

# EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME

Flight No.: DS1

Departed: Southampton, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1937.

Arrived: Durban, 5<sup>th</sup> July 1937.

Despatch cancellation: EMSWORTH HANTS - 4 - 27 JUN 37

Arrival cancellation: JOHANNESBURG ? 6-VII.37 - 8:15



This cover, posted at Emsworth in Hampshire on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1937, departed from Southampton on the inaugural flight of stage 1 of the Empire Air Mail Scheme for South Africa on 29<sup>th</sup> June. The flight terminated at Durban, where it arrived on 5<sup>th</sup> July. From there the cover would have been carried to Johannesburg by South African Airways, were it was delivered on 7<sup>th</sup> July. This cover contravenes the postal regulations in that it had affixed an etiquette which senders were specifically requested not to use.



Johannesburg arrival cancellation on the back of the

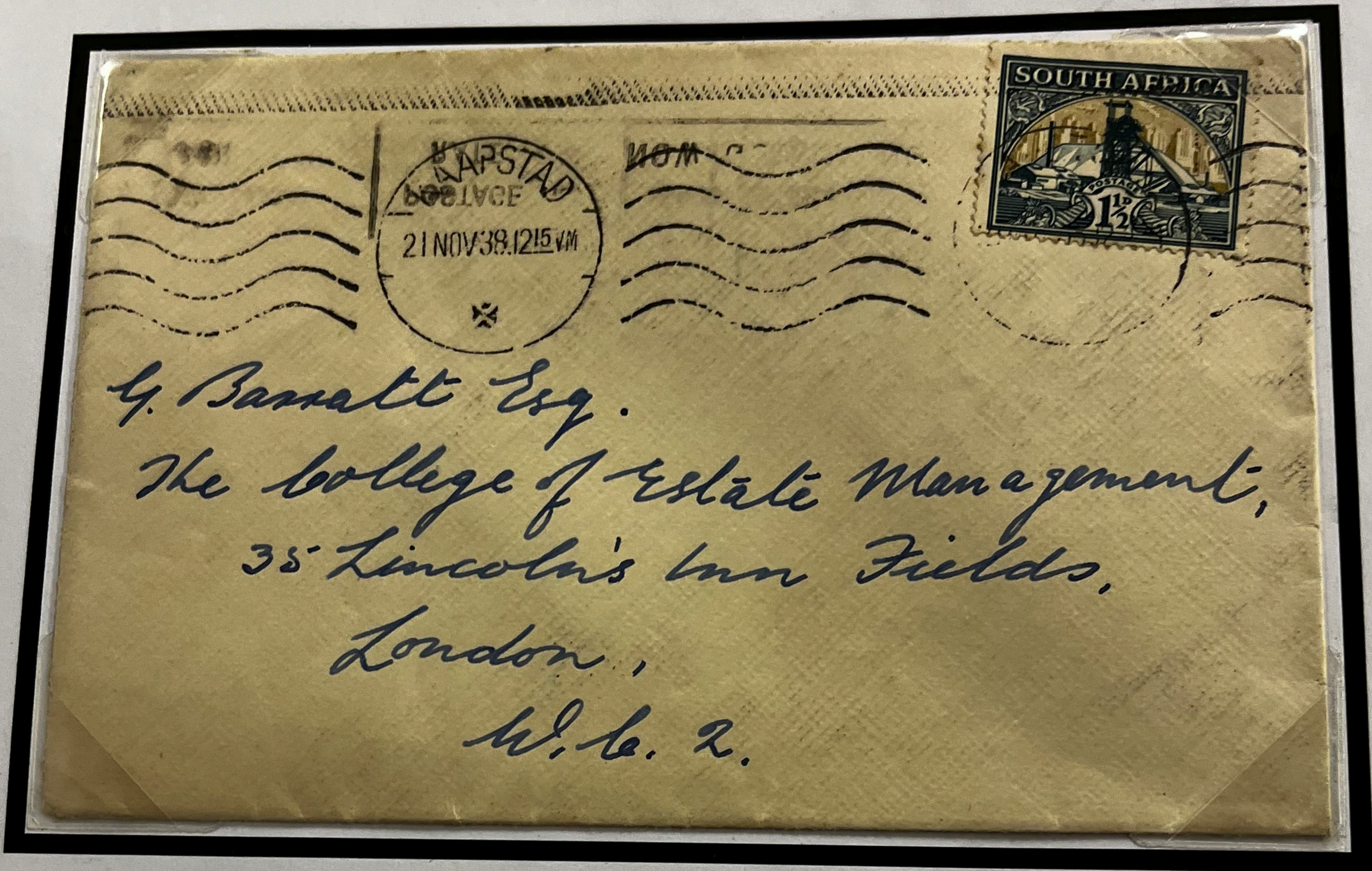


# EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME

Cape Town to London

Flight No.: DN147 Durban to Southampton

Despatch cancellation: KAAPSTAD ✕ 21NOV38.12<sup>15</sup>VM  
No arrival cancellation



Flown from Cape Town to Durban by South American Airways.

NOTE: ALL LETTERS FOR AFRICA, EGYPT,  
THE PALESTINE, INDIA, BURMA, MALAYA,  
POSTAGE HONG KONG, AUSTRALIA, N. ZEALAND FOR EACH  
RATE NOW GO BY AIR HALF  
OUNCE

Informational postmark promoting the Empire Air Mail Scheme



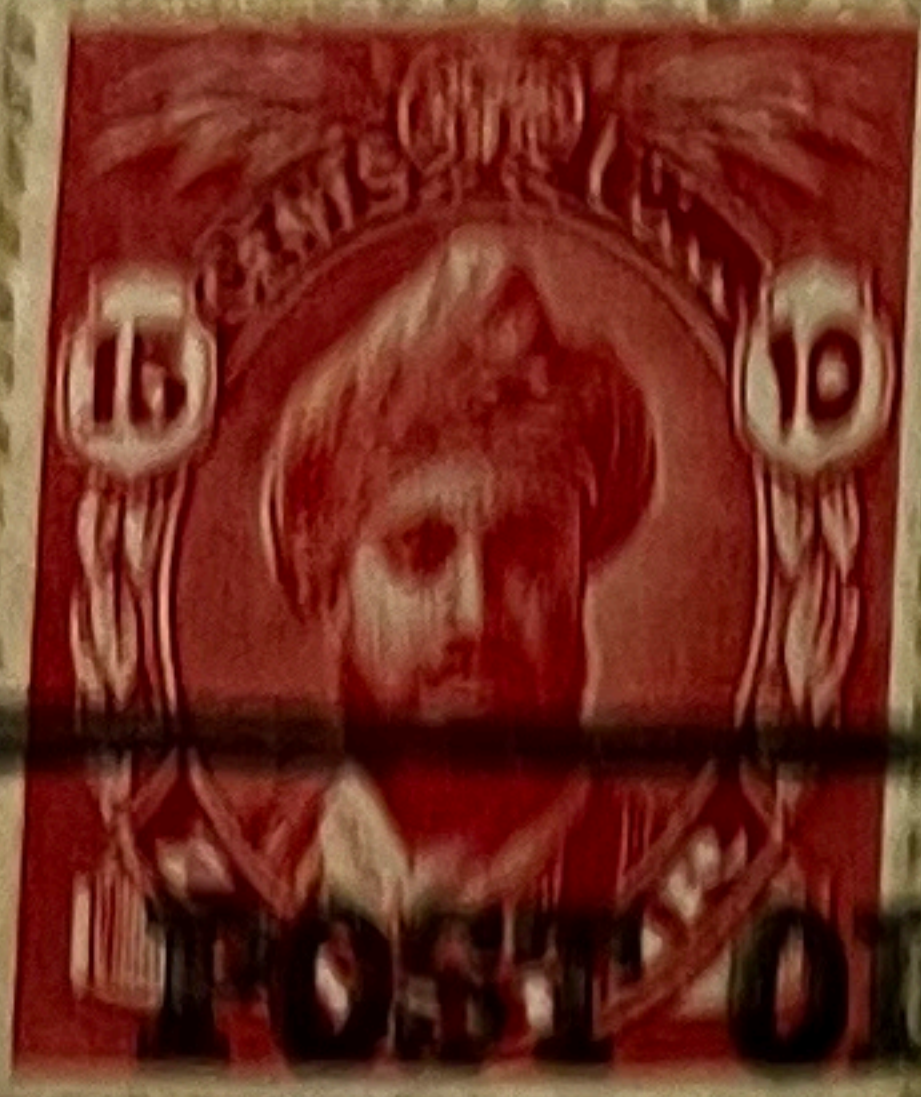
Flight No.1 Wilson Airways, Coastal Service  
Despatch cancellation: POST OFFICE, ZANZIBAR EMPIRE AIRMAIL  
(NORTH BOUND) FIRST FLIGHT COVER 1st July, 1937  
No arrival cancellation.

