



Dr H D Bruce

Collections

Post Office Routines

Bruce Collection Post Office Routines

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The POSTMARKS of NEW SOUTH WALES.

Arrangement of the collection.

For postal purposes New South Wales is divided into seventeen "Inspectoral Districts" as follows:—

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. ALBURY | 7. GOULBURN |
| 2. ARMIDALE | 8. GUNNEDAH |
| 3. BATHURST | 9. KEMPSEY |
| 4. COOMA | 10. LISMORE |
| 5. COOTAMUNDRA | 11. NEWCASTLE |
| 6. DUBBO | 12. PARKES |

13. WEST MAITLAND

and 14 to 17. SYDNEY Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4.

This collection is arranged into

1. The above inspectoral districts
2. (A) "DIRECT" offices i.e. offices whose mail is sorted and bagged at the Sydney G.P.O.
(B) Subsidiary offices whose mail passed through one of the larger direct offices where it may be again sorted.
3. (A) Offices opened since 31st December 1934
(B) Dead offices i.e. closed on 1st January 1934.

"OFFICIAL" post offices i.e. those under the management of a full time member of the Post Office Department are underlined in red.

THE BRUCE COLLECTION

This collection of New South Wales postal markings was formed by Dr H B (Barnett) Bruce in the 1930s and is arranged in 19 volumes by the inspectorial districts of the time. Post offices opened since 1936 were listed at the end, hence the population figures are probably from the 1934 census. It was borrowed by the Australian Post Office for display at *Anpex 59* but was unfortunately water damaged in a fire whilst in their possession. They purchased the collection and donated it to the Philatelic Association of NSW in 1985. It has now been remounted by Cyril McColough and Richard Peck.

Dr Bruce's original information (mileage from Sydney, population from the 1934 census) is preserved but has been supplemented by information from NC Hopson & R Tobin, *NSW & ACT Post, Receiving, Telegraph & Telephone Offices* (Vols 1-4). In these cases, distances in km are given from the nearest town.

The following abbreviations have been used for post office information:

CMA- Community Mail Agency. Established after 1979 where a PO had closed and in some instances a date-stamp continued in use.

LPO- Licensed Post Office (replacing POA from 1993).

NONO- Non-official post office (Allowance office pre 1927 and Post Office Agency post 1985). They provided normal postal facilities with/without money order business.

OPO- Official Post Office. Introduced in 1862 after the money order system was established.

PO- Post Office

POA- Post Office Agency (post 1985)

P&T- Official Post & Telephone Office. Consequent upon amalgamation of separate post and telegraph offices in a town after 1870.

RO- Receiving Office (1875-1927). To accept and receive correspondence for residents in the locality, the receipt and despatch of mail bags and sale of postage stamps. They were generally not given date-stamps till upgraded to PO status.

SO- Semi-official post offices (1904-1911) conducting all business but at which revenue was insufficient to justify official status.

TO- Telephone Office (telephone/telegraph business but no postal facilities except as applicable to an RO). First established in the 1890s and often re-established after closure of a PO. After 1975 TOs came under the control of Telecom and date-stamps were often withdrawn. Most were later replaced by automatic exchanges.

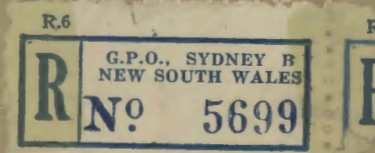
No details of date-stamps and postal markings have been given. They can be found in Hopson & Tobin and R Tobin, *Postmarks of NSW*, Vol.1 (1983), Vols.2-3 (2001).

The collection is available for display to stamp clubs and societies. Please contact Philas.

Philas also holds material from the 1982 NSW postmark census and will participate in a similar exercise in 2003 thanks again to the co-operation of Australia Post.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT. (A.R.)

Registered, &
must be signed
for by the
addressee &
by no other
person.



A.R.



AIR MAIL.

No 1



No 3



No 3 (1937)

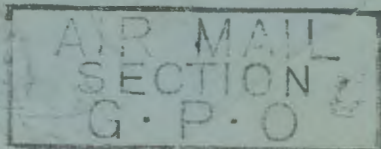
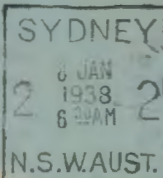
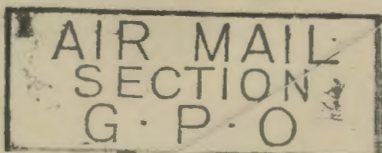
NSW. AUST - No 7.

1941 - New Type.

No 1



Electrical Cancellation - "Back-stamp" only.



AIR MAIL.

TAX.

"Air 2" in right lower corner.

AIR MAIL

Dr. H. B. Bruce.

Lae.

New Guinea

1. N. 1.



EXCEEDS 4/11 023.
TAX 3/11
AIR MAIL Air 2

AIR
MP

"DELAYED"

SYDNEY
5 - PM
10 28 OCT 10
1949
N.S.W. AUST

Miss Lila R.

St. Marks

Essex

DELAYED IN CHUTE
OF PRIVATE POSTING BOX
NO POSTAL DELAY

Note

"NO POSTAL DELAY"

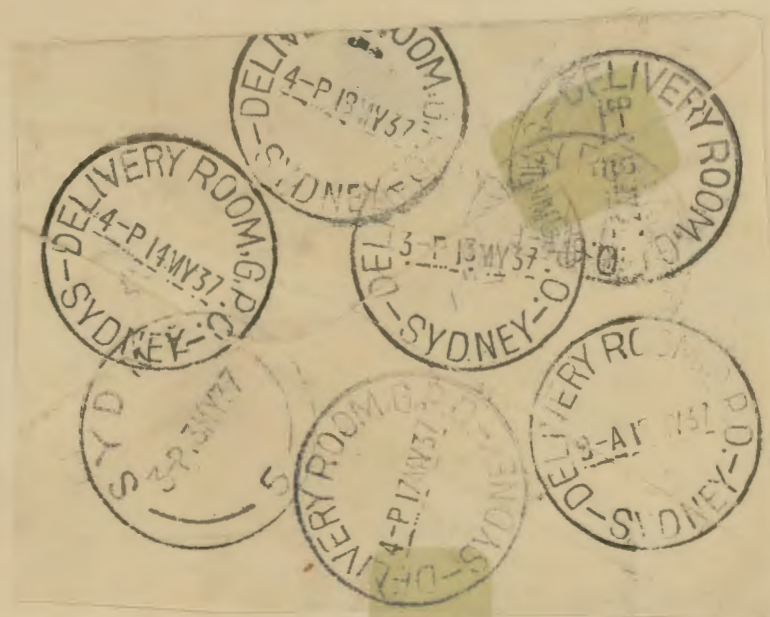
"DELIVERY ROOM G.P.O."

First (?) Type
- 1915

1915 - 1934



1935 New Type



"DELIVERY ROOM G.P.O."



1939.

G.P.O. SYDNEY / D.R. (= Delivery Room)



EXPRESS DELIVERY

A fee of 4d. (in addition to the postage) is charged for this service. On receipt the article is conveyed by messenger from the post office of address "if messengers are available for such purpose there." The article need not be registered.

Rubber Stamp - "EXPRESS DELIVERY" (Applied at Registration Counter, G.P.O.)



Registered
article receipt
similarly
stamped.

R.1 POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT Date *19/10/45*

Received from *James Ramsay*

Address *Blenheim*

ARTICLE FOR REGISTRATION ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS

Registration No. <i>349</i>	Surname of Addressee <i>James Ramsay</i>	Office of Destination <i>EXPRESS DELIVERY</i>
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Signature of Receiving Officer *W. J. McCarthy*

This Receipt must be presented should inquiry be made concerning delivery
SCH. C 4739 - 6/1945



EXPRESS DELIVERY

"Undeliverable by Telegraphs
for reasons shown — closed.
Forward by post."

Date of Receipt 17 Oct 1948

(This was a Sunday; delivered
by post on Monday morning)

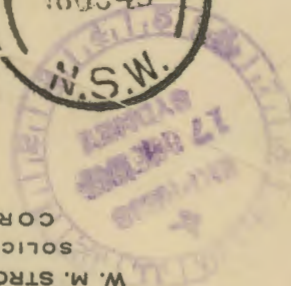
Express Delivery

closed

DELIVERED BY TELEGRAPH
FOR REASONS SHOWN
FORWARDED BY POST



The Secretary
Rural Reconstruction Board
Castlereagh St
Sydney



W. M. STRONG & SON
SOLICITORS
COROWA

FREE.

Frank Envelope

G. H. M. S.

This envelope can only be lawfully used by Government Departments on the public business. The use of it by public officials to avoid payment of postage on private matter of any kind is punishable and involves the letter being charged double postage. The public are cautioned against using it under any circumstances.

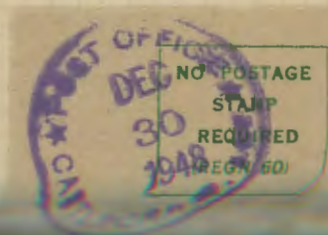
Mr. A. S. Basil
Sec^y Labour

IF NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 14 DAYS, PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Department of Public Works, N.S.W.,

Aug. 23rd 1908

Commissioner
Sydney

Governor's Frank Stamp.



FREE.

Frank Envelope

O. H. M. S.

This envelope can only be lawfully used by Government Departments on the public business. The use of it by public officials to avoid payment of postage on private matter of any kind is punishable and involves the letter being charged double postage. The public are cautioned against using it under any circumstances.

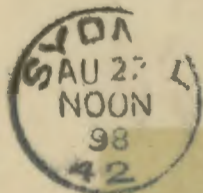
Mr. A. S. Basil
Secy Labour

IF NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 14 DAYS, PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Department of Public Works, N.S.W.,

Aug. 23rd 1907

Commissioner
Sydney

Governor's Frank Stamp.



NO POSTAGE
STAMP
REQUIRED
REGN 601

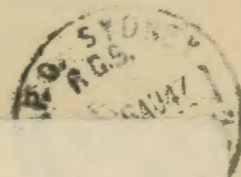
~~Australia.~~

POST
FREE.

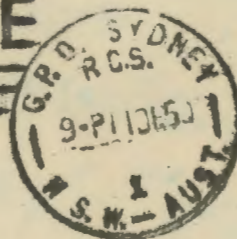
FREE.

Royal Australian Navy mail.

PASSED FREE
OF POSTAGE



PASSED FREE
OF POSTAGE



M^r & M^{rs} G.A. Johnson
~ Looe ~

245 Pittwater Road

Kororua

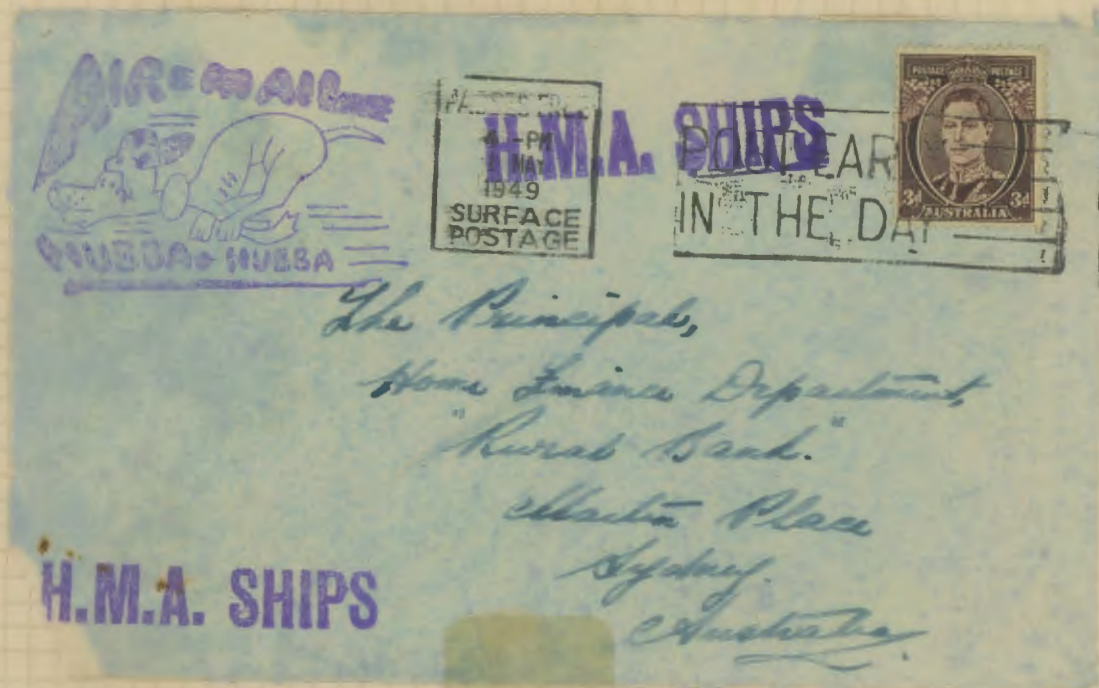
N.S.W.

