

SENSOR TAPES OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING WORLD WAR II

With the threat of war in Europe in early 1939, the countries of Africa developed a censorship of mail system based primarily on the use of censor tapes. The majority of mail that received censor tapes during the war years was commercial mail sent to North America. The tapes varied in dimensions, colours, language and font size. South Africa and Egypt produced the largest usage of these tapes.

The covers displayed in this exhibit have a variety of tapes from 26 different African countries. The covers are listed in alphabetical order of countries.



21 April 1944 Dakar, SENEGAL to Douala, Cameroon. Black on cream Senegal "Controle Postal Militaire" censor tape tied by double circle Cameroon "Controle Postale" censor hand cancel. Receiver cancel on reverse "Douala, Cameroon 1 May 1944). Postage paid with Senegal 50 cents and Mauritania 5Fr on 65c.

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Form 167

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Etats Unis d'Amérique.

4 October 1941 Algeria to Dayton, Ohio

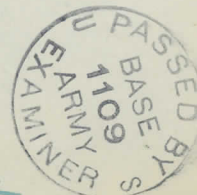
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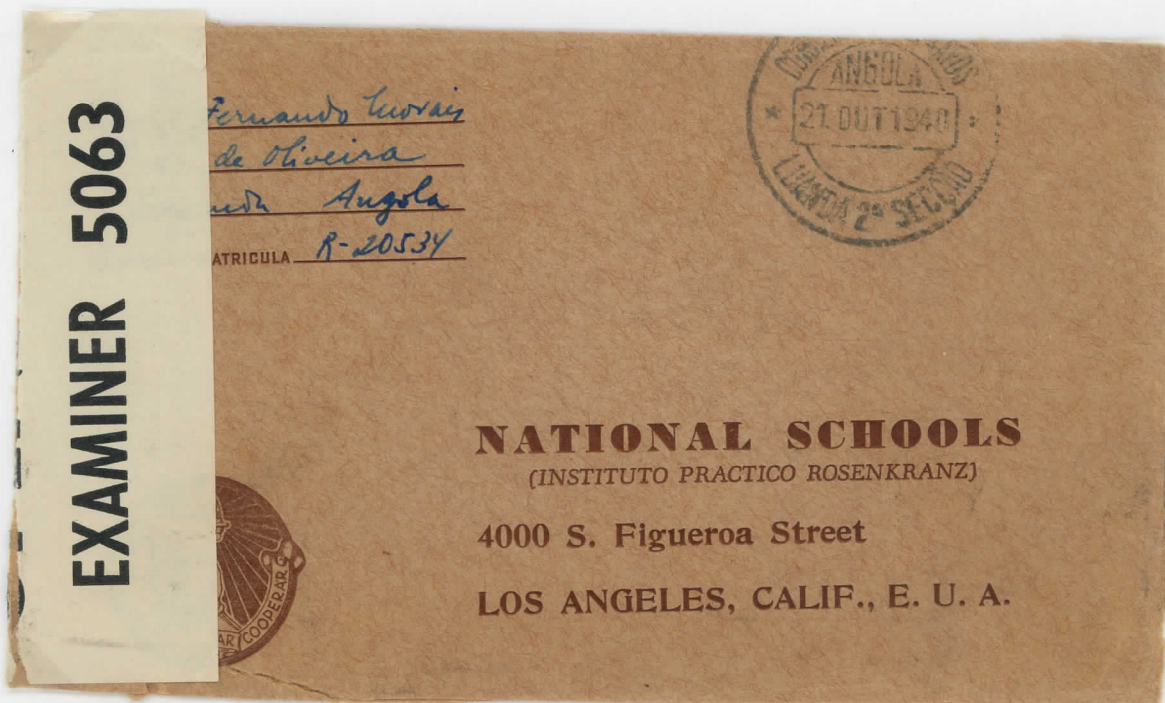
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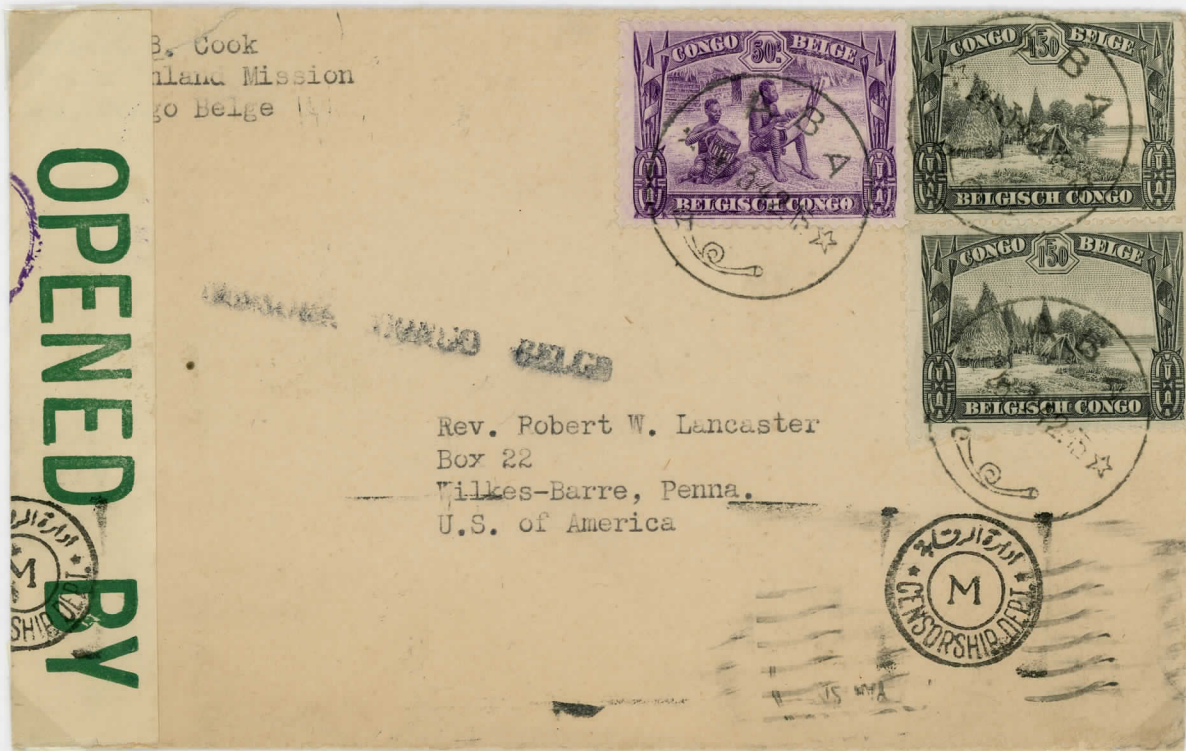
Algeria to International Red Cross Committee in Geneva.