To.

Yusufalli & Gulamhusein Esq,

Killindinin Road

Opposite Barclay Bank



Mombasa  
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POST OFFICE, ZANZIBAR.  
**EMPIRE AIRMAIL**  
(NORTH BOUND)  
FIRST FLIGHT COVER  
1st July, 1937.

First Empire Air Mail Scheme north bound flight, departed Zanzibar at 1100hrs, arrived Mombasa 1315hrs, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1937. Carried by Wilson Airways on their Coastal Service between Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

This was the only postmark used by any postal authority to commemorate the inauguration of the Empire Air Mail Scheme.

1938 and carried on the ...  
islands in the Pacific Ocean. In the first instance the covers were sent to Durban by  
rail. From there they were flown to Alexandria on Imperial Airways flight DN112,  
there to connect with Imperial Airways flight SE1 from Southampton destined for  
Sydney, Australia.

### Johannesburg to Port Moresby.

Flight No: DE112

Departed Durban: 28th July. Arrived Alexandria: 28th July

Flight No.: SE1.

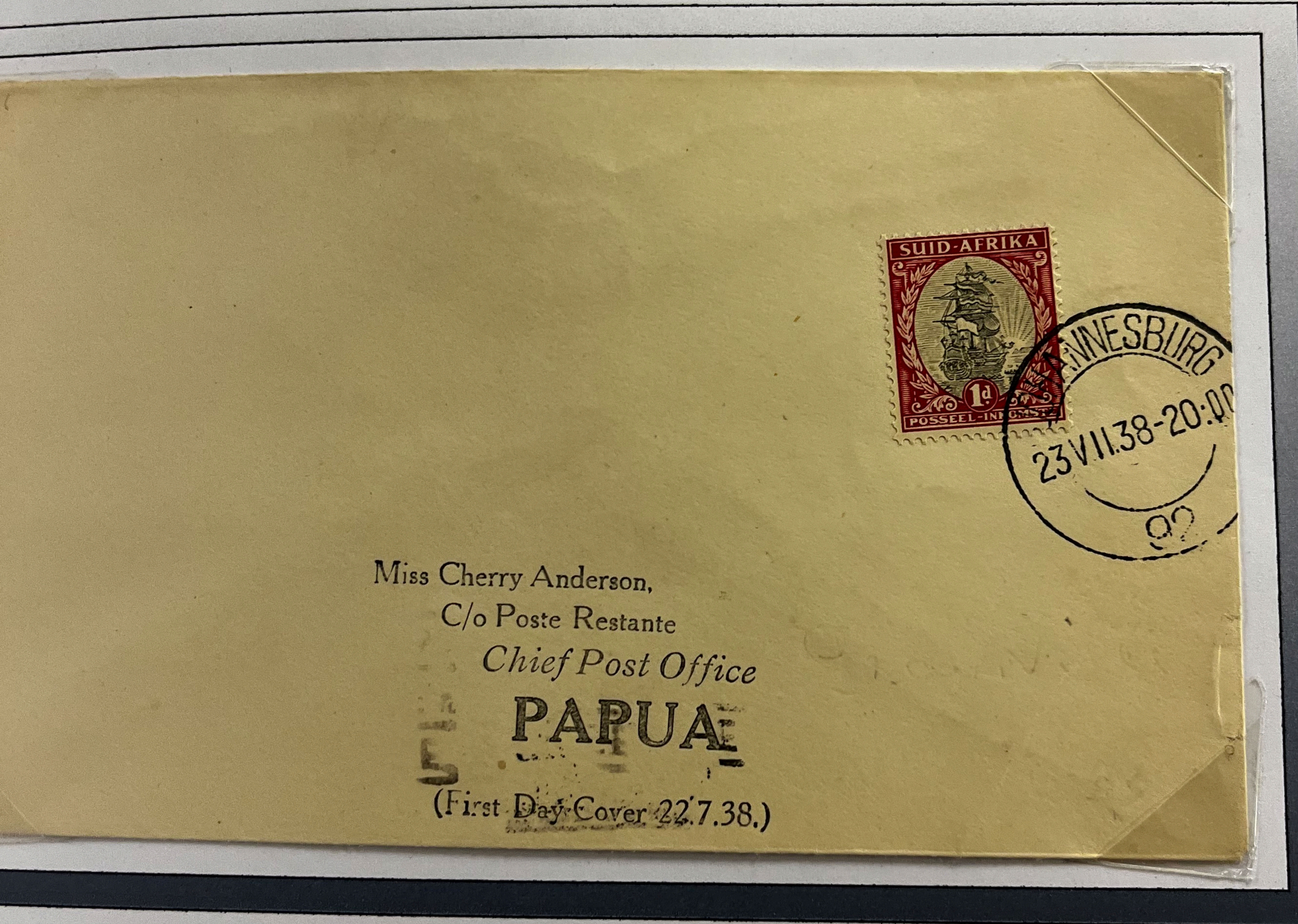
Departed Alexandria: 28<sup>th</sup> July 1938. Arrived: Sydney, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1938.

From where it was forwarded to Brisbane and postmarked:

5/BRISBANE/Q'LAND/5/3 -PM/9 AUG/1938/POSTED/COUNTRY BOX

Pending onward carriage to Papua.

Arrival postmark: PORT MORESBY - PAPUA - /17 AU 38



Miss Cherry Anderson,  
C/o Poste Restante  
Chief Post Office

**PAPUA**

(First Day Cover 22.7.38.)

