

New Zealand Society of GB Society
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‘Recent eBay purchases’ by Peter Gilmour

Long OHMS Marine Department Meter Envelope

Key Features

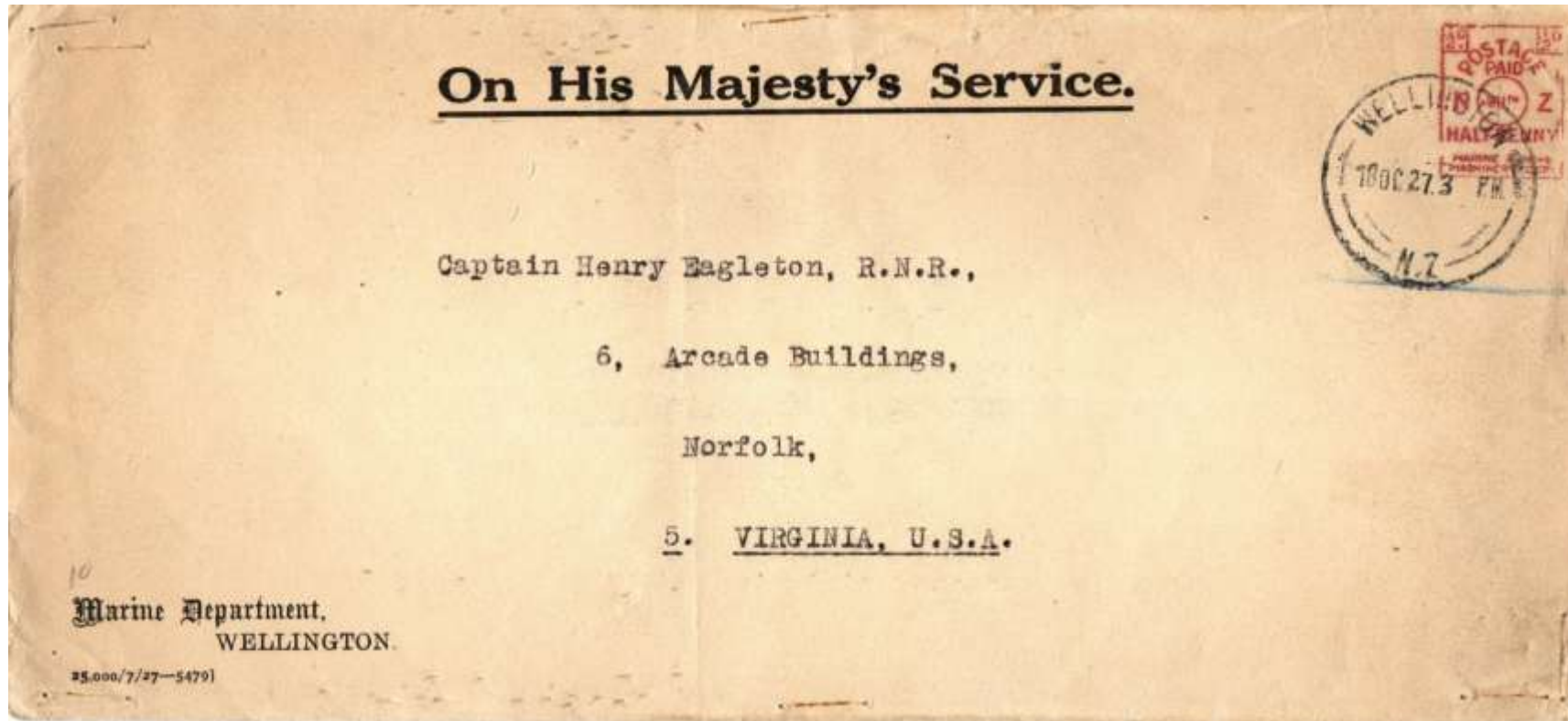
Printed Marine Department WELLINGTON cover with print order number 25,000/7/27-5479.

Moss Model D machine ½d Meter impression.

Marine & Insp? Machinery Dept/ WELTM

Nice address but why the ½d Rate to the USA?

Reference – The Postage Stamps of New Zealand Volume 3 – Page 431 (Type 16 impression) and Page 445 comments.



