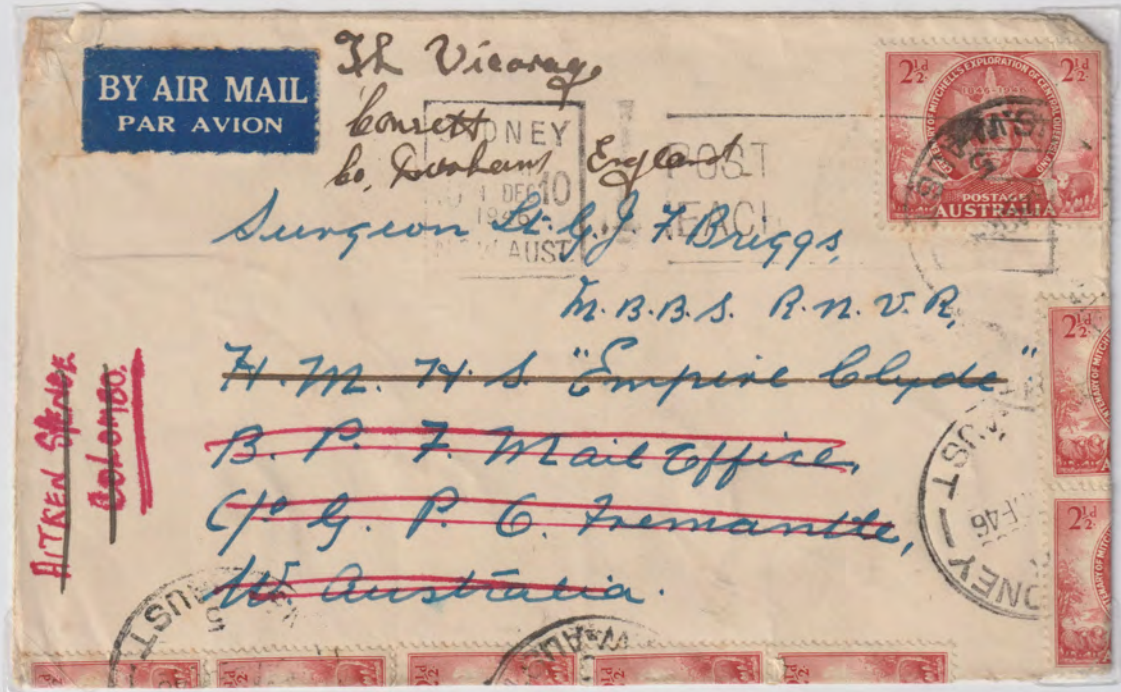


HOMEWARD BOUND

Aircraft carrier HMS Indefatigable and destroyer HMS Undaunted were at Fremantle between 5 and 6 February 1946 en route from Eastern States to Cape Town and UK. Boxed Naval Service cachet, Fremantle 6 February 1946



The Italian liner Leonardo da Vinci was captured in 1941 and in 1943 converted to a hospital ship. Renamed Empire Clyde, 'Empire' the name given to captured ships. HMHS Empire Clyde was in Sydney 5 to 12 December 1946 and Fremantle 23 December en route to Trincomalee and Colombo.

Franked 1/8d for no obvious reason, Sydney 24 December 1946, readdressed to Colombo and England.

Only recorded inwards mail to BFPO 5

HMHS EMPIRE CLYDE

R.A.N. ARMAMENT DEPOT, BYFORD W.A.

Byford 6 November 1945



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



*West Australian Government Railways,
Comptroller of Accounts & Audits,
Bridge Street
Perth*

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ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER, FREMANTLE

