

DISTRICT CENSORSHIP

The District Censor in Perth introduced two new markings in 1942; a cachet used only to seal Red Cross envelopes and a sealing label with new font (serif y).

Perth 28 November 1941, 5CC 2.20 (ERD), Lisbon 8 January 1942, rate 1/3/9d

OPENED BY CENSOR



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Secretary

Agence Centrale

COMITE INTERNATIONALE de la CROIX ROUGE

Palais du Conseil General

GENEVA

SWITZERLAND



AUSTRALIA  
- U.S.A. -  
SWITZERLAND

PASSE  
CENSOR

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

B.B.



5. Opened by Censor.

Perth  
28 October 1942  
5CSL 2.10  
Censor cachet  
Boxed Not with  
2/28 Aust Inf Bn  
28 December  
Aus FPO 35  
29 December

Return to Sender/ on Military Board Instructions/ District Records Office/ Western Command/ Perth (in red)

Inscribed: These are the last 2 letters I wrote to your Dad .... I kept them for you. 8/4/43  
No record of this Name or Number has been found



III Army Corps : Despatch Rider Letter Service

**DETENTION BARRACKS W AUST L OF C AREA**

Signals Corps maintained the DRLS for administrative mail between units.

It is assumed these Detention Barracks were at Karrakatta as the Fremantle Detention Barracks usually included the location name.

Blank Reuse label for address on unused envelope, Detention Barracks cachet, DRLS Area Signals cachet, received 29 December 1942



**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

*Lieut Hamersley*

WHOLLY PR

8386. ORIG. NO.  
 DRLS  
 110 A SH. T. O. O.  
 Dtr (Cpl Reid)  
 SIGNED. *[Signature]*  
 DDMS W.A. L OF C AREA.



COMMONWEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

If not delivered within 7 days, return to

**1 COY. 19 GARR. BN**

D.R.L.S.  
 AREA SIGNALS  
 1289

Geraldton, 19<sup>th</sup> Garrison Battalion, Base P.O. 014 27 April 1943, envelope with typed reuse label from Deputy Director Medical Services WA L of C Area, DRLS Area Signals circular cachet



III Army Corps : Internment

**No. 11 DETENTION BARRACKS FREMANTLE**

Some internees were held short-term in the RAA Barracks, Fremantle. Haynes and Pope (1997, p. 355) indicate these Barracks were in use from November 1942 but these covers prove it was in use before then.

Only recorded cover from Fremantle Detention barracks

Approved for Transmission, OC Detention Barracks, Fremantle, Concession cachet, Fremantle 2 April 1942



Windsor ? September 1942, redirected Discharged, Internee Fremantle, District censor label and cachet, Perth 28 September, Service of Prisoners of War cachet, redirected Perth Hospital, Perth 3 October