22 July 1942 ANGOLA to Stanstead, Quebec.



21 October 1940 ANGOLA to Los Angeles, California.



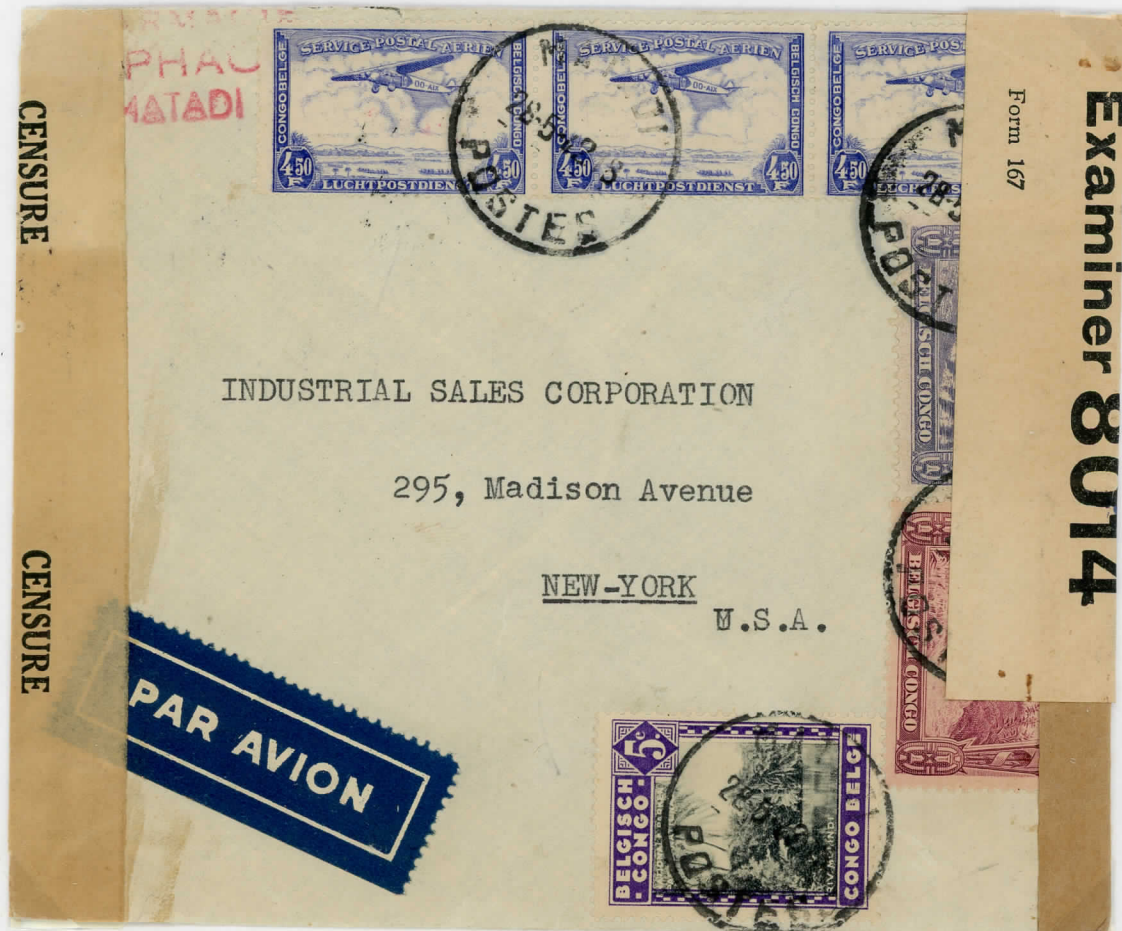
26 March 1942 BELGIAN CONGO to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
 Censor tape applied 31 March 1942 and Cairo back stamp 12 May 1942.



