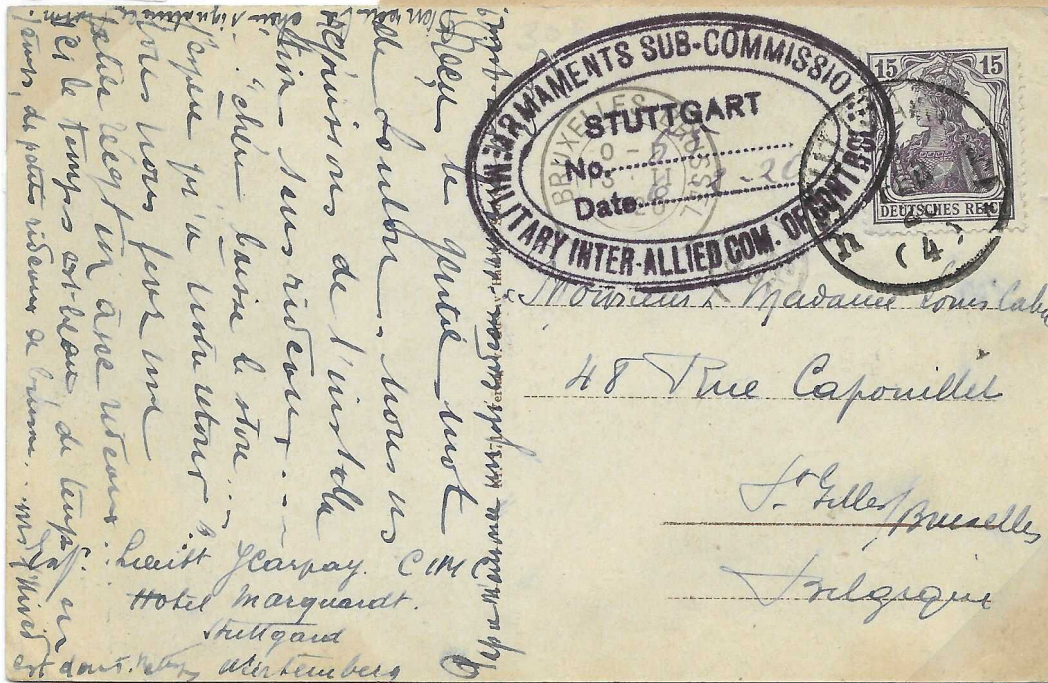


GERMANY
Armaments Sub-Commission

Stuttgart
 22 June 1920

Army Courier Office S.5
 25 August 1920



Additional offices of the Sub-commission were opened in Dusseldorf and Stuttgart. Examples of mail from these subsidiary offices is elusive.

GERMANY
Armaments Sub-Commission

Army Post Office G.R.
27 July 1921

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



A.P.O., G.R.
No. 961

Regimental Paymaster.
(R.G.A.)
DOVER.
England.



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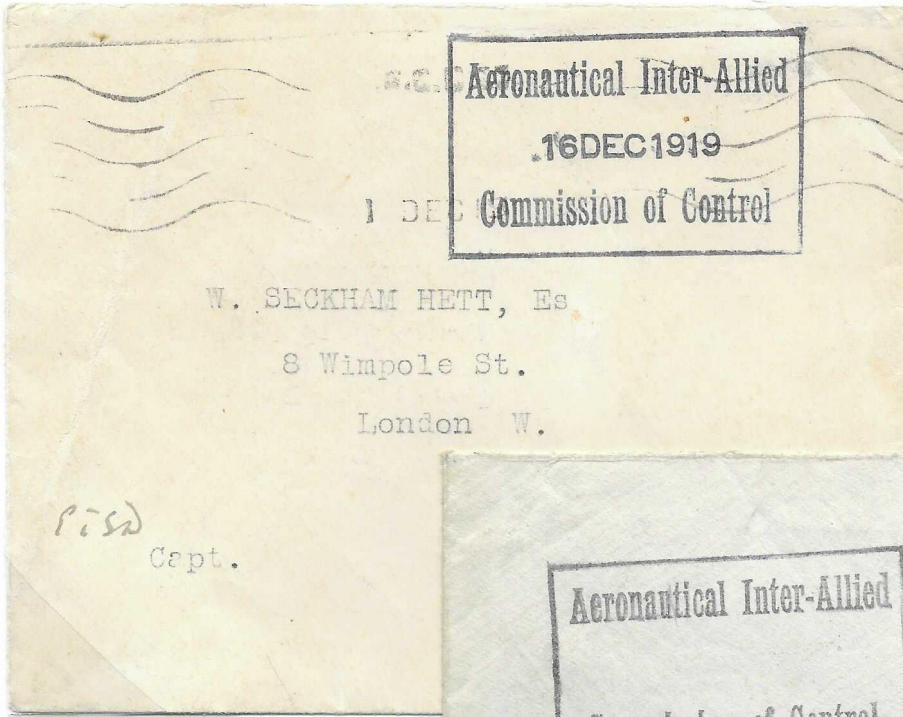
Official O.H.M.S. cover from the Armaments Sub-Commission in Munster. Mailed registered through the G.R. (German Railhead) military post office in Cologne. The Registration label inscribed "A.P.O. G.R." is very elusive, with only a few examples recorded.

