

Incoming Mail

Did not get to Manila - Postage Refunded

This letter was on the way to Manila when the Japanese attacked the Philippines on 7 December 1941.

After many months the letter was returned to sender, and the postage was refunded.



Lifton, Devon 17 Nov 1941, addressed to Manila

Rate

4 shillings 6 pence was the single rate from Britain to Philippines (and Australia), by the route of air to USA, and then by Pan-Am clipper across the Pacific.

Markings

Lifton 17 Nov 1941 datestamp on stamps.

The exhibitor has looked through Deery's book on "Return to Sender" to find other covers with the same markings, and came to the conclusion that the following two markings were applied at San Francisco.

REBUTS. Deery illustrates one cover with this mark: October 1940 from China to a wrong address in Mexico.

RETURNED TO SENDER / SERVICE SUSPENDED. This US mark was used at San Francisco, New York and Mexico.

London 19 June 1942.

POSTAGE REFUNDED.