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Foreword

The Civil Censorship Study Group has started to publish a series of books dealing with the civil censorship of mails in Great Britain, British Colonies, Dominions, and Occupied Territories.

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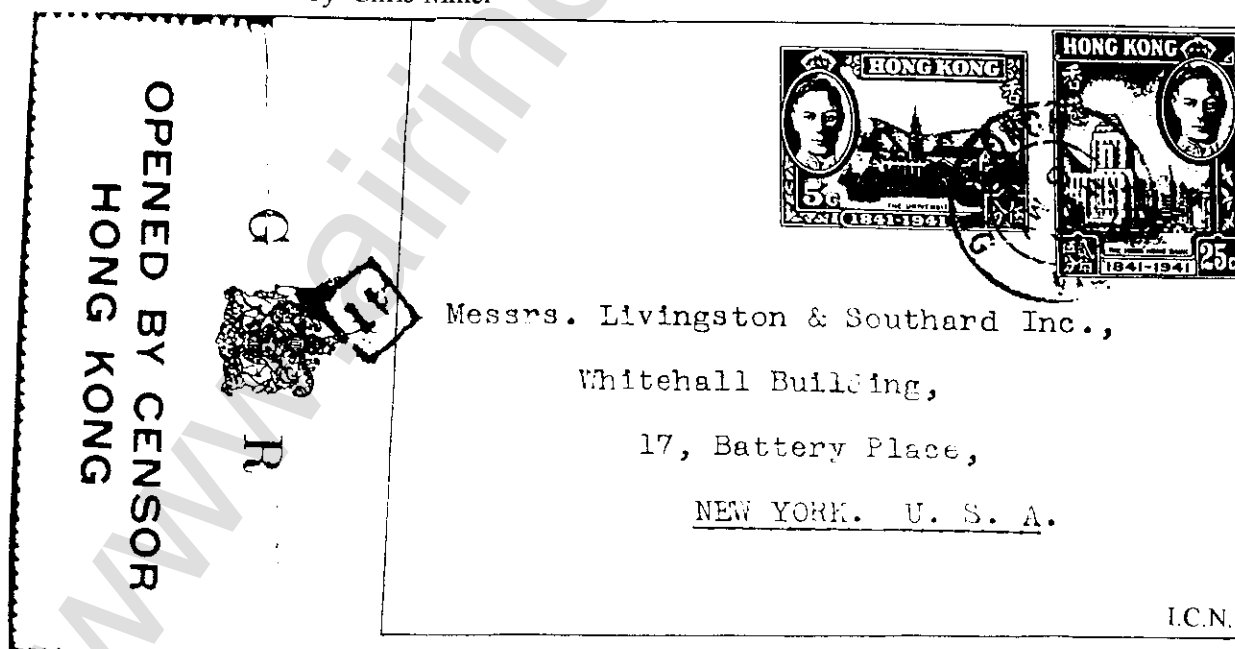
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Section 5, 199. „Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands“
by D. John Little

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06 May 1941 : Surface mail Hong Kong - New York.
Resealing label type 4C (blue on white paper),
tied to cover with censor handstamp type 6

