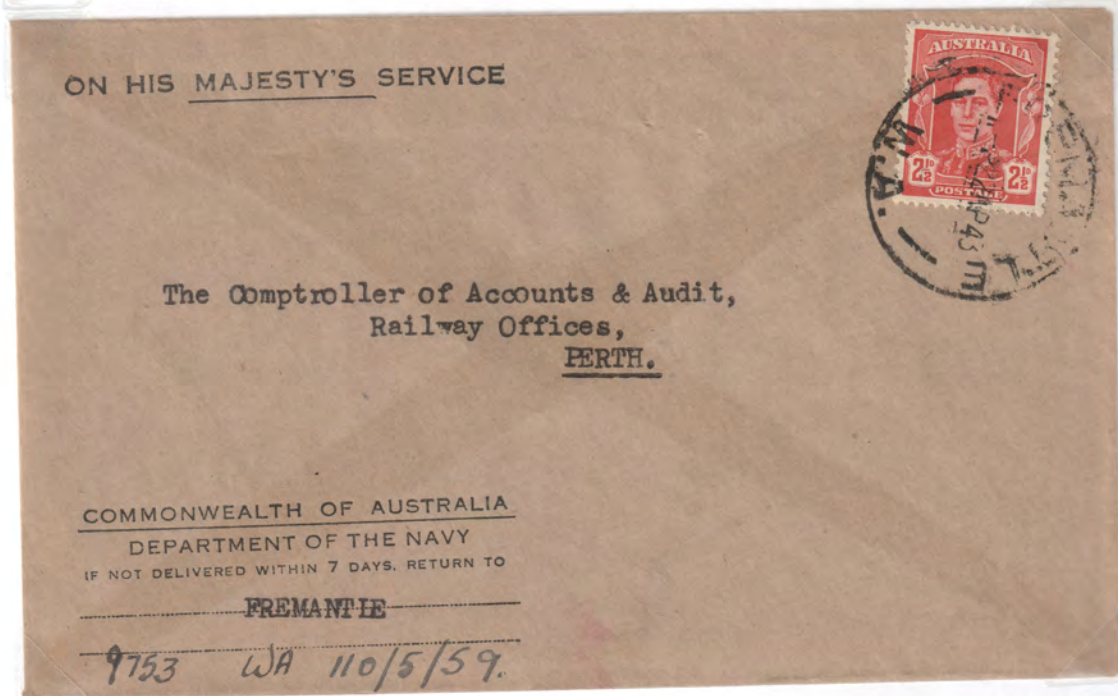
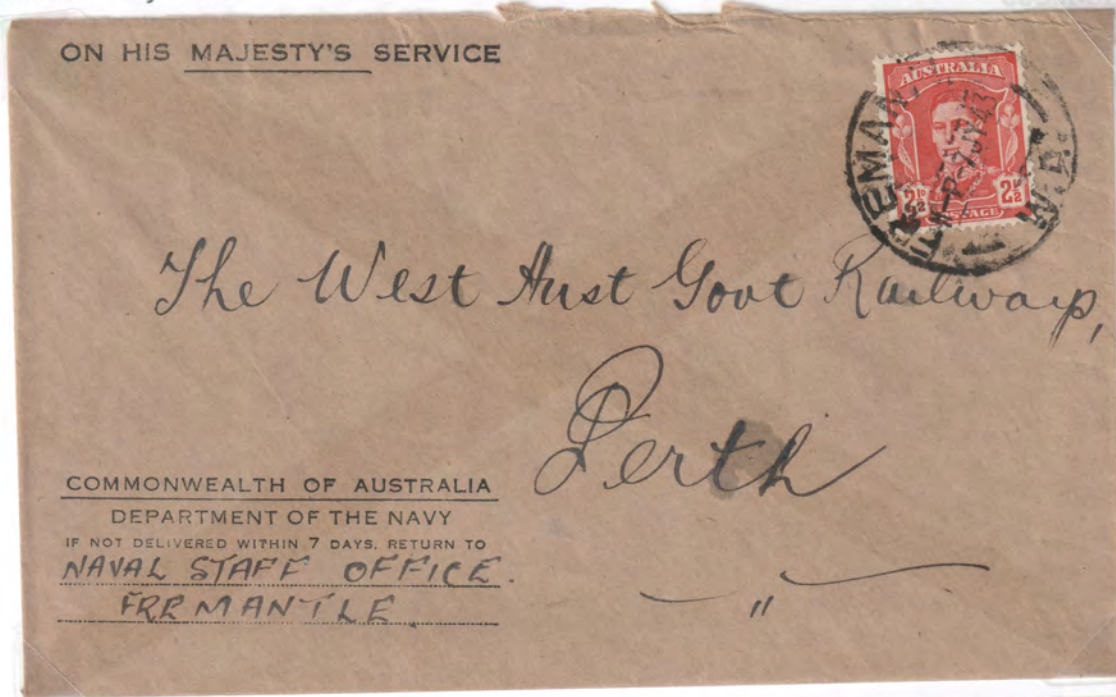


