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(1) The Airgraph Service is available only for messages to :—

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(*b*) **Personnel of His Majesty's ships operating in the Eastern Mediterranean.** No information concerning the location of His Majesty's Ships can be furnished by the Post Office, and it must rest with the sender to decide whether or not to use the Airgraph Service. Airgraph letters addressed to His Majesty's ships which are not in a locality served by the Airgraph service will be despatched by ordinary mail.

(2) Nothing should be written on this side of the paper.

(3) The whole of the message should be written on the other side **above** the double line.

(4) The name and address to which the message is to be sent should be written in **large BLOCK letters** below the double line in the panel provided.
The address of Airgraph letters for the Middle East Force and the East African Force should comprise : Army or Air Force Number, Rank, Name, Squadron, Battery, Company or other section of the unit, Army or Royal Air Force Unit (including in the latter case the letters " R.A.F."), followed by the words " Middle East Force " or " East African Force," as the case may be. For example :—

123456 Private John Brown,
A Company, 2nd Battalion Blankshire Regt.,
Middle East Force, or East African Force, as the case may be.

The Gambia

65th Anniversary of S6B's Schneider Trophy Victory

R.J.Mitchell's Spitfire. In 1931, the Supermarine S6B S1595 set a new world speed record of 404mph and won the Schneider Trophy outright for Britain. More importantly, this aircraft, designed by R.J.Mitchell, was instrumental in the design and development of the Spitfire. Born in Stoke-on-Trent on 20th May, 1895, Reginald Joseph Mitchell was educated at Hanley High School where he showed a flair for mathematics and a keen, lively brain. At the age of 16 he entered an apprenticeship with the locomotive engineering firm Kerr, Stuart and Company where he stayed until 1916 when a fascination with aircraft led him to Woolston, Southampton and the Vickers Armstrong Supermarine Aviation Company. Blessed with a natural genius for aircraft design, he was made Chief Designer in 1919 (at the tender age of 24!) and promoted to Chief Engineer in 1920. During his 17 years with Supermarine, Mitchell designed 24 aircraft including 2 Schneider Trophy winners (1927 and 1931, for which he was awarded the CBE). However his crowning glory came on 5th March 1937 when an unpainted single-seater monoplane - serial number K5054 - was wheeled onto Eastleigh Airfield. Piloted by ex-Flying Officer Joseph 'Mutt' Summers and watched by the Supermarine aeronautical engineers, the plane performed brilliantly and with the words "I don't want anything touched!", the Spitfire was born. Sadly, Mitchell died on 11th June, 1937 at the age of 42, never having seen his design in production, much less witness those stirring dog-fights over the villages and fields of Southern England during the summer of 1940.

Airgraphs

HOME

Background

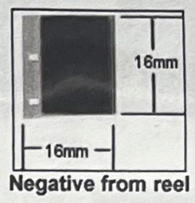
In 1928, Recordak, a subsidiary of Eastman Kodak, developed a system for photographing documents and reducing the negative. By 1931 Recordak cameras were capable of automatically moving film in synchronization with documents fed over a revolving drum. The use of this '*small format film*' system for carrying mail was proposed to the Post Office in 1932. They did not accept the idea for various reasons, and stated their belief that the public would reject the idea due to the lack of privacy involved.

The idea was re-floated in 1940 by Lt. Col. John Theodore Cuthbert Moore-Brabazon, (RFC, MP, 1st Baron Brabazon of Tarato - with a fascinating life story). He was a director of Kodak and Minister of Transport in Churchill's government and recognised that airgraphs could help to overcome the problems of transporting mail to the armed forces in the Middle East. Regular mail was regarded as a vital part of sustaining the troop's morale, but the sheer bulk of the mail being transported to and from the Middle and Far East was a problem, especially when the Italians closed the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean became too dangerous for sea transport. The sea route around the Cape of Good Hope meant a detour of 12,000 miles and was delaying mail, often for many weeks. Air transport carrying airgraphs and air letters was seen as a solution to this problem. The proposal was investigated by the Army Postal Service and the GPO and finally accepted.

The process

The first equipment and technicians, supplied by Kodak, were sent to Cairo to set up a processing station to produce the negative films.

Airgraph forms were distributed and collected by Post Offices and Field Post Offices. Once completed, returned and paid for, they were sent to a processing station. They were censored and each airgraph form was given a serial number. The forms were photographed with 1600-1700 messages on 100ft of film, 16mm wide. The machine used was a rotary Recordak camera with a reduction scale of 1 to 17 capable of photographing up to 122 letters per hour. The apparatus looked like a flat-topped metal desk. As each form was fed into a slit at the top of the apparatus, an automatic switch illuminated the form for a fraction of a second while it was photographed by a 16 mm camera. Each reel of film weighed approximately 5 oz. giving a major reduction in weight, (equivalent paper mail = approx 44lb) and volume. The reels of film were sent on, then printed and despatched. The original forms were retained until it was confirmed that the film had arrived and been printed safely.

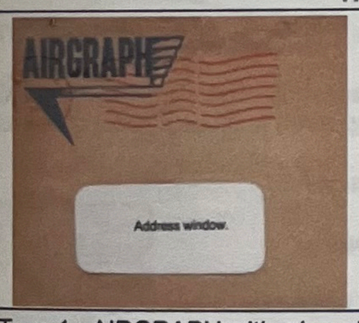
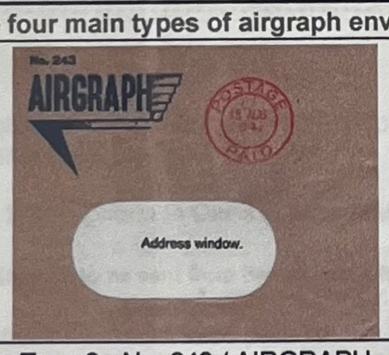
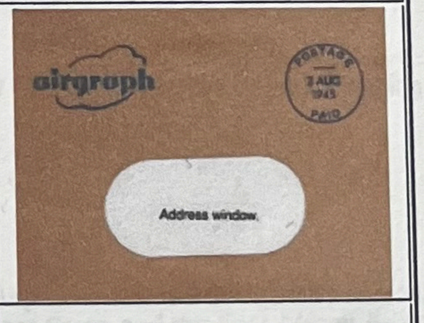


Negative from reel

Payment was made by affixing postage stamps to the back of the forms. Free postage for those on active service; 3d for other forces personnel; 8d for civilian mail, reduced to 3d in August 1944.

For airgraphs arriving in the UK - the negatives were printed at Kodak's Wealdstone plant. The film negatives were projected onto a moving strip of sensitized paper. The prints were then sent to the London Postal Region where they were cut up, folded, placed in Airgraph envelopes and despatched. John Dickinson & Co, (British envelope makers) supplied a machine that greatly speeded up the process - their machine folded and inserted the letter, sealed the envelope and applied a blue postmark at the rate of 8,000 per hour. The service became so highly organized that over 20,000 a day could be sent by the GPO.

