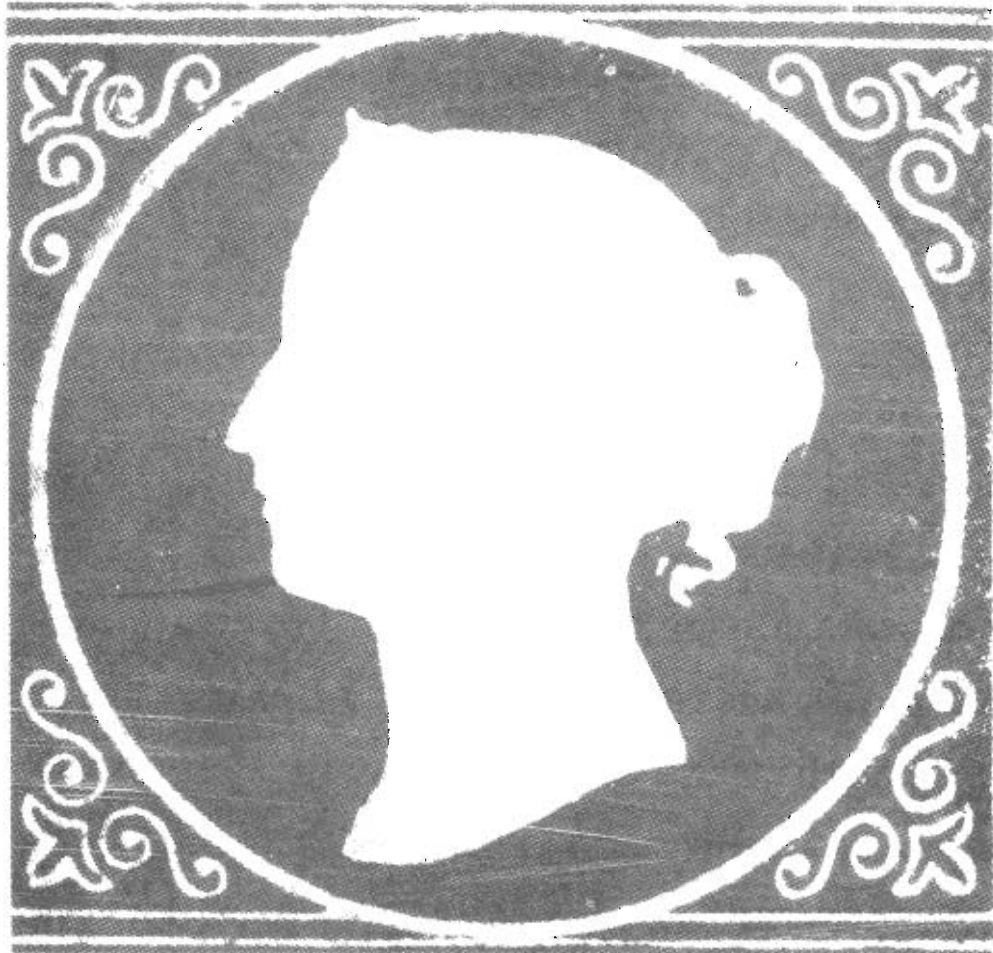


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E D I T O R I A L

In the July 1979 Editorial, I promised an article on Togo post offices and postal agencies. As will be seen from Mr. Beale's letter which accompanied CAMEO 10, notes on these can be obtained from our member Mr. S. Marriott, so this will not now be printed in this Journal.

Members will be saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Mr. McCaig and Mr. Sanderson, both prolific writers on West Africa matters. A posthumous article by Mr. Sanderson appears in this issue.

What lies ahead in the 1980's? What trails will be followed by the collector and researcher? Whatever they are, let our 1980 resolution be to record, to "write it down". Many members of the Circle have contributed to the previous ten issues of CAMEO; I hope many more will do so in the next ten.

THE G.P.O. RECORDS (PART 2)I.J. MARTIN

In CAMEO 10, I listed titles available for research in Post 29, 1811-1900. I now show details for the years

1900 - 1920

<u>Reference</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
745	Pkt 191C/1902	St. Helena and Ascension Island Mail Services
780	313D/1903	Sierra Leone. Insured letter service introduced.
780	315D/1903	Gold Coast Colony Insured letter service introduced.
781	316D/1903	Nigeria. Insured letter service introduced.
798	20E/1904	Nigeria. Mail services established.
801	51E/1904	Ascension. Early general papers.
807	103E/1904	Sierra Leone. Imperial postal order scheme introduced.
827	242E/1904	St. Helena. Imperial postal order scheme established.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
845	354E/1904	West Coast of Africa. Mail services
854	50F/1905	British Guiana, Ascension. Falkland Islands and Lagos. Imperial postal order system introduced.
893	49G/1906	Nigeria. Import prohibitions.
913	26H/1907	Egypt. Penny postage established with Ascension Island.
964	51/1908	West Coast of Africa mail service. Insured and registered letter.
982	111I/1908	West Africa. Mail services.
983	111I/1908	West Africa. Mail services.
1011	25K/1909	Southern Nigeria. Lagos Protectorate included. Postal regulations.
1031	180K/1909	West Coast of Africa. Mail services.
1032	180K/1909	West Coast of Africa. Mail services.
1094	159/1911	West Coast of Africa mail service. Mails damaged by rats.
1193	159/1913	Southern Nigeria. Cash on delivery service. Undelivered parcels.
1222	101/1914	Gambia. Postal Regulations.
1227	118/1914	Nigeria. Parcel post established.
1241	162/1914	Nigeria. Mail services with
1247	18/1915	British Mandated Territories. Penny postage introduced.
1285	17/1916	West Coast of Africa Mail service. Proposed contract with Elder Dempster and Company.
1322	33/1917	Gold Coast. Parcel post service.
1323	33/1917	Gold Coast. Parcel post service.
1331	48/1917	Cameroons. Letter mail and money order services.
1357	14/1919	Belgian Congo. Mail services with British Colonies in Africa.
1368	35/1919	Ascension Island. St. Helena and East Africa. Mail services with
1403	35/1920	Gambia. Cash on delivery parcel post service.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1404	37/1920	Gold Coast Colony. Cash on delivery parcel post service.
1411	52/1920	Nigeria. Cash on delivery parcel post service.
1412	57/1920	St. Helena. Cash on delivery parcel post service.
1413	63/1920	Sierra Leone. Cash on delivery parcel post service.
1453	144/1920	West Africa, Madeira, Canary Islands etc. Mail services with 1914-26
1454	144/1920	West Africa, Madeira, Canary Islands etc. Mail services with 1914-26

In due course, I hope to publish extracts in CAMEO in the hope that they will be of interest to members.

