

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

AIR MAIL

An exceedingly rare item, in perfin terms as well as postal history, a commercial Graf Zeppelin cover from G.B. to Brazil. The stamps are perfined K & Co and identify the sender as H Kuhn & Co Ltd, who were coffee merchants based at Eastcheap in London, which explains the correspondence to Brazil.

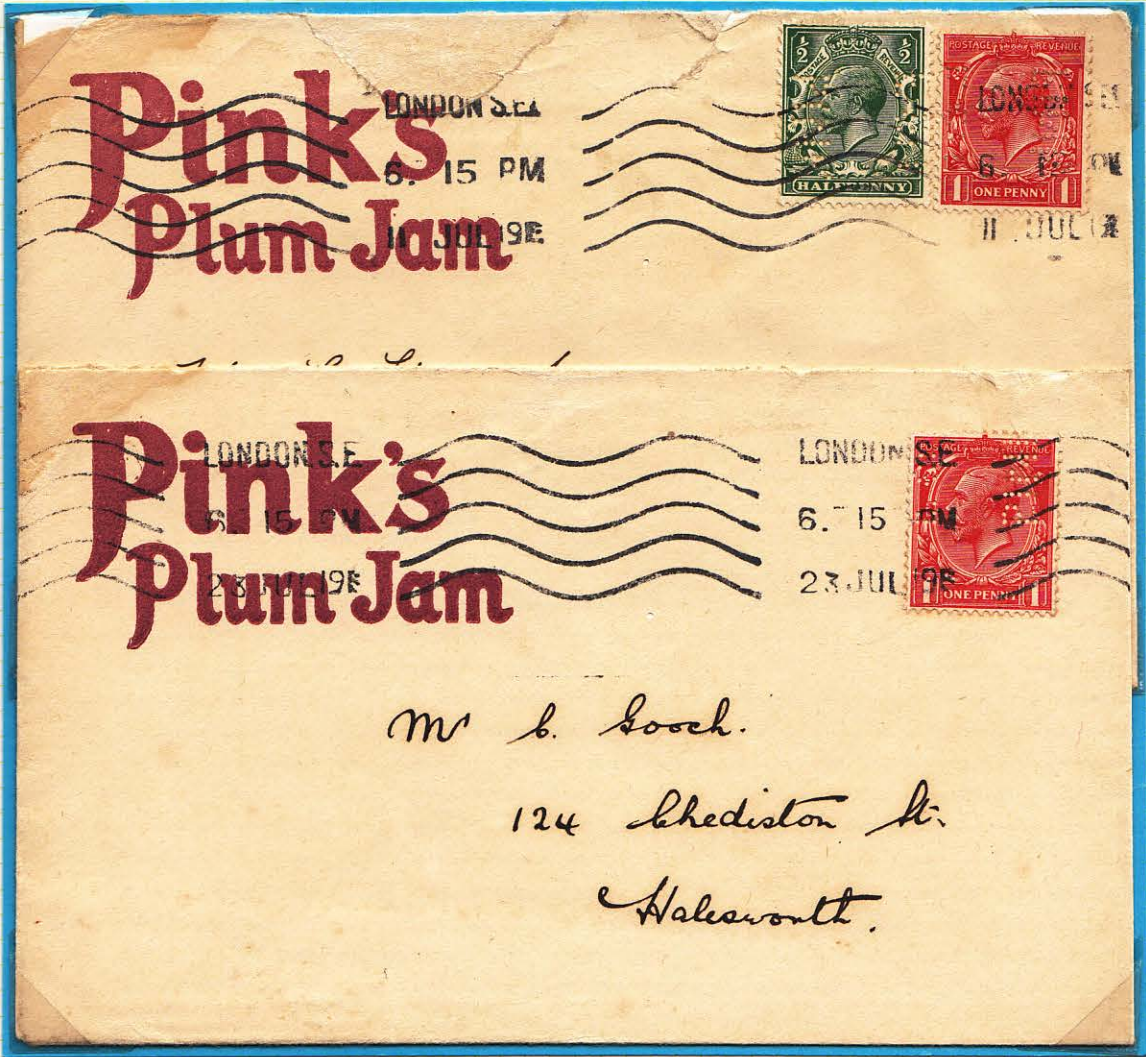


Kuhn & Co usually sent their mail to Brazil via the French South Atlantic air mail system, and had their stationery printed to show this. But, on this occasion the "Via France" and "Via Aeropostale" has been obliterated and a manuscript "Via German Air Mail" has been added, ensuring the mail went via Lufthansa or Zeppelin. The letter carries postage of 3s. 6d. the correct half ounce letter rate to Brazil, and as previously mentioned is perfined K & Co. Posted in London the letter attracted a Foreign Section machine cancel for the 23rd May 1934, then onto Stuttgart, shown by the cancel for the 26th. Then, having been transferred to Friedrichshafen (and cancelled the same day) it was carried on the first South American flight of 1934, undertaken by the LZ 127 (Graf Zeppelin) arriving at Recife on the 29th May, eventually attracting an arrival mark at Victoria (Espirito Santo) on the 31st May 1934. All in all a very nice letter !!!

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Internal mail

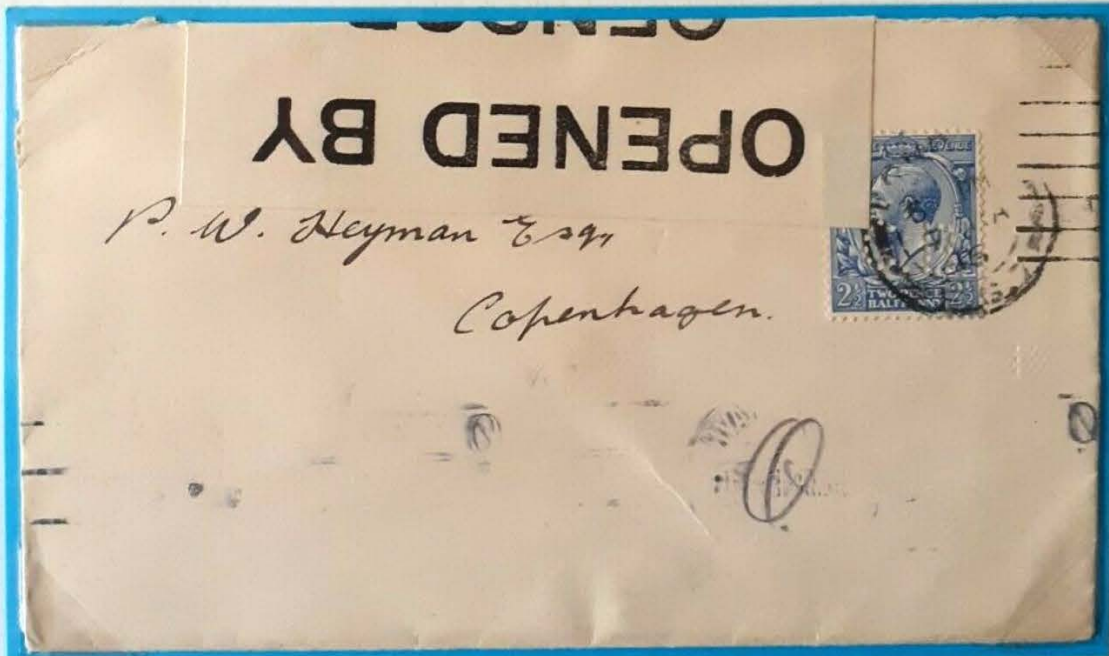
E and T Pink were renown for their plum jam, as advertised on their stationery. These letters, from London to Suffolk in 1919, carry KG V postage perfinned E & T / PINK which as is obvious identifies the above company. I assume they were writing to Mr. Gooch regarding the recycling of jam jars !!



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Foreign mail

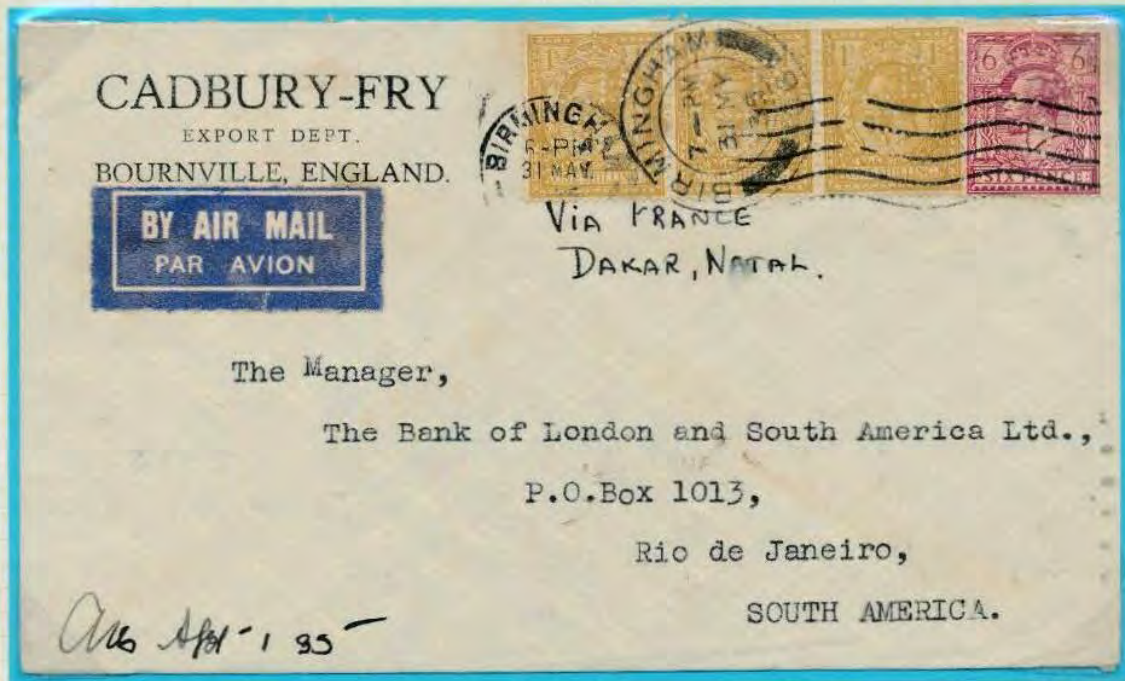
A WW I censor cover to Denmark from the U.K. in 1916. The KG V postage is perfined C . B and (apart from the identification on the embossed flap !) is known to be used by the Colonial Bank. As commented on later, only a name and town form the address. How the postal services find the correct recipient I'll never know.



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A letter, at the 3s. 6d. airmail rate with the postage perfinned C. B / B and identified to Cadbury Brothers at Bournville, sent to Rio de Janeiro Brazil in South America. The sender's details are emblazoned on the front of the letter, being the export department of Cadbury-Fry.



Posted in Birmingham on the 31st May 1935, and as manuscripted on the envelope routed via France, Dakar and Natal. The letter is backstamped in Paris on the 1st June and thence by the French South Atlantic air mail system, collecting a Rio arrival cancel on the 4th June 1935. Five days to travel a third of the way around the world, faster than 2nd class today in Norfolk !!!

Reverse of letter



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A superb item sent from London by H B Sleeman on the 31st August 1928 with some of the postage being perfinned H B S and is identified to the sender. As shown on the front of the cover it was sent express airmail to the secretary of the British head quarters at the Leipzig fair. The envelope has a fine blue airmail etiquette and a red Magdeburg air post transit mark applied. The puzzle is, as indicated "fore and aft" why send the letter via Toulouse ?? I can only assume that as the 31st August was a Friday, a more direct airmail service was not available (via Berlin) over the weekend. So the fastest "express" route was via Toulouse and onto Magdeburg, which is reasonably close to Leipzig. Apart from my interest and involvement of the perfinned postage and airmail items, this is a very nice item of airmail postal history.



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KING GEORGE V HIGH VALUES



R T / & S
R5380.01
Raphael Tuck
& Sons



C / AN / C
C0270.02
Army & Navy
Co-operative Society



B / C P
B1650.01
Bradley's
Chepstow Place



S / & / E
S2350.01
Swan &
Edgar Ltd.



B.M / Co..
B4830.02
Identity not
yet known



A / & Co
A1310.02
Identity not
yet known

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KING GEORGE V HIGH VALUES



GT
G5010.01
Guarantee Trust
of New York



C / AN / C
C0270.05
Army & Navy
Co-operative Society



JB / & Co
J0650.03a
J Barker
& Co. Ltd.



D
D0010.30
Marshall
& Snellgrove



J & / CH
J1470.01a
Identity not
yet Known



RM / L
R3490.02
Royal Mail
Lines Ltd

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KING GEORGE V HIGH VALUES



B Q
B6010.01
B Quaritch
Ltd



S / T / C
S7230.01
Identity not
yet known



STC
S7190.01
Parish & C' Borough
of Southend on Sea



B W / & Co
B770.01a
Burroughs
Wellcome & Co



GE / C
G1540.01
General
Electric Co.



W & S
W6680.07
Waterlow
& Sons Ltd

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KING GEORGE V FULL NAMES



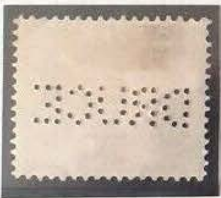
FORD
F3100.01
The Ford
Motor Co. Ltd.



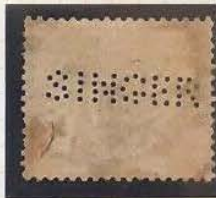
POTTER
P3540.01
C & J Potter
Ltd.



LINE
L3180.01
J Line
& Sons Ltd.



DRUCE
D4250.02
Druce
& Co. Ltd.



SINGER
S3840.01
Singer Sewing
Machine Co. Ltd.



BIRK / BECK
B3700.03
Birk Beck
Bank Ltd.



MOSS
M4330.02
H E Moss
& Co.



STORY
S7470.01
Story & Triggs
House Furnishers



SPERO
S5890.01
R Harworth
& Co. Ltd.

