

GERMANY
Military Mail

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

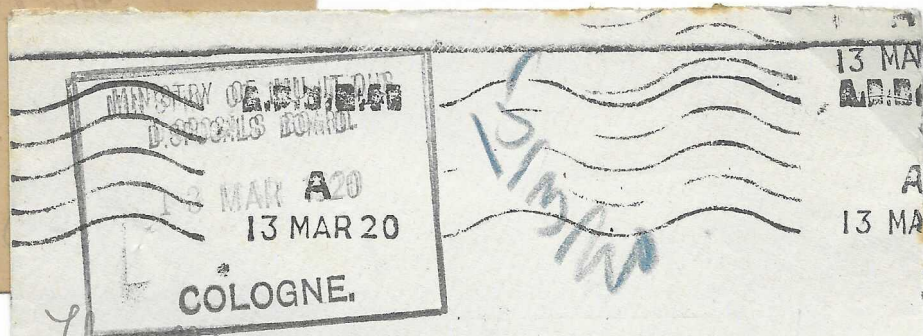
On His Majesty's Service.

13 DEC 19

Vicar General's Office,
3, Creed Lane,
Ludgate Hill,
London.E.C.4.

1814
IN
MUSEUM
17
1887

DISPOSAL BOARD.
COLOGNE.
MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS



The Manager,
The London County
Westminster Bank Ltd,
London,
W.C.2.



Barclay & Co.,
Senet Street
Cambridge.

M. 22010

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

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22 October 1919
20 May 1920
14 June 1921

Luxembourg
Saturday 18th Oct 19.
Dearest Martha
I Am in the "funk"
at home are
Letter follows
Dearest love
affec: soon
Höustrasse, Luxembourg Gare
O. A. S.
22. OKT. 1919
SUB-COMMISSION
COLOGNE
Mrs J. B. Lover
14 Olive Mount

Aus unserer Heimat
Sammlung 10. Am Rhein II. Folge
OFFICE
WISHES
FOR
WHITSUN
AND LOVE
Charles
Verlag Hermann A. Wiechmann, Münch
No. 4214
O. A. S.
GENERAL STAFF INTELLIGENCE (G. S. I.)
ARMY OF THE RHINE.
No. 20 MAY 1920
RAUM
 FÜR
 DIE
 MARKE

On His Majesty's Service
W n Moreley Esq
118^a Beunt Ash Hill
Lee
London
SE 12
Local Commission
British Zone

Other unit cachets used from the forces in Cologne included the Inter-Allied Railway Commission, General Staff Intelligence and the Local Commission for the British Occupation Zone.

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

On Service

at 31 Hills Road
Cambridge
Miss Howard.



~~3rd London General Hospital~~

Service.



PRINCIPAL MATRON
BRITISH
ARMY OF THE RHINE
T.F.V. DATE

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

With love & all best wishes
for Christmas the New Year.
I am sending you a photo
which I hope will reach you
about the New Year. They
were to have been done for
Christmas. Only the stamps were
so slow. Ever yrs.
Stella

Miss R. Widdell

"Royston"

