

SECTION D : Redeployment : Armour replaces Infantry
1st ARMoured DIVISION

With the defeat of the Japanese at Kokoda, Australian troops in Papua were relieved by troops from Queensland. Infantry from WA were redeployed to support these moves. 1st Armoured Division had been formed to fight Panzer Divisions in North Africa but moved to WA between October 1942 and April 1943. With no role in Pacific island operations, the Division remained in WA but withdrew from forward positions at Mullewa to Mingenew (March 1943), Moora (August 1943), Northam (June 1944), disbanded (November 1944) 2/7 Aust Armed Regiment was disbanded May 1944 to bring other units up to strength making up for losses due to transfers to more active units.

20 January 1944
 Point Walter
 AIF Field PO 29
 21 January



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 ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN.

38th Battalion left
 for Melbourne
 AMF censor cachet
 Unit Postal Station S87
 28 March 1943
 then to Darwin

4th INFANTRY DIVISION : APRIL 1943

With the prior departure of its component 6th Infantry Brigade (including 38th Battalion) and 13th Infantry Brigade, HQ 4th Infantry Division left Perth for Townsville on 24 April 1943

Redevelopment : Camps

Mil. P.O. Nungarin [14/3/44 – 3/6/45]

Constructed in 1942/3 as part of 5 Base Ordinance Depot, Nungarin housed tank and vehicle workshops supporting 1st Armoured Division as well as the 7th Australian Army Ordinance Depot which had 3.5 hectares storage floorspace.

7 AAO Nungarin
Mil. P.O. Nungarin

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION



R.6
M P O
NUNGARIN
No 179

Mrs C.W. Chisholm,
656 Canterbury Rd.,
Surrey Hills E.10
VIC.



REGISTERED BY AIRMAIL.



TO -
AUSTRALIAN
MILITARY FORCES
PASSED BY CENSOR
1945

Messrs S. & M. Miller Bros.
19, Lang Street,
Nth Carlton, N.4.
VICTORIA. AUSTRALIA.

R.6
M P O. SHOWGROUNDS.
No 133

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Mil. P.O. Showgrounds (small letters) [27/3/44 – 11/9/44]

AMF censor cachet, Mil. PO Showgrounds registration label, Mil. PO Showgrounds 3 July 1944, Perth 4 July, Melbourne 4 July, Carlton 5 July

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SUPPORT UNITS

With the departure of HQ 4th Infantry Division on 24 April 1943, this left 2nd Infantry Division to defend the lines from Geraldton south. In September 1943 the AASC support for 1st Armoured Division was dispersed leaving 2/1 Tank Transporter Coy, 3 Mot Bde Coy, and 2/1 Aust Armd Bde Coy. Dvr S.H.J. Hutchinson of 1 Armd Bde Coy based in Mingenew compared the unit with the Rats of Tobruk

*And when this war is over, and the honour rolls are read,
Our names will not be on them because none of us are dead,
Then the people of Australia will think of us anew,
As the men who fought the sandflies – we – the Mice of Mingenew*

Mingenew, 2/1 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC cachet, AIF Field P.O. 29 19 March 1944

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Stationery Depot,
103, James St.
PERTH. W. A.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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2/1 AUST ARMD BDE COY

A.F.W. 3078,
(Adapted.)

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I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.

Signature }
Name only }

Hutchinson

[Up to three letters may be forwarded in this Cover, but these must be all from the same writer. The Cover should be addressed in such case to the Deputy Base Censor. The Covers of enclosed letters must be left open by sender.]

Address :-

*The Secretary
State Superannuation
Board
Treasury Buildings
Barracca St
Perth.*

In April 1942 WA L of C took control of administrative and support units including 124 GT Coy that remained in WA until disbanded in early 1946.

Swan Barracks, Unit Postal Station W 30 15 November 1943, received 16 November

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13th INFANTRY BRIGADE

2/2 Aust Pioneer Battalion left for Melbourne in January 1943.

Bellevue, 2/2 Aust Pnr Btn, Unit Postal Station W 34 28 December 1942 (LRD)



13th Infantry Brigade comprising local 11th, 16th and 28th Battalions moved to forward defence positions at Darwin in February 1943 prior to service in New Guinea.

