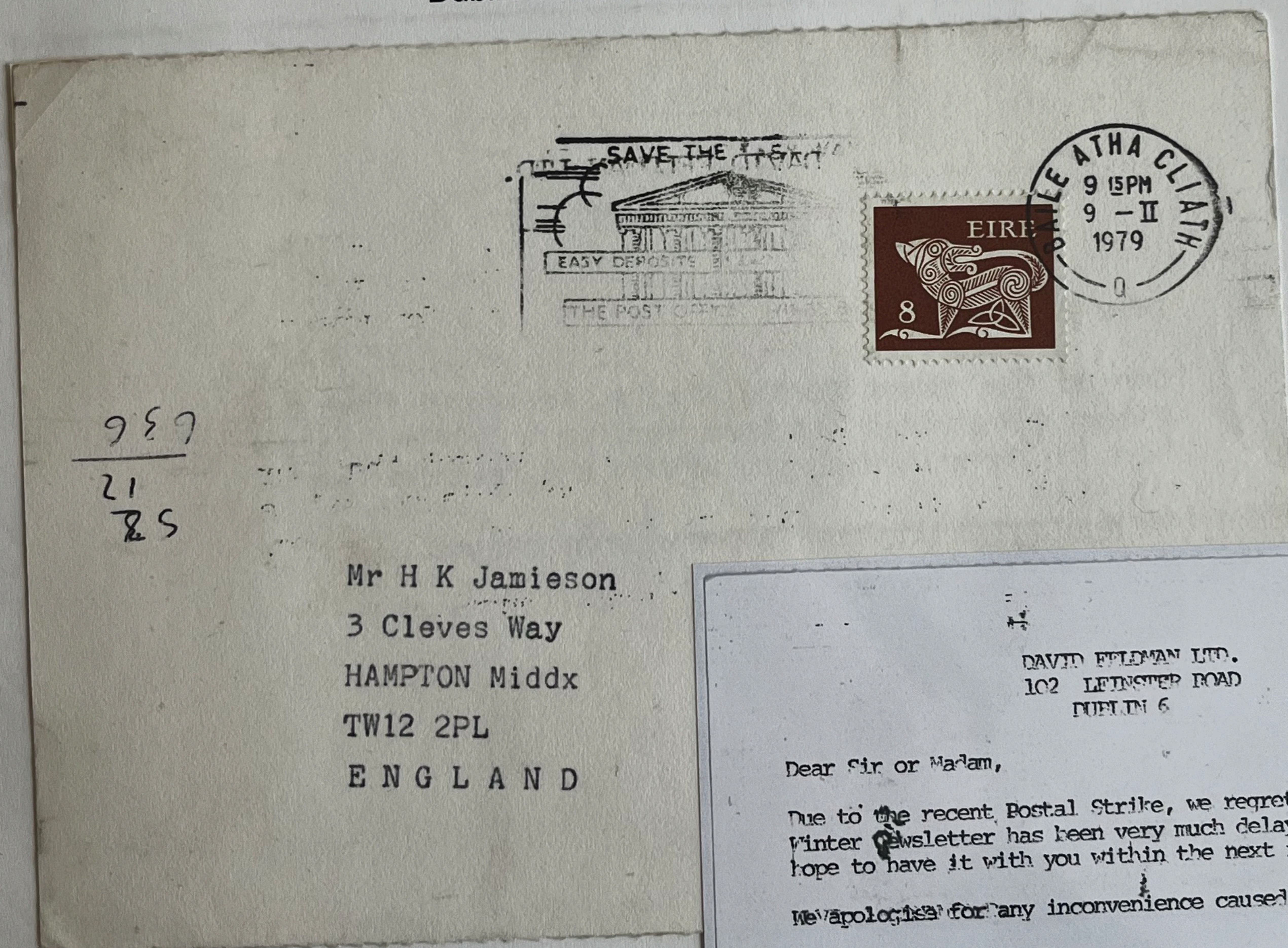
The first service to produce a marking was the "Dublin Strike Post" (D.S.P.) set up by Peter McBride of the Belfast Stamp Shop at 19 Skipper Street in cooperation with David Feldman Ltd. Leinster Road Dublin 6. This service received mail for strike-bound addresses via the office in Belfast, and posted outgoing mail in Northern Ireland.

At first both incoming and outgoing mail received the oval-shaped "DUBLIN STRIKE POST / FEE PAID" cachet. Receipt and delivery dates were shown on straight line handstamps.

After a month or so the use of the mark was discontinued on outgoing mail for fear of "blackening" by postal workers in the Northern Ireland Post Office. The mark continued to be used on incoming mail however, and on occasional outgoing mail by request of collectors.

The cachet was used in black, green and red ink.

Of all the services the D.S.P. was the only one to carry ordinary and commercial mail. In fact the D.S.P. was the "life-line" for two leading Dublin dealers and IRISH STAMP NEWS was delivered through it. Between 100 and 2,500 items a week were carried, and the fee charged ranged between a few pence and 40 p per item. A weekly delivery service operated between Dublin and Belfast to ferry mail back and forth.

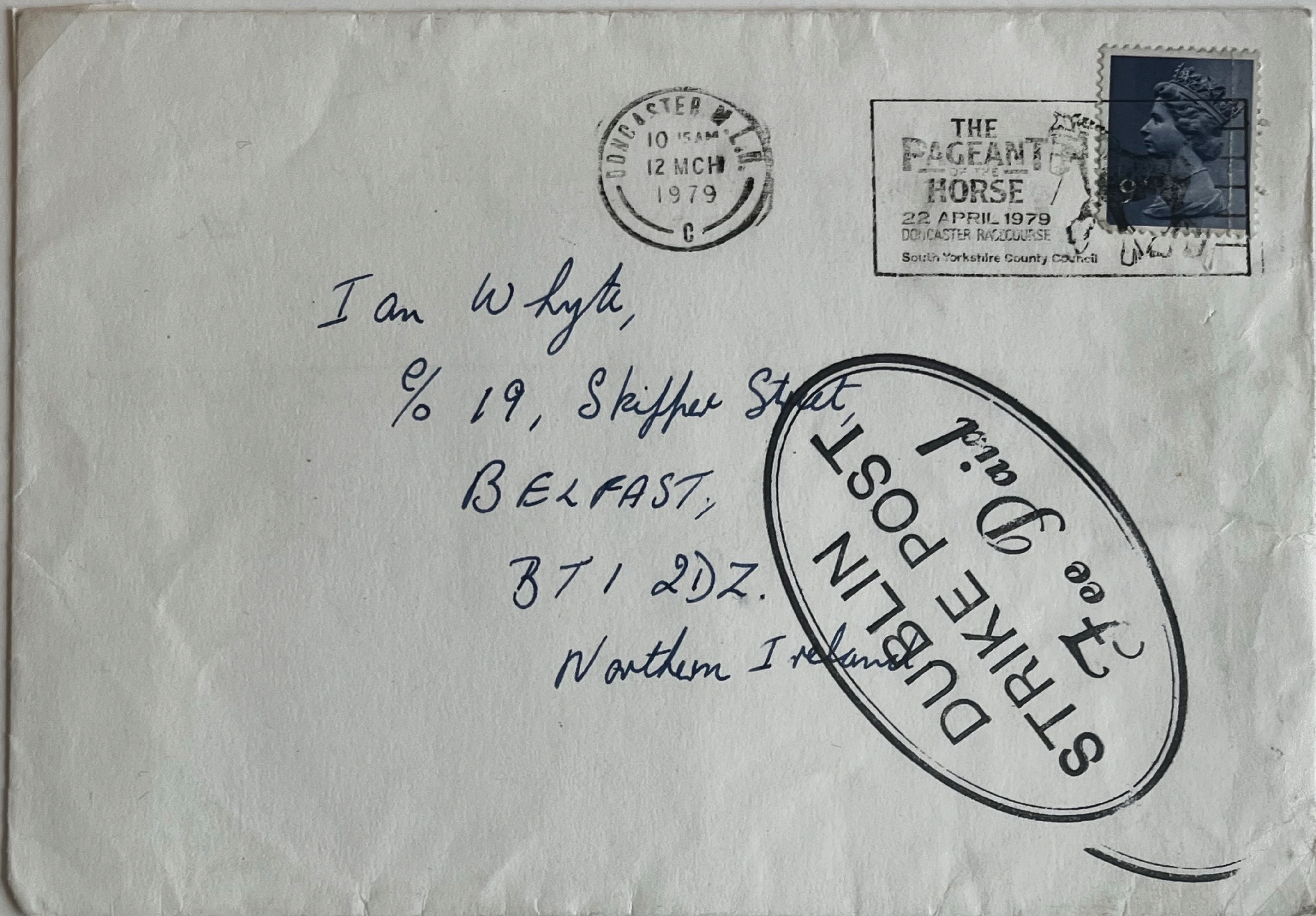


"Early warning" postcard from David Feldman Ltd. from Dublin to Hampton dated 9th February 1979 announcing that the delivery of the Winter newsletter will be delayed due to the recent postal strike.

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Letter from Doncaster, England dated 12th March 1979 to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. cachet

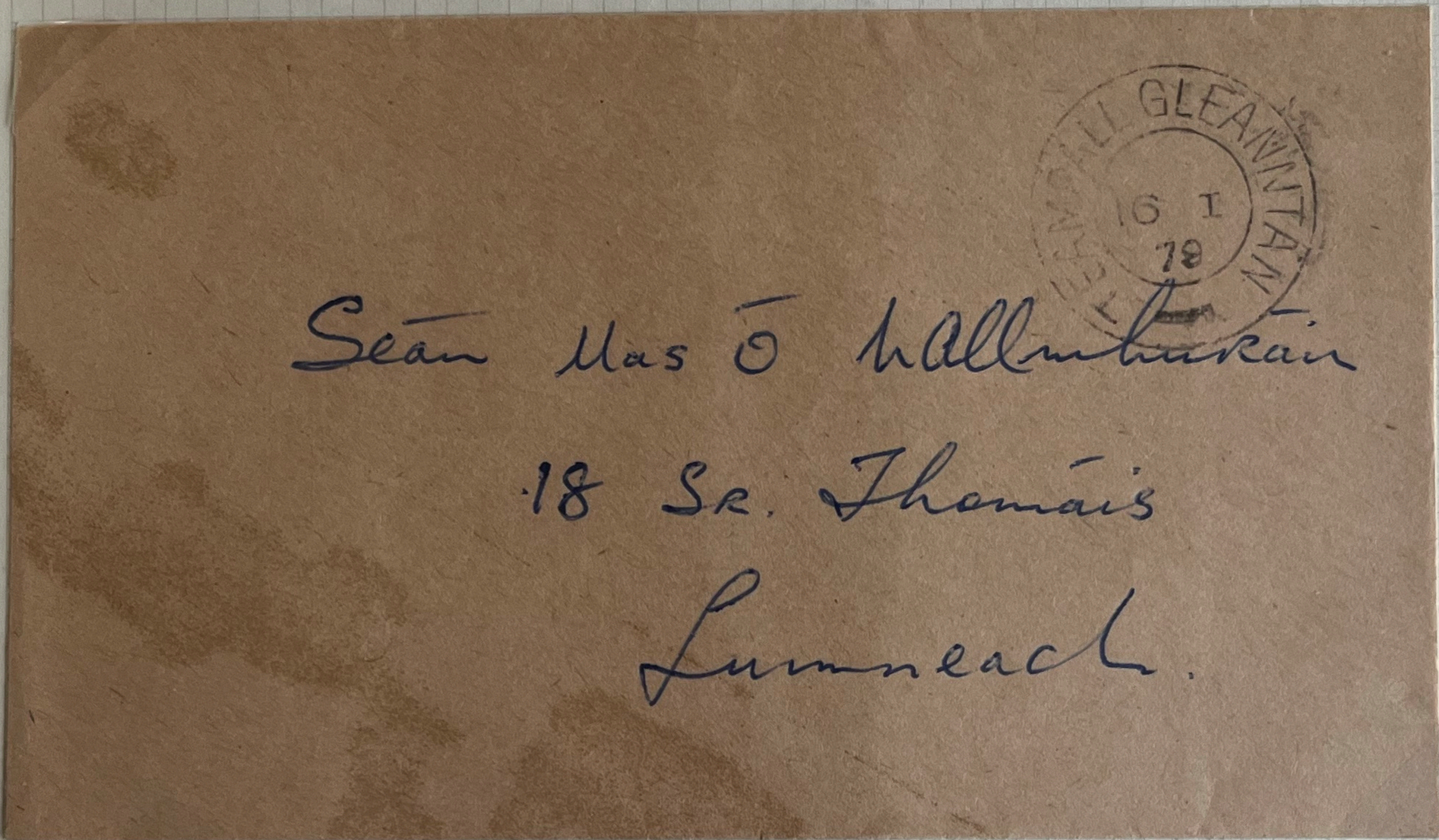


Stationary-Letter from Vancouver / Canada dated 8th May to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. cachet

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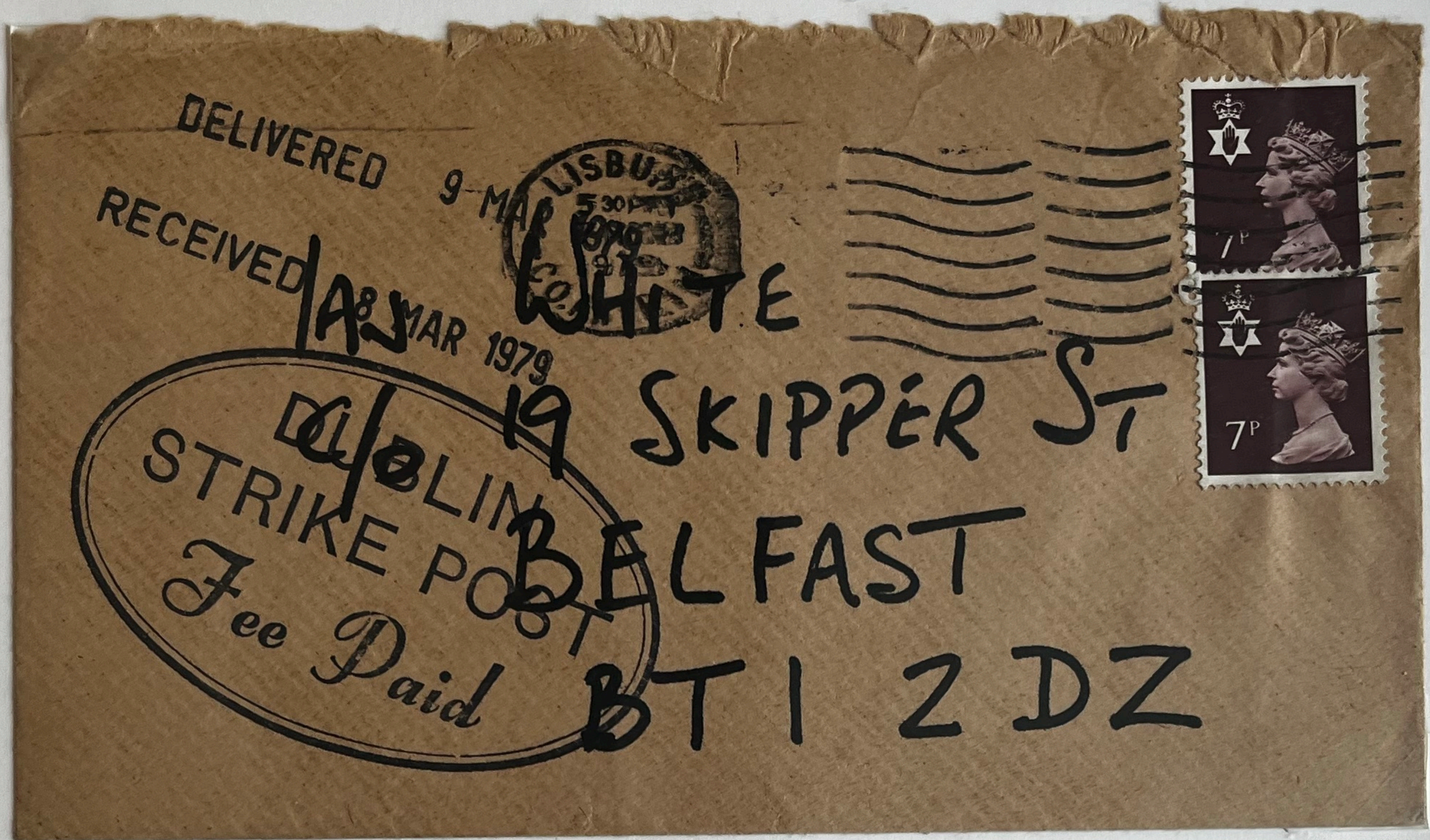
An example of the "Dublin Strike Post" operated by Jan White of Dublin

and the Belfast Stamp Shop. The endorsement soon disappeared when the postal union in Belfast instructed its members not to handle mail so endorsed. Overseas mail was brought to the north for posting. Friends going abroad obliged, as did semi-state bodies such as Bord Fáilte.

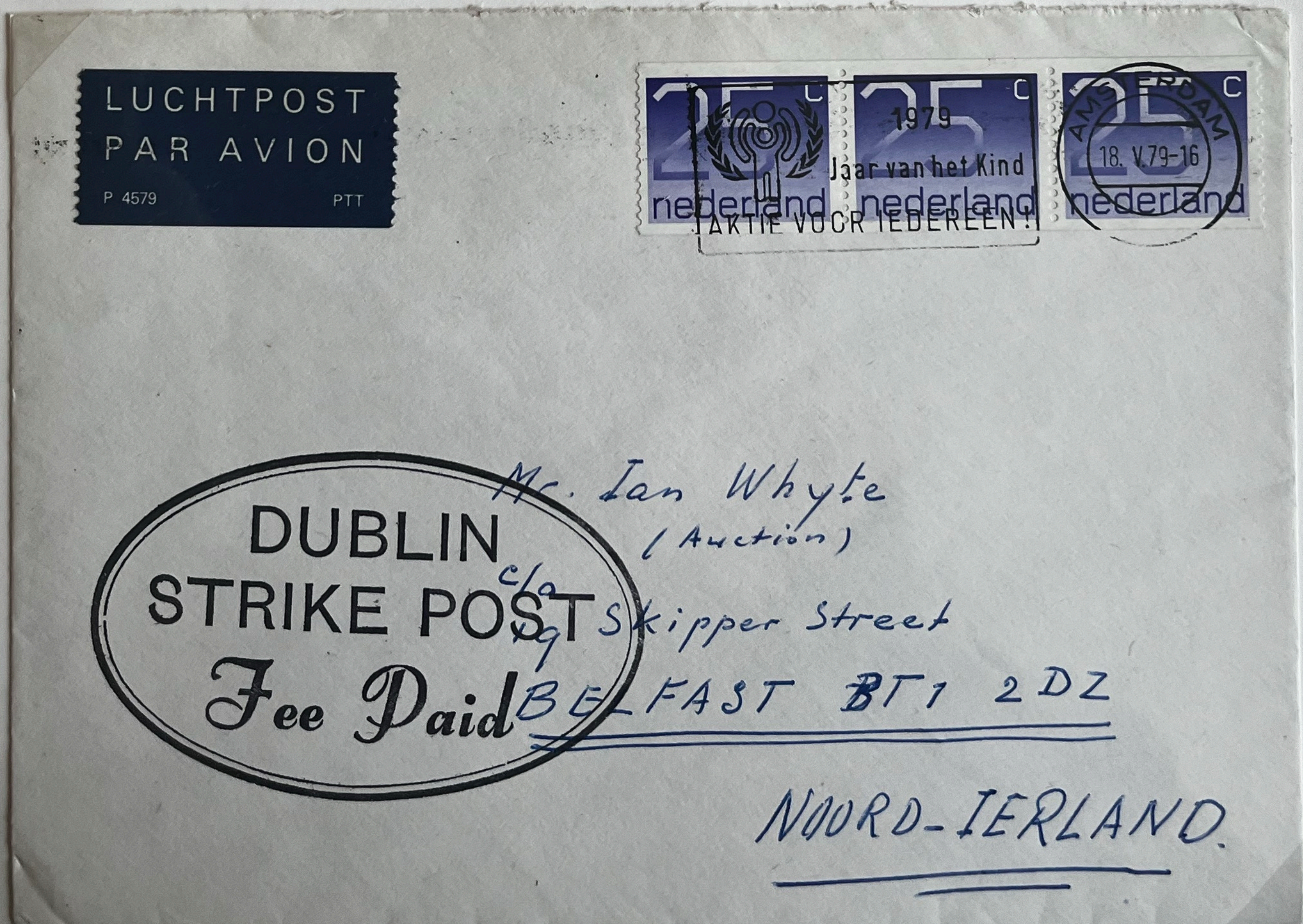
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Letter from Lisburn Co. Down dated 7th March 1979 to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. receiving and delivery stamp dated 8th/9th March 1979 and D.S.P. cachet



Letter from Amsterdam / Netherlands dated 18th May to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. cachet

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JOHN R. SMALLMAN
Box 329, Baddeck, N.S.,
Canada, BOE 1B0

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3 - PM
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1979
N. S.



VIA AIR MAIL

Ian Whyte
c/o 19 Skipper Street,
Belfast BT1 2DZ,

NORTHERN IRELAND
**DUBLIN
STRIKE POST**
Fee Paid

Letter from Baddeck/ Canada dated 18th May to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. cachet



WERNER M. NIEDERMEIER
UHLANDSTR. 12 - POSTFACH 1266
D - 8482 NEUSTADT / WN

NEUSTADT



**DUBLIN
STRIKE POST**
Fee Paid

IAN WHYTE
c/o 19 Skipper Street
BELFAST BT1 2DZ
Nothern Ireland

GB

Letter from Neustadt / Germany dated 5th June 1979 to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. cachet
Letter from Baddeck/ Canada dated 18th May to Dublin via Belfast with D.S.P. cachet

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DUBLIN STRIKE POST (D.S.P.)