Those members wishing to see the records for themselves should write to the Post Office, Postal Headquarters, St. Martins - le - Grand, London, EC1A 1HQ. Whilst there, I was informed by the staff that it is hoped that many more people make use of the records in the future.

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BRITISH WEST AFRICA AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

M.P. NICHOLSON

JUNE - DECEMBER 1979

There were three auctions of particular interest during this period. Harmer's British Africa sale of 20 and 21st June, Robson Lowe's British Africa sale of 13th November and Gibbon's All World sale, 12th - 11th December all had numerous lots of high quality material.

In the Harmer's sale one particular lot number 1274 is worth reporting in full; OIL RIVERS.

"1894 Registered Cover to Freetown, Sierra Leone, bearing 1892 5d. and 1893 (Dec)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d on 2d in blue (Type 9 SG30) strip of four from bottom of sheet, cancelled by 'Old Calabar River/A/AP 12/94"

Bearing in mind that only 60 copies of S.G.30 were printed the realisation of £1,700 seems rather low! The sale also contained numerous other Oil Rivers and Niger Coast covers which all sold at well over estimate.

The St. Helena section contained several die proofs which were estimated between £125 and £400 but fetched between £250 and £575. The top price was paid for a 1913 Key Plate Die Proof (SG type 17) with blank name and value tablets (Lot 1334) that fetched 50% over estimate.

The Robson Lowe auction was a good source of British West Africa Proofs and Essays with Southern and Northern Nigeria together with St. Helena being particularly well represented.

To me the star items were lot 414:-

Niger Coast '1892 (Dec) 2½d essay in green and red with details picked out in Chinese white hand painted on tracing paper (67 x 84 mm) dated 'Dec 21st 92'.  
Estimate £600.

and lot 424:-

Northern Nigeria '1912 ½d to £1. the twelve values in cut down die proofs of the duty plate all but the 1d affixed to irregular piece'.  
Estimate £225.

The Gibbons sale contained an excellent Lagos selection with covers, colour trials and proofs all being represented. There were also numerous covers in the Oil Rivers section but the best item was lot 682:-

'1893 (Dec) Type 3 ½d on 2½d in carmine (SG 10a) se-tenant with Type 4 ½d on 2½d in green (SG 11) with R.P.S. certificate'.  
Estimate £5,000.

Only two copies of SG 10a are known so this lot is of extreme rarity.

Lots 773 and 774 were Northern Nigerian proofs, being Imperium imperf examples ex De La Rue. Both lots were estimated at £2,000.

W A N T E D :-

For short term loan Oil Rivers and Niger Coast postmark collections for research purposes. Postage will be paid both ways and the stamps will be fully insured while in my possession. Can you help with this new project?

Replies please to: M.P. Nicholson  
c/o Food Technology Department,  
Cannington College,  
Cannington,  
Bridgwater,  
Somerset.

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THE 1980 GIBBONS PART I - ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTSJ.J. MARTIN

It is interesting to note the changes that have been made when compared to the previous volume.

Ascension G.B. used in Ascension have now been removed from the G.B. Section and placed at the beginning of the Ascension listing. Much more logical and this could lead to additional interest in these fore-runners.

Gambia The 1963 New Constitution 1/- with overprint doubled has been listed as SG 208a. See CAMEO 8.

Gold Coast The 1/- black/green of the 1913-21 issue has been included with Watermark Sideways as SG 79a. It should be noted that Gibbons do not normally list inverted or reversed watermark varieties.

Niger Coast Protectorate G.B. "used in" are now included as fore-runners, the same as for Ascension.

St. Helena The 1d lake with Surcharge Double (SG 7a) has been added to the 1864-67 Thin Bar Listing. This is recorded in Mr. Hibbert's new book.

Sierre Leone Many changes have taken place here. They will be dealt with by Mr. Beale, who was mainly responsible, in a separate note.

Togo The January 1915 listing has had the 40 pfg. value added as SC 32a. The writer finds this particularly interesting since official correspondence at the time indicated that all the 40 pfg. values were handed to the French authorities; vide Greenwood page 33 of "Togo. The Stamps of the British and French Occupations".

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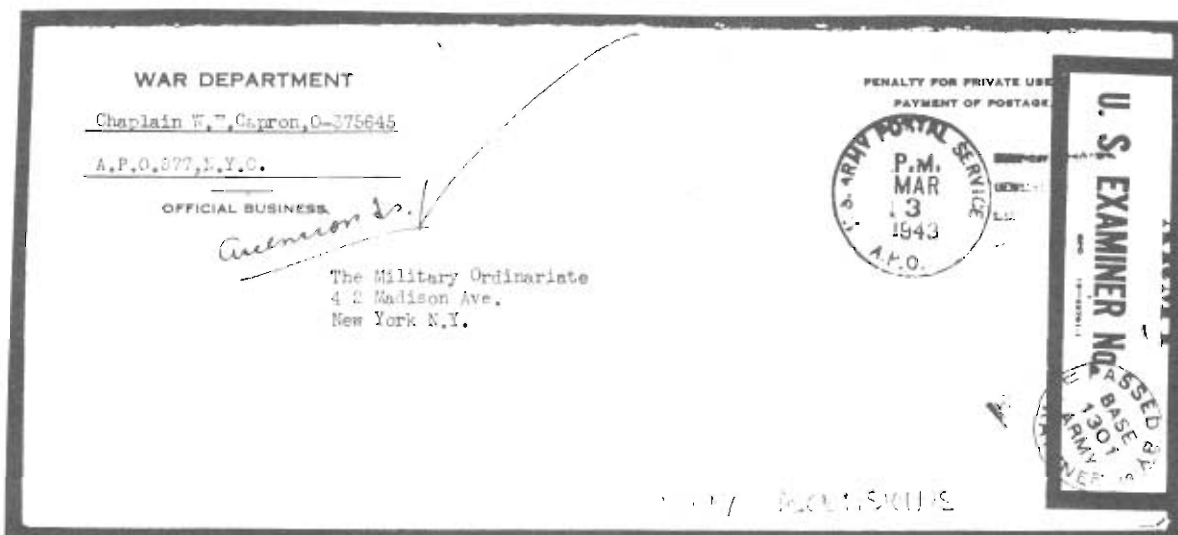
AMERICAN FORCES IN ASCENSION - WORLD WAR II

