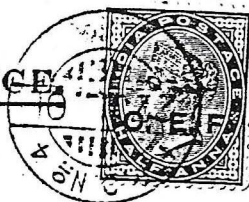


BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 4 (Tientsin)
22 July 1901
3 August 1901
16 August 1904

11395- ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

Officer in Charge
of the Treasury
Rawalpindi
India



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Mr. Messin
Horton Bradford
(Yorkshire)



21 Edmund Street.

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P.O. No. 4
The Hongkong & Shanghai
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Calcutta



FPO 4 was originally in Tongku but moved to Tientsin on 1 May 1901 and continued to function there until about March 1908. Two different datestamps were used, as well as a box marking for registered mail.

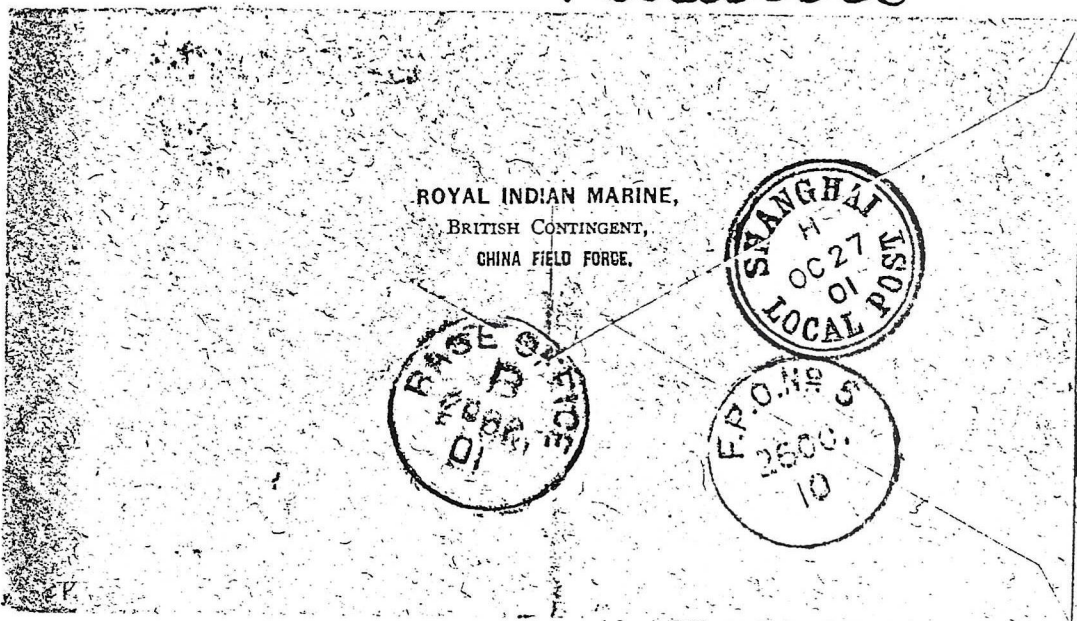
BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 5 (Shanghai)
5 November 1900
25 October 1901

FPO No. 6 (Shanhaikuan)
23 September 1901



*Sergeant Major Beard,
Central School of Signalling
Kasauli*



*William - Smith Esq.
T.C.N.
Secretary to the Command in Chief
H.M.S. "Alacrity"
Shanghai.*

The Manager

Punjab Banking Co.

Peshawar

h. India.

FPO 5 reached Shanghai on 18 August 1900, and it continued to operate there throughout the entire Boxer-related period. As at some of the other offices, two datestamps were used. FPO 6 was moved to Shanhaikuan on 13 July 1901 and remained there until 1 November 1903.

BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 7 (Peking - Tartar City)
11 March 1901

FPO No. 8 (Shanghai - Cavalry Camp)
11 April 1901

O. H. M. S. VISUAL SIGNALLING.

MESSAGE No. 198 Date _____

To The Post Master Genl.
Punjab
Lahore

Hrs. _____ Min. _____

Despatched at _____
Received at _____

Sig. of Addressee. _____



Mr. A Howard
Poona

FPO 7 operated in support of units of the 1st Infantry Brigade in Peking from 23 October 1900 until at least 14 July 1901. FPO 8 was opened on 22 September 1900 to serve units of the 2nd Infantry Brigade, remaining in operation until 27 June 1901.

FPO No. 9 (Yangtsun)
2 March 1901
4 April 1901

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FPO No. 10 (Hanku)
16 April 1901.

