1951 Series



2d Brown

Issued May 3, 1951, the 2d stamp paid the post card rate.

Solo Use

Dual Franking
Remailed Post Card

Post Card rate 2d

1952



Initially mailed in the US to Scotland, upon receipt remailed, then forwarded three days later.

Multiple Use

Foreign Letter Rate Paid

4d rate paid eligible for 2½d Commonwealth and US rate

1952

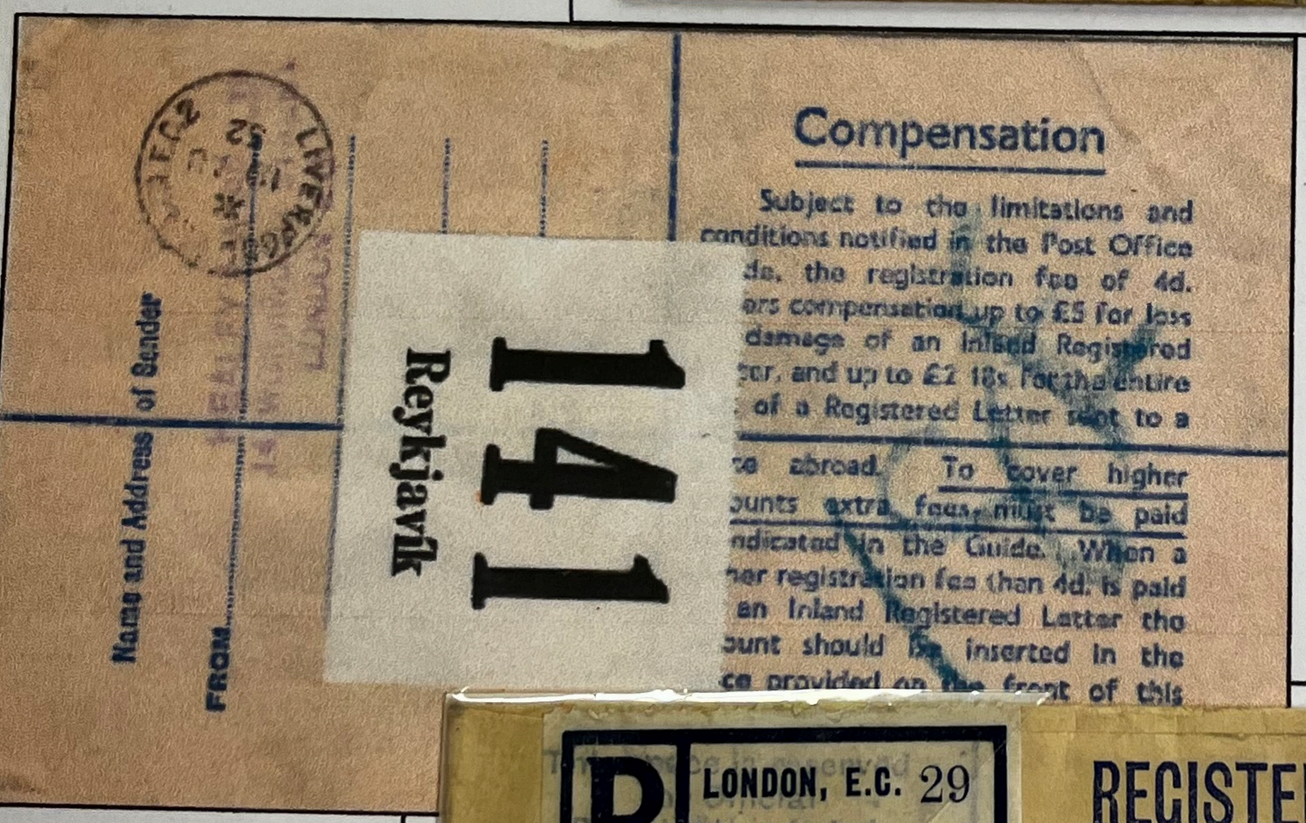


Mixed Use

Registered Surface Letter
Dublin, Ireland

Surface 4d
Registration 4d
1952





← Reverse Reykjavik Registration control.

Registered Airmail
Reykjavik, Iceland

Zone A Airmail 6d
Registration 4d
1952



1937 Series



2½d Dark Blue

Issued May 10, 1937, the 2½d stamp paid a UPU foreign letter rate.

Issued in Dark Blue, Ultramarine and Red.

Solo Use

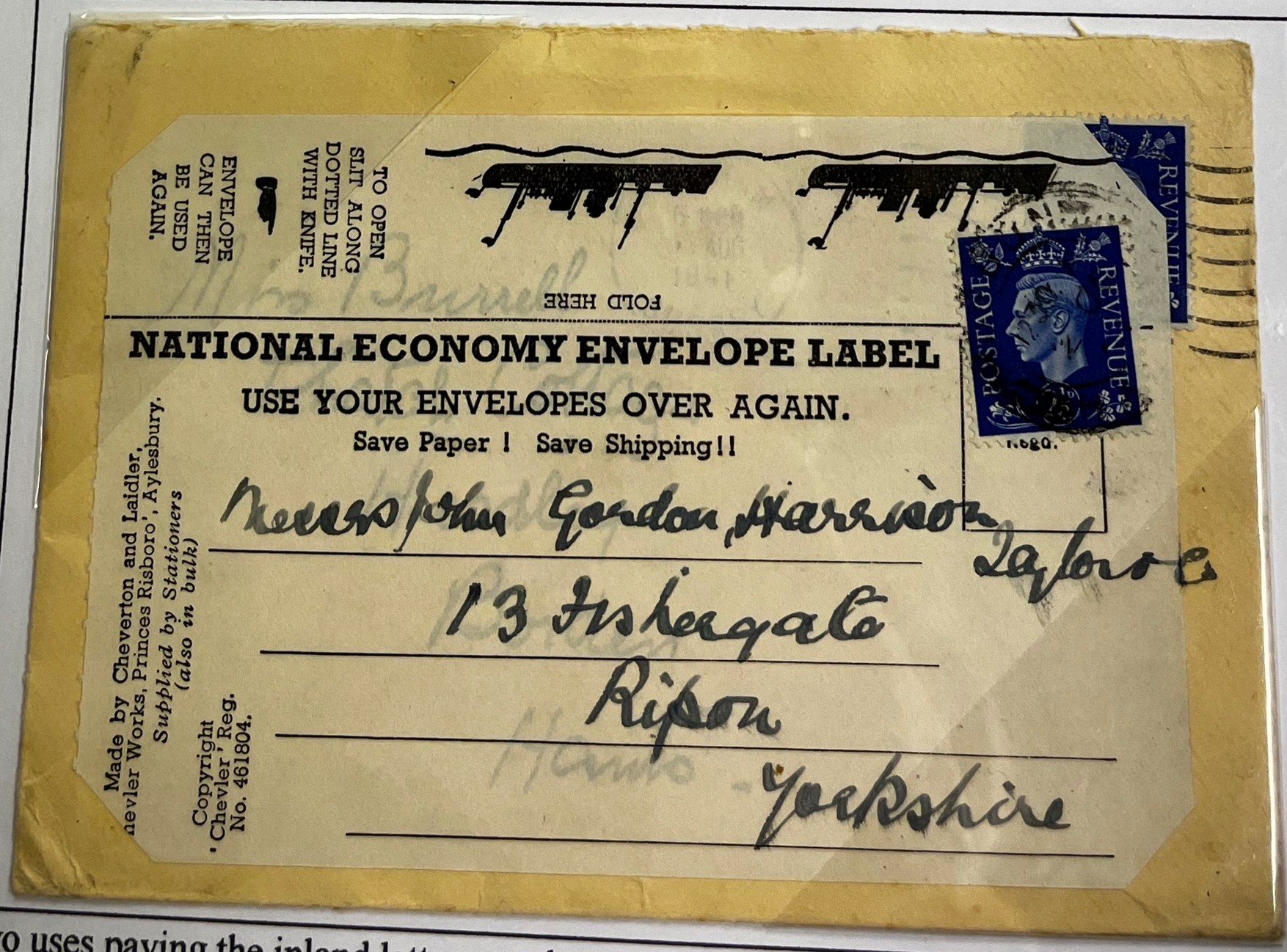
To Polish Forces in Exile
Perth, Scotland

Inland 2½d rate
1941



Economy Label
for envelope reuse

Inland 2½d rate
1941

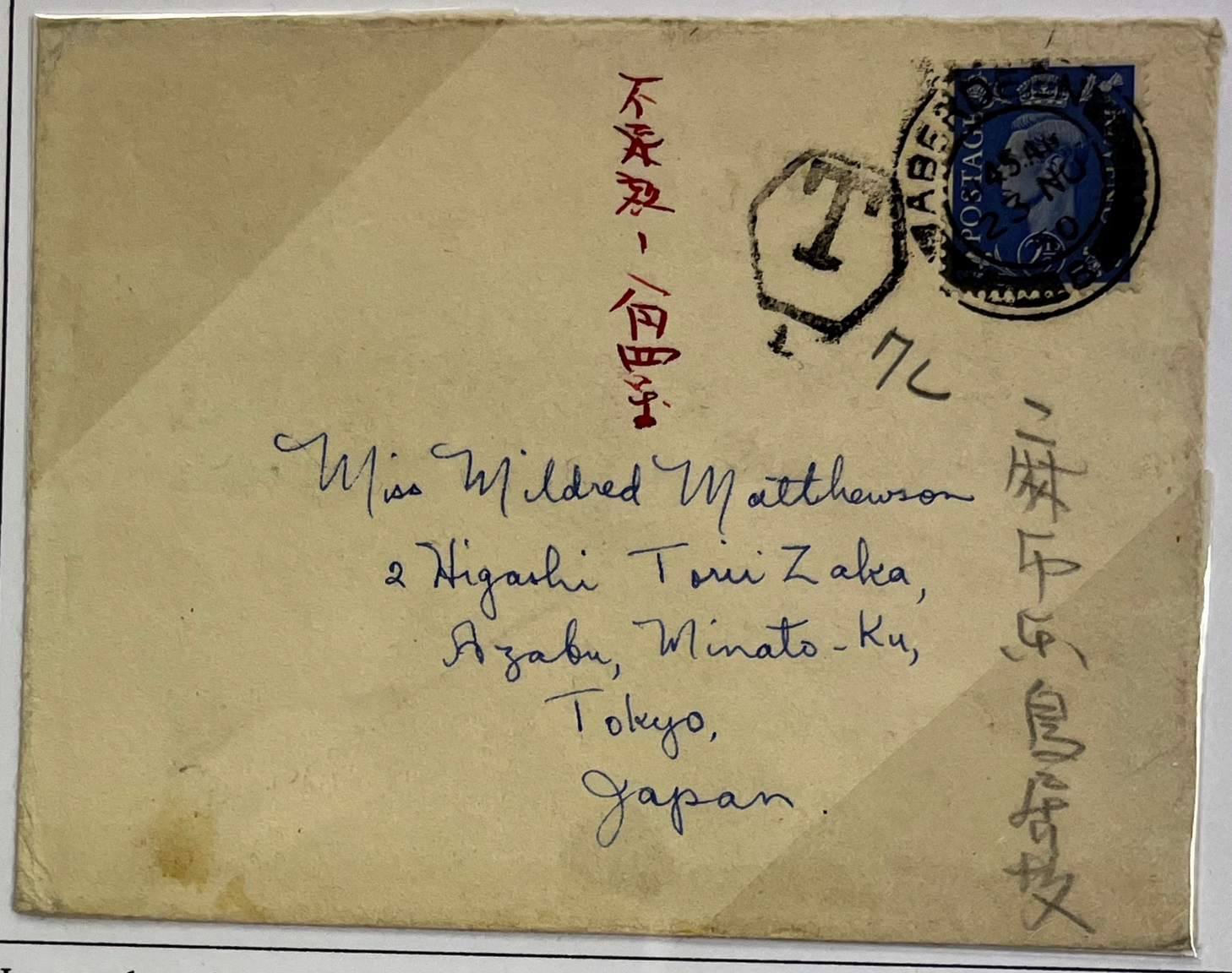


Two uses paying the inland letter rate, beneath another 2½d stamp; both used in 1941.

Solo Use

To Japan
Taxed Postage Due

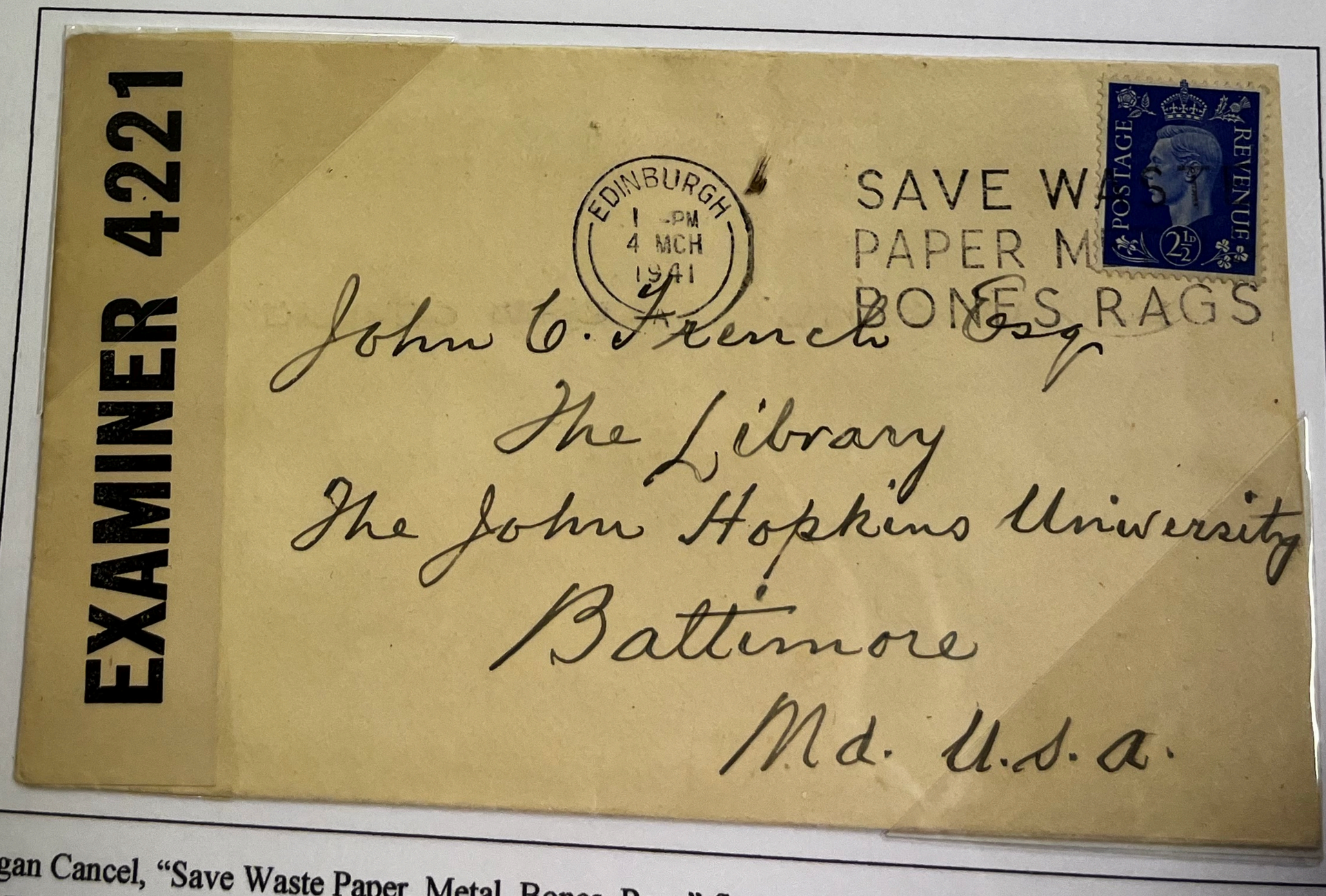
Foreign Letter rate 3d
Short paid ½d
1940



Hexagon boxed T applied in Aberdeen, Scotland. Short paid ½d. Japanese red script for address and pencil seven centimes and text on double deficiency due.

Slogan Cancel
Censured Letter
Wartime Shortages

UPU rate 2½d paid
1941



Slogan Cancel, "Save Waste Paper, Metal, Bones, Rags" first used in 1940, used primarily in January and February of 1941, with some offices later. Letter opened by censor and sealed with PC 90 Label.

1937 Series

2½d Dark Blue

Multiple Use



Censored Press Letter, Airmail Postage Due Airmail Rate 1/3d, 1940. Paid 5 x 2½d, short paid 2½d.
Double deficiency 5d = 8c US; Foreign Section GPO 8 cent due. Sender wanted Airmail in US only, charged air to destination.
Opened outward: P. &C. B. (Press and Censorship Bureau) label introduced March 1940. Airmail notation restored by censor.

