

# United Kingdom

ONE of the founding members of the G P U, and so was supposed to offer AR service with fellow G P U/U P U members. There is evidence that UK offered international service at least from 1 April 1879 (the date of universalization of AR) and no earlier than 1 July 1875, but the evidence also suggests that domestic AR service did not begin until 1891. The expression used in UK for AR was (and frequently, still is) *advice of delivery*.

There were several difference between international and domestic AR services offered by UK. Domestic service was cheaper; the AR forms were quite different, and (with the exception of the very first form), international forms were to be returned under cover, while the domestic forms were folded letter sheets. Moreover, international AR forms were replaced by AR cards in late 1921, while domestic AR forms continued to be used until the 1950s.

The G P O seems to have most reluctant to adopt AR service, based in part on the extremely low numbers of nineteenth and early twentieth century artefacts of AR. In the pre-Vienna period, there are three examples of outgoing international AR forms and one incoming known, as well as several incoming AR covers, but no known outgoing ones. There are several AR covering envelopes known in this period.

In the Vienna period, there are perhaps a dozen international AR forms, probably half as many domestic ones, fewer than ten outgoing AR covers, and no domestic ones known. There are actually quite a few British covering envelopes in this period, with numerous printing dates and varieties.

Post-Vienna, international AR forms become even more difficult to find (unlike the situation for almost all other major entities), but the covering envelopes become almost prolific, with various sizes and shapes. The earliest domestic AR cover is dated 1903, and in general both domestic and international UK AR covers are still fairly difficult to find well into the 1940s. On the other hand, domestic AR forms are amazingly common. Dozens of different printings are illustrated in MacKay's book [MAC].

British (international) AR cards are somewhat difficult to find, and those printed in the 1920s have an annoying habit of having turned brown from sulfurization (their original colour was probably yellow, but I can't be sure).

- The (probable) first printing AR form is print order dated 31 March 1879, and is booklet style, very similar to that of Canada's first AR form (and also a folded letter sheet), but unilingual English. The next known printing is on large card stock, and requiring a covering envelope. All subsequent ones are paper and required covering envelopes.
- Around 1900 or so, both domestic and international AR forms were enlarged to accommodate more postmarks and comments from post offices; we infer that this was to permit the forms to also serve for enquiry (for which the fees were about the same). It becomes impossible to distinguish after the fact AR service from inquiry. The international forms became foolscap size (and, for some reason, were printed on grey-blue paper).
- AR covering envelopes are small (#8 size) in the period 1883–1910s, but then we see a plethora of different sizes, often on cheap paper.
- when applicable (that is, not in the Vienna period, nor for duplicate forms), payment of AR fee in stamps on the form or card
- (International) The ratio of AR to registration fee ratio is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  until about 1920–21 (for very few jurisdictions outside the British Empire and Commonwealth was the AR fee more than that of registration). Most of the larger entities had ratio 1.

## AR timeline

1 July 1875

Founding member G P U.

1 April 1879

First *known* AR form issued, print date 31 March 1879; it is pink, and unlike all other known UK AR forms, but similar to the first forms of Canada, and of the Seychelles. Payment of AR fee on form (later, card) except during Vienna period.

1891

Probable year of origin of domestic AR service.

late 1921

AR cards introduced for international service only (AR *forms* for domestic use continued to 1968); 1920s cards high sulphur content and browned easily.

1968

Domestic AR forms replaced by domestic AR cards.

## Notes & Observations

- In parallel with Canada, early UK is rare. There are three known outgoing AR forms in the pre-Vienna period, one incoming, and no domestic (the last is not surprising, since it appears that domestic AR was not instituted until 1891). There are no known outgoing AR covers in this period, but a couple of incoming ones exist. Several AR covering envelopes are known.
- There are probably around ten known outgoing AR covers in the Treaty of Vienna period (1892–98), but the international forms do not seem to be that rare, nor are the covering envelopes. Domestic AR forms exist in this period (these did not require covering envelopes).
- The earliest recorded domestic AR cover is dated 1903.
- There was a profusion of AR covering envelopes in various shapes, going into the 1930s.
- British AR cards were introduced in late 1921 (for international use only), and they are not common. Nor are international or domestic AR covers, but for some reason, domestic AR forms *are* common, and come in dozens of printings (see [M] for numerous illustrations).



## UK AR handstamps

The one on the left was in standard use from 1892. The only other UK AR handstamp that I've seen appears on the right (and in only one example, used in 1938); it is larger. But a very high percentage of UK AR covers do not have the handstamp, but instead a manuscript (and the odd one has printed AR).

## Very basic British rates 1875–1971

dates →	≤1875	99/1/1	18/06/03	20/06/01	21/06/13	22/05/29	23/05/14	40/05/01
registration <sup>1</sup>	2	→	→	→	3	→	→	→
dom AR	2	→	→	→	3	→	→	→
dom AR, after the fact	NA	2	→	→	3	→	→	→
domestic first class	1	→	→	→	→	1.5	→	→
int AR	2.5	→	→	→	3	→	→	→
int AR, after the fact	NA	2.5	→	→	3	→	→	→
UPU first class	2.5	→	→	→	3	→	2.5	3
British Empire	U P U	1	1.5	2	→	1.5	→	2.5

dates →	49/05/01	50/10/09	52/05/01	56/06/01	57/10/01	61/03/01	63/04/27	65/5/17
registration <sup>1</sup>	4	→	6	12 <sup>1</sup>	12	18	21	→
dom AR	3	→	→	→	→	6	→	→
dom AR, after the fact	3	→	→	→	→	6	→	→
domestic first class	1.5	→	→	→	3	→	→	4
int AR	3	→	→	→	→	6	→	→
int AR, after the fact	3	→	→	→	→	6	→	→
UPU first class	3	4	→	→	6	→	→	→
British Empire	2.5	→	→	→	4	→	→	→

dates →	66/10/03	68/09/16
registration <sup>1</sup>	36	→
dom AR	9	→
dom AR, after the fact	12	→
domestic first class	4	→
int AR	9	→
int AR, after the fact	12	→
UPU first class	6	→
British Empire	4	5

Covers the period up to decimalization (1971). All rates are in pence (*d*, for *denarii*). For first class mail, multiple weight rates are much more complicated; the table deals with first weight only. For more details see [Furfee]

Dating system is **year/month/day**. Printed matter, express, COD, DLO return fee, airmail, parcel post, . . . not included. Rates taken from [F], [UPU],

(i) All registration fees given for default indemnity only; domestic and international registration fees equal, except in the period 56/06/01–57/09/30 when domestic registration was 1/– and international registration was 6 d.

NA = service not available.

# United Kingdom AR: exhibit synopsis

**UK** WAS a founding member of the G P U, so that on its inception, it was supposed to offer AR service to other founding members. However, it was little used until the twentieth century. The G P O seems to have given it a less than enthusiastic welcome. For one thing, the AR fee was 25% more than the default registration fee until 1921; contrast this with the US, for which international AR was a free option on registered mail until 1925 (of course, the US had a long history of this service). For most European countries, AR and registration fees were equal.

The UK had separate treatments for international and domestic AR service: different forms and different rates. Moreover, although the international forms were replaced by cards in late 1921 (as was the case for most entities), domestic forms persisted well into the 1970s. Domestic service seems to have become fairly popular from about the 1920s, based on the number of printings of domestic AR forms; curiously, domestic AR covers are not that readily available. In contrast, artefacts of international AR service are difficult to find, even into the 1940s, with the (mysterious) exception of AR covering envelopes, for which there are numerous printings. The exhibit is divided in two: international and domestic, with two additional pages on *avis de paiement*.

## International AR

Subdivided by time period, *pre-Treaty of Vienna* (to 30 June 1892), *Treaty of Vienna* (1 July 1892–31 December 1898), and *post-Treaty of Vienna* (from 1 January 1899). Within the chronological divisions, we proceed by artefact: **AR forms**, AR covering envelopes, **AR cards**, and finally, **AR covers**. Not all of these were used in every chronological division.

### Pre-Vienna

**AR forms** There are only three (or four, depending on how they are counted) reported, and all of them appear here. The first is a **pink** book style, to be returned as a folded letter sheet; the next two are heavy paper intended to be returned under cover, and finally, there is a domestic AR form erroneously used on international mail (underpaying the AR fee). Incoming forms from Luxembourg (1876) and Russia (1881) show mistreatment of AR service.

**AR covering envelopes** For returning the signed foreign AR forms to the sender of the original registered letter. The only two known examples are shown, one of which is from BPO Constantinople; these would have contained the heavy paper type forms. No incoming AR covering envelopes are known in this period.

**AR covers** No outgoing examples are known, but two incoming ones (from Germany and Russia) appear in the exhibit.

### Treaty of Vienna period

In this period, the AR fee was applied to the registered covers, as the forms were usually prepared in the destination country.

**AR forms** Three examples of the form, unlike all those of the pre-Vienna period; returned under cover.

**AR covering envelopes** In this period, for returning UK forms. A representative sample of three are shown. There are at least five different printings.

**AR covers** Fewer than ten outgoing are suspected of existing. Two from UK, and one from BPO Constantinople appear.

### Post-Vienna

Reverted to the original system of preparing AR forms (later cards) at the office of origin; now British stamps appear on the forms and cards, not the covers. After the fact service become available.

**AR forms** The forms have been enlarged to foolscap size to accommodate more postmasters remarks (so they could also be used for inquiry service), and the colour has changed to **slate blue**. Two are shown, one of which is after the fact.

**AR covering envelopes** Once again, these would have contained foreign AR forms (most commonly, of the US).



There is a large variety of printings, including a mourning cover (for Queen Victoria), in various sizes, and with different wordings; these go into the 1930s. Thirteen official ones and four provisional ones appear.

**AR cards** First printing late 1921; on poor quality card stock, probably in yellow, changing to pinkish for those printed after 1930. Ten are shown to 1956, including a *duplicate*, returned from Tuva (1939).

**AR covers** Range mostly over the 1920s and 1930s; includes 1906 combination AR, VD (extra indemnity on registered matter, known as *insured* in UK), and late fee, and some later insured items (one underpaid), as well as B P O Smyrna (1921).

## Domestic AR

Subdivided by artefact: **AR forms** (1892–1960s), then **AR covers**, and within each, arranged chronologically. British domestic AR forms did not require covering envelopes, and were not replaced by cards until 1968.

**AR forms** One used internationally appears in the pre-Vienna international portion. An early (1892; printed 1891) use is shown. A *duplicate* form (1900) follows it. Around the turn of the century, forms were enlarged to accommodate more postmasters' comments, just as the international forms were. Then we show a range of forms to 1962 (various formats), including after-the-fact use, and forms together with their returned to sender cover.

**AR covers** Two with their attached form appear in the previous section. It is very difficult to find domestic British AR covers, even into the 1960s. We show uses 1903 (earliest reported), 1909, 1910, 1951, and 1967.

## Avis de paiement

One form (1910) and one card (1940); these are the only two British *avis de paiement* items I'm aware of.

# British AR

**AR** SERVICE (*avis de réception*, *advice of delivery*, *acknowledgment of receipt*, ...) was permitted on international mail by the G P U (later UPU) in 1875. The UK had no such service until that date. The G P O was less than enthusiastic about it, and very little nineteenth century UK AR material is known.

The exhibit is divided into **international** and **domestic** services, which were treated differently; for example, the fee for this service was 2½d for international mail and 2d for domestic for much of the period covered.

**AR forms**, **AR covering envelopes** (used to return the signed AR forms to the sender of the registered item), **AR cards**, and **AR covers** (that is, registered envelopes sent with AR) are artefacts of the service. International service is dealt with first, then domestic; there are substantial procedural differences.

The **international** section is subdivided into the three periods, **pre-Vienna** (1875–1892), **Treaty of Vienna period** (1 July 1892–31 December 1899), and **post-Vienna** (1899–). Each of these subdivisions is further divided (where applicable) into **AR forms**, **AR covering envelopes** (used to return the signed AR forms to the sender of the registered item), **AR cards**, and **AR covers**, which are arranged chronologically.

(a) **Pre-Vienna** UK AR material is almost nonexistent; but we show the four known UK AR forms, two incoming forms, the two known AR covering envelopes, and two incoming AR covers. No outgoing AR covers are known.

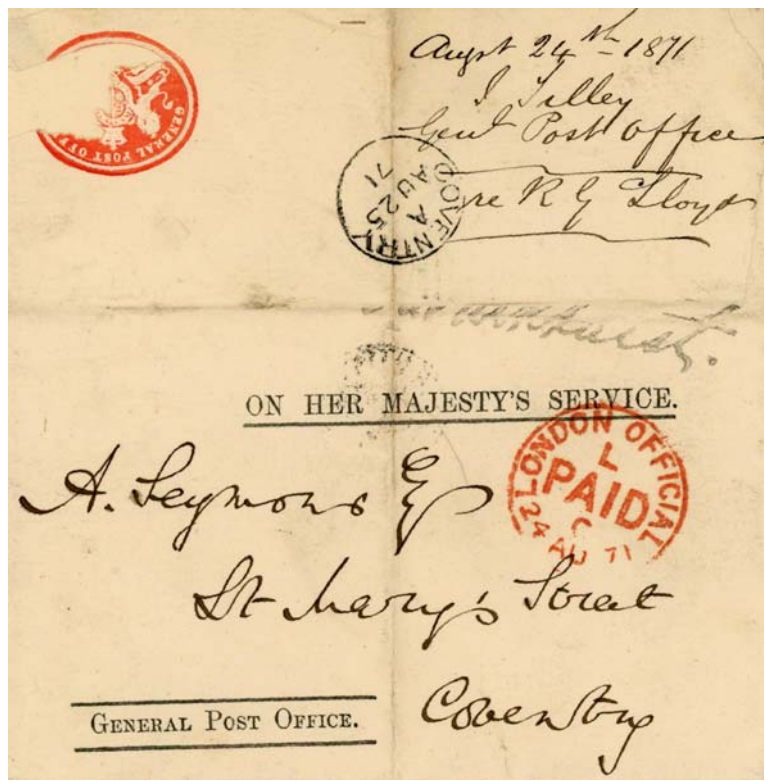
(b) **Treaty of Vienna period** AR material is almost as difficult to find; we show three different printings of AR forms, several AR covering envelopes, and two of the fewer than ten known AR covers.

(c) **Post-Vienna** covers a much longer range, and there is more material. Oddly, there are very few AR forms in this period; two are shown, one of which is *after the fact* (subsequent to mailing of the original registered item). On the other hand, AR covering envelopes come in a bewildering array of formats and were used into the 1930s (they contained foreign AR forms). We show fourteen official and four provisional.

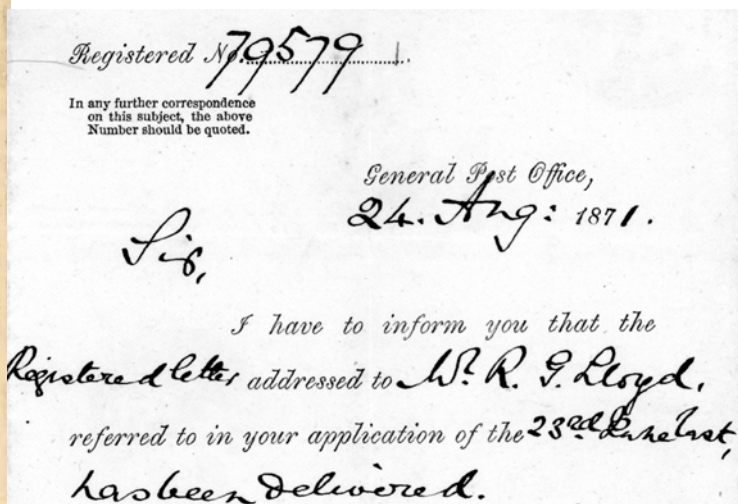
AR cards (for international use only) were introduced late 1921; they are generally not easy to find. Ten are shown to 1956, including a *duplicate*, returned from Tuva. AR covers are still difficult to find; the ones shown are mostly 1920–1940, as well as a 1906 AR cover with VD and late fee.

The **domestic** section is subdivided into **AR forms** and **AR covers** (cards were not used, and covering envelopes were not required). There are many different domestic AR forms (1891–1968). We show a range, including an early (1910) *duplicate* form, as well as after the fact uses, and a couple with their accompanying AR cover. UK domestic AR covers are difficult to find, but we show the earliest reported (1903), and a few others, to 1967.

The final two pages deal with the very obscure *avis de paiement*, acknowledging payment of an international postal money order, a service analogous to, but much less frequently seen, than AR.



Domestic inquiry form, London–Coventry, 1871. Printed form filled in by post office official: a registered letter had been delivered. This may be viewed as an extreme type of after-the-fact AR, providing evidence of delivery.





# UK international AR service

## Pre-Treaty of Vienna AR forms

Although UK was a founding member of the GPU (UPU from 1878), AR material is almost non-existent in the pre-Treaty of Vienna period (to 30 June 1892). AR forms were attached with gum. **Three British AR forms known in this period.**

*Acknowledgment of receipt of a Registered Article.*

TABLE I—to be filled up at the Despatching Office.

A Registered Article addressed to  
*Herrn Lehrer Land Privat  
13 Lager Strasse Rostock  
Schwerin North Germany  
Mecklenburg*

is forwarded by this despatch, entered at  
No. \_\_\_\_ The Sender, whose name and  
address appear on the third page, wishes  
to know if it has been delivered; if so, to  
whom; if not, how it has been disposed of.

*W. J. Johnson*  
Registering Officer.

TABLE II—to be filled up at the Delivering Office. If the  
Article has not been duly delivered, the manner in which it has  
been disposed of should be stated.

*Don't deliver to Selbst, is verloren  
gib mir.*

Postmaster.

HEDON SP 25 86  
HEDON SP 25 86  
ROSTOCK MECKLENB. 28/9 86  
ROSTOCK MECKLENB. 28/9 86

Date Stamp of Despatching Office.  
Date Stamp of Delivering Office.

to the  
*Land*

## First British AR form (1886)

Properly signed and returned from Germany. **Only known example of this form.**

*Hedon-Rostock (Mecklenberg)*, 1886. Print-order date is March 1879 (in time for April 1879 change in UPU rules). *Not* bilingual. **Discovery example:** shows UK had AR service prior to 1892, contradicting the literature. Flimsy paper and book style reminiscent of French AR forms of the period.

- AR fee paid on form using 2½d stamp on reverse
- Returned as folded letter sheet

Application to the Delivering  
disposal of a Registered Article.

For the Postmaster

G & S [1971] 20,000 3/79



## Second British AR form (1891)

Properly signed and returned from Canada. *Only known example of this form*, and one of three reported UK AR forms in the pre-Vienna period. Differs from earlier example: required a covering envelope and is on heavy paper.

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Postmasters.—No. 68. Administration de la Grande Bretagne.

**AVIS DE RECEPTION.**

Acknowledgment of Delivery.

d'un objet recommandé adressé à } M Jacob Weiss & A. J. MacFarlane  
of a Registered Article addressed to } à Vancouver British Columbia

Le soussigné declare qu'un objet recommandé a l'adresse susmentionnée  
The undersigned acknowledges that the Registered Article addressed as above

et provenant de } M German Embassy  
and sent by } à London

a été dument livré le Vancouver 18 .  
was duly delivered the 11 February 1891

du destinataire  
of addressee

Signature \*  
du chef du Bureau distributeur.  
of the Chief of the Delivering Office.