BRISBANE  
QLAND  
3 -PM  
9 AUG 5  
1938  
POSTED  
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MINIMUM LETTER POST  
TOLLS A 50 ADD  
3 DOUBLE USE

Brisbane transit

PORT MORESBY  
17 AU 38  
PAPUA

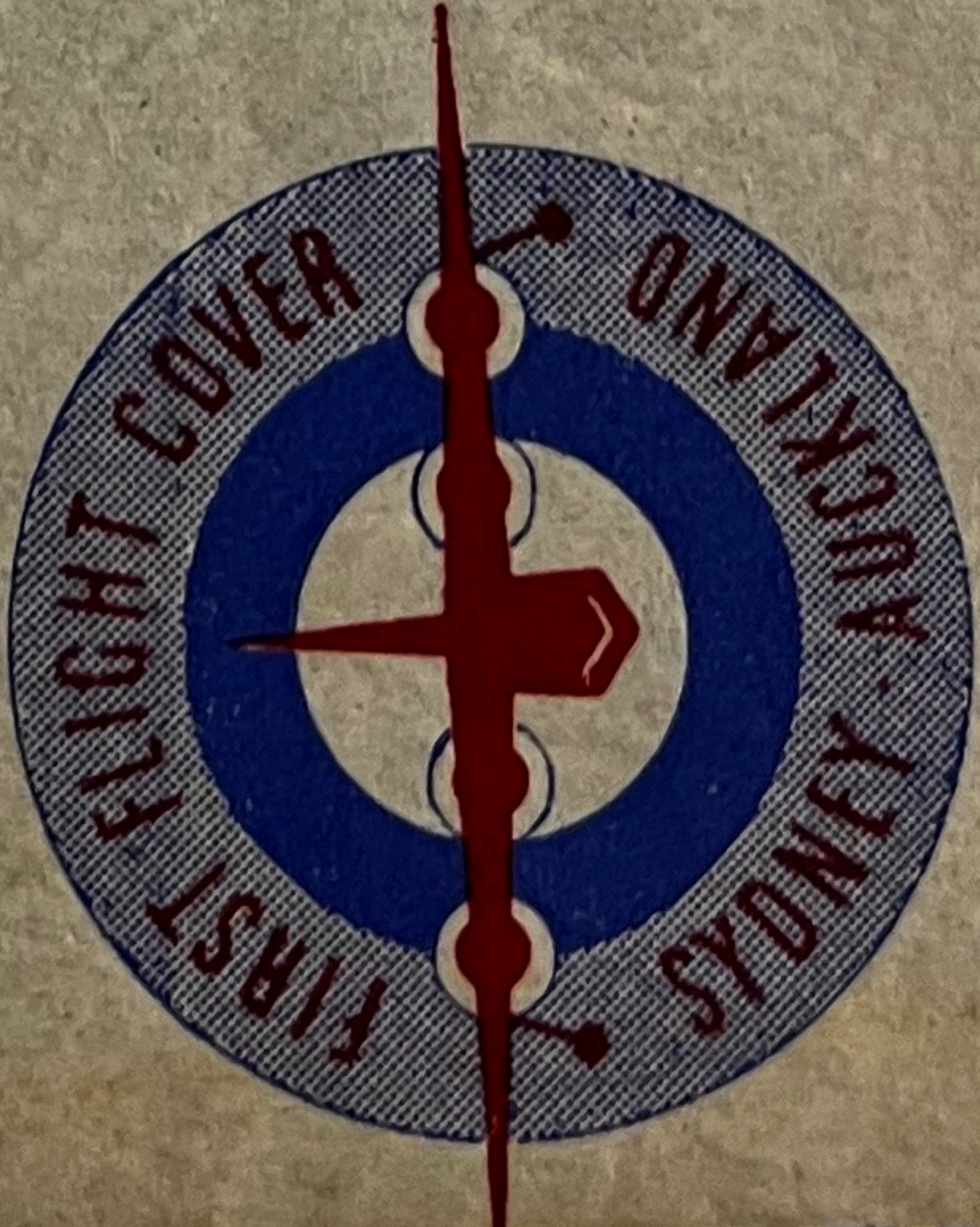
Port Moresby

Cancellations on rear of cover

First Flight by T.E.A.K. from Sydney to Auckland ~ 2 May 1940

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

CONFEDERATE TRANS-TASMAN  
FLYING BOAT SERVICE



OPERATED BY  
CONFEDERATE EMPIRE AIRWAYS

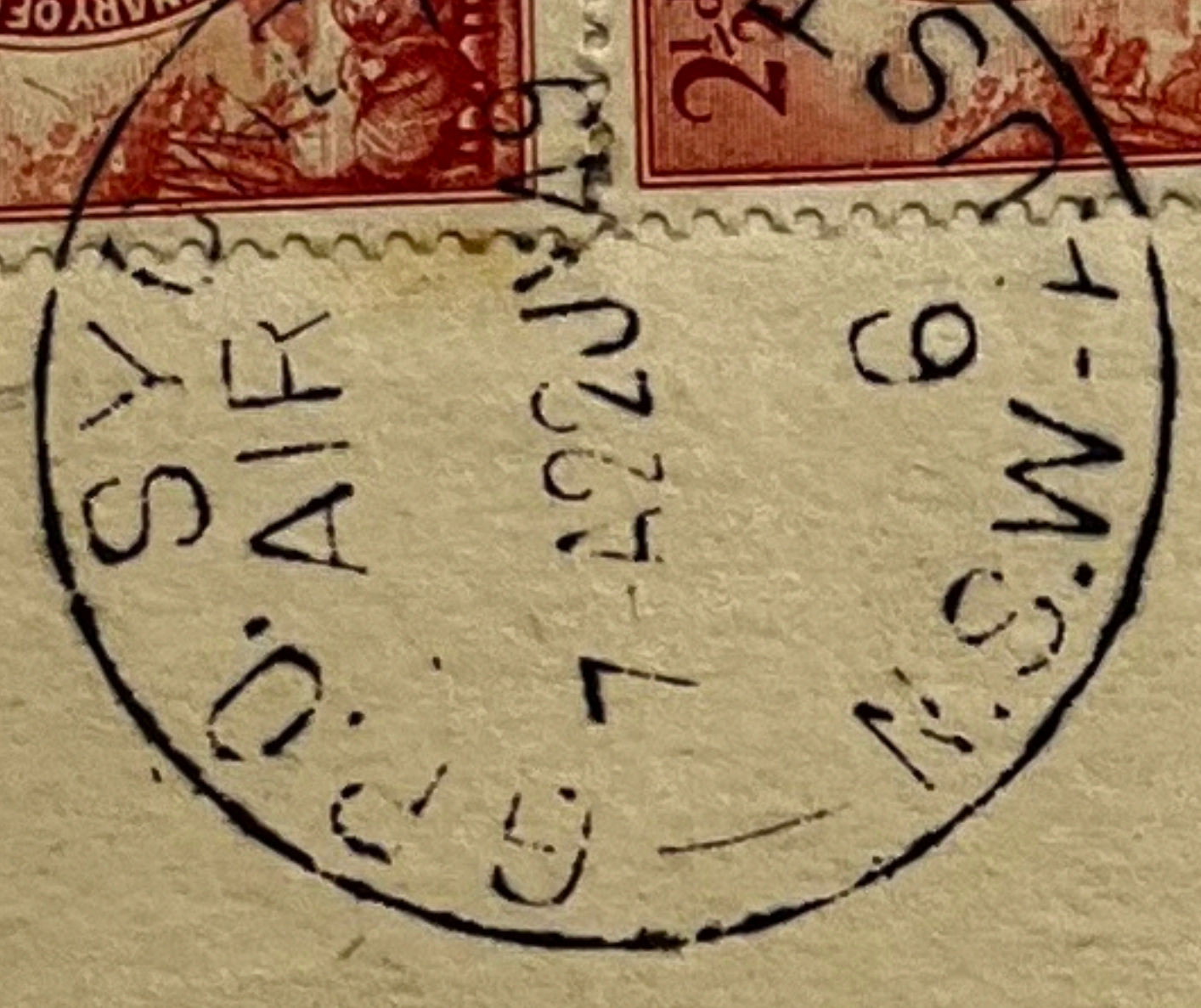
PASSED BY CENSOR  
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Mrs. W. Kane,  
99 Renall Street,  
MASTERTON. N.Z.