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KING GEORGE V COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS



T. B / C
T0410.01
The Times
Book Club



H. C.
H1190.01a
Borough
of Hove



NUL
N3380.02
Norwich Union Life
Insurance Society



R
R0010.33
Ryders
Seeds

SILVER
JUBILEE



J P / & S
J6230.01
J Parkes
& Sons Ltd



B. / W.
B7600.01
Babcock &
Wilcox Ltd



M W
M5930.05
No Known
User Identity



S & S
S6440.11
Sutton & Sons
Seedsmen Reading

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BRITISH EMPIRE
EXHIBITION 1924



GL / Co
G3130.01
Gas Lighting
Improvement Co Ltd



F . G
F1590.01
F Goringe
Limited

KING GEORGE V
COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS



W & S
W6680.07
Waterlow
& Sons Ltd



G . W / Co.
G5470.02
Globe Wernicke
& Co Ltd

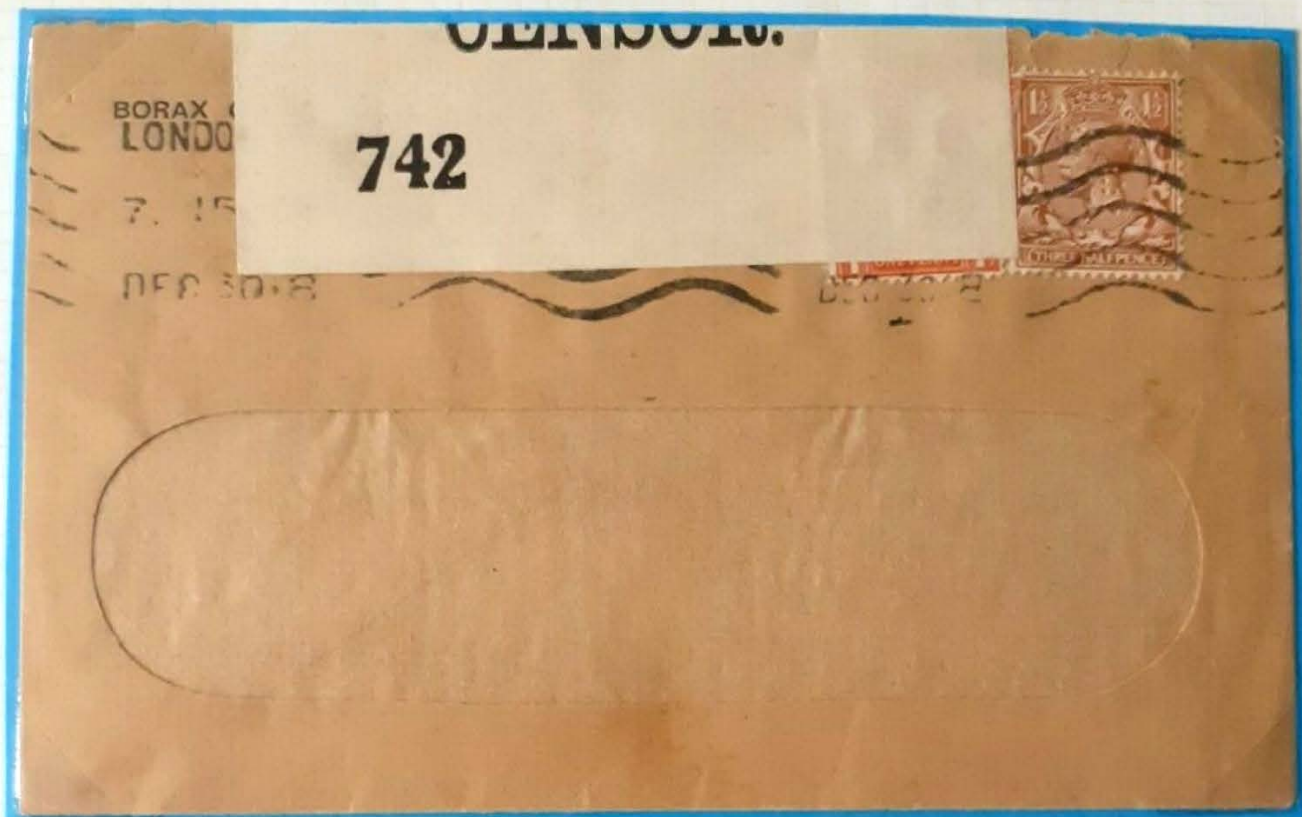
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Foreign mail



A simple company letter, pre-printed to send to one of their agents in Finland. The letter, with the postage being perfinned F M and identified as indicated on the envelope to Foy Morgan & Co. as the sender. I have not yet mastered the pronunciation of the receiving company's name in Lahti !!

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Because of being a window envelope it is difficult to ascertain the destination of this letter, but I assume it must have been to a foreign destination because of the censor label. The sender is fairly obvious because of the details on the cover, and the KG V postage being perfined B C / Ld confirms that Borax Consolidated was guilty !

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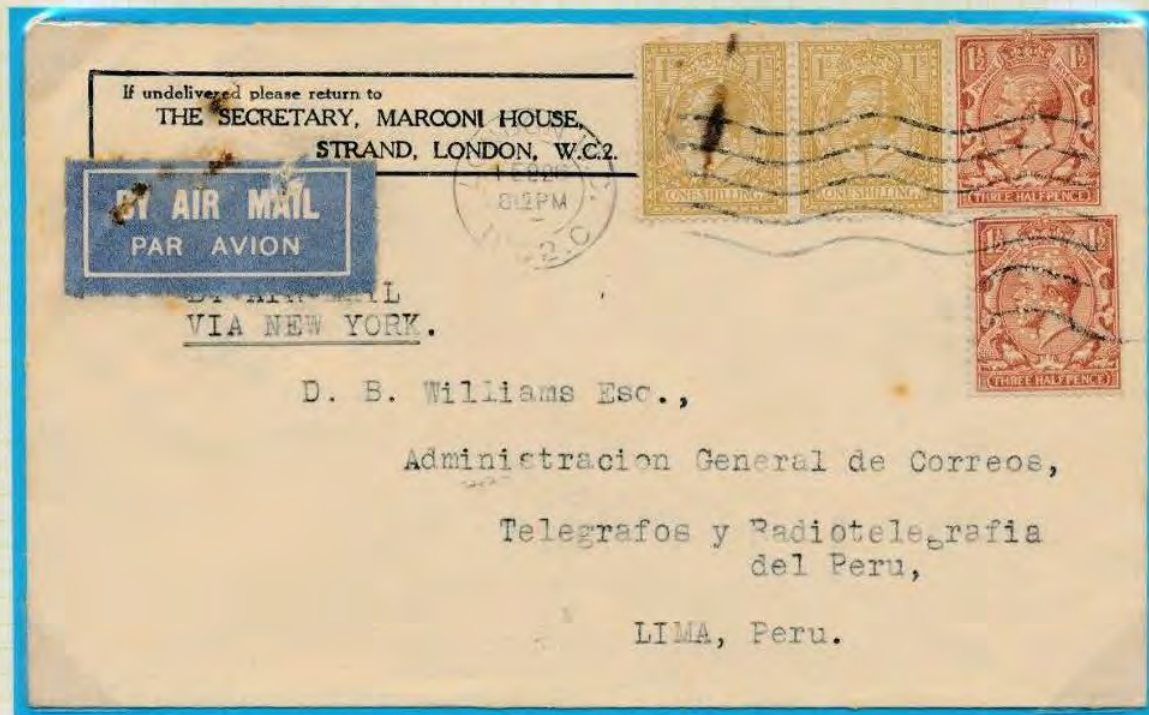
A letter sent from London to Buenos Aires in 1937. The sender being the British Drug Houses Ltd. as outlined on the front of the envelope. The company using up old stocks of stamps, in that the KG V postage being used two reigns later. The KG V 1/- stamps are perfined B / D / H and are identified to the company mentioned above. The initial cancel was of the "sunburst" type, but as it did not obliterate all the stamps a London large barred circle was used to cancel the remainder. As the letter was sent across the Atlantic, it was carried by the German Europe South America service, and carries the appropriate cancel.



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The KG V postage affixed to this cover is perfinned M / Co and it does not take a genius to work out that it identifies the user/sender as the Marconi company, as emblazoned by the company name and address on the top left corner of the envelope. Again being a bit thick, I had to ask colleagues how the letter travelled to its destination.



To send mail to South America from the U.K. one had the choice in 1932 to either, use the French/German South Atlantic mail system via Africa, or, via the U.S.A. In this instance the letter was sent by sea to New York for O.A.T. (onward air transmission). The 2s 3d postage paid for the letter to then be flown by air mail. It was carried by Pan American aircraft from New York to Christobel in the Canal Zone, then by Panagra (a joint venture by Pan American and Grace airlines) from Christobel to destinations on the South American continent, in this instance to Lima in Peru. A very nice cover to go nearly all the way, so to speak, from the North to the South of the Americas.

Reverse of letter



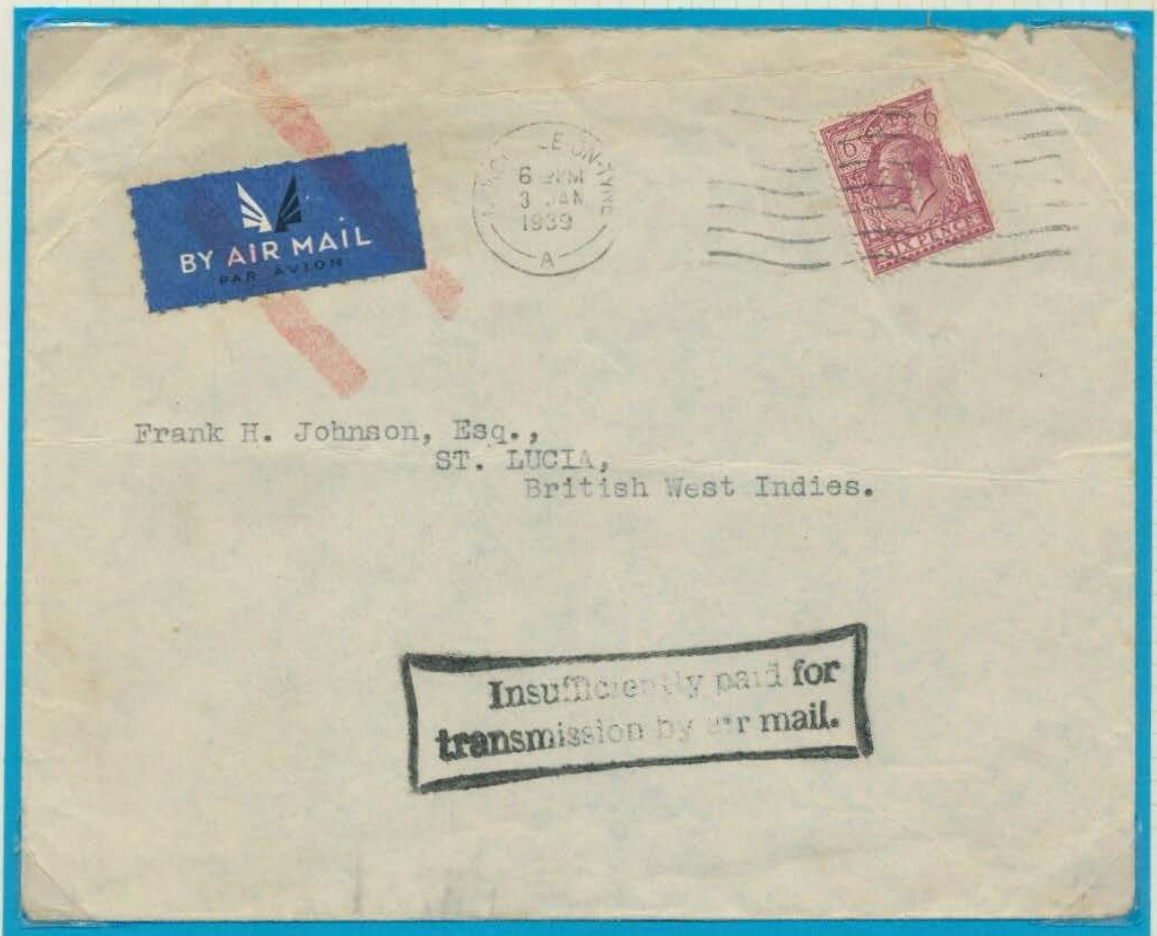
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Revers

Another simple cover, in this instance sent by R Hood Haggie & Sons Ltd from the U.K. to the West Indies. The postage (damaged and underpaid) is perfined H and is identified to the user stated above. Initially intended to be sent by airmail, the Post office thought otherwise. The cachet to say that not enough postage had been paid, and the red jusqua bars deleting the airmail label meant that this letter travelled by surface mail. The address meant that Frank Johnson must have been well known in St. Lucia. The letter arrived there on the 21st January 1939, just 18 days after it was posted in Newcastle upon Tyne.

R. HOOD-HAGGIE & SON, LTD.,
Wire, Manila and Coir Rope
Manufacturers,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, 1.



Frank H. Johnson, Esq.,
ST. LUCIA,
British West Indies.

Insufficiently paid for
transmission by air mail.

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A commercial letter from the firm of A & S Henry & Co of Manchester, the KG V postage being perfined A & S / H and is identified to the above company. The letter, posted on Christmas Eve 1930 arrived at its destination on the 30th December, collecting a Rabat arrival cancel. This letter was sent through the French air mail service to their "colonies".



Reverse of letter



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Internal mail



A Marconigram sent from London to Basel in Switzerland. Initially posted on the 28th July 1926 with the KG V postage being perfinned M / Co and used by the Marconi company. The message travelled by air mail to Switzerland where it received a Basel airport receiving mark for the 29th July 1926. As per the reverse of the letter an advert for the Marconi company !!

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As per the typewritten endorsement this letter was sent air mail from London to Casablanca in Morocco. Posted and cancelled by a London foreign section machine mark for the 18th July 1925 across the postage which is perfined LB K / Ld for which the user is not yet known.

I assume a British carrier took the letter as far as Paris, and then onwards to Casablanca by Air France to one of their colonies. The reverse of the letter has a Casablanca receiving mark for the 22nd July 1925.

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Loughborough	24-8-32
Berlin	25-8-32
Moscow	26-8-32
	27-8-32 ???
	28-8-32
	3-9-32
	6-9-32

Sent by Herbert Morris Ltd. At Loughborough this letter was intended for a Mr Thornton at the Oklyaberskey hotel in Moscow. The KG V postage is perfinned H M / L (I assume the "L" stands for Loughborough) and belongs to the H Morris company. But from the front and reverse of the letter it eventually was returned to sender. Posted in Loughborough on the 24th August 1932, and then I assume it was flown to Berlin by Imperial Airways, there receiving a red transit cachet, then on to Moscow by either German or Russian aeroplane. The front of the letter, apart from the manuscript annotations received four cachets to be able to send it back.

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The KG V postage is perfined "G" and attributed to Grindlays Bank, the sender of this letter from London to Bombay in India. Sent air mail via Imperial Airways and cancelled in London on the 28th February 1930, arriving in Bombay on the 12th March 1930. The violet double cross was applied in Bombay, unusual in that this type of jusqu'a mark was applied when onward air transmission was not available or not paid air mail to final destination. Also shown is an original post card of a Shorts brothers Empire flying boat used on this service, and an Imperial Airways advertising label to extol the virtues of the air mail service.



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Shown here is an advertising Label for promoting the use of air mail to the middle East and Asia, a bi-plane over the sphinx And pyramids.

A simple letter sent from London to Calcutta in India and carried by Imperial Airways. Posted in London on Wednesday 4th August 1937. The letter would have left London on the Friday flight on the 6th of August on the Imperial flight to the far East. Charles Morgan was the company that sent the letter, hence the postage being perfinned C M / Co Ld. The letter attracted a Calcutta back stamp for the 11th August 1937.

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Foreign mail

E. 72.

Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris,
LONDON.



Banque Nationale de Grèce,

Siège Central,

Greece.

ATHENES.

A pre-printed envelope for use by the bank to send correspondence to the Greek National Bank in Athens. The KG V postage, cancelled by a London foreign section machine cancel in August 1935 is perfined C N / E , and as printed on the envelope belongs to the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, or in this instance their London branch.

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IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO
BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED.
FOREIGN BRANCH,
168, FENCHURCH STREET, E.C.3



**CENTRAL WECHELSTUBEN ACTIEN
GESELLSCHAFT,**

1, BAUERNMARKT, 10,

VIENNA,

AUSTRIA.

Commercial mail between Barclays Bank Ltd and the Central Wechselstuben Actien Gesellschaft of Vienna. Obviously a common occurrence as the recipient has pre-printed addressed envelopes. The postage, which is cancelled by a London Foreign Section machine cancel, is perfined B B K which belong to Barclays Bank.