CHURCH COMM R Dorset

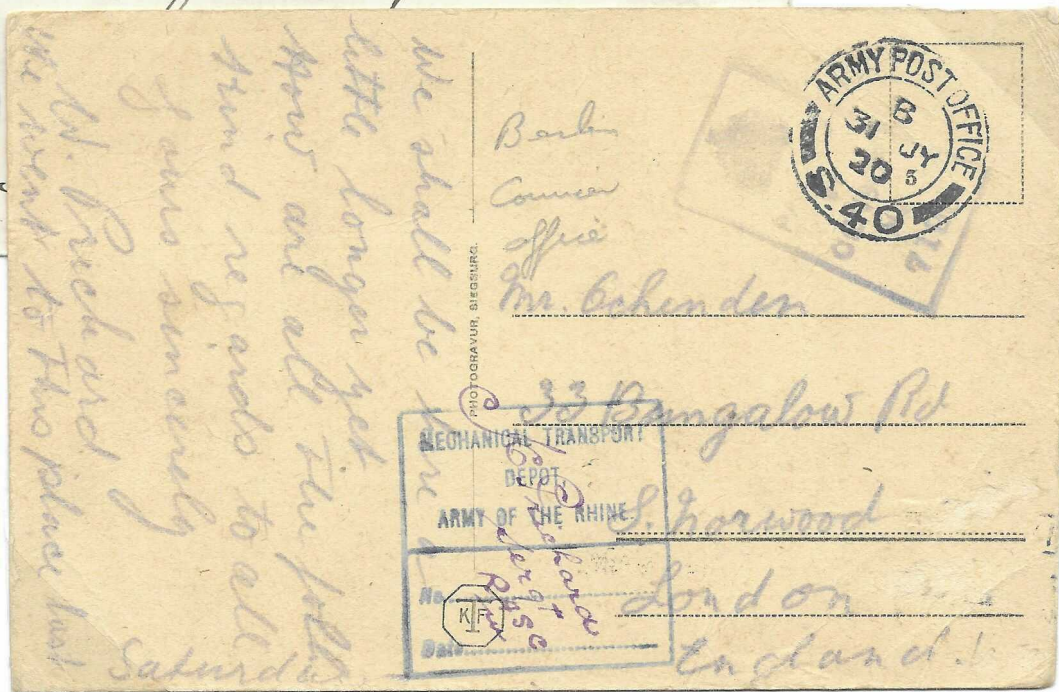
No. ENGLAND

DATE
Paisley
c.a.

To care for the spiritual needs of the troops, special personnel were assigned to the occupation forces. Items above reflect mail from the Principal