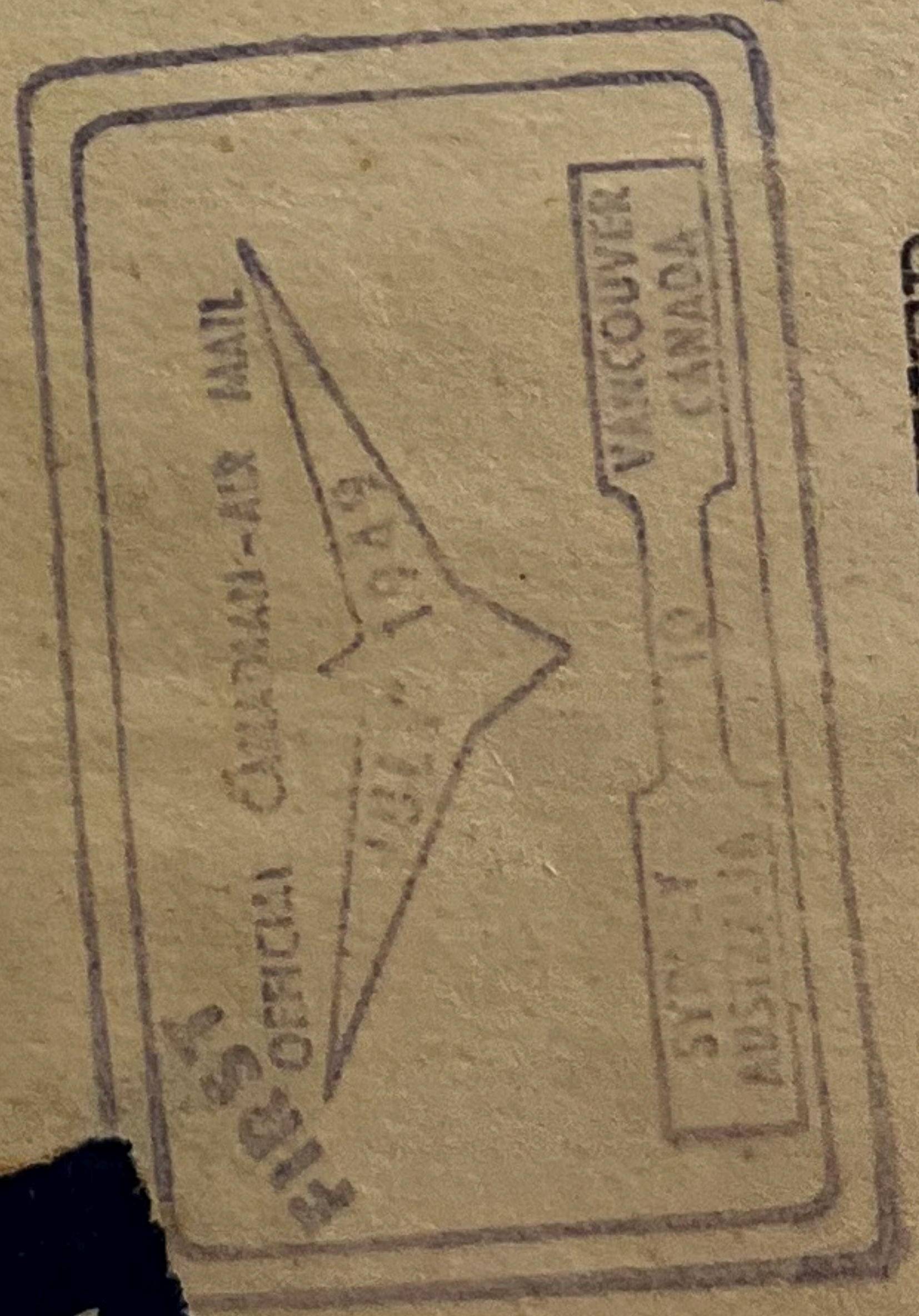
Cover carried on the first flight and on receipt in New Zealand re-addressed  
to the sender and flown back. Postmarked Nambour, Queensland  
4 May 40 (on reverse) and Masterton 4 May 40 (on reverse) in Sydney.

First return flight Canadian Pacific Airways Sydney to Vancouver  
The return flight left Sydney on 22 July 1949. A cachet was applied.



Mr. E. Jackson,  
"Casuarina",  
69 Georges River Crescent,  
Oyster Bay,  
New South Wales,  
AUSTRALIA.

**AIR MAIL**



VIA VANCOUVER.

*Backstamped Vancouver Jul 25 49.*

over would have been carried by Tasman Empire Airways Ltd on flight SA89 which left Sydney on 30  
and arrived at Auckland the same day. It would then have been carried on Pan Am's California Clipper  
which left Auckland on 31<sup>st</sup> July and arrived at San Francisco on 6<sup>th</sup> August. It would have been flown to  
New York and carried across the Atlantic on Pan Am flight 385 which left New York on 9<sup>th</sup> August and reached  
London on 10<sup>th</sup> August or on flight 386 which left New York on 12<sup>th</sup> August and reached Lisbon on 13<sup>th</sup> August. It  
then have been flown by BOAC/KLM to England. Transit time 19 days. Postage 5s 10d a half ounce.

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AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

