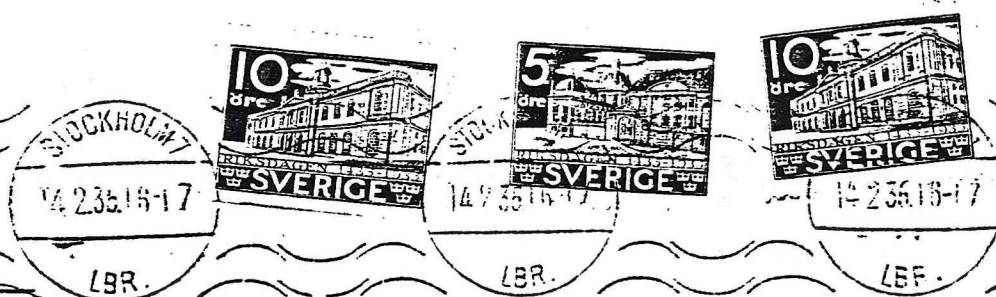


SWEDISH FORCES
Saar

Svenska Bataljonen/Saar
16 February 1935



Till

Postmästaren för Svenska Saar-bataljonen



Luftpost

Kapral Alvar Leckman

J. I. II. komp. stab.
Détachement suédois
à Merzig (Saar).

Malmö - Saar

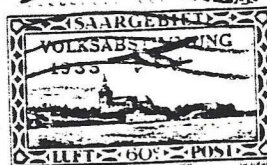


Incoming mail to the Swedish Contingent is much more difficult to acquire. It was routed through a special address at Malmo. Two examples are recorded of the forwarding marking in French of "Swedish Detachment in Merzig (Saar)."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS
Saar

Saarbrücken
21 December 1934
29 November 1934

SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS VERWENDET
LEAGUE OF NATIONS
VOLKSABSTIMMUNGSKOMMISSION
DES VÖLKERBUNDES
FÜR DAS SAARGEBIET



SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS LEAGUE OF NATIONS
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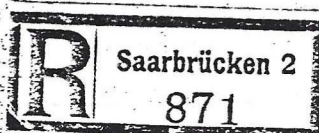


Stadt Saarbrücken
die saarl. Wirtschaftsmetropole

No 44301

Herrn Oskar Lorenz

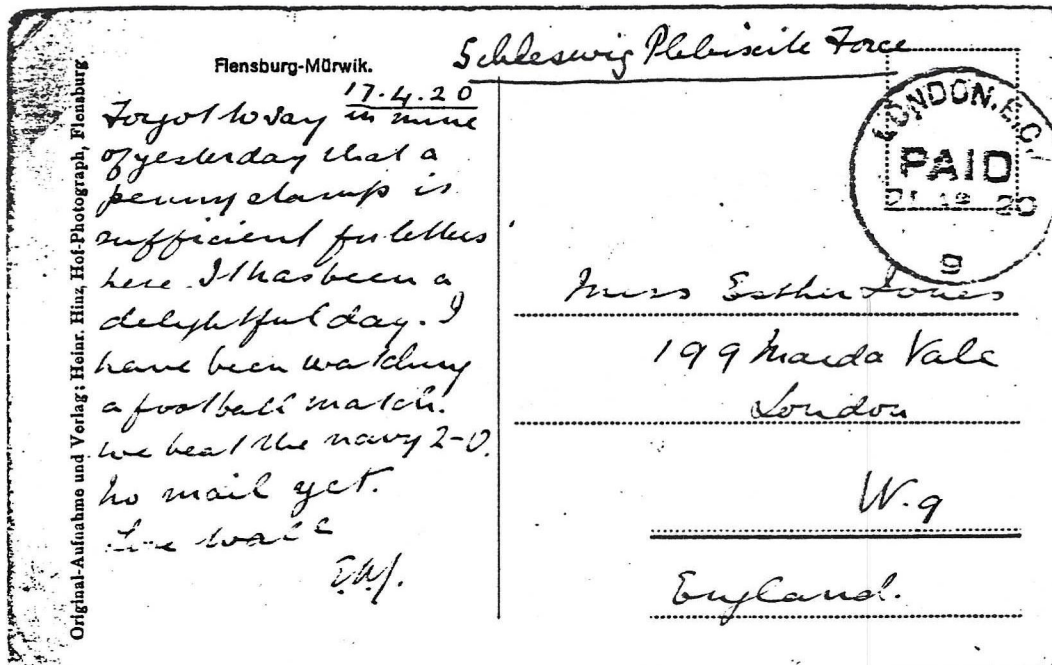
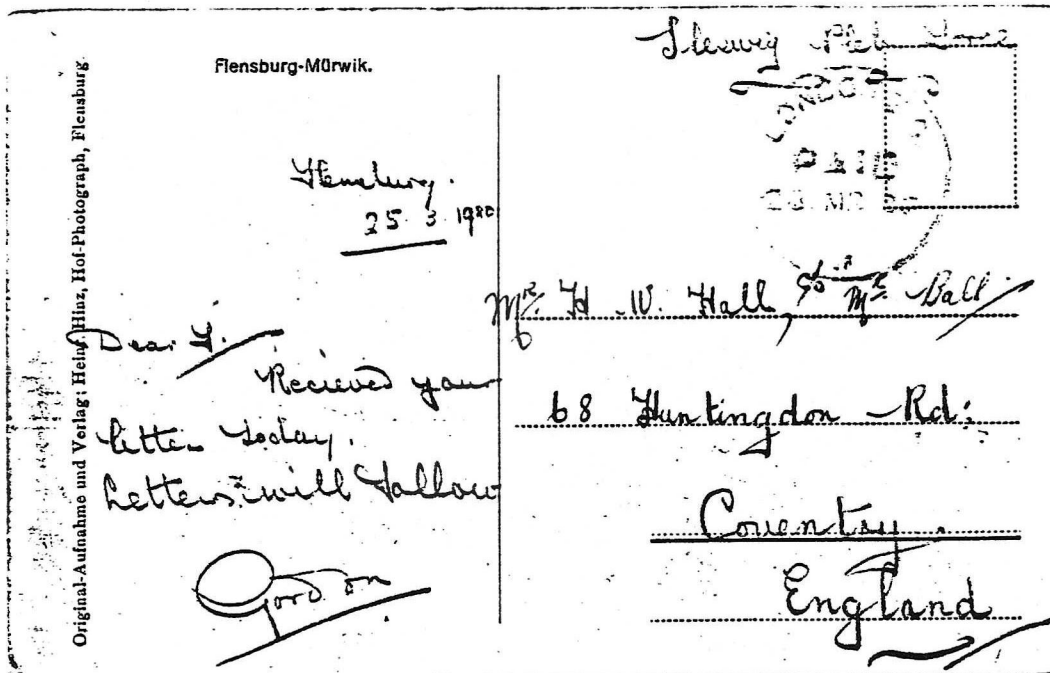
*Saarbrücken VI
Saaralber Str. 11.*