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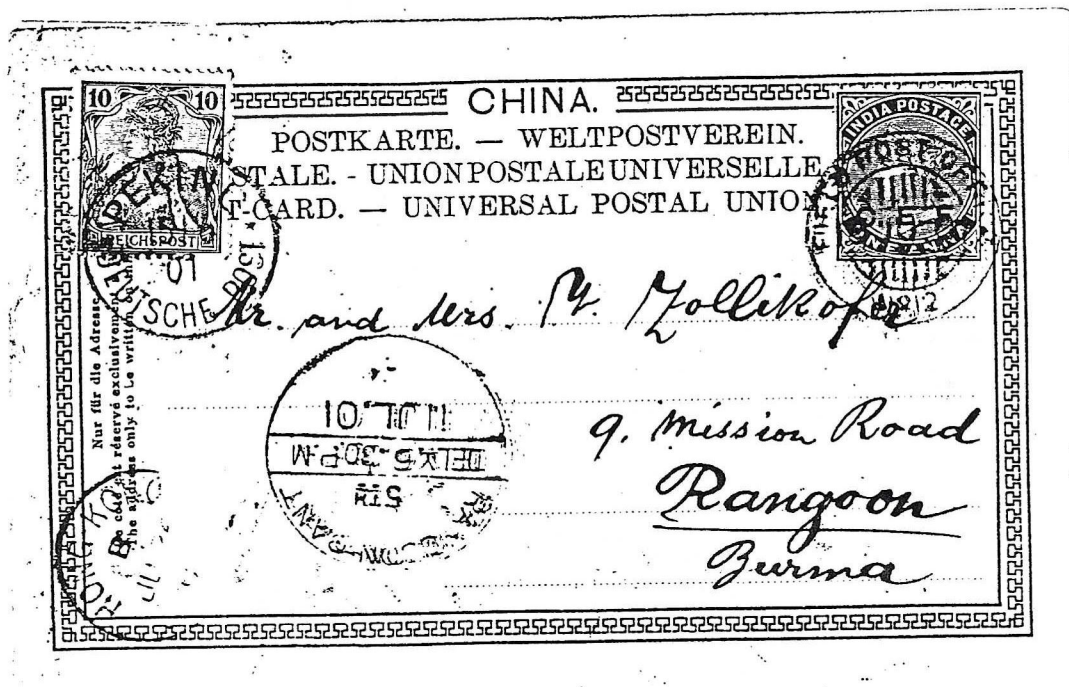
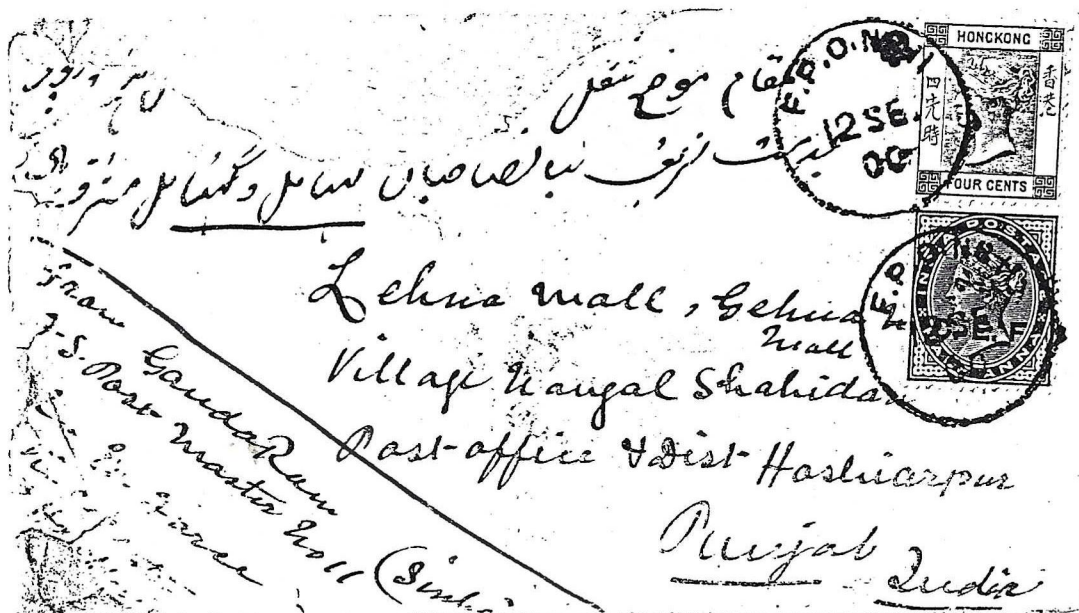
James B. [illegible]

FPO 9 was operated at Yangtsun, the railhead on the line to Peking, from 9 October 1900 to 1 August 1901. Following brief service at Tangshan, FPO 10 opened in Hanku in January 1901 and remained in operation there until 26 May 1901.

BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 11 (Sinho)
24 October 1901

FPO No. 12 (Matao)
15 June 1901



FPO 11 opened at Sinho from 30 July 1900 to 8 December 1901, after which it moved to Tongku for the winter.
FPO 12 operated in Matao from 12 November 1900 to 20 May 1901, after which it moved to the Summer Palace
in Peking until 14 July 1901.

BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 13 (Weihaiwei)
5 May 1901

FPO No. 14 (Shanhaikuan)
6 March 1901

Stamp
Private of the Indian. Post Order
of the Company of the 13th Regt
Madras Infantry
of Saint Thomas Mount
Near Madras
Sea India