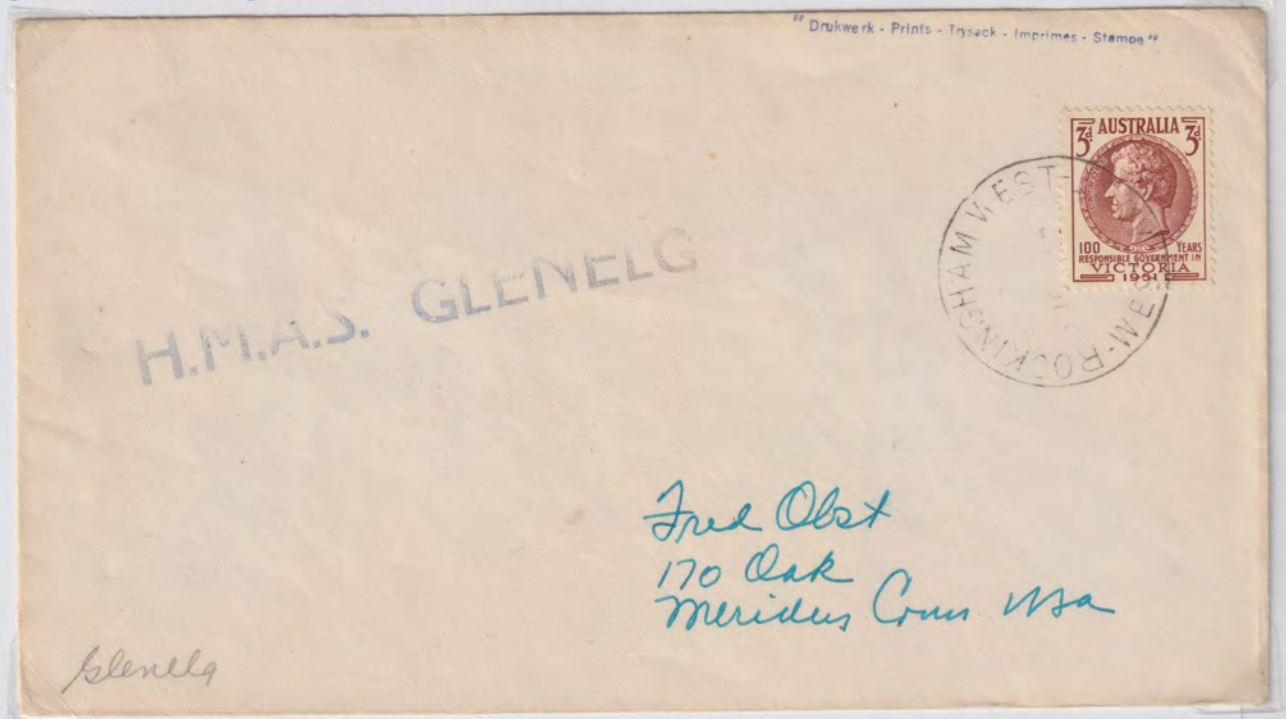
It is not known where this officer was located.

Fremantle 31 June 1946

NAVAL RESERVE 1946
HMAS GLENELG

Four corvettes HMAS Glenelg, Horsham, Katoomba, and Parkes were "mothballed" in Careening Bay, Cockburn Sound in 1946/1948 and sold for scrap in 1957.

HMAS Glenelg cachet, Rockingham West 15 January 1952



Registered Kalgoorlie, Kalgoorlie 17 December 1954, mss 'Deserter Return to sender'

