

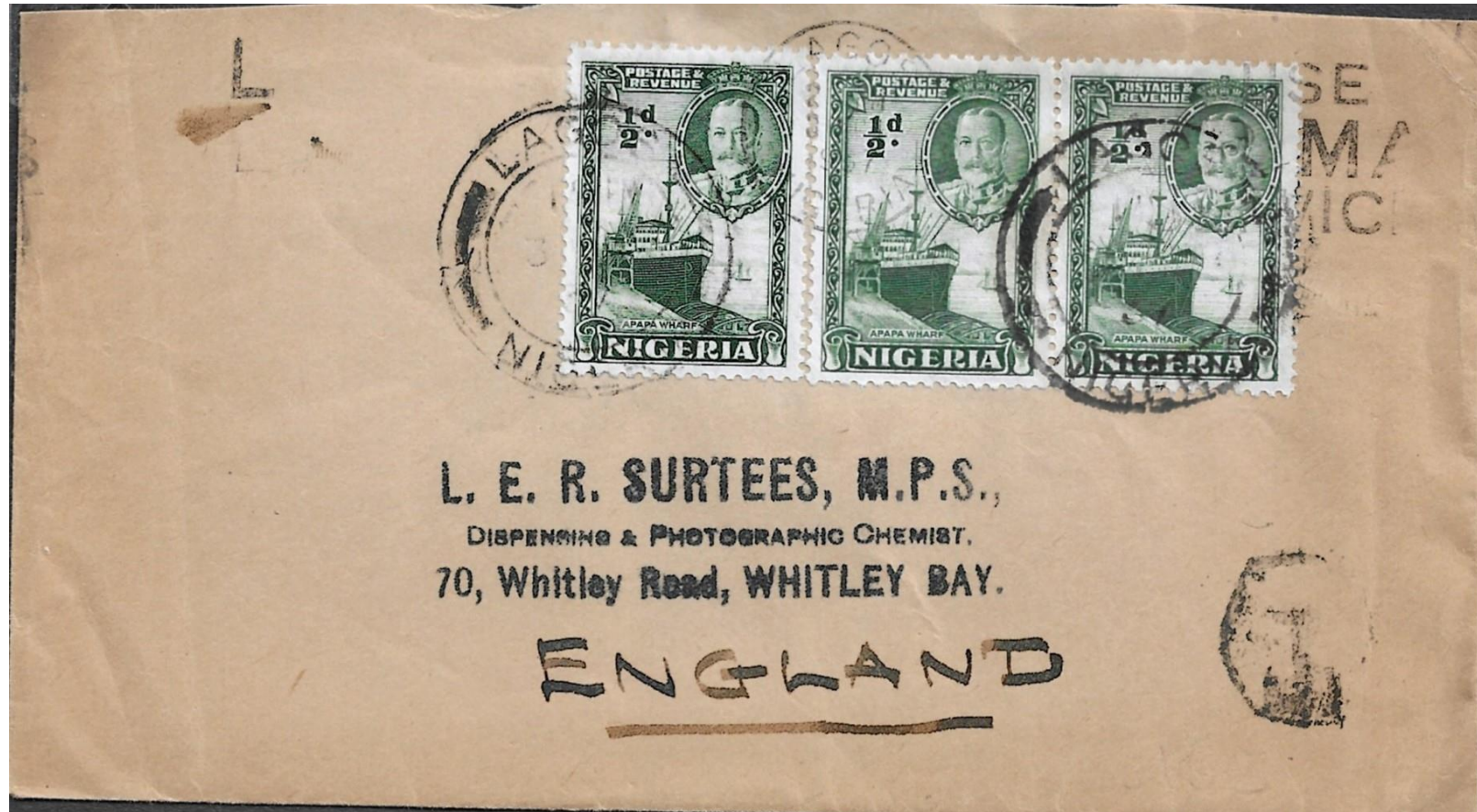
Some Nigerian Correspondence

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Philately in the 1930s

- These two items of correspondence show how a collector tried unsuccessfully to obtain covers in the 1930
- The Turks and Caicos cover shows that he had more success elsewhere

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No. P.O.S.S.146/37.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT,
G.P.O., LAGOS.

2nd March, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8th February, 1937, addressed to the Postmaster, Lagos, and to inform you that this Department is unaware of anyone in Nigeria interested in stamp collecting.

2. Your stamped addressed envelope has been used to enclose this letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. Osinla
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

Mr. L.E.R. Surtees, M.P.S.
70, Whitley Road,
Whitley Bay,
England.

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No. 781/1937.

BARCLAYS BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS),
FORMERLY

THE COLONIAL BANK,
LAGOS.

NIGERIA,

BRITISH WEST AFRICA.

12th April, 1937.

C.B.
L.P. 89.

CABLE ADDRESS:
BARCLADOM.



L.E.R. Surtees, M.P.S.
70, Whitley Road,
Whitley Bay,
England.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd March last regarding Coronation Stamps.

