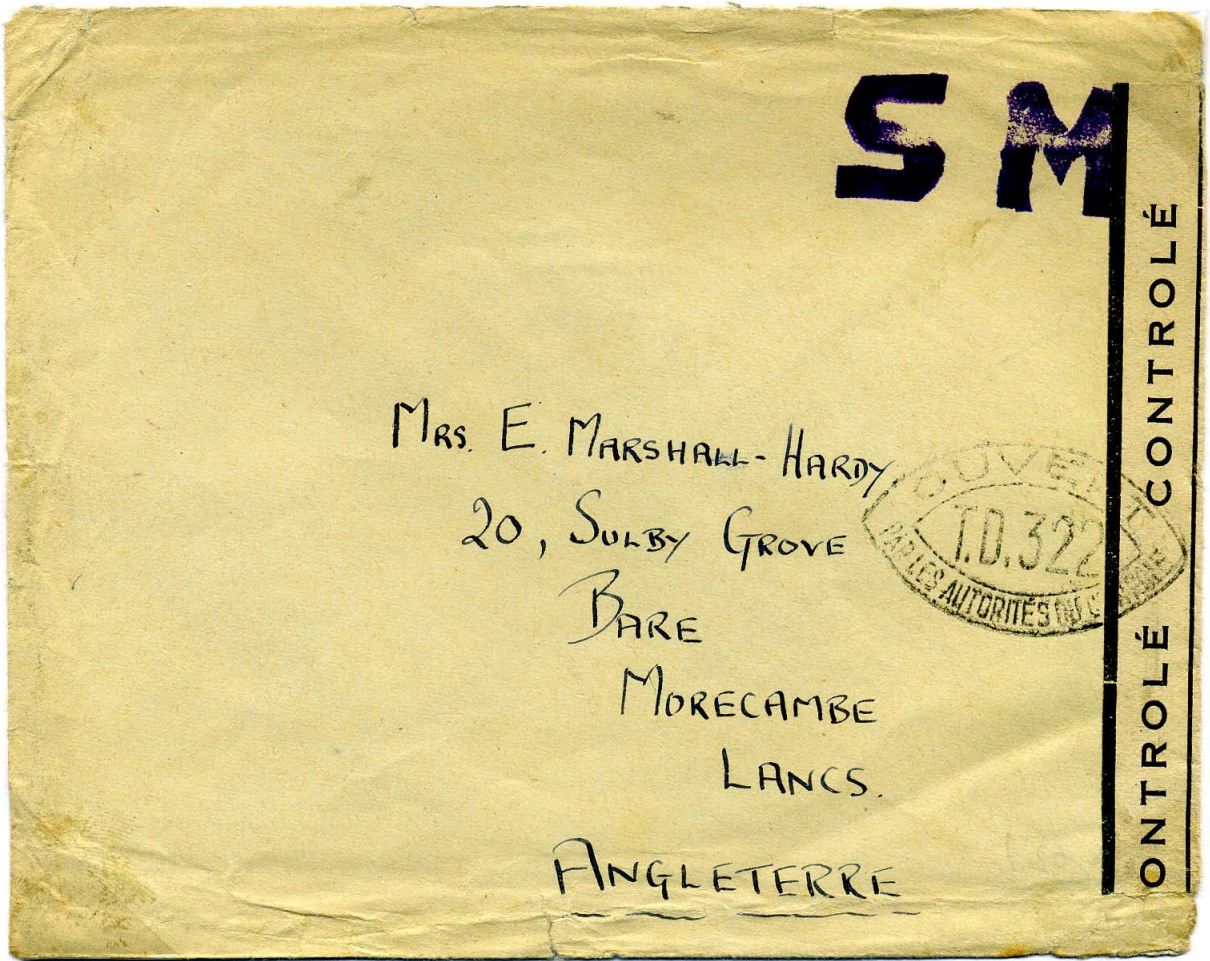


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Following the fall of France and the British attack on the French fleet the Vichy Government pursued a policy of 'neutrality' in relation to Allied personnel, RAF crew being interned if taken on French territory. In Algeria captured pilots and crew were held in camps at Medea and Aumale.



Unstamped censored cover addressed to Morecambe Lancs endorsed with a 'SM' cachet resealed with French 'CONTROLÉ' censor label tied back and front by an 'OUVERT / PAR LES AUTORITES DU CONTROLE / T.D.322'¹ censor cachet. The sender's details, 540422 Sgt Marshall-Hardy, British Interned Airman, Aumale, Algeria, appear on the back-flap with a '17' cachet.