Jacob Weiss. A. MacFarlane

\* Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le Chef du Bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et renvoyé sous recommandation par le premier courrier.  
† The name and full address of the sender of the Article must be entered in this form at the Issuing Office.

G & S [1142] 20,000 3/86

British AR form, Charing Cross (London)—Vancouver, 1891. Properly signed and datestamped in Vancouver. Heavy paper (not card stock), required a covering envelope for its return (unlike the first AR form). Print order data, 3/86 in a quantity of 20,000. This and all later UK AR forms were accorded form number 68. No markings of any sort on reverse.

- AR fee paid on form using 2½d stamp
- Returned in covering envelope

One of three known pre-Treaty of Vienna British AR forms to anywhere (all different printings).



## Third British AR form (1891)

Properly signed and returned from Germany. *Only known example of this form*, and one of three reported UK AR forms in the pre-Vienna period.

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Timbre d'affranchissement.  
POSTAGE & REVENUE  
2½d

Stamp of the value of 2½d. to be affixed here.

Postmasters.—No. 68.

Administration de la Grande Bretagne.

**AVIS DE RECEPTION**

Acknowledgment of Delivery

d'un objet recommandé adressé à } M Leon Christmann, Kunstverlag  
of a Registered Article addressed to } à Berlin Germany  
28 Brunnensstrasse

Le soussigné declare qu'un objet recommandé a l'adresse susmentionnée  
The undersigned acknowledges that the Registered Article addressed as above

et provenant de † } M<sup>ew</sup>: Thos Ridpath & Co  
and sent by } à Liverpool  
12 Church St

a été dument livré le 10 Juli 18 91  
was duly delivered the \_\_\_\_\_ 18 .

Signature \*  
du destinataire  
of addressee

Signature \*  
du chef du Bureau distributeur.  
of the Chief of the Delivering Office.

Leon Christmann

\* Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le Chef du Bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et renvoyé sous recommandation par le premier courrier.  
† The name and full address of the sender of the Article must be entered in this form at the Issuing Office.

G & S [2243] 10,000 5/86

REGISTERED  
A  
8 JUL 91  
STAMP OF OFFICE OF ORIGIN

STAMP OF DELIVERING OFFICE

Victoria St (Liverpool) to Berlin, 1891. On very heavy paper, similar to the second (known) printing. Print-order date is 5/86 in quantity of 10,000.

- AR fee paid on form using 2½d stamp
- Returned in covering envelope

Thos Ridpath & Co  
12 Church St  
Liverpool  
Postmarked  
10 JUL 91  
7/4-8/12/91



## Domestic (inland) British AR form used abroad (February 1892)

Improper use of form #87 (for domestic AR) to Germany; domestic AR fee paid (2d) rather than international AR fee (2½d). Underpayment was caused by inscription (hidden by stamp) of the amount for domestic service. Supports current conjecture that domestic AR service began in UK ca 1891, and this newly-issued form confused the postmaster at the small Scottish office.

Postmasters No. 87.

**Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED Letter**  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

addressed to  
(1) *Franklin Wanda Luderian*  
*Indische Wilhelmstrasse 6*  
*Berlin W. Germany*

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by  
(2) *Rev. Robert Paul*  
*Free Church Manse*  
*Dollar, Scotland*

Stamp of Office of Origin.  
*Postage & Revenue*  
*DOLLAR*  
*FE 2*  
*92*

was duly delivered on the *4. 2.* 189*2*  
*M. G. Johnson*  
(Signature of Recipient.)

Stamp of Delivering Office.  
*Bestell*  
*vom*  
*Postamte 62*  
*412.92*  
*6. 7. 92*  
*Stamp of Delivering Office.*

I certify that the registered article mentioned above was duly delivered the \_\_\_\_\_ 189 \_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

Stamp of Delivering Office.

The names and full addresses of the sender and addressee should be carefully inserted by the sender, or at the issuing office, in spaces (1) and (2).

If the recipient objects to complete and sign the acknowledgment (2), then the certificate (3) must be completed and signed by the Postmaster of the delivering office.

M. & G. - 2006 - 5/91.

**AR AR**

On Her Majesty's Service.

*Delivered by*  
*M. G. Johnson*

**AR**

Stamp of Office of Origin.  
*Postage & Revenue*  
*DOLLAR*  
*FE 2*  
*92*

Stamp of Delivering Office.  
*Bestell*  
*vom*  
*Postamte 62*  
*412.92*  
*6. 7. 92*  
*Stamp of Delivering Office.*

FREE.  
M. CUNYNGHAME.

*Dollar (Scotland) to Germany, February 1892. Printed in a run of 2000, May 1891 (this very small quantity is consistent with domestic AR having been recently introduced). Properly signed and returned to office of origin.*

- AR fee paid on form using 2d stamp on interior of form
- Domestic UK AR forms were intended to be returned as folded letter sheets, but this one was returned under cover.



## Incoming AR form *mistreated* on arrival

On delivery of the registered letter, the AR form was supposed to be signed by the recipient and returned to the sender. Owing to unfamiliarity with the service and the absence of English on most early AR forms, some were neither signed nor returned. In all likelihood, they remained attached to the letter, ignored by postal clerks.

Extremely early (1876) AR form from Luxemburg to UK (AR service mandated for UK from July 1875). Likely intended for use in German-speaking countries only (unilingual German).

N<sup>o</sup>. 50.

Großherzogthum Luxemburg.

Postamt zu Luxemburg

Des Empfängers

Name.	Stand.	Wohnort.
Lincoln William		London
Dealer in Foreign and Colonial Stamps		
High Holborn 239		

Daß ich Endesunterschriebener aus dem Postamt zu London einen recommandirten Brief aus Luxemburg Stadt von Herrn C. L. richtig erhalten habe, bezeugen ich hiermit.

London den 1876

Quittirt zurücksenden mit erster Post an das Postamt zu Luxemburg Stadt



London registered handstamp on reverse.

AR form, Luxemburg to London, January 1876. *Earliest AR item to or from British Isles*. Regrettably sent to stamp dealer, hence quasiphilatelic.

- AR fee paid on form, by rouletted 25 centimes stamp
- Intended to be returned under cover; on delivery, form ignored.



# Incoming AR form, mistreated

Russia to UK (1881)

**Avis de réception à renvoyer d'un objet assuré ou recommandé.**

Подлежащее возвращению уведомление о получении страхового или заказного отправления.

Le destinataire soussigné (a) *I. Шумицкы*  
Нижеподписавшийся получатель

déclare que l'objet sub № *9* à son adresse, originaire de (b) *Б. Бурминградск*  
объявляет, что отправление подъ на его имя, поданное въ *Б. Бурминградск*  
lui a été remis aujourd'hui par le bureau de poste ci-dessous indiqué. *в Шумицкы*  
было ему выдано сего дня нижеуказанным почтовым учреждением. *г. Шумицкы*

(c) le 187 Le destinataire  
Получатель

(a) { Nom, prénom et domicile du destinataire indiqués par l'expéditeur de l'objet. *I. Шумицкы, Б. Бурминградск*  
Имя, фамилия и местожительство получателя, показываемые отправителем. *г. Шумицкы*

(c) { Timbre du bureau qui remet l'objet. Штемпель места выдачи корреспонденции. (d) Timbre du bureau d'origine de l'objet. Штемпель места отправления корреспонденции.

Sur le verso de l'avis l'expéditeur de l'objet indique son adresse détaillée.

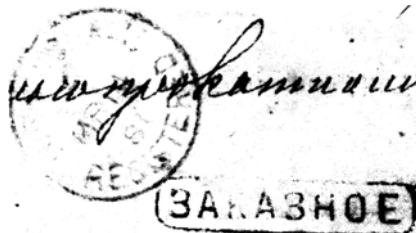
На оборотъ уведомления пишется отправителем полный и подробный его адресъ.

Bitzkaya (Russia) to Birmingham, 1881. Postmarked in UK; unsigned, ignored on delivery.

- AR fee paid on form by 7 kopek stamp
- Intended to be returned under cover.



Partial strike of (postal) wagon  
(Russian travelling post office).

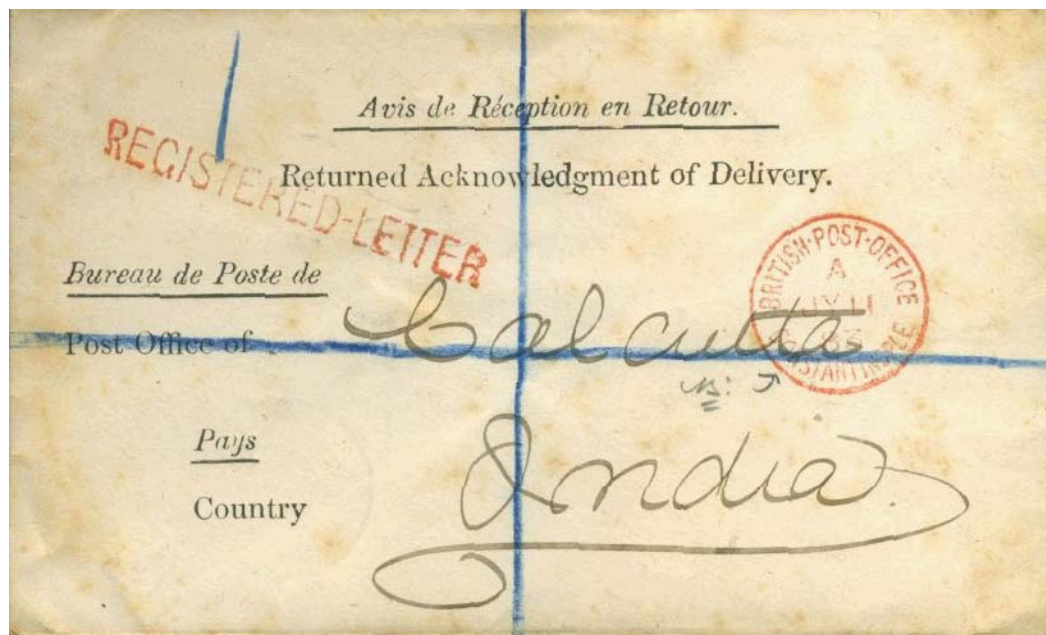


Boxed straightline means registered;  
Birmingham registered cds in blue.

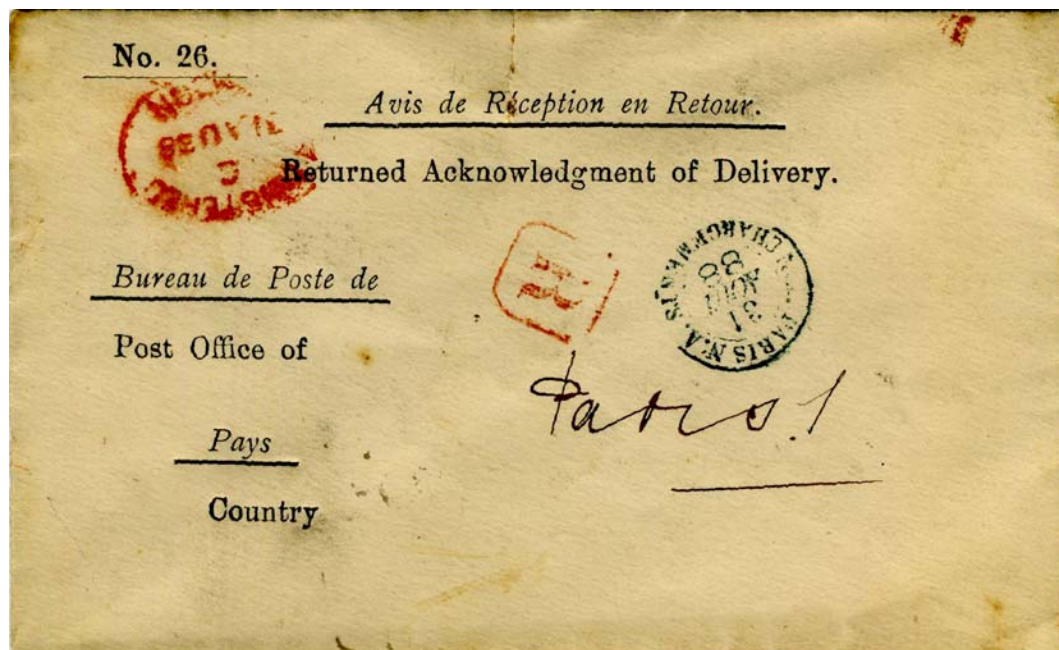


## Pre-Vienna (to 30 June 1892) covering envelopes for AR forms

For returning the AR forms of the country of origin of the registered letter. Only two pre-Vienna examples reported for UK or offices abroad.



BPO Constantinople–Calcutta, 1883. *Earliest reported AR covering envelope for British possessions, colonies, or dominions.* Likely the generic style used in UK at the time, with prolix description and no form number. *Fourth reported use of straightline REGISTERED-LETTER handstamp at BPO Constantinople.*



London–Paris, 1888. *Earliest reported UK AR covering envelope.* Only substantive difference is the (form) No. 26. at upper left; all subsequent UK AR covering envelopes were given this number.

## Pre-Vienna AR covers

No outgoing examples are known from UK in this period.



Germany to London, 1890. At top, ms Rückschein (literally, receipt back), the term in Germany for AR used since the 1830s. **Rated** 20Pfennig for each of registration & first weight UPU fees; AR fee would have been applied to AR form. [Likely the earliest known AR cover to the UK.](#)

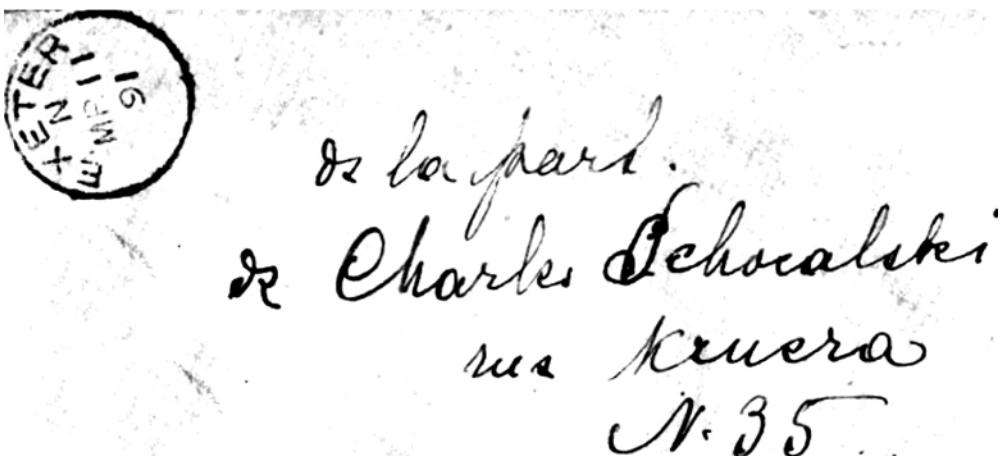






Warsaw to Exeter, sextuple rate, 1891. At lower left, ms *avec retour reseppisse*, misspelling Austrian term for AR (used from 1806) *Retour Recepisse* (no accents), French for return receipt. Rated 70 kopeks, made up of 10 kop for registration and six times (per 15 g) UPU rate of 10 kop; AR fee would have been paid on the AR form.

Nine wax seals on reverse contribute to the weight.





In the Treaty of Vienna period, 1 July 1892–31 December 1898, AR forms were prepared in the destination country, and so the AR fee had to be applied to the registered item.

Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.  
Post Office of the United Kingdom.

d'un objet recommandé adressé à } Mme Gougand  
of a Registered Article addressed to } à Tessier

poste le \_\_\_\_\_ 189 ,\*

posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1895\*

et provenant de \*)

and posted at \* *La Roche P. Mon Ven*

a été dûment livré le 189 .

was duly delivered the 19 day of June 1896.

Signature †  
du destinataire.  
of the addressee.

Signature †  
du Chef du Bureau distributeur.  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office.

A circular postmark from Jersey. The outer ring contains the text "BUREAU DISTRIBUTEUR" at the top and "STAMP RECEIVING OFFICE" at the bottom. The center of the stamp features the word "JERSEY" in a bold, serif font, with the date "FEB 11" and the year "1905" printed below it.

G. G. G. G.

\* Before delivering the Registered Article, the delivering Office must enter on the form the date on which the article was posted, and also (opposite the words "posted at") the exact designation of the Post Office of origin, as shown by the date stamp.

† Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.

† This acknowledgment must be signed by the addressee, or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination permit, by the Postmaster of the delivering Office. It should then be enclosed in an envelope, and despatched, registered, by first Mail, to the office at which the registered article was posted.

G & S I [2660] 20,000 7/93sv







Postmasters.—No. 68.

Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.

Post Office of the United Kingdom.

# AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DELIVERY

d'un objet recommandé adressé à } *Mr. Maria geb Harrison*  
of a Registered Article addressed to } *Scherwin St 51 Nottingham*



Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé à l'adresse susmentionnée, mis à la

The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered Article addressed as above,

poste le 189 , \*

posted on the 7 day of March 1898 , \*

et provenant de \*

and posted at \* } *Neustadt (Scharnwald 195)*

a été dûment livré le 189 .

was duly delivered the 9th day of March 1898.



Signature † *Bauer* Signature † *Neustadt*

du destinataire du Chef du Bureau distributeur.

of the addressee. of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office. *Germany*

† Nom et adresse de l'expéditeur } *Maria Harrison*

† Name and Address of the Sender } *Bauer, Neustadt*

\* Avant de remettre à domicile l'objet recommandé, le bureau distributeur doit inscrire à cet avis la date du dépôt à la poste, ainsi que (en face des mots "provenant de") la désignation complète du bureau d'origine, comme indiquées par le timbre du bureau d'origine.

\* Before delivering the Registered Article, the delivering Office must enter on the form the date on which the article was posted, and also (opposite the words "provenant de") the exact designation of the Post Office of origin, as shown by the date stamp.

† Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur. Autant que faire se peut, le destinataire sera prié de désigner le nom et l'adresse de l'expéditeur de l'objet recommandé. Le chef inscrira ces indications sur l'avis, qui sera envoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne. L'avis sera mis sous enveloppe par le bureau d'échange.

† This acknowledgment must be signed by the addressee, or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination permit, by the Postmaster of the delivering Office. Whenever possible, the addressee should be asked to give the name and address of the sender of the registered article. The Postmaster should inscribe these particulars on the acknowledgment, which should then be despatched, registered, by first Mail, to the office at which the registered article was posted. The acknowledgment should be enclosed in an envelope at the office of Exchange.

L & S I [5961] 20,000 1/97sv

Form prepared at Nottingham for registered letter from *Neustadt (Black Forest)*, Germany, 1898. No backstamps. Printing of 20,000, January 1897 but a different form from preceding.

• AR fee paid on registered letter

• Returned under cover.



# UK AR form with very low print run (1898)



Postmasters.—No. 68.

Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.  
Post Office of the United Kingdom.