H.M.A. SHIPS

FREE.

Royal Australian Navy Mail

Note "HUBBA HUBBA"
Air mail stamp.



SYDNEY J A 1951 NO15 SYDNEY J A 1951 NO15
W. NO15 4 4- -PM N.S.W. NO15 4 4- -PM

PERSONAL LOANS DIVISION.

RURAL BANK OF N.S.W.

CASTLEREAGH STREET.

SYDNEY.

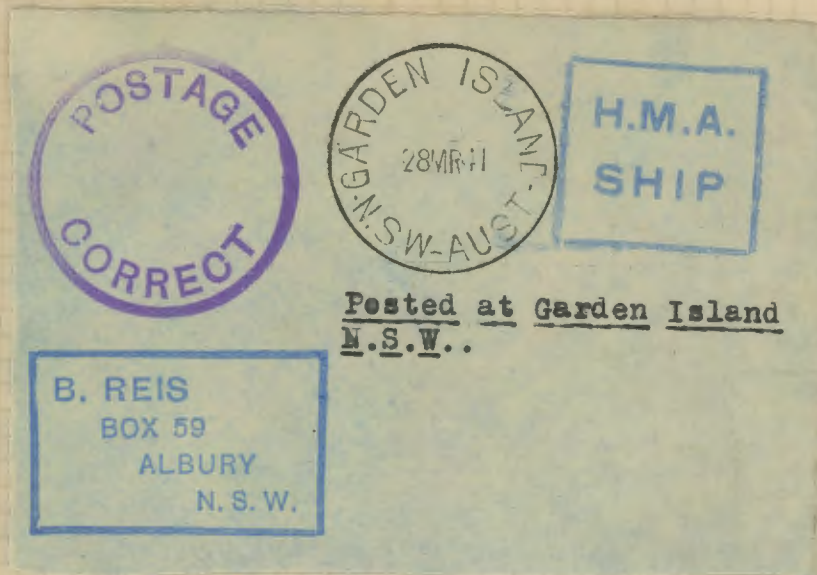
MAIL OFFICE
H.M.A.S. "TOBRITZ"

MAIL OFFICE
H.M.A.S. "TOBRITZ"

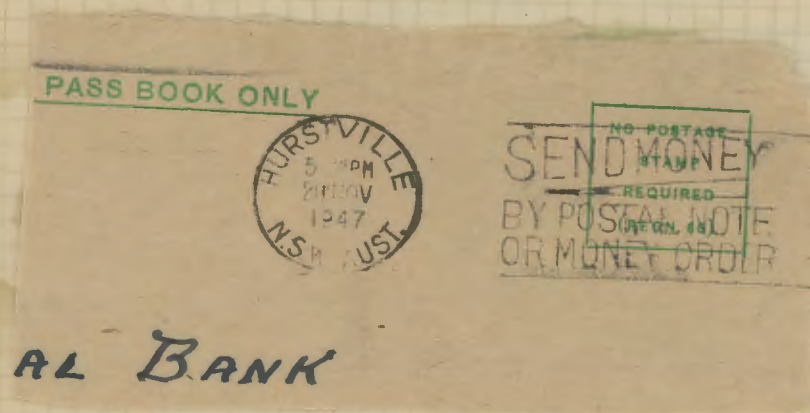
FREE.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

Office stamp, and marked for use at Garden Island.



BANK PASS BOOK When Transmitted between Branches or other Banks.



FREE.

"INTERNEE SERVICE"

"PAID" - Blank 'Security' Cancellation.

(From Liverpool)

RECEIVED BY GLEASON

S. 13

PAID

INTERNEE SERVICE
MAIL
NO POSTAGE REQUIRED

Mr. Bright

c. c. Society of Friends (Miss Gladys Huntington)

20 Redan Street

Norman / Sydney

PASSED

FROM: H. R. E. LEHNER
INT. CAMP. ADJAC. BUREAU
LIVERPOOL 11-5-44

FREE.

"Service Prisoners of War."

Orange } Internment
Hay } Camps.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

Service of Prisoners of War



INCOMPLETE
ADVISE WRITER

Messrs Rindach Ltd

Park & George Sts

Sydney N.S.W.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO

CAMP PAYMASTER
ORANGE



SERVICE
Prisoners of War
C.O. Thana, Lt. Col.
Comdt. HAY

Messrs Rindach Ltd

Park & George Sts

Sydney.

PASS. S.

PERMISSION
GRANTED

1 - APR 1941

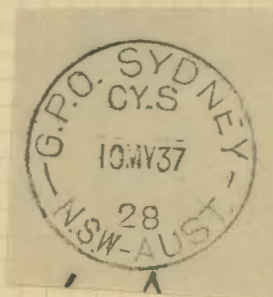
"G. P. O. SYDNEY."

CY. S = "City Section."

"2"



"28"



"1" — Small lettering.



3 obliterations of
this type are in
use at the CHIEF
PARCELS OFFICE
These show
check numbers
7.8 & 9
(vs PARCELS POST
Section)



"G.P.O. SYDNEY."

R.C.S. = Receiving Section.

"1"

"10"



S.S. = "Suburban Section"

"1"



C.S. = "Country Section"

"1" "1"



"G.P.O. SYDNEY."

4(3 figure) Check Number.

1944.

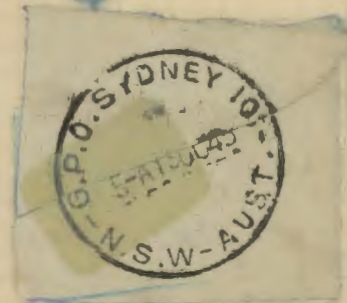
102



103



105



106



107



109



111



115



118



Used in Postmen's
section of un-
obliterated letters



"G. P. O. SYDNEY."



LATE FEE.

A. Hand-stamp types

(1915)

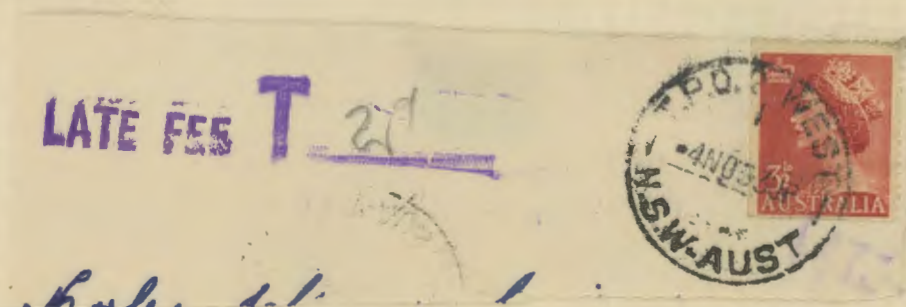


1920

Check
No 1.



Check
No. 2.

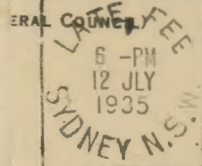


LATE FEE.

B. Machine Types.

Machine Type No. 1:-

Warra Shorthorn Society.



REGISTERED VALUABLE MAIL



Probably irregularly posted in Late Fee box (no extra fee of 1d)

Machine Type No. 2:- 1936.



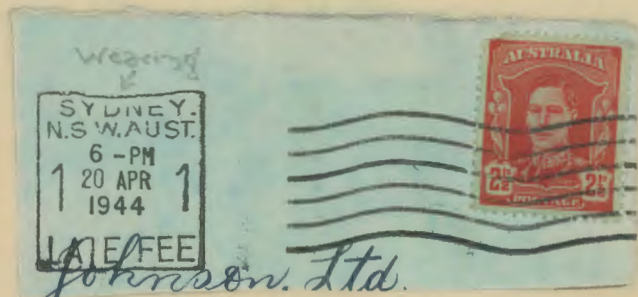
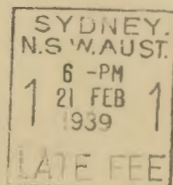
← "L.F." (Sends memo Late Fee)

Note the extra fee of 1d.

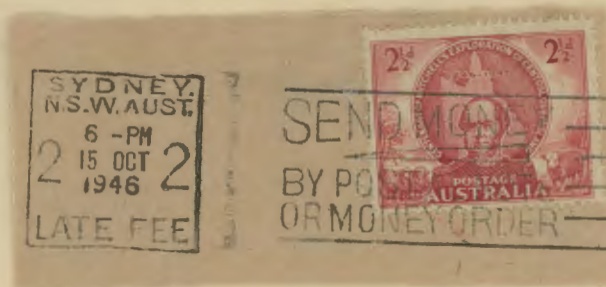
"N.S.W. AUST."

Type No. 3.

Check. No 1.



Check No 2.



LATE FEE.

TAX Marks - extra fee (1d) not having been paid.

Early Type



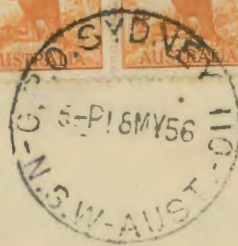
More to pay, 1d. LATE FEE

Murdoch's



LATE FEE

Used purely as additional cancellation



Mr H Bruce
La
New Guinea

THE ROYAL SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB
BOX 1751, G.P.O. SYDNEY

LATE FEE.

"RAILWAY STATION"

Early type:-



1930? "LATE FEE. SYDNEY RLY. STN."



1943(?) "RLY STN. SYDNEY, L.F." (N.S.W. AUST)



LETTER DELIVERY BUREAU.



Evidently an inter-departmental arrangement

Postage stamp is affixed OVER
the mark.

J. Kemp-Bruce, Esq.,

C/- Dalgety & Co., Ltd.,

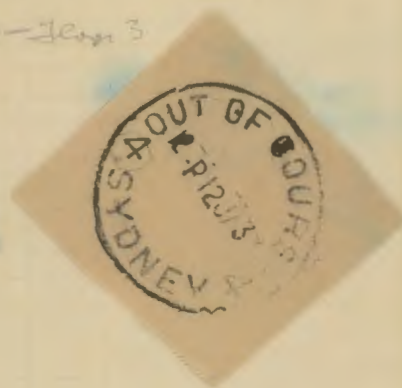
15 Bent Street,

SYDNEY.

"OUT OF COURSE"

2:-

4-1 Jan 3



New type of 4.

1936. Electrical Type.

Note. Wavy bars
only when first
introduced



Later:-
Slogan attached



OUT OF COURSE

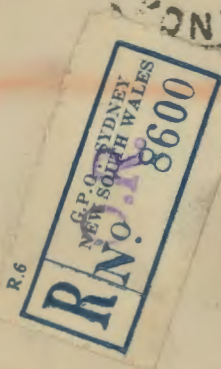
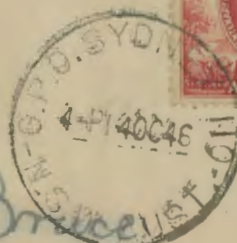
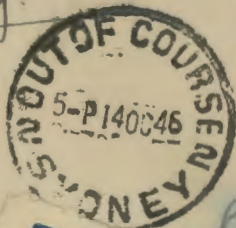
Registered. Posted in G.P.O. Letter Box.

No Registration Fee

Nor Surcharged.

Registration cachet affixed stamped "O.R." Officially Registered.

Registered



OR

Dr B. Brice
c/o Thermo Ray
183 Elizabeth St.
Sydney

P.C.

Posted G.P.O. Boxes



PAID.

"POSTAGE PAID" marks used as obliterations.

This occasionally occurs & apparently signifies nothing further than carelessness or inadvertence on the part of a postal clerk.

Examples are here shewn.



"POSTAGE PAID. SYDNEY"

Note the irregularity of these handstamps; rarely is the date shown; the amount paid is in varying positions & sometimes the centre is illegible altogether.

Handstamp No 1.



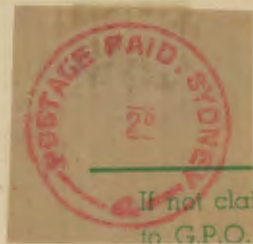
Stamp No 2.



Stamp No 4.



"POSTAGE PAID SYDNEY"



193. New type.
No 12.



Relief stamp.

