



CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PLAIN COVER WITH Gv1 3d TIED WITH CZECH FIELD POST CANCEL.

Farbe ist ungewöhnlich : pink und nicht rot

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The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

After the arrival of the Czech soldiers at Agde they soon set up their own Post Office and their own postmark with the inscription :
 POSTE AUX ARMÉES TCHÉCOSLOVAQUES – ČESKOSLOVENSKÁ VOJ. POŠTA – S.P. 2197
 Beside the date it also shows the rising sun and linden leaves.
 For mail normal French stamps have been used.



Both, letter card and envelope were specially prepared to commemorate the 7th March 1940 what would have been President Masaryk's 90th birthday.



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Semi-Official Franco-Czechoslovak Postmarks



Folder with Czechoslovak coat of arms on front with the three known postmarks used in Agde. These are usually found as receipt marks or have been applied "by favour" to create postal souvenirs with or without stamps

- The upper red postmark appeared to be general-purpose postmark, first used 1st February 1940 retaining the 2197 French Postal Sector number
- The left blue postmark was issued on 4th May 1940 the 21st anniversary of the death of the Slovak General Milan Rastislav Štefánik
- The right blue postmark was used to celebrate the imminent departure of the first two regiments to the front



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Mourning letter for Flight Captain František NOVÁK with postmarks, cachets and Censor label available at the Agde Camp Field Post Office on 1st Army 1940



Generál Sergěj INGR, náčelník Vojenské správy NVČS, velitel československých vojsk ve Francii, podává jménem československé armády a v zastoupení pozůstalých, truchlivou zvěst, že zemřel

kapitán letectva František NOVÁK

velitel stíhací letky,
rytíř portugalského « Řádu rytířů Kristových » a
majitel rumunského « Leteckého kříže »,
dožív se věku pouhých 38 let.





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This cover shows all postmarks, cachets etc. which were available at Agde Camp Field Post Office on 1 June 1940



- Field Post cancel "CAMP D'AGDE – HÉRAULT" with hour/date
- Semi-official commemorative steel postmark in red and blue
- Czechoslovak Field Post postmark S.P.2197
- Rectangular bilingual censor cachet :
"- VOJENSKA CENSURA – CENSURE MILITAIRE -":
- Czechoslovak single line cachet : Pošta čs. jednotek
(Czechoslovak <Military> Unit Post = "Czechoslovak Field Post")
- Double Ring cachet in red :
"RÉGIMENT D'INF. TCHÉCOSLOVAQUE – Le Vaguemestre"
(Sous-officier ou officier chargé du service de la poste dans un régiment. A Sub-officer or low rank officer responsible for the mail service in a regiment
- Signature of Czech Field Postmaster Captain Steny

Heinz-Jürgen Kumpf
Postfach 50 03 63
D-80971 München, Germany

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These cards (No. 84/96) inscribed
"Souvenir of the Exercise Camp of the Czech Army at Agde 1939 – 1940"
carries the single steel cancel (in red and blue)
CAMP D'AGDE dated 1st June 1940,
the day when the Czech Forces left Agde for the front.



The commemorative steel cancel dated 1 June 1940 shows the sun rising over the Prague Skyline



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This card (No. 202) inscribed
"Souvenir of the Exercise Camp of the Czech Army at Agde 1939 – 1940"
carries the single steel cancel CAMP D'AGDE dated 1st June 1940,
the day when the Czech Forces left Agde for the front.



The commemorative red steel cancel dated 1 June 1940 shows the sun rising over the Prague Skyline



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Very early and very late Czechoslovak military activities in France



This postcard from Marseille dated 18th May 1940 and with French field post cancel dated 14th May 1940 to a Czechoslovak Corporal at Cholmondeley Park Camp is probably the first postcard sent to a Czechoslovak soldier at this Camp and also the first direct mail from a Czechoslovak soldier at Agde Camp to a Czech soldier at Cholmondeley Camp

Letter from the "Czechoslovak Mission for the Repatriation in France" at Military Post Office No. 501 with special red rectangular cachet in French and French field post cancel POSTE AUX ARMEES, dated 3rd July 1945 to Lens, Pas de Calais. With blue double ring cachet "MISSION TCHÉCOSLOVAQUE DU RAPATRIEMENT EN FRANCE / LE VAGUEMESTRE"



15.3.1945



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The Czechoslovak military authorities made considerable use of commemorative postmarks as effective tools for propaganda purposes. Prior to 28 May 1941 these cancellations were used only as receipt marks, on incoming mail, on souvenir folders or as by-favour cancellations

Visit of President Beneš to Cholmondeley



This card bearing a map of Czechoslovakia carries the first commemorative postmark marking the visit of President Beneš at Cholmondeley Camp on Friday 26 July 1940 shortly after the base camp was formed. The word Cholmondeley was rapidly removed from postmark for reasons of security.



Propaganda Postcard with French Czech Field Postmark dated 1 Feb 1940 and first British Czech Commemorative postmark dated 26 Jul 1940



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Folder to commemorate Dr. Edvard Beneš's visit on 26 July 1940
Bilingual souvenir folder showing tented camp at Cholmondeley inside
with copy number 135 in red on rear cover



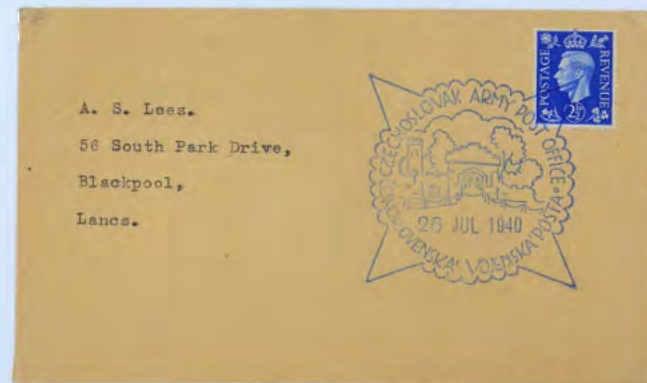
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Visit of President Beneš to Cholmondeley



Trubač I. čl. obrněné brigády ohlašuje příjezd pana presidenta.