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION**  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DELIVERY

d'un objet recommandé adressé à } Mr. *William Straub*  
of a Registered Article addressed to } *Alouge Du Dalry*

Le soussigné déclare qu'un objet recommandé à l'adresse susmentionnée, mis à la  
The undersigned acknowledges that a Registered Article addressed as above,  
poste le 189 ,\*  
posted on the *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *Decr* 1898,\*  
et provenant de\* } *A. Berle, Notar*  
and posted at\* } *Neustadt*  
a été dûment livré le 189 .  
was duly delivered the *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *Decr* 1898.  
Signature †  
du destinataire.  
of the addressee. *Mary Straub*  
Signature †  
du Chef du Bureau distributeur.  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office. *W. Alexander*

\* Avant de remettre à domicile l'objet recommandé, le bureau distributeur doit inscrire à cet avis la date du dépôt à la poste, ainsi que (en face des mots "provenant de") la désignation complète du bureau d'origine, comme indiquées par le timbre du bureau d'origine.  
\* Before delivering the Registered Article, the delivering Office must enter on the form the date on which the article was posted, and also (opposite the words "posted at") the exact designation of the Post Office of origin, as shown by the date stamp.  
† Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le permettent, par le chef du bureau distributeur, puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, sous recommandation, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de l'objet qu'il concerne.  
† This acknowledgment must be signed by the addressee, or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination permit, by the Postmaster of the delivering Office. It should then be enclosed in an envelope, and despatched, registered, by first Mail, to the Office at which the Registered Article was posted.

M & G—1000—1-93

Form prepared at Dalry for registered letter from Neustadt, 27 December 1898 (four days before the Treaty of Vienna ceased to be valid). Printing of 1,000, January 1893.

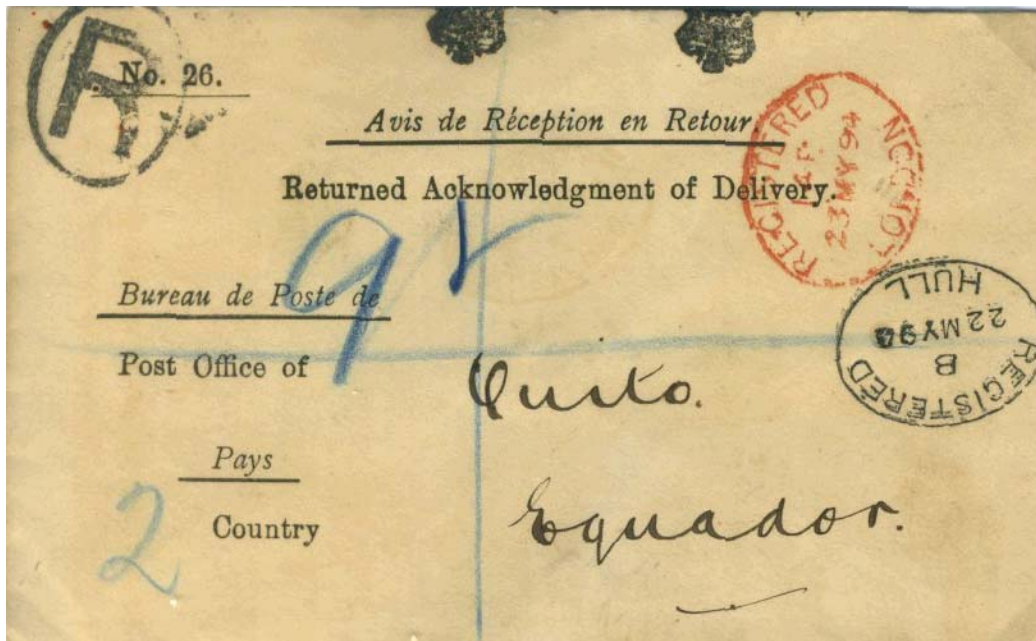
• AR fee paid on registered letter

• Returned under cover.



## Treaty of Vienna UK covering envelopes

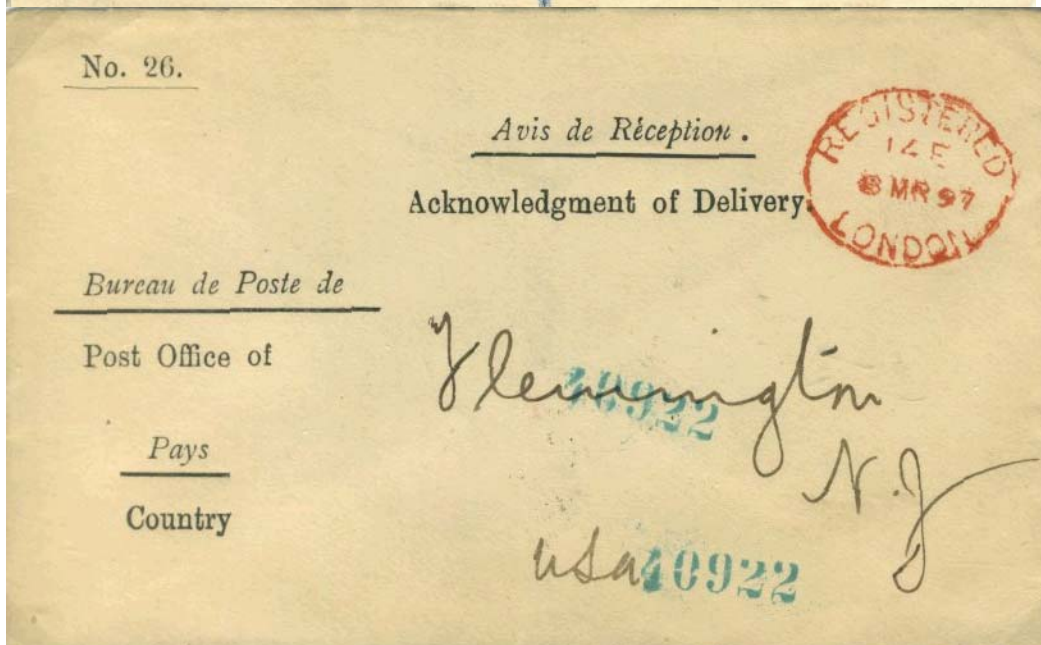
In this period, would have contained UK AR forms.



Hull (UK) to Quito (Ecuador), May 1894. Identical to 1888 example, thus a holdover from pre-Vienna period. Inexplicable partial crown cancels at top.



London–New Jersey, July 1894. Central wording simplified.



London–New Jersey, 1897. Full em-space between final *n* of *Réception* and period (all others have a hair space). Only example known of this minor variation.



## AR covers, Treaty of Vienna (1 July 1892–31 December 1898)

AR covers were now supposed to be marked AR or *avis de réception*, and forms prepared in the destination country. This required the AR fee to be paid on the covers. Perhaps ten British AR covers are known in this period.



Throgmorton Avenue EC (London) to New York, 1892. Standard oval UK AR hs (used for many decades). Rated 2d registration, and 2½d for each of AR fee and UPU rate, totalling 7d. *Earliest reported AR cover from UK.*



Double rate, to Geneva, 1894. At top, ms *registered & acknowledgment prepaid*, endorsed by sender at Maybury (Woking); large ms AR at lower left, applied by clerk. Rated 9½d, made up as above, but with double UPU rate.



## British Post Office Constantinople AR cover, Vienna period

Open 1857–1914 and 1919–1923.



British PO Constantinople to New York, returned to sender, 1896. Standard oval AR hs.

**Rated** 40Paras for each of registration, AR fee, & UPU rate (agree with those of the rest of Ottoman Empire). Overprinted British 2d stamps.

After travelling extensively (via London), this was sent to the DLO in New York, recorded there (upper left), the *Parti* etiquette applied, and returned to sender. The "correct" oval DLO datestamp was intended for use on letter bills.



## Post-Vienna (1 January 1899–), AR forms

With the changes in procedures resulting from the Treaty of Washington, jurisdictions could once more choose to pay the AR fee on the forms, as UK did. British AR forms were enlarged to foolscap size, to permit them to also be used as enquiry forms. Curiously, there seem to be far fewer forms known in this period than in the Vienna period. Wording had changed to *ADVICE OF DELIVERY* by this time.

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Postmasters—No. 68. C.

Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.  
Post Office of the United Kingdom.

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION  
ADVICE OF DELIVERY

Timbre poste de 2d. et Timbre du  
2d. Postage Stamp and Stamp of  
Office of Origin.

Timbre du Bureau Distributeur  
Stamp of Delivering Office

Biffer, suivant le cas, l'une ou l'autre de ces indications.  
Strike out whichever of these items does not apply to the case.

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de } — } enregistré ou valeur déclarée au bureau registered or insured at the Office  
of a letter insured for }  
d'un objet recommandé } ( 1 lettre ) (1)  
of a Registered Article }  
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de } — }  
of a parcel insured for }

de } — } { le } — } { sous le No. } 61, (2)  
of } — } { on the } — } { under No. }

expédié par } M. A. A. Mühlensbeth 60 Barclay Road, LONDON, (3)  
sent by } London W. E.

et adressé à } M. Anders Mühlensbeth { à } Lüttich Germany, (4)  
and addressed to } { at }

Biffer, suivant le cas, l'une ou l'autre de ces indications.  
Strike out whichever of these items does not apply to the case.

Le soussigné { qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée } à l'adresse susmentionnée  
déclare { qu'un objet recommandé }  
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée }

The undersigned acknowledges that { an insured letter } addressed as above  
{ a registered article }  
{ an insured parcel }

et provenant de } Anders Mühlensbeth  
and posted at (5) } Volontor { a été dûment }  
{ was duly }

livré le } 30 Juni 1914.  
delivered on the } Signature (6)

*Leytonstone (London)—Stettin*, June 1914. Foolscap folded under (showing two-thirds).

- AR fee paid by 2½d stamp
- Returned under cover to office of origin.



UK regarded the two services as equivalent. AR form sent out *after* the registered letter had been mailed, with postmasters en route filling in dates. Possible internationally from 1899. *Only known international UK after the fact form.*

Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.  
Post Office of the United Kingdom.

2½d. Postage  
Stamp.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DELIVERY

enregistré ou  
valeur déclarée  
au bureau  
registered or  
insured at the  
Office

{à } 76 mohawks St Cohoes, (3) NY  
{at }

Form is much larger than shown (folded under). Reverse shows route, postmarked at Newry and Dublin.

*addressed as above*

{ a été dûment  
{ was duly

Belfast Banks, Newry  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 1906.  
Signature (5)

du Chef du bureau distributeur :  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office :

John H. Soder  
 2nd Lt Roy Postma etc  
 (W. J. Or)

[ Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.).



Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.

Post Office of the United Kingdom.

## AVIS DE RÉCEPTION

## ADVICE OF DELIVERY



Biffer, suivant le cas, l'une ou l'autre de ces indications.

Strike out whichever of these items does not apply to the case.

~~d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de~~  
~~of a letter insured for~~  
d'un objet recommandé }  
of a Registered Article } (1)  
~~d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de~~  
~~of a parcel insured for~~

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enregistré ou valeur déclarée au bureau  
registered or insured at the Office

SW. 35

de } Victoria Station { le } 2-9-16 { sous le No. } 154 (2)  
of } { on the } { under No. }

expédié par } M<sup>r</sup> J. Cousin, c/o L. Jodot Esq, 4 Bishopsgate, London. E. C.  
sent by }

et adressé à } M<sup>r</sup> J. De Bueger { à } 14. Lange Voorhout (4)  
and addressed to } { at } La Haye. Holland

Biffer, suivant le cas, l'une ou l'autre de ces indications.

Strike out whichever of these items does not apply to the case.

Le soussigné { qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée }  
déclare { qu'un objet recommandé } à l'adresse susmentionnée  
{ qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée }

The undersigned acknowledge that { an insured letter }  
{ a registered article } addressed as above  
{ an insured parcel }

et provenant de } London, ~~Victoria~~ Victoria Station Post Office  
and posted at (5) }



livré le } 1916  
delivered on the } { a été dûment }  
Signature (6) { was duly }

du destinataire:  
of the addressee:

de l'agent du bureau distributeur:  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office:

Victoria Station (London) to the Hague, 1916. Three quarters of form shown.

1. { Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.).  
Nature of article (letter, sample, printed paper, etc.).
2. { Bureau d'origine; date de dépôt à ce bureau;  
No. d'enregistrement au même bureau.  
Office of origin; date of posting at this office;  
No. of registration at the same office.
3. { Le nom et l'adresse complète de l'expéditeur.  
Full name and full address of sender.
4. { Le nom et l'adresse complète du destinataire.  
Full name and full address of addressee.
5. { Bureau d'origine.  
Office of origin.

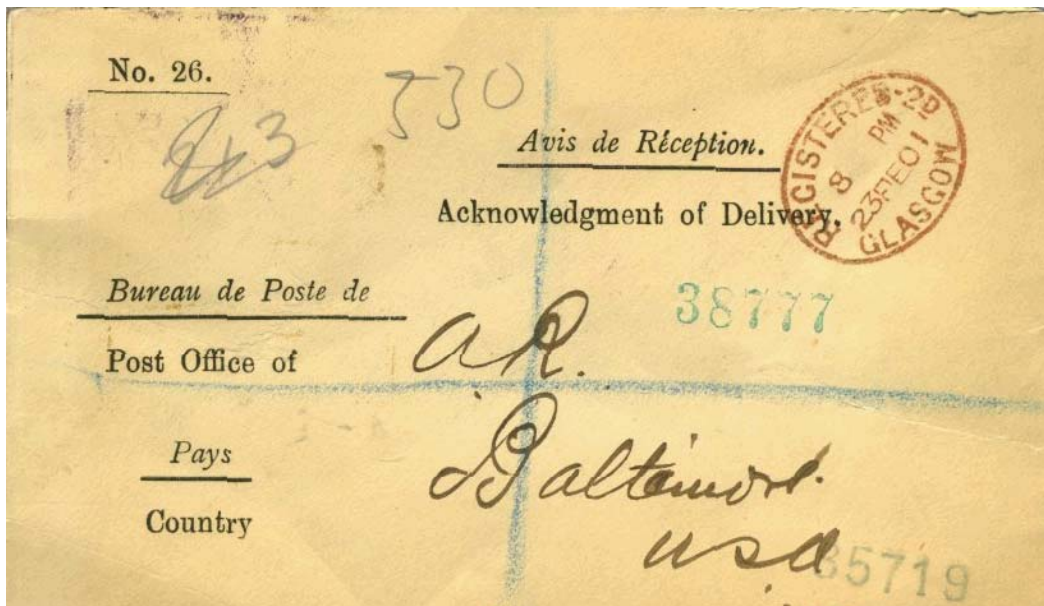
A remplir au bureau d'origine.  
To be filled up at the Office of origin.

NOTA.—Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire, ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau distributeur puis être mis sous enveloppe et envoyé, par le premier courrier, au bureau d'origine de



## Covering envelopes, post-Vienna (from 1 January 1899)

For returning AR forms of the country of origin. Were returned as registered matter until early 1908.



Glasgow to Baltimore, February 1901. Slightly less wide than other UK covering envelopes of the period.



Huddersfield to Cherry Town, December 1901. Address corrected at NY DLO. Slightly less wide than other UK covering envelopes of the period.



Mourning covering envelope, Norwood (London)–Virginia, June 1902. For Victoria's death (early 1901); three examples reported. British official has added the state, Va.



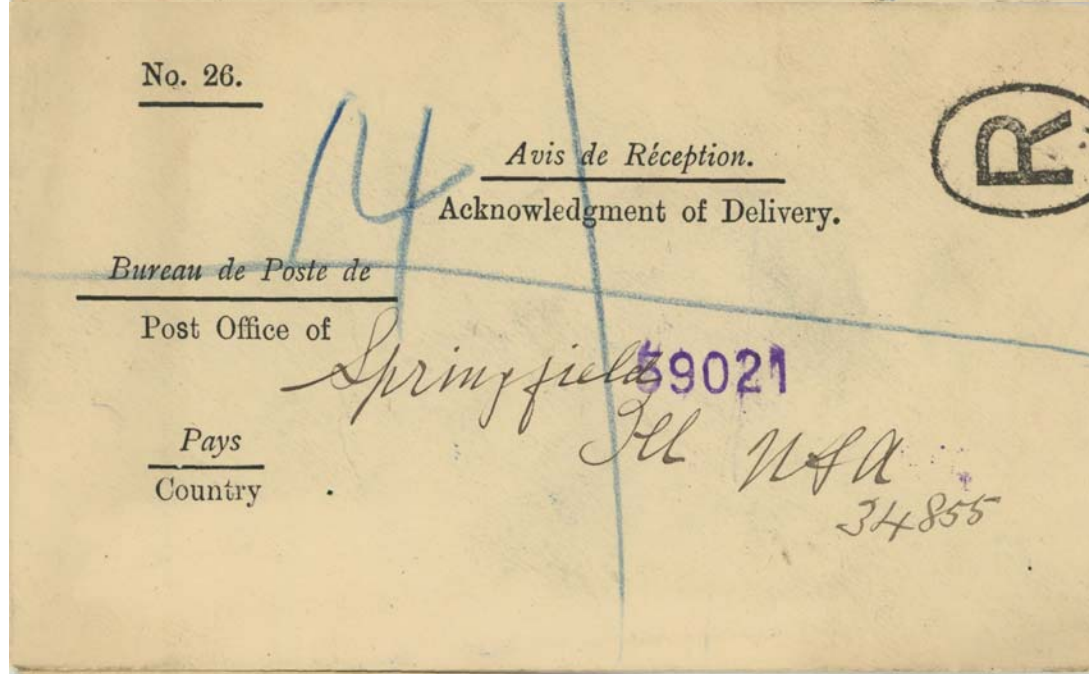
## Post-Vienna covering envelopes



London to Paris, 1903. With blue ms *Réclam* (réclamation) suggesting an inquiry.



London to Munich, 1904.



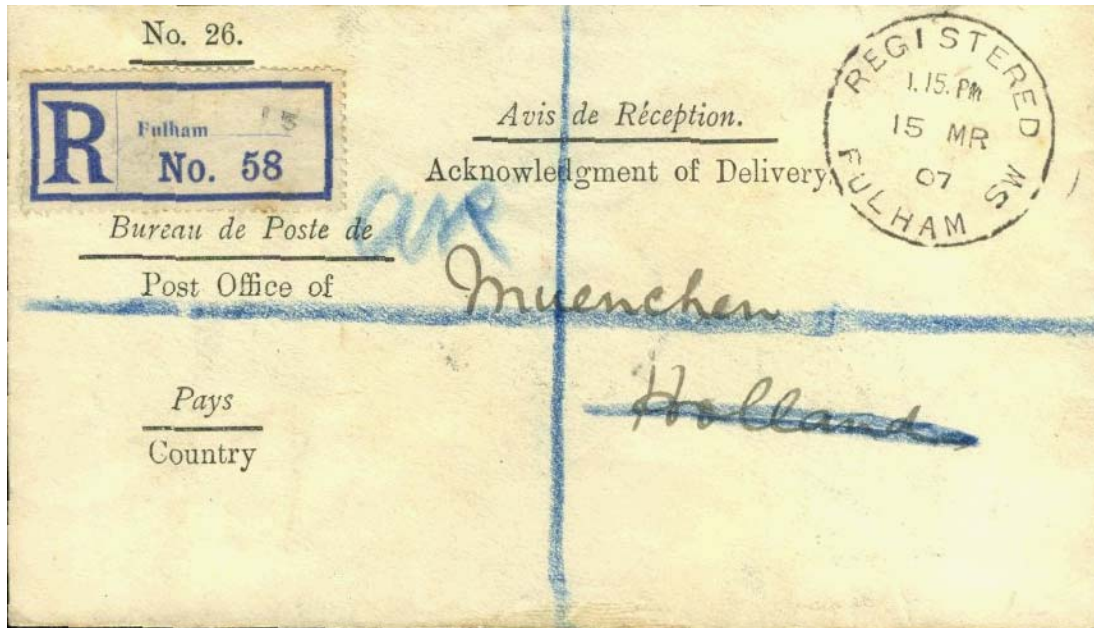
London to Springfield, 1905.



