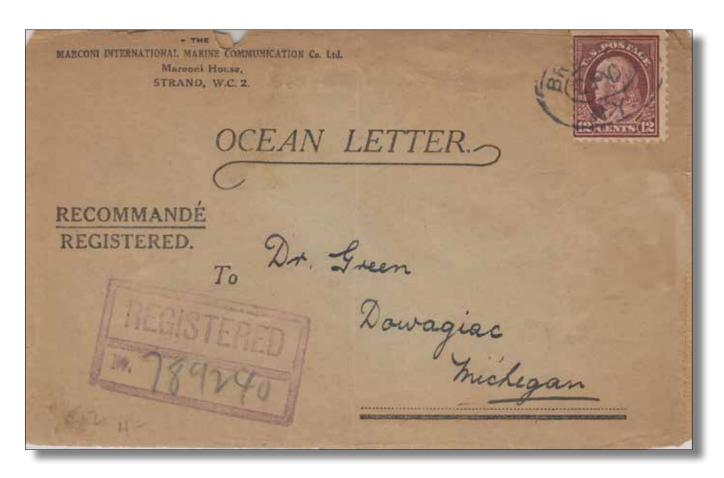
The Marconi International Marine Communication Company

The history of the Marconi Company is told in chapter one.

Marconi stuck to the type with a curlicue until 1924 when he also changed to a more functionalistic design with typeface sans-seriff. A series of this type were printed only distinguishable by small changes in the design and the seize of the typeface. Round 1927 a type with a printer's imprint *S.34* was printed on the usual faded green/blue envelopes but also on buff coloured paper (see below).

Marconi stuck to the rather boring message form. Round 1927 the design was changed to a green and black design. In spite of the change in the name in 1928 to BRITISK MARINE WIRELESS SERVICE, the design of the envelopes was the same.

In the 30ies they printed envelopes with the text POST-RADIOTELGRAM and MAR-CONIGRAM and used these for ocean letters. They are in bright orange, orange-red colours. A couple of ocean letter from after World War II have been found.



Rare type of Marconi envelope from 1923. The colour is darker than the first type and the typeface thinner.

The M	The Marconi International Marine Communication Company			
Type	Envelope	Description of characteristics	Year	
1a E1	RECOMMANDÉ REGISTERED. To D. Campbell Song Box 787 Johannesburg	No printer's imprint. "Ocean Letter" and "To" in italic print, header 4 lines. Buff or dull green, black print	1913	
1b (E1)	RECOMMANDÉ REGISTERED. To GARdale Mario Way Black walk London	No printer's imprint. Header only 3 lines now, top line disappeared. Buff, black print "OCEAN LETTER" in italics	1919	
1c (E1)		No printer's imprint. Same as 1a , but right curved end of underling pointing skew upwards Buff, black print	1919	
1d	OCEAN LETTER. RECOMMANDÉ REGISTERED. To Rowagiac Michigan	No printers imprint. Like typa 1a but"O" in Ocean under W.C. in teh address line and now W.C. 2 in the address bottom line. Dark buff, black printing.	1923	

The N	The Marconi International Marine Communication Company			
Type	Envelope	Description of characteristics	Year	
2 (E1)		Printer's imprint: S. 34. Printing information added and paper changed. Dull green, black print	1920	
3a E2	ALEISE STEINT STREET COMMINISTER IS LIE MARY THE MANNEY BY AND, W.C.E. OCEAN LETTER O BECOMMANDE REGISTERED. To Oesfersund Liveden	Similar to 1a, but regular letter- type. "RECOMMANDÉ" is 26 mm long, Dull green, black print	1922	
3b???	RECOMMANDE REGISTERED.	Similar to 3a, but regular lettertype, but right curved end of underling pointing skew upwards. "RECOMMANDÉ" is 26 mm long. Dull green, black print		
4 E3		No hyphen at beginning or end of top address line, Straight underlining of "OCEAN LET-TER", "RECOMMANDÉ" is 26 mm long Dull green, black print	1925	

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5 (E3)	RECOMMANDE REGISTERED. RECOMMANDE REGISTERED. To the A stance Table 2019 To the A stance Table 2019 The Association of the	The same as 4 but "RE-COMMANDÉ" is 25 mm long and accent on last E is shifted to the right. Dull green, black print.	1925	
6 E4	RIVERPOOL 1 RECOMMANDE RECISTERED TO THE STRAND, W.C.2 RECOMMANDE RECISTERED TO THE STRAND TH	No printers imprint. "OCEAN LETTER" and "To" in smaller and thicker sans-seriff lettertype, "RECOMMANDE" has no accent on last E and is 30 mm long. Dull green, black print.	1925	
7 (E3)	RECOMMANDÉ REGISTERED. TO HARDOASTLES. TO HARDOASTLES.	Printer's imprint: S.34 Same as 4 but "RECOMMANDÉ" is 24 mm long and printing information added bottom-left, but printed smaller than on type 03 and without interspacing. Dull green, black print	1927	
7????	PENNLAND THE CONTROL OF THE STRANG, W.C. P. 10 OCEAN LETTER. RECOMMANDÉ REGISTERED. TO ME. WELLACE, 432079 603, CLYAR REFEREL, PETTERERE, B.M. FETTER.	Printer's imprint: S.34 Different colour address changed to USA address???		

