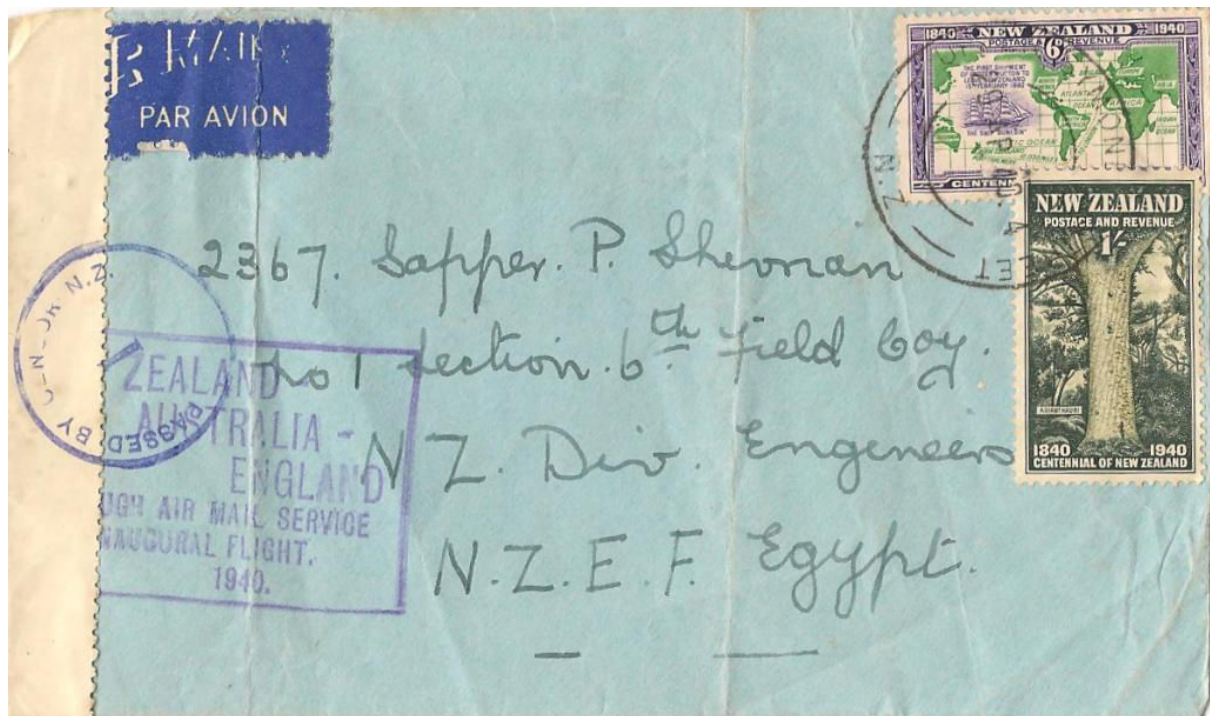


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Editorial

Tony Lyon

Congratulations to all those members who competed successfully in Melbourne Stamp Show 2009. As we have all discovered preparing and entering an exhibit is time consuming and expensive and after all the effort one is at the mercy of the judges. I hope you received the award that you considered appropriate. I was unable to spend much time at this exciting event but what I did see was well worth the effort.

The dealers were a friendly bunch and there was more material available than my meagre pocket would afford. I did however pick up a number of items that were very pleasing and useful. I have heard people criticise the location for this type of event but in my opinion it is well lit, roomy and accessible by public transport. I have been to events elsewhere with lighting so bad it was almost impossible to view the exhibits. Anyway, well done to the organisers.

Don't forget the members meeting in October and again in December. It is a good time of philatelic fellowship and October is sure to be an interesting display by Michael Barden.

This issue has the final instalment of Richard Peck's Express Delivery article. Thank you Richard for allowing us to publish it. John Young again presents an article featuring airmail and demonstrates his deep knowledge of this type of material.