A trumpeter of the 1st Czechoslovak Army Brigade announcing the arrival of President Beneš at Cholmondeley Camp on Friday 26 July 1940



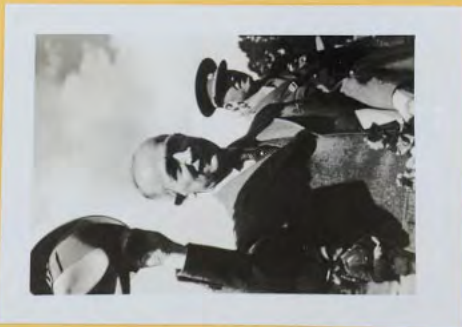
Philatelic envelope with first special commemorative postmark marking the occasion of the visit President Beneš at Cholmondeley Camp.
The postmark now with the removed location of Cholmondeley



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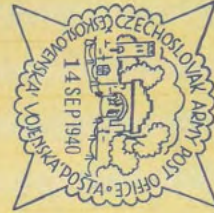


The Festival Stamp used by the Czechoslovak Army Post Office in its Camp on the day of the President's visit.



DR. EDVARD BENEŠ,
President of Czechoslovakia, visiting his troops on
July 28, 1940.

Folder to commemorate the Czechoslovak Concert in Liverpool on 8 September 1940
with original photograph and signature of Dr. Edvard Beneš



SOUVENIR

A

of the
Exhibition and Concert

of the
CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY

in Manchester

SEPTEMBER, 1940.



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Edvard Beneš

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Birthday of national poet Petr Bezruč

On 15th September 1940 a special rubber handstamp was used to commemorate the birth of Petr Bezruč (with pen name of Vladimír Vašek), a Czech national poet born on 15 September 1867

The dragon with pipe was Bezruč's caricatured signature, the Lysa Mountains and iron works in the background denote Vitkovice, the poet's birthplace. Bezruč fought strongly against the Germanisation of the Czechoslovak people, he died in Olomouc in 1958 aged 90 years



Blank cancel of this special commemorative postmark

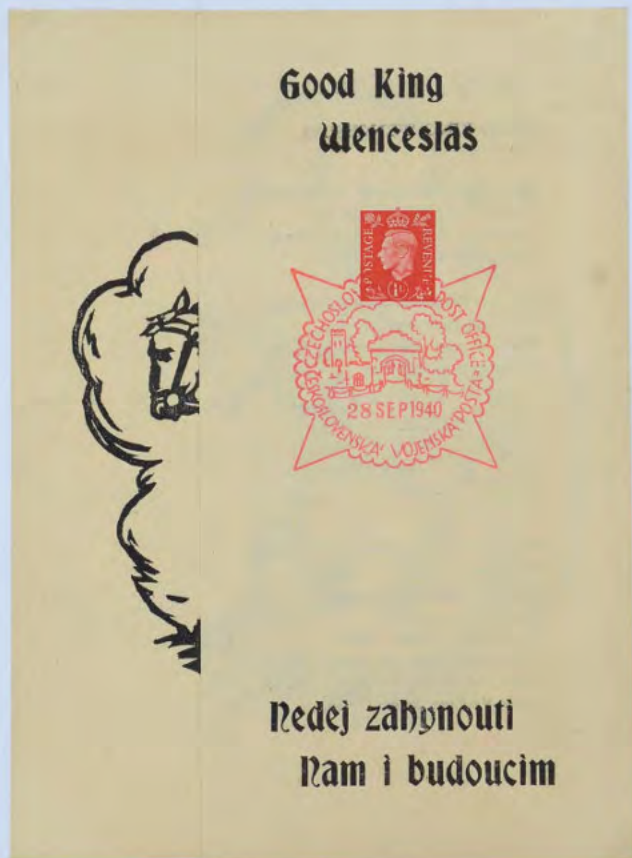


Local letter Stockport, Cheshire, dated 14. Sep 1940 with special Bezruč postmark dated 15 SEP 1940 as receipt mark



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Folder to commemorate St. Wenceslas Day Celebrations on 28 September 1940



This locally produced folder containing the first two verses of the old Bohemian choral Svaty Vaclave (*Holy King Wenceslas*) in English and Czech with first commemorative cancel but with date of 28 SEP 1940 and in pink colour
Translation of front means : save us from peril, us and those to come

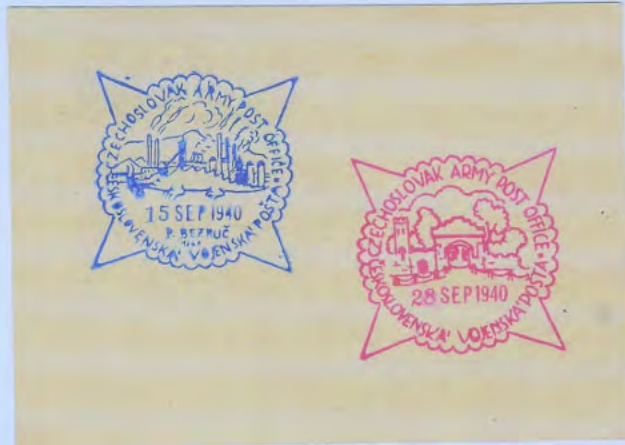


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Coat of Arms of Royal Leamington Spa – Czechoslovak National Day

Another special postmark in 1940 was used by the Czech Forces to commemorate the proclamation of the Czechoslovak Republic. As the headquarters had moved from Cholmondeley to Leamington Spa in October 1940 the first impression of this postmark included also the name LEAMINGTON / S.P.A.