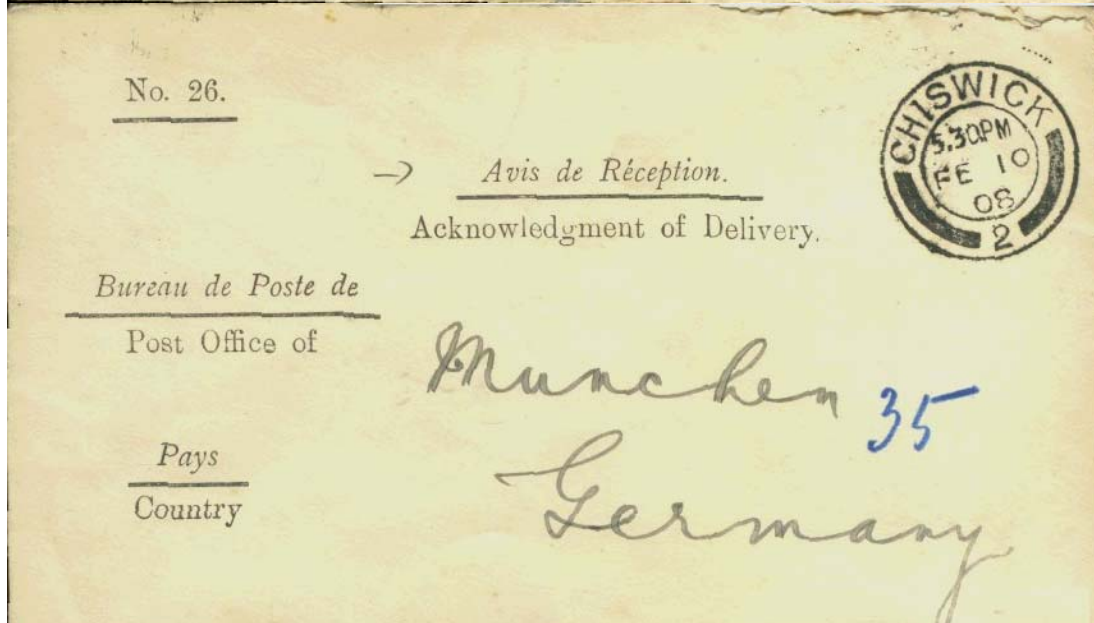
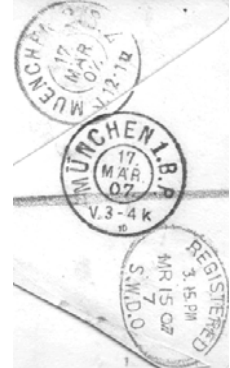


## Returned as non-registered matter (UK)

For the UK, covering envelopes were sent registered until early 1908. The top two bracket the change; slightly later in the year, wording changed to *advice of delivery*.



*Registered, Fulham to Munich, 1907. Addressed to Holland but arrived at the correct Munich! Fulham registered skeleton.*



*Unregistered, Chiswick to Munich, February 1908. Ms 35 refers to Munich office number.*

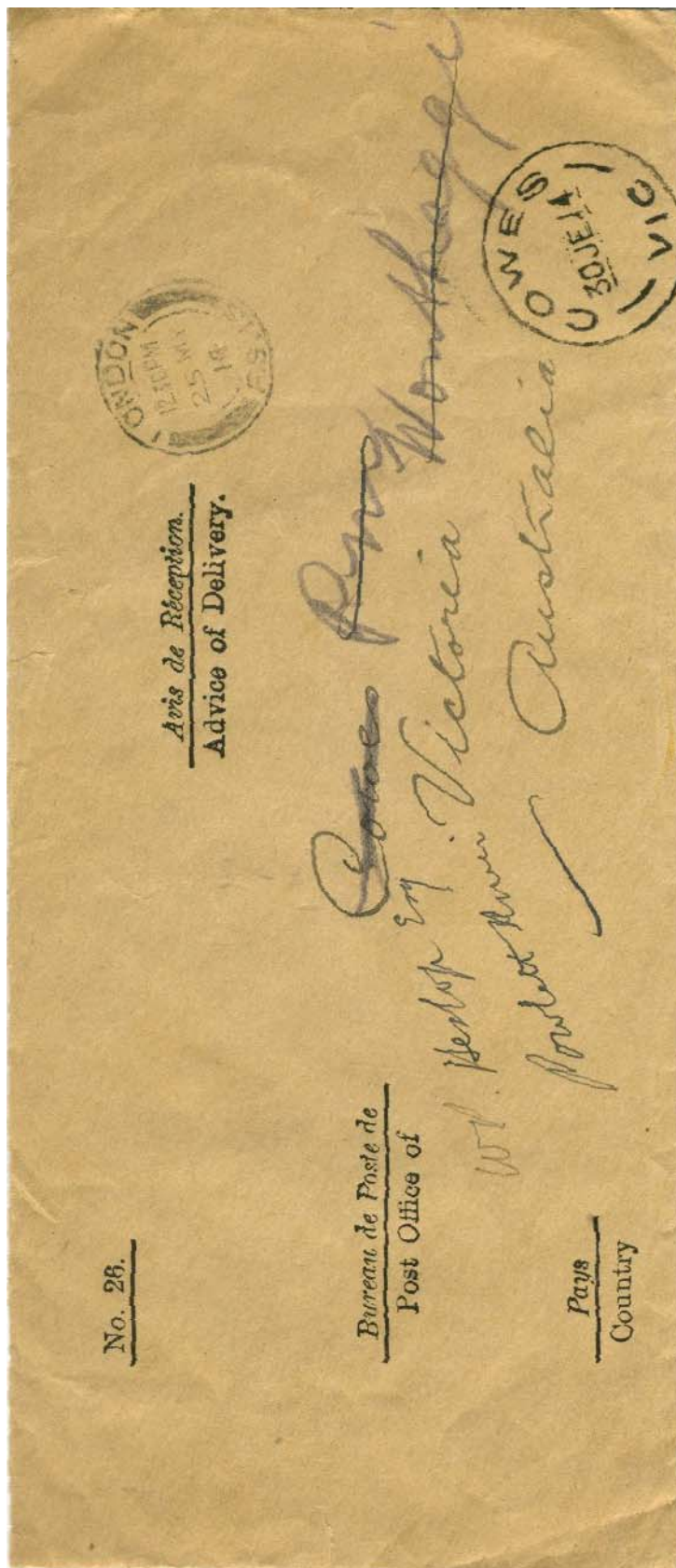


*Change of wording, London-Munich, May 1908. Now Advice of Delivery.*

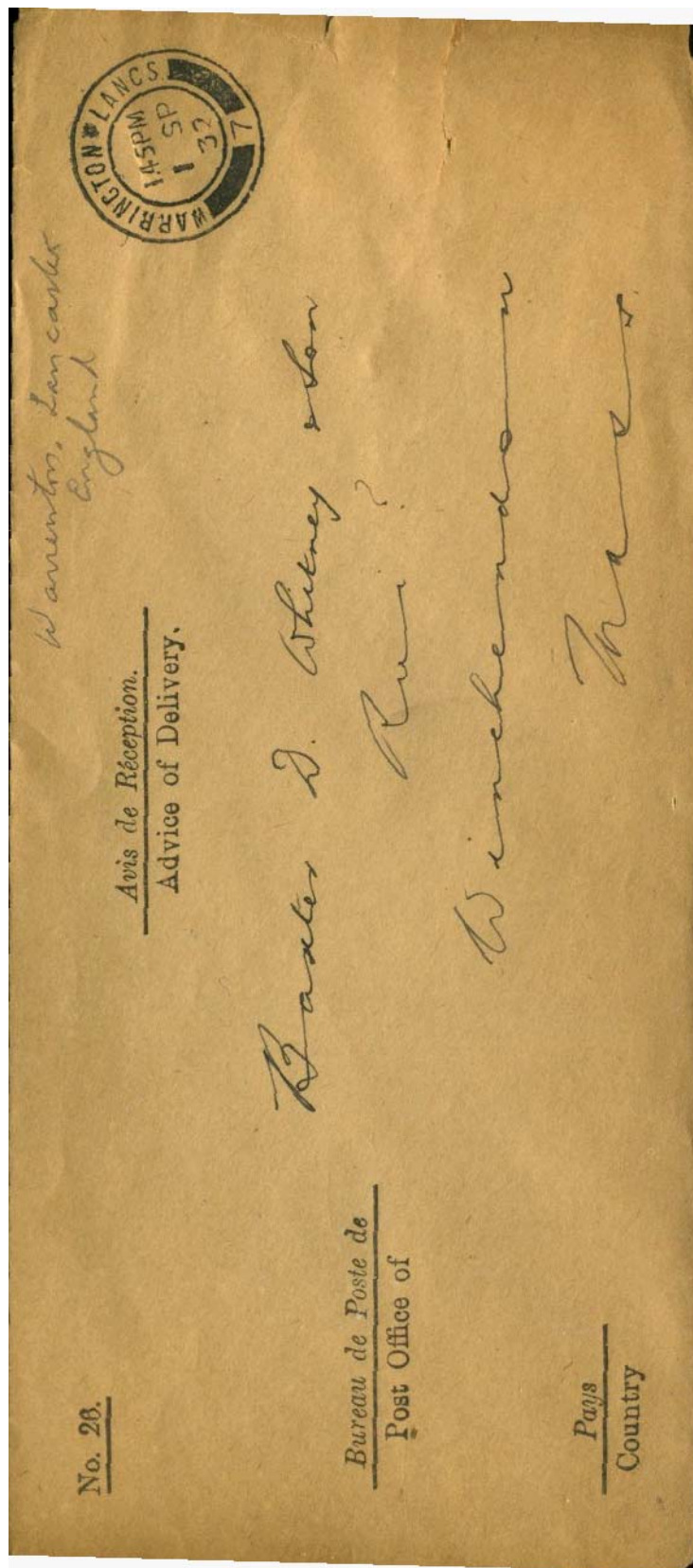


## Change of format for UK covering envelopes

In the 1910s, a long envelope of poor quality paper was introduced, and evidently used for a long time.



London to Victoria (Aus) 1914. To Wontaggi, via Cowes.

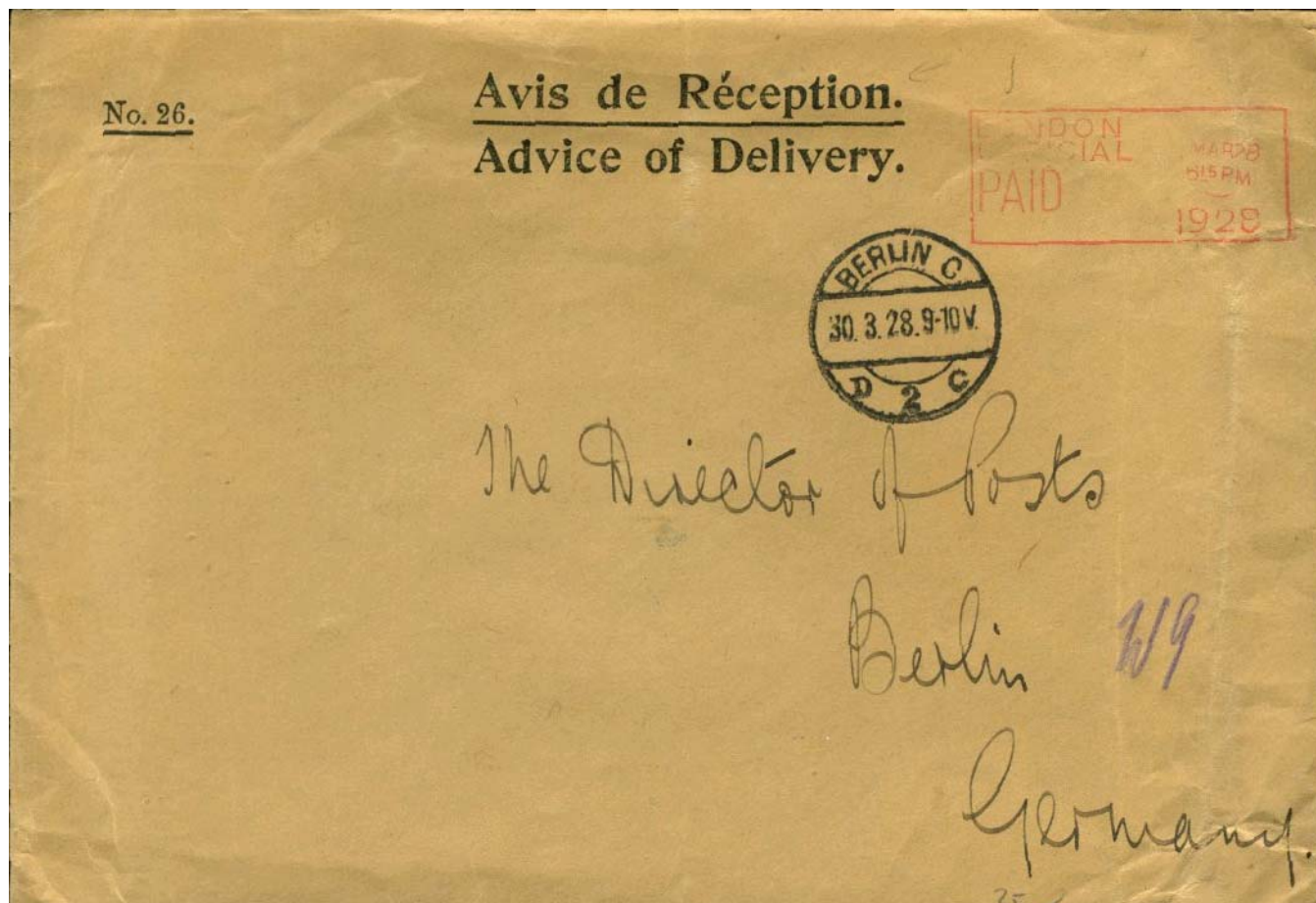


Lancashire to Massachusetts, 1932. Extremely late; the US adopted AR cards (requiring no covering envelope) in 1923, but some small offices continued to use forms in the 1930s. With wording shifted to the left, examples are known in the 1920s.

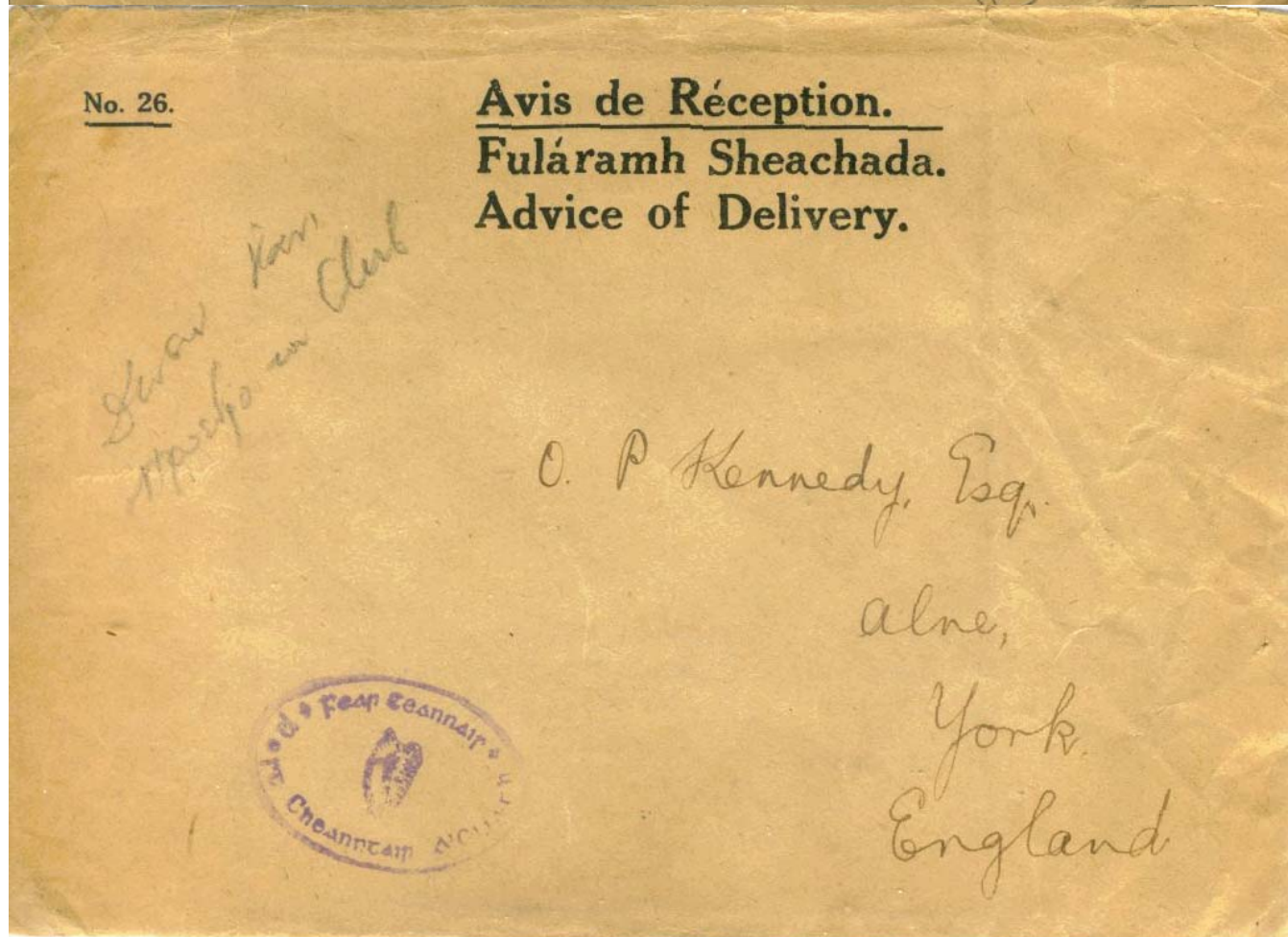
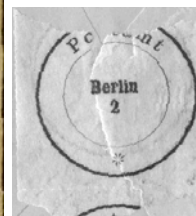


## More British Isles covering envelopes

This larger size was introduced in the UK in the 1920s, and an Irish version (after independence) also appeared. By this time, both destinations were using cards, so these covers are somewhat mysterious.



London–Berlin,  
1928. Berlin  
official seal  
(rev). Lon-  
don offi-  
cial meter.