At the 13th Regt
of the 13th Regt. India
with free of charge

C. E. F.
Chaman
Colonel G. D. Sinclair
of 2 Baluchis
Malakand
near Nowshera Peshawar India

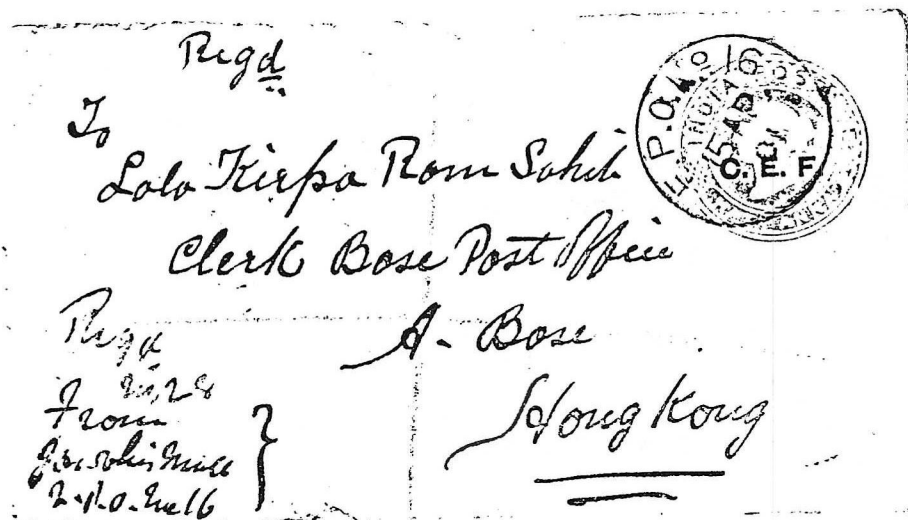
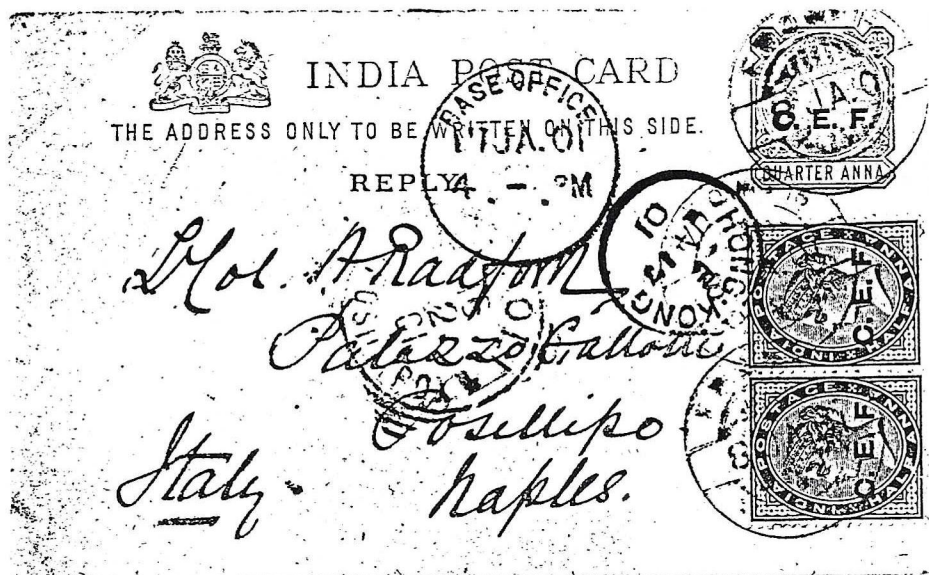


FPO 13 was established at Weihaiwei on 23 September 1900 to serve the 3rd Infantry Brigade. It continued to operate there until at least 24 August 1901. FPO 14 opened at Shanhaikuan on 5 October 1900 and remained in operation there until 12 July 1901.

BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 15 (Chinwangtao)
8 January 1901

FPO No. 16 (Chinwangtao)
24 April 1901

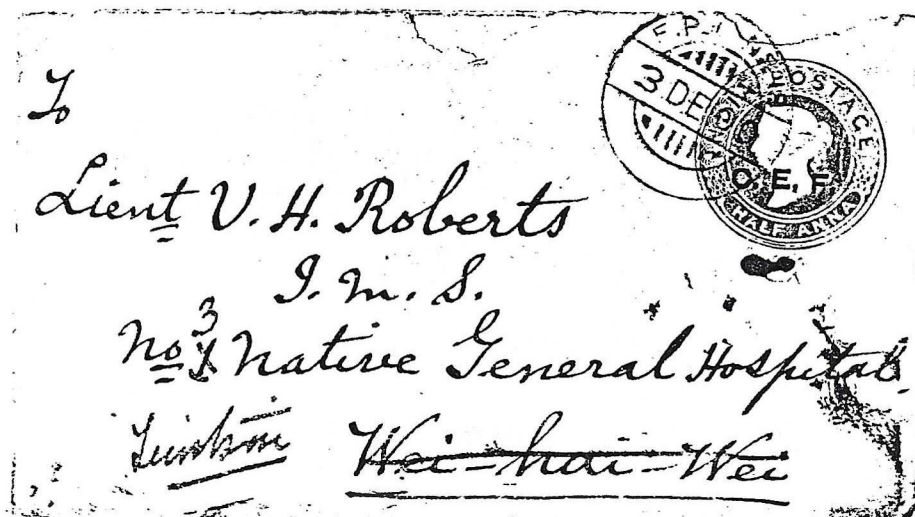
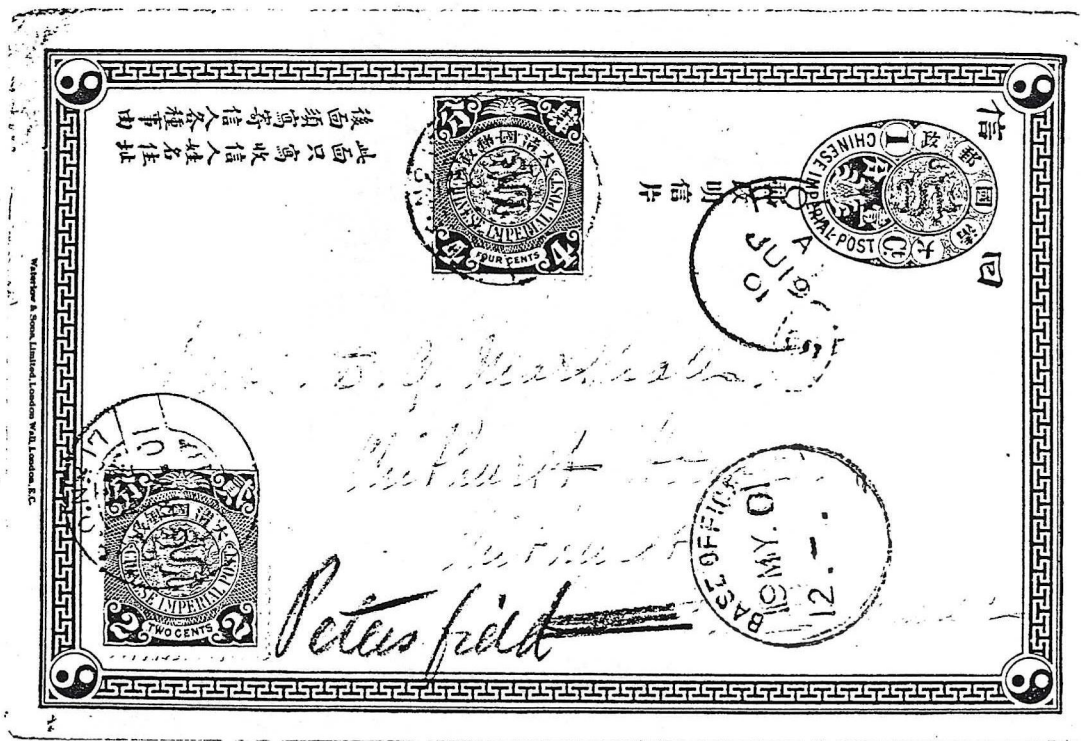


