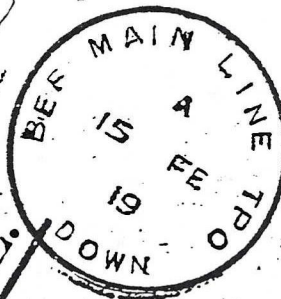


BRITISH FORCES
Germany

BEF Main Line TPO
15 February 1919
12 March 1919

The initial "skeleton" type datestamp was introduced for temporary service until permanent postmarks could be delivered. Noted dates of usage range from January to April 1919. Some of the sorting teams were issued devices with a larger diameter, which are easily recognizable. These appear to have been used concurrently with normal smaller ones.



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

210 758
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No. 4

A.F.W. 2022
M. P. 100
PRIVATE

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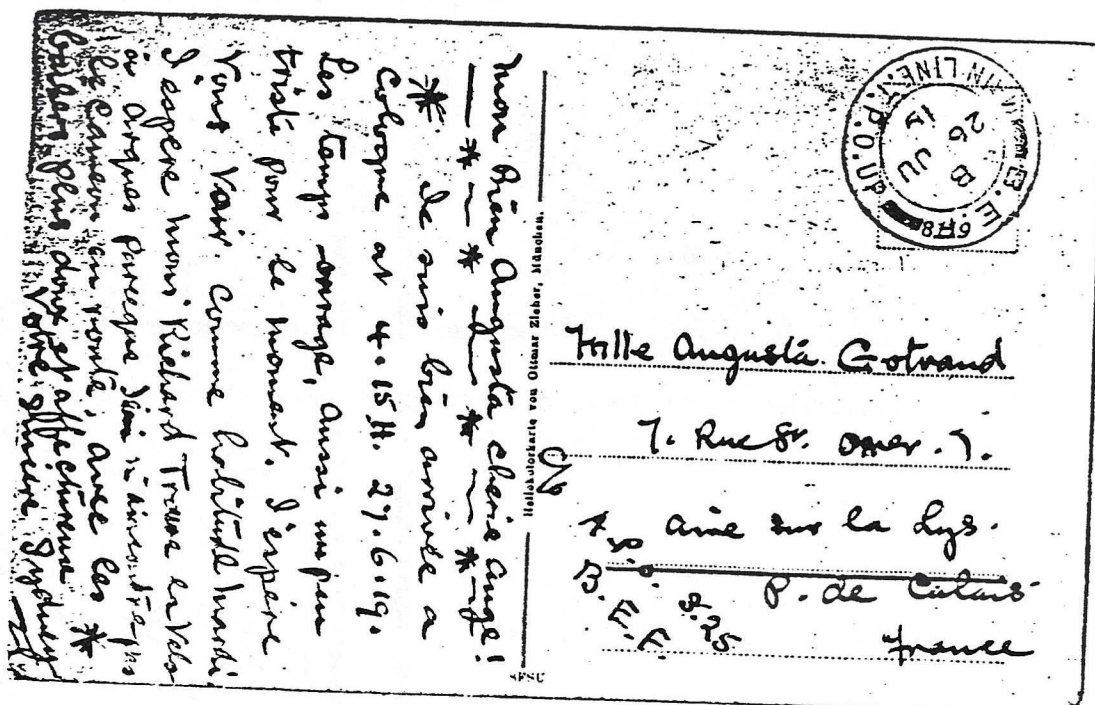
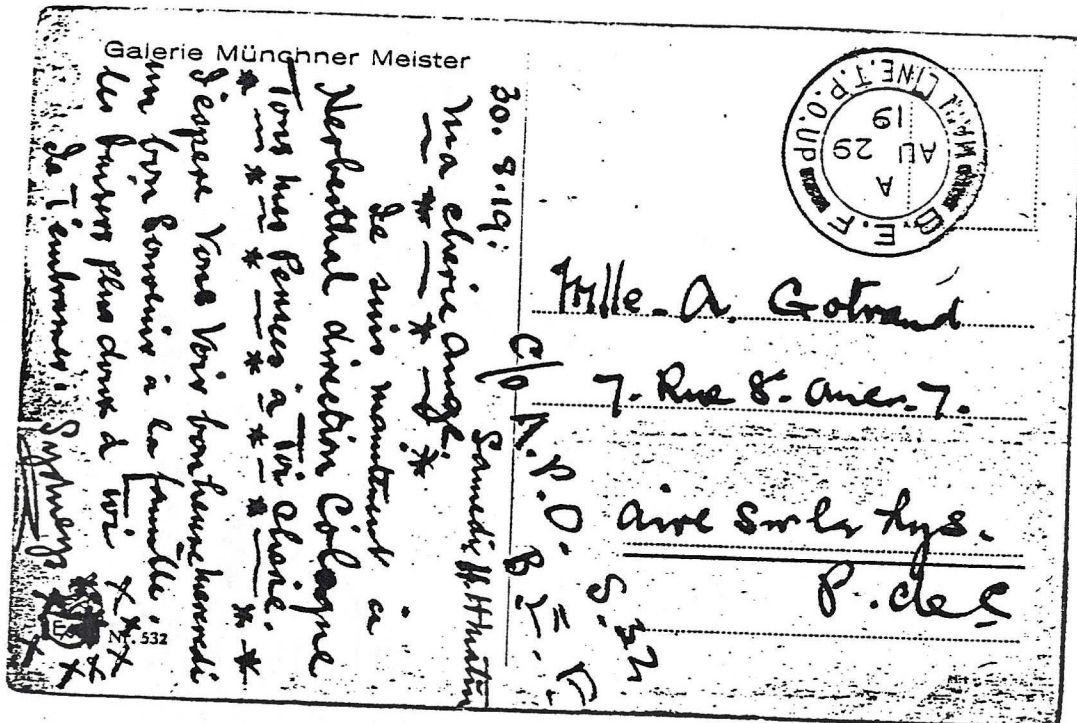
I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters

Signature
Name only

[Several letters may be forwarded in this Cover, but these must be all from the same writer. The Cover should be addressed in such case to the Base Censor.]

