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BARRIE JAY

Due to the delay in publication of Notebook, it is not until now are we able to record the death on the 10th. March this year of Barrie Jay, after a short illness. He was a consultant surgeon in ophthalmology and, later, a Professor at Moorfields Eye Hospital but was known to the world of postal history for his wonderful collections and involvement with postal history organisations, of which L.P.H.G. was but one.

Introduced to postal history by the late Martin Willcocks, Barrie had a major influence on all postal historians, whether or no they collected British material. His displays to many societies were an inspiration, whatever the viewer's collecting interests.

His was a founder member of L.P.H.G. and we were entertained on several occasions with a selection from his wide ranging interests, though L.P.H.G. was but one of the many organizations which enjoyed this activity. He contributed a number of items to our auctions, keenly bid for by members.

As part of his work with Martin Willcocks came the publication of the series of British County Catalogues, the London (Part 3) being first issued in 1983. L.P.H.G. had the privilege of publishing the revised Part 3 in 2005, which was awarded a Large Silver Gold at the National Philatelic Exhibition held in New Zealand in June this year.

His obvious interest in other collectors' material, the advice given when requested as well as giving the opportunity to discuss his own materia. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Our deepest sympathy to Marcelle and her sons.

The Editor

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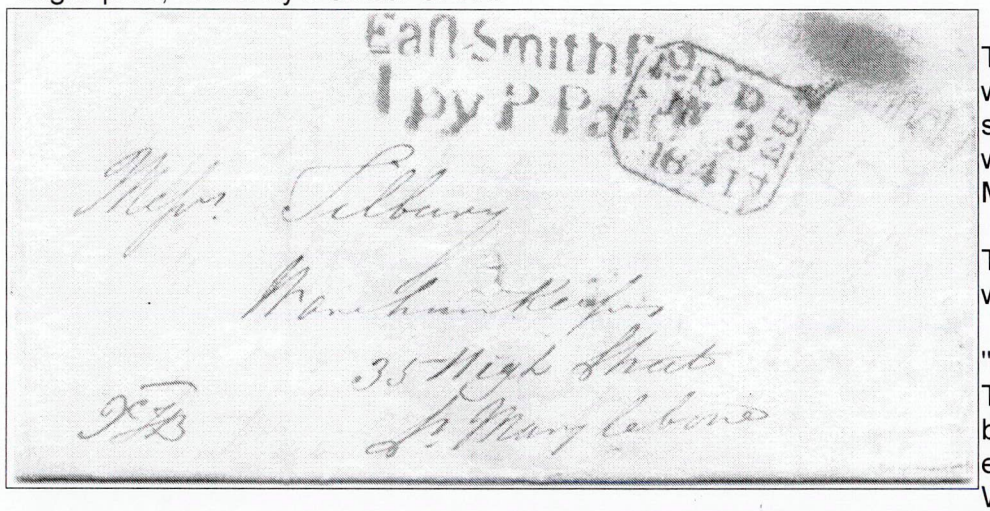
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EAST SMITHFIELD ERASURE MARK

Many will be aware the use of the 1py P Paid stamps was very limited prior to the introduction of the Uniform Penny Rate in London in December, 1839: after this, given the aversion to buying the 'adhesive label', many letters being paid for in cash. This particular example carried the PD time stamp for June 3, 1841 but, incorrectly, had the T.P. unframed East Smithfield mark applied, this use extending the Fieldman dates back a year.. The erasure was effected by what would be nice to believe was an inky finger but this, unlike another in the writer's collection which clearly shows the complete aspect of a finger print, is merely a smear of ink.

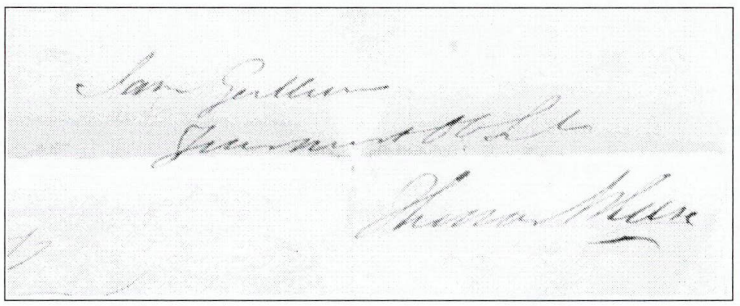


The correct Penny Paid stamp was applied, then the PD date stamp and the letter was on its way to 35 High Street, Marylebone.

The letter should hearten all wine drinkers.

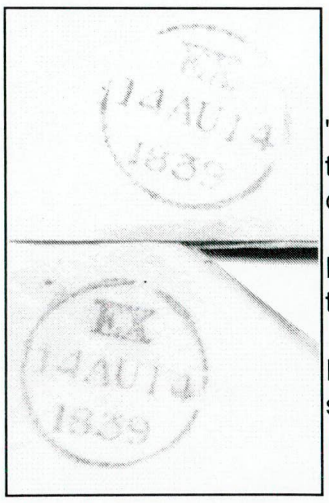
"Gentlemen,
The R[t] Honble Henry Ellis being now in Town has engaged to meet me at your Warehouse on Saturday next at ¼ Past five in the afternoon to look at his Wines & may I therefore trouble you to have the following cases of Wine open for his inspection at that hour and a Man in attendance.

No 9 Case
44 & 45 & 46 cases.



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THE 'EX' CODE DATE STAMP



The 'EX' coded date stamp was applied for outgoing letters handled on the 'Extra Table', was struck in black in 1834 and greenish-black from 1834-40, as is the case here. Two letters, written on the same day to the same addressee but one 'Shaftesbury', the other to 'Shaston' (an alternative name for Shaftesbury).

Both were charged '9', the single letter rate for 80 to 120 miles and both have the 'Extra Table' date stamp.

It may be in the eye of the beholder but these appear to be slightly different stamps, see the 'EX' in particular. Comments please.

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THE L.P.H.G. WEBSITE

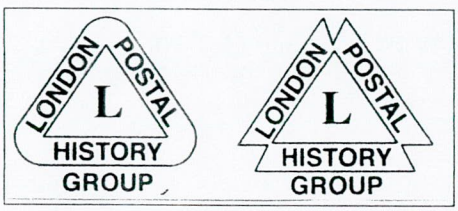
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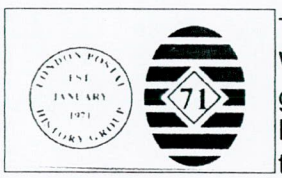
Editor's Note: Readers will note the website address now appears on the front page, just copy and paste. Antony has provided a brief history of how it happened.

It seemed a good idea to take an early retirement, after fifteen years running an Apple computer reseller. The company website had grown from nothing to £5m turnover in a short space of time and was nearly 20% of the company turnover. Although responsible for designing the functionality of the website and understand how it all works, there was a webmaster who actually coded the website and maintained it. Computer Science was read at University, which involved being technical but running a business meant no dirty hands.. One of the things on the retirement 'to do' list was to learn to 'DIY' websites. The other passion is Ferrari cars and, being a regional organizer for the Ferrari Owners Club, brought an awareness of a number of owners who were selling their cars and wanted websites. Here were some potential customers, so www.ShineyDesigns.com was set up to cater for them..

The Editor sent an e-mail asking about the Group website, the one in use being a very basic AOL user's layout. Very rashly an offer was made to revamp and host a new website, to which he quickly agreed. The first task was to design a website Group Logo. The existing device on the printed binders gave some ideas and some electronic copies were made.

Feeling rather pleased with the results, it would have been better to have moved on but why not try something different? Rather than sticking with something already had done, try a bigger challenge. Being a collector of Inland Branch Duplex cancellation, what about creating a version for the Group: one wonders if the Post Office were able to create the Inland Duplex in a few hours?





The logos were sent to the Editor for his views. We have used the Dockwra before and, as a gesture to 'modern' collectors and for a change he decided to use the duplex. With this settled a template for the site was designed. When one looks at a computer screen, the focus is at the centre so it is a fairly common design to split the screen into three sections, with pertinent information in the middle, the natural focus point. The easiest way to navigate a website is the use of a menu bar, so the basic structure of most websites is easily formed. It was decided to keep the use of colour simple, using illustrations of the range of postmarks collected and ensuring they should stand out on the page. The choice was a golden yellow to complement the buff coloured background of most envelopes. With the first design complete it went to the Editor, who did his editorial job on the poor spelling. Next was the need for a domain name for the Group: most good domain names are taken or being sold for vast sums of money. WWW.LPHG.COM was available but as the asking price of $4000 it was out of the question. Short domains are so expensive or unavailable, so the trend is for longer domain names. A key factor is the acknowledgement it is unusual for people actually to type the domain name, it is most likely to be a link. This means the length of the domain name is not the restriction it was once perceived to be. Further, Google uses the domain name in its ranking to determine where the site appears on its lists. Domain names are not case sensitive, allowing mixed upper and lower case letter to make the it easier to remember. It was decided to go for www.LondonPostalHistoryGroup.com

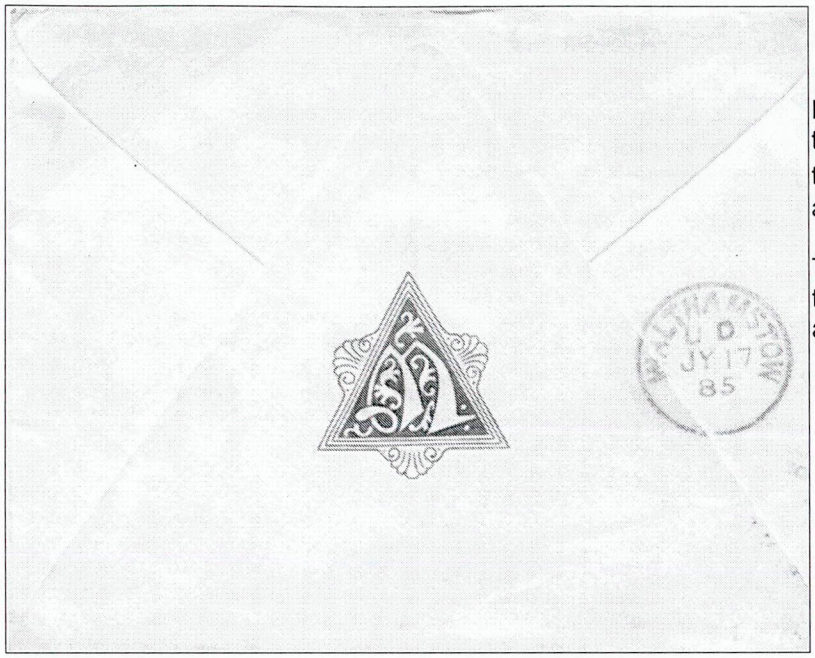
Please visit the website. It is hoped you like it. Do feel free to e-mail any comments or ideas you have. Both the content and functionality will be expanded.

A COLLECTION OF WALTHAMSTOW

It is not the intention here to offer a definitive postal history of Walthamstow, it is a rather haphazard accumulation of postal / social history with many gaps to be filled. Nevertheless, it might encourage readers to start a local collection, where they live, where they were born or somewhere they find of particular interest.

The 'accumulation' is in sections, each dealing with a single aspect though, as is always the case, other points of interest can be found apart from the 'defining' element.

BACKSTAMPS



Backstamps arise for a number of reasons but the function is to record a Post Office action, the despatch of a letter, the receipt from another place or marking the transit of an item.

The item here, struck in red, is a receipt stamp, the letter being posted in London NW 14 and addressed to Walthamstow.

BARRED NUMERAL

The barred numeral 109, in the English Provincial series,was allocated to Walthamstow 1874. In addition, Brumell notes a double stamp in his collection with number 36 from the London series used in 1890, not shown on any Post Office lists. Later number 85 in the London series was allocated.