The four main types of airgraph envelope used in the UK : 118mm x 95mm

			
Type 1 - AIRGRAPH with winged arrow logo	Type 2 - No. 243 / AIRGRAPH with winged arrow logo	Type 3 - Cloud logo	Type 4 - Cloud logo
Used between 1941 and late 1943		Used from September 1942	
			
Postmark : Red, '*Universal*' - single ring and 7 wavy lines - OR - Red, '*Pitney Bowes*' - double ring			Blue, '*Dickinson*' - single ring

There are several variations to these main types of envelope. Examples :-

1. Paper quality and colour.

AIRGRAPH

J. Ste[illegible]n's

AIR[illegible]H

V[illegible]

POSTAGE
28 DEC
1944
PAID

airgraph

Dec 29

U.[illegible]
MAIL

PRICE
2/6
(U.S.A. 35 Cents)


airgraph
airgraph

airgraph

POSTAGE
DEC
1943
PAID

airgraph

POSTAGE
12 APR

airgraph

POSTAGE
PAID

POSTAGE
28 DEC
1944
PAID

225

OFFICIAL
PAID

airgraph

POSTAGE
28 OCT
1944
PAID

Oct 30

POSTAGE
2 DEC
1942
PAID

airgraph

POSTAGE
26 JAN
1943
PAID

POSTAGE
24 JAN
1944
PAID

Rec'd Jan 26th 44.

Feb. 16


AIRGRAPH
AIRGRAPH


AIRGRAPH
C.O.D
FELTHAM
MIDDSX.
No. 243
AIRGRAPH
DEC
1941
PAID

No. 243

AIRGRAPH

21 MAY 1942 PAID

Mr. HAYES,
REDCLYFFE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS
LANCASHIRE
ENGLAND.

955784

Write the message very plainly below this line.

airgraph

24 OCT 1942 PAID

airgraph

POSTAGE 27 NOV 1942 PAID

1943 from India

airgraph

airgraph

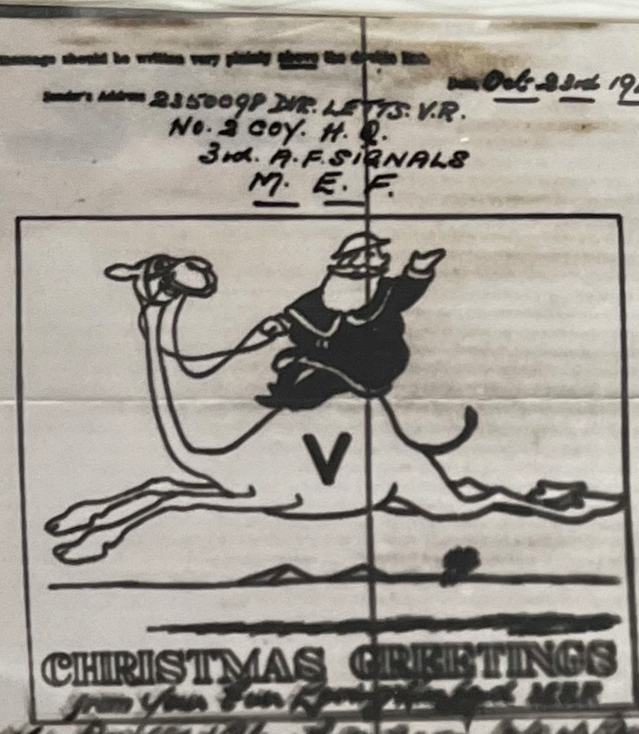
POSTAGE PAID

Miss Lenehan.
11 Spencer Villas.
Glenageary.
Co. Dublin

The message should be written very plainly above the double line.

Sender's Address 2350098 DVR. LETTS. V.R.
No. 2 COY. H.Q.
3rd. A.F. SIGNALS
M.E.F.

Date Oct 23rd 1941.



I Love You Darling.

To My Darling Wife. Just one kiss will not make
kisses and every thought shall be my Xmas
Xmas. May we soon be together once again. Ray

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

The address should be written in large block letters wholly within the panel alongside

MRS. J. E. LETTS
4 LANSDOWNE CIRCUS
LEAMINGTON SPA
WARWICKSHIRE
ENGLAND.

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression

C.E.

153702

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Sender's Address

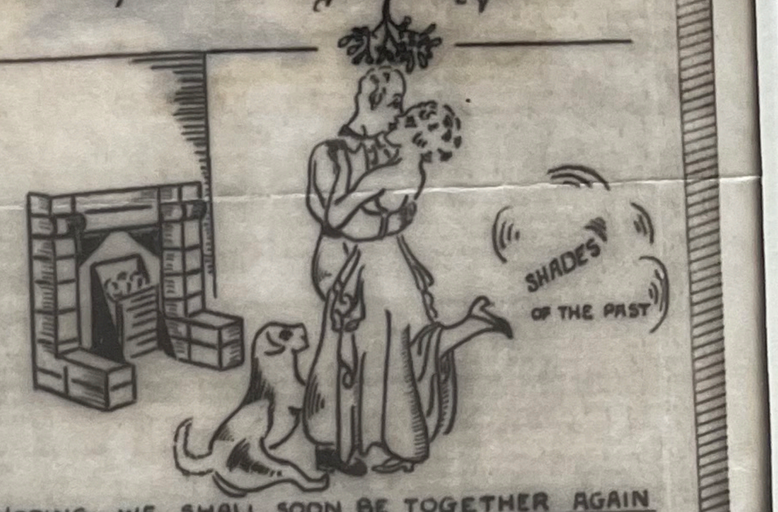
DVR: LETTS V.R.
No 2 Coy H.Q
3RD A.F. SIGNALS
M.E. FORCES
Nov. 10/11/41

No 2350098

DREAMING OF THEE

Date.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and
lets hope "A Brighter New Year"



