

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 102

W razie niedoreczenia zwrocic do:
If not delivered return to:

POLISH FORCES MIDDLE EAST
No. 55

Poczta Polowa 102
25 August 1945
6 March 1946

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Kierownictwo Marynarki Wojennej
Polish Naval H.Q.
51 New-Cavendish Street
LONDON S.W.1.

ENGLAND

Written in Polish



CENTRALA POSZUKIWAN - ZAGINIONYCH OSOB
MISSING PERSONS INQUIRIES OFFICE
Polish Forces Middle East Nr. 55

FREE OF CHARGE

Kpt. RÓŻYCKI LUDWIK

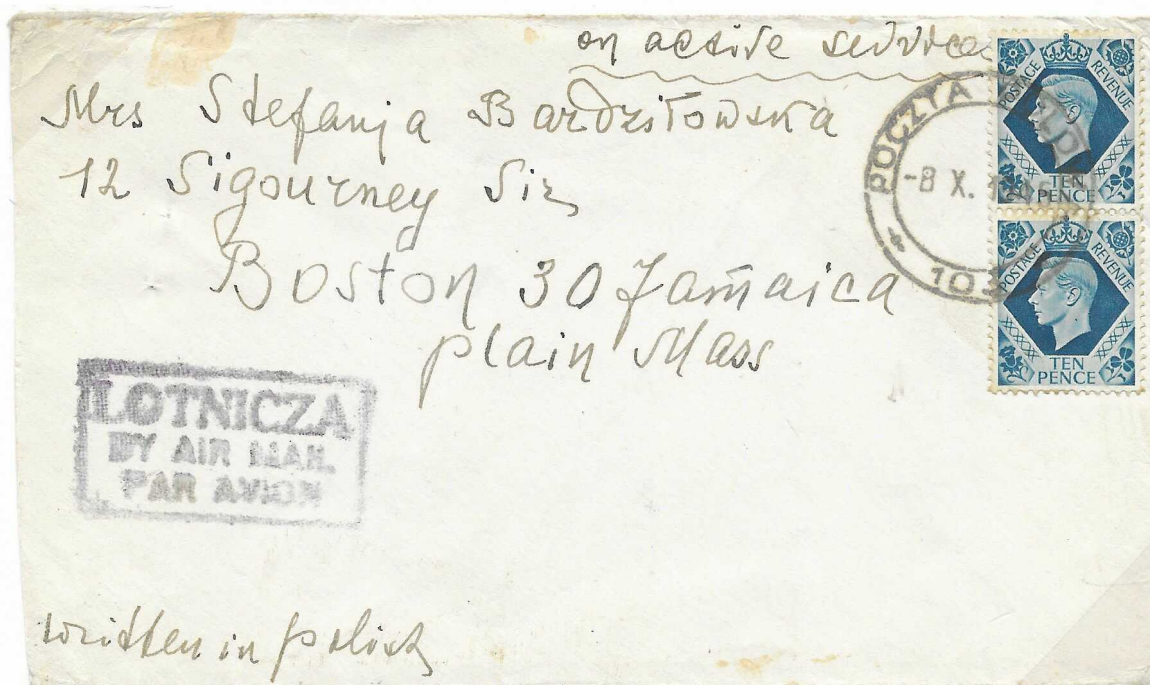
Polish Forces Nr. 347 CMF.

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The return addresses of Polish Forces Middle East No. 55 was a code for the Red Cross. The above covers were sent seeking information about missing persons.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 103

Poczta Polowa 103
8 October 1946



The PP 103 post office was a relative latecomer opening in Qassasin, Egypt in March 1944 and operating there until August 1947. Airmail postage from someone at the Polish YMCA to the U.S. of 20 pence indicates a double weight letter.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Base Field Post Office 104