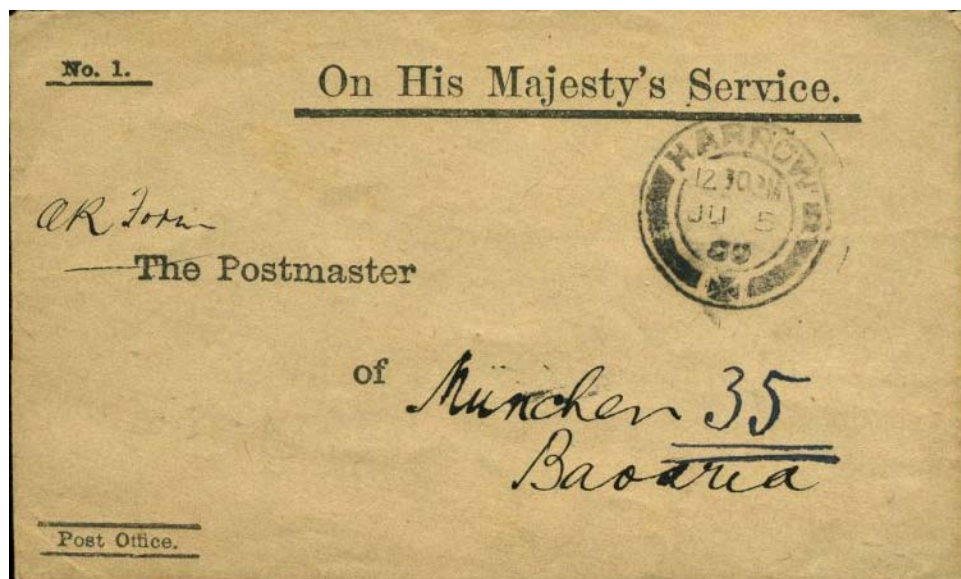


Ireland to  
England, post-  
1925. Hs:  
Dublin postal  
super-  
intendent.



## Provisional AR covering envelopes

When postmasters did not have any government-issued AR covering envelopes, they made up their own, either on official stationery intended for other uses, or on a random envelope. Here are two prepared on **Form No. 1**. (covering envelopes were form number 26).



Official form No. 1, Harrow to Munich, 1909. Ms [AR form](#).



Different form No. 1, Forfar (Scotland) to New Jersey, 1916. Ms [Return receipt](#) (the US formula).

## Provisional AR covering envelopes

And here are two prepared on **Form No. 2**.



Form No. 2, West Bromwich to Springfield, 1903. Hs **AR**.



Official form No. 2, Folkestone to Munich, 1909. Ms *avis de reception*.



## AR cards

UK began using AR cards for international AR (but not domestic) late 1921. They are surprisingly difficult to find. Those printed before 1930 were on poor quality card stock, and have browned considerably. They were probably originally yellow (as Canada's were).

Administration des Postes de la Grande Bretagne.  
Post Office of Great Britain.

**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION.**  
**ADVICE OF DELIVERY.**

d'une lettre avec valeur déclarée de .....  
of a letter insured for .....  
d'un objet recommandé .....  
of a Registered Article .....  
d'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée de .....  
of a parcel insured for .....  
le .....  
on the .....  
sous le No. .....  
under No. ....

Le soussigné déclare qu'une lettre avec valeur déclarée  
qu'un objet recommandé  
qu'un colis postal avec valeur déclarée  
à l'adresse susmentionnée

The undersigned acknowledges that  
(an insured letter  
a registered article  
an insured parcel)  
addressed as above

et provenant de .....  
and posted at .....  
livré le .....  
delivered on the .....  
a été dûment  
was duly .....  
19 ..

Signature (3) .....  
du destinataire  
of the addressee .....  
de l'agent du bureau distributeur  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office: .....

1. Nature de l'objet (lettre, échantillon, imprimé, etc.).  
(Nature of article letter, sample, printed paper, etc.).  
2. Bureau d'origine, date de dépôt à ce Bureau;  
no d'enregistrement au même Bureau.  
Office of origin, date of posting at this  
office; No. of registration at the same office.

3. Nota.—Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du Bureau distributeur, et renvoyé ensuite par le premier courrier directement à l'adresse indiquée au recto.  
Note.—This advice must be signed by the addressee, or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, then sent by the first Mail to the address shown on the other side.

Returned from Paris to London, 1928. Properly signed. Payment of 3 d by stamp.

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES  
POST OFFICE  
de la GRANDE BRETAGNE 1)  
of GREAT BRITAIN

Envoi recommandé (Letter) 2)  
Registered article  
Lettre—Boîte—Colis  
Letter—Box—Parcel  
avec valeur déclarée de .....  
insured for .....  
enregistré au bureau de poste de .....  
registered at the office of .....  
le 2 March 1931 sous le No. 12  
on under No. 12  
expédié par M. Arthur  
sent by  
et adressé à M. W. MAUCH  
and addressed to 2 Place du Maroc,  
à Paris.

1) Le recto est à remplir par l'Office d'origine.  
This half is to be filled in by the Office of origin.  
2) Nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé, etc.).  
Nature of article (letter, printed paper, etc.).  
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**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION**  
**ADVICE OF DELIVERY**

Timbre du bureau expéditeur  
de l'avis  
Stamp of office of origin.

The undersigned states that the article mentioned overleaf  
a été dûment livré le 1/3/1931  
was duly delivered on

Signature 1) .....  
du destinataire  
of the addressee .....  
de l'agent du bureau destinataire  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office: .....

1) A remplir  
To be filled

1) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.  
This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, and then sent by first Mail to the sender.  
1922 634/D1567 35,000 5/29 K & H, Ltd 165. 98

Returned from Paris to Shepherd's Bush (London), 1931.  
Printed in 1925.



## AR cards

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES  
POST OFFICE  
de la GRANDE BRETAGNE <sup>1)</sup>  
of GREAT BRITAIN

Envoi recommandé (.....) *Feb 4 1933*  
Registered article  
Lettre—Boîte—Colis *sixty pounds*  
Letter—Box—Parcel *£ 60.*  
avec valeur déclarée de *£ 60.*  
insured for  
enregistré au bureau de poste de.....  
registered at the office of  
*Stoke Poges Lane, Slough*  
*England*

le..... le No.  
on..... under No.  
expédié par M. *Bureau T.C.*  
sent by  
et adressé à M. *S. Kuthari*  
and addressed to  
à *Calcutta*  
al *India*

1) Le recto est à remplir par l'Office d'origine.  
This half is to be filled in by the Office of origin.  
2) Nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé, etc.).  
Nature of article (letter, printed paper, etc.).  
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DE RÉCEPTION  
OFFICE OF DELIVERY  
Timbre du bureau expéditeur  
de l'avis  
Stamp of office of origin.

*BEADON*  
*1 MAR 33*  
*7 45 A.M.*  
*3*  
*THREE PENCE*  
*STOKE POGES LANE, SLOUGH, BUCKS.*  
*4*  
*FE*  
*33*  
*BUCKS.*

1) A *S. Kuthari*  
To  
*26 A. Madan Mitra Lane*  
*P.O. Beadon St.*  
*Calcutta*  
*India*

SERVICE  
DES POSTES  
(Lieu de destination)  
(Place of destination)  
(Pays de destination)  
(Country of destination)

1) A remplir par l'expéditeur.  
To be filled in by sender.

Returned from Calcutta to Stoke Poges Lane, Slough, Buckshire, 1933. Payment of 3d by stamp. For a registered letter with indemnity up to £60 (this affected the registration fee, but not the AR fee).

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné d'autre part  
The undersigned states that the article mentioned overleaf

a été dûment livré le *24. Nov. 1933*  
was duly delivered on

Timbre du bureau destinataire  
Stamp of Delivering Office.

Signature <sup>1)</sup>  
du destinataire :  
of the addressee :

de l'agent du bureau destinataire :  
of the Postmaster of the Delivering Office

*YOKOHAMA*  
*24.11.33*  
*YOKOHAMA*  
*TER LUCUS YAKUHIN*  
*P.O. Box 107*  
*Kobe*  
*Yokohama*  
*SUTTON*  
*BIRMINGHAM*  
*3*  
*THREE PENCE*

1) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.  
This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the Postmaster of the Delivering Office, and then sent by first Mail to the sender.  
D9622 634/D1567 35,000 5/29 K. & H., Ltd. 165A 98

Returned from Kobe (Japan) to Sutton, Coldfield, Birmingham, 1933. For some reason, the stamp was applied on reverse of the card. Printed in 1929.



## AR cards

Pink cards were introduced in the early 1930s.

<p>Administration des Postes de la GRANDE BRETAGNE. Postal Administration of GREAT BRITAIN.</p> <p>(A remplir par le bureau d'origine) (To be filled in by the office of origin)</p> <p>Envoi recommandé } (<i>LETTER</i>)<sup>1)2)</sup> Registered article } £25.-</p> <p>Lettre } Letter } Boîte } avec valeur déclarée de <i>£5</i> 2) Box } insured for Colis } Parcel }</p> <p>déposé au bureau de poste de } posted at the office of } <b>GRESHAM HOUSE POST OFFICE</b> le } <i>22 MAR 1939</i> sous le N° } <i>1963</i> on } under No. } expédié par M } <b>M. SAMUEL &amp; CO LTD.</b> sent by M } <i>Wulf Brainin, Krustpils,</i> et adressé à M } <i>Rigas iela 129,</i> à } <b>LATVIA.</b> at }</p> <p><sup>1)</sup> Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi Indicate in parenthesis the nature of the article (lettre, imprimé, etc.) (letter, printed paper, etc.)</p> <p><sup>2)</sup> Biffer les indications inutiles. Strike out indications not required.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Am. 219/</i> <b>5530506.</b></p>	<p>Timbre du bureau renvoyant l'avis Stamp of office forwarding the advice</p> <p><b>AVIS DE RÉCEPTION</b> <b>ADVICE OF DELIVERY</b></p> <p>(A remplir par l'expéditeur) (To be filled in by the sender with the address to which the form should be returned on completion)</p> <p><b>A M. SAMUEL &amp; CO. LIMITED</b> To</p> <p>Rue et Numéro } Street and Number } <b>55, BISHOPS CATE E 2</b></p> <p>Lieu de destination } <b>LONDON</b> (en gros caractères) Place of destination (in block letters)</p> <p><b>ENGLAND</b></p> <p>Service } (Pays de destination) des postes } (Country of destination) Postal service.</p>
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Returned from Krustpils (Latvia) to London, 1939. For a registered letter with indemnity up to £5. The marking on the stamp is mysterious.

<p>Administration des Postes de la GRANDE BRETAGNE. Postal Administration of GREAT BRITAIN.</p> <p>(A remplir par le bureau d'origine) (To be filled in by the office of origin)</p> <p>Envoi recommandé } (<i>one letter</i>)<sup>1)2)</sup> Registered article } Lettre } Letter } Boîte } avec valeur déclarée de ..... 2) Box } insured for Colis } Parcel }</p> <p>déposé au bureau de poste de } <i>Epsom</i> posted at the office of }</p> <p>le } <i>29/2/1940</i> sous le N° } <i>8476</i> on } under No. } expédié par M } <b>FREEDMAN, SLATER</b> sent by M } <i>HILL,</i> et adressé à M } <i>8 BRIDGE STREET</i> and addressed to M } <i>TADWORTH</i> à } <b>NEW YORK U.S.A.</b> at }</p> <p><sup>1)</sup> Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi Indicate in parenthesis the nature of the article (lettre, imprimé, etc.) (letter, printed paper, etc.)</p> <p><sup>2)</sup> Biffer les indications inutiles. Strike out indications not required.</p>	<p>Timbre du bureau renvoyant l'avis Stamp of office forwarding the advice</p> <p><b>AVIS DE RÉCEPTION</b> <b>ADVICE OF DELIVERY</b></p> <p>(A remplir par l'expéditeur) (To be filled in by the sender with the address to which the form should be returned on completion)</p> <p><b>A MISS GISELA JEQUES</b> To</p> <p>Rue et Numéro } <b>WALTON ON THE</b> Street and Number } <b>HILL,</b></p> <p>Lieu de destination } <b>TADWORTH</b> (en gros caractères) Place of destination (in block letters) <b>SURREY, ENGL.</b></p> <p>Service } (Pays de destination) des postes } (Country of destination) Postal service.</p>
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Returned from New York to Tadworth, 1940. For some reason, the stamp was applied on reverse of the card. Printed in 1929.



## Duplicate AR card

If an AR card (or form) were lost, damaged, or simply not returned, either an office of the country of origin or of destination could prepare a *duplicate (replacement)* card or form. Very few examples (worldwide) have been reported. This AR card was returned from Tuva (full name: *Tuvan Herdsman's Republic*), with a letter from the London Post Office.

**DUPLICATE**  
Administration des Postes de la GRANDE BRETAGNE.  
Postal Administration of GREAT BRITAIN.

(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)  
(To be filled in by the office of origin)

Envoi recommandé } (*Letter*)<sup>1)</sup>  
Registered Article  
Lettre—Boîte—Colis  
Letter—Box—Parcel  
avec valeur déclarée de }  
insured for  
enregistré au bureau de poste de } *FALKIRK*  
registered at the office of

le } *2.11.38* sous le N° } *7784*  
on } under No. }  
expédié par M } *D. HUTCHISON*  
sent by M R }  
et adressé à M. } *THE POSTMASTER*  
and addressed to }  
à } *G.P.O. TURAN, TUVU*  
at } *REPUBLIC N. MONGOLIA*

<sup>1)</sup> Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi.  
Indicate in parenthesis the nature of the article  
(lettre, imprimé, etc.)  
(letter, printed paper, etc.)

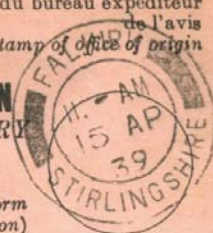

Timbre du bureau expéditeur de l'avis  
Stamp of office of origin  
*L.P.R. 22191/39*  
**AVIS DE RÉCEPTION**  
**ADVICE OF DELIVERY**  
(A remplir par l'expéditeur)  
(To be filled in by the sender  
with the address to which the form  
should be returned on completion)

A *MR D. HUTCHISON*  
To *C/O LEISHMAN*

Rue et Numéro  
Street and Number  
*L AURIESTON TERR.*

Lieu de destination  
Place of destination  
*FALKIRK*  
*SCOTLAND*

Service des postes (Pays de destination)  
Postal service (Country of destination)

TAR Kyzyl Post Telegraph Kontora, applied at Kizil en route; a Kontora is a larger post office. Likely where the translations were applied.

Duplicate UK card returned from Turan (Tuva), 1939. Original registered letter mailed 2 November 1938; card prepared 15 April 1939 at Falkirk (Stirlingshire), addressed to the postmaster in Turan (40 km northwest of the capital, Kizil). Properly signed; returned to the LPR by 15 June (undated signature). Card printed in 1934.

No AR fee required as this was a duplicate—payment had been made on the original AR card.

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné d'autre part  
The undersigned states that the article mentioned overleaf

*Brems badaru*  
*Kyeyr algon*  
a été dûment livré le *15.06.39*  
was duly delivered on

Signature <sup>1)</sup>  
du destinataire: de l'agent du bureau des  
of the addressee: of the official of the office of des

*Notus speeg* *Notus*

Stamp of Delivering Office.

<sup>1)</sup> Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.  
This advice must be signed by the addressee or, if the postal regulations of the country of destination so provide, by the official of the delivering office, and then sent by first mail directly to the sender.

P.68 H. (554) Wt 16726-2261 4000(A1) 4/34 M & G Ld G 40

HEADquarters 2206.  
Tel.: ~~11A~~ From 1-6324  
Extension  
Your Reference  
P.O. Reference L.P.R. 22191/39.

DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
LONDON POSTAL REGION,  
KING EDWARD STREET,  
LONDON, E.C.1.

15 June, 1939.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application of the 8th April 1939, concerning a registered letter, No.7784 addressed to The Postmaster, G.P.O. Turan, N. Mongolia, I have now heard that the registered letter in question was duly received, and I enclose herewith a completed advice of delivery form in respect of the registered letter, for your information

Yours faithfully,  
*Immad*  
Divisional Controller.



## AR cards

Administration des Postes de la GRANDE BRETAGNE.  
Postal Administration of GREAT BRITAIN.

(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)  
(To be filled in by the office of origin)

Envoi recommandé } (...LETTER...)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>  
Registered article }  
Lettre }  
Boîte } avec valeur déclarée de.....<sup>(2)</sup>  
Box } insured for  
Colis }  
Parcel }

déposé au bureau de poste de }  
posted at the office of }  
le } 20.8.1952 sous le N° 37/5969  
on } under No. }

expédié par M<sup>r</sup> S. S. A CHECCUCCI.  
sent by M  
et adressé à M  
and addressed to M  
à Brighton & Hove  
at Brighton & Hove  
Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi  
(letter, printed paper, etc.)  
(letter, printed paper, etc.)  
2) Biffer les indications inutiles.  
Strike out indications not required.

Timbre du bureau renvoyant l'avis  
Stamp of office forwarding

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION  
ADVICE OF DELIVERY  
(A remplir par l'expéditeur)  
(To be filled in by the sender  
with the address to which the form  
should be returned on completion)

A M<sup>rs</sup> S. A CHECCUCCI  
To

Rue et Numéro 13 St Helens Rd  
Street and Number

Lieu de destination HASTINGS  
Place of destination

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné d'autre part  
The undersigned states that the article mentioned overleaf

été dûment livré le 4 Oct 1952  
was duly delivered on

Signature de l'agent du bureau destinataire  
(Signature of the official of the office of destination)

Returned from Adelaide (Australia) to Hastings, 1952. The registered letter was returned to sender (lower left, in red), so the card is unsigned. Card printed in 1950.

Administration des Postes de la GRANDE BRETAGNE  
Postal Administration of GREAT BRITAIN  
SERVICE DES POSTES  
ON POSTAL SERVICE

Timbre du bureau renvoyant l'avis  
Stamp of office returning the advice

AVIS DE (1) RÉCEPTION  
ADVICE OF (1) DELIVERY  
PAYEMENT PAYMENT

M(2) Z. REICHMAN  
PHARMACIST & CHEMIST

(Rue et numéro)  
(Street and number)  
à 156, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7.  
to (Lieu de destination, en gros caractères)  
(Place of destination in block letters)

EN 23 JUN 1956 le N° 3477  
(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)  
(To be filled in by the office of origin)

(2) Envoi recommandé (1) Small packet  
Registered item  
(Lettre/Letter) avec valeur  
(Boîte/Box) déclarée de  
(Colis/Parcel) insured for  
(2) Mandat de poste de  
Postal money order for  
déposé au bureau de poste d  
posted at the office of

Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi mentionné ci-contre a été dûment  
The undersigned declares that the money order mentioned overleaf has been duly  
livré payé  
on the 1956 11 19

Signature de l'agent du bureau destinataire  
(Signature of the official of the office of destination)

et adressé à M. CSIZMADI J.  
and addressed to M. CSIZMADI J.  
à TAHITOTFALU HUNGARY


(1) Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi (lettre, imprimé, etc.)  
(Indicate in the brackets the nature of the item (letter, printed paper, etc.)  
(2) Biffer les indications inutiles.  
(Strike out the entries which do not apply.)  
(3) Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou par une personne y autorisée en vertu des règlements du Pays de destination, ou, si ces règlements le comportent, par l'agent du bureau destinataire et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.  
(This advice should be signed by the addressee or by a person authorised to do so under the regulations of the Country of destination, or, if those regulations permit, by the official of the office of destination, and returned by the first mail direct to the sender.)