Air Mail letter from Ian Whyte - Philatelic Auctions Dublin to Ottawa, Canada
with courier service Dublin - Belfast,
franked in Belfast with mixed QEII-stamps, cancelled on 12 March (MCH) 1979
and with red D.S.P. cachet for outgoing mail from Northern Ireland

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COLLECTOREX '79 - Label

During the Dublin COLLECTOREX '79 – stamp exhibition a “Strike Post” label was issued on unwatermarked gummed paper, rouletted, in sheetlets of four. The design incorporated an imaginary stamp – the £ 1 Seahorse overprinted “Saorstát Éireann 1922” which was never issued, the top value overprint being ten shilling. The cost for the labels was 20p each, they were issued in a limited edition of 1000 sheets of four. This service was also organized under the supervision of the Belfast Stamp Company.

The COLLECTOREX-labels were on sale for franking mail posted at the exhibition in conjunction with the DSP to carry mail to Belfast where it was re-posted to addresses outside the state, having been franked with the appropriate British postage.

A single ring undated rubber skeleton reading “COLLECTOREX '79 / STRIKE POST / DUBLIN” was used to cancel the labels.

The covers were cancelled by the Belfast Post Office with either a rubber c.d.s or a machine cancel on various dated between 11th June and 17th June 1979.

The service was a two way service, mail also being accepted at Belfast for delivery to Dublin.



Letter posted at Dublin with the COLLECTOREX '79 - label and rubber skeleton to the “undercover” address to Belfast with D.S.P. oval cachet and Belfast cancel dated 15th June 1979

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Courier Mail Eire – Isle of Man

A Courier service was operated from the Isle of Man which carried about three hundred items, all of them apparently for philatelic consumption. Four labels were produced: £ 1 red; £ 2 red on yellow; £ 3 gold, and £ 5 blue and red. They were printed by letterpress on ungummed unwatermarked paper by Mr. Gordon Quirk

The covers bear the label on reverse cancelled by a rectangular boxed "DUBLIN / POSTAGE PAID" handstamp in green, an Isle of Man stamp on the front cancelled at Castledown, and a B.I.A. datestamp (British Island Airways who operated an Air Service between Dublin and the Isle of Man).



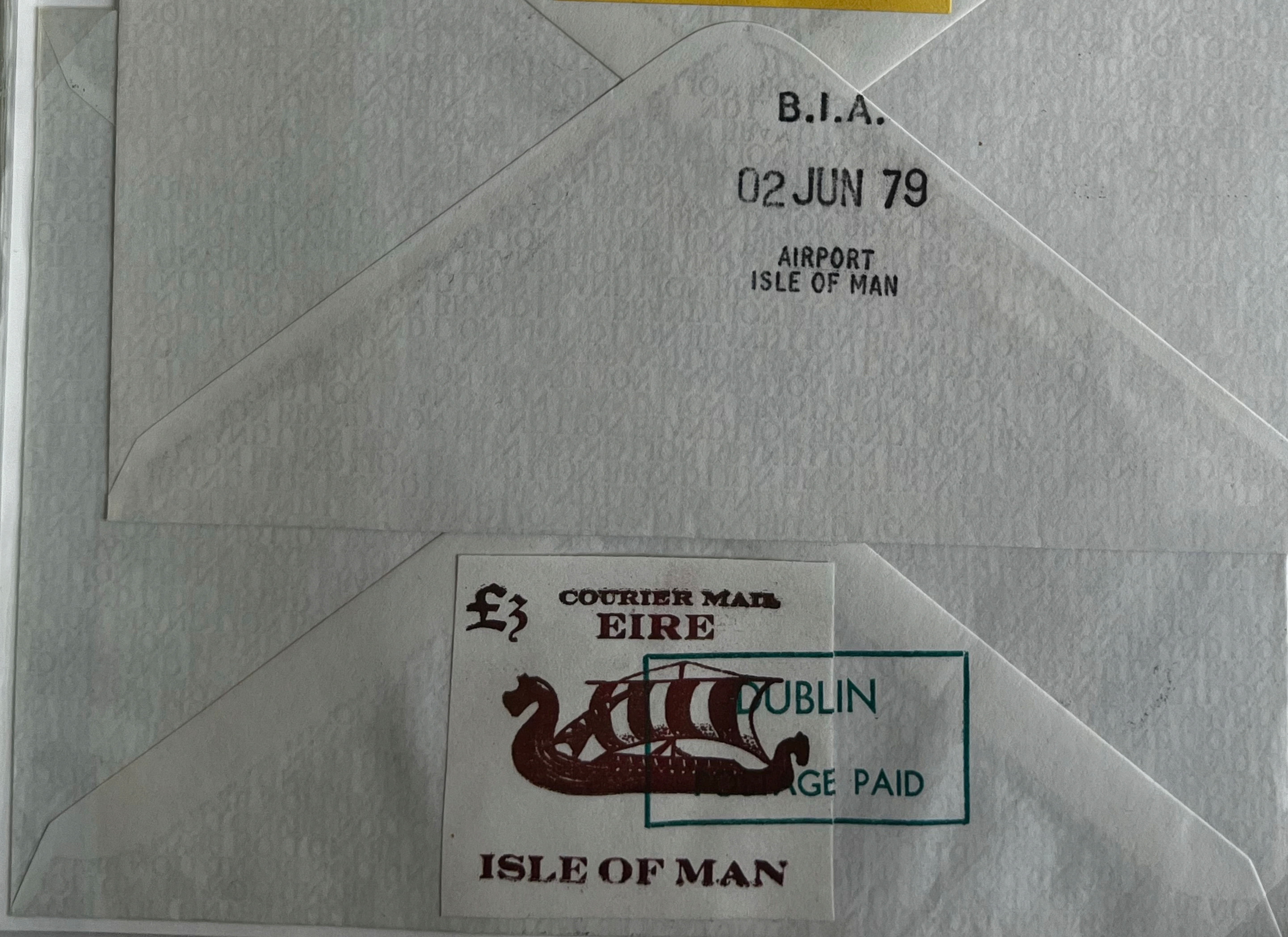
Courier letter with 5 £ - label dated 4th June 1979

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Courier Mail Eire – Isle of Man

Courier letter with
1 £ - label and rectangular
Cachet
DUBLIN / POSTAGE PAID



Courier letter
with 2 £ -
label with
BAI Airport
Isle of Man
datestamp of
2nd June 1979

Courier letter
with 3 £ - label

LEITZ
Made in Germany

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Townsend Labels

Another "courier service" has been reported using three different labels. The imprint of the labels explain the reasons for the label "IRISH REPUBLIC POSTAL STRIKE 1979". One label shows the way of transportation as "COURIER SERVICE - VIA M.S. COLUMBIA", the illustration resembles more a coastal freighter than a ferry boat between Ireland and the U.K.

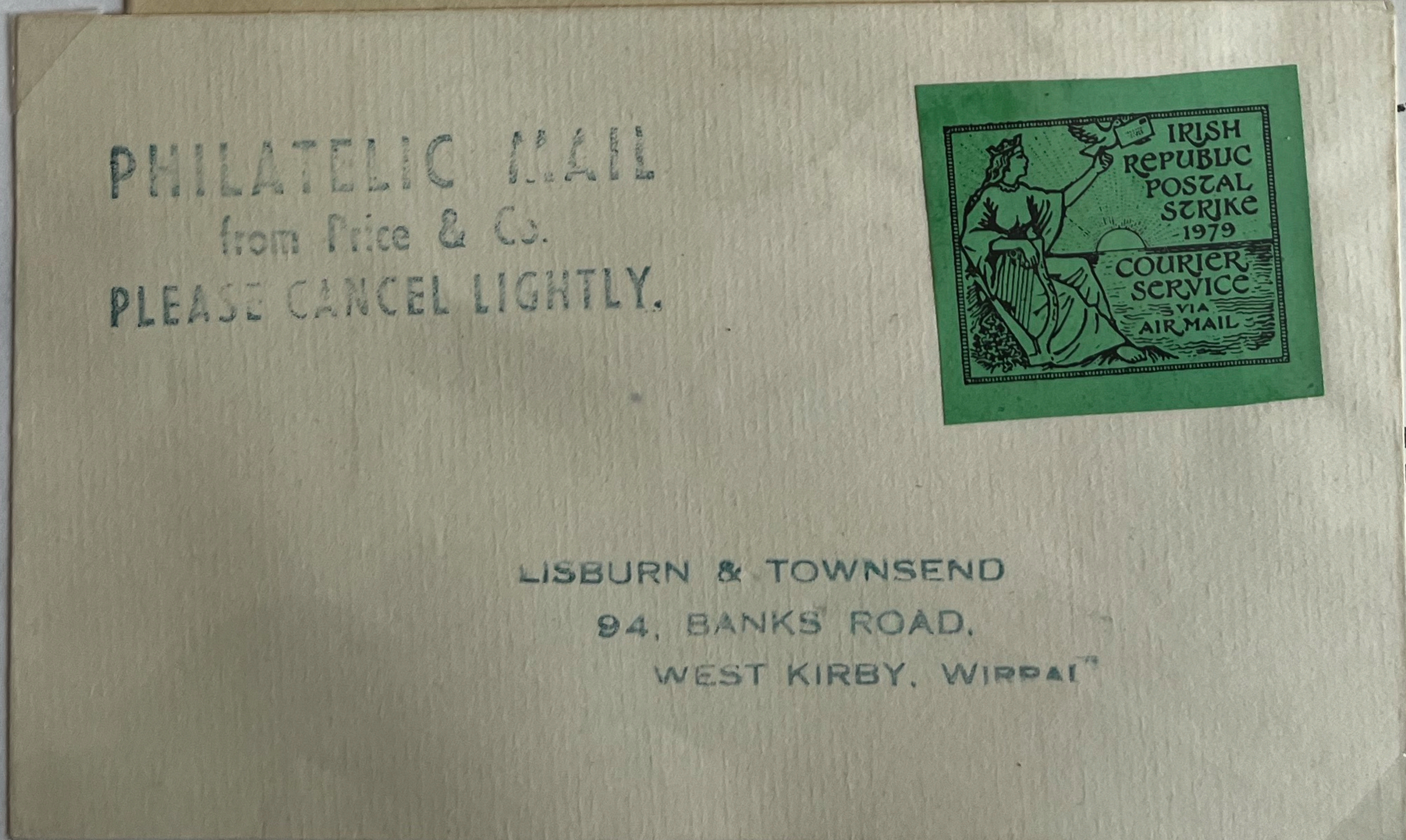
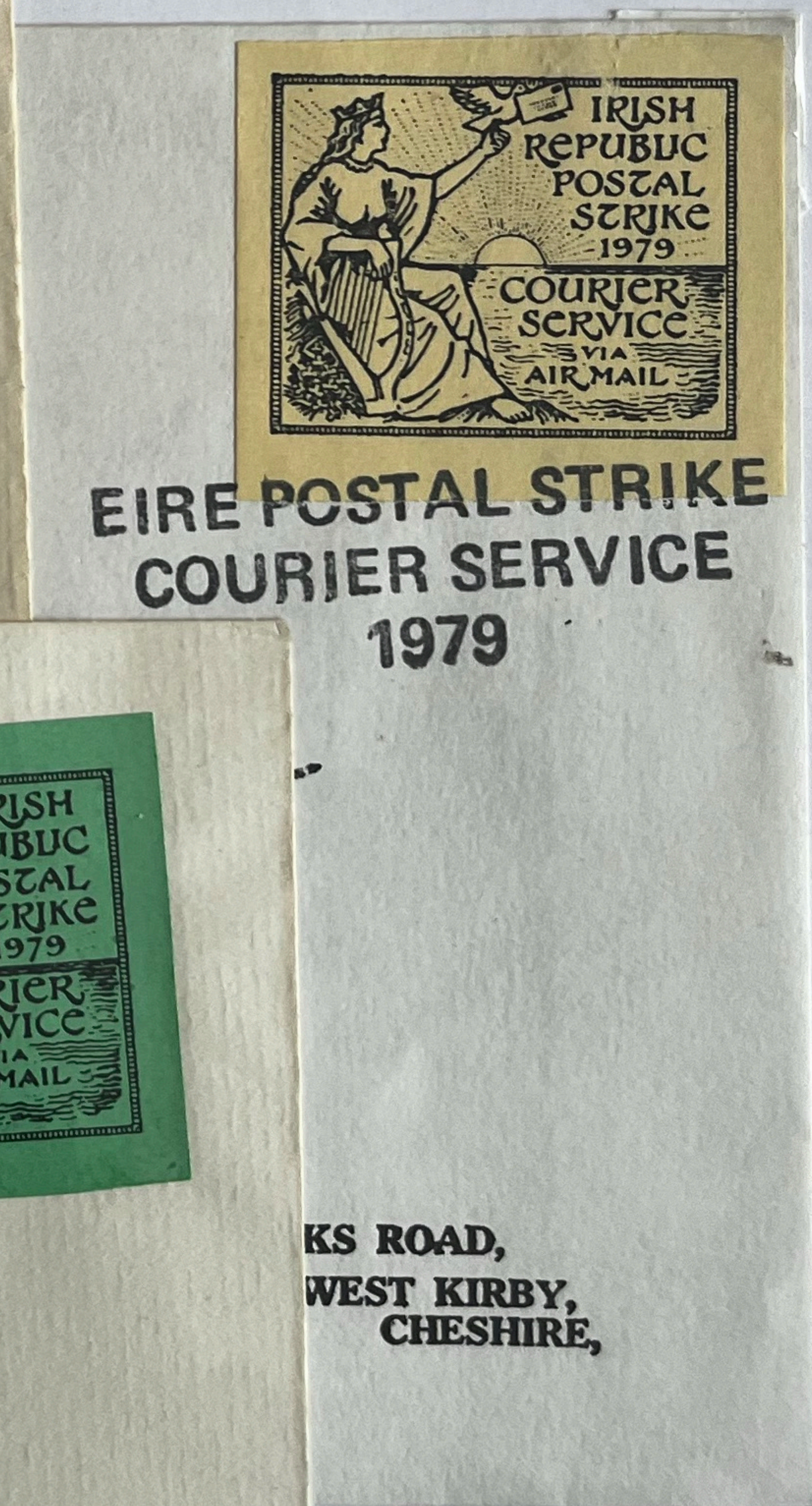
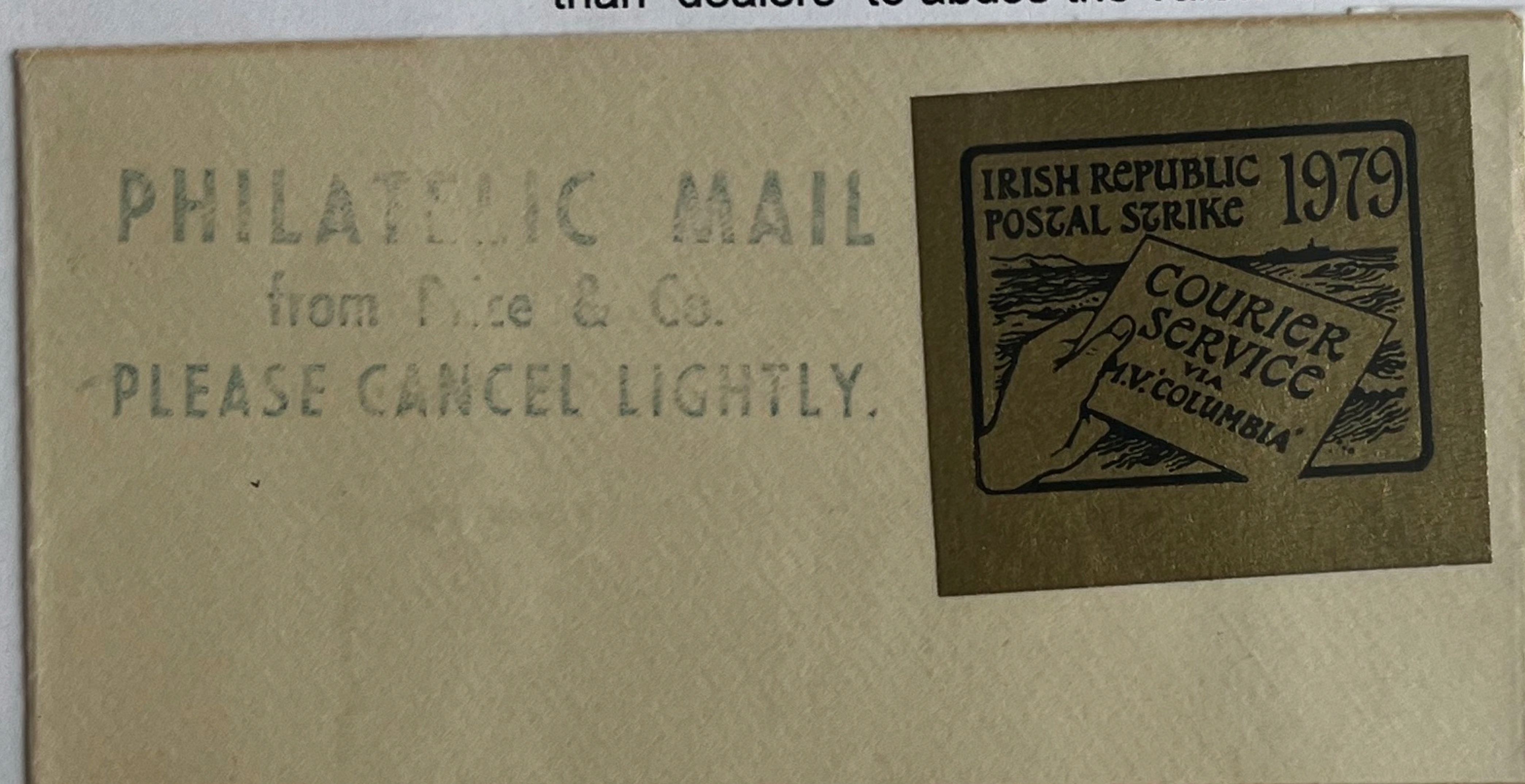
The other label shows the legend " - VIA AIR MAIL" with Hibernia sitting with a harp and a pigeon in her hand bearing a letter in its mouth.

Three paper colours are known : creamish paper, paper in shiny gold and green paper.

Neither the number of issues of the labels is known, nor any further details about the courier service company.

The letters are mostly addressed with a greenish cachet or black imprint to "Lisburn & Townsend, 94 Banks Road, West Kirby, Cheshire", possibly a phantasy company.

It is very doubtful that these letters have ever been seen anybody else than "dealers" to abuse the valets of Philatelists.

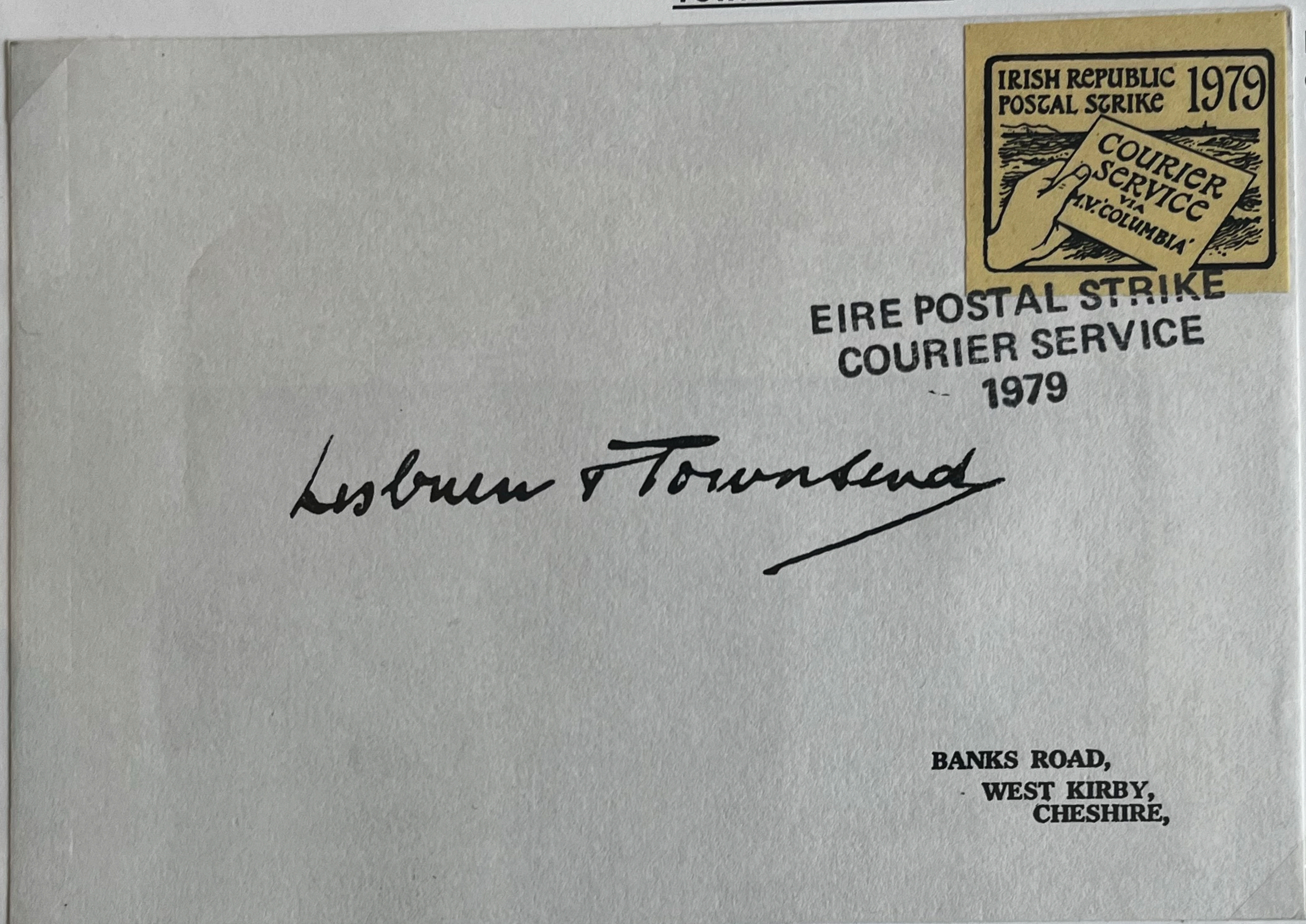


Letters with the three different labels, one with additional three line "cancel" cachet : "EIRE POSTAL STRIKE / COURIER SERVICE / 1979" and two with the cachet "PHILATELIC MAIL / from Price & Co. / PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY"

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Letter with creamish colour label showing "Courier Service via M.V. Columbia" and "EIRE POSTAL STRIKE / COURIER SERVICE / 1979"

Letter with creamish colour label showing Hibernia sitting with a harp "EIRE POSTAL STRIKE / COURIER SERVICE / 1979"



Letter with shiny gold colour label showing the "Courier Service via M.V. Columbia"- and three line cachet "EIRE POSTAL STRIKE / COURIER SERVICE / 1979"

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Letter with green label showing "Courier Service via M.V. Columbia"

Letter with green label showing "Hibernia sitting with a harp and a pigeon in her hand bearing a letter in its mouth" and three line cachet "EIRE POSTAL STRIKE / COURIER SERVICE / 1979"

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Documents

PAY THE POSTAL WORKERS

and

GET THE COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN

Published by P.O.W. Union and Printed by Doran (D.P.S.) Ltd., Tel: 507333

Red/buff leaflet issued by the Irish Post Office Workers Union (P.O.W.) during the strike period encouraging the Postal Management to pay the requested wage increase to the Postal Workers....