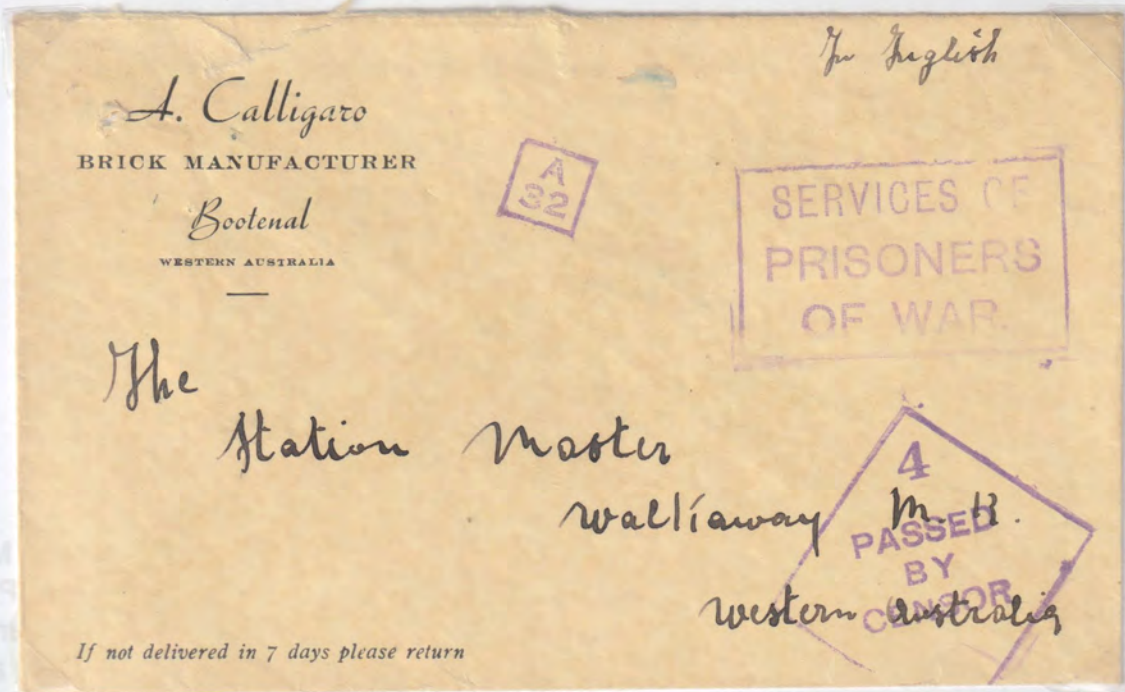
III Army Corps : Internment

PARKESTON

A transit camp was opened 4km east of Kalgoorlie in April 1942 for prisoners being transferred from Harvey to the eastern states. Parkeston closed on 29 November 1942 so this letter must have been written there and sent (open) to the District Censor in Perth where it was posted.

Only recorded cover from Parkeston

Same address as cover below, Services Prisoners of War Camp No 11 cachet, Service of Prisoners of War cachet, Passed by Censor 1 cachet (on front), Reply To cachet, Passed by Censor 1 cachet, Perth 18 November 1942.



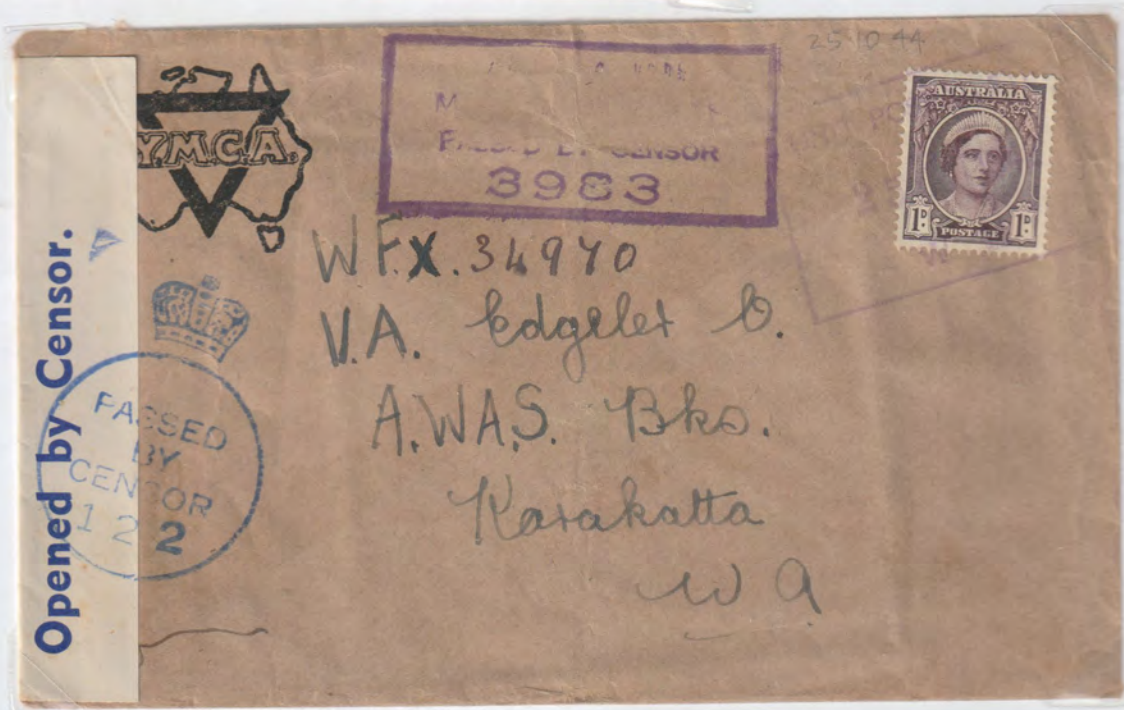
Boxed Services of Prisoners of War (Loveday Camp), boxed A32, Diamond District Censor 4 cachet (Adelaide), No 14D Camp 4<sup>th</sup> Military District South Australia cachet