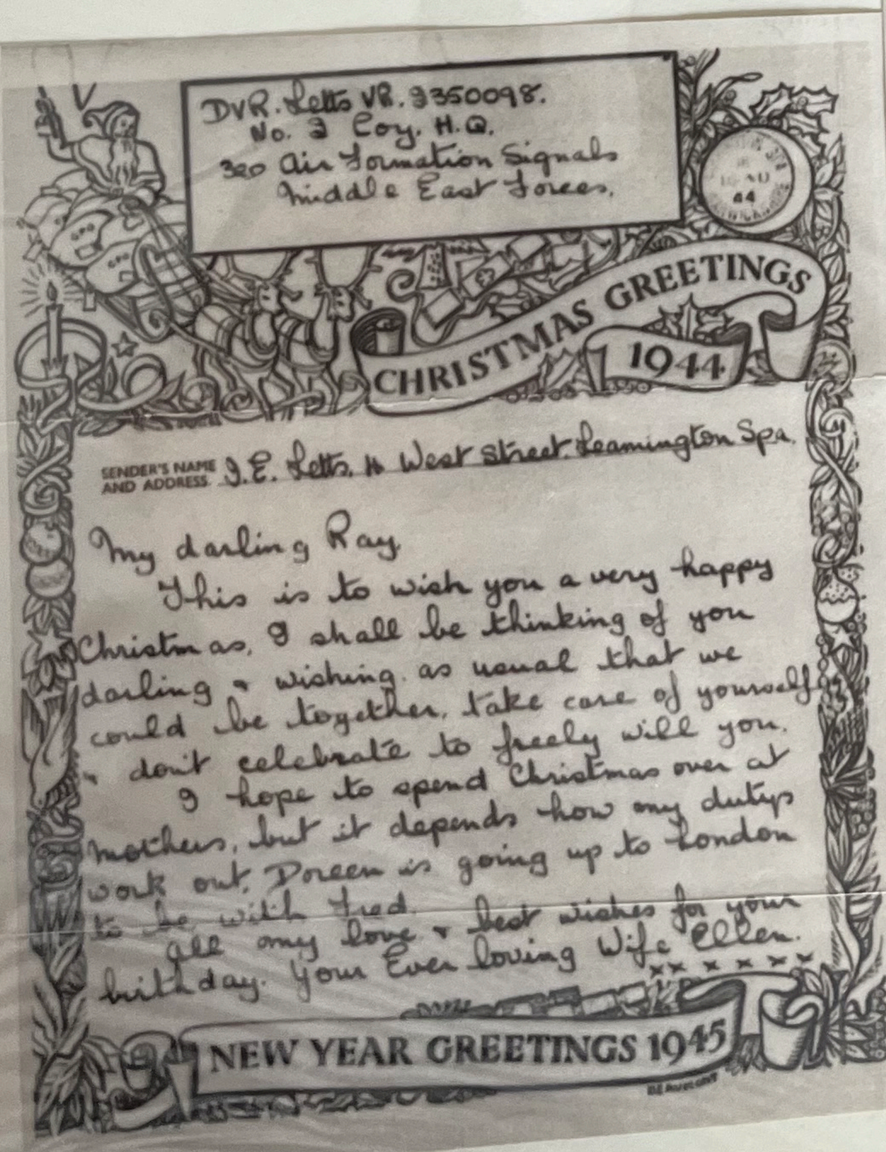
HOPING WE SHALL SOON BE TOGETHER AGAIN
SO KEEP ON SMILING UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.
ALWAYS THINKING OF YOU SWEETHEART Sincere Love Ray

Write address in large block letters in the panel below. Nothing else should be written below this line.

The address should be written in large block letters wholly within the panel alongside

MRS J. E. LETTS
4 LANSDOWNE CIRCUS
LEAMINGTON SPA
WARWICKSHIRE
GT BRITAIN

The address should be the same as is appropriate in the case of an ordinary letter.



Write Address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN

MRS J. E. LETTS
4 WEST STREET
LEAMINGTON SPA
WARWICKSHIRE
ENGLAND.

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression

PASSED BY CENSOR No. 4949

23 343

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line

Sender's Address: 2350098 Dvr. Letts V.R.
2 Coy. H.Q.
3. A.F. Signals
M.E.F.

Christmas, 1943

GREETINGS
FROM
H.M. MIDDLE EAST FORCES

With Best Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
from Ray, with Fondest Love xx.



THIS SPACE SHOULD NOT BE USED

P. 1123.

The Address must be written in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS wholly within the panel provided.

MISS ISABEL MILLER
6 CAMPIE ROAD
MUSSELBURGH
SCOTLAND

859484

If mail instructions overleaf. Write this message in ink very plainly below this line.

Sender's Name and Address LAC. COWAN RAAF SCH. WATTLEMONT 3-1-44

My dear Isabel P/O CRETON CAMP

Received your most welcome letter and glad to note you are now liking school being ahead of Anna at the top of the class. I hope you get lots of nice things from Santa over the Xmas period and that my little gift fillid the setting. I had a nice time out here being at lots of parties but I dont think they would be as good as yours seeing you had a stage to act on and I hope by next year will be able to join yours. I hope you are being a good girl and not fighting Anne just see if you can beat her at school and let me know if you are getting along. Give my love to all your friends and to yourself keep a good share for yourself love from Uncle Willie

This space should not be used.

AIR MAIL
MAR 11
4 30PM
1943
POSTAGE PAID

airgraph

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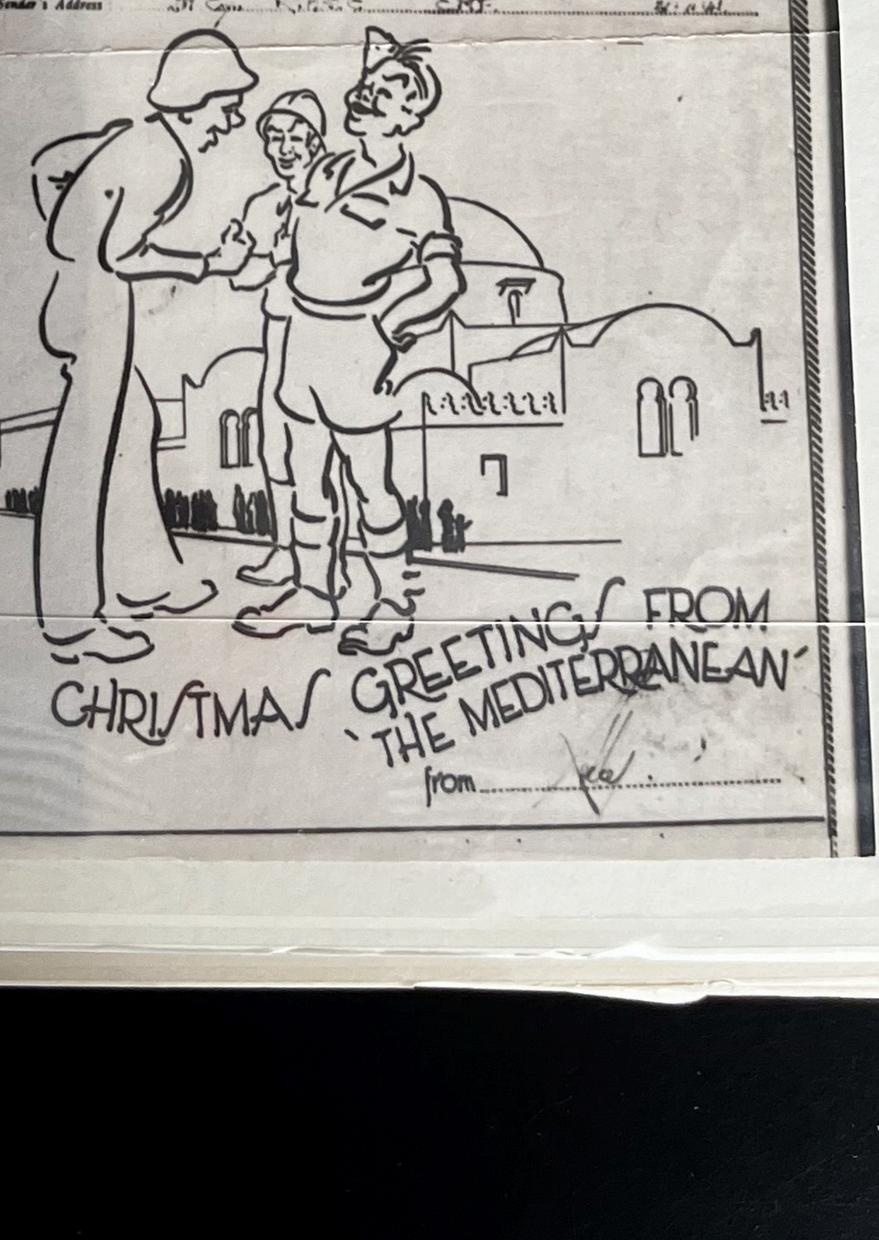
612237