Wt. 1.6429/42532. M.758081. 2/56. 60M. Pps. Ltd. 680.

Returned from Hungary to London, 1956. Printed in February 1956.




The AR fee was once again paid on the forms (later, cards), not on the cover.


 Inland Registration.

Subject to the Conditions published in the Post Office Guide as to Registration, compensation for loss or damage is given in respect of Inland Registered Packets of all kinds according to the following table:—

Fee.	Guaranteed Compensation.
2d.	£5.
3d.	£10.



*Perth (Scotland) to Buffalo*, 18 February 1899. Registration 2 d (paid by embossed stamp) and either double 2½ UPU rate to the US, or single rate plus AR fee mistakenly paid on cover. This was early enough after the change that the latter is a possibility.



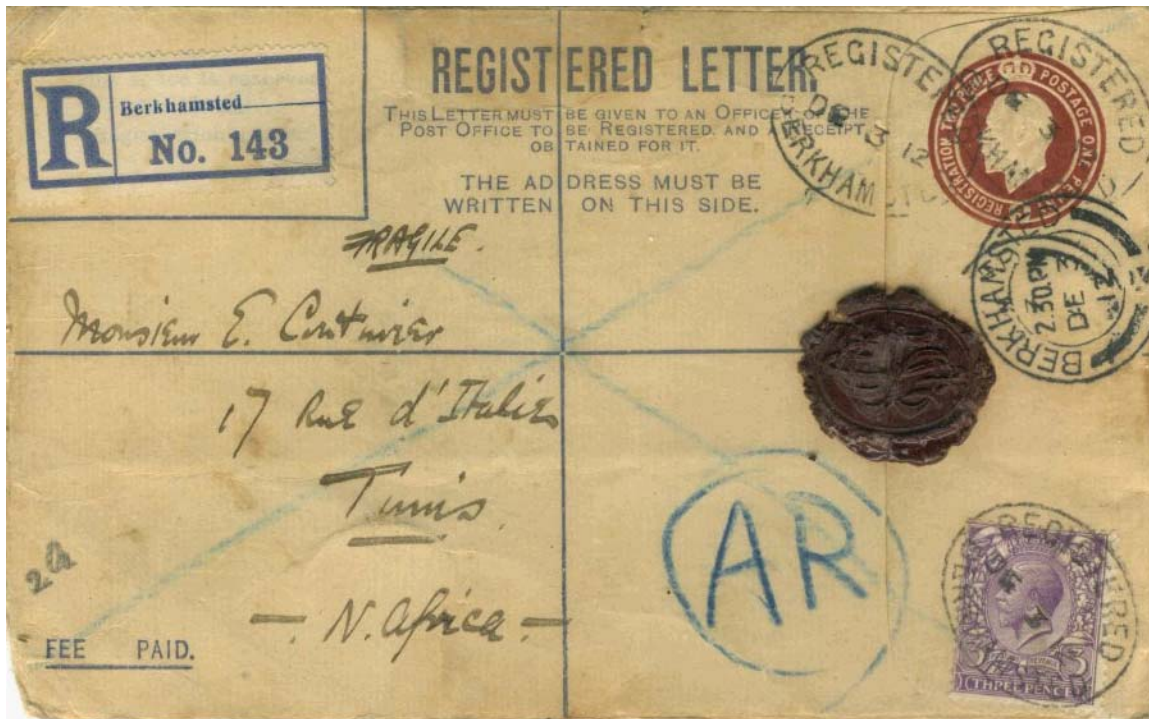
AR, VD (*valeur déclarée*), & *late fee*. Eastern District Office (London) to Paris, 1906. **Rated** 5d reg'n with indemnity (up to £12) [normal registration fee was 2d], 2d late fee, and 2½d UPU rate, totalling 9½d. Ms *Late fee paid* (upper right) and *Insured for twelve pounds* £12.0.0. **Very** unusual combination of services.

French *CHARGÉ* marking is an old handstamp equivalent to *registered*. Red wax seals (typical of UK VD covers) have been removed.



## AR covers, post-Vienna

Both with blue ms **AR** marks, rather than the hammer; presumably, smaller offices were not equipped with handstamps for this obscure service.



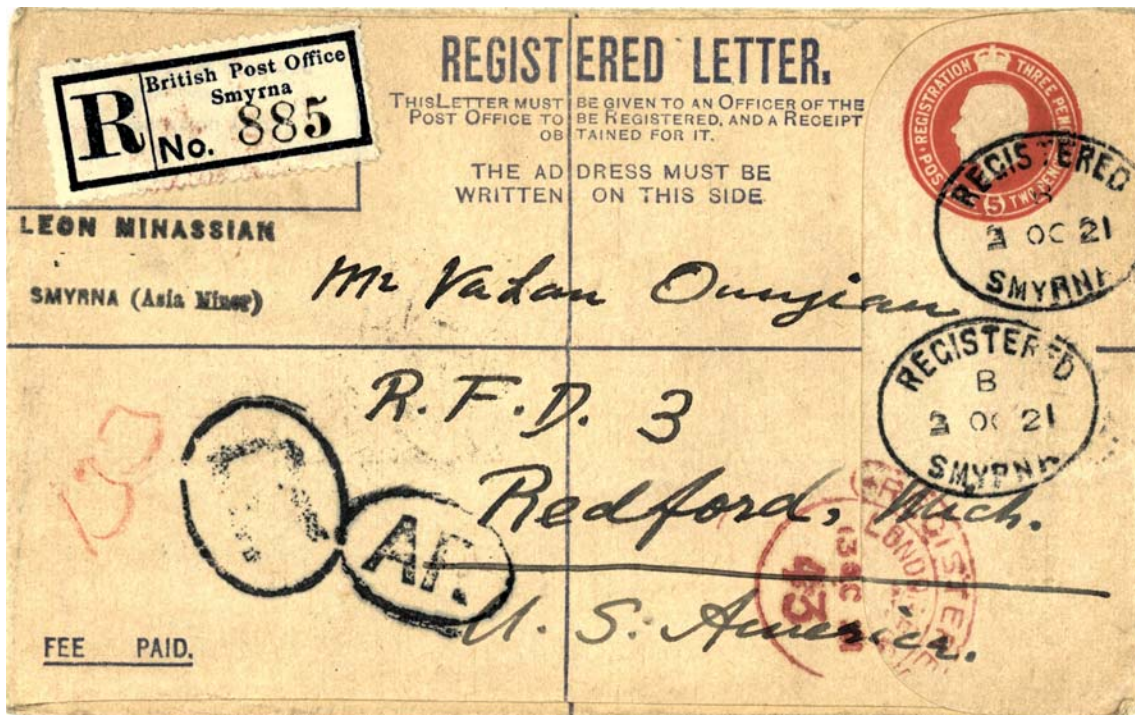
Berkhamsted to Tunis, 1912. Embossed stamp pays 3 d; total is 6 d, made up from 2 d registration, and double UPU rate at 2½ d for the first weight plus 1½ d for the second (this multiple rate was in effect from 1907).



Ormston to Denver, US censor, 1916. Registration 2 d, and 1 d preferential rate to US (in effect from 1908).

## AR cover, British Post Office Smyrna

Open 1872–1914 and 1 March 1919–30 September 1922.



Smyrna BPO (Turkey) to Michigan, 2 October 1921. The embossed stamp pays 5 d; registration 3 d (from 13 June 1921), and 2 d preferential rate (Empire rate) to US (in effect from the same date).



e in respect

Inverted day in Redford datestamp.



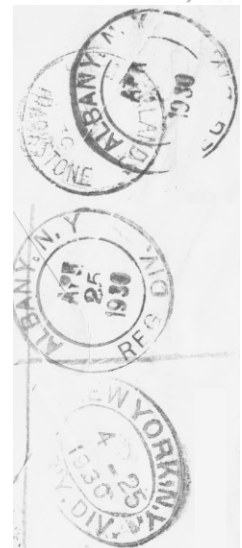
## AR covers, post-Vienna



Leytonstone to Shanghai, 1925. Postage of 7 d, made up from 3 d registration (from 1921), and double UPU rate at 2½ d for the first weight plus 1½ d for the second.

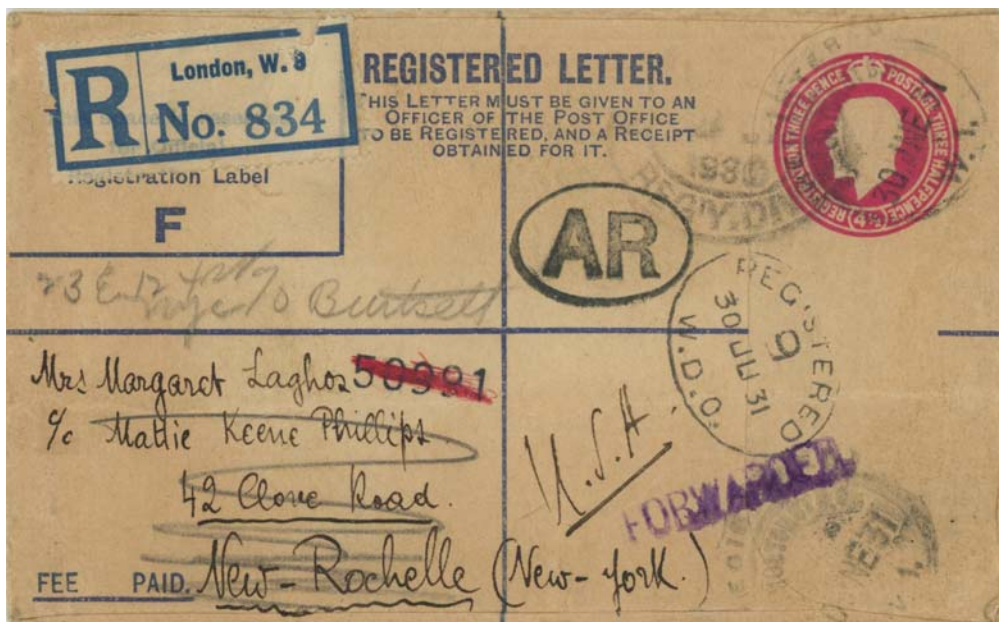


Parkstone to Albany, 1930. Registration 3 d, and 1½ d preferential rate to us (in effect from 1922).

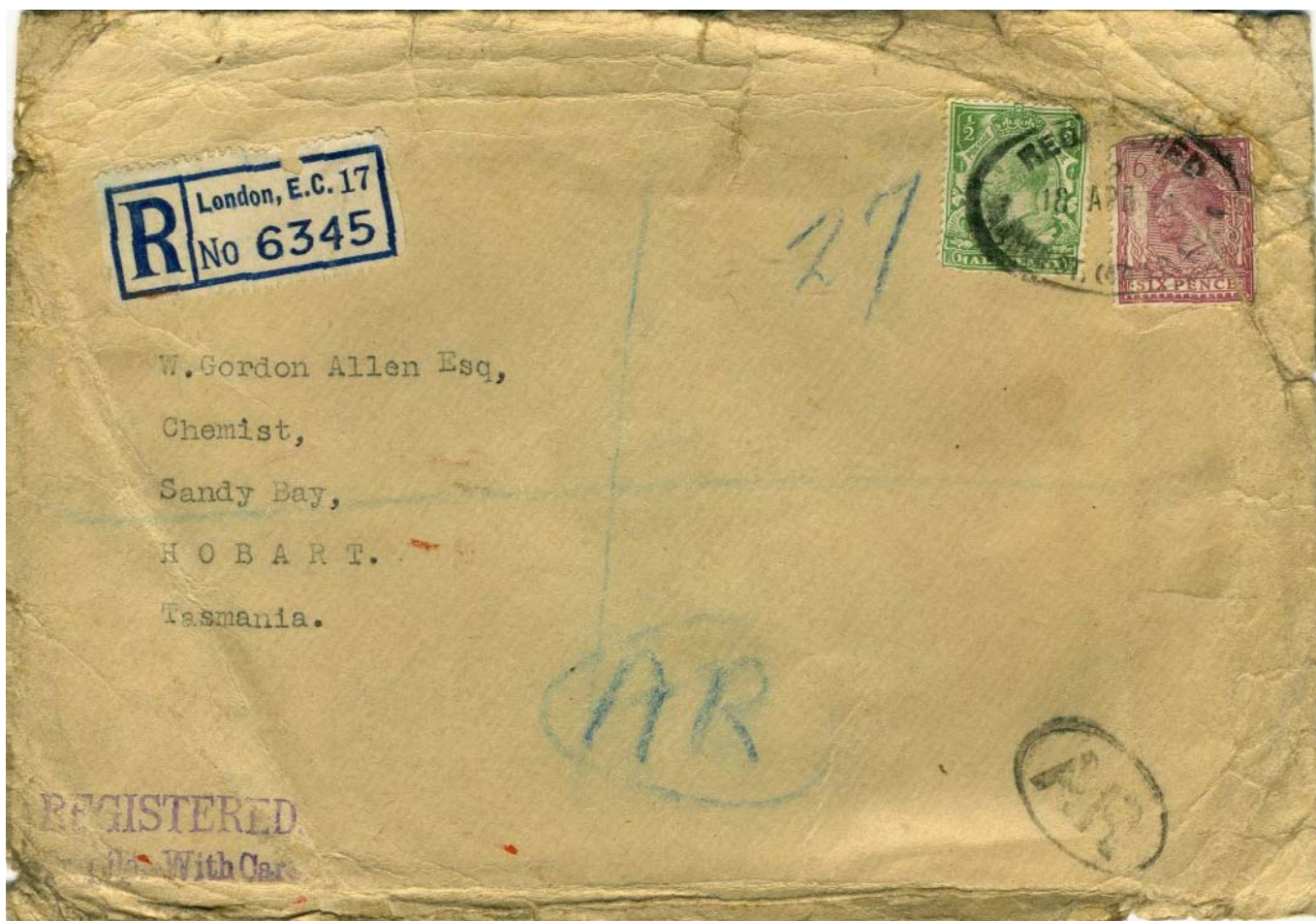




## AR covers, post-Vienna



London to New Rochelle and forwarded, 1931. Embossed 4½ d stamp pays 3 d registration and 1½ d preferential rate to us.



London to Hobart (Australia), 1934. Registration 3 d, and triple Empire rate at 1½ d for the first weight, and 1 d for each additional (in effect from 1923).

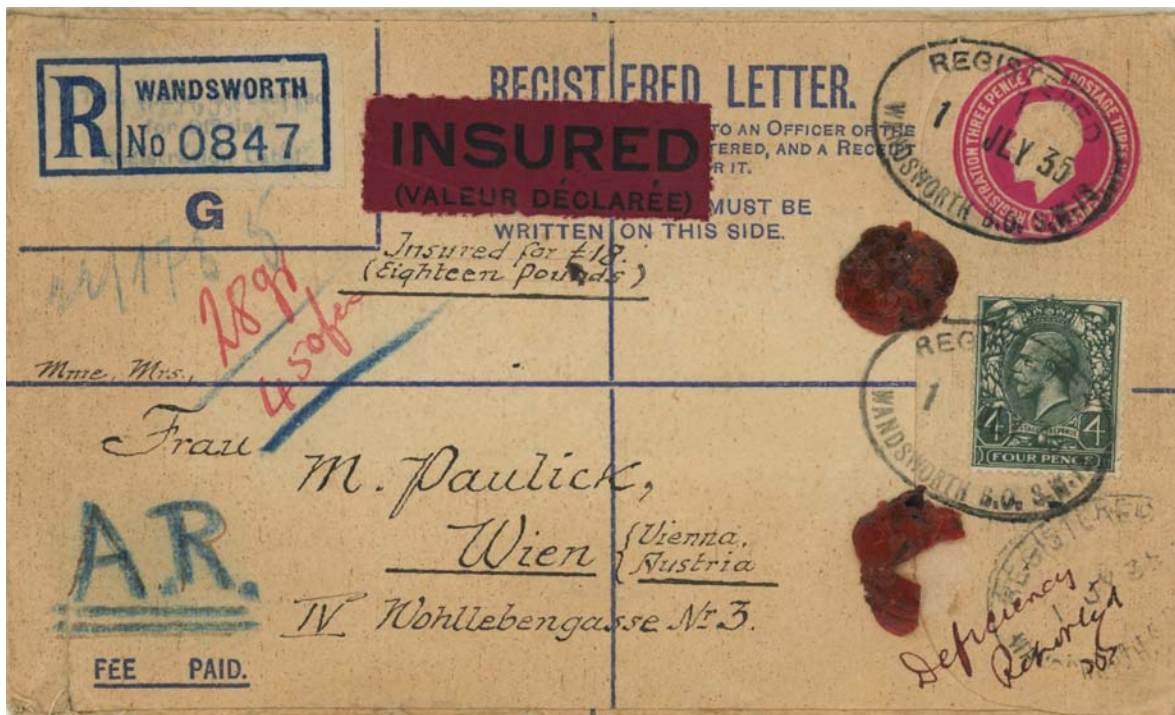




## AR covers, post-Vienna



London to Paramaribo (Surinam), *not called for*, 1934. Postage of 5½ d, made up from 3 d registration, and 2½ d.



Wandsworth to Vienna, with *extra indemnity*, *deficiency reported*, 1935. Embossed stamp is 4½ d; total is 8½ d. Registration with indemnity £12+–£24 (in this case, £18) was 7 d; *28 gr* indicates *just under an ounce* (28.4 g), so single UPU rate of 2½ d applied, and the cover was underpaid by 1 d. There is no indication it was charged postage due.