Cancel of this special commemorative postmark on a postcard with photo of Prague-Malá Strana on reverse. The name LEAMINGTON / S.P.A. was, however, rapidly removed from postmark for reasons of security.



Different style postcards in different sizes were issued for use during the force's stay in G.B. by the 1st Brigade. The first was printed in black and the second in white and blue, the Czech national colours. The use of these cards ceased in 1944. Above card with cancel of "Coat of Arms" postmark dated 28 Oct 1940, the Czechoslovak National Day



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Coat of Arms of Royal Leamington Spa



Different dates and colours the "Coat of Arms" postmark (blue, blackblue, ed)
The date 28 Sep 1940 might have been backdated ?
Occasion for cancel on 17 NOV 1940 and 15 JAN 1941 (?) supposed to be 1941 not clear



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INDOCHINE - ANNAÏSE
CARTE POSTALE
TOUS LES PAYS ÉTRANGERS N'ACCEPTENT PAS LA CORRESPONDANCE AU RECTO, SE RENDRE À LA POSTE

紙書會同
紙家號寄于
25-9/11
Grosbais et
Bonneoante
Gastore
Mme J. Cadoret
Electricien
25 Rue des Halles
St Nazaire
FRANCE Loire Inf



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Feast Day of St. Barbara – Patron Saint of Artillerymen



Philatelically influenced sheet with commemorative cancel in red marking the Feast Day, dated 4 December 1940. The occasion was the opening of the Artillery Camp. Another blank cancel is inside the sheet.



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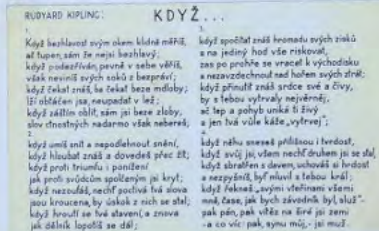
91st Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk
Masaryk was the founder of the first Czechoslovak Republic. He died on 14 September 1937 in Lány



Cancel of the special commemorative postmark with a 1 p KGVI stamp



Local postcard Warwick & Leamington SPA, dated 7th March 1941 with special commemorative postmark with a 1 p KGVI stamp of same day.



Reverse shows R. Kipling's poem "If" dedicated to the soldiers of the Czechoslovak Army in England on 28th NOV 1940



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

91st Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk



Letter from Warwick & Leamington SPA with roller cancel, dated 21st March 1941 to London with special commemorative postmark, dated 9th March 1941



Local London VE-Victory Week-cover with Victory roller cancel, dated 12th May 1945 and commemorative postmark, dated 9th March 1941. The letter passed through the postal channels without surcharge although only "franked" with GB- and Czechoslovak propaganda labels but not with regular stamps.

Reverse shows Victory roller cancel, dated 14th May 1945 as arrival postmark



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91st Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk



Philately influenced sheet with commemorative cancel in red marking the 91st Anniversary, dated 9 March 1941. Masaryk was the founder of the first Czechoslovak Republic. He died on 14 September 1937 in Lánya. Another blank cancel is inside the sheet



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

2nd Anniversary of German Occupation of Czechoslovakia and Establishment of the Protectorate



No. 344 of 500 folders (2nd impression) with original PRAGA 1938-sheet was edited by the Czechoslovak Military Reports Department "somewhere in England", to commemorate the breaking by Germany of the Munich Agreement and the establishment of the Nazi-Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia in 1939. The commemorative postmark dated 15 March 1941 shows the outline of pre-Munich map of Czechoslovakia, linden spray (national emblem) and Hradčany Castle, Prague. The wrapper to cover the stamp sheet is original.



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Photo shows Soldier with rifle on guard behind woman and child



Patriotic postcard from Warwick & Leamington SPA dated 15 March 1941 with 1/2 p GGVI stamp to Moreton-Paddox with the commemorative postmark dated same day

