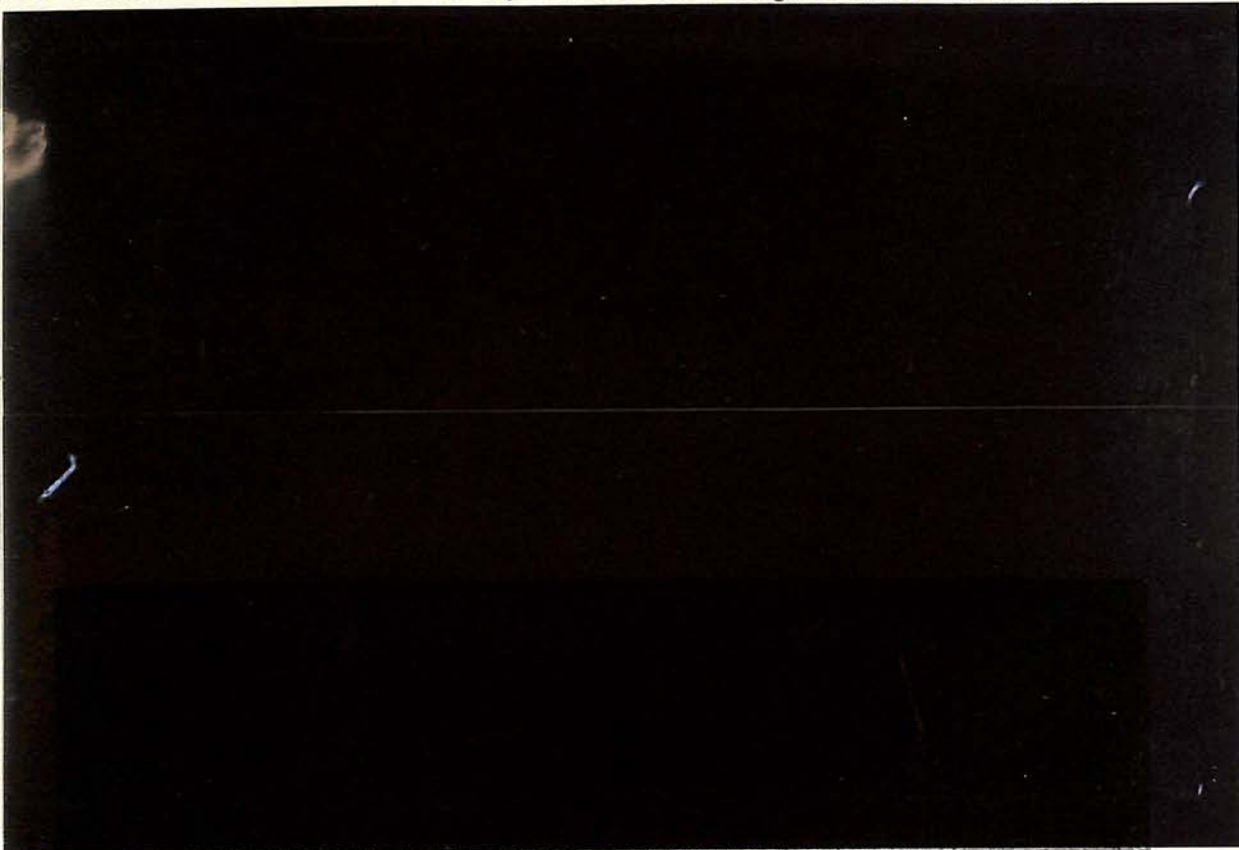


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Military Mail
Army Post Office SZ 8

Letter dated 4 January 1917 from APO SZ 8 (Sacher type A, serial B) without censor markings. Thought to be located in Kantara 1915 - 1917, and in Sinai in early 1917. As the campaign progressed, it moved to Gaza, then to Ramleh-Lod-Jerusalem and reached Beyrouth by 26 October 1918. It was always an Advanced Base APO. It is backstamped 17 January 1917 in Nottingham.

This particular envelope type #AFW3078 is known as "green envelope" and were rationed to other ranks at the rate of 2 or 3 per week. These were much sought after as they were not subject to regimental unit censorship but only to base censorship. There were many O.R.'s (security apart) who were unwilling to write personal and intimate details to their loved ones which were to be read by their own regimental officers.



Letter dated 12 July 1918 from APO SZ 8 (Sacher type A, Serial A) with mauve Octagonal censor. Thought to be located at Lod at this time, but known to be at Gaza, then Ramleh-Lod-Jerusalem and reached Beyrouth by 26 October 1918. It was always an Advanced Base APO. It is listed with locations at Kantara, Sinai, Gaza & Ramleh.

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Military Mail
Army Post Office SZ 8

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Military Mail – World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Base Army Post Office SZ 14 – el Ferdan

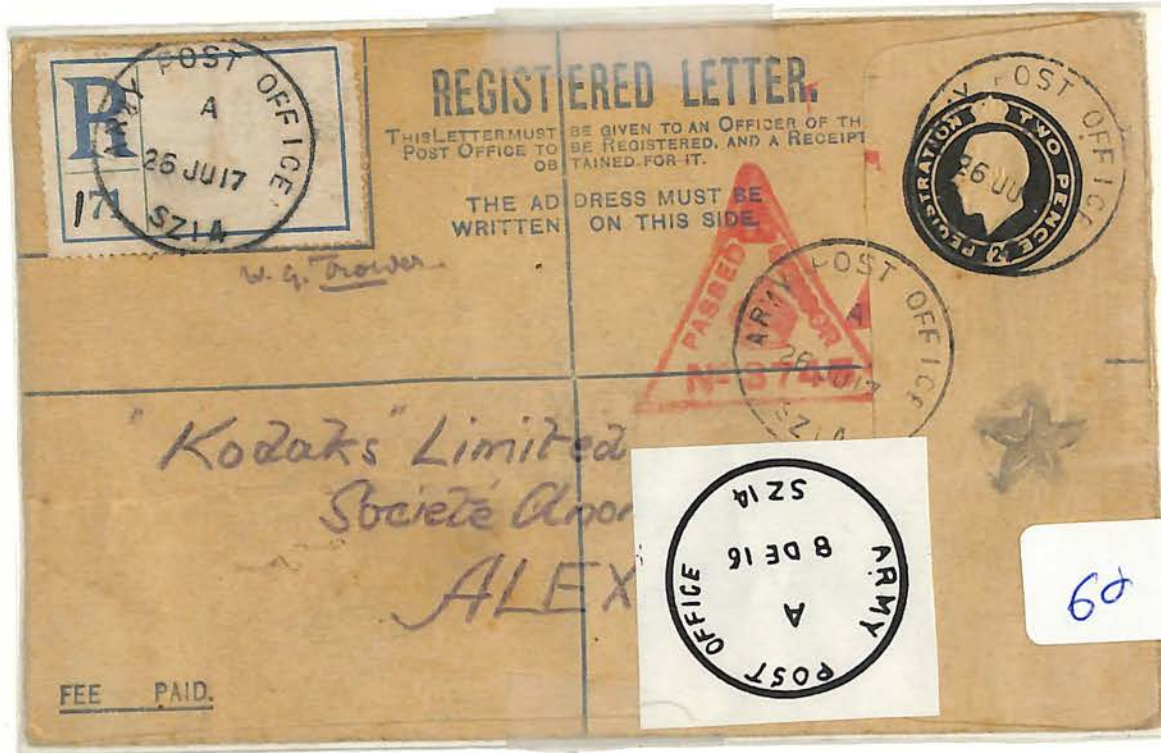
Registered letter sent to Alexandria on 26 July 1917 from BAPO SZ14 – Serial A – Transit mark – BAPO Z (Alexandria); Arrival mark – Military Post Office Alexandria – Censor: CM 3 ##3745 – DM 7

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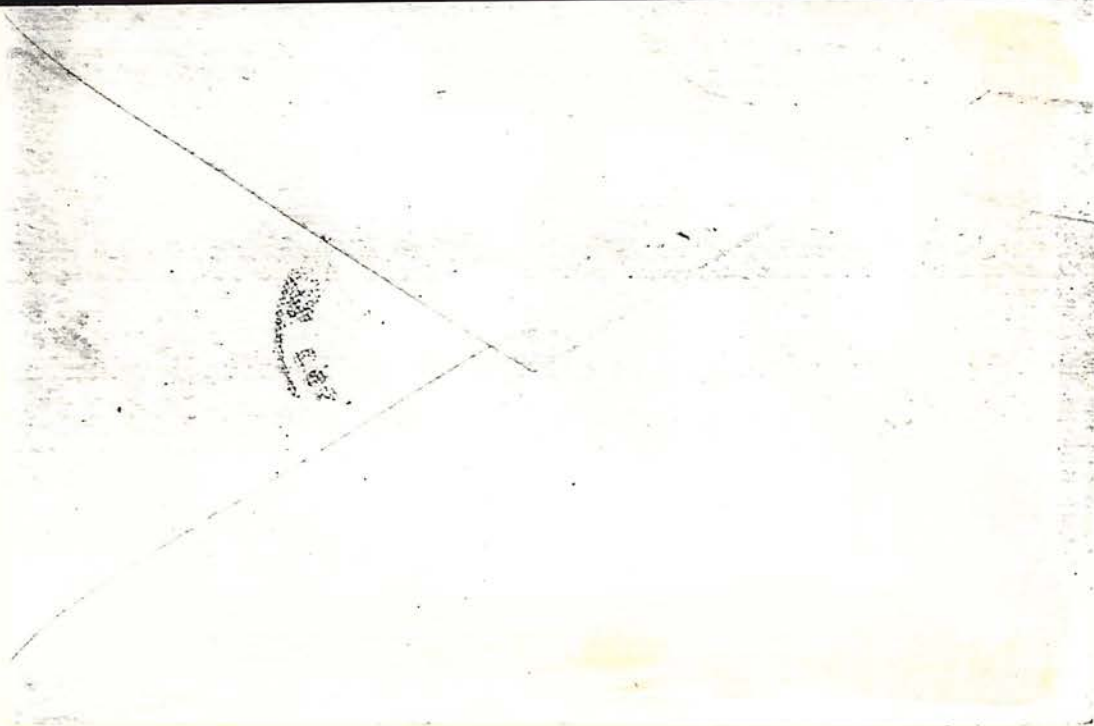
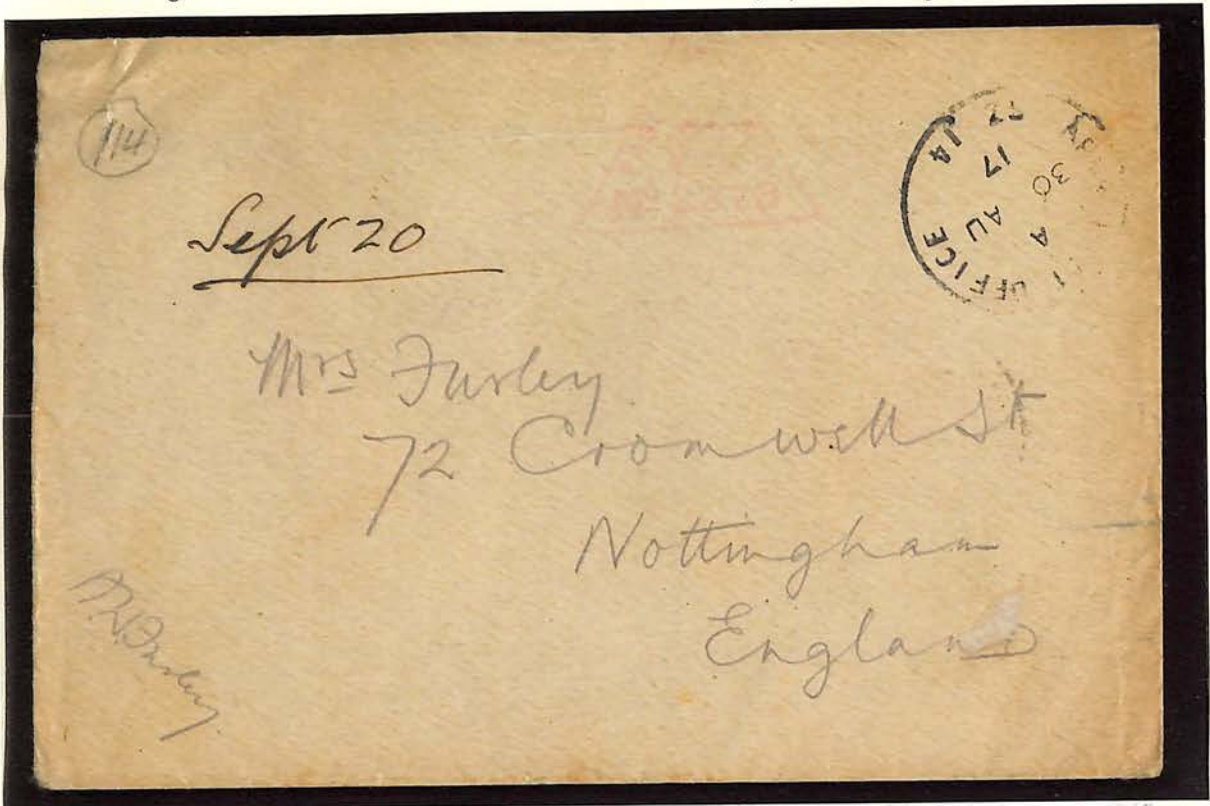
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Military Mail