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TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1979

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IT'S OVER



Postal strike is over

FROM PAGE ONE

with the co-operation of the staff to restore normal services as quickly as possible, Mr. Faulkner said. Advertisements are to appear in the media giving details of the restoration of services.

Now Mr. Faulkner is to invite the P.O.W.U. executive to meet him to discuss their problems generally.

The claims for higher pay was served on the Department last year. Before the strike started on midnight, February 18, the Minister offered between seven and nine per cent increases.

But these were turned down by the union as being inadequate to meet their members' needs.

In recent weeks, the Minister improved his offer but this too was found to be insufficient.

Irish Congress of Trade Union officials and the P.O.W.U. were seeking a formula which would give them a 15 per cent interim settlement.

But they had to persuade the Minister that any sizable increase granted to the postal workers would not have a "domino" effect throughout the public service, with unions scrambling for a similar settlement.

(See settlement details, Page One).

Posting the first letter immediately after hearing the good news last night is pretty Sue Maxwell, from Drumcondra, Dublin . . . it may be a while yet before her letter — an dthe rest of the "mail mountain" — are delivered.

- AT HUGE COST!

By PAUL MURPHY

THE 127-day national postal strike is over and postmen may be back on the streets tomorrow.

But it's going to take a lot longer to count up the cost of it all.

The 18-week strike almost crippled the tourist industry and severely damaged the economy but it also cost millions of pounds to the participants.

- The 13,000 strikers, many of whom were reduced to living on social welfare benefits, had lost £14.5 million in wages by May 30.
- The Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs had lost up to £17.5 million in badly-needed revenue.
- The Post Office Workers' Union estimates it lost £400,000 in strike pay.

And the gains? The 13,000 postal workers will return with:—

- An average of £10 a week wage increase plus—
- Back pay of up to £200 and—
- A "loan" of £425—which in the words of the ICTU is an "advance of wages."

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First Flight Swissair Dublin-Zürich SR 851 April 2nd, 1979

PRINTED MATTER



Mr.
Alexander K. Kumpf
poste restante
Zürich - Switzerland
Airport

Vorbereitete, aber nicht beförderte Post zum Swissair Erstflug
DUBLIN - Zürich am 2. April 1979, der Flug hat 16 Pfunden, aber ohne
Sonderluftpost.

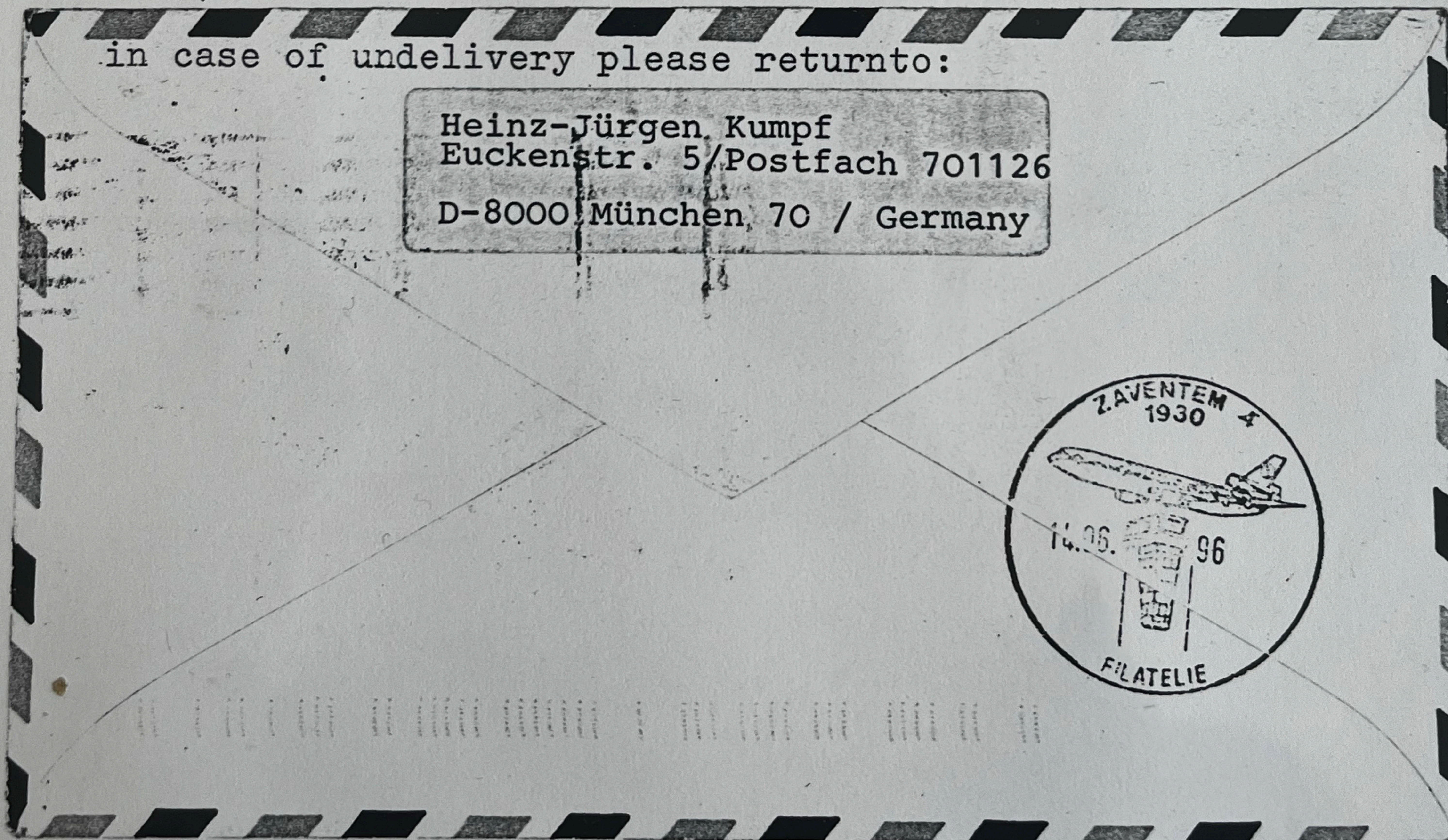
Vorbereitete Sonderluftpost STA BENA - DUBLIN - BRISSEL

POSTSTREIK IRLAND 1979

Nachverwendung



Vorbereiteter Brief für Erstflug DUBLIN - BRUSSEL am 2. April 1979
Wegen des Poststreiks wurde er jedoch erst am 7. Juni 1996
auf dem Postamt Dun Laoghaire abgefertigt mit
Ak: ZAVENTEM - BRUSSEL vom 14.6.1996
Nach poste wurde nicht erhoben



7. Juni 1996 ~~früher~~ bekannte Erstverwendung
nach Beendigung des Poststreiks.

Poststreik Irland

Portomarken - Provisorium - Freimarken als Portomarken



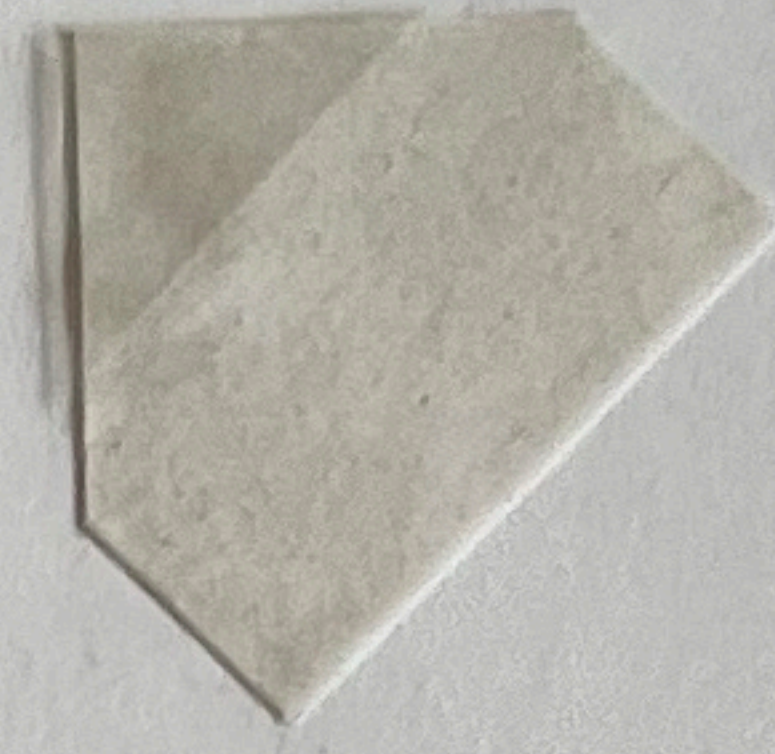
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19 Feb. 1980



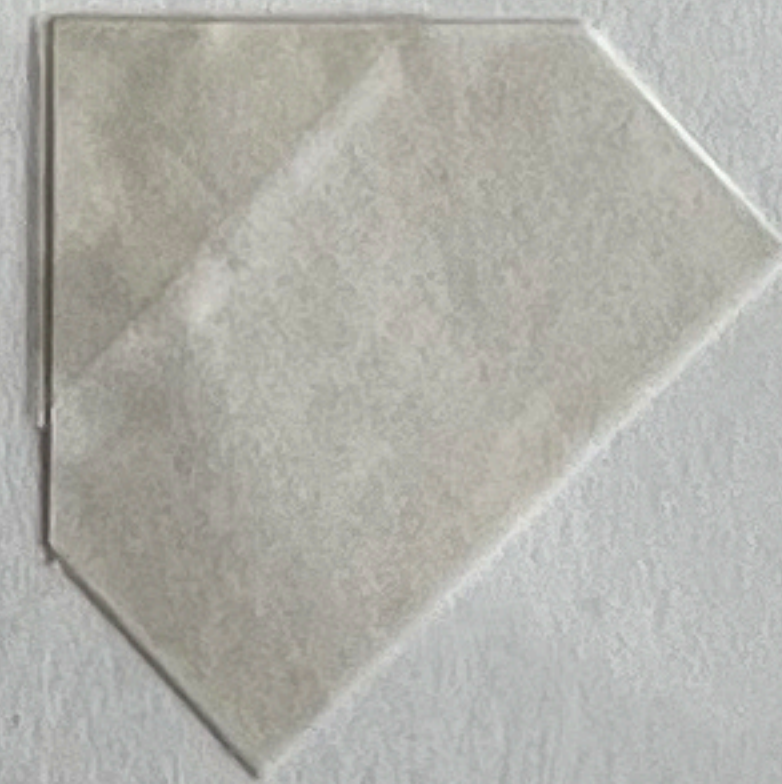
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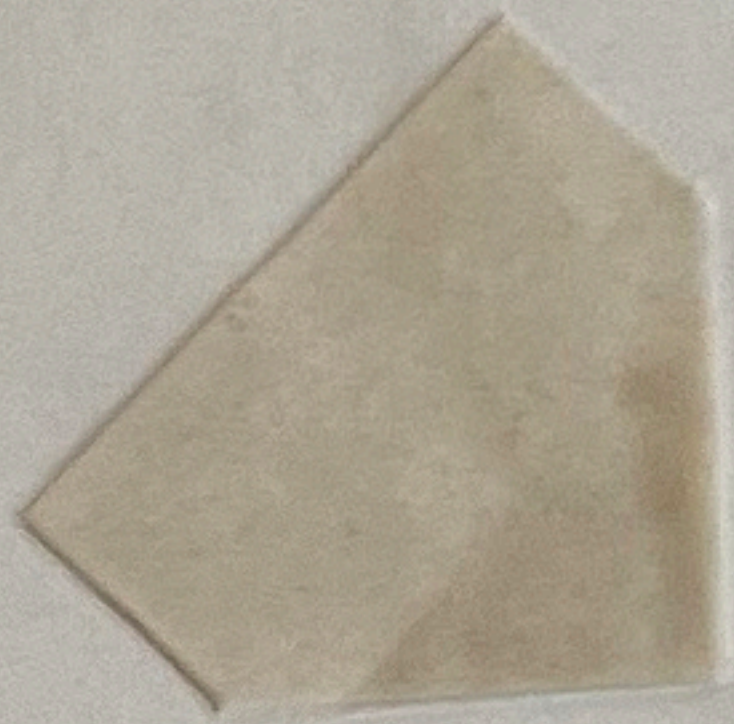
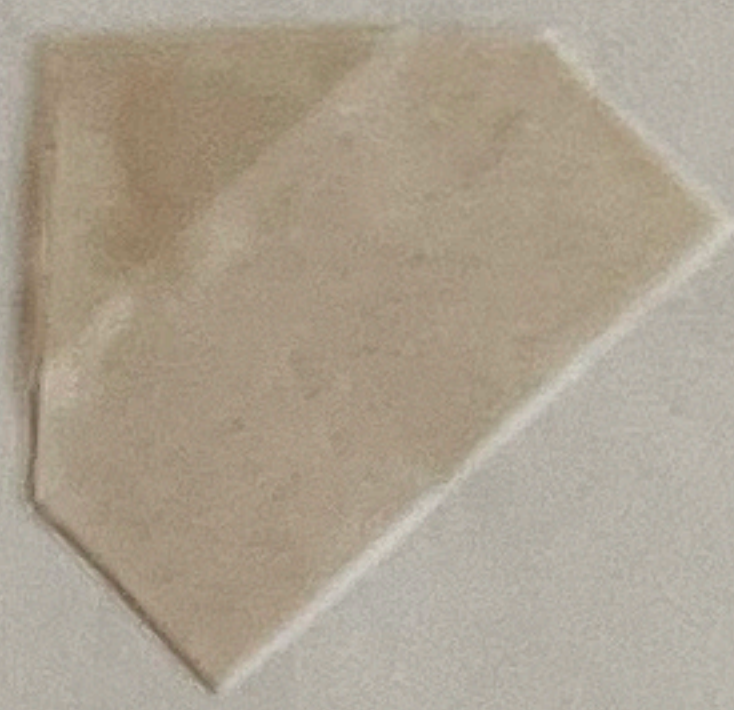


Nov. 1979



POSTSTREIK IRLAND

Postmarken Provisorium - Freimarken als Postmarken



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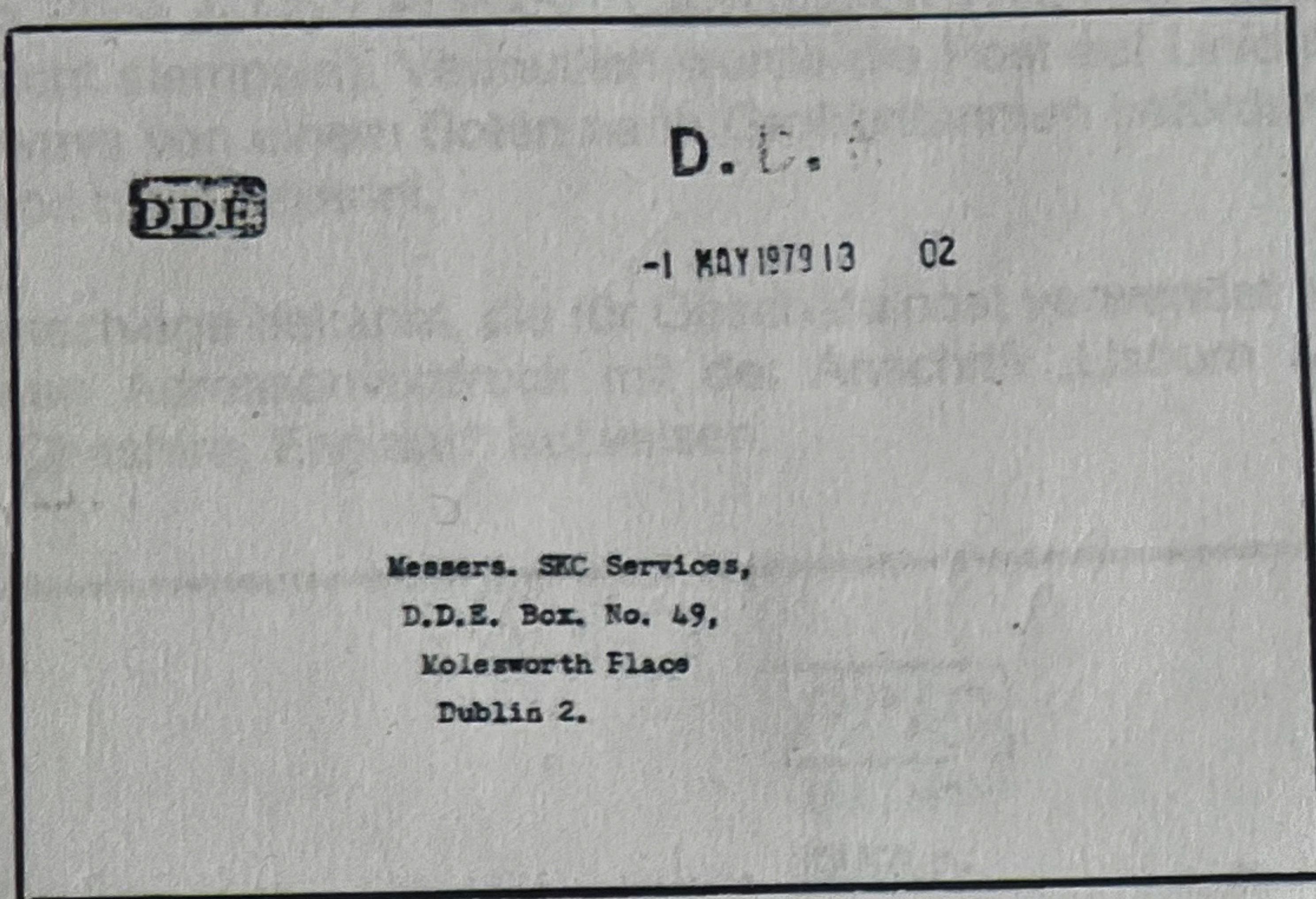