J. ATWOOD

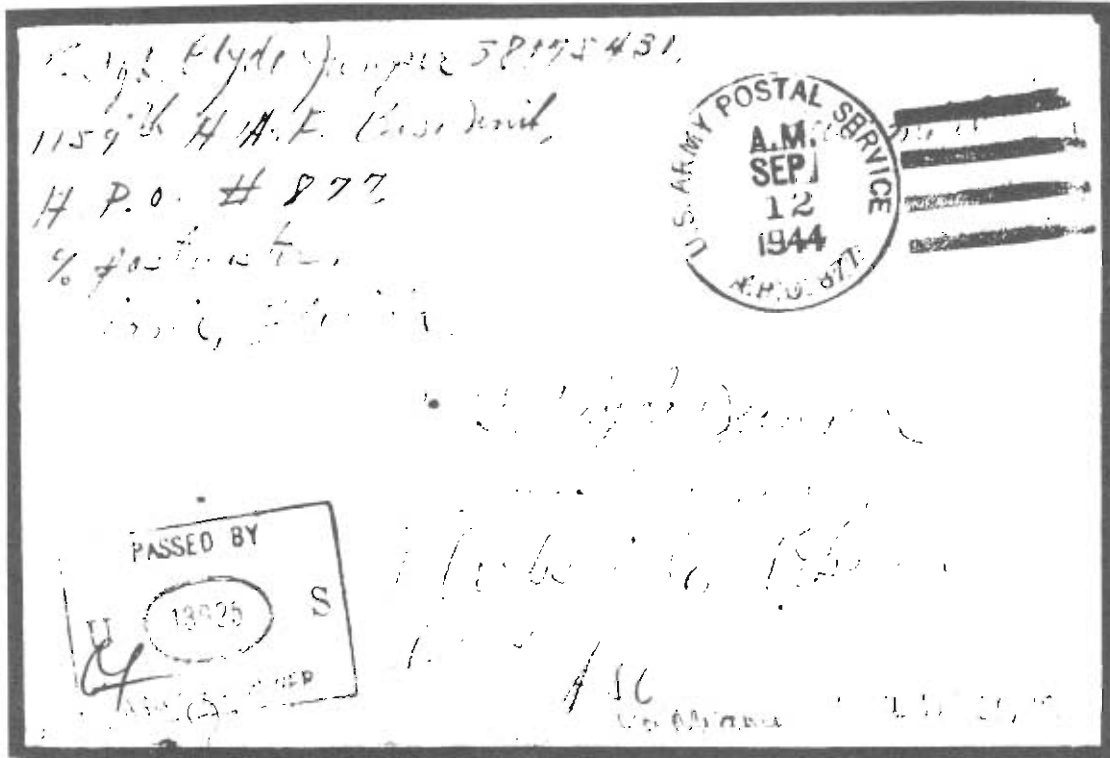
American mail went under APO 877 by airmail for 6 cents and free by surface mail. Almost certainly, the bulk of the mail went by air and certainly under these wartime conditions.

The Wideawake airstrip in Ascension became operational on July, 10th 1942, having been constructed by the Americans as a staging point for the wartime ferrying of aircraft from the United States to Africa.

The U.K. mail was flown by the U.S.A.F. (U.S. Military Air Transport Services) to Piarco Airport in Trinidad for onward handling by B.O.A.C. However, the U.S. forces airmail was probably flown direct to Miami.



The first example, two-thirds size, has been sent from APO 877 but this is not in the postmark. This measures 31mm in diameter and is dated Mar 3 1943. In black. My other cover is also 31mm in diameter and here the APO number has been included in the date-stamp. Also in black.



If members have any other examples, details would be appreciated.

N.B. "Locations and Assignments U.S. Army Post Offices World War II and later". Third Edition - 1973 published by the War Cover Club shows that APO 877, Miami, located in Ascension opened on April 1st 1942. No date is given when it ceased to operate in Ascension.



A CAMEROONS QUERYA. JONES

I recently obtained a cover postmarked IBADAN 28 AU 39 addressed to KUMBA via VICTORIA. It is backstamped LAGOS 29 AU 39. In addition it has collected the above postmark - can anyone explain why?

One explanation that has been advanced is that somehow it became mis-directed during its travels and landed in French Cameroons. The time lag between the Ibadan and Kumba date stamps would seem to support that possibility.

Does anyone have any other possible explanation?

INVALIDATION OF GAMBIAN STAMPSO. ANDREW

In addition to its direct results, the 1909 Enquiry into the 1906 Provisionals had severe indirect effects on the Gambian Post Office. One was the publication of destruction figures (see CAMEO 7, p.146). A footnote to the figures given in the Gambia Gazette adds: "and all stamps issued before 1902 will not be lawful after 1.1.1910". No reasons were given but two possibilities are: fear of further speculation and confusion among Post Office staff faced with another colour-scheme.

On 8.3.1919 another announcement in the Gazette said: "From and after 1.5.1919 all stamps not those now in use will be illegal for postage."; followed on 15.8.1925 by "As the present issue of Gambia postage stamps were (sic) put on sale from 1.9.1922, the previous issue ceased to be valid for postage as from the said date". Even more extraordinarily, there followed on 4.3.1927; "The 4d stamp of

the current issue of postage stamps (....) have been withdrawn, and (....) these 4d stamps will cease to be valid for postal purposes on and after 15.4.1927. A new stamp of the same value, viz. 4d, but bearing a different watermark was put on sale on 1.3.1927." Were the clerks, who previously had had to be protected from the possible confusion on seeing keyplate and Elephant and Palm-tree issues simultaneously, now expected to distinguish watermarks in stamps on cover?

Late uses of Gambian stamps are not common, both before and even up to ten years after invalidation. Reasons for these invalidations are not clear except, perhaps, in the case of that of 1909. One possibility is that since some Gambian stamps are higher catalogued used than mint, late uses may represent dealers raising the stamps' value. But what had the Gambian Post Office to lose?

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GAMBIA - AN UNRECORDED POSTMARKP.O. BEALE

The cancellation shown by Mr. Leonard on page 210 in CAMEO Vol 10 is - or was - used by Cable and Wireless. The accompanying illustration is part of a special telegram form used at the Independence of The Gambia in 1965. The two types that were in use are shown. The examples shown in CAMEO 10 would indicate that payment could then be made by postage stamps.



INDEPENDENCE  
THE GAMBIA  
FEBRUARY, 1965

NEW CALABAR AND SAPELE REGISTERED POSTMARKSM.P. NICHOLSON

Recently, I have made two interesting postmark discoveries. The first is a copy of SG 67a with a clear New Calabar registered oval type 4b. No other canceller has been seen for this post-office except a parcel cancellation known on two covers from July and November 1893. The strangest aspect of this office is that it took registered but not ordinary mail! Clearly the c.d.s. was either overlooked or lost in transit.

The date on this postmark, JA 1 00 is also of interest being the first day of the Southern Nigeria administration and also the earliest known example of this postmark.