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Type	Envelope	Description of characteristics	Year
8a	POSTE - RADIOTELEGRAM. POSTE - RADIOTELEGRAM. Bennen. 36 Church Lane. High field. SOUTHAMPTON.	Printer's impress: S 36A Address header 3 lines, boxed. No title Ocean Letter, designed for POSTE RADIOTELEGRAM. Orange.	1925
8b		Printer's impress: S 36A Similar to type 08, but now with title POSTE RADIOTELE- GRAM. Orange.	
9	MARCONIGRAM. MARCONIGRAM. Jo. Compos Bolls state: 25. Compos Bolls s	Printer's imprint: S33 CO Marconigram changed to OCE- AN LETTER with typewriter	1946

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1 M40	THE MARCONI INTERNATIONAL MARINE COMMUNICATION COMPANY, LIMITED MARCONI HOUSE, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.; OCEAN LETTER Handed in im brand the Strambip. Character from the many one 14 th August 19 20 for transmission and posting via \$15 Lepanguage To Handewole 115 Handen charter today hope fall well out today hope fall well out to yourself and marjorie please inform shields Edgar Edgar	Printer's imprint Form S 15	1919
2 M1	The Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Ltd. MARCONI HOUSE STRAND LONDON W.C. Remark The By OCEAN LETTER. The Time Inc. by I was to be the Manuality of the transmission and posting via SS. Seef and Mark To the as I Sengel, International Roll Toxbridge Engle. Toxbridge Engle.	M1 without topline	

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3 M1	THE MARCONI INTERNATIONAL MARINE COMMUNICATION COMPANY LIMITED RANCONI ROUSE STRAND CONDON W.C. OCEAN LETTER RUN PONT OF PROPERTY OF PR		
4 M1		without footnote	
5a M5	Combined Wiseless Tabelland Completed Co., 170 Combined Wiseless Tabelland POSTE Combined Wiseless Tabelland Poste Table Combined Wiseless Tabelland Poste Table Combined Table Combined Table Combined Poste Table Combined Table		1926

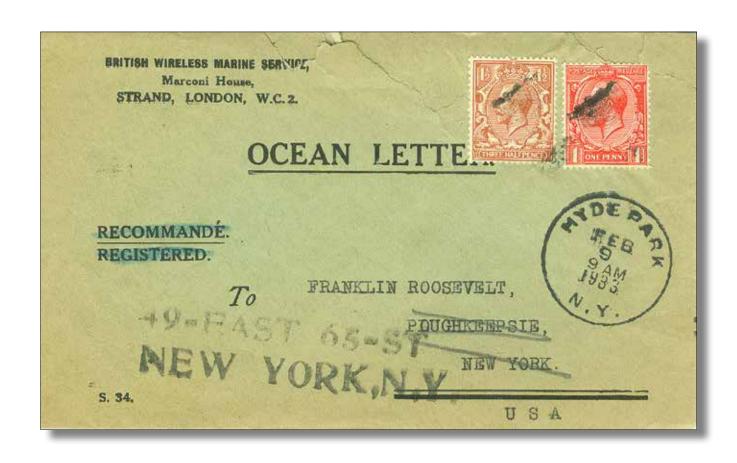
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Type	Message Form	Description of characteristics	Year
5b M4	COMPLIAND WINDLESS TONORISM NAME ENGLISH CO. (10 COMPLIAND WINDLESS TONORISM POST ENGLISH POST	Printers's imprint: S34 OP Light green.	
5c	Combined Wireless Telegraph POSTE OCEAN - POSTE Bed Poster Wireless Telegraph For a War Poster Wireless Service SPECIAL RATE WIRELESS LETTER For a War Service of Service	Printers's imprint: S34 OP Dark green.	
5d M6			

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Type	Message Form	Description of characteristics	Year
6a	Combined Wireless Telegraph a Postal Delivery Service Combined Wireless Telegraph a Postal Delivery Service 17th Booms 1928 The summary of the "DESHADO" 17th See 1928 For Kinss The summary of the "DESHADO" 17th See 1928 For Kinss The summary of the Postal Port ST Mary. HERRY KINSS GLAD ERW YEAR DARLING BABA GOOD VOYAGE LOVING GREEVINGS TO ALL PROM GRAERY GRANDPA.	Printer's imprint: X 3/4 Op. J.J.K. & CO 50m 49456	1928
6b M7	The Seasons Greekings Combined Wireless Telegraph & Postal Delivory Service The Property of the Property Reserved for Antisety subject to the distribution bounded on the Australian Bounded on the Aus	Printer's imprint: X 3/4 Op. W. & S. Ltd. 50m.	1929
7 M8	Seasons Greeting Combined Wireless Relegraph a Postal Delivery Service Seasons Seasons Seasons State State Seasons S		

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8 M9	Wireless Wings Williams Willia				

British Wirelesss Marine Service

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Ocean letter cancelled in New York on 9 February 1933 to the future President of the USA in the new more functionalistic design.