Army Post Office SZ 14

Letter dated 30 August 1917 from APO SZ 14 (Sacher type B, serial A) with red triangular censor. Thought to be located somewhere between El Ferdan nad Gaza at this time, this was a forward office which eventually moved up to Rehovoth in 1918, after the campaign had opened with the capture of Beersheba at the end of October 1917. an undistinguishable cancel is on the back; probably an arrival cancel.



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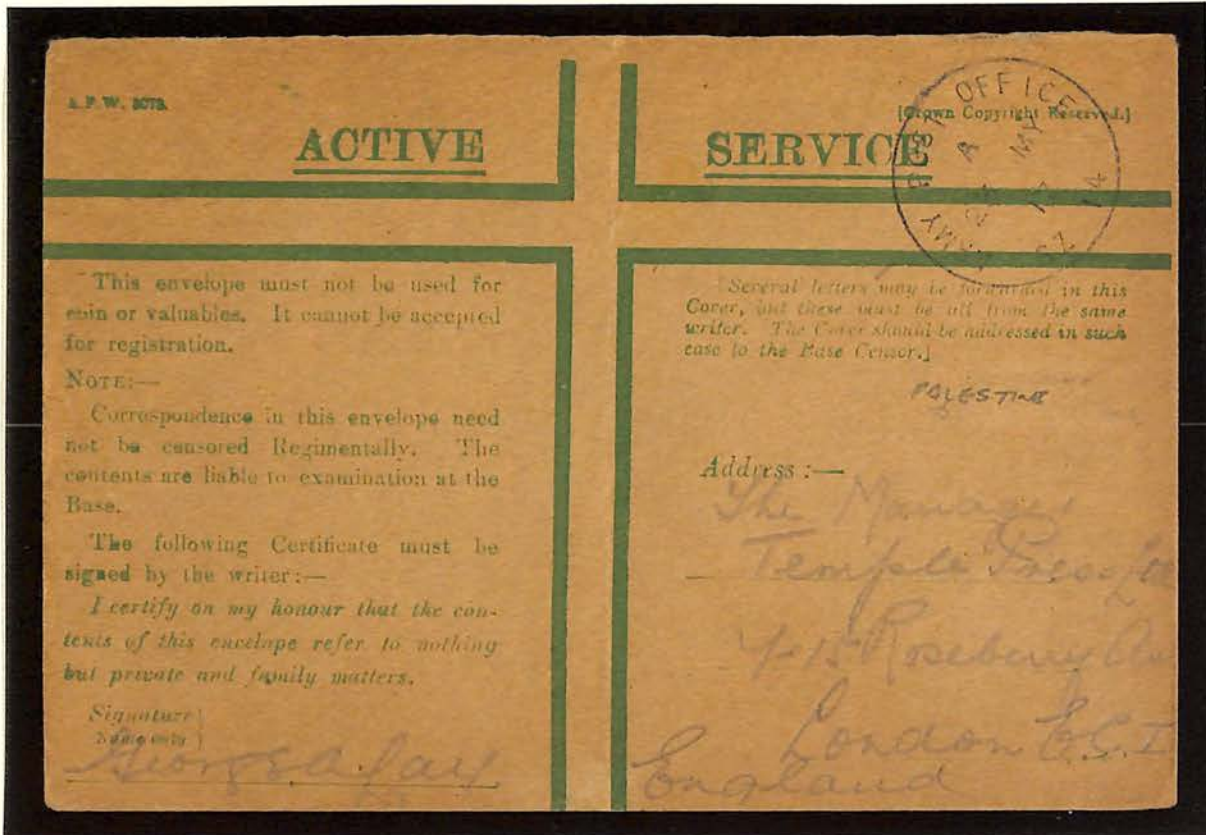
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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

ARMY POST OFFICE SZ 14 - LOC GAZA

Letter sent from Deir el Belah to London on 23 May 1917 from APO SZ 14. There were no unit markings and an honor signature censor



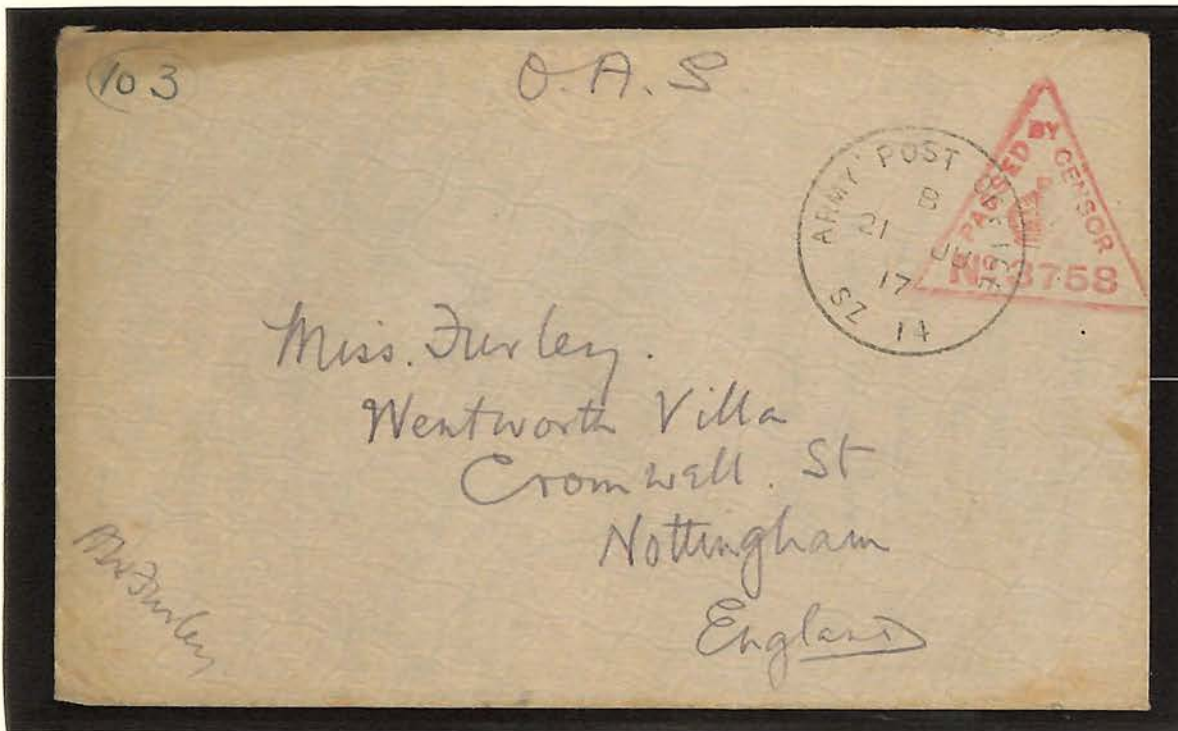
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Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