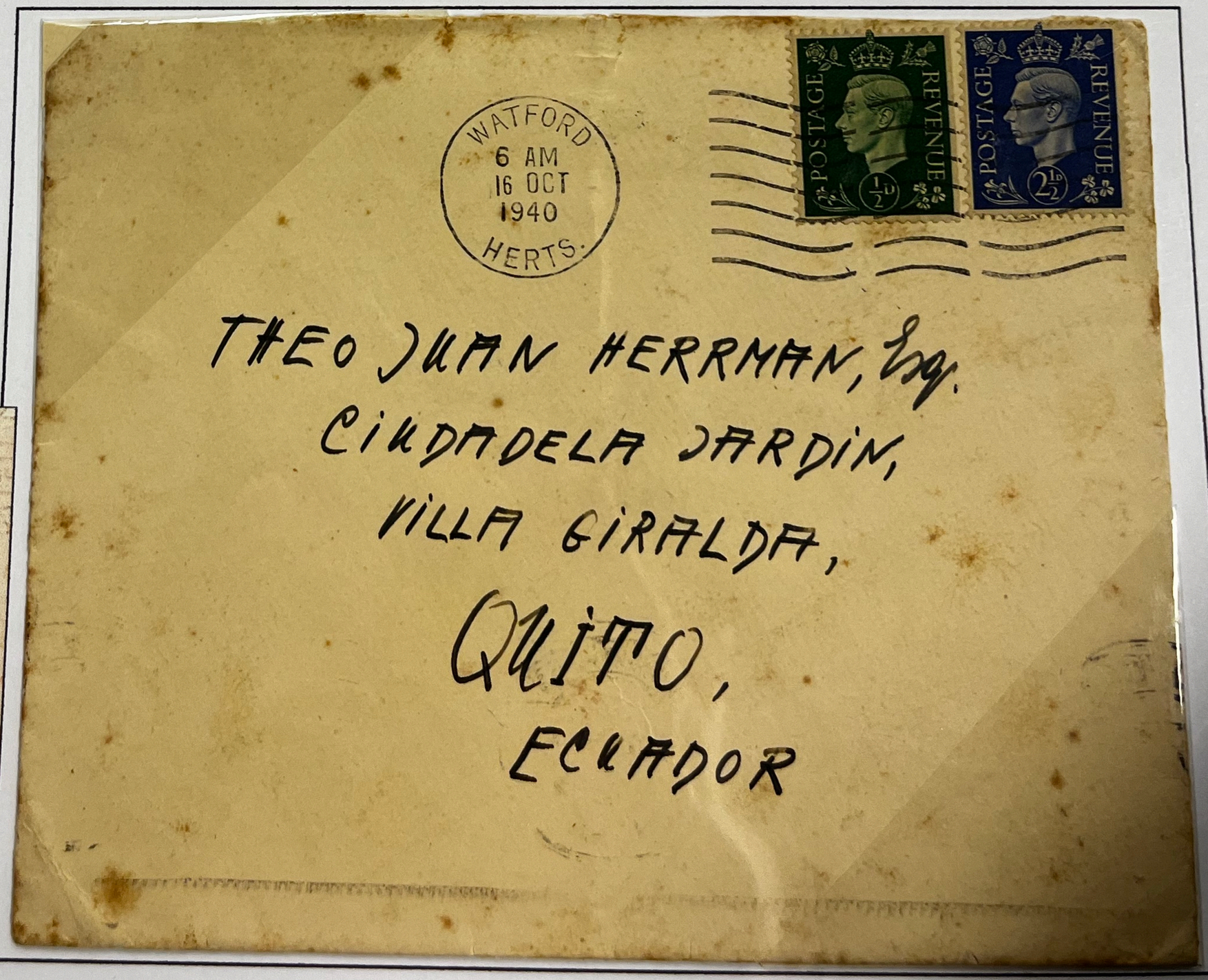
Mixed Use

To Quito, Ecuador

Foreign Surface Rate 3d
1940



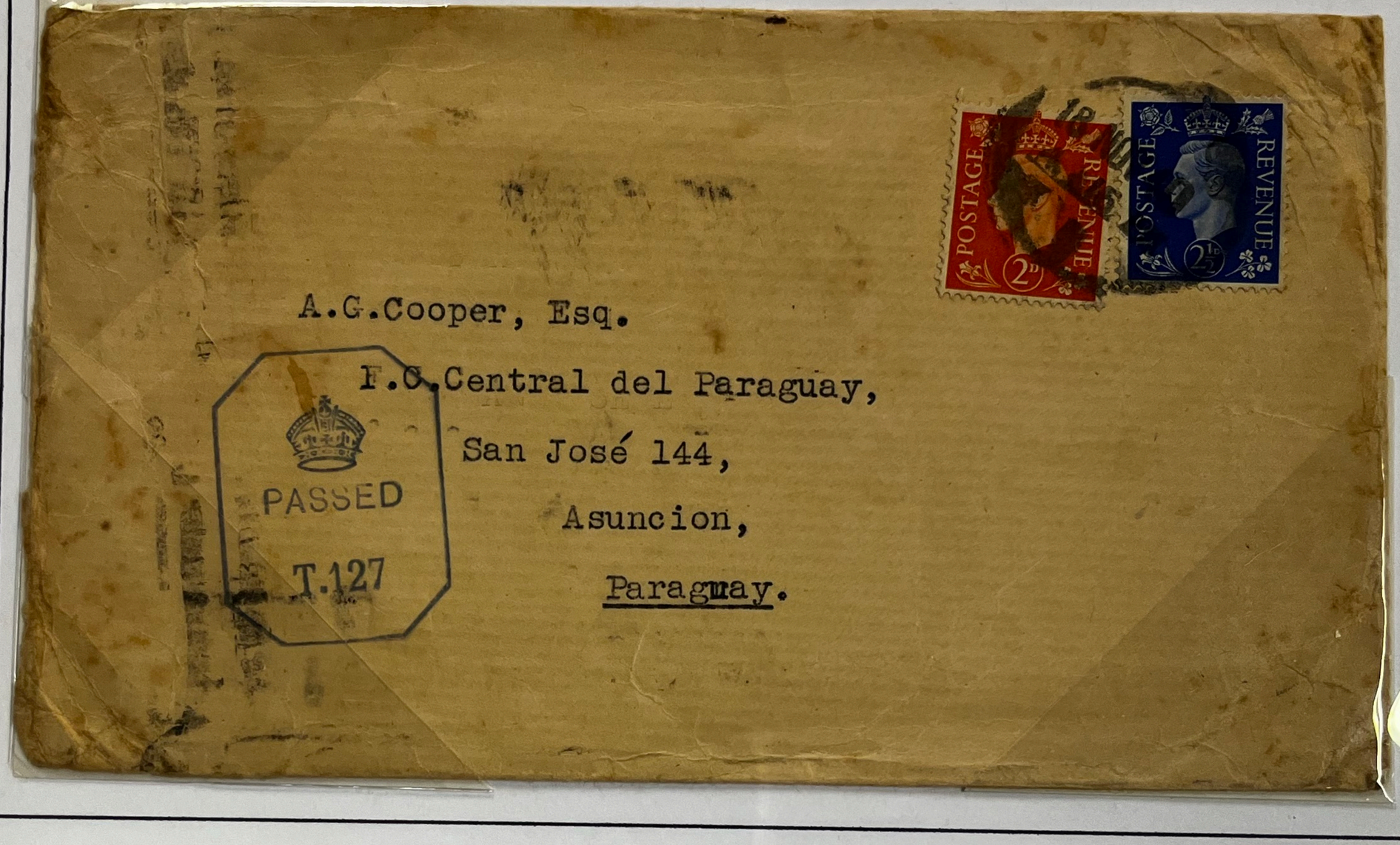
Sent October 16, 1940
Received December 5, 1940
50 days transit.
Reverse partial scan at 40%



Mixed Use

To Paraguay
British Censor

4½d over 1 oz.
1941



Censor "T" in Crown marking is a Trade censor, Letter passed Trade censor.



Registered
Inland Letter

Rate 5½d
2½d Letter
3d Registration
1941

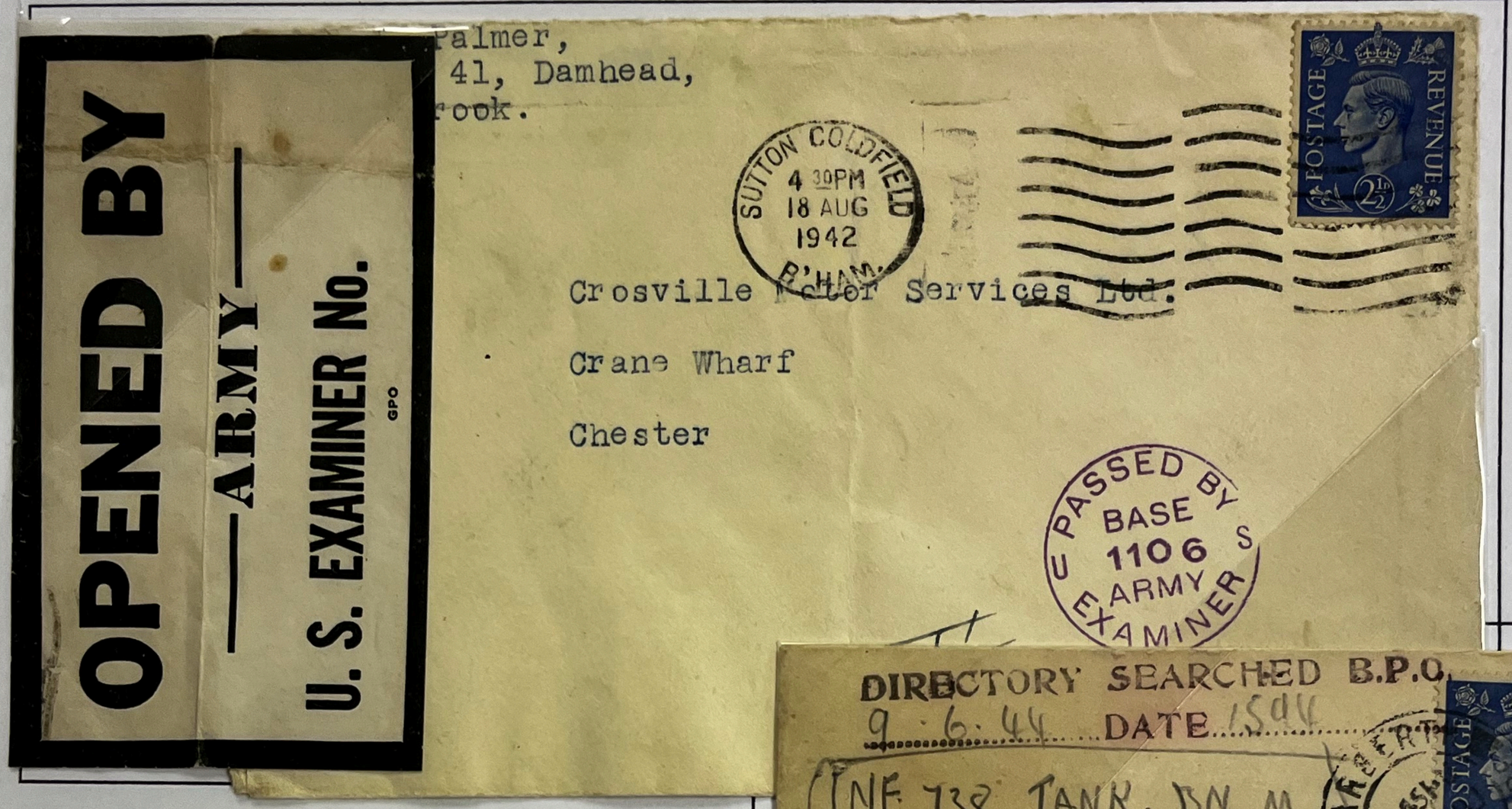
Oval Registration cancel from London Regent Street.

1941 Series



2½d Ultramarine

The 2½d stamp was issued July 30, 1941 and paid the surface letter rate for inland, Commonwealth and mail to the US in blue to meet UPU guidelines.



Opened by US Army

2½d Surface
1942

Military Letter
BPO Directory Search



2½d Surface Letter
1944
US Army tank in UK.

Undeliverable Returned Letter

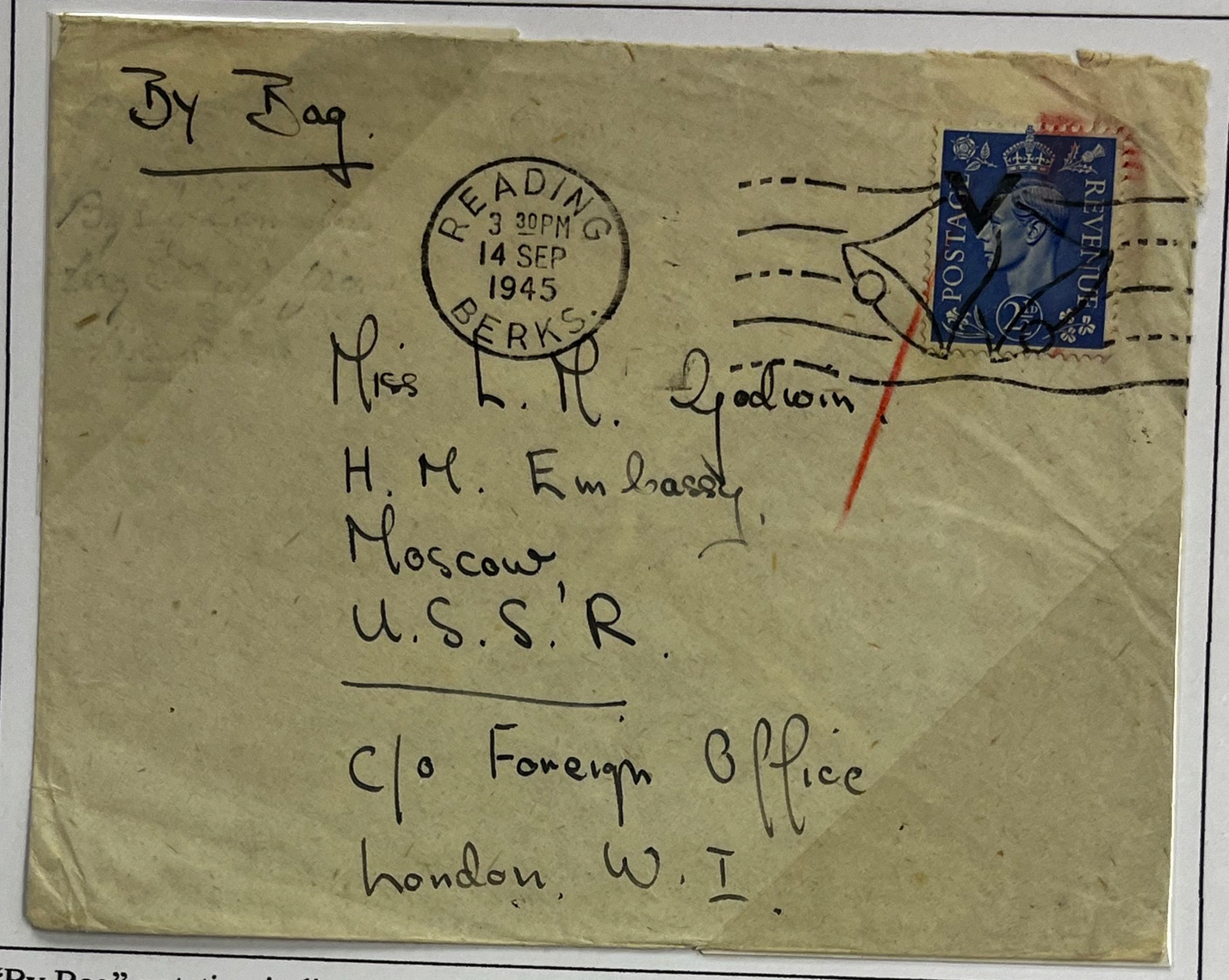
2½d Surface Letter
1946

Handstamped for
"Not to be Found"

Solo Use

To Moscow, USSR
via Diplomatic Bag

2½d Inland Letter
1945



"By Bag" notation indicatesby Diplomatic bag from London to Moscow by Airmail.
"Victory Bells" slogan cancel, morse code V and V for Victory above bells, introduced 1945.