III Army Corps : AWAS

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL WOMEN'S SERVICE**

Australian Women's Army Service was raised in 1941 as a non-medical service as clerks, typists, cooks, and drivers but some served in Fremantle Fixed Defences, signals, intelligence. By January 1944 about 20,000 AWAS were located in 71 barracks around Australia. Voluntary Aid Detachments were converted to the AAMWS in December 1942. Three DRLS address labels on unaddressed envelope, AAMWS typed address, DRLS cachet, Paid Perth 18 June 1943



AMF censor cachet, Unit Postal Station W , 25 June 1943, Field censor label and cachet

One of two recorded strikes of Field Censor cachet 122

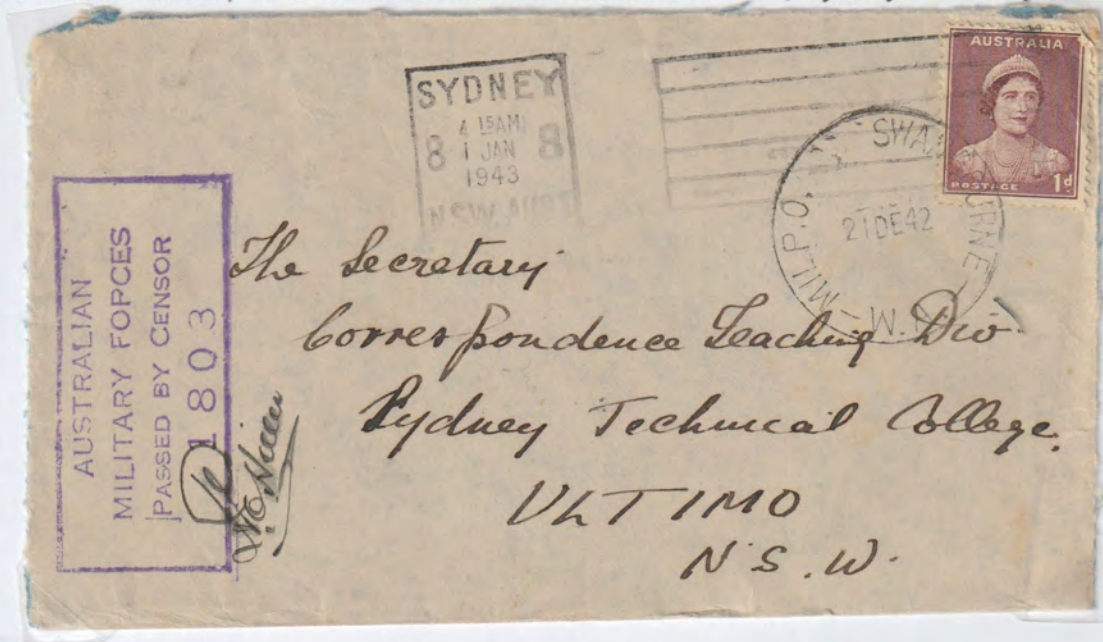


III Army Corps: Training

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Without a combat role, the main role for III Army Corps was training. Some formation scale exercises were held and units were rotated from forward operational locations to metropolitan fixed camps and Harvey Jungle Training School for unit training. Individuals undertook correspondence training through the Army Education Service to improve their skills or qualify them for more technical tasks.

