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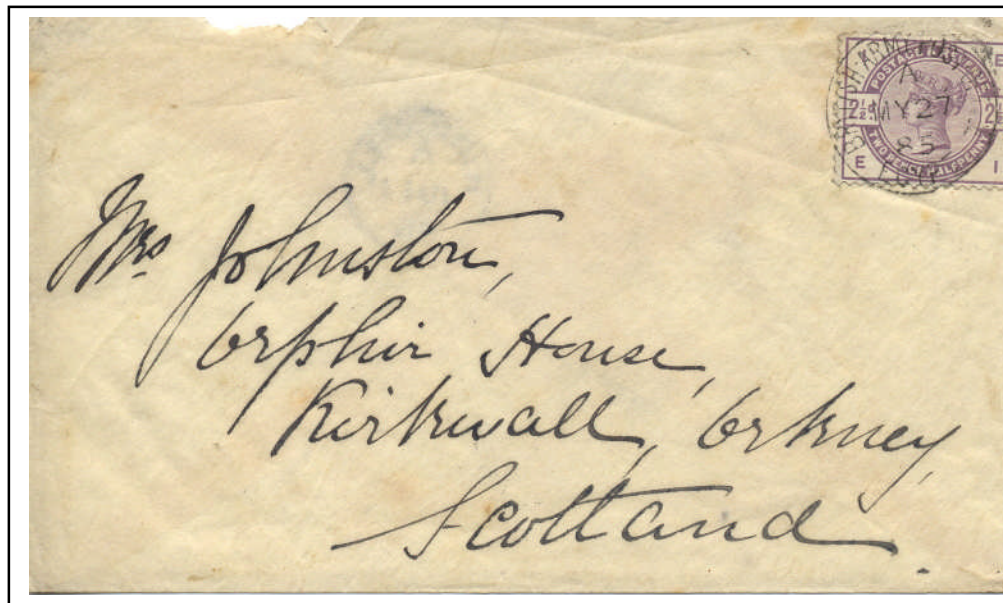
## THE SUAKIN FIELD FORCE

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SUAKIN to ENGLAND

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This is latest recorded British Army Post Office cover from the Suakin Campaign. It is backstamped **KIRKWALL A  
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The cover is from Surgeon Henry Halcro Johnston who was born at Orphir, Orkney on 13 September 1856. He received his Bachelor of Medicine degree from Edinburgh University in 1880, the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in 1893, Bachelor of Science in 1893 and Doctor of Science (Public Health) in 1894. He was appointed Surgeon on 30 July 1881, Surgeon Major 30 July 1893, and Lieutenant Colonel 30 July 1901. He served in the Sudan campaign in 1885 receiving the Medal with Clasp and Khedive's Star. Johnston also served in the campaign on the North West Frontier of India in 1897-98 in charge of No. 1 British Field Hospital, Malakand, and was present in the engagement at Landaka, in the operations in Bajaur and the Mahmud country, and at the capture of the Tanga Pass (mentioned in dispatches, Medal with Clasp). He served in the South African war in 1899-1902 (mentioned in dispatches). Johnston was Deputy Assistant Director General of the War Office 1899 to, 1904. He retired 28 September 1904 but was re-employed during World War 1 from 27 August 1914. H.H. Johnston died October 18, 1939.