Chaplain and Principal Matron of the BAOR, as well as the "Imperial War Graves Commission/Rhine Army."

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

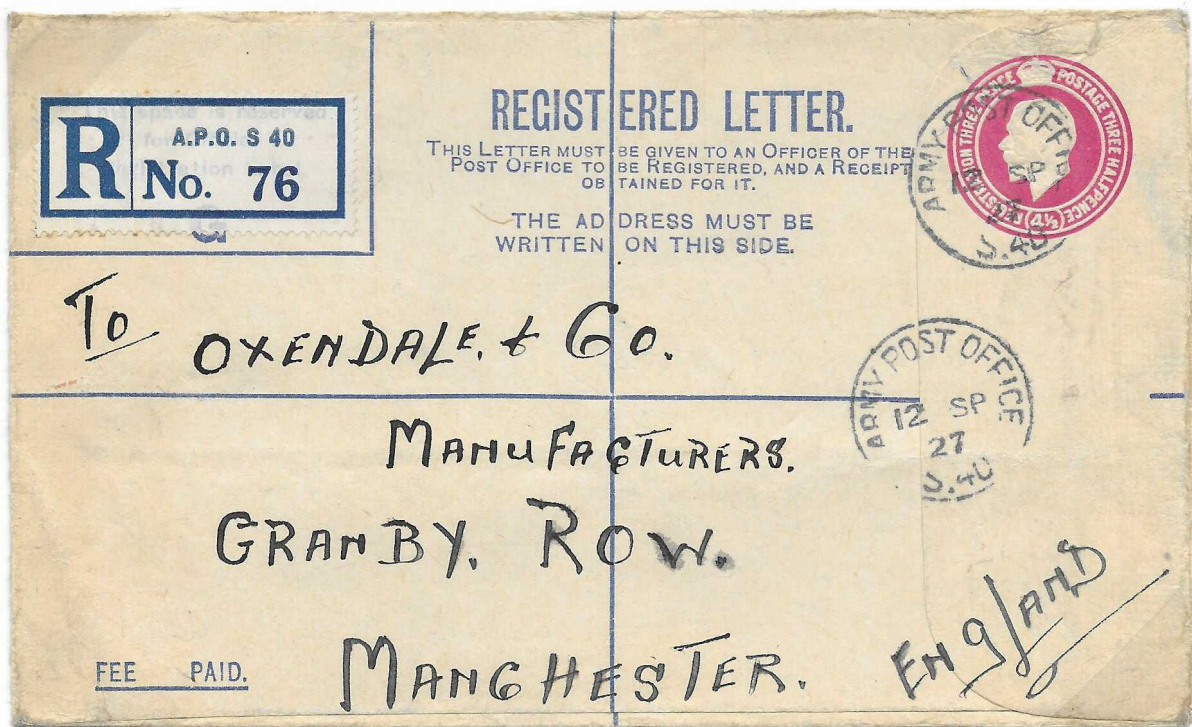
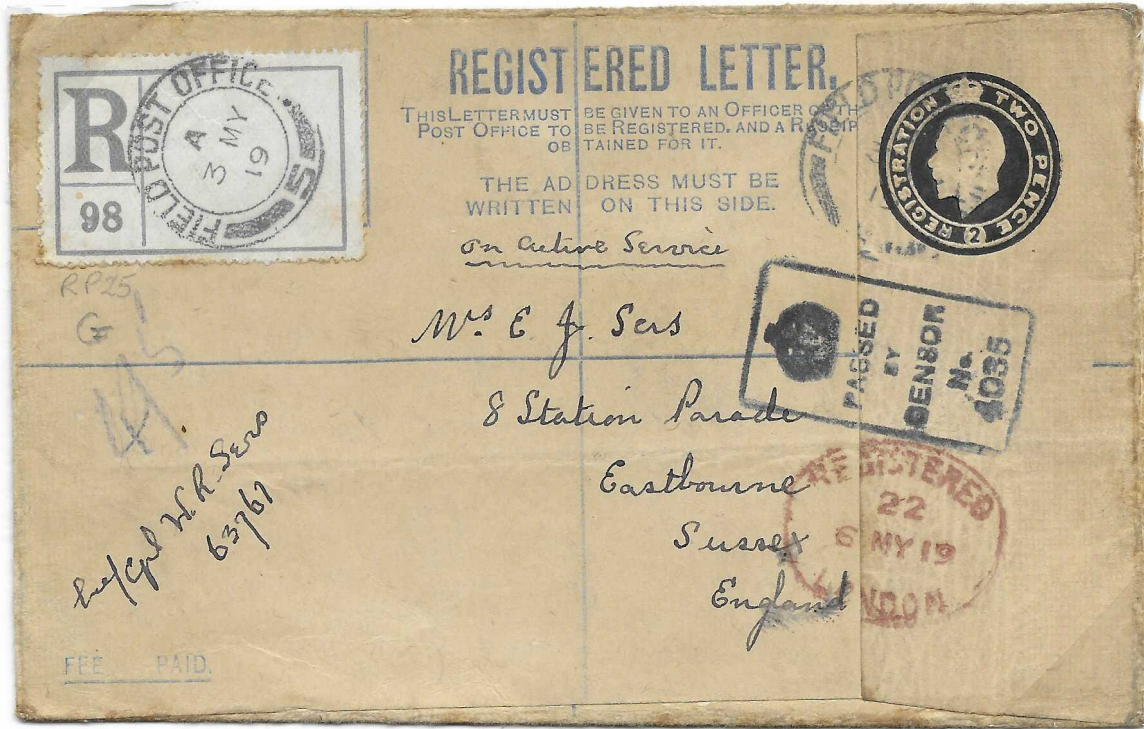


