4. A WAR HERO

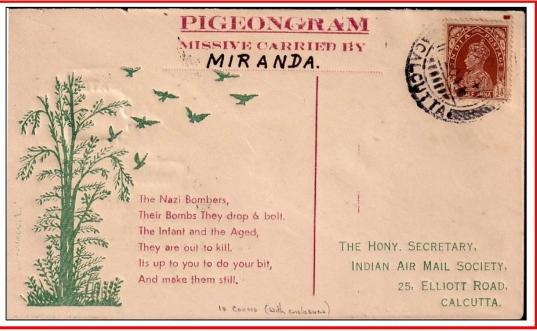
In modern times the pigeon has been used to great effect during wartime. The birds also played a vital role in intelligence gathering and were used extensively behind enemy lines where the survival rate was only 10%. In the Second World War pigeons were used less due to advances in telecommunications, but the birds still relayed invaluable information back to the allies about the German V1 and V2 Rocket sites on the other side of the English Channel.



DISPLAYED HEREBELOW ARE TWO PIGEONGRAMS CARRIED BY HOMING PIGEON DURING WORLD WAR II. COVERS AND MISSIVES AUTOGRAPHED BY PHILATELIST AND A ROCKET SCINCE PIONEER STEPHEN SMITH, IN INDIA. COVERS TID WITH Sienna 1/2 Anna, K.G.VI

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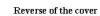
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HOMING PIGEON MIRANDA

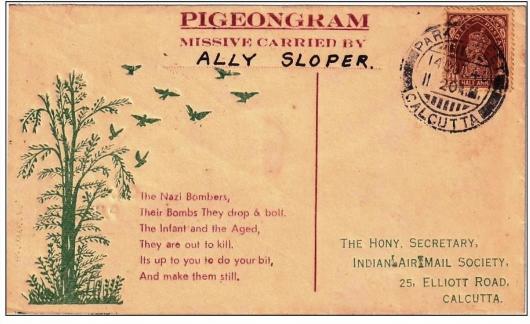
CARRIED THE MISSIVE
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"The Nazi Bombers,
Their Bomb They drop & bolt,
The infant and the Aged
They are out to kill.
Its up to you to do your bit,
And make them still."

HOMING PIGEON
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