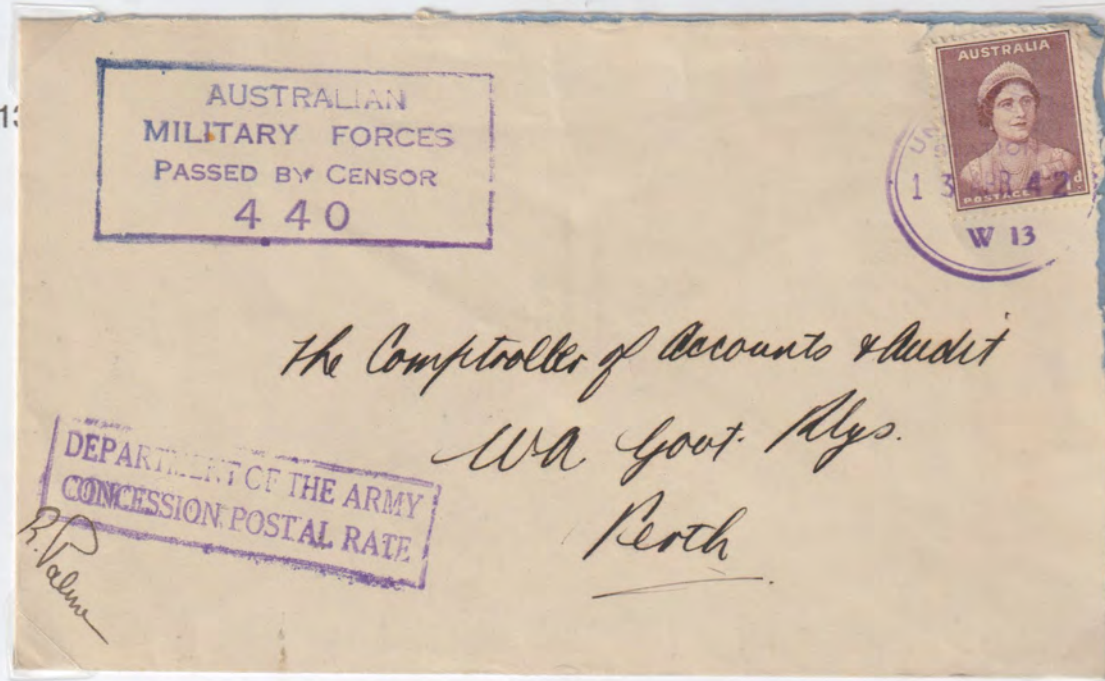
11th Battalion, Darwin, AMF censor cachet (in red), Unit Postal Station W14 4 April 1943

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LOCAL UNITS

10th Light Horse (without horses) was transferred to NSW in April 1943

Concession cachet
AMF censor cachet
Unit Postal Station W 1:
13 April 1942



AMF censor cachet
25 Cav Regiment
Unit Postal Station W2
16 August 1943

25th Cavalry Regiment was disbanded in September 1943

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2nd INFANTRY DIVISION : APRIL 1944

On 2 April 1944 HQ 2nd Infantry Division was disbanded with most units moving east.
3rd Motor Brigade Group (Chidlow Camp) transferred to the command of HQ 3 Corps.

2 Aust Fd Sqn
RAE AIF
A.I.F. Field P.O. 51
17 July 1943
(departed WA
25/2/44)

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



*The Secretary
Carlton United Breweries Ltd.
16 Bouverie St
Carlton N.3 Vic
Victoria 34*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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2 AUST FD SQN RAE, AIF

On His Majesty's Service

AIR MAIL

*Certified Official
Majors en route*



*Comptroller of Accounts
& Audit*

W. A.G. R

Perth WA



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138 AUST GEN TRP COY

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138th Australian General Transport Company formed at Moora July 1942 undertaking duties throughout southern WA. In September 1943 a platoon relocated from Bushmead to Marble Bar supporting development of the Corunna Downs airfield. 138 AGTC relocated December 1943 to transport bombs and stores from Port Hedland. From September 1944 they had units at Port Hedland, Onslow and Noonkanbah. Disbanded in June 1945. 138 Aust Gen Trp Coy cachet, AMF censor cachet, hexagonal T postage due cancel (location unknown), received 3 January 1944

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FIXED DEFENCES

On 10 November 1944 Western Command stated "any form of attack on Western Australia, except by isolated submarines, is now remote.... Fremantle is to be maintained as a defended port with a reduced scale of armament and manning." Oliver's Hill Battery Rottnest, Garden Island and Albany were placed on maintenance levels, Leighton Battery was dismantled and shipped to Albany, only one gun at Bickley Battery, Swanbourne Battery and Harbour Battery were manned. Rottnest 31 December 1943

F.G. 42. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT. Office Date Stamp.