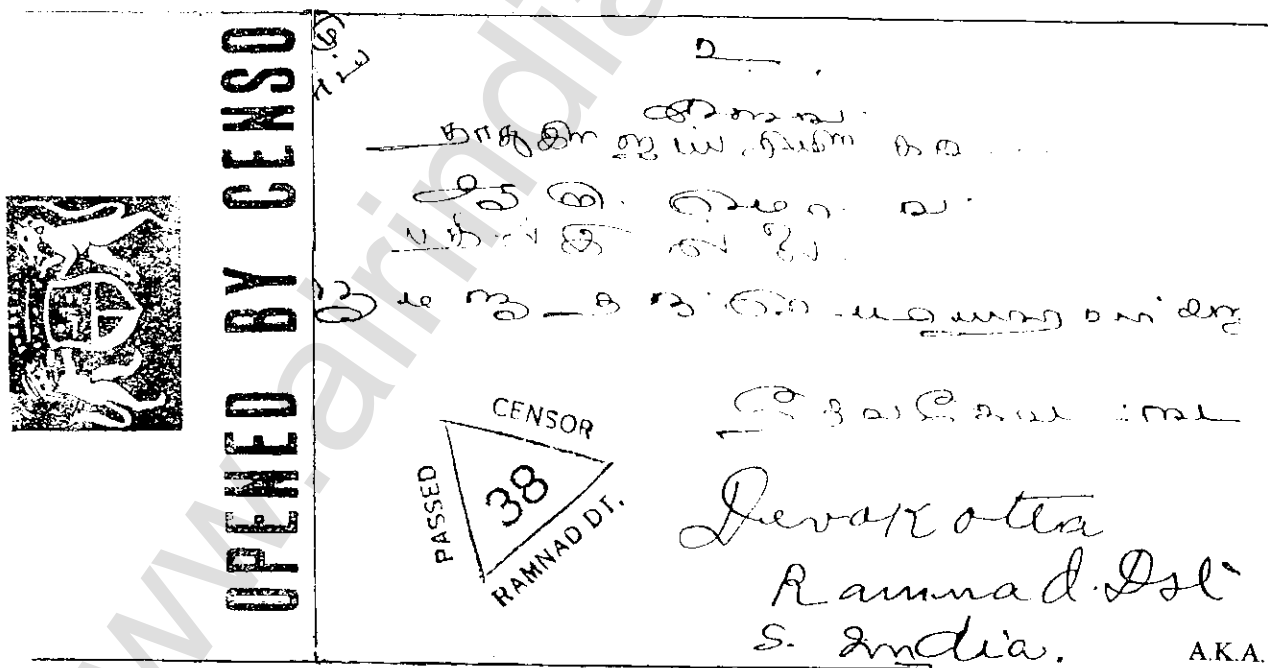
General Information

Establishment and Organisation of Censorship in the British Areas, dealt within this handbook, are described under the relevant chapters. These information are extracts from

- „History of the Postal and Telegraph Censorship Department 1938 - 1946“, The Home Office, 1952. Public Record Office, Kew, DEFE 1/333 and DEFE 1/334.
- „Postal Censorship in India 1939 - 1945“, Brig. D.S. Virk, 1983
- „Civil Censorship in British India 1939 - 1945“, K. Morenweiser, 1985

Forged Censor Handstamps and Resealing Labels

Since 1982 forgeries of about 150 different handstamps and 5 forged censor resealing labels were discovered. The Civil Censorship Study Group holds a reference collection of most of these faked marks, donated by A.K. Agarwal.



17 October 1936 : Buttlam/Ceylon to South India.
Franking and cancel on the reverse are genuine
but the censor handstamp and the resealing label are
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The author is indebted to many collectors who helped to compile this study. Very special thanks to the Public Record Office, Kew for permission to use „History of the Postal and Telegraph Censorship Department 1938 - 1946“ Ref. 1)

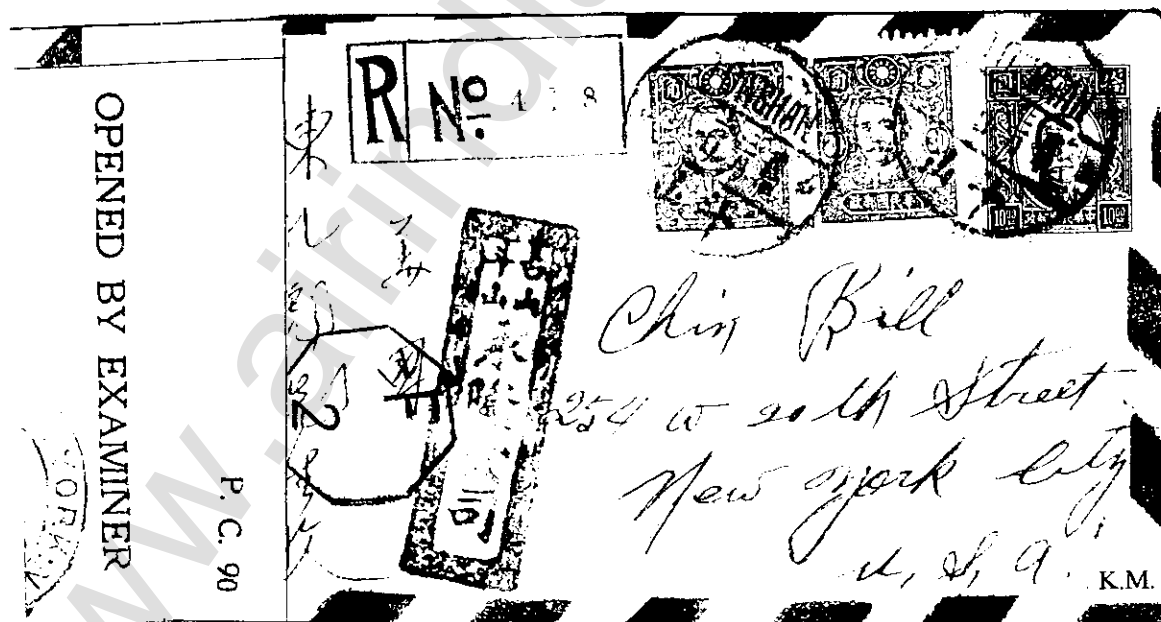
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April 1944 : Registered air mail Towshah to New York.
Censor handstamp type 7A (F 2) and resealing label type 13A,
used by Chinese Intelligence Wing Calcutta.