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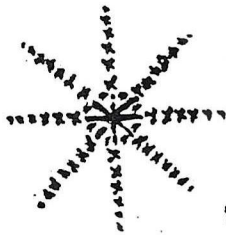
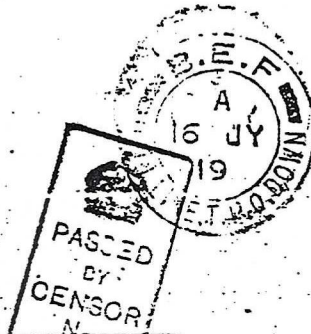
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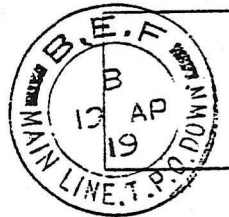
BEF Main Line TPO
9 April 1919
19 April 1919
16 July 1919

Mrs Keigwin
White Gables
HAILSHAM



*Toujours
les vœux
chers*

3 June 1919



The Augusta Gators

On His Majesty's Service.

The Regimental Paymaster,
The Essex Regiment,
The Entments,

WARLEY.

ENGLAND.



ESSEX.

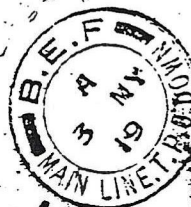
The use of the permanent TPO Down marking is recorded as used from April to September 1919. The above examples show devices with codes "A," "B" and "C," the latter being a very early usage.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

BEF Main Line TPO
3 May 1919

Official cover sent to a
Sergeant in the Royal
Engineers Postal Service.
Postmarked TPO Down on
3 May and struck five times
on the reverse with the TPO
Up datestamp as a transit
marking two days later. An
extraordinary usage of the
TPO service.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Rhineland High Commission
11 March 1920
25 September 1922
3 April 1929

LEAD

B
2 MAR 20



The Lawrie

12 MAR



Messrs. Collett & Levy
84 Jermyn Street
LONDON S.W. 1

ride



*The Manager
High House to Bank
6 Pall Mall*

England London

300



Most of the activity of the Internallied Control Commission was centered in the occupied Rhine area. The cachet of the Rhineland High Commission was in use for an extended period. Above examples all mailed through the British field post office S.40 in Cologne.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Armaments Sub-Commission
23 July 1920
27 October 1922
9 March 1921

July 22/20 Hannover.

HERBSTLICHE LAST, aus den Jahreszeiten
in Schattenbildern, 4 Steinzeichnungen von Fidus,
30x67 cm, je 3.75 Mk. 12 Postkarten, auch gemischt
mit andern von Fidus, 1.50 Mk. Bebilderte Verzeich-
nisse kostenlos. Verlag des St. Georgs-Bundes,
Woltersdorf bei Erkner-Berlin.

Please thank Hanny for
her letter of the 16th saying
you are all well which I
am glad to hear. It is nice
to hear Hanny is well
again for playing on the
piano.



Miss Alice May
Birklands

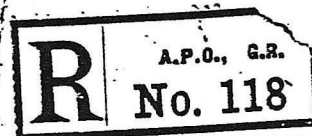
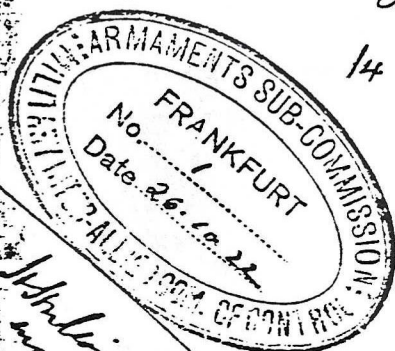
BY AIR MAIL.



Miss Station

1/2 mile

14 Kensington Square



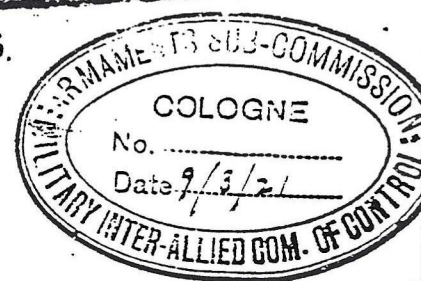
MR. R.A. PATTENJEN

129 Newington Butts.

LONDON

S.B.12.

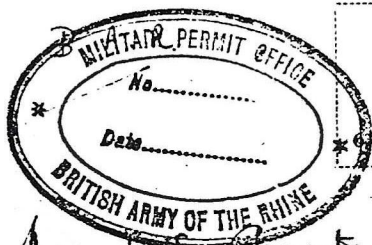
S. B. 12. 5/1



The Inter-Allied Control Commission had numerous branches in various areas of Germany. Above examples show cachets of the Armaments Sub-Commission in Hannover, Frankfurt and Cologne -- all mailed through the British field post offices in Cologne.

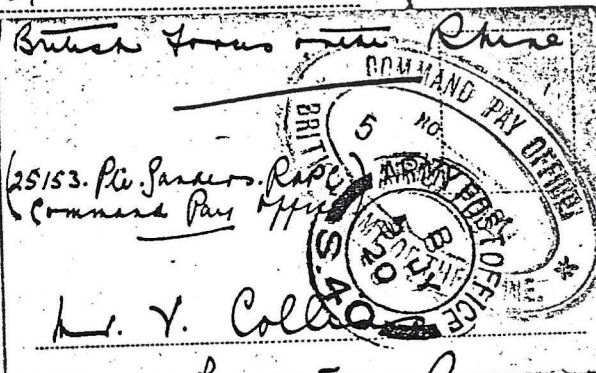
BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Army Post Office S.40
18 December 1919
5 July 1920
13 February 1921



Mrs. L. S. Clements,

93. Durham Road,



M. Y. Collins



Mrs E. J. Ferrusson.