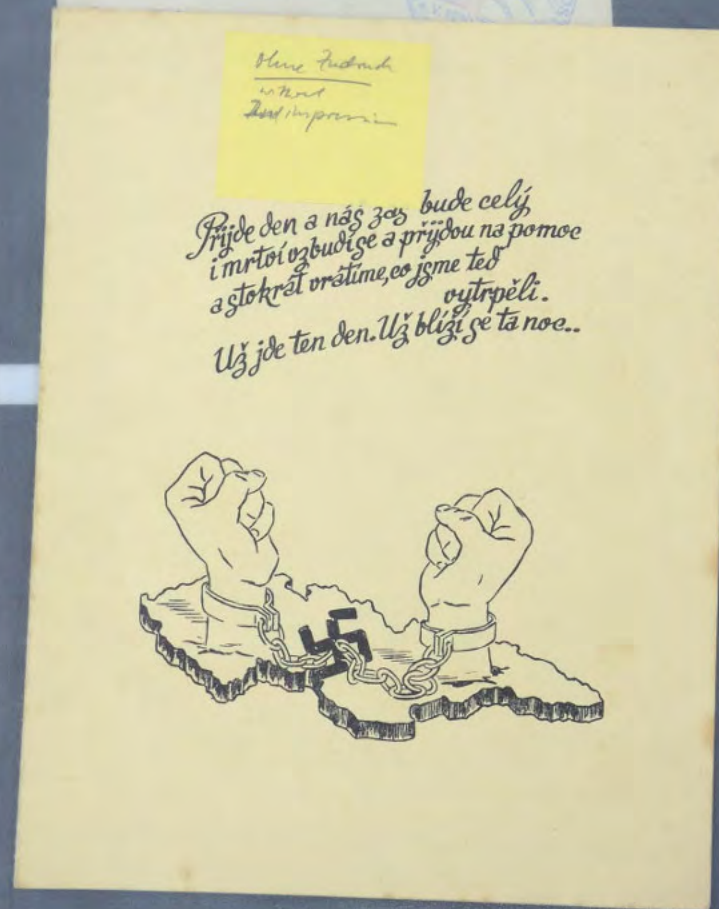


Letter to Birmingham with the commemorative postmark signed by the designer D. Bartošik, dated 15 March 1941 on a 1 p KGVI stamp.

The postmark shows the outline of pre-Munich map of Czechoslovakia, linden spray (national emblem) and Hradčany Castle, Prague



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Commemoration of the 57th Birthday of President-in-exile Beneš



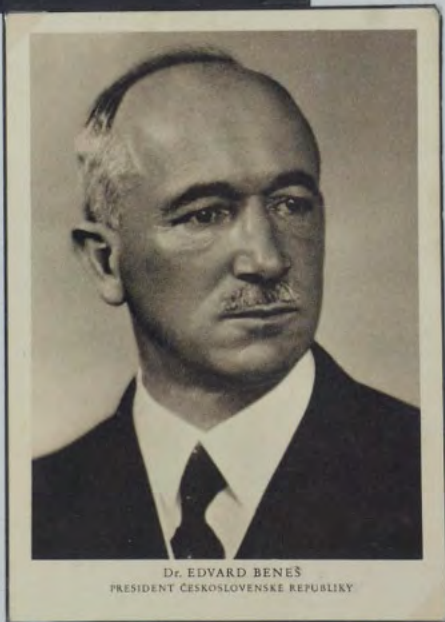
1,000 copies, edited by the Czechoslovak Military Records Department, somewhere in England, on the occasion of the Birthday of Dr. Edvard Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia. Written by O. B. Illustrated by D. B. The number of this Copy is

642

No. 642 of 1,000 folders with pre-war stamps was edited by the Czechoslovak Military Reports Department "somewhere in England", on the occasion of the Birthday of Dr. Edvard Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia. The commemorative postmark dated 28th May 1941 shows the Czechoslovak Lion and the initials "EB" of Edvard Beneš. Map of Europe on reverse inscribed: A free Czechoslovakia in a free Europe



This special cancel was first used on 28 May 1941 - the 51stten birthday of Dr. Eduard Benes, the President of Czechoslovakia. It shows the Czech Lion and the initials "E. B.". The first Field Post canceller was also used in pink on this occasion, the first day of its use.



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Prepared, but not issued

In commemoration of the Sub-Carpathian writer Alexander Duchnovič



Piece with cancel of commemorative postmark, dated 24 April 1941 showing a symbolic wooden church only a few proof copies are existing



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Commemoration of Anniversary of 1919 Death of General Štefánik



No. 952 of 1,000 folders with pre-war stamps was edited by the Czechoslovak Military Reports Department "somewhere in England", to commemorate the anniversary of the death of General M.R. Štefánik, first War Minister and fighter for the unity of Czechs and Slovaks and victim of an air crash when returning from a freed country. The commemorative postmark dated 28th May 1941 shows the Tatra mountains and the Slovak cross with propeller and date of crash 4.V.1919



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Commemoration of the 57th Birthday of President-in-exile Beneš



No. 23 (red) of 1,000 folders with pre-war stamps was edited by the Czechoslovak Military Reports Department "somewhere in England", on the occasion of the Birthday of Dr. Edvard Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia. The red commemorative postmark dated 28th May 1941 shows the Czechoslovak Lion and the initials "EB" of Edvard Beneš. Map of Europe on reverse inscribed : A free Czechoslovakia in a free Europe

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Commemoration of the 57th Birthday of President-in-exile Beneš



A free Czechoslovakia



in a free Europe



To President
Dr. E. Beneš
on the occasion of his birthday

ak Military Records Department,
on the Birthday of Dr. Edvard

. B. The number of this Copy is

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No. 23 (blue) of 1,000 folders with pre-war stamps was edited by the Czechoslovak Military Reports Department "somewhere in England", on the occasion of the Birthday of Dr. Edvard Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia. The blue commemorative postmark dated 28th May 1941 shows the Czechoslovak Lion and the initials "EB" of Edvard Beneš
Map of Europe on reverse inscribed : A free Czechoslovakia in a free Europe



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Commemoration of the 57th Birthday of President-in-exile Beneš



Folder with portrait of the president in front with Czechoslovak overprint " Slovensky Štát / 1939" with red cancel and and pre-war 1 p KGVI stamp with blue cancel edited on the occasion of the Birthday of Dr. Edvard Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia. The commemorative postmark dated 28th May 1941 shows the Czechoslovak Lion and the initials "EB" of Edvard Beneš



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Regular Field Postmarks

The first regular field postmark (rectangular stamp with bilingual inscription) was introduced on 28 May 1941, it was supposed to be used solely as a receipt mark and/or for commemorative purposes...
Permission to use this postmark to cancel all outward mail was given on 27 October 1941 and introduced on the next day. Different colours have been used.