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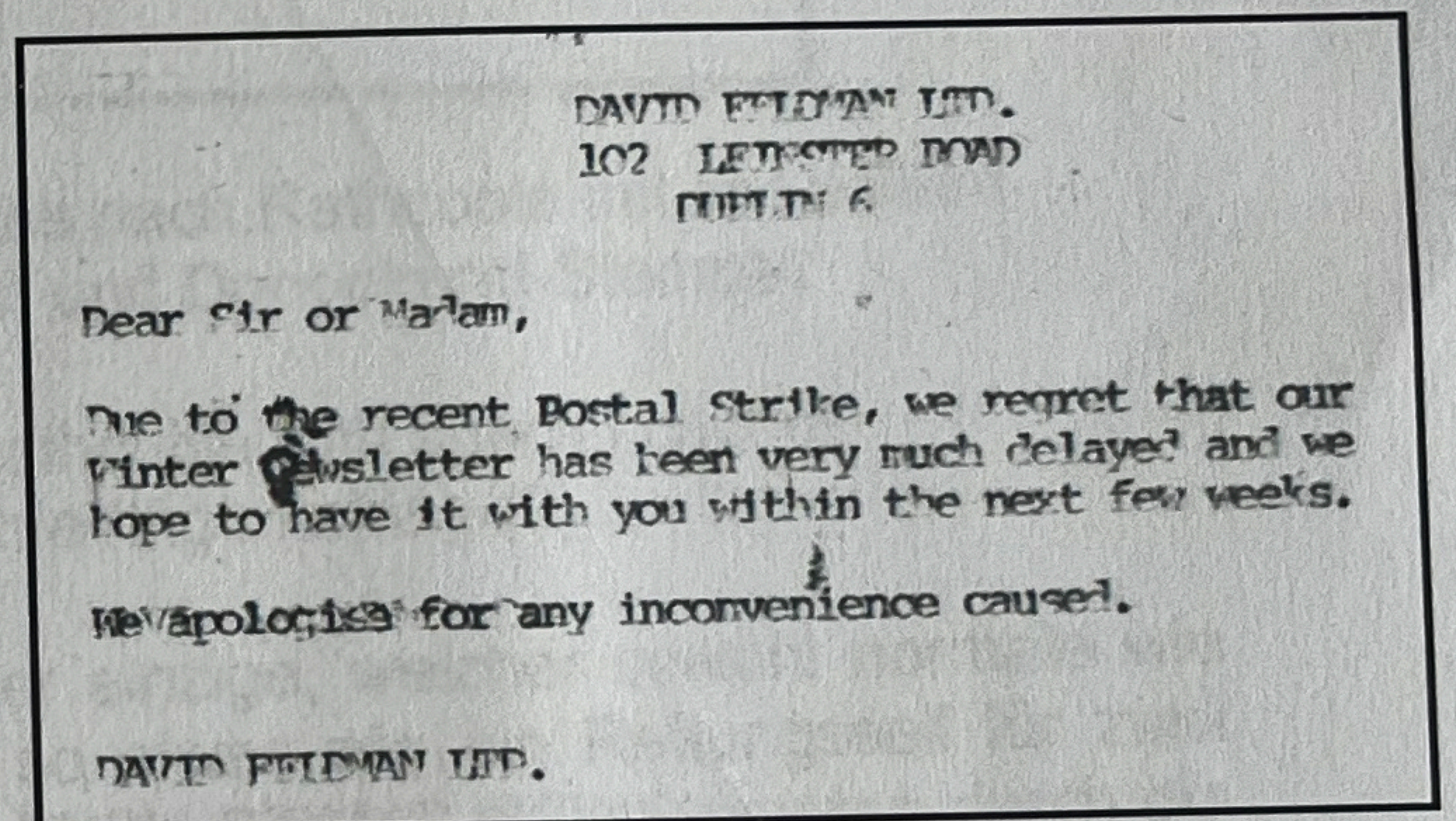
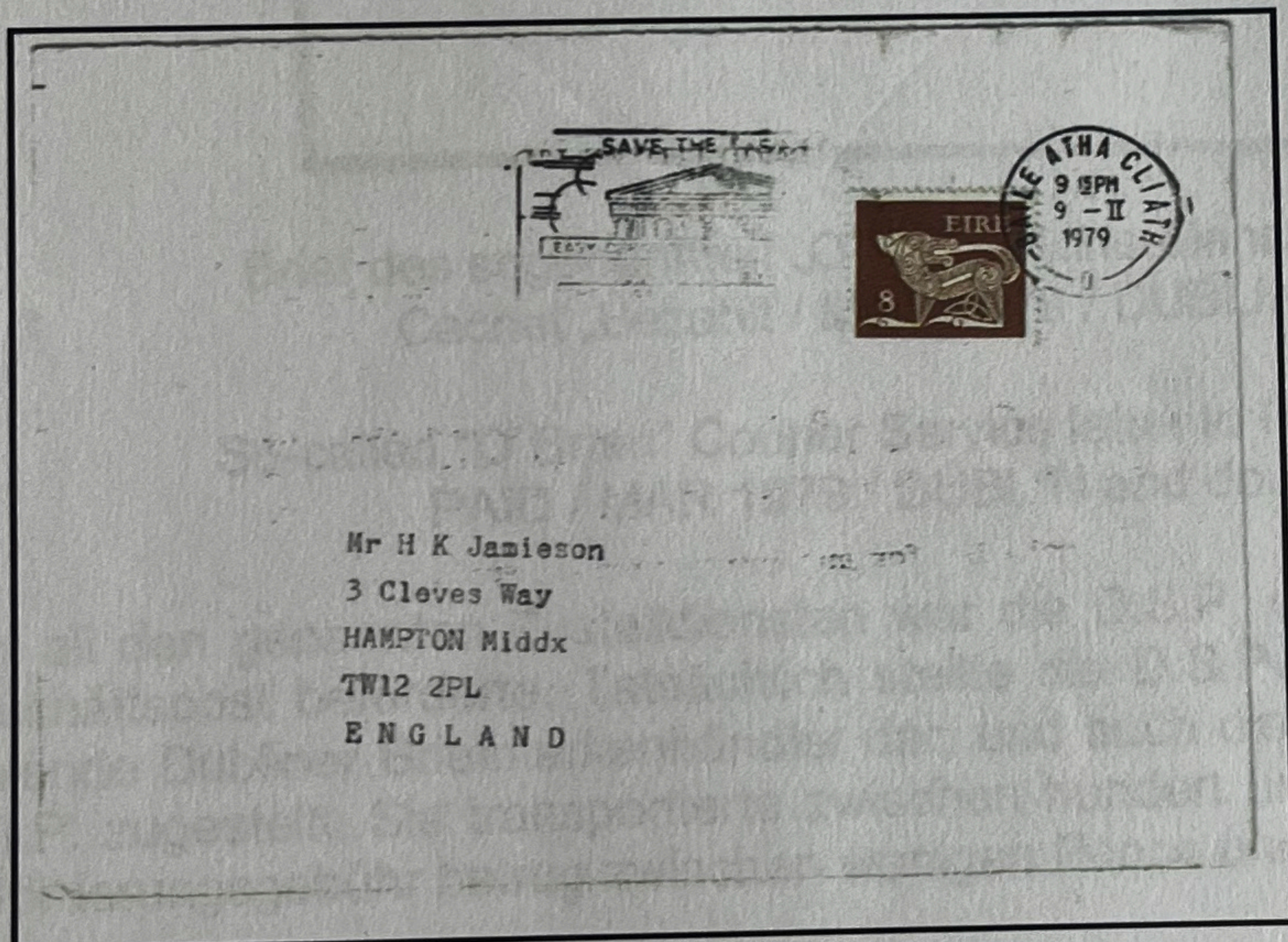


Lokalbrief aus Dublin der DDE mit Datum vom 1. Mai 1979

Local Dublin DDE – Letter dated 1st May 1979 (2)

Aufgrund der starken örtlichen Gewerkschaftssolidarität war es allerdings nicht möglich, einen Zustellservice in größerem Rahmen einzuführen.

Bis auf wenige Ausnahmen brachte keiner der lokalen Privatzusteller Aufkleber heraus oder verwendete besondere Kennzeichnungen oder Cachets von philatelistischem Interesse.



Postkarte als „Frühwarnung“ von David Feldman Ltd., versendet von Dublin nach Hampton und datierend vom 9. Februar 1979. Sie kündigt an, dass die Zustellung des Winter-Rundschreibens sich aufgrund des Post-Streiks verzögern werde.

“Early warning” postcard from David Feldman Ltd. from Dublin to Hampton dated 9th February 1979 announcing that the delivery of the Winter newsletter will be delayed due to the recent postal strike (3)

Mindestens vier Zustelldienste – mit unterschiedlichen Kennzeichnungen – sind bekannt, die ihren Ursprung in der Zeit des Streiks hatten. Alle waren philatelistisch beeinflusst:

1. DUBLIN STRIKE POST (D.S.P.)

Der erste Zustellservice, der eine eigene Kennzeichnung einführte, war die „Dublin Strike Post“ (D.S.P.). Sie wurde von Peter McBride vom Belfast Stamp Shop ins Leben gerufen. Die D.S.P. erhielt Poststücke für streikgebundene Adressen über ihr Büro in Belfast; ausgehende Post wurde in Nordirland versendet. Zunächst erhielten sowohl eintreffende wie

CINDERELLA STAMPS OF IRELAND - An incomplete introduction (Part 9)

Peter Wood

Irish Postal Strike, 1979.

Following on from our previous issue, I now turn the Irish Postal Strike of 1979. The strike began early in the year – the last delivery was in mid February. A stalemate existed for several months and the strike was finally called off in late June. No detailed report on the strike has appeared in this Journal but if you are lucky enough to possess a copy of the Nov-Dec 1979 issue of the now defunct Irish Stamp News, published by Ian Whyte, a good synopsis of events of events can be found. A number of courier services sprung up, many of which were philatelically inspired, giving rise to various labels, some of which I illustrate below. The labels were frequently affixed at upper right of envelopes being ‘in lieu of stamps’.

of label, Green, Gold and Pink. Figure of Hibernia sending a letter by dove with rising sun behind. Produced/operated by Lisburn & Townsend (philatelic dealers).



(figs 139 and 140)



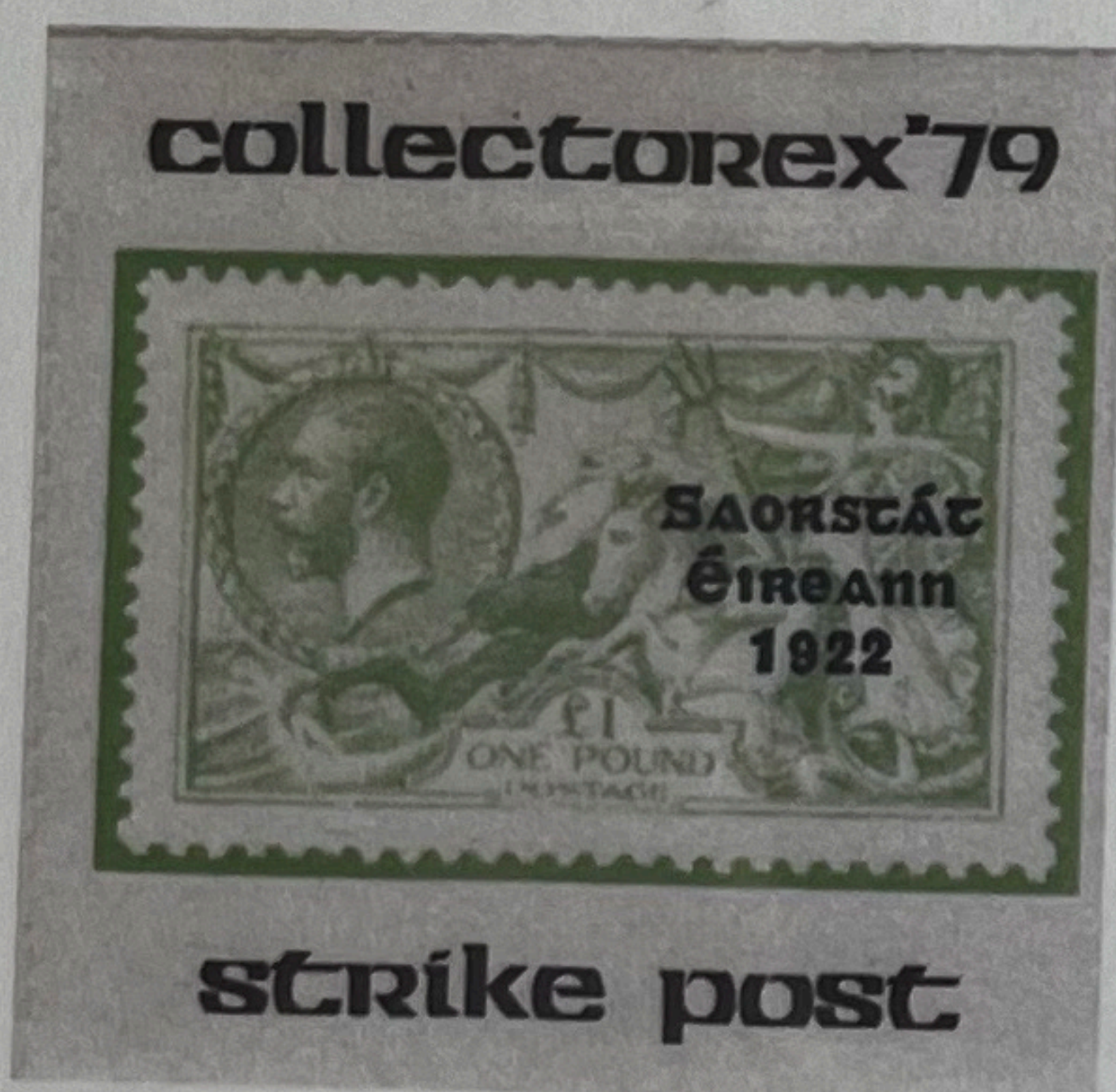
D.D.E. (fig 135)

Black on red. DDE = Dublin Document Exchange – a commercial operation.



fig 141

Irish Republic Postal Strike 1979, Courier Service, via MV Columbia. Hand holding a letter in front of the ocean. (fig 141). I have only the green of this design but I expect the others as per the airmail version above exist. Produced/operated by Lisburn & Townsend.



Collectorex '79, Strike Post (fig 136)
Rouletted label with a picture of a £1 seahorse in green with Saorstat Eireann 1922 overprint.

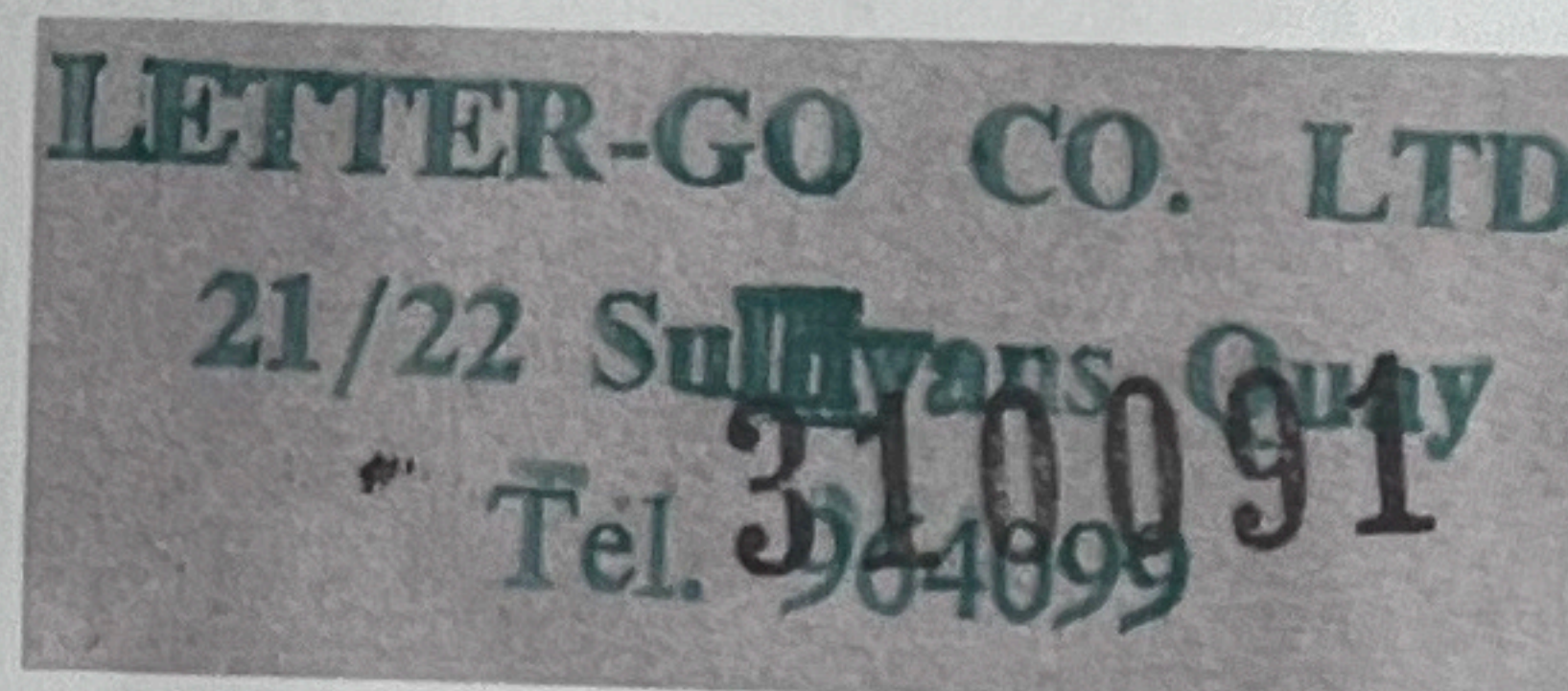


fig 142

Letter-Go Co. Ltd, 21/22 Sullivans Quay. Green on white (fig 142). Sullivan's Quay is in Cork and this appears to be a thoroughly commercial operation.



Courier Mail, Eire/Isle of Man (figs 137 and 138)
Values £1, £2, £3 and £5. Showing a Viking longship - Europost Courier - given by a cachet/cancel – two of the four shown above.

Irish Republic Postal Strike 1979, Courier Service, via Airmail (figs 139/140). Three different colours

Irish Postal Strike, 1982



fig 143

1982 -Express Document Delivery Ltd / Dublin Area. Serial numbers with prefixes "A", "B" "C", "D" and "F" have been seen by me. I show in fig 143, above, code B as it will be seen that the item has

been 'postmarked' with what appears to be a specially adapted franking machine. That codes up to 'F' indicates that a substantial volume of mail was handled but presumably only in and around the immediate Dublin area.



fig 144

Paperlink / Dublin Area (fig 144)

Black lettering on yellow.. As for the Express Document delivery service (above), it would seem that a considerable volume of mail was handled.

Private Courier Labels.

I now turn to the Private Courier Labels from services which have been developed in more recent years. I have been able to date some as the services use a dater/ timing device but not others. I have no details of the nature of the services operated, their dates of commencement (and, surely, in some cases, their closure) the pricing, details of items handled etc. Clearly some of these are operated in direct competition with An Post.



fig 145

1982 -Data Line Limited / 24 hour delivery Dublin. Only prefix "A" seen; note 'postmark'. (Fig 145)

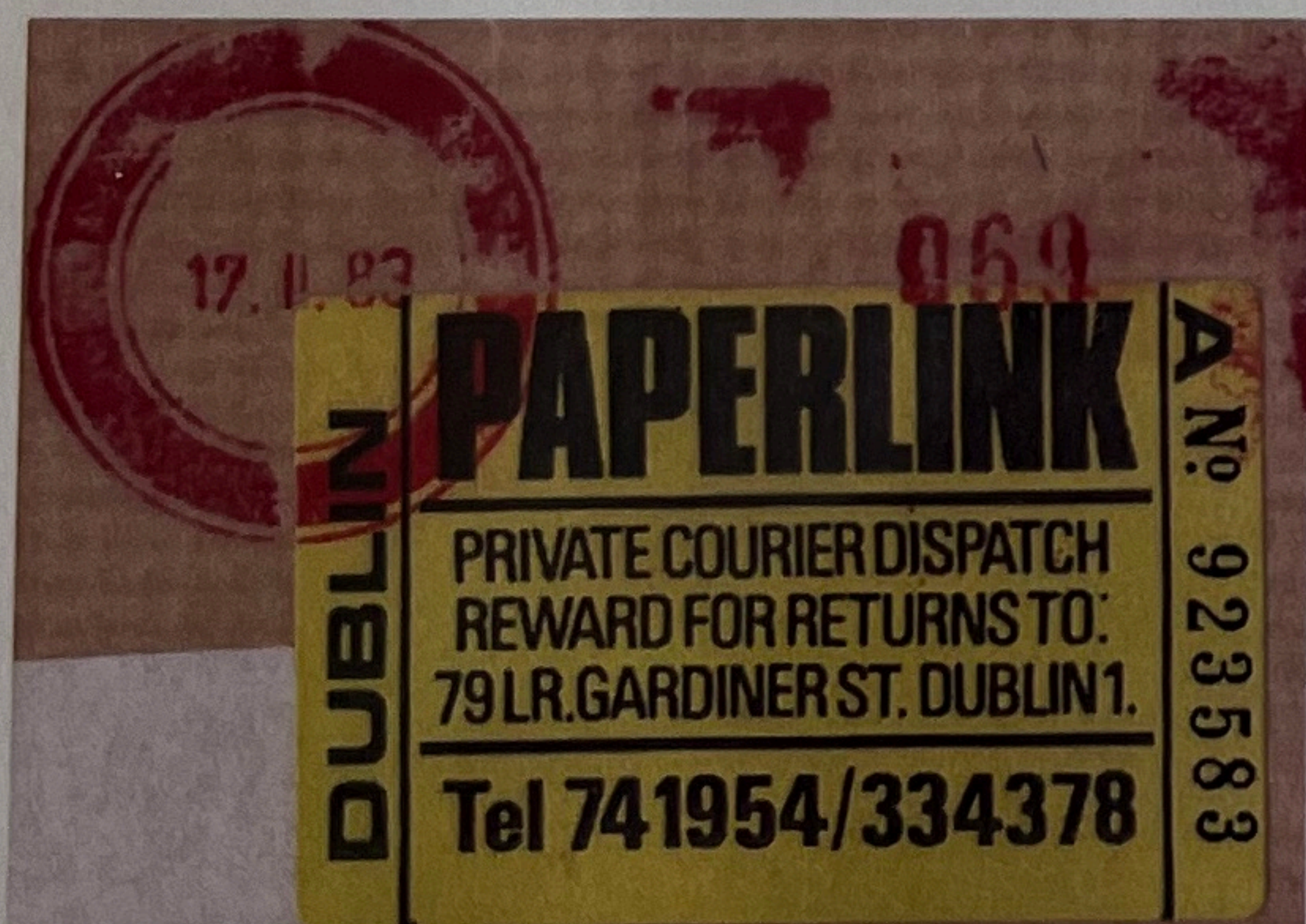


fig 146

1983 Paperlink

Black lettering on yellow with full return address. First type includes "Reward for returns", prefixes A and B seen. (fig 146) A second type says "Returns to" - only A seen.