No 2

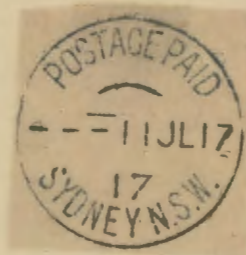


no date (200)



"POSTAGE PAID - 17 - SYDNEY N.S.W."

This identical handstamp has been in existence for well over 20 years and appears to be a "maid of all work" covering many values



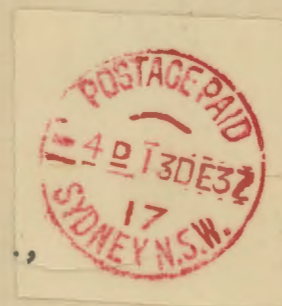
1d



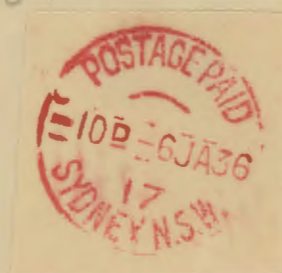
2d



4d



10d



NO. 14.



"POSTAGE PAID SYDNEY N. S. W."

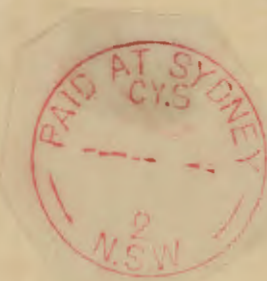


PAID AT SYDNEY - CY.S. & various check numbers.
 CY.S = "City Section"

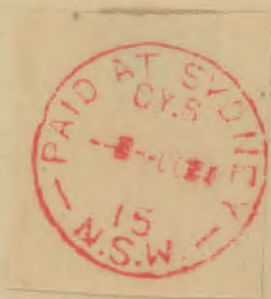
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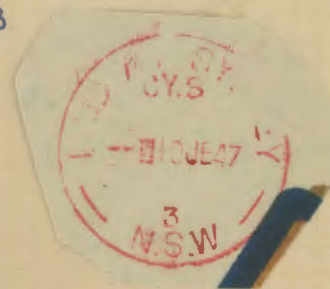
15.



6.



3

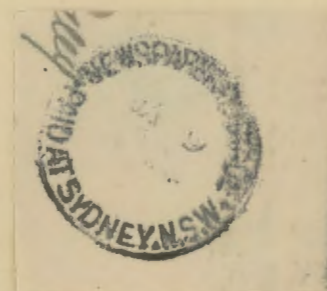


"N.S.W. AUST"



Old electrical machine type

? electrical Machine
? Handstamp



"PAID SYDNEY — REGISTRATION"

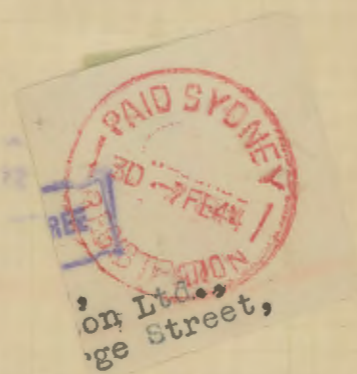
4d



5d



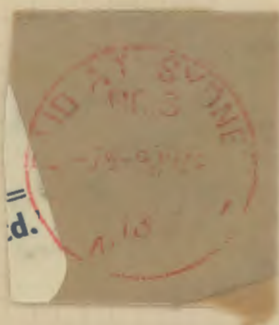
3d



PAID AT SYDNEY - N.S.W

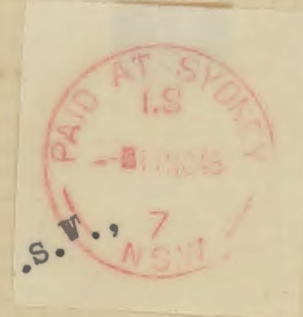
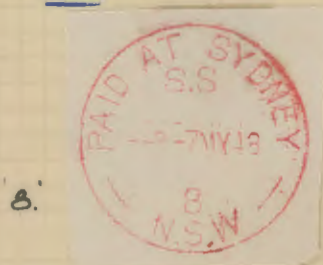
R.C.S a check number

R.C.S. = Receiving Section.

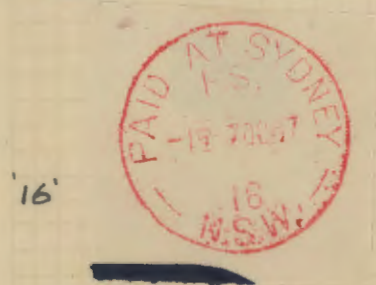


S.S. = "Suburban Section."

I.S. = Interstate Section



P.S. = "Parcels Section"



"PAID AT SYDNEY.-N.S.W."

With this mark any amount
from 1/2d to 99 1/2d can be shown.

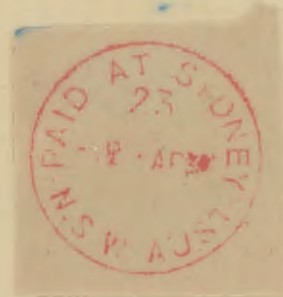
1D:-



2D:-

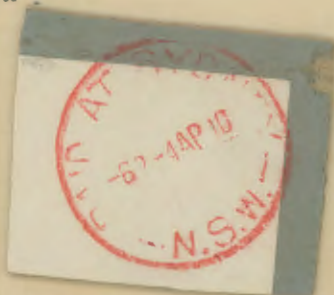


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3D:-

6D:-



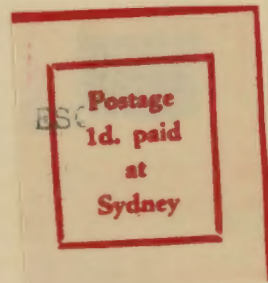
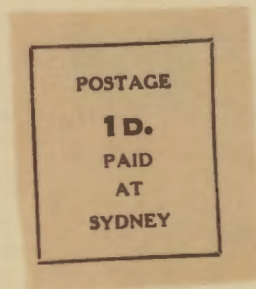
7 1/2d.



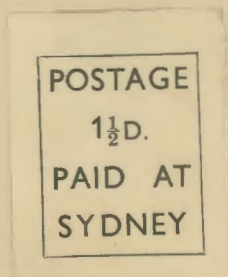
PRINTED FRANKS

"POSTAGE PAID AT SYDNEY."

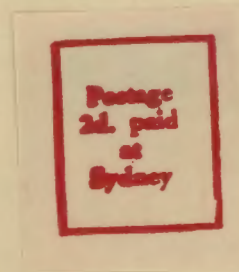
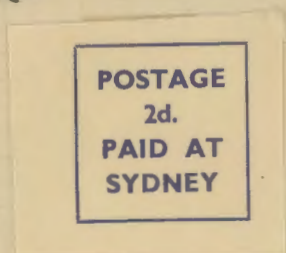
1d



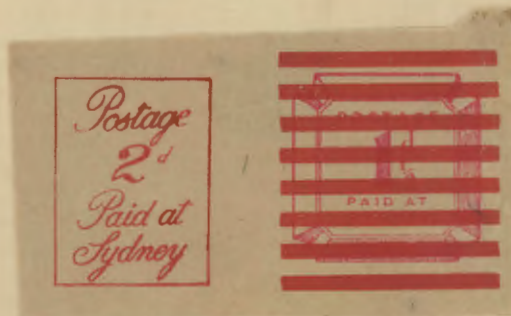
1½d



2d



3d



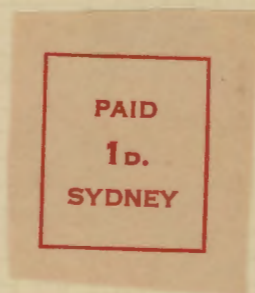
PRINTED FRANKS.

"POSTAGE PAID AT SYDNEY."

4d.



5d.



POSTAGE PAID

GORDON and GOTCH (Australasia) LTD.

(INCORPORATED IN VICTORIA)

Barrack and Clarence Sts., Sydney

SYDNEY

G. A. JOHNSON, ESQ.,
265 PITTWATER ROAD,
NARRABEEN,
N.S.W.

PRINTED FRANKS.

"POSTAGE PAID SYDNEY."

POSTAGE PAID

1^{D.}

SYDNEY

POSTAGE PAID

1^{D.}

SYDNEY

POSTAGE PAID

1^{D.}

AT SYDNEY

No value:-

+4^D :- Registered.

Postage
Paid
Sydney

(Austⁿ Medical Journal.)

SYDNEY
N.S.W.
30 NOV
1940
4^D
PAID

POSTAGE
PAID
1^d
SYDNEY

2nd CLASS MAIL MATTER

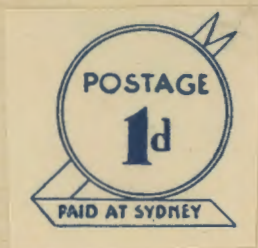
SEALING AUTHORISED BY

Postal Dept. Permit No. G 36-1213

POSTAGE 1d.

Paid at SYDNEY

PRINTED FRANKS.



PARCELS POST.



G.P.O.
P.P. = Parcels Post.

Irregularly used as affixes for

PARCELS POST.

"Killer" types - applied by a roller

Type 1:-

SYDNEY
CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE
SYDNEY.
CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE.

SY
SYDNEY
CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE
SYDNEY

Type 2.



A. ? 1933.



B New setting
? 1946

PARCELS POST.

"CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE" (i.e. at Central Sq.)

Check No. 1.



NO. 4.



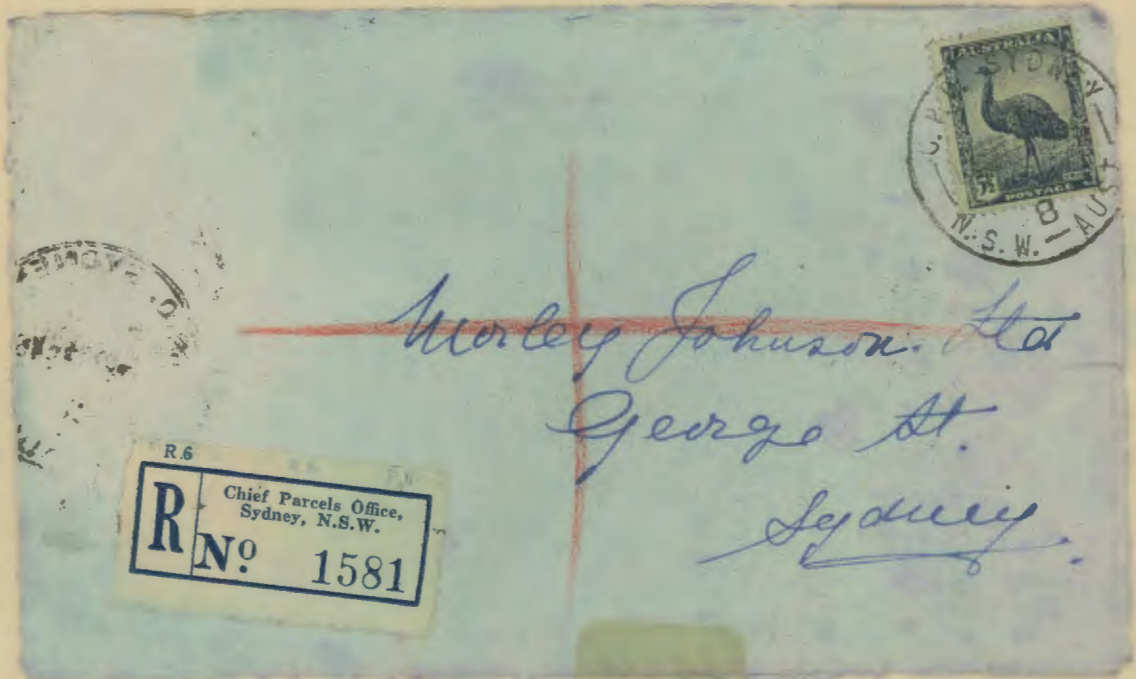
NO. 5.



1949



"G.P.O. SYDNEY" NO. 8 = C.P.O. Reg. Cashier. (No 8 is used at Chief Parcels Office)



PARCELS POST

CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE

The following specimens, obtained by courtesy, represent all the
obliterators in use at this office as at June 1st 1948.

