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Gibbons Stamp Monthly (December 2015)

"Postal Stationery Matters" Peter van Gelder

Gibbons Stamp Monthly (February 2016)

"Illustrated Stationery Used by British Victorian Stamp Dealers" Edward Caesley

#### Postal Stationery Collector February 2016 (Australia)

"The Postal Records on Aerogrammes" Ed Wolf

"Earliest Recorded Date for the 2d Embossed Envelope" Malcolm Groom

"Guide Marks on Queensland Newspaper Wrappers (Part 2)"

#### Jan Kosniowski

"Post Office Wrappers of the Kingdom of Württemberg" John Courtis

## Postal Stationery Notes [BNAPS] November 2015 (Canada)

"Postal Stationery for Meteorological Reports. - The post cards.

Part 1: The Victorian and Edwardian Cards"

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"A Rare Letter Card - Non-Philatelic Use of Webb's L9e" "Haunted Canada - yet five more cards"

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#### Ganzsachensammler December 2015 (Switzerland)

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"Die Originalfotos der Bildpostkarten mit Postauto (Part 1)" - Anton Ruesch

## Important note regarding "Huggins" catalogue numbers.

John Gledhill writes:

"In several places in Huggins & Baker "Collect British Postal Stationery" attention is drawn to the fact that some catalogue Nos have been changed since Huggins (1970), typically to (as they explain) to reflect newer knowledge or to make numbering prefixes consistent. The reason for mentioning it here arises from a recent unfortunate experience, arising from the habit of some dealers and auction houses referring to "Huggins №s" without specifying which book they are using, and sometimes they mean the 1970 Nes and sometimes the 2007 Nos. This means that the descriptions can be inaccurate, referring to the wrong item or variant (eg flap shape), which can cause purchasers to acquire the wrong item if no image is available. It is not good practice to refer to Nos from Huggins & Baker 2007 as "Huggins №" where the numbers differ, but it does happen and members need to beware of it, as I know to my cost... Caveat emptor!

#### Question

#### Edy Pockele writes:

"Going through my boxes of GB postal stationery I came across this little envelope. (see scan)

As you can see this item was sent to South Africa to a member of the armed forces and forwarded in Natal.

Can anyone shed some light into this campaign and eventually find out more of the story behind this expedition by GB forces. I do not have the postal history publications by Proud that might shed some light into my darkness."





#### Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Study Group

A new study group - the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain Study Group - to be known as the "PCGB Study Group" has recently been launched.

The primary aim of the Study Group is to study, promote and encourage the collecting of all material

concerning the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain from the first congress of 1909 in Manchester right up to the present day.

The first meeting of the Study Group was held on 24 October 2015 in Birmingham where former ABPS General Secretary and Congress Secretary Colin Searle was elected Chairman. Future meetings of the Study Group will be held around the country.

For more information go to

https://sites.google.com/site/pcgbstudygroup/home or contact the Study Group secretary, Steven Harrison at sharrison500@btinternet.com

#### **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT - FEBRUARY 2016**

Postal stationery cut-outs from GB are relatively common. Whereas cut-outs from other countries are very much less common. Cut-outs used on postal stationery newspaper wrappers are not often encountered. Over the last fifteen years I have only seen perhaps no more than fifteen and managed to acquire only seven. The three best looking ones of these have been selected to illustrate in this issue of the journal.

The first wrapper is from Egypt. This design of wrapper was first issued in 1914 and depicts Cleopatra. The cut out is from



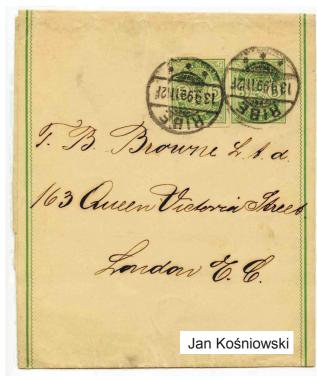


an identical wrapper. The item was commercially used in 1922 from Alexandria to Mannheim in Germany. It's the only item that I have ever seen from Egypt with a cut-out.

The second item is from Denmark. It is an 1884 issue 5 ore green with large 5 in the corners. The cut-out is from an identical wrapper, to makeup the 10 ore foreign rate. This wrapper was used commercially in 1899 from Ribe to London.

