

Welcome to the Stuart Rossiter Trust



STUART ROSSITER MA, FRGS, FRPSL. (1923 – 1982)

Stuart Rossiter was a leading postal historian of his day and wanted, through the setting up of this charity with the money from his estate, research to be devoted as much to the rapidly changing affairs of contemporary times as to those of the past. Stuart was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society; Chief Editor of the Blue Guides, as well as writing for example the classical Blue Guide to Greece; and was Editor of The London Philatelist. All these things brought together an interest in research and the publication of the useful results of such research.

What We Do

The Stuart Rossiter Trust Fund is a Charitable Trust supporting original research and publication relating to the history of communication through the postal systems the world.

The Trust supports research and publication projects by grant. Anyone wishing to engage on a project within the objects of the Charity, who needs the financial support that the Charity can give to approved projects and who would benefit from the experience of the Trustees in helping get scripts fit for publication to an academic standard with the help of referees, should contact the trust.

The Charity can help with the costs of research, such as photocopying from archives distant to the researcher, as well as publication costs. Applicants can be students seeking a higher degree at University, amateurs or professionals, provided the research is original, is approved and likely to lead to publication for the benefit of a wider public and adds to the stock of publicly available material.

The Charity cannot support collecting but recognises that collections may have material, information and research resources that need to be recorded in support of the objects of the Charity.

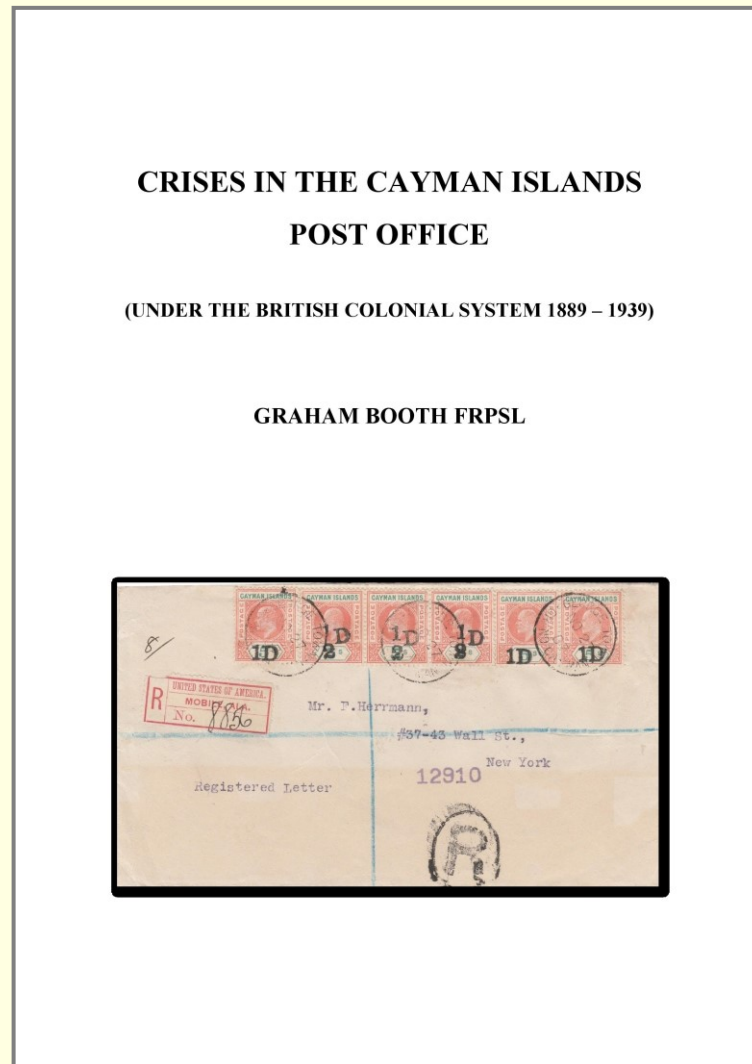
The Charity can help people of any nationality, wherever they live and whatever the subject, provided that topic is within the objectives set out in the Charity's governing documents.

