

UNDERCOVER MAIL WWI

WWII UNDERCOVER MAIL (Thomas Cook & Co.)

During WW II undercover addresses were used to conceal the true destination of mail, particularly of occupied European countries. These address might be internal and used within a country, between Allies and between Allies and neutral countries. They could also be used to conceal the identity and location of particular establishments, military units, operations or projects.

ex Vichy France



25 February 1942, Puy S/R cds cancelling the block of four 2Fr. Petain postage stamps, addressed to PO Box 506 Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon M/C 3 March 1842. PC 90 Obe, 668 tape at left and plain brown tape round all edges. Thomas Cook, in 1939 used PO Box No. 501 Amsterdam, until it was occupied and thereafter to PO Box 506 Lisbon. Thomas Cook would then forward the original letters, to their destination, however, after 1943, the Germans stop allowing this practice.