Single and Duplex Cancellations

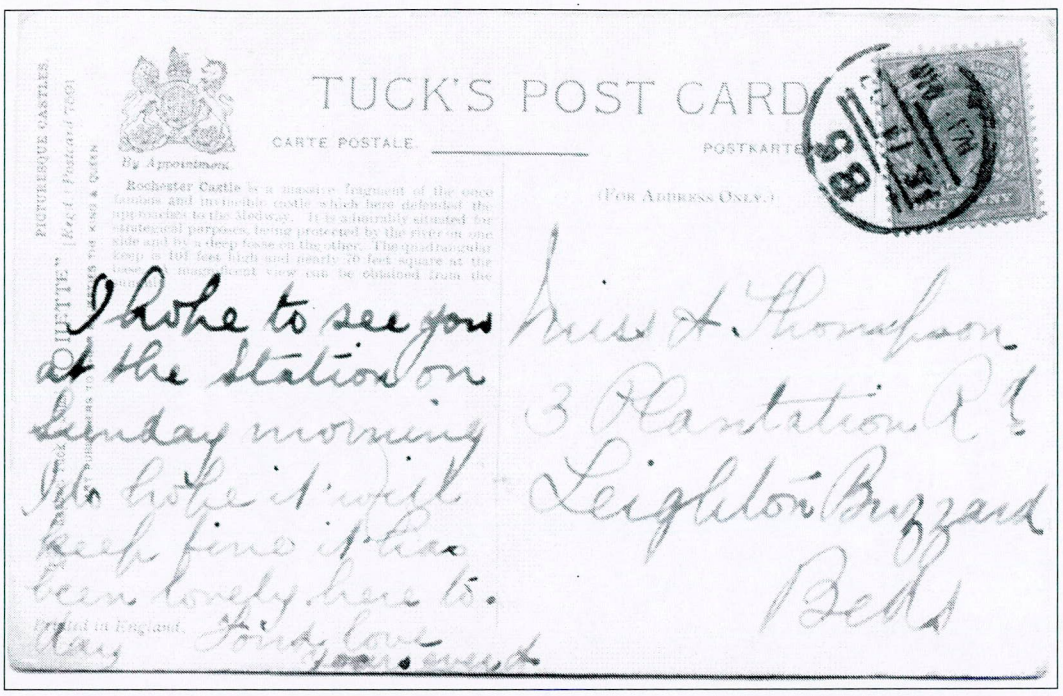
The examples here are the single (3VOS) issued 4th. April, 1874 and the duplex (3VODA) issued 13th. April 1880.

Apparently the Post Office were reluctant to use 109 before 1874 as it would read 601 when inverted.

What caused them to use 109 eventually in not known.

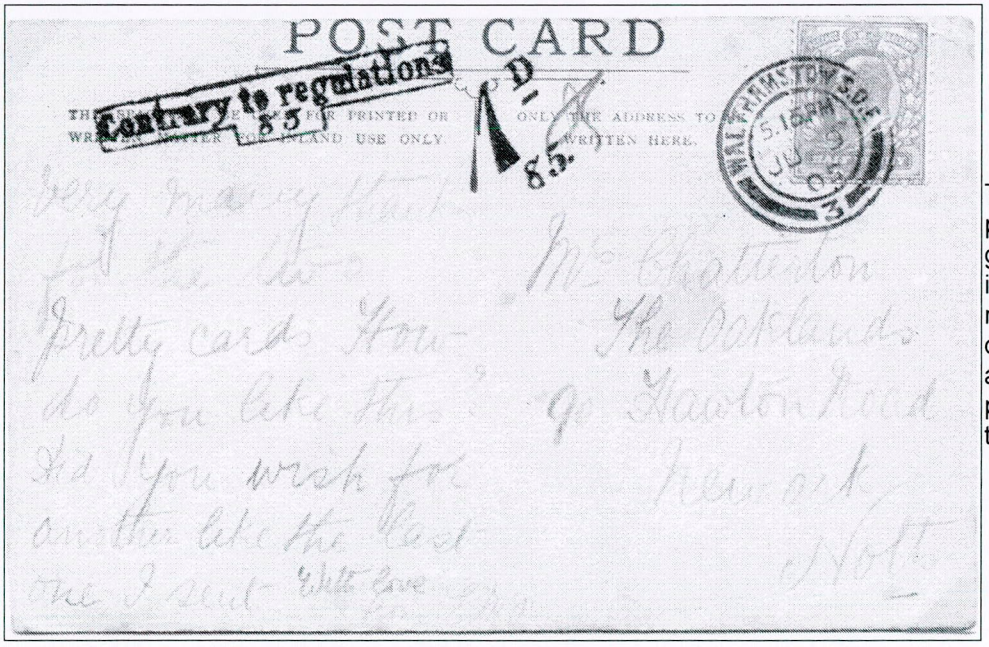
Reduced size examples of the

From the Halfpenny Book Post collection, the London series 85 is used to cancel a post card in 1902.



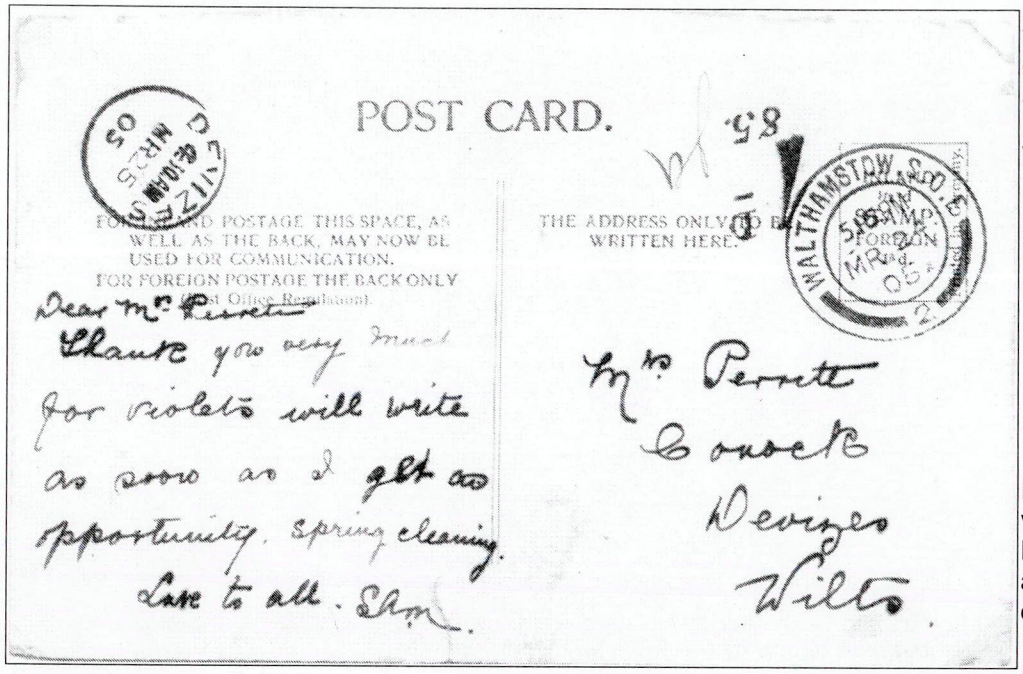
CHARGE MARKS

In common with most office, Walthamstow would have been issued with a wide range of charge and explanatory markings but only two have yet been acquired by the writer, the 'Contrary to regulations' and the 1D stamp, both of which appear in the first example, with the charge mark only on the next page.



This is a plain post card with a photograph of mother and child glued on, this presumably being interpreted as being contrary to regulations. The Post Office decided it should be treated as a letter, thus underpaid one half penny, plus the fine, making up the charge as stamped.

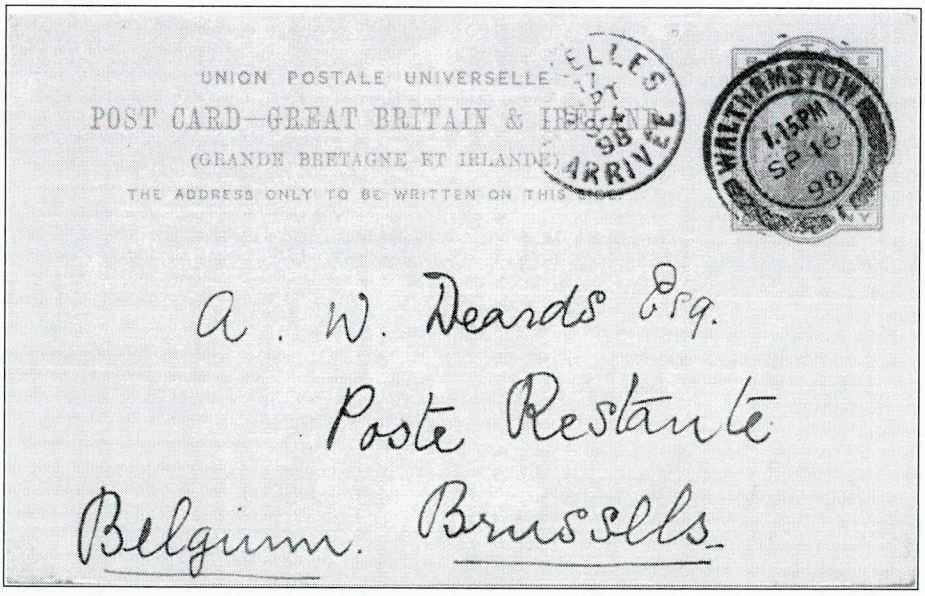
DULWICH TYPE DATE STAMP



The name is reputed to stem from the place in which the design of this date stampfirst appeared and can be found in use in many places. Walthamstow with duty numbers 1, 2 and 3. have been recorded so far, numbers 1 and 2 are shown here.

In haste to post the' thank you very much for violets' no halfpenny adhesive was affixed, resulting in the charge of one penny.

Arrived in Devizes to be postmarked at 4.10 AM the following day.

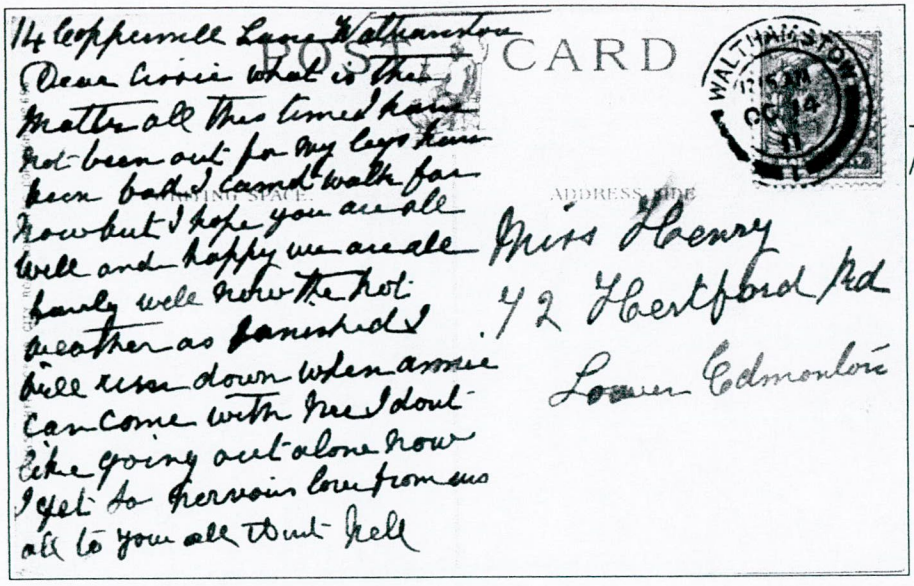


A *fine* 'thank you very much for violets'

This WALTHAMSTOW / 1 is dated 1898, with the solid bars extending over 50% of the circumference. Later designs are smaller.

"It is very hot again here, 81 in shade yesterday."

Written from 27 Prospect Hill Walthamstow

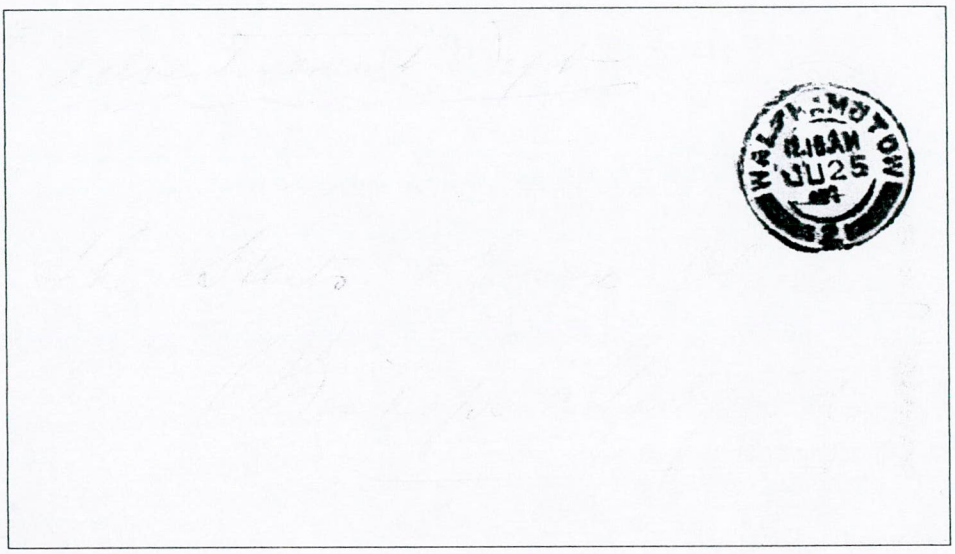


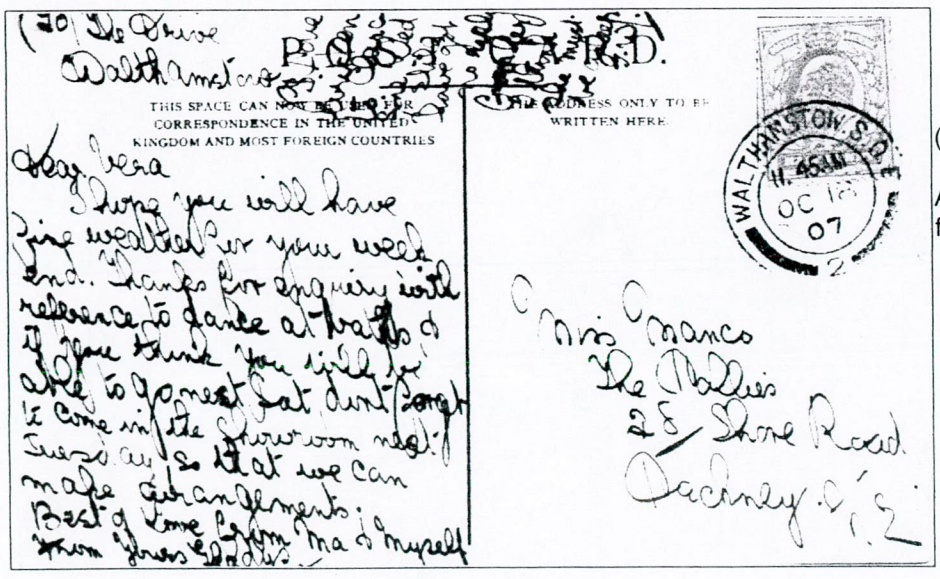
The second example. is clearly a new / recut stamp, dated 1911.

