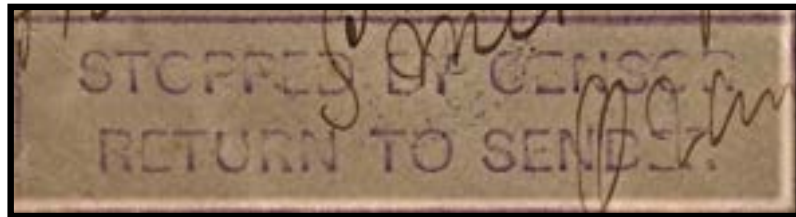


NORMAL SERVICE SUPERSEDED

Andrew Dove

18 June 2022

Second Anglo-Boer War Returned by Censor



Interrupted by War

World War I

A letter posted 2 days after war was declared and returned as undeliverable by the London Postal Service



World War II

Java was invaded in February 1942

First Official Airmail: 16 December 1919
1,220 postal items carried



Aeroplane Trip Cancelled / Air Service Interrupted



2 May 1936
Cancelled because of high winds

1 May 1937
?Cause for cancellation
Not recorded in Peace and Gwynn.



Aeroplane Trip Cancelled / Air Service Interrupted



8 December 1937

Cancelled because of 'thick weather'
in the Cook Strait



28 March 1945

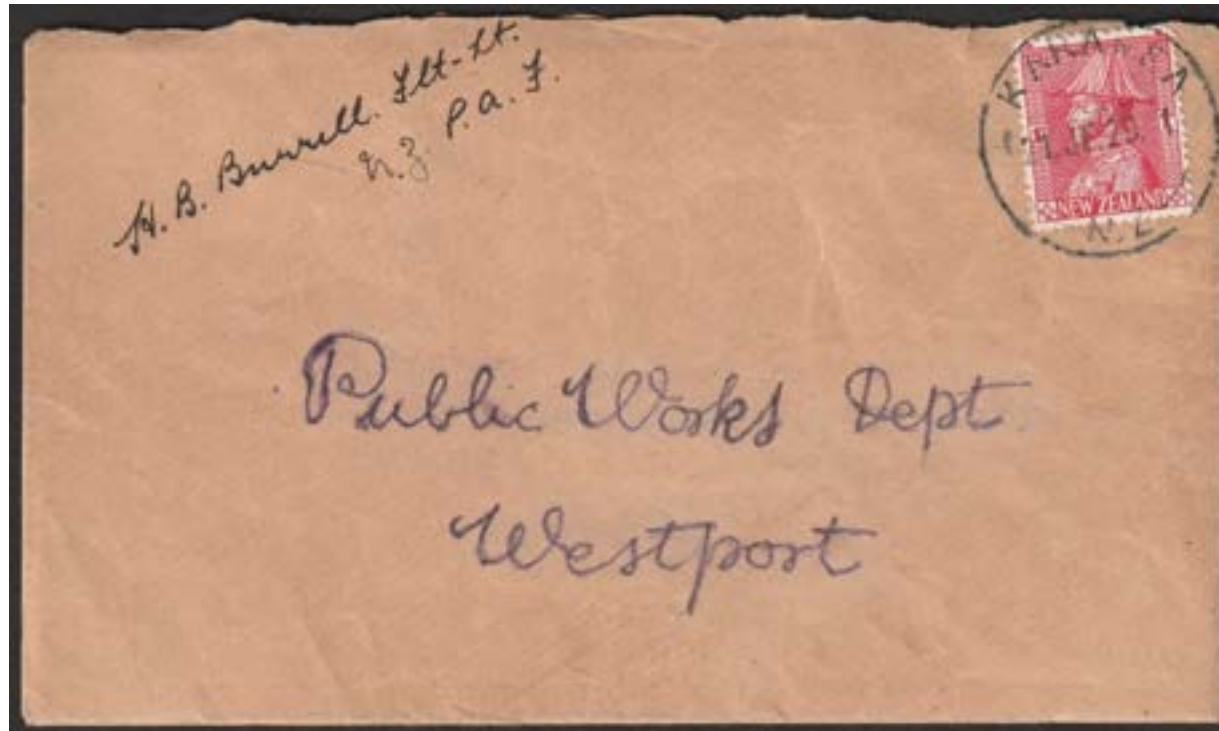
? Cause: no inclement weather
reported

Cachets Applied to Interrupted New Zealand Airmail

Brian R Peace and Robin Gwynn (2019)



Murchison Earthquake (17 June 1929)



17 people died when a major earthquake hit Murchison in the north of the South Island. Small settlements were cut off for at least two weeks.