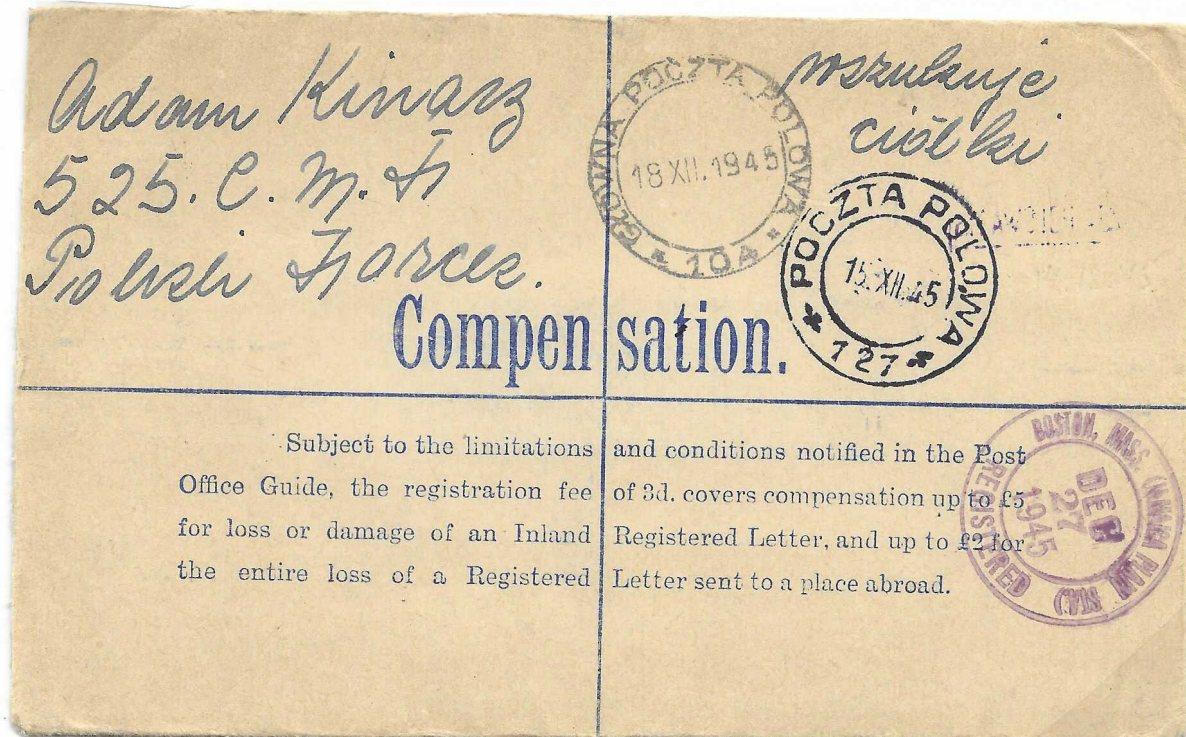
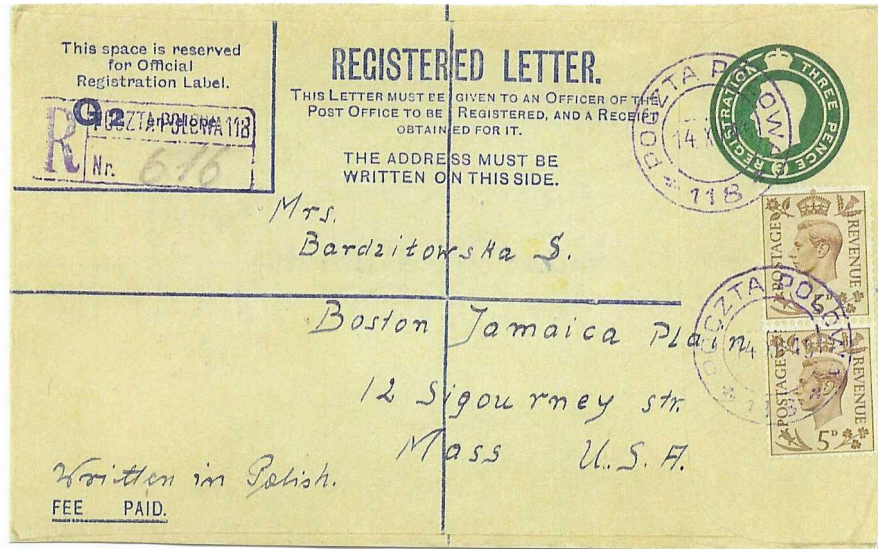
Głowna Poczta Polowa 104
10 August 1945
27 September 1945



