

# Nyasaland Field Force in German East Africa, World War I

World War I was a global conflict extending from Europe to the German colonial empire. In Africa, the colony of German East Africa was the center of extensive military operations with Allied troops from India, South Africa, Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

## Purpose/Scope

To show the postal history from Nyasaland Field Force (N.F.F.) that was involved with military operations and occupation of south-western German East Africa during World War I.

## Plan

- Use of typewritten provisional stamps
- Examples from all N.F.F. field post offices (1-11)
- Unit cachets

## Rarity/Research

Key items have the caption above highlighted with a blue border.

The Nyasaland Field Force was under the command of Brigadier General Edmund Northey. It is estimated that only 400-500 covers exist from this campaign.

*Front of postal stationery wrapper from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia to the commander of the Nyasaland Field Force, Brigadier General Northey.*



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## ***Minnesota Stamp Expo 2026 - Synopsis***

During World War I, the colony of German East Africa was the scene of significant military operations with troops from India, the Belgian Congo, East Africa, and Nyasaland participating.

The Nyasaland Field Force (N.F.F.) was under the command Brigadier General Edmund Northey and was involved with the military operations and occupation of south-west German East Africa.

### **Purpose/Scope**

To show select/key postal history items of the N.F.F. to illustrate its story.

### **Plan**

- Use of typewritten provisional stamps (showing 3 of the 4 known examples)
- Examples from all N.F.F. field post offices (1-11)
- Unit cachets

### **Rarity/Research**

Several items are unique and there are numerous covers with fewer than four known examples. It is estimated that only 400-500 covers exist from this campaign.

*Allied Occupation of German East Africa, 1914-1920, Part 1*, Regis Hoffman. German Postal Specialist, March 2015.

*Allied Occupation of German East Africa, 1914-1920, Part 2*, Regis Hoffman. German Postal Specialist, April 2015.