Illustrated are several types of perfins
identified as being used by Barclays Bank

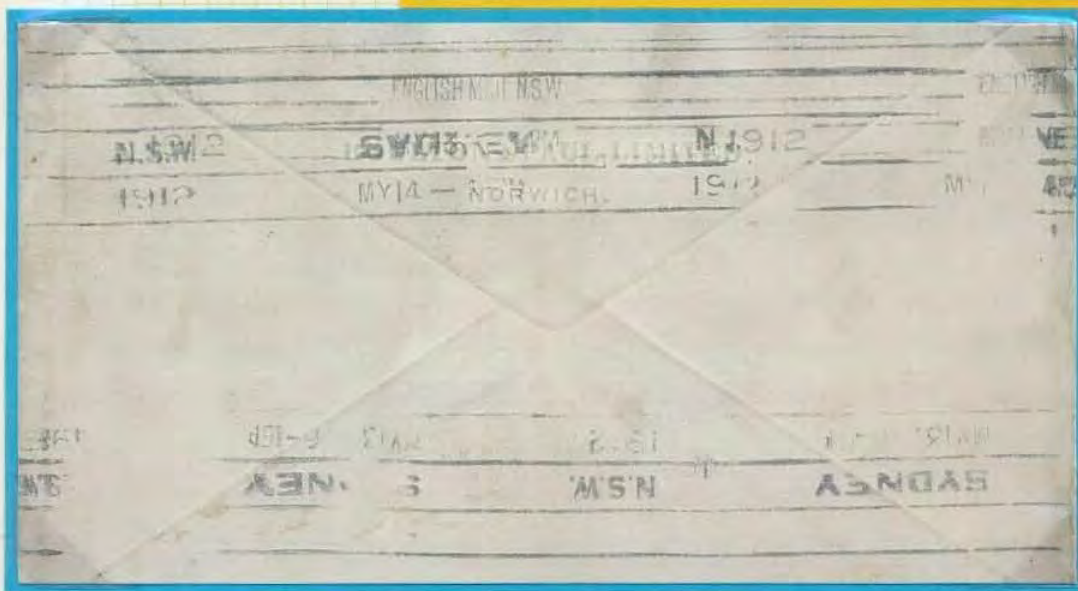
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Foreign mail

An ordinary KGV period letter sent from the U.K. to Australia on April 10th 1912. The postage is perfinned B & P and is identifies the user as Boulton and Paul based in Norwich. This piece of information handily placed on the back flap of the envelope.



I originally thought the sender did not know his Australian geography as the letter was addressed, Sydney N.S.W. and Brisbane Queensland. But, as the mail went by sea I assume that it went to Sydney first then overland to Queensland. But Messrs Rich & Co were elusive as the local post office could not track them down, even at PO box 305 !! I would appreciate an explanation of the machine cancels on the reverse of the cover, a continuous Sydney N.S.W. 13 may 1912, and the English mail N.S.W. over the top of the Sydney N.S.W. May 14 1912 ?? (answers on a post card please !!)



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Foreign mail



A nice registered letter sent from England to Philadelphia in May 1926. The additional postage is perfined S & S / Ltd and identifies the sender as Spink and Son Ltd. of London. The label states that the letter "may be opened for customs purposes before delivery to the addressee".

From
IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED
SHIPPING OFFICE,
LIVERPOOL, 3.
PER AIR MAIL.

SOCIEDADE ANONIMA FRIGORIFICO ANGLO.

P.O. BOX 2950.

SAO PAULO.

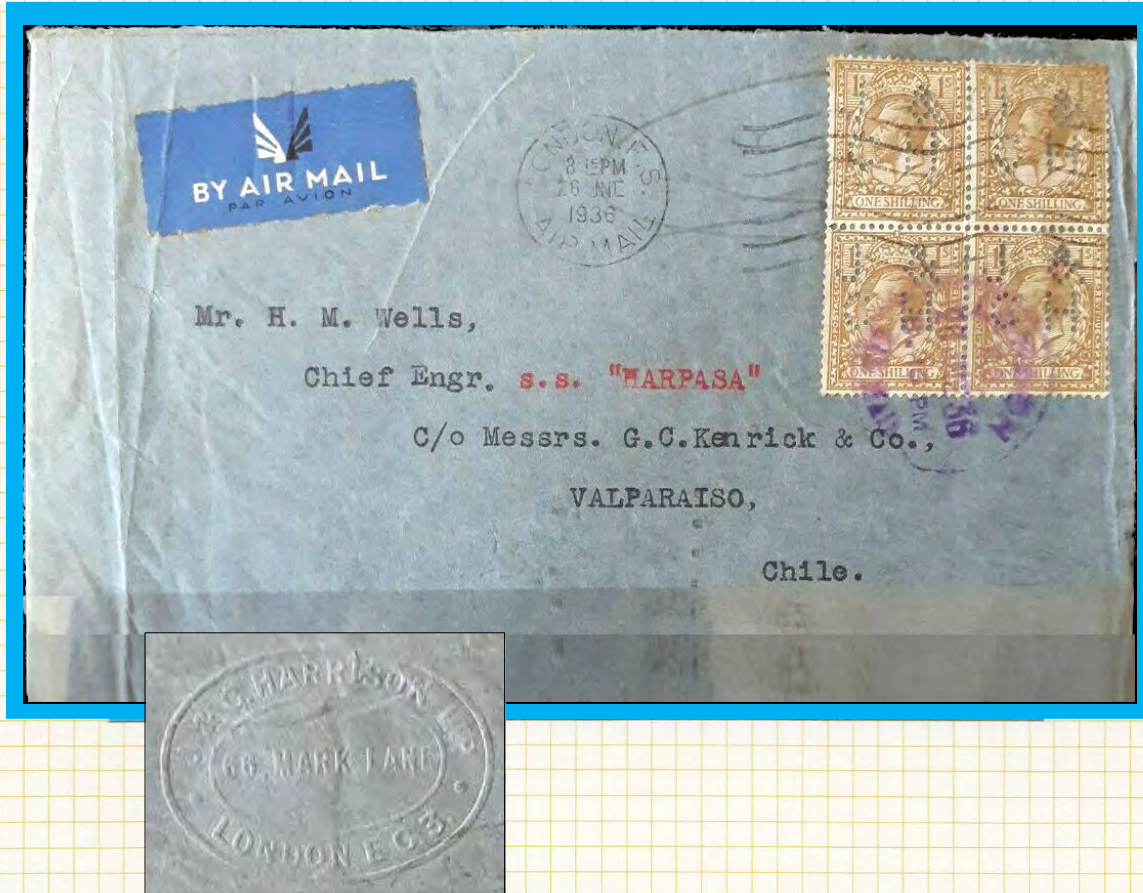
BRAZIL.



A letter from Liverpool to Sao Paulo in Brazil, in 1938. The sender, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. using stamps perfined I C I and is obviously identified to the above company. This firm was using up old postage in that the KG V stamps were being used two reigns later. The letter sent across the North and South Atlantic, was carried on it's way by the German Europe South America service, and the normal German air mail cachet applied for this service.

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AIR MAIL



This air mail letter was sent from London to Valparaiso, in Chile, in 1936. This via the French South Atlantic airways system. The 4/- postage is perfined J & / C H and is Identified to J & C Harrison in London. The London Foreign Section air mail machine cancel had missed the two lower stamps, so with their usual efficiency the Post Office had cancelled the remaining two stamps with a London air mail section hand stamp

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Foreign mail



Censor cover from the World War I period to Denmark. The KG fifth postage is perfined J. P / & S and identified to J Pedey and Son Ltd of Birmingham. The postmark is of a Birmingham continuous 3 line datestamp and 5 wavy bars.

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Invoices

Today, Jarrolds is associated mainly with the city of Norwich, but in 1913 the company were also based at Great Yarmouth. This is an invoice to the vicar, for the publication of three months supply of the parish magazine. The receipt has a KG V 1d, used for revenue purposes, and is perfinned J & S / N and identifies the user as Jarrold and Sons of Norwich. The cost of the parish magazine seemed quite expensive at £47 1s 2d. but when one looks at the amount printed, 11,900, it puts the costs in a different light.



SCHOOL STATIONERS
BY APPOINTMENT TO
HIS MAJESTY THE KING



Telegraphic Address - JARROLD, YARMOUTH.
Telephone Number 56.

CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENT - 182, KING STREET,
CENTURY ARCADE (KING ST)
PRINTING WORKS &
ACCOUNT BOOK FACTORY - ROW 63, KING STREET.
Branch - REGENT ROAD.

THE NEW ART GALLERIES
Gt. YARMOUTH,

March 1913

Parish Magazine of the Vicar

Bot & Jarrold & Sons, Limited.

Publishers, Book Merchants, Stationers,

ACCOUNT BOOK MANUFACTURERS. PRINTERS & BINDERS. IMPORTERS OF FANCY GOODS

No Receipt for Cash is Genuine or will be acknowledged, unless on a printed adhesive and numbered form.

FIVE PER CENT. INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

1912				
Dec 20	4000	softs + wrapped Mags	January	16 5 -
Jan 24	4000	"	February	15 7 6
Feb 13		Carriage on 400 Stone Works		
			Imports	8
22	3600	softs + wrapped Mags	March	14 12 6
Jan 11/13		Carriage on Magazine a 5/2		15 6
				£ 47 1 2

Date 22/5/13
F 7963 Received with
 Amount £ 47 - 1 - 2
 Signed E. Goddard
 For JARROLD & SONS, Limited.
 Great Yarmouth.



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Advertising

An ordinary letter sent in 1932 from London to Southampton by the Church Army. The KG V postage is perfined C A and is identified to the above mentioned as the user. The envelope was designed to hold the Church Army Review periodical whilst being sent out to members. What is rather poignant is the illustration on the end of the envelope. A grey pencil sketch of homeless people on the Embankment in London in 1932.

Nothing changes !?!

The Church Army Review.



Mrs A S Robinson

17 Cavendish Grove

Southampton

If undelivered please return to
55 BRYANSTON STREET
LONDON, W.1

HOMELESS.



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Foreign mail



KG V postal stationery card used by the Army and Navy Co-operative Society (who were a civilian organisation who dealt mainly with military, diplomatic, colonial and civil servants especially throughout the empire) In this instance informing the wife of Colonel Walters that the gold chains that she ordered were being made and would be sent out shortly. The uprating additional postage is perfinned C / A N / S and is identified to the sender of the card. The post card had a journey via Europe and the Trans Siberian Railway to it's destination of Tientsin in North China, where Colonel and Mrs Walters were stationed with the Baluchistan Infantry.

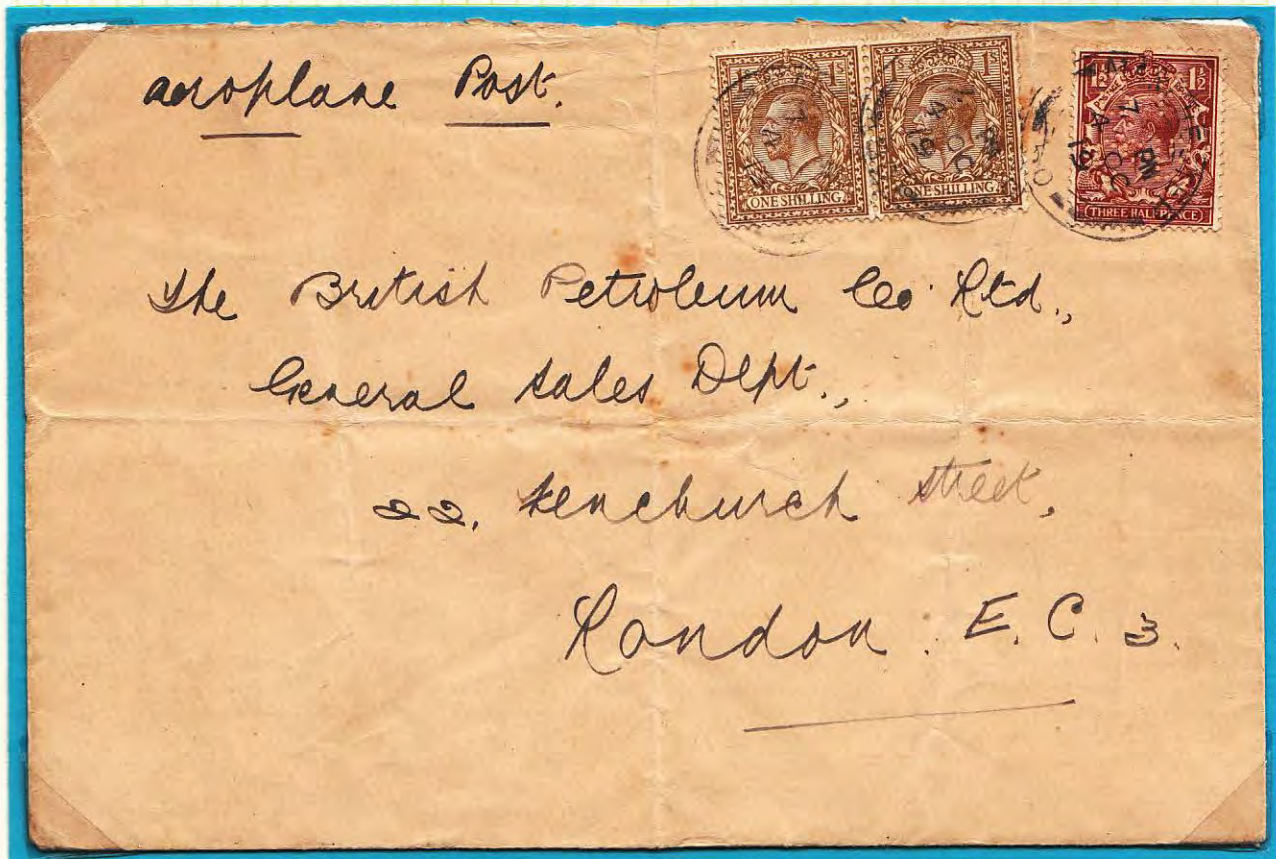


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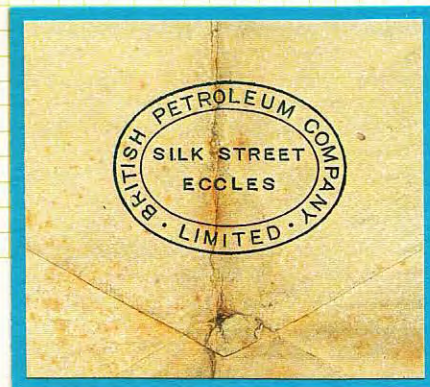
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Due to a national strike by railwaymen, conveyance of all long distance transportation was halted. The Postmaster-General arranged with the Air Ministry for the conveyance, by airmail, of letters only between London and the following destinations, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Glasgow. All letters had to be endorsed "BY AEROPLANE" and a special fee of 2/- per ounce, in addition to the normal rate of postage would be charged.

The cover shown was carried on the service between Manchester and London, and is cancelled the 4th October 1919. The "original" postage is perfined B P and is identified to the British Petroleum Co. Ltd. who sent this letter from their depot in Eccles to their head office in London.



