

## BRITISH FIELD SERVICE POST CARD

British Field Service Post Card (A2042. Crown Copyright Reserved) is a buff coloured postcard of light board on which phrases have been pre-printed. Typically a message was formulated by crossing out pre-printed text that was not relevant to the occasion. The card was then signed and dated.

Each postcard shown here is of the same dimension, 113 x 85mm. The one is mint and formatted marginally different to that which is used. The used one bears no franking mark. The correspondent is one Pat Monaghan, the card dated 28 May NY and addressed in lead pencil to: Mrs Pat Monaghan, Grasmere, Caledonian Rd, Stevenston, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Instituted during World War I, this was an early manifestation of censorship of communications sent by allied troops from a battle front. Each card carried the admonition that "if anything else is added (other than that which is stipulated) the post card will be destroyed".