Official mail of the Plebiscite Commission of the League of Nations is difficult to find. Above example includes registered cover with imprinted meter paying the postal charges.

BRITISH FORCES
Schleswig

Schleswig Plebiscite Force
25 March 1920
17 April 1920



The First Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters arrived in Flensburg on 25 January 1920 as part of the Allied commission to hold a plebiscite as to whether the territory should be annexed to Denmark or remain with Germany. No field post station was established in this area, but the mail was sent by military pouch to London, where it was postmarked and placed into the mail stream.

BRITISH FORCES
Schleswig

Flensburg
19 April 1920
23 — 1920



Herr Landraad

Grev Schack-Schackenburg

Slesvig Commission Internationale.

Dringend

Herrn Postsekretär
Asmus Andersen

Mehlby.

Mr. Haggeler

(Schlei)

FLENSBURG.



The Allied Commission used various markings and comercards to designate official mail. Examples above are of the Press Bureau and the International Commission for Schleswig in Flensburg. The latter is franked with one of the special stamps overprinted "C.I.S." for the use of the Commissioners.

FRENCH FORCES
Schleswig

Flensburg
23 September 1920

Leck
29 March 1920

INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION
SLESVIG

Kontrollkommission
der

Stadt Flensburg

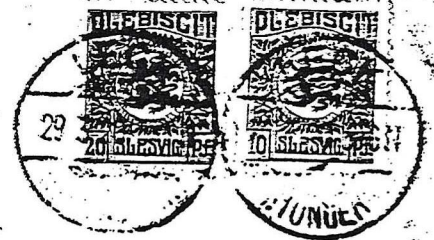
Volksabstimmung.
Folkeafstemning.



*Kontrollkommission
der Stadt Flensburg*

2. 7. 81.

Til



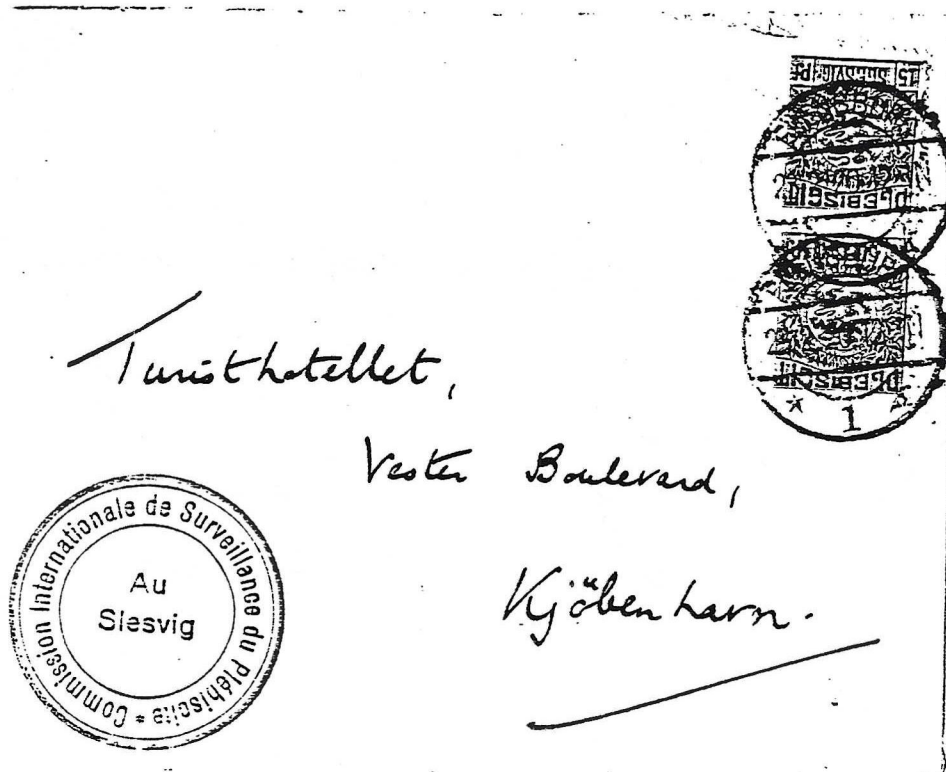
*Commission Internationale
Slesvig*

Flensburg

Under the terms of the Versailles Treaty, a plebiscite supervised by the Allied powers would be held to determine whether Schleswig would be transferred to Denmark or remain as a part of Germany. The above covers represent official mail of the plebiscite authorities, with markings indicating origination from the Control Commission for the City of Flensburg and the Gendarmerie in Leck, respectively.