TO:- Miss Muriel Gordon,
26 ASHGROVE RD. W.
ABERDEEN.
SCOTLAND.

No. 1821

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address 37 Gen. Hosp. C.M.F. 14-1-44



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

from Ted

TO:- F.GLEGG, Esq.,
BRITISH LINEN BANK,
3, BRUNSWICK PLACE,
EDINBURGH, 7.

774052

PASSED BY CENSOR No 9899

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Christmas ~ ~ ~ 1944



Greetings from Jackie.

ALLIED FORCES LAND, SEA AND AIR

This space should not be used.

MAKE SURE THAT THE ADDRESS IS WRITTEN IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS IN THE PANEL ABOVE

TO MISS. M. MUGGERIDGE
"RHODES COTTAGE"
HOPHURST HILL.
CRAWLEY DOWN.
SUSSEX ENGLAND

39097

No. 1051433. Cpl. P. Muggeridge % X Ray Dept. 25th Nov. 1943.
Oribi Military Hospital Pietermaritzburg.
Natal South Africa

Christmas and New Year Greetings from South Africa

Dearest Maureen,

I hope you are all having lots of fun this X-mas, I'm sorry I can't be there to share it, but do hope to see you all soon. Do write to me again soon, are you having school holidays in December the children in SA have 2 weeks in Dec & the whole month of Jan. Give Mum + Dad my best wishes for X-mas + the New Year. Lots of love to you all. Phyllis xxxxxxxx

GOD BLESS THY YEAR
giving you
Strength for the Strife
Peace for the Pathway
Wisdom for the Work
Friends for the Fireside
Love to the Last

This space should not be used.

airgraph

POSTAGE — PAID

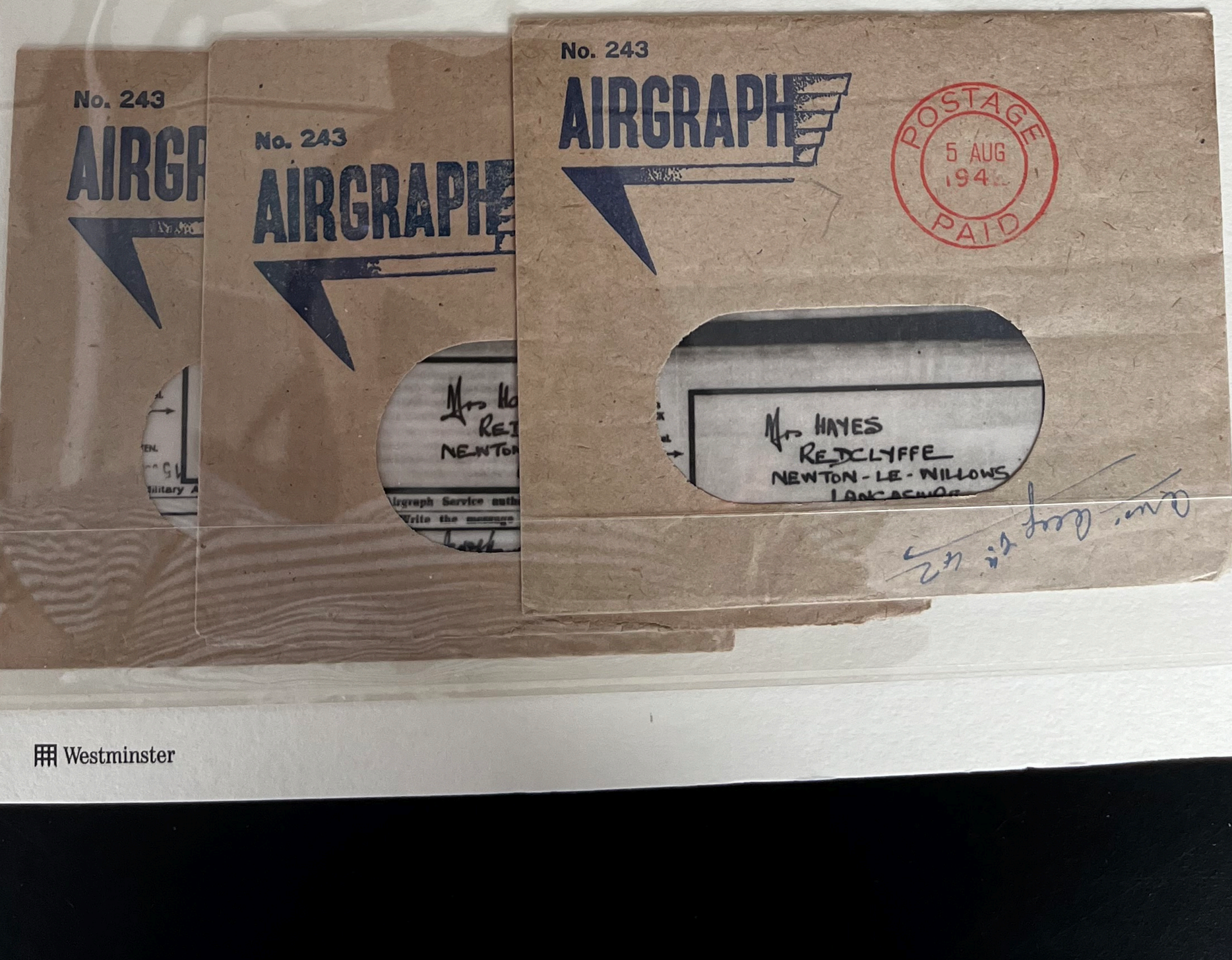
POSTAGE — PAID

STAGE — AID

TAGE — 943 AID

USA


No. 243
AIRGRAPH
POSTAGE
28 MAY
1942
PAID
Mrs HAYES
REDCLYFFE
NEWTON — LE - WILLOWS
LANCASHIRE
Write the message very plainly below this line


No. 243
AIRGRAPH
POSTAGE
5 AUG
PAID
Mrs HAYES
REDCLYFFE
NEWTON - LE - WILLOWS

USA
1943

Write the address in large BLOCK letters in the panel below.
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532710

TO:- S/273579
PTE J.A.W. BENTON
1522 H.A.A. REGT. PL. RACS.
C.M.F.