SYDNEY

CHIEF
PARCELS OFFICE
SYDNEY

CHIEF
PARCELS OFFICE
SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

NSW P2

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

NO. 2

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

SYDNEY

NO. 4

The above 3 obliterations are obsolescent
following philatelic representations on
account of the unnecessary defacement of
the stamps.
They are being replaced by the "barred"
type at the left (see over)

CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE

Courtesy Specimens Contd

(Note letters are "C.P.O." not "G.P.O.")



No. 5 "7" & "9" Locally by receipts

Post - Postal Orders



"PAID AT SYDNEY" - 16

Bulk postage.

Postage on multiple sim-ilar parcels or packages. Articles bear no stamps. Stamps to total amount affixed to check or Consignment



Telegrams

PARCELS POST.

CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE

Courtesy specimens - R.B. H.

'BARRED' TYPES

No. 5

No. 2



No. 4



N.S.W.-AUST



No. 6.



R2.



CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE.

Courtesy Specimens - Conf^d

"POSTED ON TRAIN"

These, posted on a train on which there is no regular T.P.D. or in the box on certain railway stations, are cancelled at the above office.

Note that the extra fee of 1d. charged on such letters is not taxed at the usual "double deficiency" rate.



PARCELS POST.

BRANCH PARCELS OFFICE

(situated in the G. P. O.)



1938-



REGISTERED.

187.

Rubber stamp 'cacher' a 'killer' of parallel lines
(applied by a roller)



188. "REGISTERED LETTER OFFICE G.P.O. SYDNEY" & check letter

A.



B.



REGISTERED - Contd

1893-1903

"REGISTERED - SYDNEY N.S.W." & check letter.

Check letter "A"

There were at least
3 stamps (here
shown) in use
during this per-
iod and probably
several more.



Check letter - B - gain at least 3 stamps in use

"B" same size but a different stamp.



REGISTERED - Contd

Date - Check letter in one line -

Narrow
type of
lettering

Circle
28mm



Square type of lettering



Check letter before date.

Circle
27mm



Circle 29mm Heavier type.

"A."



"B"



New type. 71021.

Circle 28mm

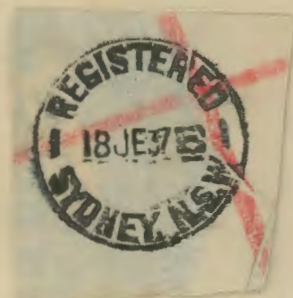
Check letter before date



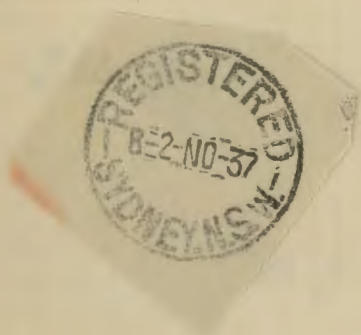
Note No dividing bars

REGISTERED - Contd.

? 1934 Heavy type Circle 31mm.
"A"
No check letter



? 1935 Taller type Circle 29mm. — A 1924 type resurrected.



REGISTERED - Contd

? 1936 Small, squarish type

"A"



"B"



"REGISTERED
F"

Usually used for backstamping transit letters.

"A"



"B" (small)



"B" (large)



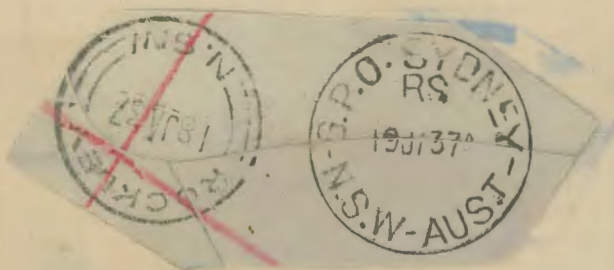
Note larger checkletter B
also W.

REGISTERED.

1937.

"G.P.O. SYDNEY - NSW. AUST
R.S (= Registration Section)

No check letter. - used as
back stamp only.



This quickly wore



With check letters - these designate the counter at which registration effected.

A.



B.



C.



D.



REGISTERED.

G.P.O. SYDNEY. — "R.S."

Check letters. — con't

E.

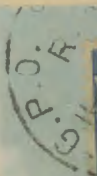


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M.S.W.

H.



K.



Pro

REGISTERED. - Conf^d

"PAID SYDNEY" - (Bulk Registration)

→
"RATIONING
PAPERS ONLY -
POST FREE"

Registration Fee
only (3d)

SERVICE

PAID SYDNEY
PAPERS ONLY - POST FREE

Manager,
Johnson Ltd.,
52 George Street,
SY

AUSTRALIA

S, RETURN TO
NG COMMISSION,

R.6

R G.P.O., SYDNEY
NEW SOUTH WALES
N^o 6884

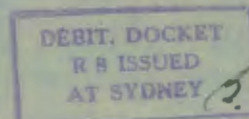
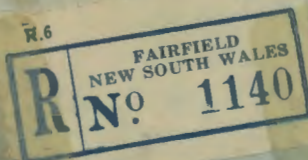


5d
Postage 2d
Registr 3d
15 1936.

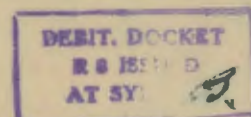
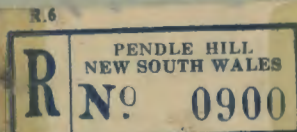
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Debit Docket

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Monley Johnsons Ltd
546-552 George st
Sydney

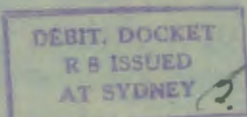
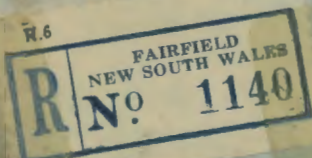


Monley Johnsons
Pitt st

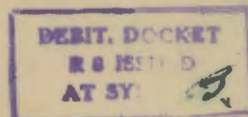
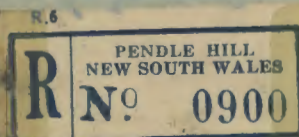
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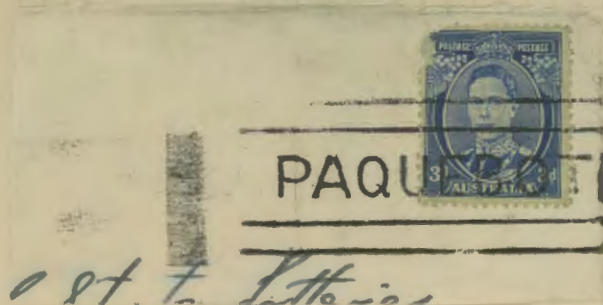
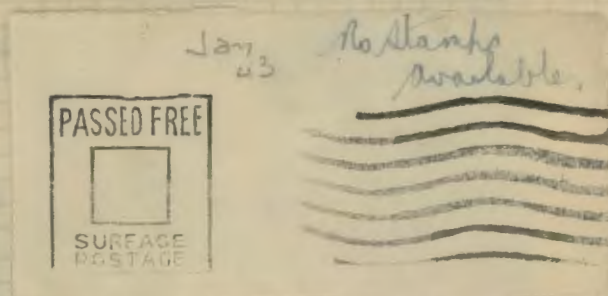
Monley Johnsons Ltd
546-552 George St
Sydney



Monley Johnsons
Pitt St
Sydney

"SECURITY" CANCELLATIONS - 1920-45 War

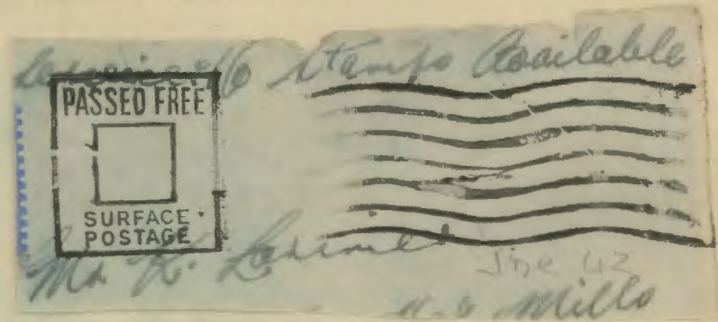
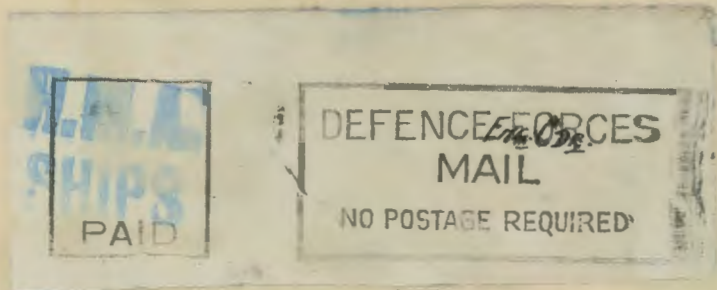
Office of receipt for collections, Mr. Shew.



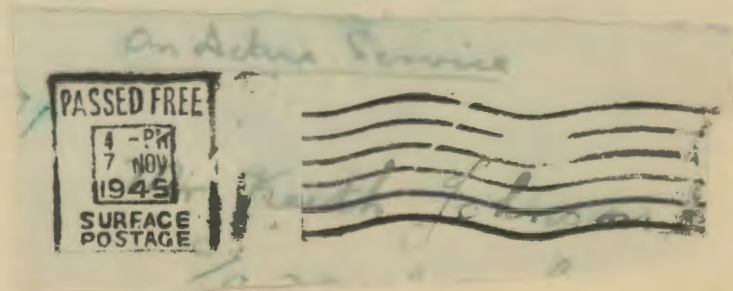
No. 3. Used for Defence Forces Mail



Security Locality omitted - (Types used at Sydney)



7.11.45
War over,
Date shown



1949

New Type of date stamp

PASSED FREE

12 M

29 JNE

1949

SURFACE
POSTAGE

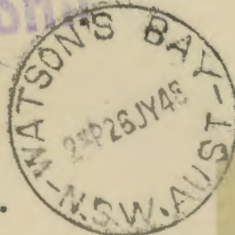
H.M.A. SHIP

H.M.A. SHIPS.

1939-45 War.

Various rubber stamp types

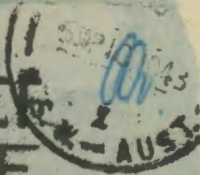
FROM H.M.A. SHIP



Rural Bank of New South Wales.

Box 41 G.P.O. SYDNEY

PASSED FREE
OF POSTAGE



The Super
H.M.A. SHIPS
AUSTRALIA

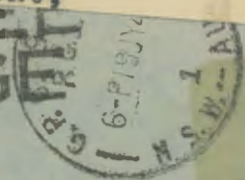
ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

RECEIVED FROM
H.M. SHIPS

The Superintendent,

Homes Department,

PASSED FREE
OF POSTAGE



The Commissioner
Rural Bank
Martin Place
H.M.A. SHIPS. *Swansea*

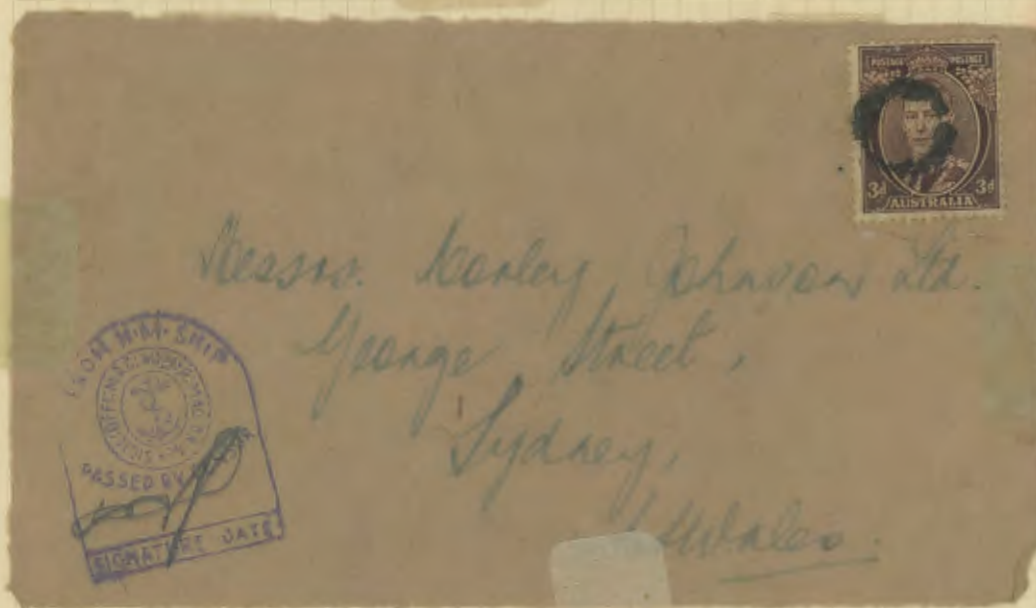
"PEERLESS" SERIES

PRINTED AND MADE IN ENGLAND

"SECURITY" CANCELLATIONS — 1939-45 War.