FRENCH FORCES
Schleswig

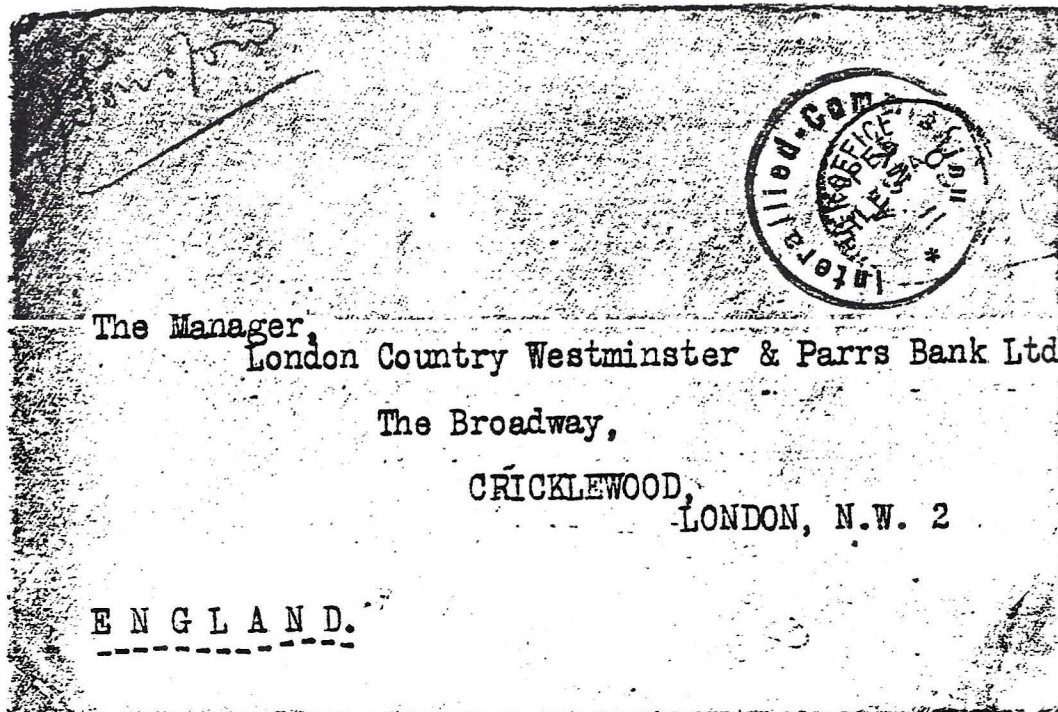
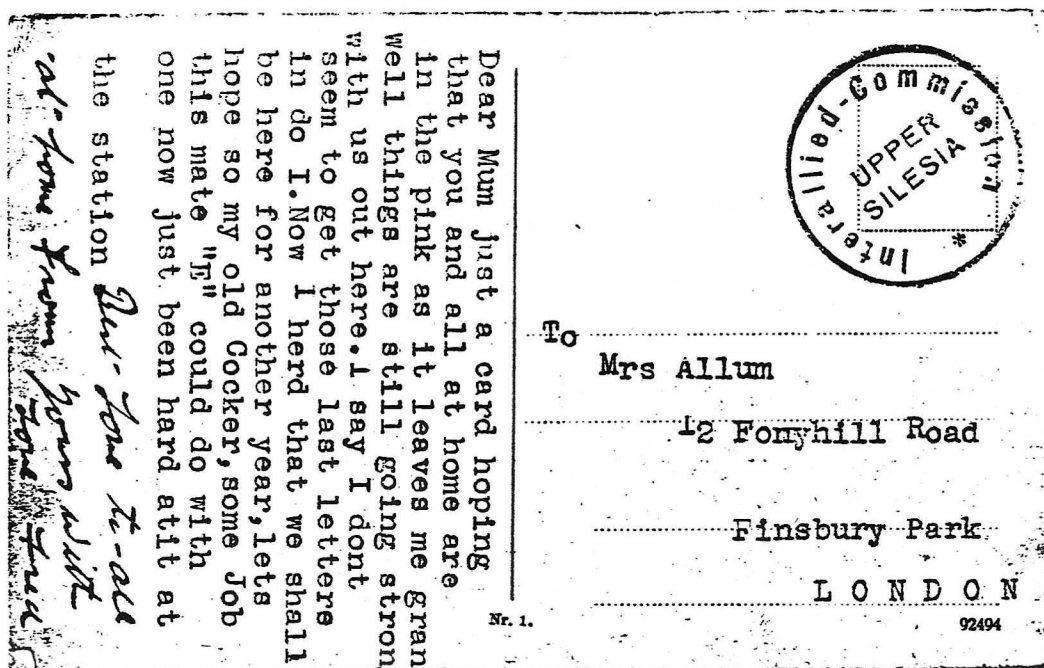
Flensburg
9 February 1920
23 February 1920



In early 1920, several thousand stamps of each denomination were overprinted "C.I.S" for the official use of the International Commission for Schleswig. Both these and the regular (unoverprinted) stamps were used to frank the mail of the Commission members and staff, with all official activities ending on 16 June 1920.

BRITISH FORCES
Upper Silesia

Interallied-Commission/Upper Silesia
11 May 1920



Allied troops were sent to Upper Silesia in February 1920 to prepare for a plebiscite to determine whether the territory should be transferred to Poland or remain with Germany. Initially, there was no British field post office, so mail was sent via the Army Courier Office (in Berlin).

BRITISH FORCES
Upper Silesia

Kattowitz
6 November 1920
24 March 1921

ENGLAND



The Manager

Messrs Barclay's Bank, Ltd.

East Dulwich Branch.

LORDSHIP LANE.

EAST DULWICH.