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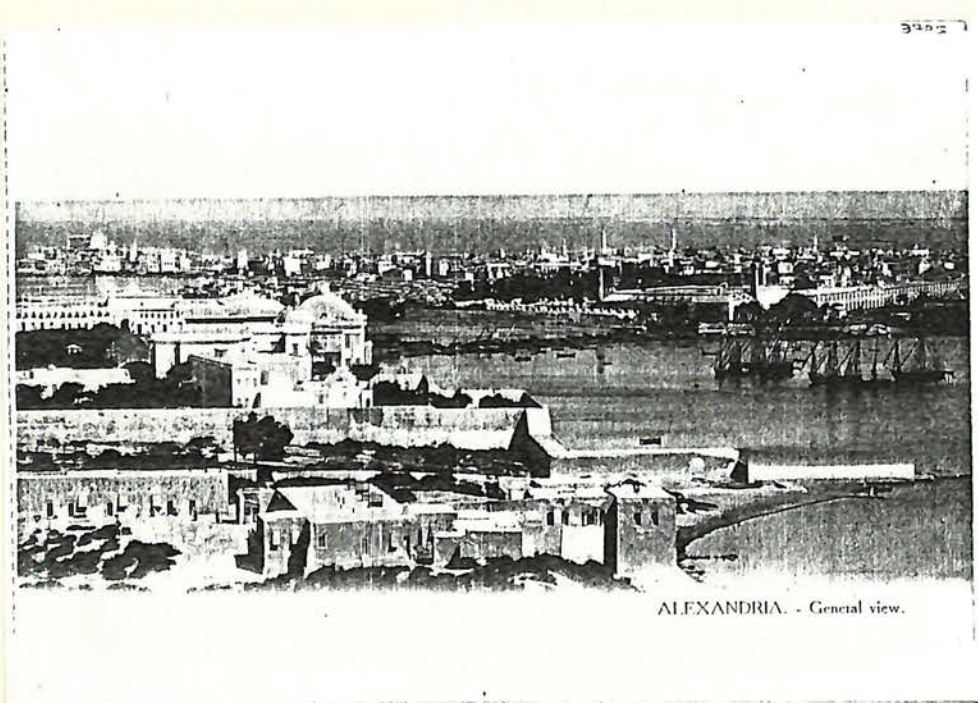


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Army Post Office SZ 14

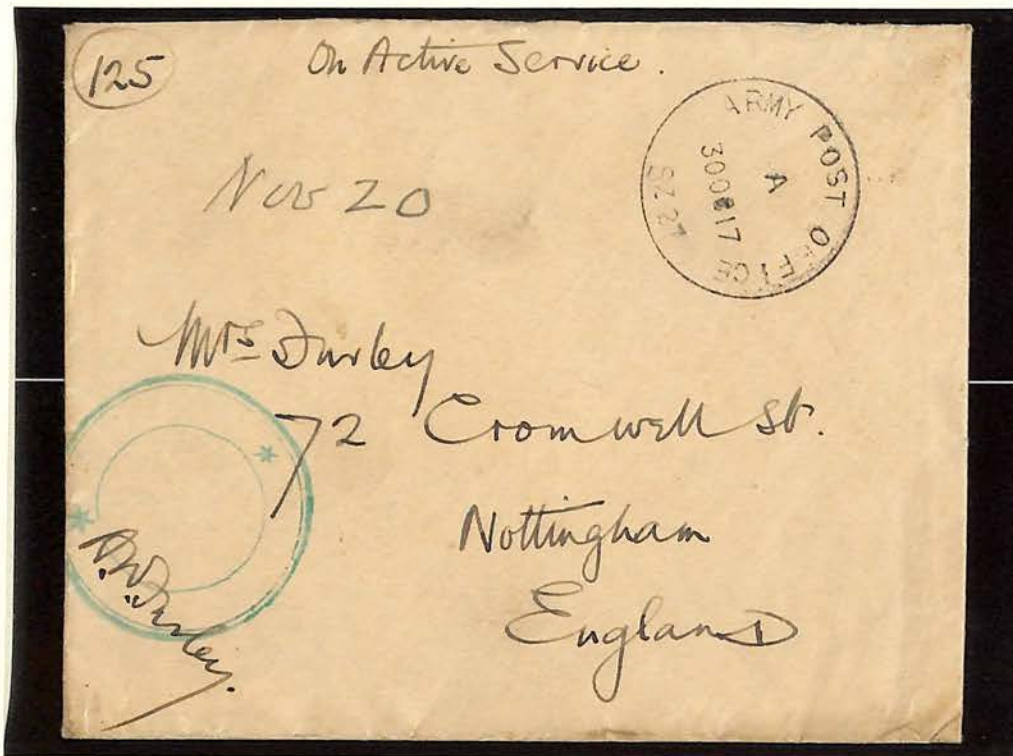
Picture Postcard dated 15 October 1917 from APO SZ 14 stationed at Deir el Belah with a red triangular censor. The card indicates the new address "Wireless Section - 5th Wing Royal Flying Corps, Egypt" and was written 9 days after the formation of the new designation for the 5th Wing. The unit was part of the Palestine Brigade and was on the L of C.



PALESTINE MANDATE

Military Mail
Army Post Office SZ 27

Letter dated 30 October 1917 from APO SZ 27 (Sacher tpe A, serial A) with the rare "green dumb" censor mark. This correspondent was known to be in the 159th Infantry Brigade as part of the 53rd Infantry Division which at this time was standing by in the neighborhood of El Buggar. After the fall of Beersheba on 31 October 1917, they began the attack on the heights of Tel Khuweilfeh



PALESTINE MANDATE

Military Posting

Jerusalem to Cairo

Letter dated 24 December 1918 mailed from Jerusalem to Cairo was post-marked APO SZ32 seven times over a block of ten 5mil (Scott#8) stamps. There is a Censor #2 marking on the face while the reverse has an arrival postmark dated 26 December 1918 in Cairo



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Army Post Office SZ 32 - Jaffa - Civilian Mail

Registered letter mailed from Jaffa on 30 Jan 19 to Cairo and franked with Palestine #13. Censor PCC 1/1. Transit marks SZ10, FPO GM1, & Cairo arrival



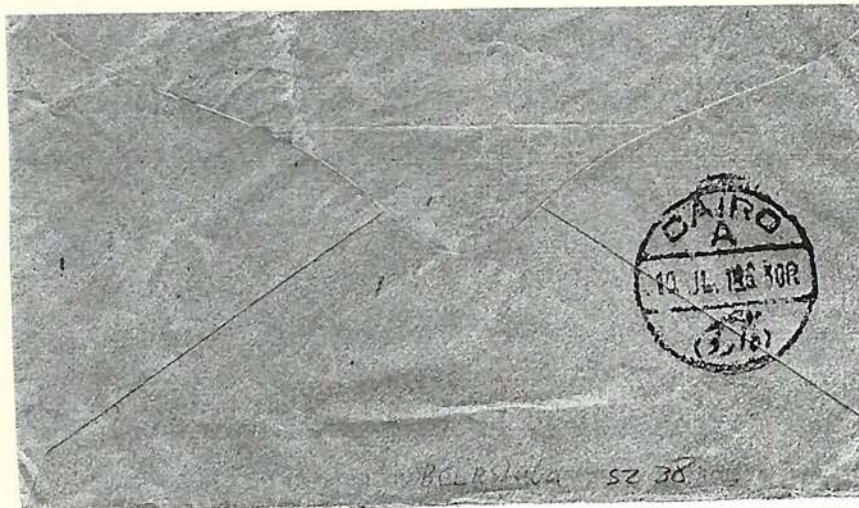
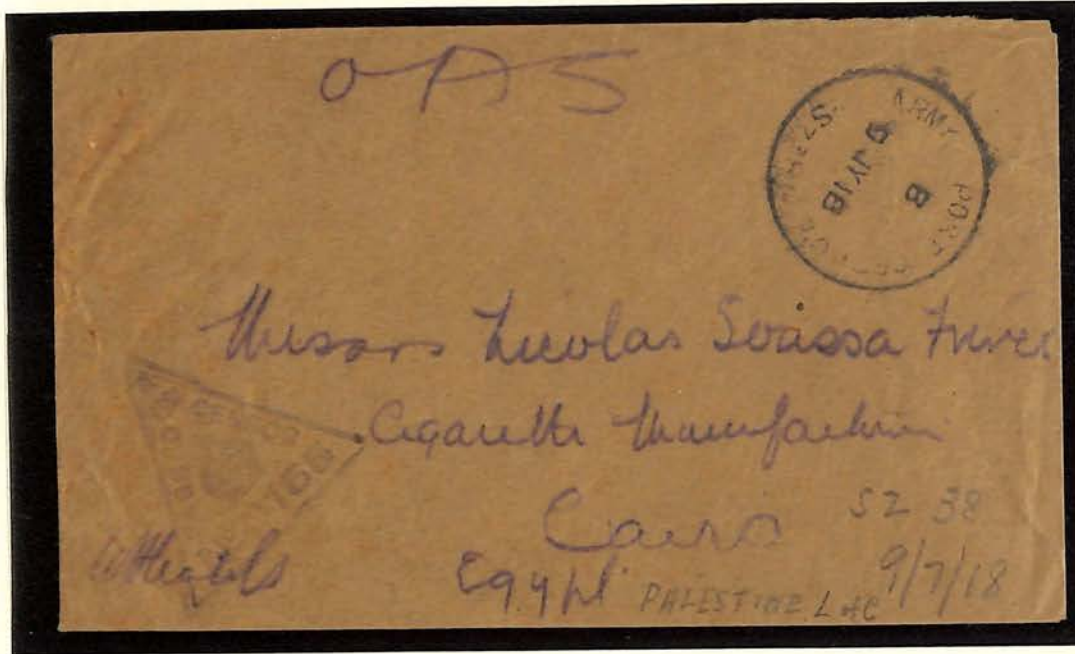
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Army Post Office SZ38 - Beersheba

Letter sent from Beersheba on 9 July 1918 to Cairo. Censor CM3 #3166. Arrival Mark



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Army Post Office SZ 41 - Rafa

Half penny postal wrapper sent from Rafa on 14 July 18 to Brisbane, Australia



PALESTINE MANDATE
Military Posting
Jerusalem to Cairo

Letter dated 21 March 1918 mailed from Jerusalem to Cairo was post-marked APO SZ44 and franked with a 1 Piastre stamp (Scott #2). There is a red rectangular censorship #1 stamp on the face. The reverse has two APO SZ10 (Cairo) postmarks dated 25 March 1918 and a Cairo arrival postmark also dated 25 March 1918.