TELEGRAM

The date stamp indicates the date of reception and lodgment also, unless an earlier date is shown after the time of lodgment.

Recd. C.8873. 7/1942

Office of Origin	No. of Words	Time of Lodgment
<i>Perth</i>	<i>19/11</i>	<i>2:57</i>

W49543
 Pte R. Barber
 Sig Sec. A.G. Coy 10th Inf Bn
 Happy new year darling
 love Alice and Imps

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WEST AUSTRALIA 1946

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES PASSED BY CENSOR 917

ACF

22 JAN 1945

WEST AUSTRALIA

Capt J.G.H. Hedges.
 31 Stanley St.
 Redlands.

R.6
 ROTTNEST ISLAND WEST AUSTRALIA
 R N° 137

AUSTRALIA 4c

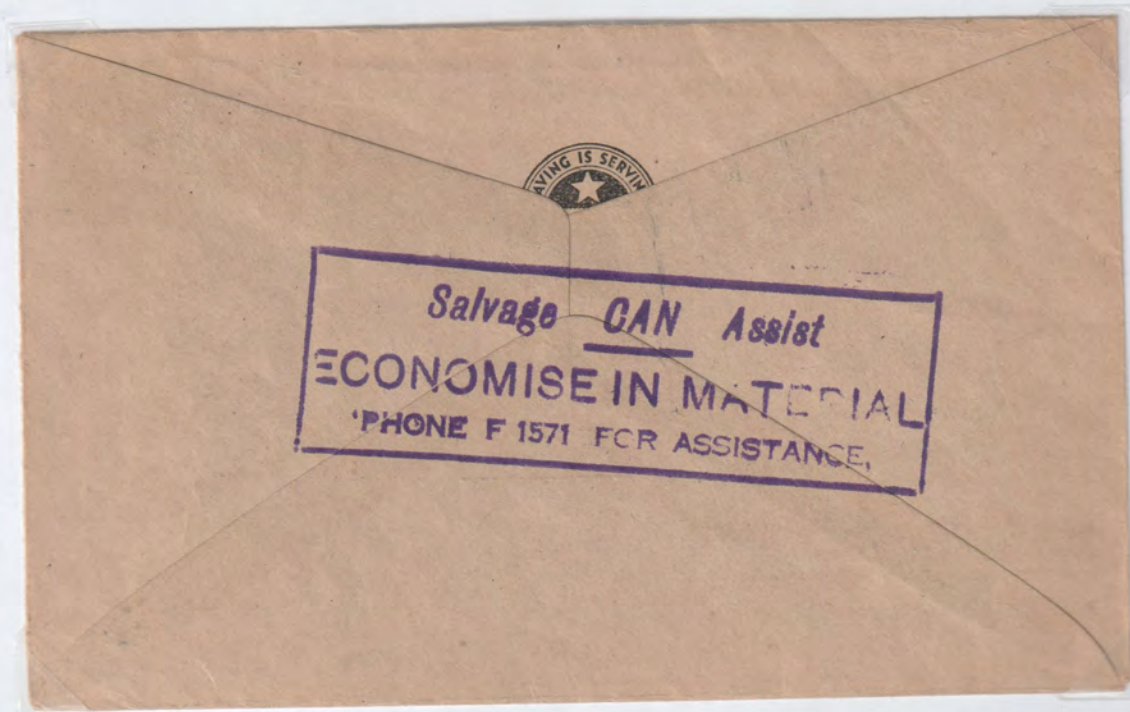
AMF censor cachet, registration label, Rottnest 22 January 1945, Perth 22 January

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HQ 5 SALVAGE DEPOT

Before a unit left camp, the commanding officer was required to provide 3 Corps HQ with a certificate attesting that the camp was left in clean and hygienic condition all salvageable items were forwarded to Salvage Depot Jolimont.