AMF censor cachet, Mil. P.O. Swanbourne 21 December 1942, Sydney 1 January 1943



AIF censor cachet, Mil. P.O. Karrakatta 22 May 1944



III Army Corps : Unites States Army

**BASE SECTION 6 : PERTH**

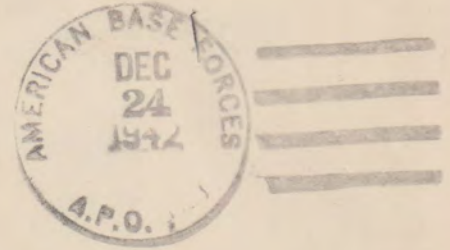
From March 1942 the United States Navy operated the largest submarine base in the southern hemisphere at Fremantle in conjunction with British and Dutch submarines. The United States Army had a very small presence in WA with the US Army Representative Office housed on the first floor , Perpetual Trustees Building, St Georges Terrace Perth.

**U.S. Army Postal Service**

American Base Forces APO 501 24 December 1942

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN AUSTRALIA  
A.P.O. 501

Commanding Officer,  
Base Section 6,  
PERTH W.A.



Finance Officer  
USASOS  
APO 501.

A I R M A I L



Commanding Officer,  
U. S. Army,  
PERTH, W.A.

American Base Forces APO 501 28 December 1942, Sydney 29 December  
Australian PMG Department



III Army Corps : Unites States Army

**A.P.O. 926 FREMANTLE**

US Army also had Leave and Transit Camps at Wembley and Graylands. This cover may be from a soldier in transit from Townsville (APO 301). Only recorded strike APO 926. American Base Forces APO 926 24 September 1943, Fremantle dumb machine cancel

*Capt. ER. Flynt, 0,382880  
Hq. 4 Hq Co, 58th Sig Bn.  
APO 301*



*Miss Jess Westerman  
192 Dornoch Terrace  
Highgate Hill S-1  
Brisbane Queensland*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
**Regional Control Office**  
**15th Weather Region**  
**APO 922**  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.



SGT MICHAEL S. SCOTT  
WEATHER STATION  
FOREST, W. A.

*via 501*

RAAF Aerodrome Forrest was an important refuelling stop for military aircraft to and from Western Australia. In 1942, 8 men of US Army Air Force Servicing Detail were stationed there for refuelling and weather observation duties.

APO 922 (Townsville), U.S. Army Postal Service A.P.O. 23 December

**WEATHER STATION, FORREST**

*Recent original research*



■ Army Corps : Navy

RAN

During 1942 Fremantle became an important submarine maritime patrol base.  
Naval Staff Office, Fremantle cachet, 8 bar dumb cancel

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



The Western Australian Government Railways,  
PERTH.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
IF NOT DELIVERED RETURN TO

~~If not claimed within seven days please~~  
~~return to Naval Staff Office.~~  
FREMANTLE, W.A.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS,  
P E R T H .

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

~~return to Naval Staff Office.~~  
~~Naval Victualling Yard~~  
Fremantle, (W.A.)

NAVAL VICTUALLING YARD, FREMANTLE

Naval Victualling Yard Fremantle cachet, Fremantle 26 October 1942, 27 October received