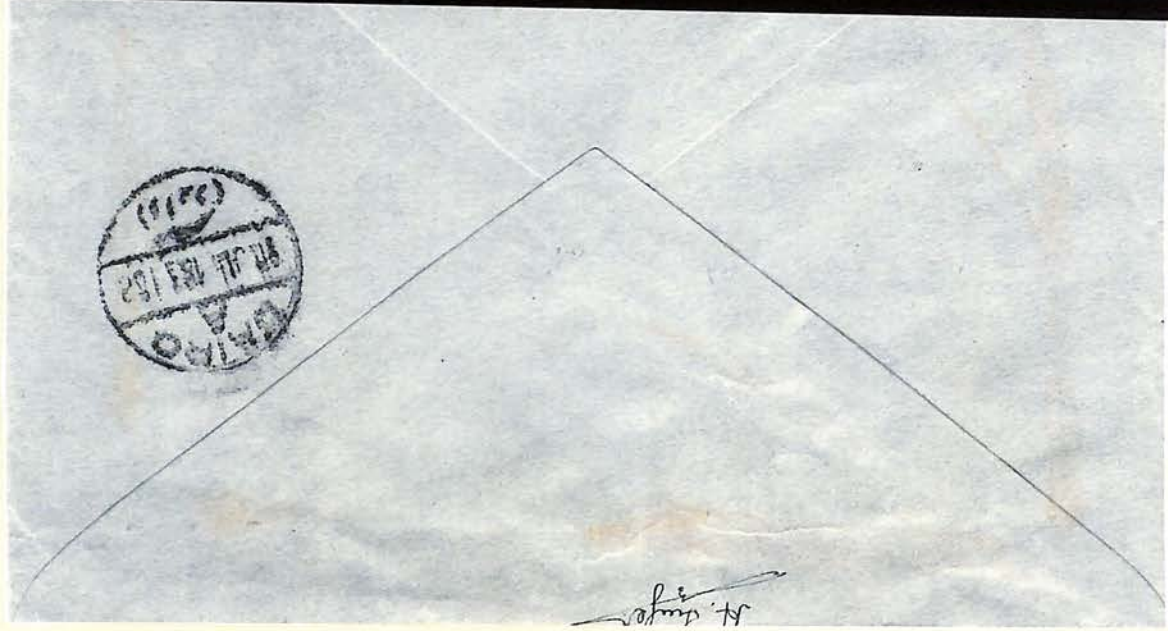
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Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Army Post Office - SZ 44 - Jerusalem

Letter sent to Cairo on 18 June 1918 from Jerusalem and franked with Palestine #2. Arrival mark, green 'R' and PCC #3/3 Censor.



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Army Post Office "SZ44"
Palestine to Heliopolis (Cairo)
June 13, 1918

This cover bears the clear pmk. of A.P.O. 'SZ44' in Palestine and shows the rubber stamp of "PALESTINE CENSORSHIP NO. 2". On the reverse may be noted the A.P.O. pmk. and receiptal pmks. in Cairo on June 16th and in Heliopolis on June 17th.

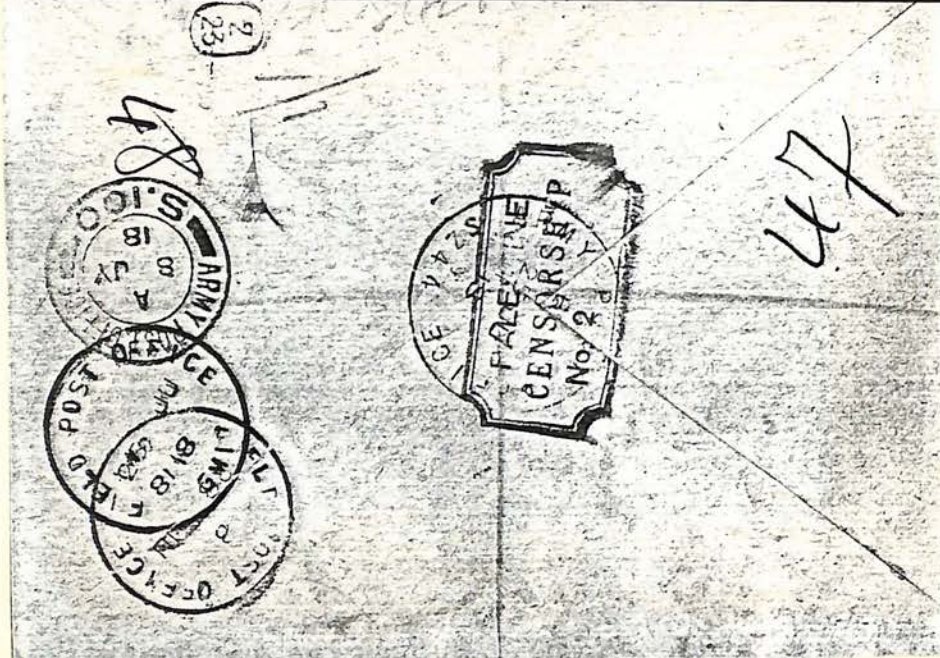


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Military Posting

Jerusalem to Paris

Registered letter dated 25 June 1918 mailed from Jerusalem to Paris and postmarked APO SZ44 - three times (once on Registration label) and is franked with two 1 Piastre (Scott #2) stamps. The reverse has a Censor #2 mark, and the following postmarks - APO SZ44 (Jerusalem), FPO GM1 (GHQ Jerusalem), transit postmark APO S100 dated 8 July 1918 (Tranto, Italy) and a Paris receipt mark.



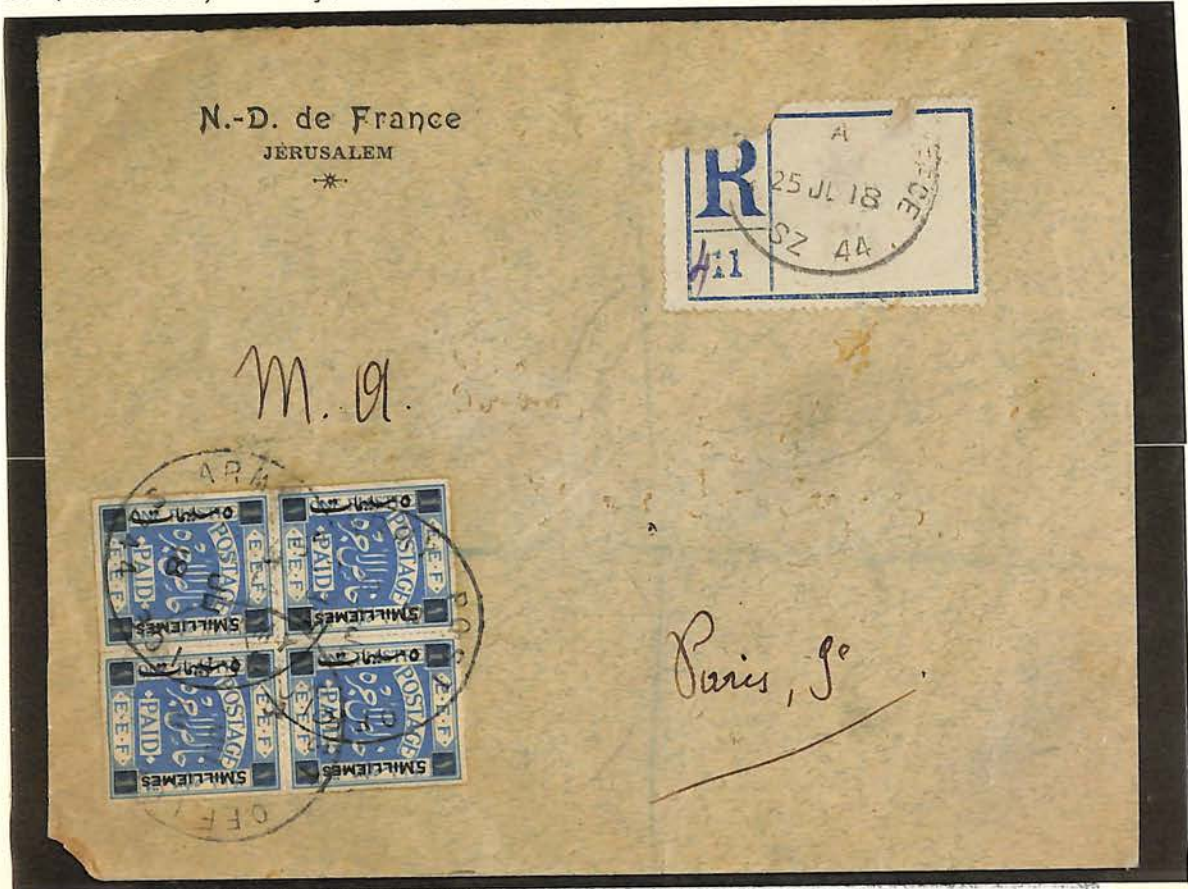
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Military Posting

Jerusalem to Paris

Registered letter dated 25 June 1918 mailed from Jerusalem to Paris was postmarked APO SZ44 - four times (once on Registration Label) and is franked with a block of four (Scott #3). The reverse has a Censor #2 stamp, APO SZ44 (Jerusalem) FPO GM1 (GHQ, EEF, 1st Echelon, Jerusalem) Transit postmark APO S100 dated 8 July 1918 (Taranto, Italy) and a receipt mark from Paris.



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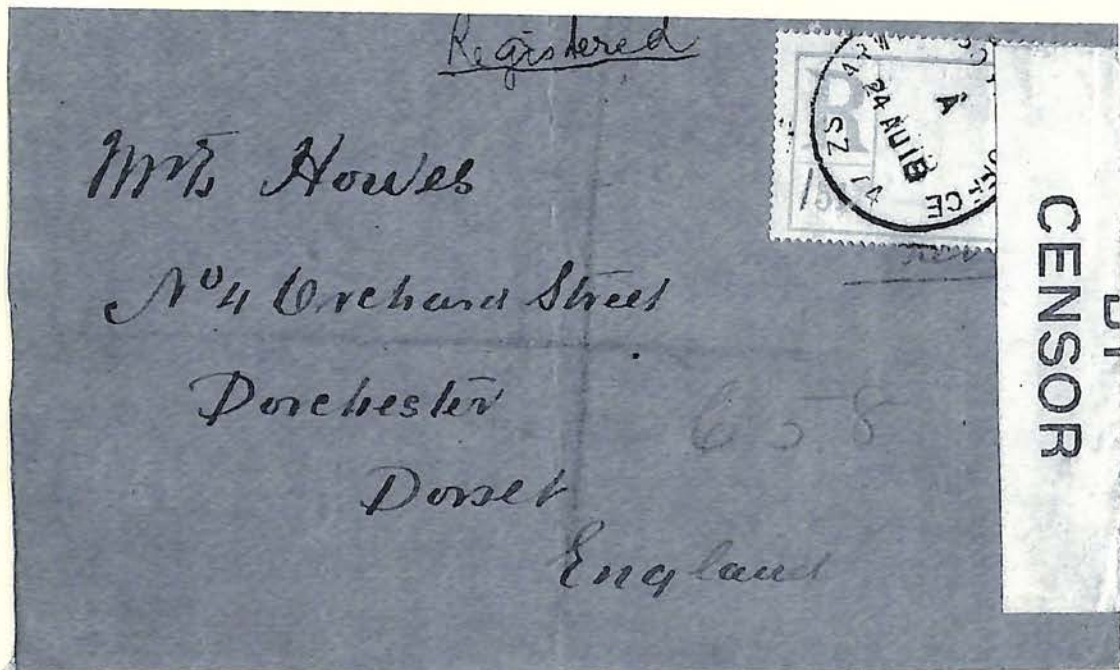
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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Base Army Post Office SZ 44 - Jerusalem - Civilian Mail

Registered letter sent from Jerusalem 24 August 1918 to England and franked with Palestine #s 2, 3, 4, 7, & 10. Censor Tape #ECL 1 & stamp PCC 2/4. Transit at FPO GM1.