From 14 Coppermill Lane. Walthamstow

WALTHAMSTOW / 2

Although the very worn date stamp apparently shows the year as 01, the Stortford arrival back stamp shows 10.
Given the Q.V. envelope, which is correct?

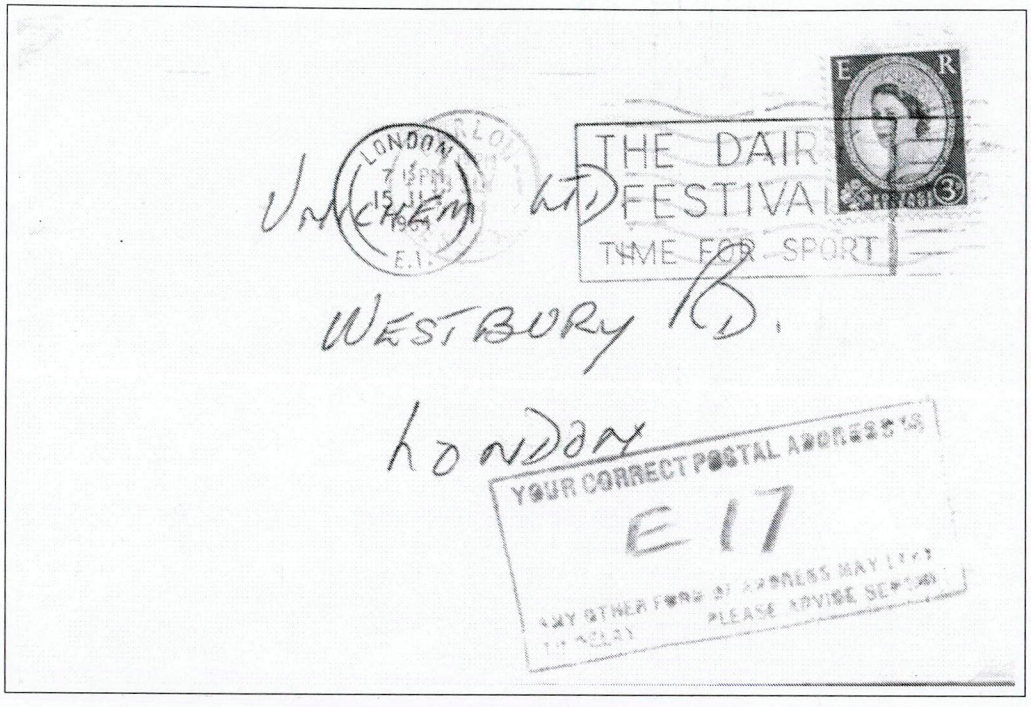




(reduced)

A completely new stamp, larger and finer than the one shown above

EXPLANATORY MARKS



'YOUR CORRECT POSTAL ADDRESS IS'

Walthamstow was one of the offices used to launch the postal district and number designation in 1917.

An example of the handstamp still is use in 1964 on a letter posted in Harlow and passed through the E1 office for processing.

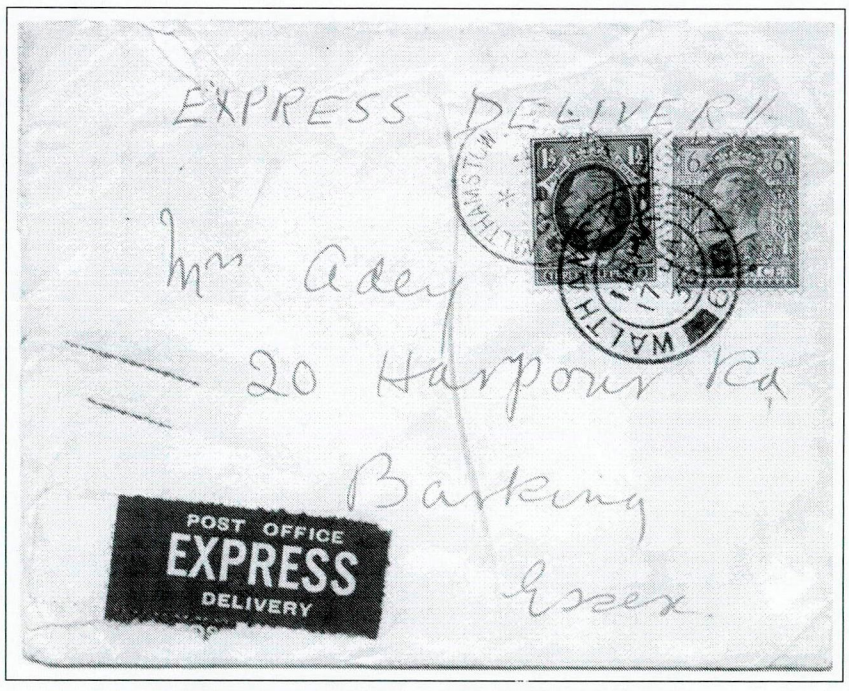
Office of posting counter stamps reads :-

WALTHAMSTOW /
NEAR S^{T} JAMES S^{T} E

This over struck by the larger

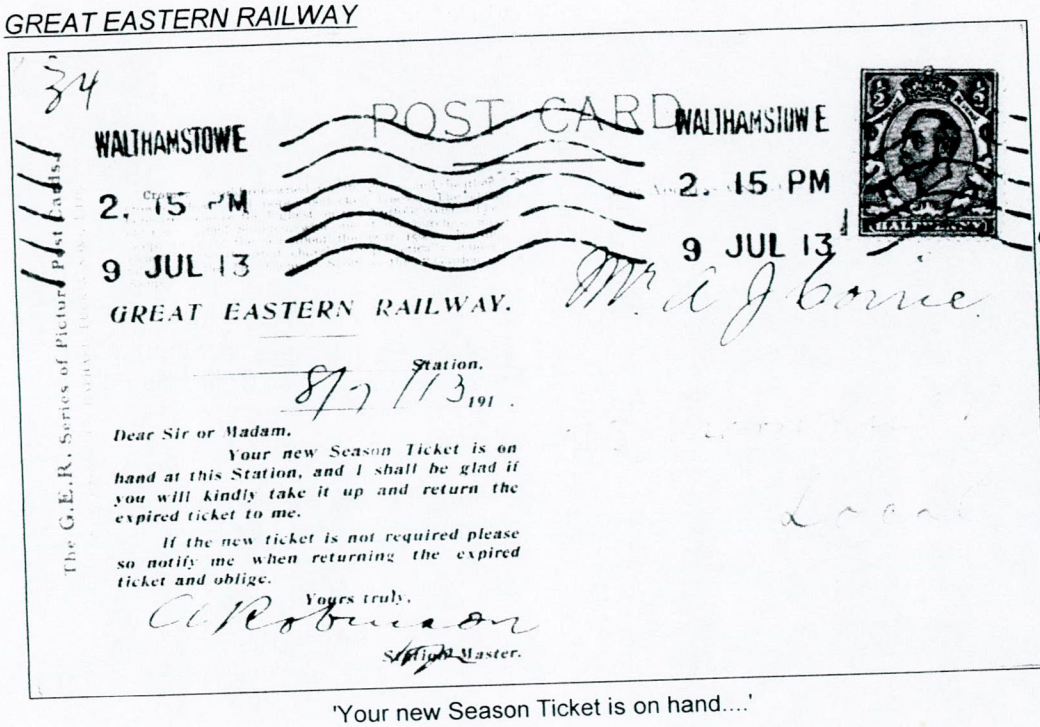
WALTHAMSTOW E 17 / 6

with a similar stamp, code 4, on the reverse.



Postage 1½d plus 6d (1 mile) Express Delivery

GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY

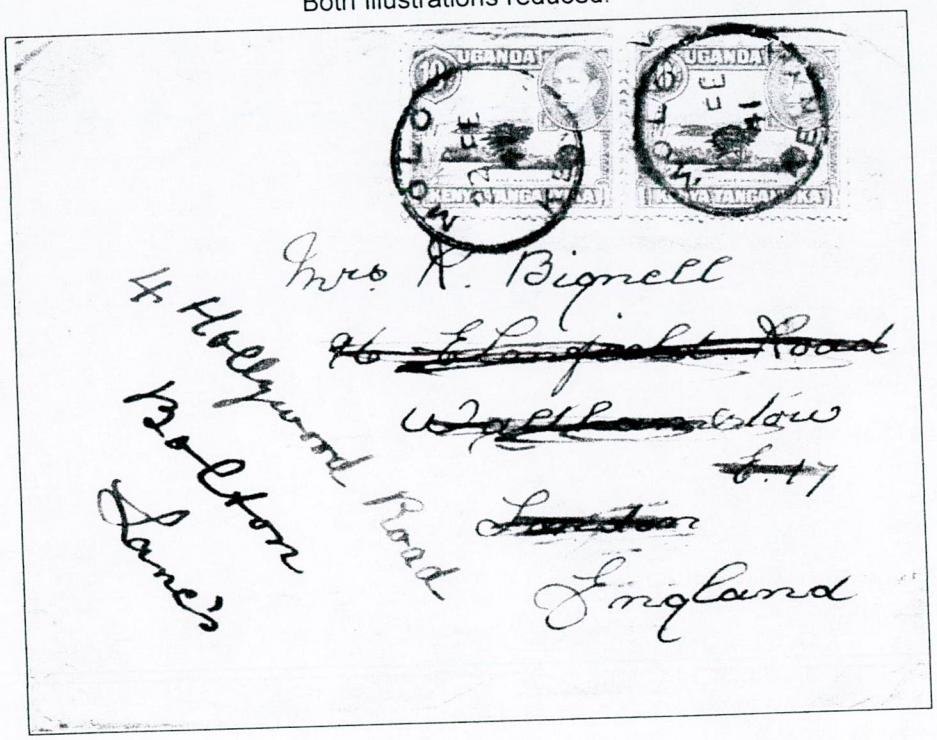


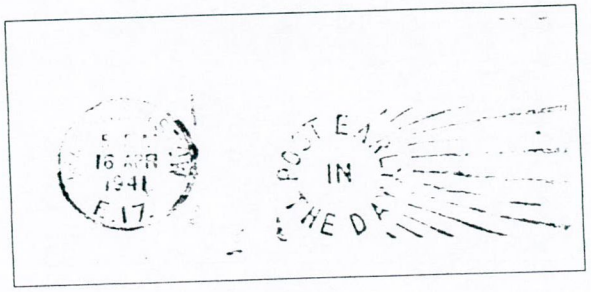
One of the Great Eastern Series of pictorial Post Cards titled 'Galley Punts off Cromer' overprinted for use on the railway with the station namestamp struck in purple.

'Your new Season Ticket is on hand....'

INCOMING MAIL

The only excuse for including this has to be the redirection slogan machine dating on the reverse.
Both illustrations reduced.





LOCALS



One never enters this type of material in competitions as postal history but to have such items in a local collection adds to the interest.