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Crises in the Cayman Islands Post Office

(Under the British Colonial System 1889-1939)

Graham Booth FRPSL

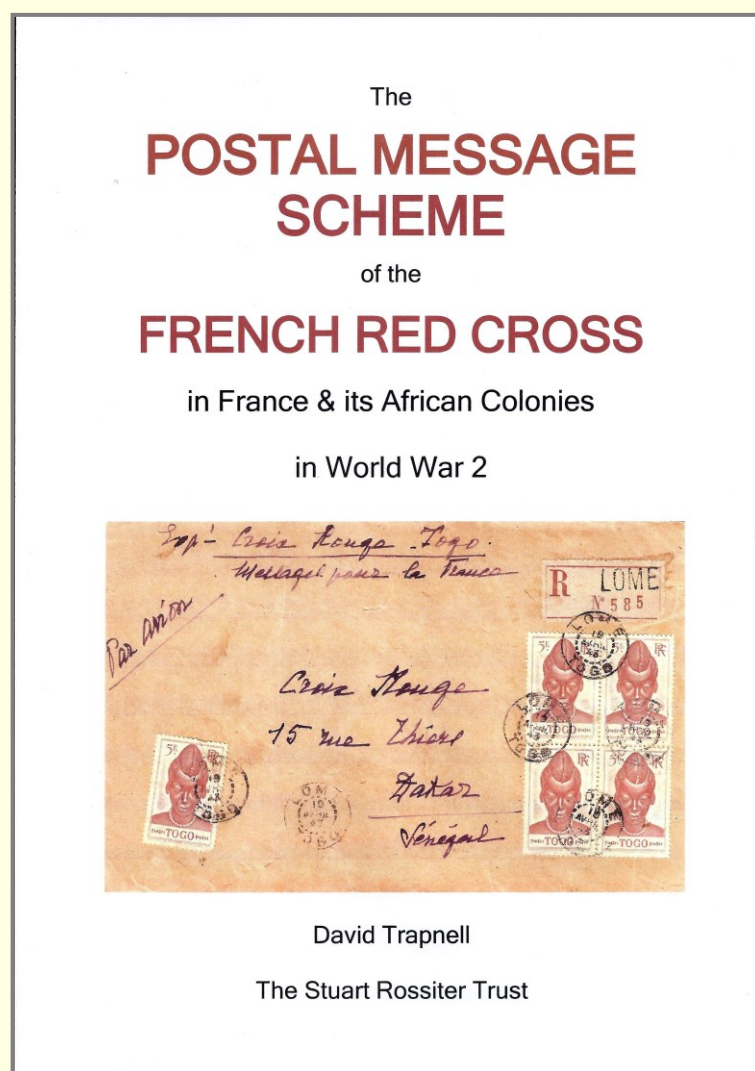


From his research in the local archives, the author takes a look at how local, regional and colonial politics conspire to make the setting-up and running of a post office on a small group of islands a frustrating and time-consuming endeavour. Factor in stamp dealers and collectors and you end up with a picture of how challenging the system could be in the early 20th Century.

264 pages, A4, hardback. Price **£30**

The Postal Message Scheme of the French Red Cross in France & its African Colonies in World War 2