GPP was the Base Post Office for the Polish troops in Italy starting in February 1944. Registered cover above paid 10 pence to Scotland as U.S. postage was not valid for service to the United Kingdom. lower cover sent by surface was free of postage to England.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Base Field Post Office 104

Głowna Poczta Polowa 104
18 December 1945



This registered stationery envelope was uprated by 10d to pay the airmail rate from PP 118 to the U.S. However, what is noteworthy about it is the GPP 4 transit marking, which is a different style with thin letters that was used only for transit purposes.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 106

Poczta Polowa 106
19 June 1945
20 July 1945



Late postmarks used at San Basilio, Italy, where PP 106 was in service from January 1945 to January 1946. Upper cover sent as soldier's mail to the Polish Red Cross in London, while that below was to the U.S. Note that postmarks for 105, 107 and 108 were never placed in use.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 109

Poczta Polowa 109
17 September 1945



PP 109 was assigned on 28 January 1945 to a newly-formed tank brigade in Alexandria, Egypt. At that time, the unit was awaiting transport to Italy, where it arrived on 17 October 1945. The cover was addressed to the Polish Red Cross in London.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 110

Poczta Polowa 110
9 March 1946

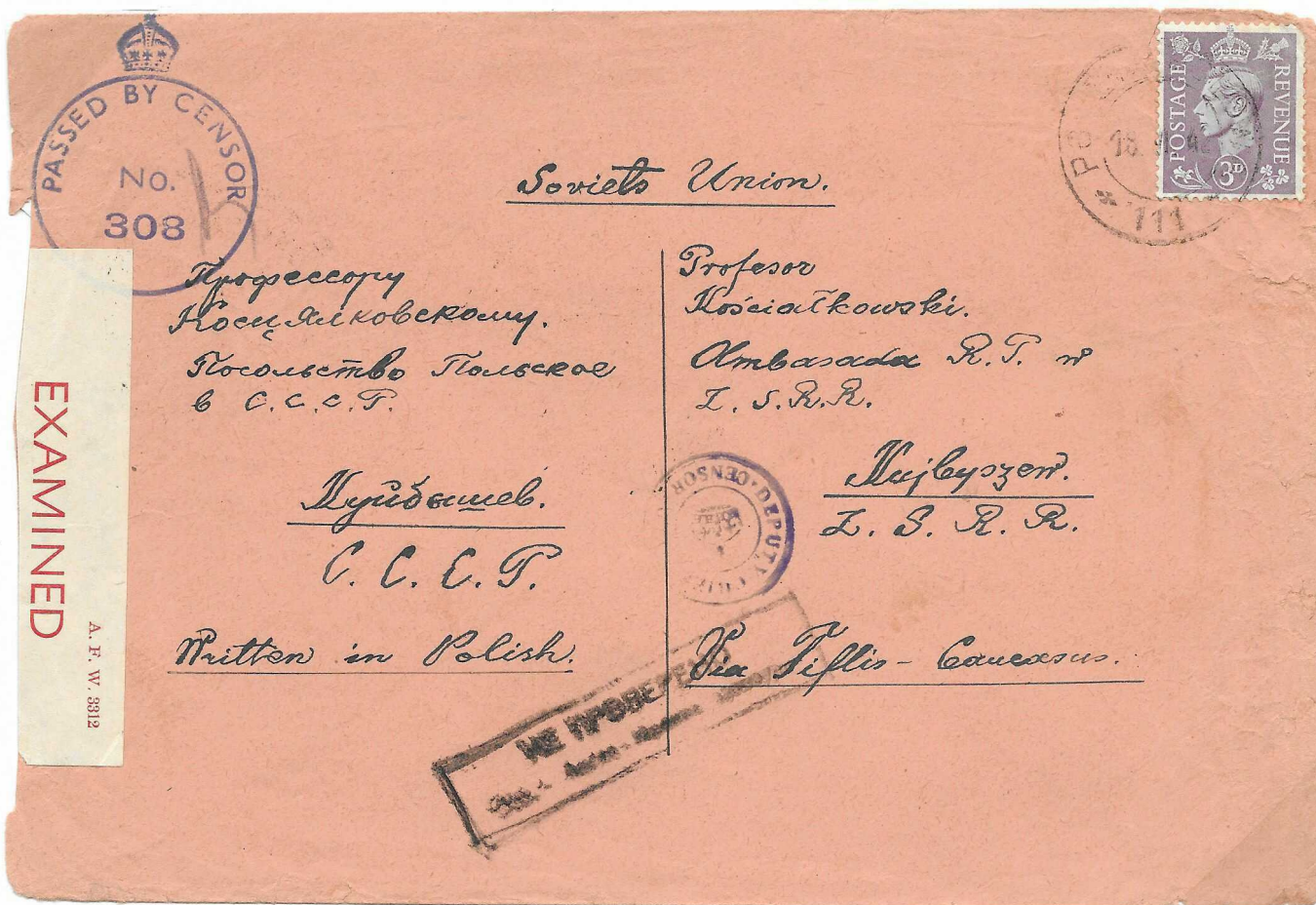


Mrs. Stefania Bardzifowska
12 Sigowrcy Str.
Boston 30 Jamaica
Plain Mass.
U. S. A.

This particular style of postmark had unusually large letters and numerals for the date in the center of the dial. PP 110 was never assigned to a specific unit but was used as a back-up cancel for PP 117. Known used briefly from October 1945 into early 1946, in this case on an airmail letter to the U.S.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 111

Poczta Polowa 111
18 June 1942



PP 111 operated at Qastina, Palestine from 28 April until 5 October 1942. This cover, franked with 3d for an international surface letter was sent from this office to the Polish Ambassador in the Soviet Union, who was at that time stationed at Kuybyshev. Unusual routing via British FPO 154, Indian Base Office No. 7, Indian FPO 103 and Moscow, before arriving at its destination on 3 August 1942.

**CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 111**

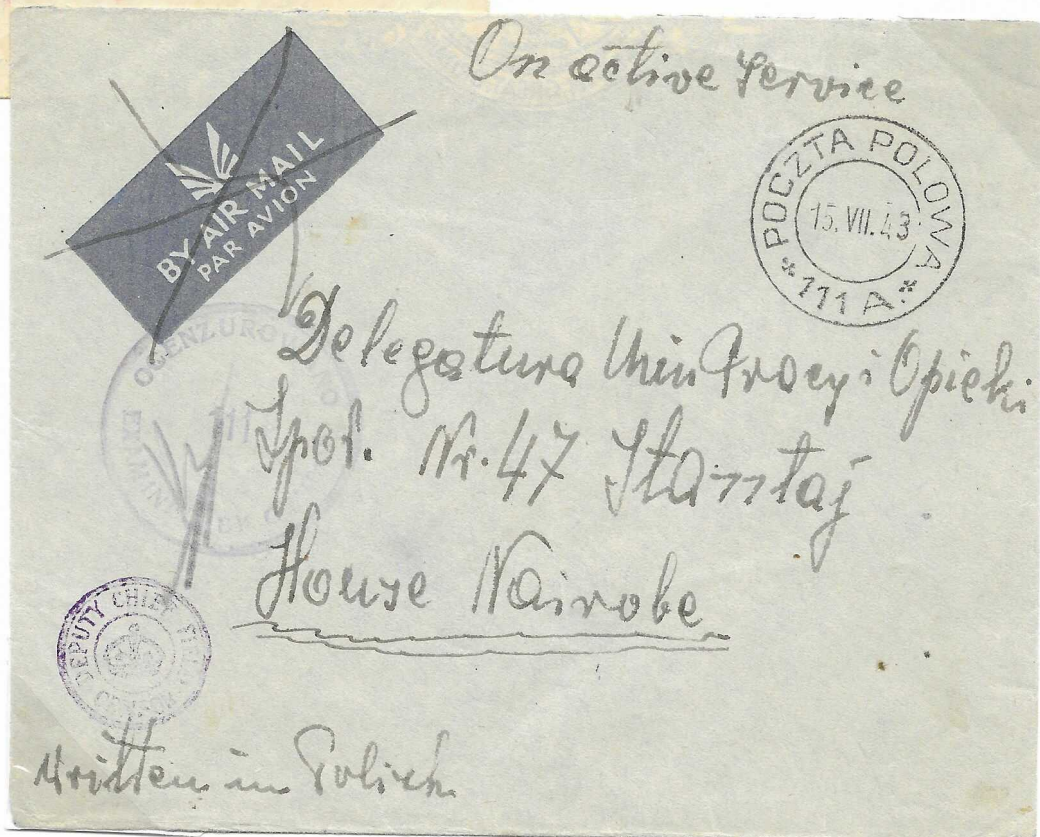
Poczta Polowa 111
18 June 1942
2 November 1943