The notice reads:-

Madame Parmardie, Teacher of Music
396 Hale End Road, Highams Park

and the message

'With Minnies & Herberts Love'

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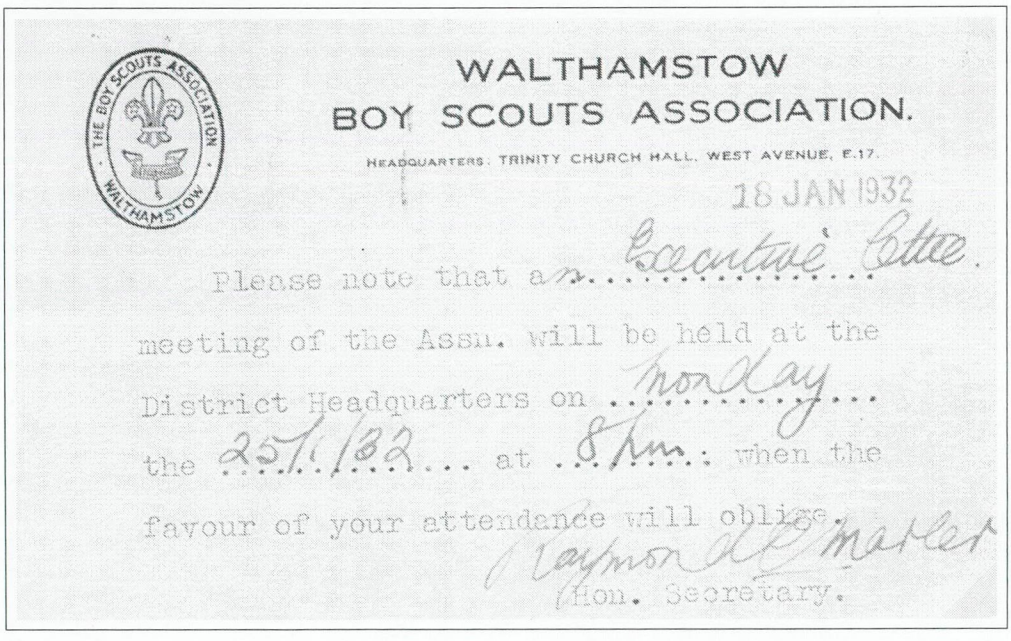
The address side of the card is endorsed with a rubber stamp reading

IMITATION TYPE

Cancellation is the slogan machine reading

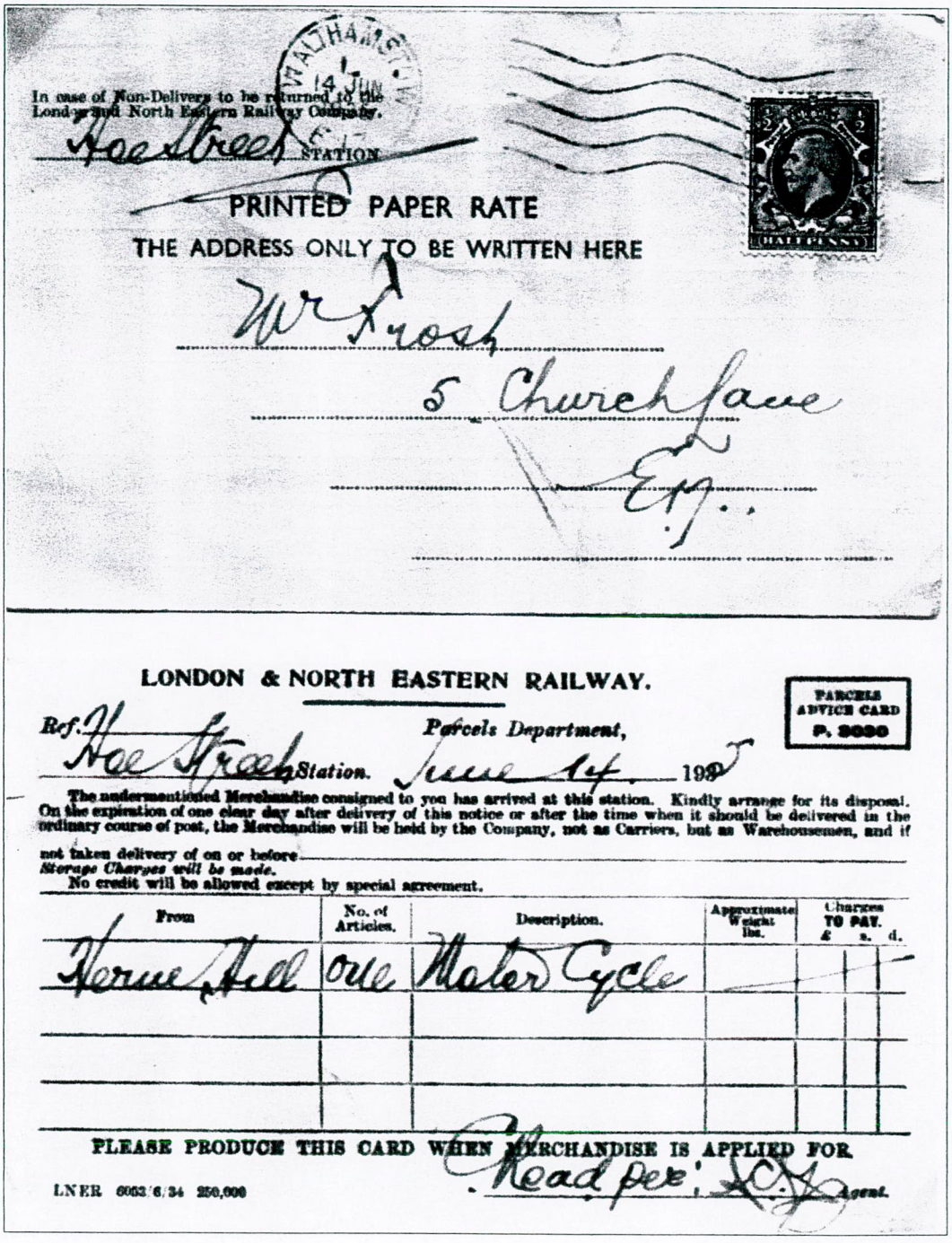
THE BEST INVESTMENT IS L A TELEPHONE

The so-called 'French' slogan where the corner ornament turns the letter 'A' into 'LA'.



LONDON NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

The collection of a motor cycle from Herne Hil Station Parcels Officel
June 14, 1935



In case of Non-Delivery to be returned to the London and North Eastern Railway Company.

Hoe Street STATION.

PRINTED PAPER RATE

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE

Mr Frost

5 Church Lane

E4..

LONDON & NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

PARCELS ADVICE CARD P. 3030

Ref. Hoe Street Station. Parcels Department, June 14. 193

The undermentioned Merchandise consigned to you has arrived at this station. Kindly arrange for its disposal. On the expiration of one clear day after delivery of this notice or after the time when it should be delivered in the ordinary course of post, the Merchandise will be held by the Company, not as Carriers, but as Warehousemen, and if not taken delivery of on or before

Storage Charges will be made.

No credit will be allowed except by special agreement.

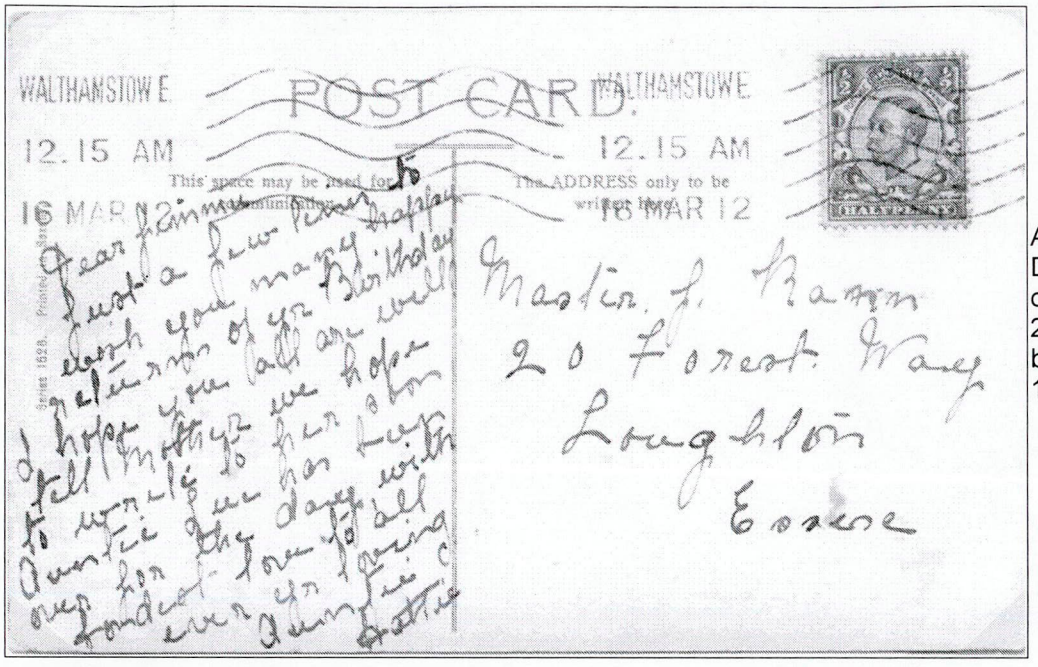
From	No. of Articles.	Description.	Approximate Weight lbs.	Charges TO PAY. £ s. d.
Herne Hill	one	Motor Cycle		

PLEASE PRODUCE THIS CARD WHEN MERCHANDISE IS APPLIED FOR.

LNER 6052/6/34 250,000

Read per [illegible] Agent.

MACHINE CANCELLATIONS : THE KRAG



According to a listing by Stet Dibden, Walthamstow had one Hand Machine in use by 20th March, 1912. This birthday greeting card is dated 16th. March, 1912.

MISSENT

Obviously misread for Walthamstow, this letter to Waltham Cross, posted in Brixton, carried the WALTHAMSTOW SO date stamp in red on the back and front. The Walt ham Cross arrival stamp is for the 4th.

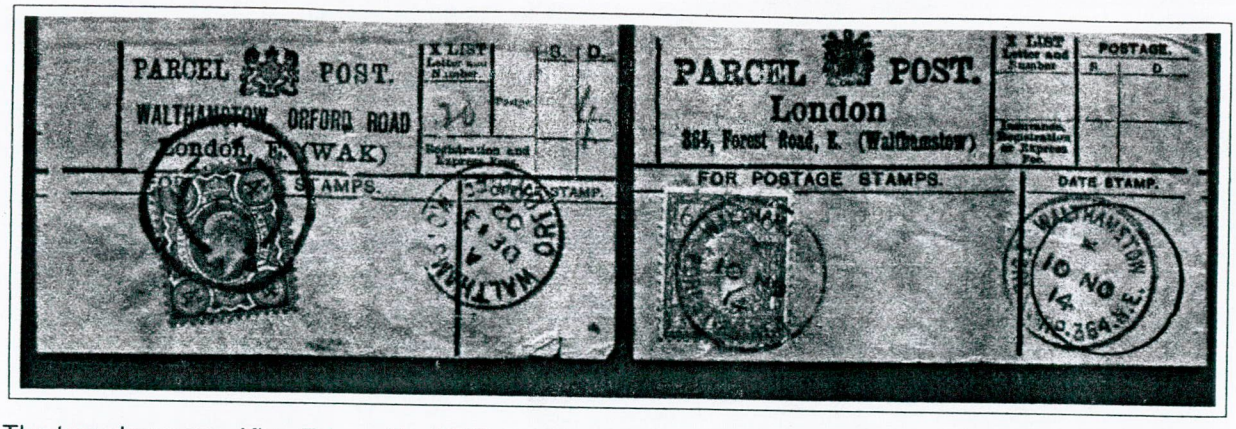
The original, cross written letter, still contains dried flowers sent by the writer.



PARCEL POST



The very nature of a parcel post is the destruction of the wrapping by the recipient, resulting in the loss of the cancellation. This example is dated 8th. October, 1931. The design of the cancellation dates from 1925 when a major revision in layout was made. The words PARCEL POST moved from the top of the stamp to the right hand side, set between two bands of sloping lines.



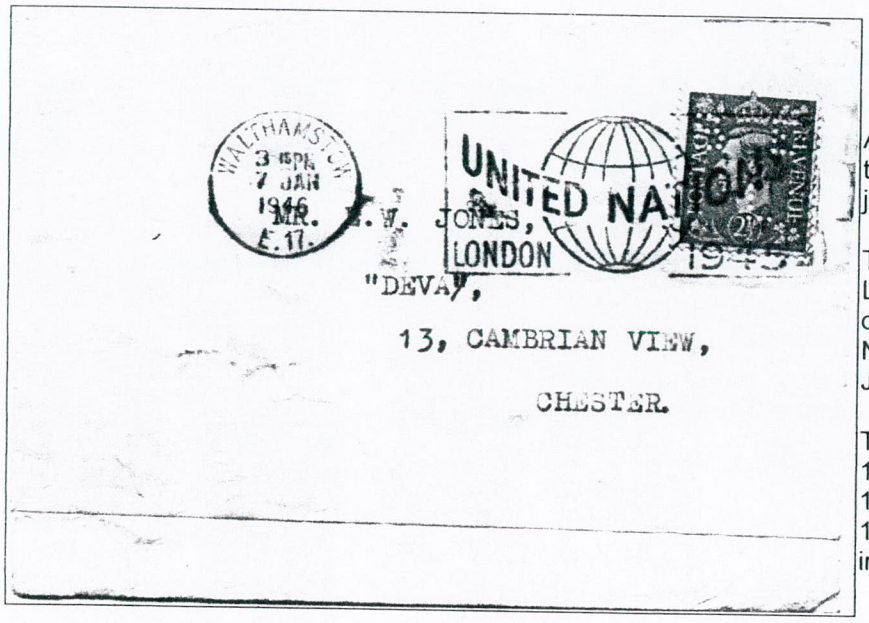
Another aspect of the service is the Parcel Post labels.