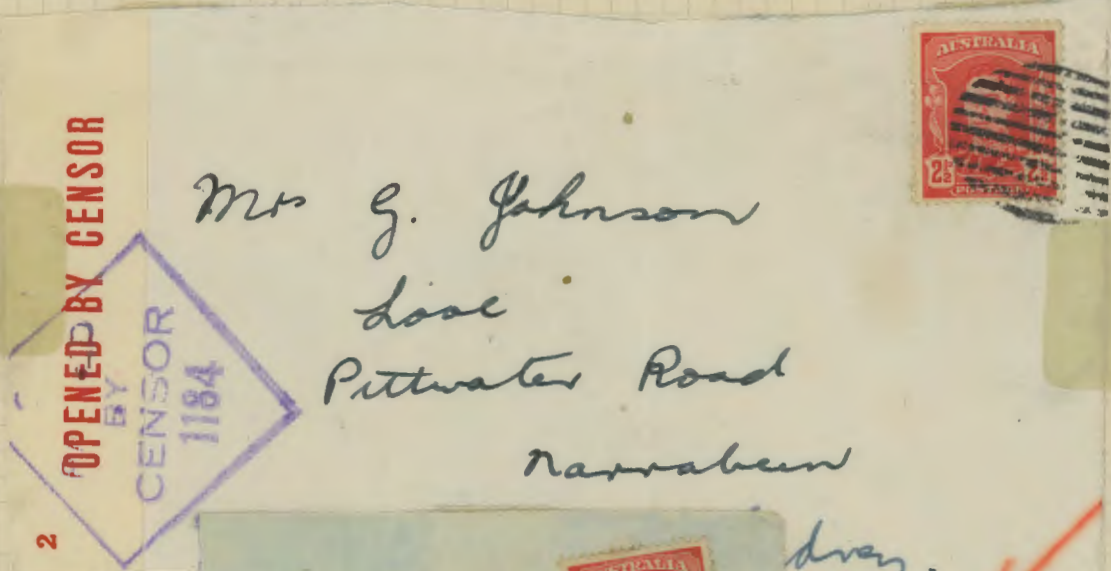


Mr Harry
Porter is of
the opinion
that this mark
was used at
DARWIN
by the Naval
Depot there.



"SECURITY" CANCELLATIONS.

The two covers, one from New Hebrides & one from Lord Howe Island and addressed to Sydney, suggest that this mark was applied either in Sydney or on the mail-boat.



"SECURITY"



?? a
NEW
mark



Murdoch's Ltd

Sydney



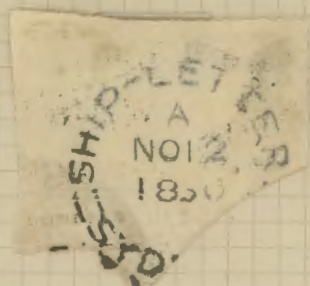
The Manager
Rural Bank
Box 1541 DD



G.P.O.
Sydney.
Aust.

SHIP LETTER.

A. In BLACK: - applied as 'back-stamp' to letters received.



SHIP LETTER.

B. In RED:— applied to letters sent

1836(?) There are at least, differing principally in the Crown.



59x30



38x30

38x29

SHIP LETTER.

= SHIP LETTER =
SYDNEY.

Check letter "A"



(Newcastle
to
Sydney)

Note that on this cover the one overleaf the stamp is cancelled by N.S.W. in ellipses only. I have seen several similar specimens & it would appear that this cancellation (i.e. without "SYDNEY") was used to cancel ships mail, during the 1870's at least.

SHIP LETTER.

=SHIP LETTER=
SYDNEY.

Check. letter "K".

(Newcastle to Sydney)



"SHIP LETTER."



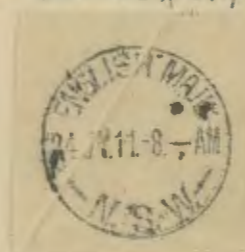
Inscribed "SHIP MAIL ROOM
SYDNEY N.S.W."

1910
"SHIP ROOM"
SYDNEY N.S.W.

"ENGLISH MAIL" (Annual)
(Back stamp only)



18-1909



"LOOSE SHIP LETTER"



This type - note breaking away of the enclosing circle - appears to have been
jettisoned at the end of 1934 and was replaced by 'PAGUEBOT' type (see over)

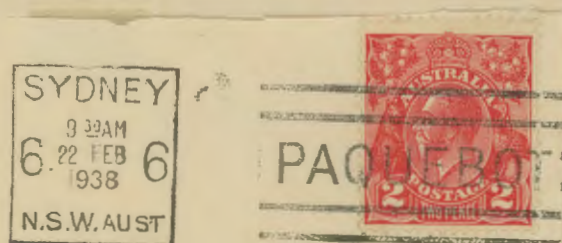
* In use till April 1935 (at least)

SHIP LETTER - "PAQUEBOT"

1935:-



Electrical Machine Type:-



"POSTED SHIP SIDE"

"Farewell" letters posted on outgoing ships are cleared just prior to casting off a letter to the G.P.O. This cancellation is applied on the wharf.



Doubtful if a
SYDNEY
Paquetbor mark
? Fremantle
(N.W.D.)

"LOOSE SHIPS LETTER"



"SPECIAL."



It is thought that this "SPECIAL" postmark is the precursor of the 'RELIEF' stamp and is not connected with the marks below.



This represented a special concession afforded by the Dept. to business firms who represented that the time between the receipt of certain country (and interstate) mails and the closing time of the return mail at the G.P.O. was insufficient to allow them to reply by return without paying late fee which would amount to a considerable sum. The Dept. then opened a 'SPECIAL' box in which letters could be posted up to an hour after the ordinary boxes were closed without extra charge. After some years the mail so posted became so large that electrical cancelling machines ("Country SPECIAL" & "INTERSTATE SPECIAL" (q.v)) had to be installed & finally the Dept. decided that firms were making a waffer of it & unfairly using the concession which was withdrawn and in place the Dept. extended the closing time of the ordinary boxes by from 1/2 to 1 hour.

SPECIAL DELIVERY.

If not claimed within 14 days,
please re-direct to :

BOX 36A, G.P.O.

On His Majesty's Service.

**SPECIAL
DELIVERY**

27 FEB 1948

Handwritten signature
1-3-48

Department of Agriculture,

Sydney, _____

MIR NOEL GRIFFITHS
ADVERTISING MANAGER
RURAL BANK
SYDNEY

SPECIAL POSTMARKS.

JUBILEE OF FIVE PENCE STAMP OF N.S. WALES.

1905. (27th Decr)

POST CARD

The Sydney Philatelic Club request the honor of your presence at a Conversazione at St. James' Hall, Phillip Street, Sydney, in Celebration of the Jubilee of the Five Pence Stamp of New South Wales, at 8 p.m. on Saturday 2nd December, 1905.

*J.R. Smyth
Hon Secy*

*Markin
Arthur West
Millburn
Bellmore St
Amcliffe*



GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN FETE

1932. (6th Oct)

POST CARD.



*G.A. Johnson Esq.,
"Warrane"
Cherry St.
Inverness
N.S.W.*



SPECIAL POSTMARKS: — Contd.

OPENING OF HARBOUR BRIDGE

1932 (19th Mar.)



"N.E. PYLON" Open during celebrations only.

(Regular or permanent Bridge P.O.)



"S.E. PYLON." Open during celebrations only.



SPECIAL POSTMARKS - Cont'd

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

1932.



JOHN
AUSTRALIAN NOTE A

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES
(SESQUI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.)

1938 (26th Jan)



SPECIAL POST MARKS:- Contd

SESQUI-CENTENARY PHILATELIC EXHIBITION. — 1938



INTERNATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE.



ANZAC RIFLE RANGE. — open during annual meeting only.



SPECIAL POSTMARKS:- Contd.

U.N.R.R.A.
(Lapstone Hotel)

Opened f

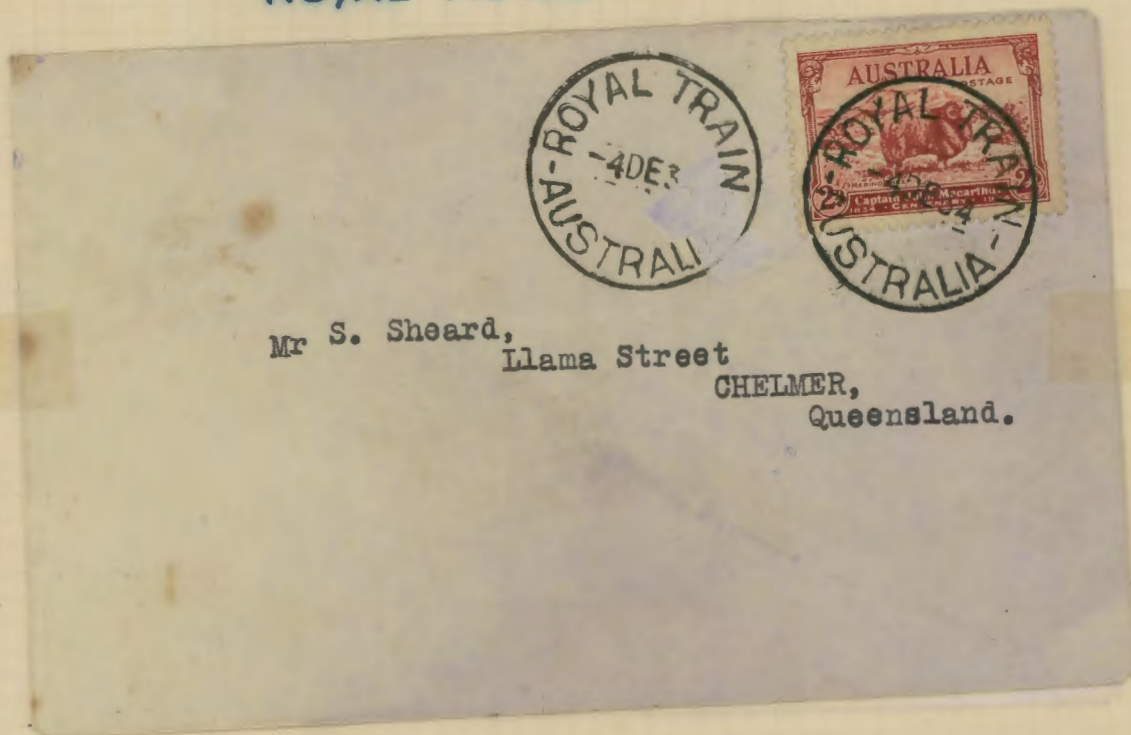
E.C.A.F.E.
(Lapstone Hotel)

Open from



"E.C.A.F.E." = Economic Commission Asia and Far East.

SPECIAL POSTMARKS.
ROYAL TRAIN



Mr S. Sheard,
Llama Street
CHELMER,
Queensland.

Greystanes, N.S.W. First Day Cover

PAN-PACIFIC JAMBOREE
SYDNEY, 1952-53



BAKER & MOLONEY
1618 ROYAL ARCADE
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

"SUPT. MAILS."

No check number:-



Check No "2"



Check No "3"



Any person who considers that his mail is not reaching its destination may hand it in to the office of the Superintendent of Mails where this cancellation is applied and more than usual care is taken to ensure its delivery.

TAX.

1890's

"MORE TO PAY"



MORE TO PAY

30/1/98



Nov. 1948

? Old type resurrected



N.S.W

T

in shield.

(+ check letter)

? on mail
to
overseas.

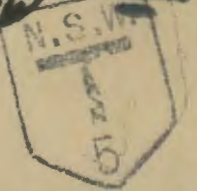
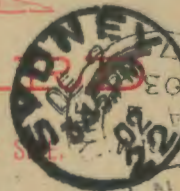
NEW SOUTH WALES
POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

Master Bertha Abegg
3 Halsbury Terrace

N.S. Honor

Newcastle-on-Tyne
England



TAX.

? Old Marks resurrected.

Church of England Hut

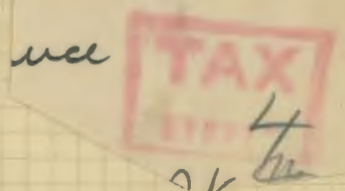


Diocese of Sydney

Ingleburn
23/12/11
Director of State Lotteries,
Sydney.