Multiple Use

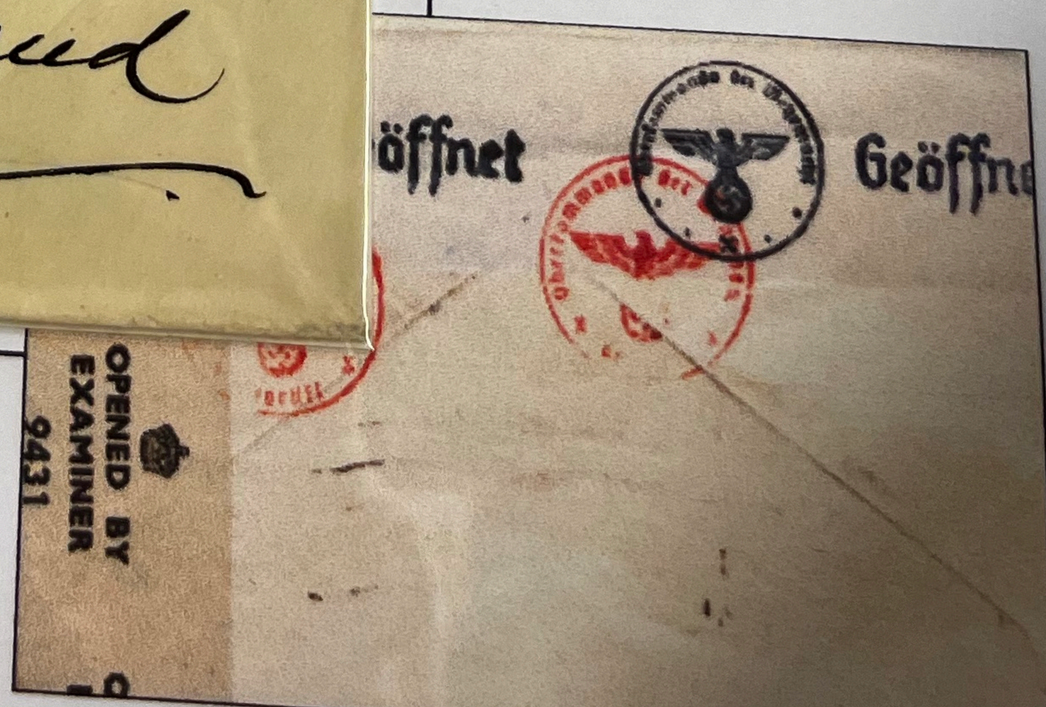


Red Cross Postal Scheme Dual Censored Airmail to Switzerland

5d Airmail rate
1944

British opened and censored, PC 90 label and examiner tape. German censor label and handstamped. Krag machine cancel, Prescot Lancs.

Reverse markings
Scan at 40% →




POSTAGE
£1


10/-
POSTAGE


10/-
POSTAGE


2/6
POSTAGE
5s


REVENUE
POSTAGE
ELEVEN PENCE
1d
3d
6d
5d
2½d
5s
POSTAGE

Mixed Use

Paquebot to Czechoslovakia

3d Surface Letter
1949



Paquebot designation for letters posted at sea and entered the mailstream at Southampton.

Customs Declared for Unsolicited Gifts Registered Airmail

2/4d Paid
2/- Double rate Airmail
4d Registration
1950



Franking 6½d Registered envelope, 2 x 2½d and additional 1/- 4½d. Registration increased to 4d May 1, 1949.

Mixed Use

Airmail to Kenya

1/- Zone B Letter
1951



Machine and hand canceled, block of four of 2½d and ½d singles from the 1937 and 1941 series.

Airmail to Argentina

1/- Zone B Letter
1951



Manuscript 1.0 for 1 oz. letter weight.

Multiple Use

Booklet Pane for Airmail to US
2½d x 6

1/3d Airmail letter
1942



Letter opened and sealed by censor.



Airmail to Argentina
5 x 2½d strip

Zone B 1/- rate
1947

Slogan cancel, "Volunteer for a Forces Career" used May to June, 1947. Convenience overfranked ½d.

1951 Series



2½d Red

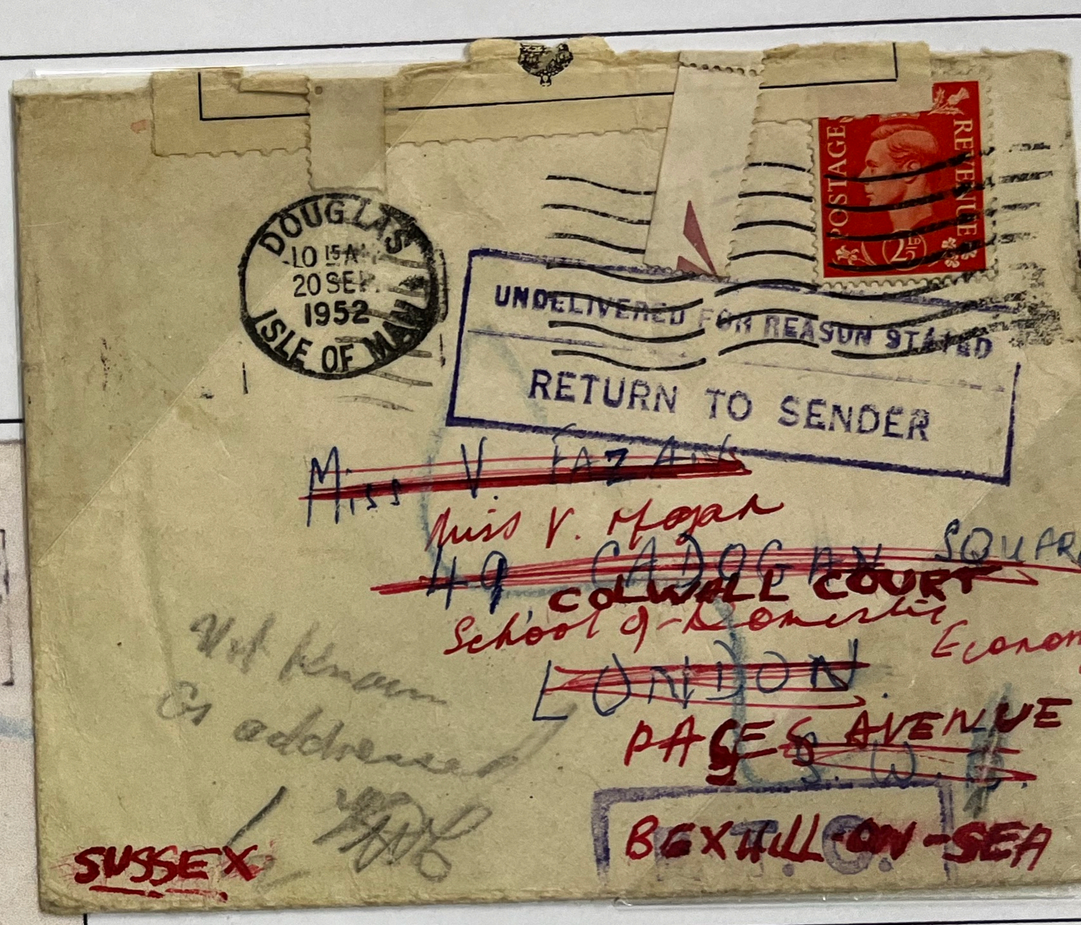
Issued May 3, 1951, the 2½d stamp paid the surface letter rate, color changed for UPU.

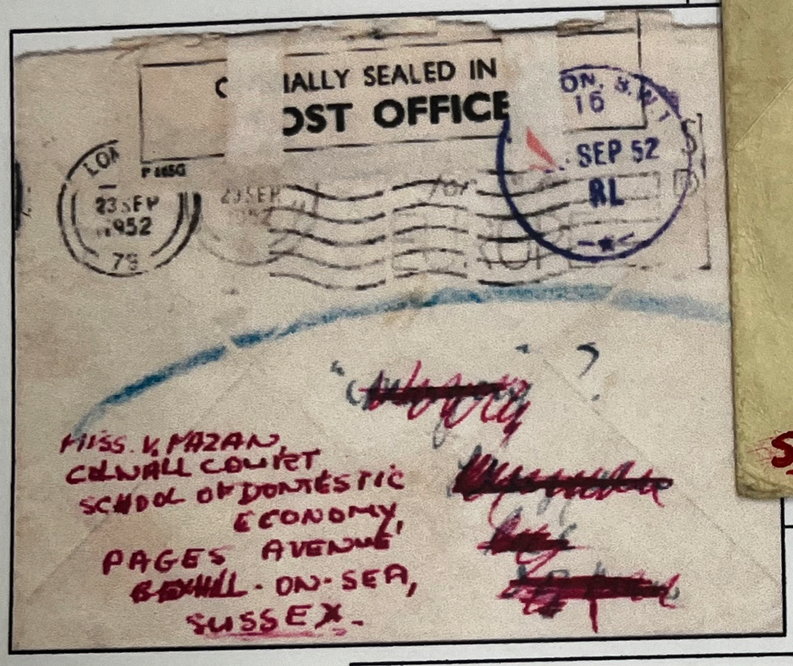
Solo Use

Isle of Man Undeliverable Opened and Redirected

Inland Letter 2½d

1952



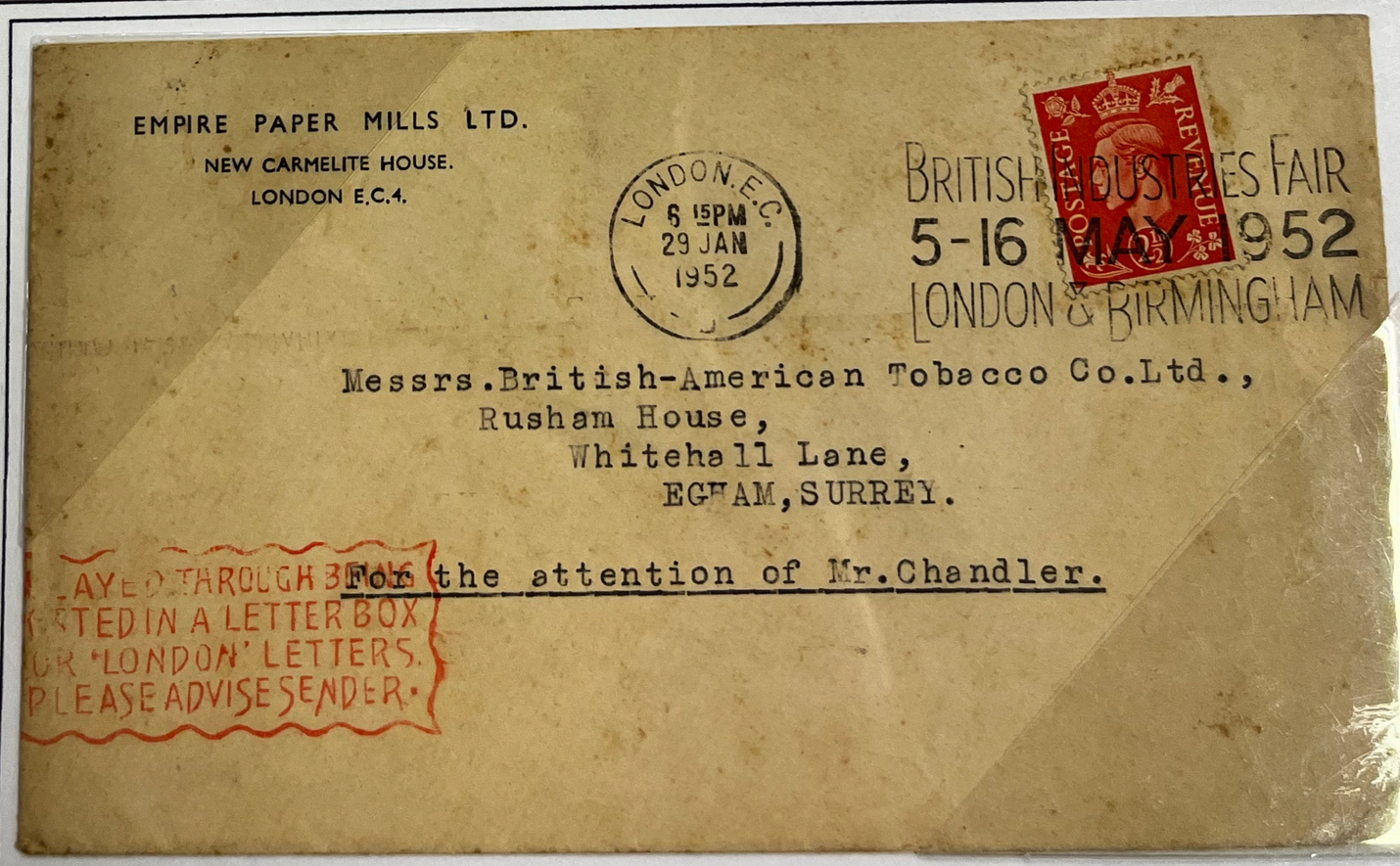


Mail to a student: Not known in London, readdressed to Bexwe

Letterbox Delay

1952

"Delayed through being posted in a letter box for London letters. Please Advise Sender."



"Country" and "London" separate letter boxes allowed for pre-sorting of mail. Letter placed in L box, intended for Surrey, and delayed in delivery. Handstamp for postal accountability.

Solo Use

Forces in Egypt

B APO1 Serving in the Middle East

2½d Concession rate Airmail 1952



To Austria
Postage Due

4d Rate Applied
1½d short paid

Overseas surface mail

1952



Posted in Belfast paying 2½d Commonwealth surface rate. Overseas rate of 4d applied. Red "2[illegible]" and "180" marked for unpaid, with 90 x 2 Austrian Groschen due. Hex T 150 underpayment marking.

2½d Red

Multiple Use

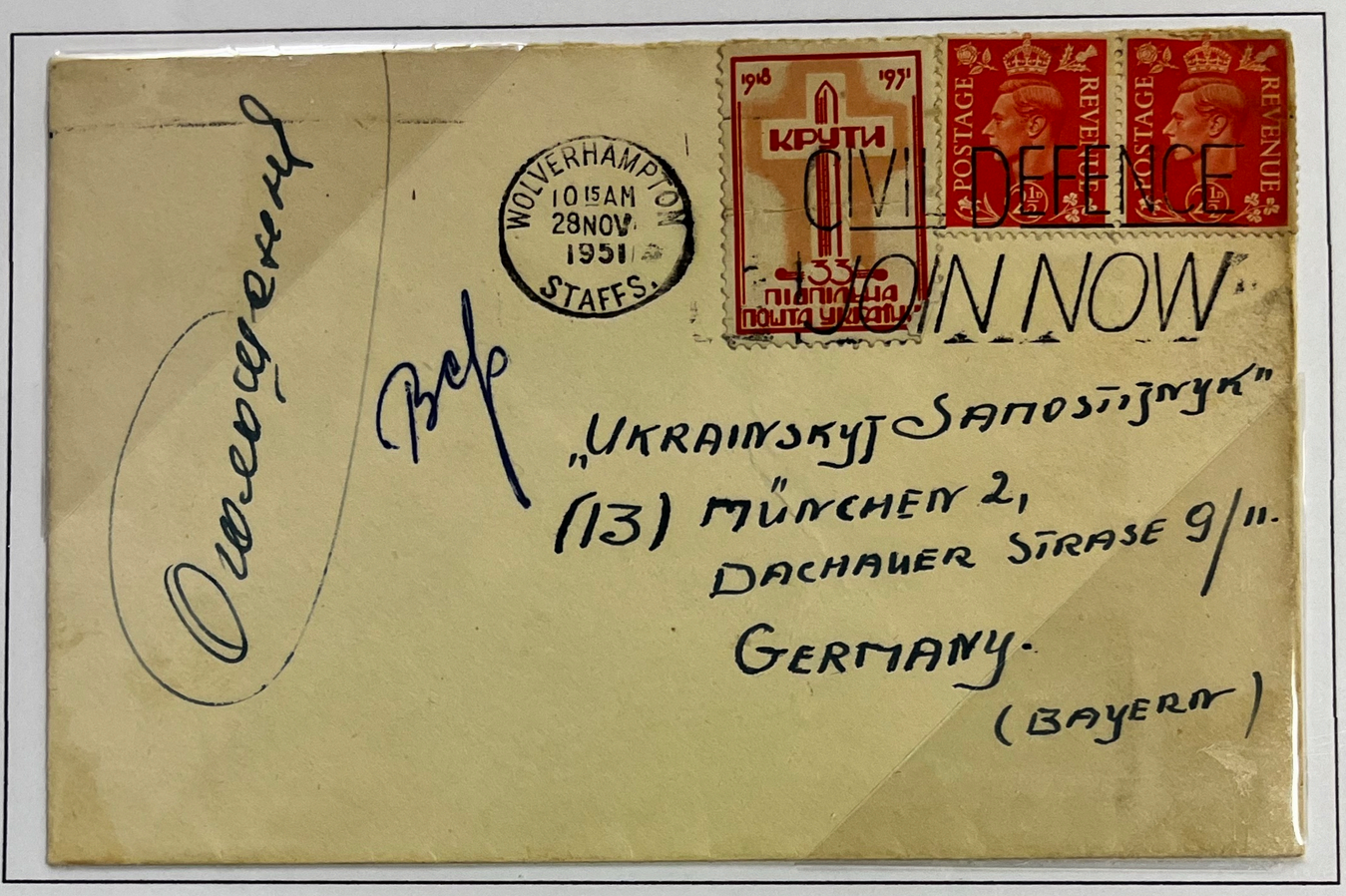
To Germany

Airmail Letter

Europe Airmail Rate

2 x 2½d paid

1951



Added to the franking: Russian Revolution Ukrainian commemorative label.