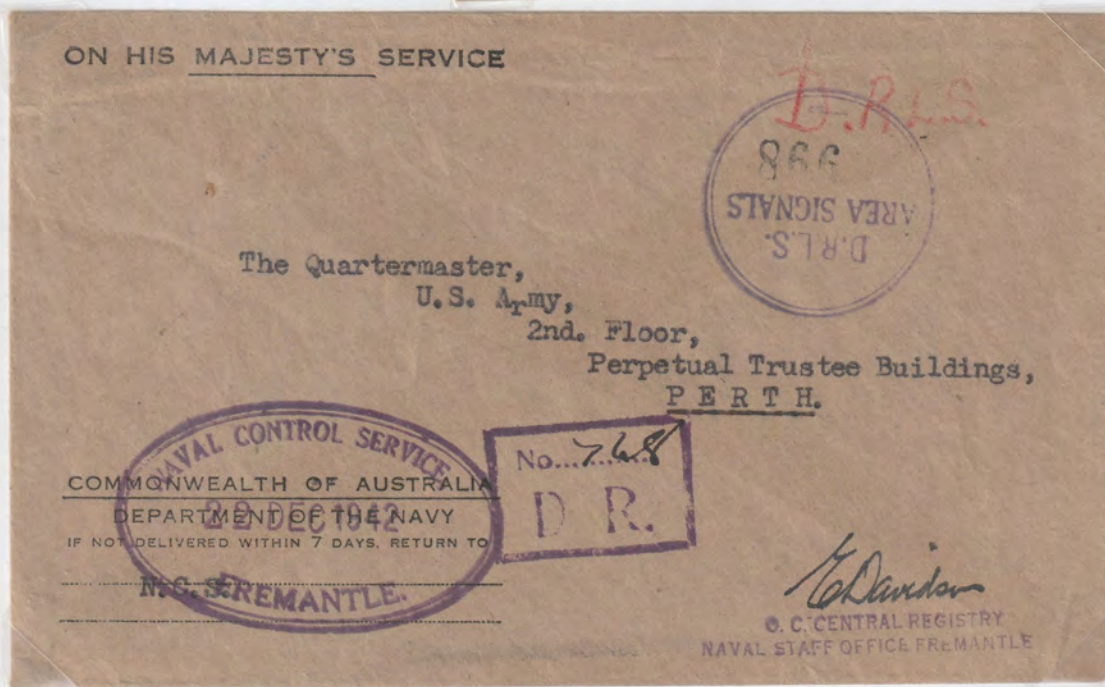
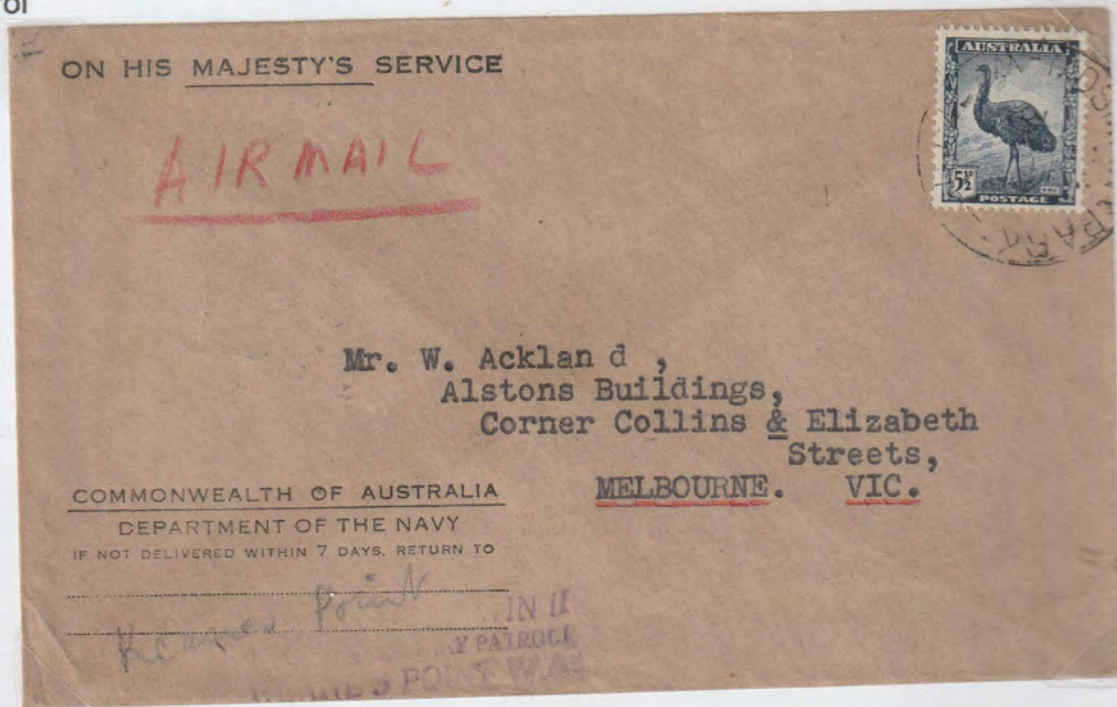