DAYS
DRESS



"TAX."

1930's.

Amount as part of mark.

"No - SYDNEY"

These numbers refer to the floor of the G.P.D. on which the deficiency was noted & the stamp applied.

"No 1"

"NO. 1B."



The Chief Accountant,



The War Farm 32.

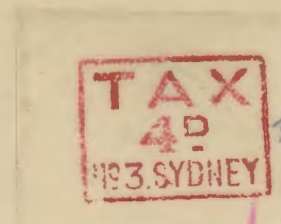
"No 2"



"No 3"



Christie P.T.



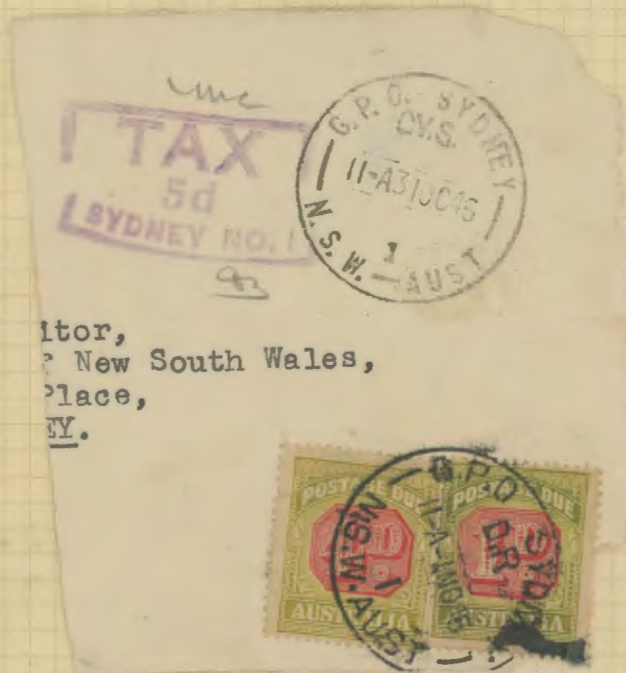
"TAX."

5D

"No. 1"

New value

Rendered necessary
by increase in the
postal charges to
2½d



itor,
New South Wales,
place,
EY.

Courtesy cover. Shewing the four values, and the blank. (v^d over)
No. 3 = Floor No. 3, the 'Receiving Room' — note R.C.S.
(= Receiving Section.)
"No. 3" Amount in manuscript.

O. H. M. S.



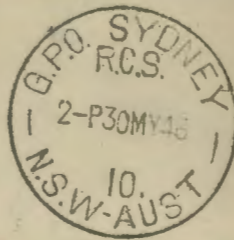
TAX
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N93.SYDNEY

TAX
2D
N93.SYDNEY

TAX
3D
N93.SYDNEY

TAX
4D
N93.SYDNEY

TAX
5D
N93.SYDNEY



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 14 DAYS, RETURN TO
POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

No 3 = Floor No. 3
"Receiving Room"

Floor 2 =

TAX
Previous type.

'Blank' mark with amount
in manuscript.



"T" only, in frame

Check No. in right lower corner.

**L BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

SYDNEY
10 PM
7 9 AUG 1951
N.S.W. AUST

**COM'LTH ROLL
CORRECT ENROLMENT
COMPULSORY AUSTRALIA**



T. 6.00
1.4E

Dr. Bruce,
Ransom Place,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Lae
New-Guinea.



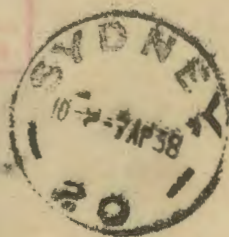
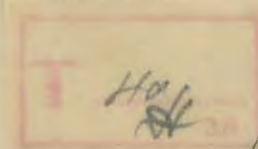
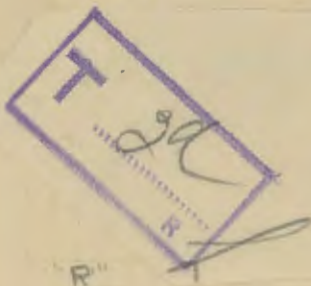
If unclaimed within seven days, please return
Universal Guarantees Pty Ltd

Note. Tax 69. paid by C.O.F.A. postage stamp, affixed and
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were never employed or on
issue in T of P/N.G.)

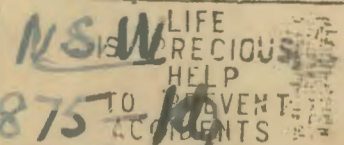
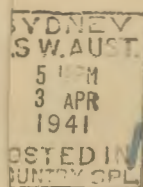
TAX

Amount shown in manuscript

"3A"



"I.R."

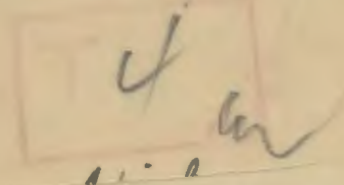


Accountant,
1 Bank of N.S.W.,
Box 41a, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.



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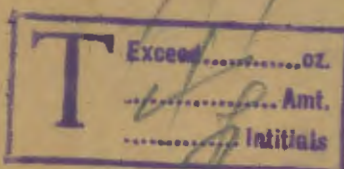
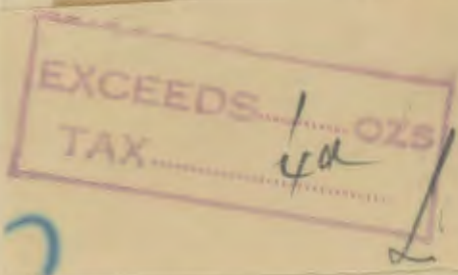
ts,



TAXED on account of OVERWEIGHT.

" EXCEEDS OZS

TAX "



TAX.

1950

New Types

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20 12-15 P M N.S.W.



at,
New South Wales,
3,
place,
TY.



ducts Pty. Ltd.

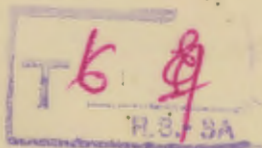
ETC.

No 99 SYDNEY M
- P M N.S.W. No 9 17

S. Morley Johnson Ltd.,

re St.,

ONEY.



TAX.

Overweight marks

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5a

EXCEEDS 1 OZS
TAX 4



2E

5c



SYDNEY.
3 - PM
1 20 NOV 1950 1
N.S.W. AUST.



EDICAL OFFICER.
DREDGING CO..
GUINEA.

EXCEEDS 2 OZS
TAX 8

EXCEED 1 1/4 OZS.
TAX 20 2E

1c

Larger
(?old)
Type

EXCEEDS 2 OZS
TAX 8d 1c

k's Solicitor,
Solicitor's Department,
Rural Bank of N.S.W.,
Box 41.G.P.O.
SYDNEY.



TAX

"CLOSED AGAINST INSPECTION"

Second class mail
not left unsealed

*Legal Documents
Second Class*

SYDNEY
1 - PM
16 OCT 16
1946
N.S.W. AUST



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INSPECTION

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INSPECTION.

SYDNEY
U-PM
9 FEB 9
1941
N.S.W. AUST.

EXCEEDS 3.078
TAX 1/5



*Rural Bank
Box 41A*

ON N
AM
FEB
50
N.S.W. AUST



DELIVERY

EXCEED
TAX 6

B. Bruce

TAX.

Insufficiently stamped

Note handstamp.

SERIES A

Printed & Published by
SALMON I
SHENNOCKS · E1

Local News

Si

Letter-Card of Littlehampton

TAX
3d

G.P.D. SYDNEY
D.R.

SYDNEY
NSW AUST
3 PM
1 JUL
1939
POSTED IN
P.O. BOX

DELIVERY ROOM
EACH
5-PART

TAX.

BUSINESS REPLY CARD (or Envelope) SYSTEM.

"The address must not bear any other printing or markings by the distributor (than those shown here)"

BUSINESS REPLY CARD

Permit No. 124 Issd. at SYDNEY

Postage and fee will be paid on delivery to:

SCHERING PTY. LTD.

G.P.O. Box 3576 S,

SYDNEY, N.S.W.

No Postage Stamp required if posted in Australia

At the office of receipt they are postmarked and sent on without surcharge.

A fee of 1/2d per article (in addition to the normal postage) is charged; it is collected at the time of delivery.

OPEN
here

TAX 2 1/2

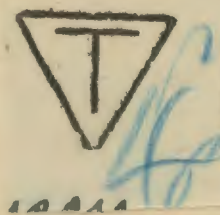
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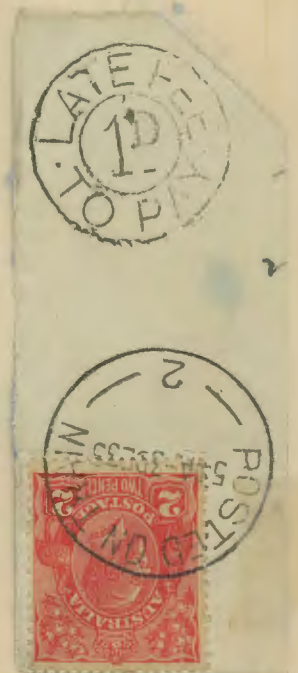
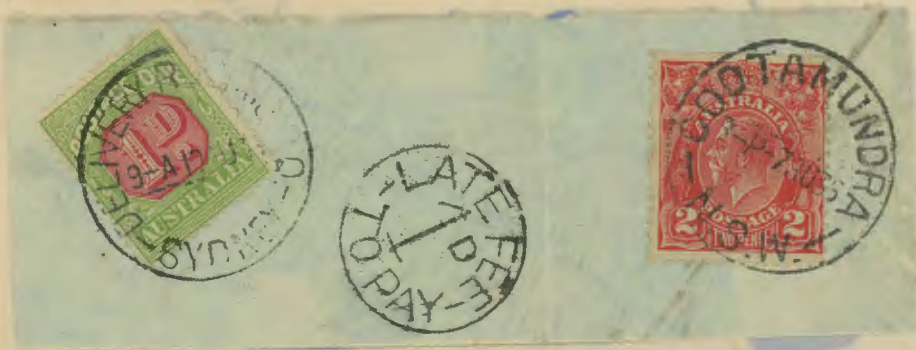
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No Postage Stamp required if posted in Australia

TAX - Contd

Various markings: — These are possibly applied in the country towns of origin.
(See also under LATE FEE)



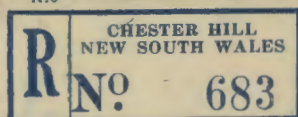
USE THE
POSTAL EXPRESS
MESSENGER SERVICE



TAX. - Congd.

No TAX mark - Deficiency memo in manuscript only

R.6



8¹ to pay
Deficiency
Reported
f. 10. Sept.
f. 18/5/48

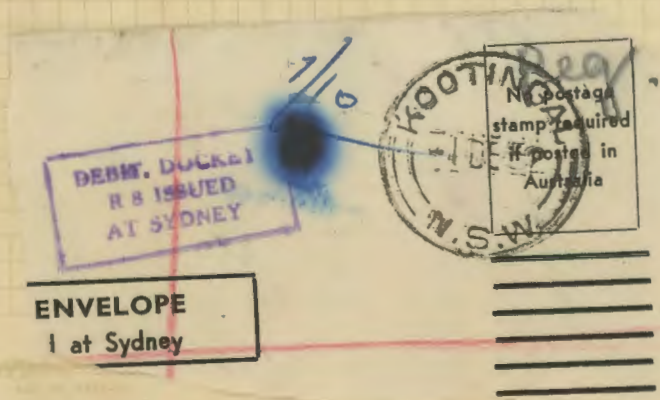
The Manager.

~~Morley Johnsons Ltd.~~

546 - 552 George St.