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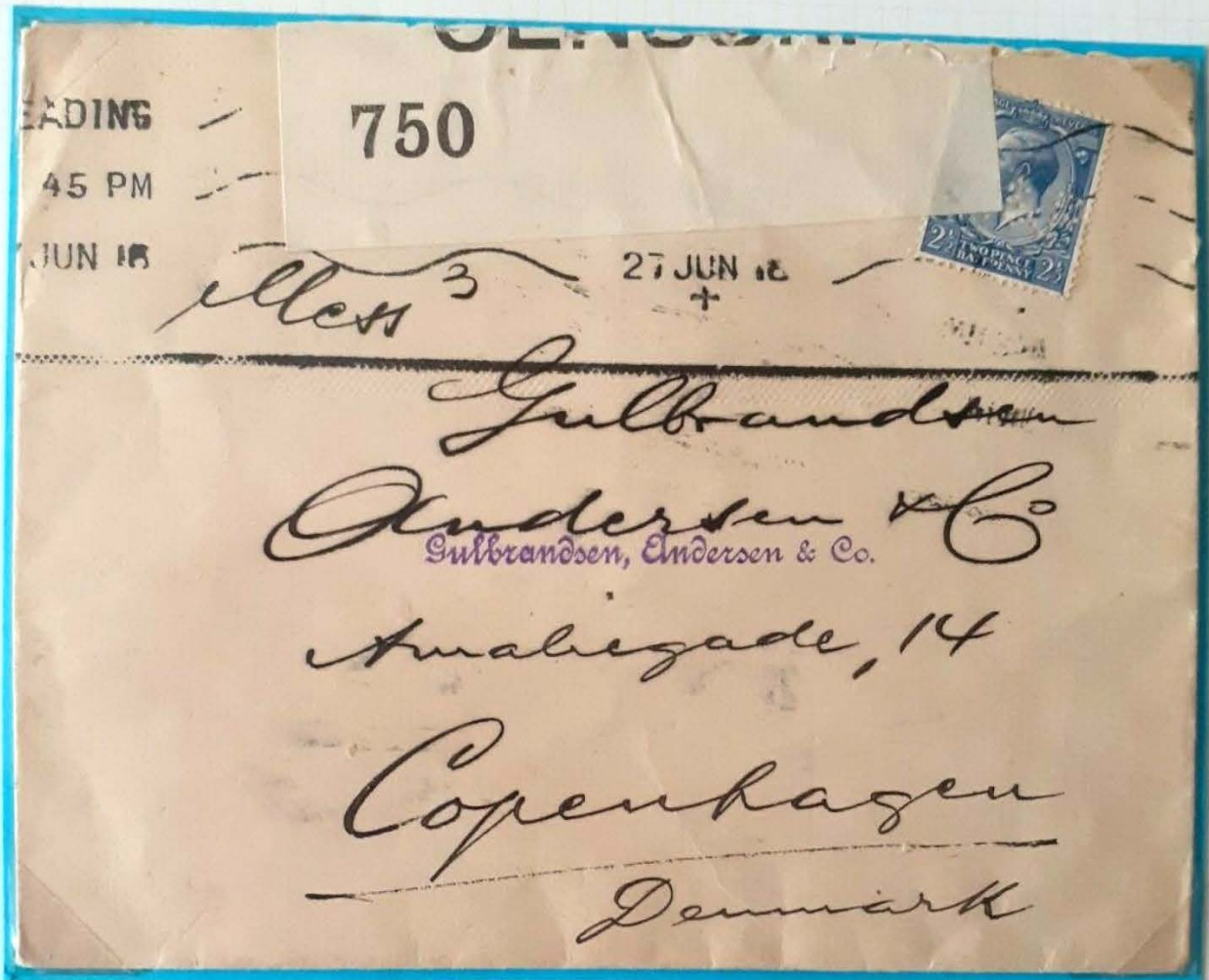
There can be no doubt as to the sender of this letter, as G.E.C. is emblazoned on the corner of the envelope. The KG V 5s 6d postage is perfined G E / C and it does not take a genius to work out that it identifies to the General Electric Co. The letter left London on the 17th June 1936 via Germany to Peru.



Flown to Stuttgart for the Deutsche Lufthansa service, then onward to Bathurst. Transportation was then by seaplane and catapult assisted flight to Brazil. Then, the Condor Syndicate aircraft took it over the Andes to Peru. A Talara back-stamp for the 25th June 1936 means just eight days in transit to the other side of the world. But alas, Mr Baldry was not at Lobitos so the mail was redirected back home to Ipswich. Not as exciting as Lobitos in Peru !!

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A WW I censored letter, sent from the U.K. to Denmark in 1918. The sender being Huntley and Palmers (the biscuit manufacturers) of Reading. The postage being perfinned H & P which is attributed to the company. The address is quite explicit, normally a name and town is all you get !!

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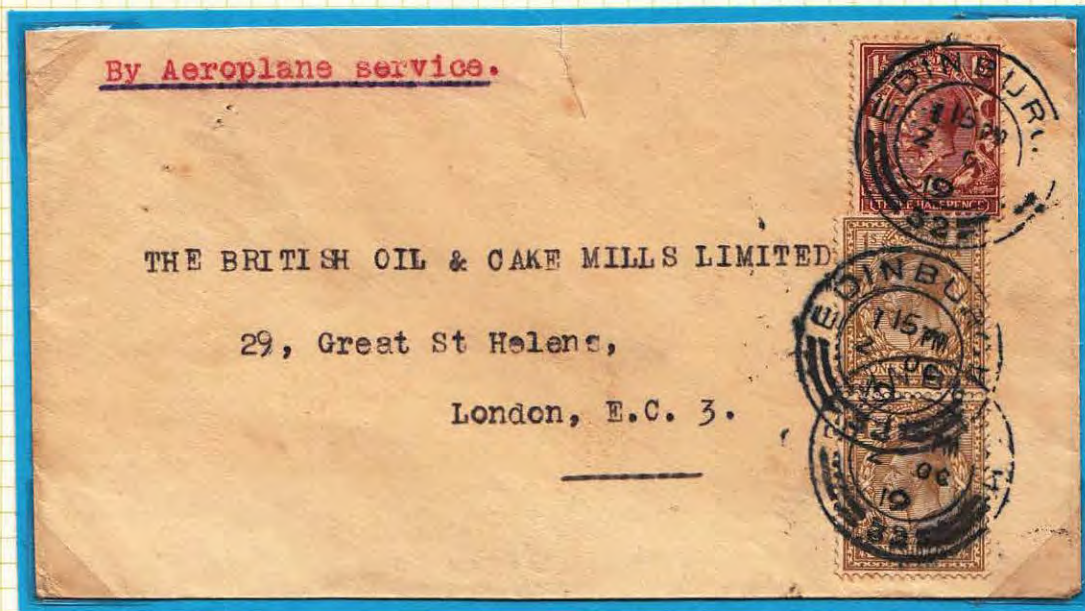
I never thought that one of these items might exist, but lo, before your very eyes an item from the first U.K. official aerial post with postage being perfinned. The machine cancel indicates that the card was initially flown from London to Windsor on the evening flight of the 15th September 1911. The perfin HYAM is identified to Hyam the tailors in Oxford Street in London. As an added bonus the card was sent out to Colombo in Ceylon as it then was. The message reads "arriving by the next aeroplane post, look up" "will land at back of High Cross" I assume a large "plantation in Ceylon. All in all a very nice item.



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Because of a national strike by railwaymen during the latter days of September and the beginning of October 1919, mail destined for longer distances was halted. Prior to the government using military aeroplanes civil aviation companies were used to fill the gap to get the mail to its destinations. In this instance the Blackburn Aviation Company of Leeds had flown mail from there to London on the 30th September. The government asked them to fly mail to and from Glasgow. Which eventually they did on the 1st October 1919.



The cover shown here was sent from Edinburgh on the 2nd of October 1919, routed to Glasgow it was flown down to London on the second flight from Glasgow. It is endorsed "by aeroplane service" as instructed by the Post office and the extra two shillings fee added. My interest is in the normal one and a half penny postage being perforated BROIL and as is indicated on the envelope is identified as being used by the British Oil and Cake Mills Ltd. hence the perforated Broil. All in all a very nice commercial piece of airmail postal history.

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This is a very nice item, but I cannot work out the £1 9s 9d postage rate for this cover to go to Argentina. The KG V postage is perfined M W / & Co and as per the back flap of the envelope, is identified to the Mirrlees Watson Co Ltd. The letter left Glasgow on the 8th May 1930. Although there are no indications on the front to tell how it was flown, it travelled to Marseilles via Paris. Once there the French company Aeropostale flew it onward to Dakar. Then by fast ship to Brazil, then airmail again to Buenos Aires. The back-stamp gives an arrival on the 14th May 1930. Not bad just six days from Glasgow to Buenos Aires.

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Berlin transit c.d.s.
 Berlin airmail cachet
 Friedrichshafen.
 Board Zeppelin South
 America flight 1932.
 Arrival back stamp
 Recife 1-9-32.
 Dep. 5.00 a.m. 29-8-32
 Arr. 8.18 a.m. 1-9-32

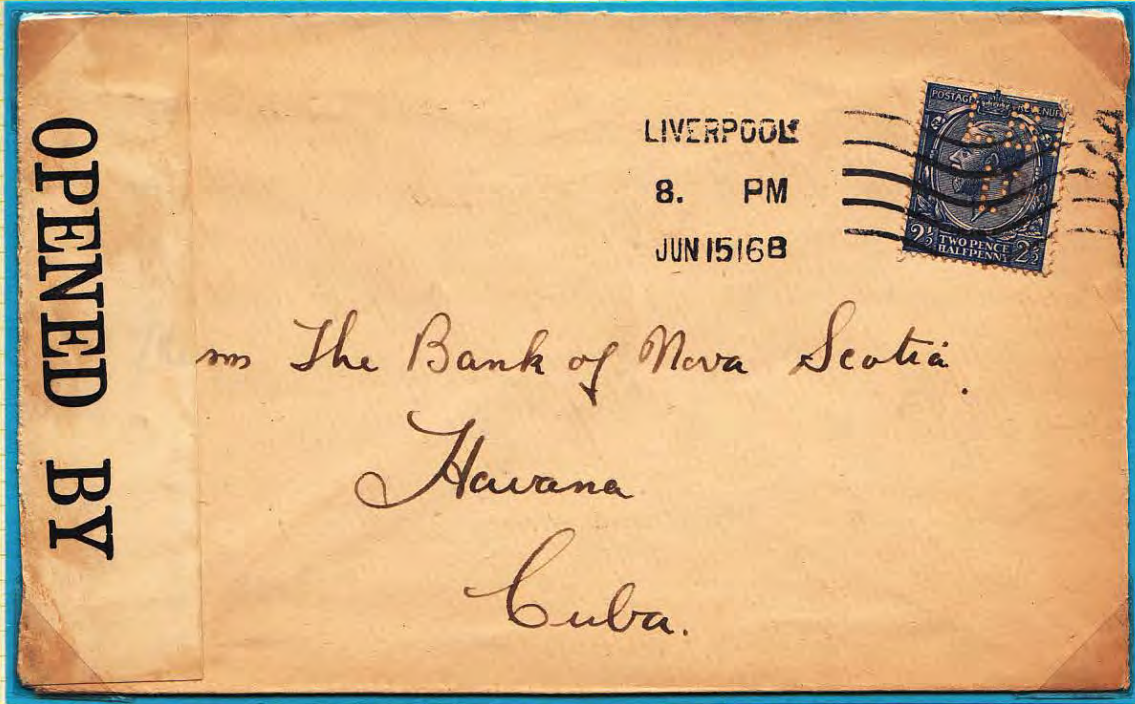


A letter carried by the Graf Zeppelin from the U.K. to Recife, initially posted in London on the 27th August 1932, the airmail to Berlin by the 28th. Then down to Friedrichshafen for a Graf Zeppelin departure on the 29th August. The cover has a Berlin transit mark and the Berfin-Friedrichshafen mark. Also applied on board the flight is the violet Zeppelin South America cachet. The postage is perfined M B and is identified for use by the Midland Bank, linking in nicely with the recipient The French Italian Bank of South America. The, unfortunately reproduction card alongside shows mail bags being loaded onto the Graf Zeppelin. A very nice commercial item of airmail !!

London-Berlin	27-8-32
Berfin-F`hafen	28-8-32
F`hafen-Recife	29-8-32
Arrived	1-9-32

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Foreign mail



A WW I censored cover sent in 1916 from Levy Brothers and Knowles Ltd, who resided in the Corn Exchange in Liverpool. The KG V stamp is perforated L B K / Ld and identified to the above company. The letter is sent to an unusual destination, The Bank of Nova Scotia in Havana Cuba !!.

Reverse of letter



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AIR MAIL

The postage on the letter is perfined "K" so initially no connection to I.C.I. But, in 1924 I.C.I. bought out Kynock Ltd of Lion Works Birmingham, becoming I.C.I. metals Ltd. So they were using up old stock of the higher than the normal postage rate stamps. This is a very very nice piece of commercial postal history.



A letter from I.C.I. in Birmingham to one of their other companies in Peru. It was carried over the South Atlantic route by the 3rd Graf Zeppelin flight of 1934 leaving Friedrichshafen on the 23rd June at 7.20 p.m. The airmail envelope is endorsed by manuscript and stamped instructions to travel by the German airmail. As an added bonus it also carries the purple Graf Zeppelin Argentine Flight cachet applied during the flight.

Reverse of letter



Routing.

Birmingham	21-6-34
Stuttgart	23-6-34
Friedrichshafen	23-6-34
Argentina	Nil !!!
Chile	2-7-34
Lima, Peru	10-7-34

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Foreign mail

An ordinary commercial envelope pre-printed because of the need for frequent communication from Barclays bank (the chief foreign branch) in London, and in this instance the Deutsche Orientbank in Izmir Turkey. Sent in this instance in January 1934. Because of the "printed matter" endorsement the cost being only 1d, this postage perfined B B K and identified to the aforementioned bank.

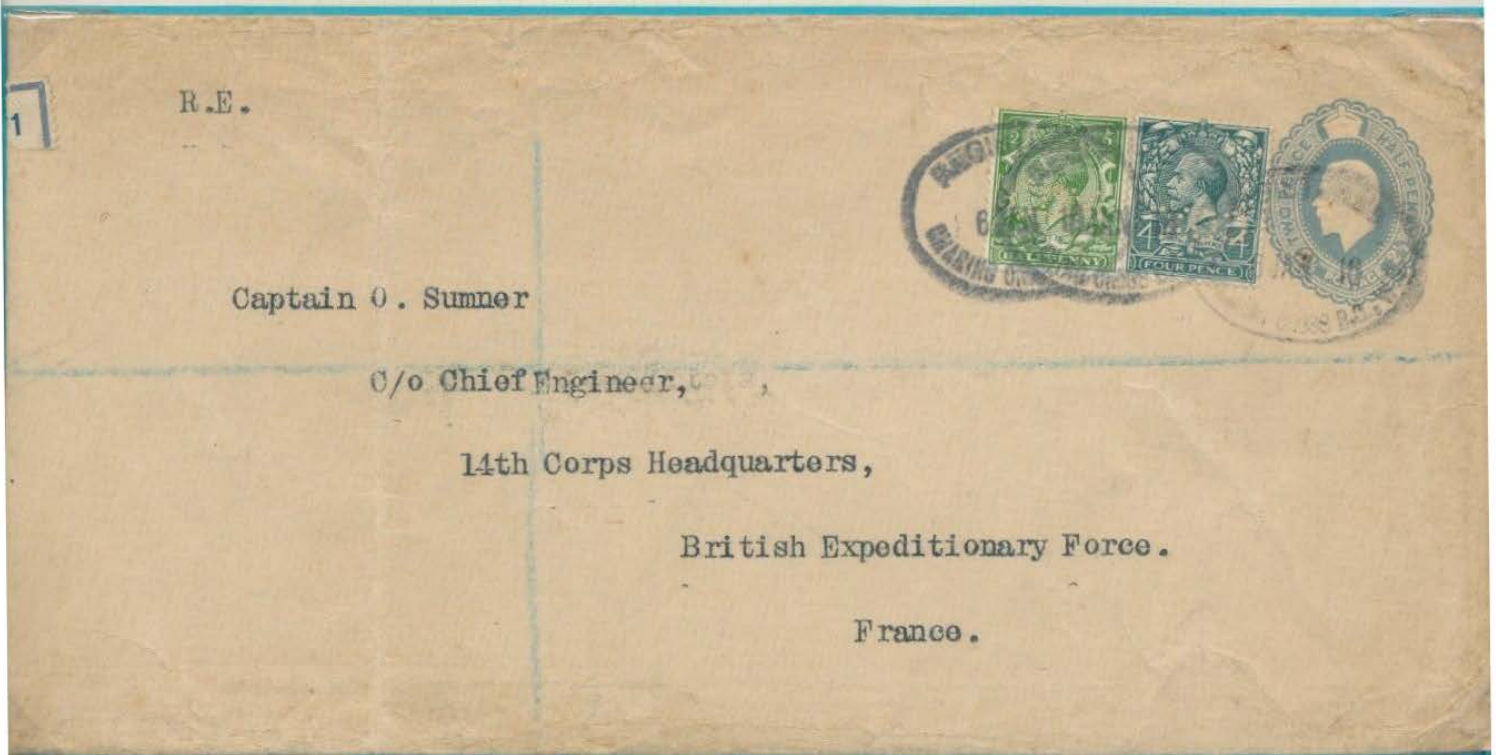


Just as a matter of interest, and the Post Office being paranoid that the general public might re-use a postage stamp, the London foreign section machine cancel promoting the British Industries fair in 1934 has only just touched the stamp, so a diligent clerk has completely obliterated the KG V 1d stamp with a foreign section hand-stamp !!