The second is an example of the Sapele registered oval type 4b with code letter A used on 1st July, 1899. This is significant since this canceller was previously attributed to S. Nigeria, i.e., post JA 1 00. Mr. Harris, who has been working on S. Nigerian cancelled for two years, has experienced great difficulty with these registration marks but this postmark proves that this cancellation had its origins in the Niger Coast Protectorate rather than in South Nigeria.



OIL RIVERS/NIGER COAST - 1900 ONWARDSR.B. SANDERSON

I follow Robson Lowe's "Africa" S. Nigeria, Page 317 by dividing this post - 1900 Period into (a) I JAN 1900 - MAR (?) 1901 II 1902 - 1907. Re-issue of Niger Coast stamps whilst awaiting the arrival of Edward VII series etc.

I have found 18 different P.O's for Period I 1900 - 01 and 15 different for Period II 1902 -

I have formed a set of Niger Coast stamps, cancelled 1900 - 01 consisting of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, 5d, 6d, 1/- and 2/6 values (SG Types 13 and 14). I have never seen the 10/- value cancelled 1900 - 01; it must be rare.

Another set in my possession (SG Types 13 and 14) consists of the eight values above plus the 10/- (SG 74, 74a) cancelled 23.8.03 which, I think, is very scarce. I also consider the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d value (SG 69-69a) a very scarce stamp cancelled 1902 onwards; my sole example is dated 30.12.02.

I shall be interested to hear if other B.W.A.S.C. members have the 10/- cancelled 1900 - 01 and the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d and 10/- values cancelled 1902 onwards.

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RETURNED LETTER OFFICE LAGOS, SOUTHERN NIGERIAA. JONES

Does any member have any examples of the above postmark? I came across it recently while looking for Nigerian cancellations. The date entitles it to be included in Nigeria post - 1914 but it was clearly prepared for use earlier in Southern Nigeria.

Neither I, nor several members to whom I have already shown it, have seen any other copy.

The envelope was addressed to a Sgt. in the

"Nigerian Carrier Corps,  
West African Carrier Comp,  
Dar-es-Salaam"

and posted in Canterbury on 6 April 1918.

Additional cachets are:-

RETURNED TO POST OFFICE  
MILITARY AUTHORITIES  
AS UNDELIVERABLE  
RLS LPS

and

PRESENT LOCATION UNKNOWN  
RETURNED LETTER BRANCH  
BIRMINGHAM

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NIGERIA'S MILITARY MARKINGS, 1967 - 1970D. VAN REKEN

Note: The author is aware of only two listings of the military markings on covers of Nigeria from the period of the Civil War, May 30, 1967 to January 12, 1970. The first, by Mark Isaacs, appeared in the 1970 COMPEX Directory. The second, by the author, appeared in the 1975 COMPEX Directory. The present article includes many new listings along with all previous items.

More than nine years have passed since the close of the Civil War in Nigeria. There were many thousands of men mobilized into the Nigerian military services. Some of these men corresponded with missionaries who provided most of these covers. After the war was over, Nigeria did not demobilize its forces and military covers with later dates are not uncommon. Covers with later dates are marked with an asterisk \*. A quick look at the lists will show that there should be many more military units which are not listed. Perhaps they will come to light from an unknown cache.

Covers with military markings are not too abundant since their use was restricted to internal mail and they did not require postage stamps. Soldiers writing to foreign addresses had to affix postage stamps although it is possible that a reduced military postal rate existed. This was true during World War II.

Internal military covers all have the words ON ACTIVE SERVICE on the front. This is often abbreviated to O.A.S. Many covers also have handwritten patriotic slogans and several of these are illustrated in the Isaacs article.

Most covers are marked with the military unit cachet as well as the civilian post office cancellation. Most cachets have spaces for date and signature but these are not included in the listings. These dates make it possible to tell where a military unit was located on a given day.

In the list that follows no distinction has been made in the sizes or types of cachets or of the letters. Oval cachets are the most common and they are indicated by an 'O'. Rectangular cachets, whether boxed or open, are marked 'R', and circular cachets have a 'C'. The alphabetical list is based on the key words in the inscription and it follows the list based on numerical units. Occasional spelling errors in the cachets are noted by "sic". Items which were noted in the earlier Isaac's list are marked 'I'.

- 0 1 AREA COMD SIGNAL/KADUNA  
 0 1 BATTALION NIGERIAN ARMY  
 0 1 BRDE SIG. COY/NIGERIAN ARMY SIGNALS  
 0 1 BDE TPT COY/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 1 0 1 DIV NIGERIAN ARMY/ON ACTIVE SERVICE (3 dif. styles)  
 O\* CAMP OFFICE/HQ 1 DIV NA  
 2 0 CAMP OFFICE/QH 1 DIVISION (sic)  
 R CAMP OFFICE/DATE/HQ 1 DIVISION NA  
 0 1 DIV (ST) BN (REAR)/KADUNA  
 0 Reinforcement & Training Unit/1 DIVISION NIGERIAN ARMY  
 3 0 HQ 4 SECTOR/1 DIV. N.A.  
 0 HQ 1 DIVISION/ON ACTIVE SERVICE/KADUNA  
 0 HEADQUARTERS 1 DIVISION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 0 HQ 1 DIVISION/ON ACTI...../MAKURDI  
 C 1 FIELD AMBULANCE OFFICE/ N.A.M.C. (sic)  
 R 1 FIELD SQUADRON/NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEER  
 4 No. 1 Maxillo Facial Unit / Kaduna / Forces Medical Services  
 along with  
 R MAXILLO FACIAL UNIT/ ARMED FORCES HOSPITAL KADUNA  
 R 'S' SQUADRON/ 2 RECCE REGT. NARC/ DATE..../ PLACE....  
 0 2 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 along with  
 R ON ACTIVE SERVICE/2BN. N.A.  
 5 0 U.P.O./2BN NA.  
 I 2nd BN FED GUARD/F COMPANY  
 0 'F' BATTALION/2 BDE. NA. UKPILLA  
 I 2nd DIV  
 6 0 2 ND DIV NIGERIAN ARMY/ON ACTIVE SERVICE (2 dif. styles)  
 O\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/2 DIV. INF. TRG. SCH. NA. IGUEBEN  
 R HQ 2 DIV PRO UNIT/MAIN/N.M.P. NA.  
 O\* ORDERLEY ROOM/CAMP2 DIV (R) B/——  
 0 D BN 2 DIV. GAR. N.A. JATTU/ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
 7 0 2 DIV. GAR N.A. UROMI/ON ACTIVE SERVICE

8 O 2 DIV. H.Q. (M) CHAPLAIN DEPT /N.A. ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
O 2 DIV. RTE/IKEJA CANTT LAGOS  
I 2nd FIELD AMBULANCE

9 R 2 FIELD SQUADRON/NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEER  
O 2 ND GUARDS BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
O 2 ND GUARDS BATTALION/A COY/NIGERIAN ARMY  
O 2 ND GUARDS BATTALION/F COY/NIGERIAN ARMY  
( O 2 SIGNAL COY/NIGERIAN ARMY SIGNALS  
10 { on the same cover is  
( R 2 SIGNAL COMPANY/ON ACTIVE SERVICE/NIGERIAN ARMY  
O A SQN 2 RECCE REGIMENT/DESPATCHED /ON ACTIVE SERVICE (sic)  
O O SQN 2 RECCE RGT (NARC)/ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
O ON ACTIVE SERVICE/3RD BN NA.