Additional functional activities of the occupation forces having their own individual cachets included the General Staff, Mechanical Transportation Department and Rhine Army Dairy Farm (!)

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Field Post Office 5
3 May 1919

Army Post Office S.40
12 September 1927



Use of registration postal stationery by the BAOR. FPO 5 was used by the 5th Brigade of the Light Division from December 1918 to November 1919.

GERMANY
Inbound Mail to BAOR

Army Post Office S.40
December 1921
27 November 1929

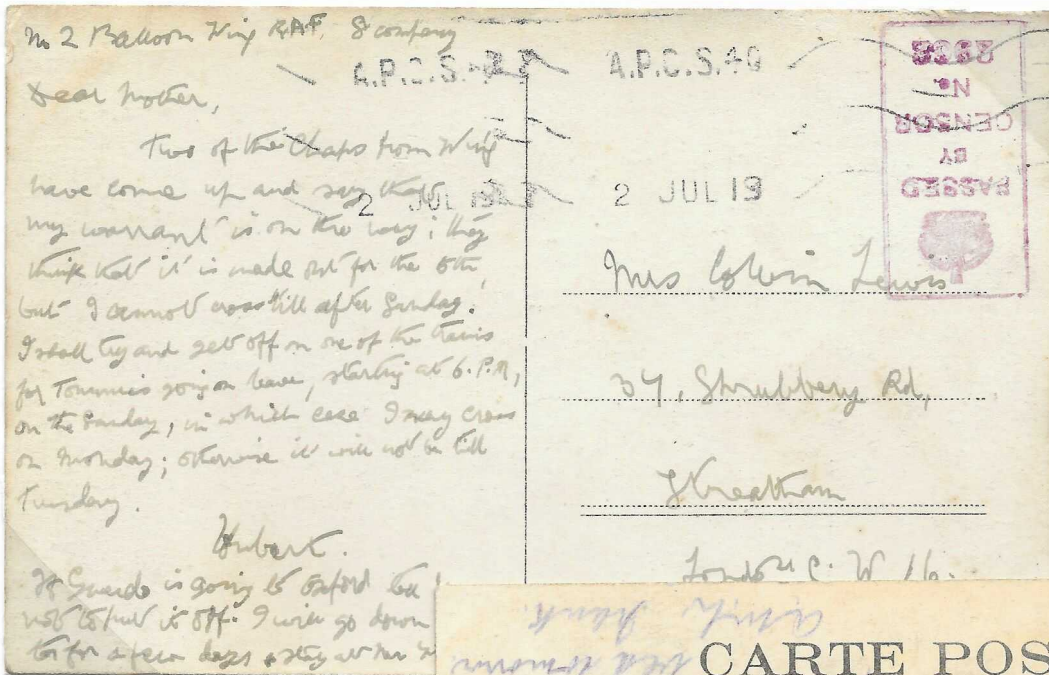


Inbound mail to members of the British occupation forces is elusive, especially from non-British sources. This probably reflects the fact that the soldiers would not normally save the letters once they had answered them. Above examples are from the Italian fieldpost office in Smyrna, Turkey and from a German civilian.

GERMANY
Royal Air Force Mail

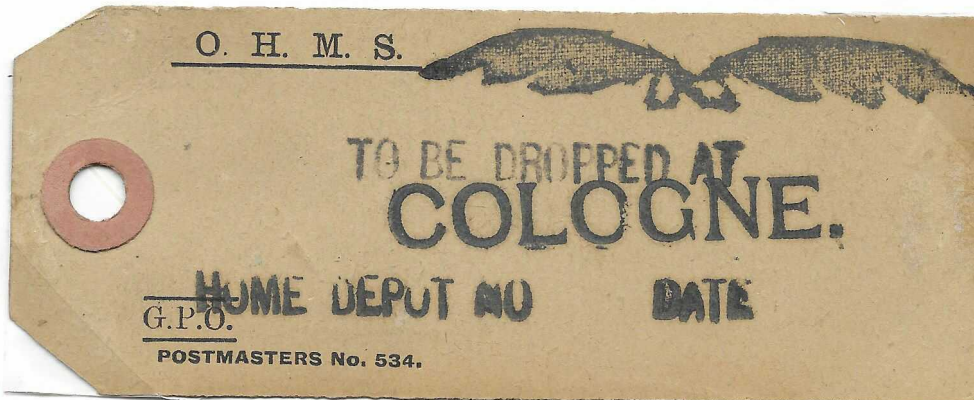
Army Post Office S.40
 2 July 1919

Field Post Office C.1.
 28 July 1919



Postcard sent to London through APO S.40 in Cologne by a member of the No. 2 Balloon Wing of the RAF. Identified mail from RAF personnel is elusive and sought after by aviation collectors.

As an early experiment with airmail, the RAF flew some soldiers' mail by air from Cologne to Folkestone in 1919. Service C commenced on 16 March and operated on a daily basis (except for holidays) until 30 August. This card is an example of flown mail with manuscript note "...to go by aeroplane post tomorrow,"