Slogan postmark, "Civil Defense, Join Now" introduced in 1951.

Paid at New Rate

To the US

Airmail Zone B

6 x 2½d paid 1/3d

increased from 1/-

1951



Rate change 1 May, 1950, letter sent 16 June with correct franking.

Mixed Use

Post Early for Christmas

Slogan Cancel

Zone B Airmail

1951



Rate paid with horizontal strip of four x 2½d paid and vertical pair 2 x 1d. Post Early for Christmas letter posted December 4, 1951.



Registered Airmail Zone B to US, 1/9d paid: 1/3d Airmail, 6d Registration, 1952.

1937 Series

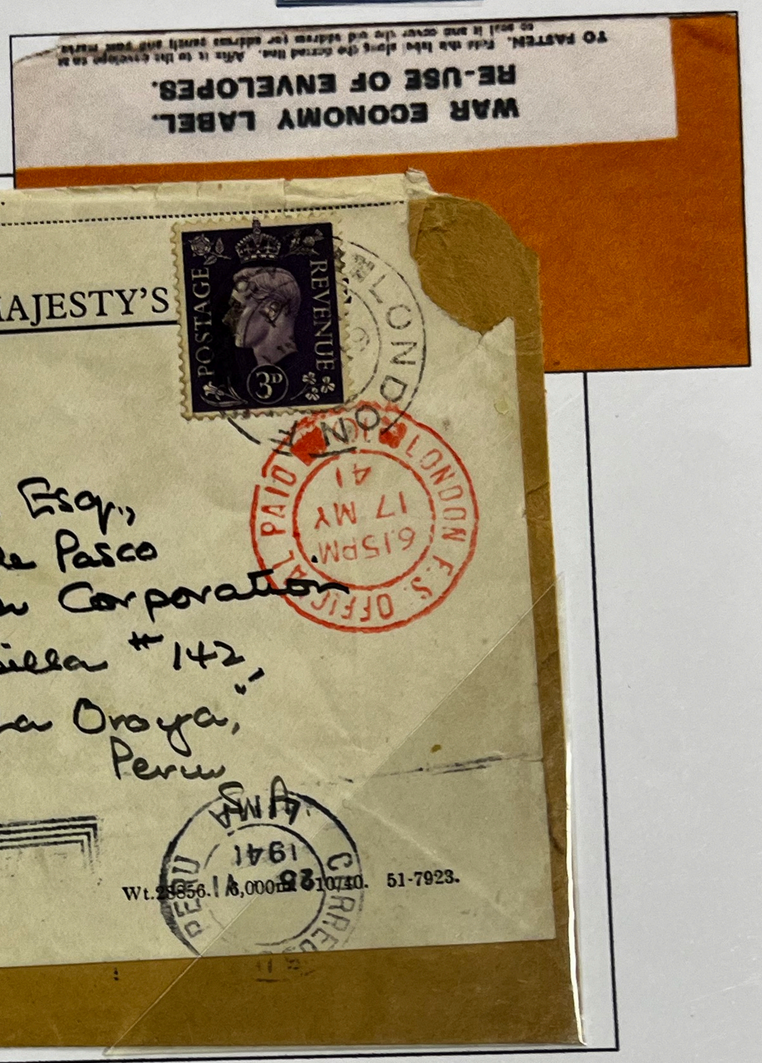


3d Purple

Issued May 10, 1937, the 3d stamp paid the foreign letter rate, the Avis de Reception (AR, Return Receipt) and the Registration fee.

Issued in Purple in 1937 and Pale Violet in 1941.

Solo Use



To La Oroya, Peru
Reuse Label

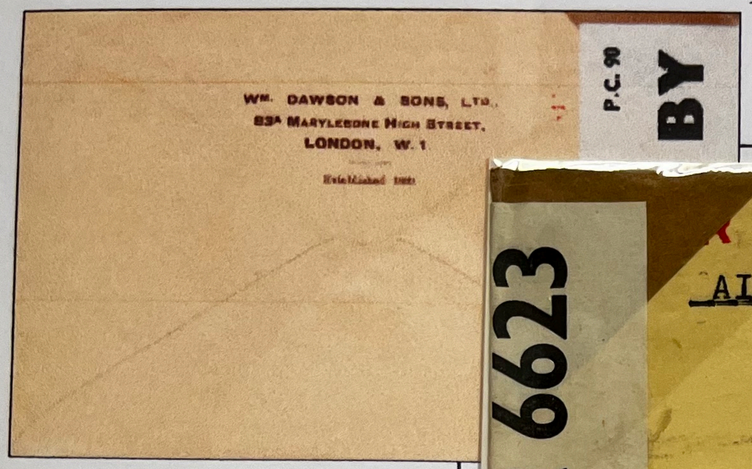
Foreign letter 3d
1941



To Bassarabi, Roumania
Avis de Reception

3d applied to A.R. form
1939

Multiple Use



Reverse at 75% showing Dawson and corner repair.

Perfin "D"
Wm Dawson & Sons

5 x 3d
1/3d Airmail
1941



In Bermuda, Examiner 6623 repaired letter upper left corner with tape, then applied P.C. 90 label.

Mixed Use



Ministry of Information
Censorship Bureau
Examination

4 x 3d, 2 x 1 ½d
1/3d Zone B Airmail
1941

Handstamp of the Press and Censorship Bureau
Earliest Recorded Use
5 August, 1941

Mixed Use

Tanganyika Territory
Dar Es Salaam

1/3d Airmail
1939





To Greece
Forwarded to Cyprus
Evacuation Mail

1/3d Airmail
1941

1/3d Insurance revenue used to indicate postage paid.

Postage *added* in London to replace 1/3d Insurance stamp and canceled.

After the German Balkans Campaign victory, Middle East Forces were evacuated from Greece, retreating to Cyprus.

1941 Series



3d Pale Violet

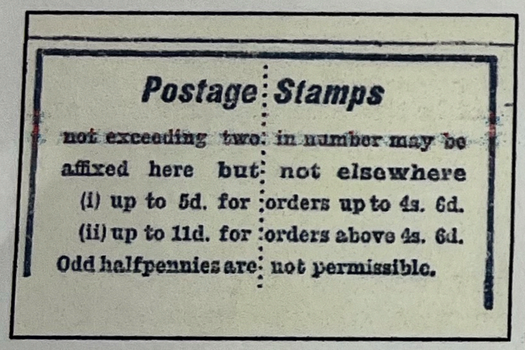
Issued November 3, 1941, the 3d stamp paid the surface UPU letter rate to non-Commonwealth countries and Registration. Owing to wartime ink shortages, the color was lightened from the earlier 3d deep violet stamp.

Solo Use

Increase Postal Order Amount

3d Added 1945

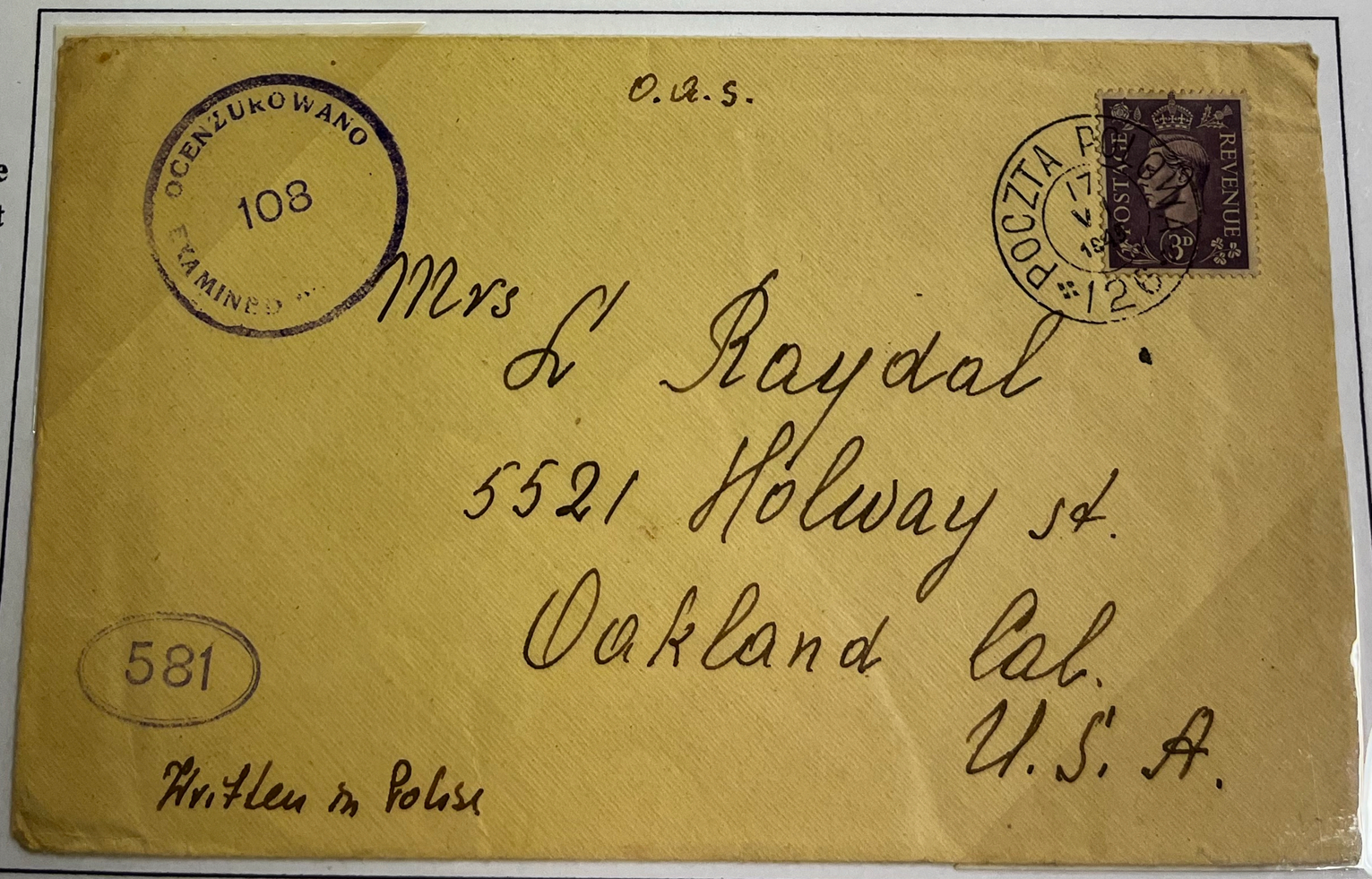




Instruction (under stamp) scan

From the Polish Front Examined →

3d Military Concession Airmail



Cancel from on the **Polish** front, O.A.S. (Onward Air Service), censored letter to the US.

1941 Series

3d Pale Violet

Multiple Use

Airmail to Canada

3d Block of Four
1/- Airmail Zone B
1949
British Airlines Slogan Cancel



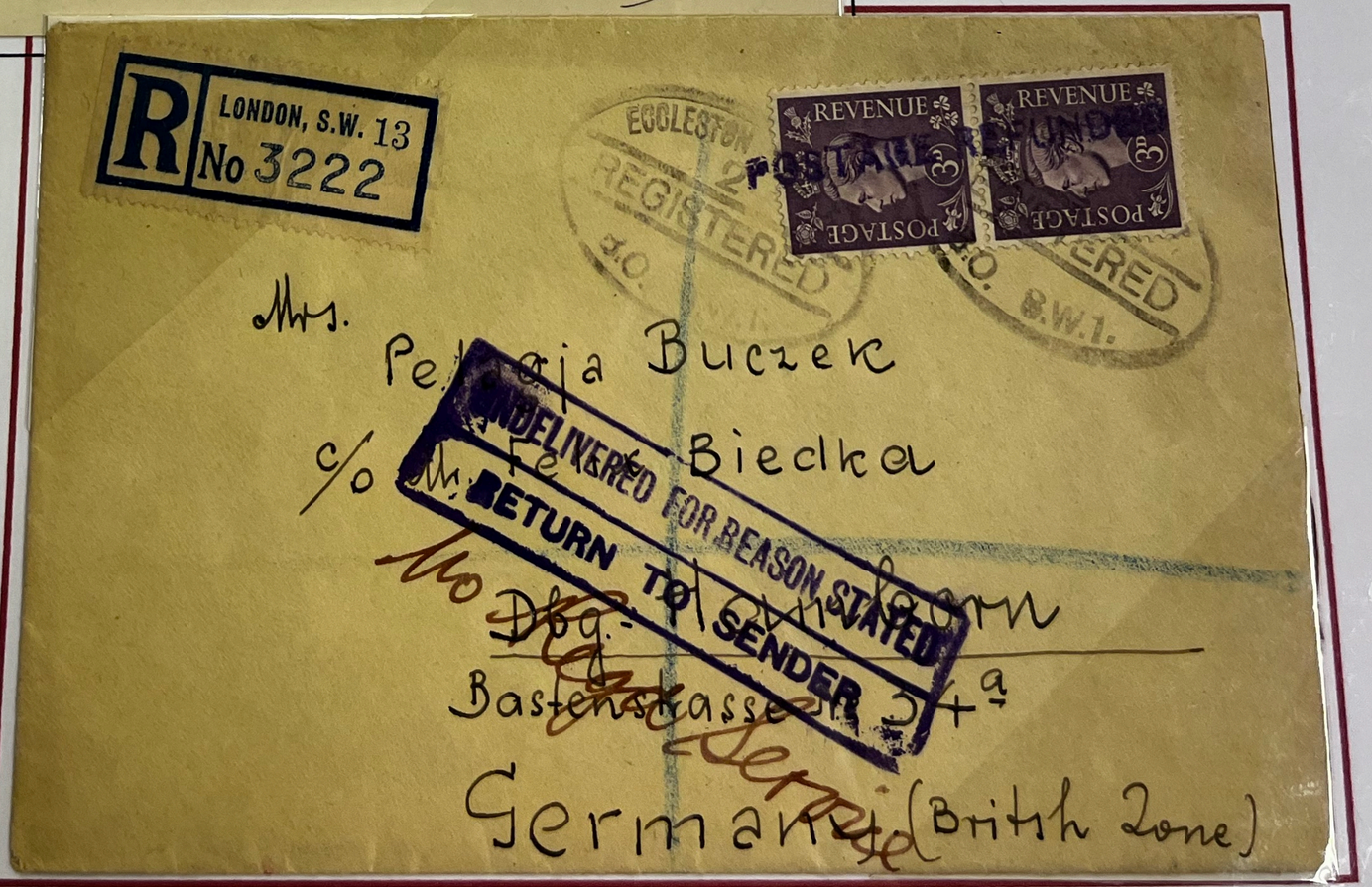


Airmail Paquebot Ceylon
Insufficiently Paid Airmail
Posted in Colombo from
Orient Line *S.S. Orontes*

Post Card 8d, franked 6d
1955

Handstamped on Postage
POSTAGE REFUNDED

Undeliverable and Returned
Postage Refunded:
No Registered Service



3d Surface Letter
3d Registration
Manuscript →
"No Reg'd Service"

Post war limited postal services in Germany, British Zone established 1947, no Registration service.

Multiple Use

Censor Examined Airmail Letter

5 x 3d
1/3d Airmail
1942



Krag continuous impression machine cancel, Leichworth Herts. Censor examined and resealed CP & PCo. Ltd. label.