FPO 15 first opened at Shanhaikuan but moved to Chinwangtao on 15 October 1900, where it operated within the town until 24 January 1901 when it was relocated to the beach. FPO 16 replaced #15 in Chinwangtao town on 24 January 1901 and continued in operation there until 7 July 1901.

BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 17 (Weihaiwei)
6 May 1901

FPO No. 18 (Tientsin - Taku Gate)
3 December 1900



FPO 17 was established at Weihaiwei on 11 October 1900 and continued to operate there until 16 July 1901. FPO 18 accompanied the 4th Infantry Brigade from India and was attached to its HQ in Tientsin from 17 October 1900 to 18 August 1901.

BRITISH FORCES
China

FPO No. 19 (Tongshan)
15 April 1901

FPO No. 20 (TPO)
28 April 1901

Base Office C (TPO)
19 May 1901

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

*C. General Macgregor
Shillong*

*Major F. B. Longe, R.E.
Survey of India*



*C. H. S. Ryder
Peking*



*F. S. Norton Esq.
H. B. L.*

Peking

*Rev. H. S. H. H. H.
c/o Rev. H. H. H.
H. H. S. H. H. H.*



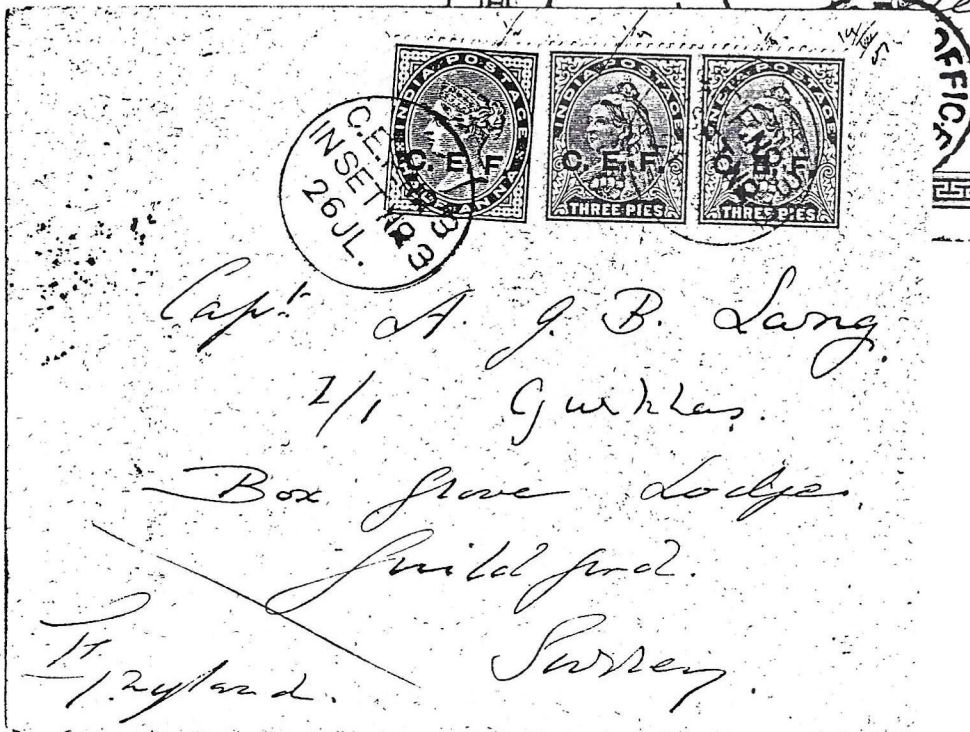
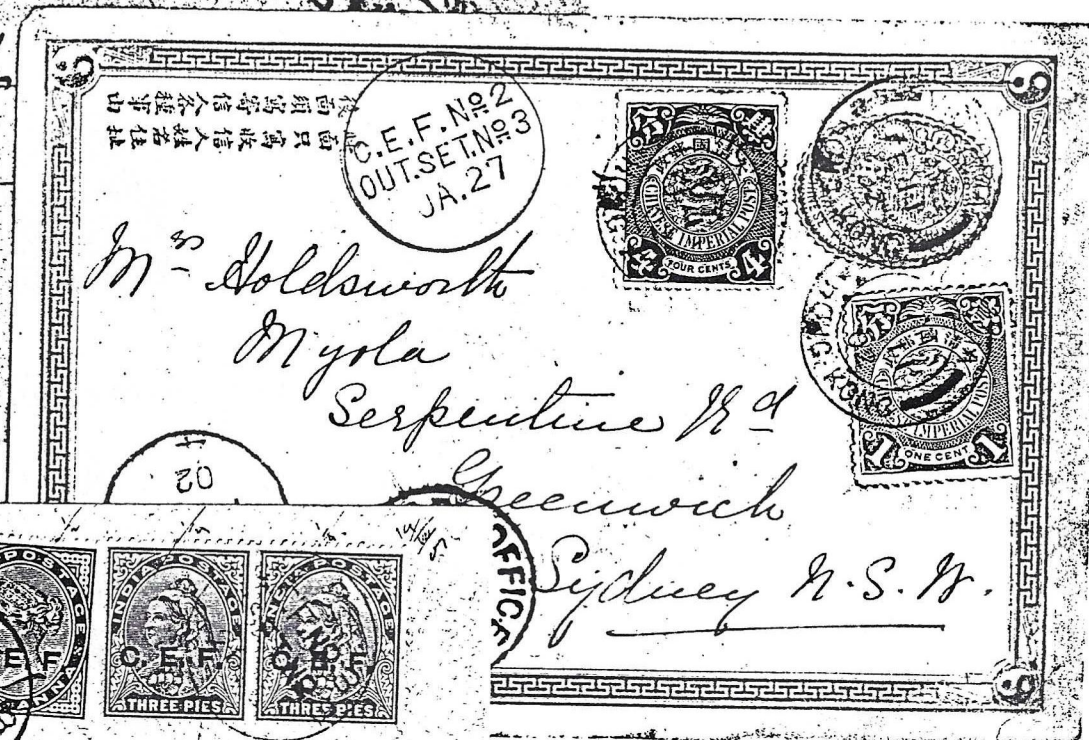
FPO 19 opened about 15 February 1901 at Tongshan, the main town on the rail line between Tientsin and Chinwangtao. It remained in operation until about 1 August 1901. FPO 20 was used as a postmark by the railway postal service only briefly from 20 April and the end of May 1901. The Base Office C markings were also used by the TPO from 20 April to 29 May 1901.