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NAVAL STAFF OFFICE FREMANTLE

A few Department of Navy covers are recorded without return address cachet and this may either be because of volume of correspondence or they originated from an unidentified detached office in Fremantle.
Fremantle 7 July 1943

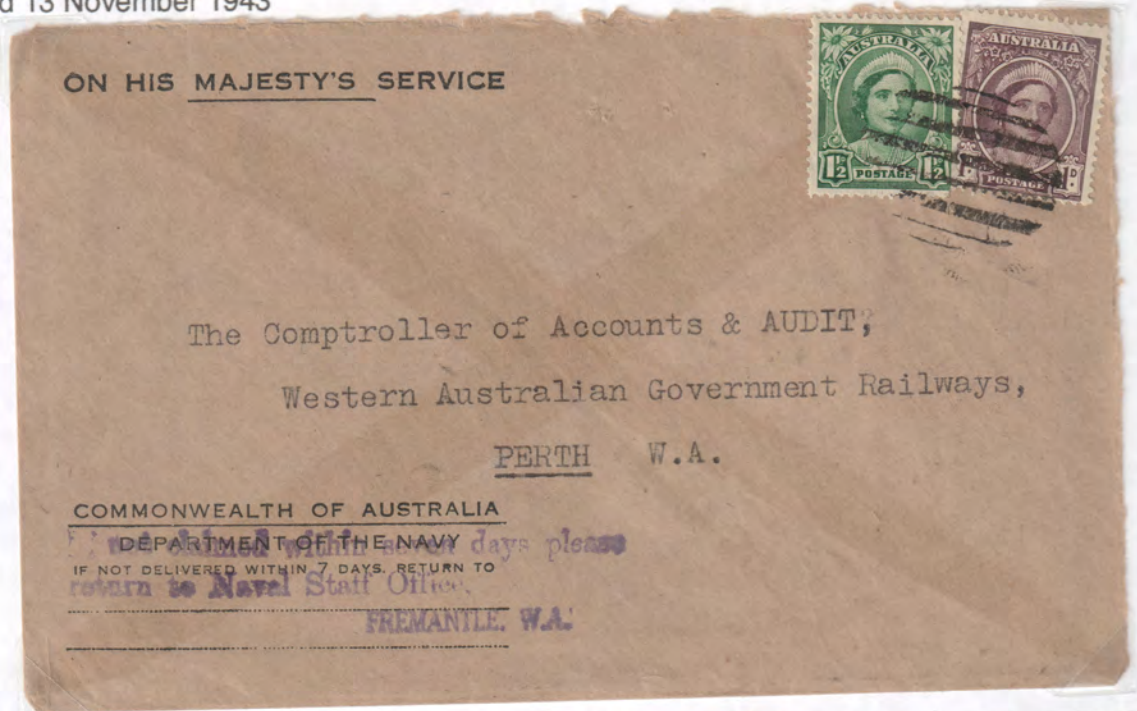


Fremantle 22 April 1943, received 26 April
The comment above also applies to this cover.
The (now) inscrutable inscription 9753 WA 110/5/59 is similar to WA 77/3/7 9776 on a cover posted 5 days later. The following inscriptions on 1942/43 covers with Naval Staff Office cachet return address (in chronological order):
[1942] 72/5/25 5606; 1/7/549 7651; [1943] 184/2/129 13292; 741; 9046; 309-6-A; [1944] 1012

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE FREMANTLE

Although this cover has the full return to Naval Staff office cachet, the stamps are cancelled with the Fremantle security 8 bar dumb obliterator with thin top bar and this bottom bars. It is possible that this cover was posted from a security-sensitive location and so cancelled or it may just have been the instrument being used at the time in the Fremantle Post Office.

