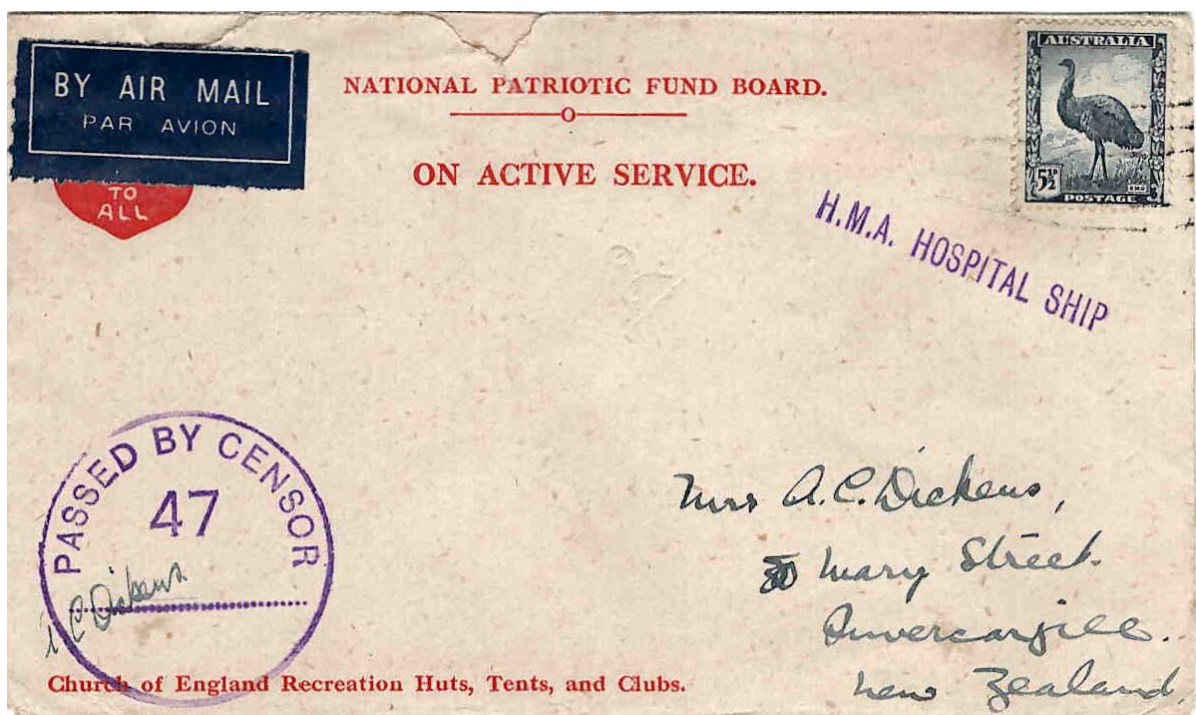


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20 June 2022	Brian Fuller, The Royal, Ashburton	Advertising Covers
15 August 2022	Ian Sadler on Zoom	Mountains of the World PPCs
17 October 2022	AGM	Members—Work in Progress

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## Front Cover : Hospital Ship *Oranje*

Interesting multi-country censored cover posted enroute to the Middle East.

The censor was Captain (later Major) Alfred Clarence Dickens 74206 of the NZ Dental Corps who was dental officer on the Dutch vessel HS *Oranje*. Also designated No 1. Netherlands Hospital Ship.

The mail has been put ashore probably at Fremantle.

An Australian 5½d Emu stamp was applied.

It also received a single line H.M.A. Hospital Ship cachet.

Initially staffed by Dutch, Australian and New Zealand personnel by 1943 it was mainly New Zealanders and British.

The Censor 47 was used on the *Oranje*.



## Editorial

*Tony Lyon*

Melbourne and for that matter the east coast of Australia has experienced early cold weather as autumn turned to winter. Certainly a good time to stay warm and start or complete some of those philatelic tasks you promised yourself you would get around to, when you had time.

Philately continues to be impacted after all of the lockdowns here in Melbourne. Attendances are down and some of the reason appears to be caution venturing out to meetings, which is a pity because gathering together and fellowship is good for ones wellbeing. Hopefully when the weather warms up in the spring people will be more willing to assume their attendance.

The Journal features three strong contributions this month. Ian Sadler's 'Japan's War on China 1937-45' is very colourful and well presented. Dr John Courtis continues to discover new material and present an excellent article featuring Post Office Wrappers.

Brian Fuller challenges his own research into the Spencer Street and puts it out there for comment, correction or affirmation.

All of these contributors are enhancing the knowledge in their fields of endeavour and setting out postal history information for future generations. One of the reasons I am attracted to Postal History, particularly New Zealand WWII military, is the fact that often there has been a neglect in understanding the importance of such history and the need to record it for the future, but also, the fact that it functioned in the manner intended. It provided a service.

Don't forget to check when the members are able to gather for some excellent displays coming up.

Until next time ciao.

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