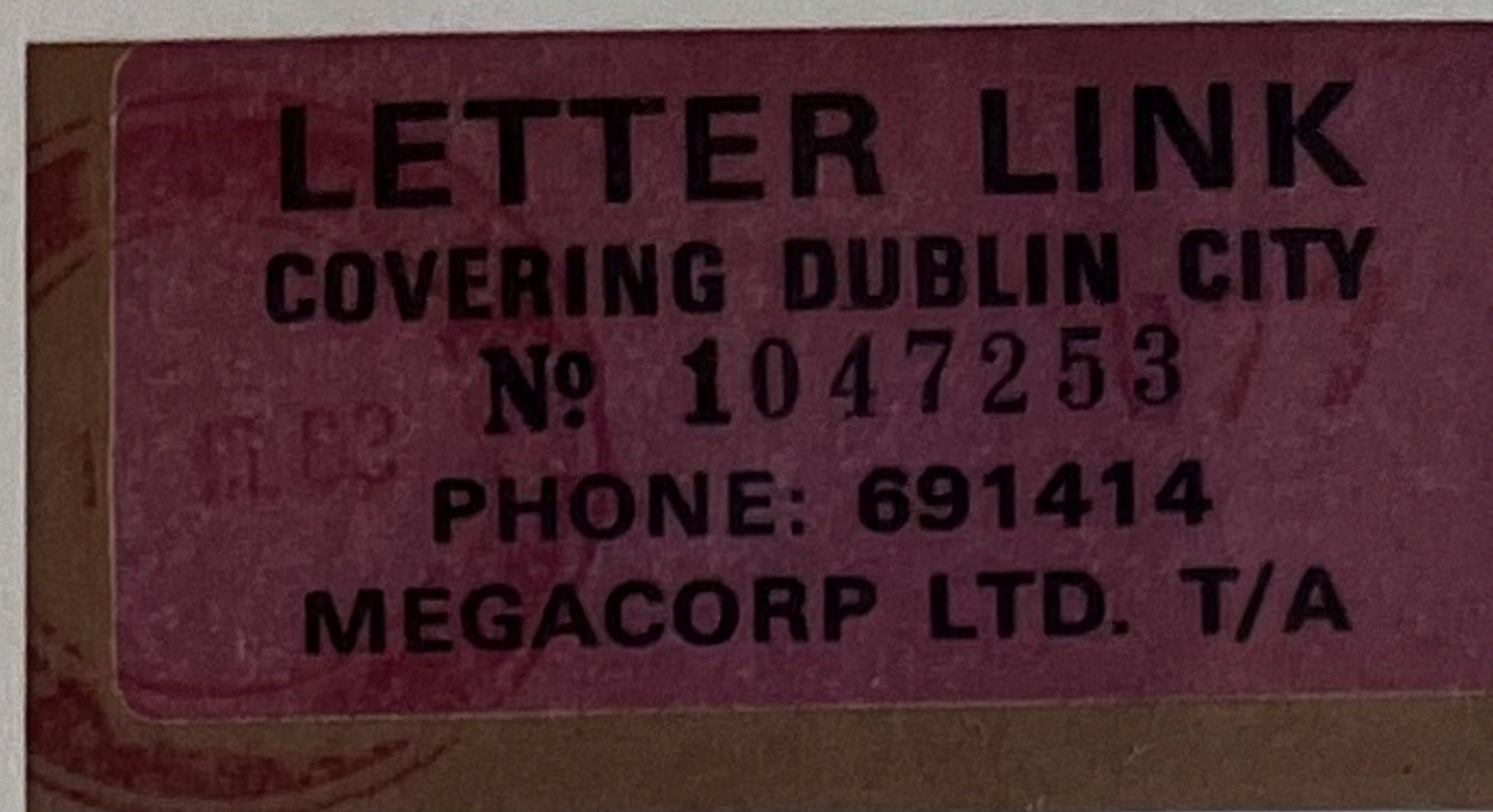
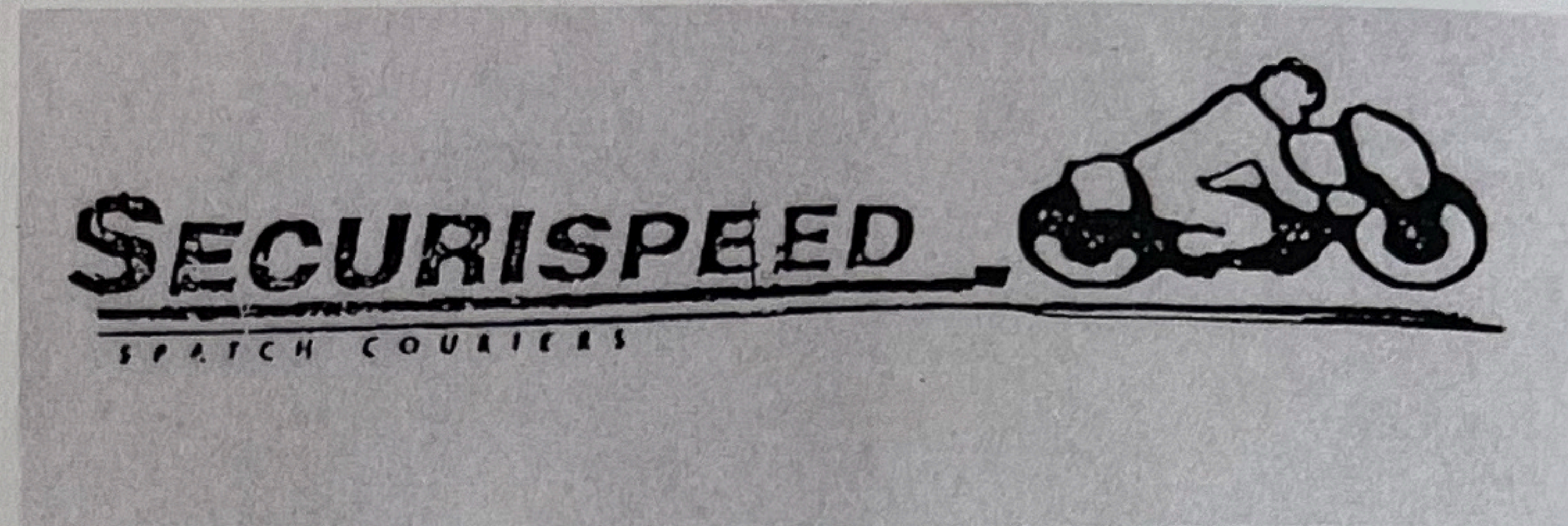


fig 147

Letter Link / covering Dublin City - black lettering on pink - fig 147

Dates unknown



1998? Securispeed (with picture of motorcycle courier) - black on white label (fig 148 above)

Around - Town Couriers Ltd. / Dublin, Eire (fig 149) - red lettering on large yellow label (approx 3x4 inches)



fig 149



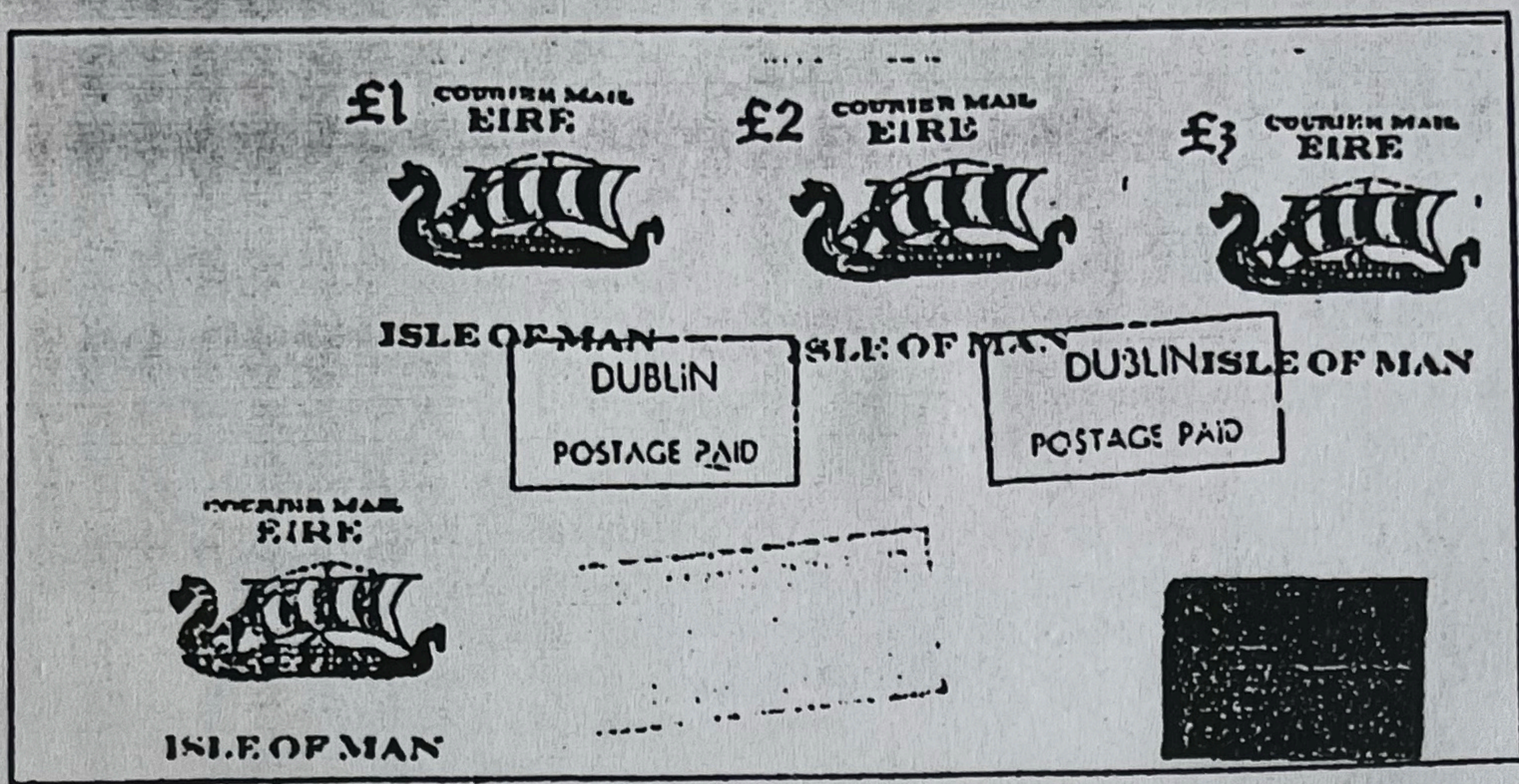
fig 150

Priority, Document Delivery - Galway Area (fig 150) - self-adhesive, red on white with black serial number. I have only seen prefix "A". This is one of the few such services I have noted from outside Dublin, but note fig 142 above.

To be continued

NEW BOOK - KRAG POSTMARKS.

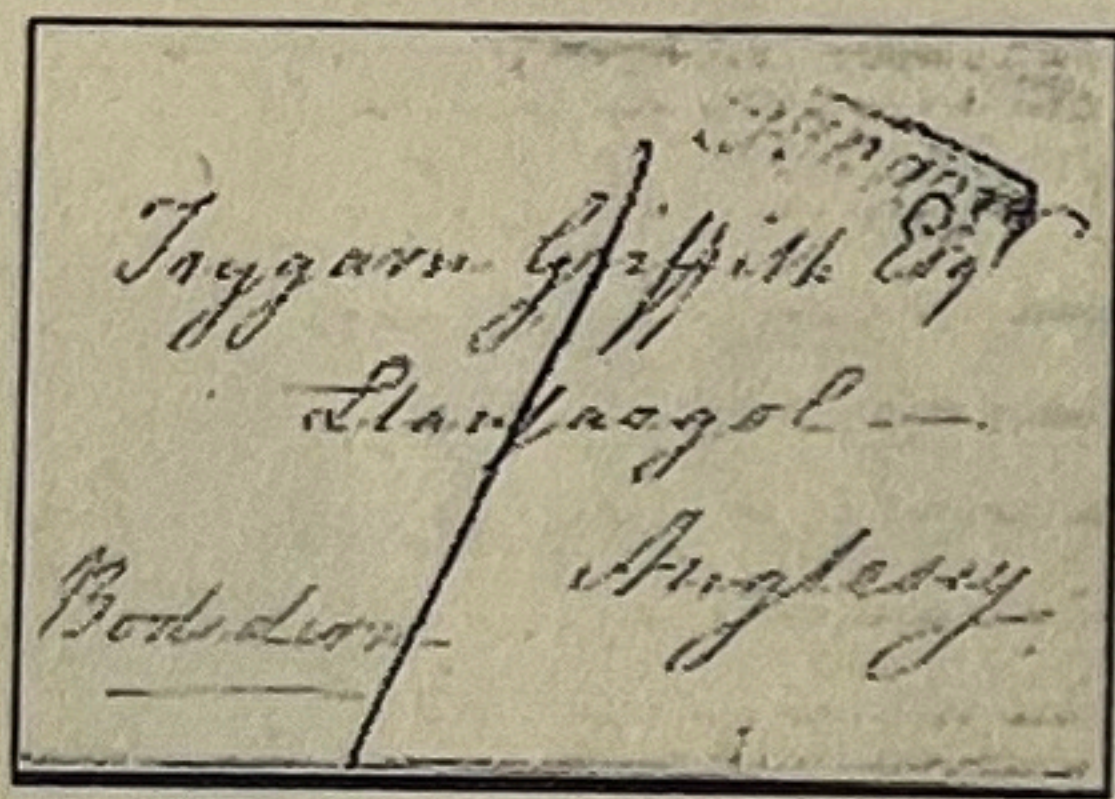
I understand Paul Carter's book on Krag Postmarks of Britain and Ireland has just been published - it contains a section on Irish Krags with much new unpublished information. Cost is £21.60 (£24.50 to RoI, including postage) and orders should be sent to Paul at 35 West End, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 4PE, UK (cheques payable to 'British Postmark Society'). If you have difficulty obtaining sterling I suggest you e-mail Paul first at paul@pcarter.net so as make mutually convenient arrangements for payment - Ed