HMAS PARKES

HMT ASTURIAS 1948

On emigrant service the passenger list included a number of Polish ex-servicemen.
HMT Asturias 22 November 1948 cachet, Fremantle Paquebot 22 November, Alton Bay 22
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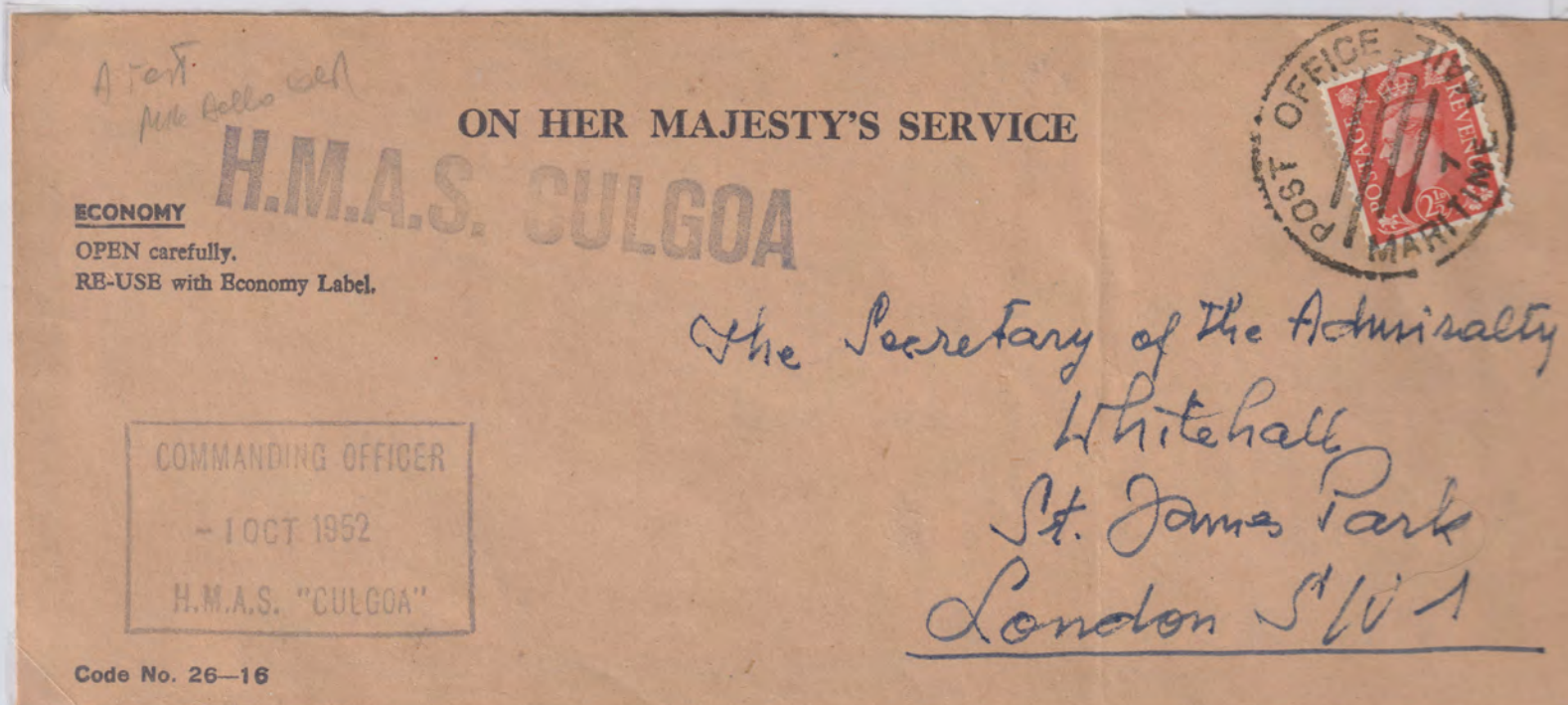
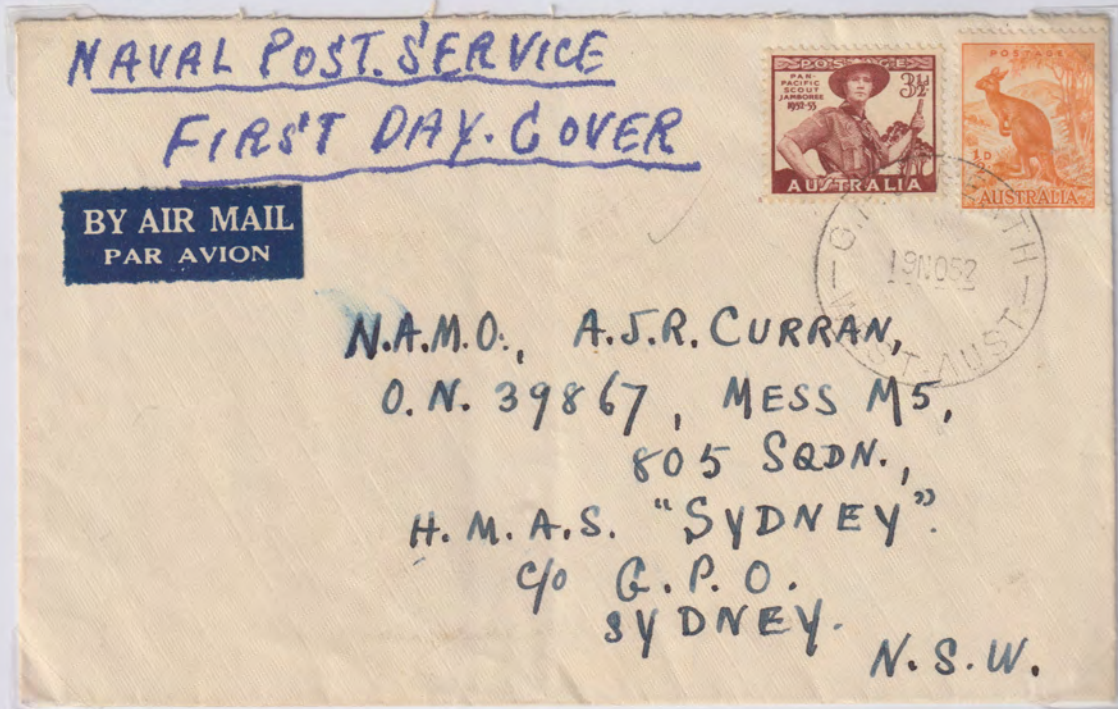