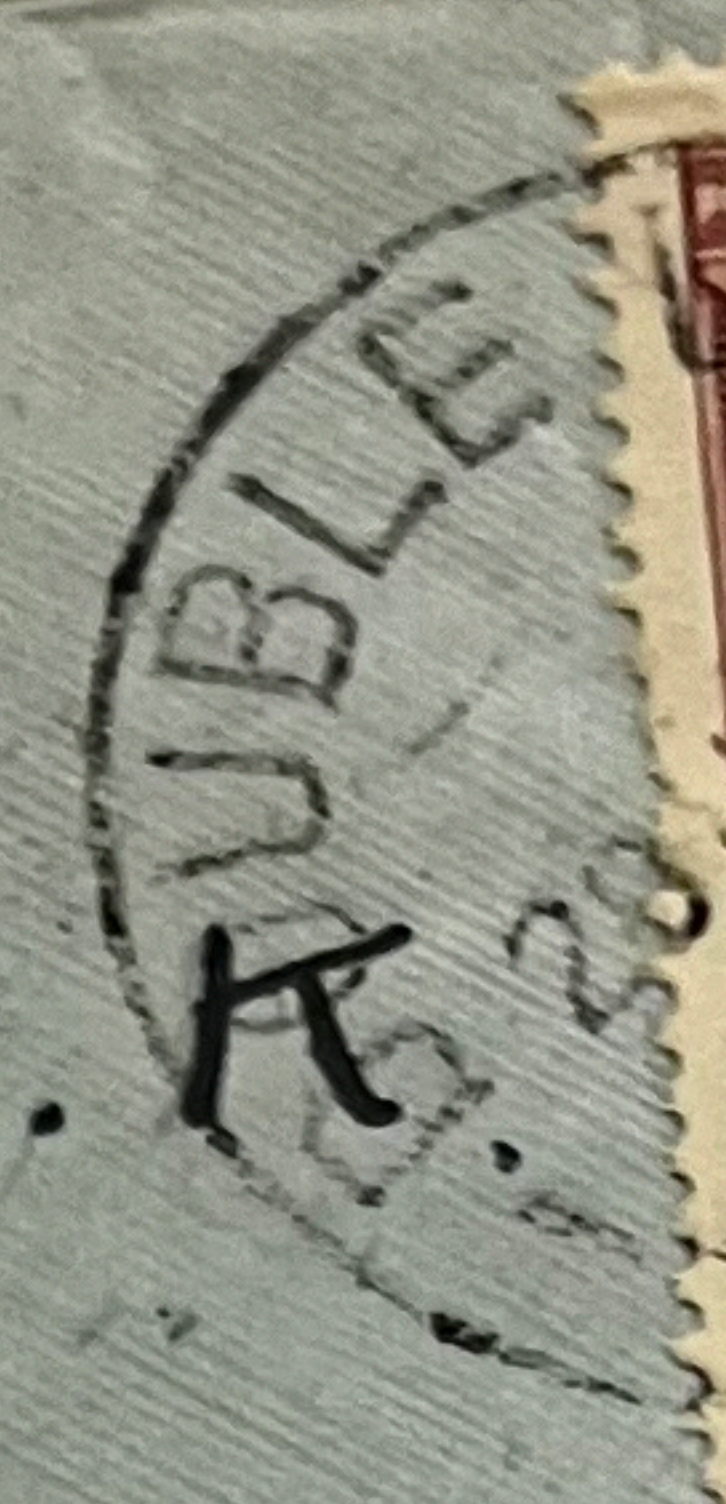
A. N. Z. U. S. A T U. K.

MR & MRS James Copp.

S. 59 Apperley. Lodge

Apperley  
nr Gloucester

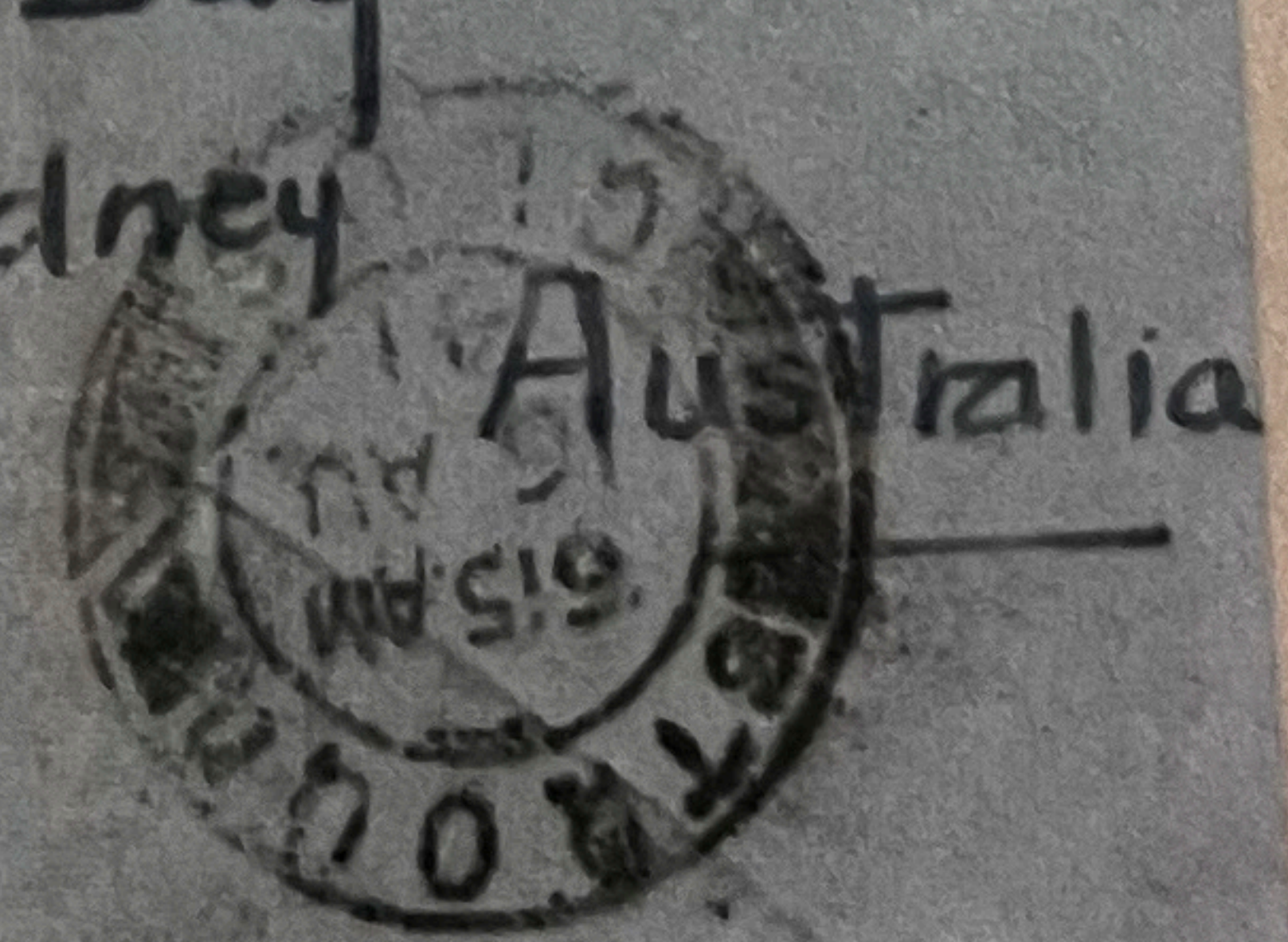
Gloucestershire  
ENGLAND.



CALIFORNIA  
CLIPPER

Pmk- Double Bay (a suburb of Sydney) 28<sup>th</sup> July 1941. B/S- Stroud, Glos 16<sup>th</sup> August.

From MRS S. J Clark  
Gladswood House  
Gladswood. Garde  
Double. Bay  
Sydney



OPENED BY CENSOR

First Flight by Canadian Pacific Airlines Sydney to Amsterdam

**FIRST FLIGHT POLAR ROUTE**

Sydney — Amsterdam.

**BY AIR MAIL**

**Canadian Pacific  
AIRLINES**

8th June, 1955.