III Army Corps : Navy

### HMAS LEEUWIN II

Naval Auxilliary Patrol established in October 1941, with private launches, became fully operational as harbour and antisubmarine patrol from Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (commissioned as HMAS Leeuwin II).

HMAS Leeuwin II  
Naval Auxilliary Patrol  
Keane's Point, WA  
Cachet  
Mosman Park  
3 ??



Naval Control Service  
22 December 1942  
authorised by  
OC Central Registry  
Naval Staff Office  
boxed Despatch Rider  
circular DRLS  
Area Signals

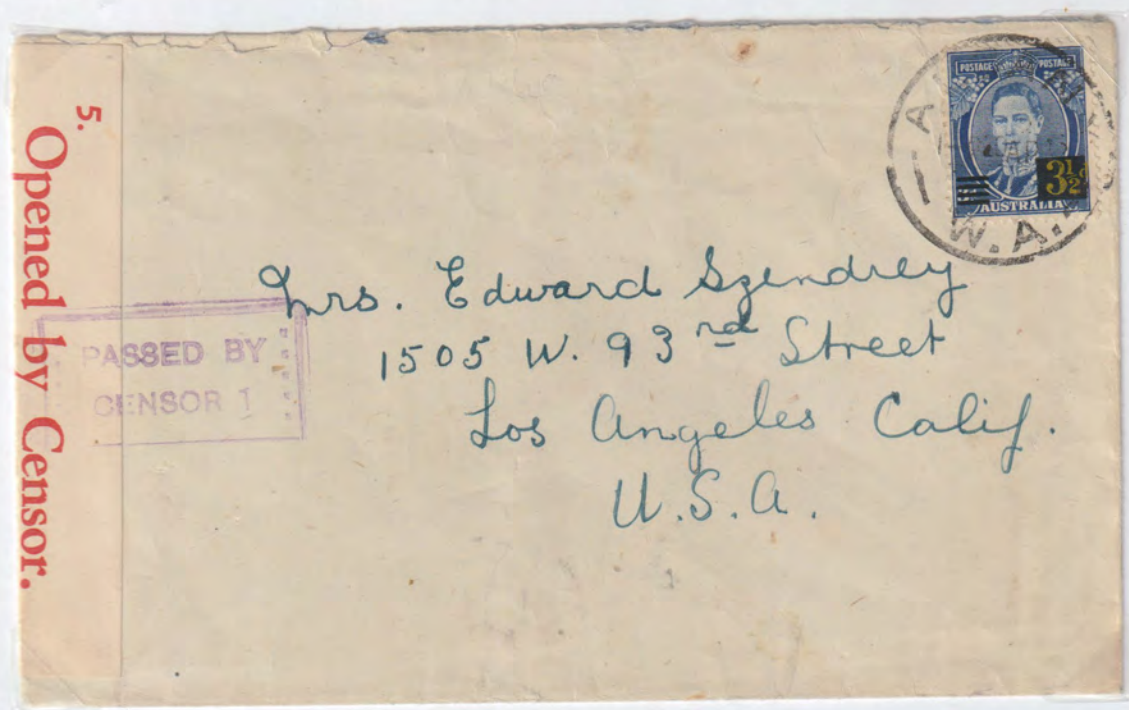
### NAVAL CONTROL SERVICE

Naval Control Service Officer, Fremantle was authorised to control the movement of all vessels in WA waters. The US Army had a small administrative presence in WA. Despatch Rider Letter Service carried intra-service mail.