## AR covers, post-Vienna



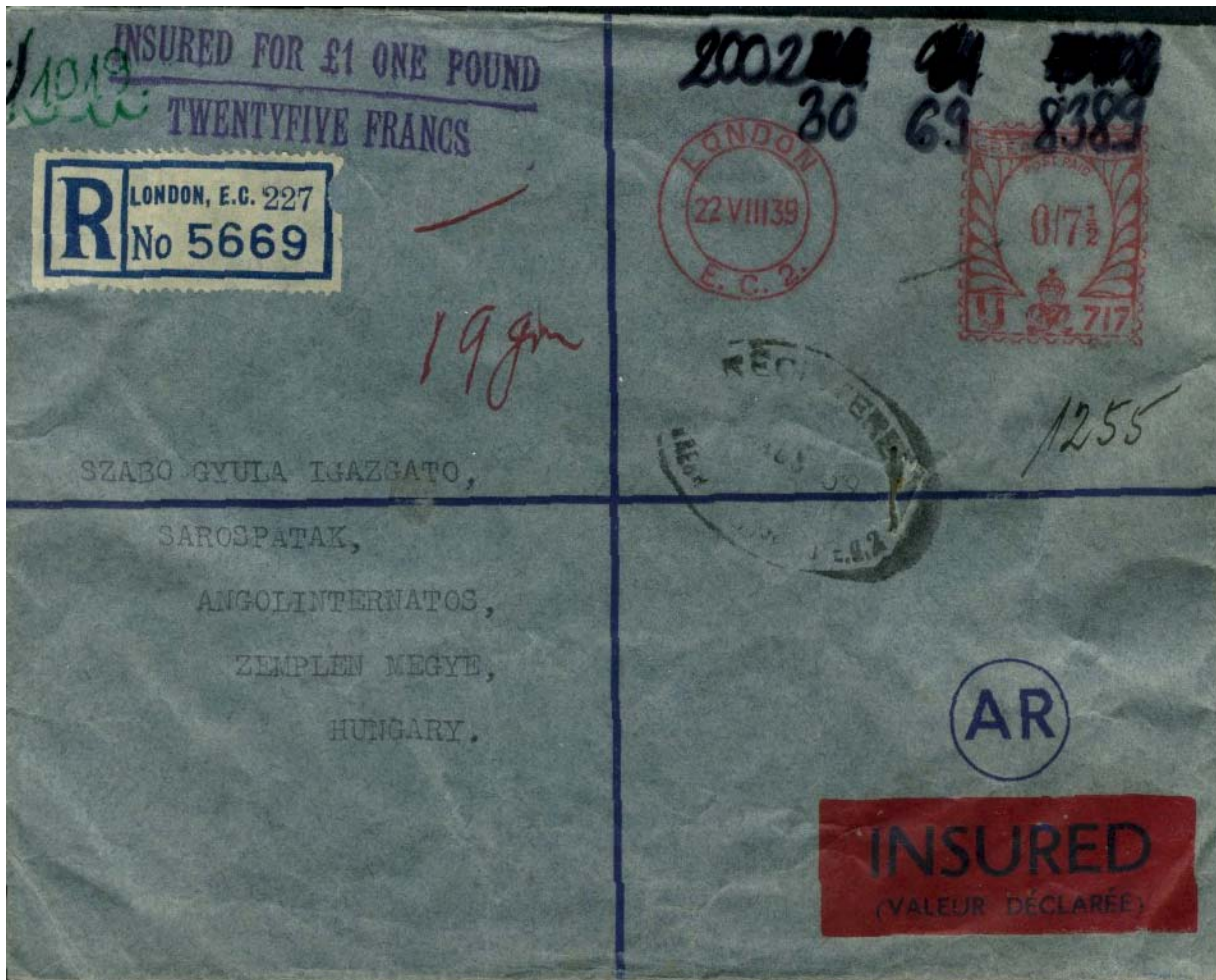
Charing Cross (London) to Reading (PA), 1936. Postage 4½ d, made up from 3 d registration, and 1½ d preferential rate to us.



Regents Street (London) to Vienna, 1938. Total postage is 5½ d, made up from 3 d registration, and 2½ d UPU. A faint, but larger, AR handstamp.



## AR covers, post-Vienna



London to Hungary, *with extra indemnity*, 1939. Registered with minimal insurance (up to £12, here £1), 5 d; UPU rate 2½ d. Unusual printed **AR**. Very unusual for an AR cover to be *metered*.



London to Germany (US zone), 19 May 1949. Registration 4 d (began 1 May 1949), and 4½ d airmail rate to Germany (reduced 1 June 1949).



# Domestic British AR

Believed to have begun 1891, at least 12 years (and possibly 16 years) after international AR service was available in UK. Domestic AR forms are known from 1892 and were not replaced by cards until 1968. They are all of the folded letter sheet type, so did not require a covering envelope. Domestic AR fee was 2d, a half-penny less than international AR, until 1920, whereupon domestic and international AR fees became equal (3d), and are always paid on the form.

Around 1900, domestic AR forms were enlarged (as were the international ones) to incorporate more comments from postmasters on route—so that they could double as inquiry forms.

The earliest reported domestic British AR cover is dated 1903, and AR covers are much more difficult to find than the forms. Based on a few examples, this may be because domestic AR covers were often not marked AR.

## Domestic AR forms

AR

On Her Majesty's Service

To *The Registrar  
Pharmaceutical Society  
67 Lower Mount Street  
Dublin*

FREE  
S. A. BLACKWOOD.  
G & S 276 [52] 150,000 [C 5] 4/91s

Postmasters No 87

Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND  
REGISTERED Letter

[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

addressed to *The Proprietor of  
(1) The Medical Hall  
49 Grafton Street  
Dublin*

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned  
above and sent by *The Registrar of  
(2) The Pharmaceutical Society of Dublin  
67 Lower Mount Street  
Dublin*

Stamp of Office of Origin.

DUBLIN  
41  
NO. 7  
94

Stamp of Delivering Office.

was duly delivered on the *5th Nov 1894*

*Wm. J. Macdonnell*  
(Signature of Recipient.)

Domestic AR form, Dublin (Clare Street), 1894. Domestic AR fee (2d) paid by stamp. Properly signed. Folded letter sheet (adhesive tape at top and bottom); form number 87, as are all domestic UK AR forms. Printed in 1891, quantity 150,000.



## Duplicate domestic AR form

*Duplicate*

Postmasters No. 87.

Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND  
REGISTERED *Letter*  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

addressed to  
(1) *The Proprietor*  
*Levy & Co.*  
*108 George Street*  
*Limerick*

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned  
above and sent by  
(2) *Arthur J. Ferrall Esq*  
*67 Mount St Dublin*

Stamp of the  
value of 2d. to be  
affixed here  
by the sender.

Stamp of Office  
of Origin.  
*Dublin*  
*27/9/1900*

was duly delivered on the *28 Sept* 189*0*  
*J. Hughes*  
(Signature of Recipient.)

I certify that the registered article mentioned above  
was duly delivered the *28 Oct* 189*0*  
*J. Hughes*  
(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

Stamp of  
Delivering Office.  
*LIMERICK*  
*28/9/00*

Stamp of  
Delivering Office.  
*LIMERICK*  
*28/10/00*

The names and full addresses of the sender and addressee should be carefully inserted  
by the sender, or at the issuing office, in spaces (1) and (2).

If the recipient objects to complete and sign the acknowledgment (2), then the  
certificate (3) must be completed and signed by the Postmaster of the delivering office.

**AR** **AR**

On Her Majesty's Service.

**AR**

FREE  
H. L. CRESWELL.  
No. 20,000. S. 91, A. T. & Co. (Ld.)

*Duplicate AR form, Dublin-Limerick, 1900.* When an AR form (attached to the registered letter) was damaged, missing, or had not been returned, the postmaster was authorized to create a *duplicate* form, at no extra charge. Examples are extremely difficult to find.

In this case, a registered letter was mailed on 27 September 1900; it had been received by the sender the next day. The duplicate form was mailed 10 October 1900, and signed by the addressee and postmaster on that date.

This was prepared by the Dublin postmaster, who noted the date the registered letter was originally sent. He had initially prepared the form in pencil, going over it later; this suggests unfamiliarity with the procedures.

The form itself differs from the earlier one; both are number 87.



## Domestic AR forms enlarged

Likely with the advent of the Treaty of Washington (effective 1 January 1899), both international and domestic AR forms were enlarged to accomodate more comments from offices on route. This was likely in order to permit the forms to also be used for inquiries on registered letters.

Postmasters—No. 87.

**Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED Letter.**  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

addressed to  
\* (1) Gerald Lambert Esq  
Hull

† Posted at Leeds N.C. on 28.6. 1908

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by  
\* (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**B**  
Date  
Stamp of Office  
of Origin.

**C**  
Date Stamp  
of  
Delivering Office.  
was duly delivered on the April 29<sup>th</sup> 1908.  
S Walker  
† (Signature of Recipient.)

**D**  
I certify that a registered article, posted and addressed as stated above, was duly delivered to the  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

\* The names and full addresses of the sender and addressee should be carefully inserted by the sender, or at the issuing office, in spaces (1), (2), and (4) overleaf.  
† When the form is filled up at the time of registration, the Date Stamp should be impressed in space "B," and the particulars of posting need not be inserted in writing. When the form is filled up subsequently, the particulars of posting must be inserted in writing, and no impression of the Stamp should be made in space "B."  
‡ If the recipient objects to complete and sign the acknowledgment (2), then the certificate (3) must be completed and signed by the Postmaster of the delivering office.  
When this form does not accompany the registered article to which it refers, particulars of the mail in which the article was forwarded to the next office should be given on the other side, and the form forwarded under registered cover to the office in question. If the form is handed in at an Office other than that at which the registered article was posted, it must be forwarded to the Office of posting in order that the counterfoil of the certificate of posting may be noted and particulars of despatch of the registered article furnished. When the form is completed it should be folded in three, and, after being gummed, returned as an unregistered letter to the address shewn on the back.

G & S 276 [5358] 60m 9/05sv

Leeds—Hull, 1908. Printed September 1905 in a quantity of 60,000. Properly signed by receiver, but not postmarked at destination.



## Domestic AR form

For a registered *Parcel* (the only one I've seen).

Postmasters—No. 87.

**Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED *Parcel***  
[Insert Letter or Parcel]

addressed to  
\* (1) *Miss Louisa Jackson*  
*The Holmes*  
*Sandside Scarborough*

† Posted at *Malton* on *22<sup>nd</sup> July* 1909

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by  
\* (2) *A. E. B. Souby*  
*Solicitor*  
*Malton*

was duly delivered on the *July 22<sup>nd</sup>* 1909.

*L. Jackson.* † (Signature of Recipient.)

I certify that a registered article, posted and addressed as stated above, was duly delivered to the  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ 190 .  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

Date Stamp of Delivering Office.

**AR AR**

On His Majesty's Service  
(4) To *A. E. B. Souby*  
*Solr*  
*Malton*  
*Yorkshire*

*Parcel.*  
The letter was sent to \_\_\_\_\_

\* The names and full addresses of the sender and addressee should be carefully inserted by the sender, or at the issuing office, in spaces (1), (2), and (4) overleaf.  
† When the form is filled up at the time of registration, the Date Stamp should be impressed in space "B," and the particulars of posting need not be inserted in writing. When the form is filled up subsequently, the particulars of posting must be inserted in writing, and no impression of the Stamp should be made in space "B."  
‡ If the recipient objects to complete and sign the acknowledgment (2), then the certificate (3) must be completed and signed by the Postmaster of the delivering office.  
When this form does not accompany the registered article to which it refers, particulars of the mail in which the article was forwarded to the next office should be given on the form, and the form forwarded under registered cover to the office in question. If the form is in, at an Office other than that at which the registered article was posted, it must be to the Office of posting in order that the counterfoil of the certificate of posting and particulars of despatch of the registered article furnished. When the form is should be folded in three, and, after being gummed, returned as an unregistered address shown on the back.

G & S 276 10/02—[1880] 40m 5/04sv

Malton—Scarborough, 1909. Printed May 1904 in a quantity of 40,000.



## After-the-fact/inquiry domestic AR form

There was no additional charge above the AR fee for this. Inquiry and subsequent/after the fact AR are indistinguishable in this period.

Postmasters—No. 87.

**Advice of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED**

Letter  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Registration No. 185.

addressed to  
\* (1) Messrs Rydley, Whitley & Co. Ltd.  
Angel Road,  
Edmondson, N

† Posted at 294, Regent St. on August 5, 1913.

(2) The letter was sent to W.D.O.  
at 7:30 PM on the 5th Aug entered  
on List. 611 9.15 PM idem 4 on list

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by  
\* (3) the Swiss Legation,  
3, Portland Place, W.

was duly delivered at the address stated above on the  
6th Aug 1913.

J. Powell for Rydley Whitley & Co Ltd  
† (Signature of Recipient.)

(4)

Date Stamp  
of  
Delivering Office.

I certify that a registered article, posted and addressed as  
stated above, was duly delivered at the address given above to  
the signature \_\_\_\_\_ on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ 19

(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

[FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]

[4602] 25576/2429 80m 11/11sv G & S 2/6 164

London, Regent Street—Upper  
Edmondson, 1913.

Form is dated 14 August  
1913, and refers to regis-  
tered letter mailed 5 Au-  
gust. Signed 16 August; the  
letter had been received 6  
August.

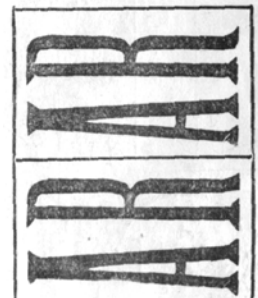
Domestic AR fee paid by 2 d  
stamp.

Form printed November 1911  
in a quantity of 80,000.

On His Majesty's Service.

\* (1)

To the Swiss Legation,  
3, Portland Place,  
W.





# After-the-fact/inquiry domestic AR form

POSTMASTERS—No. 87. *Queenstown 14*

**Advice of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED**  
*Letter*

[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and Number on Registration Label } *Queenstown 112*

addressed to

\*<sup>(1)</sup> *Mr. W. A. Hammond*  
*40 Eagle St*  
*Heathcote London*

†Office of Posting *Queenstown* Date of Posting *18<sup>th</sup> January 1918*

(<sup>2</sup>) The letter was sent to *Paddington*

at *6.50 PM* on the *18/1/18* entered

on List. *Queenstown 112*

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by

\*<sup>(3)</sup>

was duly delivered at the address stated above on the *19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1918*

† (Signature of Recipient.)

(<sup>4</sup>) I certify that a registered article, posted and addressed as stated above, was duly delivered at the address given above to the signature *L Brooke* on the *19<sup>th</sup> January 1918*

(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

[FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]

(1507.) Wt. 5587—619.10000.12.1915. A.T. & Co., Ltd.

Queenstown—London, 1916. Date of mailing of registered item was 18 January 1918; date of preparation was 15 February 1916; received at London 27 February 1918; after waiting a week without being signed by recipient, the postmaster signed the form (7 March).

Form printed December 1915 in a quantity of 100,000.

**AR**

On His Majesty's service.

(\*) THE POSTMASTER

OF *Paddington*  
*London*

QUEENSTOWN  
18 JAN 1918



Returned to sender; the form was subsequently glued to the front of the unfolded envelope.

*Prince's Square (Bayswater)*—Wandsworth, September 1922. Smaller form; printed March 1922 in a quantity of 100,000. Postage on the cover of 4½ d, made up from 3 d registration and 1½ domestic (from May).



# Domestic AR form

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## Advice of Delivery of an INLAND

**REGISTERED** Letter  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and  
Number on  
Registration Label } \_\_\_\_\_

\*<sup>(1)</sup> A. C. Derman Esq.,  
Rye Hill, Nunthorpe,  
Yorks.

† Office of Posting Widon G.P.O. Date of Posting 30. 7. 1925

(2) Despatched to _____ at _____ on the _____ entered _____ on List.	<b>B.</b> Date Stamp of Despatching Office.
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I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and sent by \*<sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

12, QUEENS ROAD,  
WIMBLEDON.

\_\_\_\_\_ was duly delivered at the address stated on the \_\_\_\_\_  
1st Aug 1925  
\_\_\_\_\_  
‡ (Signature of Recipient.)

Date Stamp of Delivering Office.	(4) I certify that the registered postal packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated to the signature _____ on the _____ 192 . _____ ‡ (Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)
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[FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]

[7727] 25800/475-150m 1/24 274 G & S 165 239

5. 30 PM  
On His Majesty's Service  
9 AUG 25

**AR**

To THE TOWN CLERK,  
12, QUEENS ROAD,  
WIMBLEDON.

\*<sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

\* The names and full addresses of the addressee and sender should be carefully inserted by the sender (or at the issuing office) in spaces (1) and (3) respectively. In (5) the address to which the result of the enquiry is to be sent should be similarly entered.  
† When the form is filled up at the time of registration, the designation of the office of posting and the registration number as given on the registration label must be inserted in the space at the head of the form, but the spaces for the name of the office of posting and the date of posting need not be filled in. When, however, the form is filled up subsequently, the registration number, the name of the office of posting and the date of posting must be inserted.

Wimbledon-Nunthorpe, 1925. Printed January 1924 in a quantity of 150,000.



## Domestic AR form, Ireland

Although Ireland was independent by this time, its domestic AR forms were very similar to those of UK, even to the extent of the form number (87). Some of the text is in Irish.

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### Advice of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED Letter

[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and Number on Registration Label } 33 addressed to

(1) The Proprietor of the Shop  
Patrick Scully  
Main St. Kilmacoe Offaly

Office of Posting 2 Mount St Date of Posting 2 JUL 1927

(2) Despatched to Dublin  
at 10.15 on the \_\_\_\_\_ entered \_\_\_\_\_  
on List.

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and sent by Patrick Scully  
The Registrar. Kilmacoe  
Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland  
was duly delivered at 67 Lower Mt. St on the Dublin  
9-7 1927  
Scully †(Signature of Recipient.)

(4) I certify that the registered postal packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated to the  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ 1927  
†(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.

Wt. —G 49. 50,000. 4/23. B. and N., Ltd.—Group 26.

**AR** **MAIRSTÁT ÉIREANN.**  
(6) **MAÍSTIR AN PHOIST.**  
(The Postmaster)  
OF

Dublin, 1927. Printed April 1923 in a quantity of 10,000, by a different printer.



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## Advice of Delivery of an INLAND

**REGISTERED** *Letter*  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and Number on Registration Label } *Aylsham 61*

\* (1) *Mrs. Alice Rix*  
*Swanton Hovers*  
*Melton Constable*  
*Aylsham*

† Office of Posting *4/4/28* Date of Posting *192*

(2) Despatched to *Horwich*  
at *4/3pm* on the *4/4/28* entered *AM*  
on List.

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and sent by \* (3) *Alice Rix*

*Melton Constable* was duly delivered at the address stated on the *192*

*Alice Rix* ‡ (Signature of Recipient.)

(4) I certify that the registered postal packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated to the signature \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ 192 .

‡ (Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)  
[FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]

[5211] 13652/6014 100m 9/23 274 G & S 147 263

Regn. No. *61* **Certificate of Posting of a Registered Postal Packet.**

A Postal Packet addressed as under, upon which a Fee of Three Pence has been paid, in addition to the Postage (of ..... d) has been registered and posted here this day:—

*Mrs Alice Rix*  
*Swanton Hovers*  
*Melton Constable*

Accepting Officer's Signature (or initials) *AR* (P.T.O.)

Aylsham-Melton-Constable, 1928. Printed September 1923 in a quantity of 100,000. With receipt; Aylsham thimble.



## Domestic AR form

Change in form number, to 87H. According to MacKay


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**Advice of Delivery of an INLAND**

**REGISTERED** LETTER  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and  
Number on  
Registration Label } \_\_\_\_\_

**\*<sup>(1)</sup>** Mrs Louisa Powell,  
45 High Street  
Burbage Wilts



†Office of Posting \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Posting \_\_\_\_\_ 192

<p><b>(<sup>2</sup>)</b> Despatched to _____ at _____ on the _____ entered _____ on List.</p>	<p><b>B.</b> Date Stamp of Despatching Office.</p>
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I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and  
sent by Fowle Hunt & Sturton  
Solicitors  
Northallerton  
was duly delivered at the address stated on the  
14 June 192 .  
L Powell ‡(Signature of Recipient.)

<p>Date Stamp of Delivering Office.</p>	<p><b>(<sup>4</sup>)</b> I certify that the registered postal packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated to the signature _____ on the _____ 192 .</p> <p>‡ (Signature of Head Postmaster of Delivering Office.) [FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]</p>
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[7361] 12116/333 60m 10/28 274 G & S 165 239

North Allerton—Burbage (Wiltshire), 1932. Printed October 1928 in a quantity of 60,000.

