

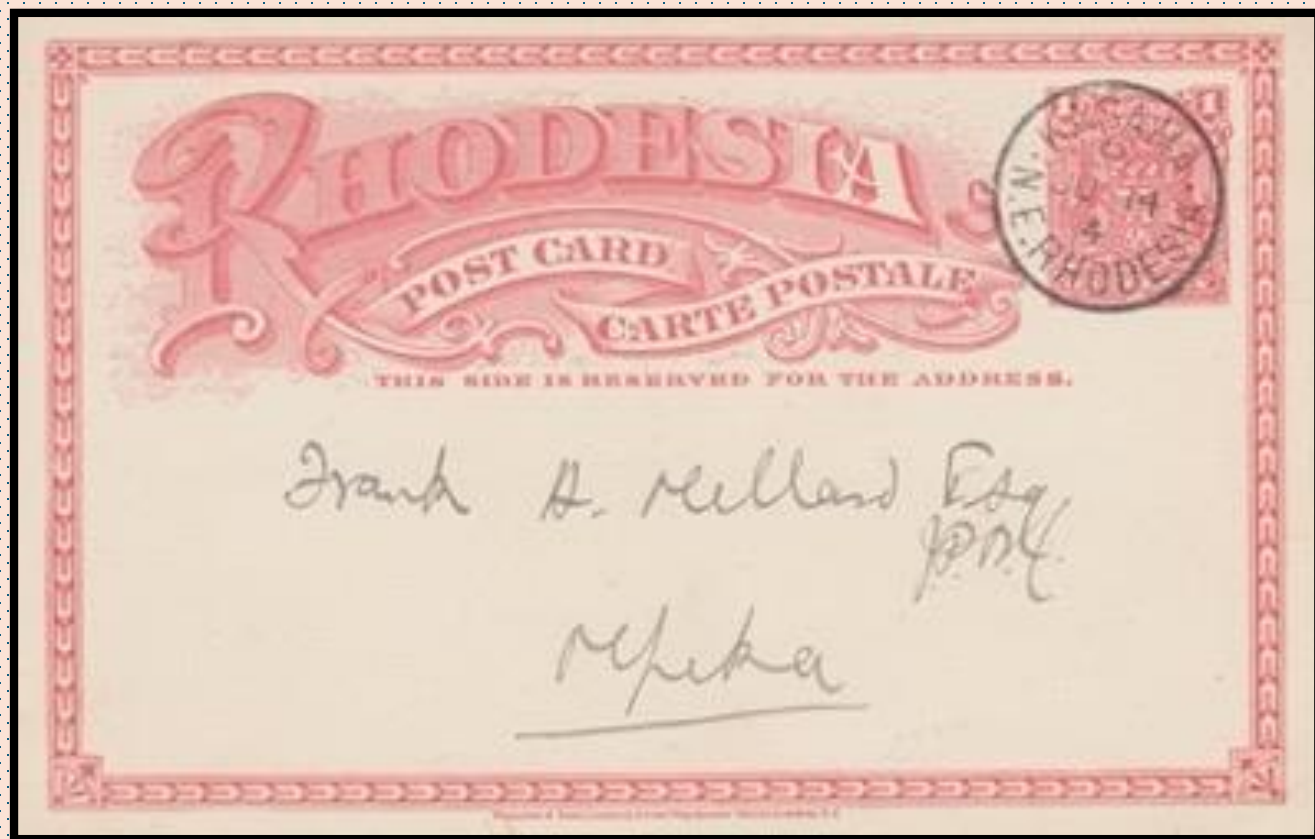
B S A C
POSTAL HISTORY

FRANK MELLAND

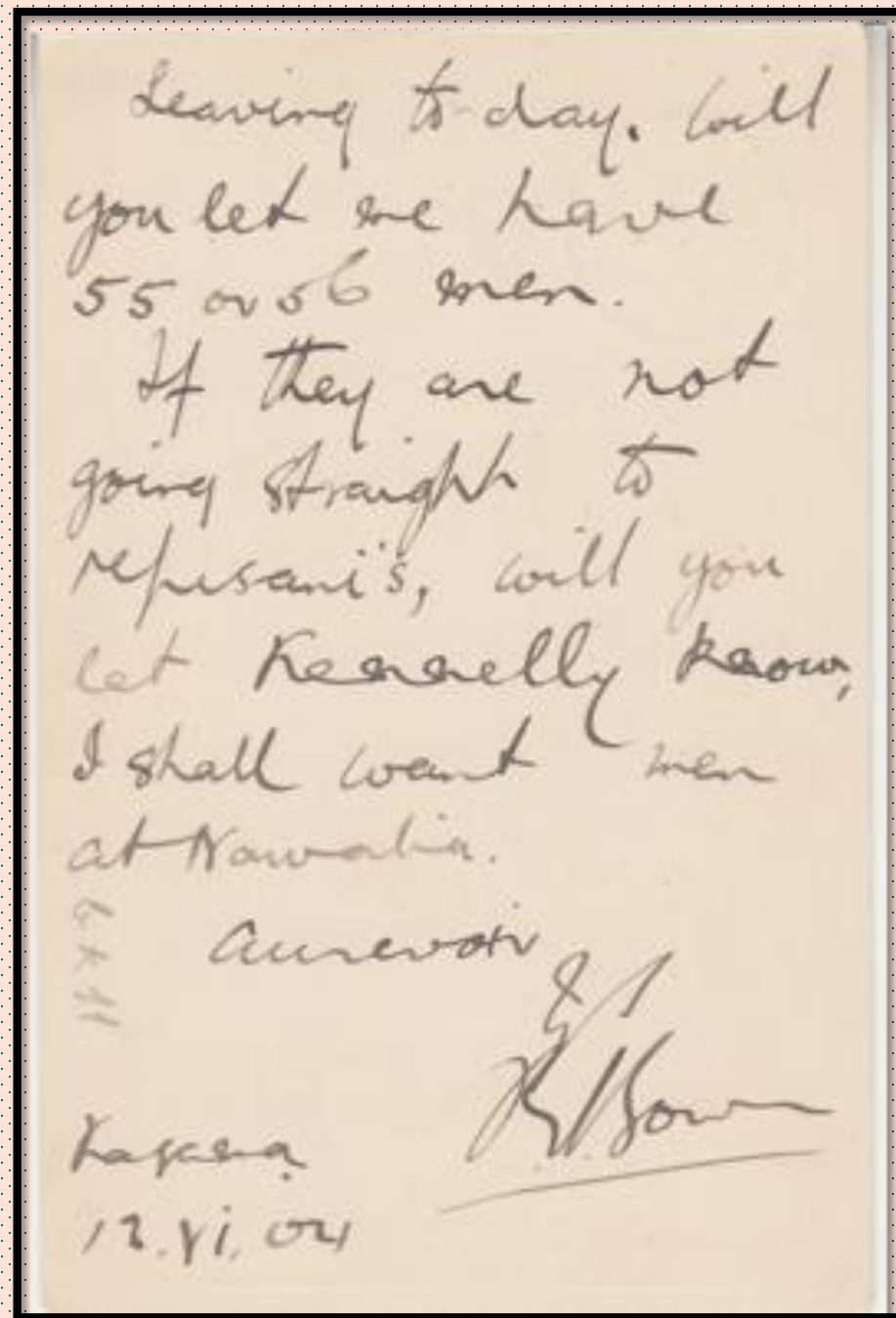
Frank Melland was Magistrate for the Kasempis district
(which included Kansanshi), Northern Rhodesia in 1911-1922.

Captain

Card addressed to Frank A Melland, at Mpika
from R I Gower (?) written at Kapama on 13 VI
04. Interesting message of a military nature



A request to Melland requesting "55 or 56
men" and "I shall want men at Nawalia".
Nawalia is a town South East of Mpika