12 July 1944 BELGIAN CONGO to Harrow, Middlesex, England.
 Censored with Belgian Congo and British tapes.



5 July 1944 BELGIAN CONGO to Cape Town, South Africa.
Censored with Belgian Congo and South African tapes.



30 May 1942 BELGIAN CONGO to New York, U.S.A.
Censored both on departure and on arrival.



9 July 1944 MADAGASCAR to New York, U.S.A.
 British "Opened by Examiner ZB/1" censor tape and U.S.A. sello
 censor tape 6345. British provisional violet "R" censor hand cancel.



6 February 1944 MADAGASCAR to London, England.
 Three different censor tapes (Madagascar, British "Opened by Examiner 2119"
 and British "Opened by Examiner ZB/1").



14 August 1942 FRENCH CAMEROUN to Philadelphia.
Cameroun Military and Great Britain censor tapes.



4 August 1944 FRENCH CAMEROUN to Washington, D.C.
Also dual censor tapes.

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PAR AVION
BY AIRMAIL

Via West African,
Pan American Clipper.

The Agent,

BARCLAYS BANK (D.C.&.O.)

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NEW-YORK 5,

NEW-YORK.

U.S.A.



4 August 1944 EGYPT to New York, New York.

Via West African, Pan American Clipper. Dual censor tapes.

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1 February 1945 EGYPT to Zurich, Switzerland.

Message written in Armenian. Egyptian censor tape.



5 February 1945 MADAGASCAR to Southbridge, Mass.
 U.S.A. sello "examined by 6757" censor tape and violet French hand cancel "G 22". Receiver cancels on reverse include Lisbon 22 February 1945, New York 28 February 1945 and Southbridge 5 March 1945.



27 December 1945 MADAGASCAR to Dar Es Salam.
 British "Opened by Examiner ZB/4" censor tape. Vertical "D over 6" hand cancel on reverse.



28 April 1945 MADAGASCAR to Meriel, France.
Registered Airmail letter with Military postal control tape and censor hand cancel.



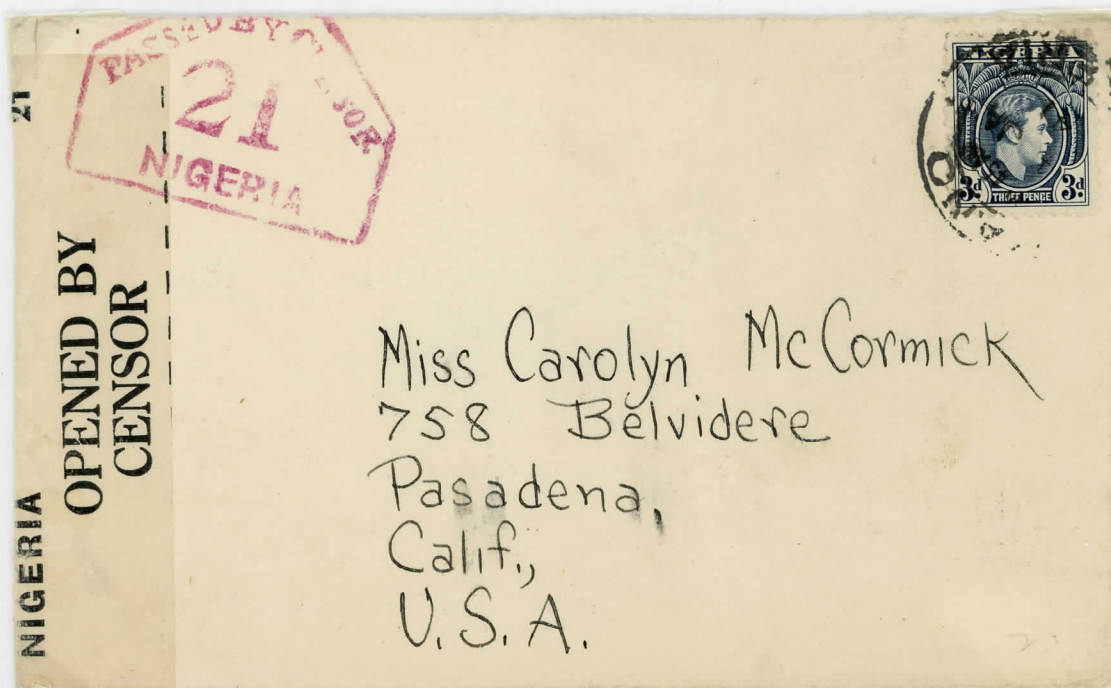
23 July 1945 MADAGASCAR to France.
Controle Postale Militaire censor tape and oval censor cancel (front and back).