We much regret however that requests of this nature, during the last few months, have reached such a volume that we have been compelled to decline to undertake them. We do not know of any individuals or firms in Lagos who would be prepared to undertake the stamping of envelopes on a commission basis, and regret that we are unable to assist you in the matter.

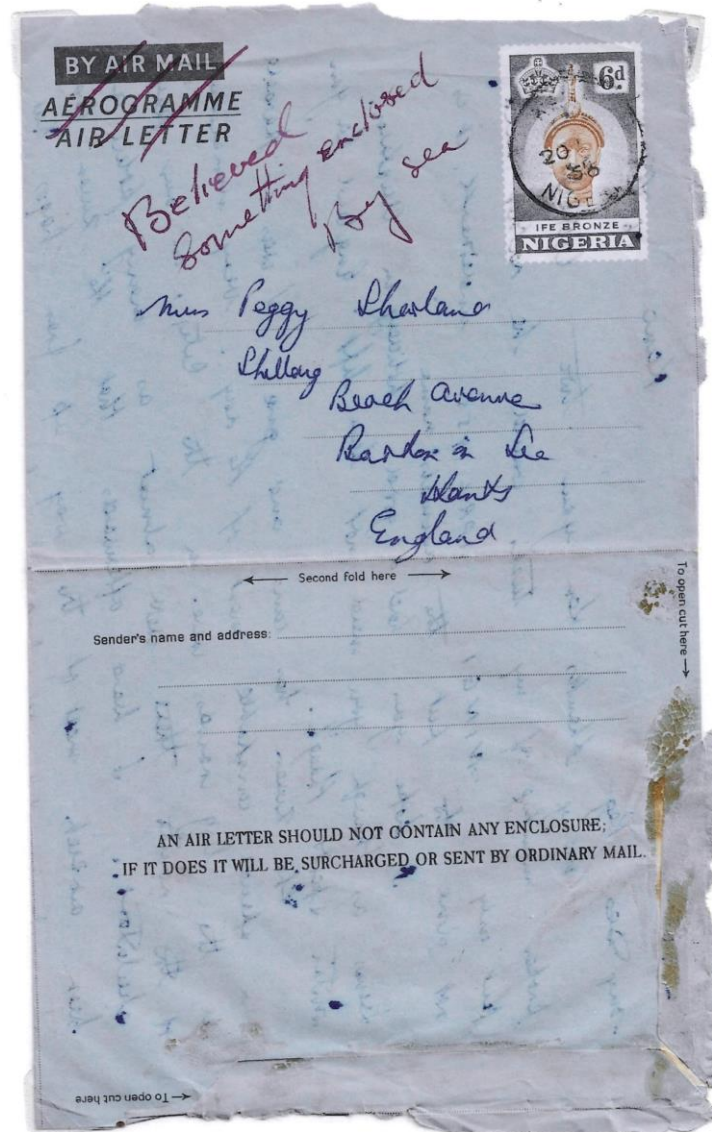
Yours faithfully,

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Manager.