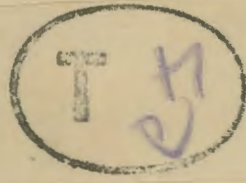
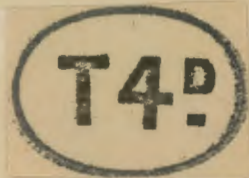
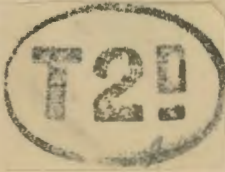
Sdney

PRIVATE

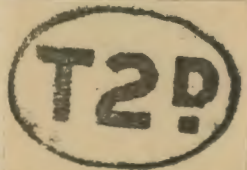


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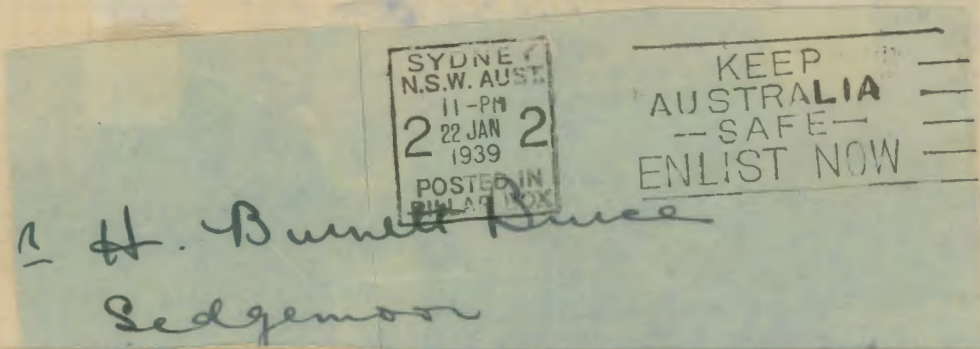
I was informed that these are SYDNEY marks



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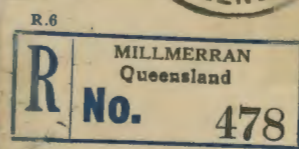
It is very rarely that an unstamped passed through the G.P.O. untaxed



TAX

POST OFFICE ROUTINE

Articles containing copy must be registered. If not it is officially registered, surcharged, & addressee taxed.

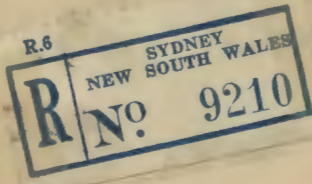


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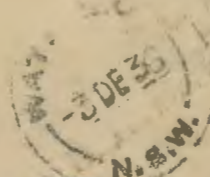
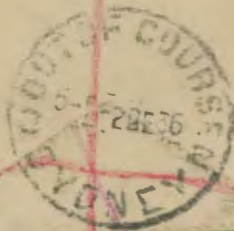
Total 8²



Wrigley's Ltd.
Rosebery
Sydney.



N.S.W.



TAX.

"CONTAINS COIN
O.R."

(= Officially Registered)



TAX.

POST OFFICE ROUTINE.

Redirection of parcels: — If the redirection is to another town within the Commonwealth the charge is half the original correct amount of postage, but not less than 6^d.

After 10 days return to
WM. R. WARNER & CO. PTY. LTD.
Box 42, P.O., Surry Hills, N.S.W.

Dr. H. G. B. Bruce,
Pillwater Road,
GOLLAROOY. N.S.W.

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N.S.W.



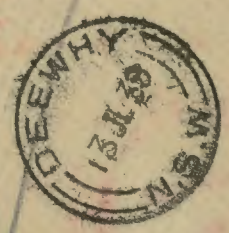
The regulations state that a fresh charge shall be made for each redirection. This was not done in the above case. — probably as the article was not actually delivered to the intermediate address (a G.P.O. box)

Previously it had been permitted to use envelopes addressed to G.P.O. boxes. This was forbidden (Rule 249 post 1939) prior to 1927, but with effect of the 1939-45 war.

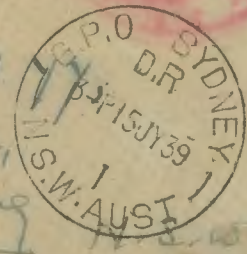


TAX. "REFUSED TO PAY TAX"

THP Ball



Bullets No. 7
"The Sun"
Box 1343
P.O. Sydney



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

R	No. <i>260</i>	Tax
		<i>2</i>

RETURNED SURCHARGED LETTER

The surcharge on this letter must be collected before delivery. Refusal on the part of the person to whom the article is now directed, to pay the amount involved, renders him liable to a penalty of Forty Shillings. In case of such refusal, the letter should be forwarded without delay to the Head Office with a report of the matter.

To facilitate the return of undelivered letters, without their being opened, business people and others concerned should endorse the covers of all correspondence posted by them with a special request for its return in the event of its remaining undelivered at the expiration of a specified period, which must not be less than seven days. In each case the name and full address of the sender should be appended to the request.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
DEAD LETTER OFFICE, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

265 Pittwater Rd
Maroubra
N.S.W.

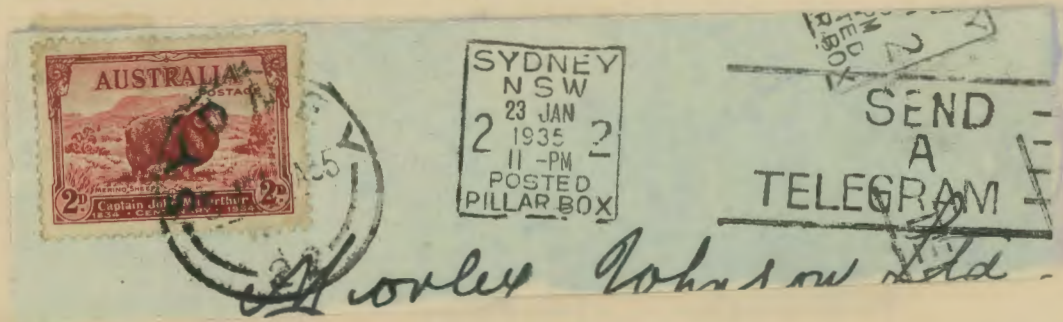
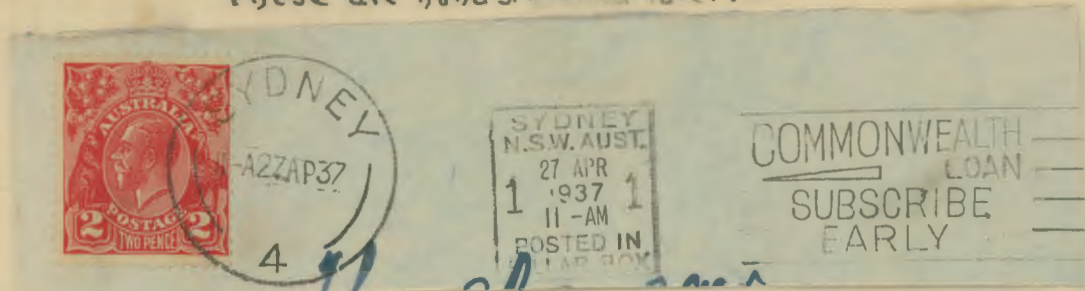
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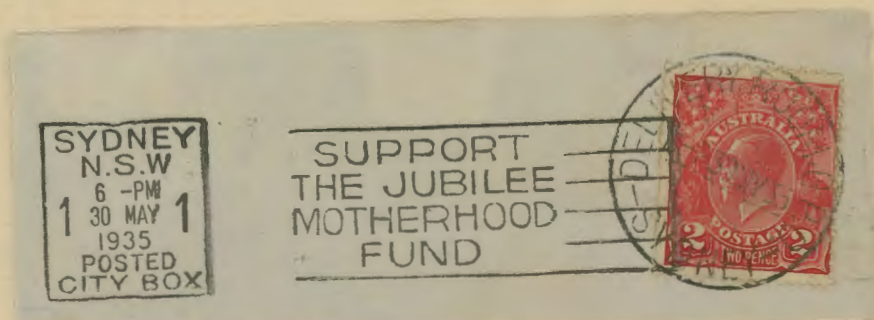
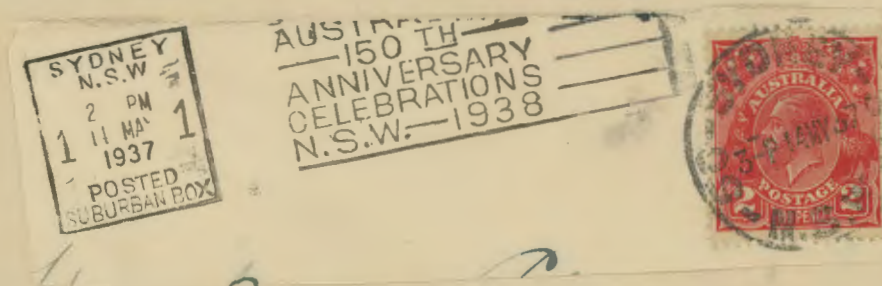
POST OFFICE ROUTINE.

Placing the stamp in the wrong position on the envelope causes it to miss the postmark when passed through the electrical cancelling machine.

These are handstamped later:—



Mis-placement of the envelope in the endless belt of the machine is another cause



"POSTED ON TRAIN" - L.F.O (LATE FEE OFFICE) SYDNEY.

(See also under "T.P.O.")



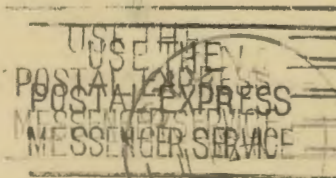
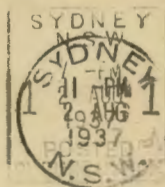
POST OFFICE ROUTINE

This envelope well shows the care taken at GPO to ensure that every stamp is cancelled. It was obliterated 3 times - twice electrically & once by hand - wrongly

The 4th attempt was successful

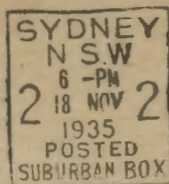


*Marrington Shire Council
Brookvale
via Maundy
to car*

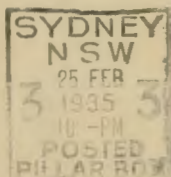


DESPITE ALL THIS, STAMPS DO pass thro' uncanceled

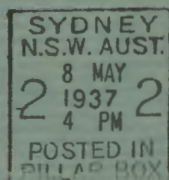
During scrutiny of some 800,000 covers we encountered 182 unobliterated ones representing .022%. The face value of these was 1/4



AIR MAIL
SAVES TIME



PREVENT
BUSH FIRES



AUST.
— 15
ANNIV
CELEB
N.S.W.



4 over.

UNSTAMPED.

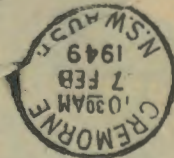
This curiosity is (1) unstamped
(2) not taxed. although.
(3) redirected.
(4) missed proper cancellation.

Dr. G. Bruce,
~~47 Bangers Road,~~
CREMORNE

N.S.W.

23 Hallbrook Ave
Kivibilli Point

CHECK ADDRESS
IF INCOMPLETE
ADVISE WRITER



POST OFFICE ROUTINE

Duty stamps are inadmissible for postage



THE MANAGER,

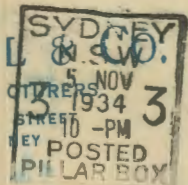
Wrappers & Settlers' Newspaper Ltd.

321 PITT STREET

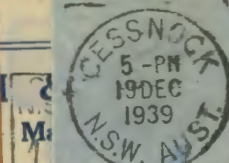
C.P.O. BOX 1545 DD

SYDNEY

Imadvertantly passed through: — Contrary to Regulation 41(2d)

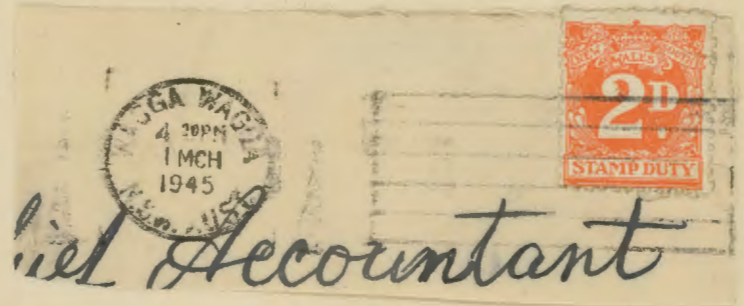


VICTORIA AND
CITY OF MELBOURNE
CENTENARY 1934-5

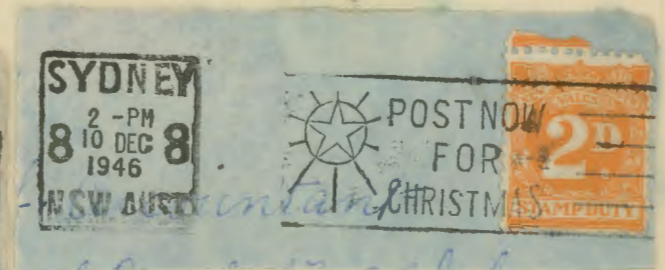
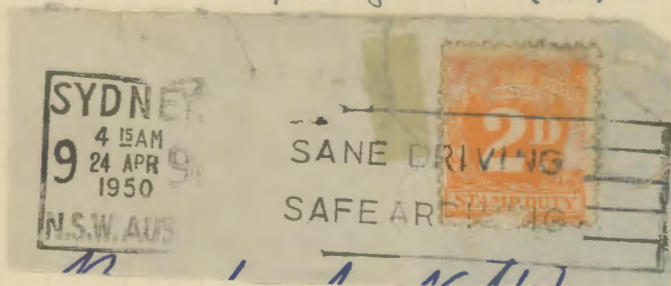


POST
XMAS MAIL
EARLY

DUTY STAMPS Inadvertently PASSED.