11 O Headquarters 3 Brigade/Nigerian Army  
O 3 FIELD AMBULANCE/NA. NIGERIA  
O\* 3 FIELD BATTERY/NIGERIAN ARMY ARTILLERY  
R 3 FIELD SQUADRON/NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEER  
O 3 GUARDS BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
OI HEADQUARTERS, 3 MARINE CDO MAIN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
O\* HQ 3 MCDO REAR/NIGERIAN ARMY APAPA

12 O CHAPLAIN DEPT/H.Q. 3 MCDO/NIGERIAN ARMY  
O\* OWERRI GAR ORG/3MCDO DIV (M) NA  
I SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT/3 MCDO  
O SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT/3 MCDO NIGERIAN ----P.H.  
O HEADQUARTERS 3 REIN...../NIGERIAN ARMY  
O A COMPANY 4th BN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
O BN. ORDERLY ROOM/4th BN. NIGERIAN ARMY

13 O D COMPANY 4th BN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
R ON ACTIVE SERVICE/4TH BN. NA (MAIN)

14 O 'E' COMPANY/4TH BN NIGERIAN ARMY  
I CDO X BATTALION/4 CDO SECT COMMANDO  
I HEADQUARTERS/4 CDO SECTION CALABAR  
R 4 INF WKSP

15 O CAMP HQ. 4 SECTOR/NIGERIAN ARMY

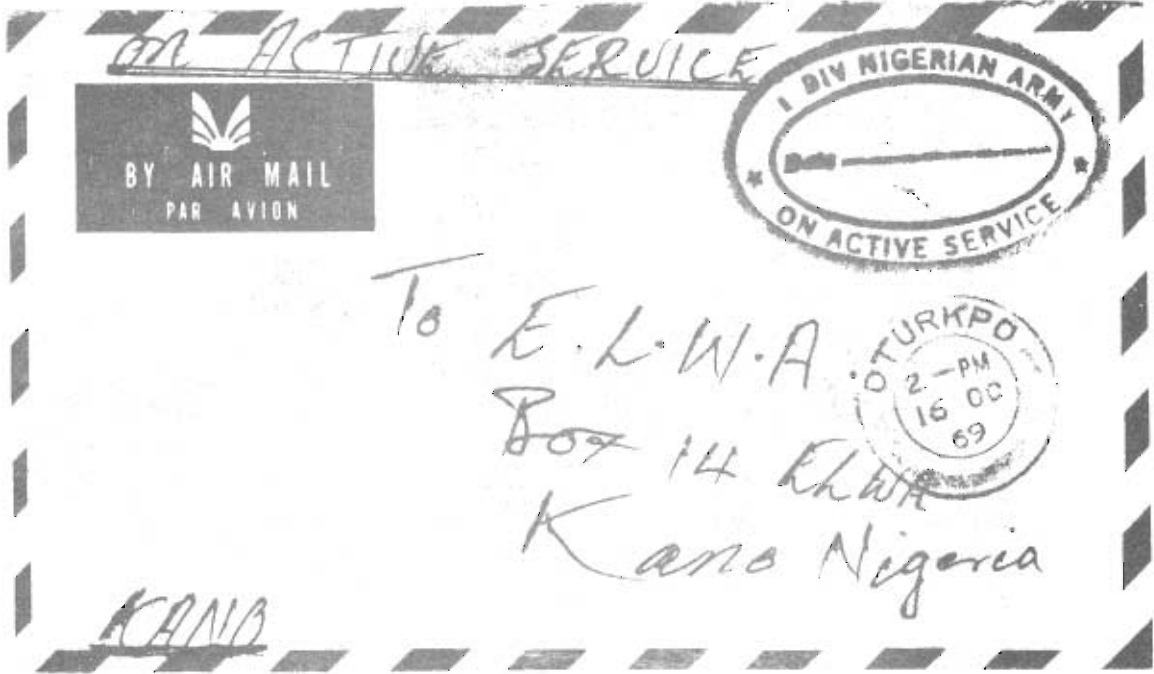
C 5th BN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 R HQ 5 SECTOR ONITSHA/ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
 RI 6 INF WKSP NAEME/DATE/PORT HARCOURT  
 O RFT TRG UNIT/7 SECTOR NA  
 I 12 BDE HEADQUARTERS/3 MCDO DIV (MAIN)  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/13 CDO BDE  
 I HQ 14 CDO BDE  
 O HQ 14 CDO BDE? 3 MARINE CDO/MAIN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 R 14 FIELD PARK SQUADRON/DATE/NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEERS (sic)  
 O 15 TH BDE NIGERIAN ARMY/ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
 O\* ORDERLY ROOM 3 MCDO (M)/17 BN CDO PHQ NA  
 O 17 BN ORDERLY ROOM/15 CDO BDE N.A.  
 I HQ 17 CDO BDE  
 O HQ 17 CDO BDE/3 MARINE CDO/MAIN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 R ARLARIA COY./17, BDE./3, M.C.D.O./DATE/ABA.  
 O\* 18 BN NA IK EK GAR/3MCDO DIV (MAIN)  
     on the reverse is  
 O\* CENTRAL REGISTRY/HQ IK GAR ORG. NIG. ARMY  
 16 O 18 BN NA 13 CDO BDE/3 MCDO DIV (MAIN)  
 C 18 CDO BDE SIGS/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/19 BN. 15 CDO BDE. NA.  
 R SIGN..../DATE..../20 BN NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O UNIT PAY OFFICE/20 BN. NIGERIAN ARMY  
 R ON ACTIVE SERVICE/20 BRIGADE N.A.  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/21 BATTALION NA.  
 O BN ORDERLY ROOM/22 BATTALION NA.  
 O\* 23 BN NIGERIAN ARMY/ORDERLY ROOM  
 R B COY 24 BN. NA/Sign..../DATE....  
 R D COY 24 BN. NA/Sign..../DATE....  
 O Headquarters 26 BN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/26 BN NA.  
 O B COY/27 BN NA.  
 O E COY/27 BN NA.