Escort aircraft carrier HMS Campania was HQ ship for the Monte Bellos test arrived at Fremantle on 31 July 1952.
Gosport 23 June 1952

ATOMIC BOMB TESTS : MONTE BELLOS ISLANDS 1952
HMS CAMPANIA

ATOMIC BOMB TESTS : MONTE BELLOS ISLANDS 1952
HMAS SYDNEY

HMAS Sydney provided air exclusion support for the test on 3 October 1952 before calling at Fremantle 14 to 22 October.
Perth 19 November 1952



Frigate HMAS Culgoa provided armed support for the 3 October 1952 test before proceeding in 1953 to service in Korean waters.
HMAS Culgoa cachet, boxed Commanding Officer HMAS Culgoa 1 October 1952, stamp cancelled Post Office Maritime Mail on receipt

HMAS CULGOA

HMAS LEEUWIN

After the war HMAS Leeuwin provided training for reservists and national servicemen.
Junior Recruit Training Establishment (1960 – 1984) and decommissioned in 1986.
Dated HMAS Leeuwin Naval Service 1 September 1947 cachet (**only recorded strike**), Fremantle 1
September, Athens 7 October, 24 in circle



Fremantle 3 December 1968

NAVAL OFFICE

Boxed Naval Office cachet, Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition 1947 cachet,
A.N.A.R.E. Heard Is (no stop) 25 December 1947



O.H.M.S.

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P. O. BOX 58, FREMANTLE, W. A. 6160



Naval Office Fremantle, along with other functions, transferred to HMAS Stirling, Garden Island when it opened in 1978. Maintenance Planning Group – Contracts, HMAS Stirling PO Box 228 Rockingham WA 6168 cachet on back
Rockingham, 8 July 1988

HMAS DIAMANTINA

Until Fleet Base West was established, the frigate/oceanographic survey vessel HMAS Diamantina was the only post-war active RAN vessel in WA. Placed into Reserve in 1946 she was recommissioned on 22 June 1959. In February 1960 she discovered the Diamantina Trench west of Cape Leeuwin. She was placed on display at Brisbane in 1980. One penny postage concession within Australia ended on 1 February 1961. HMA Ships concession cachet, HMAS Diamantina cachet, Fremantle ?? 1960



Guided missile destroyer HMAS Perth saw service in Vietnam. As part of Task Unit 327.4.3 with HMAS Stalwart, Vendetta, Derwent and Diamantina participated in the 1979 WA 150th Celebration March through Perth and 25 April ANZAC Day at Port Hedland. Commanding Officer HMAS Perth 24 April 1979 cachet, Port Hedland 26 April