Britis	British Wirelesss Marine Service			
Type	Envelope	Description of characteristics	Year	
1a E5	RECOMMANDE REGISTERED. RECOMMANDE REGISTERED. TO MRS DUNLOP LIVERPOOL No. 798 KILMBRNOCK	Printer's imprint: S 34 identical to MIM type 7, but new company name. Dull green to bluish green, black print.	1928	
1b (E5)	REGISTERED REGIST	The same as type 1a but with address changed into the address of the USA sub-office.	1931	
1c E6	RECOMMANDE POST MARLY RECOMMANDE POST MARLY REGISTERED. RARDITT ROMANDE POST MARLY REGISTERED. RARDITT ROMANDE POST MARLY RARDITT ROMANDE POST MARLY RECOMMANDE POST MARLY R	No printer's imprint: "RECOMMANDÉ" is 30mm long, "To" is printed in italic, Dull green to Blueish green, black print.	1932	

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Type	Envelope	Description of characteristics	Year	
1d (E6)	OCEAN LEFTER. RECOMMANDE REGISTERED. To Chateau & Cex, ESITABLIAND. 5. 24.	Printer's imprint: S. 34 "RECOMMANDÉ" is 30mm long, "To" is printed in italic, Dull green, black print.	1933	
1e	RECOMMANDÉ REGISTERED: PEAHILLIN ROOSEVELT, PEUBERTREPSIE NEW YORK, NEW Y	Printer's imprint: S. 34 "RECOMMANDÉ" is 30mm long, "To" is printed in italic, Brown, black print.		
2	POSTE-RADIOTELE SAILORS HOME, LONDON. BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION LONDON.	Printer's imprint: S. 36a POSTE RADIOTELEGRAM, identical to MIM type 8a, but new company name in 4 lines Orange	1931	
3a E7		Printer's imprint: S 34A Address header 4 lines, boxed, Third line "Marconi House", Title OCEAN POSTE. Dull green to Blueish green black print		

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3b (E7)	## undelivered pirany neurity no- BHITISH WHILLISS MARINE SERVICE, Martinel Oliva. Bistra House, Victoria Embackment, LORDON, W.L. OCEAN-POSTE. BIRS Lothian, Woolmington, Sherborne, DORSET.	Printer's imprint: S 34A Addres header 4 lines, boxed. Third line "Marconi Offices, Electra House,", Title OCEAN POSTE. Dull green to Blueish green black print	1939	
3c (E7)		Printer's imprint: S. 34A. Printed in England. Identical to type 3b, but added text line in bottom-left corner. Dull green to Blueish green black print	1938	
4a E8		Printer's imprint: S 47 WIRELESS LETTER, decorated frame around, bigger size.	1937	
4b E8	Ocean Letter Solangalia, 37 Carrowhill Brive, Pallieston, Classow.	Printer's imprint: S 47 OCEAN LETTER, decorated frame around, bigger size. WHITE, blue print.	1937	

British Wirelesss Marine Service **Message Forms** Type Message form Description of Year characteristics 1923 M25 SO CAVIDA JAN 1816 135. for Princip of LOUISM JAN 2018 Jan 2018 Co. safe received for delivery subject to the conditions princed on the lack bound. VICEROY OF INDIA BIGGIOUS COMMEN CONSTITUTE THE SOUR WILL SETTING USERTING LOVE TO SOTE Combined Wireless Telegraph & Postal Delivery Service. 2 1928 SPECIAL RATE WIRELESS LETTER NORWEGIAN APRIL 20/37 LONDON SPAYERSHAE Apl 20/37 Apl 28/37 The sensor a set recoved for debest values to the resolute pound in the fact board. Domenico di Piesole, Firenze, Italy ALL WELL AND COMPONTABLE PROBABLY ARRIVE 28th MUCH LOVE

Radio Communication Company Ltd.

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Radio Communication Company had envelopes printed distinguishable only by the position of the company logo on the front, but they are much more scarce than Marconi's stationary, but also used under this name after the Marconi takeover of the company.

Radio Communication Company Ltd				
Type	Envelope	Description of characteristics	Year	
1	OCEAN L. MARANINE NIDOFFIBIED Cugene Marais, Box Schoria	Printer's imprint: Form 20a. Company address at left top, thin underlining of OCEAN LETTER, space between OCE- AN and LETTER is 5mm. Light brown.	1923	
2		Printer's imprint: Form 20a. Company address at left top, thick underlining of OCEAN LETTER, space between OCE- AN and LETTER is 4mm. Light brown.	1926	
3	RECOMMANDE CEAN LETTER RECOMMANDE DE LOS STATES DE LOS ST	Printer's imprint: Form 20a. Company address at left bottom,thick underlining of OCEAN LETTER. Light brown.	1924	

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1 M10	RADIO COMMUNICATION COMPANY, LIMITED.		1923	
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2	Having Novely Novage and Antionistis		1928	
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	Joey			