

### 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 SCIENCE PIONEER STEPHEN SMITH, IN INDIA. COVERS TID WITH Sienna 1/2 Anna, K.G.VI

Reverse of the cover

A TINY MESSAGE  
FOR KING AND  
COUNTRY,  
CARRIED BY  
A FEATHERED  
MESSENGER.

What have you done?  
We are doing our bit.

**GIVE YOUR  
MITE**  
For the cause  
of the right

Carried By  
Homing Pigeon  
**MIRANDA.**

FROM  
BURDWAN  
TO  
CALCUTTA.

**PIGEONGRAM**  
MISSIVE CARRIED BY  
**MIRANDA.**

The Nazi Bombers,  
Their Bombs 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.

10 CENTS (with enclosure)

THE HONY. SECRETARY,  
INDIAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY,  
25, ELLIOTT ROAD,  
CALCUTTA.

THE WAR CRY PROPAGANDA OF THE BRITISH DURING FIRST WORLD WAR  
CACHETED ON PIGEONGRAM

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