Finally the third item is from South Australia. This wrapper is an 1885 issue 1d violet with a cut-out from an identical wrapper. Not a very clear postmark, but appears to be used in 1897 from Moonta to London. Moonta at the time had the richest copper mine in Australia and a population of some 30,000. Today the population is just over 3,000.

South Australia did permit postal stationery cut-outs. I have not been able to learn whether either Egypt or Denmark permitted cut-outs to be used for postage. The few Denmark cut-outs that I have seen were all delivered without being taxed postage due. If anyone has more information I would be very interested to find out.



#### **SECRETARY'S NOTES - FEBRUARY 2016**

#### **Members' Email Addresses**

At the end of last year a number of PSS members asked to buy a copy of the new book, The Mulready Stationery by Alan Huggins and Alan Holyoake and they paid for it, including postage. The printing and binding of this was delayed by a few weeks and I wanted to let them know of the delay. But I only had about half the email addresses on record and so I could not contact some members

The moral of this story is to let the Membership Secretary know your email address. Just send him an email and he will do the rest. It's easy, his address is

caesley@btinternet.com.

Even if you think the Society holds your email address, send it again just to make sure. We promise not to flood you with emails and we will not pass your address onto any other party. But

it will make our life much easier and will help to keep you informed of what is going on.

#### The New Mulready Book

If you have not already purchased a copy of this important work and would like a copy, please get in touch with the Secretary. See also the advertisement on page 21.

#### **Spring Meeting**

Finally, don't forget the Society's Spring Meeting in London when **Keith Hanman** will show his gold winning display of the Bahamas. It's also time for the One Sheet Competition again, and for all members to display a part of their collection in the afternoon. Please bring something along, you never know what you might learn.

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## WWI GERMAN STATIONERY WITH A DONATION FOR THE RED CROSS. Part 1

John Barker

Many European countries issued postage stamps with premiums for various charities in the years leading up to the first world war, however Germany was not amongst these. The first German 'Charity' postage stamp was not issued until after the war on 1st May 1919. Charitable organisations in many countries also issued postcards with a premium for charity, in this case Germany was in the lead. Postcards with a premium going to charity were common place in the years leading up to the war. With the advent of the first world war fundraising in Germany, in particular for the Red Cross, became paramount. Postcards were one source of revenue.

The origins of the Red Cross in Germany lay in the many charitable organisations which were set up in the latter half of the nineteenth century under the patronage of the wives of merchants and nobility. These organisations arose independently of one another in the different States including Baden, Oldenburg, Saxony and Württemberg. Initially they catered for the welfare of wounded soldiers but later extended their care to civilians.

From these organisations the first German chapter of the International Red Cross was founded in 1863 and instituted in 1864 by Dr. Aaron Silverman of the Charité Hospital of Berlin. From December 1879 the name was changed to "Central Committee of German Associations of



[Fig. 1]



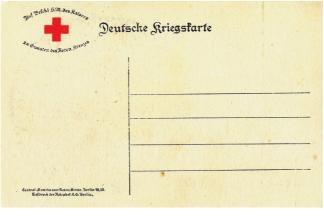
the Red Cross" and had its headquarters in Berlin. The Chairman of the Central Committee during the First World War was General Kurt W. Pfuel.

In 1914, soon after the start of the war, a postal card with an imprinted 5pf. Germania stamp for the inland postcard rate was issued with the heading 'German War Card 1914' and 'On the Order of His Majesty the Kaiser for the Benefit of the Red Cross' incorporating a red cross. On the reverse side was a photograph of the Kaiser in uniform with the facsimile message 'I know no parties anymore, I only know Germans' 'Wilhelm II / Coblenz 26th August 1914'. The inscription at the bottom left of the side of the card with the stamp comes in two lengths: long (45 mm.) [Fig. 1] and short (36 mm.) [Fig. 2]. The photograph on the other side comes either with [Fig. 3] or without [Fig. 4] the photographer's name (E. Bieber. Berlin) at the lower right. All four combinations of these variations occur. These cards sold for 15pf.