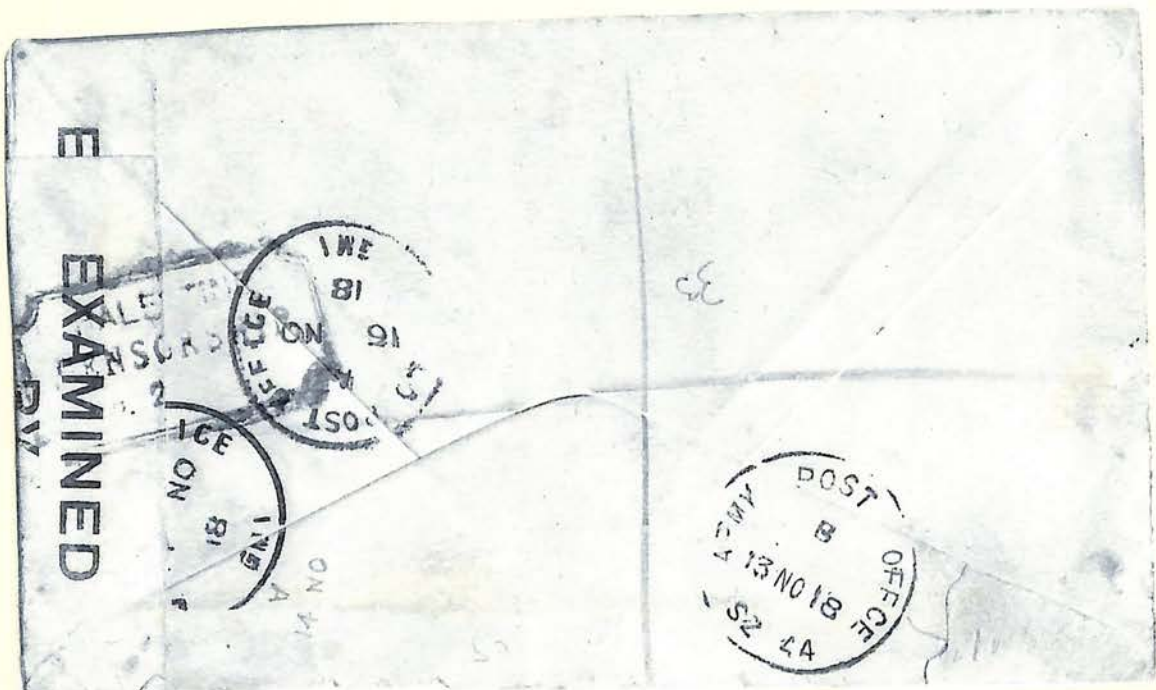
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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Army Post Office SZ 44 - Jerusalem - Civilian Mail

Registered letter sent locally to the American Red Cross in Jerusalem on 13 November 1918, and franked with 2 Palestine #11. Registration Label #25, Censor tape ECL #1, FPO GM 1 transit and censor mark PCC #2/4



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Military Posting
Jerusalem to Cairo

Registered letter dated 3 December 1918 mailed from Jerusalem to Cairo was postmarked APO SZ44 three times (once on Registration Label) and is franked with a mixed issue - 1 Piastre (Scott #2) and a 5 mil Topographic (Scott #8). The reverse has a Censor #1 mark, APO SZ44 (Jerusalem), FPO GM1 (GHQ Jerusalem) APO SZ10 dated 7 December 1918 (Cairo) and a Cairo receipt stamp dated 7 Dec. 18



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Army Post Office SZ 45 - Jaffa - Civilian Mail

Postcard sent to Cairo on 26 September 1918 from Jaffa and franked with Palestine #3. Card is written in Yiddish. Censor mark PCC 3 #3

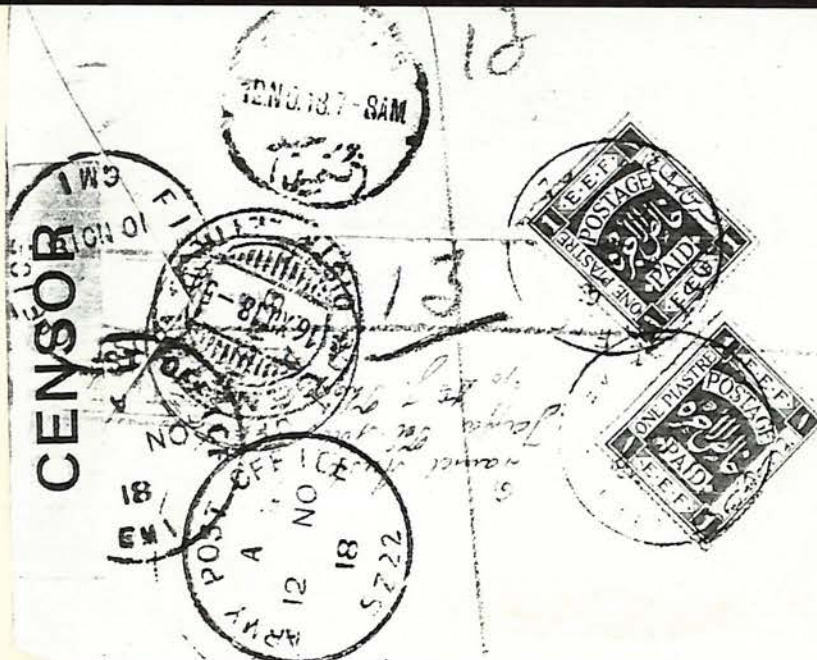


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Army Post Office SZ45

Registered letter dated 8 November 1918 mailed from Jaffa to Geneva Switzerland and franked with two Scott #2 - 1 Piaster stamps. The post marks are APO-SZ45 (Sacher Type A) with transit marks at Jerusalem FPO GM1 dated 10 Nov 1918 (Sacher Type L), Port Said APO SZ 22 dated 12 Nov 1918 (Sacher Type B), a Port Said civilian mark dated 12 Nov 1918 and an arrival postmark dated 16 December 1918. The arrival mark is labeled Geneva Distr. Letter. The letter has white censor label over the opened side.



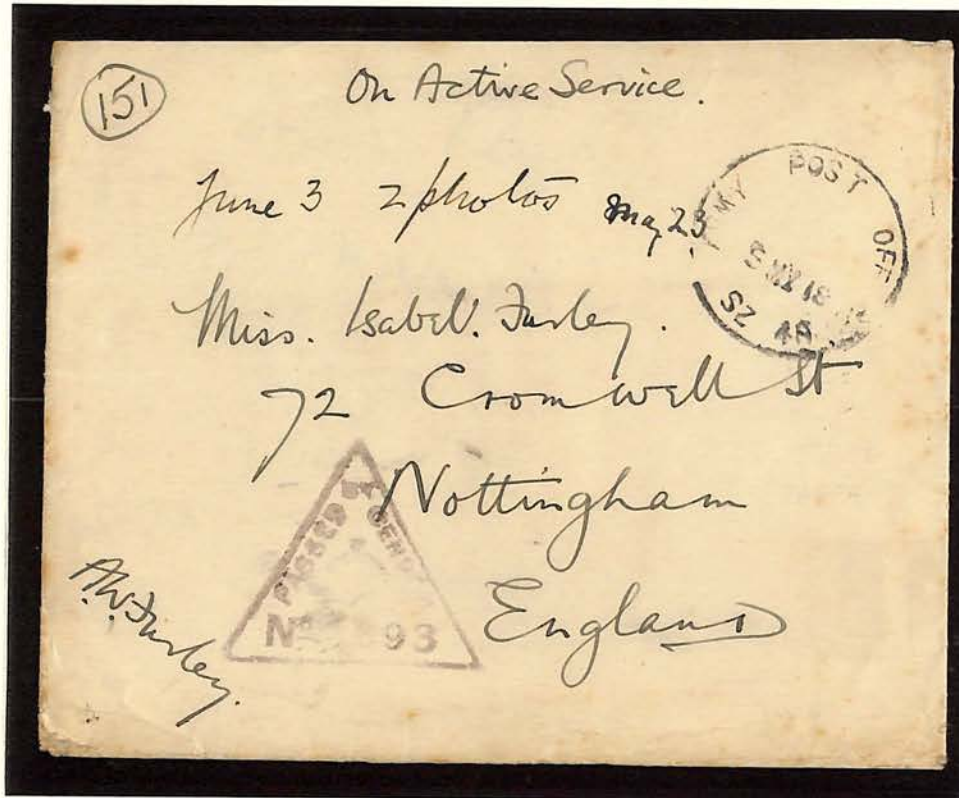
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Military Mail – World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Army Post Office SZ 46 – Jaffa

O.A.S. letter sent to England on 5 May 1918 from SZ 46 – Censor CM 3 #3693



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Army Post Office SZ58 - Jericho

Registered Letter sent from Jericho on 8 February 1918 to Alexandria.



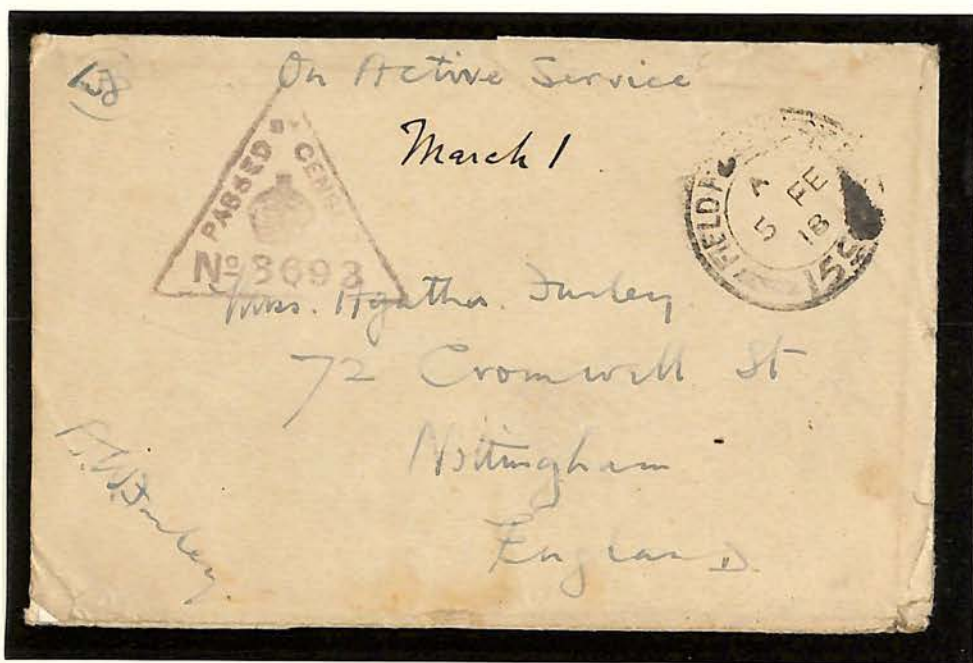
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Military Mail

Field Post Office 159

Letter dated 5 February 1918 from FPO 159 (Sacher type O, serial A) with black triangular censor. This was the 159th Infantry Brigade as part of the 53rd Division, and was located with the XX Corps during the capture of Jericho. The 159th was actually near Beitin with the 158th and 160th on either side.