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Foreign mail

A KG V two and a half penny postal stationery envelope used by Cox & Co. (the bankers) The company details shown under the flap on the envelope and the full name COX which perfins the uprating extra four and a half penny postage. The registered letter being sent to one of their military customers, who was (at this time) in June 1916, part of the British Expeditionary force in France, engaged in World War I.



Reverse of letter



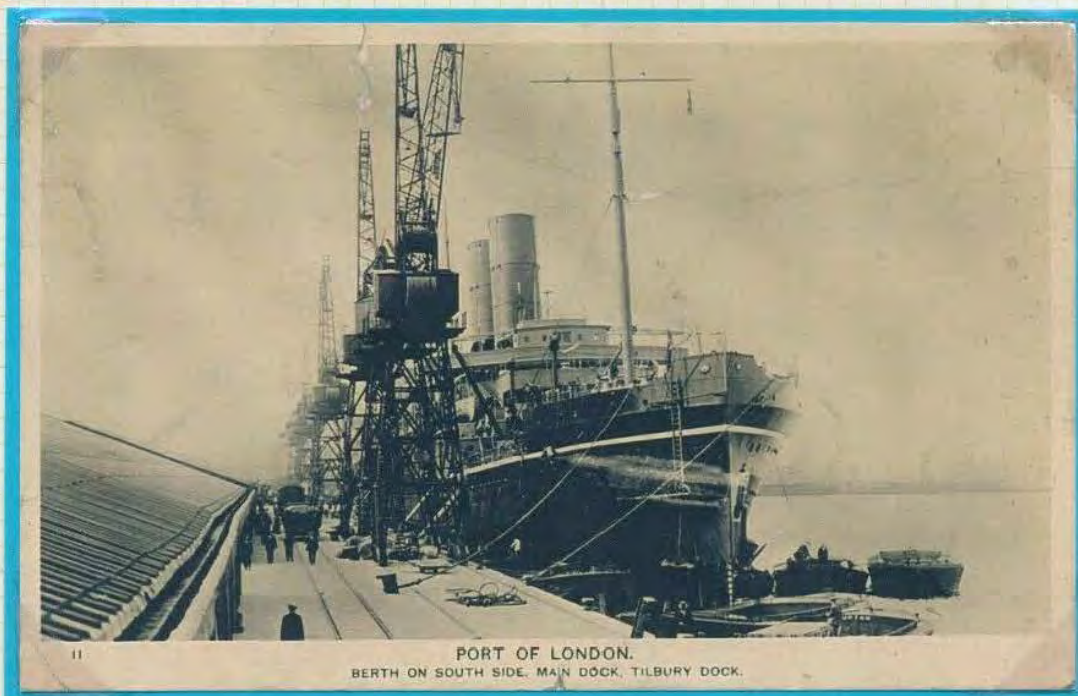
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Internal mail



A grubby post card sent from the Port of London Authority in February 1930. The postage is perfined P L / A and ties in nicely with the sender. The acknowledgement message on the card being sent to a Railway Company goods department at another part of the docks area. The face of the card showing how large ships could be accommodated in the Authorities docks !!

Reverse of post card

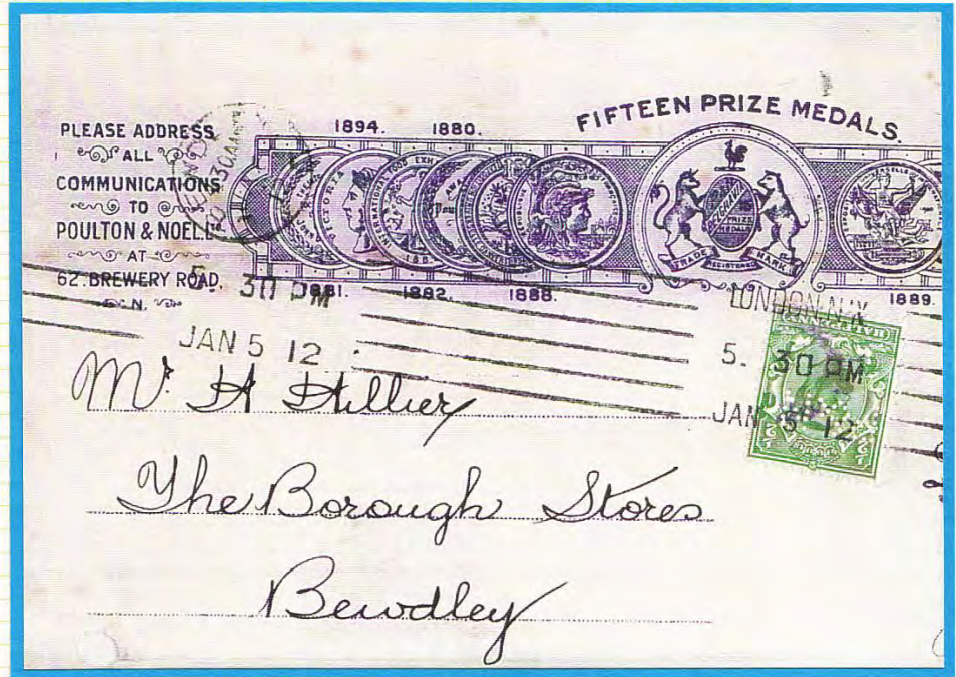


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Internal mail

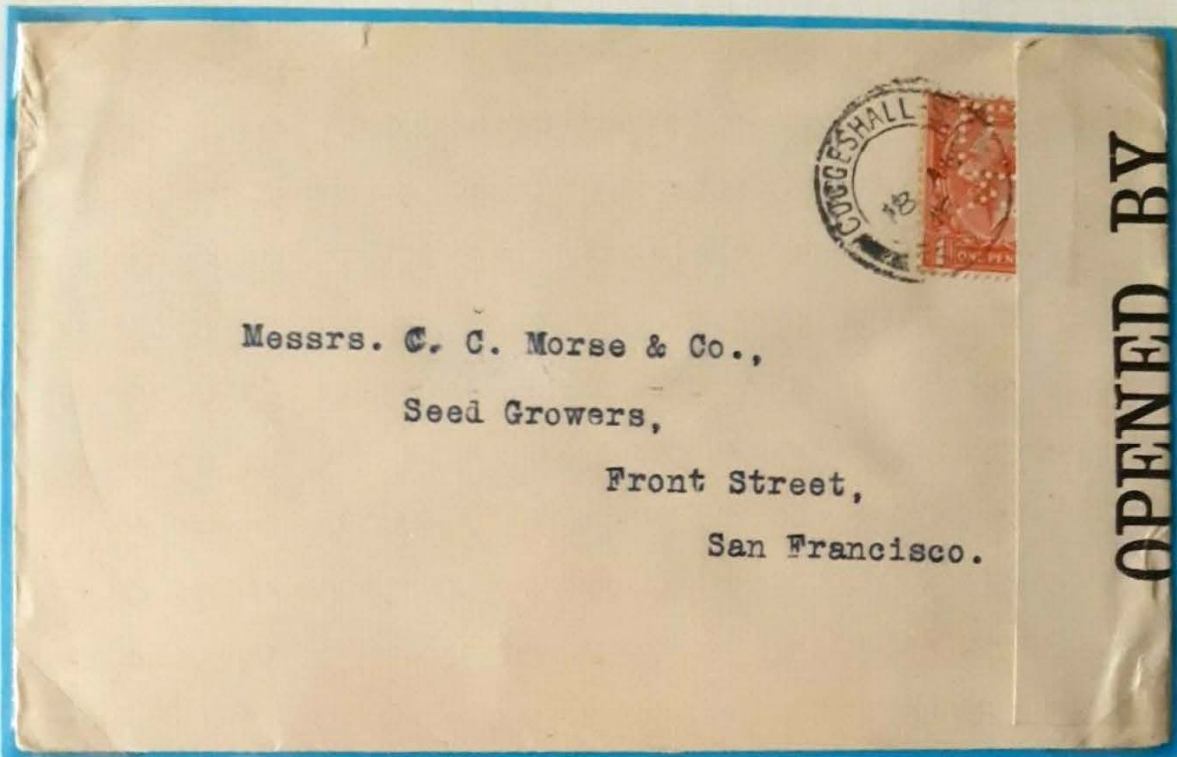
Front of invoice/bill

An invoice/receipted bill sent in January 1912 from London to Bewdley. The headed invoice illustrates how the company of Poulton and Noel had won medals for the past 21 years for their rolled ox tongues (Belgravian type !!) The KE VII postage is perfined P & N and is identified to the above company.



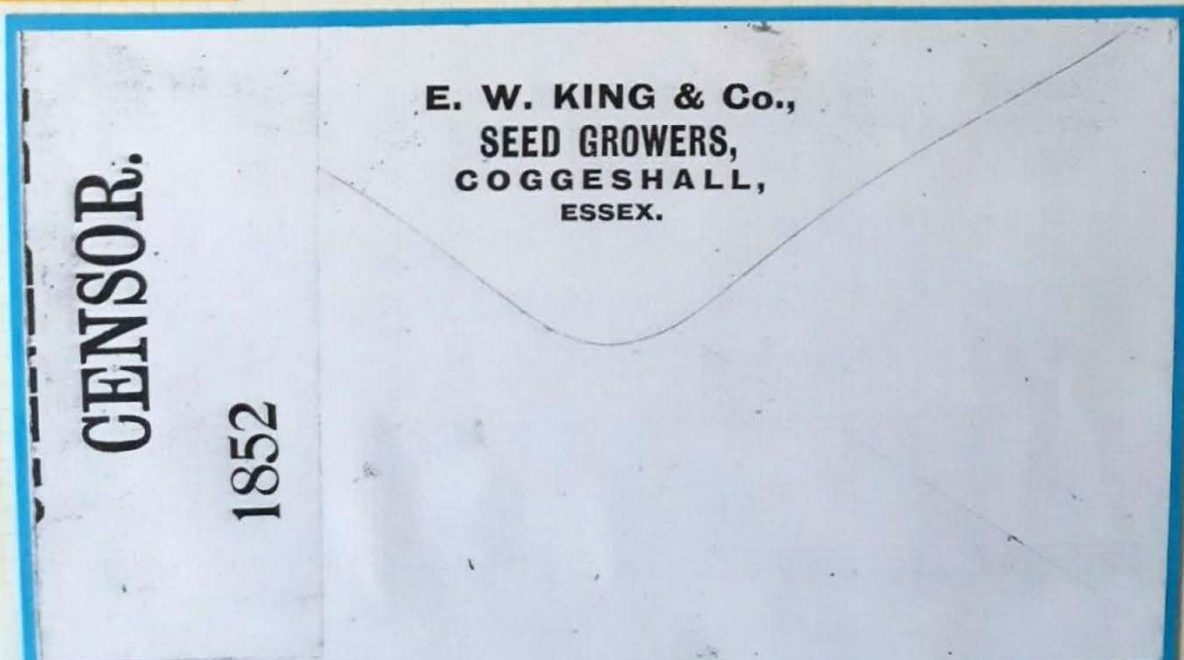
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Foreign mail



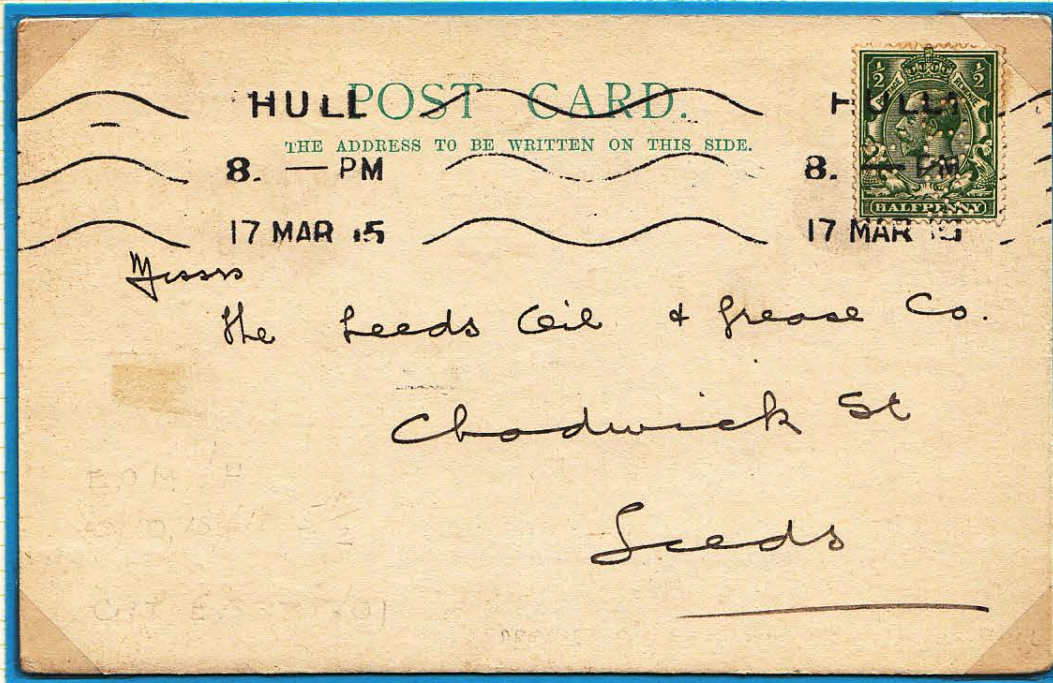
A KG V cover sent during WW I from E W King and Co. seed growers of Coggeshall. The postage is perfined E . K and is identified to the company named above. The recipients being Messrs Morse and Co. also seed growers, in San Francisco USA. Because of the prevailing hostilities the letter has been censored.