Five return flights between Westport and Karamea were made but little mail was carried

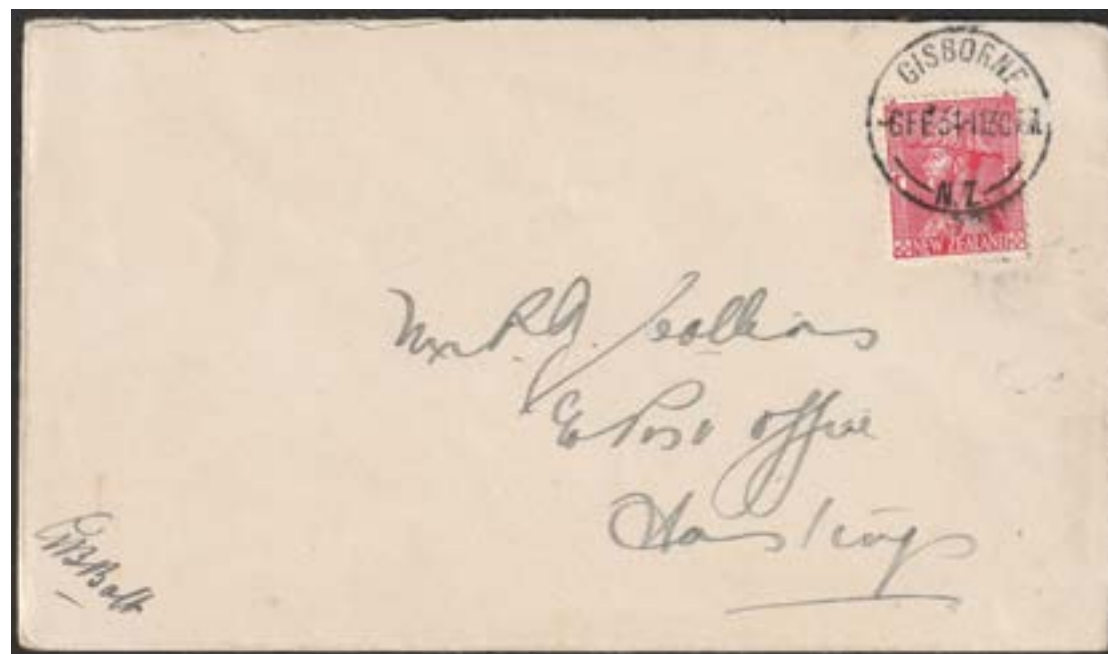
Hawkes Bay Earthquake

3 February 1931



12 February 1931

6 February 1931



Multiple flights between 4 and 27 February. Most carry the rubber stamp and are addressed to R.J.G. Collins

Hawkes Bay Earthquake 3 February 1931



All stamps were destroyed in a fire at Napier Chief Post Office and for a few days, letters were carried free of charge

Oamaru and Dunedin-Christchurch Emergency Flights February 1932



A flight of the NZ Air Force was returning from an Air Pageant at Invercargill. Seven of the planes carried mail from Oamaru to Christchurch as the bridge at Pareora had been washed away.



Inter-Island Ferry Strike

4 May 1933



A private pilot carried a bag of mail from Wellington to Blenheim. No distinguishing marks were applied and the items may be recognised by the dates in the cancellations

Arrival datestamp



The contents



Hawkes Bay Floods

29 May 1933



Severe flooding in the Wairoa area cut road communications. Mr. A. Gerrand of the Hawkes Bay Aero Club flew 9 bags of mail to Gisborne.

Hawkes Bay Floods – Wairoa Bridge

29 May 1933



1907

The new bridge: opened by the Queen in 1990



Emergency Service by Union Airways 19-21 June 1940



Due to the presence of the German Armed Raider *Orion* in New Zealand waters, inter-island ferries were suspended between 19 and 22 June 1940. Ordinary rate surface mail was flown on the emergency flights. No official markings were applied to the mail.

North Otago Floods 22-23 February 1945



Arrival frank on reverse

In 1945, heavy rain caused the worst flooding in North Otago since 1868. Roads were impassable and the R.N.Z.A.F. carried passengers and mail on behalf of New Zealand Railways

Normal Life Suspended 1948



In 1948, an outbreak of poliomyelitis resulted in about 1,000 cases and 52 fatalities. Schools were closed and mail between students and schools were carried free of charge

Not Good Enough!

The Visit of the Duke of Gloucester in 1935



During the visit, a number of special flights were made by the RNZAF to deliver mail to the Royal Party.



Arrival frank on reverse



Exceptional Circumstances 1965



On 1 November 1965, *HMNZS Royalist* suffered an engine failure in the Coral Sea. A Sunderland Flying Boat from Fiji made an emergency mail drop.