15,6.44

DATE STAMP 8 JUN 1944

Reply 2-7-44.

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's address P. REED. ASHWICKEN. KINGS. LYNN. NORFOLK.

June 5th 1944.

Dear Jack.
once again, how are you? Still keeping well I hope. The weather is great over here. Lovely sunny days, with a certain amount of wind. The country just now looks lovely. I guess at Loco in [illegible] you will soon be able

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression.

Egyptian Postal Administration

RAF

Date 29 June 43

Rec'd 9/7/43.

6/43 reached me yesterday, [illegible] violets. It really [illegible] I have already prayed [illegible] to Lord, and I feel [illegible] well, write every week as [illegible] night; have you seen [illegible] this years Trawlers & [illegible]

PASSED BY 1844 NAVAL CENSOR

[illegible] this line.

[illegible] R.A.
[illegible] EGYPT. 18-9-44

[illegible] WELL, AND THAT MRS EAST
[illegible] TO NOT ENJOY THIS CONTINUAL
[illegible] NG FOR VALVES, COULD YOU
[illegible] OR IF THEY ARE OBTAINABLE
[illegible] 7PIN. OSRAM VMP4. TWICE,
[illegible] RANTI V H T 4. 7PIN.
[illegible] E, WITHOUT ALTERING THE

Write address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel.
THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN.

Mrs HAYES
REDCLYFFE
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS
LANCS.

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression.

PASSED BY CENSOR No. 1007

9 JUNE 1944

400683

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address Capt J.G.W.K. Hayes
Hq. RASC
1st Armoured Div MEF

Date 1st June 1942
No 40

My dearest Mother — Isé written very few letters for a fortnight, I no doubt you can guess the reason why. In spite of increased heat & activity, we all feel fit & happy. You mustn't on any account worry if you don't have letters. Your airgraph of May 1st has just arrived, also letters from Aunt Edie, & Aunt Annie. Please thanks them both, as I can't write just at present. It's just occurred to me you may have to pay duty on the tapestries I bought when on leave — If so you must ask Mr Garnett to pay the bill for me. I should be very annoyed if you paid yourself. Give Daddy my love. Have the documents I sent to Mr Dotson arrived safely? Much love Your loving son Jonathan

HAYES,
EDCLYFFE,
LE-WILLOWS,
ANCASHIRE

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression.

PASSED BY CENSOR No. 1007

[illegible] Egyptian Postal Administration

[illegible] very plainly below this line.

[illegible] Date 25 August 42.

[illegible] Armoured Div M.E.F.

It was good to have [illegible] from you today, & to hear [illegible] Cloth arrived safely. [illegible] a bill to Mr G for the [illegible] clude any other duty [illegible] had to pay on [illegible] which followed it. [illegible] were on leave a [illegible] go, we did a trip [illegible] at wagon. Like [illegible] & tombs which Bertha [illegible] she was out here — [illegible] how I could tell [illegible] re been! It was all [illegible] through the afternoon [illegible] reached 100° F in [illegible] photos I mentioned [illegible] on the way in batches [illegible] March love to all

[illegible] E SHOULD NOT BE USED

[illegible] 4/6

[illegible] lated to get [illegible] a few days [illegible] the two stamps [illegible] heard [illegible] good. We [illegible] two days, [illegible] time to write [illegible] len is away [illegible] Adjutant [illegible] turn for [illegible] May or [illegible] the pleasure [illegible] lta will be [illegible] and the [illegible] so my change [illegible] complete [illegible] ll. You [illegible] them.

Signature and Unit Censor Stamp Impression.

PASSED BY CENSOR No. 97

26th April 1942.

[illegible] line.

Westminster

AIRGRAPH

POSTAGE
11 SEP
1942
PAID

Canada. Type 19

No. 243

AIRGRAPH

3 APR
1942
PAID

POSTAGE
1 APR
1942
PAID

M.E.F. Type 4

AIRGRAPH

23 JLY
1941
PAID

M.E.F.
Type 1-2

AIRGRAPH

WAR SAVINGS
ITS NEVER TOO
LATE TO SAVE
START NOW

No. 243

AIRGRAPH

DEC 1941

No. 243.

AIRGRAPH

DEC 1941 PAID

No. 243

AIRGRAPH

POSTAGE 20 AUG 942 PAID

airgraph

POSTAGE
19 JAN
1944
PAID

airgraph

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The address is to be printed in CAPITAL letters as large as possible but wholly within the panel alongside.

DAVID PICKARD
70 COLNE RD
WHEATCROFT
REEDLEY NR BURNLEY

The address should be the same as for an ordinary letter.

268349

No snapshots, seals or stickers of any kind are to be attached and no enclosure is permitted

airgraph

POSTAGE
17 JAN
1944
PAID

POSTAGE
1 FEB
1944
PAID

POSTAGE
12 APRIL
1944
PAID

Sender's Address

Write the message very plainly below this line.

airgraph

POSTAGE
19 APR
1943
PAID

airgraph

POSTAGE
29 OCT
1942
PAID

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

TO:- Mrs M^rs G. YOUNG
8 WATSON ST.
UDDINGSTON.
GLASGOW.
SCOTLAND.

81508

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address 22 Pte J. Young 12 Sqdn R.A.F. B.N.A.F.

Mrs HAYES.
REDCLYFFE
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS
LANCS

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp

PASSED BY CENSOR
No. 1007

Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Joseph Hayes
A Coy RASC

Date, 10 Oct 42.

airgraph

POSTAGE
15 DEC
1942
PAID

Am Dec 21st 42

airgraph

POSTAGE
10 DEC
1942
PAID

Am rec'd Dec 11th

Write address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN

Mrs HAYES
REDCLYFFE
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS
LANCS

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp

PASSED BY CENSOR
No. 1007

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Sender's Address 908316

Major Joseph Hayes
62 Coy RASC

Date, 30 Nov 1942

Address in BLOCK letters wholly within this panel.

ADDRESS NOT TYPEWRITTEN

NOV. 1942

Mrs Hayes
REDCLYFFE
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line.

Major J.C.McK. Hayes
A Coy RASC

Date, 17 Nov 19

airgraph

POSTAGE
26 JUN
1943

Write Address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN

Mr. D. W. H. PICKARD.
'WHEATCROFT'
REEDLEY.
BURNLEY LANCS.