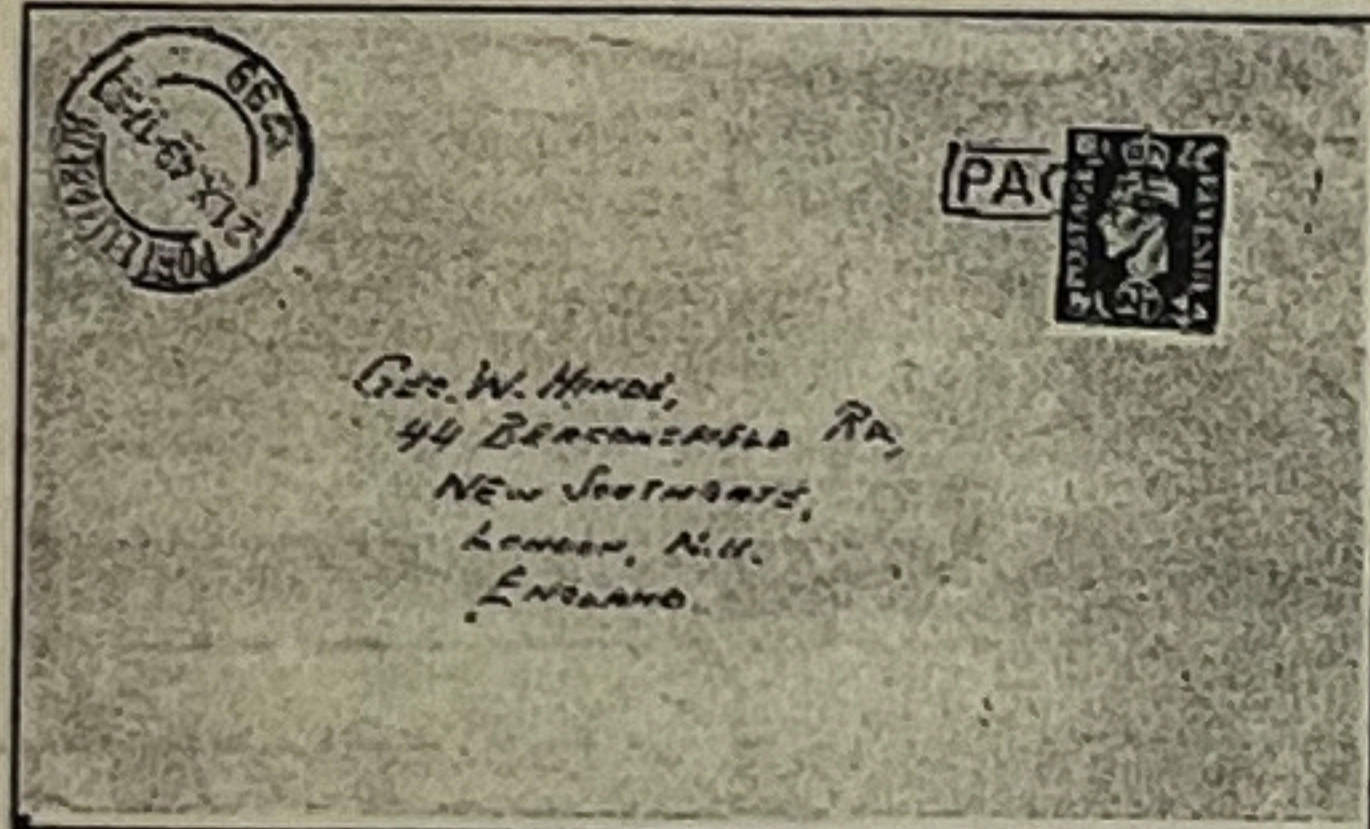
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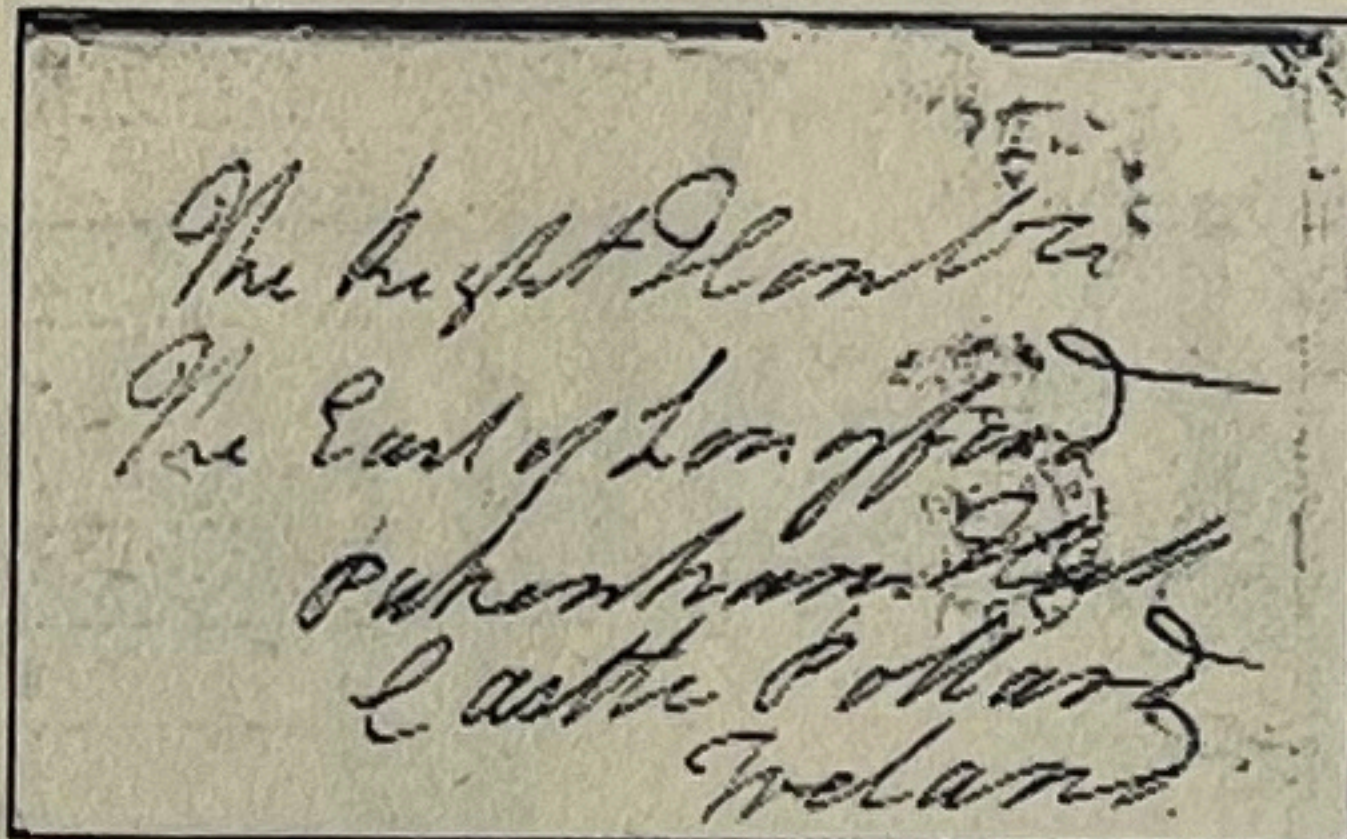
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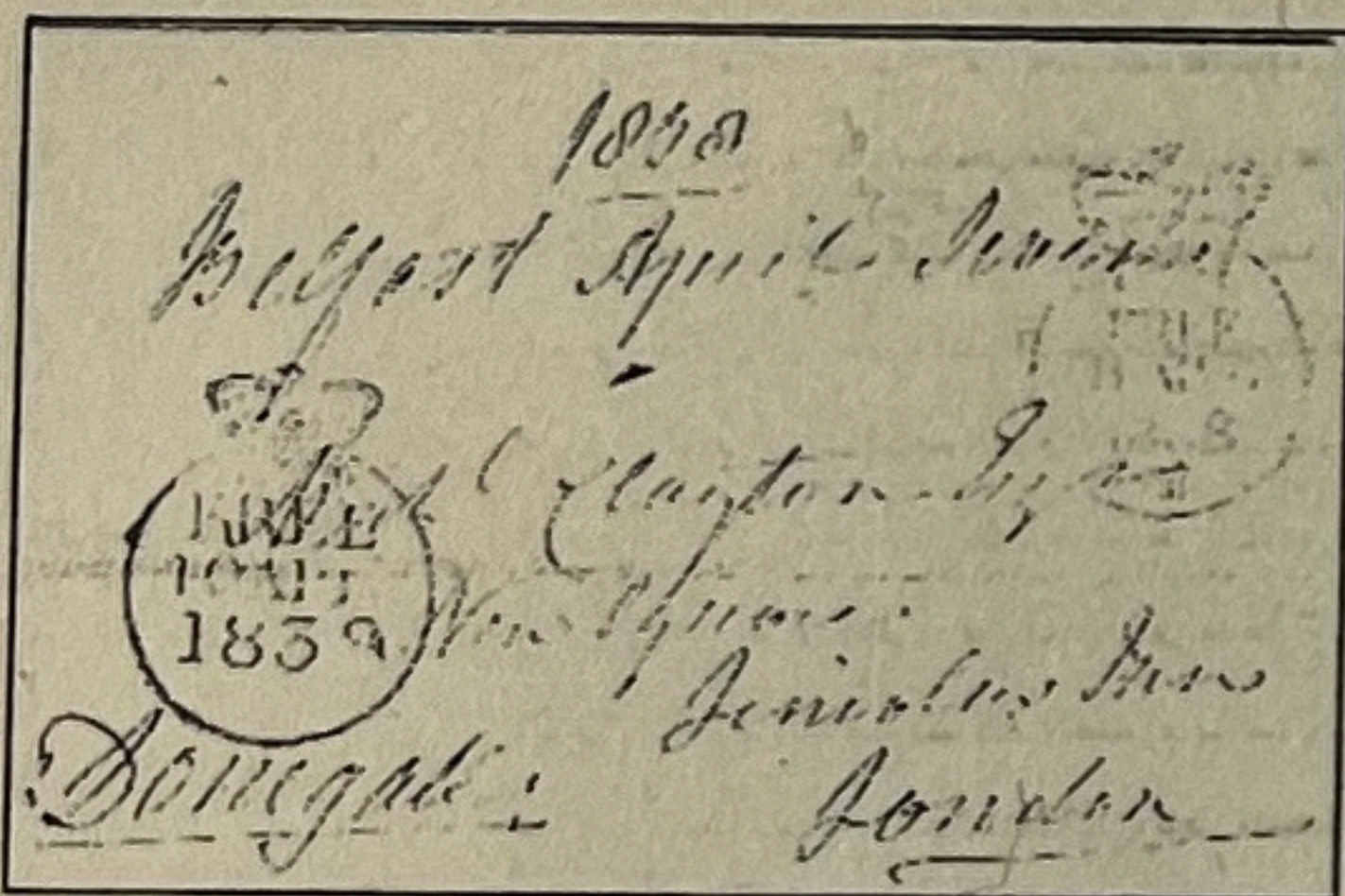
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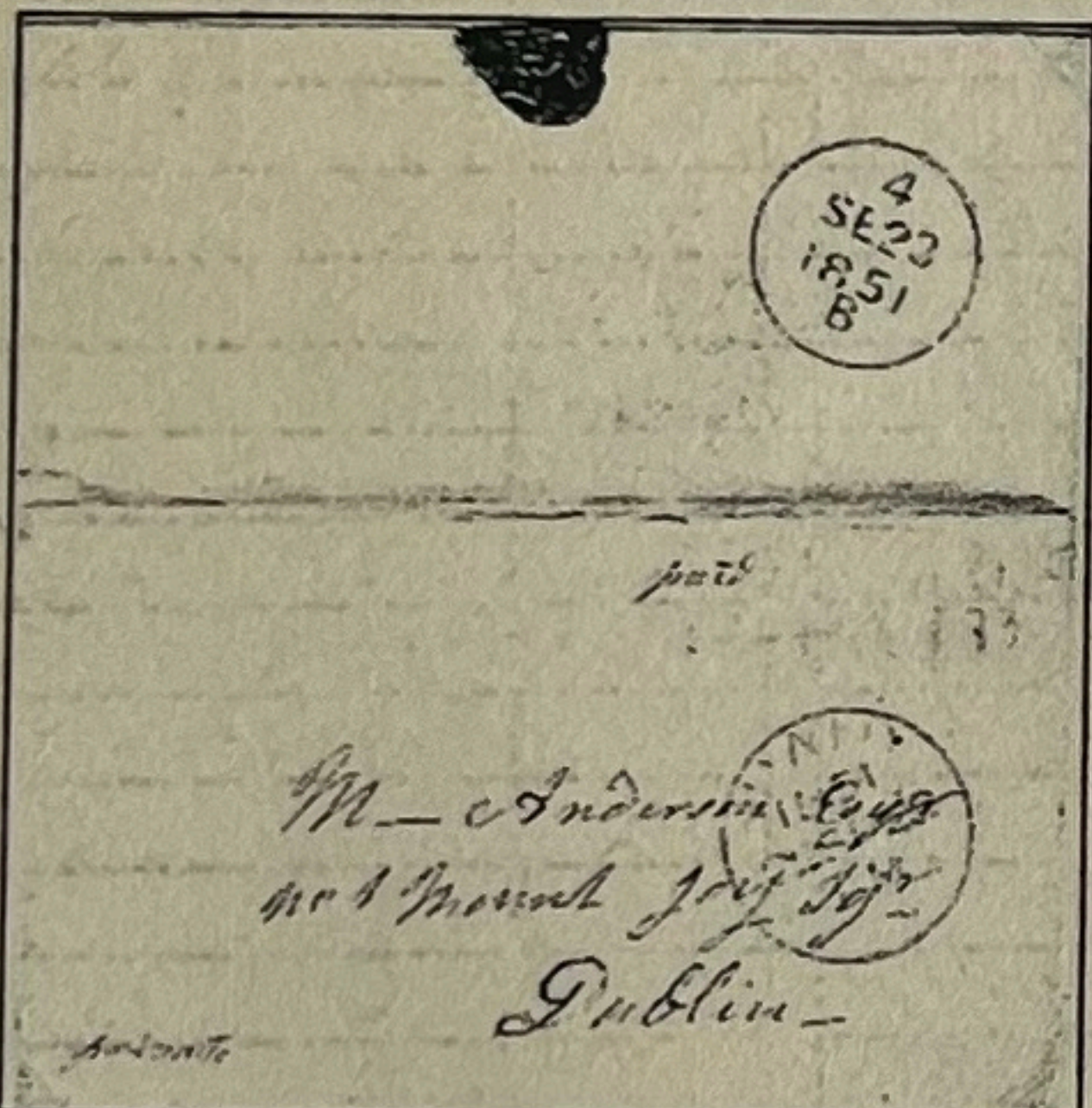
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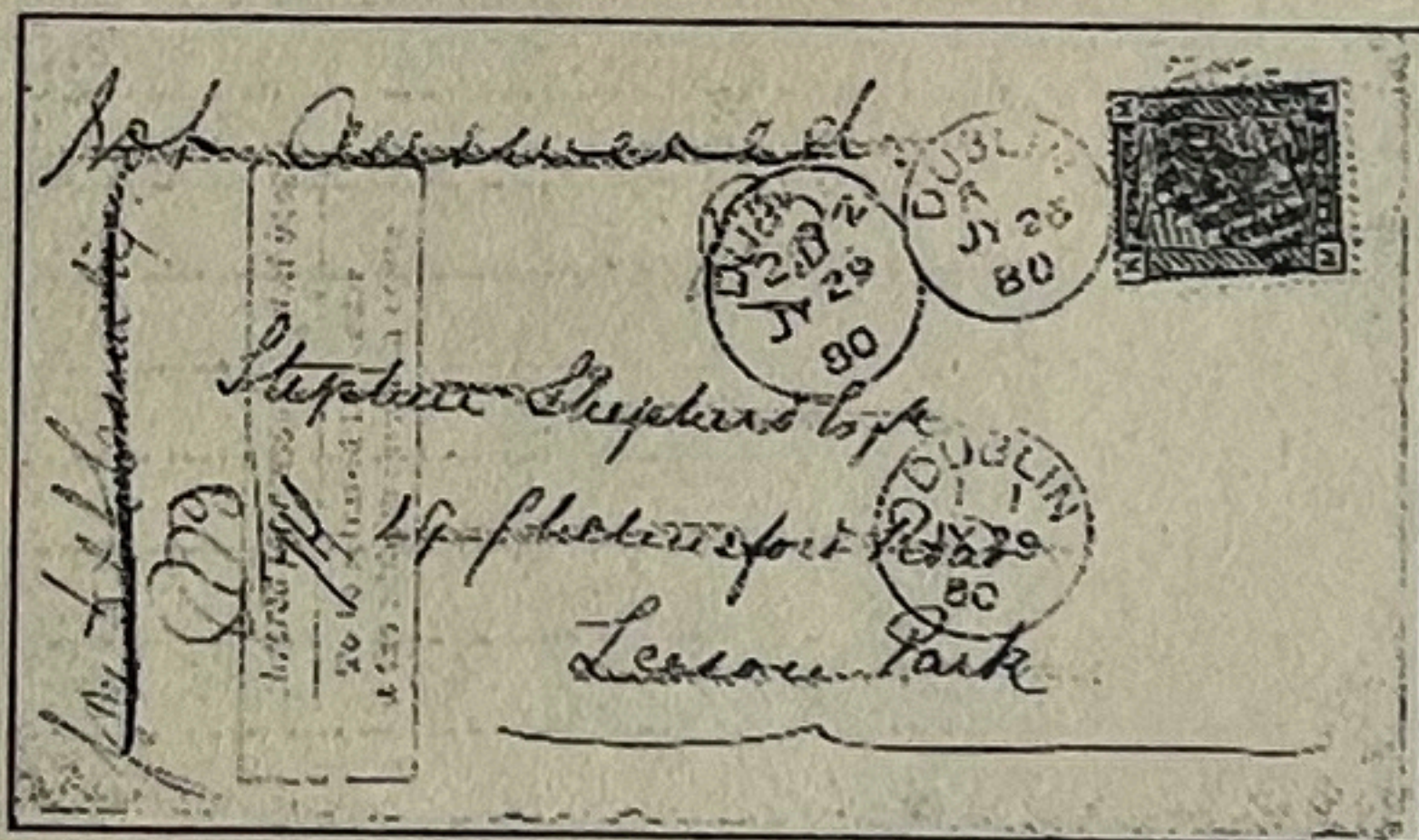
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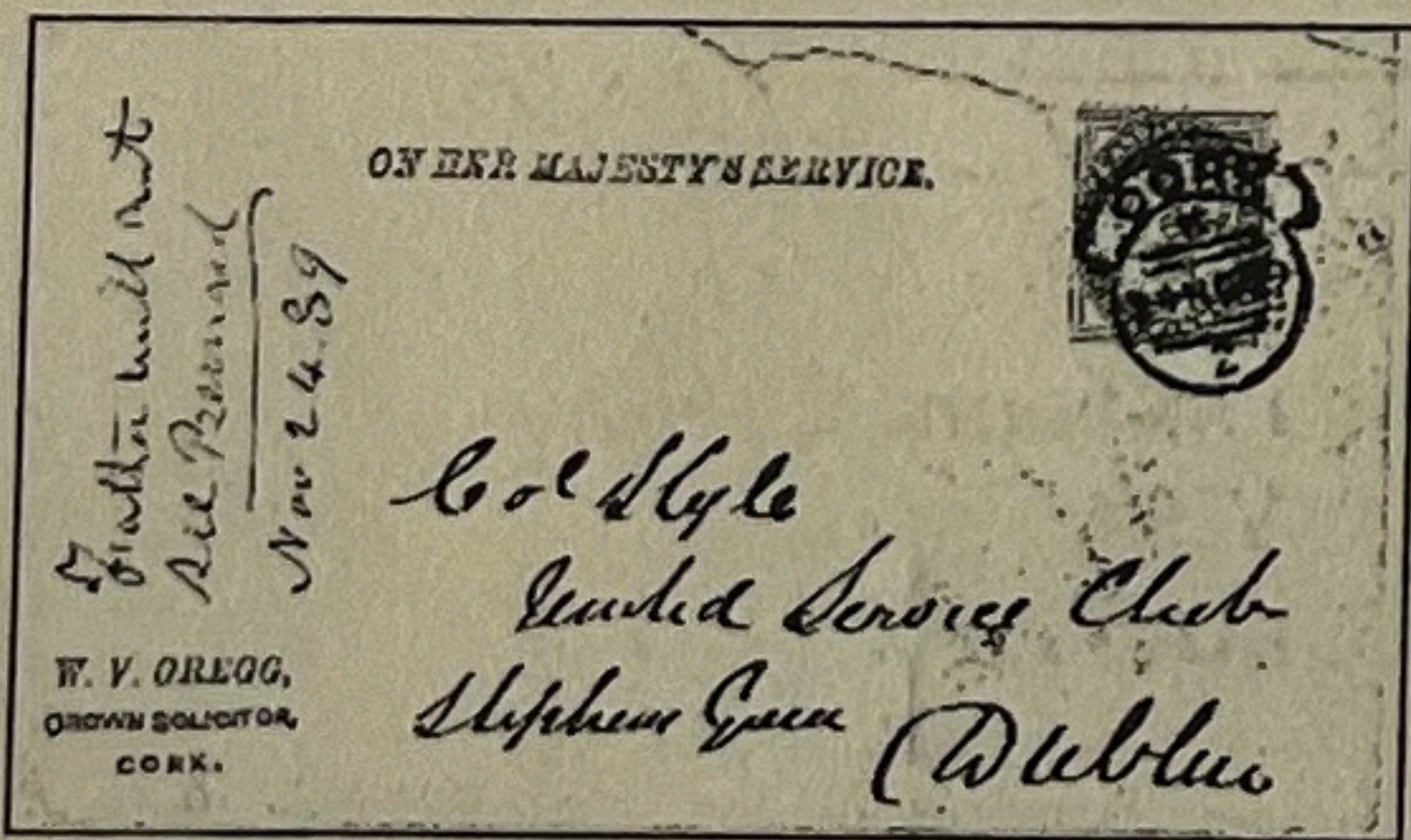
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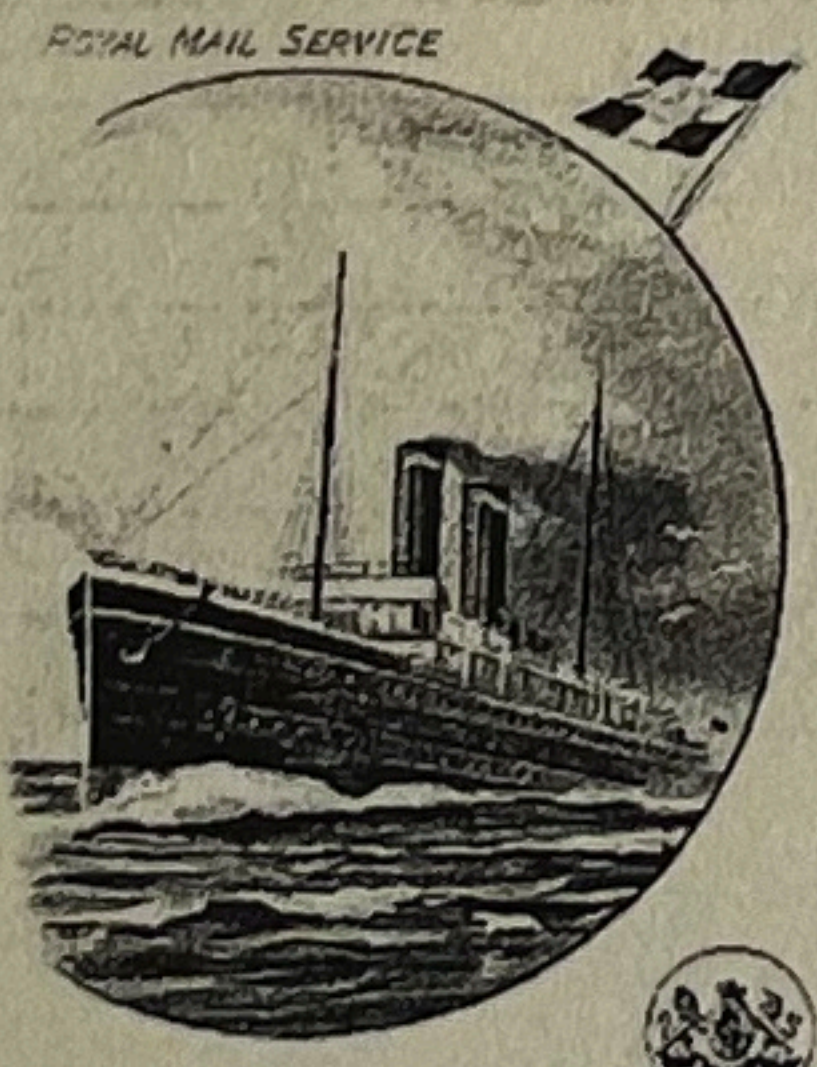
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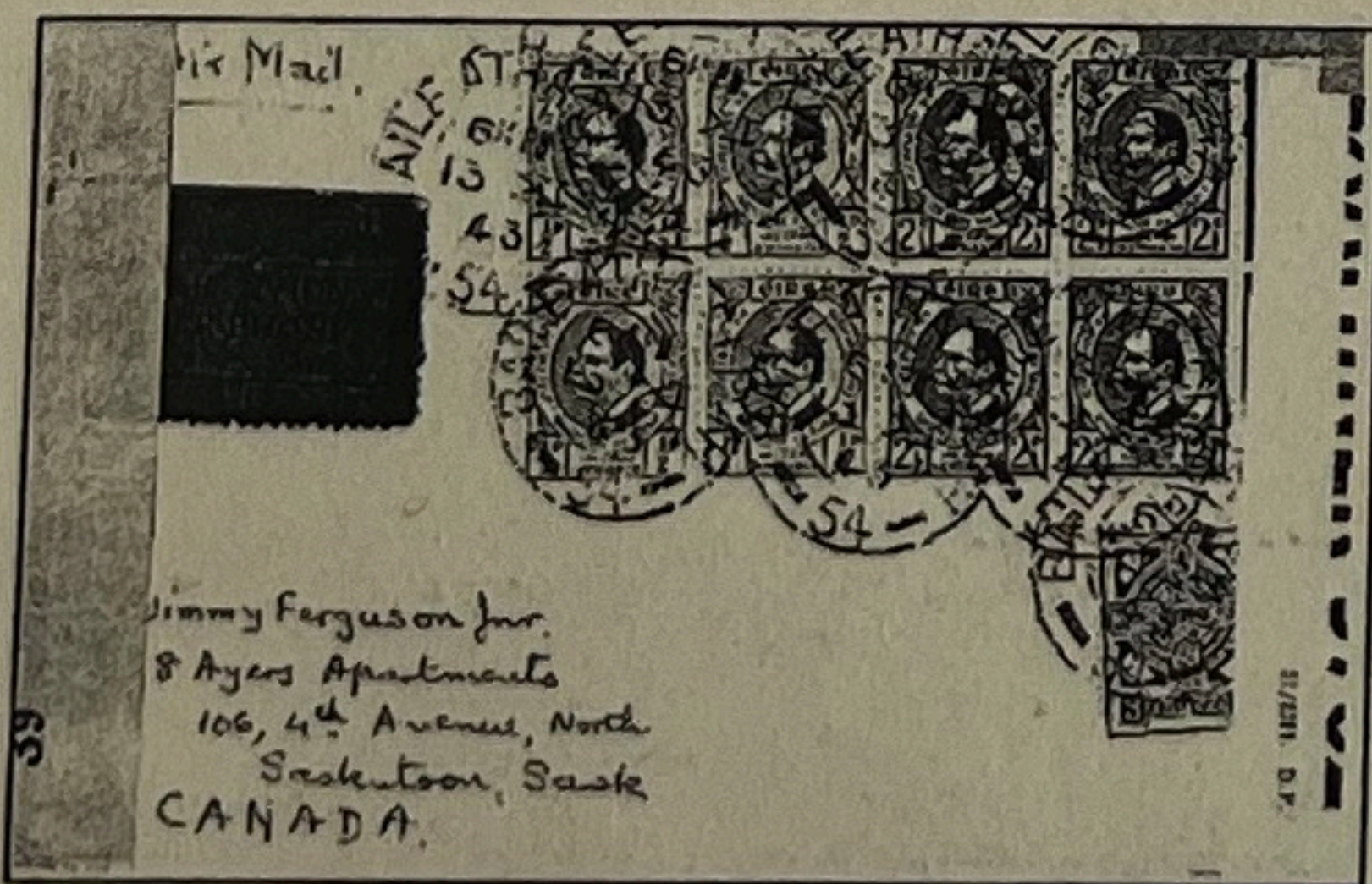
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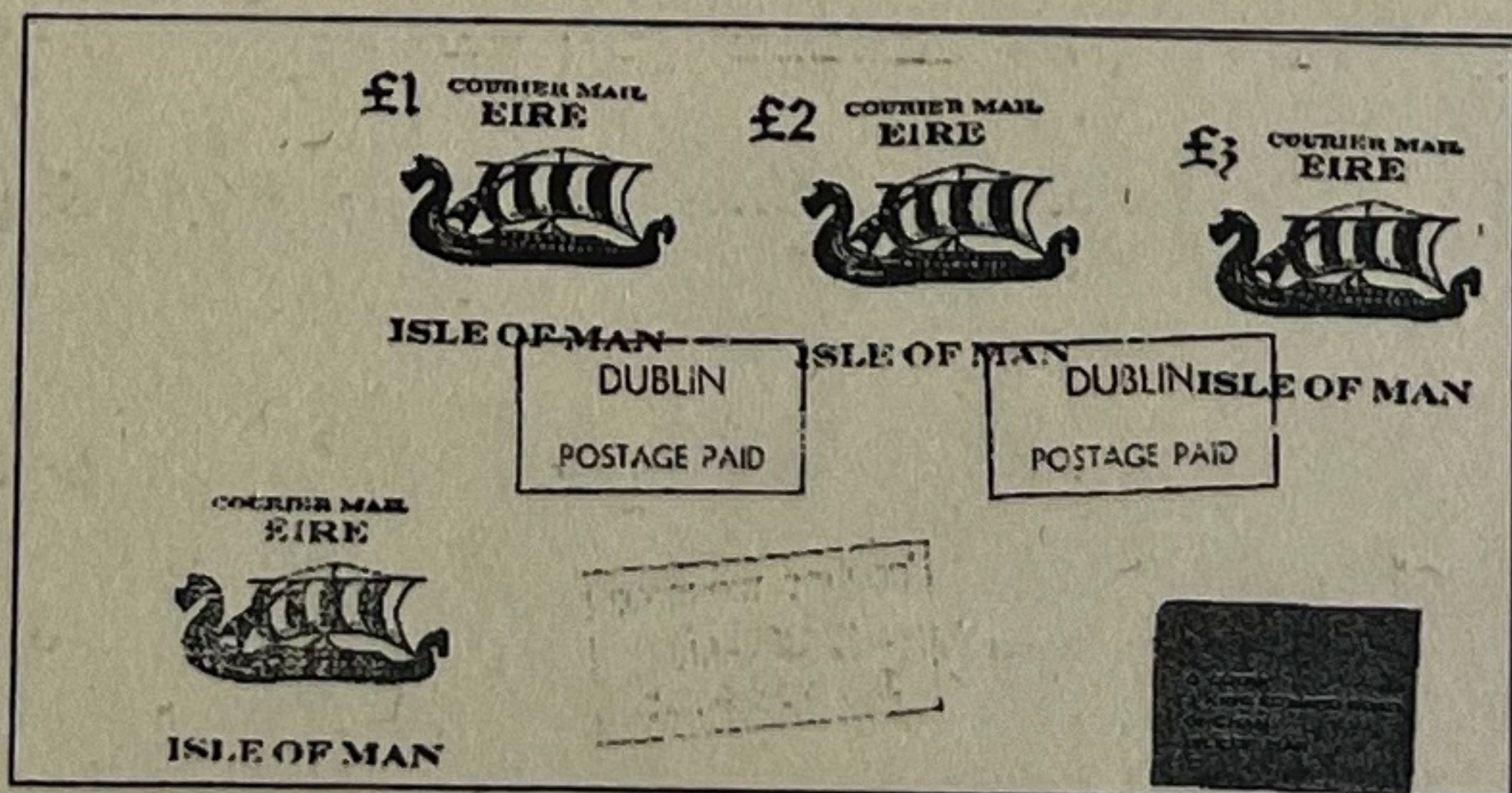
Lot 114



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Lot 157

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IRISH POSTAL STRIKE 1979

Apart from the obvious ill effects to the country as a whole, there are some aspects of interest to philatelists.