The two above are King Edward in 1902 and King George in 1914. illustrating not only the change of crown but also modification to the label design.

The design changed from time to time, in particular the change of monarch with their individual crown.

The intention was for the stamps to be affixed and cancelled, then for the label to be stuck on the parcel. However, this rule was not always followed, resulting in unclear date stamps

Labels can be found on white for general use, blue for those used in the London area conveyed entirely by road and orange paper for those in London for transmission by the London-Brighton parcel coach.



PERFINS

A collecting interest in their own right, there must be many from Walthamsow, just one offered here

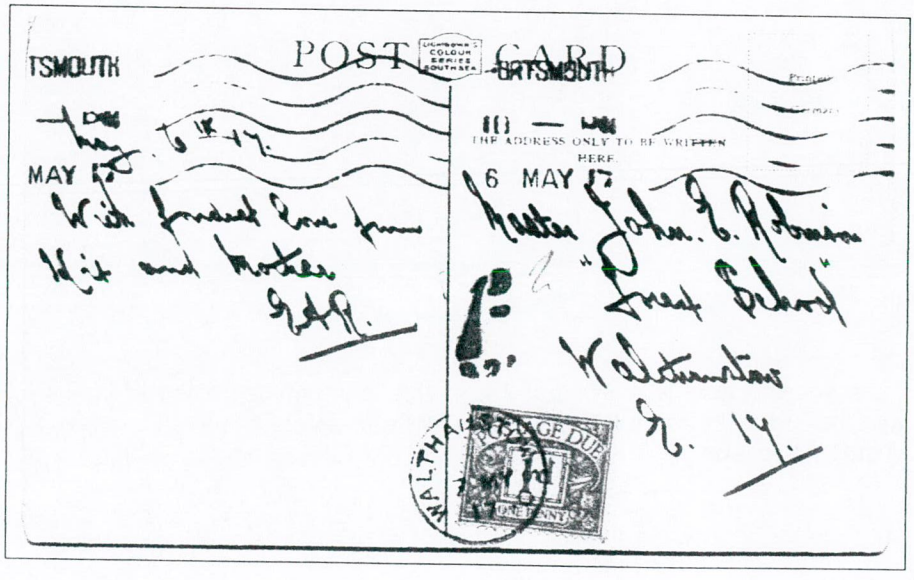
The BE over L comes from Barnet Ensign Limited on a reused envelope, which came to them from Leyton on the 23rd. November, 1945 until used on the 7th. January 1946.

The cancellation is the United Nations 1945 slogan, in use from 1st December 1945 to 19th. January 1946, with some 112 dies issued in nearly every single impression in London.

POSTAGE DUE

This (reduced size) illustration is another example of the sender of greetings fails to prepay resulting in the schoolboy having to pay the penny, a major blow in 1917 to a slim pocket.

The charge mark is from Portsmouth (Provincial series number 625) with the Walthamstow SO cancellation on the postage due.



THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT

Incorporated by Royal Charter

MEETINGS IN LONDON, APRIL, 1937

At the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Victoria Embankment, W.C. 2.

***Monday, April 12th, at 5.30 p.m.**

"Recent developments in ocean transport" by Sir THOMAS ROYDEN, Bart., C.H., Member, formerly Chairman of the Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd. ORDINARY MEETING.

(*This paper was originally announced for March 8th*).

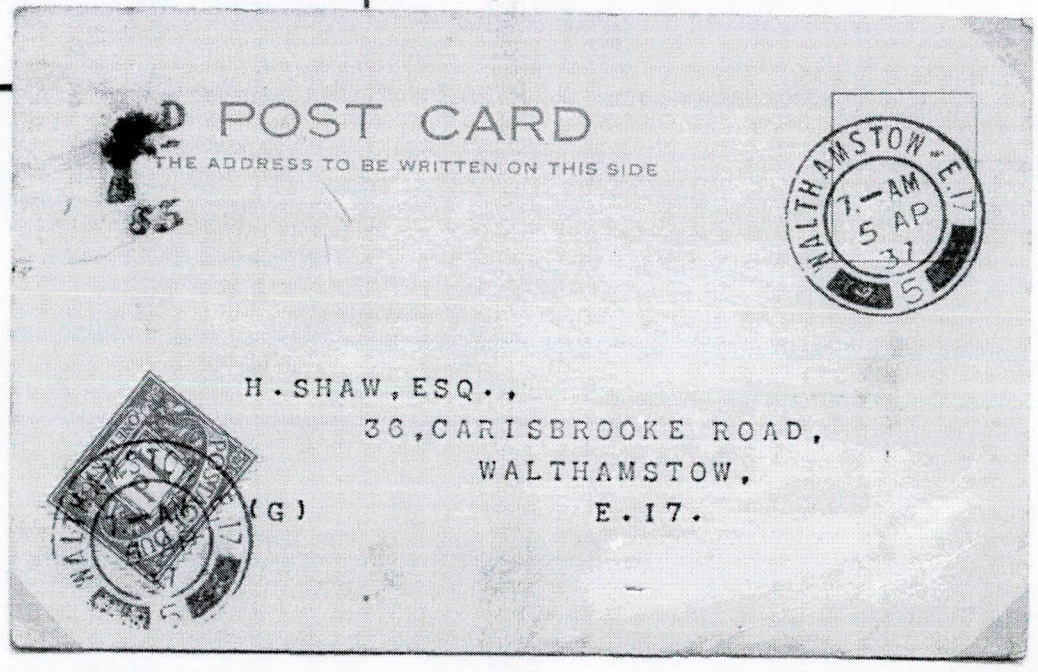
Tuesday, April 20th, at 5.30 for 6.0 p.m.

"Transport developments in 1936" by R. BELL, C.B.E., a former Vice-President, Assistant General Manager of the London and North Eastern Railway. OPEN LECTURE.

* Members wishing to participate in the discussion are invited so to advise the Secretary of the Institute who will furnish them with advance copies of the paper, if and when available.

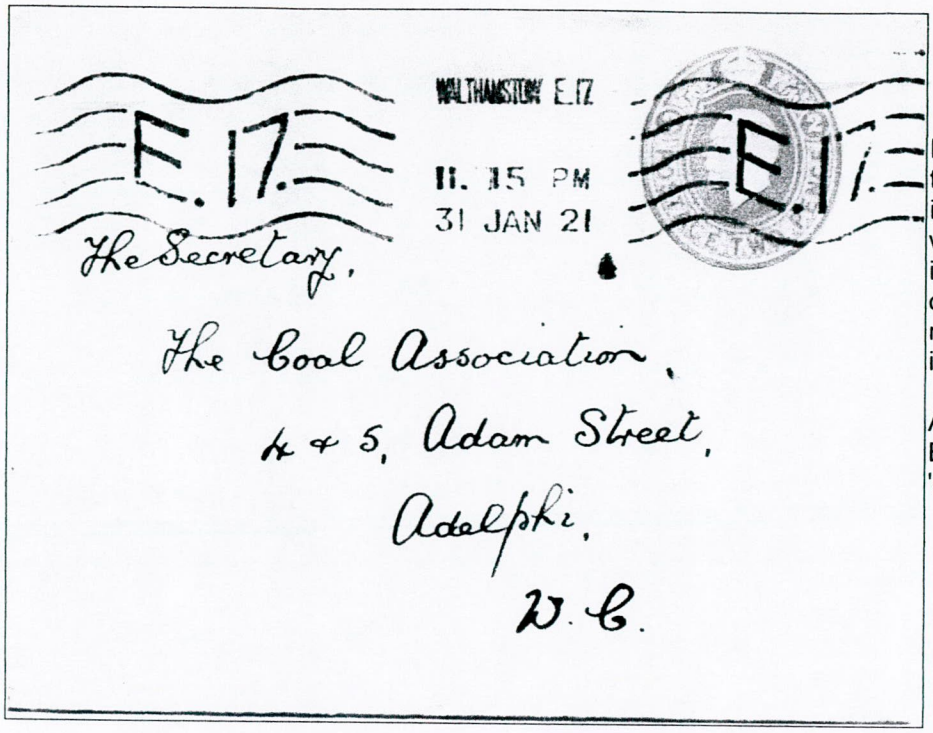
Pre-printed Notice Posted Unpaid 5 April 1937

Charge mark *1D / 85* and 1d postage due label on local unpaid card with **WALTHAMSTOW E.17 / 5** postmark and cancellation



A mixture of 'Local' and 'Postage Due'. The Walthamstow London Series number 85 appears on the charge mark with the space for the adhesive 'cancelled' with a very fine Walthamstow E.17 / 5 date stamp. also used on the postage due label.

POSTAL DISTRICT NUMBERING



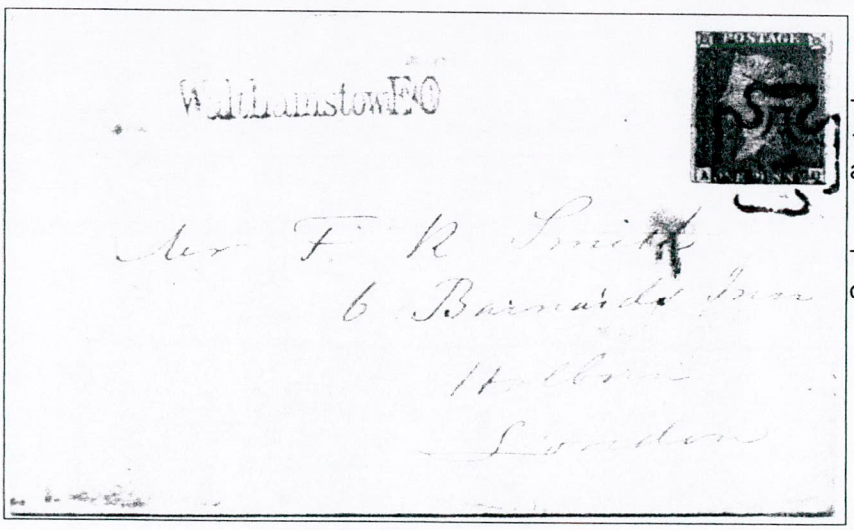
In 1917, to accumstom the public to the first change in the District identification system since 1856, when District Initials were introduced, Walthamstow was one of the offices in London to have the new District plus Number included in the cancellation.

A Twopenny Postal Stationery Envelope with the E17 promotion 'slogan' still in use in 1921.

RECEIVING HOUSE NAME STAMPS

Walthamstow has several of the Twopenny Post format stamps in use between 1803 and 1846, with the Whips Cross (rendered sometimes as Whipps Cross) having some in that name.

The East Office was in Wood Street. The West Office in Marsh Street.



The straight line on a cover from 1844, the 1d. imperf. being cancelled by a neatly applied Maltese Cross.

Time stamp for 4 E^{g} / MR 20 / 1844 on the reverse.

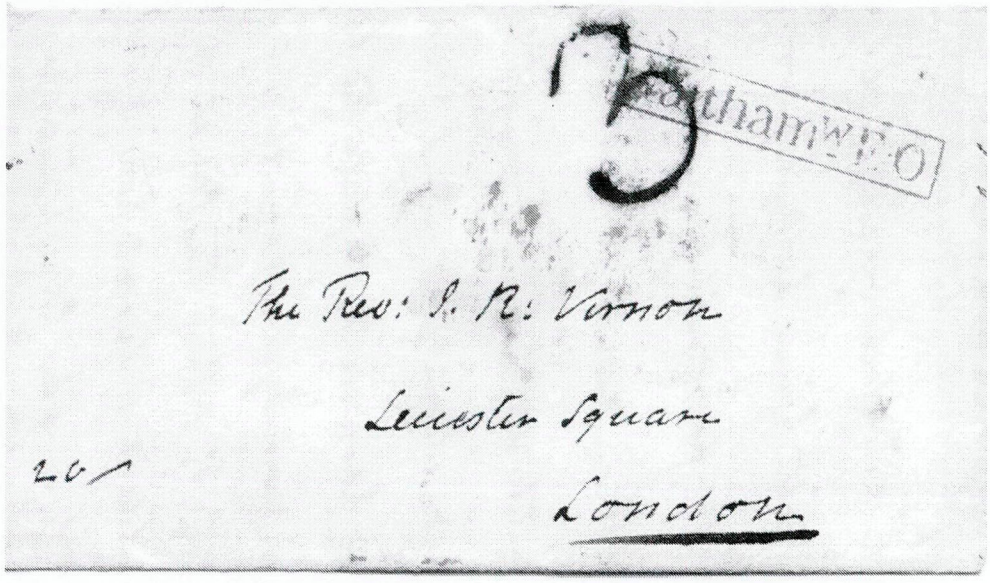
The Walthamstow East Office and the West Office had the Country Receiving House stamps in use from 1820 to 1840 but, prior to that, the unpaid stamp is recorded for both offices. Perhaps a reader with a knowledge of the administrative structure within the Twopenny Post can provide the answer as to how this could be. Both offices, incidentally, had the paid stamps in use during this period.