10169

Franking Officer's Signature and Unit Censor Stamp

PASSED BY CENSOR 6350

15 NOV 1943 Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line

Date 26th Nov 44

Sender's Address

Dear Dick

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that I

airgraph

POSTAGE
30 OCT
1943
PAID

Mr. D.W.H. PICKARD.
'WHEATCROFT'
COLNE ROAD.
REEDLY
NR BURNLEY. Lancs.

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line

Date 28th Oct 43.

airgraph

POSTAGE
17 JUN
1943
PAID

Write the address in large BLOCK letters in the panel below.
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TO:- Mrs G. Young
8 WATSON ST.
UDDINGSTON
LANARKSHIRE.
SCOTLAND.

317374

PASSED BY CENSOR No 5850

Write the message very plainly below this line.

airgraph

POSTAGE
17 JUN
1943
PAID

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TO:- Mrs G. Young
8 WATSON. ST.
UDDINGSTON
LANARKSHIRE.
SCOTLAND.

PASSED BY CENSOR No 5850

Write the message very plainly below this line.

airgraph

POSTAGE
17 FEB
1943
PAID

and. 17th.

Corr. 44.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Mr. & Mrs PICKARD.
WHEATCROFT.
REEDLEY.
BURNLEY.
LANCS. ENGLAND.

AIRGRAPH
DHA/I
CENSORSHIP

UNIT CENSOR
W 124
INDIA

Write the message very clearly below this line. Please see instructions on reverse.

airgraph

POSTAGE
29 FEB
1944
PAID

Write Address in large BLOCK letters wholly within this panel

THE ADDRESS MUST NOT BE TYPEWRITTEN.

19 FEB 1944

Mr. Mrs. MASH. 108965
12. MERIFIELD ROAD
ELTHAM S.E. 9
LONDON
KENT.

Military Airgraph Service authorized by Egyptian Postal Administration

Write the message very plainly below this line

Pte. J. Pippam No. 3976[illegible]. A.T.
RHQ 144. A.T. Regt. M.E.F. Date 17th Feb 1944.

Sender's Address

Dear Mum and Dad

airgraph

POSTAGE
1 JUL
1943
PAID

12 Grange St
Barnoldswick
Yorkshire.

Corr. 44.

Mr. & Mrs PICKARD.
WHEATCROFT.
COLNE ROAD
REEDLEY.
Lancs. NR BURNLEY.

170290

AIRGRAPH
DHA/I
CENSORSHIP

UNIT CENSOR
W 124
INDIA

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Date 10th June

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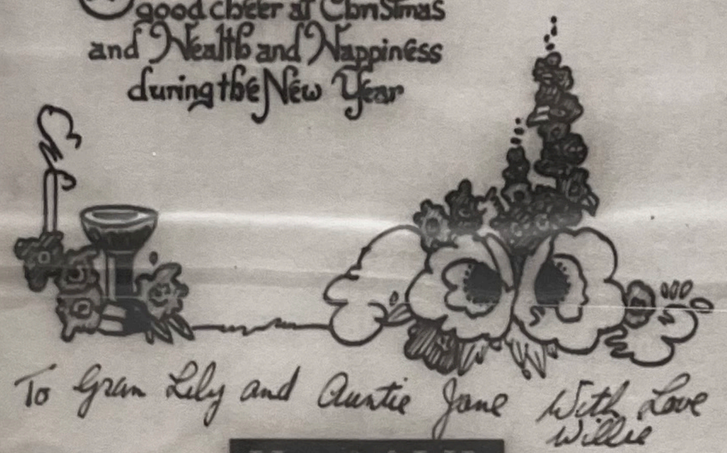
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(Sender's name)
23 MESS,
(Sender's address)
HMS LOTHIAN,
C/o G.P.O. LONDON.
(Date)

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Just to wish you
good cheer at Christmas
and Health and Happiness
during the New Year



To Gran Lily and Auntie Jane With Love
Willie

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V···— MAIL

From: Pfc. John H. Praul-32267040
Co. K. 13th Inf. A.P.O. 8.
% P.M., New York, N.Y.

FREE
See Instruction No. 5

V···— MAIL

To:

Mrs. M. M. K. Irwin
42 Belmore St.
Enniskillen,
N. Ireland.

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MR+MRS Anton Pryzbilinski
3032 East 80th Street
Chicago
Ill.
U.S.A.

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Mr Michael J. Delaney
4849 Fulton St
Chicago. Ill.

Sgt. 36554977
SENDERS NAME
147th A.P.O.
SENDERS ADDRESS
A.P.O. 147
U.S.P.M. N.Y. N.Y.
DATE
Feb. 14 1944

Dear Mike: Here I am in the Old Sod; not exactly the part of Ireland you'd call home, but close to it. The Irish

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Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, ark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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To
Cpl Geo Pelias, 38379230
Battery "A" 195th A.A.A.
APO 230 c/o P.M. N.Y.
N.Y.

From
Mary Fry
(Sender's name)
2111 Blakemore Ave.
(Sender's address)
Nashville Tenn
Nov. 5 - 1944.
Date

My dear Geo: How are you? How have you been? Why dont you write? Eh? I had a letter from Hardy last week he seems quite well. very much in the middle of things now. I have just

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Mrs. Edwin Pehl
2823 Perez Street
San Antonio, Texas