At least two "strike posts" were in operation to carry Irish mail to the United Kingdom for posting. The "Dublin Strike Post" operated on a regular basis, charging 40p to collect a letter in Dublin and have it posted from Belfast within a few days. About 800 items per week were handled thus, with up to 2,500 one week. The service was operated through the Belfast Stamp Shop and letters were franked with an oval handstamp showing the fee paid. Receipt and delivery dates were shown on straight line handstamps. At the Dublin "Collectorex" Exhibition in May, labels were on sale for franking mail posted at the exhibitions in conjunction with the Dublin Strike post, which would forward the items from Belfast. It was a two way service, mail also being accepted at Belfast for delivery in Dublin.

We have seen covers from a second "strike post" bearing the legend "Courier Mail - Eire/Isle of Man" with the covers posted in Castletown on June 4th. The amazingly high face value of the labels used - £1, £2, £3, £5 (£11 in all) show this to be an obviously philatelic enterprise.

Private mail services (mostly air couriers) also existed, but show no evidence of origin. Because of strong local union feeling it was impossible to put into effect any service on a wide scale.

A number of Dublin local delivery companies also undertook to carry mail, classing matter as "documents". Dublin Document Express used small labels showing the "box number" of the sender. Mail was carried within city limits at fees of £1.50 and upwards. We have also received reports of local letter delivery services in Wexford and Cork, but as yet are unable to confirm this.

The U.S. Postal Administration returned to sender mail addressed to Ireland during the strike, and the West German Post Office included a note, when returning similarly, to explain that the postal services to the "Irish Free State" (someone should tell them it has been a Republic for 30 years) had been suspended and it was not known when they would be resumed.

ZURÜCK AN DEN ABSENDER!

Es bestehen zur Zeit keine Möglichkeiten, Postsendungen auf dem Luft- oder Erdweg nach dem Freistaat Irland abzuleiten.

Der Zeitpunkt der Wiederaufnahme des Postdienstes mit Irland ist völlig ungewiß.

Die gesamten vorauslagten Gebühren werden vom Einlieferungspostamt erstattet.

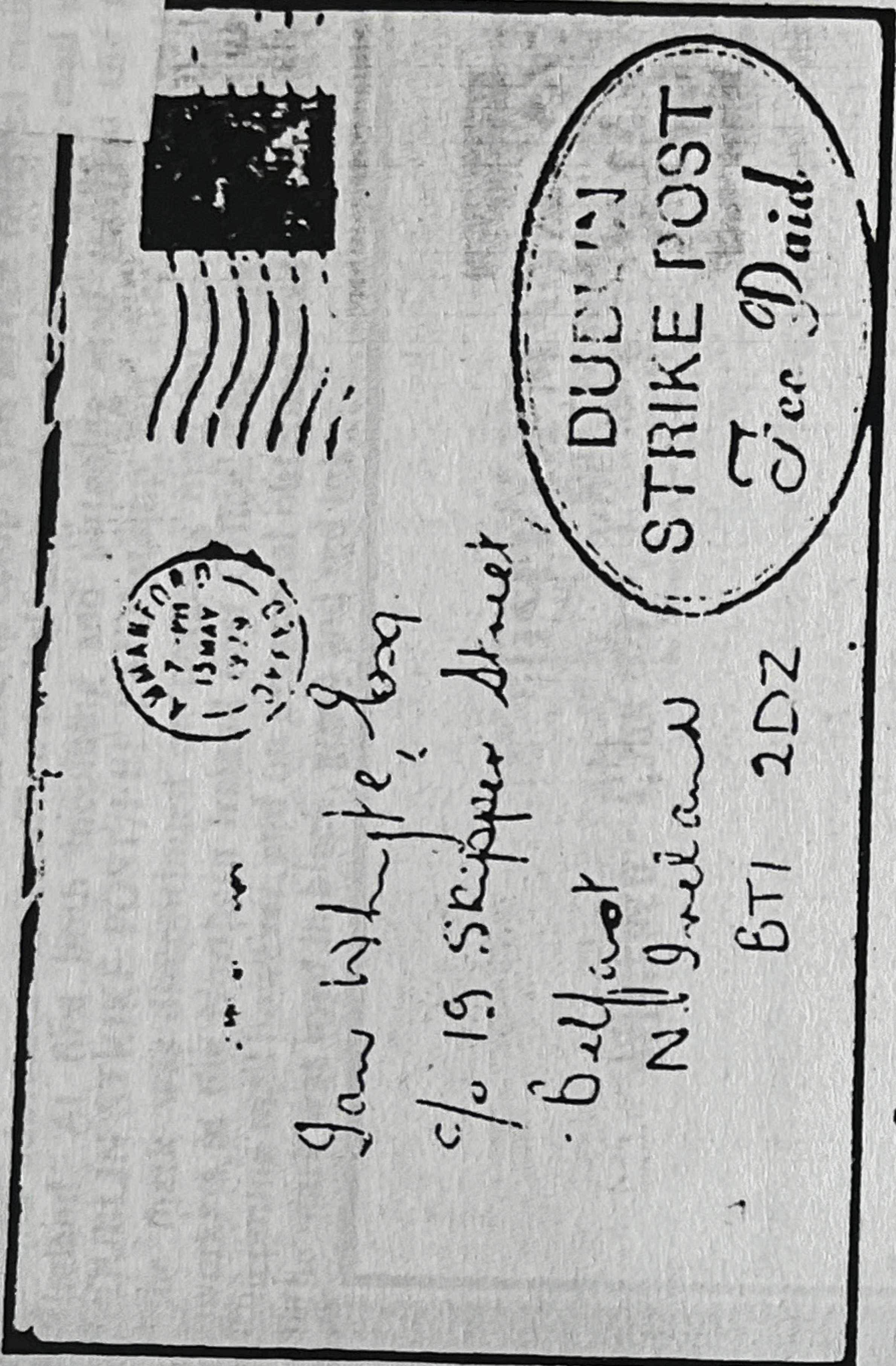
Postamt/Luftpostleitstelle
7000 Stuttgart 23 Flughafen

"Returned to Sender" - German P.O. notice about the Irish postal strike

STRIKE!

THE POST OFFICE STRIKE 1979

By Ian Whyte



Commercial cover carried by Dublin Strike Post Service.

The National Post Office strike was called off after 18 weeks, on Monday June 25 1979—bringing to an end the biggest and costliest strike in the history of the State. The return to work was agreed after a deal with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs which provided for a 15% pay increase for Postmen and Telephonists with a little over 12% for Post Office Clerks who had reached the maximum of their scale. The postal workers had originally served claims ranging from 37% to 51%.

The main reason for the long delay in ending the strike was due to the Government's fear that an increase for Post Office clerks would have a spin-off effect throughout the Public Service. The 12% increase to clerks applied only to clerks who had reached the top of their scale and a lesser increase applied to lower scales. The Minister felt that this formula would not result in the rest of the Public Service clerks seeking a flat increase, and he therefore sanctioned the increase on this basis.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs is understood to have lost about £1 million a week in revenue due to the action. About 50,000 telephones in the Dublin area alone were out of order and huge quantities of post dating back to the strike on February 19 were being held in Britain, Northern Ireland, Europe and North America.

Unlike the British Post Office—which during the 1971 strike in the U.K. licensed private carriers—the Irish P.O. refused to do so for fear of exacerbating the situation. However a number of 'Courier' services, either already established or set up during the strike, carried mail or other items normally sent by Post.

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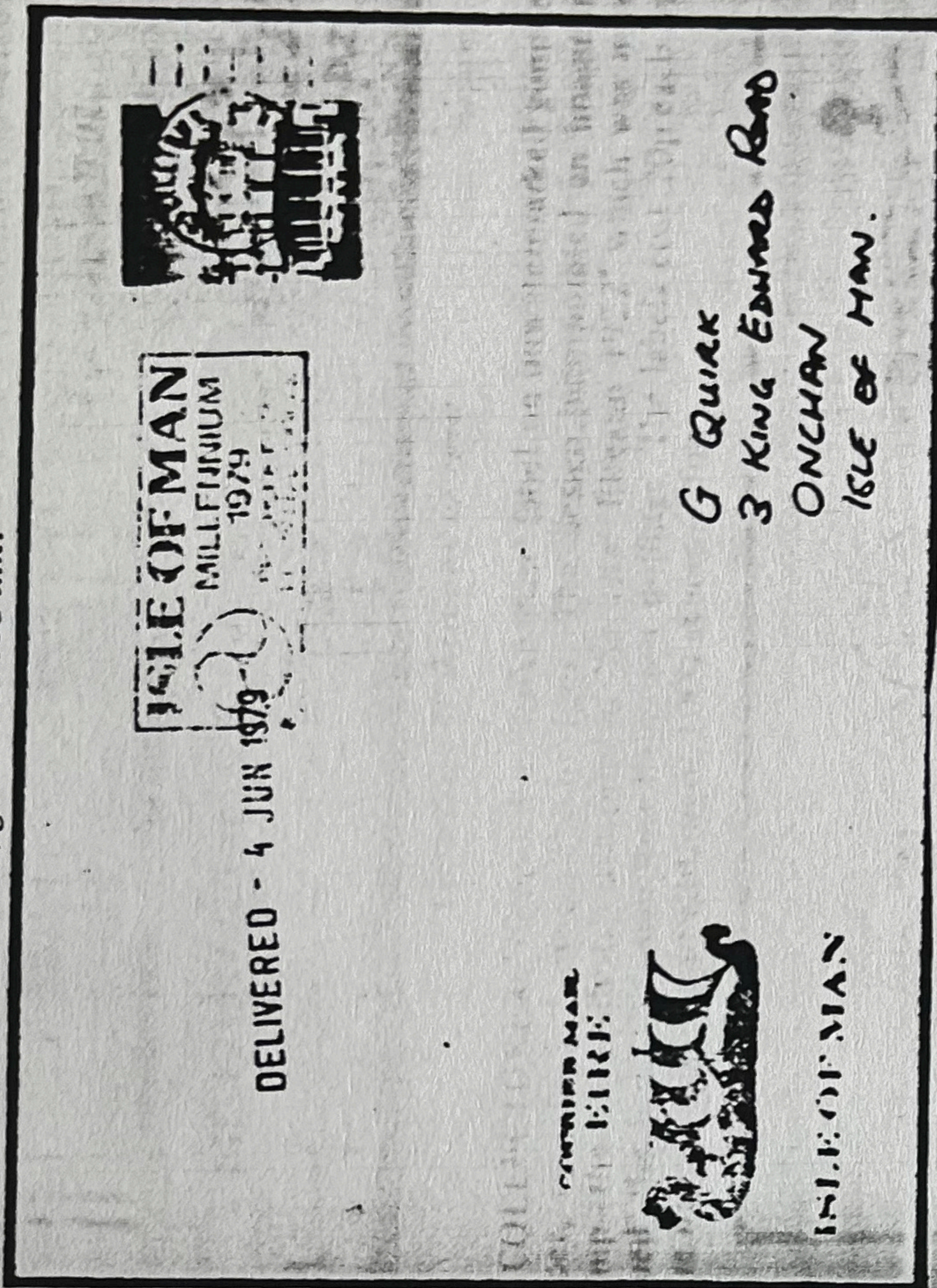
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With a few exceptions none of these firms issued labels or used markings which would be of interest to the philatelist.

The exceptions are of course of interest to the collector and I shall here attempt to list and explain them. Also of interest are the various markings resulting from the strike and it's aftermath.

The first service to produce a marking was the 'Dublin Strike Post' set up by Peter McBride of the Belfast Stamp Shop. This service received mail for strike-bound addresses via its office in Belfast, and posted outgoing mail in Northern Ireland. At first both incoming and outgoing mail received the oval-shaped 'DUBLIN STRIKE POST/FEE PAID' stamp, but after a month or so the use of the mark was discontinued on outgoing mail for fear of 'blackening' by postal workers in the Northern Ireland Post Office. The mark continued to be used on incoming mail however, and on occasional outgoing mail by request of collectors. The mark was used in black, green and red ink.



Front of cover carried by Isle of Man Courier Service.

A Courier service was operated from the Isle of Man which carried about three hundred items, all of them apparently for philatelic consumption. Four labels were produced—£1 red, £2 red on yellow, £3 gold, and £5 blue and red. They were printed by letterpress on gummed unwatermarked paper by Mr. Gordon Quirk who organised the 1971 Post Manninagh service during the British strike.

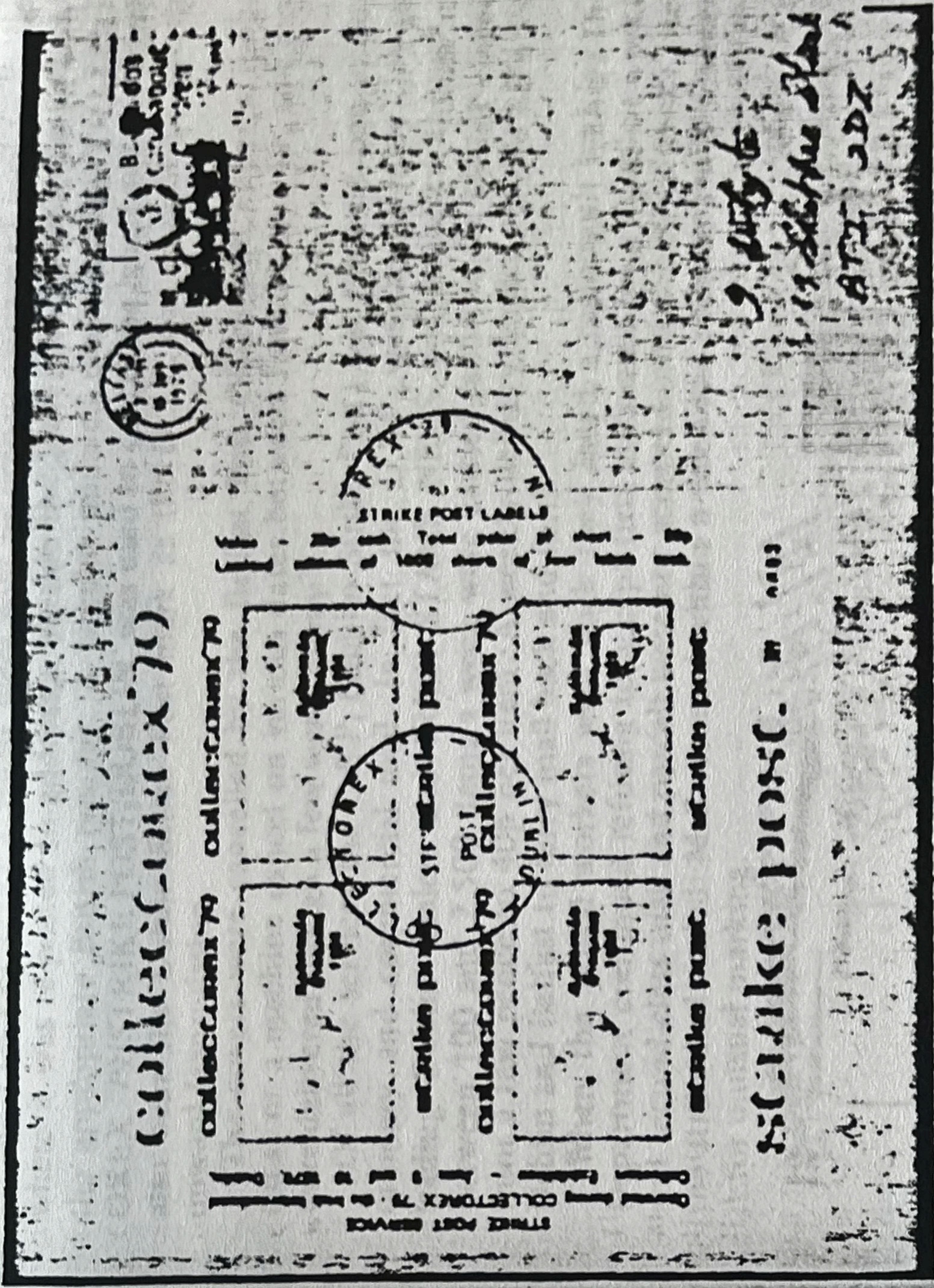
The covers bear the label on reverse cancelled by a rectangular boxed 'DUBLIN/POSTAGE PAID' handstamp in green, an Isle of Man stamp on the front cancelled at Castletown, and a B.I.A. datestamp (British Island Airways who operate an Air service between Dublin and the Isle of Man). On some of the covers there is also a 'EUROPOST COURIER/JUN 2 1979/EMERGENCY MAIL' datestamp.

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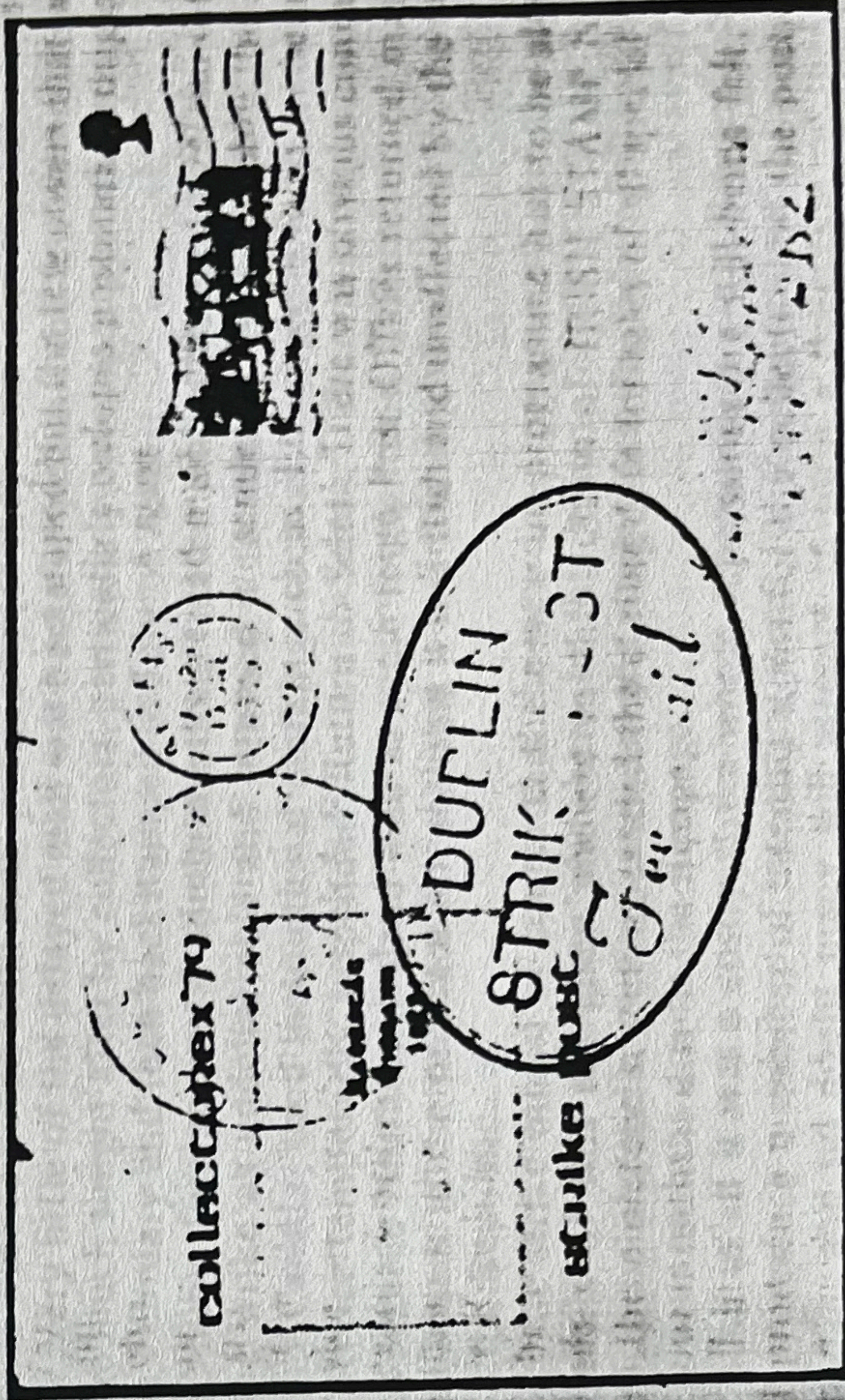
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Collectorex 79 sheet used on cover.

COLLECTOREX 79 issued a 'Strike Post' label on unwatermarked gummed paper, rouletted, in sheetlets of four. The design incorporated an imaginary stamp—the £1 Seahorse overprinted 'Saoirstat Eireann 1922' which was never issued, the top value overprint being ten shillings. The labels cost 20p each and were issued in a limited edition of 1000 sheets of four.



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Belfast newspapers for Dublin posted in Dublin

NEWSPAPER POST

Fletcher & Phillipson Ltd.,
10, Lower Baggot Street,
Dublin.2.

E2.1104



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27/27a, Capel Street,
DUBLIN.1.