This is contrary to Regulation 41(2d.)



BANKERS PACKET.

These may be partially closed & are transmissible as Commercial Papers.



MISCELLANEOUS:

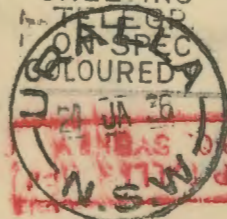
STAMP FALLEN OFF
G.P.O., SYDNEY



STAMP FALLEN OFF
G.P.O., SYDNEY

SYDNEY
N.S.W.
4 45 PM
3 21 JAN 3
1936
POSTED IN
COUNTRY BOX

SEND BIRT
GREETING



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
NEW SOUTH WALES

This wrapper was received without contents. If the addressee will inform the Supt of Mails, G.P.O., what it is believed to have contained, a search for the missing contents will be made among the articles received without addresses.

VOTING PAPER

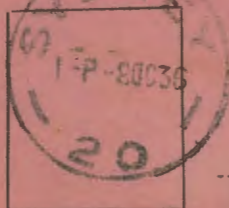
SYDNEY
N.S.W. AUSTR.
5 - PM
1 16 DEC 1
1936
POSTED IN
PILLAR BOX

POST NOW
POST OR FREE
CHRISTMAS

M.B. 146.

Contents found without cover.
Apparently posted in defective or insecure wrapper or envelope.

Please report any loss to the Sender.

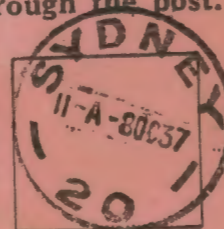


Initials.

M.B. 172.

It is very much regretted that the cover of the enclosed article was inadvertently damaged while in transit through the post.

Postmark of office effecting repairs.



Initials.

MISCELLANEOUS: —

FORM M.B. 172 on white paper.

M.B. 172.

It is regretted that the cover of the enclosed article was inadvertently damaged while in transit through the post.

Postmark of Office effecting repairs.



Initials.



tant
of the
41 G.P.O.
Sydney
SW

IF
PLEASE RETURN TO
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Received at G.P.O.
Sydney in damaged
condition.

date: 9/15



CONTENTS FOUND LOOSE
DEFECTIVE PACKING AND
COVER TOO FRAIL OR

PLEASE REPORT ANY LOSS DIRECT TO SENDER
REPLACED BY _____ G.P.O. SYDNEY

MISCELLANEOUS:-

"RECEIVED C.P.O. COVER TORN"

(C.P.O. = Chief Parcels Office, through which dutiable & dutiable letters pass)

Officially Secured
on or after
1914

R.

POST OFFICE

or damaged

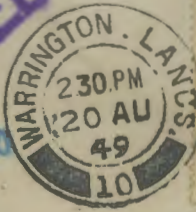
P.48 B



FORWARDED AS REQUESTED
YOUR CORRESPONDENCE
SUPER. CHIEF PARCELS OFFICE
SYDNEY

Damaged in
England &
"officially secured"
there.

RECEIVED C.P.O. COVER TO
DATE 26-8-14 INITIALS
DUTY FREE

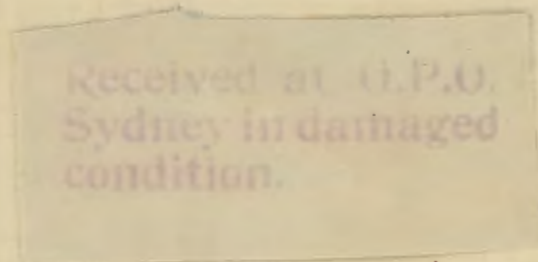
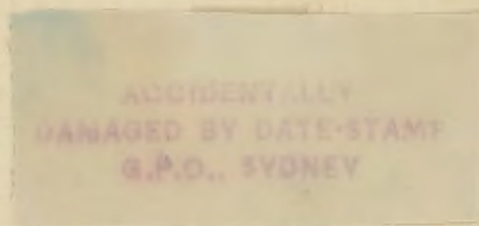
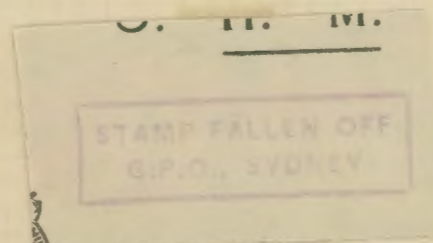
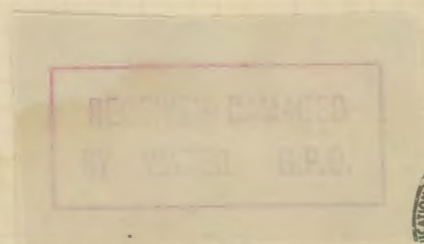


MR S. E. JOHNSON,
265 Pittwater Road,
Warrabeen, Sydney.
New South Wales,
Australia

MISCELLANEOUS:-

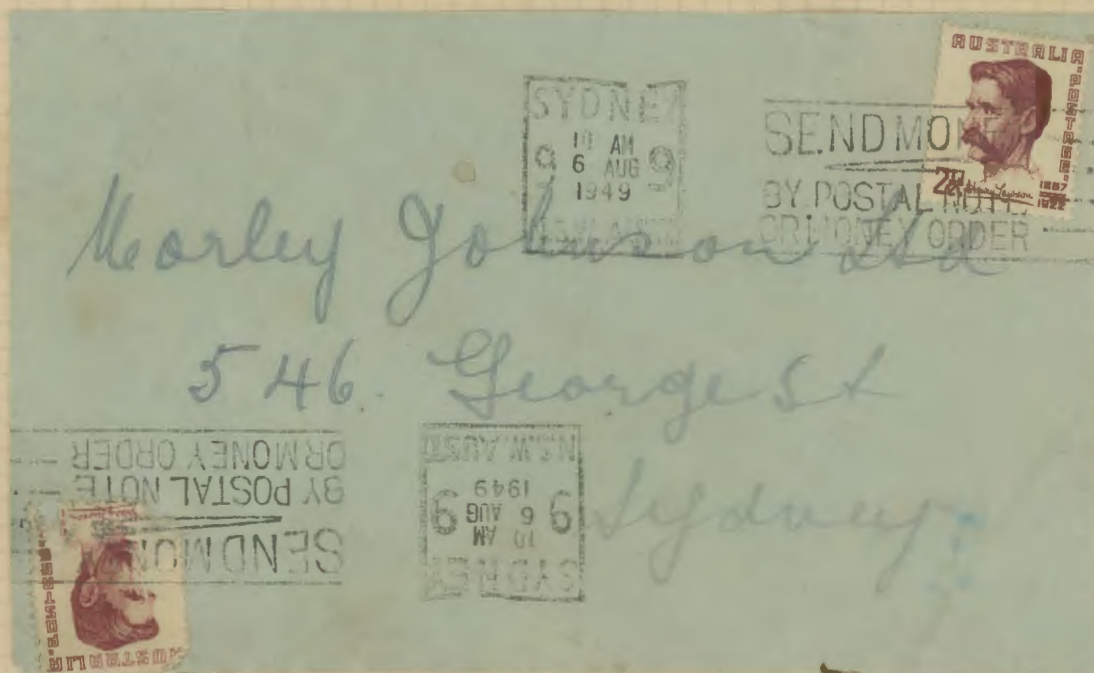


The explanatory marks shown hereunder are in use at the Receiving Section of the G.P.O. These copies were obtained there by courtesy. (1946)



CURIOSITIES.

Second unnecessary stamp in lower left corner (and which sender attempted to remove) also cancelled.



Stamp sewn on.



Insufficient or missed cancellation.



As far as I can make out the above was first introduced during the 1933-45 war as a "Security" cancellation but was also used for the purpose shown here.



ERRORS.

10 AU 23 - Stamp issued in 1934.



23 MR 35 - Stamp issued April.



This error in the month was noticed & corrected the same day
"23 AP 35"



Also:-

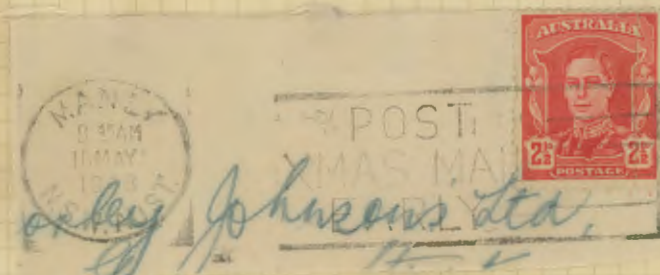
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Date stamp inverted - Not uncommon.



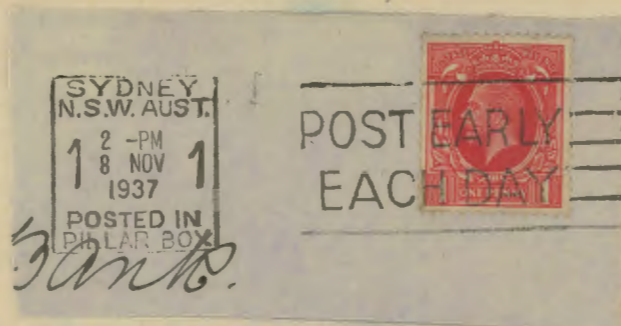
ERRORS.

Christmas Slogan in May (Usual date of appearance 9th Dec.)



FOREIGN STAMPS Inadvertently PASSED.

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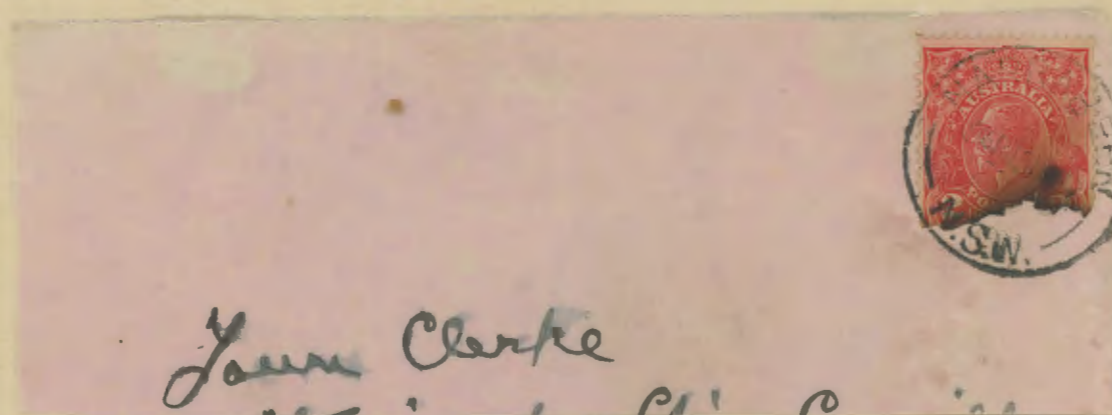


New Zealand:-



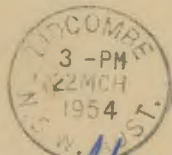
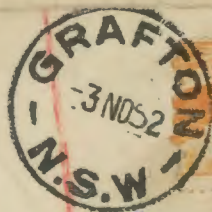
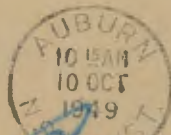
Regulation 41 (1b) lays down that foreign stamps will only prepay postage in the case of "mail matter posted on the high seas & lodged at a post office in the Commonwealth" in this case "the postage stamps issued by the country to which the vessel belongs" will be accepted as prepaying postage.

Burnt Stamp allowed to be passed:-



Regulation No 41 (2b) lays down that "mutilated postage stamps will not be recognized as prepayment or part prepayment of postage"

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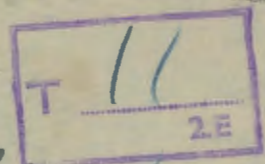
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