PP 111 operated at Qastina, Palestine from 28 April 1942 until 24 November 1943. Upper cover, franked with 3d for an international surface letter was sent from this office to the Polish Ambassador in the Soviet Union, who was at that time stationed at Kuybyshev. Routed via British FPO 154, Indian Base Office No. 7, Indian FPO 103 and Moscow. Lower cover sent to London; has Polish and British censor markings.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 111A

Poczta Polowa 111A
5 April 1943
15 July 1943



PP 111A was a temporary station. Its postmark was in use from 6 August 1942 to 10 November 1943. The covers above were sent from Mosul, Iraq. Note unusual destinations of Tel Aviv, Palestine and Nairobi, Kenya. Lower example was postage free, but upper one was registered and payment of the 3d registry fee was required.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 112



Poczta Polowa 112
16 February 1943
12 April 1944



PP 112 moved to Iraq in August 1942 and was located at Khanaquin at the time that the upper cover was mailed to the Polish Delegation in Nairobi, Kenya. Airmail postage was 8 annas. In March 1944 this post office moved to Jerusalem; the lower cover was sent from there to Teheran, Iran.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 112



POLSKI CZERWONY KRZYŻ
DELEGATURA na SYRIE i LIBAN
POLISH RED CROSS
in SYRIA and the LEBANON
CROIX ROUGE POLONAISE
en SYRIE et au LIBAN



Poczta Polowa 112
18 September 1945
29 December 1945

POLISH RED CROSS

L o n d o n

S.W. 1,

Belgrave Square 34



Polish Red Cross

34, Belgrave Square

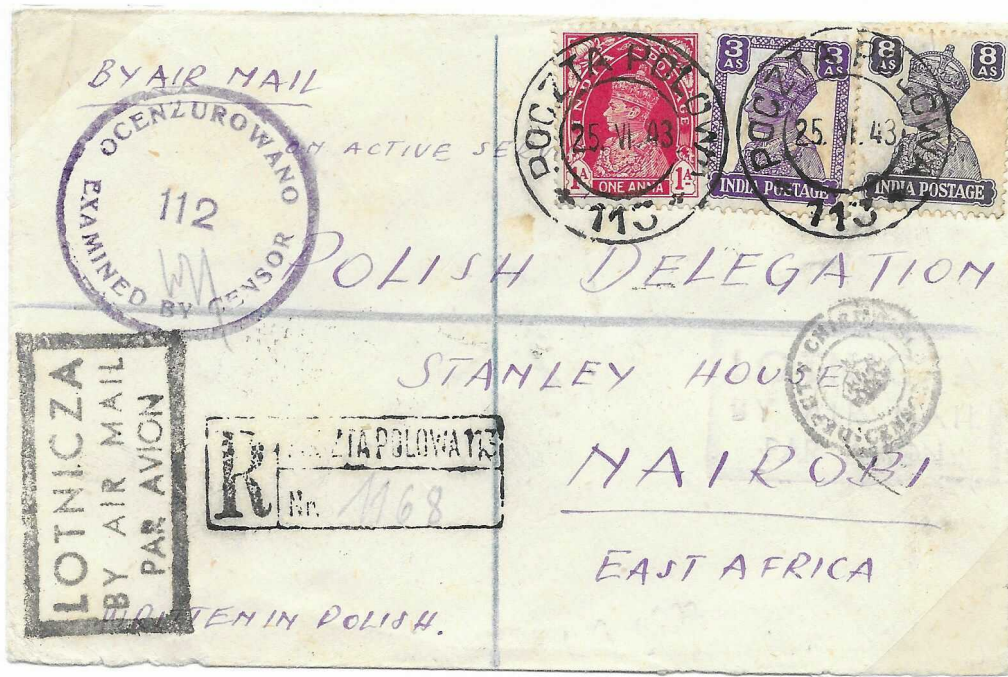
London S.W. 1.