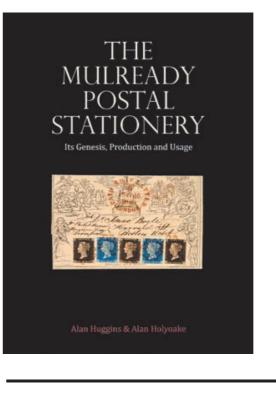
As with many postal stationery cards which have a picture on the back, the same picture may be found on post cards without imprinted stamps. In this case one such card has a dotted rectangular box for a stamp in which is inscribed 'Post free, when used as a field post card' [Fig. 5]. A later version has '1914' removed from the heading and is without a stamp box [Fig. 6].



[Fig. 5]



[Fig. 2] [Fig. 6]



#### The Mulready Postal Stationery -Its Genesis, Production and Usage by Alan Huggins and Alan Holyoake

This new book on the Mulready Postal Stationery by Alan Huggins and Alan Holyoake is published jointly by the Great Britain Philatelic Society and the Postal Stationery Society.

This publication makes a major addition to the literature on this subject, is fully illustrated in colour, and provides not only a comprehensive source of reference, but brings together in one place images of many of the iconic items, demonstrating their involvement in the initiation of the reforms of the postal system.

Approximately 216 pages it comprises an overview of the origins of prestamped stationery, the proposals made during the period of postal reform, and the subsequent production, issue and usage of the Mulready letter sheets and envelopes. This is followed by an eight frame international award winning study entitled 'The Introduction and Usage of the Mulready Postal Stationery, which demonstrates how the story of this postal historically important area can be presented as an exhibit.

## BOOK REVIEW: The Mulready Postal Stationery, Its Genesis, Production and Usage. A. Huggins & A. Holyoake (GBPS and PSS) 2015.

This new lavish production is only the second book to be published solely on the Mulready since its inception 175 years ago. The forerunner "The Mulready Envelope and its Caricatures" by Major E. Evans (SG) 1891 (Republished 1970.) gave a brief introduction of the publication of the Mulready with details of contemporary press reports and public comments. However more than 50% of the publication deals with the caricatures. This new publication treats the Mulready in the context of a Postal Stationery item and ignores the subsequent imitations and caricatures.

Section 1, written by Alan Huggins, details the Genesis and production of Mulready Postal Stationery with many illustrations of the forerunners. As far as the reviewer is concerned, many of the illustrations from the Cole Papers at the Victoria and Albert Museum have never been seen in philatelic literature previously. The story is told succinctly with full details of the latest research, even referencing the just published transcription of the 1840 Diary of Edwin Hill. This includes full details of the latest research on the Stereos in each Forme. The use of Dickinson's silk tread paper in the forerunners and Mulready stationery is fully detailed.

Section 2, written by Alan Holyoake, takes us Frame by Frame through his Grand Prix winning entry of "The Introduction and Usage of Mulready Postal Stationery. It is the finest collection of Mulready Stationery ever assembled outside the Royal Collection, and the illustration of individual items is a joy to behold. The story it tells illustrates that told in Section 1 with many unique and important GB Postal History pieces. We are shown early usages (pre 6 May 1840), envelopes and lettersheets with 1d. blacks and 2d. blues (many of which that have graced collections formed by all the most important GB collectors in past generations) and coloured and distinctive Maltese Crosses. The final Frame concludes with fine illustrations of printed advertisements and Notices.

For the student of Postal History, this book is an excellent introduction to its study. The illustrations are second to none, showing the Mulready and its forerunners at their best. A book that should grace every philatelist's bookshelf (and "coffee table"). A quality production not to be missed.

Michael Lockton

## The above book is available from the Secretary of the Postal Stationery Society at £40 / \$60, plus postage and packing.

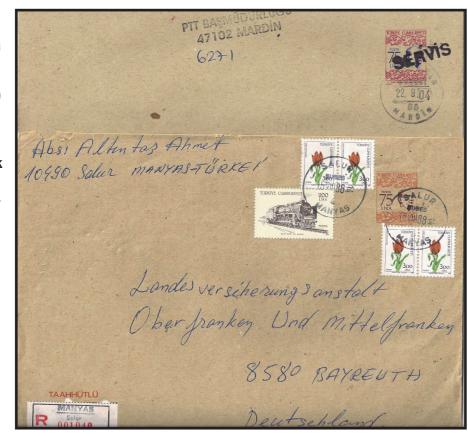
Any member wishing to purchase a copy of this book should contact the Secretary for details of postage and packing costs and method of payment.