GERMANY
Inter-Allied Aeronautical Commission

Army Post Office S.40
16 December 1919

München
2 March 1920

Army Courier Service S.5
17 January 1921



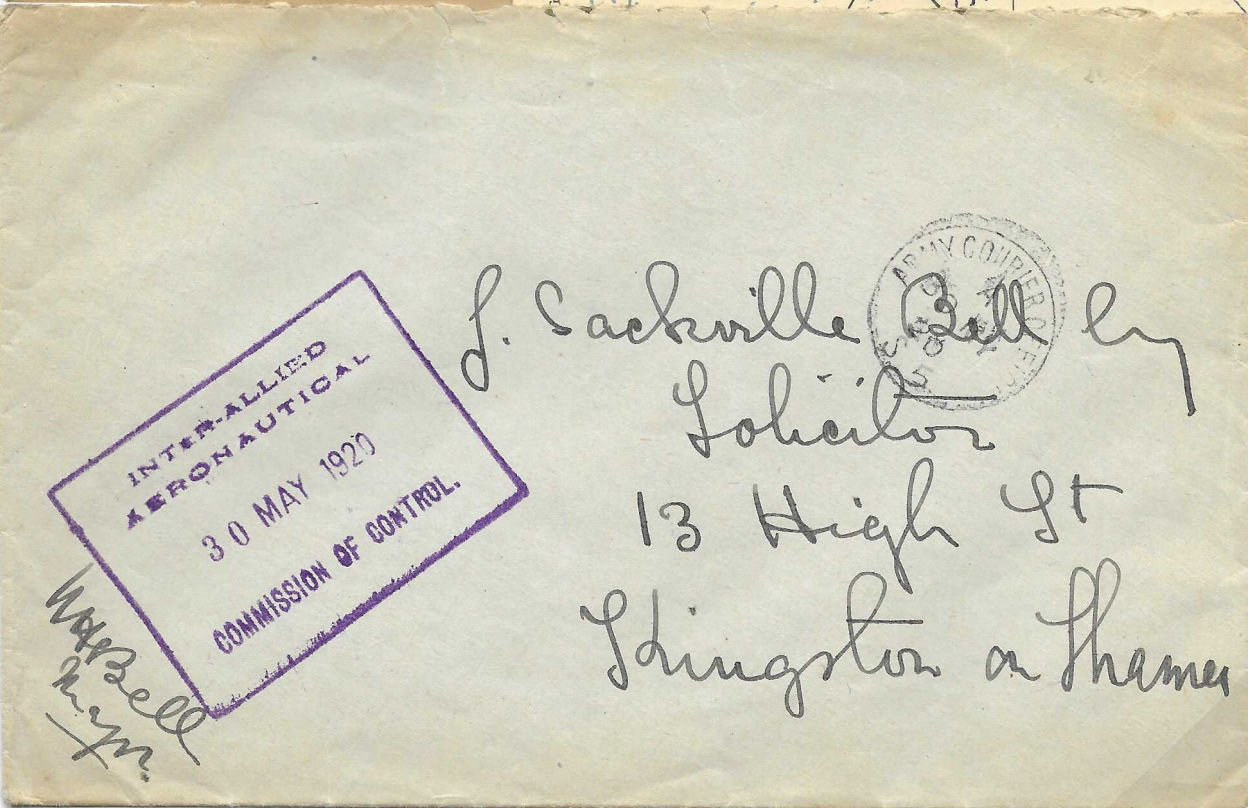
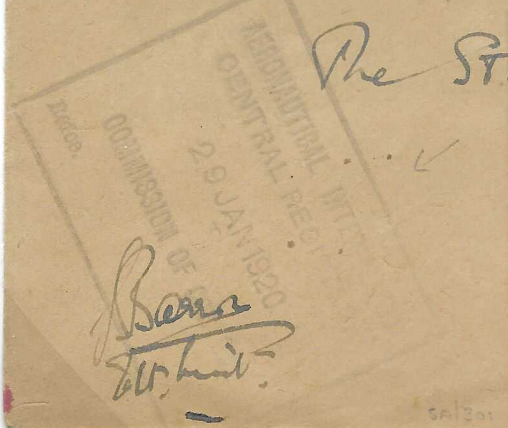
The Control Commission operated a small aeronautical section in Berlin, but there was also a small sub-commission supervising the closing down of warplane factories in Bavaria. Mail showing unit cachets of this organization is very elusive, with only five examples being recorded from the British delegates.

