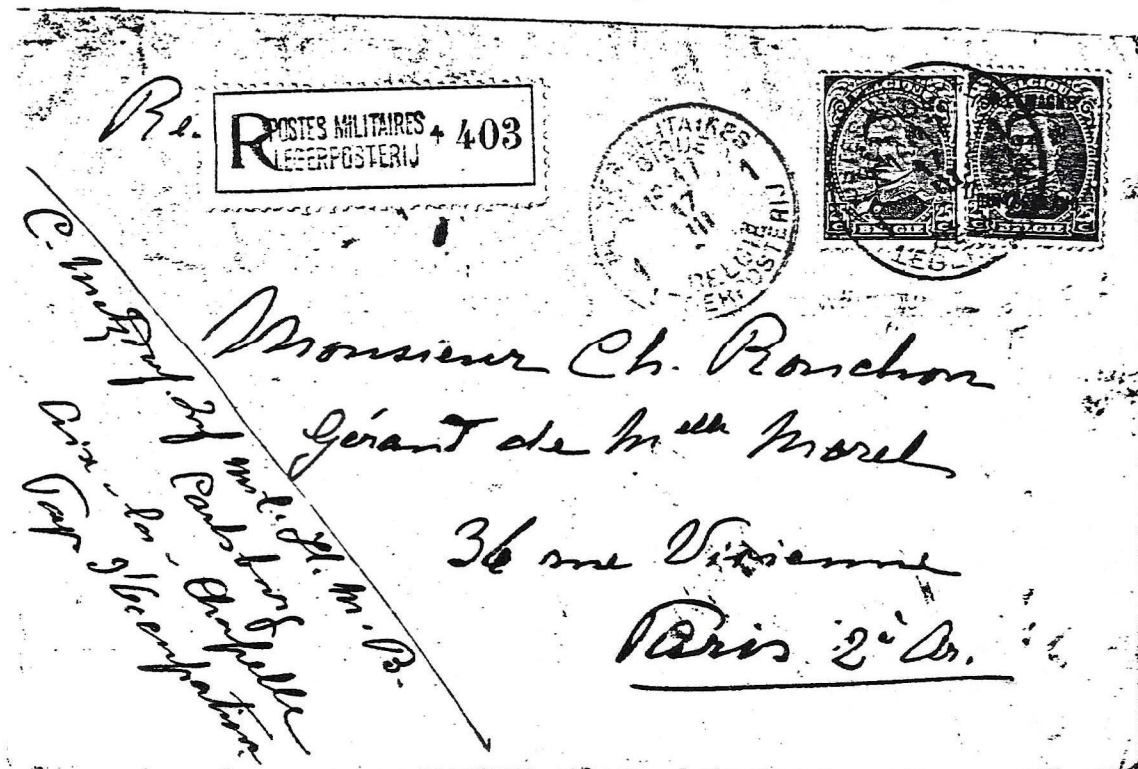
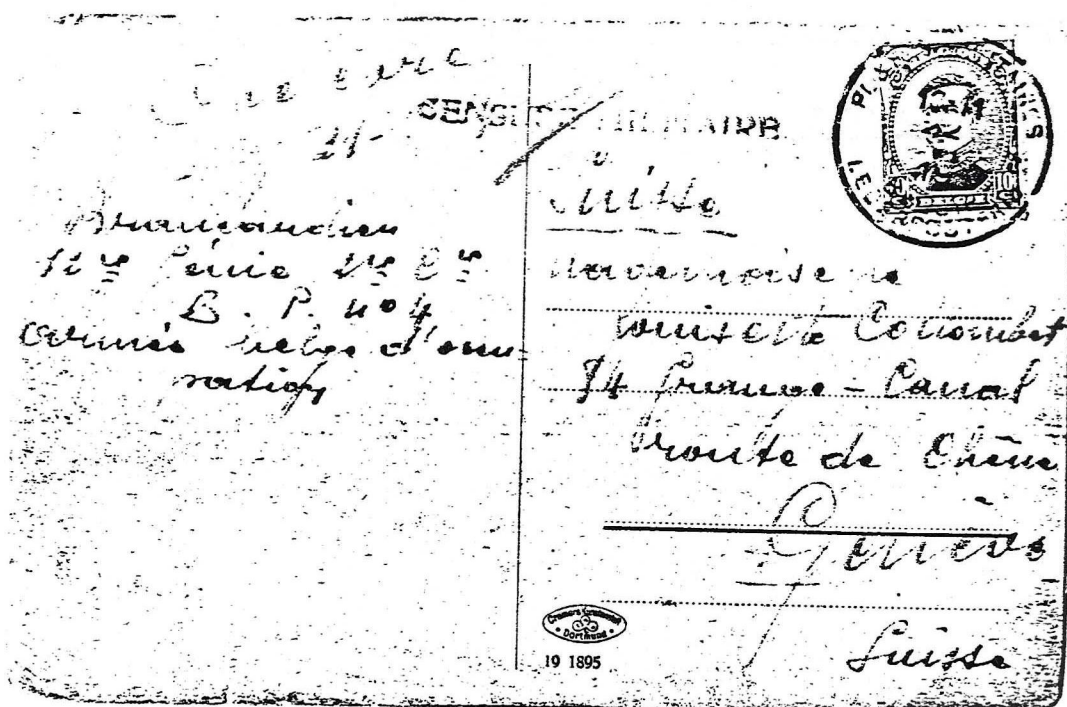