HQ 5 Salvage Depot cachet, Mil. P.O. Karrakatta 3 July 1944



HQ 5 Salvage Depot cachet, Mil. P.O. Karrakatta 3 July 1944 (franked 1½d)

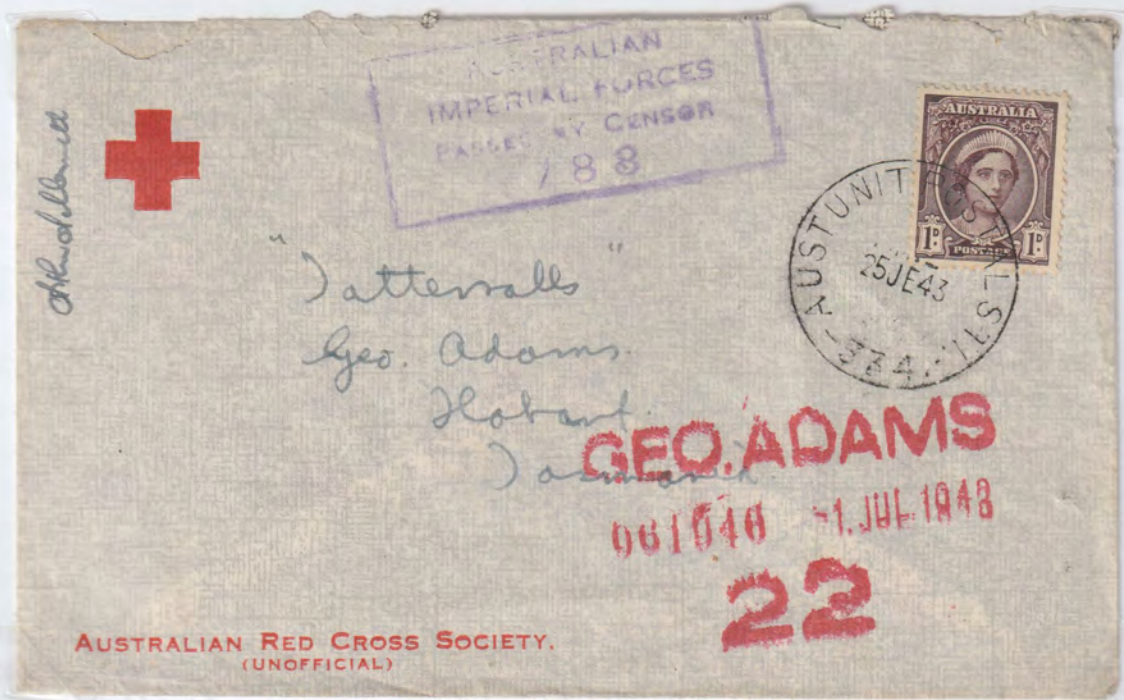
Redeployment: Replacement datestamps

Aust Unit Postal Stn 332 (not seen)

Aust Unit Postal Stn 333 [27/7/44 – 10/1/45]

Rubber W series Unit Postal Station datestamps in WA were replaced with steel datestamps numbered between 332 to 344.

2/1 AGH Merredin (?), AMF censor cachet, Aust Unit Postal Stn 333 27 August 1955 (sic)
Received 1 August 1944



2/1 AGH Merredin (?), AIF censor cachet, Aust Unit Postal Stn 334 25 June 1943 (ERD)
Received 1 July

Aust Unit Postal Stn 334 [25/6/43 – 5/12/43]

Redeployment : Unit Postal Station

Unit Postal Station 394 [1/11/43]

Moora, Australian Army Provost Corps, AMF censor cachet, Unit Postal Station 394

1 November 1943 (ORD)



Capt F. G. L. Hedges
5 Aust Gen Bn.
Melville

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USE OFFICIAL ADDRESS ONLY.



From No.: W 95811 Cpl A. Knief

Name: A. A. P. C.

Unit or Group: C/O Town Major
Moora

Date: 31st Oct 43

Dear Capt Hedges,

I suppose that you are thinking that I have forgotten you and the Garrison but I have been moving about quite a lot since I saw you last.