HMAS PERTH

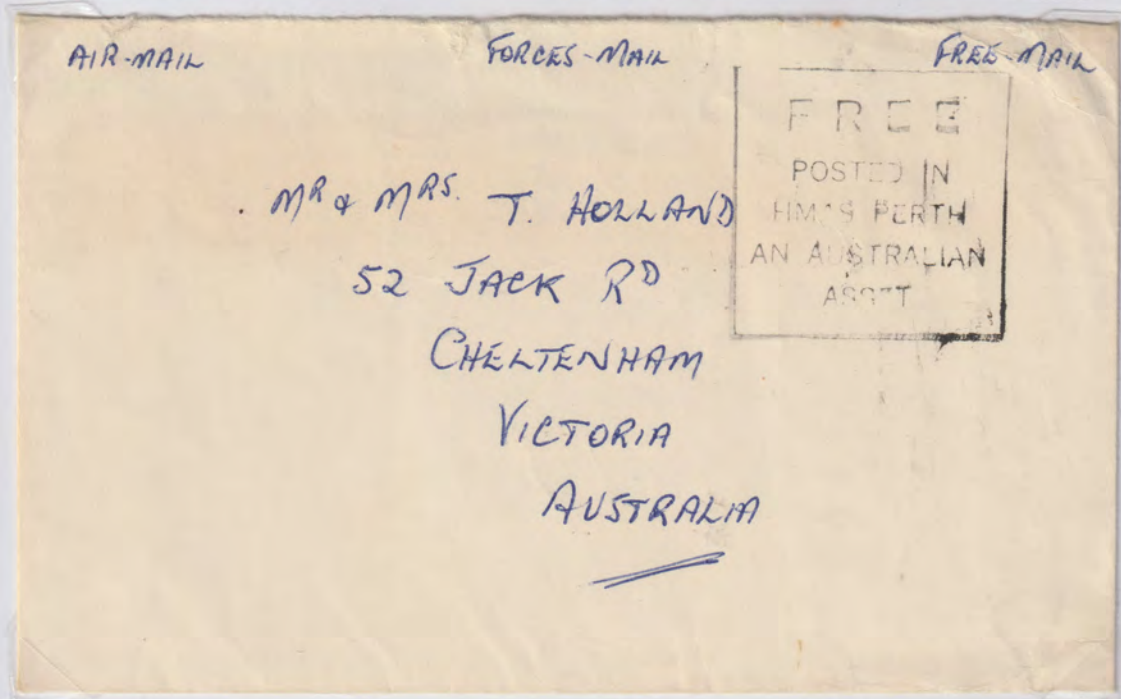
**VIETNAM WAR
HMAS MELBOURNE**

HMAS Melbourne escorted HMAS Sydney to Vietnam in April 1966. 5 cents concession airmail rate paid with 2 x 3 pence stamps

Ord Sm Terry, 6 Delta Stb Mess, HMAS Melbourne, Passed Free Surface Postage 13 April 1966

Only recorded WA mail to or from ships serving in Vietnam War

No WA mail recorded to or from ships in the Korean War or the Gulf War



HMAS Perth deployed from 2 September 1967 to 10 April 1968, 19 September 1968 to 20 April 1969, and 14 September 1970 to 6 April 1971. RAN destroyers produced rubber cachets to authorize free airmail introduced on 1 September 1968.

Boxed Free Posted in HMAS Perth an Australian asset cachet

HMAS PERTH

HMAS STIRLING 1978

HMAS Stirling opened 70 years late. It does not have a post office but uses Rockingham civilian post office.

Postmarked Rockingham 28 July 1978

COMMEMORATING THE COMMISSIONING
H.M.A.S. STIRLING
GARDEN ISLAND W.A. 28 JULY 1978

Australia Post
souvenir cover



KANGAROO

H.M.A.S. STIRLING



COMMODORE N.A. BOASE.

COMMANDER W.G. RITCHIE.



Dr B Haynes
11 Shenton Road
CLAREMONT 6010

Posted in the HMAS Stirling post box on Garden Island.
Postmarked Business Centre Rockingham 21 February 1995

HMAS STIRLING

Boxed HMAS Stirling cachet on No. 1 registration label, Rockingham 30 May 1978, Perth 30 May, Melbourne 31 May



MR. R. TURLEY,
Dept. Primary Industry,
Box 2246-U,
MELBOURNE,
Victoria - 3001



Royal Australian Navy
75th Anniversary
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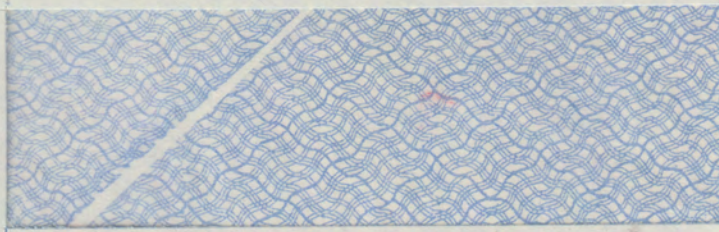


Mr R.G. Bentley
State Secretary
Torchbearers for Legacy
PO Box 249
SOUTH PERTH WA 6151

HMAS STIRLING

Naval Staff Office address obliterated, Rockingham meter mark 23 September 1981

O.H.M.S.