"Baledmund"

Pitlochry.

Perthshire.

Scotland

G. H. W. W. W. W.
Capt. 1919

Dear Mother,
The only intimation of
Xmas & the New Year, is very happy
from your loving son,
Will

Dear Colonel,
I am
very
pleased
to
hear
of
your
new
home
in
the
Rhine
area
and
hope
it
will
be
a
great
success
for
you
and
your
family.
Yours
faithfully,
G. H. W. W. W.

The base post office handled mail for a wide variety of functions related to the occupation forces, including the Military Permit Office, Command Pay Office and Liaison Office. Each of these had its own official cachet for use on mail, permitting it to be sent free of postage or (later) at domestic rates.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Army Post Office S.40
10 August 1920
20 December 1920
8 September 1923

On Service

at 31 Hill Road
Cambridge
Miss Howard.

~~2nd London General Hospital~~



PRINCIPAL MATRON
BRITISH
ARMY OF THE RHINE

Service.



Dec. 20th c/o Church Army
Principal Chaplain
British Army of the Rhine
Germany



With love & all best wishes
for Xmas & the New Year.
I am sending you a photo
which I hope will reach you
about the New Year. They
were to have been done for
Xmas. only the shop has been
so slow.

Ever yrs
Stella

Miss R. Liddell

"Royston"

CHURCH ARMY
COMM. R. Dorset

No. ENGLAND

DATE

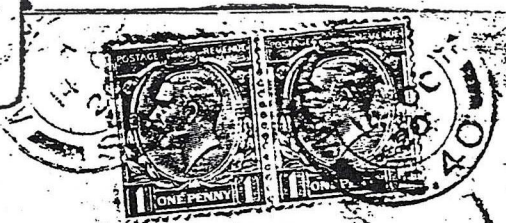
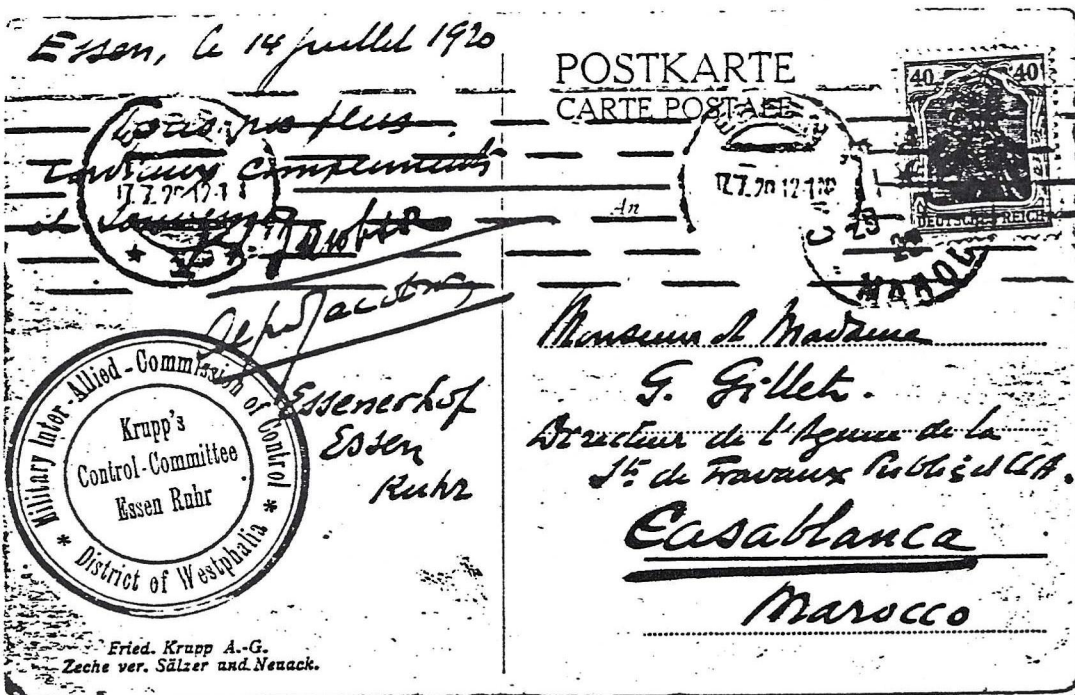
Postmark
C.A.

To care for the spiritual needs of the troops, special personnel were assigned to the occupation forces. Items above reflect mail from the Principal Chaplain and Principal Matron of the BAOR, as well as the "Imperial War Graves Commission/Rhine Army."