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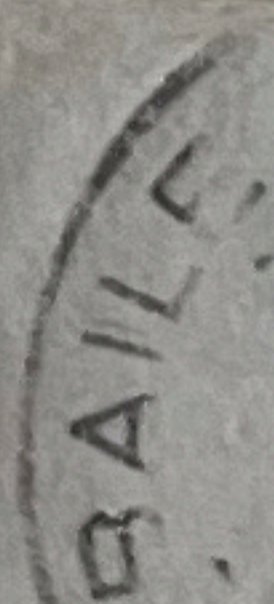
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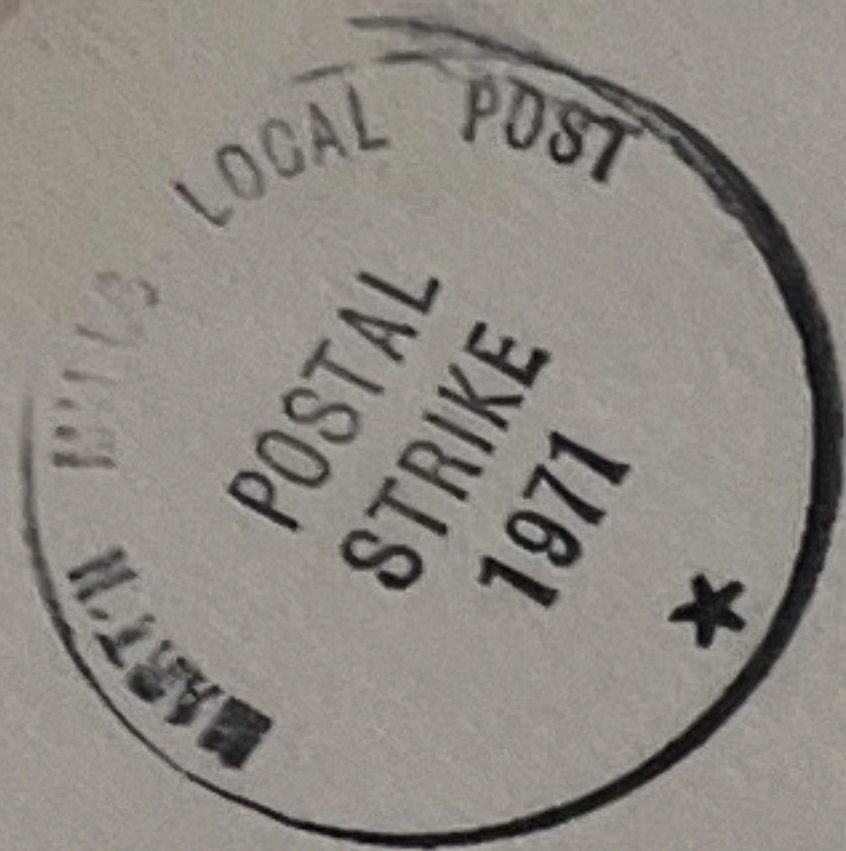
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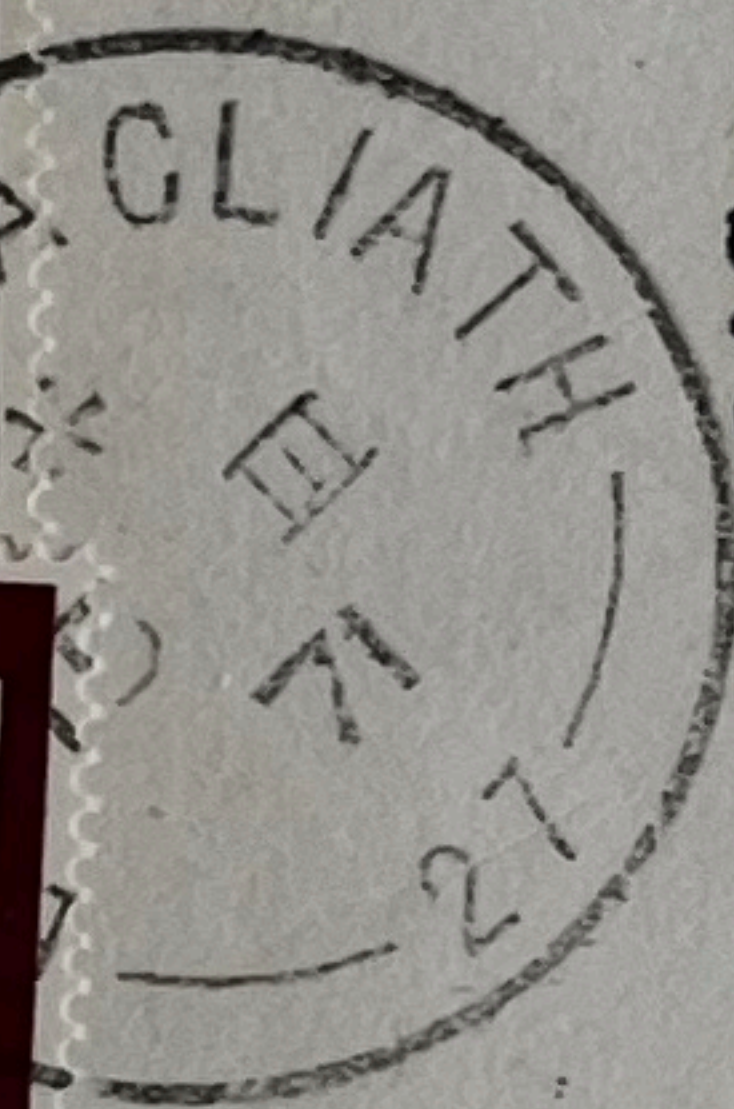
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Private Courier Service
Great Britain - Ireland




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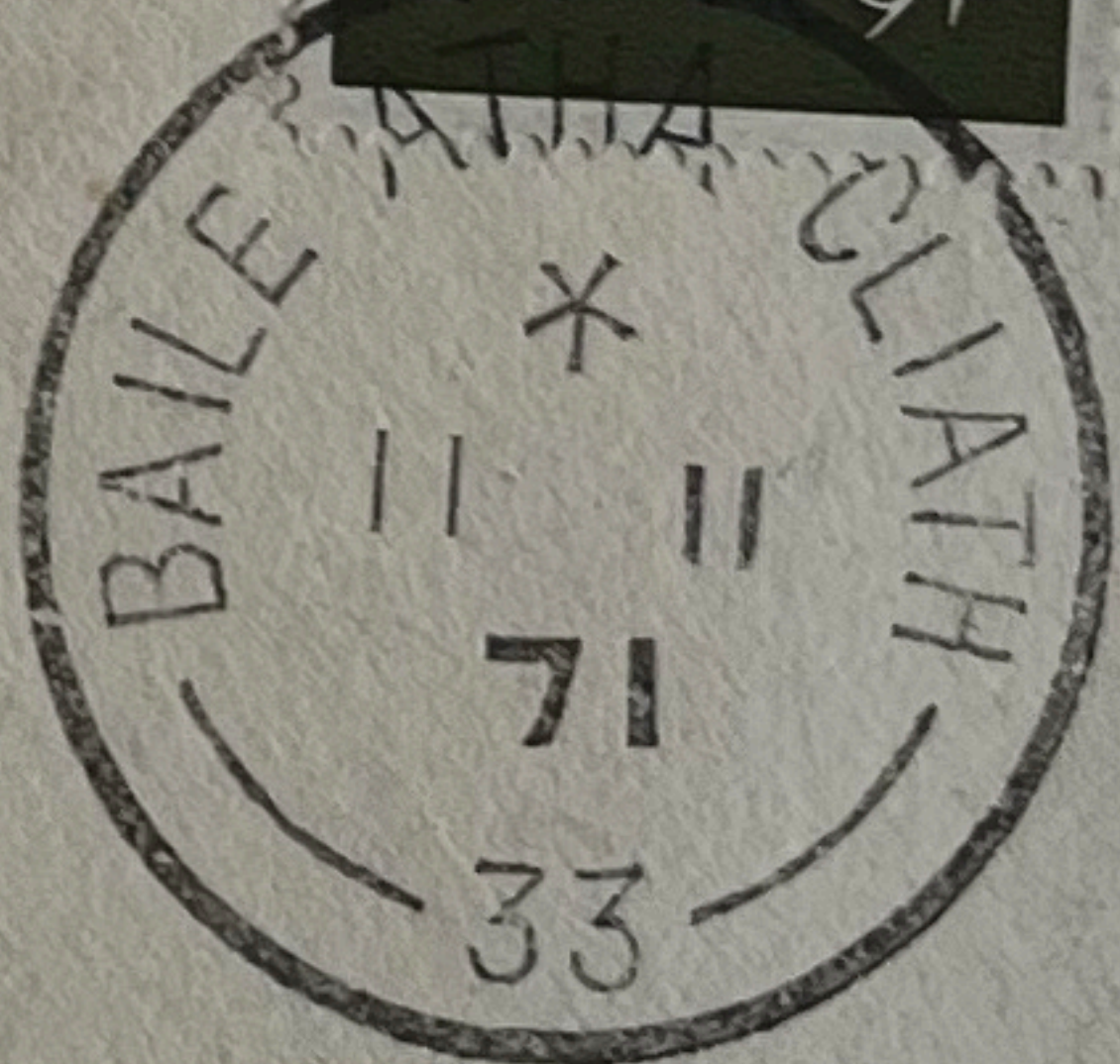


Miss C. O'Connor,
18 Rose Park,
DUN LAOGHAIRE,
Co. Dublin.

UNITED KINGDOM




SPECIAL COURIER MAIL
 Authorised by **POST OFFICES**
 Fee Postage 2/- 1/2 oz. 1/-
9 FEB 1971 Feb 1971
 Special Courier



PHILIP J. CRUISE ESQ.
12 MYRTLE GROVE
STILLORGAN
CO. DUBLIN EIRE.

BRITISH POSTAL STRIKE 1971

British-Irish Emergency
Postal Service



Private mark for private postal service during the British postal strike in 1971. Some cities had their own private postal decimal. Here the Liverpool label - 10p Willpost - was used to Dublin with slogan from 2.3.1971 and ship forwarding stamp.



BRITISH POSTAL STRIKE 1971

Delayed Posting

Irish Delivery



Post Office 1st day cover

Post Office 1st day cover

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British Post Office ... Machin Definitives dated 15 Feb 1971
Sunderland / Durham to Dublin
with red Cachet : " POSTING / DELAYED / BY THE / POST OFFICE / STRIKE 1971 "



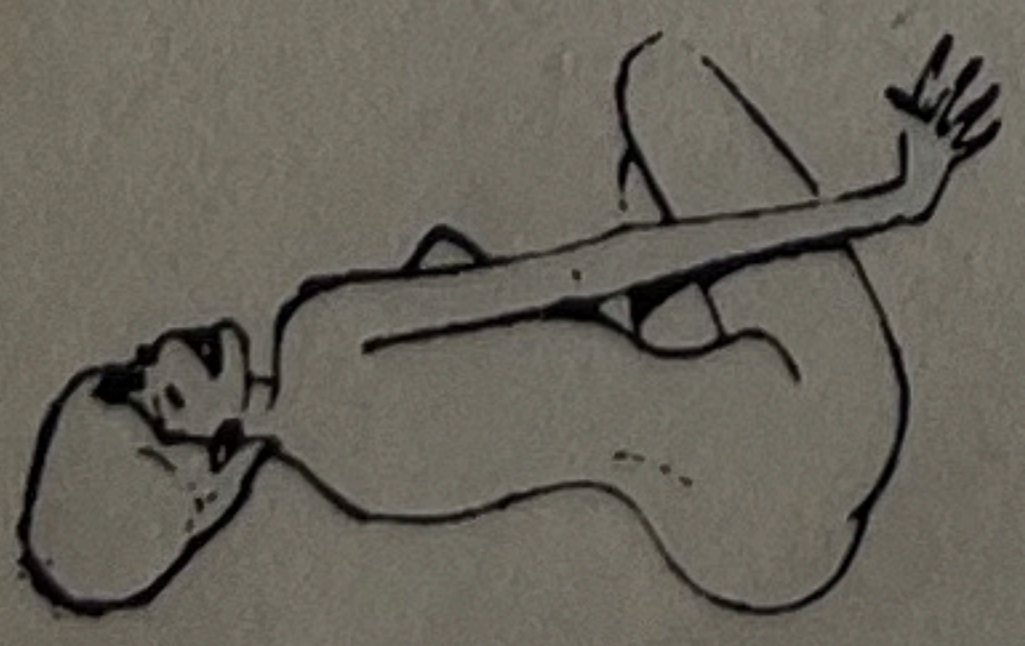
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LIVERPOOL - DUBLIN EMERGENCY
POSTAL SERVICE 1971.

Special Emergency Postal Service cover,
posted on board "T.S.S. Holyhead Ferry I"
in Heysham, Lancs., during the British
Postal Strike, and carried to Dun
Laoghaire Co. Dublin, where a 'Paquebot'
cancel was applied by the Irish Post
Office. In addition to the Irish postage
stamps, cancelled in Dun Laoghaire, the
covers also bore a 2/-d 'Willpost'
(Liverpool Licenses Carrier) carriage
label issued during the Strike. This
label was cancelled in Liverpool. Less
than 500 covers exist.



**SOHO
LOCAL
POST**

**POSTAL STRIKE
PRIVATE MAIL**



18 Garden Royal
Kersfield Road
London, S.W. 15

H. L. KARKA

**EDGWARE POST
SOUVENIR COVER**

Breve afs. fra Liverpool under den engelske poststrejke 20/1 - 7/3 - 1971

DECIMAL DAY 15 FEB

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Willpost Liverpool

BRITISH POSTAL STRIKE 1971

2/- Surcharge

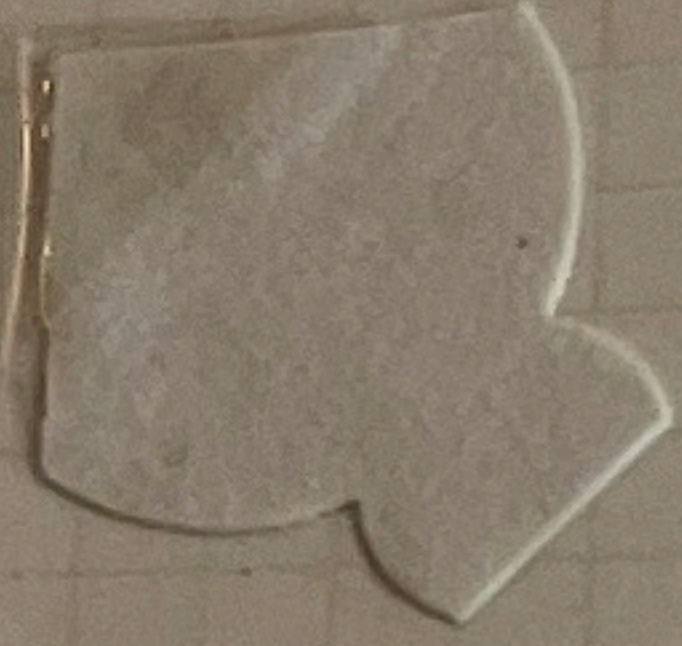
LIVERPOOL
Hettu
JANUARY 1971
A. E. Schmidt

6053 OBERTSHAUSEN
Grenzstr. 33
W. Getmann

LEITZ 4734



Breve afs. fra Liverpool under den engelske poststrejke 20/1 - 7/3 - 1971.
Næstet viderebesørgelse af det irske postvæsen.



Mr. O. Wagn
Studsqaard

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Mr. O. Wagn
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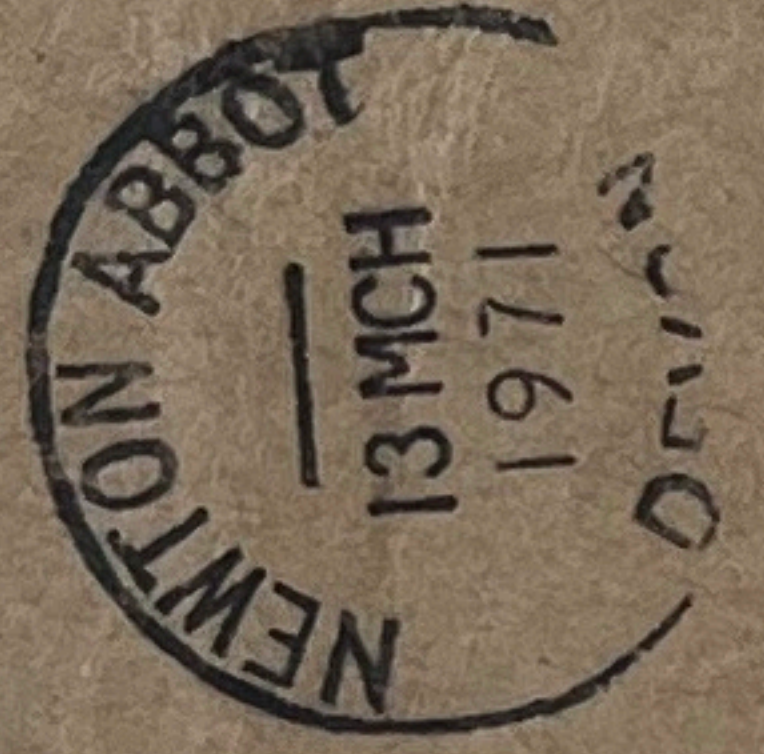
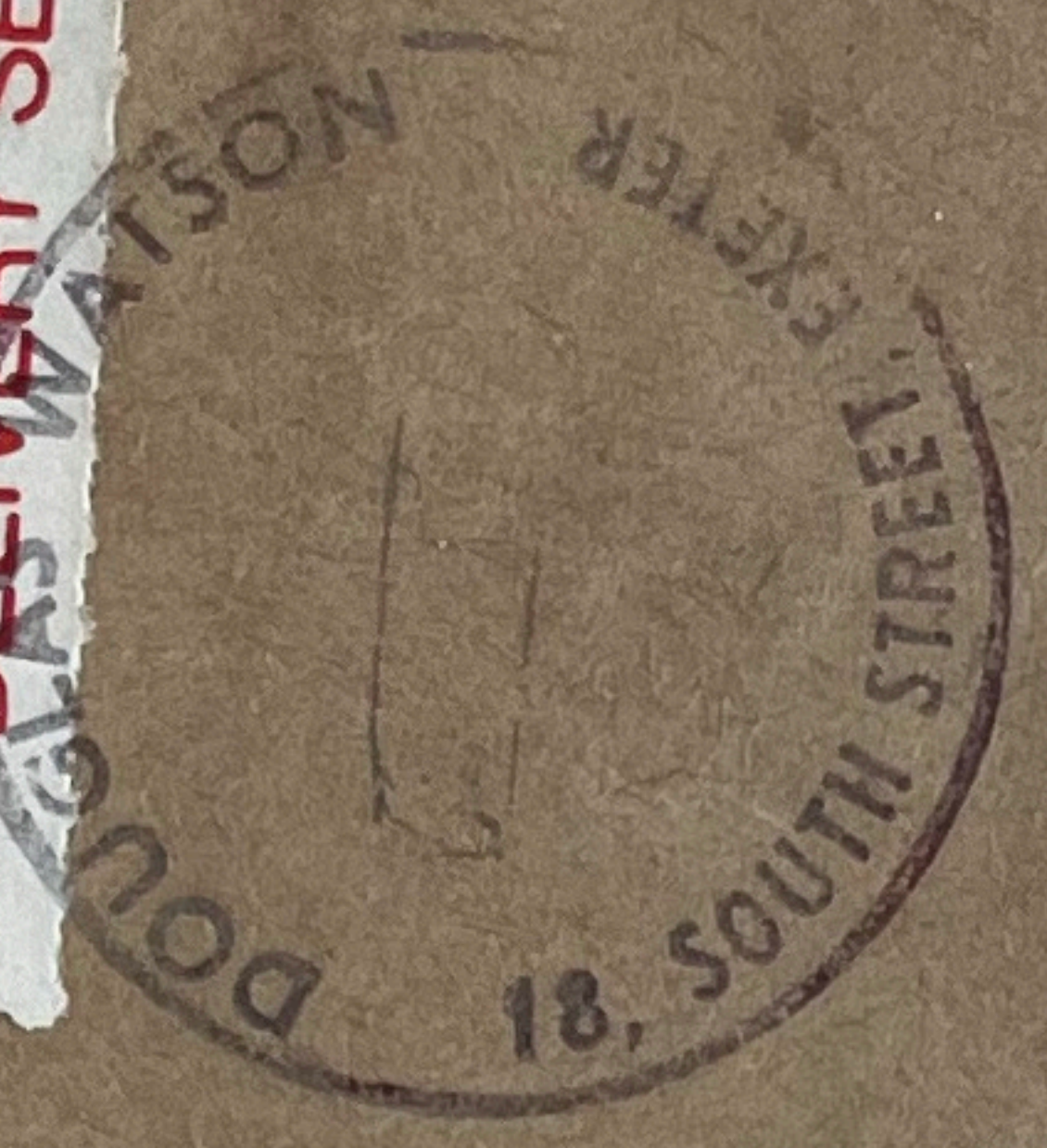
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DELIVERY SERVICE



Dr. Marsden

Fair Park

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BOURNEMOUTH & DISTRICT POSTAL EMERGENCY SERVICE
Collectors Corner
Picton Print, Chippenham
1/- SERVICE 5p

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Picton Print, Chippenham
5/- SERVICE 2p

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FORES'S COURTING ENVELOPE

10p
EXETER EMERGENCY DELIVERY SERVICE
Picton Print, Chippenham

EMERGENCY DELIVERY SERVICE
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
EXETER
10th FEB 1971

H. L. KAFKA

18 Garden Royal
Kersfield Road
London, S.W.15



Seol aon fhreagra go dtí:—
Address any reply to:—
AN CEANNASAI
The Controller

Do thagairt
Your reference
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Telefón Fó líne
42991
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CEANNCHEATHRÚ

PHOSTCHEANTAR BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH

Dublin Postal District Headquarters

Philatelic Section
SRÁID SIRIAM IOCHTARACH

Lower Sheriff Street

G.P.O.,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 1

Dublin 1

TOM PIDGEON

Covers

10 BUNDORAN ROAD
LIVERPOOL, L17 0AX
ENGLAND

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Dear Mr. Wagn,

Many thanks. I do not think the covers to Germany were back when I last wrote; this is not commercial (addressee is a collector) but it is the nearest I have.

All the earlier overseas mail went through safely. It was only later that the P.O. workers objected — this is probably the real reason, although the Post Office gave a different one in the enclosed letter. I intended to keep the letter for my own records, but thought you might like to have it for your collection; it makes a nice contrast to the cover to Germany.

Whiteside handed in all his mail (except the ~~foreign~~ souvenir covers) at the Philatelic Counter in Dublin Head Post Office. He reported that they were very helpful on the counter.

I'm not too sure of the likely interest of the other covers here.

Yours sincerely

Tom Pidgeon

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