Received 13 November 1943



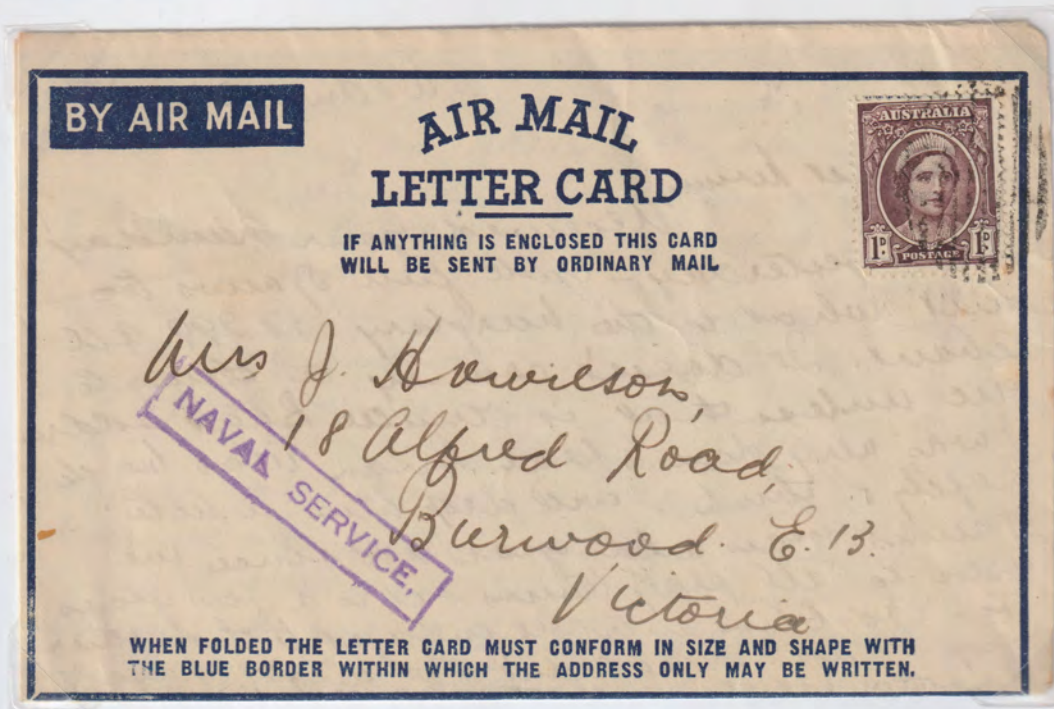
Perth 29 June 1943

For some reason, there is an abbreviated return address cachet that is not commonly seen and may have been from a detached office (perhaps in Perth).

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE, FREMANTLE (PERTH)

HMAS LEEUWIN

HMAS Cerberus V was the naval depot in Croke Street Fremantle and on 1 August 1940 was recommissioned as HMAS Leeuwin. In 1942 it relocated to Preston Point in East Fremantle. A Naval Service cachet authorized concession postage for naval personnel. H.M.A.S. Leeuwin cachet, Fremantle 23 June, Fremantle 23 June