GERMANY
Inter-Allied Aeronautical Commission

Army Post Office S.40
30 January 1920

Stuttgart
7 February 1920

Army Courier Office S.5
30 May 1920



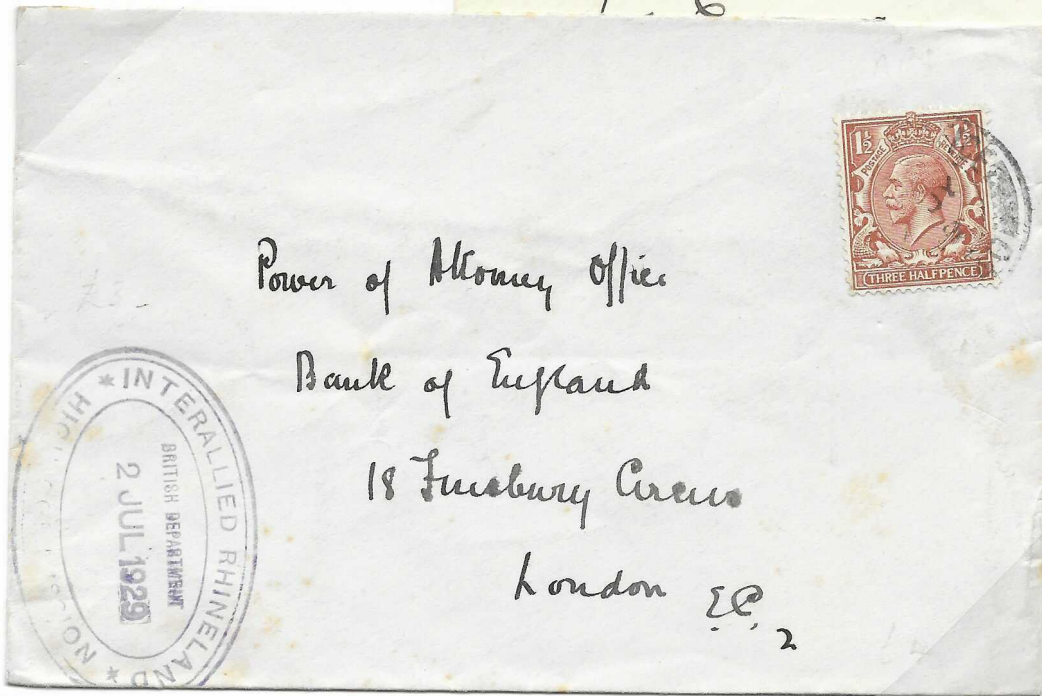
Several varieties exist of the cachets used by the aeronautical section of the Control Commission. These were used in various offices of this organization, nearly all in 1920 and 1921.

GERMANY
Late Usage of Military Mail

Army Post Office S.40
28 September 1927
2 July 1929
26 September 1929



Stanley H. Lockwell



Power of Money Office

Bank of England

18 Finsbury Circus

London EC2

Regn. No. 1148 Certificate of Posting of a Registered Postal Packet.
A Postal Packet addressed as under, upon which a Fee of Three Pence has been paid, in addition to the Postage (of.....s.....d.) has been registered and posted here this day :-
(for Parcels only.)

G. S. Hill
627 Fairmount
Philadelphia

Accepting Officer's Signature (or initials) _____

Date Stamp
POST OFFICE S.40
26 SP 29
P.T.O.