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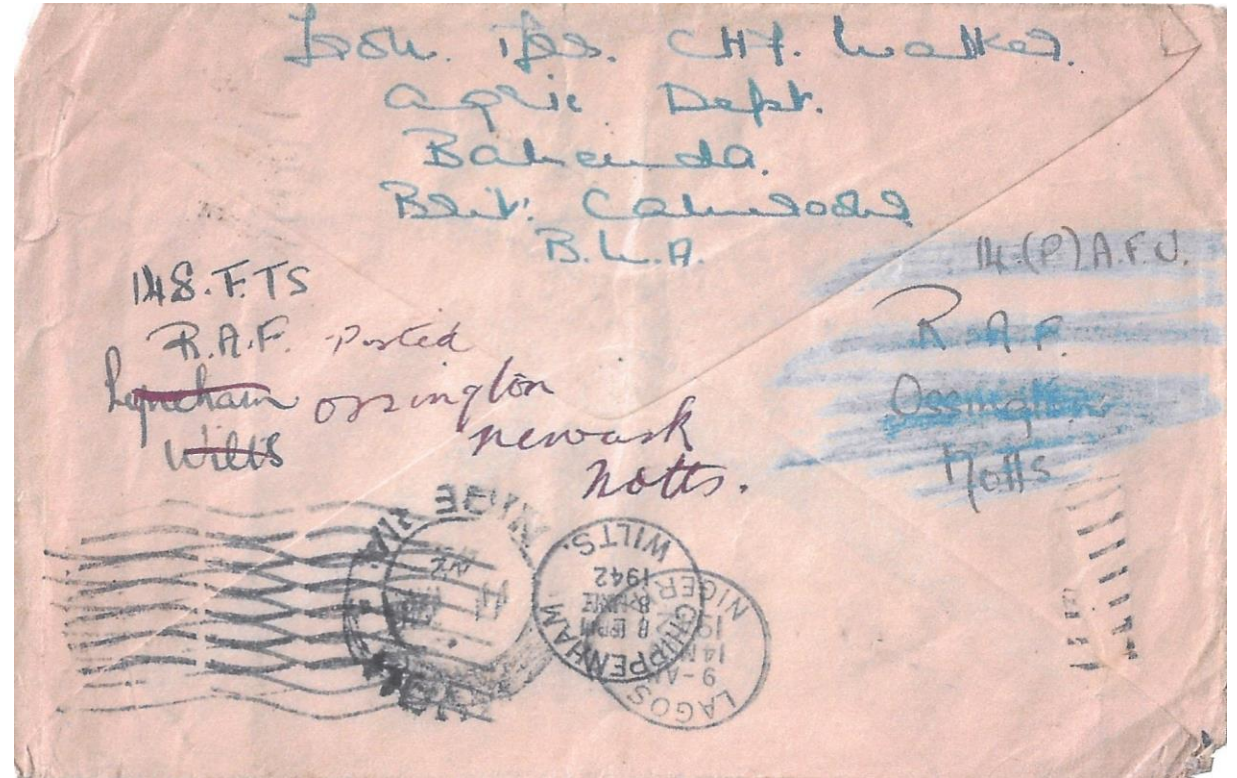
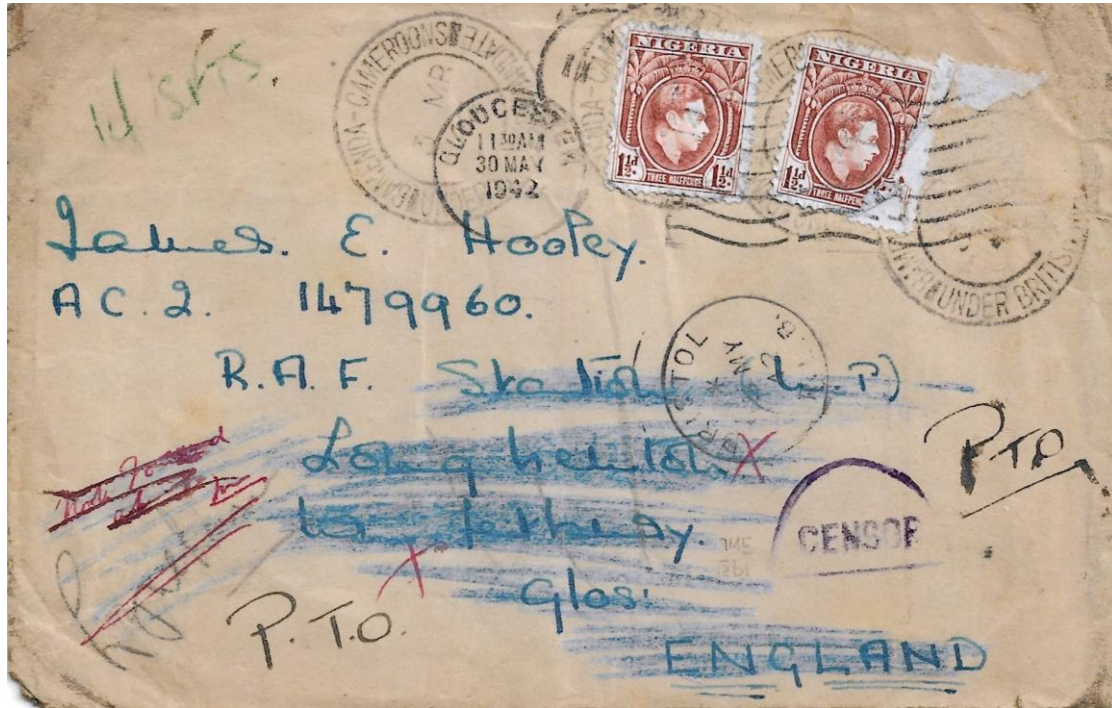
Royal Visit 1956



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- A rather battered airletter with an interesting take on the Royal Visit to Kano as part of the visit to Nigeria. The relevant part of the letter is;
- ‘The Queen has come and gone. I was on parade as a special constable most of the day. Most unnecessary all the big crowds were in the city, on our part of the route there were almost as many police as spectators. I heard afterwards that the Queen had been airsick most of the way up from Lagos, but she certainly did not look it when she went by – she looked absolutely lovely. On her third trip as she drove to the airport at night our part of the road was rather empty and each of us amateur police shouted Bye Bye and cheerioh and we were thanked by the Duke in person as they drove fairly slowly. They were so long at the Emir’s palace – half an hour over the scheduled time, everybody suggested that the Duke was inspecting the harem.’

RAF Training 1942



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- A much travelled letter, posted at Bamenda, Southern Cameroons, on 3rd March 1942. Received at Lagos on 11th where it was censored; a Lagos machine cancel was applied on 14th. The next date stamp is Bristol on 29th May, followed by a Gloucester cancel of 30th en route to RAF Long Newnton, from where it was redirected to RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, when a Chippenham cancel of 8th June was applied, before the letter was redirected yet again to RAF Ossington.
- The reason for this re direction was that Aircraftsman (AC2) Hooley was undergoing flight training, passing rapidly through a series of stages at a time when there was great pressure for more flight crew.