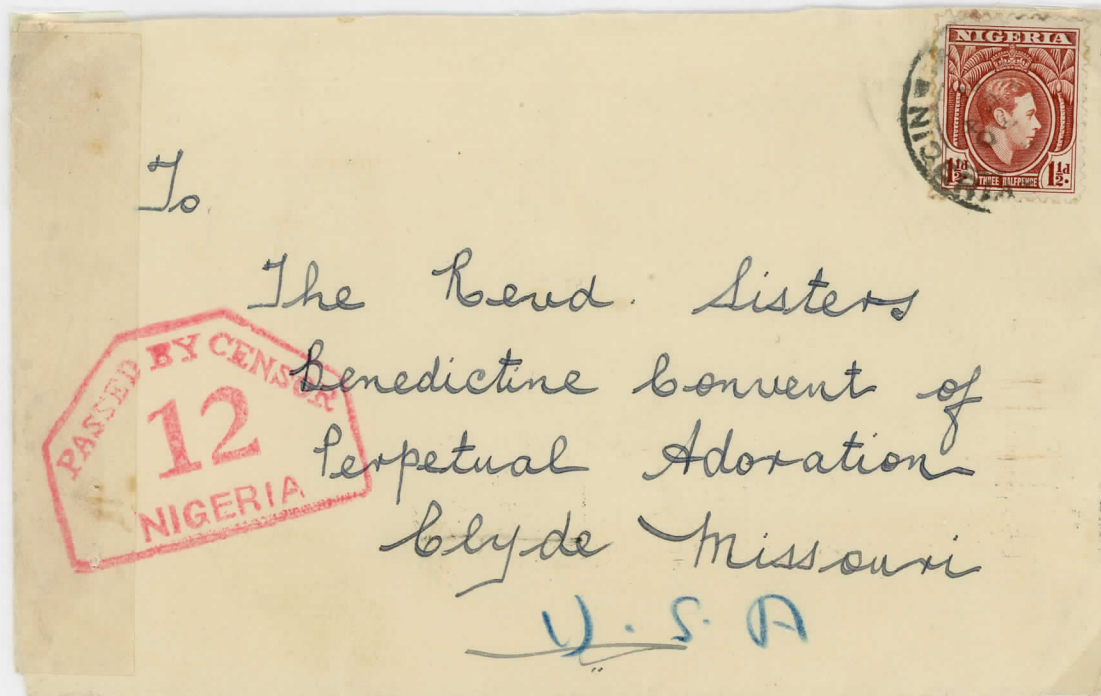
27 May 1945 MOZAMBIQUE to Waterloo, Iowa, U.S.A.
Bilingual South African censor tape. Manuscript "Written in English".



13 August 1940 MOZAMBIQUE to London, England.
Registered Via Cape Town. British "opened by examiner 712" censor tape.



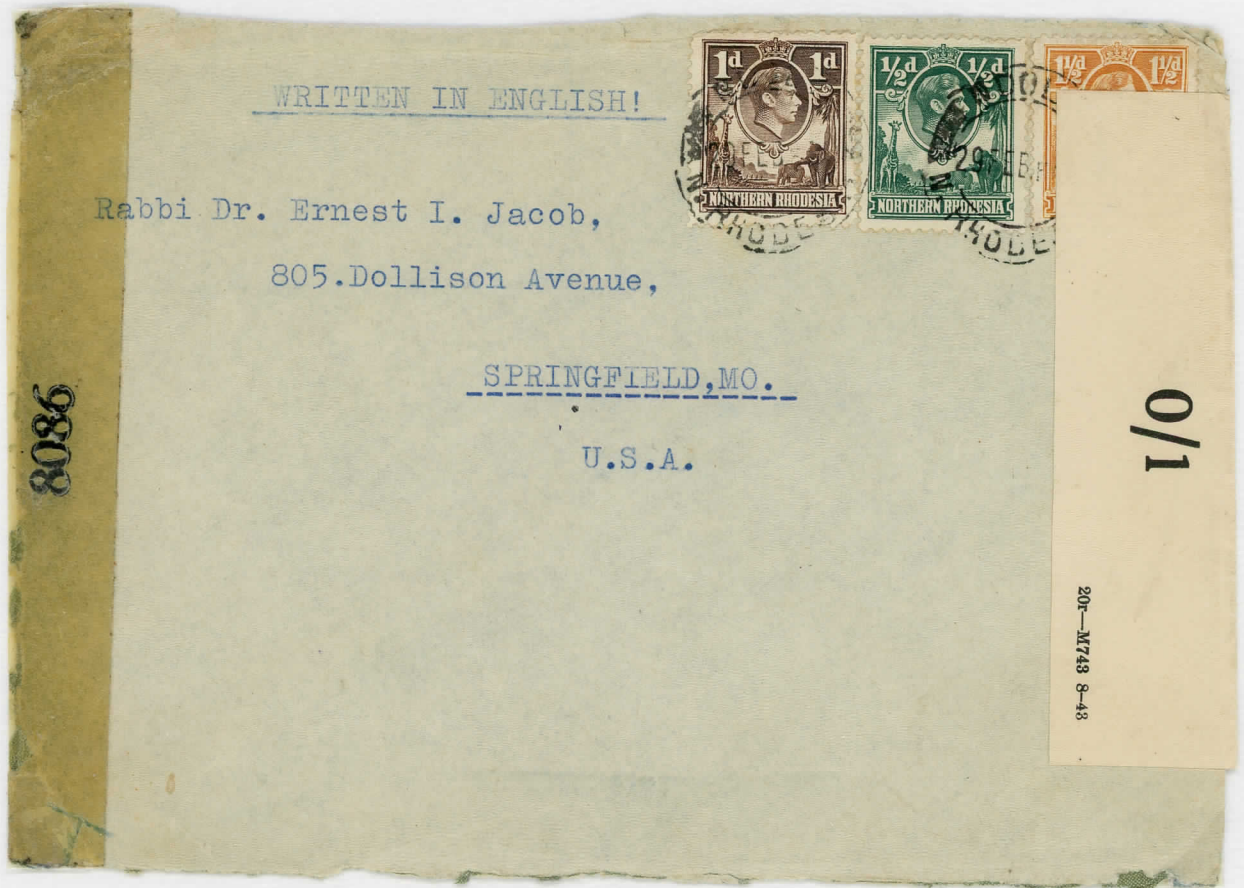
4 January 1941 NIGERIA to Pasadena, California, U.S.A.
Nigeria "Opened by Censor" tape and violet
"Passed by Censor 21" hand cancel.



