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LOCAL MAIL WITHIN THE NEW GUINEA MILITARY THEATRE

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In reference to Article 233 by K.S. Sheard, I have examined my collection of New Guinea war covers and noted additional examples of In-Theatre personal mail. Sheard questions whether the notations on his envelopes follow the practice of each service or if they are individual variations. My information appears to indicate that they are individual variants, but the notations may have followed some general guidelines in terms of actual notation. It should be noted that most In-Theatre covers bear no special notations. Of the two covers illustrated, the Australian Forces cover was mailed from UPS 410 in Sogeri to Dogura and was labeled both "Island Mail" and "Native Mail". The illustrated American Forces cover was mailed from Naval CBMU 553 on Green (Nissan) Island to Goodenough Island and was labeled "Inter Island Service". The notations for local mail which have been noted to date from my collection of New Guinea covers are as follows:

Australian Notations

Local Mail  
 Inter Unit  
 Island Mail  
 Local  
 Native Mail

American Notations

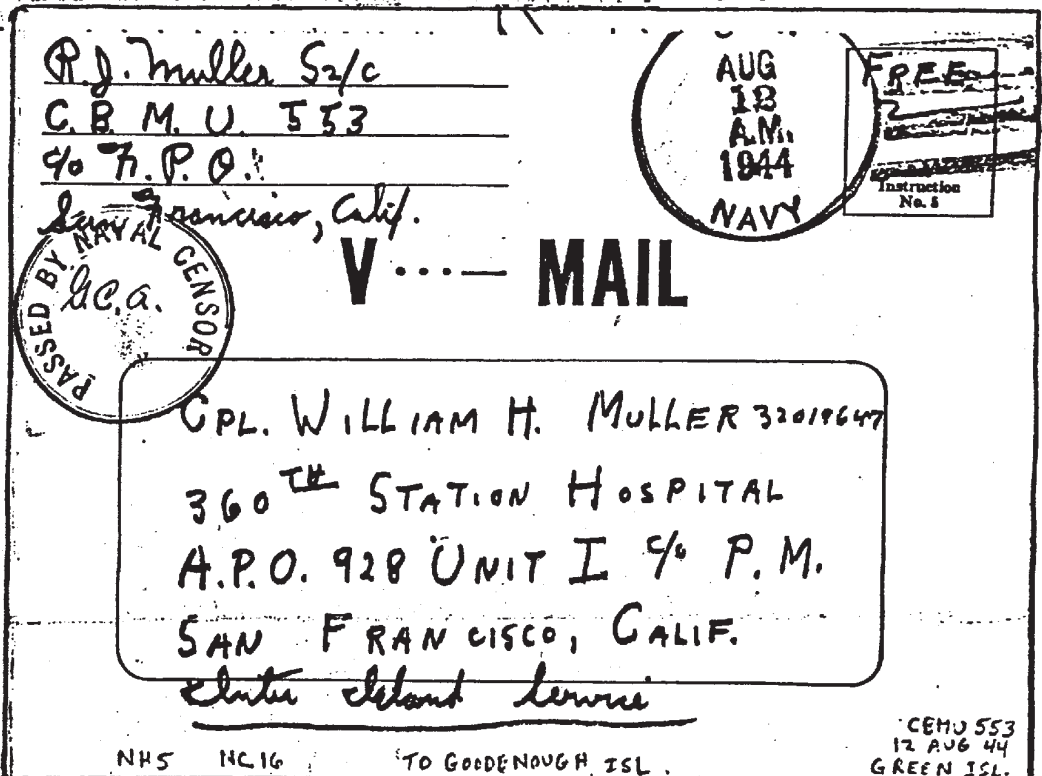
Inter-Island Mail  
 Inter-Island  
 Inter Island Service  
 Local (Sheard noted)



Below:-

V-Mail letter form used as an air letter. Does any one have similar examples used by Australian Forces & addressed to Australia?

When used for microfilming 3 sides were cut off by machine, the form opened & photographed. This system gave more security to the writer than the airgraph form.



CBMU 553  
 12 AUG 44  
 GREEN ISL.