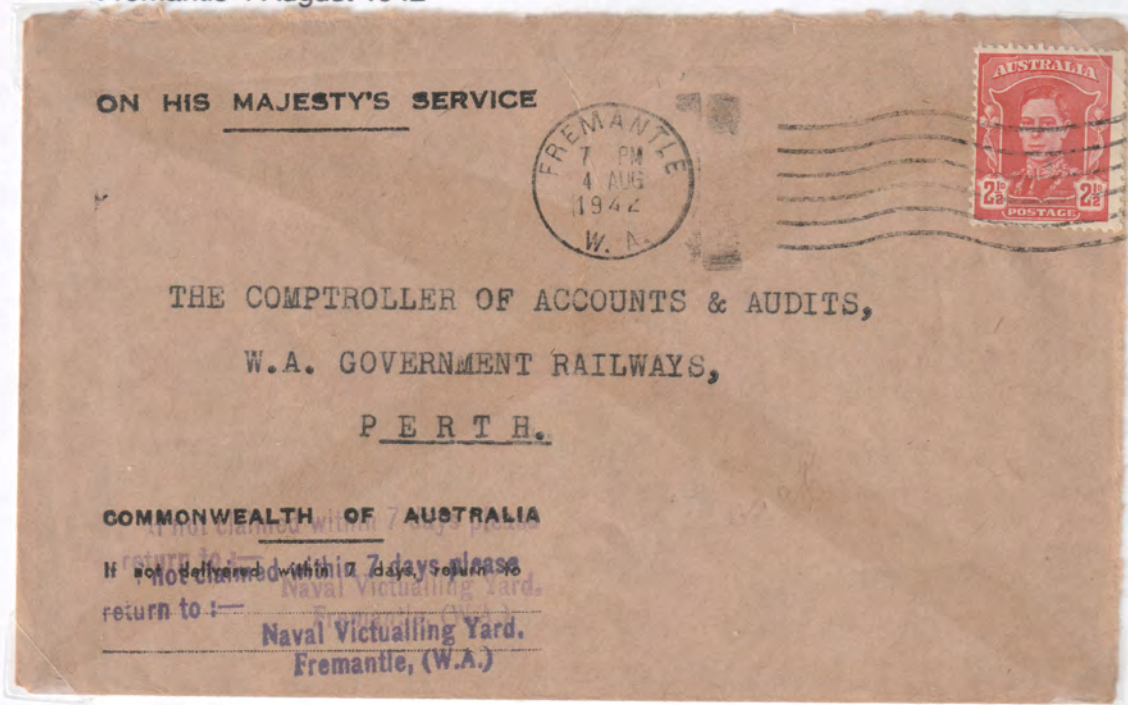


Written 25 July 1945, Fremantle 10 bar security cancel

Over time HMAS Leeuwin acquired additional functions including a naval hospital. The boxed naval service cachet authorized postage concession for this WRANS officer nursing at the hospital.

NAVAL VICTUALLING YARD FREMANTLE

When HMAS Cerberus V was redesignated as HMAS Leeuwin and moved to East Fremantle, the depot in Croke Street Fremantle became the Victualling Yard.
Return address cachet: If not claimed within 7 days please return to:- Naval Victualling Yard Fremantle (WA)
Fremantle 4 August 1942



Fremantle 17 November 1944

ADMIRALTY CHART DEPOT, CLAREMONT

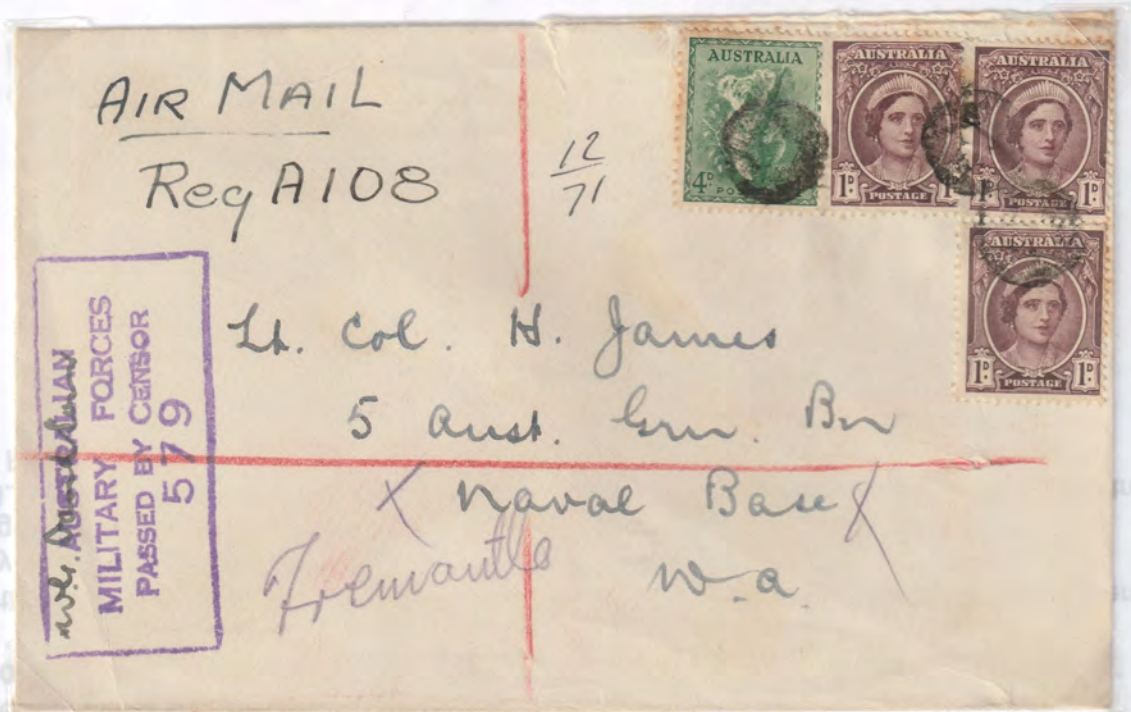
Air Force notelopo
Boxed concession cachet, Sydney 1 November 1943