England



Herbert H. Shalders Esq
Principal

Oliver Goldsmith

Commercial Institute

Peckham Road

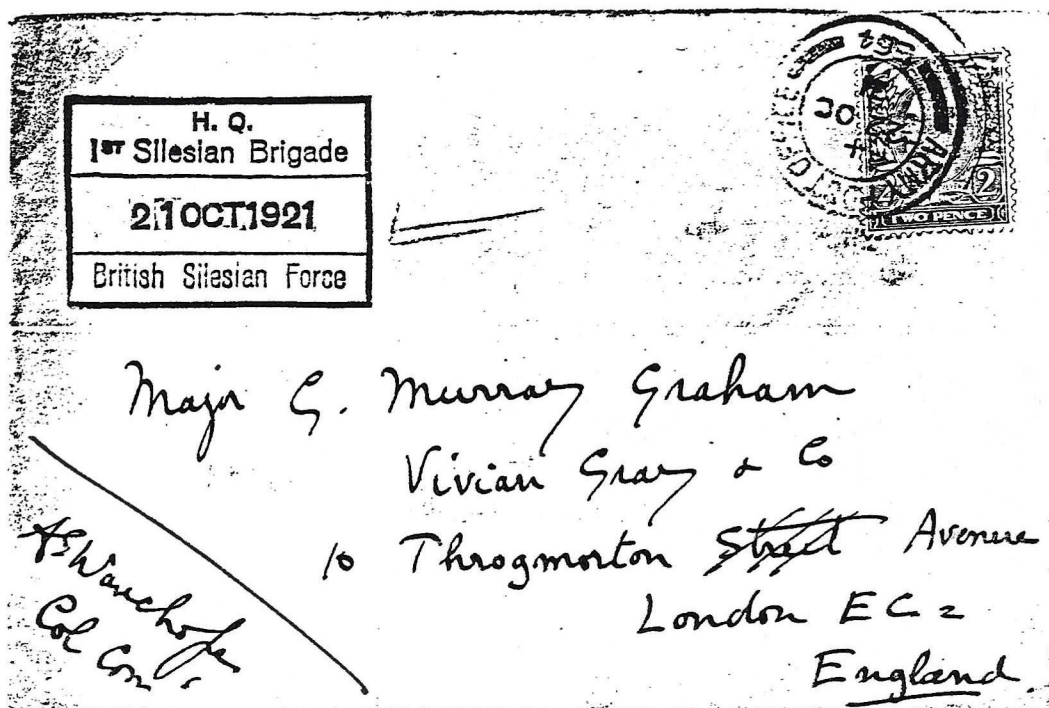
London SE 5

England



Official covers of the Inter-Allied Commission, showing two different markings of the Controller of Railways.

Army Post Office S64
9 July 1921
22 October 1921

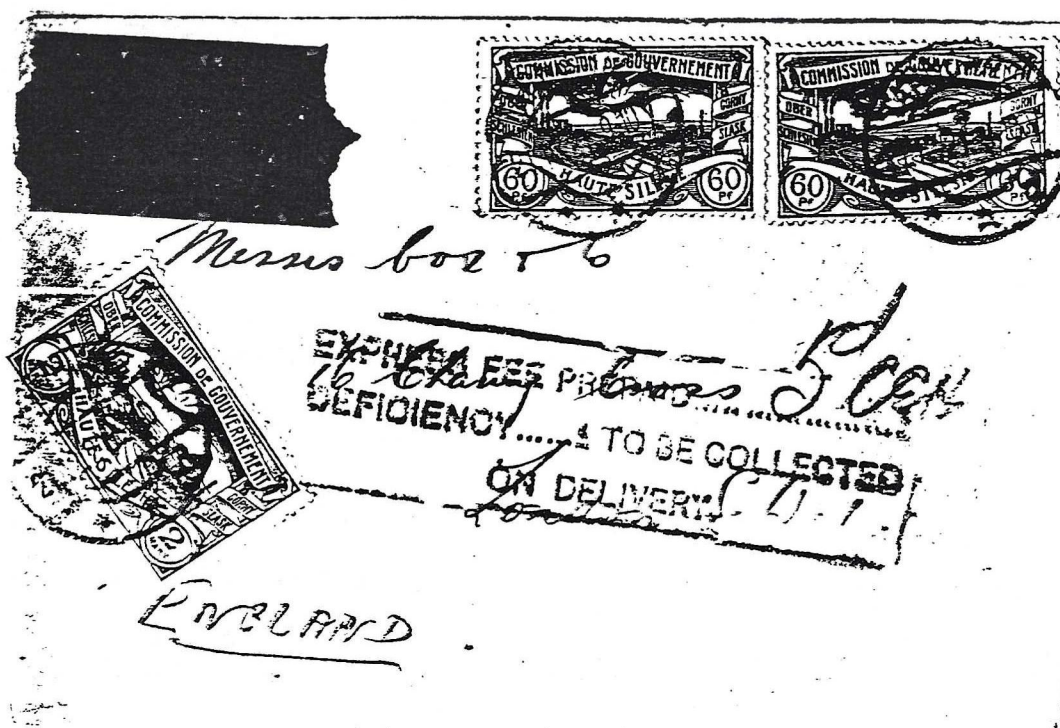
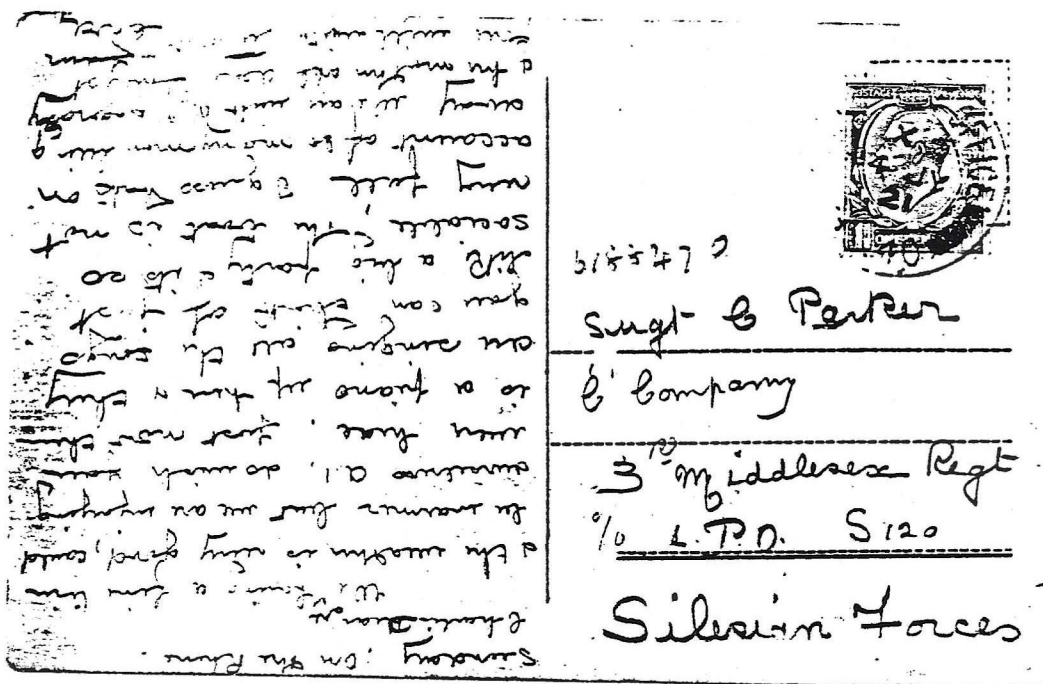