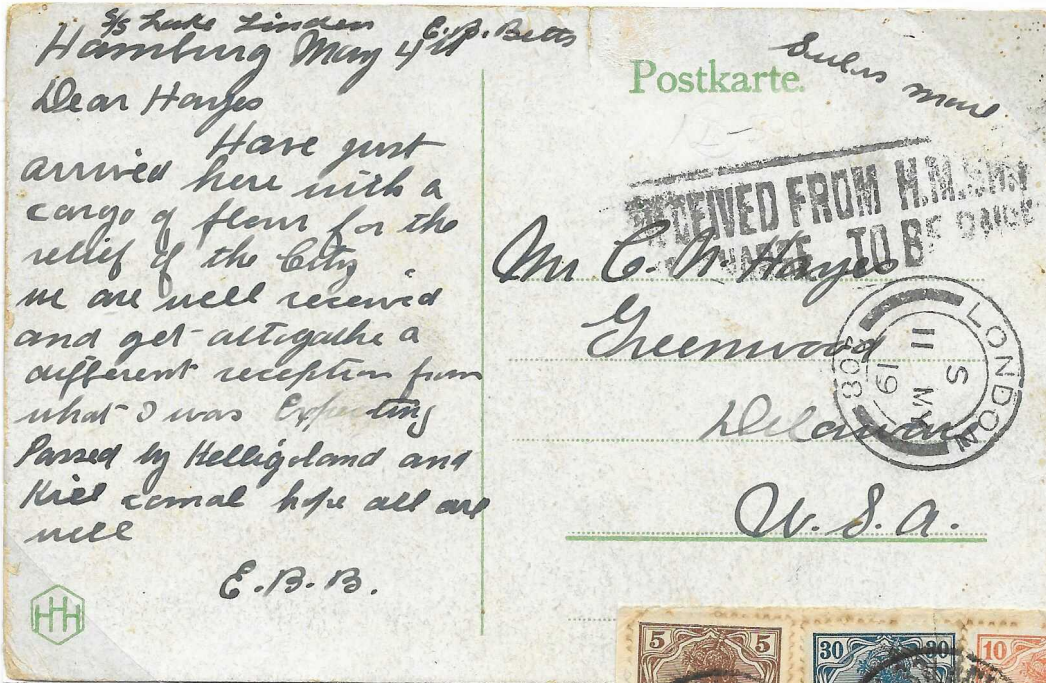
Bag tag for mail to be dropped at Cologne in the event that weather forced the plane to land elsewhere.

GERMANY
Naval Mail

Hamburg
4 May 1919

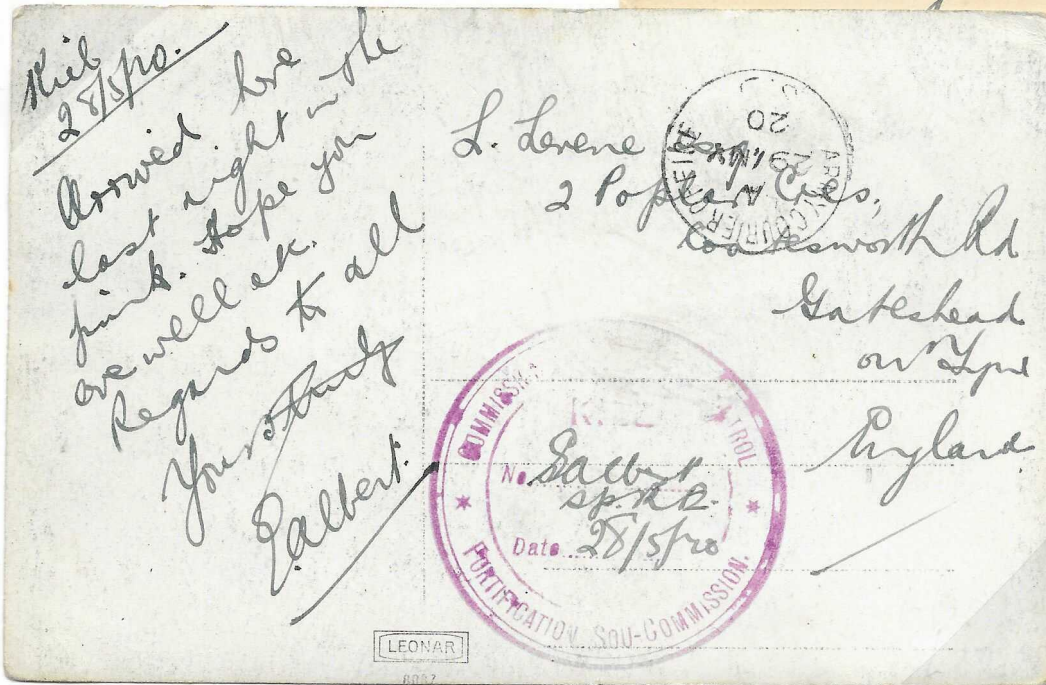
Helgoland
3 March 1921

Kiel
29 May 1920



British personnel engaged in humanitarian activities. This picture postcard of Hamburg endorsed "Sailor's Mail" was carried by pouch to London where it was marked "Received from H. M. Ship" and placed in the mail stream. Message states that the S.S. Lake Linden had "arrived with a cargo of flour for the relief of the City."