Reverse of letter



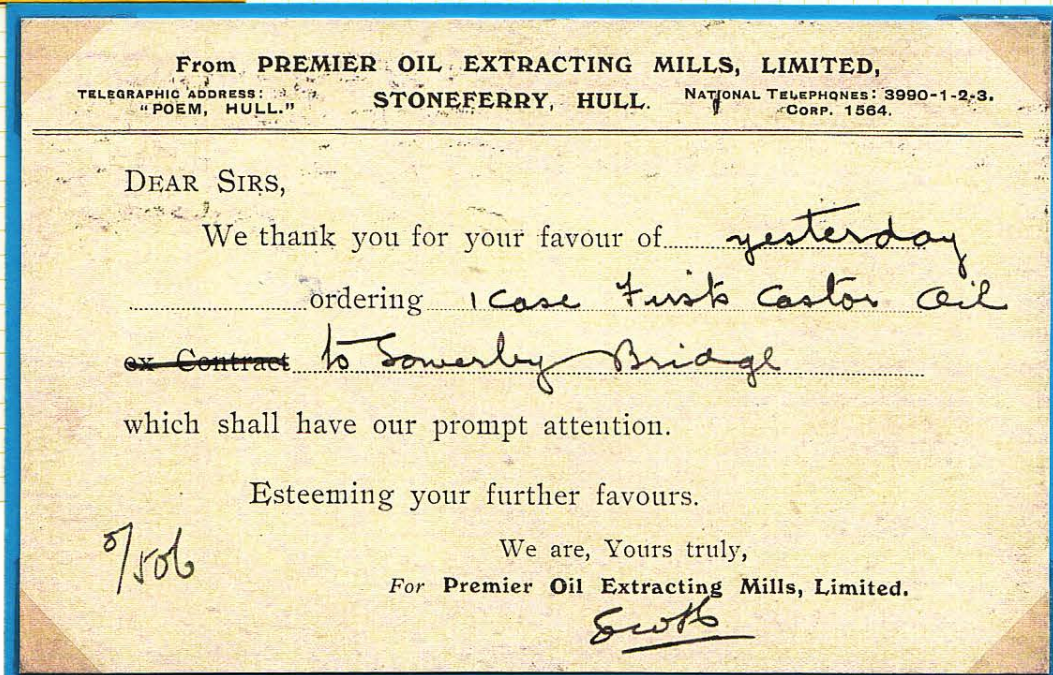
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Internal mail



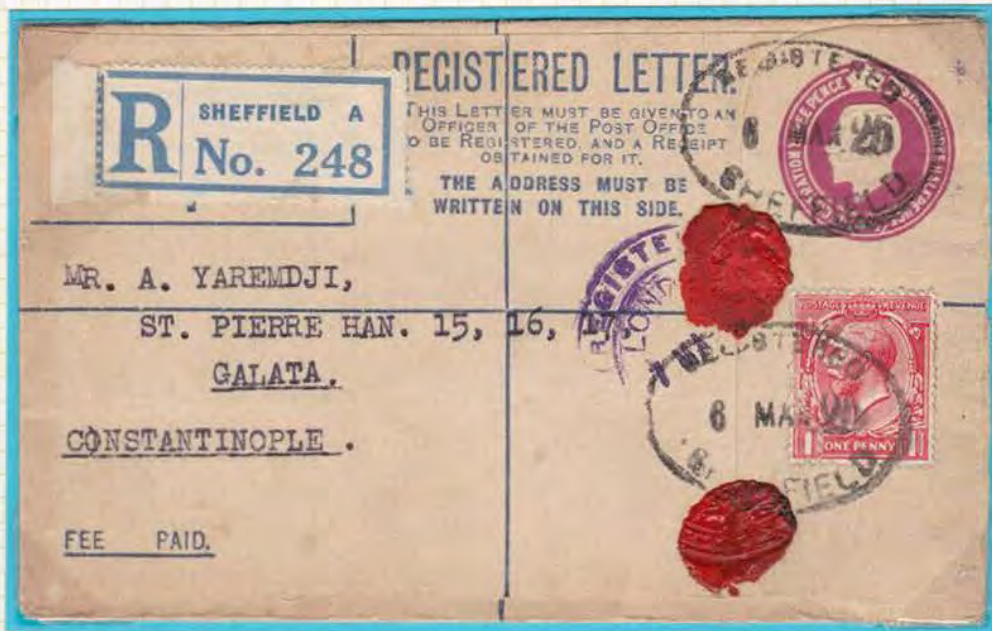
The Leeds Oil and Grease Co. placed an order for a case of castor oil !!! to the Premier Oil Extracting Mills in Hull. This post card was sent in acknowledgement to that order, and informing the recipient that their case would be delivered to Somerby Bridge. The postage is perfinned E O M / H and identified to the oil extracting company in Hull. I assume that the initials E O M stand for the Extracting Oil Mills and the addition of Premier to their title was to emphasise their position in that type of business. The H in the perfin represents Hull, one of the perfins that associate a place name within the perfin.

Reverse of post card



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Foreign mail

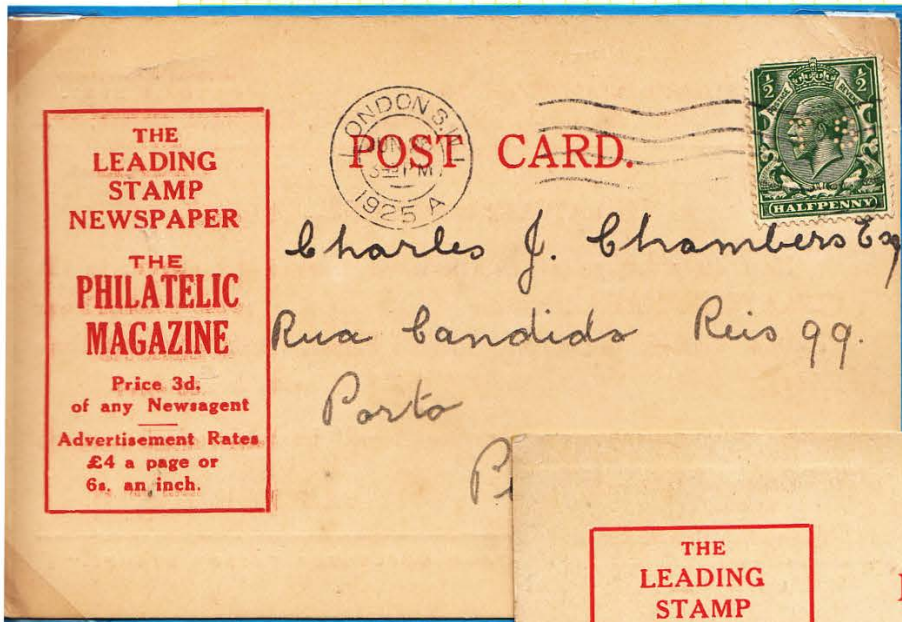


A very nice KG V registered letter from Sheffield to Constantinople in 1925. The letter collected a London hooded circle registration cancel on it's way through the foreign section sorting office. The additional 1d postage is perfinned T. F. / & / S. Ld and this is identified to Thomas Firth and Son Ltd. Norfolk Works Sheffield.



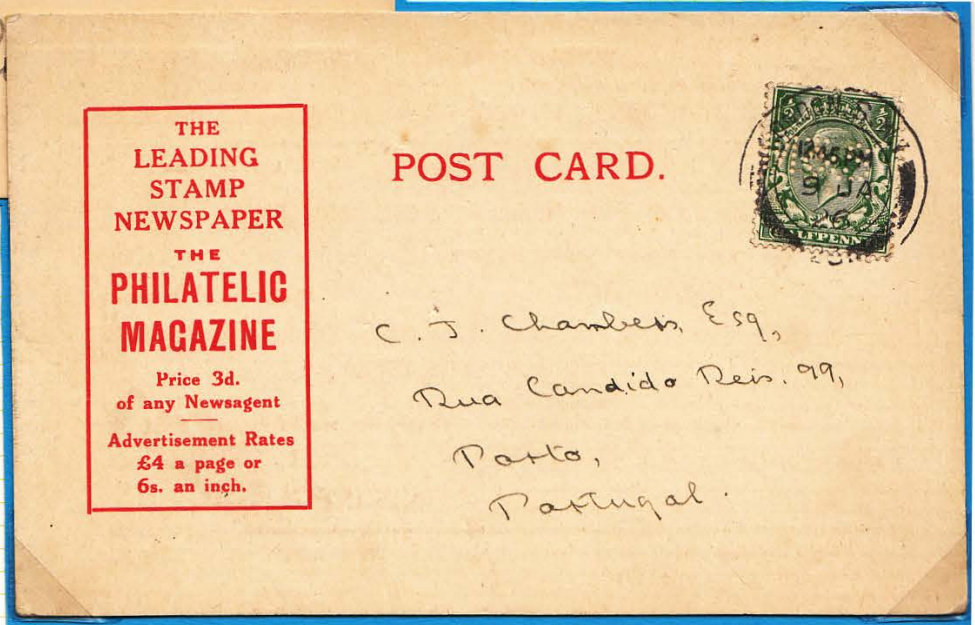
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Foreign mail

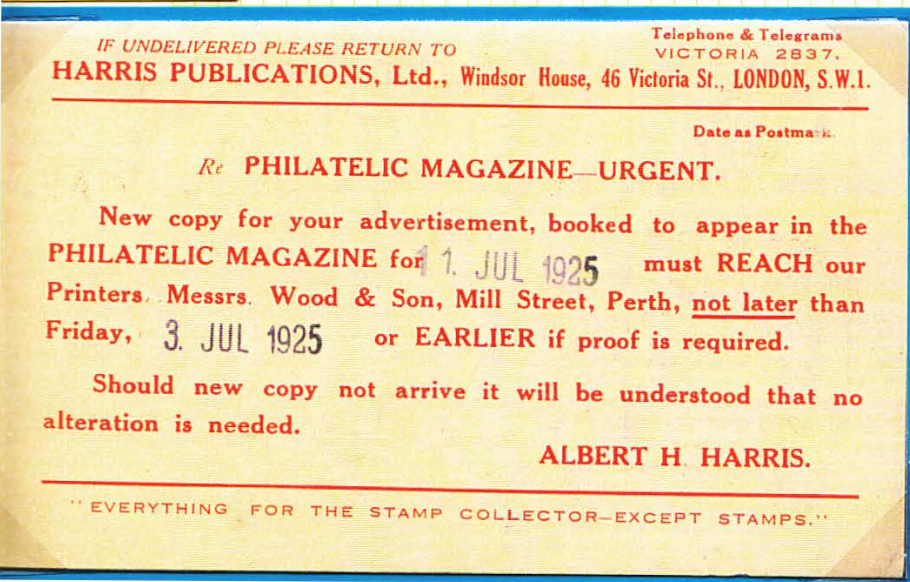


Two cards with a philatelic interest in that they were sent from Albert Harris's philatelic magazine to a contributor who resided in Portugal. Sent in 1925 and 1926 the KGV postage is perfined T S and M & S.

But why should two cards from the same source carry stamps perfined with letters with no direct reference to the sender. After a bit of research (and a lot of help from friends) the suspected answer to the puzzle was revealed.



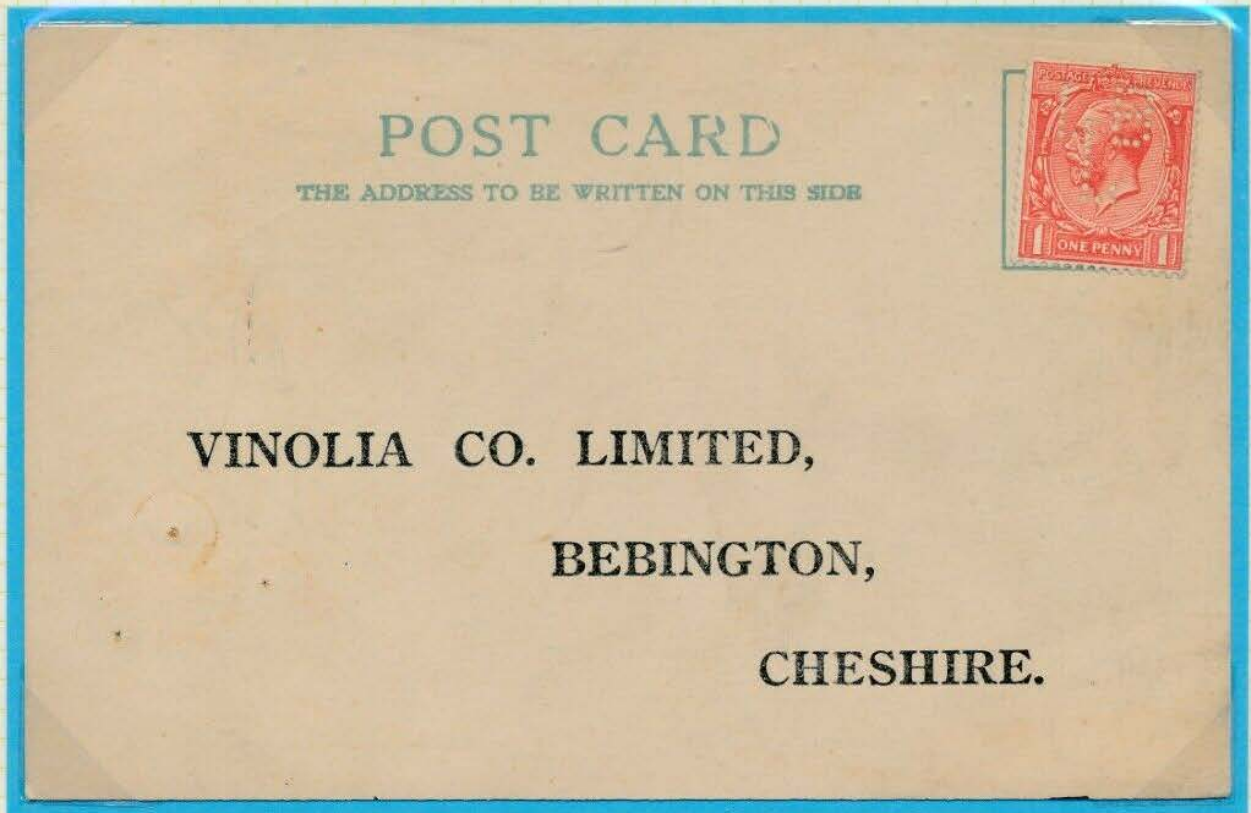
Reverse of one of the post cards



The Philatelic Magazine was owned by publishers Thomas Skinner & Co hence the T S perfin in 1925, presumably it was sold, and in 1926 the new owners, here is a selection of three, Maclaren & Sons, Meiklejohn & Sons and Morgan & Scott Ltd who were publishers around that place and time would have been the new owners. All three would have the perfin M & S, so problem solved !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



This unused reply card, post paid was sent to Invergordon in Scotland. The KG V postage is perfined L B / L and identified to Lever Brothers Ltd of Port Sunlight fame. But why was it on a Vinolia Ltd post card to be returned to Cheshire. I assume that Lever Brothers had bought out Vinolia Ltd, but still traded under the original company name as they were the producers of soap and toiletries the same as Lever Brothers.