Censor Station Letter Codes

UNITED KINGDOM and COLONIES

A/IA	Gibraltar	AA	Montserrat
B/IB	Antigua	BB	St. Kitts & Nevis
C/IC	Bermuda	CC	Virgin Isles +
D/ID	Jamaica	DD	Malta
E/IE	Trinidad	EE	Mauritius
F	Aden	FF	Malaya/Singapore +
G/IG	Bahamas	GG	Penang +
H	Barbados	HH	Sarawak +
I/II	British Guiana	II	North Borneo +
J	British Honduras	JJ	New Hebrides +
K	British Solomon Isles	KK	Palestine
L	Ceylon	LL	Seychelles
M	Cyprus	MM	Sudan
N	Kenya & Uganda	NN	Gambia
O	Northern Rhodesia	OO	Gold Coast
P	United Kingdom *	PP	Nigeria
Q	Nyasaland	QQ	Sierra Leone
R	Tanganika	RR	Dominica
S	United Kingdom *	SS/ISS	Grenada
T	United Kingdom *	TT/ITT	St. Lucia
U	Zanzibar	UU	St. Vincent
V	Egypt +	VV	St. Helena
W	Falkland Isles	WW	Tonga
X	Fiji	XX	Ascension Island
Y	Gilbert & Ellice Island	YY	Somalia
Z	Hong Kong +	ZZ	Eritrea

OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

ZA	Tripolitania	ZB	Madagascar
ZC	Reunion	ZD	Rhodes

DOMINIONS AND SELF GOVERNING COLONIES

DA	Australia +	DG	Burma
DB	Canada	DH	India
DC	Newfoundland	DI	Syria +
DDA	New Zealand	DJ	Iraq +
DE	Southern Rhodesia	DK	Iran +
DF	Union of South Africa +	?	Transjordan

* = The letter codes for United Kingdom were used on handstamps only.

+ = allocated, but never seen, possibly not used.

„I“ before the station letter indicates „Imperial Censorship“, mainly dealing with transit mail.

Valuation of Censor Marks

The points of valuation are given within a scale from 1 to 10, depending on the marks frequency. If there are less than 5 items with a certain mark known, the item is valued 10 points. 1 point only is given to marks where 100 or more are known. This would give an estimate basis for exchange such items. It is much more difficult to bring these points in relation to money (US \$). At this time a realistic price would be \$ 5.00 for a clean item with 5 points and about \$ 50.00 for an item with 10 points.

Covers with additional censor marks are to be valued at the points rating for the scarcest mark plus 50% of the value of those marks on the cover rated at more than 5 points.

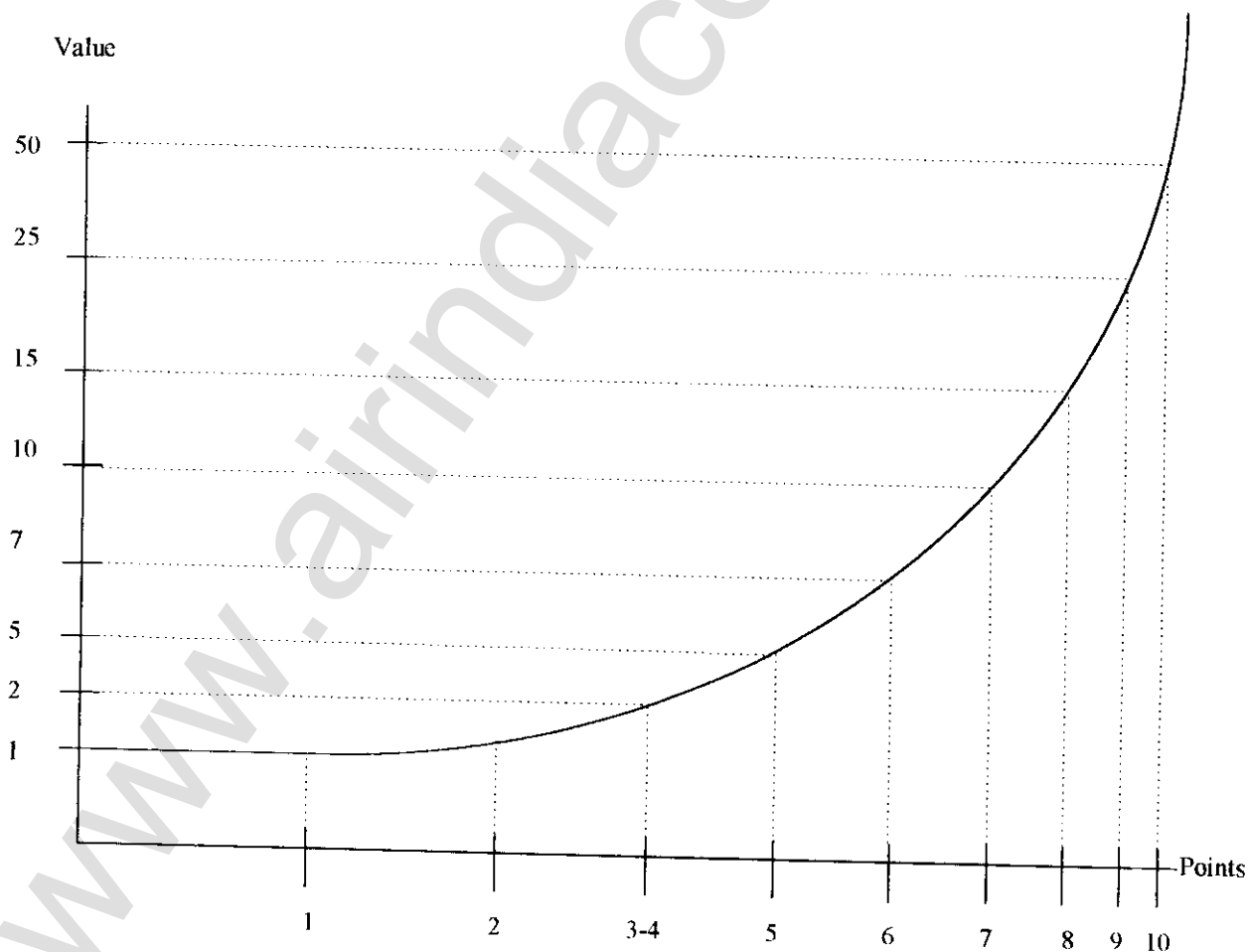
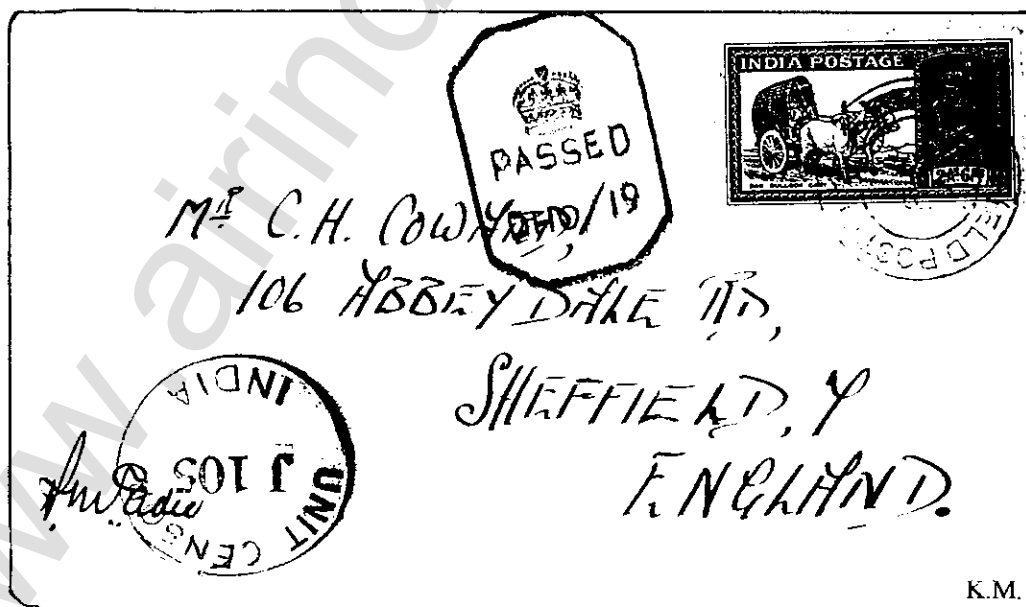