BELGIAN FORCES
Germany

Postes Militaires 6
22 June 1919

Postes Militaires 1
17 March 1920



Prior to the issuance of special overprints for the occupation zone, normal Belgian stamps were used to pay required postal charges, as above for a post card from Neuss to Switzerland. Later, they continued to be valid as shown in the example of a mixed franking to pay postage and registration fee on a letter from Aachen to France.

BELGIAN FORCES
Germany

Postes Militaires 1
13 July 1921
10 July 1923

Armée d'occupation

4^e Zone

ÉTAT-MAJOR.

4^e Bureau.

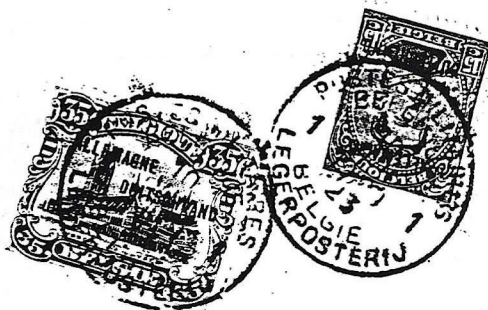


S.M.

Monsieur Jozs Dvorak
Architecte.

Slavka Otava

Com. 1



SERVICE MILITAIRE BELGE

Marquis de Courcelles

Château Pérus

Vertheuil en Médoc
France



Examples of the special stamps overprinted "Germany" used to pay the postage on military mail sent to foreign destinations -- from PM 1 at Aachen to Czechoslovakia and France shown above.

Duisburg
16 June 1922

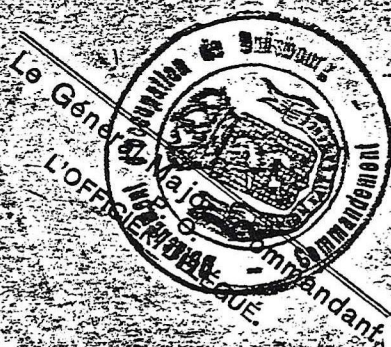
Postes Militaires 10
3 May 1923



NÉCESSITÉ DE FERMER



Au Commandant d'Armes d'Oberboitz sur Orde



5400

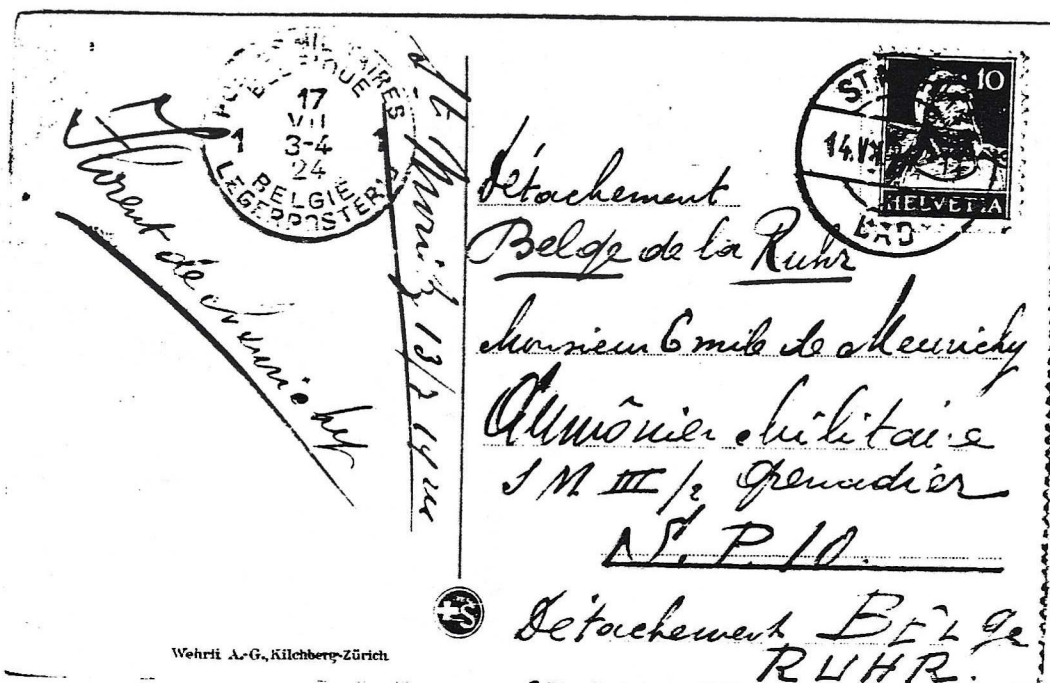
Amulhar: 60



Mme. Ley!
Hotel de la poste
Knoche

In den 25. 26. 1861
 dem Adonias 11. 12. 1861
 den 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832

When the German government fell behind in its reparations payments, the Allies authorized the Belgians to occupy the city of Duisburg in the Ruhr Valley as a "sanctions territory" from March 1921 until February 1924. The cover above is official mail with cachet of the "Headquarters of the Occupation Detachment of Duisburg," while the picture post card of Duisburg has cachet of the "Detachment of the Ruhr."