The occupation of Germany officially ended on 30 June 1930. However, most of the activity of the various commissions was completed long before; most of the troops had returned home and APO S.40 at Cologne was the final military post office. (However, as shown by the middle item, the Interallied Rhineland High Commission was still conducting business as late as 1929.) Occupation items from the late period are seldom seen.

ALLENSTEIN

The first British troops assigned to keep order during the preparation for and carrying out of the Plebiscite in Allenstein arrived at the beginning of February 1920. This territory, consisting of roughly the lower half of East Prussia, was heavily populated by ethnic Germans, so it was not expected that there would be much sentiment to join Poland. The actual vote was held on 11 July 1920, and 97% favored remaining with Germany. The troops and officials supervising the plebiscite left soon thereafter.



FPO S.120 was established to handle the mail of the British troops and officials. This postmark is recorded as used from 7 February to 13 August 1920. The upper cover was sent by Sir Ernest Rennie, president of the Interallied Commission, to his wife in England. Lower cover franked as a souvenir with the 1 mark stamp overprinted for Allenstein by an officer. Unit cachets show both serifed and sans-serif lettering.

**ALLENSTEIN
British Forces**

Interallied Commission

Examples of cachets inscribed "Commission of Administration and the Plebiscite/Treaty of Versailles/Allenstein." Long cover sent by Major David-Dells, who was in charge of the communications office, to Lt. Col. Hills, Acting Deputy Supervisor of Transport in Danzig. It bears a cachet with "Communications" not previously recorded in the literature. Note cachet with "Police" on the other cover.

HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

HILLS

LET

DANZIG



Personal

Mrs Satow

Newark House

The Rue



Lawrence

England



BRITISH FORCES
Allenstein

Bischofsburg
6 May 1920

On His Britannic Majesty's Service
ENLIVRIET

~~CAPTAIN~~

~~W. SCOTT.~~

~~Major Britan Sultan.~~

~~Major Britan Sultan.~~

Requiem habenda

ALLENSTEIN



Official cover with cachet of the "Commission of Administration and the Plebiscite/Allenstein/Treaty of Versailles." On the reverse, there is a similar cachet with "Police" in the center. Sent to the British Secretary of the Inter-Allied Commission at the Administrative HQ in Allenstein City.

ALLENSTEIN
Inbound to Allied Railway Commission

Allenstein
20 May 1920



Inbound mail to the regulatory commissions is seldom seen, especially from one of the plebiscite territories. This example sent from Allenstein to the Railway Office at the terminal in Cologne.

MARIENWERDER

The Allied administrators of the Plebiscite arrived in Marienwerder on 17 February 1920. The actual voting to determine whether the inhabitants wanted this territory at the southwest corner of East Prussia to remain with Germany or join Poland was scheduled for 11 July. The sentiment to remain German was very strong and amounted to 92% of the total. The troops and officials supervising the plebiscite left soon thereafter.



FPO H.2. at Danzig handled the mail of the British troops and officials. Two special cachets were applied to letters; these were inscribed "Interallied Commission of Government and Plebiscite/Marienwerder" and "Allied Administrative Commission/British Section/Marienwerder, East Prussia.

BRITISH FORCES
Marienwerder

Field Post Office H.2.
15 May 1920
25 July 1920

Marienwerder. S. Russia
c/o British Army P.O. Germany
14th May 20
- Excuse me if I have sent
you this card before. The castle
is joining the town, both being
15th Century buildings put
up by Teutonic Knights
whose head Qr. were at
Marienburg, 20 miles from here.
I should much like to
hear how you are & what
you are doing. Home leave
is specially welcome when
one is so far away.
Our Patriotic cannot be held
for some time so it may be
August before I return. Yr.



Mr. Harold Morris
95 Bold St.
Fleetwood
Preston

England



Although postage was not required on mail from British soldiers at this time, some of the men wanted to use the special Marienwerder stamps as souvenirs on their letters home. These were dutifully cancelled at the FPO and sent on their way in the examples shown above.

MARIENWERDER

Deutsch-Eylau
9 March 1920



Lt Col D. R. BENNETT R.E.

S/Commission Inter Alliée de Chemins de Fer

COLOGNE

British Army of the Rhine.



This envelope, showing the large cachet for the Allied Regulatory Commission, was sent from Deutsch-Eylau to the British Headquarters in Cologne. Polish postage had been applied but was not required for official mail.