I am now in Field Checking Staff and am concerned with P.O.L records which work I

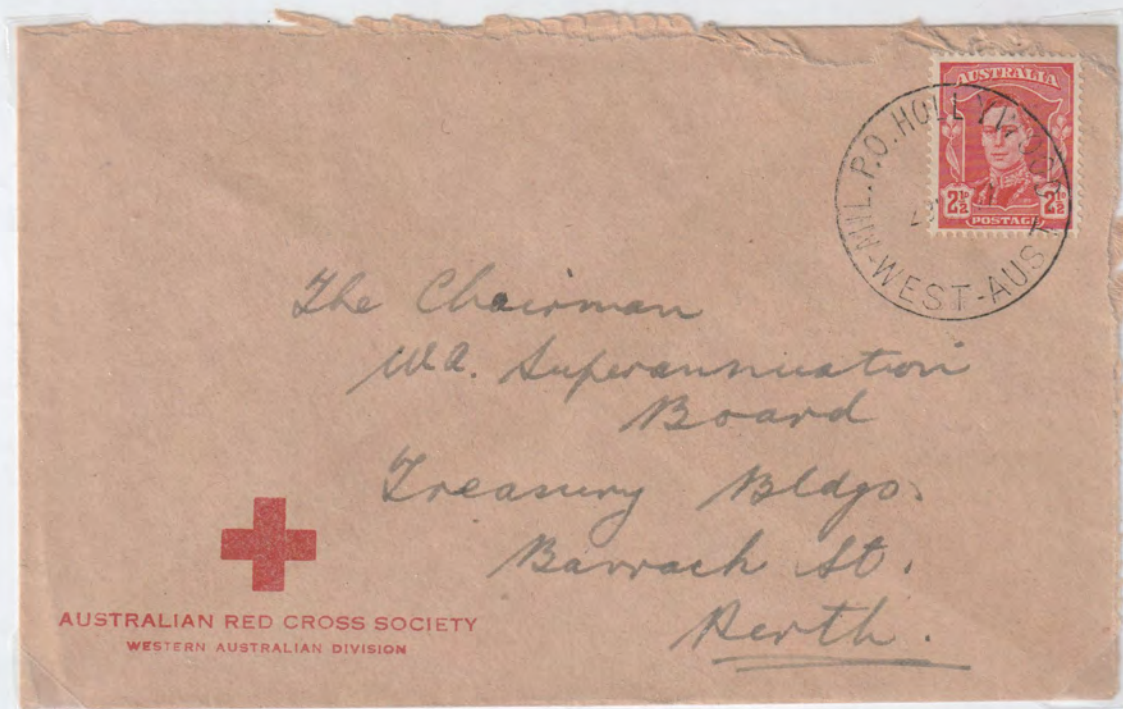
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Redeployment : Camps

Mil. P.O. Hollywood [11/12/44 -]

110th Permanent Military Hospital was built in 1941, became Repatriation Hospital Hollywood in 1947 and privatised in 1994.

AMF censor cachet, Unit Postal Station W 37 14 December 1944, South Perth 15 December