Mixed Use

Returned Registered Letter

2½d Surface Letter
3d Registration
1945



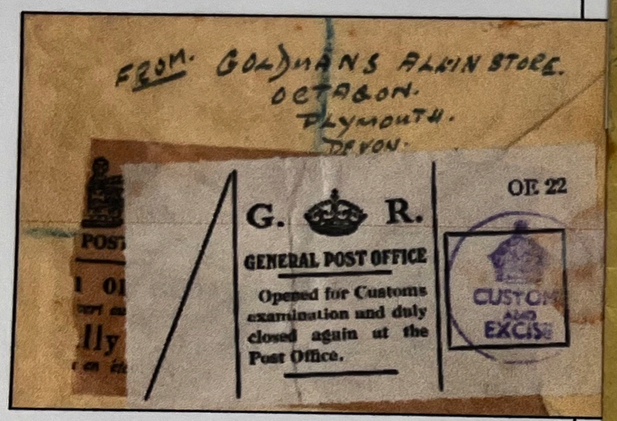
REBUTS

US Handstamp
for Refused Mail

Mixed Use

Registered to New Zealand

Registered surface letter 5½d
1947



GPO label for Customs & Excise sealing after opening and examining.
Reverse at 40%



To Uganda
British East Africa
wartime use of 1/3d
Revenue

Airmail rate 1/3d
1944



Postage stamps added at London FS to replace National Health and Pension Payroll Tax Revenue stamp used as receipt of cash paid. Revenues served as emergency replacements, applied at the sending post office. Sunderland Krag continuous machine cancel.

Mixed Use



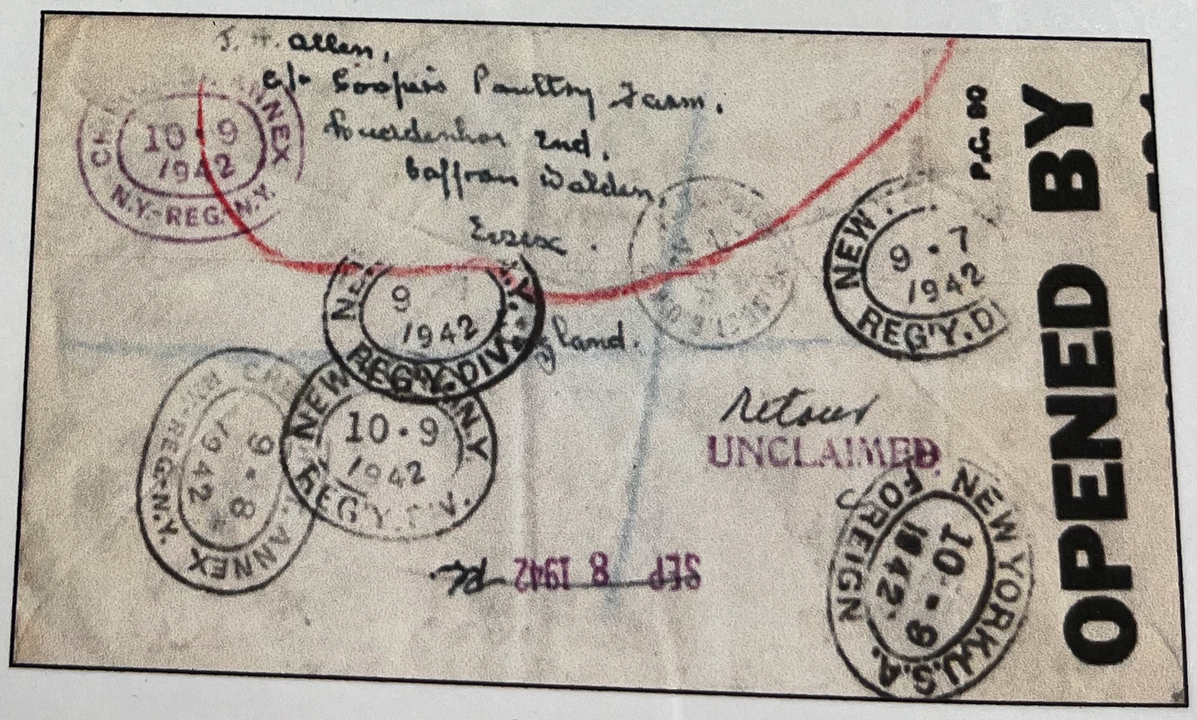
Returned Registered Letter, Attempted Deliveries:

1/3d letter rate with 3d Registration, opened by examiner, 1942. London Foreign Section postmark.

US applied markings: First and Second Notice handstamps, dated September 8th and 15th.
Undeliverable for Reason Stated—Return to Sender.
British, upon return: Red manuscript, "Saffron Walden" location for Essex, England return to sender.

Tracing the Transit	
Sept 2	Registered Paddington
Sept 7	Initial Receipt
Sept 8	Attempted Delivery
Sept 15	Second Notice, no Reply
Oct 9	Handstamp Unclaimed Manuscript Retour
Nov 3	Received in London

Reverse at 75% →



1937 Series



4d Gray-Green

Issued November 21, 1938, the 4d stamp paid the UPU surface double letter rate.

Issued in Gray-Green in 1937 and Blue in 1951.

Solo Use

To Manitoba, Canada
Cunard *Mauretania*

4d surface double rate letter 1939



Mauretania: a 37,750 ton express ship. Post Early in the Day Sunburst machine cancel.

Multiple Use

From Isles of Scilly
Strip of 3 x 4d

1/- Airmail
1943

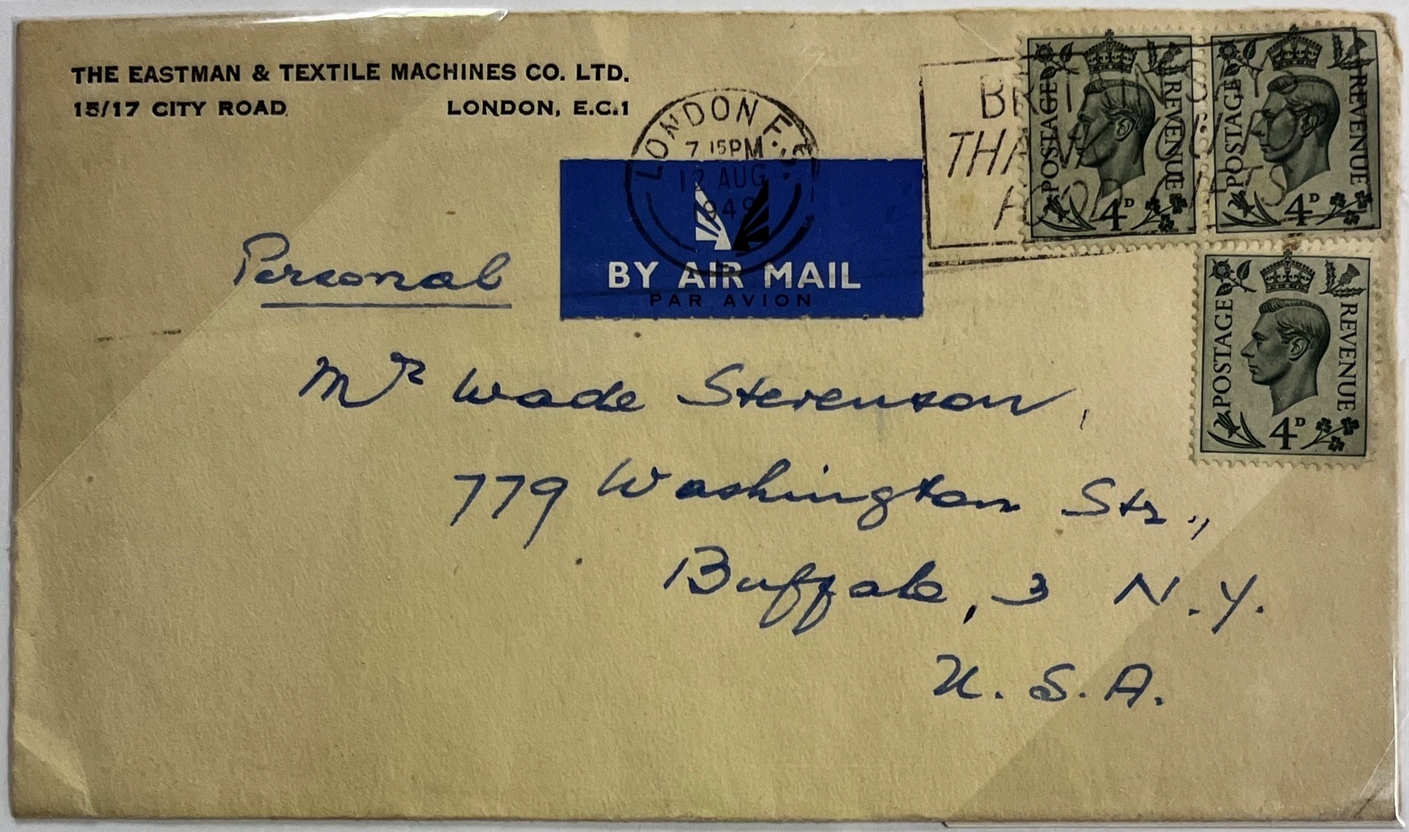
S. Mary's Isles of Scilly: Western islands at the western tip of Cornwall England



Multiple Use

Airmail to US:
3 x 4d

1/- Airmail
1949



Britain Says Thank you for the Food Gifts machine cancel, introduced August, 1949.

Mixed Use

British & US Customs
Registered Airmail

1/6d rate: 1/3d Airmail
3d Registration
1945



British Postal Authority approval to censor philatelic materials marked and censor passed
US handstamped: Supposed Liable to US Customs Duties, at center: Passed US Customs.

Mixed Use

Registered Airmail
Censor Opened

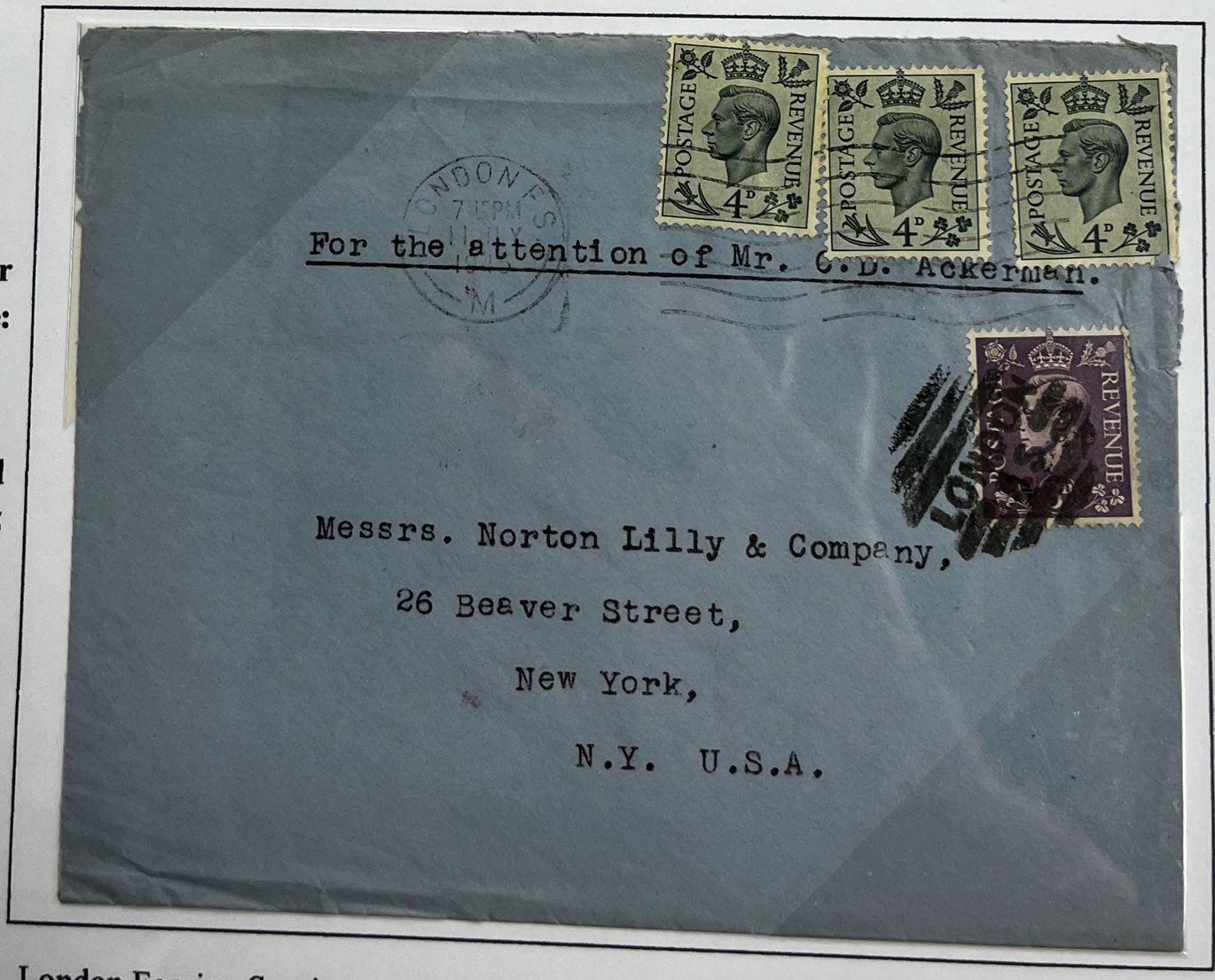
1/6d Rate:
1/3d Airmail
3d Registration
1945



New Castle CDS handstamp cancel. Censor PC-90 label applied. In the US, handstamped for Second Notice, No Reply to First Notice, July 30, 1942.

No Designation for Airmail Service:

1/3d Airmail
1945



London Foreign Service machine cancel on 3 x 4d stamps and handstamp cancel on 3d.



4d Blue

The 4d stamp paid the foreign letter rate and Registration fees. The stamp was issued May 3, 1951, in blue on a light blue background.

Solo Use

Money Sent Overseas

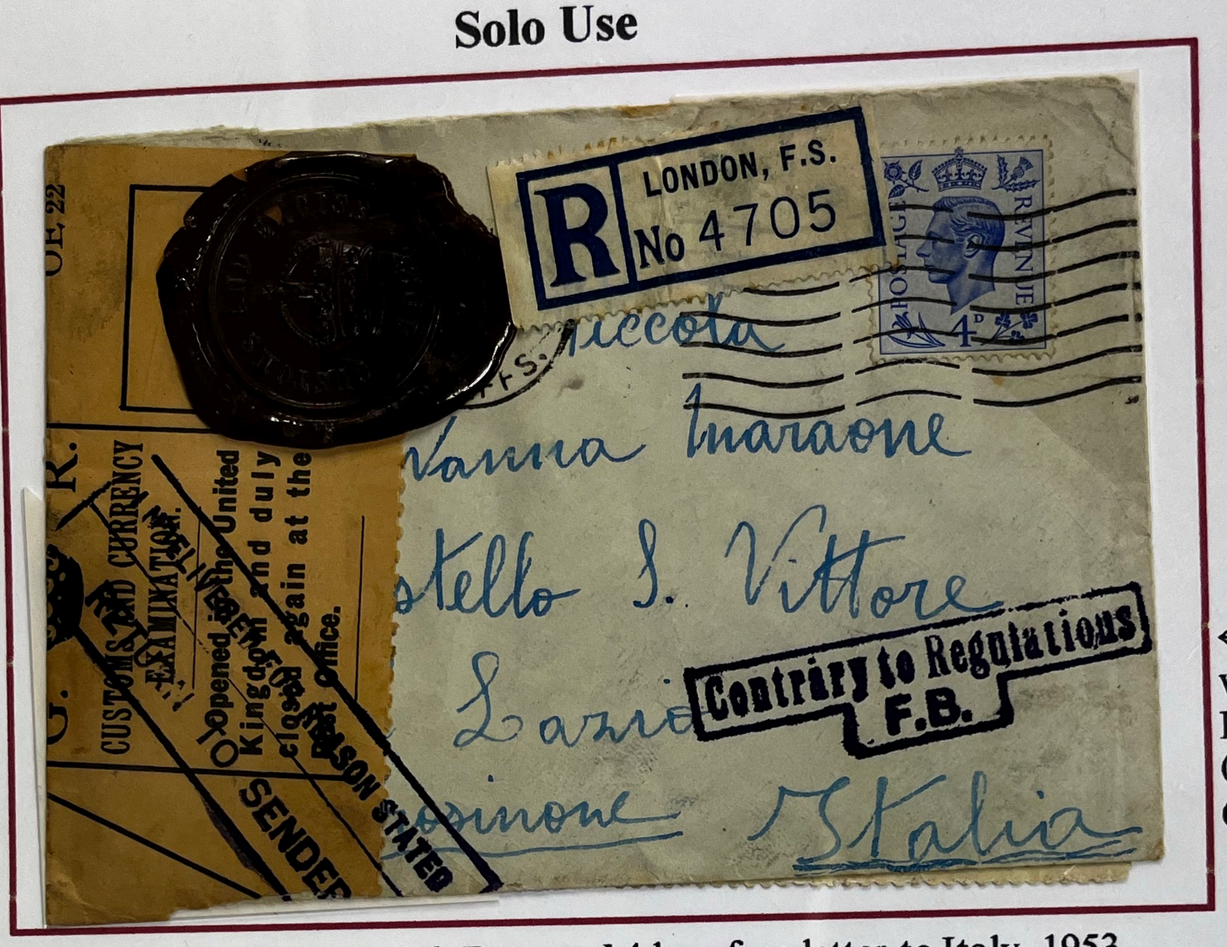
To Italy

Returned for Registration Fee

4d Surface Letter

1953

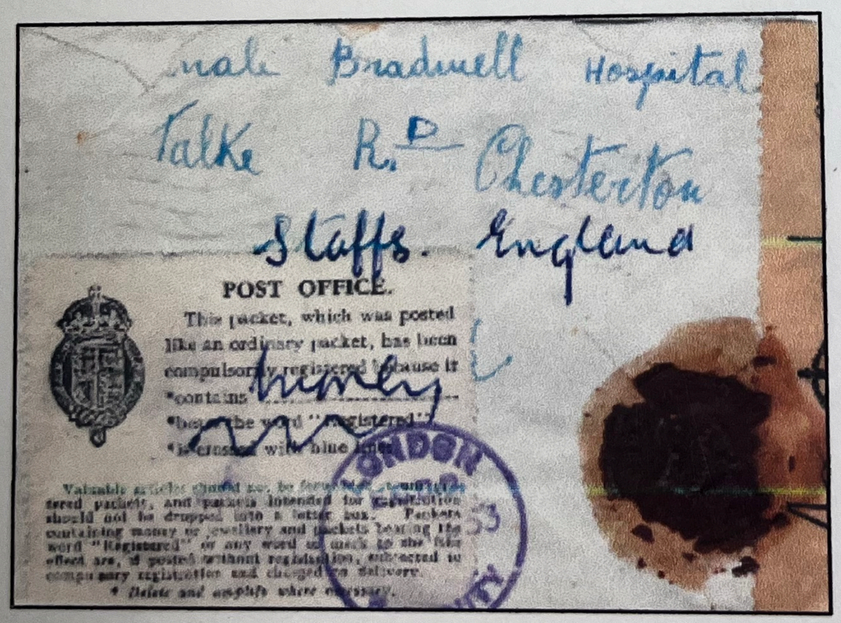
Returned to Sender →



← Sending Money was **Contrary to Regulation F.B.** (Foreign Branch) Overseas restricted