December will feature an article by Professor John Courtis and we look forward to publishing that along with other material which is yet to come in. Keep up the good work at set to work and provide a cover story or article for future editions.

Till next time happy hunting.

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E W Tapp, Naval Officer

John Young

I have previously written about Lieutenant E.W. Tapp (Aust. Journal of Philately December 2006), and more has now come to light.

Illustrations 1 and 2 are the front and back of an envelope sent by airmail in April 1959 from Sydney to Lieut. Tapp, HMAS "Melbourne", c/o FMO, Manila. The postage was concessional, and 5 pence was probably the correct amount. (Civilian airmail letters to the Philippines cost 1 shilling and 6 pence.) There are receipt backstamps dated 18 and 22 April, and underneath the sender's address the number "19" is inked in, possibly a continuation of a wartime habit of consecutively numbering letters to people who were overseas.

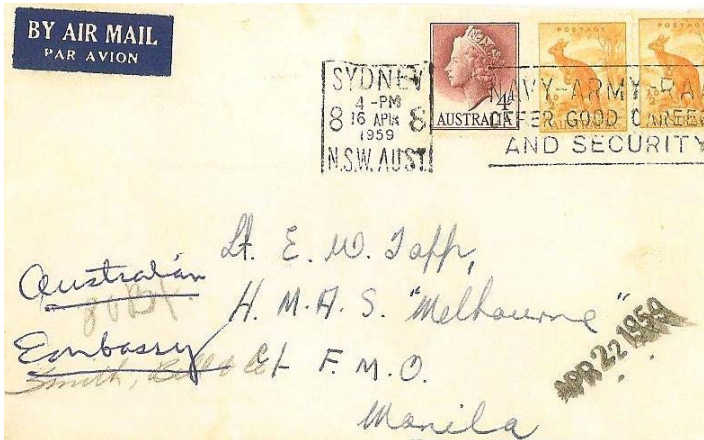


Fig 1

Illustration 3 is of a letter from Lieut. Tapp to his wife, airmailed at the correct concessional rate of 6 pence from HMAS Voyager on 23 February 1963. As previously told, within a year the Captain of the Voyager recklessly allowed his vessel to collide with the aircraft carrier Melbourne. Lieut. Commander Tapp perished with 81 other naval personnel.

Thinking back on this it should be remembered that, four years before, Tapp had been an officer of the Melbourne. If only he'd stayed there. There is also the further irony that the 1959 envelope to him in Manila was slogan postmarked "Navy-Army-RAAF offer good careers and security". Such was life.



Fig 2

Note on Postal Rates

Airmail letters to and from overseas armed services people was 6 pence from the early 1960s. There had been a 1 penny postage increase in Australia on 1 October 1959, so it is likely that the concessional overseas airmail rate was 1 penny less, i.e. 5 pence, before October 1959.

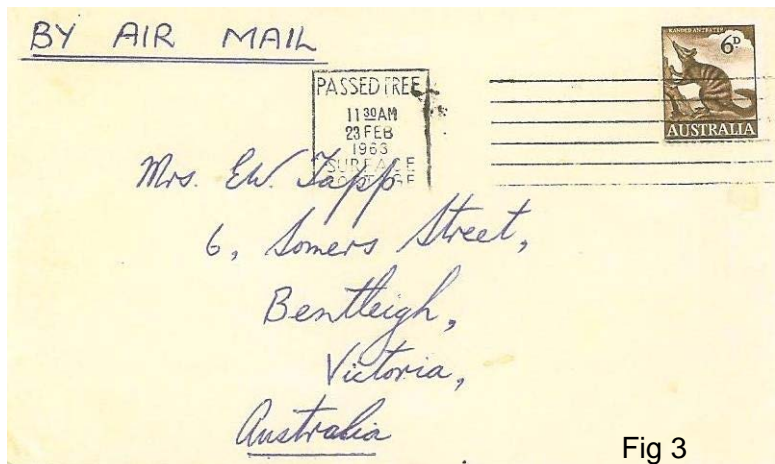


Fig 3