O HEADQUARTERS 28 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY (sic)  
 R ON ACTIVE SERVICE/30 BATTALION NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O CAMP HQ/30 BDE NA.  
 O\* HQ 31 BN AGO/3 MCDO DIV (M) NA.  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/31 BN/12 MCDO BDE.  
 O\* D COY 31 BN AGO/3 MCDO M NA.  
 O 33 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O\* SIGNAL CENTRE/33 BN NA  
 O\* Hq 34 Brigade Nigerian Army/KANO/Orderley Room  
 O\* 35 BN. HQ./IK——ORG. N- L.  
 OI H.Q. 35 BN 13 CDO BDE/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 OI 37 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 I 38 BATTALION  
 O 39 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O 41 BATTALION 16 CDO BDE/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O 42 BN NIGERIAN ARMY/AWARA ( name in manuscript )  
 R ON ACTIVE SERVICE/45 BN NA  
 O 65 BH HQ/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O 65 BN HQ NA/On Active Service  
 O ——/67 BN.  
 I 70 BN HQ  
 I 70 BATTALION/QUARTERMASTER  
 O ON ACTIVE SERVICE/74 BN NIG ARMY  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/74 BN NIG ARMY  
 O B COY 81 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O HQ 81 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/82 BATTALION NA  
 O\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/84 BATTALION NA  
 R\* BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM/94th BATTALION NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O 103 BN ORDERLY ROOM/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O HQ 103 BN/1 DIV N.A.  
 O UNIT PAY OFFICE/103 BN. NA.  
 R\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/105 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY

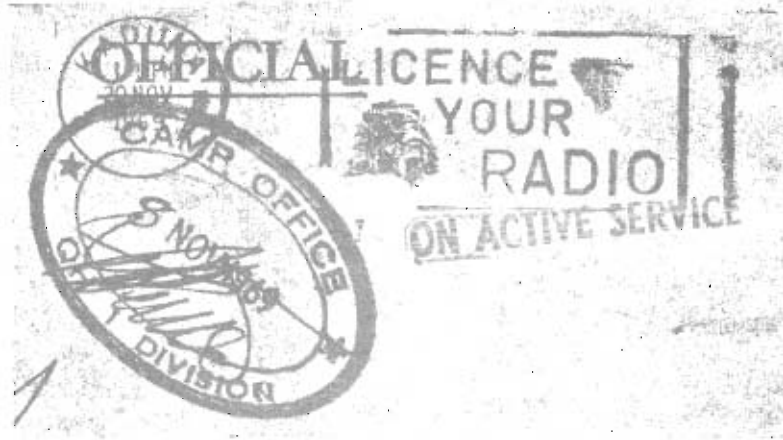
O 107 MM R.R. APUN/2ND DIV NA ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
 O\* CENTRAL REGISTRY/HQ 1K GAR ORG NIG ARMY  
     on the same cover are the ff. two:  
 O\* B COY 111 BN/1K GAR IKOT UMO ESSIEN  
 O\* 111 BN HEADQUARTERS/ IK GARRISON IKOT UMO ESSIEN  
 R ORDERLY ROOM/DATE/SIGN/120 BN NA  
 O A COY/121 BATTALION NA  
 O B COY/121 BATTALION NA  
 O\* C COY/121 BATTALION NA  
 O D COY/121 BATTALION NA  
 O HQ COY/121 BATTALION NA  
 O QM STORE/121 Battalion NA  
 O D COY 122 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O\* HQ 122 BN. NA/IKOT EKPENE GARRISON/ODOT EASTERN NSIT UYO  
 O SIGNAL OFFICE/122 BN. NA.  
 O\* 124, BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O HQ 124 BN/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O 125 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 17 C 'C' COY 126 BN NA/"The Green Jackets"  
 O 127 BN SIGNAL CENTRE/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O 128 BATTALION/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O ORDERLY ROOM/129 BATTALION NA.  
 O 130 Battalion/NIGERIAN ARMY/ORDERLY ROOM  
 O 130 BATTALION HEADQUARTERS/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 I 131 BN/MEKO DET  
 R 131 BN. N.A./ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
     on the same cover is  
 O 131 BN NIGERIAN ARMY/MEKO-DET/MEKO  
 O\* 132 Battalion/NIGERIAN ARMY  
 O C.COY. 136 BN./NIGERIAN ARMY, JEBBA  
 O "D" Company /136 Battalion NA. Sokoto  
 O\* D COMPANY/136 BN NIGERIAN ARMY  
 R\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/138 BN NIG. ARMY  
 R A COY/SIGN.../DATE..../138 BN N.A.

- R\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/139 BATTALION N.A.  
on the back is
- R\* 'B' COY/139 BATTALION N.A.
- 18 R ORDERLY ROOM/140, BN NIGERIAN ARMY
- 19 R ORDERLY ROOM/143 BN NIGERIAN ARMY
- O\* HQ 147 BN/NA
- R\* ARMED FORCES/MAIL/177 BN 25 BDE NIGERIAN ARMY
- O\* 179 BN 25 BDE/NA UKPILLA
- O\* 180 BN./25 BDE NA.
- R ARMED FORCES HOSPITAL/CREEK ANNEX
- O ARMED FORCES HOSPITAL/KADUNA  
together with
- R FORCES MAIL/ON ACTIVE SERVICE/ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES
- R FORCES MAIL/ON ACTIVE SERVICE/ARMED FORCES MED. SERVICE
- C\* ARMY/SIGNALS
- R\* BASE WORKS NAEME/YABA LAGOS
- 20 O\* CONVALESCENCE TRANSIT BN/DALET BKS/NIGERIAN ARMY
- O CONVALESCENT CENTRE ELETU/PORT HARCOURT/NIGERIAN ARMY 3 MCDO  
DIV (MAIN)
- O ORDERLY-ROOM/CONV. DEF. COY. N.A. UBIAJA
- 21 R FIELD ENGINEER REGIMENT/DATE/NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEER
- 22 O DEPOT NA/ENUGU
- I ORDERLY ROOM/DEPOT NA ZARIA
- O HEADQUATERS MKD GAR/NIGERIAN ARMY (sic)
- R MAXILLO-FACIAL UNIT/ARMED FORCES HOSPITAL KADUNA
- O MEDICAL CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL/ELEME/NIGERIAN ARMY P.H.
- R ON ACTIVE SERVICE/Nigerian Air Force
- R N.A.F.
- R N.A.F./FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON/ONE/ENUGU
- R NIGERIAN AIR FORCE/LAGOS AIR FORCE BASE/IKEJA
- R\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/ O Nigerian Army
- O ON ACTIVE SERVICE/NIGERIAN ARMY SIGNALS
- I NIGERIAN ARMY TRAINING DEPOT/BORI CAMP DISPATCHED
- O\* ON ACTIVE SERVICE/NIGERIAN DEFENCE A-----