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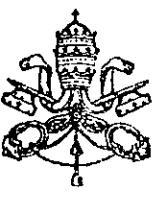
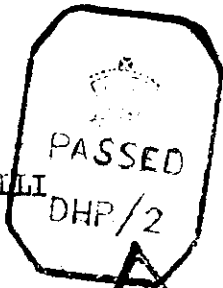
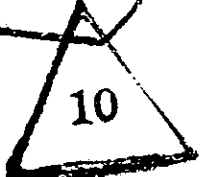
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1942 : Via F.P.O. 262 to Sheffield with Unit Censor handstamp Daynes type IND-161 and handstamp type 6 (DHO/19) from Censor Station Delhi.

Preface

In 1985 I published my first handbook „Civil Censorship in British India 1939 - 1945“. Since then a lot of new information has come in from many sources all over the World which has made it worth a 2nd edition. This 2nd edition contains about 30 per cent more information than the former handbook and a new section „Internment and P.O.W. Camps with Handstamps used at“ is added.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION 17, PALACE ROAD BANGALORE		UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI CITTA DEL VATICANO
21/4/45		
Monsignor Delegato Apostolico ha il piacere di comunicarVi il messaggio qui appresso, ricevuto iersera a mezzo della Radio Vaticana :		
Salute ottima noi tutti. Manchiamo noti- zie Nanni? Saluti, auguri affettuosi.		
Marianna		
ROMA 18/4/45		
P. O. W. Cognome Nome Grado No.	MISCIATELLI Luigi Capitano 333404	 
DHP/279		
K.M.		

18 April 1945 : Radiogramme from Rome into the P.O.W. Camp Bhopal,
 broadcasted by Radio Vatican 21 April 1945 and received
 by the Apostolic Delegation Bangalore.
 Censor handstamps type 5 and 6 (DHP) of the P.O.W. Censor Station Bombay
 and Camp Censor handstamp type CC 14.