(Contact details on page 2 of this Journal)



Large size envelope magenta & indigo blue to Germany dated 1st July 1984 uprated by various stamps totally 150 lira cancelled Havaalani with hand written registration number. Shown below is the receipt this time on light pink paper with postage noted at 220 lira, so overpaid by 5 lira.

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Final envelopes shown are large size again. The top one is magenta & indigo blue but is overprinted SERVIS and sent by PTT in Mardin to PTT in Ankara in 1985. The lower one is orange & brown sent from Manyas to Germany uprated 1,400 lira in 1988 with label with printed number and handstamped Manyas.



[Fig. 3]

'Charity Stamp' labels inscribed 'Kreuz Pfennig' were also issued for sticking on cards and envelopes. These came in a number of denominations but did not have any postal validity and should not have been cancelled as in **[Fig. 7]**.

A rectangular  $2\frac{1}{2}$  kreuzpfennig imprint appears on the  $7\frac{1}{2}$  and the 10 pfennig postal cards of 1916 **[Fig. 8]**. These may have a



[Fig. 7]



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[Fig. 4]

rectangular box at the top left with an inscription in black indicating that these cards could be obtained from the Central Committee of the Red Cross in Berlin and Karlsbad [Fig. 9] or with further details of the Giro number and phone number of the Berlin office [Fig. 10].



[Fig. 8]

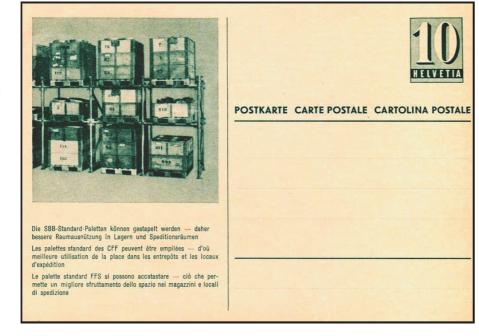


[Fig. 9] [Fig. 10]

#### ADVERTISING STATIONERY - SWISS FEDERAL RAILWAYS John Barker

The Swiss Federal Railway had been using postal stationery cards for notifying customers of the arrival of their freight at the local railway station since 1912. In 1954 the authorities took the opportunity to use these notification cards to advertise their services. The cards in this first issue had a vertical dividing line down the address side of the card with the space on the left for the 'advert'. The text on these cards was in German, French and Italian, whereas many of the earlier cards had been issued with the different languages: German, French or Italian on separate cards.

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This issue contained three series of cards. The first series, illustrated here, had 18 different 'adverts'. 13 of these relate to the transport of goods and the remaining 5 relate to passenger travel. The second and third series contained 16 and 12 cards respectively.

In 1961 another two series of cards were issued each with 12 different 'adverts'. The cards in this issue did not have a vertical dividing line on the address side of the cards.

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The small size envelope illustrated above is an orange & brown version uprated by 3 x 500 lira stamps sent to Germany in September 1990. This indicates their ongoing usage. Shown with it is the registration receipt with the matching part of the registration label.

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Mint and used copies of the large size envelope. Reduced here but they measure 220 x 160mm, these probably being closest to the old size I envelopes of Victorian times. Both envelopes are printed in green & indigo blue on brownish yellow paper although slightly differing shades. The used envelope is addressed to Istanbul with Gise 4 label, although the stamp is cancelled Sirkeci 28th March 1984 and backstamped Uskudar on the 29th??

I don't have all the answers!!

To the left is a magenta & indigo used envelope to Istanbul from Eceabat in 1993, again with printed label. There would not appear to be a requirement for the senders name and address to be written on the envelope as several I have do not have this written on.

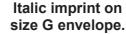


Cilicia was a small enclave on the coast of western Turkey and was occupied by the French in 1918. Again, in 1919, a number of stamps and stationery were overprinted 'Cilicie'. The inscription was done locally and the script, size and use of capital letters varied. The 1914 items overprinted

were the 20para envelope, the 2 & 10 para news wrappers and the 3 sizes of registered envelopes. The two most common overprints are in italics and capitals as identified here.