25 June 1940 NIGERIA to Clyde, Missouri, U.S.A.
Nigeria "Opened by Censor" tape and red
"Passed by Censor 12" hand cancel.



17 November 1944 NORTHERN RHODESIA to Glendale, California.
British "Opened by Examiner 0/" tape.
Manuscript receiver on reverse "29 January 1945".



29 February 1944 NORTHERN RHODESIA to Springfield, Ohio, U.S.A.
British "Opened by Examiner 0/1" censor tape
and USA "Examined by 8086" sello censor tape.



1 September 1945 SOUTHERN RHODESIA to Victoria, B.C., Canada.
Red Southern Rhodesia "Opened by Examiner" censor tape.
Indistinct hand cancel with "crown" and "passed".

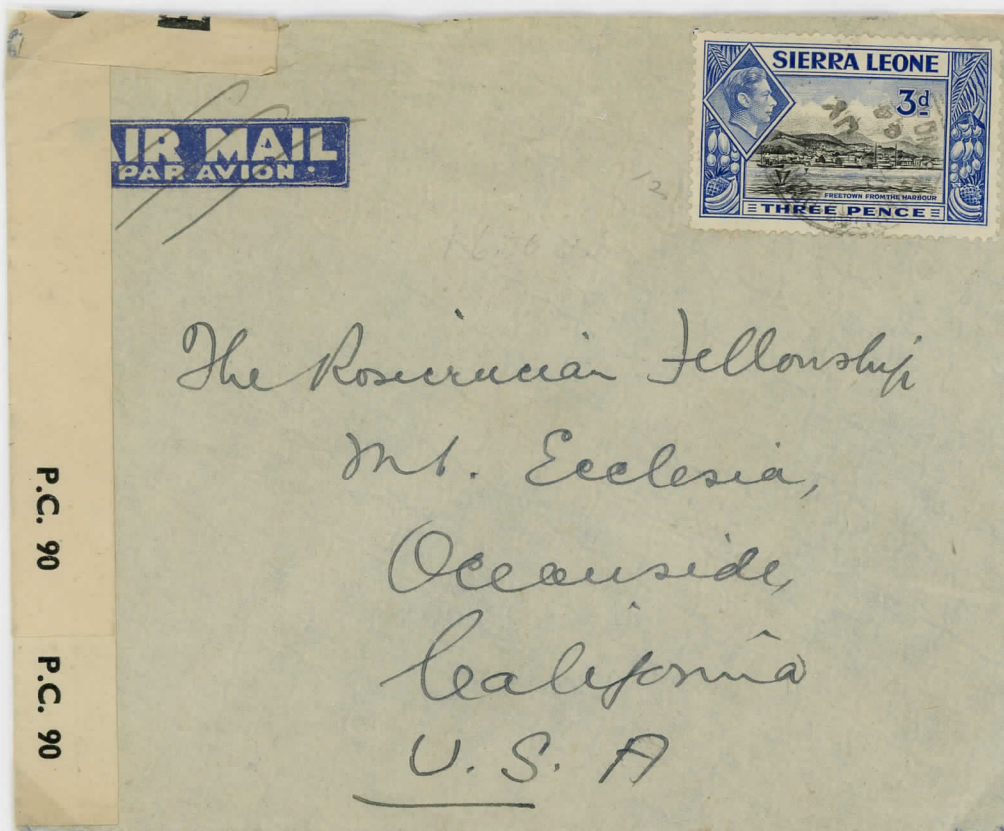


28 November 1942 SOUTHERN RHODESIA to Johannesburg, South Africa.
Violet "Opened by Censor" on bare tape with hand cancel.
"Passed Censor AIR No.1" and "Rhodesia Office Base Air Training Group".
"ON ACTIVE SERVICE" Postage Free.