BRITISH FORCES
China

C.E.F. No.1
16 April 1902

C.E.F. No.2
27 January 1902

C.E.F. No.3
26 July 1902

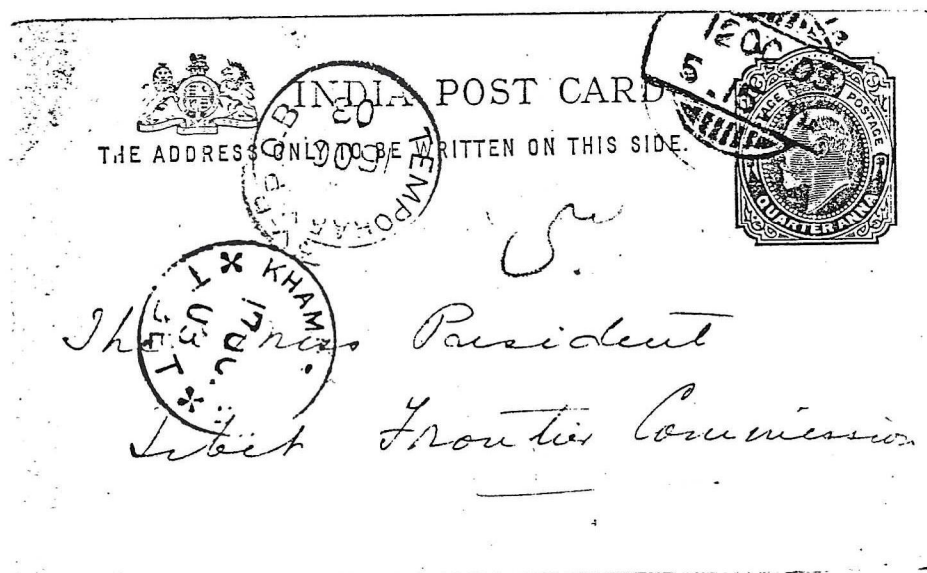
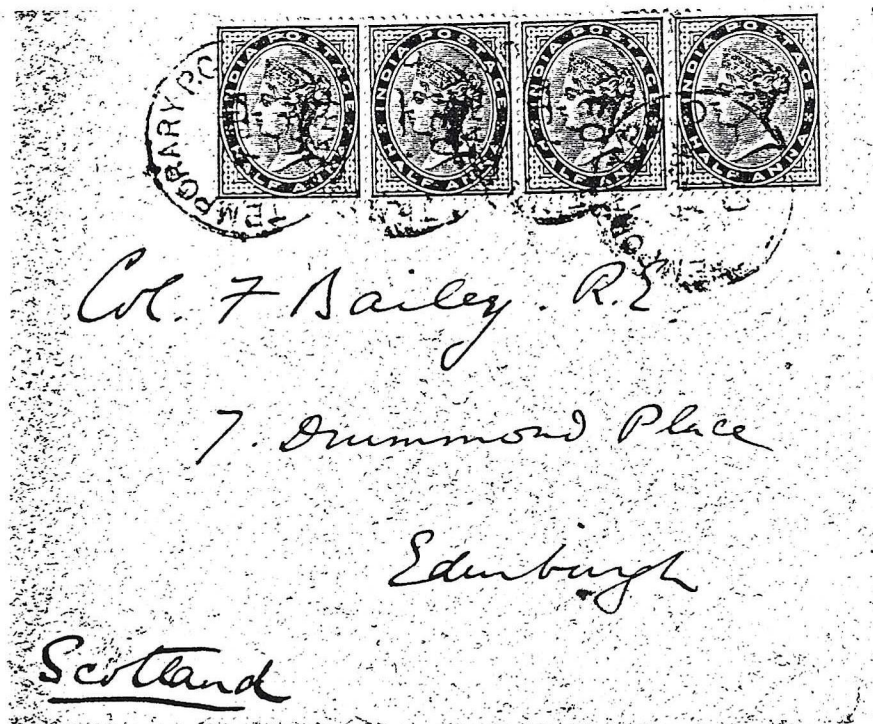


Indian Railway Mail Service datestamps were put into service on the travelling post offices in June 1901. Three numbered TPO's were used for three sections of the line. This service was discontinued on 31 October 1902.