RECEIVED  
14 JUN 1955

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G.P.O. SYDNEY (E)  
NEW SOUTH WALES

**R No 1704**



Mr. W. P. Geddes. (Director)  
Interoffice. Telephones LDD  
18-20 YORK BUILDINGS.  
ADELPHI. LONDON. W C 2

**VIA AMSTERDAM.**

Cover carried on the polar route. Backstamped Sydney 8 Je 55 and  
Amsterdam 11 VI 1955. Received London 14 Jun 1955.

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION



Mrs H. Bagley  
c/o Mr A. Voke  
then born  
Stoke Lane  
Westbury - Cr - Yery in  
Bristol  
England

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

*late fees*



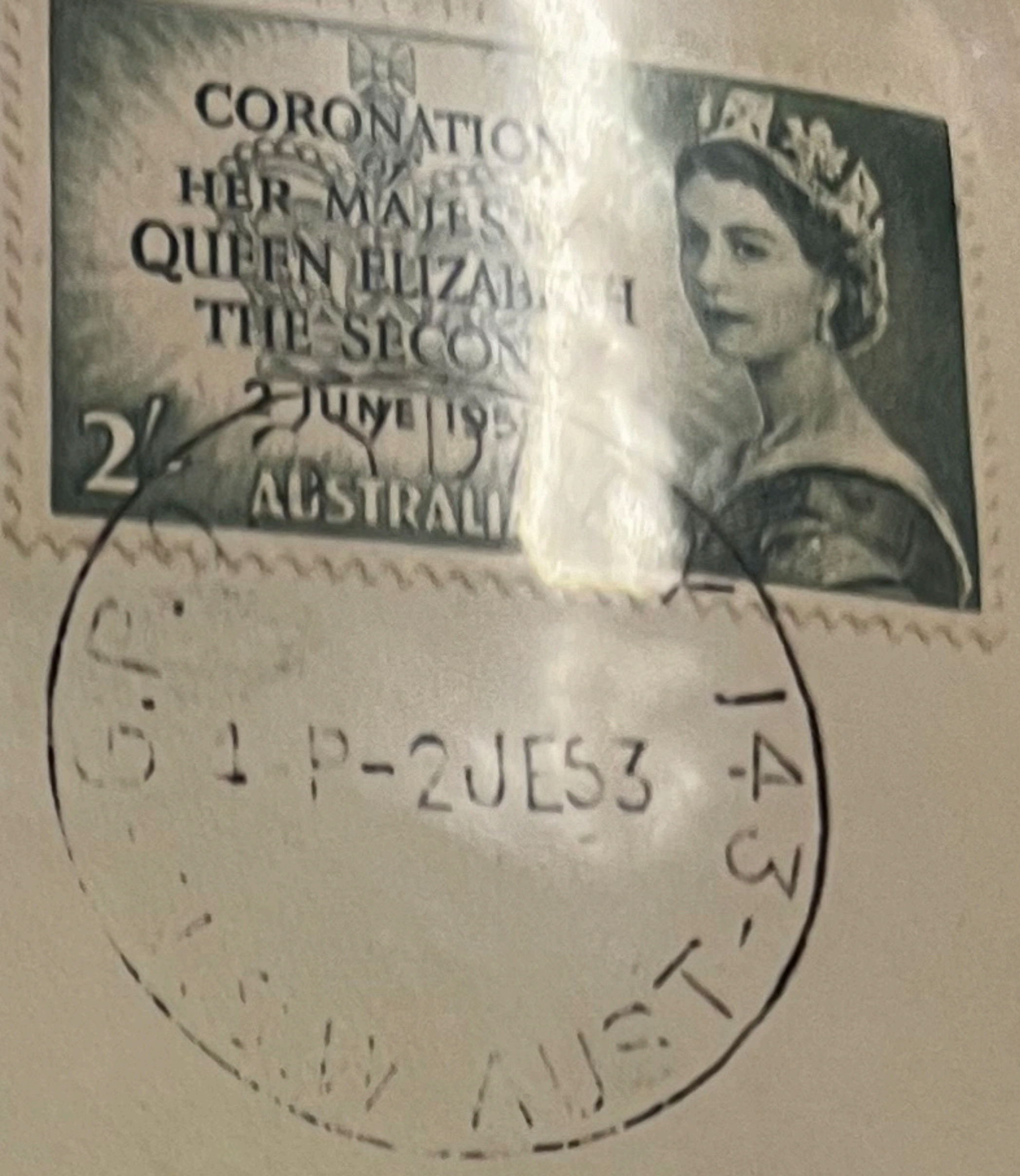
Miss H. M. Stevenson,  
Tourist Class,  
Orient Line to S. Oxford,  
40 W - Stapledon & Sons,  
Roud Said,  
Egypt.

PAR AVION



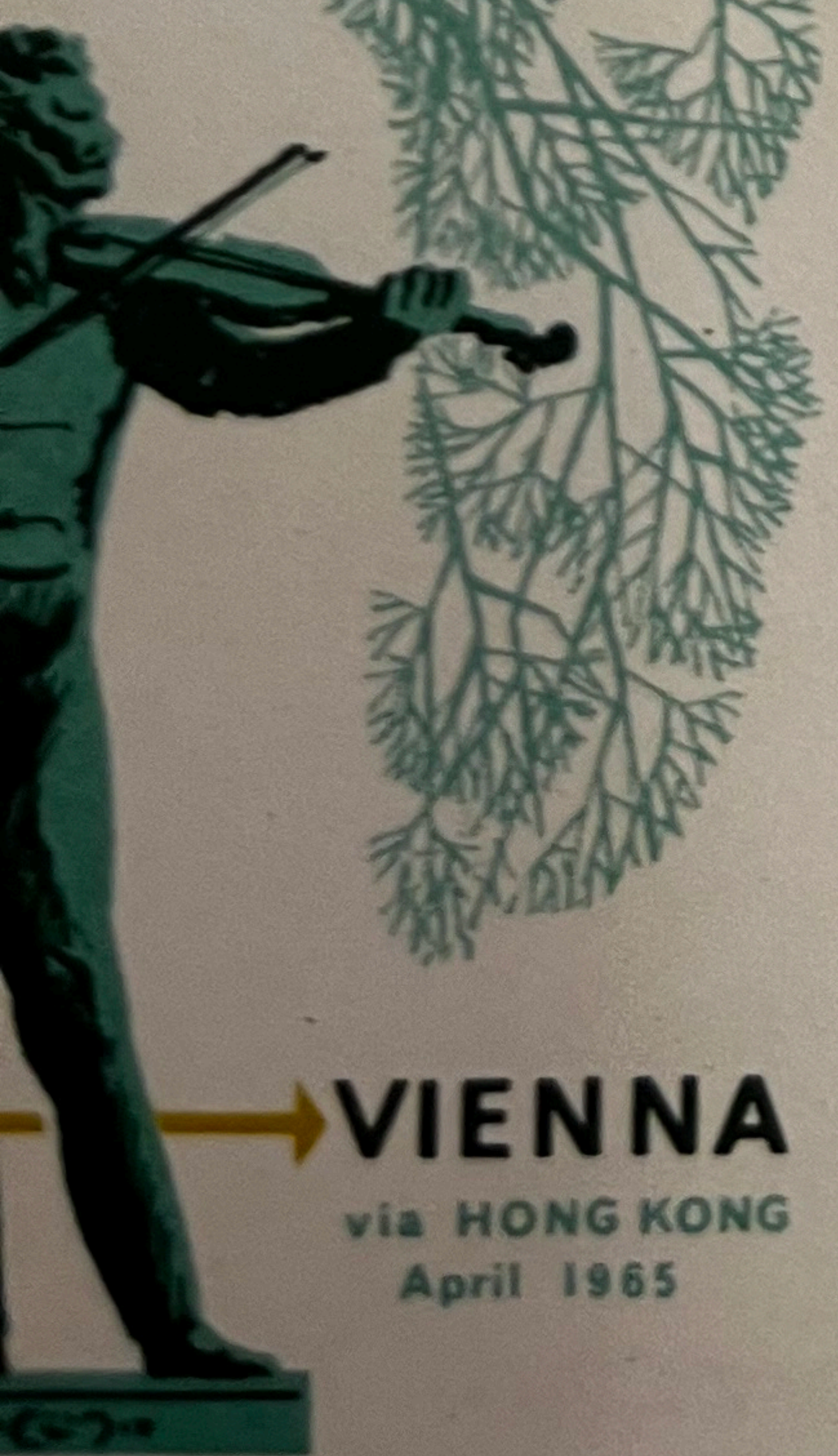
**QANTAS**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE  
WITH BOAC AND TEAL