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Essen
17 July 1920

Army Post Office S.40
14 October 1920



Miss Lena Patterson,

6 Alfred St. ~~Hotten Hall~~
Scarborough
York, ~~Northumberland~~,

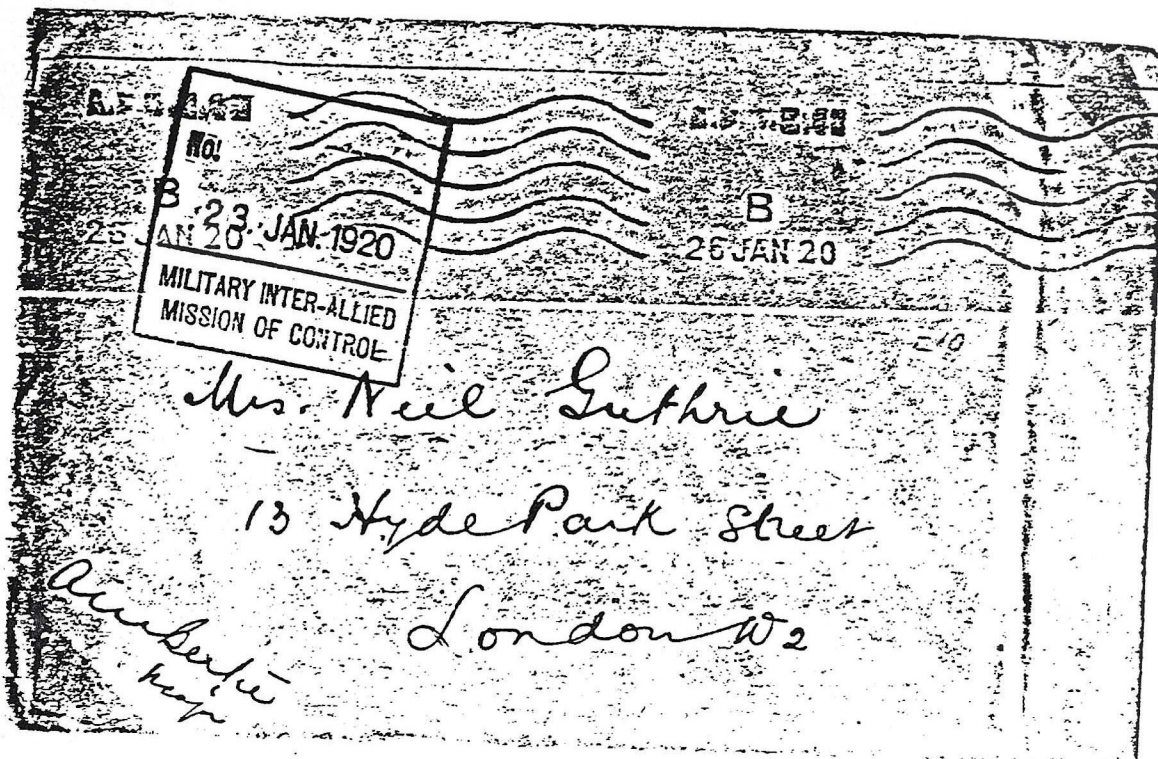
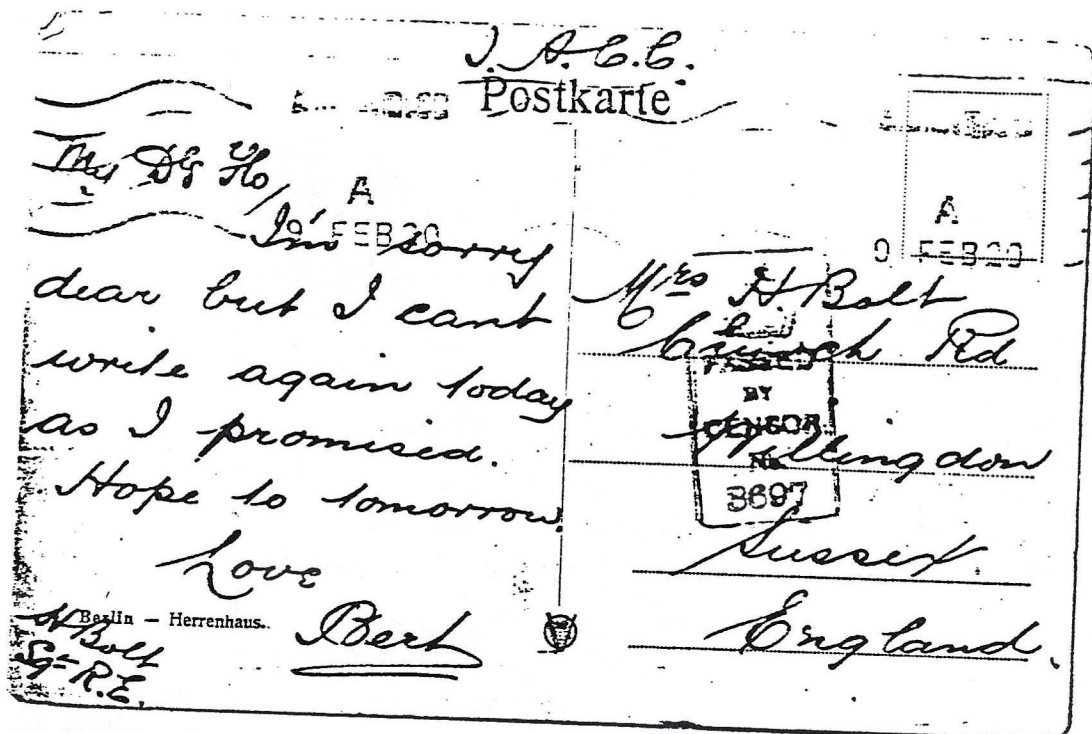
England.