An Allied delegation was sent to Heligoland to supervise the destruction of the fortifications on that strategic island in the North Sea. Cachet of the Heligoland Sub-Commission is shown on a cover sent by a Captain in the Royal Navy.



Another Allied Commission was directed to supervise the destruction of the fortifications at the naval base in Kiel. This card has the cachet of the Fortification Sub-Commission.

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Naval Mail

Army Post Office S.40
4 February 1922

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13 February 1922

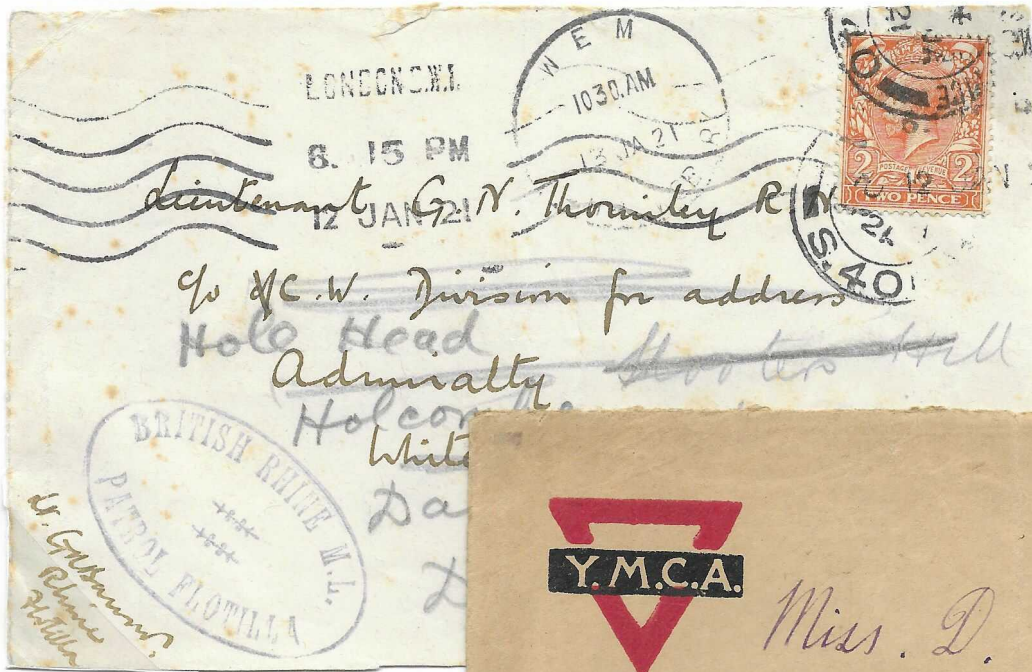


Mail from the British representatives on the naval control commissions with both special cachet of the president of the commission and printed return address. The upper example has censorship initials "E.C." for Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Charlton.

GERMANY
Rhine Flotilla

Army Post Office S.40
10 January 1919

Cöln
17 July 1922



The occupation forces included a flotilla of motor launches that patrolled the Rhine from their base at Cologne. Mail from the Rhine Flotilla received a special oval cachet and could be sent via APO S.40 or the German civil post office. Covers with this marking are especially prized by collectors of naval mail.

BRITISH FORCES
Military Mission in Berlin

A. P. O. S.40
16 September 1919

Army Courier Office S.5
18 January 1921



Although most occupation activity took place in the Rhineland, some Allied administrative functions were conducted in Berlin. No fieldpost office was established so mail was marked with the cachet of the British Military Mission and either sent via the Army Courier Service or carried by pouch to Cologne where it entered the normal mail stream.