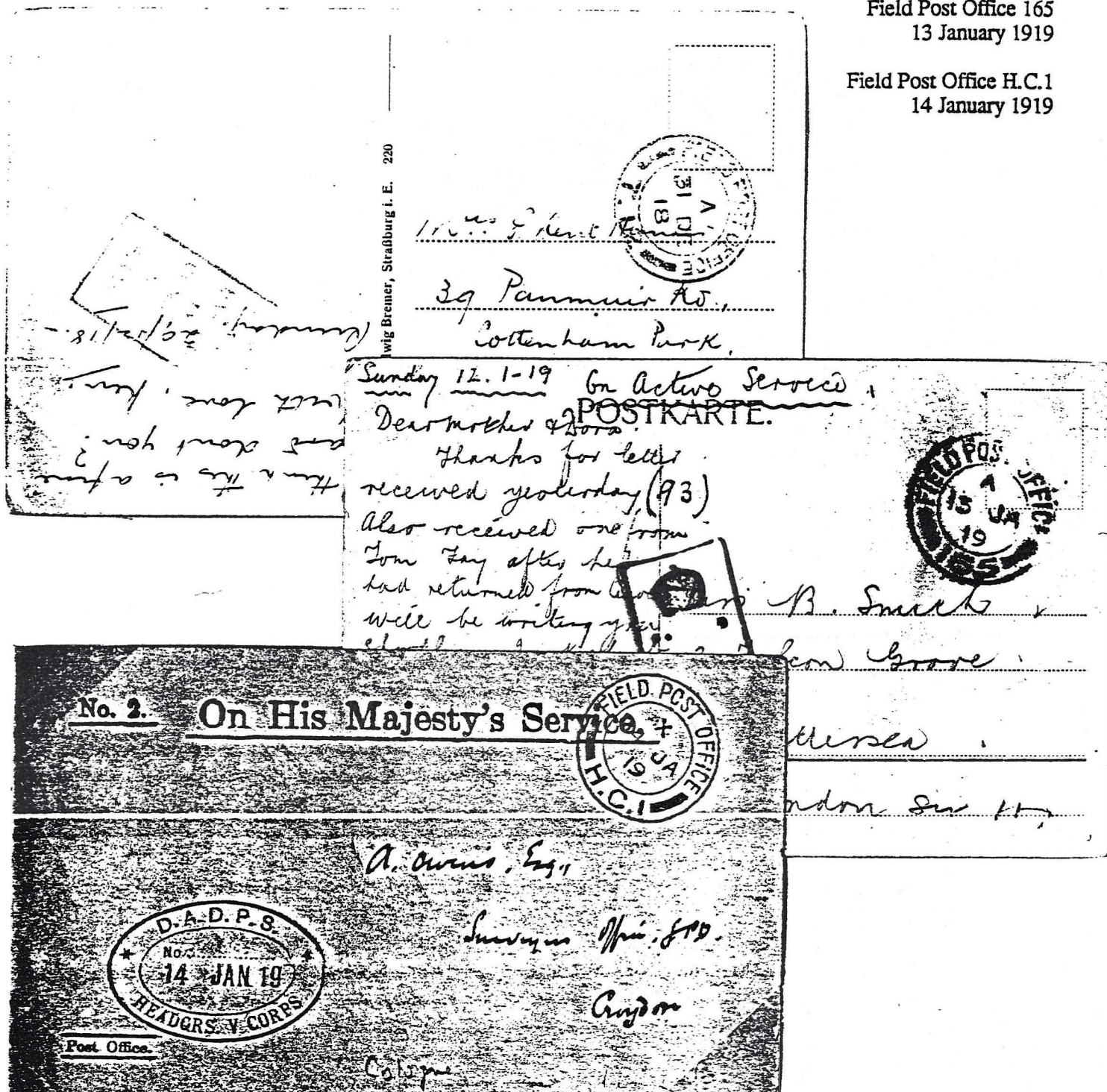
Mail addressed to members of the Belgian Army of Occupation in Germany is many times scarcer than cards and letters sent home by the troops. The card from Switzerland is even more unusual in that it was sent to a soldier in the sanctions force occupying the Ruhr Valley.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Field Post Office T.12
31 December 1918