ESSEN COAL. BUREAU
13. OCT. 1920
(Reparation Commission)

During the occupation of the Ruhr, the British did not open additional field post facilities. Thus, mail was either sent through the German post office or sent to APO S.40 at Cologne for processing. Examples of such handling are shown, with appropriate cachets of the occupying authorities.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

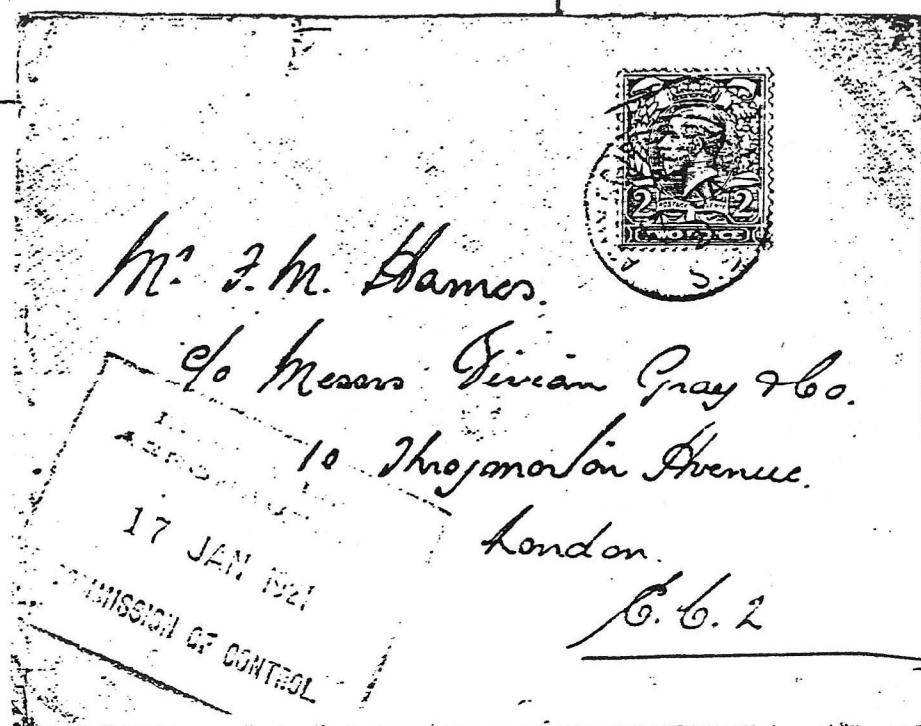
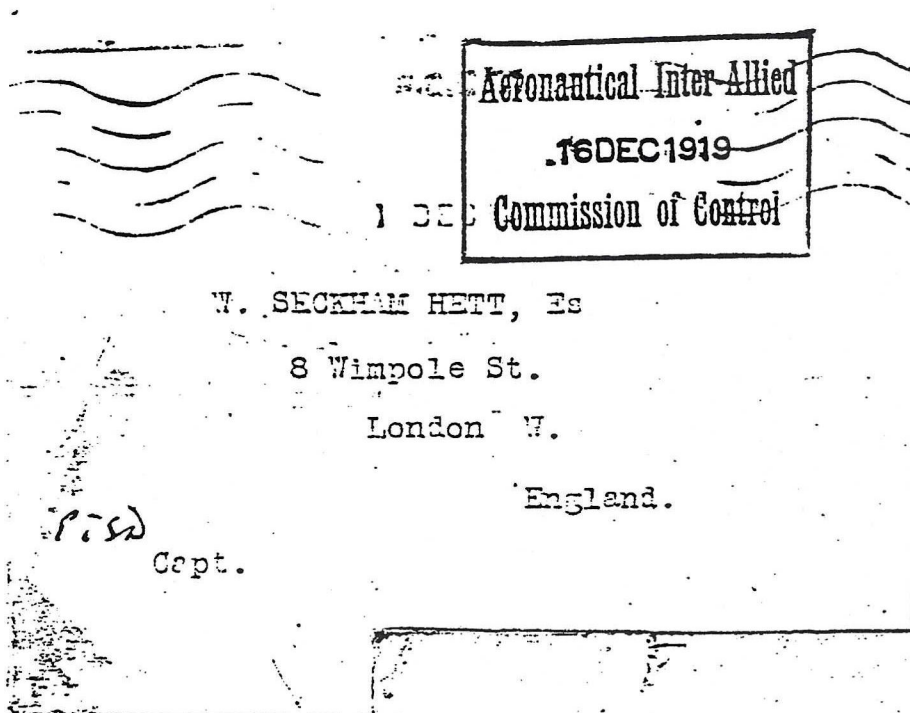
Inter-Allied Control Commission
26 January 1920
9 February 1920