- O THE NIGERIA POLICE/ADURU/BORDER PATROL BASE
- O ORDNANCE DEPOT/NIGERIAN ARMY KADUNA
- 23 R CERTIFIED OFFICIAL/PAY & RECORDS OFFICE/——NIGERIAN ARMY/  
LAGOS NIGERIA
- I QM OFFICE
- O\* SIGNAL TRAINING SCHOOL/NIG. ARMY SIGNAL DET
- O ON ACTIVE SERVICE/TRG. DEPOT NA. IGUEBEN
- O ORDERLY ROOM/TRANSIT CAMP/NA OSHODI/ON ACTIVE SERVICE



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~~TO: F. LUNA~~  
ARMED FORCES MAIL  
ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
~~Box 111~~

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2 FIELD SQUADRON  
10 NOV 1969  
NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEER

REGIMENTAL ENGINEER  
JAN 1969  
NIGERIAN ARMY

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LICENCE YOUR RADIO

KADUNA  
15th NOV 1969

CHAPLAIN DEPT  
H. 3 MCDO  
DATE 18/11/69  
NIGERIAN ARMY

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SIGNAL COY  
Date 14/11/1969  
NIGERIAN ARMY SIGNALS

2 SIGNAL COMPANY  
ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
NIGERIAN ARMY

19 NOV  
1969

To, Pastor ELWA<sup>PO</sup> Box 14  
Kano Nigeria

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'E' COMPANY  
24 NOV 1969  
4TH BN. NIGERIAN ARMY

CAMP HQ. 4 SECTOR  
- 3 NOV 1969  
NIGERIAN ARMY

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W KPEHE COMPANY  
 KURDI.  
 NIGERIAN ARMY  
 DATE 2/1/69

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no  
 13 BN NA 13 CDO BDE  
 Date 2/1/69  
 3M CDO DIV (MAIN)  
 UYO \* 10 NO 69

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COY 126 BN NA  
 Date  
 The Green Jackals

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ORDERLY ROOM  
 Date 26/11/69  
 140, BN NIGERIAN ARMY

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ORDERLY ROOM  
 Date  
 143 BN NIGERIAN ARMY

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CONVALESCENCE TRANSIT BN  
 DALET BKS.  
 LOC KAYO-KADUNA  
 DATE 4-7-70  
 NIGERIAN ARMY

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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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LICENCE  
 YOUR  
 RADIO

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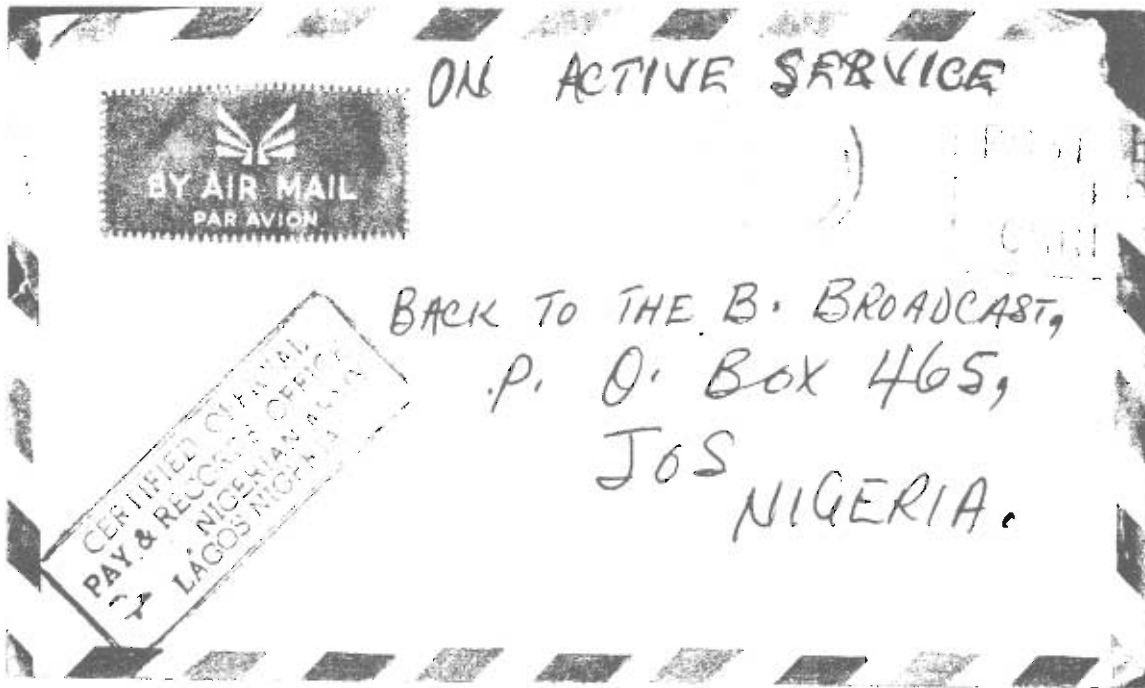
ZUWA GA, E .L .W . A,  
 BOX 14 kano

KANO STATE.

FIELD ENGINEER REGIMENT  
 2-DEC 1969  
 NIGERIAN ARMY ENGINEER



ON ACTIVE SERVICE



ON ACTIVE SERVICE



BACK TO THE B. BROADCAST,  
P. O. BOX 465,  
JOS  
NIGERIA.

CERTIFIED OF PAYMENT  
PAY & RECEIVED OFFICE  
LAGOS NIGERIA

## PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

1. Cover with oval cachet and dated handstamp
  2. Oval cachet with spelling error, machine dated cancel, and hand stamp ON ACTIVE SERVICE.
  3. Large handstamp ON ACTIVE SERVICE
  4. Oval cachet with lower case letters, machine cancel, manuscript ON A S together with two line handstamp
  5. Oval cachet (does someone know what U.P.O. represents?)
  6. Oval cachet, undated
  7. A garrison cachet from the town Uromi
  8. Unique stars on oval cachet
  9. Rectangular cachet from the large town Kaduna
  10. Cover showing two different cachets from the same unit
  11. Oval cachet with lower case letters
  12. Dated oval cachet with unusual stars.
  13. Oval cachet from Company level unit.
  14. A company unit oval cachet
  15. Oval cachet dated by date stamp
  16. Many unit identifications in one oval cachet
  17. A rare circle cachet with a slogan included
  18. Straightline unboxed rectangular cachet
  19. Straightline unboxed rectangular cachet
  20. A five line oval cachet from a definite location
  21. A cover showing a boxed rectangular cachet and machine cancel
  22. A simple dated oval cachet
  23. Boxed rectangular cachet on a machine cancelled cover
  24. Straightline boxed cachet.
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ST. HELENA LETTER : 1944G.W. CRABB

We reproduce a letter and envelope acquired by Mr. Crabb. At first glance, the envelope does not appear particularly interesting but the contents certainly are.