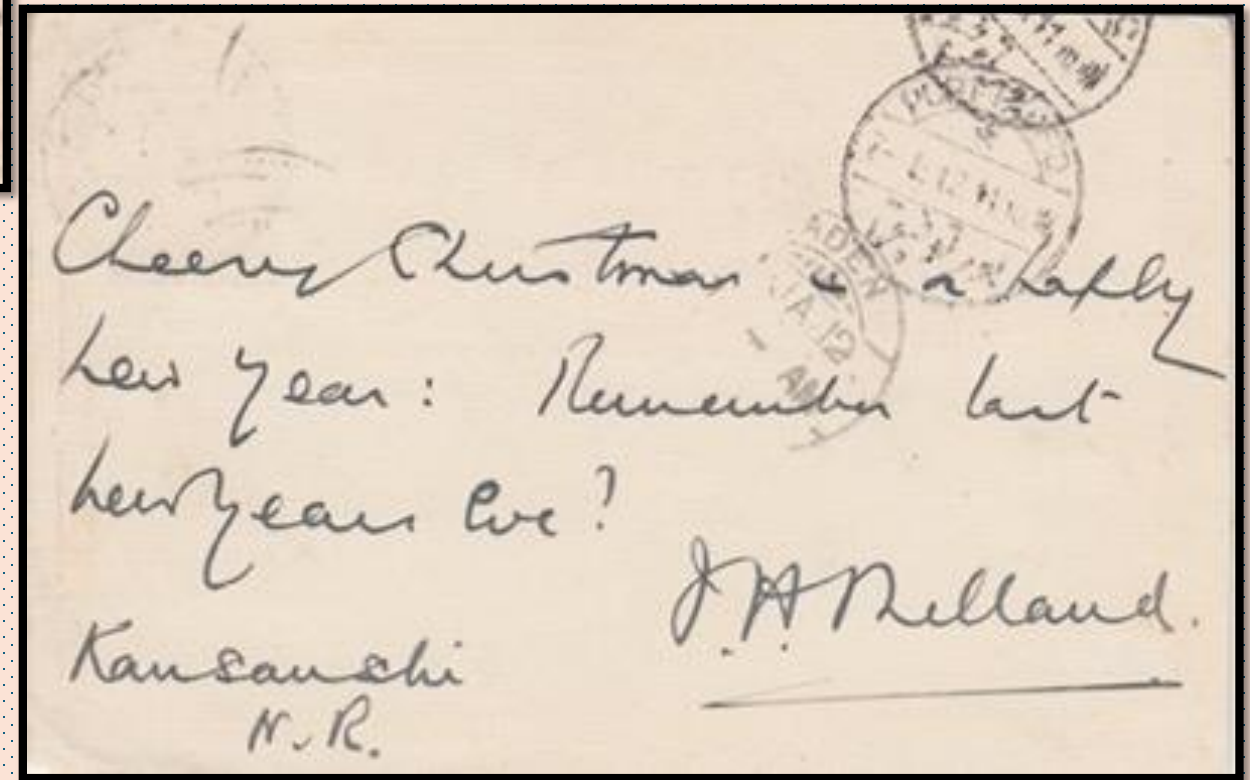


Captain Chauncey Hugh Stigland entered the Egyptian Army in 1910 and was posted to the Upper White Nile , assuming control of the Lado Enclave from the Belgians by agreement.
Card addressed to Stigland by Frank Melland from Kansanshi and signed on back by Melland

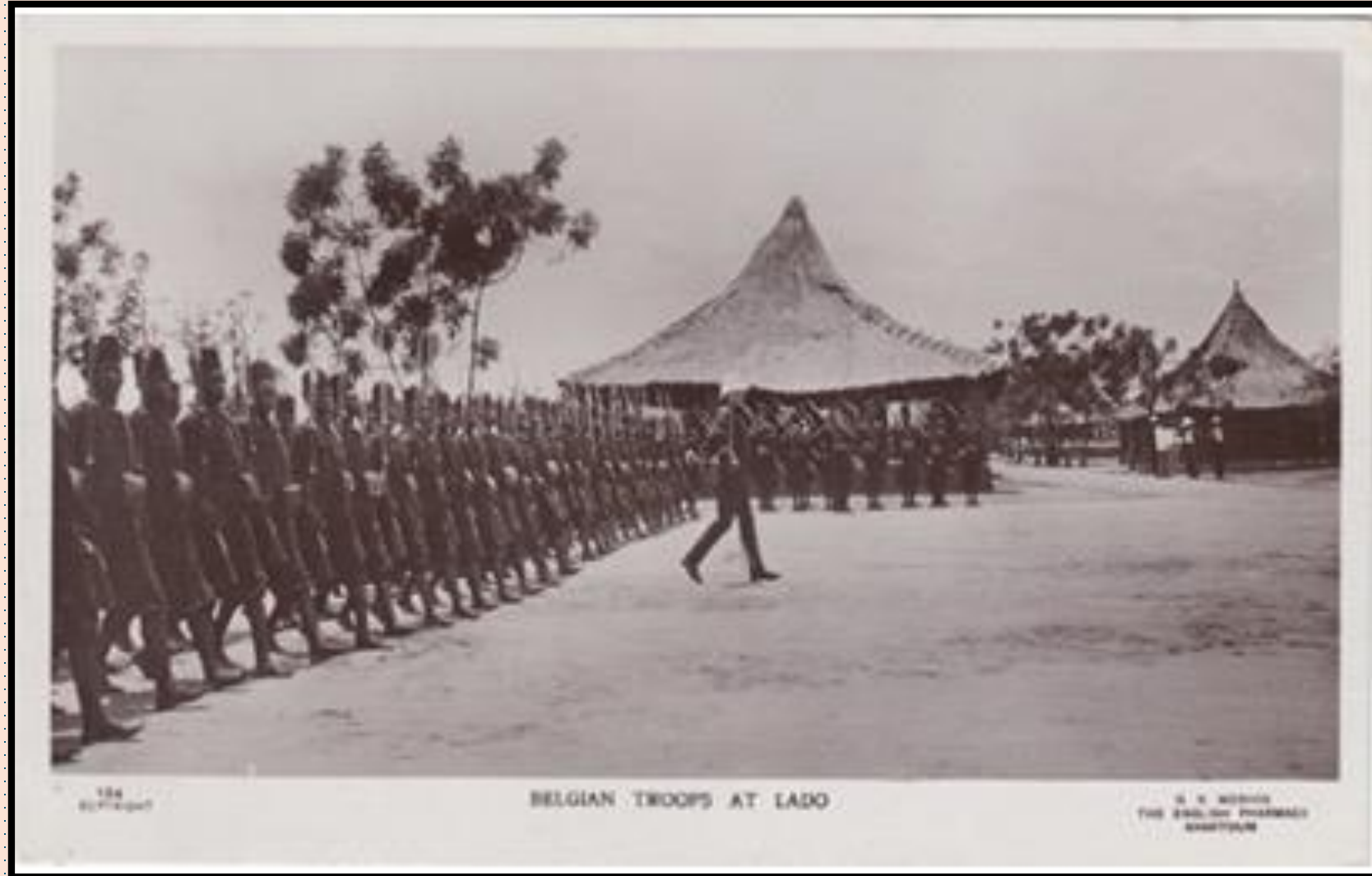
20th November 1911, 1d postal stationery card , addressed to Rejaf, Lado Province, Sudan and endorsed "via Beira and Port Sudan"