Postcard from Warwick & Leamington SPA to London with double ring cancel dated 28th May 1941 and first day of use of Czechoslovak field postmark as receipt cancel and postmark in Commemoration of the 57th Birthday of President-in-exile Beneš



Postcard from London with roller cancel dated 28th May 1941 to Mr. Rosenberg at the Czech Army with commemorative postmark and Czechoslovak field postmark as receipt cancel both dated 28th May 1941

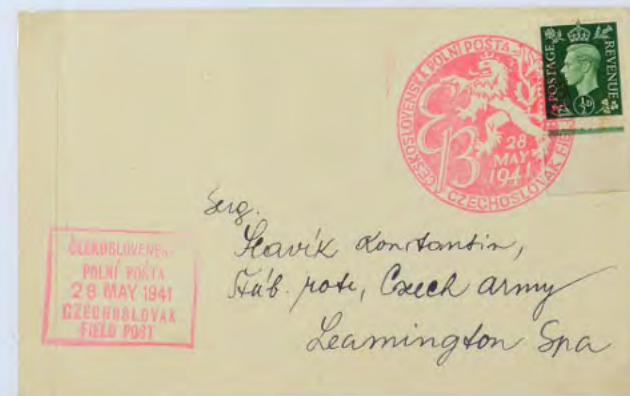


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Commemoration of the 57th Birthday of President-in-exile Beneš and
Issue of first regular Czechoslovak Field Post cancel but for commemorative purposes



YMCA-letter used as wrapper with commemorative postmark and violet Czechoslovak field post cancel both dated 28th May 1941



Envelope with 1/2 p KGV stamp cancelled with commemorative postmark, additionally with red Czechoslovak field post cancel both dated 28th May 1941



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Commemoration of the Battle of Zborov 1917
Regular Czechoslovak Field Post cancel used for commemorative purposes



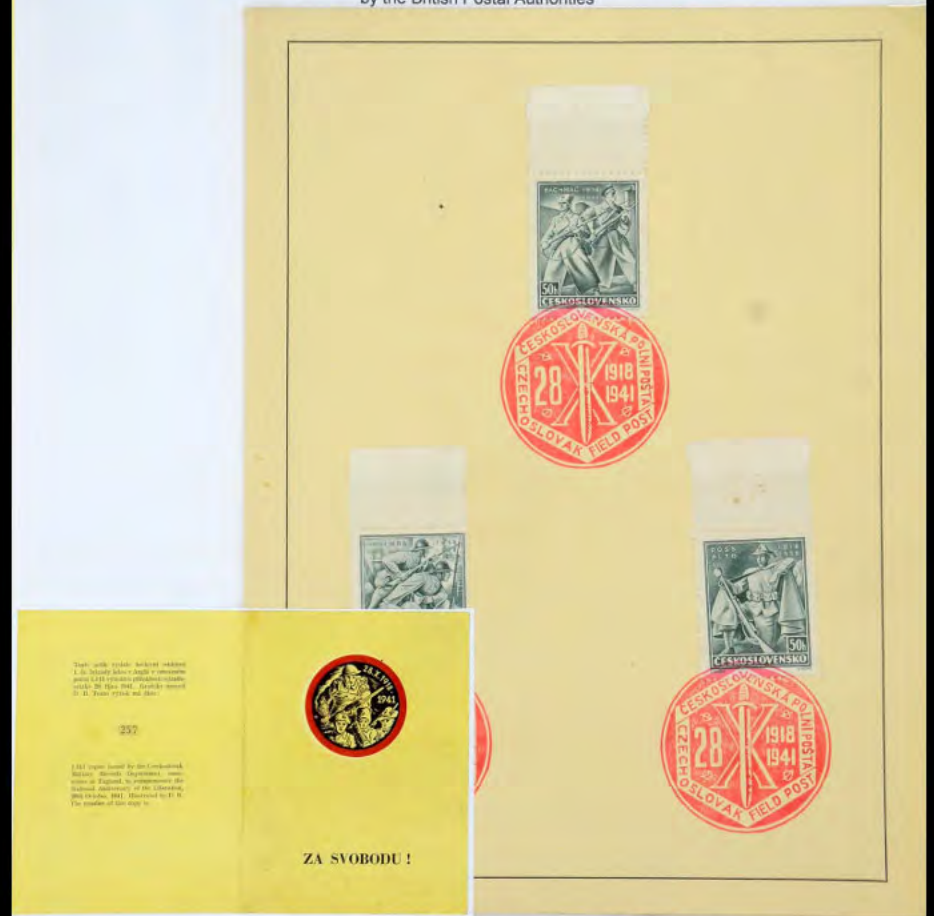
Regular Czechoslovak field post cancel in red, dated 2nd July 1941 with 4 p KGVI-stamp to commemorate the Battle of Zborov
Another blank cancel is inside the folder



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1918

This is the first commemorative postmark now acceptable for outgoing mail by the British Postal Authorities



No. 257 of 1111 folders with Czechoslovak pre-war stamps
"issued by the Czechoslovak Military Record Department, somewhere in England, to commemorate the National Anniversary of the liberation 28th October 1941"

The commemorative postmark shows the date of proclamation 28 X 1918 and issue of the postmark 1941 with English and Czech text relating to the Field Post postmark



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1919

This is the first commemorative postmark now acceptable for outgoing mail by the British Postal Authorities



Mr. Charles Mafiaske
11217 Methyl Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio
U.S.A.



