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Fig.125: 12.11.1943. Air Mail Letter Card, posted at EA APO 77, is the 'Postage Free' Christmas issue, Daynes & Colley Type EA72.03, rarely seen. EA censor probably No. V/18 (Type EA. 4C).

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Fig.126: 18.07.1944. EA APO 77. British Army censor No. 9191 (Type A 600).

Fig.127: 09.08.1944. Cover and letter, posted at EA APO 77, sent by air mail, British adhesives paying one shilling air mail fee. Censored in Egypt. See contents of letter below.

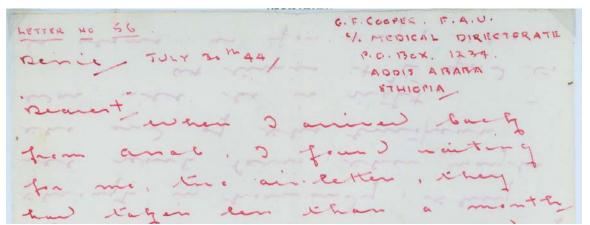


Fig.128: Pte Cooper says, "When I arrived back from Assab, I found waiting for me two air letters, they had taken less than a month".

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Fig.129: Incoming Air Letter, from Capt Taylor, HQ 34 Tank Brigade, B.W.E.F. [British Western European Front], manuscript dated 6 July 1944, to Lt Bond, British Military Mission, Ethiopia. Received at EA APO 65, Hargeisa, British Somaliland in August 1944, and forwarded to Addis Ababa, where it arrived at EA APO 77 on 12 September 1944. Censor No. 11216 (Type A 600).

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Fig.130: 20.11.1944. Preprinted postcard issued with parcels of cigarettes to servicemen. Sgt W.R. Dodge, Signals, writes a "thank you" note on the reverse. The card went from EA APO 77 overland to Lusaka, where it received the EA APO 52 strike on 23 November 1944. British censor No. 9192 (Type A 600).

Summary of censor marks used at EA APO 77

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Fig.131: On Active Service Air Mail cover with the rectangular 'Postage/Registration Fee Prepaid to APO in O.E.T.A' [Occupied Enemy Territory Administration], and manuscript '1/30', indicating the air mail fee of one shilling and thirty East African cents had been paid. On reverse, the KUT 30 cents adhesive was cancelled at EA APO 2, in Nairobi, on 28 November 1941. This cover clearly originated in the operational area, where there was no APO. Covers from Italian Somaliland, by this date, would all have been routed through Mogadishu, receiving the EA APO 74 date stamp. Thus, this cover

is from Abyssinia, probably west of Addis Ababa, as it did not pass through Addis Ababa. EA censor type EA.5A, No.659.



Fig.132: Bilingual 'On His Majesty's Service/In Diens van Sy Majesteit' (English/Afrikaans) overprint on Italian air mail stationery. This seldom seen overprint probably originated on the printing press in Addis Ababa, during the latter half of 1941. Addressed to the Senior Political Officer, Neghelli, and bearing the double circle 'D.C.P.O.[Deputy Chief Political Officer, Headquarters, Ethiopia', with manuscript 'by D.R.L.S.' [Despatch Rider Letter Service', and the Army Signals date stamp of 22 January 1942.

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Fig.133: 'Secret Cipher Message' form, printed by D.P&S.S. [Department of Printing & Stationery] Addis Ababa, with a print run of 10,000. Received by the R.A.F. Cipher Office in Addis Ababa on 12 January 1941. Either the month slug or the year slug must be incorrect, as there could not have been an R.A.F. Station in Addis Ababa in January 1941!

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Fig.134: Message Form, sent by 26 Brigade, and received by the Cipher Office, Headquarters, 1st (African) Division, in Addis Ababa, on 23 July 1941.

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Fig.135: Postagram form, printed in Cairo, sent to Addis Ababa on 20 August 1941.

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Fig.136: South African type 'Postagram', printed by D.A.P.S.S.—M.F.F.,U.D.F. [Department of Army Printing and Stationery Services, Mobile Field Force, Union Defence Force] with a print run of only 500 forms, in 1940. Sent to the Officer Commanding, Air Station, Addis Ababa, on 23 June 1941.

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Fig.137: Message Form (Army Form C 2128) printed in Addis Ababa, in a print run of 6000 pads of 50. Sent from 12 (African) Division HQ, in Addis Ababa, to 26 Brigade, with copies to the Army Postal Service in Addis, and the Air Station in Addis, on 15 November 1942.

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To all Ethiopian Officers and People: Peace be to you.

The bearer of this letter is an Officer of the English Government and has come to help you and is a friend of Ethiopia. Treat him well; guard him from harm; give him food and drink, and help him to get to the nearest English soldiers, and you will be rewarded.

Words to be called out as soon as possible to establish identity— Ingleez; Wadaj. English; Friend. It is advisable to approach unarmed if the situation permits.

Fig.138: Letter issued to Allied pilots and air crew in Abyssinia.

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