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<b>Mail From Eastern Europe</b>	5	The usual suspects have provided the bulk of the articles and we do thank them for their continued support. I have spent a few weeks working my way through all the filing cabinets trying to find new space. In the process I happened upon a couple of enquiries that do not appear to have made the light of day. I have included these in this issue. My apologies to those who sent them in, but sometimes things end up in strange places. What I can say is, the cupboard is now bare. We have no articles for the March 2012 Journal.
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## From the President

'Tis the time to be thinking of Santa sacks, and the piece shown here is nearly that. It was sent by a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces from Kure, Japan. He addressed it to Corporal M.J. Smith and it contained table cloths, doyleys and stockings. Were the stockings nylon or silk? Was Corporal Smith a cross-dresser?

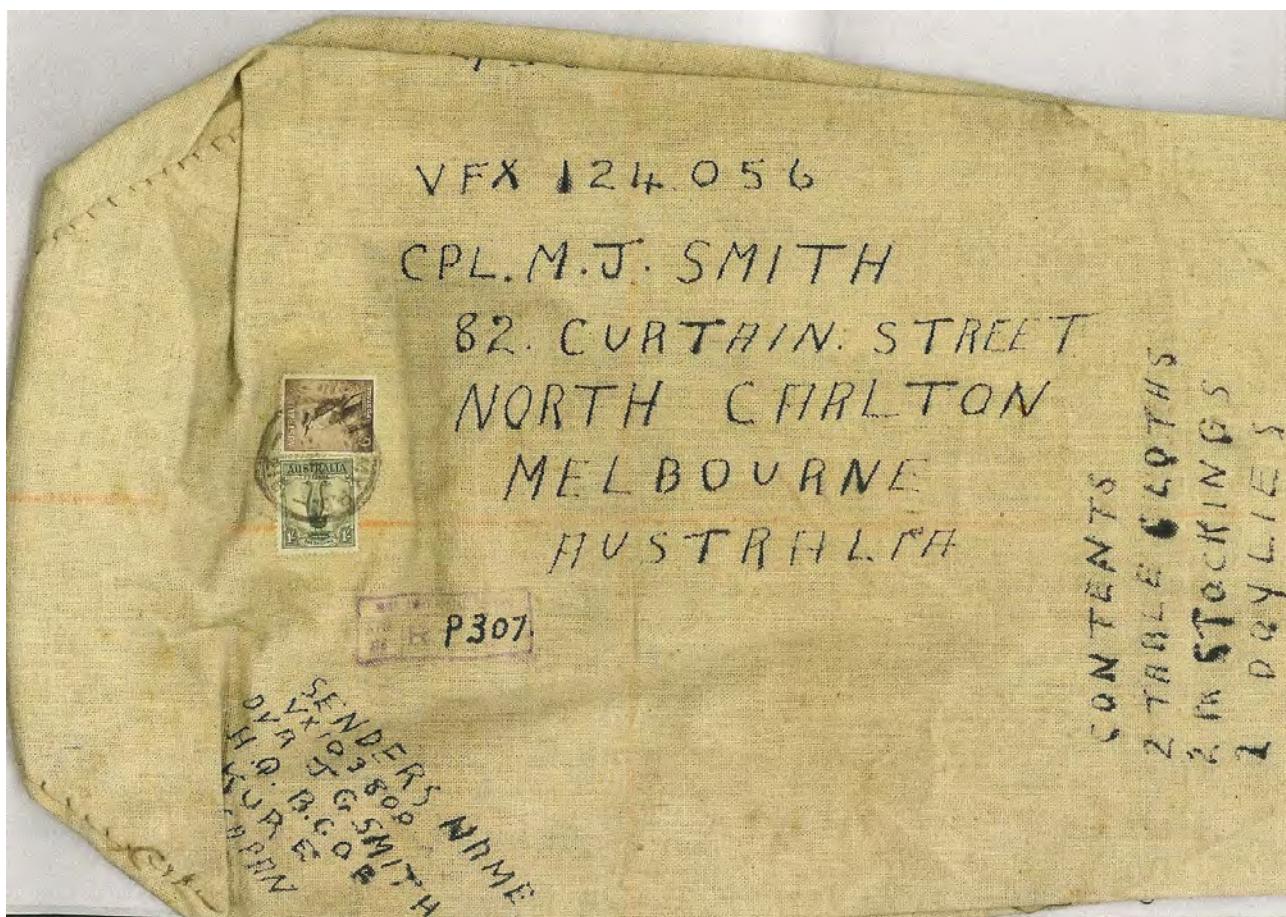
Corporal M.J. Smith it turns out was Joyce Smith, so all was in order.

The sack was made of sturdy cotton and measures 40cm x 23cm at its widest points. As it is a challenge to satisfactorily mount it on an album page a pictorial representation in this journal is all that it will get.

The franking is 1 shilling and 6 pence. The year of posting is unclear, but if it was 1948 or early 1949 the postage was 3 pence for registration and the balance was for a parcel weight of 3 to 5 pounds. There are nice clear Aust. Army PO-215 backstamps, but the dates are blurred.

I hope that Joyce appreciated the stockings, whether or not for Christmas. Turning to the present I also trust that your Christmas stocking is filled with nice, thoughtful things.

John Young





Please sign and post this card back to us as a memento especially if you are one of our members.

*Christmas greetings to all our readers, as the troops, where're ye may be.*