Long OHMS Registered Meter cover to the UK at 6/- and 2d

Key Features

Rotex Machine, Model G 1/- x 6 and a single 2d Meter impression.

6/- 2d rate made up of the 2d internal air fee from Wellington to Auckland, 5/- 9d per ½ oz rate to the UK and 3d Registration.

Endorsed 'Trans-Pacific' and flown by the PAA service. This service ceased the following month due to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour.

Nice address – Rear Admiral Peters served in World War 1, including the Battle of Jutland 1916, and World War 2. He was the Naval Secretary in London during 1941 after commanding the cruiser HMS Southampton, he retired in 1945.

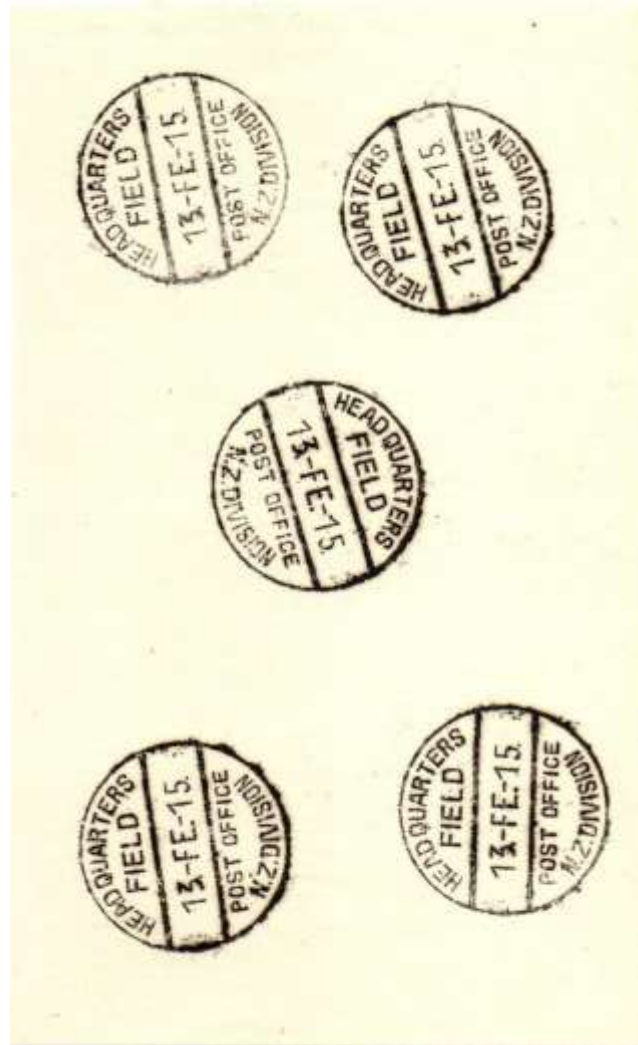
Reference – The Postage Stamps of New Zealand Volume 3 – Page 431 (Type 21 impression) and Page 451 comments



WW1 NZ Division Headquarters Field Post Office

Key Features

Letter from Lieutenant D McCurdy, Assistant Director of Postal Services 13th February 1915 “*Stamped envelopes put in this mail to value of B.P.Os. Impressions of all date stamps in use by this force enclosed. D McCurdy Lieut i/c Postal services NZ & A Division*”



WW1 NZ Division Headquarters Field Post Office – continued

Key Features

The steel date-stamps were made by the contractors to the Egyptian Post Office and were ordered by Lieutenant McCurdy before the 'New Zealand and Australian division' was constituted in December 1914.

Lieutenant McCurdy was promoted to Major and awarded the MBE in 1918 and the OBE in 1919.

Lieutenant McCurdy's letter does contradict information contained in Reference (A), page 355 regarding the cancels that were in use at the time.

The 1st Australian Division was part of the 'New Zealand and Australian Division' (ANZAC) at the time.

References - (A) The Postage Stamps of New Zealand Volume pages 349 to 355 and (B) History of the New Zealand Military Services 1845 – 1991 by R M Startup and Edward Proud pages 102 to 113 including two letters written by Lieutenant McCurdy giving a comprehensive account of the workings of the service.