BRITISH FORCES
Tibet

Temporary P.O. D
7 June 1903

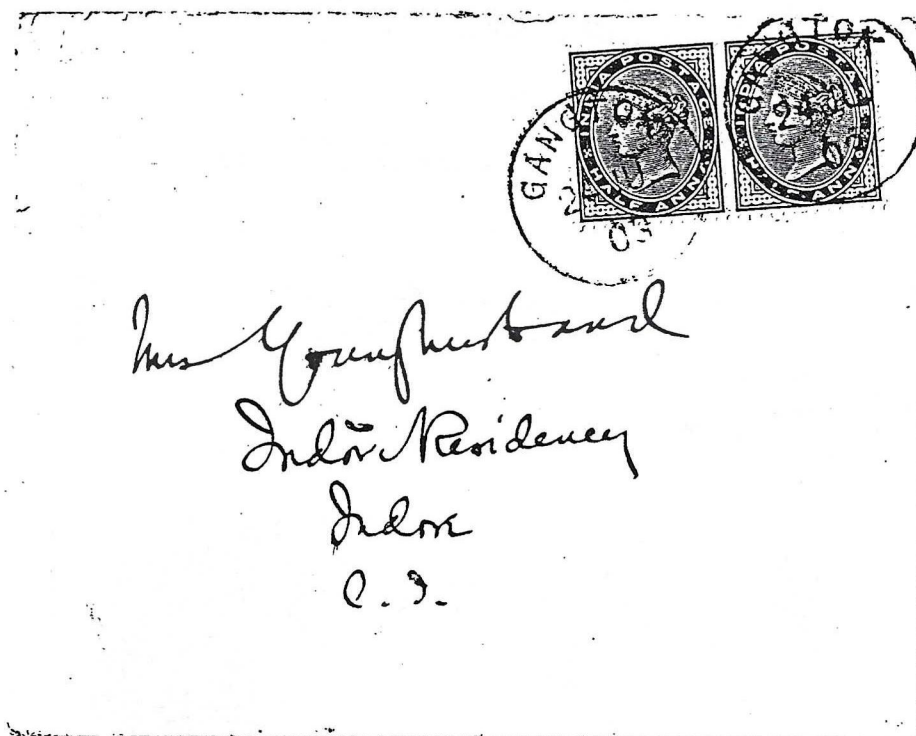
Khamba-Jong
17 October 1903



In 1903, the Viceroy of India agreed to meet with the Tibetans on the subject of boundaries. Commissioners were appointed and escorted to the area by 200 men of the 32nd Punjab Pioneers. Cover was mailed by an officer via the temporary post office at Gangtok, Sikkim, which operated between late April and September 1903. Postal card inbound from Calcutta to an officer with the Frontier Commission, received transit mark of Temporary P.O. B at Tangu (where it operated from 7 September to 6 December 1903) and receiving mark of Khamba-Jong/Tibet.

BRITISH FORCES
Tibet

Gangtok
24 June 1903



Col. F. E. Younghusband of the 1st Dragoon Guards was appointed leader of the Tibet Frontier Commission, which marched over the 16,000' Kongra Pass and arrived at Khamba-Jong on 7 July 1903. Cover sent by Younghusband to his wife was postmarked at Gangtok, as was the case with mail sent in late June and early July during the journey into Tibet.

BRITISH FORCES
Bhutan

Base Office C
12 February 1912
31 January 1912

*on field service }
no stamps available }*



*Lt.-Colonel W. G. CLEMENTS, R.A.M.C. (R.),
40, Belle Vue Road,
Southbourne,
Christchurch,
HANTS,*

*1 m Felsami. Eng. Capt }
Mishing Camp }
11/2/12 }*



The Senior Medical Officer.

of Military Hospital.

Abor Expeditionary Force.

via - India.

In 1912, a military expedition was sent to the Abor Valley to put down rebellious tribesmen on the frontier between Bhutan and Sikkim. Upper cover mailed by an officer from Mishing Camp via base field post office C located at Doom Dooma (postmark recorded as used from 24 December 1911 to 26 April 1912). Lower cover inbound to officer of the "Abor Expeditionary Force/via India" with unrecorded arrival marking of Base Office C.

BRITISH FORCES
Turkey

Constantinople
15 November 1912
-8 December 1912

Constantinople 14/11/12
Dear Mother & Family!
The place is full of wounded, all of us feel it & want to go to the front, we are

CARTE POSTALE
La Correspondance au recto n'est pas acceptée par tous les pays étrangers. (Se renseigner à l'Editeur.)

Correspondance

Adresse

M. & Mrs Kamecke
M "Buenos Aires"
Spencer Road
New Southgate
London, N.
England

Editeurs M.C. Galata.