PP 112 established a branch in Beirut, Lebanon that functioned from 26 April 1945 to 21 September 1946. Upper examples sent from there to the Polish Red Cross in London. Lower cover can be attributed to that branch as the return address is from a Professor Romanski at the American University of Beirut. Polish mail from Lebanon is considered very elusive.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 113

Poczta Polowa 113
25 June 1943



This cover with Indian franking was sent airmail and registered from PP 113 from Kirkuk, Iraq to the Polish Delegation in Nairobi, Kenya, paying 12 annas postage.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 113

Poczta Polowa 113
6 March 1945
12 August 1945



By March 1944, PP 113 was in Italy. Upper cover sent from Forli to the Polish Liaison Office with the Allied Area Command in Rome. Below is an air letter sent from Predappio Nuova to the United States -- an unusual usage.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 114

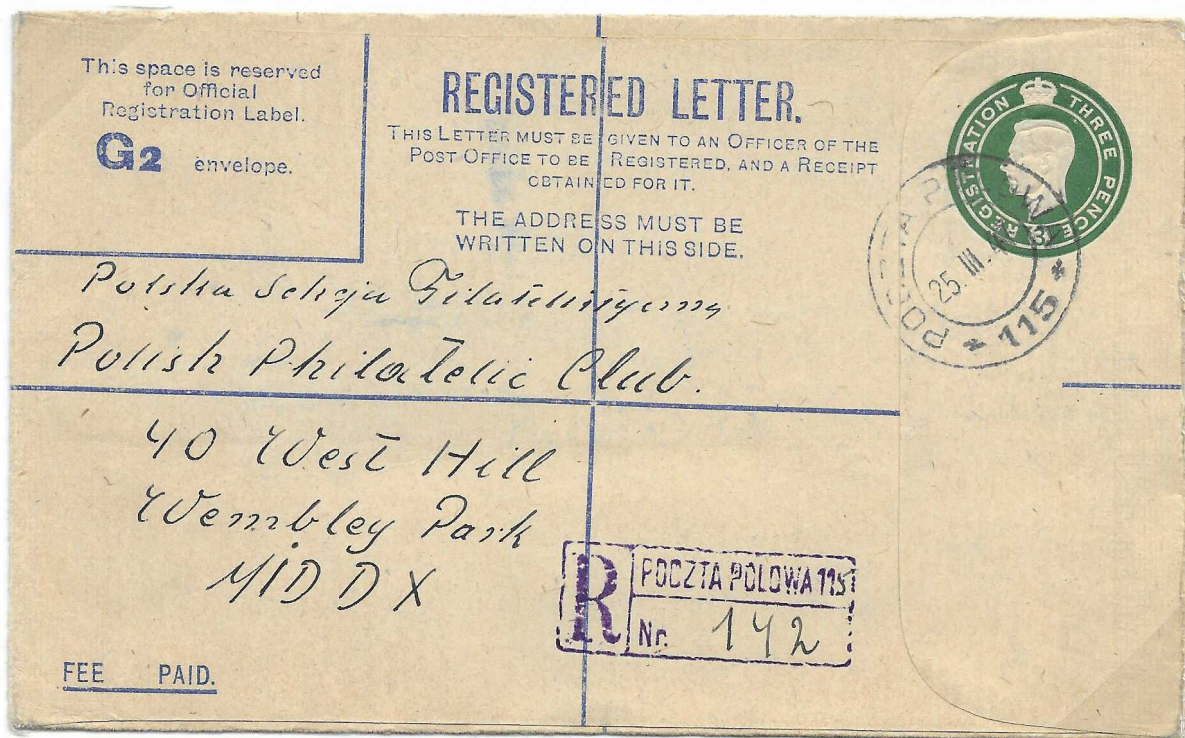
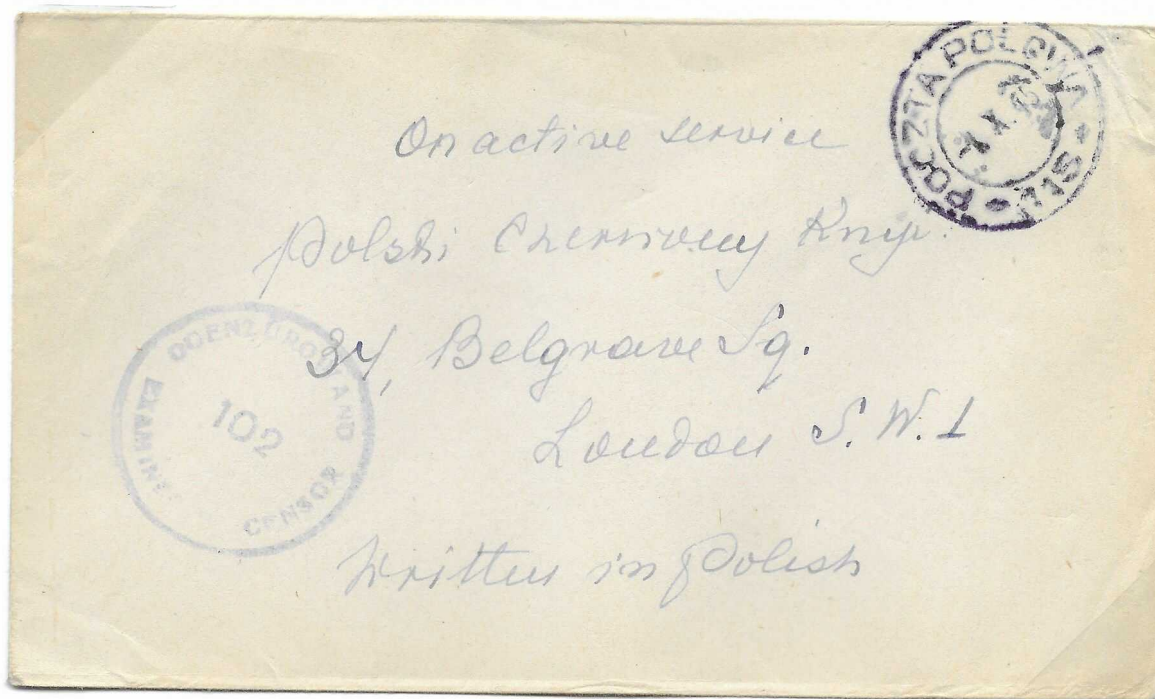
Poczta Polowa 114
17 March 1943
14 December 1945



PP 114 was in Khanaqin, Iraq when the upper cover was sent to airmail to Brooklyn. Postage of 110 fils was paid in Iraqi adhesives. Below a patriotic Christmas card from the Polish Forces in the Middle East mailed from El Kantara, Egypt to New York.

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
Field Post Office 115

Poczta Polowa 115
1 October 1945
25 March 1947



PP 115 was the only Polish field post office that spent its entire life in Palestine. Upper cover was mailed free of postage from Barbara to the Polish Red Cross in London; censored in Cairo (#102) en route. Below is a late usage of a British registered letter envelope with the 3d registry fee already paid by the imprinted stamp. This office was closed down on 23 August 1947.