The siting of the offices in the 'Country' area of the Twopenny Post is understood but both 'Town' and 'Country' stamps were in use.

The following page shows the two recorded versions of the East Office Country stamp.

This example comes from the first month of recorded use, January 13th, 1820.

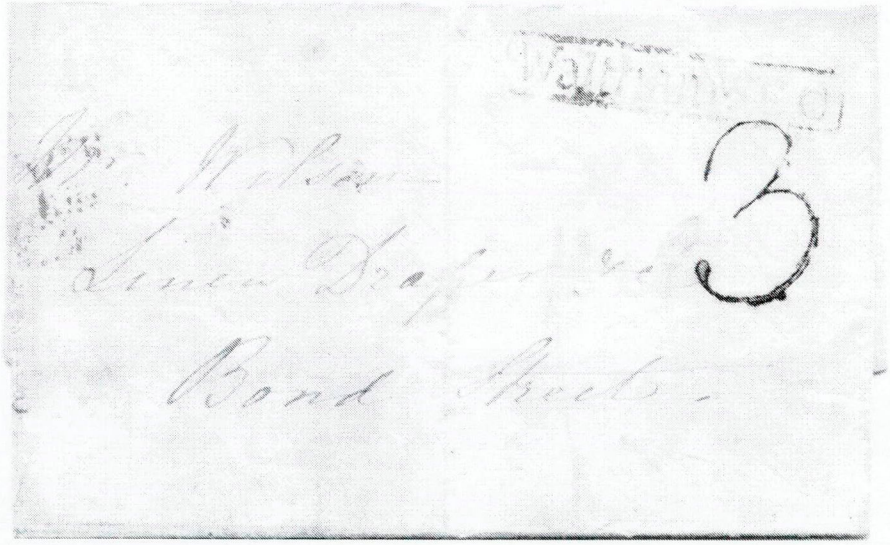
Addressed to the 'Town' area from the 'Country' area, it incurred a charge of three pence.



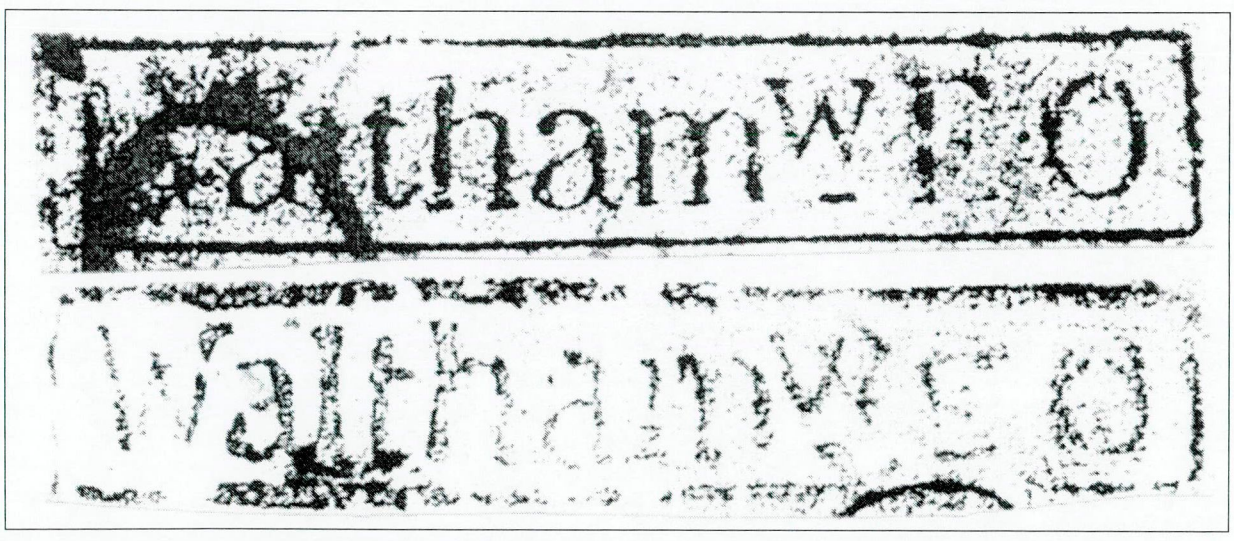
The second is also to the 'Town' area and reads

" Mrs Wigram will thank Mr Will to send 6 Yards of Flannel to match the enclosed Pattern, tomorrow before 2 o'clock, to 68 Portland Place, with the account."

Since the Twopenny Post was based on weight, not number of sheets etc., unlike a similar letter using the General Post, only the single rate was charged.



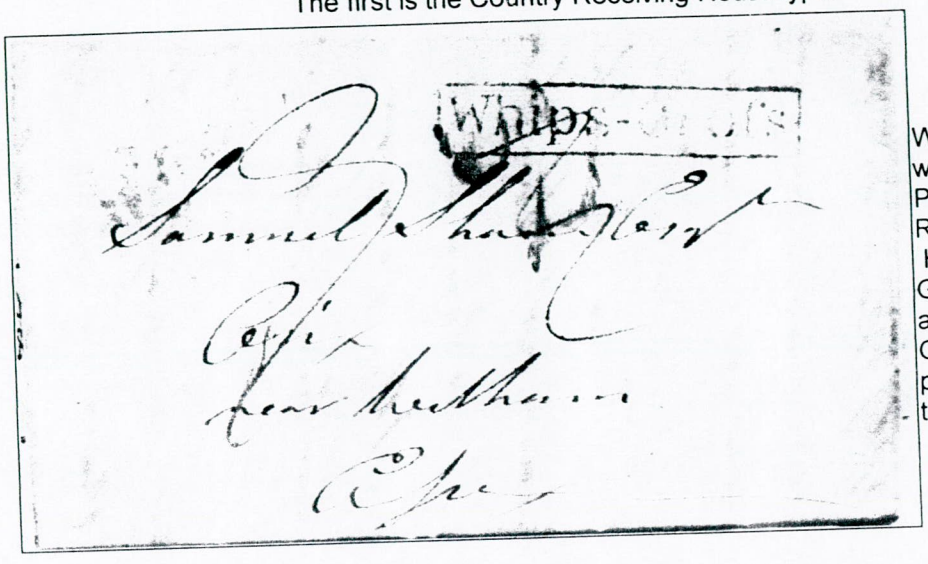
It says much for the London post in 1838 that the writer never considered there could be a problem with her letter being delivered in time for the commission to be effected.



As can be seen, the most obvious difference is the letter 'a', with several other letters showing variation in format.

Two items from Whips Cross, which has stamps recorded from 1810 to 1846.

The first is the Country Receiving House type.



Written by the addressee's brother with no address given.
Posted at the Whips Cross Receiving House in 1819.
Hand struck '2' for the Country to General Post Office, this deleted and '9' substituted to reflect the General Post charge of seven pence for the 30 to 50 miles range to Witham.

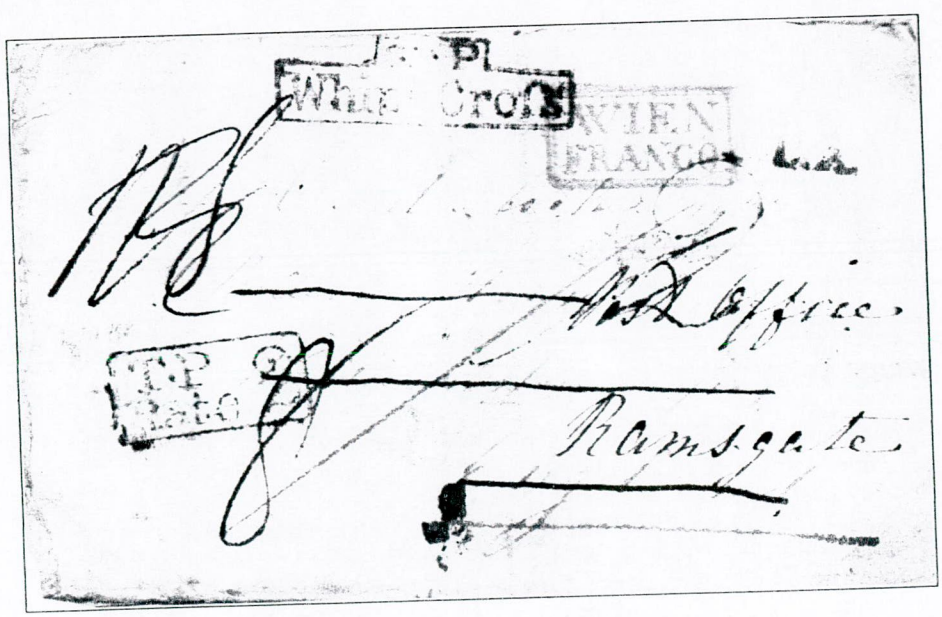
The second item was posted in Austria with only the internal postage prepaid.
It is addressed to a Mr Cook at Belveu House Walthamstow Essex.

There is a charge of 1/8 charge from Austria to London and, it is assumed, a further 2d , indicated by the framed 'TP Rate 2', for delivery of a General Post letter to the Country area of the Twopenny Post.

The letter was redirected to the Post Office at Ramsgate, for which there was a charge of 8d for the 83 mile journey.

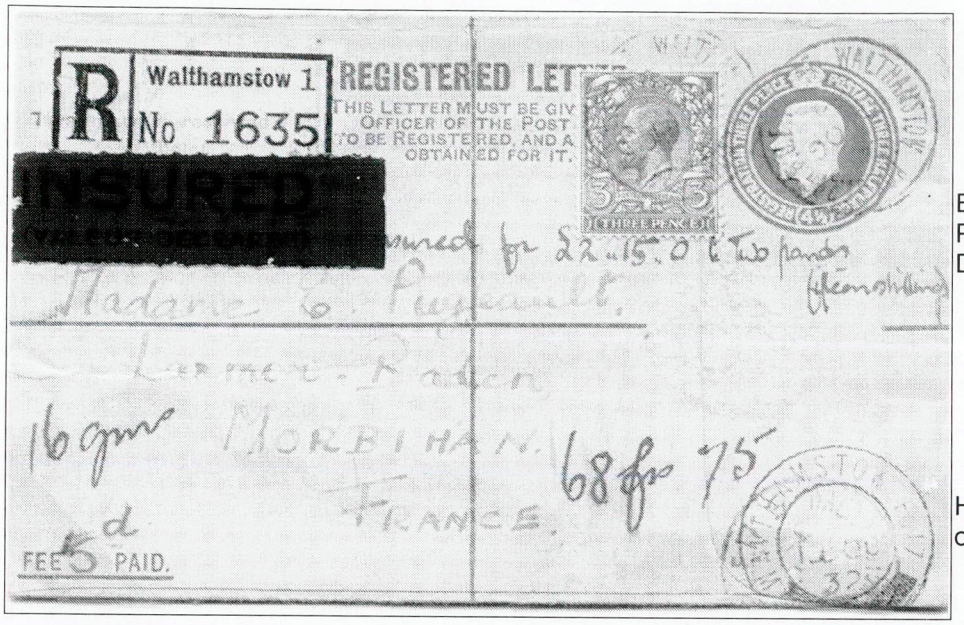
A further 2d, presumably shown by the hand struck '2', was requested to cover the carriage back to the General Post Office.

The framed step type TP mark, first recorded in 1822 - which is the last year for the Country R.H. mark - would have been applied when redirected.



REGISTRATION

Registered and Insured to France using the Geo. V Postal Stationery 4½d envelope, with an additional 3d. paid for cover up to £5 for the insurance charge to France.



Endorsed" Insured for £2.15.0 (Two Pounds fifteen shillings)".
Date stamped when posted at

Hoe St 244 BO and at the main office

SINGLE RING CANCELLATION



A single word message, unsigned, on a picture post card featuring two horseshoes and the message 'Good Luck'.

Thus far, this is the only stamp, with number 1, of this type which has been recorded cancelling an adhesive.