Philatelic letter with commemorative cancel dated 28 Oct. 1941 and Czechoslovak Coat of Arms on reverse flap



Bicolour official postcard to London with commemorative cancel dated 28 Oct 1941 in combination with the ordinary British roller postmark Warwick & Leamington SPA, dated 28 Oct 1941

Dr. ALEX. WINZER,
Flat 17, Norland Square Mansions,
HOLLAND PARK AVENUE,
LONDON, W.11. Phone: PAIK 7248.



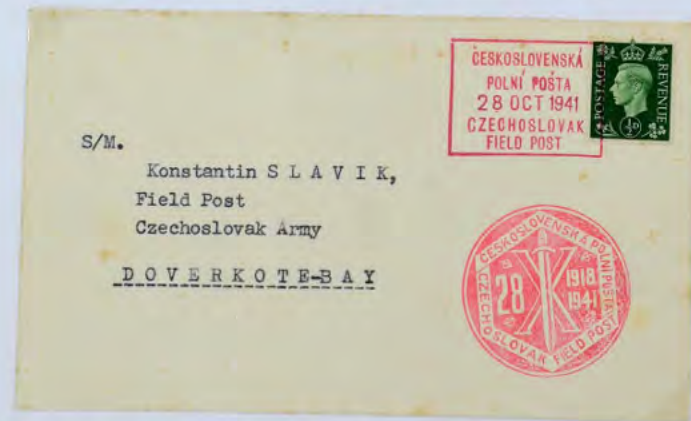
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Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1919 and issue of first regular Czechoslovak Field Post cancel but for commemorative purposes

From 28th October 1941 onwards permission was given by the British Postal Authorities to the Czechoslovak Forces to cancel outgoing mail with their own Czechoslovak field post cancels and commemorative postmarks



Letter with regular Czechoslovak field post cancel dated 28th Oct 1941 with 2 ½ p KGVI-stamp to Southport and additional commemorative postmark of same day



Letter with regular Czechoslovak field post cancel (in purple) dated 28th Oct 1941 with ½ p KGVI-stamp to Dovercote-Bay and additional commemorative postmark of same day



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Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Czechoslovak Republic in 1919

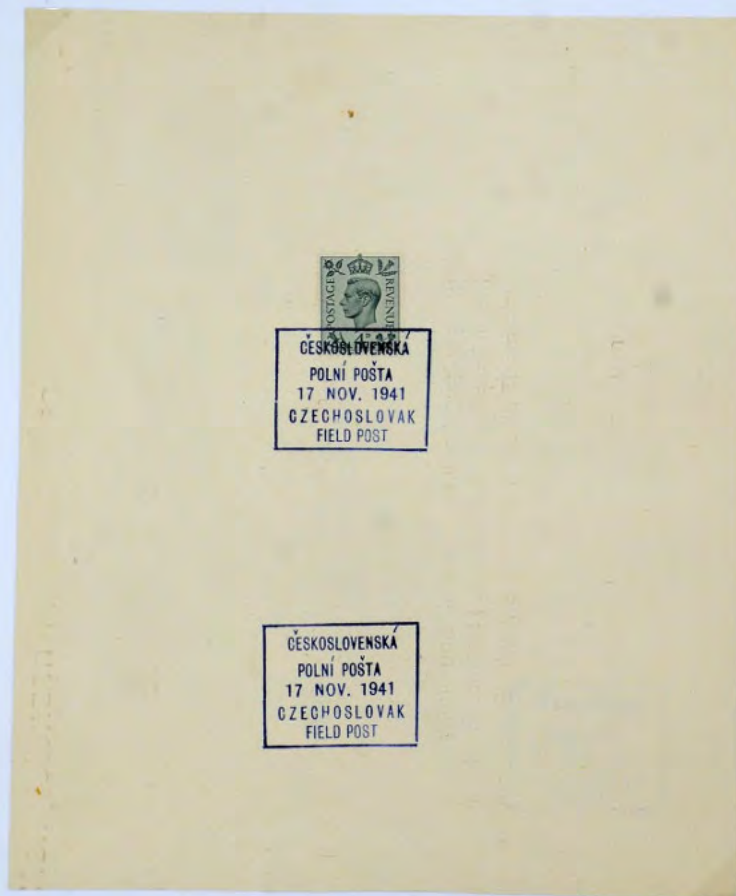


Philatelically influenced sheet with commemorative cancel marking the 23rd anniversary of the proclamation and foundation of the first Czechoslovak Republic, dated 28 October 1941 with pink three-line handstamp : ČS. POLNÍ POŠTA / CZECHOSLOVAK / FIELD POST OFFICE. also used from 7 March 1942 on registration labels
Another blank cancel is inside the sheet



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

Commemoration of the Second Anniversary of the Execution of the Prague Student Leaders
Regular Czechoslovak Field Post cancel used for commemorative purposes



Regular Czechoslovak field post cancel in black, dated 17th with 4 p KGVI-stamp to commemorate the Second Anniversary of the Execution of the Prague Student Leaders
Another blank cancel is inside the folder



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

Commemoration of the 92nd Anniversary of the Birth of President T.G. Masaryk



Blank letter with the commemorative postmark, dated 7th March 1942 with ½ p and 2 p KGVI stamps

Reverse shows the address of the :

PRESIDENT
OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC
CHANCELLERY,
9, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

Commemoration of the 92nd Anniversary of the Birth of President T.G. Masaryk
and
3rd Anniversary of German Occupation of Czechoslovakia and Establishment of the Protectorate