Field Post Office 165
13 January 1919

Field Post Office H.C.1
14 January 1919



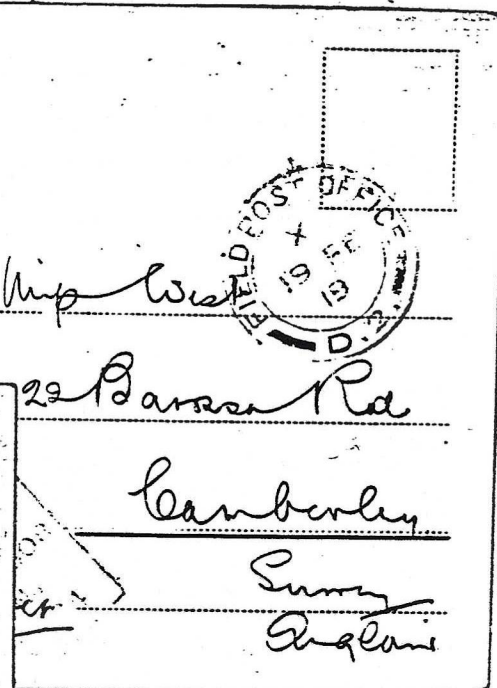
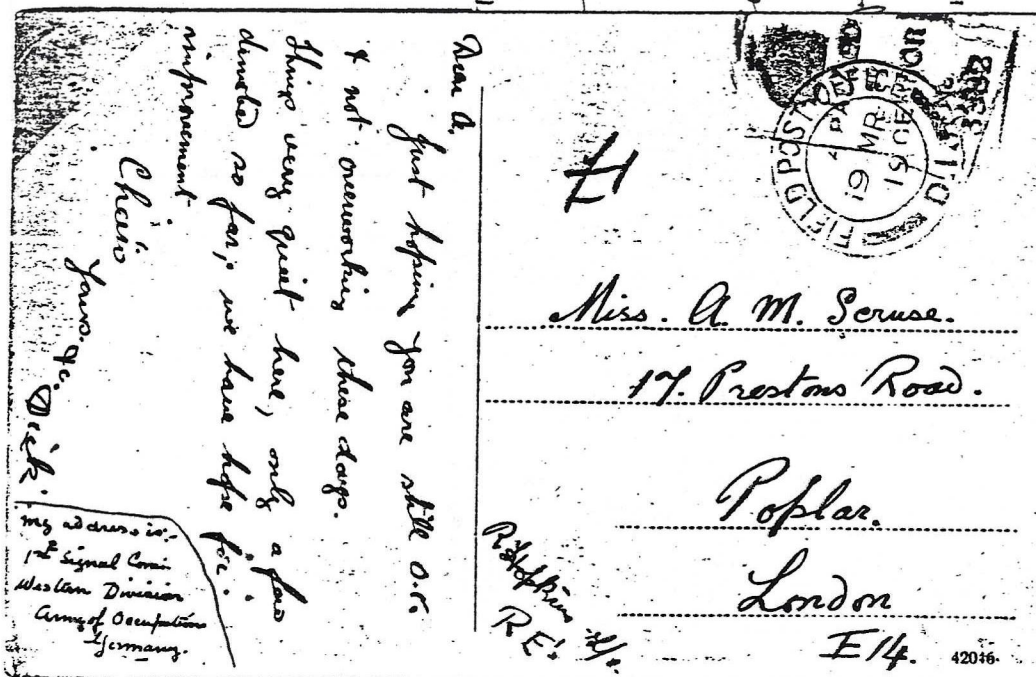
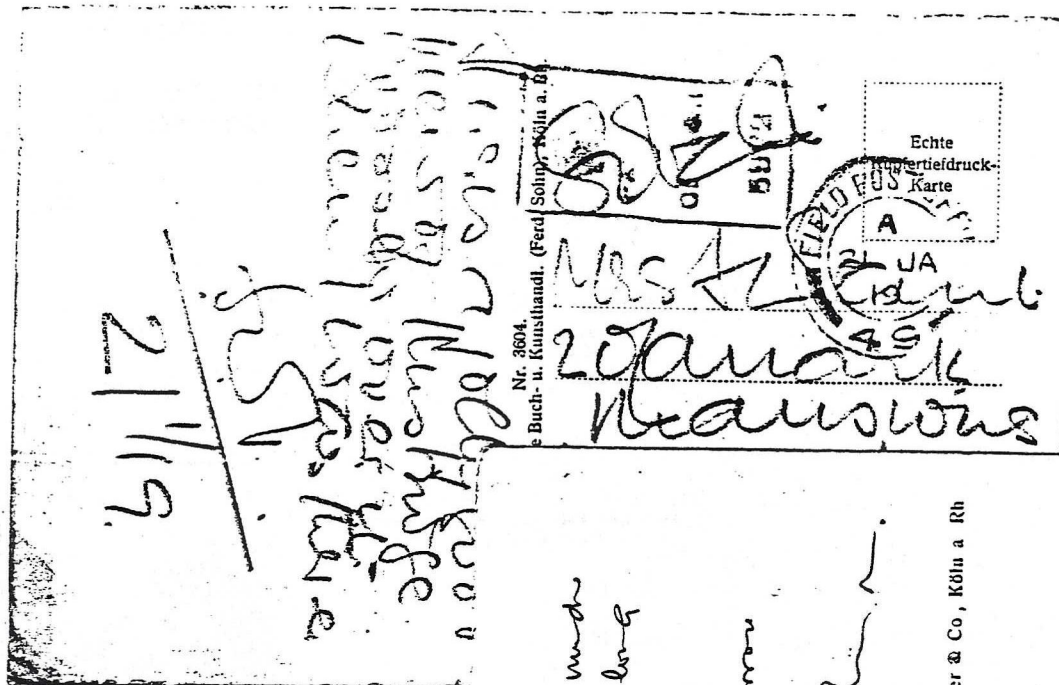
The first elements of the British Army of Occupation entered Germany on 1 December 1918. In the initial period extending through January or February, mail was postmarked with the field postmarks brought along from Belgium and France. FPO T.12 was used by the 6th Division stationed near Bonn and 165 was used by the Guards Division at Cologne. Cachets of military units are unusual; cover with H.C.1 has marking of the Deputy Assistant Director of Postal Services for the V Corps in Cologne.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Field Post Office 49
21 January 1919