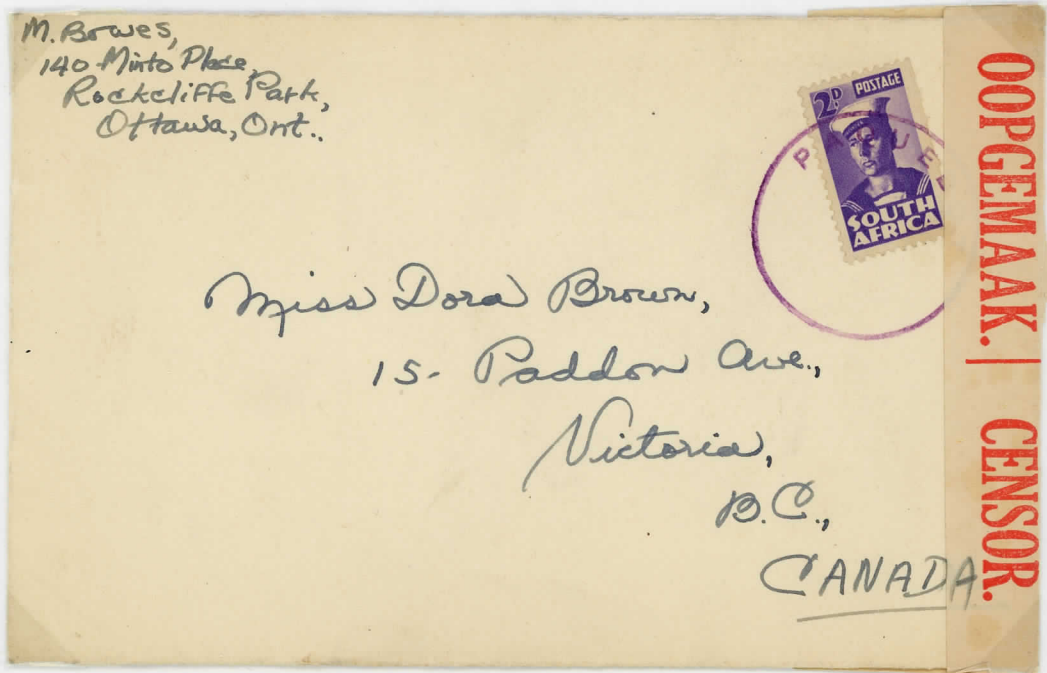
8 November 1940
SIERRA LEONE to
Detroit, Michigan
U.S.A. Plain "Opened
by Censor" censor tape
of Sierra Leone.
Boxed "Passed by
Censor".



19 December 1941
SIERRA LEONE to
Medical Centre,
East Orange, New
Jersey and forwarded
to Venice, California.
British "Opened by
Examiner 3721".
Boxed "RECEIVED
From H.M. SHIPS".



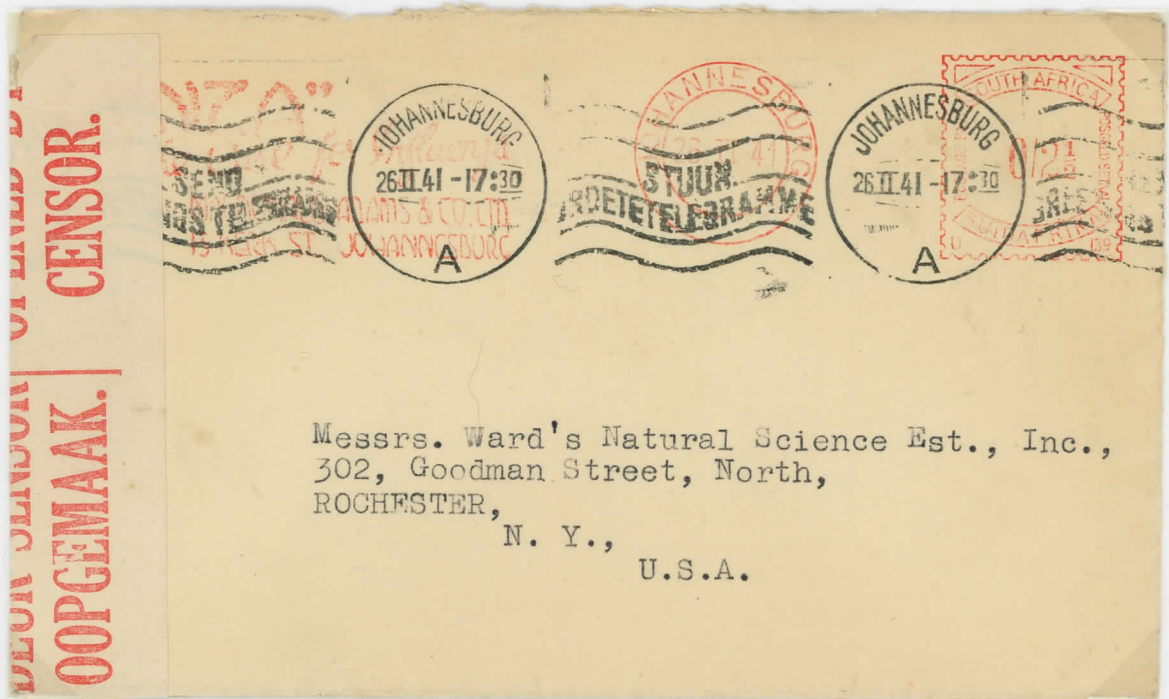
27 July 1944
SIERRA LEONE to
Oceanside, California.
Sierra Leone "Opened
by Examiner QQ/27"
censor tape.