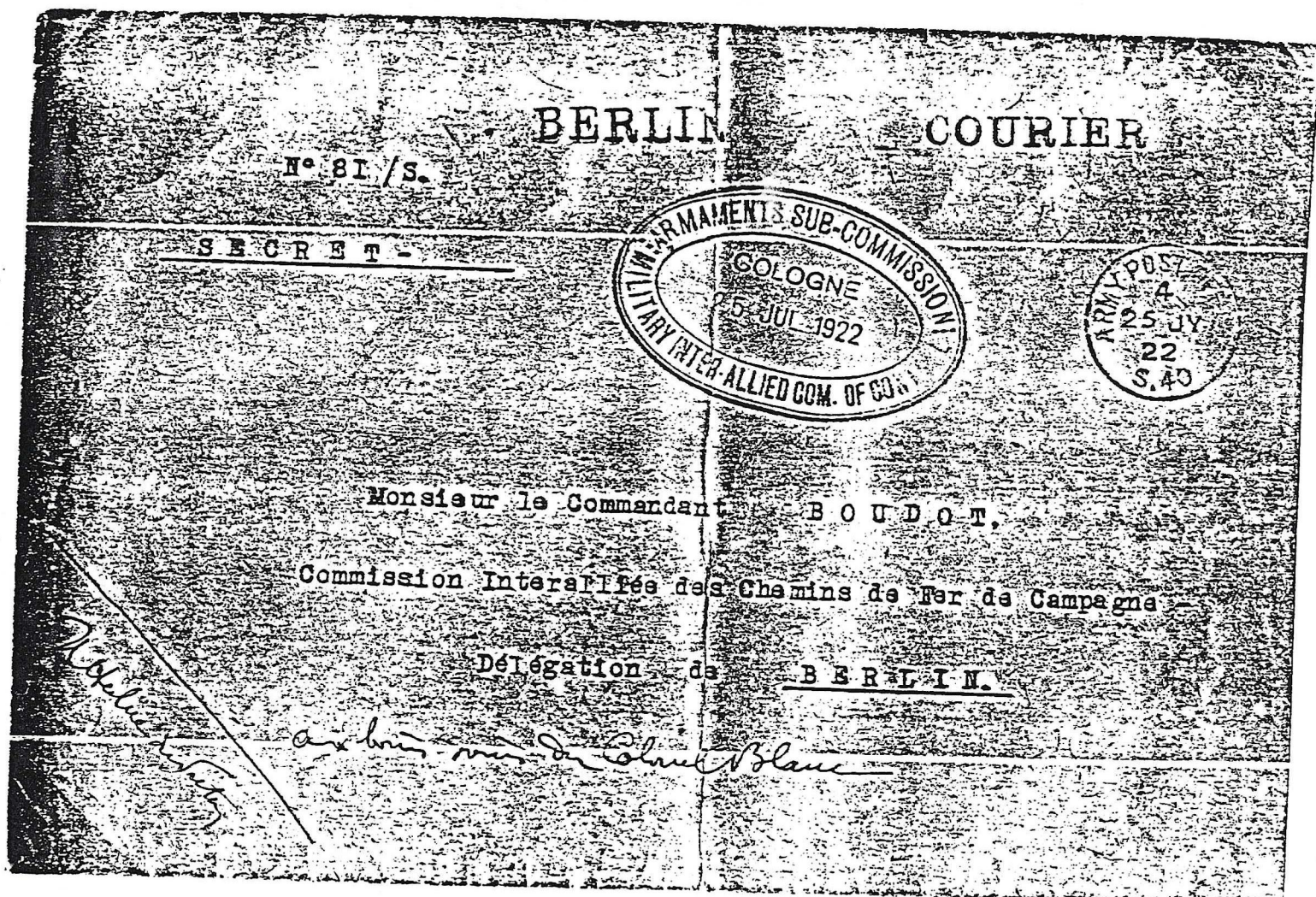
Initially, mail from the members of the I.A.C.C. in Berlin was carried by military pouch to Cologne, where it was turned over to APO S.40. Due to heavy volume, machine cancels were used at the base post office from May 1919 to March 1920, with "A" and "B" codes as shown above.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Inter-Allied Aeronautical Commission
16 December 1919
17 January 1921



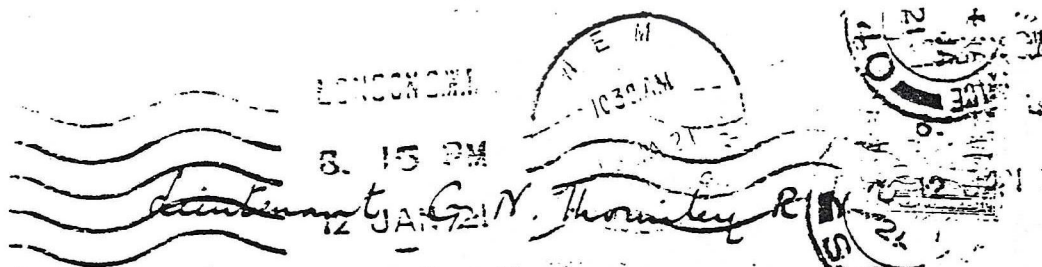
A small aeronautical section of the Control Commission operated out of Berlin, using the facilities of the Courier Office. Mail from this organization is very elusive and highly sought after by aerophilatelists.



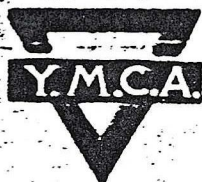
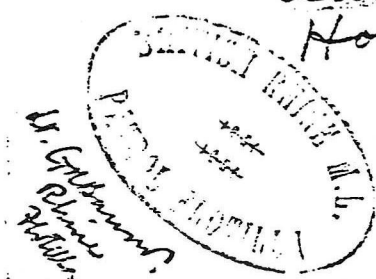
Use of the Berlin Courier for Eastward (Inbound) mail is unusual. This cover was sent by the Armaments Sub-Commission in Cologne to a French delegate of the Interallied Commission for Military Railways in Berlin.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Rhine Flotilla
10 January 1919
17 July 1922

