

## ***Aspects of British Postal History: a possible index***

This index is quite 'minimalist', aiming to get as much useful information as possible into a short space.

Place names, apart from London, have been omitted; many appear in lists or are just cited as examples. But there could be an argument for including some. All personal and business names have been included (though not names of cats). Some, especially some of the business names, could safely be omitted.

Indexes do not usually have footnotes, but they have been included here to explain some indexing decisions.

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<sup>1</sup> Double entry rather than cross-reference to 'horses', as it takes up no more space and is easier for the index user. No need for subheadings for other animals as the references are all within the span given here.

<sup>2</sup> Or 'John Butt and Company'. At the date concerned, though, John Butt is likely to be the individual running the company, and would more probably be looked for under his surname.

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<sup>3</sup> Note that the reference on 7 is implicit – the term 'First World War' is not actually used there.

<sup>4</sup> No need to include 13 here – the information there about the uniforms of mail coach guards is also given on 2.

<sup>5</sup> Could be 'Karstadt, Frederick and George' to save a line.

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<sup>6</sup> Easily identified online from the dates given.

<sup>7</sup> No need for a separate 'telegrams' entry as it would be adjacent.

<sup>8</sup> As the target entry is only separated by one entry, this cross-reference could be omitted.

<sup>9</sup> No entries have been made here for elements of uniforms, such as buttons, but there could be an argument for adding some more here.