Constantinople 11/12/12
Dear Mother & Family!
This morning I have just returned from the fighting line where our division is fighting. We are

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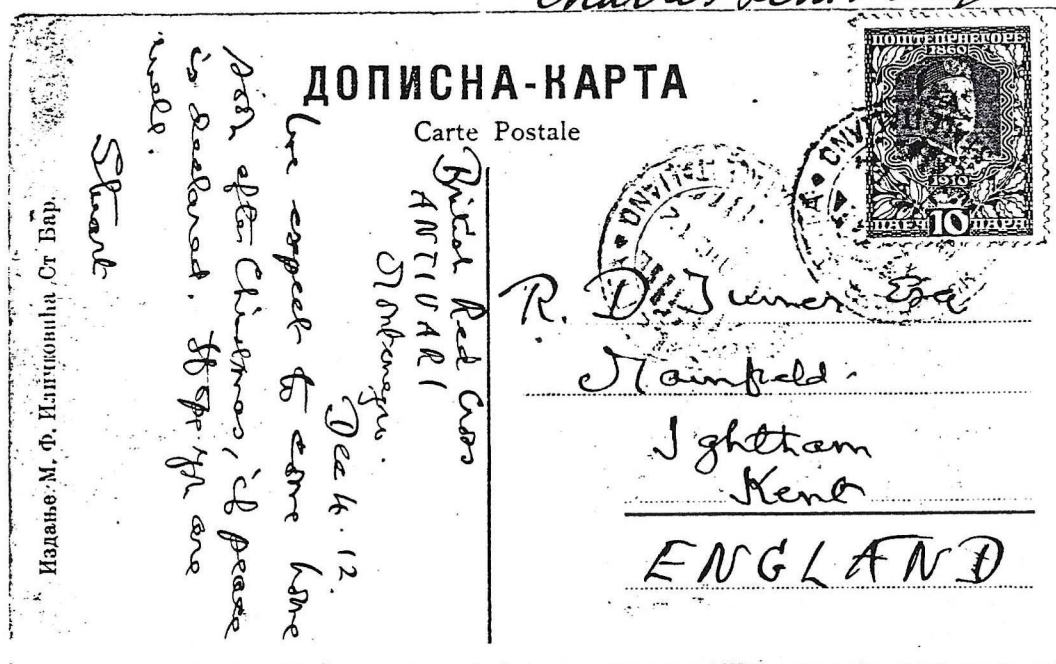
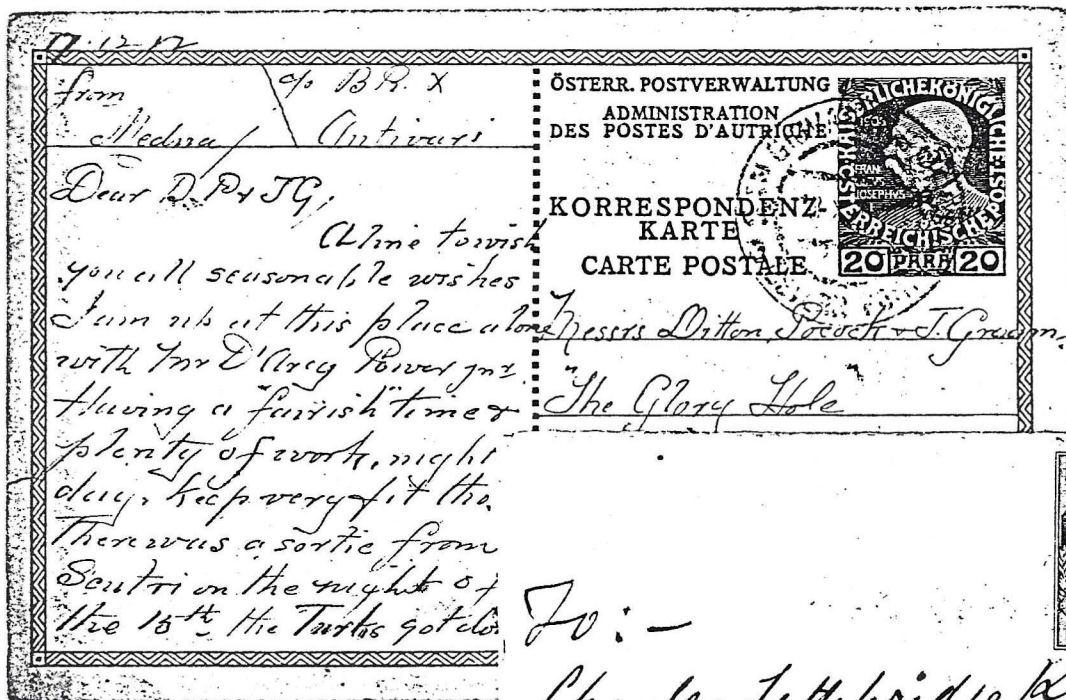
During the First Balkan War, the British Red Cross was active in providing medical care on both sides of the conflict. Above cards sent by Cyril Kamecke of the British Red Cross in Constantinople, complaining that "the place is full of wounded...we all wanted to go to the front, not stuck here at the base hospital."