David Trapnell FRPSL

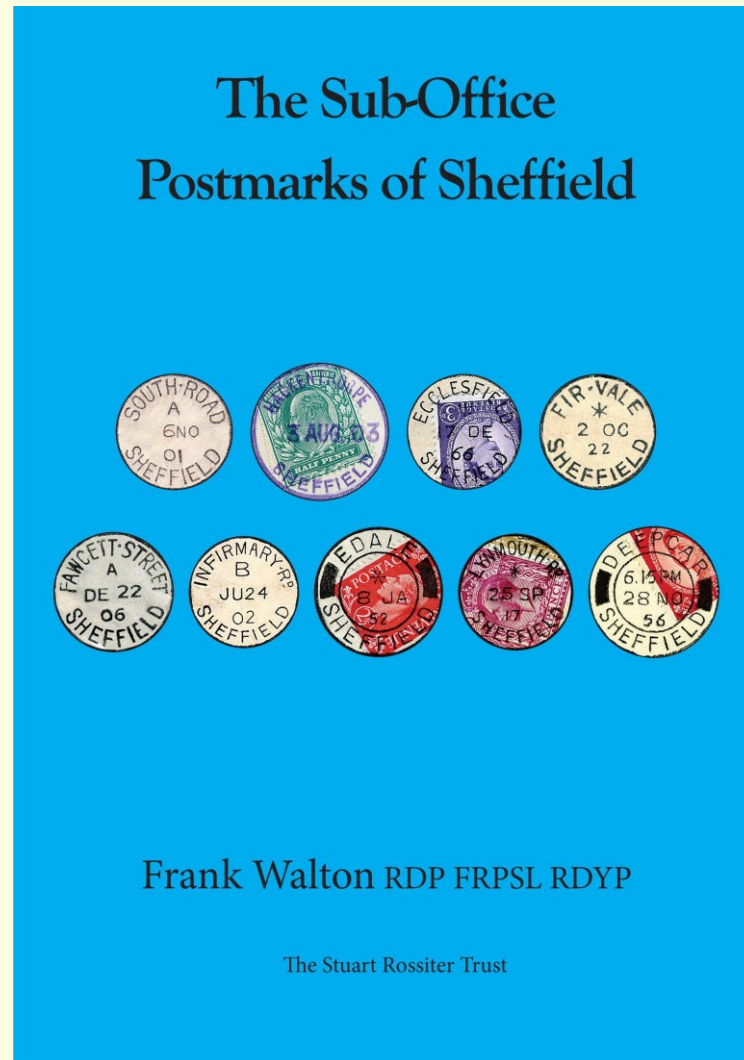


Profusely illustrated in colour telling the story of the Red Cross message scheme as it operated in WW2 between France and its colonies in Africa, and Madagascar.

65 pages, A4. Price **£10**

The Sub Office Postmarks of Sheffield

Frank Walton RDP FRPSL



This book documents the postmarks applied at all post offices that fell under Sheffield head office, other than Sheffield itself. Specifically excluded are any instructional marks. Also excluded is any reference to the colour of inks used. A total of 330 differently named offices are included, and each one of these has its own page recording the life of the office and illustrating the postmarks used. There are over 1,800 postmarks illustrated. 406 pages.

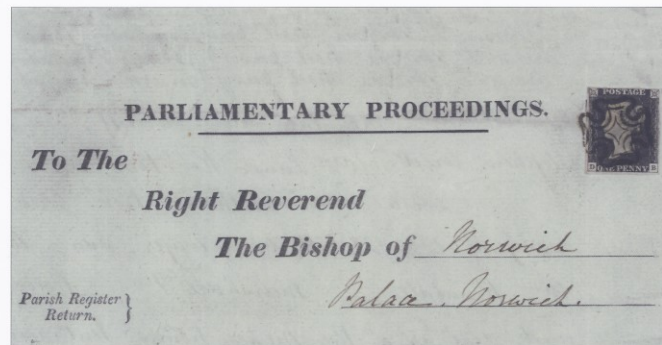
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British Printed Papers by Post 1836 to 1876

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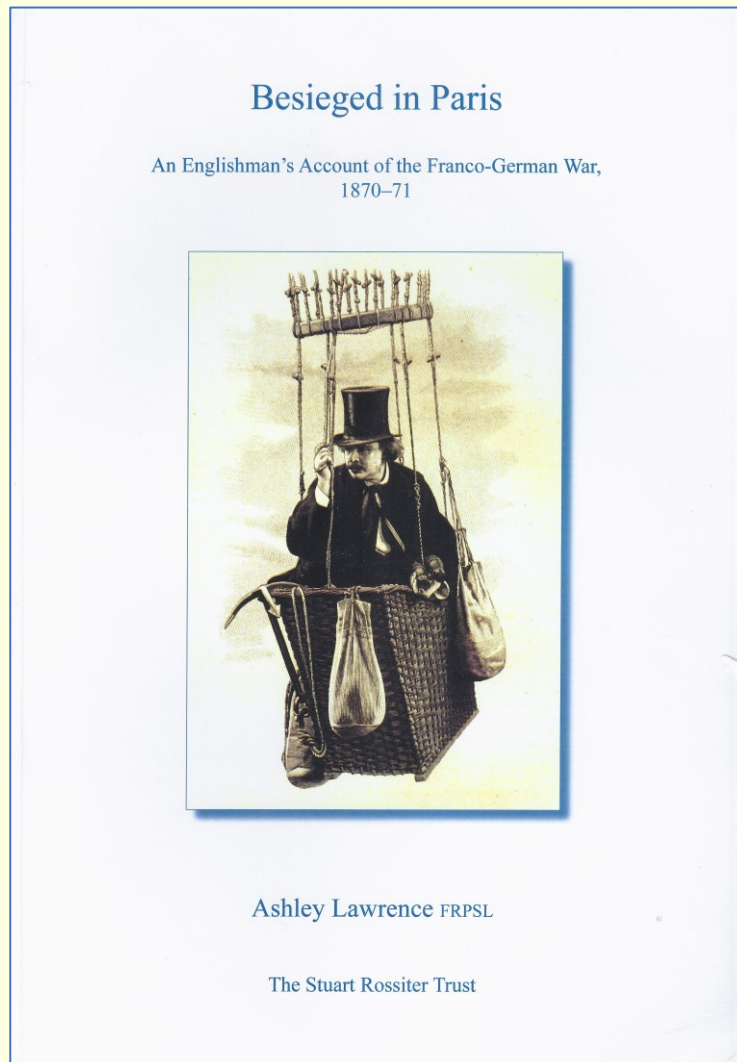
British Printed Papers by Post 1836 to 1876 tells the story of how the GPO services developed when handling mail separated from letters, postcards and parcels. This might include newspapers, books, parliamentary papers, voting papers, patterns and samples, prices current and market reports, election papers, ecclesiastical papers, and others. Members of the armed services also needed special arrangements. This story goes back to the mid-17th century to give readers the context in which very many changes to Britain's postal arrangements were made during the period 1836 to 1876. The origins of the various postal services are described along with problems encountered by the Post Office and the steps taken to resolve those. The narrative includes extracts from official records and statutes and these are augmented by Tables of the rates of postage within Britain and from Britain to places overseas.