Mil. P.O. Hollywood 23 June 1947

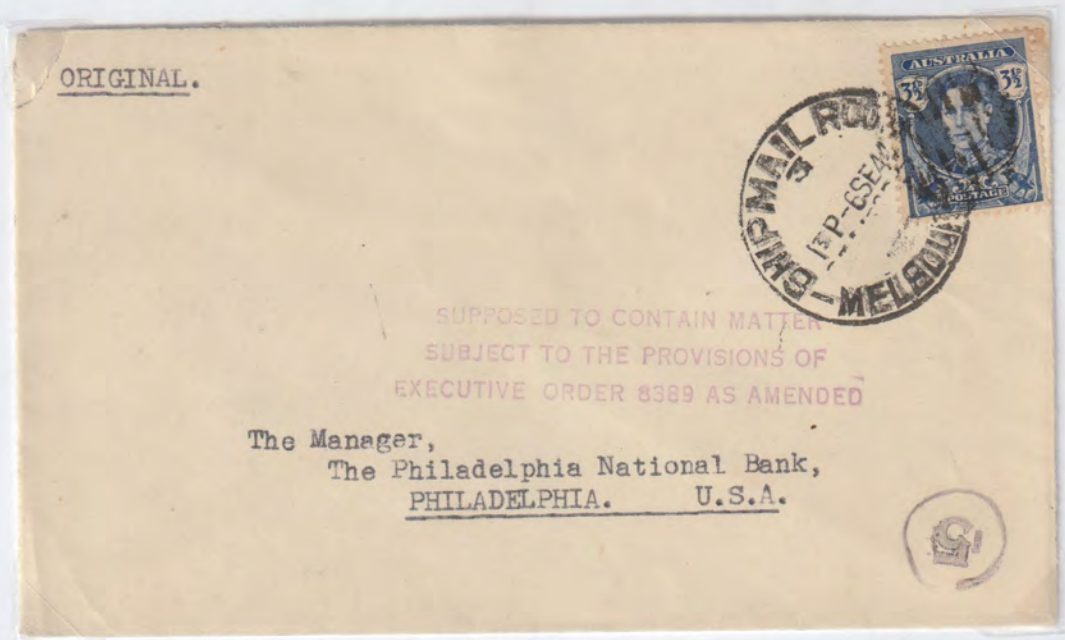
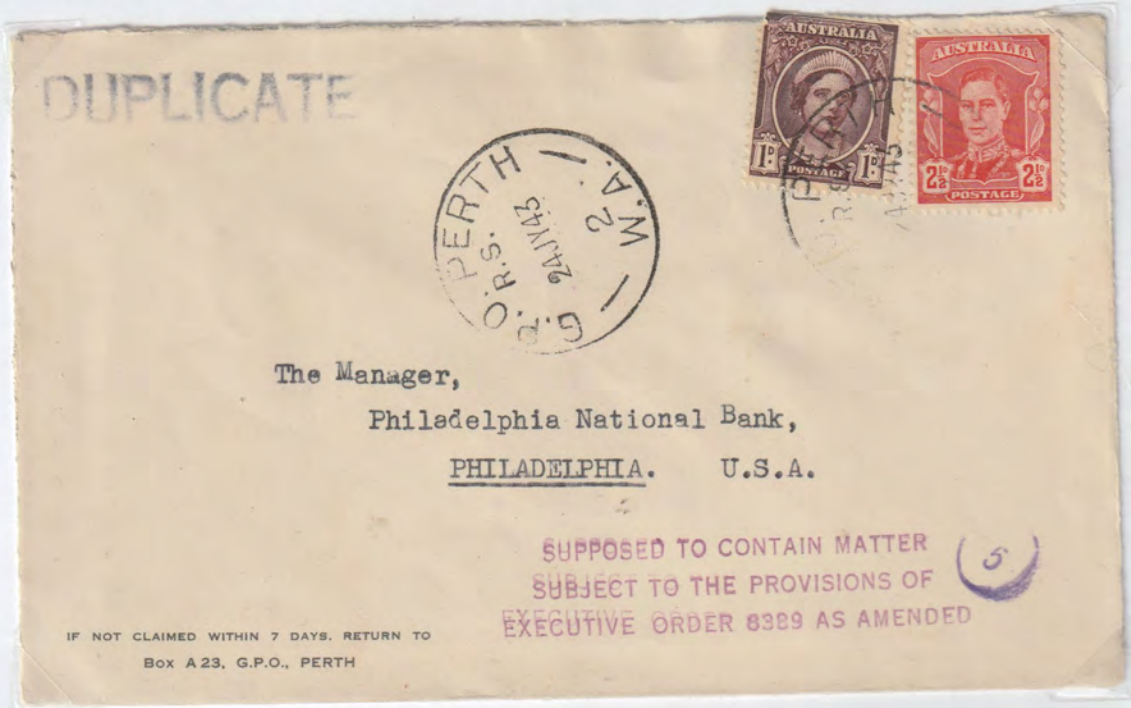
Redeployment : Censorship

NOT OPENED BY CENSOR

Two types of 5 in circle were used to indicate not opened by censor.

5CC2.11 [11/5/43 – 1/8/45]

Duplicate, 5 in circle cachet, Perth 24 July 1943



5CC 2.12 [5/2/44 – 1/5/45]

Original, Fremantle barred cancel, large 5 in circle cachet, Melbourne 6 September 1944
Duplicate letter system was introduced in 1917 due to loss of mails in submarine attacks.
A fee of 6d was payable (no example seen). Firms adopted the practice of sending unofficial duplicate letters in case of loss at sea.

Redeployment : Censorship

RETURN TO SENDER

AMF censor cachet, Nedlands 24 December 1943, registration label, Return to sender censor cachet, Dead Letter Office 14 January 1944

2 strikes recorded (both in this collection)

The export of stamps to this address by private individuals is forbidden as a war time measure.

DISTRICT CENSOR, PERTH.