The 53rd Infantry Division was originally composed of Territorial battalions, and landed in Egypt from Gallipoli. It took part in the advance from the Suez Canal, the first and second battles of Gaza, and eventually joined the XX corps upon its formation in August 1917.



PALESTINE MANDATE

Military Mail

Field Post Office 159

Letter dated 22 May 1918 from FPO 159 (Sacher type O, serial A) with black triangular censor. This was the 159th Infantry Brigade, 53rd Infantry Division, XX Corps. While the Corps was at Amman & es Salt, The 159th reached the south bank of Wady Kola on 11 March 1918 and the Division remained in the same sector (Tel Assur south of Attara) of the line throughout the summer.

NOTE: FPO censor strikes are generally found in Black, whereas the SZ & APO strikes are usually found in Red.



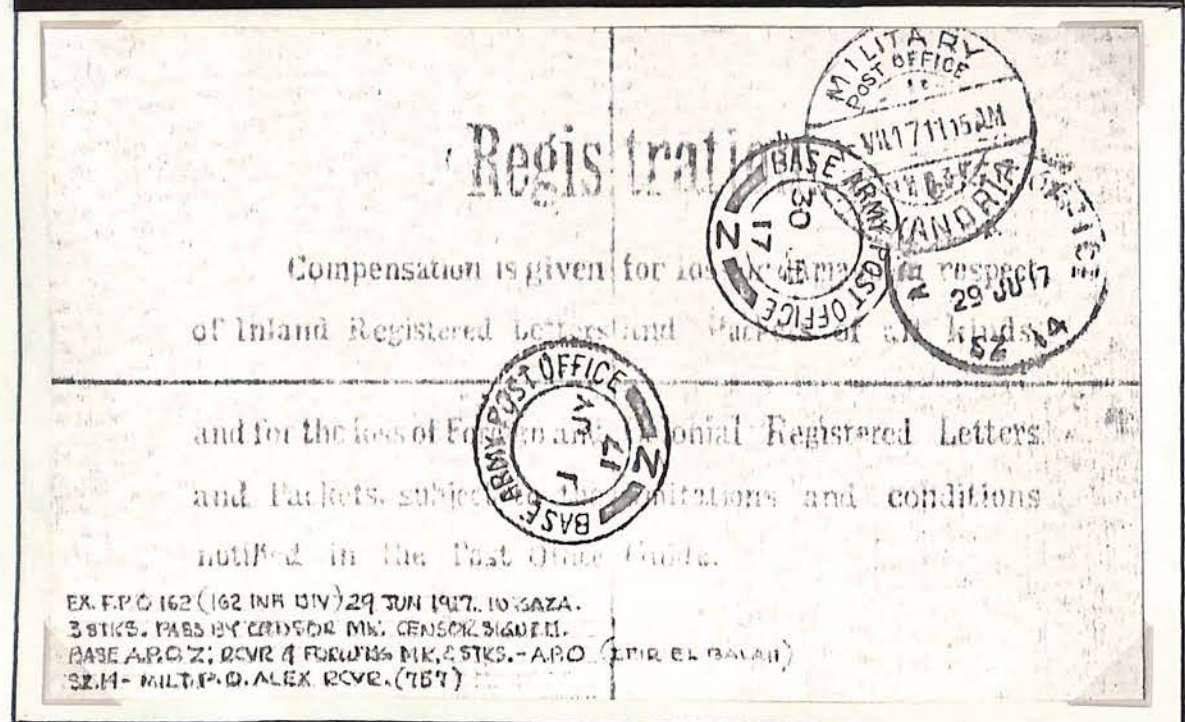
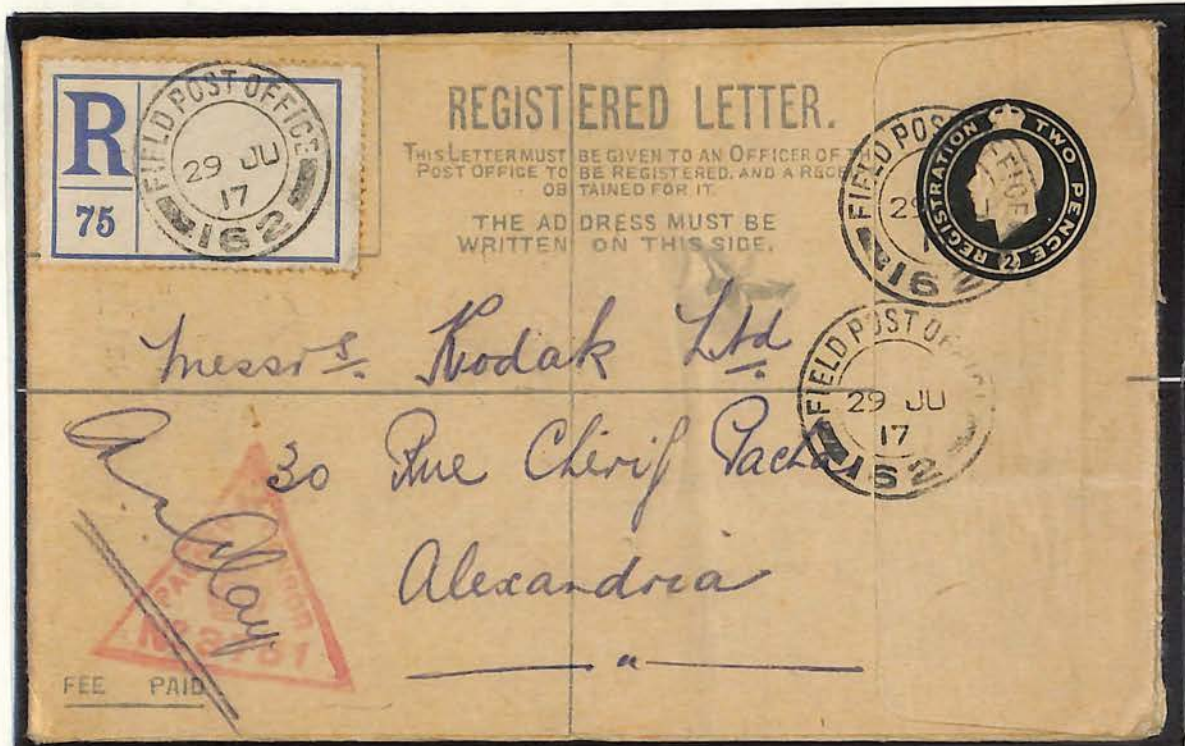
Military Mail

Gaza, Palestine to Alexandria, Egypt

June 29, 1917

This registered letter with a 2p. Registration Charge from F.P.O. 162 (162nd Inf. Div.) in Gaza passed thru censorship as noted by the violet triangular PASSED CENSOR NO. 3751 and black STAR.

The reverse shows the transit pmks. of A.P.O. 'SZ 14' dated June 29th, BASE A.P.O. 'Z' dated June 30th, and BASE A.P.O. 'Z' (in Dir El Balah) dated July 1st. The arrival pmk. is of the MILITARY POST OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA dated July 1st.



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Field Post Office 163 - Jaffa - 163rd Brigade 54th Division

Letter sent to Cairo on 26 May 1918 from Jaffa. Arrival mark, Censor signature and Censor mark CM 3 # not distinguishable



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Military Mail – World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Field Post Office 180 – Jericho

Soldier's Active Service letter envelope sent to England on 1 March 1918 from FPO 180 – Serial X.

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Field Post Office 180 - Alexandria - 2/5 London Brigade, 2/2 London Division

Active Service Honor Envelope sent to Lewisham, England on 19 Nov 1918 from Alexandria

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Field Post Office 181 - Gaza - 181st Brigade, 60th Division

Letter sent to London on 20 October 1917 from Gaza. Censor mark CM3 #4371 and censor signature



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Field Post Office #230 - 230th Brigade, 74th Yeoman Division, XX Corps

Letter sent from Gaza Area on 3 September 17 to Alexandria during the 2nd Battle of Gaza.
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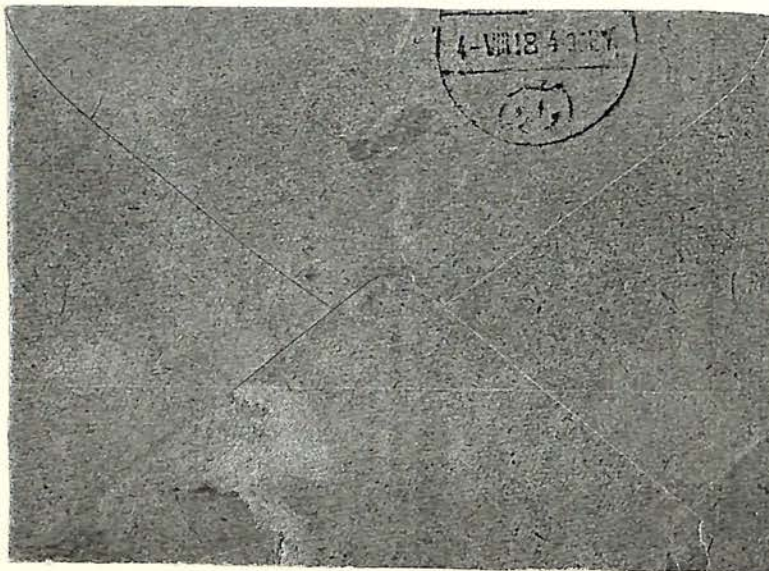
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Field Post Office 233 - 233 Brigade 75 Division - Berukin