770 pages, hardback with dustjacket. Price **£50**

Besieged in Paris

An Englishman's Account of the Franco-German War, 1870–71

Ashley Lawrence FRPSL

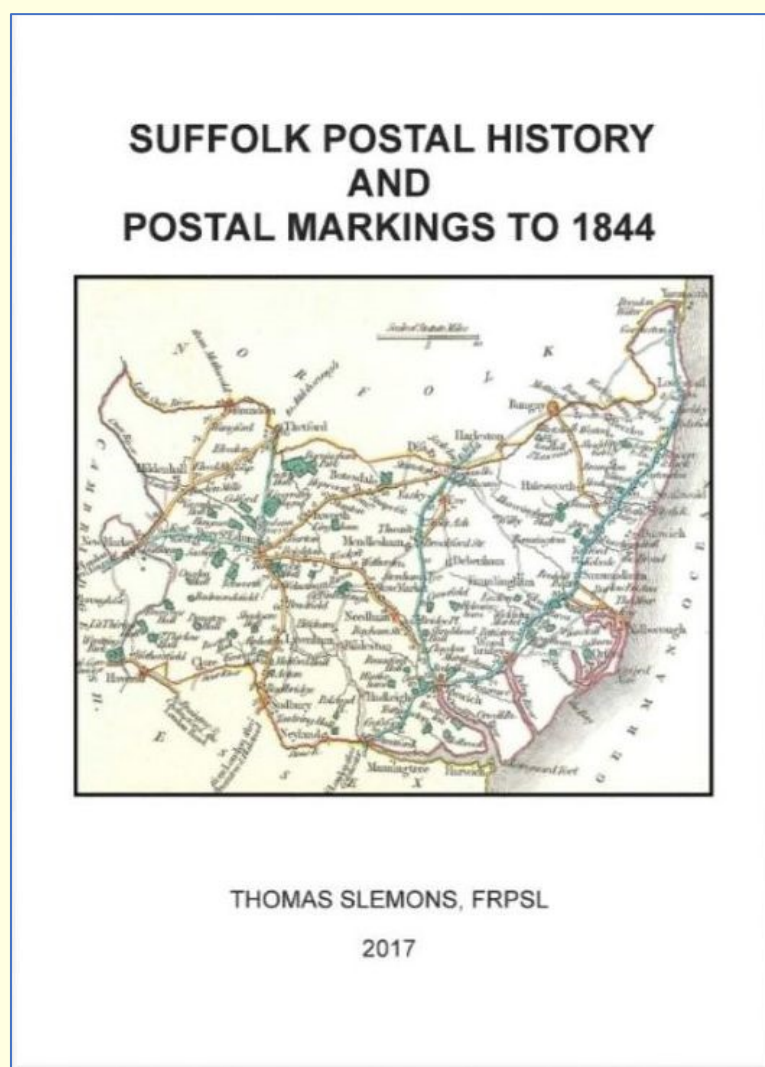


Ashley Lawrence has researched a remarkable series of letters from an astute observer of the siege of Paris, the climax of the Franco-German War. In spite of the siege, during the five-month period from September 1870 to January 1871, William Brown succeeded in corresponding with his wife in England and she managed to communicate with him, using whatever postal and clandestine means were available. The characters, events and aspects of life in Paris during those terrible months are described in great detail. Copiously illustrated with colour and black & white illustrations. There is also an index and bibliography.