General Information

Establishment and Organisation of Censorship

In India the Exercise and control of Postal and Telegraph Censorship rested with the Commander in Chief, to whom the Chief of the General Staff and the Director of Military Intelligence were responsible for all matters in connection with censorship, the censorship organisation under the D.M.I. being controlled by the Chief Censor, India. In 1939, Censorship Headquarters was known as the Censor Section which constituted a section of the General Staff, but was not considered part of the M.I. Directorate, although the Chief Censor, India, received his policy instructions from the Deputy D.M.I. In April, 1942, the Chief Censor, India, assumed responsibility for Army (Field) Censorship and the Censor Section became a part of the M.I. Directorate. An Army (Field) Section was added to the organisation. In 1944, the Censor Section became the Censorship Control Department forming part of the Inter-services Security Directorate, and the Chief Censor, India, was redesignated Director of Civil and Services Censorship, India. Under this scheme the Censorship Control Department was reorganised on an inter-services basis by the inclusion of Naval and Air Force sub-sections. The authorised establishment of the Censorship Control Department in May, 1944, comprised 289 officers, of whom 30% were ladies, 1929 examining staff, of whom 49% were ladies, 270 clerical personnel, 389 inferior staff, 532 attached Postal and Telegraph personnel, and nine photographers and technicians.

Censorship H.Q. was at New Delhi.

The four major Censor Stations were located in the presidency cities of *Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi and Madras*.

The routing of mails in India was so complicated that it was the end of 1943 before the sub-division of the work of censorship of mails exchanged with countries West of India was clarified. The eventual mail routing arrangements reached in 1943 were that the mail originating in or terminal to a presidency town was censored there and not at the Censor Station at the point of entry or exit into or out of India.

Travellers Censorship

It was not until November, 1940, that a Communication Order gave Censors legal authority to examine censorable material carried by travellers. At no time during the war had they any authority to search a traveller.

General Remarks

Over-emphasis upon the defensive, and ignorance of the offensive value of censorship reacted unfavourably upon the organisation during the first few years of the war, resulting in lack of adequate staff, accommodation and guidance from the centre. Multiplicity of languages (over 200) in India rendered inter-station transfer of mail essential. The rights of provincial Governments negated in many cases the quick decisions possible in a small country, such as the United Kingdom, with a centralised Government and advanced communications.

Censorship in India laboured under various other handicaps. The staff was insufficient and the accommodation inadequate. Moreover, the staff were not paid adequately until May, 1944. The Government of India refused to accept any liability to provide residential accommodation for censorship staff, except that in the last year of the war they agreed to furnish hostel accommodation for civilian examiners recruited from outside India at a charge of 10% of their salary. The Government of India likewise refused to arrange free transport facilities for censorship staff. These failures on the part of the Government of India rendered transfers of staffs very difficult. Finally, in estimating difficulties of censorship in India, the vast size of the country and the imperfect transport system, which was overstrained during the war, must be borne in mind.

Ref. 1)

Planning, Aims and Organisation of Censorship

Immediately at the outbreak of war British Censorship began work in the whole Commonwealth. After the First World War all censorship regulations were destroyed in India, the new draft of 1939 was based on the British model of 1938. On 26th August 1939 the Censorship Regulations were put into force.

Aims of Censorship were

- to collect information of value to India and the Allied war effort,
- to prevent useful information reaching the enemy.

Since the British were fearing a Russian attack on India through Afghanistan, ten censor stations were planned in the Northwest. Eventually the military operations in this area did not take place and so only *Peshawar, Quetta* and *Rawalpindi* were opened.

As a result of the Japanese attack through Burma ten additional censor stations were opened in Assam and East Bengal. Main functions of these civil censorship stations were

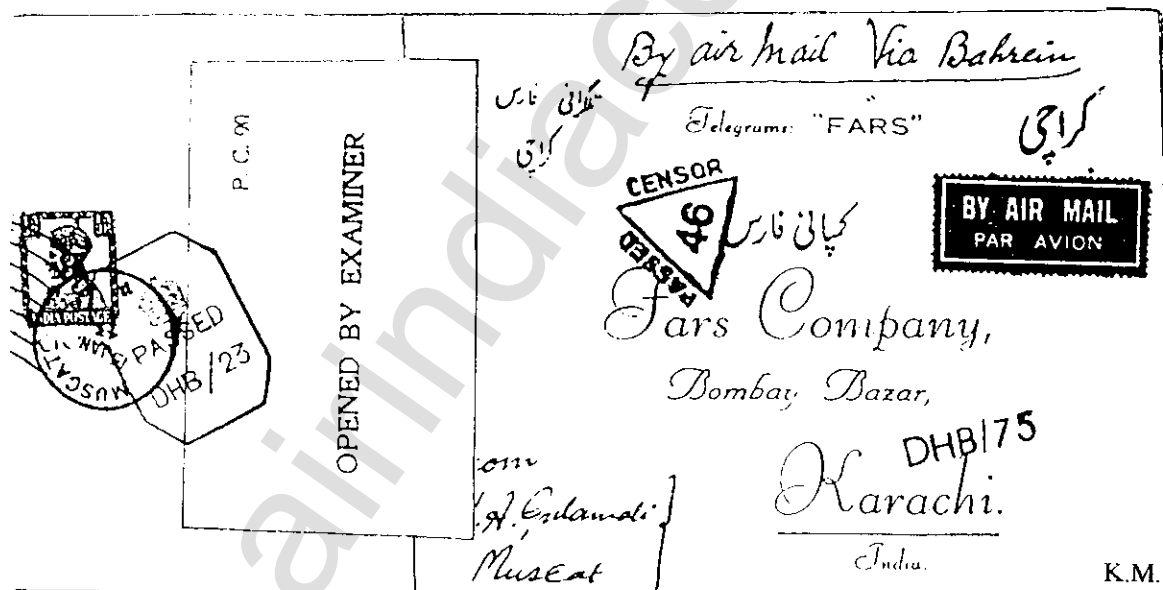
- control of inland mail,
- censorship of military mail of all troops stationed and operating in this area.

