



## Presentation to PSSC May 19 2021 by Ed Kroft QC FRPSC

### Some Uncommon Destinations For Mail Sent From Palestine During British Occupation: December 1917-May 1948



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Ed Kroft, President of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, provided an epic adventure around the world in his postal history presentation. There was a discussion of over 150 rare covers sent from Palestine to various uncommon worldwide destinations over a 31-year period. His presentation described and analyzed covers to over 100 different sovereign states, colonies, territories and possessions. The presentation whets your appetite for an entertaining mix of history, geography and philately filled with extensive research.

Only a small selection of his covers are shown in this Newsletter. All 150 covers will be posted to the Presentations area of the Website

### Scope of this Presentation

- Postal history of Palestine sent to various “uncommon” destinations between 1917-1948
- This is an enjoyable area to collect because of the “the challenge factor”, the related postal history, and the geographical and philatelic knowledge obtained

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## Canada (Dominion- Sovereign State)

APO SZ44 July 4/18 Jerusalem to Prince Rupert Canada. 1 piastre letter rate

Arrival August 30/18. Only reported cover in period to Canada.



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## Italy (Sovereign State)

Postmarked August 15 1936 with arrival on August 20 1936.

Transit Budapest and Trieste. 25 mils single weight letter rate plus 13 mils registration fee= 38 mils



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## Ascension Island (UK Crown Colony-South Atlantic-dependency of St. Helena)

Triple weight letter from Haifa to the island postmarked March 10/29.

27 mils paying 13 mils per 20 gr and 7 mils per each additional 20 gr. Arrival mark unclear



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## Bahamas (UK Crown Colony)

REGISTERED Double Weight CENSORED AIR COVER JERUSALEM to NASSAU, BAHAMAS Air throughout via Singapore, San Francisco & Miami 125m per 5gr Rate to British West Indies Double Weight (250m plus 15m Registration = 265m). Four Color Franking with 15m, 5x20m, 50m & 100m tied by oval "REGISTERED / JERUSALEM / 3 SP 40" datestamp (struck 6 times plus twice on back), blue "JERUSALEM" Registry label, Red on White Palestine Censor label tied front & back by violet Palestine Censor marking, oval Registered Haifa Sep 5, Hawaii Sep 19, Miami Sep 24 transits, Nassau 25 Sep arrival backstamp (22 days transit)

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## El Salvador (Sovereign State)

140 mils Single Weight registered air mail from Jerusalem (Mea Shearim) to San Salvador . Postmarked July 9/44

Transit Miami and San Antonio Texas. Arrival August 7/44. 125 mils air mail rate plus 15 mils registration



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## French Indochina (French Colony)

1940 CENSORED "SERVICE SUSPENDED" AIR COVER JERUSALEM to SAIGON, FRENCH INDOCHINA ("UNOCCUPIED FRANCE") via Air France, BOAC to Bangkok, then via Hong Kong 90m per 10gr Rate to Indochina with 2x20m & 50m tied on KING DAVID HOTEL C/C by "JERUSALEM / 4 JY / 40" cds (struck three times), Red on White Palestine Censor tape wrapped around cover at left, pencil endorsement "via Hong KONG", violet 2line "RETURNED TO SENDER / NO SERVICE" marking (struck twice), violet "RETURN TO-" markings front & back & boxed 'KING DAVID HOTEL / JERUSALEM / 13 JULY 1940 / RECEIVED' backstamp



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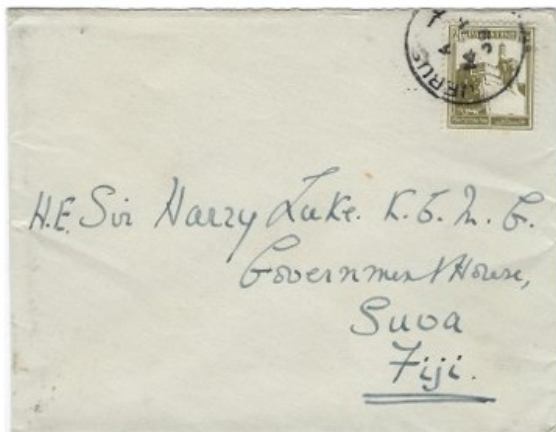
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## Fiji (UK Crown Colony)

20 mils surface mail from Jerusalem to Suva.  
Postmarked January 14/39 Harry Luke addressee

Transit Port Said (Jan 18/39) and Alexandria  
(February 18/39) Egypt. No Arrival Marks. Appears  
to be government to government correspondence



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## Strait Settlements (UK Crown Colony)

Hertziliya to Penang December  
31/47. 45 mils airmail letter rate

Indian DLO Bombay and Madras  
March 22/48



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## Hong Kong 4 (UK Crown Colony)

REGISTERED CENSORED "SERVICE SUSPENDED" AIR COVER HAIFA to KOWLOON, HONG KONG via "Horseshoe" East to Singapore, surface to East Asia. 60m per 10gr Rate to Hong Kong (plus 15m Registration = 75m) Three Color Franking with 10m, 15m & 50m tied by "HAIFA HADAR HACARMEL B.O. / 23 NO / 41" ods (struck twice each front & back), blue "HAIFA 1" Registry label, Black on Red Palestine Censor tape wrapped around cover at left and tied front & back by violet Palestine Censor marking, violet "UNDELIVERED FOR THE / REASON STATED ON THE COVER" and "POSTAL COMMUNICATION / SUSPENDED", Singapore Dec 1, 1941 transit backstamp, India Censor marking on return trip to Palestine, Jaffa Registered Feb 12, 1942 & oval Registered Haifa same day return arrival backstamps (67 days return transit from Singapore) (On November 30 last Clipper left Singapore for Hong Kong, Dec 7 State of Emergency declared in Malaya, Japanese attack Hong Kong Dec 8 with Postal Service to Hong Kong suspended)  
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## Chile (Sovereign State)

Earliest Recorded Free Civilian Mail - Jerusalem to Santiago Chile w/part postmark APO SZ44 17 DE 17, censor label #4213 on back



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## Ethiopia (Sovereign State)

REGISTERED CENSORED AIR COVER ADDRESSED to EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE, ADDIS ABABA from JERUSALEM 40m / 10g Rate (40m plus 15m Registration = 55m) with 5m & 50m tied by oval "REGISTERED / JERUSALEM / 8 FE 44" (struck twice each front & back), Blue



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## Iraq (Mesopotamia - UK Administration)

24 NOV 23, AJAMI B.O. - JAFFA pc originally marked "Overland Mail Printed Matter" crossed out and sent airmail, franked 33m. 8m post card rate + 25m air mail fee, BAGHDAD 12 DEC 23 arrival postmark on face, KANTARA - HAIFA TPO SOUTH 4 DE 23 transit on back. An early example of the RAF's "Transdesert Air Service" to Iraq



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