HM Transport No. 11 15 November 1943, censor cachet (Canada), received 30 December

NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT, JOLIMONT

Otherwise known as Jolimont Torpedo Depot. Anecdotal evidence from persons serving at this facility indicate a 12mm circular dumb cancel was used on mail from Jolimont. A similar, or the same, cancel was also used for a time at Exmouth. A similar marking was used at Townsville. Rates shown on these pieces do not indicate airmail from Exmouth or Townsville but more accord with parcel use from the Supply Depot.



Exmouth was a naval refuelling facility with submarines based there in 1942 – 1943. 12mm circle security cancel, AMF censor cachet, mss registration mark, No. 4 Aust. Base P.O. 12 January 1944, Perth 12 January, Perth 13 January

NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT, EXMOUTH

POSTAGE CONCESSION CACHET

The penny postage concession may have been available to naval personnel between the wars but no confirmation is yet available. The postage concession was provided in 1939 to men in the permanent navy and those enrolled or conscripted for wartime service in the Royal Australian Navy. On 14 September 1942 women in the RAN became entitled to the postage concession. Mail from eligible persons posted from shore facilities in Western Australia was struck with a concession cachet.

WAR SIGNAL STATION, ALBANY

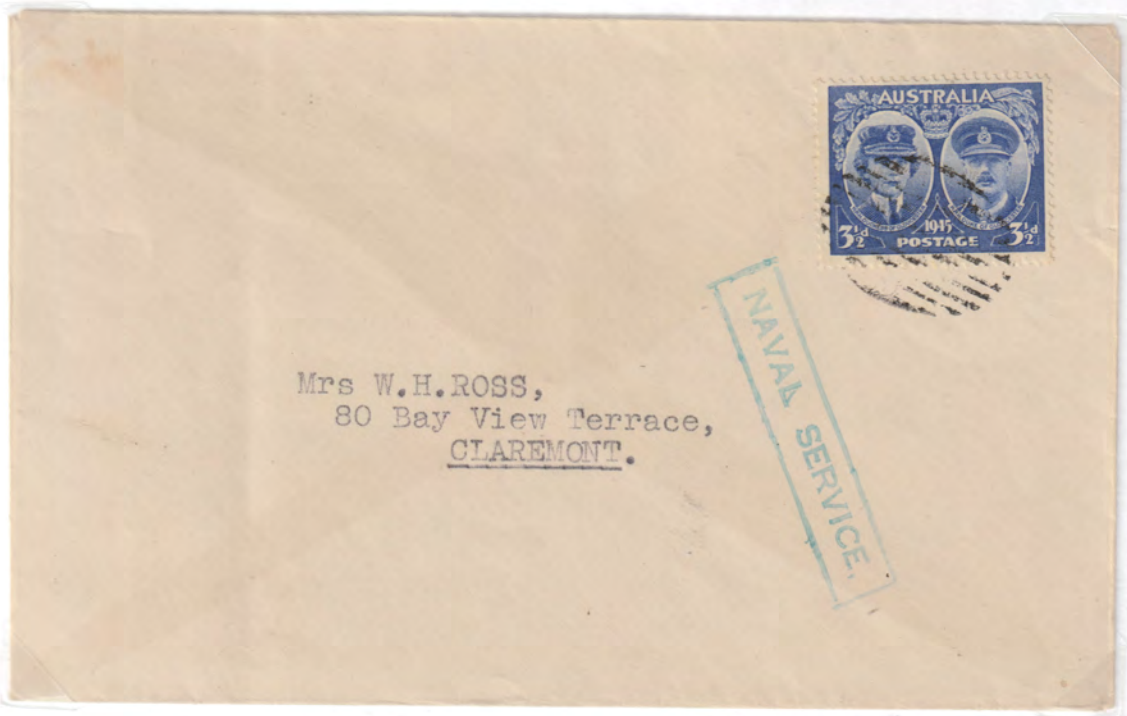
26mm x 25mm concession cachet purple
Albany 21 May 1942