Compulsorily Registered & Returned 4d surface letter to Italy, 1953.

Customs and Currency Examination—Opened and Resealed



Reverse: Label details Post Office findings.

Charged Registration fee on return to sender.

Reverse at 75%

Tracing the Violation—Sending Money

Mailed as regular packet, put into mailbox directly.

Received Customs & Currency examination.

Opened, taped closed, brown wax seal of Customs.

Money and valuables could not be placed in the regular mailstream without registration.

Sending violated a *currency export restriction.*

Solo Use

Postal Letter Card

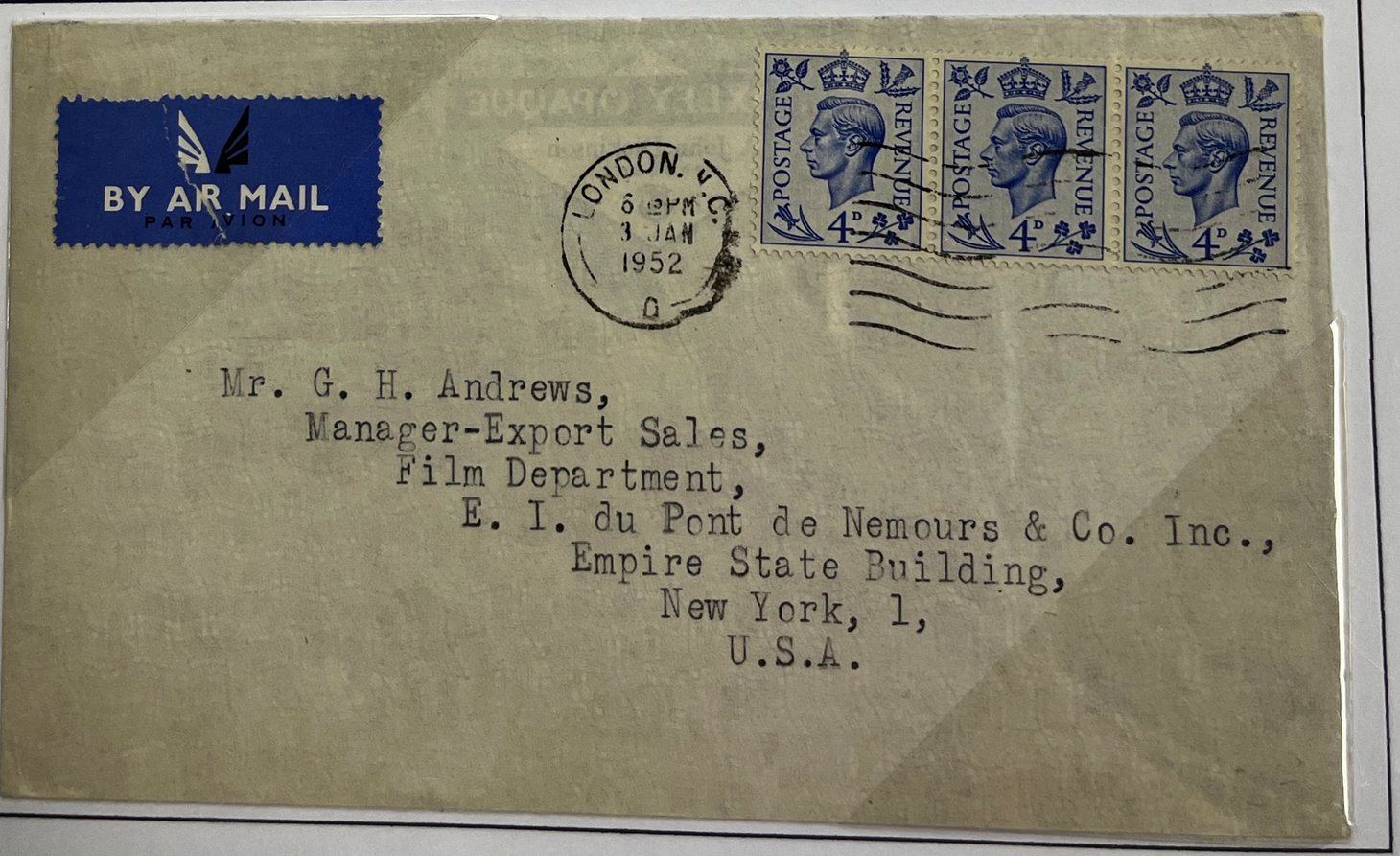
4d foreign letter
1951



Multiple Use

Commercial Letter
Airmail to Empire State Building

1/- Airmail Zone B
1952

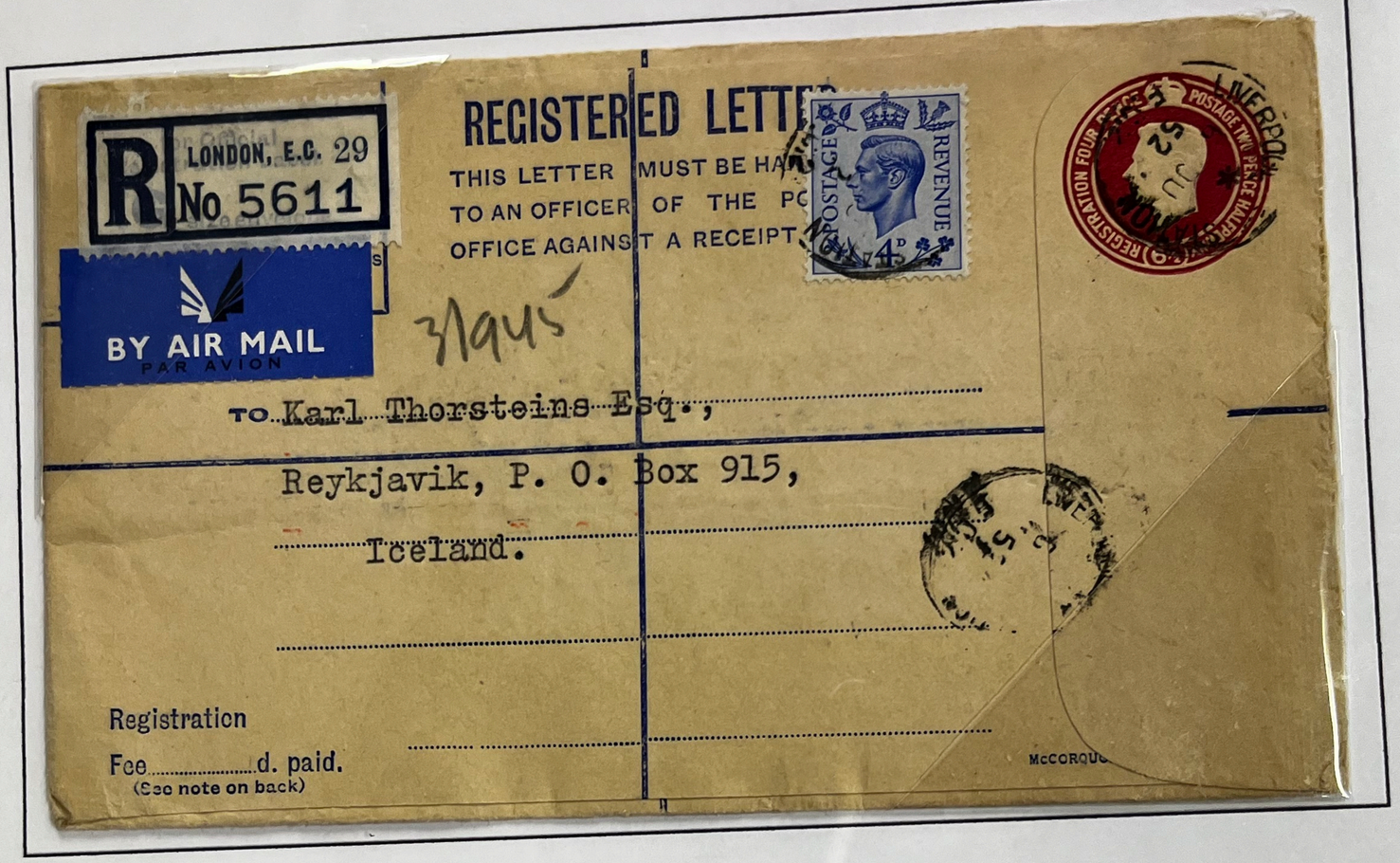


1951 Series

Mixed Use

To Iceland
Registered Airmail

10½d Paid
6½d Airmail
½ oz. to 1 oz.
4d Registration
1952



Liverpool Street station CDS.

To Chile
Registered Airmail

2/- Airmail Zone C
4d Registration
1951



Oval handstamp Registered mail used as cancel. Cachet of five month running Festival of Britain, held in London.

1937 Series



5d Brown

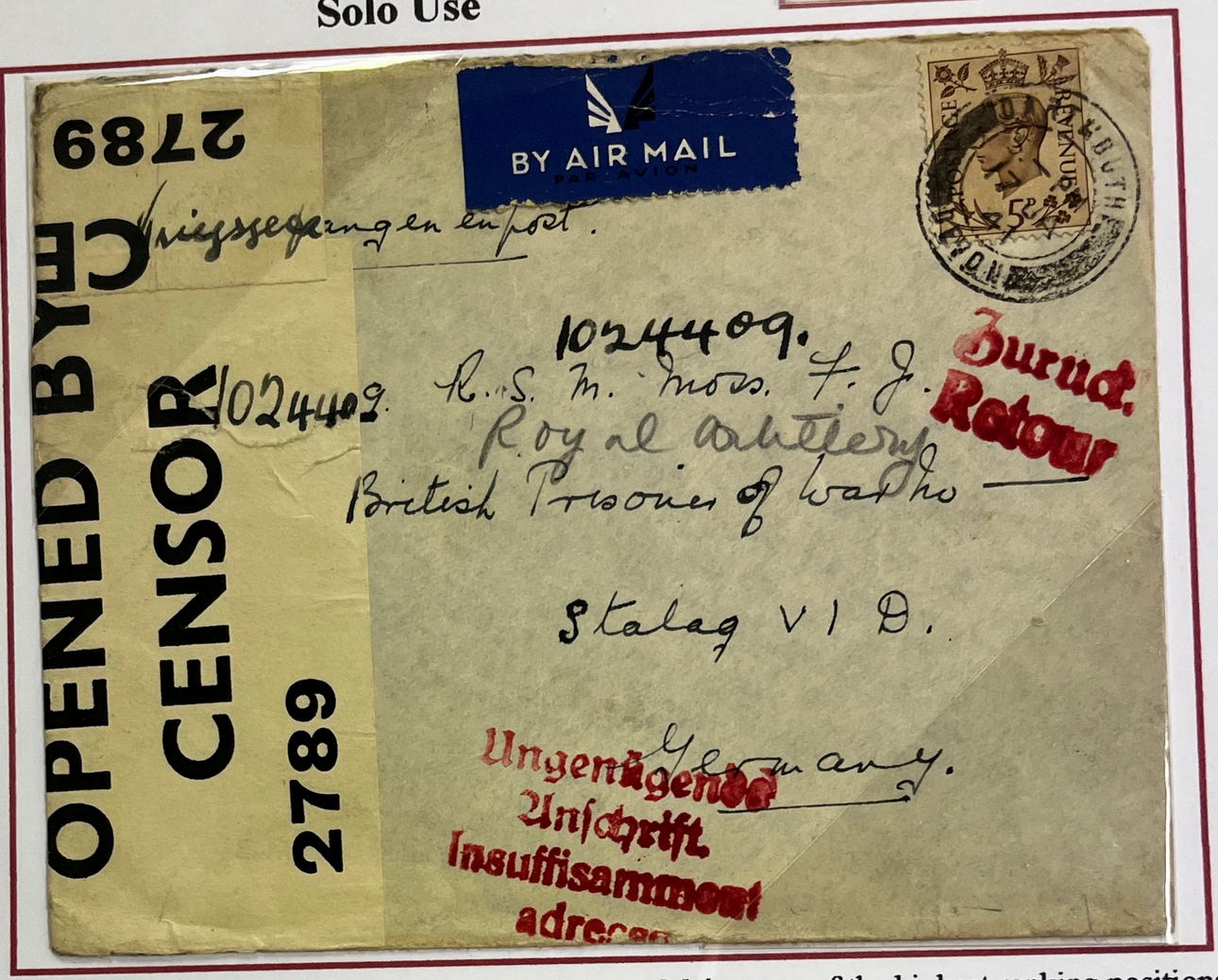
Issued November 21, 1938, the 5d paid a Western Europe and Forces Airmail rate.

Solo Use

Completed by examiner →

Dual Censored British Prisoner of War to Germany

5d Airmail 1941



Letter addressed to R.S.M. Moss, Regiment Sargent Major, one of the highest ranking positions and someone likely to be easily found. Stalig VI-D located in Dortmund, Germany, the camp held 77,700 POWs. Germany marked insufficiently addressed and returned, no POW number given.

Airmail to Poland

5d Airmail 1947

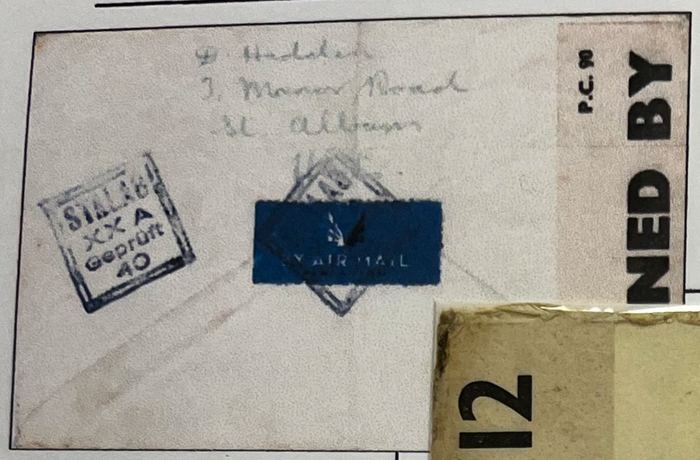


Alnwick Northumberland Krag machine cancel, at bottom, Warsaw receiving machine cancel.