In 1942, the Chief Censor, responsible for civil and internment/P.O.W. mail, was also made responsible for Army (Field) Censorship and the Censorship Section became a part of the Military Intelligence Directorate.

Ref. 2 and 3)

Description of Censor Stations

In 1939, censor stations were opened at *Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Negapatam, Madura, Belgaum, Peshawar, Quetta, Chittagong* and *Darjeeling* (codes A to L) for trans-border communications. A sub station of *Karachi* was working in *Muscat*. Censor handstamps type 1B3 with censor numbers 46 to 49 are known to have been used there between 1939 and 1944.



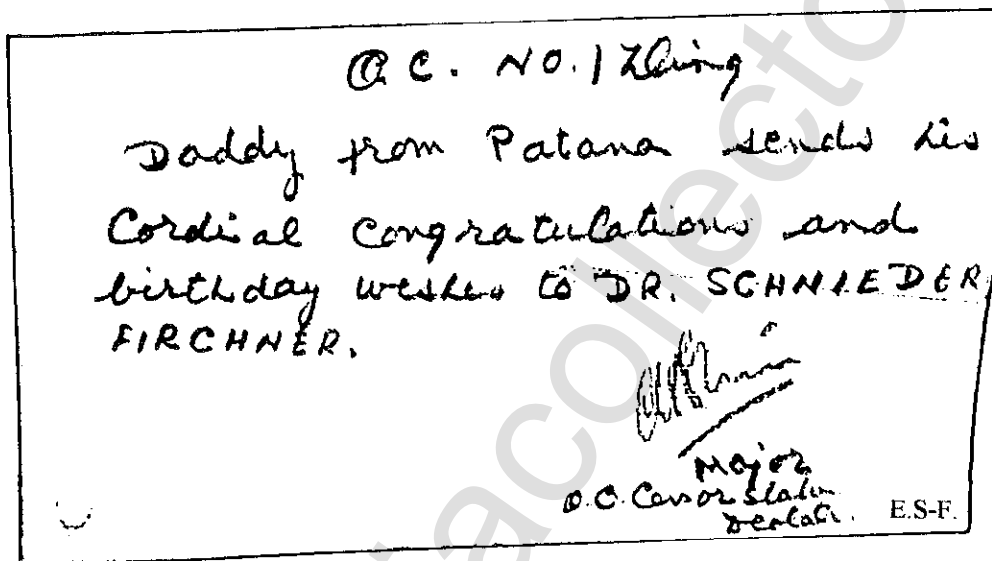
13 January 1943 : Muscat air mail to Karachi with Muscat censor handstamp type 1B3.
Opened at Karachi, using censor handstamps type 5 and 6 (DHB)
and resealing label type 13A.

Rawalpindi (J) opened for trans-Himalayan mail from early 1940 to June 1941, then this duty was taken over by *Peshawar*. The station which was planned to function at *Simla/Delhi* (with the Army HQ) functioned at *Simla* (code unknown) from April to September 1940 and was then temporarily closed down. The station proposed for *Deolali* (for internment mail) was opened at about 18 September 1939 together with the Central Internment Camp *Ahmednagar* (code N from May 1940). From 23rd February to 8th October 1941 the Central Internment Camp was located at *Deolali* and on 11th October 1941 it reached its final location *Dehra Dun*.

The censor station personnel were not part of the camp staff but worked in the town where the camp was located. The quartering of the internees at *Deolali* (for about six months) is not mentioned in the official records but is proved by statements of the internees and their mail.

Description of Censor Stations (cont.)

The handwritten telegram from Patana (shown below) was given to Doctor Schneider-Filchner on his birthday 6th March 1941 in the internment camp *Deolali*. The telegram is signed by the Officer in Charge of the censor station *Deolali* and it proved the existence of camp and censor station.



P.O.W. mail was dealt with by a section of the *Bombay* station. In 1941 this station was converted into a full-fledged censor station which controlled mainly the mail of the Italian P.O.W. but also other P.O.W. mail from and to India.

Experience soon showed that the small amount of postal traffic dealt with at the minor stations of *Darjeeling*, *Madura*, *Negapatam*, *Rawalpindi* and *Chittagong* could as well be censored at other stations if the routing was improved. These stations were therefore closed before the end of 1941.