Because of an outbreak of fighting between armed Polish and German irregular forces, the British sent reinforcements consisting of four battalions to Upper Silesia in March 1921. These troops used APO #S64, for which the earliest recorded use is from Gleiwitz on 10 June. The office was then moved to Tarnowitz, where the postmark is recorded from 21 September 1921 to 13 May 1922.

BRITISH FORCES
Upper Silesia

July 1921

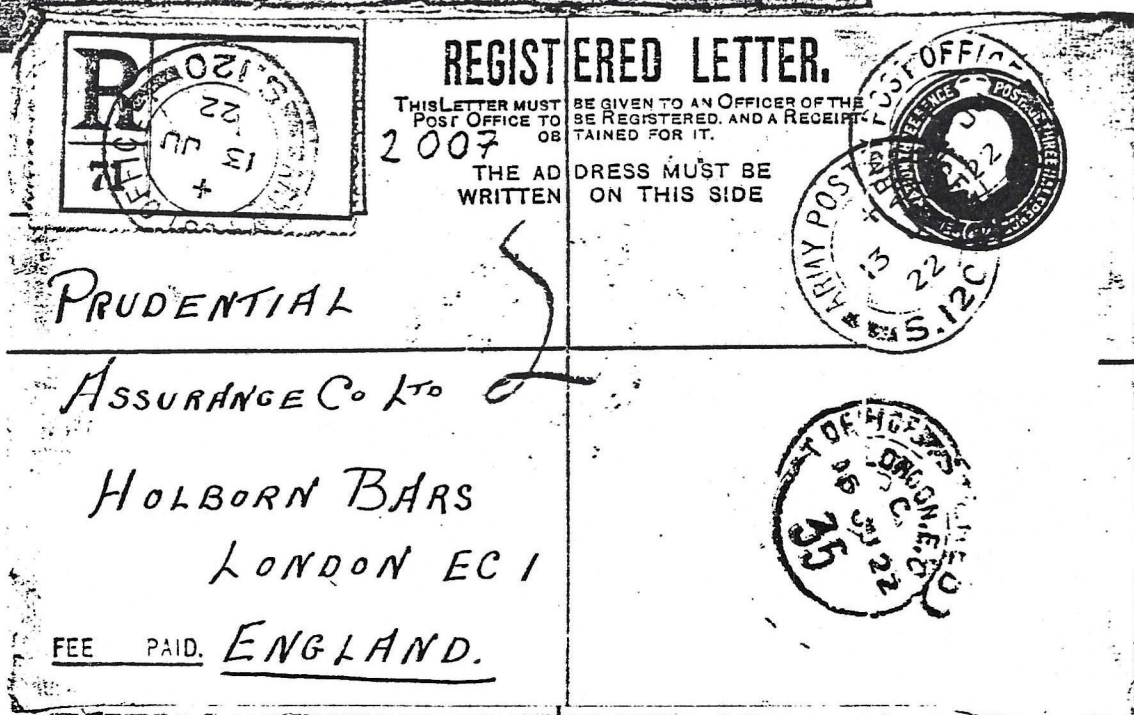
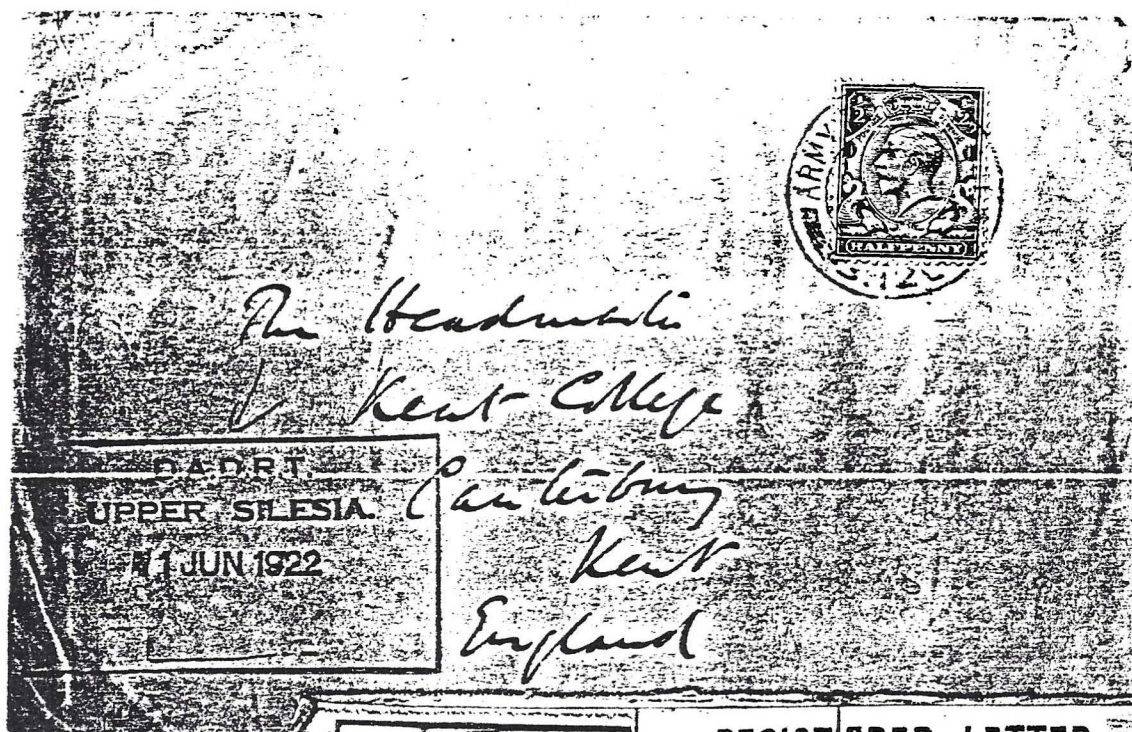
Tamowitz
21 December 1921