*Answered*

14224824 S/Sjt R.W.White,R.E.,  
St Helena,  
South Atlantic.

20 June 1944

Dear Harry,

Many thanks for your welcome letter which I received last Friday. By the last mail, a fortnight ago, I had word from Mother that you would be writing me in the near future, and it came as a great surprise when we had a batch of mail some four or five weeks earlier than we anticipated.

When I left England last January, I of course had an idea that I was coming to an established station, but little did I think that I was coming to a lonely spot like this. The Island is of course renowned as being the prison den of Napoleon and there is all the evidence of his having been here; the house where he lived is still standing, furnished with the original furniture and records in the local library give accounts of his activities. I have been in his house at Longwood, which is open to the public under French auspices, sat on his furniture, stood on the spot where he died and gazed at the maps on which he probably reviewed his conquests. I have also been to his tomb where he was interned before being taken back to Paris.

Roll on the day when we can view a similar place for this other upstart!

The first impression of the Island, when we landed in the heat (!) of January, was of a barren, massive rock jutting out of the sea, with very little life or vegetation on it, but on coming ashore, we were surprised to find a dusty little town nestled between two terrific mountains rising a thousand or so feet out of the sea. This we came to know as Jamestown, the only place of any size on the Island, with its delapidated old houses a couple of centuries old, its narrow roads filled with countless children running around in bare feet, poultry and dogs and its lazy inhabitants lolling in their doorways in the tropical sunshine. They waved to us as we whizzed by in a truck-- they knew our names before we landed--it was a great day

Yours very sincerely;

*R.W. White*

*Sept 1944*

The bottom left of the envelope and letter show the same censor's signature. (S.A. Davis ?)



Have members come across similar covers since this seems to be the only one recorded from S. Helena with these markings?

If any member has any information, please contact the Editor so that it can be passed on to Mr. Crabb. Also, Mr. Crabb wonders if any member has a spare Tombstone censored cover from Tristan da Cunha. Offers also via the Editor.

Users of this catalogue will have noticed various changes during recent years which have been made after discussion with our Study Circle. Many years ago SG 1 was listed as an imperforate stamp. This was removed when it was thought to be a Proof and hence there was no number 1. We are now agreed that the first stamp was perforated and Gibbons have renumbered the early stamps accordingly. They have also removed the listing of 6d stamps on blued paper. It is generally agreed that the paper used in the printing was white and that the blueing of the paper was brought about by a chemical reaction either during the printing process or afterwards: hence the footnote in Gibbons. The descriptions of SG 38 and 39 have been changed. Previously they were both described as being the same colour although the first was over printed on the 1877 lilac stamp and the second on the 1893 pale violet. A similar distinction in colour description has been made between the low and high values overprints on the long Revenue stamps SG 55-62 and SG 63-71. These stamps are noticeably different in shade, the higher values being paler. The Specimen overprints have been correctly listed according to Marcus Samuel's records.

The most difficult decision was the removal of SG 124b from the catalogue. This stamp the 1/- Wmk Mult Crown C A on emerald paper has been given a Certificate by BPA. Nevertheless we are of the opinion that the stamp was never printed on that paper and this view is supported by other expert opinion. Gibbons have accepted this. The paper is considered to be a strong green but not emerald, being correctly listed as SG 124.

Gibbons catalogue SG 35 bisected on cover. Unfortunately their records were destroyed during the war and the evidence has been lost. The stamp has been seen twice on cover though one is obviously philatelic and the other almost certainly so. If any member has a copy on cover a photostat would be of great interest.

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FREETOWN AIRPORT POSTMARK ERROR

Sierra Leone Members who collect the postmarks may wish to look out for a mis-spelling that occurred on the Freetown Airport postmark. An example seen is dated 17 May 1973 and reads Freetown Airpost Seirra Leone.

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THE S.S. "PROFESSOR WOERMANN"J.J. MARTIN

By courtesy of the Post Office I am able to reproduce correspondence from P.O. Records (reference Pkt 144/1920), about the S.S. "Professor Woermann" which was captured by Allied Forces in 1914. German Colonial stamps carried on this ship were subsequently overprinted C.E.F. for use in the Cameroons.

On June 29th, 1920 a letter was sent by the German P.O. in Berlin to the G.P.O. in London: 'The steamship of the Woermann Line "Professor Woermann" which left Hamburg on the 24 July 1914 for the West Coast of Africa was captured by a British Warship in West African waters and taken to Freetown.

Numerous postal packets for the former German Protectorate Togo and Kamerun were being forwarded by this ship. I beg to ask the General Post Office for as much information as can be furnished, with regard to the disposal of the Mails forwarded by this ship.

The G.P.O. contacted the General Post Office, Freetown, Sierra Leone who replied on September 11nd, 1920: 'With reference to your letter No. 146399/20 of the 30th August, I have the honour to inform you that the mails from British Ports landed from the S.S. "Professor Woermann", which were detained by the Censors, were forwarded to London by the S.S. "Elmina" on 5th August, 1915.

The mails of German origin or destination were dealt with as follows:-

Papers, maps etc. which were considered to be of use to the Expeditionary Force in the Cameroons were handed to the Staff Officer attached to the Force.

Letters and papers addressed to German prisoners - chiefly officials, traders and missionaries from the Cameroons - who were conveyed to England on the S.S. "Akassa", were handed over for distribution to the addressees when the boat called at Freetown.

Papers, catalogues etc remaining, were destroyed.

Letters remaining, were forwarded to London by the S.S. "Elmina" on the 5th August, 1915 (Vide letter No. 589/D. 117/1915 of 5th August, 1915 to your Office).

Parcels were handed to the Marshall of the Prize Court and the contents sold by Auction'.

The G.P.O. advised the Minister of Posts, Berlin on December 1st 1920 as follows: 'With reference to your letter of the 29th June last No. 1 a B521, and to the letter of the 28th of August from this Office, concerning the disposal of the Mails for Togoland and the Cameroons despatched by the S.S. "Professor Woermann" from Hamburg on the 24th of July 1914, I am directed by the Postmaster General to acquaint you that, according to information which has been obtained from the Post Office of Sierra Leone, Mails of German origin or destination, on being landed from the ship at Freetown, were opened by the competent authorities and letters and papers addressed to Germans, chiefly from the Cameroons, who were being conveyed to Europe by the S.S. "Akassa", were delivered on board that ship for distribution to the addresses.

Packets addressed to other persons, except certain printed matter of little value which was destroyed, were detained and have since been released or otherwise dealt with in accordance with general arrangements. No enquiry concerning any particular one of these packets is now practicable.'

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