To control the mail exchanged between Assam, Nepal and Tibet after *Darjeeling* had been closed down, arrangements were made to route this mail via *Gangtok* where it was censored in the office of the Political Agent Sikkim. *Gangtok* obviously was not allotted a code and it used very strange censor marks.

No regular censor station was opened at *Port Blair* (M) but mail to and from the Andamans was censored in the office of the local commissioner under orders of the Chief Censor, India. These censorship arrangements remained in force until *Port Blair* was captured by the Japanese in March 1942.

From early 1942 a second censor station (Chinese Intelligence Wing) at *Calcutta* was operating to deal with mail in Chinese language (code DHF).

In January 1943 a censor station was opened at *Delhi* (DHO) with sub stations at *Simla* and *Meerut* to deal with the unit censored mail of the Defence Headquarters. In April 1944 *Simla* (DHU) and *Meerut* (DHV) became independent.

Description of Censor Stations (cont.)

In September 1943 *Cochin* and *Vizagapatam* (DHQ, DHS) were opened as sub stations of *Madras*. These stations became sufficiently large and important to become independent in mid-1944. There is mail known from May, June, July and September 1942 with code DHQ which is contrary to the opening date September 1943 for *Cochin*. It seems that censor handstamps with code DHQ (possibly also DHR and DHS) were used at *Madras* between May 1942 and August 1943.

In April 1944 the censor stations *Dehli* (DHT) and *Cocanada* (DHR) were opened to deal primarily with inland and forces mail.

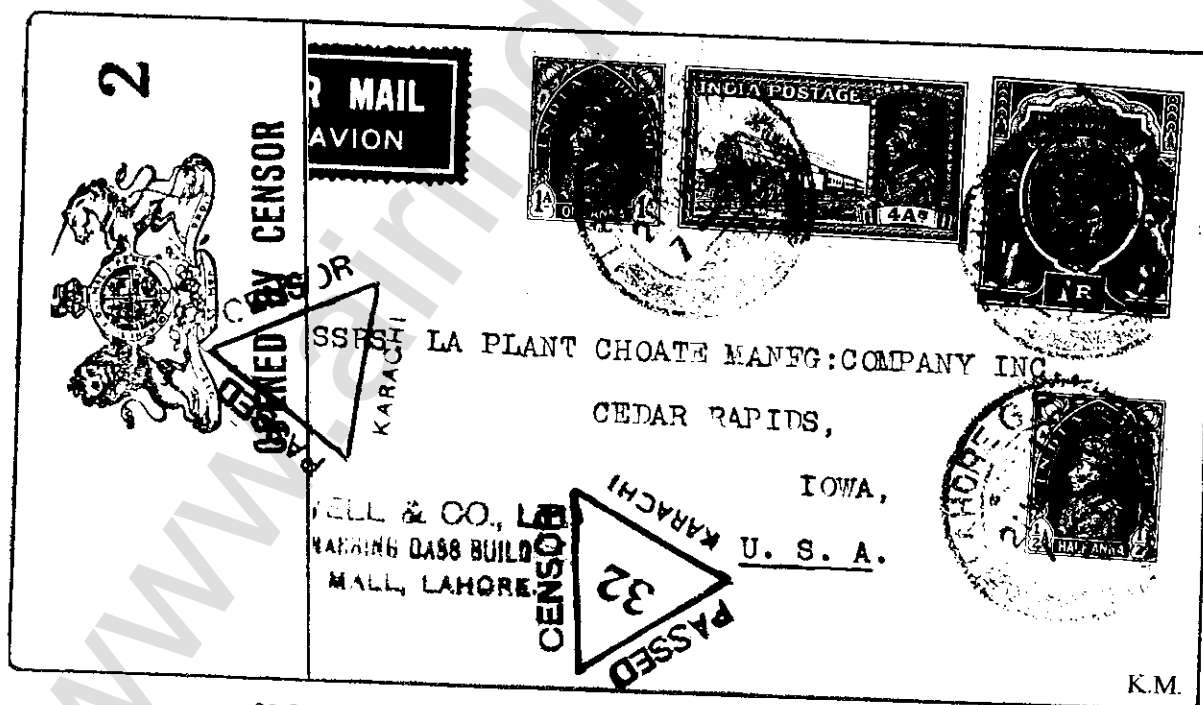
Early in 1943 the Eastern Army requested a special protective censorship in Assam and East Bengal to assist in the maintenance of operating security against the Japanese and to check the dissemination of alarmist rumors. The inland censor station *Calcutta* was opened on 1st March 1943 with sub stations at *Gauhati*, *Dacca*, *Mymensingh* and *Chandpur*. Later in 1943 similar stations were opened at *Dimapur*, *Silchar* and *Chittagong*. Code letters of these stations were „IC“ (Inland Censorship). When Inland (General) Censorship was extended in 1944 *Tinsukhia* was opened and the codes were changed to „SC“ (Special Censorship).

Early in 1945 the stations *Dacca* and *Mymensingh* were closed and *Dimapur* was moved to *Lunding*.