GERMANY
Military Mission in Berlin

Army Post Office S.40
30 January 1920
13 February 1920

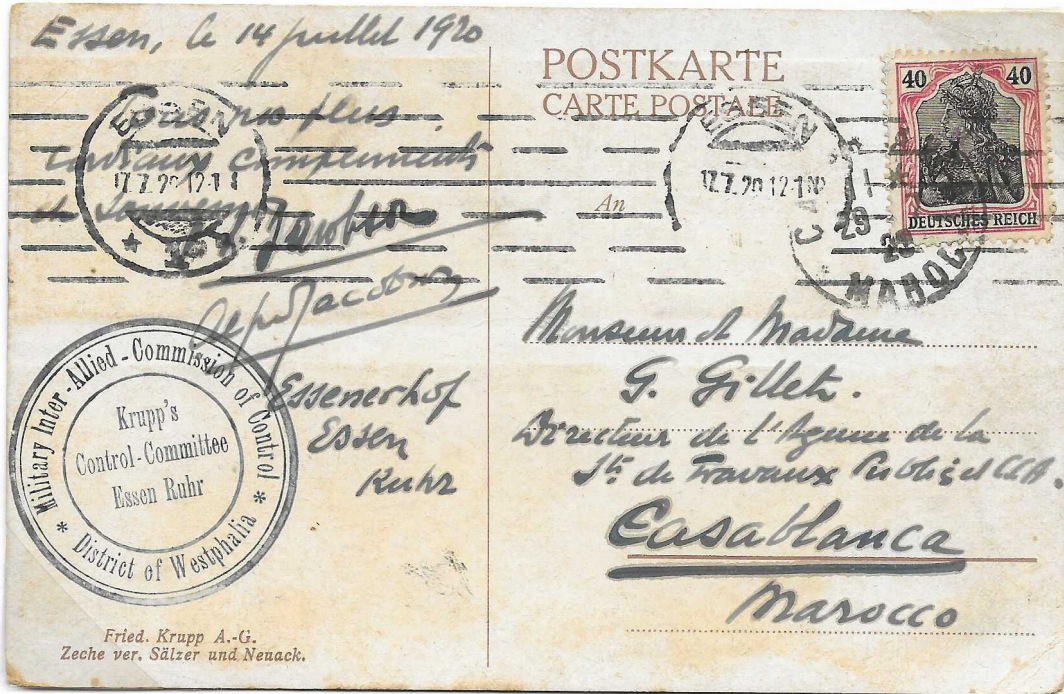


Picture postcards of Berlin sent without and with (probably High Commission Office/Berlin) unit cachets via APO S.40 in Cologne.

BRITISH FORCES
Occupation of the Ruhr

Essen
17 July 1920

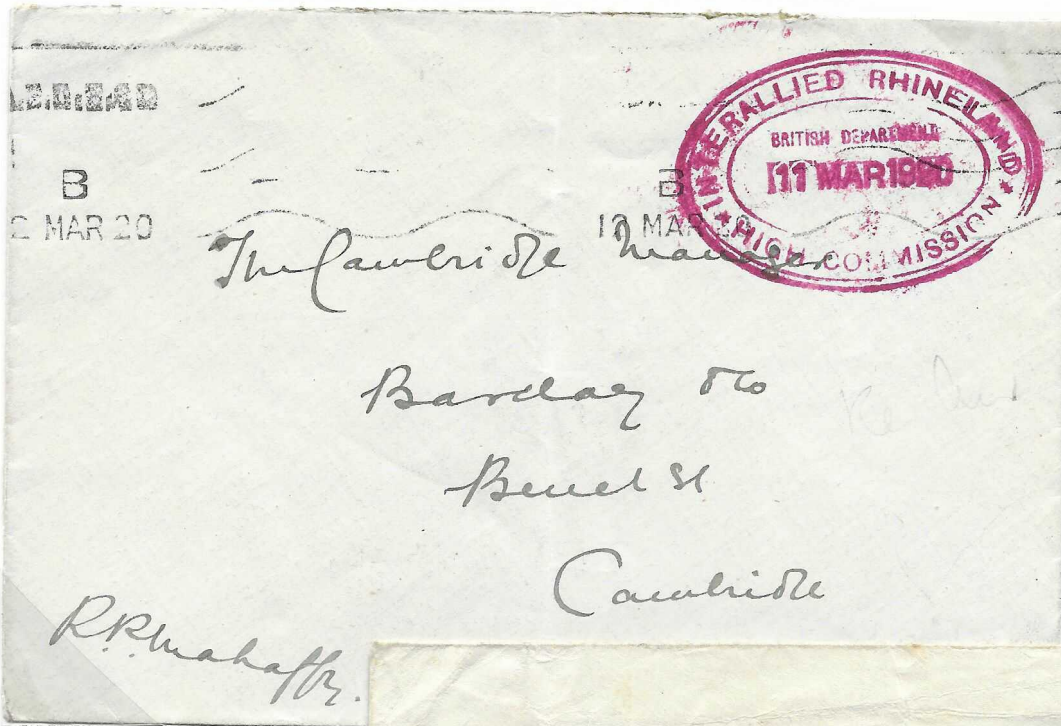
Army Post Office S.40
14 October 1920



When Germany fell behind in reparations payments, Allied forces were sent to occupy the industrially-important Ruhr Valley. Additional field post facilities were not opened. Thus, mail was either sent through the German civil post office or forwarded to APO S.40 at Cologne for processing.