Inbound mail to the Silesian Force is very unusual; postcard mailed from FPO #S40 (Cologne) to a sergeant in the Middlesex Regiment. Outbound Special Delivery cover to London from an officer of the Royal Artillery serving with the Inter-Allied Commission.

BRITISH FORCES
Upper Silesia

Army Post Office S.120
11 June 1922
13 June 1922



As a result of the plebiscite, which came out about 60% for Germany and 40% for Poland, the Allies decided to partition the territory. APO #S.120 is recorded used at Oppeln in the sector allocated to Germany from April 1921 to June 1922. Printed matter envelope above has marking of "D.A.D.R.T. (Deputy Assistant Director of Railway Transport)/Upper Silesia." Registered mail (LRD above) from this period is very unusual.

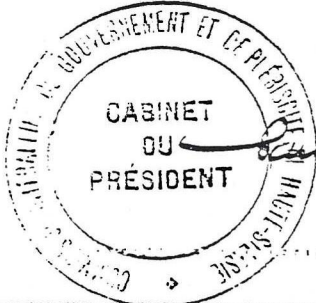
FRENCH FORCES
Upper Silesia

Tresor et Postes * *
26 May 1920
28 April 1921

Oppeln
20 March 1921



Monsieur le Commandant Bejiers La Fore

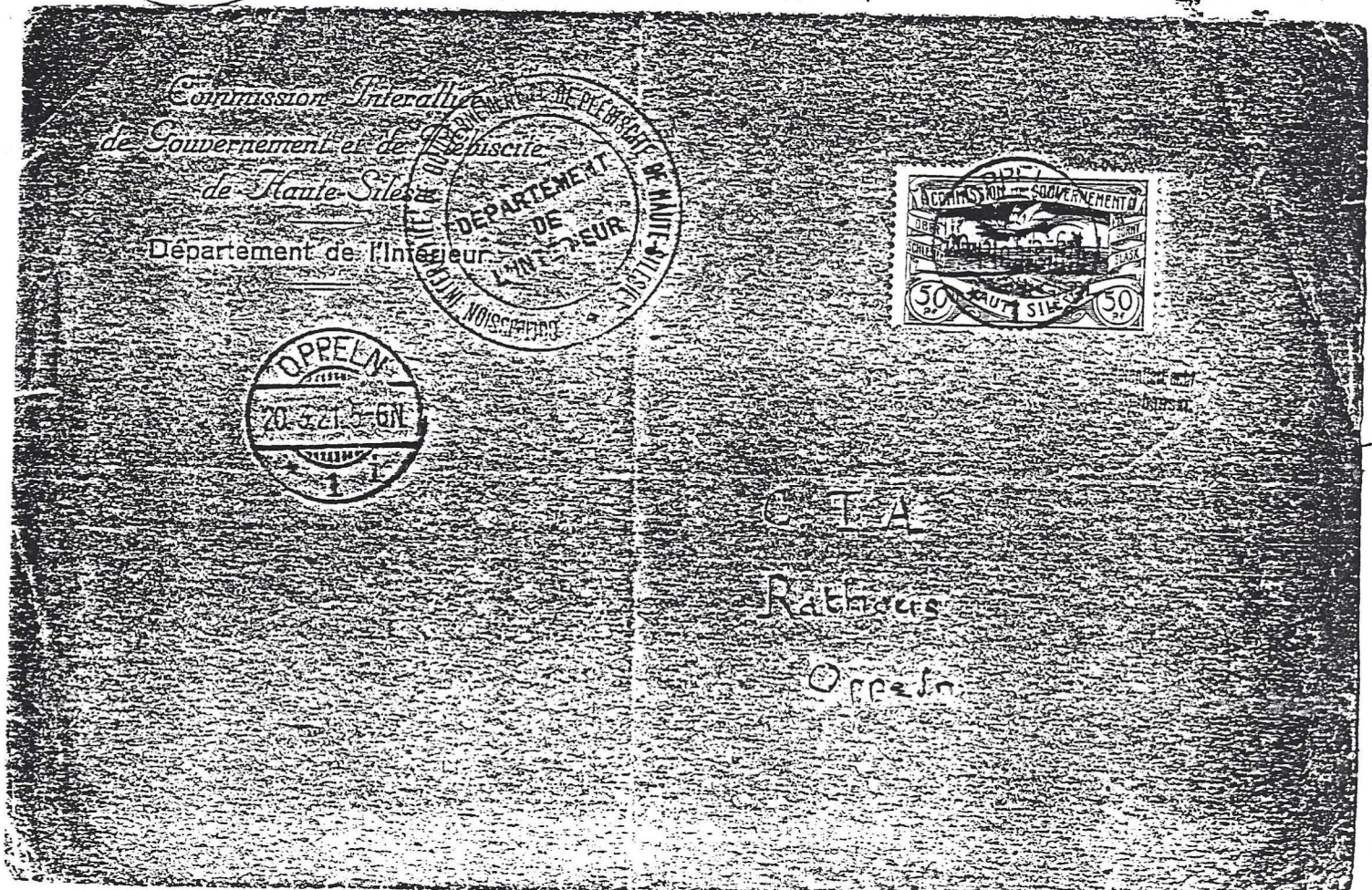


E. M.

FORCES ALLIÉES
D'OCCUPATION
DE LA HAUTE-SILÉSIE
46^e Division
de Chasseurs Alpins