This folder was issued on 15 March 1942 by the Czechoslovak Army in Great Britain commemorating the 92nd Birth of T.G. Masaryk of 7th March 1942 and the 3rd Anniversary of the German Invasion, on 15th March 1942 the National Day of Mourning



The Czechoslovak Forces in France and Great Britain 1939 – 1945

Commemoration of the 92nd Anniversary of the birth of President T.G. Masaryk



Bicolour blank official postcard with commemorative postmark, dated 7th March 1942 with 1 p KGVI stamp and the initials of T.G. Masaryk / 1850 – 1937 and the legend "Truth Prevails"



Letter with the commemorative postmark, dated 7th March 1942 with 1/2 p and 2 p KGVI stamps to a soldier in the 1st Brigade of the Czech Forces



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Commemoration 3rd Anniversary of German Occupation of Czechoslovakia and Establishment of the Protectorate



Blank postcard with pink commemorative postmark, dated 15th March 1942



Envelope with violet commemorative postmark, dated 15th March 1942 on Czechoslovak stamp



Front of a newspaper wrapper with blue commemorative postmarks dated 15th March 1942 with 2 1/2 p KGVI stamp to St. Catherine, Canada



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Commemoration 3rd Anniversary of German Occupation of Czechoslovakia and Establishment of the Protectorate



Blank postcard with pink commemorative postmark, dated 15 March 1942 with 1/2 p KGV stamp. Photo shows an illustration of the German Occupation of Prague of 15th March 1939



Bicolour official postcard with violet commemorative postmark dated 15th March 1942 with 2 p KGV stamp to Hertford. The postmark design shows the Cross on Charles' Bridge and Prague Castle



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3rd Anniversary of German Occupation of Czechoslovakia and Establishment of the Protectorate



British letter card with 2 1/2 p King George V imprint with commemorative postmark in violet (manuscript note on reverse <došlo = arrived 16.II.1942>)



Bicolour official postcard with violet commemorative postmark dated 15 March 1942 on Czechoslovak stamp. The postmark design shows the Cross on Charles' Bridge and Prague Castle

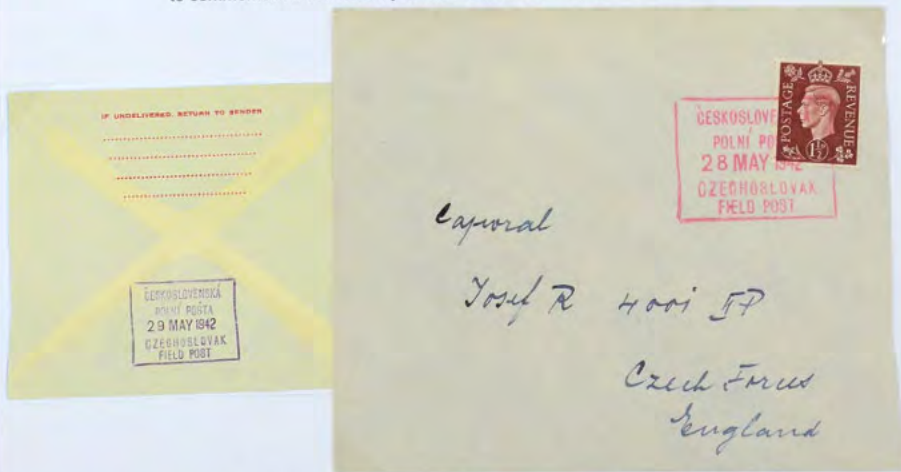


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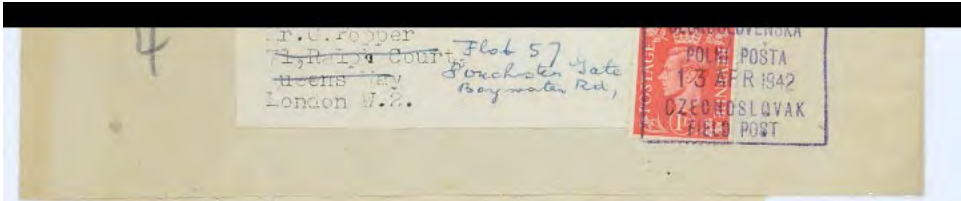
Commemoration of the Birthday of the President-in-Exile Dr. E. Beneš
Regular Czechoslovak Field Post cancel used for commemorative purposes



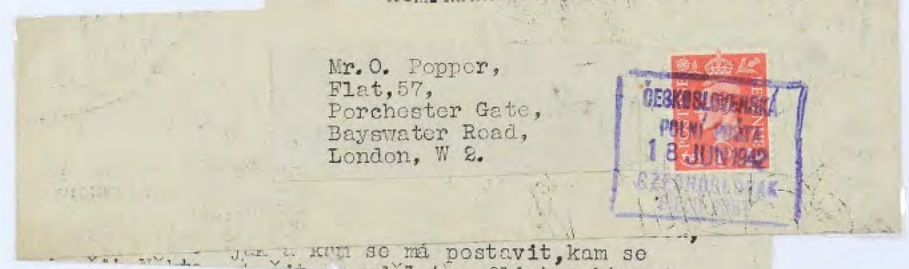
Postcard with photo of President Dr. E. Beneš with regular Czechoslovak field post cancel in red, dated 28th May 1942 with ½ p KGVI-stamp to commemorate the Birthday of the President-in-Exile Dr. E. Beneš