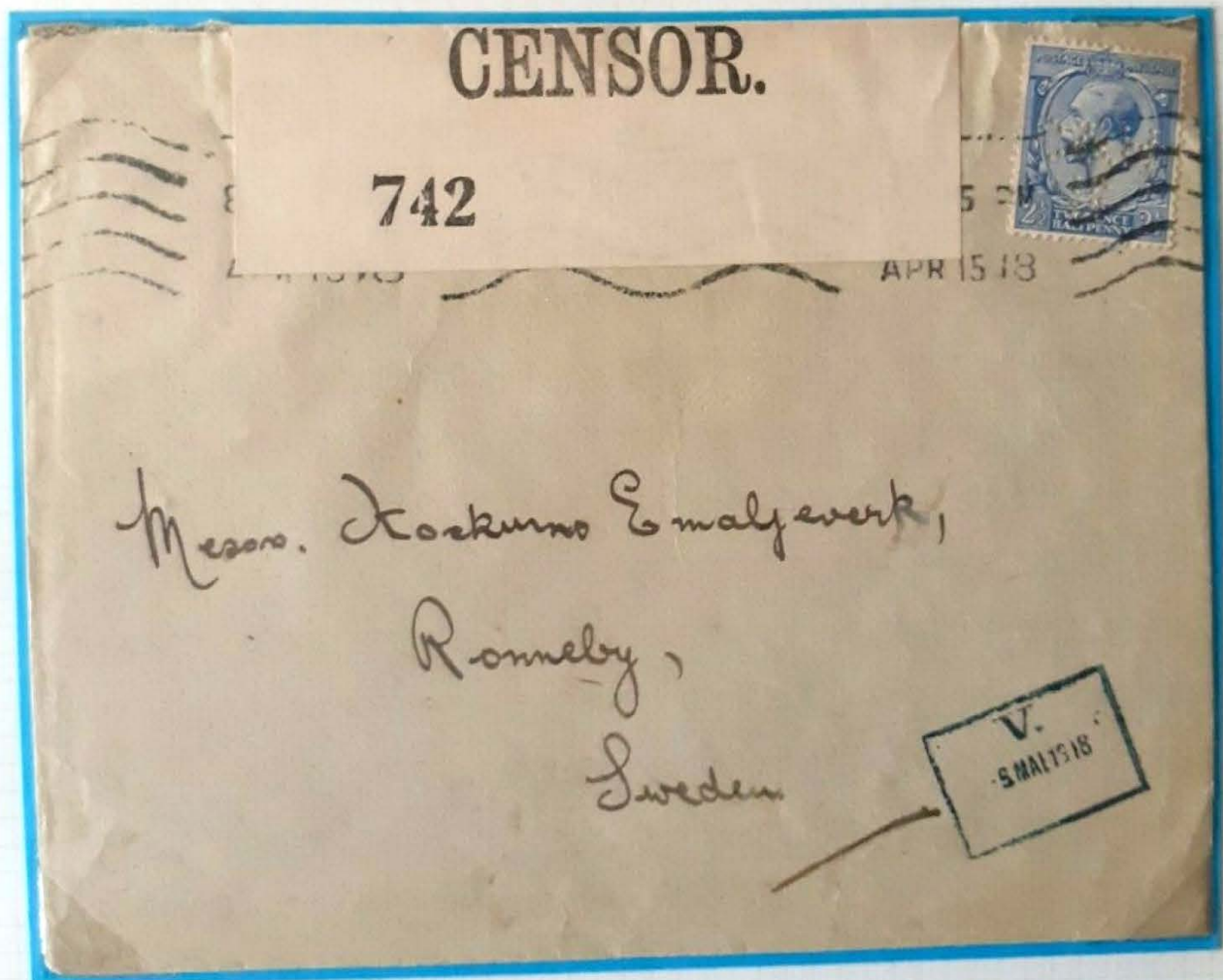


V / Co. Ltd.
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Vinolia
Co Ltd

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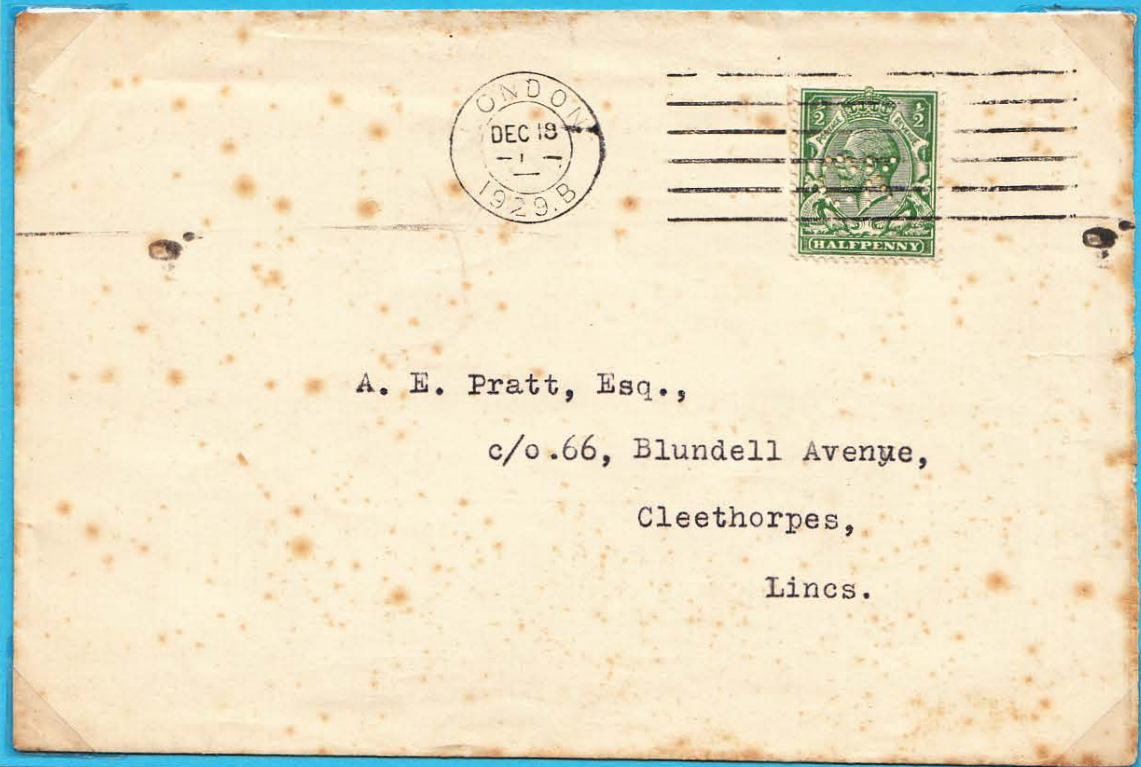
Foreign mail

A WW I censored letter from the U.K. to Sweden in 1918. The postage being perfinned C & H / Ld which is identified to the company of Chance and Hirst Ltd. (it helps when the firms stationery is embossed on the reverse with such details !!) The letter (because of the hostilities) took over 3 weeks to reach it's destination.



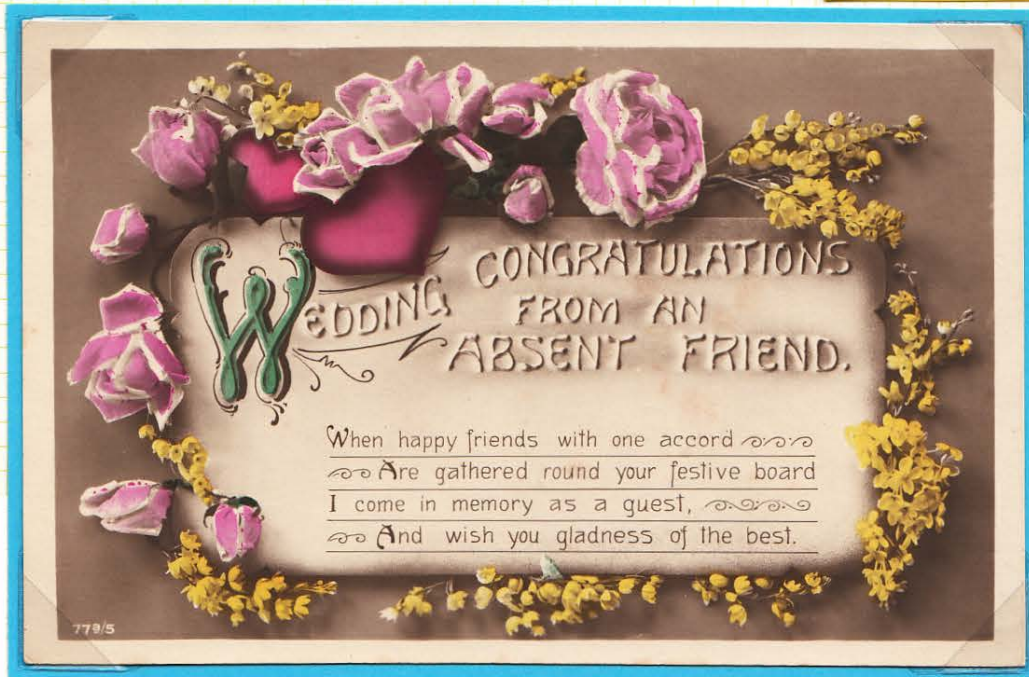
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Internal mail



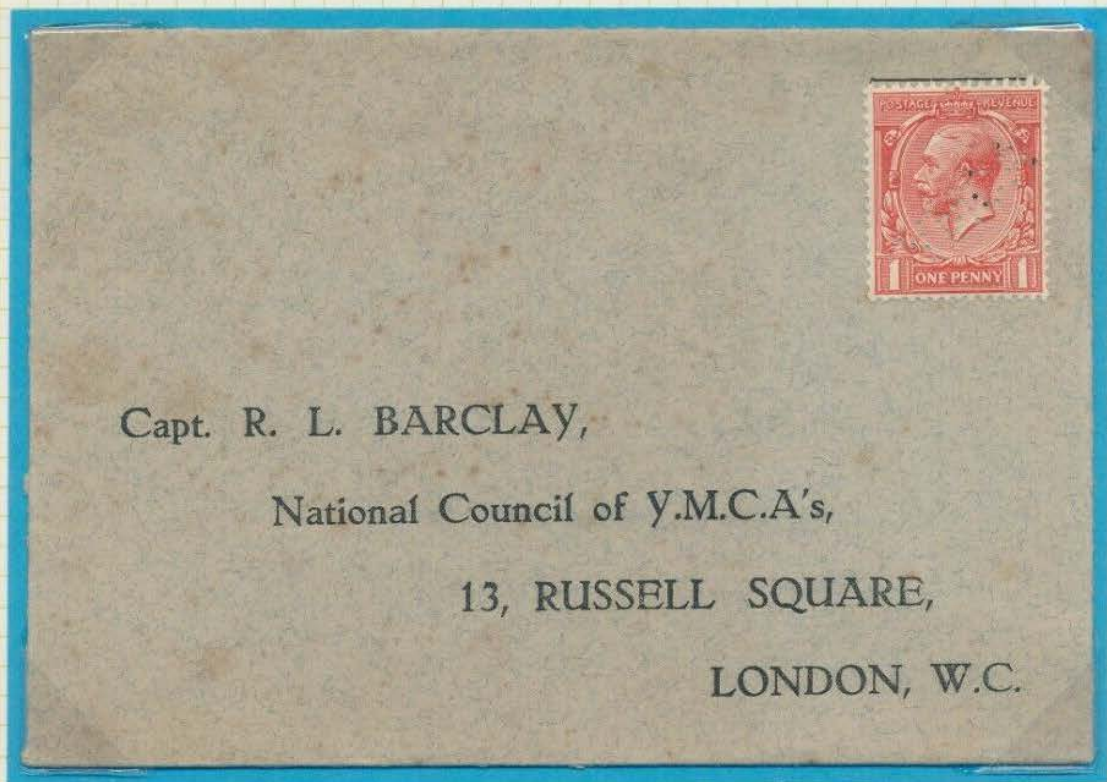
A rather rust spotted envelope sent from London to Cleethorpes in December 1929. The London machine post mark cancels postage which is perfined C K , and is attributed to the Society for the Promotion/propagation of Christian Knowledge. I assume there must have been an accompanying letter to go with the displayed card from the envelope, which was to express wedding congratulations but could not attend the ceremony.

Post card enclosure



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Internal mail



An unused prepaid/pre-stamped reply envelope, the KG V postage being perfinned Y M C A diagonally across the stamp. It does not take the combined efforts of Poirot, Miss Marples or Sherlock Holmes to ascertain that the perfin users identity is the Young Mens Christian Association, as is evident by the printed addressee and address on the envelope !!!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A letter from the Daily Graphic newspaper (whatever happened to it ??) to a Lady Ossulston containing her "fee" for a contribution to the newspaper. The postage is perfinned GRAPHIC and as is obvious, used by the newspaper.

Telegrams : "DIGRAPH, FLEET, LONDON."

Telephone : CITY 2121
(30 lines).

DAILY GRAPHIC

GRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS, LIMITED,
TALLIS HOUSE, TALLIS STREET, E.C.4.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Dear Sir,

Herewith please find Cheque £ 2 : 2 : -

in payment of contributions to the "Daily Graphic" to _____

1st. June 1926

Yours faithfully,

H. G. CHARVET, *Secretary.*

Kindly present this Cheque as early as possible.

No acknowledgment is required.

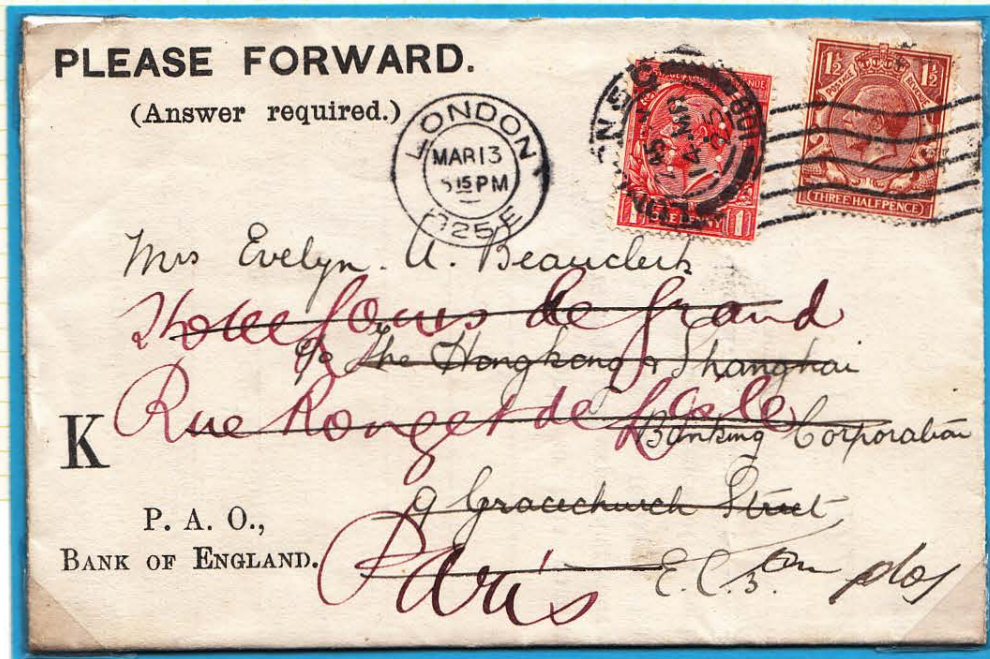
This is a copy of the interior of the letter, which is printed on the inside of the cover. It was then folded and stamped for onward transmission similar to the early letters or "entires".

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Internal mail



Two "entires" originating from the Power of Attorney's Office at the Bank of England. These are the reply halves being returned with the relevant information requested. The one above being sent back from the Carlton Hotel, from where the recipient was staying, the postage is perfined CH / Ld and was provided by the Hotel to whom the perfin is identified to. The one below, initially sent to the addressee via the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and redirected to Paris, carries postage perfined H and identified to the bank. The contents of the "entires" are about local loans, and Southern Rhodesian stocks !!



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Emigration.



Because of the perfin on the postage, C . P / R identified to the Canadian Pacific Railroad, in this instance pertaining to their shipping interests, the Liverpool post-mark and the message on the card, I ought to discount this as a borrowing the postage item. I can only assume that the sender of the card was emigrating to Canada in the 1930's, and sending one last message back to their parents. The post card and the postage both identify to the Canadian Pacific railroad Co. so I assume that they were purchased from the company prior to sailing, for the specific reason of sending one last message back home.

Reverse of post card.



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Invoices

Form Code
A 40
66956.

If undelivered return to VACUUM OIL CO., LTD.,
Caxton House, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.
Telephone: VICTORIA 6620 (10 lines).

DO NOT CUT



Messrs Chas. Nelson & Co. Ltd.
Lime & Cement Works
Stockton, Rugby

Dr. to VACUUM OIL COMPANY, LTD.,
Manufacturers and Marketers of High Grade Lubricating Oils and Greases.

Telephone:
VICTORIA 6620 (10 lines).

CAXTON HOUSE,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

DEC 1931 193

Representatives are not allowed to make collections without written authority
PLEASE MAKE ALL REMITTANCES PAYABLE TO VACUUM OIL CO., LTD., AND CROSS

		To Account Rendered			
1931		To Mdse. as per Invoice Rendered			
700	6	12547	28	13	6
"	"	12550	7	8	
"	27	12692	16	7	9
Dec	2	12665	8	5	10
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"	30	12478	10	15	3
		<i>Rec'd</i>	39	8	11
			92	8	2

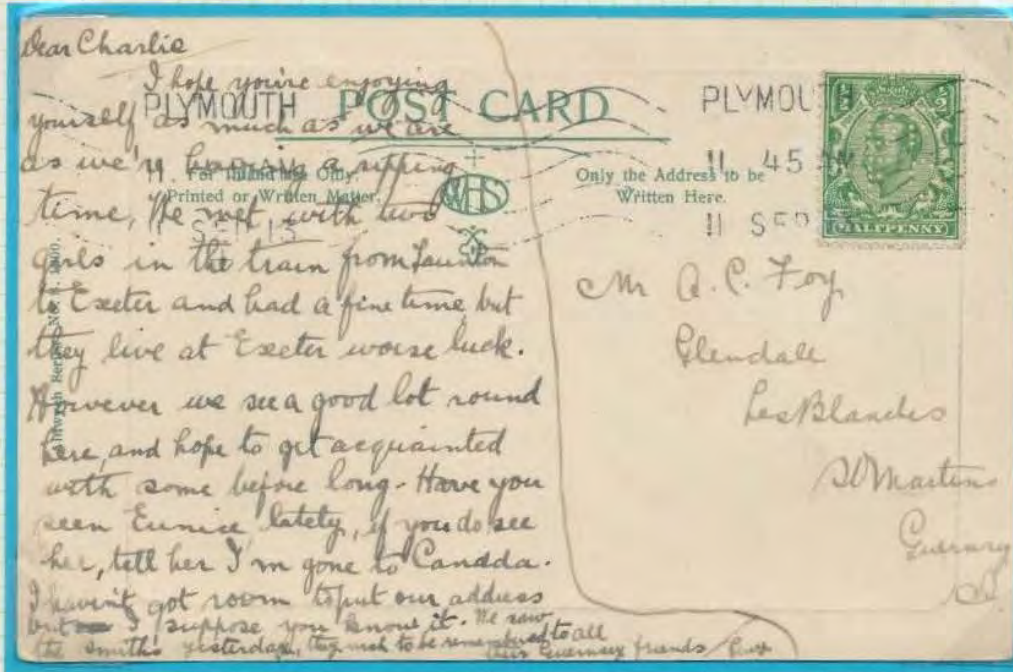
PLEASE RETURN THIS STATEMENT IF INCORRECT.

