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Till the Last Breath

This first-day cover features a portrait of Flight Lieutenant Hector Bertram Gary of the British Royal Air Force on the front. Born in 1911, Gary joined the air force at the age of 16 and was promoted to second lieutenant in 1940. When the Battle of Hong Kong broke out on 8 December 1941, Gary was stationed at RAF Kai Tak as the commander of a radio communications unit. After the fall of Hong Kong, he was interned at the Sham Shui Po POW Camp.

During detention, Gary was assigned to undertake expansion work at Kai Tak airport, and he took the opportunity to pass on messages for fellow prisoners-of-war. He also joined the British Army Aid Group and planned an escape from the camp. Unfortunately, Japanese soldiers found out about the plan in mid-1943. Following his arrest, Gary was tortured and interrogated, but he refused to provide any information. On 18 December, he was executed by firing squad and was buried in Stanley Military Cemetery. In 1946, he was posthumously awarded the George Cross.