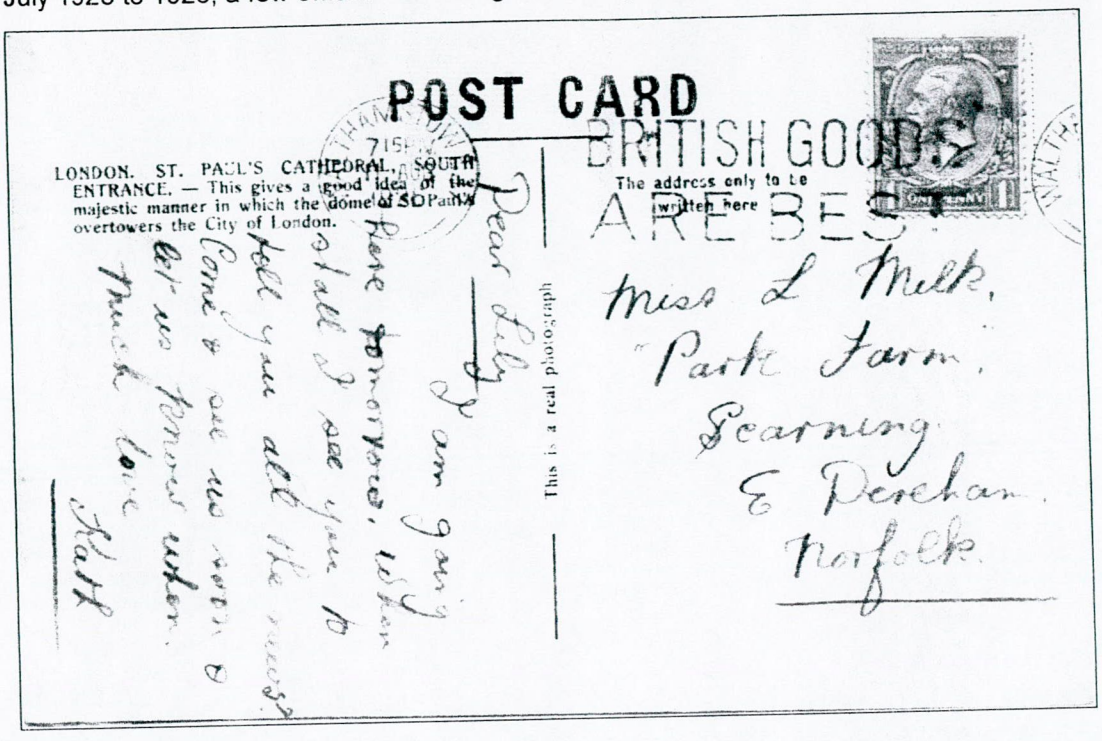
SLOGAN CANCELLATION

These form a specialist collection in their own right. Walthamstow had many of these over the years and the following pages show a small selection. Those illustrated include:

BRITISH GOODS / ARE BEST (1926)
THE BEST INVESTMENT / A TELEPHONE (1932)
POST EARLY IN THE DAY (1939 TO 1941)
UNITED NATIONS / LONDON 1945 (1946)
EP (The Royal Wedding) (1947)

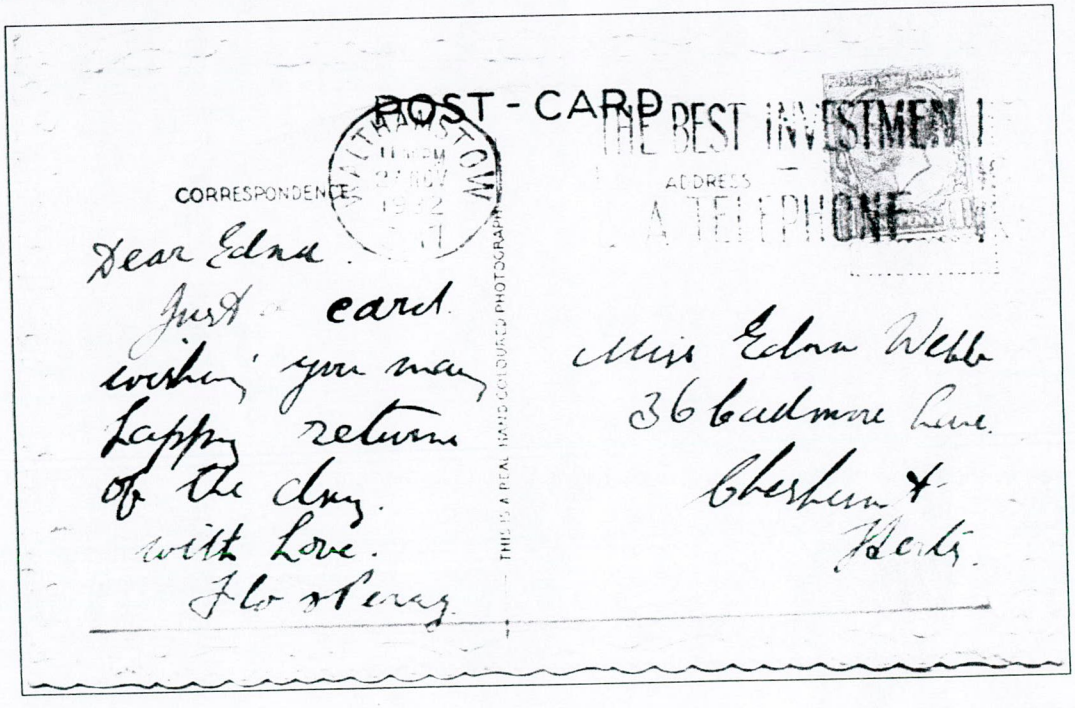
BRITISH GOODS / ARE BEST.

The first in a series of slogans promoting British Goods. About 200 dies were used in Hey-Dolphin and Universal Machines,, July 1925 to 1926, a few offices continuing to January 1929.



THE BEST INVESTMENT / A TELEPHONE

In use from late September 1931 to about March 1934. There was a further campaign, using different dies, from October 1934. These slogans were used in a large number of Universal Machines, two Hey-Dolphin machines at Belfast and the single impression Krag at Great Yarmouth. It would appear there were 25 dies of each of the ten different designs and these were circulated in an area, resulting in one office using as many as seven types. A number of dies were damaged and it is possible, by means of the breaks caused, to trace the movement of a particular die from office to office.



This is the so-called "French Design". Many members of the public complained about LA TELEPHONE, giving rise to a variety with the offending "L" removed.

POST EARLY / IN / THE DAY

Used throughout the country when not displaced by another slogan.



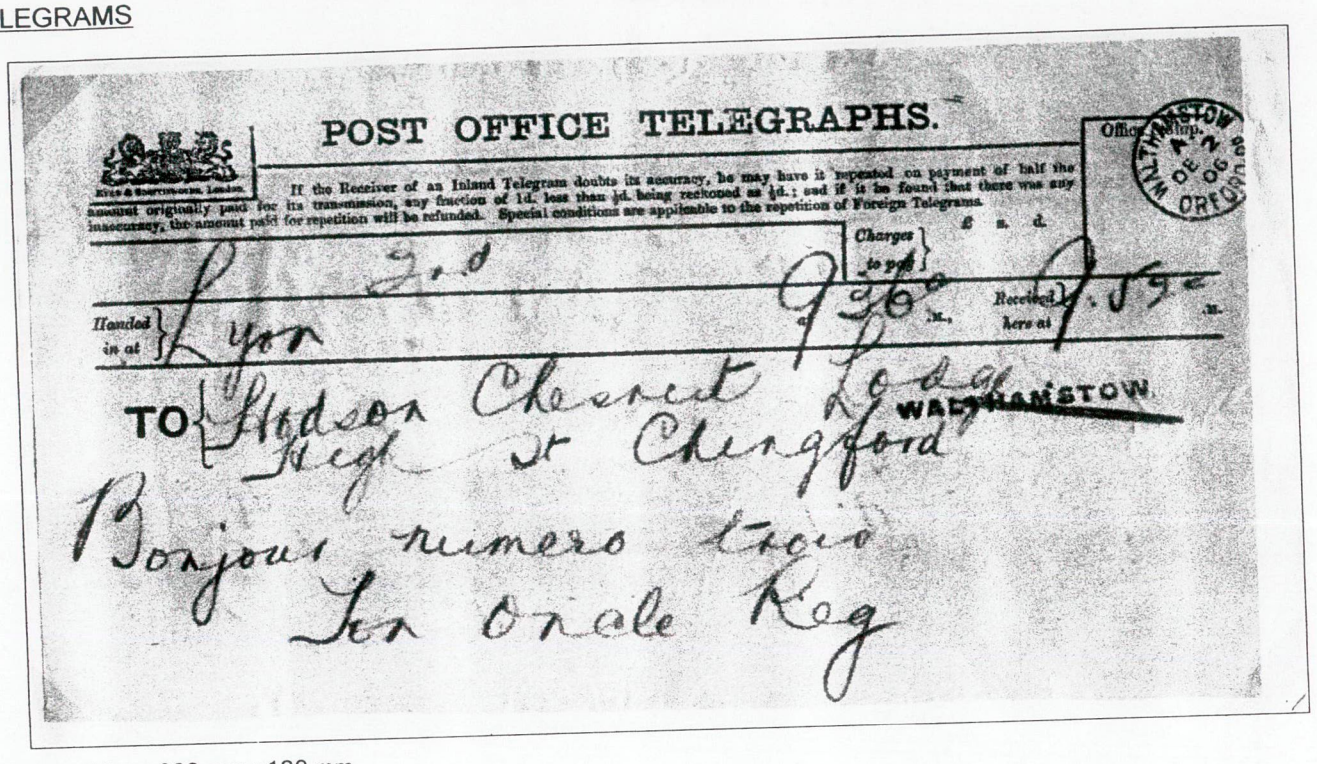
All addressed to the same person, the first two showing the prepayment of 1 ½d, the third the sharp increase made on 1st. May, 1940, to 2½d

112 dies issued to nearly every single impression machines in London.
Used 1st. December 1945 to 19th. January 1946.



Used by every single impression machine in the country
from 20th. to 30th. November 1947

TELEGRAMS



POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

If the Receiver of an Inland Telegram doubts its accuracy, he may have it repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than ½d. being reckoned as ½d.; and if it is so found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Handed in at Lyon

Received here at

TO Hodson Chestnut Lodge High St Chingford

WALTHAMSTOW

Bonjour numero trois

Les Oiseaux Reg

Reduced from 232 mm x130 mm

Addressed to :-
Hodson Chestnut Lodge, High St Chingford
Handed in at Lyon at 9.36 a.m. Received at 9.52 a.m.

c.d.s. of Orford Road

UNDELIVERED MAIL

A halfpenny Postal Stationery Post Card - Posted from Walsingham 19th. February 1897.
Cancelled with the Walsingham Duplex 259 Code B FE 19 97

Mrs Harry High "No such name at This address" 29 Cromwell Road Walthamstow
plus the endorsement "Not known", signed by two postmen.

Dulwich type WALTHAMSTOW / 2 stamps in black
7.15 PM Fe 23 and 1.15 PM FE 24 and single rim
WALTHAMSTOW / 2 for 6.30 PM FE 25 97 in red.