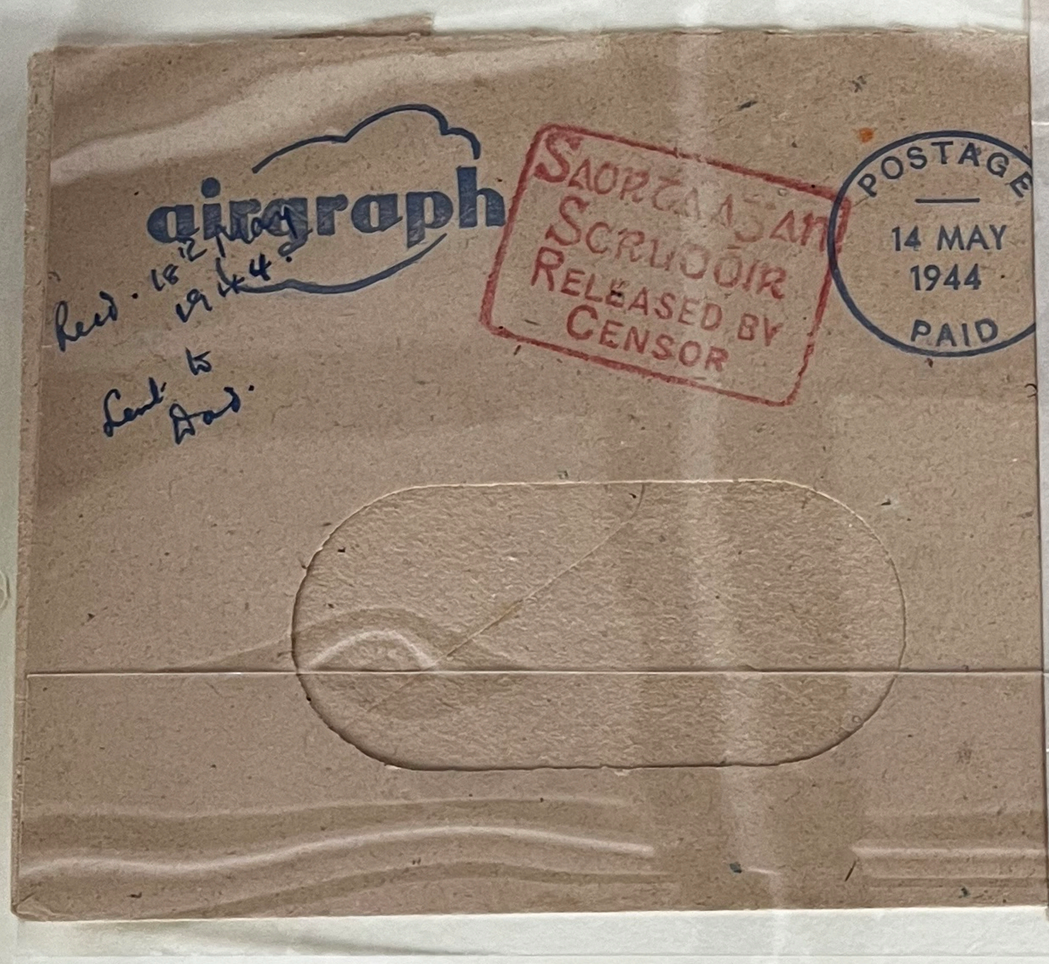
Cpl. Edwin H. Pehl 38356897
SENDERS NAME
Navy No. 19, 8th Fighter Cmd
SENDERS ADDRESS
APO 633 % Postmaster
New York, New York
December 24, 1943
DATE

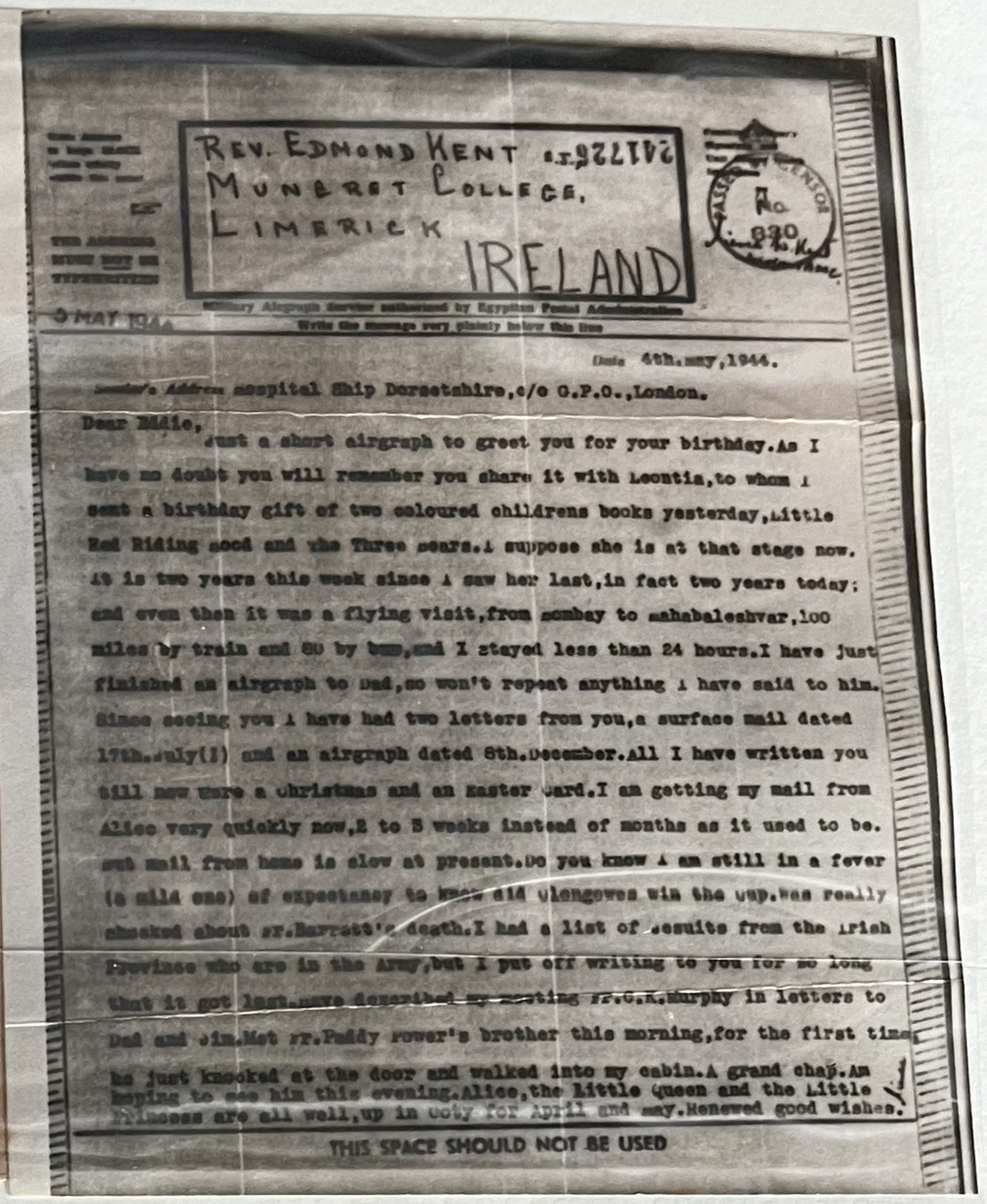
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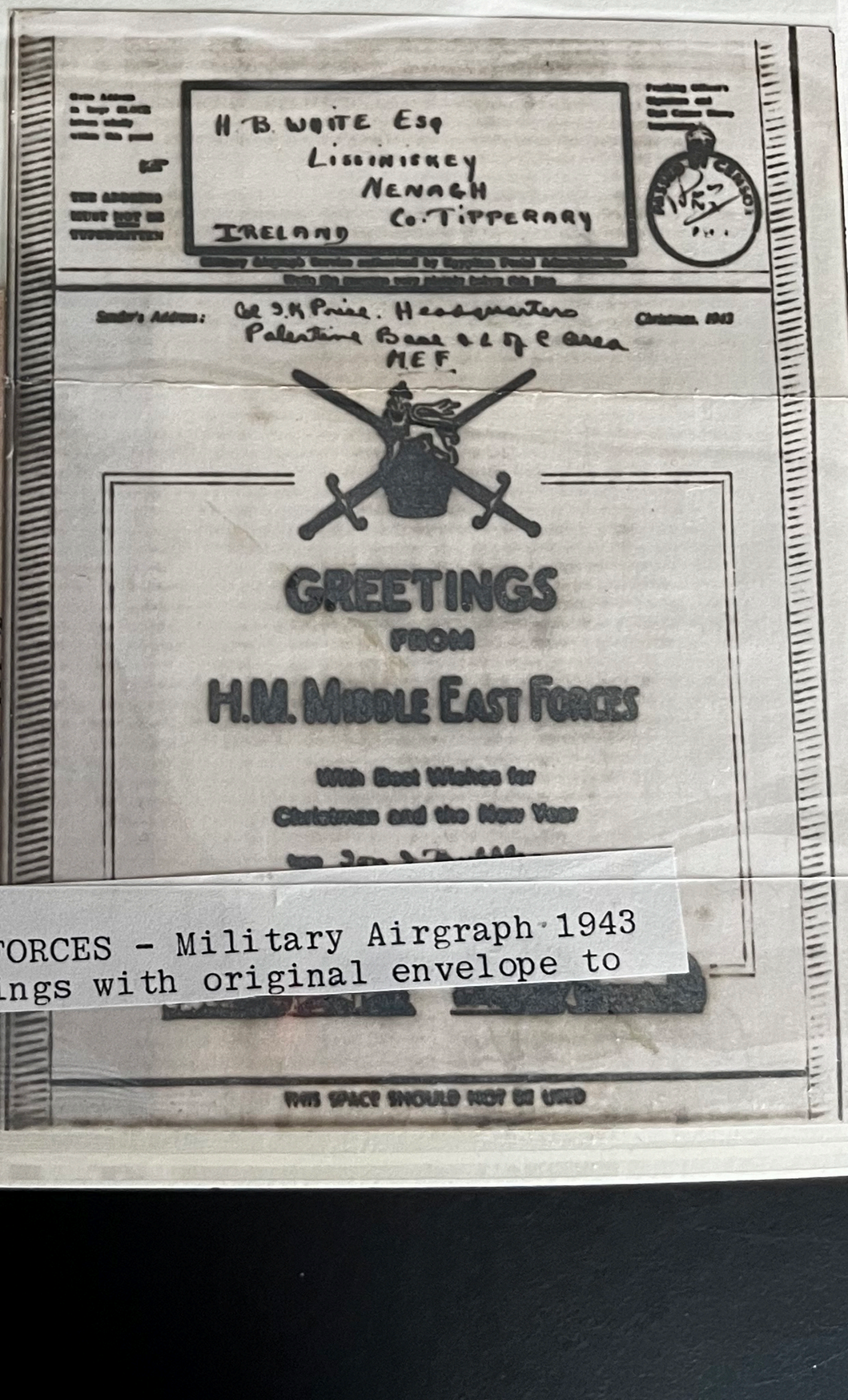
Dear Mom:

Well, here it is Christmas Eve and guess what I am doing. Nothing more than waiting. Although its not as bad as I thought it might be, because I will have my tomorrow. It looked as though I have to work all day tomorrow, but one





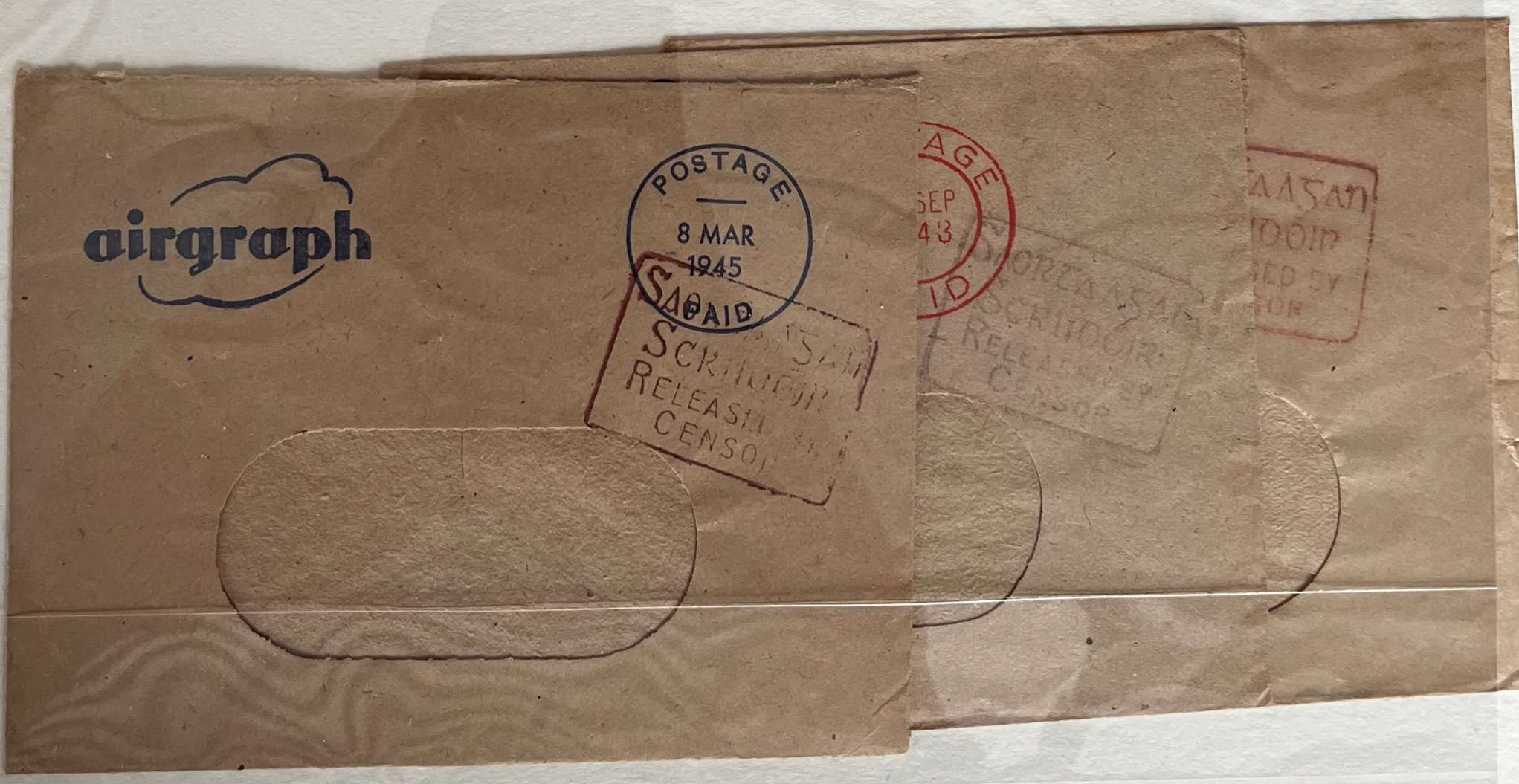




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