It was a wait of 69 years before another registered envelope was issued. Stationery issues were limited during the 1950s and in the 1960s & 70s there were 2 or 3 issues of postal cards with pictorial views on the left front of the cards. The first envelopes since 1922 were issued in 1982 and they were followed a year later by the registered envelopes. I am not aware of the reason for the lack of envelope issues or why a decision was made to issue registered ones - presumably there was an existing demand.

They were printed locally by Guzel Sanatlar Matbassi A.S. of Istanbul and appeared on either a beige or brownish yellow craft paper. This is a lot thinner than 'normal' registered envelope paper but thicker than that used for postal envelopes.

They were issued on two sizes , neither of which confirm to the standard sizes . The smaller one measures  $168 \times 130 \text{mm}$  and the larger one  $220 \times 160 \text{mm}$ .

The stamp was printed in four different colours and bore the head of Ataturk on the right with the value on the left - 75 lira.

On the rear of each envelope are 4 paragraphs printed in Turkish in the same colour as the stamp. Unfortunately I do not yet have a full interpretation but it is clear it covers postage up to 20 grams as well as the cost of registration. On the front is a printed box for the registration number under the word 'TAAHHULTU, which is Turkish for Registered.

Bu zarf, ağırlığı 20 gramı aşmıyan ve taahhütlü olarak gönderilmek istenen yurtiçi (Kıbrıs dahil) mektup içindir.

Mektubun daha ağır gelmesi, özel hizmetlerin istenmesi veya ücret tarifesinin değişmesi halinde ücretler zarfa posta pulu yapıştırılmak suretiyle tamamlanır.

Taahhütlü mektup içine elinde bulunduranın yararlanabileceği kâğıt para, çek, bono gibi değerli kâğıtlar, madeni paralar veya değerli madenler konulmaz. Söz konusu maddeler bu zarf ile «değer konulmuş» olarak postaya verilebilir.

PTT, taahhütlű bir mektubun kaybi halinde taahhüt ücretinin en çok 50 katı tutarında tazminat öder.

As mentioned the stamp was printed in four different colours for each of the 2 sizes of envelopes. There is no apparent reason for the differing colours as they all bear the same 75 lira value. Colours are:

Green and Indigo Blue Magenta and Indigo Blue Green and Brown Orange and Brown









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The despatch of goods on SBB standard pallets is simple and cheaper on packaging.







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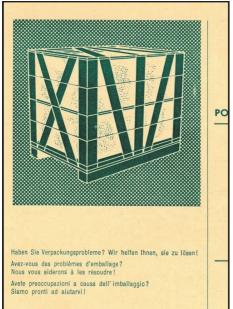
With the SBB pallet, transfer operations are avoided thereby the productivity of your concern is raised.

You save packaging costs through the use of folding cases for rail transport.

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#### Packaging, Warehousing and Transport Problems Solved!



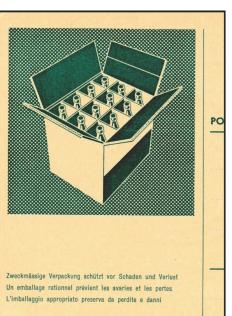




Have you packaging problems? We can help you to solve them.

We resolve your packaging problems. Address your questions on packaging to our advice centre at the head office of the SBB, Bern.

In the warehouse of the SBB, goods of all sorts find favourable conditions for deposition.







Appropriate packaging to protect from damage and loss.

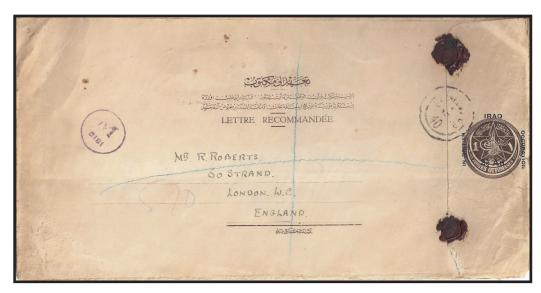
For economical transport, use the small containers.

Quick and reliable "house to house service" by the official railway lorries.