AUSTRALIA GREAT BRITAIN  
**ER**  
CORONATION DAY  
AIR MAIL FLIGHT  
JUNE 2 1953



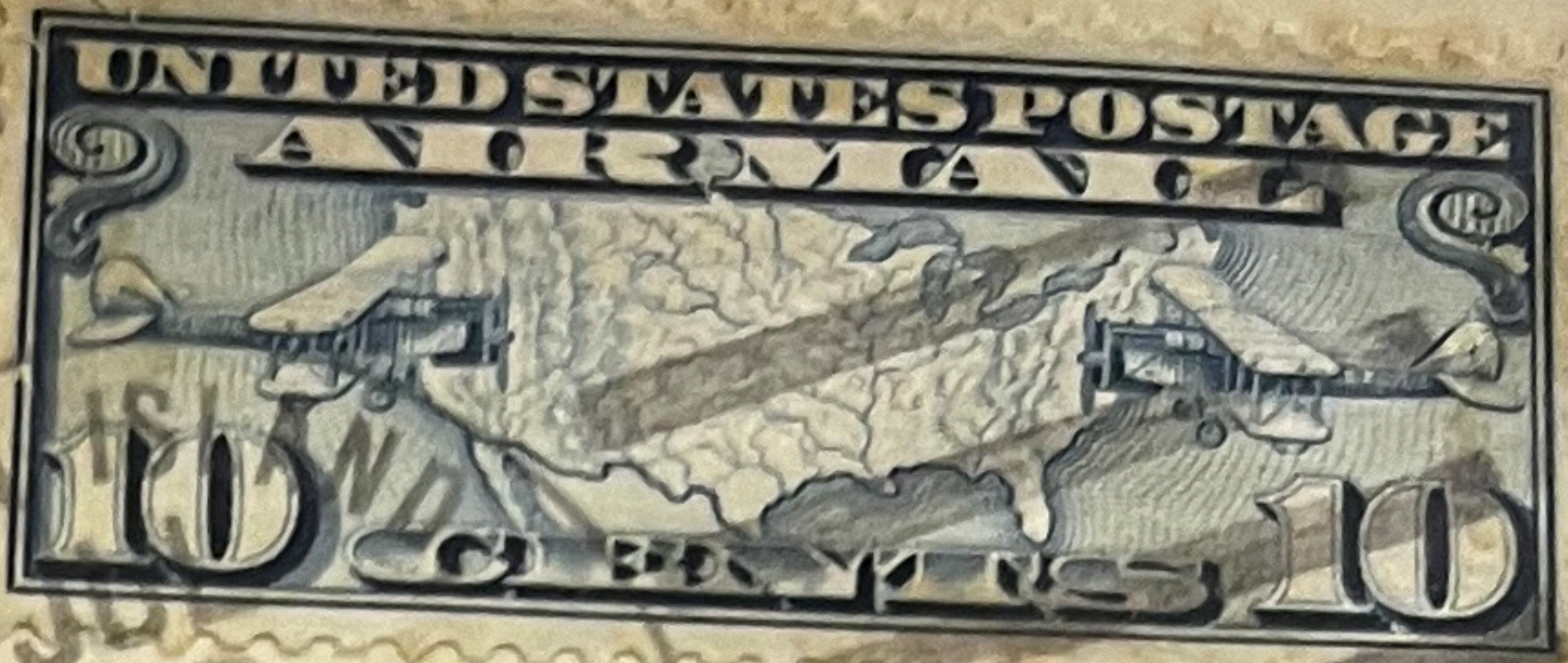
Qantas Empire Airways Limited,  
Buckingham Palace Road  
LONDON. SW.1

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Qantas Empire Airways Limited,  
70 Hunter Street  
SYDNEY. N.S.W.  
Australia.

**PAR AVION**



Canton Island Honolulu



Messrs. A. Powell & Co.,  
45 Shortland Street,  
Auckland, C.1.,  
NEW ZEALAND.

First Flight Cover

**AIR MAIL**

**PAR AVION**  
BY AIR MAIL



The Sierra Leone Development Co. Ltd.,  
24, Old Broad Street,  
LONDON E. C. 2.