F. M.
28 - 4



In connection with the vote by residents of Upper Silesia on whether to join Poland or remain a part of Germany, a French contingent including the 46th Infantry Division and the 22nd Battalion of Alpine Chasseurs was sent to the territory. Lower cover with corner card and cachet of the "Inter-Allied Commission of Government and the Plebiscite in Upper Silesia" was mailed on the day of the plebiscite with a specially overprinted stamp.

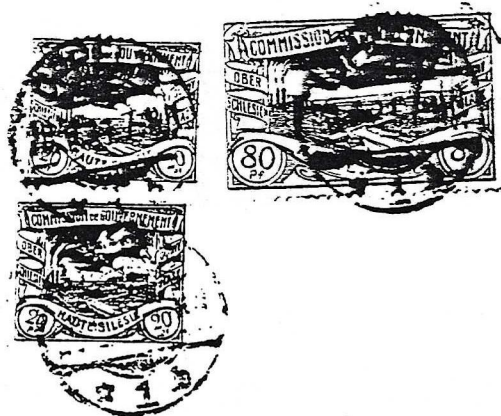
FRENCH FORCES
Upper Silesia

Oppeln
28 June 1921

Tresor et Postes 184
4 December 1921
12 April 1922

*Commission Interalliée
de Gouvernement et de Plébiscite
de Haute-Silésie.*

Le Préfet,
Directeur du Département de l'Intérieur.



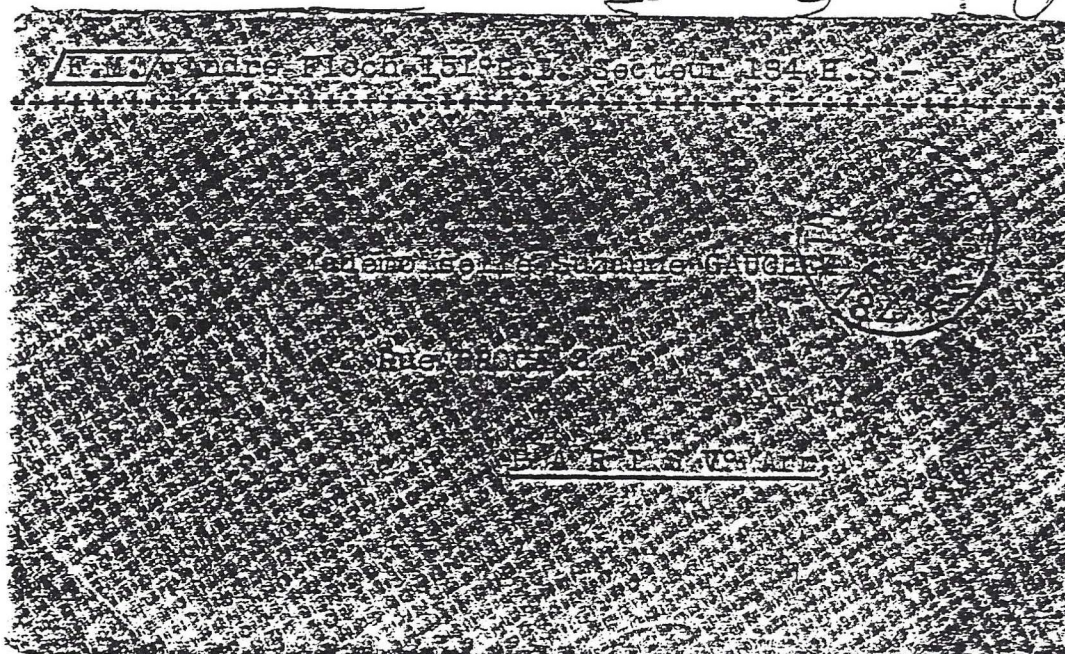
Monsieur P. Dutraux Notaire

a

Frankreich!

Von Lousin

*Monsieur et Madame
J. Couelle
peintre
Loscalle
Gard*



Although the French administrators of the government and plebiscite in Upper Silesia used the special postage stamps printed for the territory, field post office number 184 was available for the use of the occupation forces between February 1920 and July 1922.