Up until 1918, Iraq was part of the Turkish empire. At the beginning of the WW1 British and Indian troops occupied Basra to protect the oil pipeline and after a hard fought campaign took Baghdad in 1917. We continued to occupy the country after the war and in 1919 a number of Turkish stationery items were overprinted for use in Iraq. These comprised post cards, reply post cards, 20para envelopes, 20para reply lettercards and the registered envelopes from the same 1914 series. All 3 sizes were overprinted for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  annas, with Iraq in British Occupation printed either side or below the imprint.



Size G and size H2 envelopes, both on cream paper overprinted for use in Iraq.



A large size k envelope used to London in December 1920 bearing only a LONDON EC 40 cancellation addressed to 60 The Strand - I have no true explanation of its usage and it bears no stamps but shows that all sizes were overprinted for use in Iraq

In August 1918 the postal rates in Iraq, for mail to the UK and British Possessions including India and Egypt, were set at 1½as for letters up to 1 oz with a registration fee of 2as. The overprinted rate was 2½as. The additional ½as would not be for the cost of the envelope but was probably for a Certificate of Posting, which cost ½as when separately required.



Large size K envelope in brown and size H2 envelope in cream overprinted 'Specimen'. No numbers are available as to the order numbers for the envelopes, although the usage of size K envelopes is very limited. I have one and only seen 2 others used.



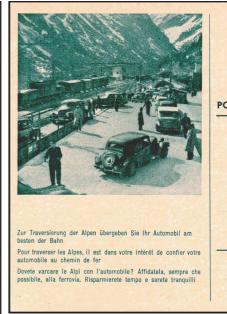
A used example of size H2 envelope used from Constantinople on February 1916 to Berlin. It bears a 2pi stamp on the front and a further 10para pictorial stamp on the rear. It has an attractive reverse imprint on the front with the same imprint in the two red wax seals from the sender Society and twin censor cancels. It has a Declared Value of 300 francs. The rate was 1pi for postage, 1pi for registration, 1pi for Declared Value with the 10para stamp paying the tax on the receipt.

At the time of their issue, the registration fee was 1 Piastre (pi) also called 1 Guru. There were 40 paras in a piastre. Overseas postage was 1pi for up to 20 grams and 30para for each extra 20g. There was a 10para tax charge, payable by a stamp, if a receipt of postage was required. Declared Value fee started again a 1 piastre for a value up to 1,000 pi but dependant on country of delivery. In 1915 the authorities introduced a war tax on postage for an orphans charity but foreign merchants complained to the UPU and foreign mail was excluded. However, they increased postage on foreign mail by 10 para during 1916 to compensate - both on the postage and the registration fee. The envelope itself bore an imprint for 1 piastre so postage stamps were required for the other charges, as on most early registered envelopes.

#### **Great Service and Value for Passengers!**



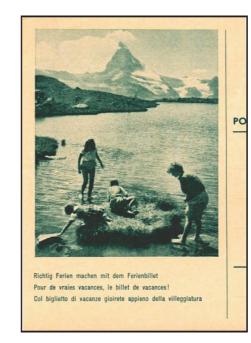


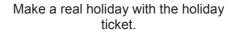


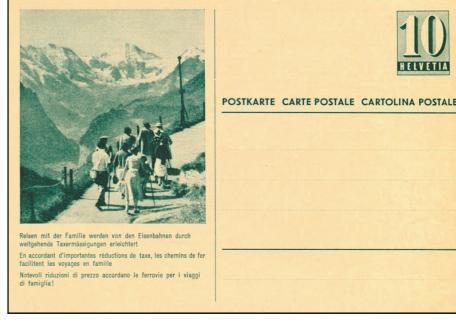
Completely free with the general season ticket.

Together journeys are cheaper. By a minimum participation of six people a collective ticket can be issued.

For crossing the Alps, it is in your interest to convey your car by the railway.







Journeys with the family on the railways will be made considerably easier through moderate charges.