1942 SOUTH AFRICA to Victoria, B.C., Canada.
Paquebot. Bilingual "Opened by Censor" South Africa censor tape.



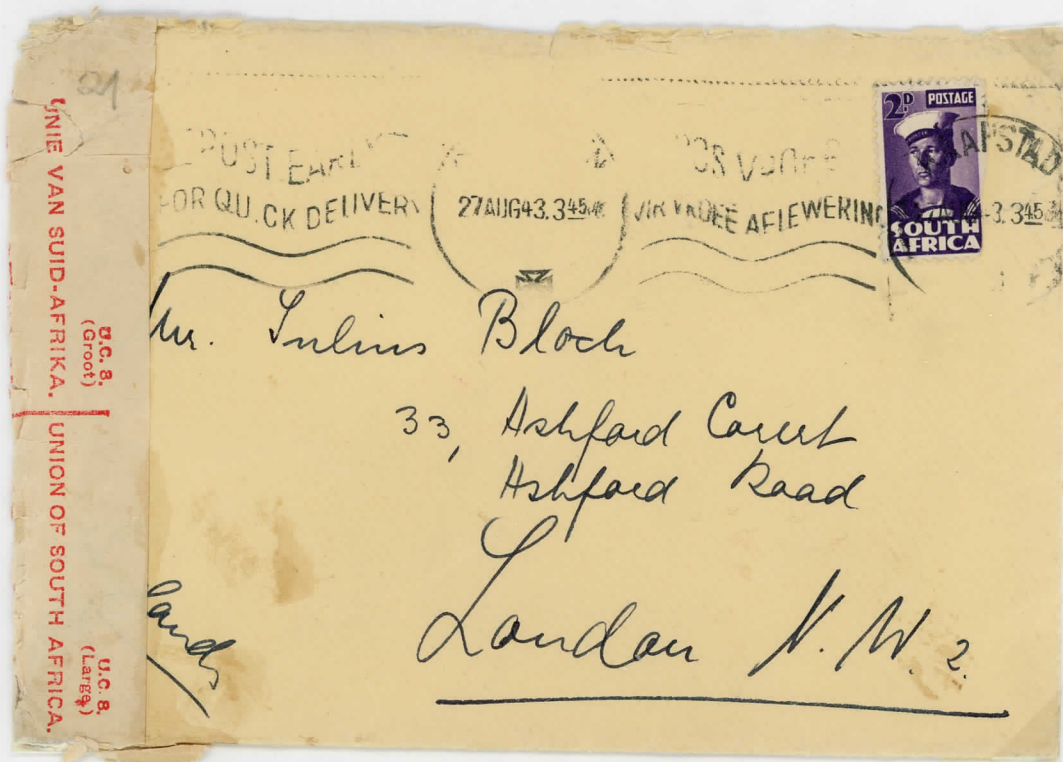
27 May 1944 SOUTH AFRICA to Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Numerous receiver cancels on reverse (Montreal 7 July 1944,
Toronto 8 July 1944 and 10 July 1944). Bilingual South Africa
"Opened by Censor" censor tape.



26 February 1941 SOUTH AFRICA to Rochester, New York.
 Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" censor tape.
 Bilingual slogan cancel on meter cover.



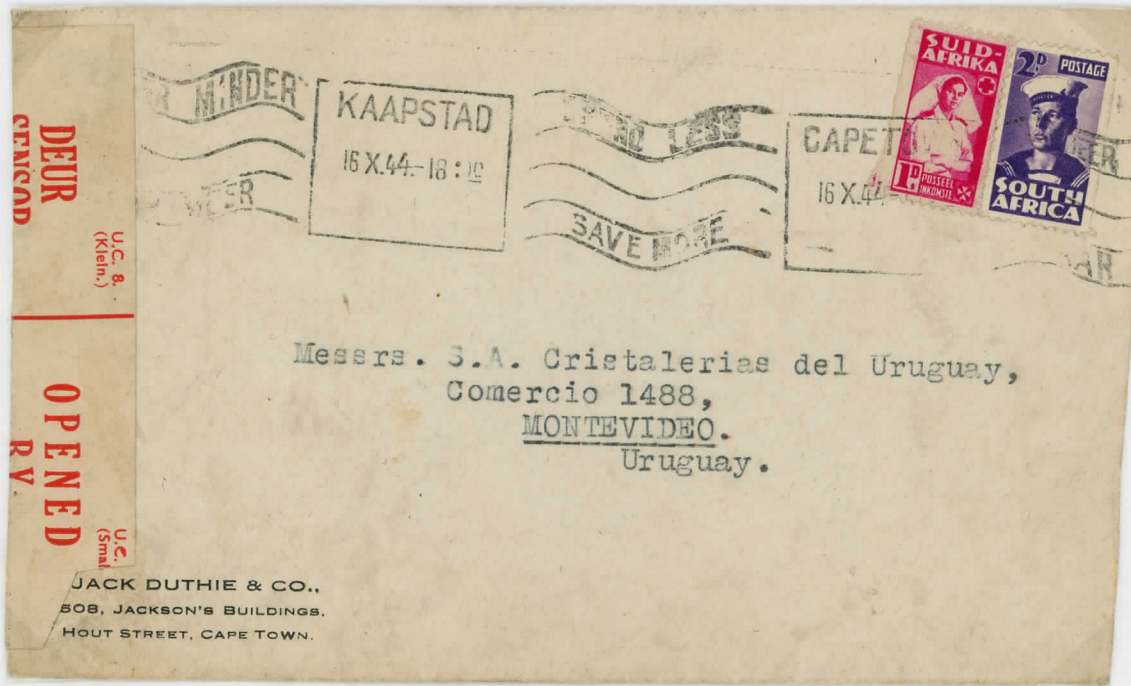
7 December 1944 SOUTH AFRICA to Pittsburgh, Penn., U.S.A.
 Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" censor tape.