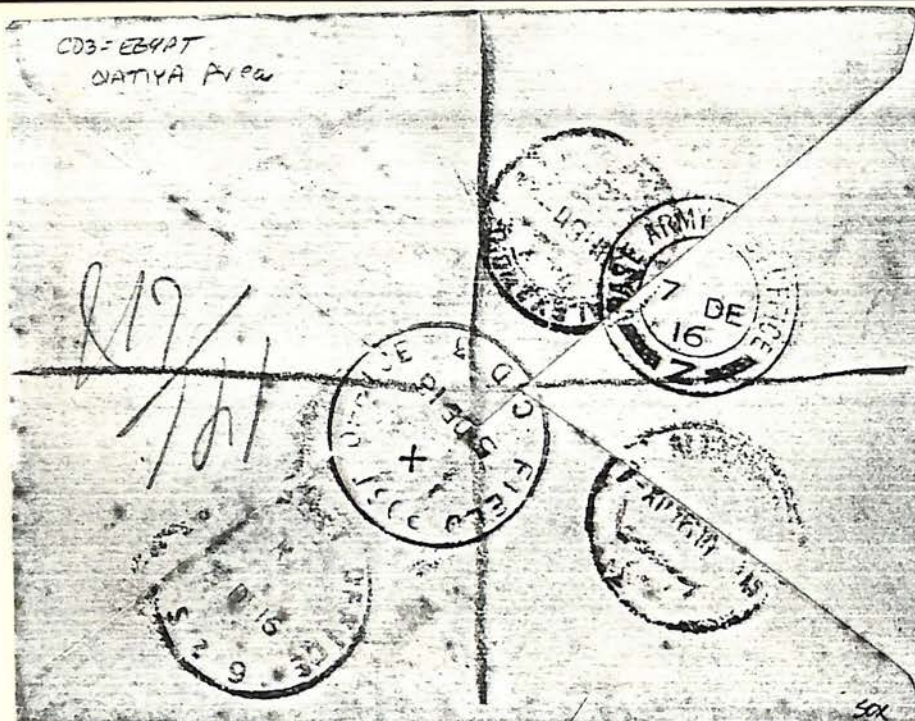
Letter sent from Berukin to Cairo on 2 August 1918 and postmarked FPO 233 with partial arrival mark. The letter has censor CM 7#1085 and a honor censor signature



EGYPTIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Military Post Office - FPO CD3 Qatiya

Registered letter dated 5 December 1916 was mailed from Qatiya to Alexandria and franked with the two pence King George V (Scott #162). The envelope is postmarked FPO-CD3 Sacher Type L Serial X and according to Firebrace formed the 3rd Section Suez Canal Defences. On December 7th the Desert Column was formed from Section 3. There is a triangular red censor stamp #3255 as well as transit marks of APO SZ9 located in Kantara dated 5 December 1916 and BAPO Z located in Alexandria dated 7 December 1916 and an arrival postmark on 7 December 1916 in Alexandria.



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Field Post Office CZ - Imperial Camel Corps

OAS Letter sent on 4 June 18 from Jerusalem to Alexandria - Signed for censor

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Military Mail - World War I

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Field Post Office CZ - Imperial Camel Corps

Letter sent locally in Jerusalem on 5 June 1918 - Transit mark SZ 44 - Censors CM3 #4405 & PC 2/4



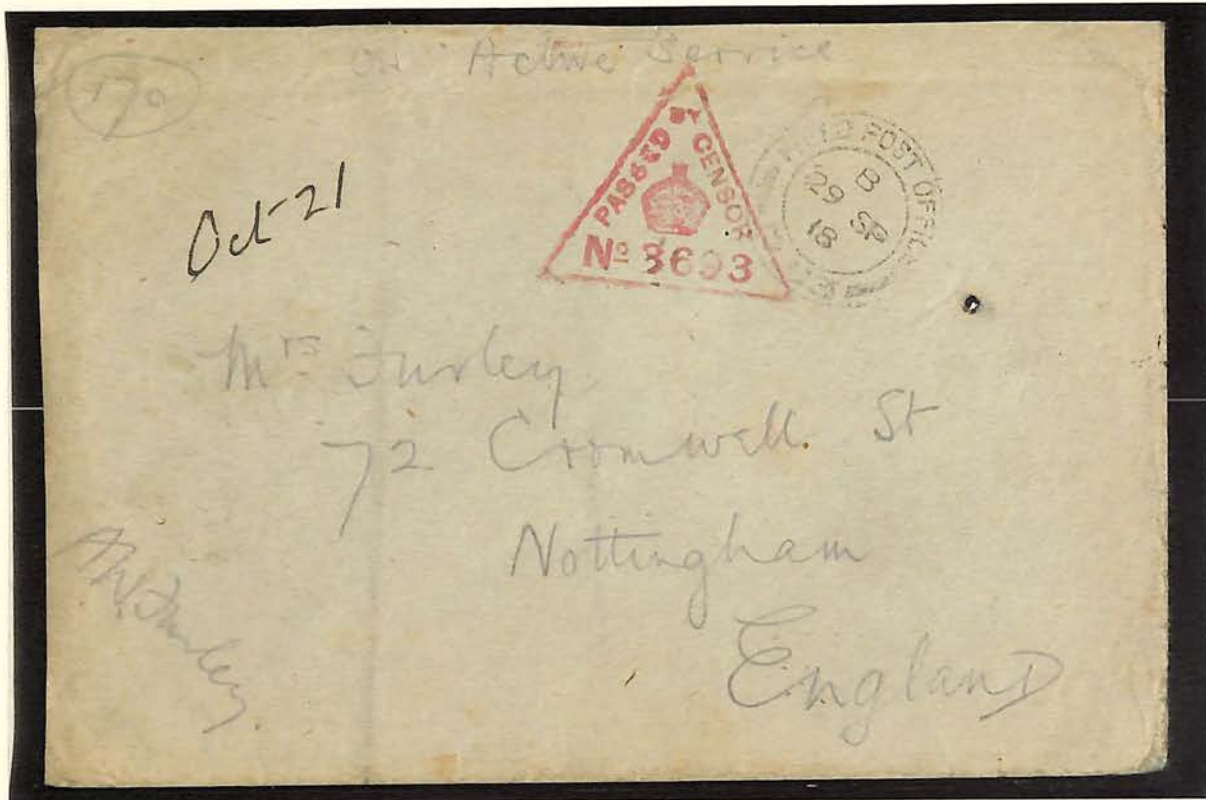
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Field Post Office D53 – Haifa (EEF Headquarters)

O.A.S. letter sent to England on 29 September 1918 from FPO D53 Serial B – Censor CM 3 #3693



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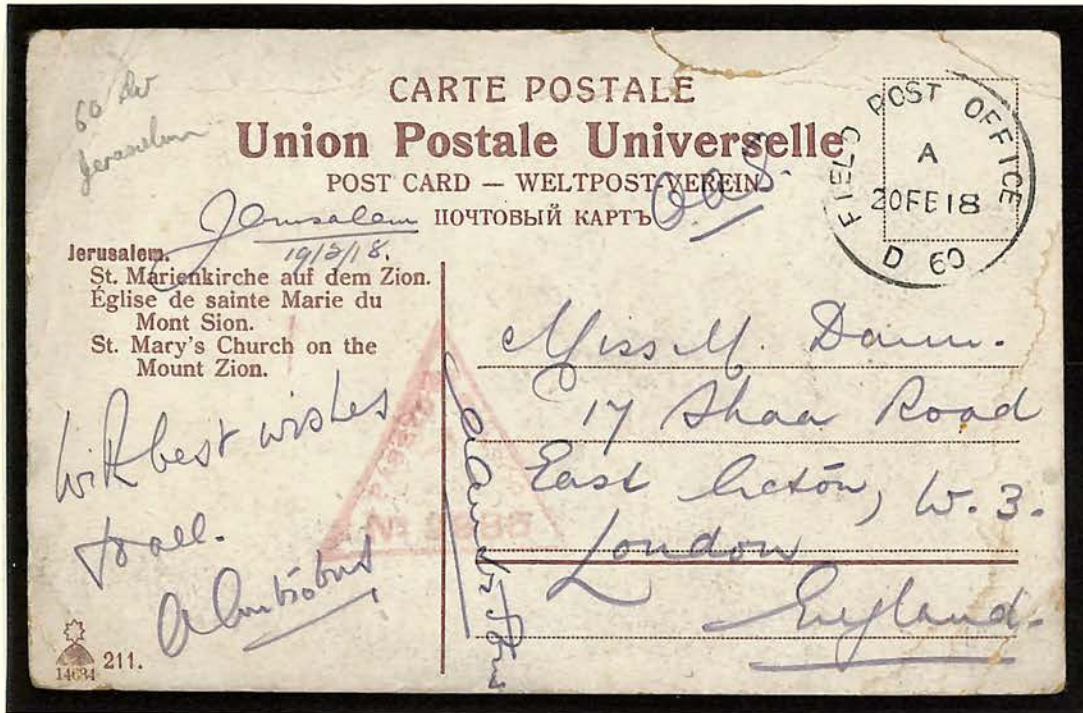
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FIELD POST OFFICE D60 - JERUSALEM - 60th Division

Picture postcard sent from Jerusalem to London on 20 February 1918 and postmarked FPO D60 after the capture of Jericho. Censor marking Type CM3 #2835

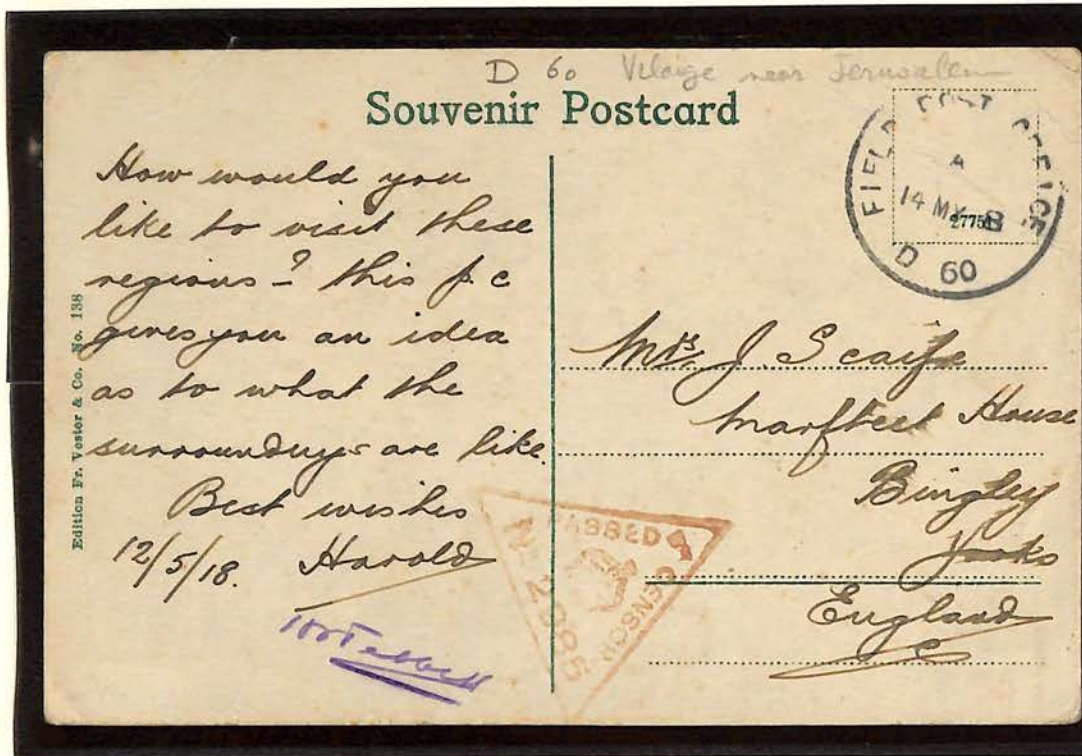


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Field Post Office D 60

Picture postcard dated 14 May 1918 from FPO D 60 (Sacher type A, serial A) with red triangular censor. This is the field post office of the 60th Division stationed outside Jerusalem.