#### **GB POSTAL STATIONERY NEWS**

Alan Huggins

#### **NEW ITEMS REPORTED**

**Envelopes - Stamped to Order Issues** 

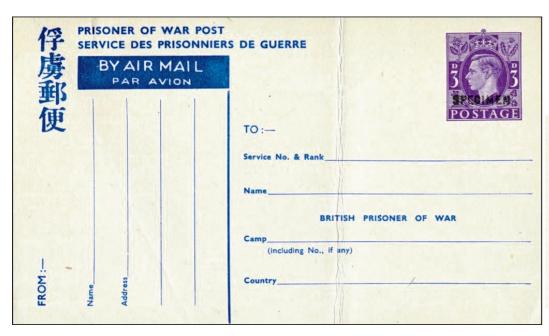
George King has recently acquired an example of the QV 1d COLLIER & COMP. PLYMOUTH advertising ring (AR71) on entire envelope unused, the first I have seen.



The following items were previously only recorded in Official Archives - these almost certainly originated from McCorquodale & Co. Ltd. (See Samuel & Huggins 1980 Specimen Stamps and Stationery of Great Britain)

#### **Postcards - Post Office Issues**

Items from the Peter Jennings Collection overprinted SPECIMEN type 15 (see illustrations) 1944 3d violet Far East Prisoner of War Air Mail (**CP102**)







The Postal Stationery Society Journal.



Size G envelope used 22nd October 1914 to Holland with boxed 'R' registration strike, bi-lingual Dutch/French censor label. On the rear block of 4 x 10 para stamps paying 2pi postage, cancelled with rare blue strike of Sirkedji



August 1916 envelope size G used from Constantinople to Switzerland with purple boxed censor cancels on both sides with 2½ pi & 10 para stamps paying the following: 1pi 10para postage - 1pi 10para registration fee - 1pi Declared Value fee 10para tax stamp on the receipt

#### THE REGISTERED ENVELOPES OF TURKEY

Neil Sargent

One of the unusual aspects of Turkish postal stationery is that they have only produced two issues of registered envelopes. - 1914 and 1983. Quite why there is this enormous gap I cannot explain! Most of the postal issuing authorities have issued a range of registered envelopes over the years and various reigns. Great Britain being a good example of issuing these envelopes since 1878 throughout the reigns of the various monarchs since Victorian times. The design formed the basis of most Commonwealth countries as well as numerous 'foreign' countries. The story of the blue lines on the envelopes (in the case of GB is probably well-known and said to have mimicked the green silk threads originally used to tie registered or signed for mail; blue being adopted as the colour as it was felt green would not reproduce properly.

The first issue of Turkish stationery with imprint values came in 1869 with 3 different values in two different sizes of envelopes. These were followed in 1877 by postcards with the first lettercards in 1896. A wide range of cards and envelopes were produced during the following years with the first (again of only 2 issues) of news paper wrappers in 1901.

Up until 1913 the design of the imprint had always followed the design and printing of the stamps but that changed in 1913 when it was proposed to issue a new set of pictorial stamps. These comprised a set of 17 stamps all showing different views of and around Istanbul. It was impossible then to follow the process previously adopted and a change was needed. The big difference was that up until 1913 all stamps and stationery had been produced locally in Turkey. The new stamps were to be printed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co Ltd in London so the authorities sought designs from them for the new stationery.

It had to be said that Bradburys did an excellent selling job on them as it persuaded them to order the full set of postal stationery - cards, reply-paid cards, lettercards, reply-paid lettercards, envelopes, news wrappers and introduced them to registered envelopes. A full set of the then existing 7 types of possible stationery!



1914 1 piastre Registered Envelope Size 150 x 95mm (G)

Three different size envelopes were issued - the size G illustrated above, size H2 (225 x 108mm) and a size K (290 x 150mm). The designs were all the same with the imprint in dark brown with an inscription that read:

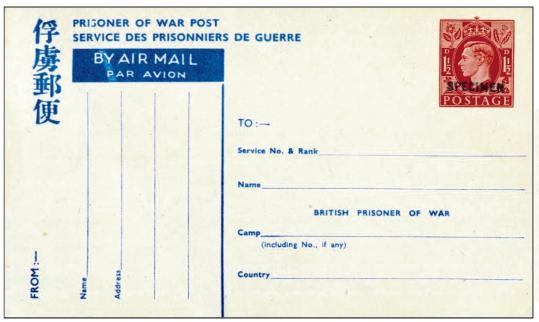
Taahudlu Mektub - (registered envelope)

Isbu kutulara atilmayib kayid uzere posta memuruna ediecek ve mukabillinde bir makbuz allinacakdir (this letter is not to be put into the box but is to be handed to the post officer and a receipt will be given)

The envelopes were produced on thick linen paper in both white and brown. On the reverse was space for the senders name & address (instructions in both French and Turkish)

1945 1½d brown Far East Prisoner of War Air Mail (CP103)

The Postal Stationery Society Journal.