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HMAS STIRLING
ROCKINGHAM WA 6958

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MR MICHAEL CAMERON
PROMOTIONS MANAGER
FREMANTLE FOOTBALL CLUB
LEVEL 1, WESLEY WAY
16 MARKET STREET
FREMANTLE WA 6959



HMAS Stirling cachet, Postage Paid Stirling crest cachet, Perth 21 August 2000, Maddington 22 August redirection marking

LEEWIN BARRACKS

HMAS Leeuwin was renamed Leeuwin Barracks in 1992 as headquarters for all forces stationed in Western Australia. In 2017 remaining Army personnel were transferred to Irwin Barracks and the East Fremantle site to be sold for housing.

Leeuwin Bks Officers Mess, Riverside drive, East Fremantle cachet, Perth 3 May 1992

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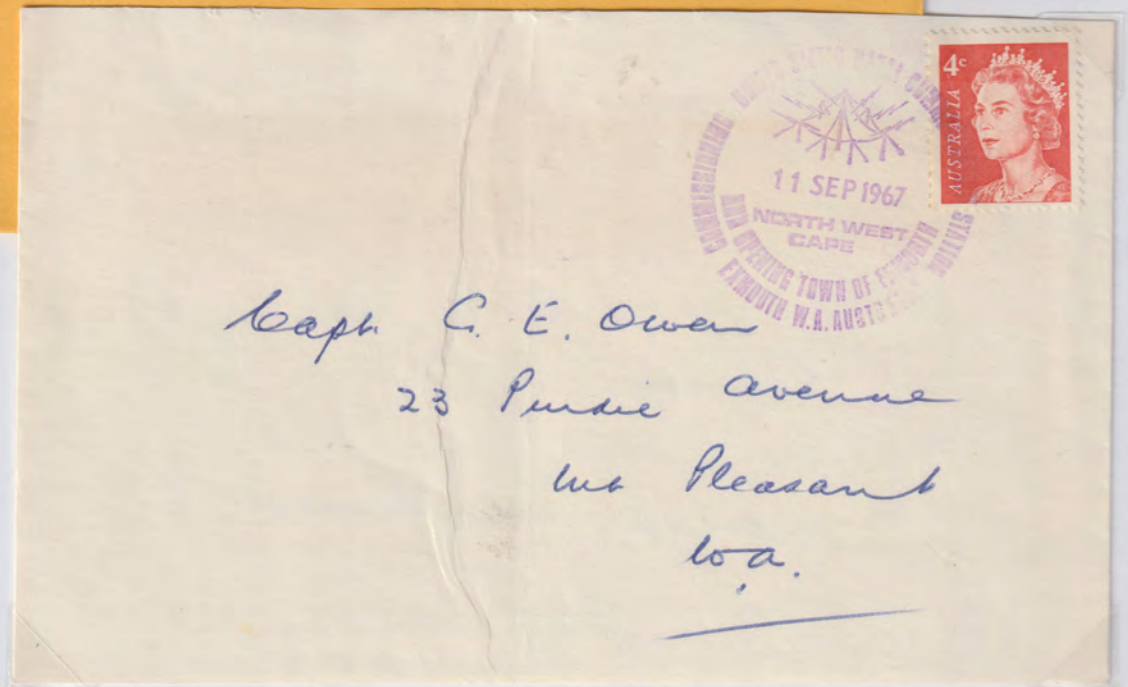
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EAST FREMANTLE WA



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USN radio station to communicate with nuclear submarines and the naval base at Diego Garcia BIOT are the two USN facilities in the Indian Ocean area.

Commemorating United States Naval Communications Station North West Cape and opening of town of Exmouth, Exmouth W.A. Australia, 11 September 1967

**UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION HAROLD E HOLT
NORTH WEST CAPE**

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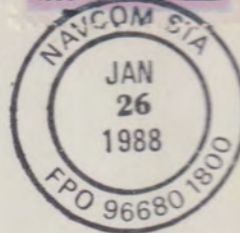
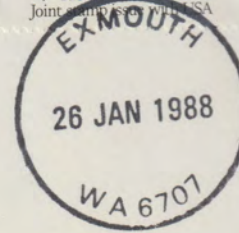
US Navy FPO 96680 cancel.