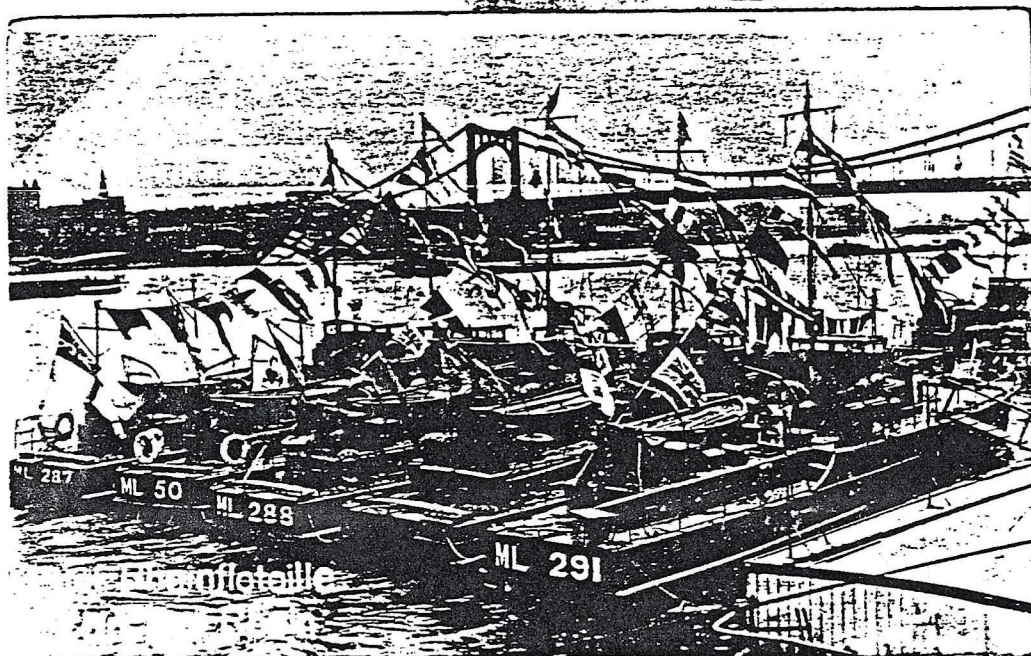


q/w M.C.W. Division for address
Holt Road
Admiralty
Holt
Whitby
Da



Miss D. Shaw

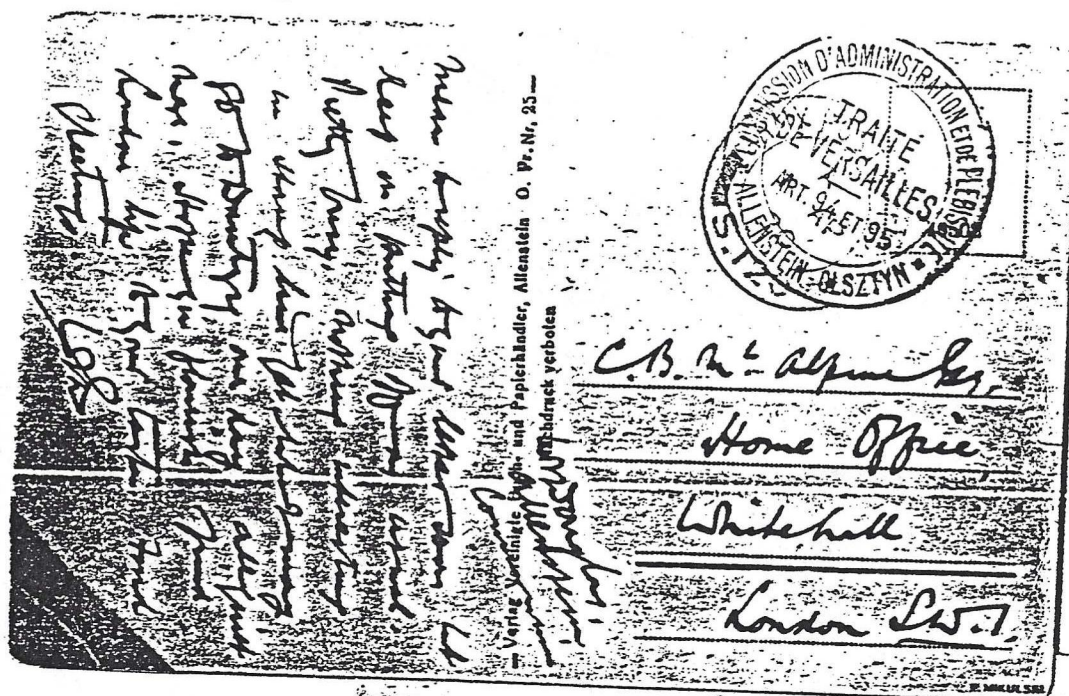
42 Bengeworth Road
Camdenwell
London
S. E. 5
England



The occupation forces included a flotilla of motor launches which patrolled the Rhine from their base at Cologne. Mail from the Rhine Flotilla received a special oval cachet. Covers with this marking are especially prized by collectors of naval mail.