Field Post Office D.2.
19 February 1919

Field Post Office D.1.
19 March 1919



In total, over 200 different postmarks are recorded as being used by the British Army of Occupation, some for very brief periods. FPO 49 was used by the 2nd Division during January, but a new D.2. postmark was issued in the following month. #D.1. was used by the 1st Division at Bonn during February and March.

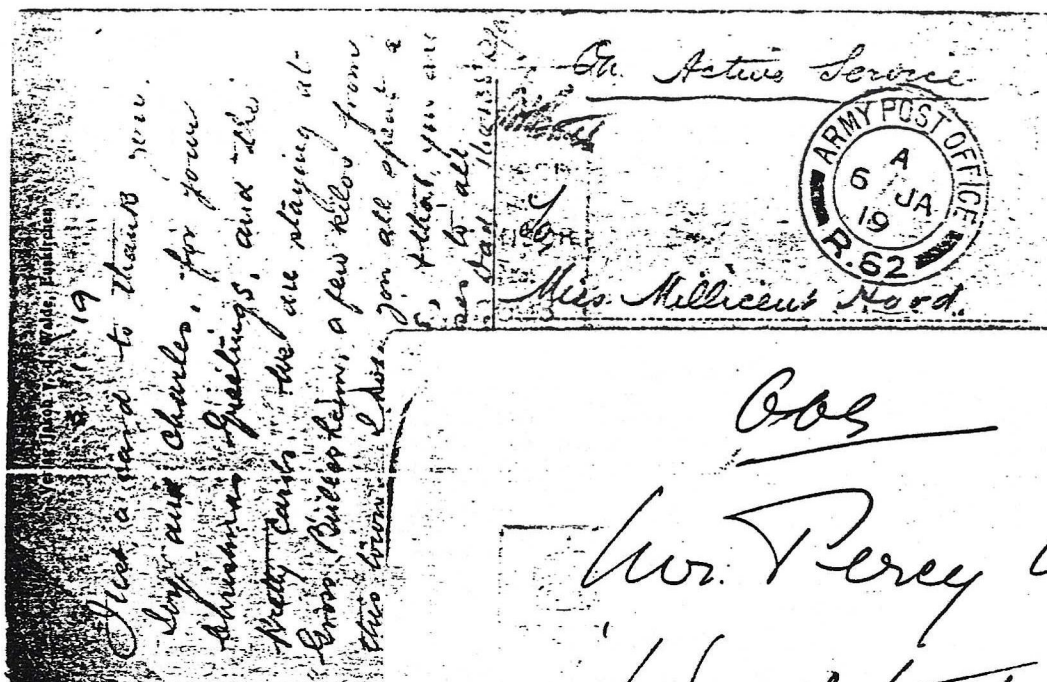
In preparation for the demobilization of a substantial portion of the forces, on 2 April 1919 the occupation troops were renamed the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR), and this designation soon showed up in return addresses. FPO 88 was used by the Southern Division at Coblenz. #H.6 was at the HQ of VI Corps at Düren and H.9 at HQ of the IX Corps at Euskirchen.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