26mm x 25mm concession cachet purple
Fremantle 24 March 1945

POSTAGE CONCESSION CACHET

42mm x 9mm concession cachet purple
Fremantle 10 bar dumb obliterator



45mm x 9mm concession cachet blue
Fremantle 9 bar dumb obliterator

POSTAGE CONCESSION CACHET

Occasionally the postage concession cachet was used as a dumb security cancel at HMAS Leeuwin.

50mm x 12mm concession cachet black

Received 19 September 1945



46mm x 44mm concession cachet black

Received 8 October 1945

POSTAGE CONCESSION CACHET; ACTIVE SERVICE

H.M.A. Ship cachet indicates on active service outside Australia and thus entitled to free postage but payment of the airmail charge (3d domestic or 1/6d to Britain) was required. HMAS Hobart, Adelaide and Ballarat were in Fremantle at this time. Tombstone censor cachet, boxed H.M.A. Ship concession cachet, Fremantle Paquebot 26 March 1942



H.M.A. Ships cachet, censor label (1940/41) and cachet, [Fremantle] Paquebot

SECURITY CANCELS

Unlike the Army and Air Force, the Royal Australian Navy did not use identifiable numbered security cancels for mail posted from ships. Instead the naval mail is cancelled by various dumb barred obliterators held at Fremantle and, possibly, Perth Post Office. Some of these obliterators were also used at Fremantle to cancel military mail from Rottneest Island.

Relief H was used a various military locations but also on naval mail.

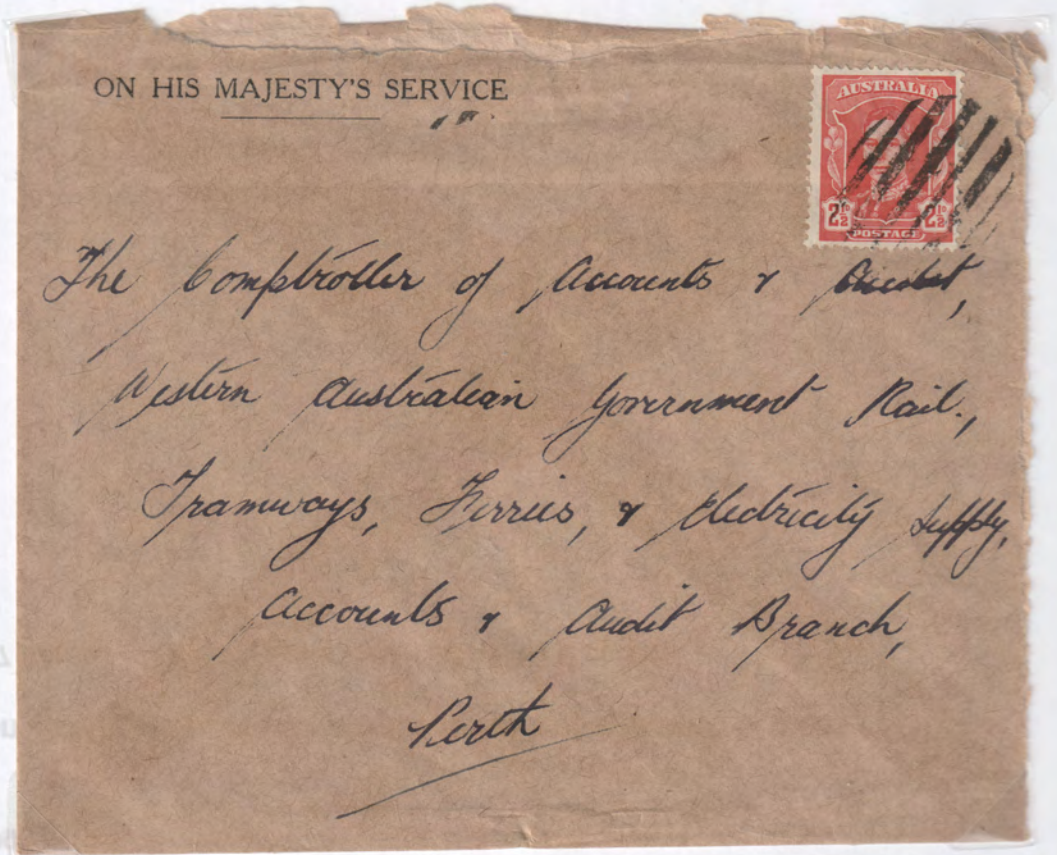
HMA Ships cachet, tombstone censor cachet, blank registration label, relief H 5 February 1943, Melbourne 12 February, Carlton 12 February