Field Post Office S.120
1 April 1920
15 July 1920

15 July 1920



O.A.S.
Oriel Lodge
Leafield Avenue
Montebello Major

ORDER
Date _____
To _____
Sindooray

~~United Service Club~~

~~Stevens Green~~

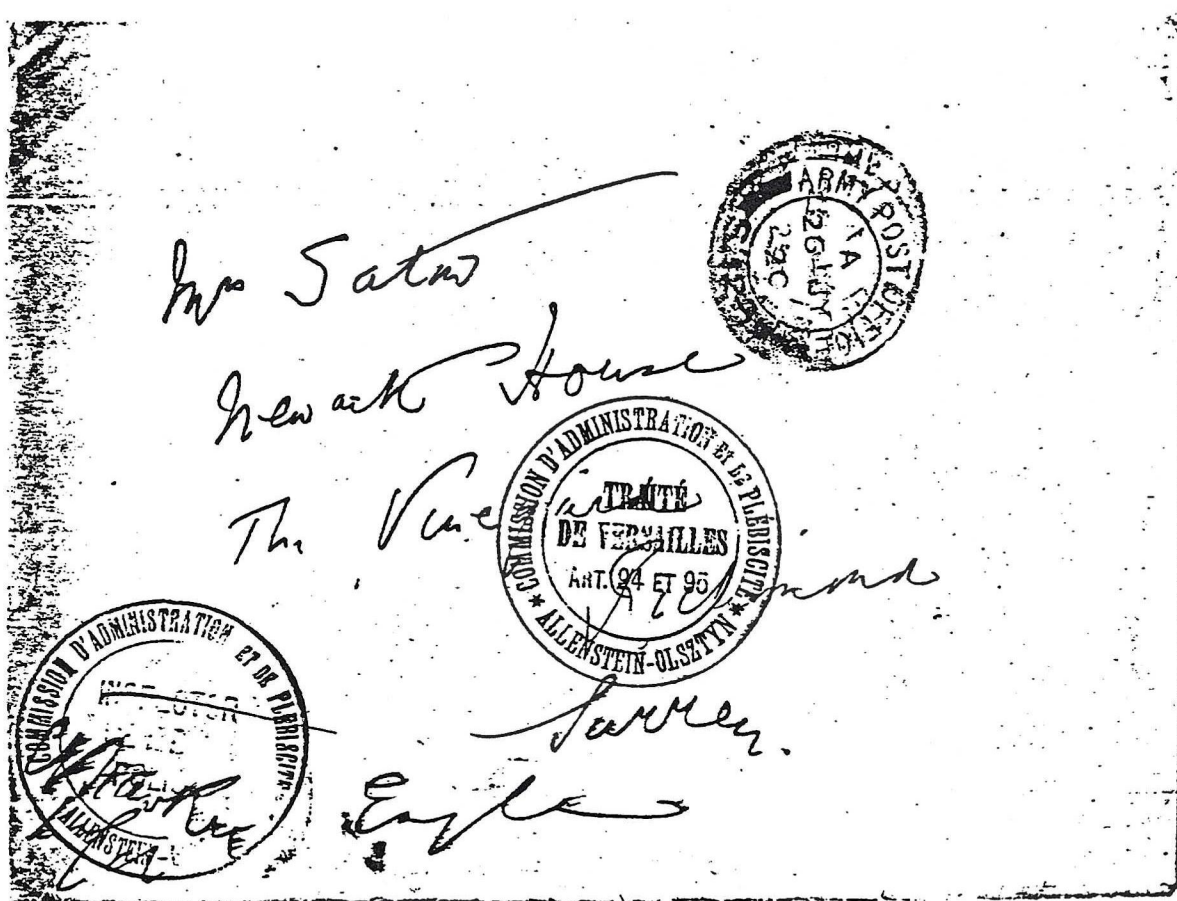
~~Dublin~~
Ireland

W. H. Bredin & Co.
The Royal Irish

The First Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment arrived in Allenstein in the beginning of February 1920 and the plebiscite to determine whether the territory should be transferred to Poland or remain with Germany was held in July. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of Germany, and the forces were withdrawn soon thereafter. FPO #S.120 was established to handle the mail of the British officers and men. Unit markings shown are those of the Plebiscite Commission and the Orderly Room of the Royal Irish.

BRITISH FORCES
Allenstein

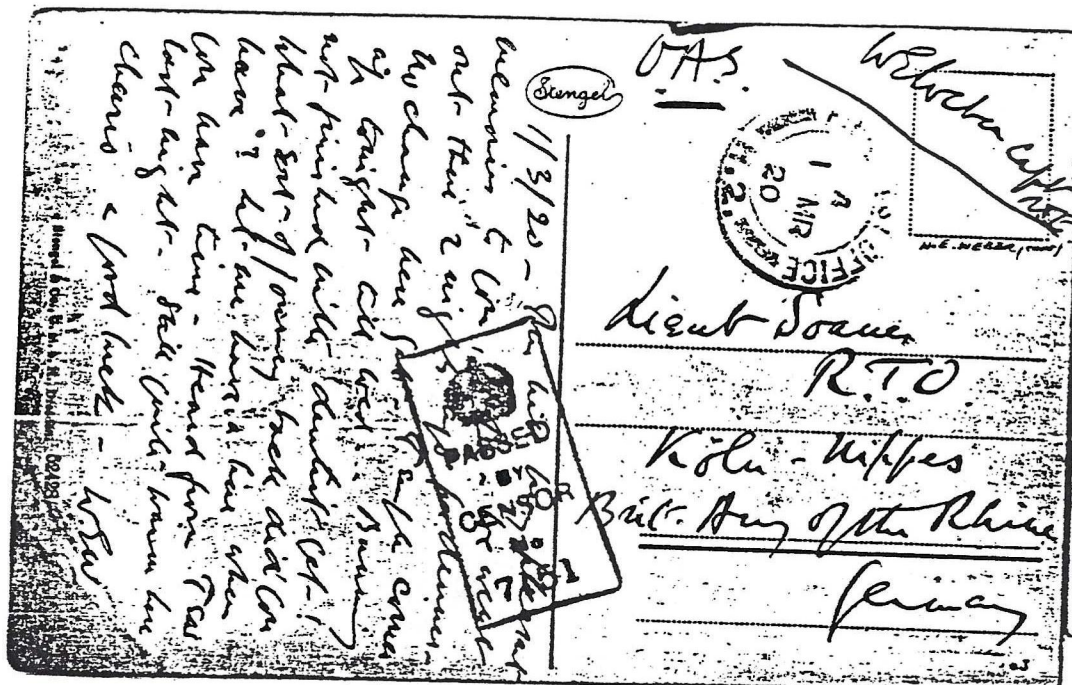
Field Post Office S.120
26 July 1920



The use of the FPO #S.120 postmark at Allenstein is recorded from 7 February to 13 August 1920. The above cover has the cachet of the "Commission of Administration and the Plebiscite/Treaty of Versailles/Allenstein." which was sufficient for it to travel free of postage during this period.

BRITISH FORCES
Danzig

Field Post Office H.2.
1 March 1920
22 April 1920



John Walter Esq.
Drayton Hall
Norwich

England



The Free City of Danzig was established on 10 January 1920 under the protection of the League of Nations. To assist in the establishment of the new administration and discourage a possible Polish annexation attempt, British and French forces were sent to Danzig. The British contingent was the 1st battalion of the Royal Fusiliers to whom FPO #H.2. was assigned. The use of this postmark is recorded from 16 February to 27 November 1920. There are only two recorded examples of the special green marking "Allied Administration/Danzig" shown above.