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Military Mail – World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Field Post Office H 21 – Jaffa Area (XXI Corps – Headquarters)

O.A.S. letter sent to Jerusalem on 13 July 1918 from FPO H21 – Serial B – Censor CM 3 #2250 & PCC 2/4



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MILITARY POST

FIELD POST OFFICE H21

This cover was mailed from Headquarters XXI Corps and dated 16 August 1918. At that time the Corps was stationed in the neighborhood of JAFFA. Has an octagonal censorship cachet in violet. No back markings



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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

Field Post Office 6.Y - Beersheba - 6th Mounted Brigade

Active Service letter sent to England on 31 May 1917 from Beersheba. Senders signature

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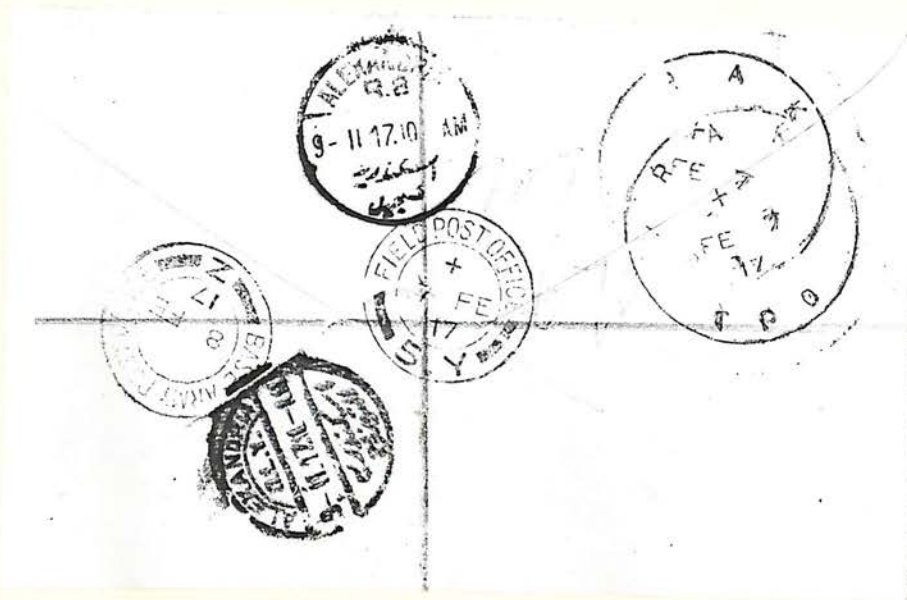
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Military Mail - World War I

Army & Field Post Offices; Civilian Post Offices; and Censor Markings

FIELD POST OFFICE 5-Y - 5th Mounted Division

Registered OAS cover franked with Scott #162, sent from Rafah to Alexandria on 7 February 1917 and postmarked FPO 5Y. Transit marked RAK TPO (Rafah - Kantara railroad Sacher says less than 5 known) and BAPO Z with two Alexandria arrival marks. Censor mark CM3 #65



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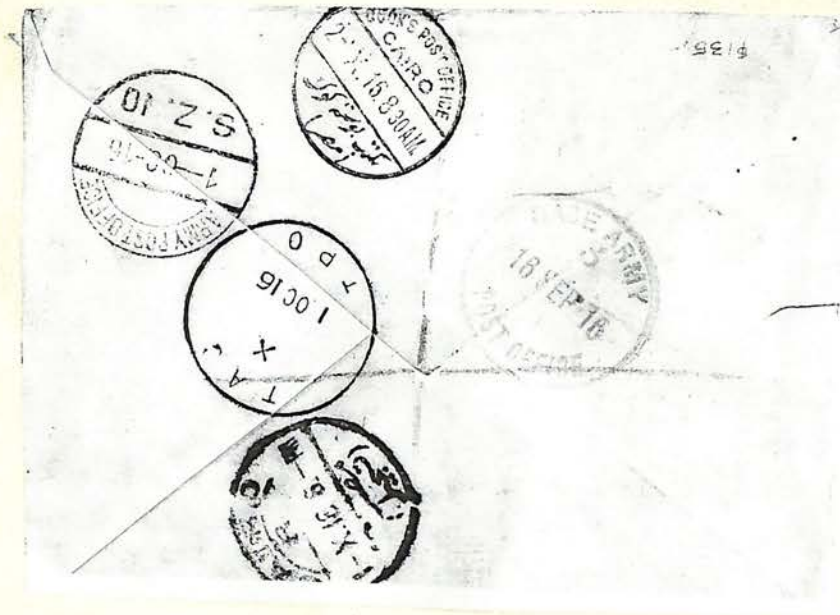
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Field Post Office #1Z - 1st New Zealand Brigade, Western Front

Registered letter with Scott #162 sent from France to Thomas Cook & Son Cairo on 14 Sept 1916 and postmarked FPO 1Z. Transit marks are - BAPO 3 in Boulogne, France; TAC-TPO (Port Said to Cairo railroad): APO SZ 10 in Cairo; Cairo R; and arrival mark Cooks PO Cairo.



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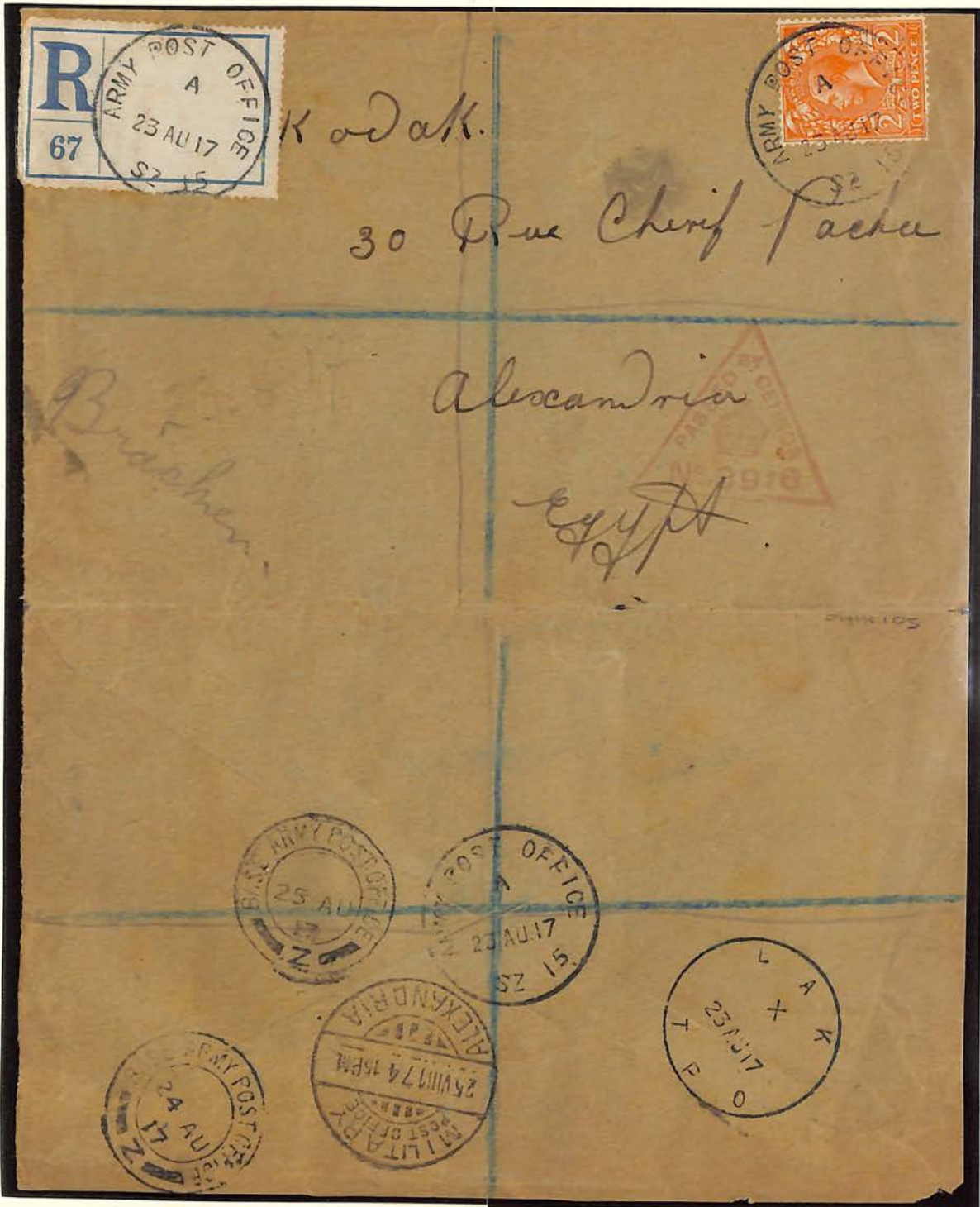
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"In Aid of Suffering Jews
in Poland"

According to "Stamp Collecting" (Mar. 16, 1940), prominent Kingston, Jamaica residents, headed by Mr. Lewis Aschenheim, had started a "Jamaica War Stamp League" prior to the issue of the Official War Stamps.

The League had a threefold objective of assisting the British Red Cross Society, aiding suffering Jews in Poland, and creating the "Jamaica Aeroplane Fund".

Note that one label is clear while the other is overprinted with the word "JAMAICA".