BRITISH FORCES
Albania
Bulgaria
Montenegro

San Giovanni di Medua
18 December 1912

Sofia—
7 December 1912

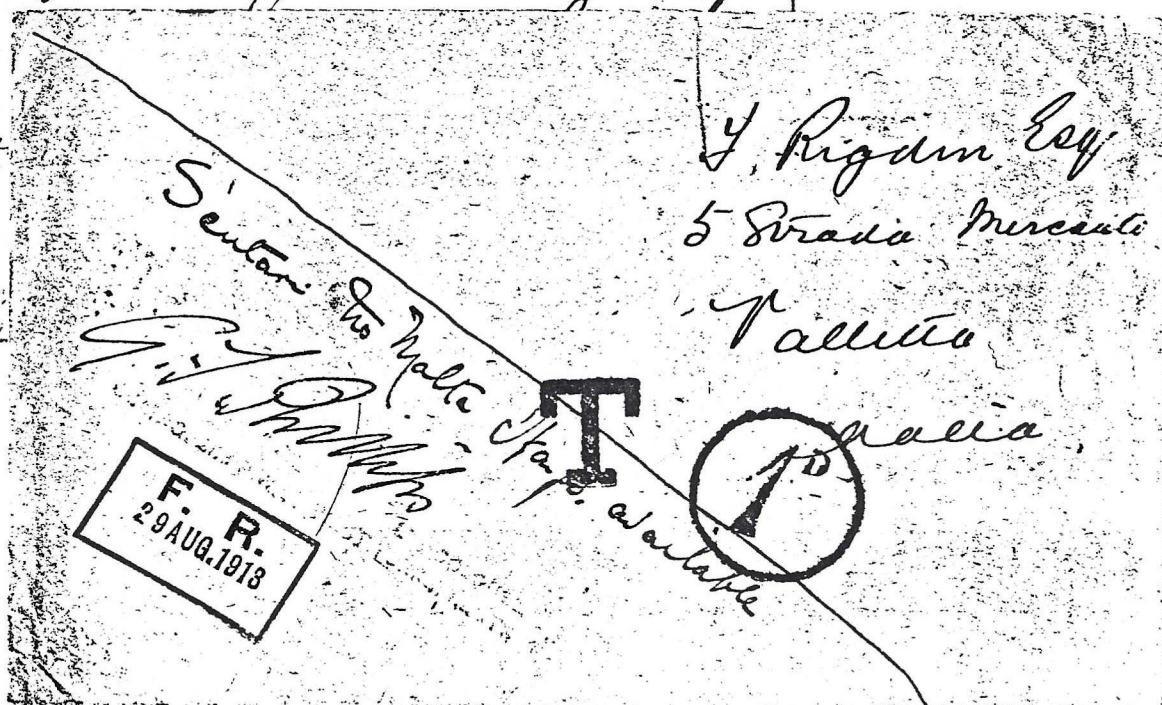
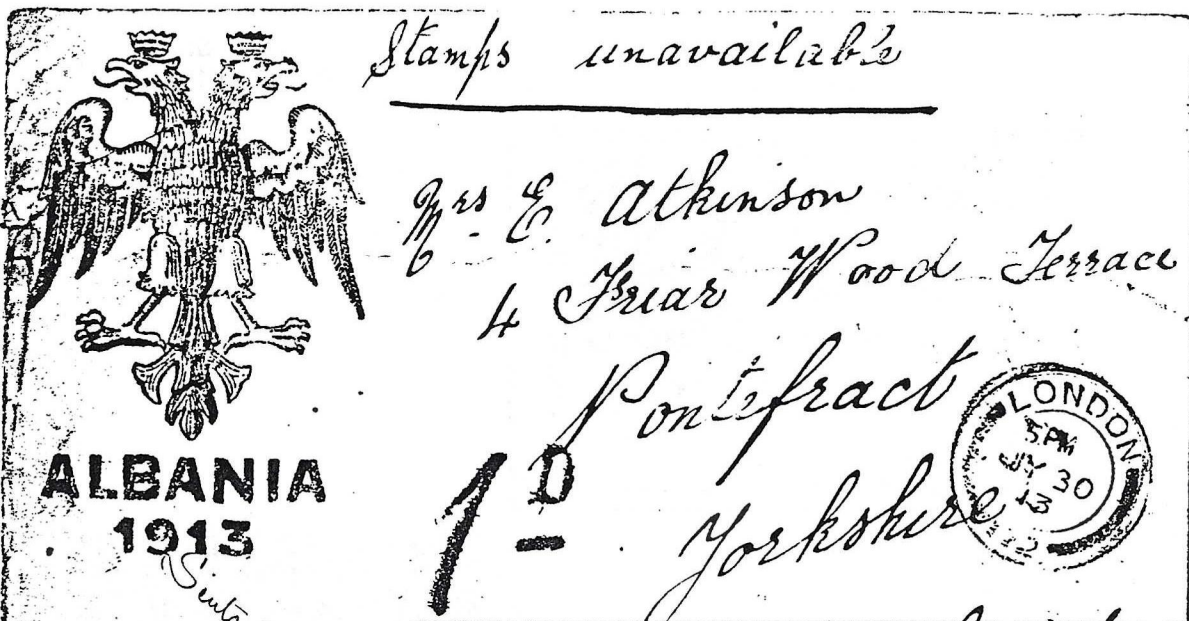
Antivari
4 December 1912



Following the outbreak of the First Balkan War against Turkey in 1912, the Red Cross was active in providing medical care for the wounded. The British participation was voluntary, and postal evidence of their presence is scarce but does exist. Upper card sent by a British medic serving with a Field Ambulance Unit in Albania to colleagues back in London via the Austrian post office. Return address of sender given only as "Nick" % British Red Cross in Antivari. Middle item has return address of a major in the No. 2 Bulgarian Unit of the British Red Cross in Sofia. Lower card from a member of the Red Cross unit in Antivari notes that sender expects to come home "soon after Christmas, if peace is declared." It was posted to England via the Italian steamer *Barletta*.

BRITISH FORCES
Albania

Scutari
May 1913
August 1913



At the end of the Balkan Wars in 1912-1913, Serbia threatened to annex the Albanian provinces seized from the Ottoman Empire. The great powers favored an independent Albania and sent a multi-national force to carry out this policy. Covers were censored by Lt. Col. G. T. Phillips, C.O. of the West Yorkshire Regiment of the British Detachment in Scutari and sent by military pouch to London. They are endorsed "Scutari: No English/Malta Stamps available" and were assessed 1d postage due on arrival. (The W. Yorks. Regiment had been stationed on Malta before being ordered to Albania for peacekeeping duties.)

WITH BRITAIN'S ENTRY INTO WORLD WAR I ON 3 AUGUST 1914, THE CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF THE EXHIBIT IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED, TO BE RESUMED FOLLOWING THE ARMISTICE IN 1918. IT THEN RESUMES WITH THE OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE FORMER ENEMIES (AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, BULGARIA, GERMANY AND TURKEY.)