

Hot on the heels of Ted Coles' report of APO RD 51, comes a report of APO RD 47 from Mrs. Janet Holdeman. An interesting point is that both her and Ted's dates are the same: 3 JU 15.

It is apparent from the recording in Kennedy/Grabb of the datestamps R 46 to R 51, with space for a missing letter, that datestamps lettered R.D.46 to R.D.51 were all probably issued in their original form, and after a short period of use, had the letter "D" removed. So far only R.D.47, R.D.48 and R.D.51 have been seen. The datestamps with the "D" removed are recorded with earliest dates as follows in Kennedy/Grabb and Proud:

	<u>Kennedy/Grabb</u>	<u>Proud</u>
R 46	JU 15	19. 6.15
R 47	JU 15	10.11.15
R 48	JU 15	4.11.16
R 49	JU 18 (? 15)	18. 7.15
R 50	JU 15	14. 6.15
R 51	-	8. 6.15

It is evident therefore that the removal of the "D" took place at the latest in the middle of June 1915, and that the datestamps were only used in their original form for a few days.

Is it possible that any other datestamps were made in this type ?