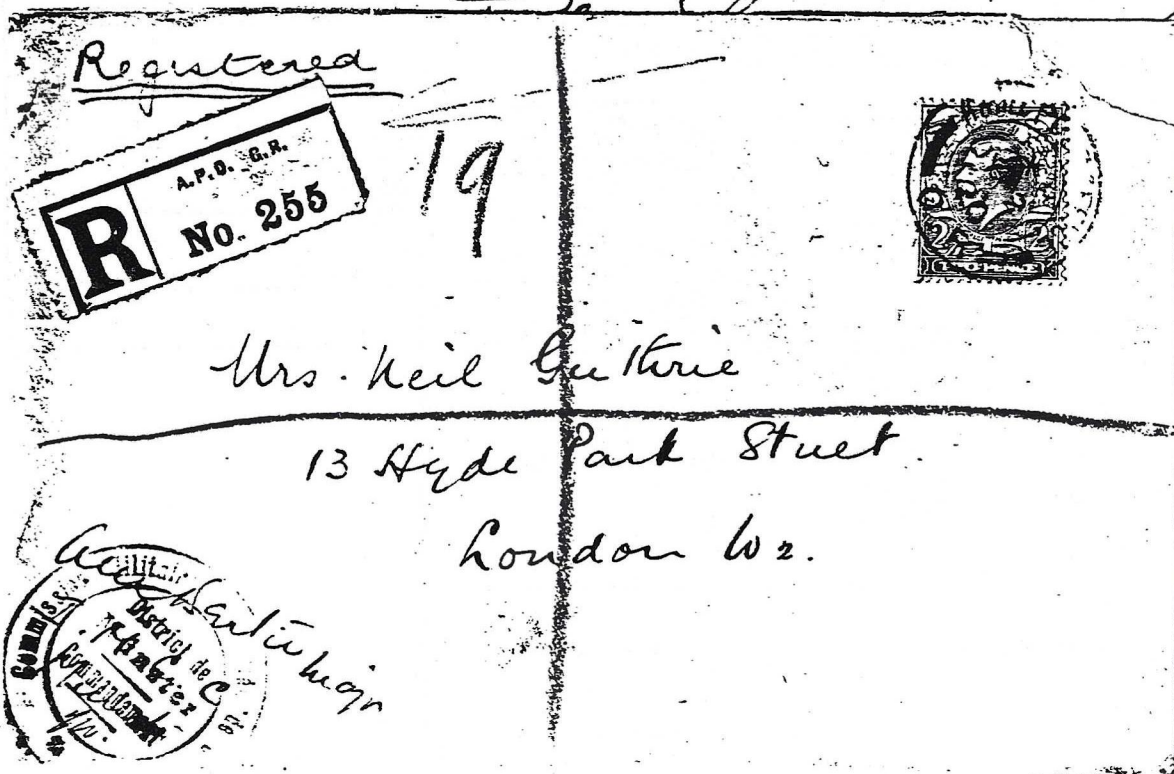
Army Post Office R.62
6 January 1919

Army Post Office S.120
21 May 1919

Army Post Office G.R
2 July 1920



Cos
Mr. Percy Webb
Woodstock



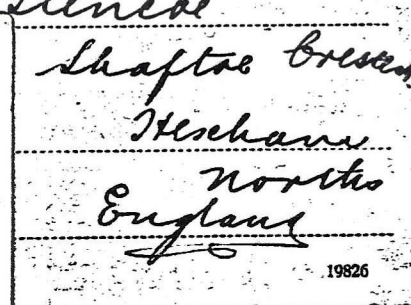
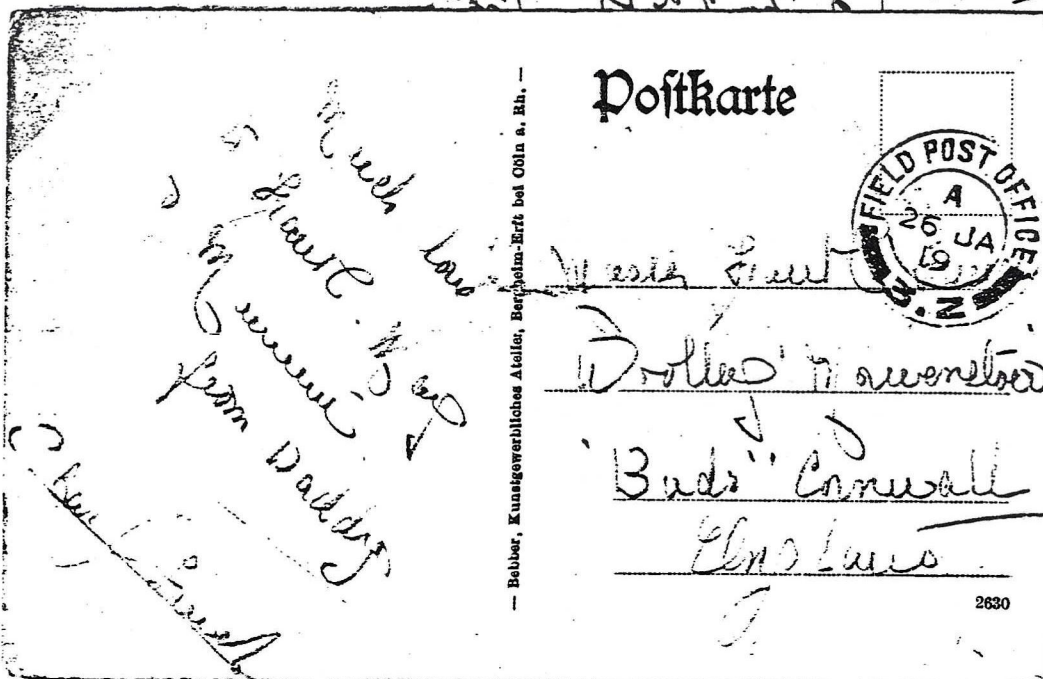
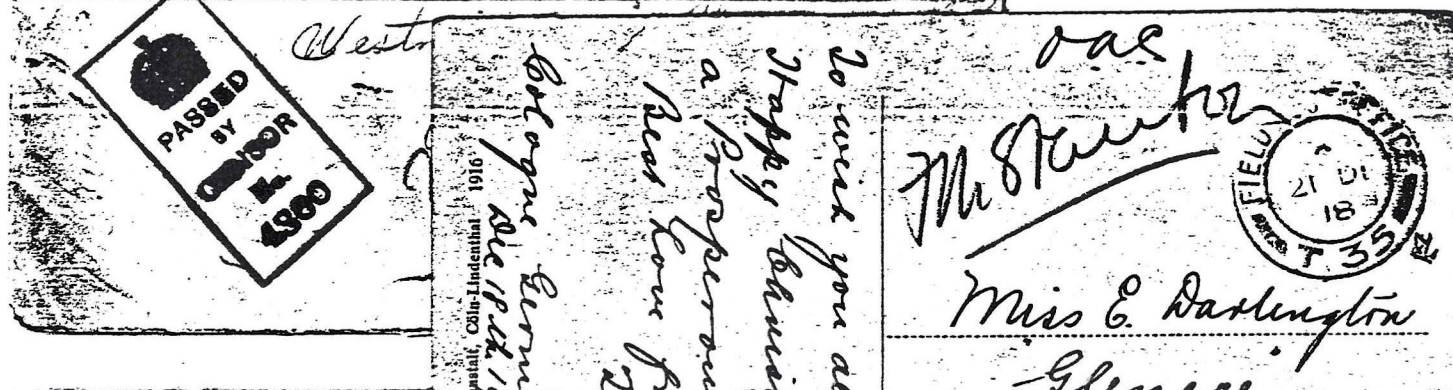
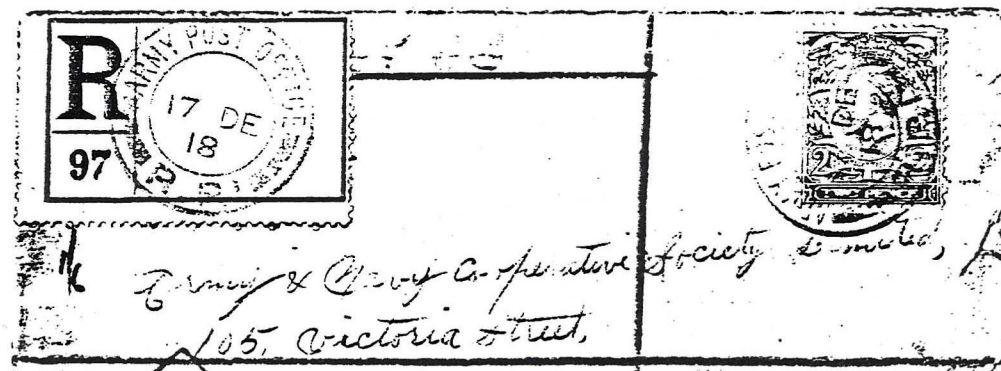
In addition to the Field Post Offices, which often moved from place to place, there were stationary offices called Army Post Offices. APO R.62 (62nd Division) was stationed at Schleiden and S.120 in Düren. G.R (German Railhead) was located in the main railway station in Cologne; it processed the above registered cover which originated with the Interallied Control Commission at Münster.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Army Post Office R.P.1
17 December 1918

Field Post Office T.35
21 December 1918

Field Post Office 3.Z
26 January 1919



Forces from other parts of the British Empire fought on many fronts during the war, with units from Canada and New Zealand being assigned to occupation duty. The 1st Canadian Division entered Germany on 5 December 1918 and was withdrawn to Belgium by 18 January 1919. Its mail was processed by APO R.P.1 at Siegburg. The 2nd Canadian Division entered Germany on 9 December and was relieved by the British X Corps on 28 December; it used FPO T.35 at Cologne. FPO 3.Z was used by the 3rd Brigade of the New Zealand Division for about two months. Examples of mail sent by these units is sought after by specialists but difficult to find.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Army Post Office S.40
29 August 1921
19 December 1920

RECEIVED
British Army of the Rhine
O.R. No. 03
18.8.21
DESPATCHED

Please forward



Mr. Neil Guthrie
13 Hyde Park Street
London W.

Disley Hammett
Major



H. L. Tyler Esq.
H Summerfield Road,
Balfour Crescent,

ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF TRANSPORTATION,
ARMY, H.Q.
[Signature]
Date *[Signature]*

Wolverhampton

APO S.40 at Cologne served as the base post office for the entire BAOR. Most of the FPOs had been closed down by November 1919 as the size of the occupation force was sharply reduced, although a few remained in operation until February or March 1920. Mail of the occupation troops could be sent free of postage until 25 August 1920, when domestic postal rates (then 2d for surface letters or 3d for airmail) was required.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

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

12.12.22

B
2 MAR 20

The Lawrie

12 MAR



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



*The Manager
High House to Bank
6 Pall Mall*

England London



Most of the activity of the Interallied 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.
42 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 Kanner for
her very letter of the 16th saying
you are all well which I
am glad to hear. It is nice
for you having joined with
again for playing on the
and I hope it has