27 August 1943 SOUTH AFRICA to London, England.
Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" censor tape.
Bilingual slogan cancel "Post Early For Quick Delivery".



27 September 1943 SOUTH AFRICA to Prisoner of War Camp in Italy.
Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" censor tape.
German circular censor cancel was applied in Vienna, Austria.
Campo P.G. 85 was located in Altamura, Italy.
Bilingual slogan cancel "Register Valuable Letters".



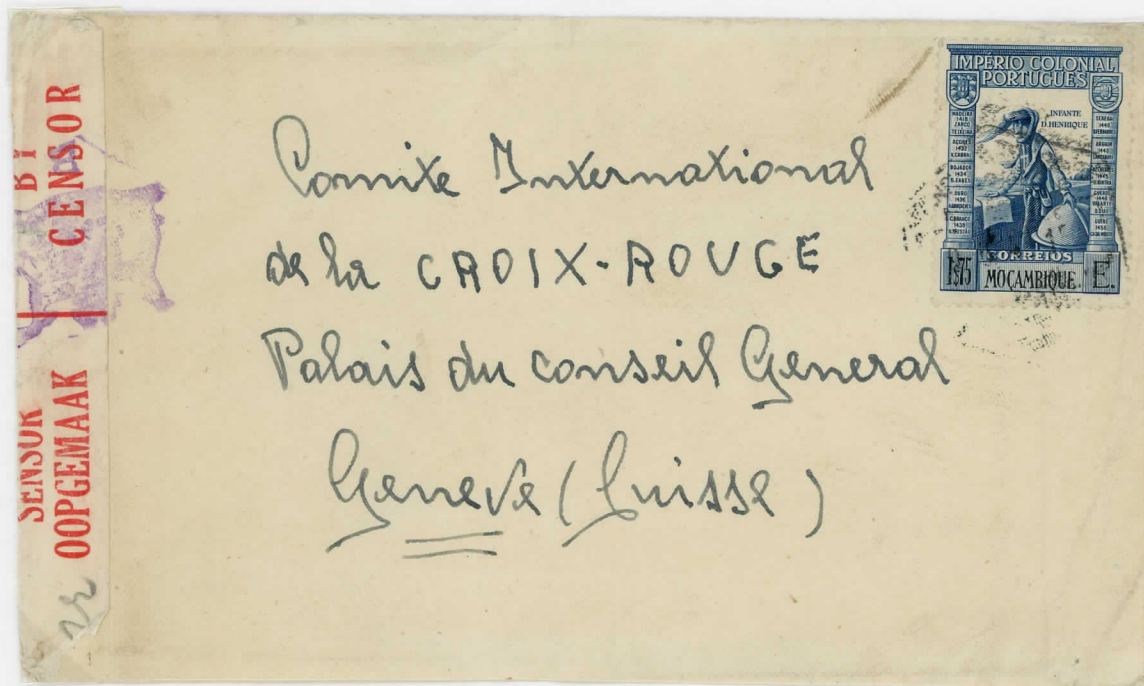
16 October 1944 SOUTH AFRICA to Montevideo, Uruguay.
 Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" censor tape.
 Bilingual slogan cancel (Spend Less Save More).



7 May 1942 SOUTH AFRICA to Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" censor tape.
 Bilingual slogan cancel (Don't Talk About Ships).



27 August 1941 MADAGASCAR to Fort Dauphin, Madagascar.
Military Postal Control tape with blue oval cancel.
Fort Dauphin was the first French settlement in Madagascar.



1945 MOZAMBIQUE to Geneva, Switzerland.
Letter of enquiry to International Red Cross from an Italian
Prisoner of War in Lourenco Marques, Mozambique.



2 November 1942 SOUTH WEST AFRICA
to East London, Eastern Cape Province of South Africa.
Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" tape.



13 October 1941 SOUTH WEST AFRICA to Green Bay, Wisconsin.
Bilingual South Africa "Opened by Censor" tape.