Letter to a Corporal of the Czech Forces with regular Czechoslovak field post cancel in red, dated 28th May 1942 with 1 ½ p KGVI-stamp to commemorate the Birthday of the President-in-Exile Dr. E. Beneš, reverse shows arrival Czechoslovak field post cancel in violet



directed newspaper wrapper, dated 13 April 1942 with rectangular field postmark, with 1 p KGVI stamp to London



Newspaper wrapper, dated 18 June 1942 with rectangular field postmark, with 1 p KGVI stamp to London



Letter, dated 24 June 1942 with rectangular field postmark, with 2 ½ p KGVI stamp to London
Reverse shows the coat of arms of the Czechoslovak Artillery



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Rectangular Czechoslovak Field Post postmark with bilingual inscription above and below date



Letter, dated 5th Aug 1942 with rectangular field postmark, with 3 x 1p KGVI stamps to Bull Bay, Anglesey



Air mail letter, dated 22 July 1942 with rectangular field postmark, with 2x 2 ½ p KGVI stamps to Lisboa, Portugal with censor label OPENED BY / EXAMINER 1571.

Reverse shows the transit and arrival date stamps Lisboa 30th June 1942



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25th Anniversary of the Battle of Zborov



Patriotic postcard (Field gun and Czech officers) with commemorative postmark dated 2nd ^{July} August 1942 commemorating the victory in 1917 of the Czechoslovak Legion in Russia, at Zborov, Poland,



Patriotic Postcard (Infantry fighting scene) with commemorative postmark dated 2nd ^{July} August 1942 commemorating the victory in 1917 of the Czechoslovak Legion in Russia, at Zborov, Poland, against the Germans and Austrians.

Reverse shows the 1st Polish army Corps patriotic vignette dated 4th July 1942



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Field post



Ltn

Dolfa Bartošik
POB 226

Czechoslovak Forces

Stampless letter with commemorative postmark to POB 226 (the Land Forces postbox in London) with arrival rectangular postmark dated 3 JUL 1942 (Czechoslovak Field Post)



Lt. J. Kortak
P/70
Polish Forces



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25th Anniversary of the Battle of Zborov



Blank bicolour official postcard with commemorative postmark dated 2nd July 1942 commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Zborov Poland





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Circular regular Czechoslovak Field Post postmark with bilingual inscription in a double circle and with a central date

The design was adapted from the commemorative "Zborov"-postmark by removing the dates 1917 – 1942 and the name "Zborov" but with two small stars found on the upper and lower lunettes. The first use is known from 1st August 1942



Double censored Air Mail letter from Tel Aviv dated 4 AUG 1942 to Post Office Box 226 of the Czechoslovak Land Forces in London with Czechoslovak Field Post postmark dated 31 AUG 1942 as arrival datestamp



Re-used cover with Czechoslovak Field Post postmark dated 28 SEP 1942 to 77, Division Battle School Home Forces redirected to 7th Battalion East Yorks, Cornwall. Possibly further redirected to the Headquarters, FPO No. 9744. Reverse: British FPO No. 602 dated 30 SEP 1942

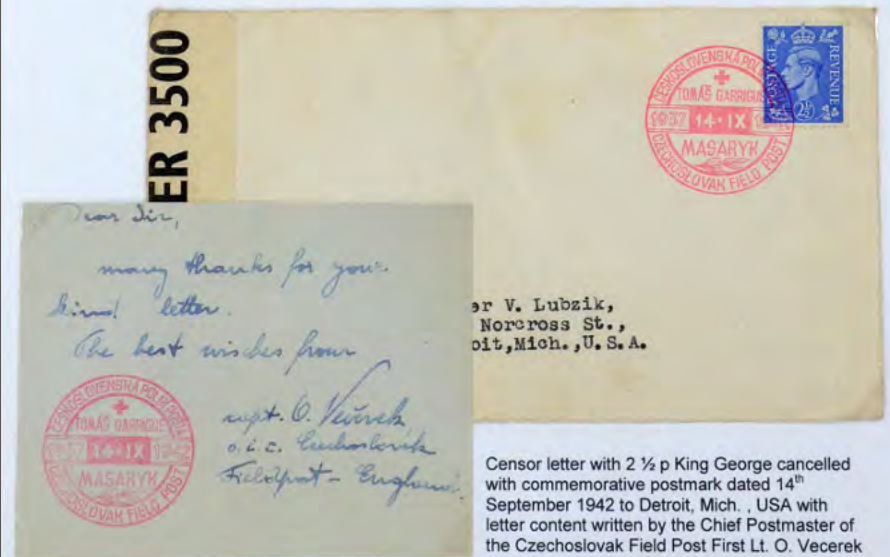


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5th Anniversary of the Death of T.G.Masaryk



Patriotic Polish Field Postcard with Field Post vignette and 1 d King George stamp cancelled with special Polish Field Post postmark of 1st Army Corps (1. Korpus) and blank pink Czechoslovak Field Post postmark, dated 14 SEP 1942 to commemorate the death of T.G. Masaryk in 1937



Censor letter with 2 ½ p King George cancelled with commemorative postmark dated 14th September 1942 to Detroit, Mich., USA with letter content written by the Chief Postmaster of the Czechoslovak Field Post First Lt. O. Vecerek



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Commemoration of the Proclamation of the Czechoslovak Republic 1918

The circular regular Czechoslovak Field post postmark was used in **red** colour on 28 OCT 1942 to commemorate the Anniversary of the Foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic – a National Holiday.



Letter with commemorative postmark dated 28th October 1942 to Cheshunt, Kent



Censored letter with commemorative postmark dated 28th October 1942 to Biceville, Iowa, USA