POSTMARK CENSORED

The censor obliterated the town name from the postmark and cut out the town name from the return address.

Probably Fremantle 22 November 1943, censor label and cachet

AIRGRAPH

Airgraphs were introduced on 5 July 1943 with the Double Sunrise flights. Forms were either lodged at a Post Office or posted to Airgraphs GPO Perth where they were censored before processing at Melbourne.

Poste Restante Perth 24 May 1944, censor cachet

The name and full address of the addressee must be written by hand in pencil or black letters and that wholly within the **PASSE** zone.

The name and address of the sender must be typed in the **SENDER** zone.

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GROUP CAPT. C.F. GORDON, DFC, MC, OBE,
LINDEN CHASE, (RAF)
SEVEN OAKS
KENT.
ENGLAND

POST OFFICE STATION, PERTH
WEST AUSTRALIA

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Write the letter very plainly below the double line. See instructions at back.

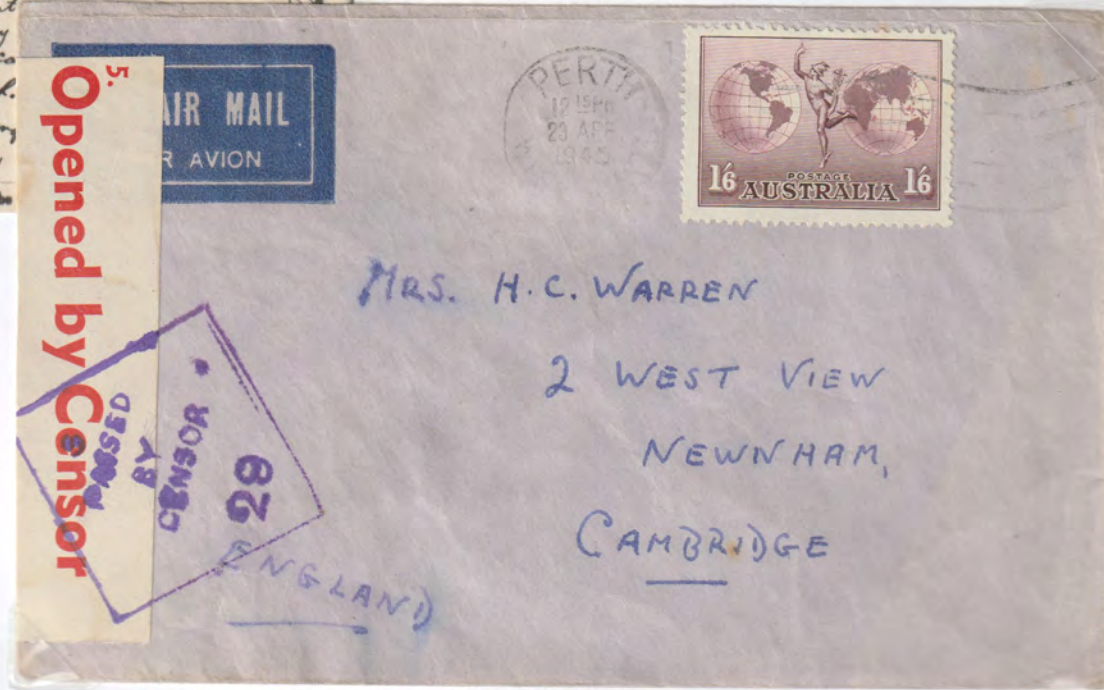
PAGE No 2. *of Mrs M. R. Mayle.*
Sender's Address: 18 South Avenue
Kewards
Maylands
Date: 24/5/44

Good How Claps.

my dear Mr Gordon,
Well here I am again, I went to a youth social last week, there were 120 youths present we had a great time with bright singing and games. In my spare time I am making tops for patriotic purposes.
How are the vegetables coming along, do you still find time for gardening. I suppose you more or less have to make time to produce a few of your own requirements.
The trouble with our place is that it is so well watered that the weeds in time smother the vegetable. It is almost a full time job to keep the weeds down.
I wish I could have sent you some which we have just picked they are however, when we start can I will send you a can of each parcel. May God bless you and your lovely wife.

ARTHUR PASSMORE

This space should not be



5CSL 2.11 [9/12/44 - 16/10/45]

Perth 23 April 1945, censor label and cachet