POST CARD

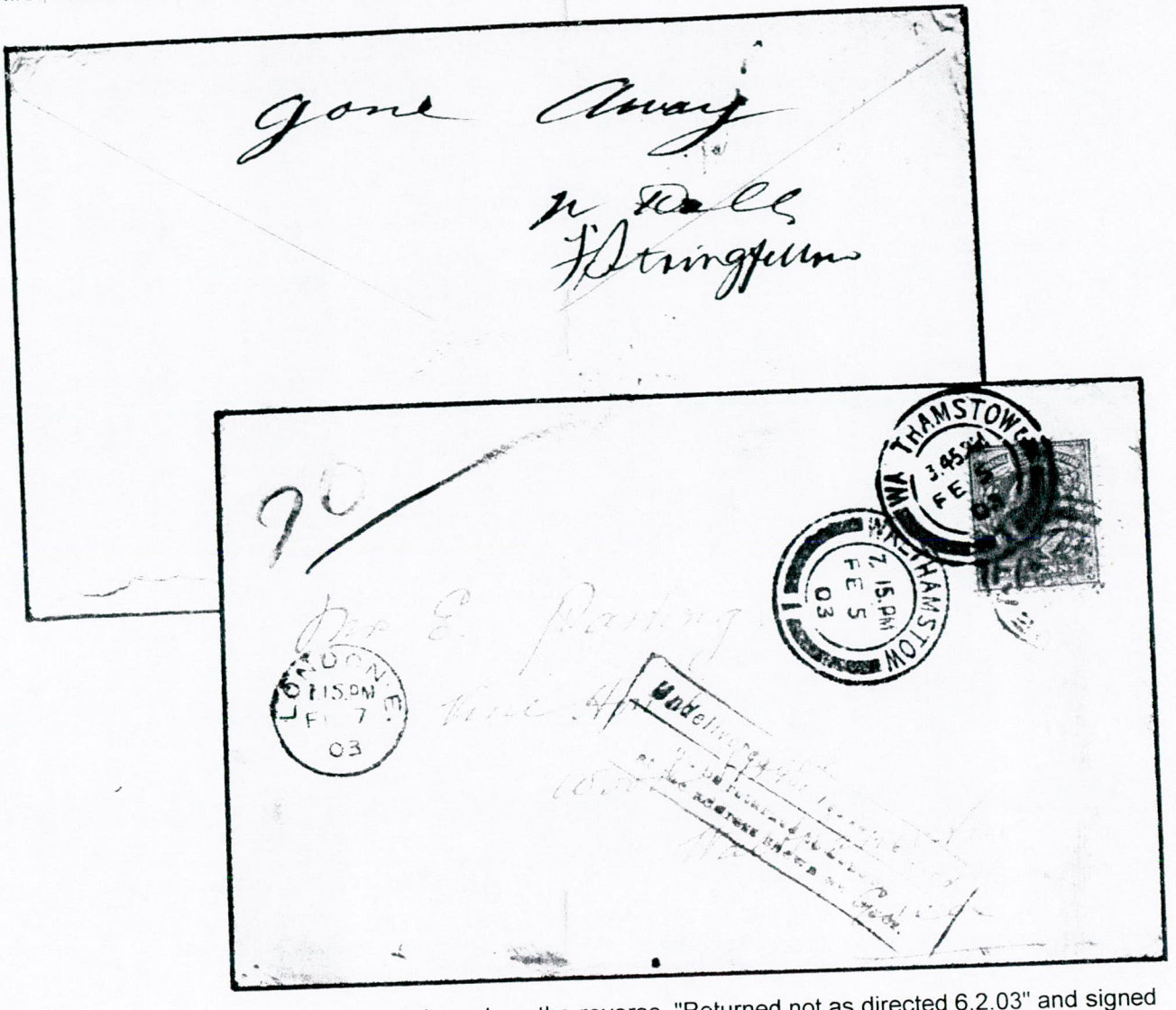
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

No such name at
This address
Mrs Harry High
29 Cromwell Road
Walthamstow

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Both letters, from Neath, are addressed to Mrs E. Parking, Vine House, Wood Street, Walthamstow, Essex. The one dated January includes "c/o L.C. Nicholas Esq.", which might explain the second attempt

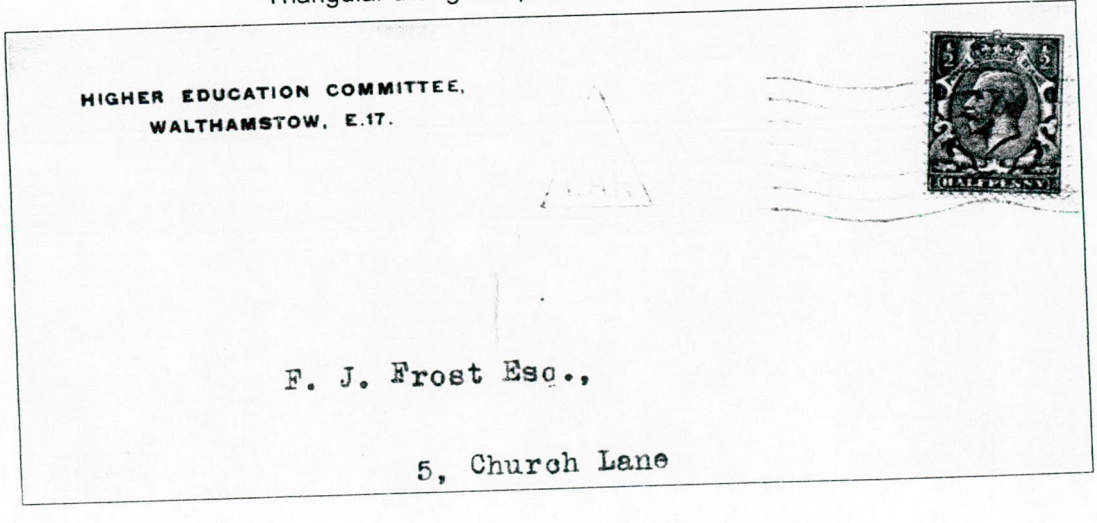
The first, dated January 1st, has a return date stamp for LONDON E for the 3rd, with arrival at Neath on the 4th



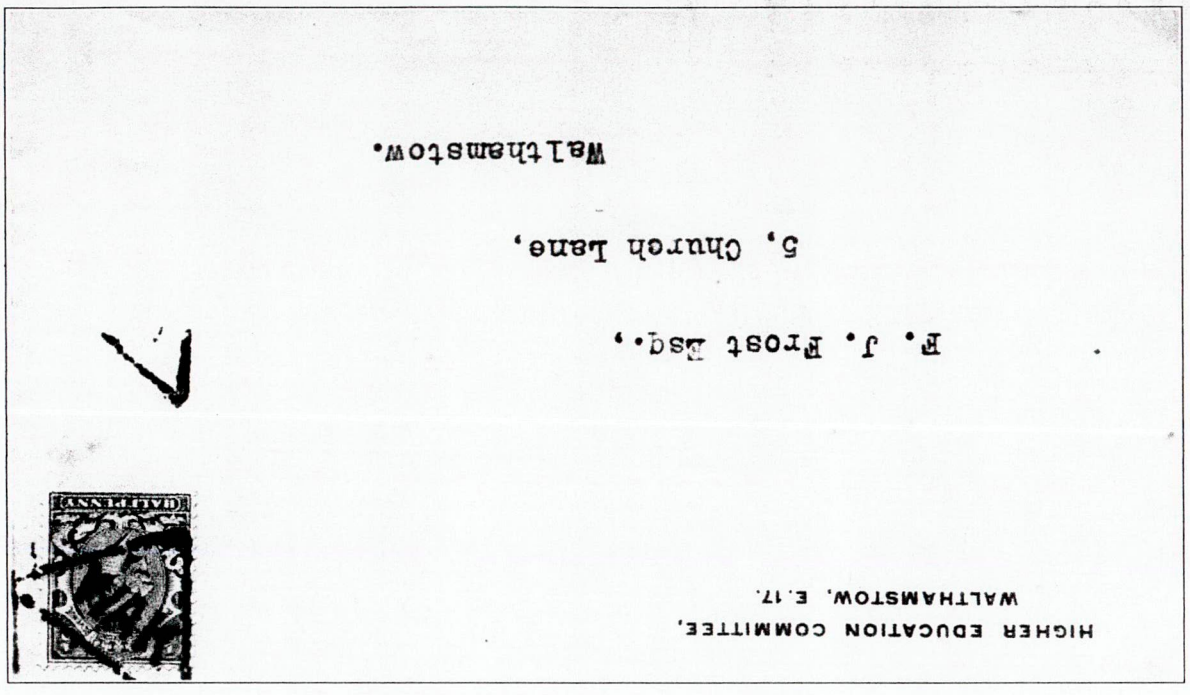
The second is endorsed, on the reverse, "Returned not as directed 6.2.03" and signed by two carriers, with the LONDON E stamp for the 5th. and Neagh arrival for the 8th.

TRIANGULAR CANCELLATIONS

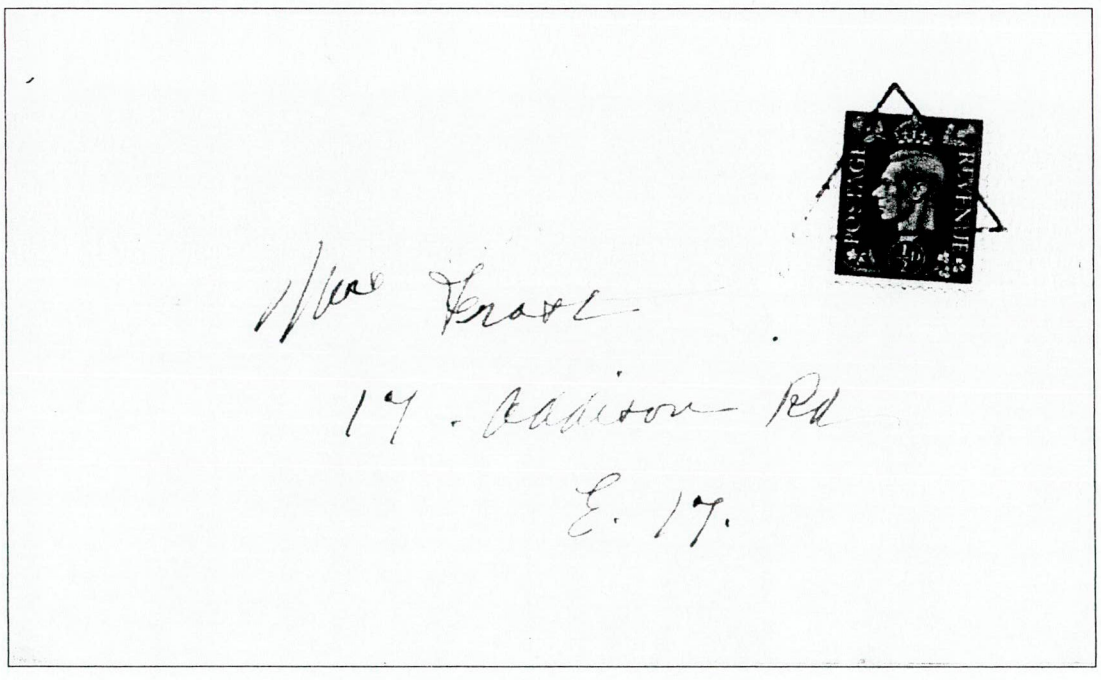
WAK: Telegraphic code for Walthamstow, Orford Road.
Triangular triangle in place of machine dater die.



Two examples of the single triangular cancellations. Neither envelope carries a date stamp



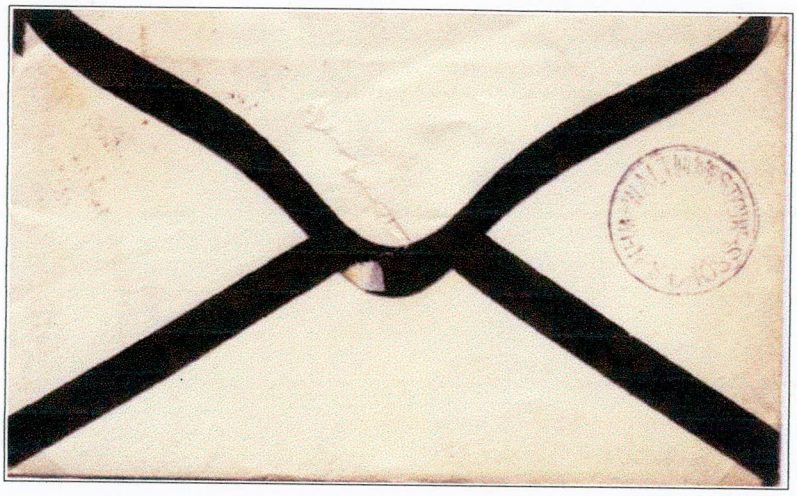
WAK : Telegraphic code for Orford Road, Walthamstow



E17 in the Triangle : main office posting ?

UNDATED STAMPS

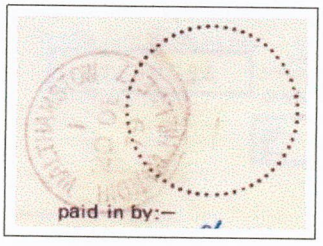
- WALTHAMSTOW - WHIPPS CROSS
Type D1B in dark blue



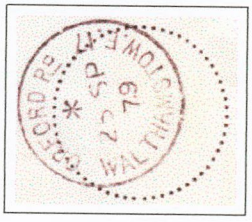
Penny Star cancelled by London NE 16 duplex
Letter addressed t Portman square

WEIGHT WATCHERS

The c.d.s. shown here have been abstracted from receipt documents which contained individual names and addresses; these have been eliminated for obvious reasons.



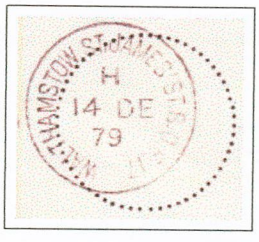
HIGHAM HILL



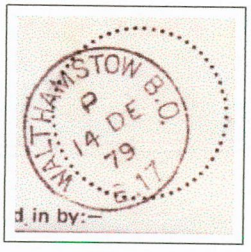
ORFORD R^{D}



PALMERSTON ROAD



ST JAMES' ST B.O.



WALTHAMSTOW B.O.

(As can be too easily seen, the Editor has yet to master the art of not making circular items appear otherwise.)

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