ITALIAN FORCES
Upper Silesia

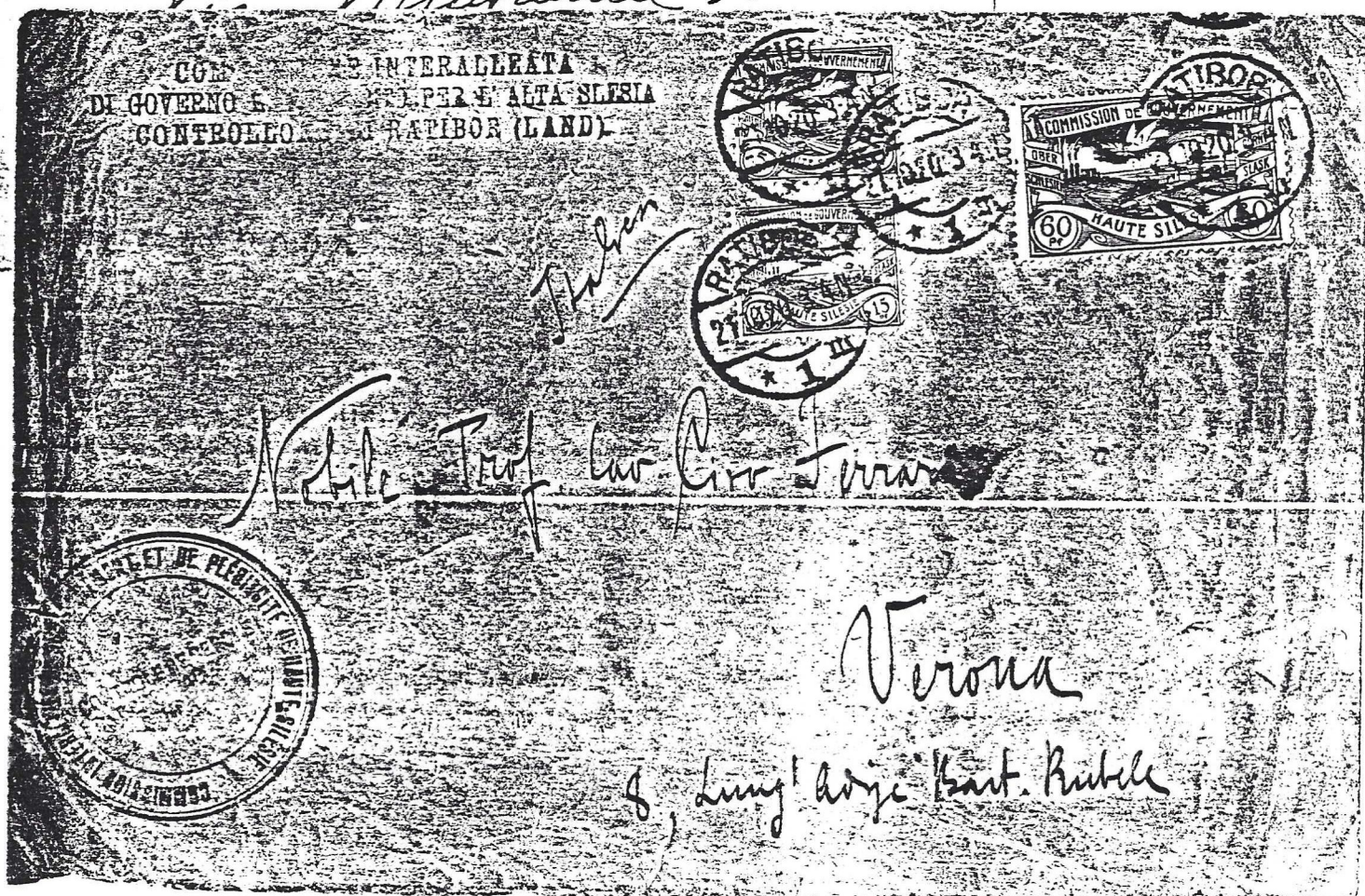
Oppeln
15 September 1920

Ratibor
21 October 1920

COMMISSIONE INTERALLEATA
PER IL GOVERNO E IL PLEBISCITO
DELL' ALTA SLESIA



Sig^{na} Margherita Berio
V. Villanova 10



In connection with the plebiscite in which residents of Upper Silesia would vote on whether to join Poland or remain as a part of Germany, a small group of Italians were part of an allied commission sent to organize matters prior to the voting. Initially, the mail sent by these officials was franked with the special Upper Silesian postage stamps, and can only be distinguished by the imprinted or handstamped return addresses.

ITALIAN FORCES
Upper Silesia

Gross Strehlitz
5 May 1920

Rybnik
22 February 1921

*Gross Strehlitz - 5-5-1920
Bacconi
Lia Boppington*



*et amicus del Vant.
Via Milano 25*

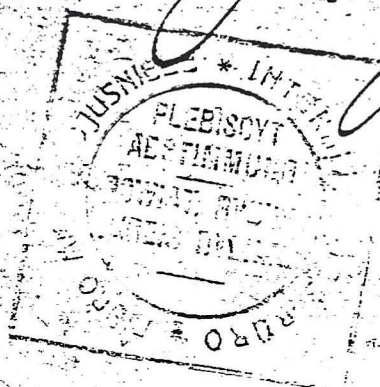
(Italian) Rome

COMMISSIONE INTERALLEATA
PER L'ALTA SLESIA

Circolo di RYBNIK.



*Gross
Strehlitz*



*Rybnik
Versorgungamt*

The postcard above has the cachet of the Headquarters of the 3rd Infantry Battalion and is franked with a 30 pf. Plebiscite stamp. The cover shows that official mail related to the plebiscite administration was accepted without payment of postage.

Kreuzburg
29 May 1922

Indirizzo del mittente per riproduzione dell'indirizzo
Cognome *Boffa* *Marchetti*
e Nome
Grado *3^o Pontone*
Reggimento *2^a Pontone*
e Arma
Compagnia *Primo*
Squadron *Primo*
Batteria
Riparti speciali

RIPRODUZIONE
E VENDITA
PUBBLICA
A 270 C.

R. ESERCITO
Corrispondenza

TRUPPE
IN
SLESA
COMANDO

"Cittadini e soldati
siate un esercito"
V. Emanuele III

Alb. *Gianna*
Simone
Marfedini
S. Pietro in Campo
Boffa

(Scor. *Primo*)

ERRORE
ITALIAN
7.6.22.16
in franchigia
PARMI-PARTENZE

CANTIERE BIRDA - MILANO

Also related to the plebiscite, a small group of Italian troops were sent to Upper Silesia to maintain order prior to the voting. The above cards were sent by soldiers in the 2nd Grenadiers and 32nd Infantry, respectively, back to Italy. No fieldpost office was opened, but a special cachet reading "Headquarters/Italian Troops/in Upper Silesia" was applied so that no postage would be assessed.