**ALBANY**

On 17 March 1942 submarine tender USS Holland and 5 submarines arrived at Albany from the Philippines and set up base there. It is possible the postal procedures had not been set up to deal with mail from the American ships so unstamped mail with AIF censor. AIF censor cachet, Albany 19 March 1942



On 17 April 1942 sea plane tender/destroyer USS Childs arrived at Albany from the Philippines to service Patrol Wing 10 Catalinas. Albany 20 April 1942, Perth District Censor label and cachet



III Army Corps : Navy

**UNITED STATES NAVY**

United States Naval Supply Depot 137 was located in Fremantle.

United States Naval Supply Depot, Fremantle Australia cachet, defaced barred 8 cancel,  
16 December 1942 received

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

UNITED STATES NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT,  
FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Western Australian Government Railways,  
Comptroller of Accounts and Audit,  
Bridge Street,  
PERTH W.A.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE



**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

Officer-in-Charge,  
BASE ACTIVITIES,  
ALLIED NAVAL FORCES,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Commonwealth of Australia Hiring Service  
Swan Barracks,  
Francis Street,  
Perth W. A.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE



This office is also presumed to have been located in Fremantle.

Officer-in-Charge, Base Activities, Allied Naval Forces, Western Australia cachet,  
Fremantle boxed Paquebot cancel

Only recorded strike of this cachet



III Army Corps : Navy

### NETHERLANDS NAVY

Cruiser HNLMS Tromp was in Fremantle on 27 February 1942 for repairs to damage sustained in the Battle for Bali on 18 February.

Panama City, Florida ? 1942, RNN censor label and cachet dated 4 February

Opened by K.N.N. Censor



*Airmail to the West-coast of AMERICA*

*Unit. per twee 3de kl. K.M.*

*Th. Y. Vermeer.*

*o/b. H.M.S. TROMP.*

*Tromp*



*o/o. Dutch Headquarters.  
441 St. Kilda Road  
Melbourne  
Australia*



*Charles J. Walters Comdr  
U. S. Navy, U. S. S. Phoenix  
c/o Postmaster San Francisco,  
Calif.*



*Miss Yvonne Lilly  
64 E. Jima Street  
Mt. Hawthorne*

*W.H.*



### UNITED STATES NAVY

Light cruiser USS Phoenix was at Fremantle from 27 June to 13 July 1942.

US Navy 9 September 1942, US naval censor, 11 October received



**II Army Corps : Air Force**

**No. 5 CADET WING, A.T.C**

In August 1941 six Air Training Corps Wings were formed to train boys aged 16 to 18 before they enlisted in the RAAF. By 1945, 12,000 had done so and the RAAF was the fourth largest air force in the world.

Headquarters, No. 5 Cadet Wing, A.T.C., C.M.L. Building, St. George's Terrace, Perth  
cachet, Perth 12 December 1942

Only recorded Cadet cover



**III Army Corps : Air Force**

**STATE STAMP**

State perfin WA stamp used by Commonwealth forces department (only recorded use)  
Area Headquarters Perth cachet, Perth 1 April 1941



R.A.A.F. P.O. CLONTARF

At the outbreak of war with Japan, the RAAF was neither structured nor equipped to defend Australia. Japanese bombing raids on ports and airfields from Wyndham to Onslow went largely unhindered. Little was done in WA during 1942 to alter this situation. No. 5 Initial Training School post office was opened at Clontarf Orphanage on 20 April 1942.





III Army Corps : Air Force

R.A.A.F. P.O. BUSSELTON

This post office was initially opened to service No. 4 Recruit Depot on 11 July 1942.  
RAAF censor cachet, RAAF P.O. Busselton 7 December 1942



Concession cachet, RAAF Victor Harbour South Australia 17 November 1942