HMA Ships concession cachet, mss H registration label, relief H 16 February 1945, Perth 16 February, Perth 5 in circle censor cachet, Melbourne 19 February, Sydney 20 February, San Francisco 7 April, Hartford 10 April

SECURITY CANCELS

8 bars
one thin top
two thin bottom
28mm x 21mm

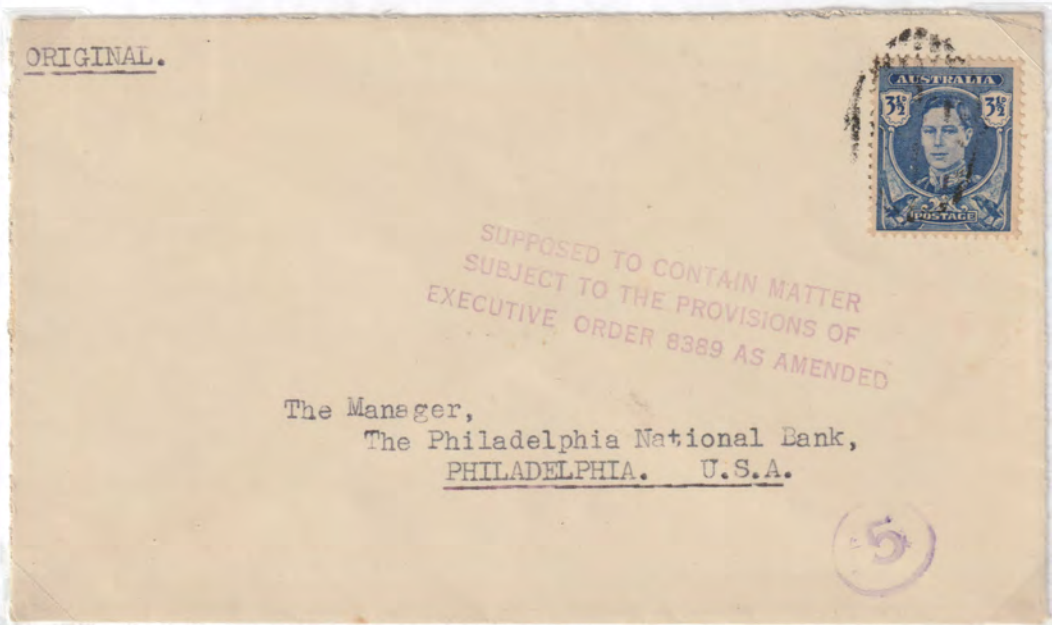


HMAS Leeuwin

8 bars (one thin top, two thin bottom), 28mm x 21mm, received 7 September 1943

SECURITY CANCELS

10 bars 27mm x 20mm



Some civilian mail was also struck with a barred obliterator. National Bank of Australia envelope.