5d Brown

1937 Series

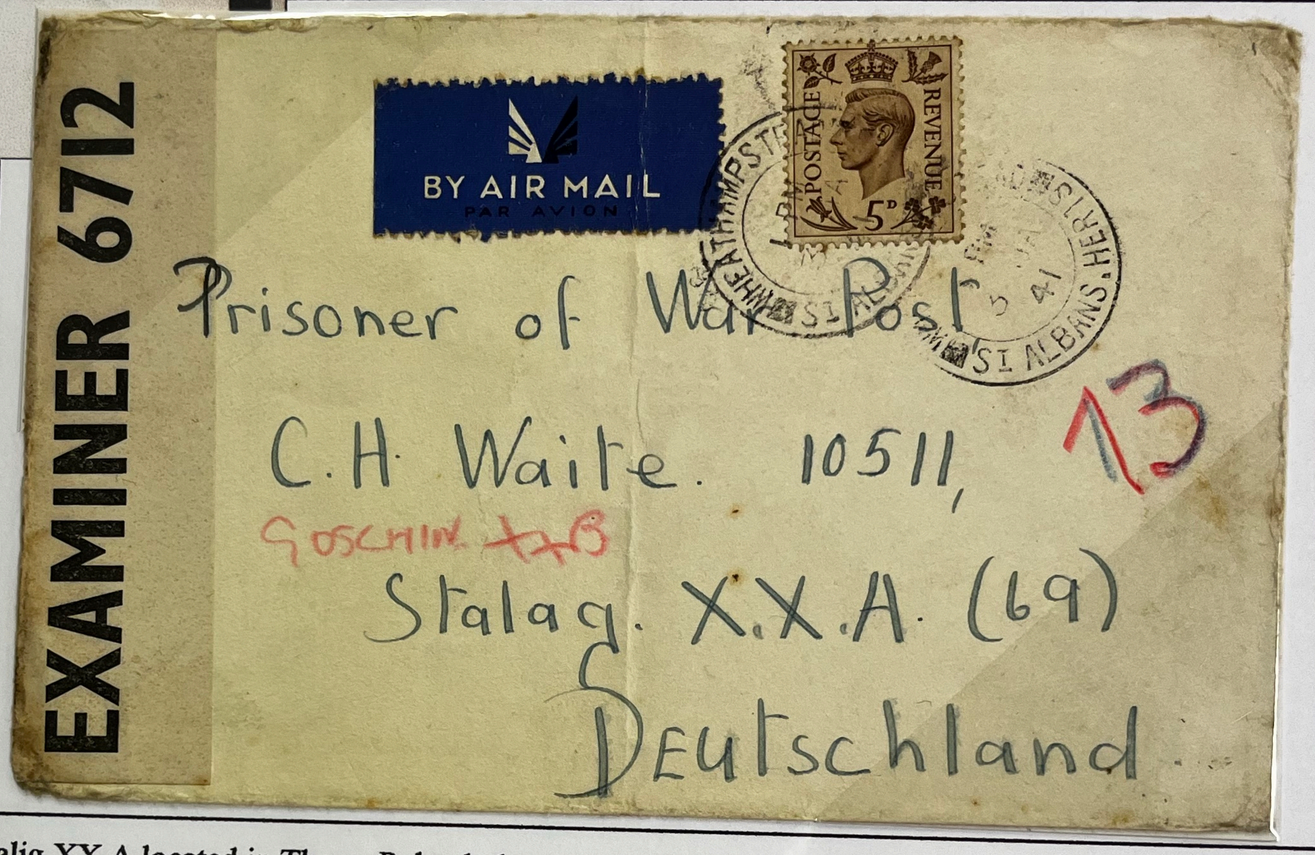
Solo Use



German Stalag XX A Censor
Scan of reverse at 40%

Airmail to Germany
POW Camp

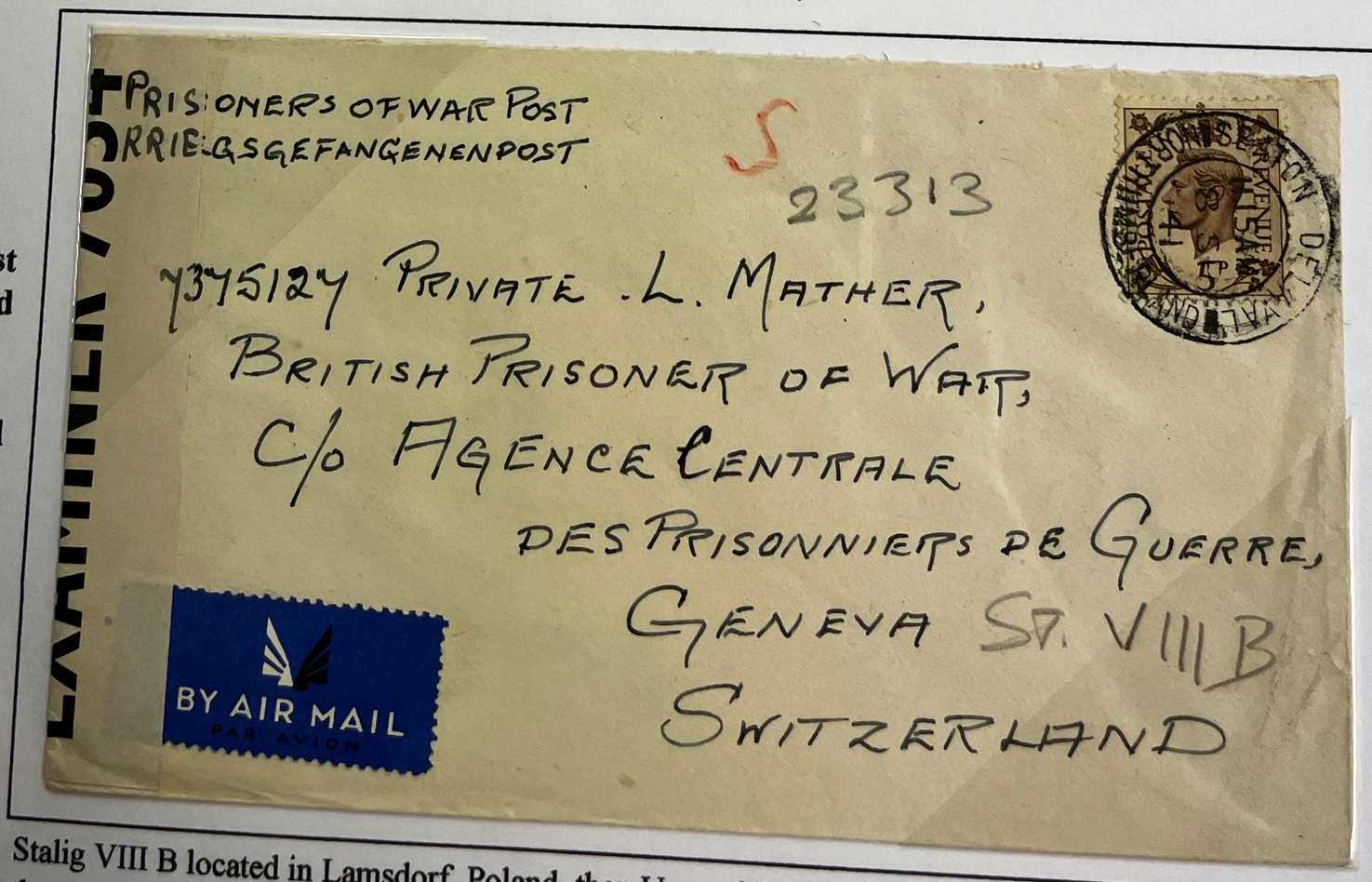
5d Airmail
1941



Stalig XX A located in Thorn, Poland, the camp held 20,000 POWs. Germany boxed inspection marking, "Stalag XX A Geopruft (translation: checked) 40."

To POW Post
eva, Switzerland

5d Airmail
1941



Stalig VIII B located in Lamsdorf, Poland, then Upper Silesia, more than 100,000 POWs passed through the camp. Mail addressed to Geneva POW post, private identified by number and camp.

1937 Series

Multiple Use

RAF Active Service Honour Letter

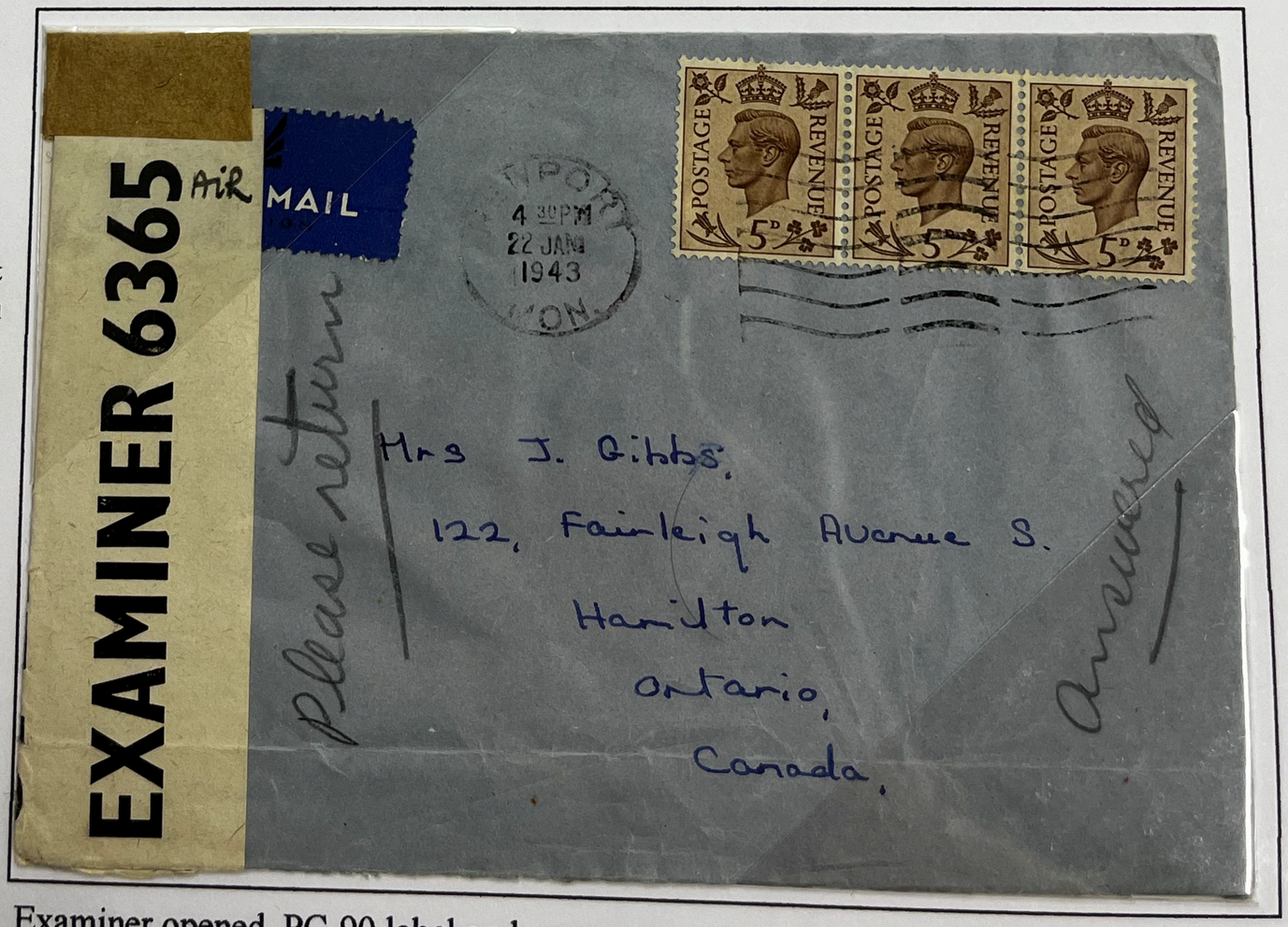
10d Double Rate Airmail
1942



C-Base Field post, boxed RAF censor signed and circular Deputy Chief Field Censor, Airmail 10d for over 1 oz.

Received, Replied & Return

3 x 5d for 1/3d Airmail
1943



Examiner opened, PC-90 label and corner tape applied, “Air” added to complete Airmail.

Multiple Use

Bandoeng, Java
Dutch East Indies

Twice Censured
Airmail Post Card

3 x 5d for
1/3d Airmail Zone C
1940

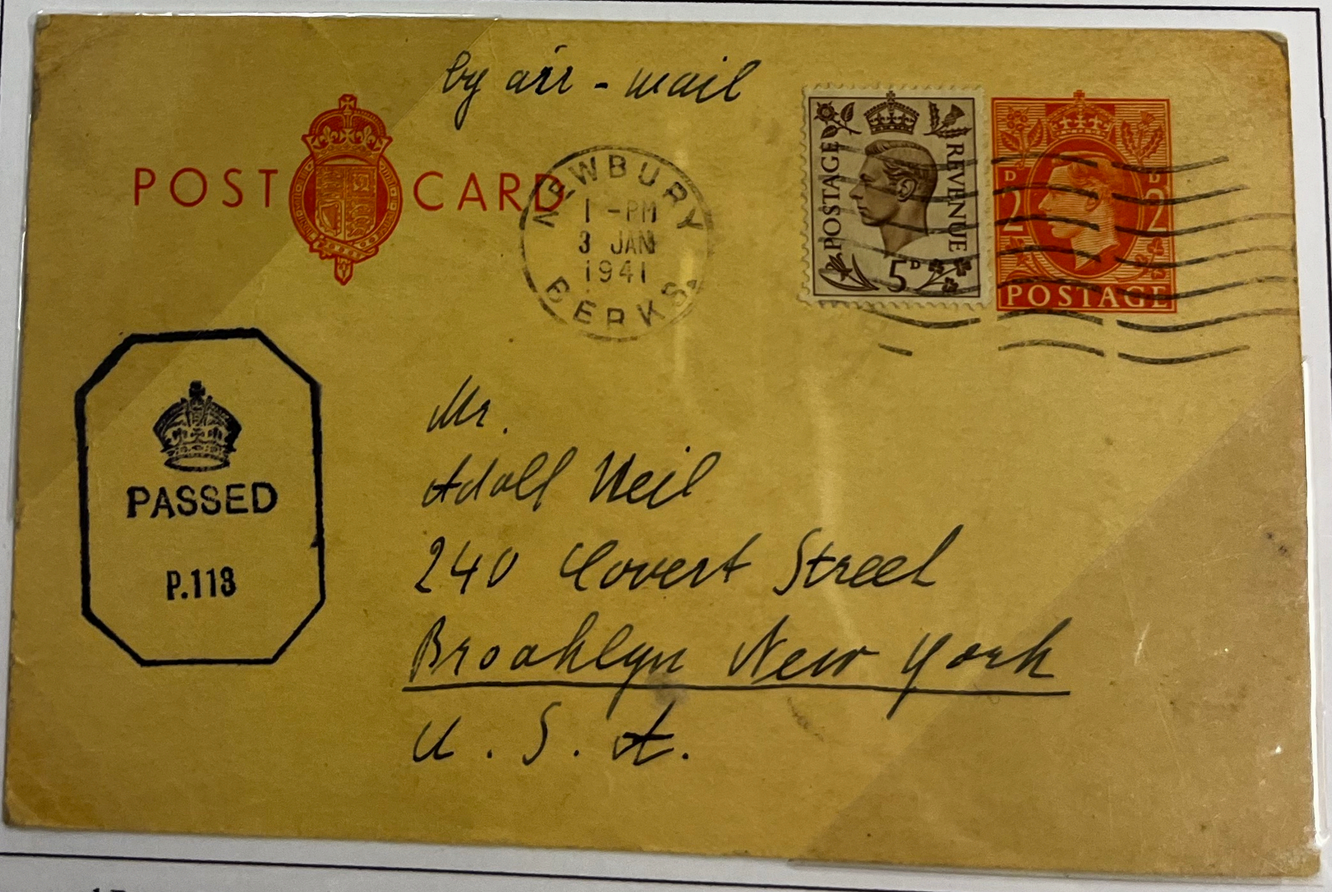


British crown censor Passed, Dutch "Recensureed 5" handstamp applied.

Mixed Use

Uprated Post Card
5d added for Airmail

7d Airmail Post Card
1941



Crowned Passed inspection marking, "P" indicates Private.

Mixed Use

From British Forces in Egypt

Triple Rate Airmail
3/9d Rate
1942



Letter CDS canceled British Military in Egypt, service indicated as "Via Pan –American." Circular Deputy Chief Field Censor, signed RAF Censor, opened and resealed with Base Censor label and tape applied.

Registered Airmail to South Africa FPO 196 Egypt and Sudan

1/- Zone B Airmail
3d Registration
1942



Franked with vertical pair 5d and mixed issues for 1/-d Zone B Airmail and Registration.