Miss Alice May
Birklands

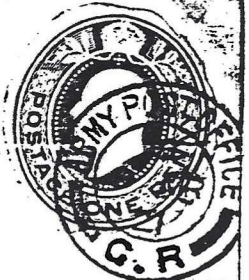
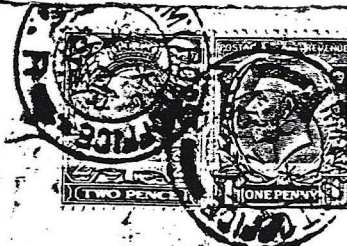
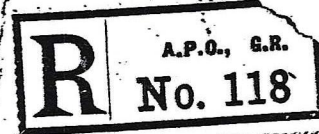
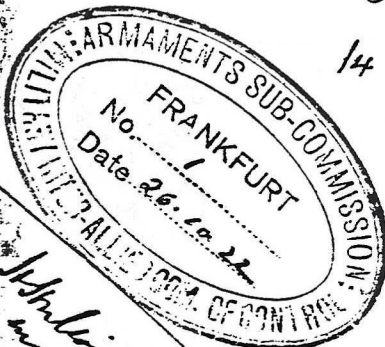
BY AIR MAIL.



Mrs. Shulin

Venda

14 Kensington Square



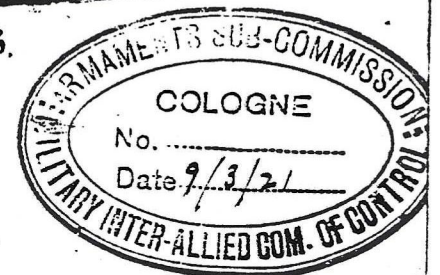
MR. R.A. PATTENDEN

129 Newington Butts.

LONDON

5.6.12.

B. Shaw. 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



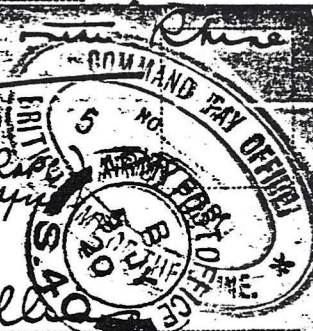
Mrs. L. S. Clements,

93. Durham Road,

British Forces in the Rhine

(25/53. Pl. Jansen. R. 1920)
Command Pay Office

L. Y. Collins



M. E. J. Ferguson,

"Baledmond"

Pitlochry.

Perthshire

Scotland

G. H. 5. 1921

Dear Mother,
The only information I have of
Xmas is the New Year. I very happily
from your loving son,
K. L.

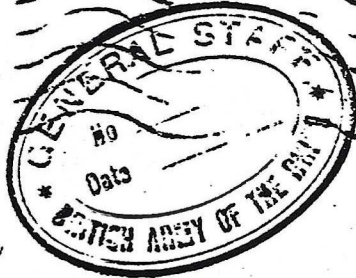
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The base post office handled mail for a wide variety of functions related to the occupation forces, including the Military Permit Office, Command Pay Office and Liaison Office. Each of these had its own official cachet for use on mail, permitting it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

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Army Post Office S.40
16 March 1920
31 July 1920
2 November 1920

B
16 MAR 20



Mrs. Neil Guthrie

Capt. Immigration and Colonization
Province. Of. Manitoba.
439. Main. Street.
Winnipeg. Man.



We shall be
little longer yet.
Now and all the
stand me and to all
I am sincerely
Yours
S. H. Fisher and
the want to this place last
Saturday

Berlin
Comer
office
Mr. Behnder



33 Bangalore Rd	
MECHANICAL TRANSPORT	
DEPT	
ARMY OF THE RHINE	
S. H. Fisher	
London	
England	

Additional functional activities of the occupation forces having their own individual cachets, included the General Staff, Mechanical Transport Depot and Rhine Army Dairy Farm (!)

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

Army Post Office S.40
13 December 1919
13 March 1920
19 December 1920



Administrative markings related to specific activities in Cologne, including the City Commissioner and two different types for the Ministry of Munitions Disposal Board.

BRITISH FORCES
Germany

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

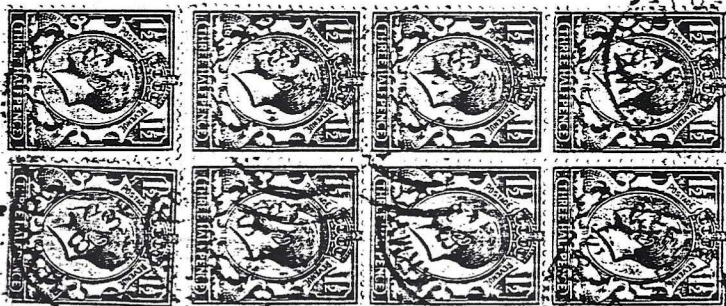
On Service

at 31 Hill Road
Cambridge
Miss Howard.

~~2nd London General Hospital~~



Service.



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

With love & all best wishes
for a most & 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
Christmas. Only the shop has been
so slow. Ever yrs
Hella

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."