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**Advice of Delivery of an INLAND**

**REGISTERED** *Letter.*  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and Number on Registration Label } *Midhurst 161.* addressed to

*\* (1) MR. JOHN HOLDEN*  
*OLD SHAMROCK*  
*BERTON*  
*MIDHURST.*

†Office of Posting *MIDHURST* Date of Posting *28 9* 193*3*

(2) Despatched to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ entered \_\_\_\_\_  
on List. \_\_\_\_\_

**B.**  
Date Stamp of Despatching Office.

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and sent by *\* (3) Messrs. Albion Lucas*  
*Midhurst*

*MIDHURST*  
Date Stamp of AM  
Delivering Office.

was duly delivered at the address stated on the *29/9/33* 193*3*.

*J. Holden* ‡(Signature of Recipient.)

Date Stamp of Delivering Office.

(4) I certify that the registered postal packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated to the signature \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ 193 .

‡(Signature of Head Postmaster of Delivering Office.)  
[FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]

29964/90 200m 4/31 274 G & S 165 239

**AR**

On His Majesty's Service.

*\* (5)*  
To *Messrs Albion Lucas*  
*Solicitors*  
*Midhurst*

*MIDHURST*  
Date Stamp of AM  
Delivering Office.

Midhurst (Sussex), 1933. Printed April 1931 in a quantity of 200,000.



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(Rev. 8503/22.)

**Advice of Delivery of an INLAND**

**REGISTERED** Letter  
[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

Designation and }  
Number on } Letter Northallerton  
Registration Label } 6046


\*<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Harvey S. Harvey  
Ley Mill Farm,  
Westbury-on-Severn Blaisdon.  
Gloucester

†Office of Posting \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Posting 192

(2) Despatched to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ entered \_\_\_\_\_  
on List. \_\_\_\_\_

B.  
Date Stamp  
of  
Despatching  
Office.

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and  
sent by \*<sup>(3)</sup> Hunt & Sturton.  
Solicitors.  
Northallerton.

 was duly delivered at the address stated on the  
29. 9. 1923.

H.S. Harvey ‡(Signature of Recipient.)

Date Stamp  
of  
Delivering  
Office.


(4) I certify that the registered postal packet described  
above was duly delivered at the address stated to the  
signature \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ 192 . .


‡ (Signature of Head Postmaster of Delivering Office.)  
[FOR NOTES SEE OTHER SIDE OF FORM.]

[7361] 12116/333 60m 10/28 274 G & S 165 239

**On His Majesty's Service.**

\*<sup>(5)</sup>  
To Hunt & Sturton.  
Solicitors.  
Northallerton.





North Allerton—Westbury-on-Severn (Gloucester), 1933. Printed October 1928 in a quantity of 60,000.

# Domestic AR form, after the fact

New format.

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## Advice of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED

(Insert Letter or Parcel).

**Note for Sender.** Please affix 3d. postage stamp in space A below and insert clearly:—

In space (1) Name and address as shown on packet.  
" (3) Your own name and address.  
" (5) overleaf: Name and address to which the completed Advice form should be sent.

Any necessary further particulars will be inserted by the Post Office.

Registration Particulars Bath. 1002

Address (1) shown on Packet Mr. Bailey  
Bearfield Farm  
Bradford-on-Avon

Office of Posting Bath SPO Date of Posting 27/9/34 1934

(2) Despatched to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ entered \_\_\_\_\_  
on list.

B  
Date Stamp  
of  
Despatching  
Office.

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above and sent by (3) Arthur J. Pictor  
Abbey Chambers  
Bath

Date Stamp of Delivering Office. \_\_\_\_\_  
was duly delivered at the address stated on \_\_\_\_\_  
27 Sept 1934

(Signature of Receiver) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) I certify that the registered postal above was duly delivered at the address signature S.M. KEEN  
on the 28th Sept 1934  
Quaden  
(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office) for

On His Majesty's Service.  
(\*)

To A. J. Pictor  
Abbey Chambers  
Bath

BRADFORD-ON-AVON  
13 NOV 1934  
WILS.

AR

Gp. 628/28 JC&SLtd.

Bath—Bradford-on-Avon, 1934. Registered letter was mailed 27/9/34; form was mailed 12 November 1934, and signed the next day by the postmaster of the destination office; the registered letter had been delivered the day after it was mailed. Printed 1928(?) by a new printer.



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(Revd. 58974/36)

## Advice of Delivery of an

# INLAND REGISTERED

(Insert Letter or Parcel).

**Note for Sender.** Please affix 3d. postage stamp in space A below and insert clearly:—

In space (1) Name and address as shown on packet.  
 " (3) Your own name and address if you desire this to appear.  
 " (5) overleaf: Name and address to which the completed Advice form should be sent.

Any necessary further particulars will be inserted by the Post Office.

Registration Particulars Woking 0256

Address (1) Group Capt. J. J. Thessard  
40 J. Court Street Esq  
7 C. Hanbury Grove  
Ealing London. W.

Office of Posting Guildford Date of Posting Nov 28 1941

(2) Despatched to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ entered \_\_\_\_\_ on list.

Date Stamp of Despatching Office.

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above (and sent by (3) Mr. J. J. Thessard  
The Red Lodge  
Brooklands Road Woking  
 was duly delivered at the address stated on the \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Date Stamp of Delivering Office.

(Signature of Recipient) John Thessard

(4) I certify that the registered postal above was duly delivered at the address signature \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office)

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On His Majesty's Service.

(5)

To Mr. J. J. Thessard  
The Red Lodge  
Brooklands Road  
Surrey Woking

**AR**



No indication of AR on the cover. This may be the reason for the apparent paucity of domestic British AR covers—without the form, there is no evidence of AR service.

Whitney Bay (Northumberland)—  
Alnwick, 1947. Returned to  
sender; paper clips probably  
applied after return.  
Postage of 5½ d: 3 d registra-  
tion, and 2½ d domestic rate.  
Form printed April 1946.





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(Rev'd. 4/46)

**Advice of Delivery of an**  
**INLAND REGISTERED** *Letter*

(Insert Letter or Parcel).

**Note for Sender.** Please affix 3d. postage stamp in space A below and insert clearly:—

In space (1) Office of posting, date of posting and name and address as shown on packet.

„ (3) Your own name and address if you desire this to appear.

„ (5) overleaf: Name and address to which the completed Advice form should be sent.

Any necessary further particulars will be inserted by the Post Office.  
If the registered postal packet proves to be undeliverable this form will be returned suitably noted.

(1) Office of Posting *General Post Office, Liverpool*  
Date of Posting *18<sup>th</sup> September 1947*

Name and address shown on the Packet  
*Mr. Grace H. McDermott*  
*12 Violet Road*  
*Boothle, Liverpool 20.*

(2) Registration particulars *LVH 9041*

I acknowledge that the registered postal packet described above (and sent by *(3)* \_\_\_\_\_)

*(Circular Postmark: LIVERPOOL 18 SEP 1947)*  
\_\_\_\_\_ was duly delivered at the address stated on the \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Recipient) *G. McDermott*

(4) I certify that the registered postal packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated to the signature \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office).

(1447) JC&SLtd Gp711/58 P.T.O.

Liverpool, 1947. Printed 1946.

## Domestic AR form with cover

No backstamps and no dated handstamps at all on the registered cover. Blue cross probably applied by sender.

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(Rev. 101989/49)

**ADVICE OF DELIVERY OF  
AN INLAND REGISTERED LETTER**  
(Insert Letter or Parcel)

Notes for Sender:—Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS Section 1. Insert in Section 4 (overleaf) the name and address to which the completed Advice should be sent. The Post Office does not undertake to deliver the letter to the addressee in person.

(1) NAME AND ADDRESS OF ADDRESSEE ON PACKET  
The Personal Representative of Mrs. O.L. Jones, Deceased  
"Leapyards"  
Stretford,  
Monkland, Leominster

OFFICE OF POSTING: **TARPORLEY** DATE OF POSTING: **25th July 52**

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

(2) REGISTRATION PARTICULARS: **TARPORLEY 5610**

(3) DELIVERY

I \*acknowledge / certify that the registered packet described above was duly delivered at the address stated on the .....19.....

Date Stamp of \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivering Office \_\_\_\_\_

\*Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete when recipient declines to accept  
§Delete when the completed form is returned to the Post Office

On completion, fold the form in half

711/58 JC&SLtd.

On His Majesty's Service.

(4)

To Alfred W. Chambers Esq.,  
Solicitor,  
High Street,  
Tarpoley,  
Cheshire.

**AR**

**REGISTERED & A.R.**

**R** **TARPORLEY**  
**No 5610**

POSTAGE REVENUE 1d  
POSTAGE REVENUE 2½d  
POSTAGE REVENUE 2½d  
POSTAGE REVENUE 2½d

The Personal Representatives of:-  
Mrs. O.L. Jones, deceased,  
"Leapyards",  
Stretford,  
Monkland,  
Leominster.

Tarpoley (Cheshire)—Leominster,  
July 1952. Returned to sender.  
Postage of 8½d: 6d registration  
(from May), and 2½d domestic  
rate.  
Form printed 1949.



## Domestic AR form

### ADVICE OF DELIVERY OF AN INLAND REGISTERED

LETTER

(Insert letter or parcel)

Notes for senders:

All that you need do is to complete section 1 in BLOCK LETTERS and write in section 4 overleaf the name and address to which you want this advice sent, when we have completed the other sections.

Then hand in the form at a Post Office or put it in a posting box, unfolded and unsealed.

Please do **not** complete section 5.

We do not undertake to deliver to the addressee in person.

1. Name and address on packet Mrs Jean M. Anderson  
Houghton Cottage  
Houghton, Arundel  
Sussex

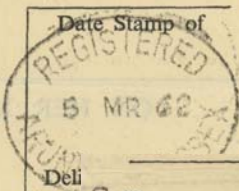


Posted at LONDON CHIEF OFFICE Post Office on 4-3-1962

#### FOR POST OFFICE USE

2. Registration particulars LONDON. EC. 3732

3. The Registered packet was \*received  
†delivered at  
the above address on ..... 19.....



Signature of

\*recipient  
OR

†Postmaster

\*Delete if the recipient does not sign the form or when the form is sent with the packet.

†Delete if the form goes with the packet and the recipient signs it.  
When the form has been completed, fold it, stick it down and address in section 4.

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JC&SLtd. 52-3148

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE



To Miss M.E. Wood  
8xz Cumberland Hotel  
Marble Arch  
London W.1.

London-Arundel, 1962. AR fee 6d (from 1961).

## Domestic UK AR covers

Much more difficult to find than the domestic AR forms. This is possibly because AR was not always stamped or written on the covers (the forms would have been attached, and these would have indicated AR service).



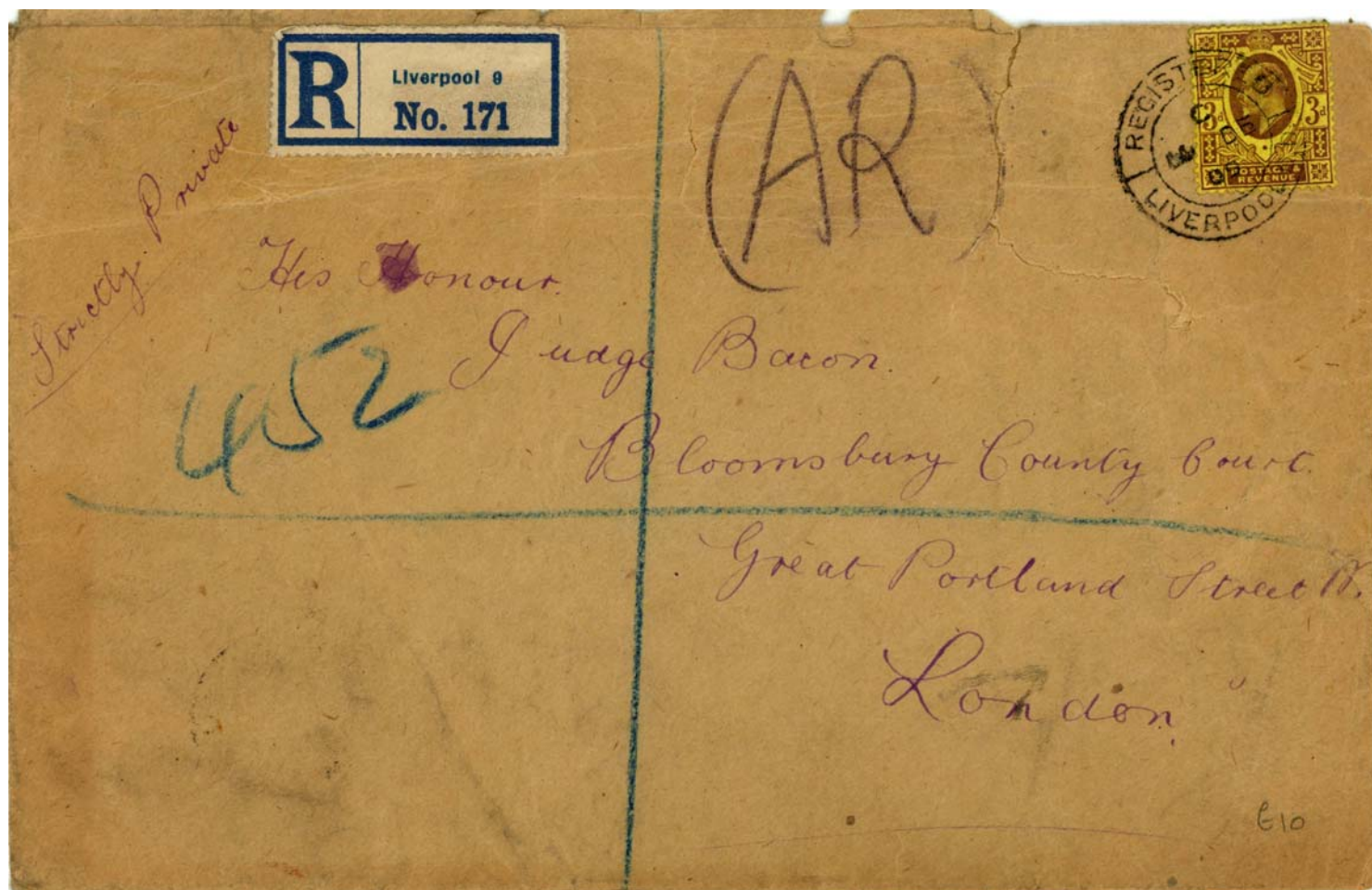
London—Leatherhead, 1903. Registration 2 d and domestic rate 1 d. *Earliest reported domestic British AR cover.*



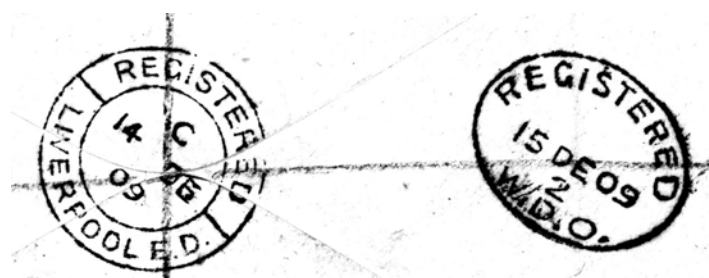
London—Leatherhead, 1910. Rated as above.



Domestic AR cover



Liverpool-London, 1909. Registration 2 d and domestic rate 1 d.



## Domestic AR covers



London—St Heliers (Jersey), 1923. Registration 3 d and domestic rate 1½ d. Backstamp is a Jersey circle, hit several times.



Grouville (Jersey), drop letter, returned to sender, 1951. Registration 4 d and domestic rate 2½ d.



Domestic AR cover



London—Manchester, 1967. Registration 3/—, and domestic 4 d.

## Avis de paiement

Not much is known about this service in UK (or most other places), which is the analogue of AR for payment of money orders.

*48*  
*for delivery by mail*  
*revenue!*

*juillet*  
A.P.—2. *India 94209*

Royaume-uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande.  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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Avis de Payement d'un Mandat-Poste.  
Advice of Payment of a Money Order.

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Le soussigné déclare que la somme de *£10*  
The undersigned certifies that the sum of

montant du mandat No. *2769* (émis par le bureau de  
the amount of Money Order No.) (issued by the office of  
*Londal* { le } *9 2* 19*10*, { au  
(on the) (in

profit de) *M Domesthuis b Bauligers*  
favour of)

a été dûment payé le) *28<sup>th</sup> Feb* 19*10*.  
has been duly paid on the)

Timbre du Bureau Payeur.)  
Stamp of Paying Office.)

 Signature *Witcher* (Le Receveur.  
Postmaster.

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{ Cet avis doit être signé par le bureau payeur, puis mis sous enveloppe  
{ This advice must be signed by the Paying Officer, enclosed in an envelope  
{ et envoyé par le premier courrier au bureau d'origine du mandat.  
{ and despatched by the first post to the office of origin of the order.

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A de p form, UK–India, 1910. British form acknowledging payment, at Southampton Row (London), of a money order for £10 issued in India. Properly signed, and postmarked. Seemingly the reverse of the usual worldwide practice (that the form of issuing entity accompany the money order advice); possibly a replacement form! Returned under cover.



## Avis de paiement

With no evidence whatsoever, I conjecture that a de p cards replaced forms at the same time that international AR cards replaced AR forms, late 1921.

438 India X5 8385 London

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES  
de la GRANDE BRETAGNE  
POST OFFICE of GREAT BRITAIN

Mandat No. } - A1035  
Money Order No. }

Montant du mandat } £2. 8s -  
Amount of Order }

émis par le bureau de  
issued by the Post Office of

Hastings Calcutta

le } 16.2. 1940.  
on the }

au profit de } The Accountant  
payable to } M. Ministry of

à } London  
at }

M.O. 113.

\*[12598] 41670 4/38 670

Timbre du Bureau expéditeur.

AVIS DE PAYEMENT  
ADVICE OF PAYMENT

Stamp of Office of origin.

A Major H. Young  
To Riase Supply Depot  
Hastings  
Calcutta  
(Lieu de destination)  
(Place of destination)  
India.  
(Pays de destination)  
(Country of destination)

POST OFFICE  
SERVICE  
DES POSTES

Le soussigné déclare que le mandat mentionné au recto  
The undersigned certifies that the Money Order described on the other side

a été dûment payé le }  
was duly paid on the } 23. 3. 1940

Timbre du bureau payeur.  
Stamp of paying office.

Signature\*

du destinataire ou de l'agent du bureau payeur.  
of the payee or of paying officer.

Belmont  
for Controller.  
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manor gardens  
Holloway N7.

\* Cet avis doit être signé par le bénéficiaire ou, si les règlements du pays de destination le comportent, par l'agent du bureau payeur, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur du mandat.  
\* This advice must be signed by the payee or, if the regulations of the country of destination allow it, by the paying officer, and returned by the first post directly to the remitter.

British avis de paiement card, seemingly after-the-fact or replacement, (1940). Money order was issued at Hastings, Calcutta (India) on 16 February 1940; it was paid in London on 23 March; the card was prepared at LONDON M.O.D. (money order department; faint datestamp lower left), and postmarked at the London F.S. (foreign service) Office on 29 March, arriving 20 April.