1937 Series



6d Purple

Issued January 30, 1939, the 6d paid the Zone A Airmail rate and Express Mail.

Solo Use

Civilian Letter to Royal Navy Ship

6d Airmail
1952

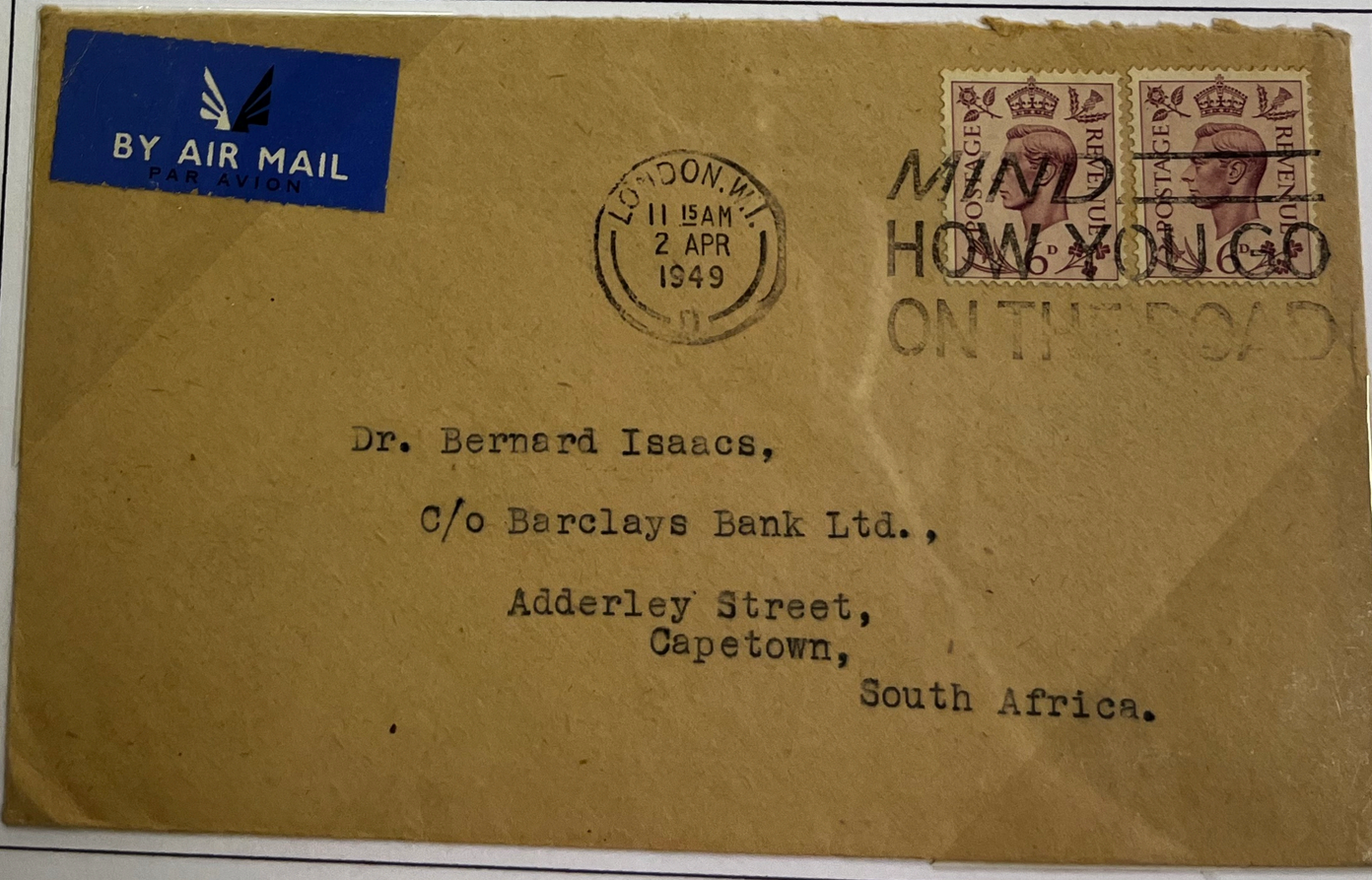
"Ship in Foreign Waters."
HMS *Campania* escort carrier off coast of Belfast.



Multiple Use

British Slogan Cancel Airmail to South Africa

1/- Airmail rate
194



6d Purple

Multiple Use

FPO 515 in Libya

2/6d Rate service specified
2/- Airmail paid
1942



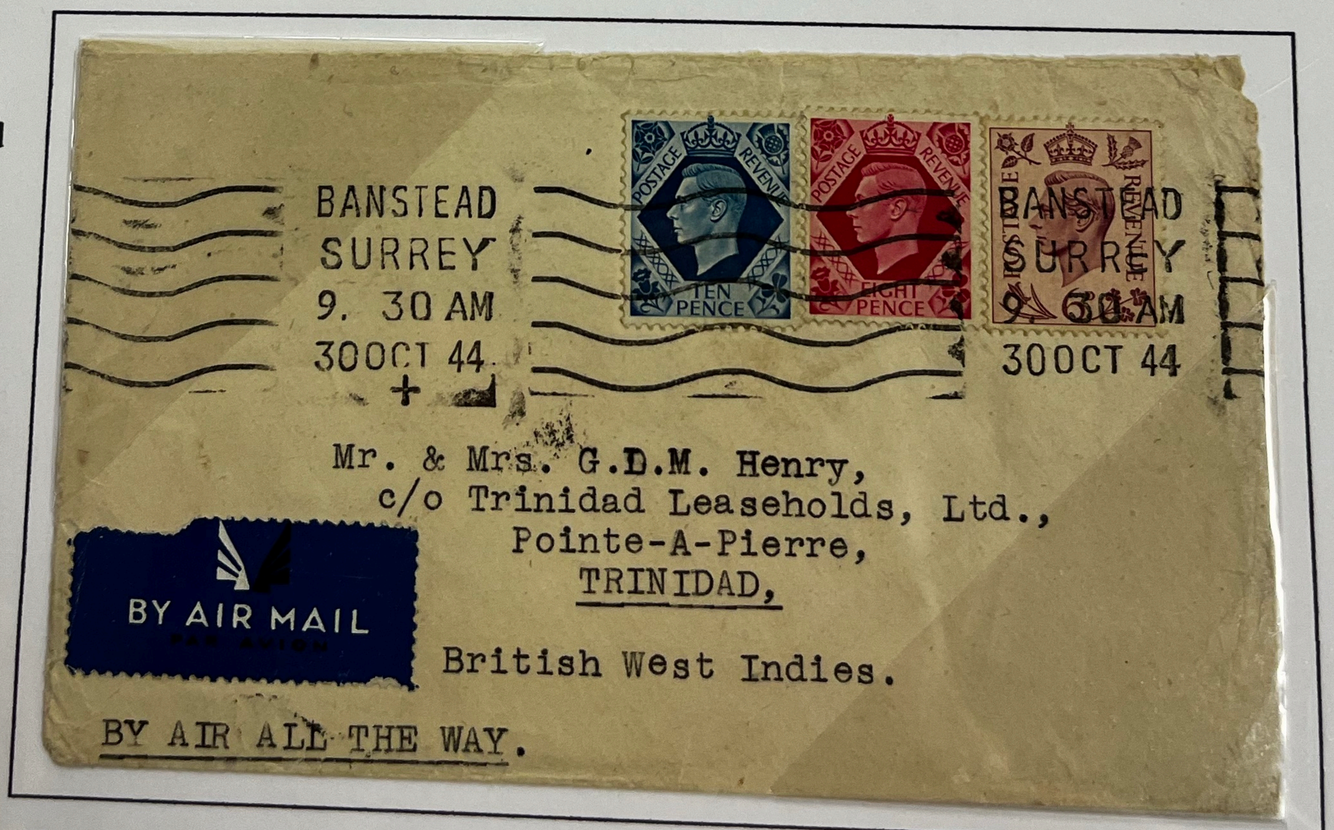
From FPO 515 in Libya, RAF Censor 880 applied. Notation: "Insufficiently Prepaid for Pan-American Clipper" and struck.

Mixed Use

Airmail to Trinidad

2/- Air throughout
Zone B
1944

At base: "Air All the Way" →

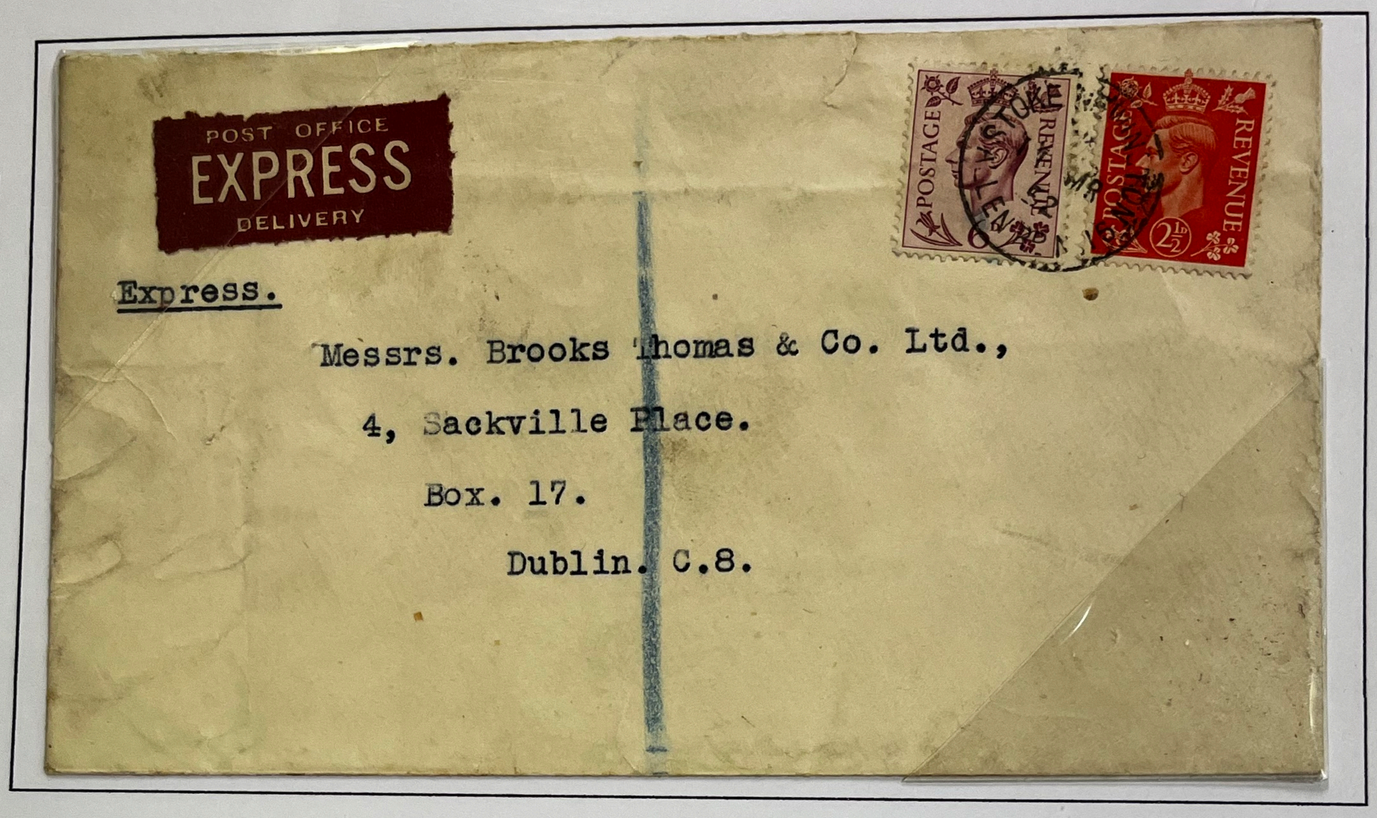


Krag machine cancel, Banstead Surrey.

Mixed Use

Express Mail to Ireland

2½d surface letter
6d Express Mail
1952



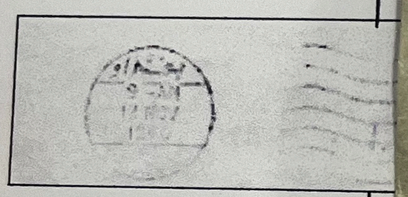


Domestic COD, 2½d surface letter, 3d Registration, 1d for 3/- Inland COD (cash on delivery) for Happy Snaps produce, 1943.

Mixed Use

To Baghdad, Iraq

Airmail 1/3d rate
1940



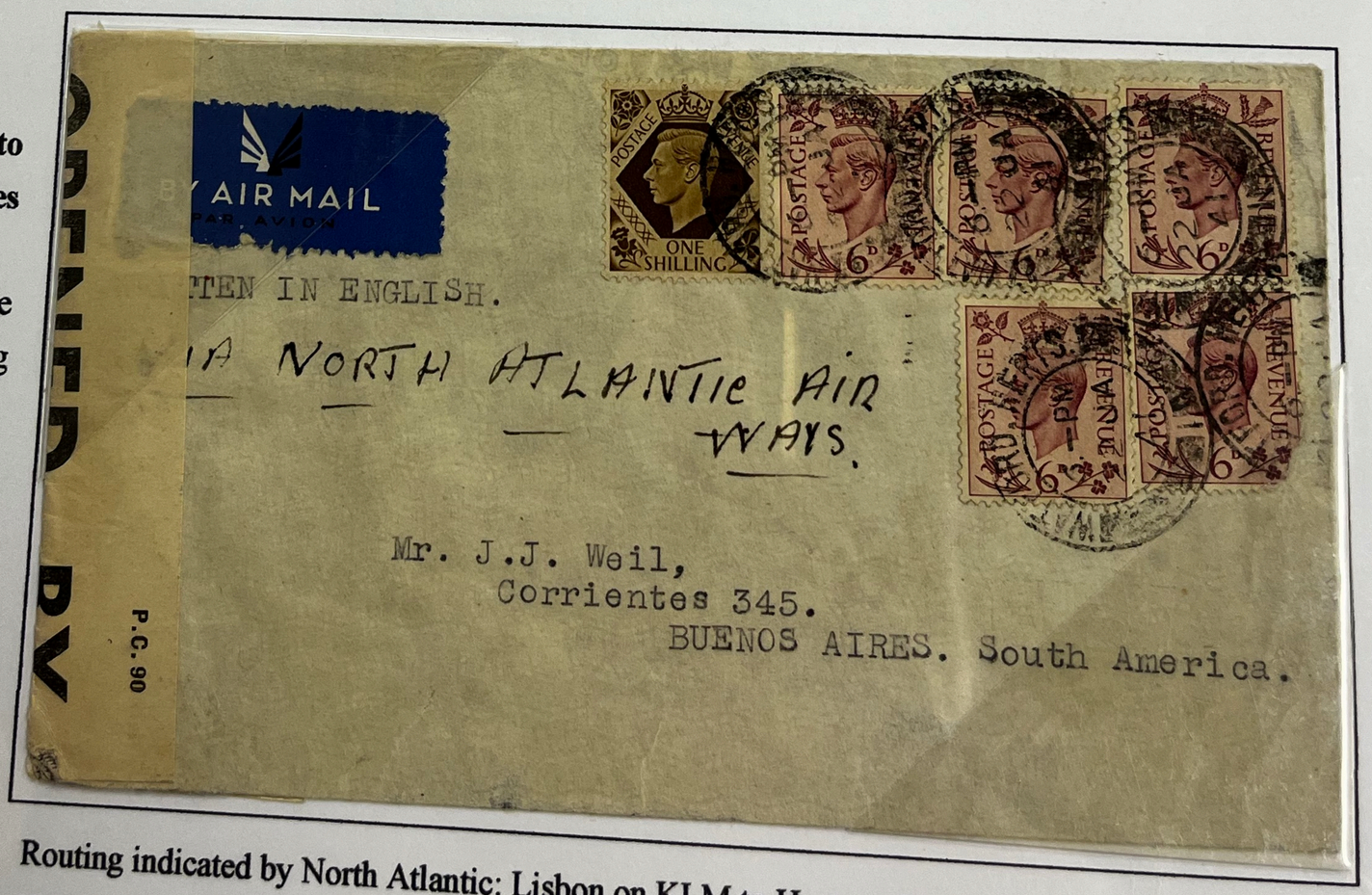
Reverse Receiving Mark



Perfin A.E.E. from A. E. Evans & Co. Reverse receiving mark indicates 46 days delivery.

Airmail to
Buenos Aires

3/- Rate
5 x 6d and 1/- franking
1941



Routing indicated by North Atlantic: Lisbon on KLM to Horta to Bermuda to New York. New York to Miami and FAM6 Miami to Buenos Aires for delivery.