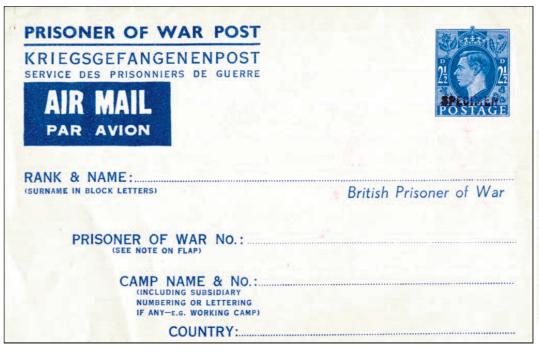




#### Air Mail Letter Sheets - Forces Issue

Items from Peter Jennings Collection overprinted SPECIMEN type 15 (See illustrations)

1943 2½d blue Prisoner of War Air Mail Letter Sheet (APF3)



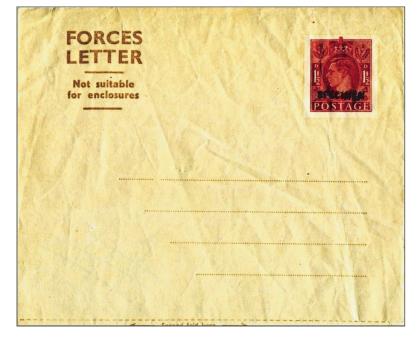


#### 1944 3d violet Christmas Greetings Airgraph Form (APF4)

#### airgraph service . The destinations to which the airgraph service is available may be ascertained at any Post Office. . Nothing should be written on this side of the paper. . The whole of the message should be written on the other side below the sender's name and address. . The name and address to which the message is to be sent should be written in large BLOCK letters wholly within the panel provided. The address should be the same as for an ordinary letter except in the case of airgraphs for personnel of Merchant Navy ships, which should be addressed to the addressee and ship (by name) followed by "c/o G.P.O., London, E.C.I." $\bullet\,$ A miniature photographic negative of the message and address will be made and sent by air mail. At the destination end a photographic print, measuring about 5 inches by 4 inches, will be made and delivered to the addressee. It is therefore important that the message should be written very plainly and that the address should be written as large as possible in block letters. Wherever possible, black ink should be used. Very small writing is not suitable. . The completed form may be handed in at any Post Office, or if preferred, may be forwarded to London in an envelope addressed to: "Airgraphs" Foreign Section London In that case it is desirable that a large envelope should be used and that the form should be folded as few times as possible, preferably in the same direction as the writing. As an exception to the general rule that postage is payable on letters addressed to Government Departments, Postmasters, etc., postage is not payable on covers containing completed Airgraph forms addressed to "Airgraphs," Foreign Section, London. . If it is desired to send more than one sheet, a separate form must be completed, and the name and address of the sender and of the addressee must be inserted on each form in the usual way. The original will be retained by the Post Office and eventually destroyed. please complete your message and post without delay



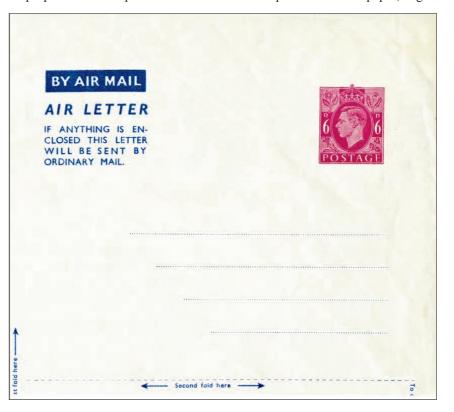
1945 1½d brown Forces Letter Sheet





**Essays from Peter Jennings Collection.** 

c.1949 - 50 6d purple KGVI stamp LA1 with format AF2 but printed on white paper, ungummed and uncut.



c. 1953 6d purple unissued QEII stamp on Coronation air mail letter form.