290 pages, softback, A4. Price **£25**

Suffolk Postal History and Postal Markings to 1844

Thomas Slemons FRPSL



The postal history of Suffolk, and a replacement of the Suffolk chapter of the British county catalogue, with twice the number of entries and complete revision of date ranges. Long awaited, this massive book is the result of decades of research and includes maps and illustrations in colour.

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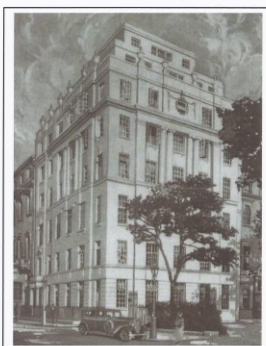
The Free French in London 1940 – 1945

Peter A Baker



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*A review of the postal history & other associated
London based organisations
by
Peter A. Baker*



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A review of the postal history of the Free French and other associated London based organisations. Based on the Author's extensive research, this work explores a fascinating but little-known aspect of WWII.

64 pages, softbound. Price **£9.50**

Postmen at War

Colonel E.T. Vallance CBE, ERD



A History of the Army Postal Services from the Helder Campaign to the end of WW2, via the Peninsular War, the Nile and Suakin, the Boer Wars, WW1 and the inter war years. This is an informative and highly readable book, copiously illustrated showing postal routes and Army Postal Services dispositions.

302 pages softbound, A4. Price **£25**

Great Britain: Failed Free Handstamps of the Franking System

Robert B Galland FRPSL and John E Colton.



Free postage was established in Great Britain in 1652 for some people including MPs. It was abolished at the introduction of the Uniform Postal Rate on 10 January 1840. This book addresses those handstamps associated with breaches of the Acts governing free postage.

92 pages, softbound, A4. Price **£15**

Also, the first Supplement to
Great Britain: Failed Free Handstamps of the Franking System
is available free of charge from:

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Netherlands Mail in Times of Turmoil
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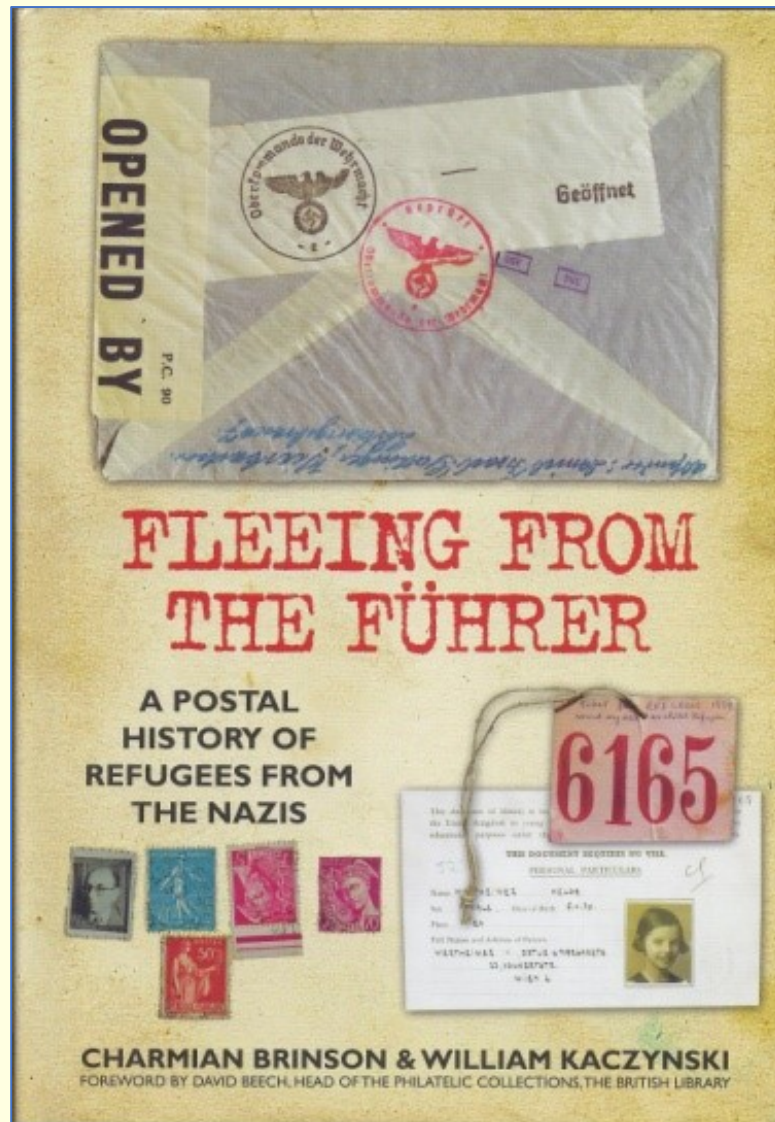
Kees Adema FRPSL