Postmarked Kansanshi NW Rhodesia 20 November double circle date stamp, which was overstruck Livingstone NW Rhodesia 28

November double circle transit date stamp. Backstamped Aden 1 January 1912 transit and Port Taufiq 7 January 1912 arrival strikes



The picture post card is a later reproduction of Belgian
Troops in the Lado
by G N Morhig of the English Pharmacy, Khartoum



104
G. N. Morhig

BELGIAN TROOPS AT LADO

G. N. MORHIG
THE ENGLISH PHARMACY
KHARTOUM

Cross border mail

Written at Kansanshi by Frank Melland, 21 November 1915, to
Alfred Wilson in London



This. Small cover was written in Kansanshi, carried across the Congo border into Elizabethville, where it was franked with a 25c Congo Belgique stamp, tied by Elizabethville blue single circle canceller. Melland chose the route to the north as a perceived faster route to London as opposed to the route South

Accompanying note to the cover
carried from Kansanshi to
Elizabethville, Congo.

Of significance:

1. Indication of his death on a railway platform
2. His official stamp of Magistrates Office, Kansanshi where he was acting
3. Rationale for the route via the Congo - quicker than the route via the Cape

Author of this note is unknown but bears interesting remark regarding an "interesting Historical cover - as it really is a Rhodesia item" - a nod to philately

"Lonely Philatelist" poor Frank Melland, who was killed last Feb. in the fog at Croydon. After 36 years in the wilds at Mpika, etc. passing through all kinds of danger, lions, elephants, hippos, snakes, fever, etc. etc. was killed in a local railway accident, dragged along the platform. That was on a Saturday and we were going to lunch together on the following Tuesday, and talk over the book. Well, this cover was addressed to someone in London, when he was at Kansanshi, up near the Congo border in 1915, and it bears on the back his signature with the official stamp of the Magistrates Office, Kansanshi, Northern Rhodesia, and the date. He was acting there during the war. Evidently he sent, or took, the letter over the Congo border to Elizabethville and posted it there with the Congo stamp affixed, in order to get it through that way quicker than by the down south route. Of course you will not hesitate to secure this most interesting historical cover, as it is really a Rhodesian item.

Postal stationery card with 1/2d embossed Arms stamp,
uprated by addition of Admiral provisional "Half Penny"
overprinted stamp, addressed by F H Melland to himself
- his signature used for addressee - at Solwezi on 24
April 1918 - blank back - possibly to recognise the use
of the "Half Penny" stamp.