10 bars, Perth 5 in circle censor cachet (not opened by censor)

SECURITY CANCELS

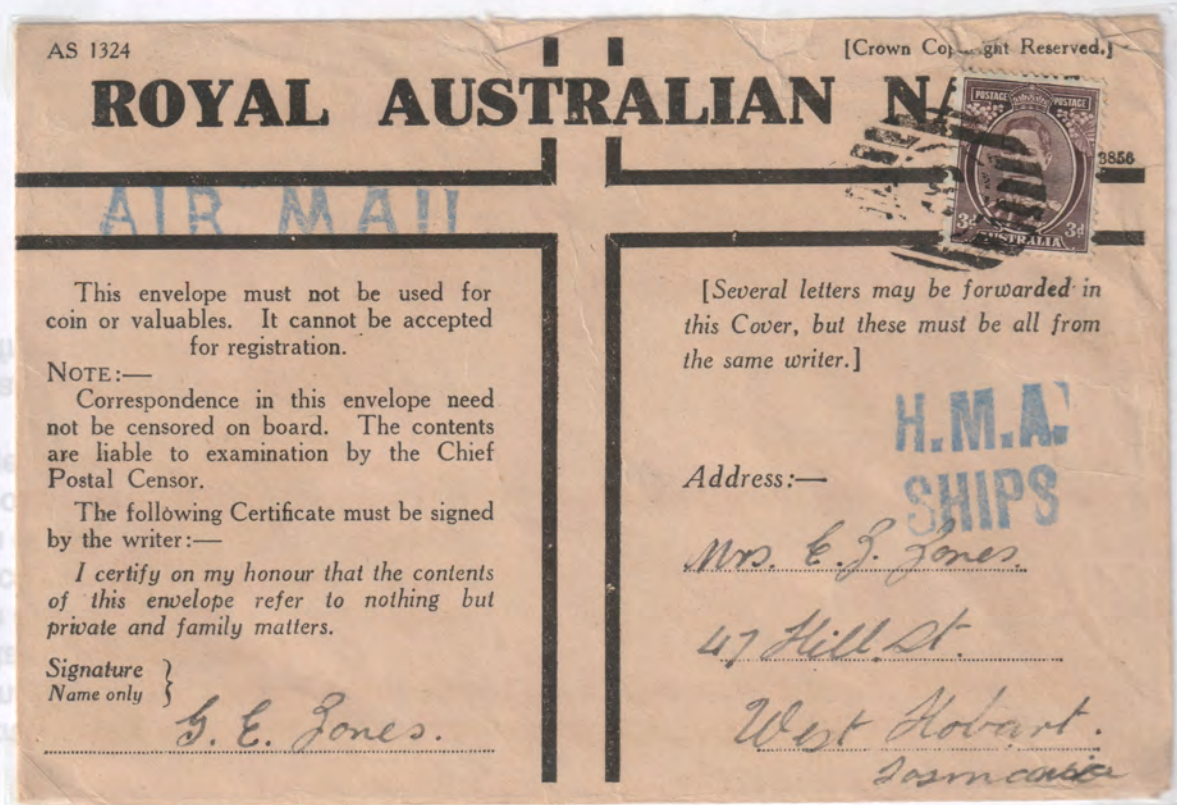
9 bars, 26mm x 19mm, Paquebot with datecase removed, annotated Fremantle September 1942



Military use is indicated by the AMF censor cachet
8 bar obliterator

SECURITY CANCELS

Barred numeral 8 was issued to Fremantle in 1870 but defaced for security use in 1942.
HMAS Adelaide arrived at Fremantle on 9 October 1942
Tombstone censor cachet dated 14 October 1942, HMA Ships cachet, defaced barred numeral 8 cancel



HMA Ships cachet, defaced barred numeral 8 cancel

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE

Most of the mail from this office had the full return address cachet and had Fremantle Post Office datestamp cancellation and registration label.

Fremantle 23 May 1942

Perth 25 May



Fremantle
31 December 1942
Fremantle 31 December
received 1 January 1943

At some time in 1942 the lighter stock Commonwealth envelopes were replaced with darker Navy envelopes.

Mail addressed to Railways or Superannuation is from the Bromfield collection and many of them (later in the war) are annotated with origin and date of receipt. Bromfield was a senior officer in both departments. It is only on the basis of Bromfield's collection that a collection of WA World War 2 is possible and his annotations are the only basis for allocation of many covers with security cancellations.