A study of Dutch field post correspondence related to wars, military operations, upheavals and civil unrest.

168 pages. Price **£49**

Fleeing from the Führer

Charmian Brinson and William Kaczynski



This book was published in 2011 by The History Press with financial support from the Stuart Rossiter Trust.

Price **£12**

Express Mail, After Packets and Late Fees in India before 1870

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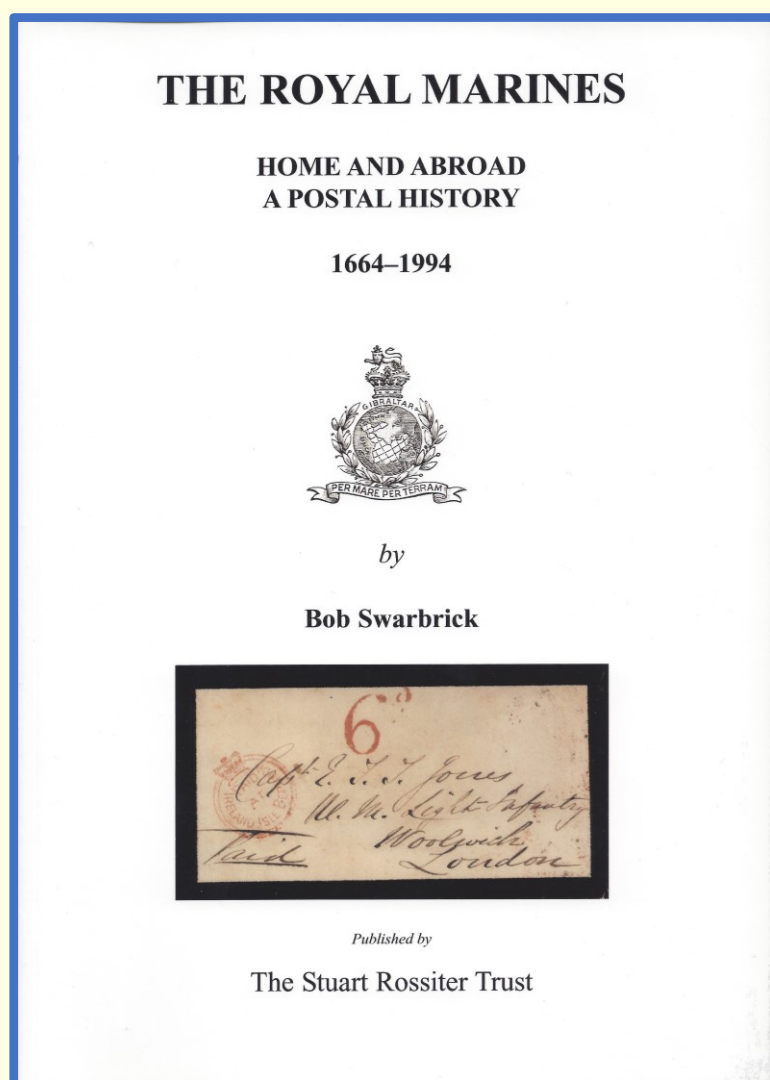
Describing the Overland mail within India particularly between Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, this book shows the ways by which a sender could get mail across India quickly in either direction. 2007.

Sale Price £10

The Royal Marines

Home and Abroad - A Postal History

by Bob Swarbrick



Starting with their formation in 1664 as The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot and a letter of 1666 and ending with South Georgia in 1994 where training in mountain and cold weather warfare was conducted. Each of the 91 stories is illustrated with entires or covers including to make a fascinating social and postal history of the Royal Marines.

162 pages published in 2006. **Sale Price £15**

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Application Forms that cover both types of grant are available from the Trust's website: www.rossitertrust.com

In addition to providing grants for the books published by the Trust, grants can also be awarded towards the costs of publication elsewhere.

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