**FIRST AIR MAIL**  
**SIERRA LEONE**

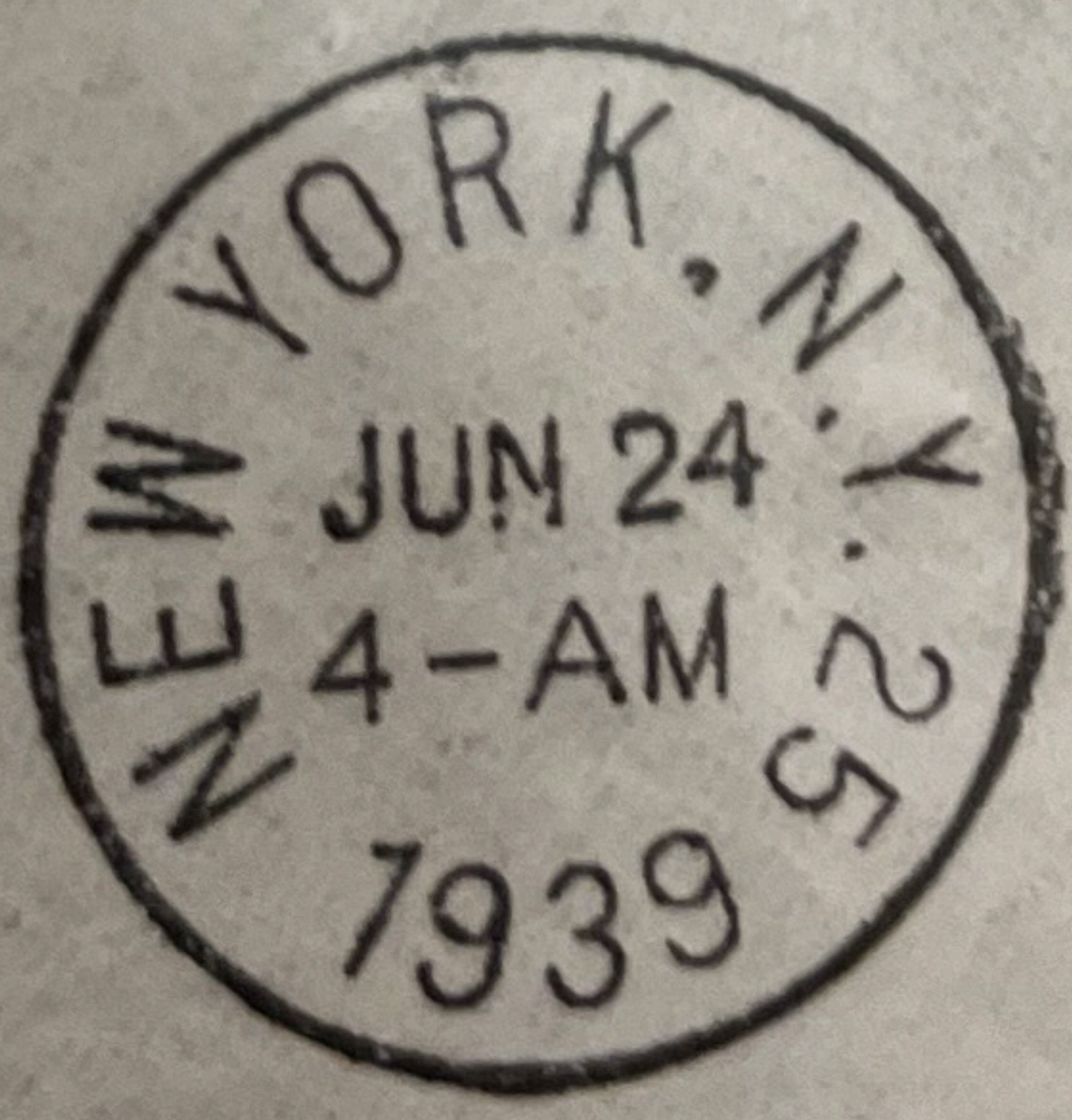
**AIR MAIL**  
**ATLANTIC**  
**ISLAND**  
via  
**FOUNDLAND CANADA**  
**UNITED STATES**

L. Clark Hamberger  
57 E. Church Street  
Lock Haven, Pa.

c/o Pan American Airways  
Botwood, Newfoundland.



**FAST FLIGHT COVER**  
**Northern Route**  
**from**  
**NEW YORK to SOUTHAMPTON**



**TRANS-ATLANTIC**  
**fast flight**

**VIA AIR MAIL**

**AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION**



H.L. Chisholm, Esq,  
C/- Postmaster,  
WARRNAMBOOL.

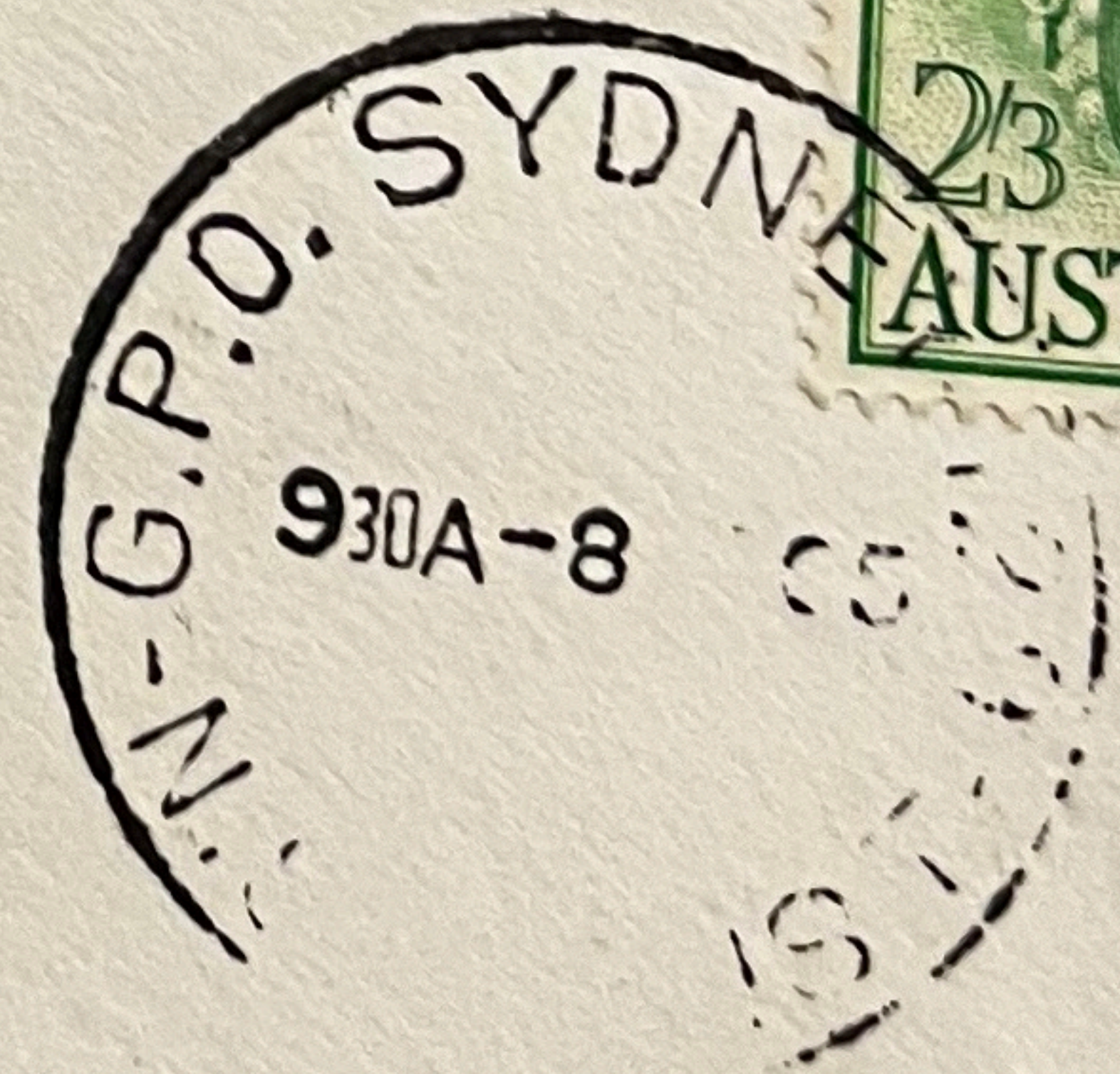
Erstflug LH 691  
Sydney-Frankfurt/M.  
5. April 1965



LUFTPOST  
PAR AVION  
VIA AEREA



LUFTHANSA INAUGURAL FLIGHT  
SYDNEY-FRANKFURT  
APRIL 1965



Mr. K. Wallner  
poste restante  
A i r p o r t  
FRANKFURT



**Lufthansa**

fly by **BOAC**

**u.s.a**

**HOTEL**

BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION IN ASSOCIATION WITH GENTLE EMPIRE AIRWAYS LIMITED SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS FASHAN EMPIRE AIRWAYS LIMITED

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**Great Britain**

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