GERMANY
Interallied Rhineland High Commission

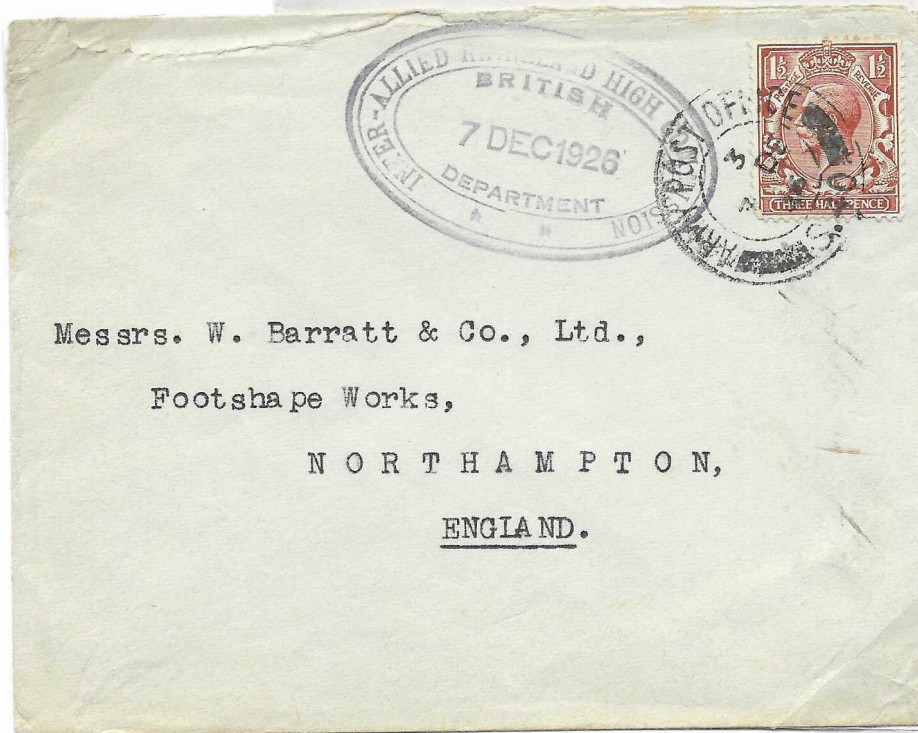
Army Post Office S.40
12 March 1920
25 September 1922



Most of the activity of the Interallied Control Commission was centered in Cologne. Thus, the cachet of the Rhineland High Commission was widely used on mail processed by APO S.40 in that city.

GERMANY
Interallied Rhineland High Commission

Army Post Office S.40
3 March 1922
7 December 1926



Additional examples of High Commission mail. The cover with imprinted return address is most unusual, being the only one seen by exhibitor.

GERMANY
Armaments Sub-Commissions

Army Post Office S.40
 23 July 1920
 27 October 1922

Army Post Office G.R
 9 March 1921

July 22nd/20 Hannover.
 42^{er} HERBSTLICHE LAST, aus den Jahreszeiten
 in Schattenbildern, 4 Steinzeichnungen von Fidus,
 30x67 cm, je 3,75 Mk. 12 Postkarten, auch gemischt
 mit andern von Fidus, 1,50 Mk. Bebilderte Verzeich-
 nisse kostenlos. Verlag des St. Georgs-Bundes,
 Woltersdorf bei Erkner-Berlin.

Please thank Kanny for
 her long letter of the 16th saying
 you are all well which I
 am glad to hear. It is nice
 to hear having fine weather
 again. I hope you are
 well.
 Love
 + da



Miss Alice Hay

BY AIR MAIL



Two Station

Vyenda

14 Welington Square

S to



MR. R. A. PATTENJEN

129 Newington Butts,
 LONDON

5.6.12.

Sgt. Broad. Sgt.
 167.



The Inter-Allied Control Commission had branches in several cities in Germany. Above examples show cachets of the Armaments Sub-Commissions in Hannover, Frankfurt and Cologne -- all mailed through the British APOs in Cologne.