NAVCOM STA FPO 96680 1800 26 January 1988, Exmouth 26 January

Australian Bicentenary 1788-1988



Joint issue with the USA



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
DISBURSING OFFICER
PERSUPPDET HAROLD E. HOLT
P.O. BOX 34
EXMOUTH W.A. 6707

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WARSHIPS SECTION

The 2023 advice for sending defence force mail from Australia Post does not list Warships Section as an address for naval mail. Postcode 6958 is reserved for non-standard use.
Warship Mail Section Perth WA 6958 9 August 1994

1st DAY OF ISSUE
WARSHIPS MAIL SECTION POSTMARK



Mr G. Milligan
176 Scenic Drive
WANNEROO W.A. 6065

POSTCODE

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PAQUEBOT 

14 SEP 1995

POSTED AT SEA
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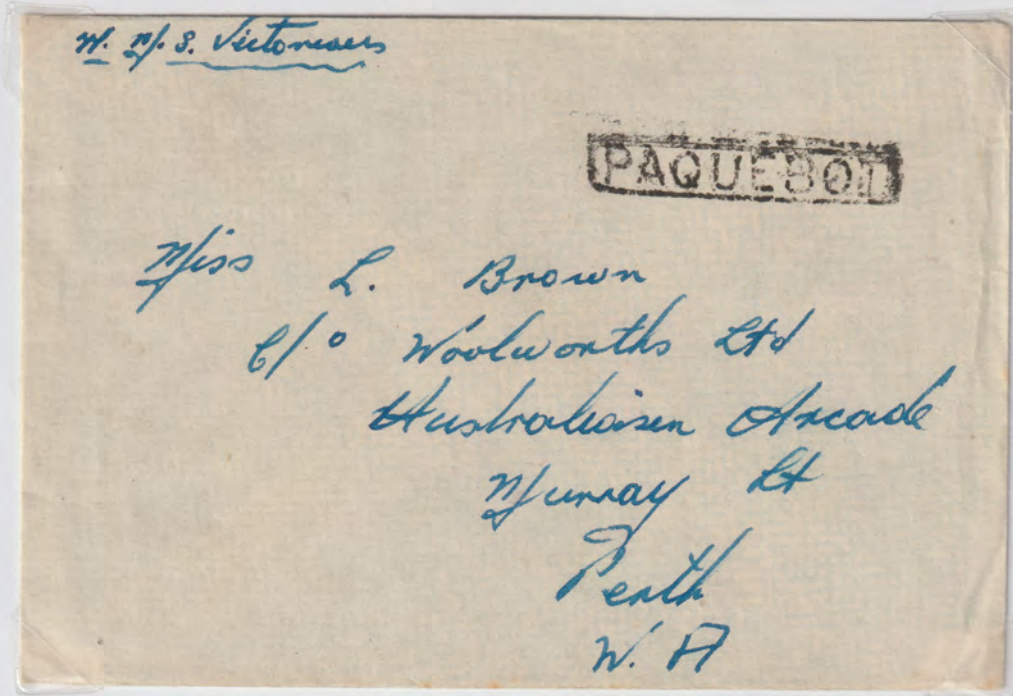
B Pope
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CLAREMONT WA 6010

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PERTH 6958

Paquebot mark for mail posted at sea (not recorded used on WA naval mail).
Paquebot Posted at sea, Perth 14 September 1995

HMS VICTORIOUS

During 1946 HMS Victorious called at Fremantle en route to or from Colombo on 10 January, 30 January, 10 April, 28 April, and on 8 July en route to UK.
Inscribed HMS Victorious, Fremantle boxed Paquebot