STATEMENTS ARE RENDERED AT MONTH END FOR ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.
IF DUE FOR PAYMENT A REMITTANCE WILL OBLIGE.

An invoice "entire" from the Vacuum Oil Company Ltd at London, for products supplied to Messrs Chas. Nelson and Co. Ltd. who manufactured lime and cement at Rugby (Rugby Cement ??) in December 1931. The postage being cancelled by a triangular die telegraph code plus wavy bars for SW 1. The stamp being perfined V O / Co L, which roughly translates into the Vacuum Oil Co. Ltd.

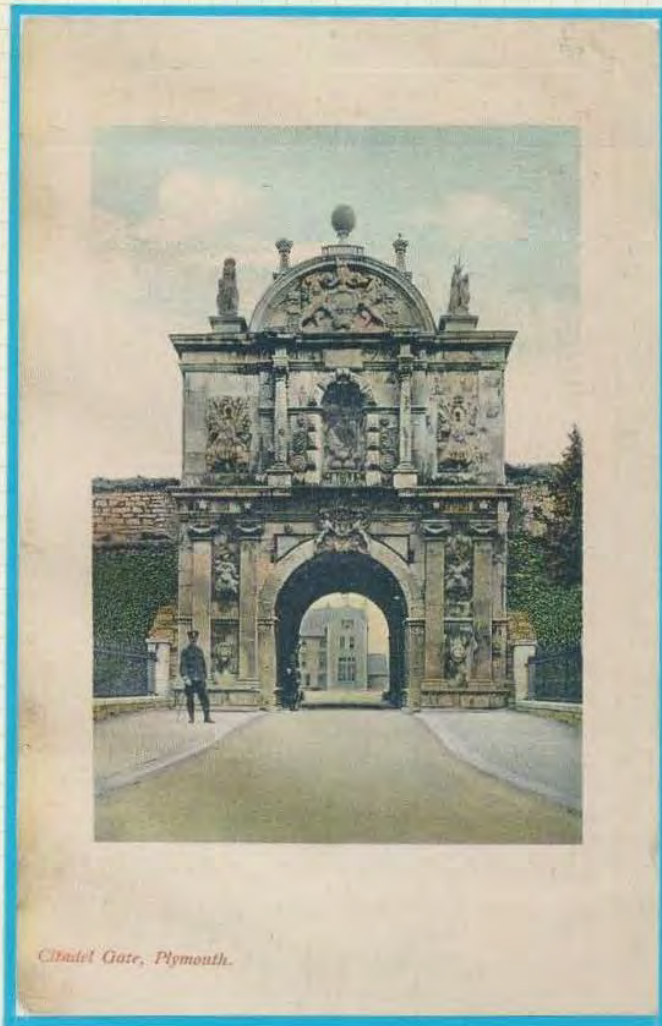
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Borrowing the postage !



Reverse of post card

A picture post card of the Citadel Gate, Plymouth, sent from Plymouth to St. Martins on Guernsey in the Channel Islands, September 1915. The message is of a couple of young men having a "ripping" time meeting girls in Launceston, Exeter and Plymouth. The writer of the card was going to Canada, (I do not know if it was to do with the war effort or to avoid it !) The KG V postage is perfined BF / FC unfortunately unidentified as to the user, but definitely not Percy !!



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Borrowing the postage !



Reverse of post card



MAY I COME UNDER YOUR UMBRELLA?

Another "abuse" of the company postage, in that a picture post card from Clapham in London sent to Bedford in 1918. Informing the recipient of thanks for the sympathy cards, but looking forward to a visit to the seaside !! The KG V halfpenny is perfined WILLS, identified as W. D & H. O Wills the tobacco people at Bristol, of which I can find no connection !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



Two letters to the same recipient, a Miss Haynes who lived in Surrey. The KG V postage on both letters is perfined B P / Co Ld and is identified to the British Petroleum Co. Ltd. I assume that one of their representatives was writing to his girlfriend when he stayed in Portsmouth and Penzance on company business, using the firms postage stamps !!

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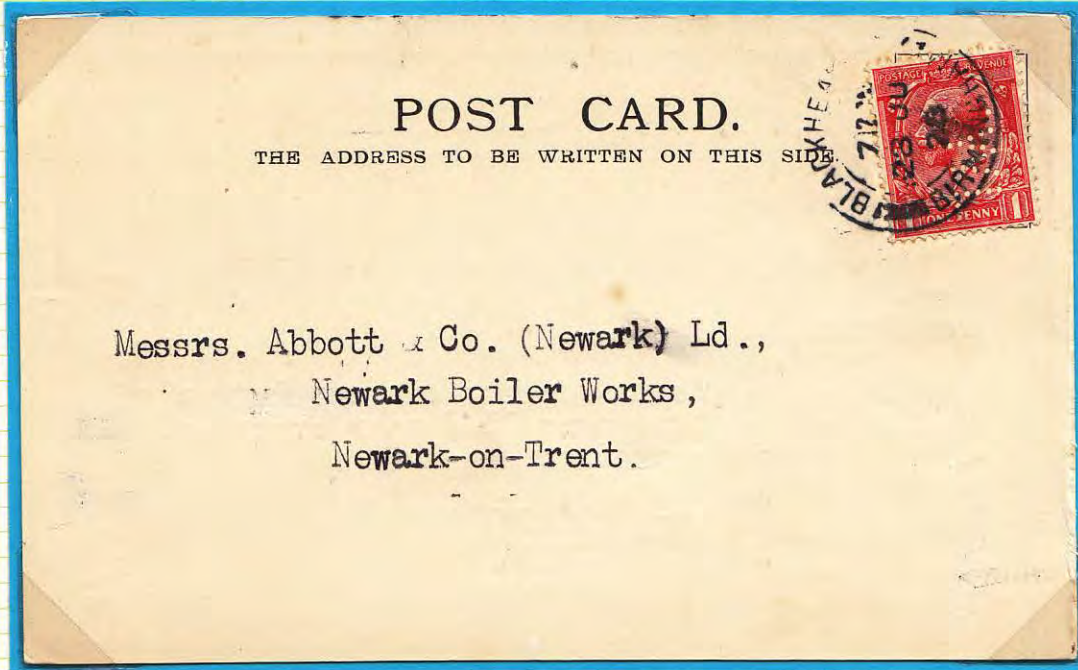
AIR MAIL



Although a window envelope without the addressee's details, the postage rate of two and a half penny's would suggest a European destination. The postal stationery envelope for 2d, is up-rated by the additional half penny, which is perforated T T Co and as per the embossed company details on the envelope belongs to Taylor's Typewriter Co Ltd. Sent from London in 1926, the additional postage is cancelled by a machine slogan promoting that British Goods are Best!!

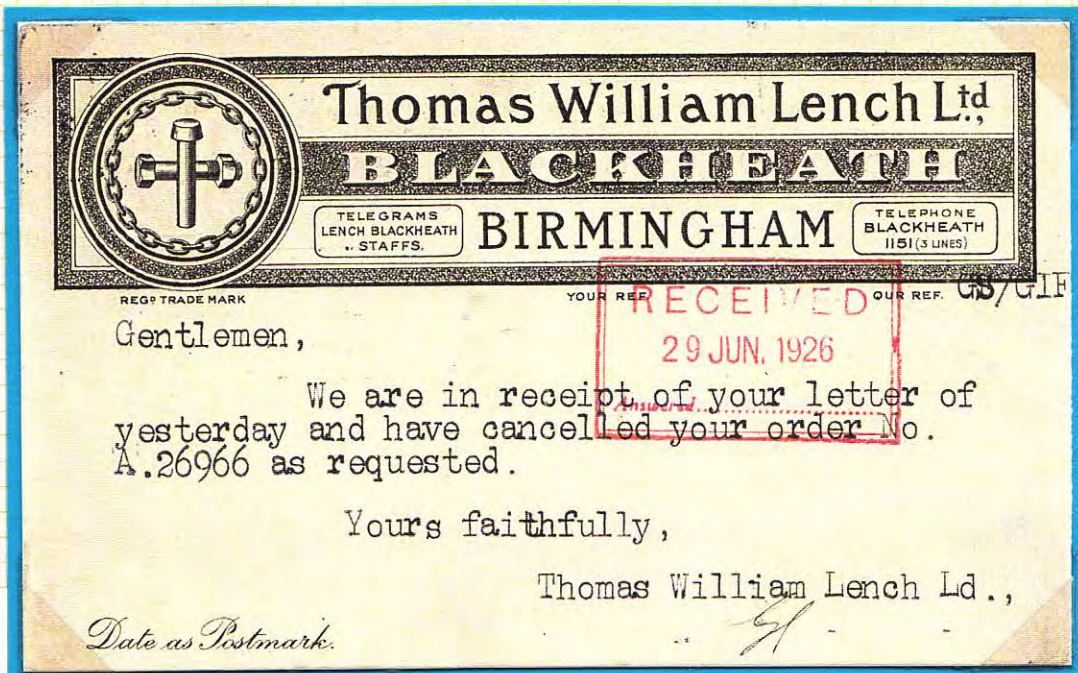
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Internal mail



A commercial post card from Thomas William Lench Ltd. of Birmingham, used in this instance to acknowledge a cancelled order, placed by a boiler works in Newark-on-Trent. The KG V postage is perfined T W L and is plainly identified to the sender. This type of printed card was of the era when companies took a certain pride in the conducting of their business.

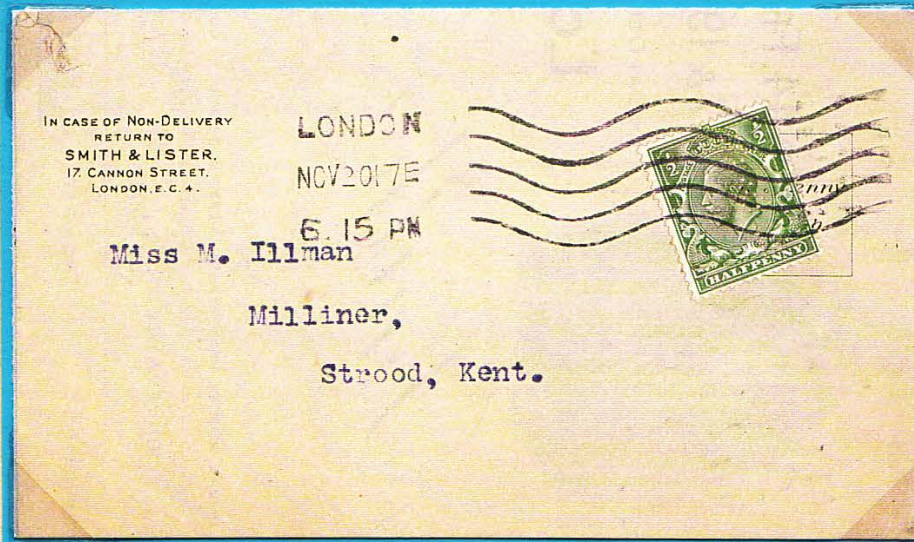
Reverse of post card



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Internal mail

A folded "entire" bill, sent from Smith & Lister Milliners in London to a smaller millinery outlet in Kent. The KG V postage is perforated S / & / L and is identified to the above company. Somewhere along the way the missive had suffered "fire damage" as is obvious from the left hand side of the account.



Contents of letter

TELEPHONE: CITY 711 (Pvte. Bch. Exch.)
PLEASE INCLUDE G.P.O. BOX N^o 78 IN ADDRESS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"MILLINERY, CENT, LONDON."

FACTORY, PEEL ST., LUTON.

BRANCH WAREHOUSES:
BRISTOL. WELLINGTON, N. Z.
CARDIFF. CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z.
NOTTINGHAM. AUCKLAND, N. Z.
DUNEDIN, N. Z.



43 & 44, FRIDAY STREET,
& 17 & 19, CANNON STREET,
EXPORT DEPT 5, CANNON STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4.

Bought of Smith & Lister.

By

PARTNERS:
A. B. SMITH. E. J. MORRIS.
G. J. MORRIS. L. E. WEAR.
M. SMITH. J. T. KIBBY.
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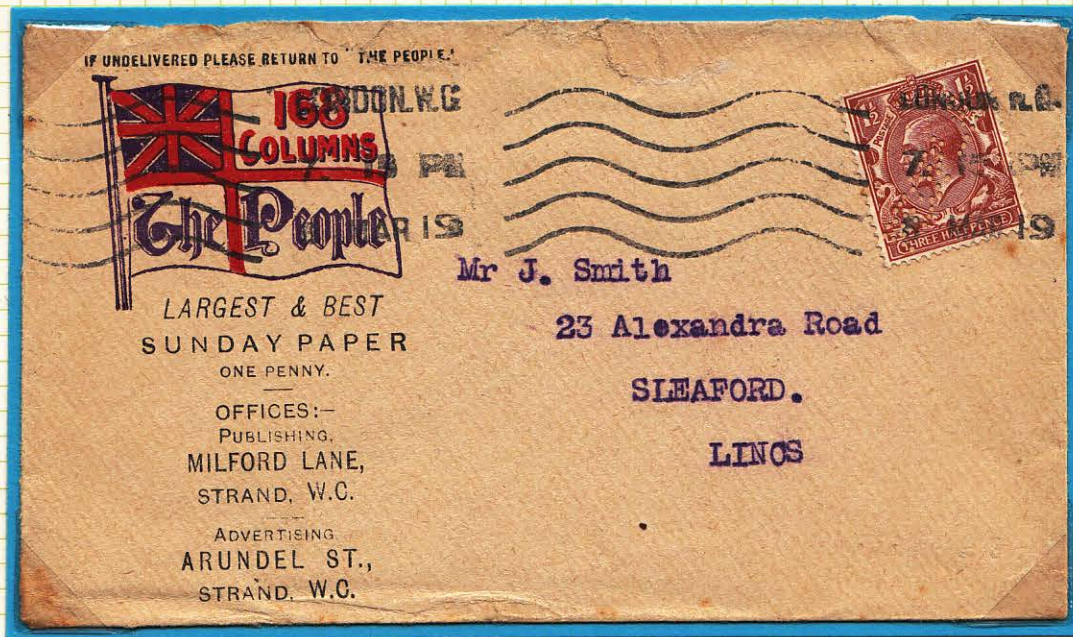
ANY CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVOICE MUST BE MADE WITHIN 10 DAYS AND ENTRY N^o QUOTED.

ORDER N^o 4185 ENTRY N^o 1000 CONVEYANCE Sutton DATE 20/11/17.

MENTS.	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	QUANTITY	PRICE
			Box 0.1.	

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A nice if somewhat roughly opened advertising letter from the People on Sunday newspaper. Very "British" in its viewpoint, this letter sent from London to Sleaford in Lincolnshire. The KG V postage being perfinned PEOPLE, a nice full name perfin on cover. As the perfin PEOPLE is the only one recorded, it seems logical to attribute it to the People newspaper.