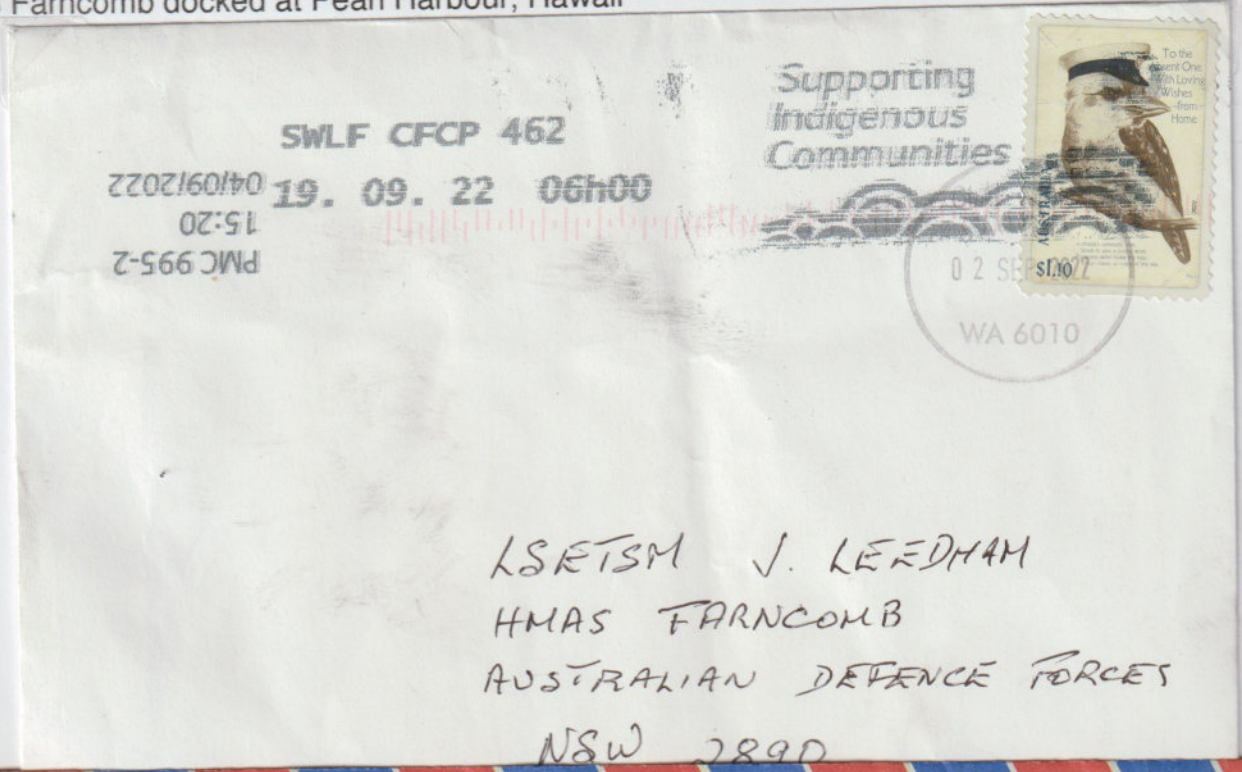


HMS Victorious cachet, Post Office Maritime Mail (London)

TWENTY FIRST CENTURY NAVAL MAIL

HMAS Stirling does not operate a Fleet Mail Office as part of a RAN mail system.
The top cover was carried by the RAN Logistic Support Officer who arrived before the
submarine HMAS Farncomb docked at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii

Claremont North
2 September 2022
Perth 4 September
Sydney
19 September
received Hawaii
23 October

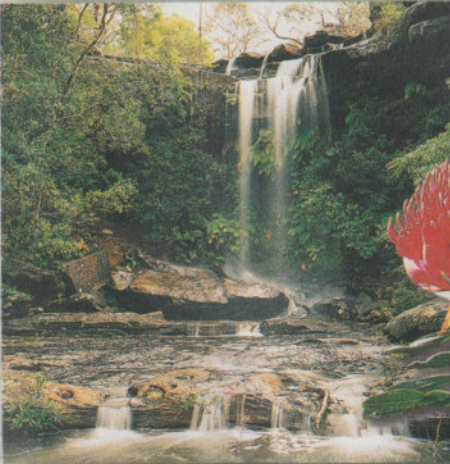


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HMAS FARNCOMB
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES
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LSKTSM J. LEEDHAM
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This seaman was no longer serving in HMAS Farncomb but based at HMAS Stirling.
HMAS Stirling's base mail is processed through Australia Post's Rockingham office.
Perth 26 June 2023, received at HMAS Stirling 29 June