The extension of Inland (General) Censorship was announced in a press communiqué issued on 14th April 1944. It stated that all correspondence opened in censorship would be marked „Opened by Examiner“ but no notice would be given of the areas in which and the period for which the censorship would operate from time to time. This explains the absence of any listing of the Inland and Special Censor Stations with their corresponding codes ICS/SCS, ICT/SCT, ICU/SCU, ICV/SCV, ICW/SCW, ICX/SCX, ICY/SCY and ICZ/SCZ.

In July 1945 additional censor stations were opened at *Bangalore*, *Coimbatore*, *Poona*, *Ranchi*, *Rawalpindi* and *Secunderabad* to assist the existing stations and a large number of Field Censor Units in carrying out 100 per cent censorship of the mail from allied forces in South East Asia. Codes of these stations were DHBB to DHGG.

Ref. 2 and 3)



23 January 1940 : Karachi censor handstamps type 1B1 and 1B2
and resealing label type 8A1

Code Letters and Censor Stations

In May 1941 following single codes were in use:

A	Calcutta	2)	B	Karachi	2)	C	Bombay	2)
D	Madras	2)	E	Negapatam	2)	F	Madura	2)
G	Belgaum	2)	H	Peshawar	2)	I	Quetta	2)
J	Rawalpindi	2)	K	Chittagong	2)	L	Darjeeling	2)
M	Port Blair	2)	N	Ahmednagar/	2)		Delhi	4)
P	Bombay (POW)	2)		Deolali/Dehra Dun			Simla	5)

In March 1942 the 3-letter code was introduced for stations working at this time:

DHA	Calcutta	1)	DHB	Karachi	1)	DHC	Bombay	1)
DHD	Madras	1)	DHF	Calcutta	1)	DHG	Belgaum	1)
DHH	Peshawar	1)	DHN	Dehra Dun	1)	DHI	Quetta	1)
DHM	Port Blair	1)		Gangtok	5)	DHP	Bombay	1)

Subsequently the following code letters were allotted to new stations:

DHE	Gauhati	Apr 45	1)	DHJ	Chittagong	Apr 45	1/7)
DHL	Chandpur	Apr 45	1)	DHO	GHQ Delhi	Jan 43	1)
DHQ	Cochin	Sep 43	2/6)	DHR	Cocanada	Apr 44	1/6)
DHS	Vizagapatam	Sep 43	1/6)	DHT	Delhi	Apr 44	1)
DHU	Simla	Apr 44	1)	DHV	Meerut	Apr 44	1)
DHW	Lumding	Apr 45	1)	DHX	Tinsukhia	Apr 45	1/8)
DHY	Silchar	Apr 45	1)	DHZ	Calcutta	Apr 45	1/7)
DHBB	Bangalore	Jul 45	1)	DHCC	Coimbatore	Jul 45	1)
DHDD	Poona	Jul 45	1)	DHEE	Ranchi	Jul 45	1)
DHFF	Rawalpindi	Jul 45	1)	DHGG	Secunderabad	Jul 45	1)

In 1943 and 1944 in Assam and East Bengal nine Inland- and Special Censor Stations were opened. Seven were still working in April 1945 and these have additionally used the DH-Code.

ICX/SCX	2)	DHE	1)	Gauhati	---/SCS	3)	DHX	1/8)	Tinsukhia
ICS/SCS	3)	DHJ	1)	Chittagong	ICY/SCY	2)	DHY	1)	Silchar
ICV/SCV	3)	DHL	1)	Chandpur	ICZ/SCZ	2)	DHZ	1/7)	Calcutta
ICW/SCW	2)	DHW	1)	Dimapur/	ICT/SCT	3)	---		Dacca
				Lumding	ICU/SCU	3)	---		Mymensingh

- 1) Code allotted to these stations according to official records
- 2) Code not mentioned in official records but found on mail from these towns
- 3) Code uncertain, further information needed
- 4) Opening of that station at this period uncertain, code not mentioned nor found
- 5) Stations seem to have been working without code
- 6) Code earlier than Sep 43 possibly used at Madras
- 7) Code possibly used from Apr 44
- 8) Code possibly used from Nov 44

Ref. 2 and 3)

Stamps and Forms used at Censor Stations

Appendix 17 of Censorship Regulations contained the list of stamps and forms used at the censor stations. By 1944 the equipment for a major censor station included the following:

1. Rubber Stamps

- a. RETURNED TO SENDER
- b. RETURNED TO SENDER (Posted without Permit)
- c. Censor Station Date Stamp
- d. CANCELLED
- e. Chop Stamp for Examiner
- f. Airgraph Stamp

Type 16C
not yet seen
Page 33
Page 34
Types 5, 10, 11, 12C
Types 13

2. Steel Stamps

- a. PASSED Octagonal Stamp
- b. Single Letter Octagonal Stamp
- c. Travellers Censorship Stamp

Type 6
Types 7
Type 17B

3. Brass Seals

- a. Brass Seal for Traveller Censors
- b. Brass Seal for General Use

Type 6
Types 1

4. Labels and Forms

- a. P.C.90 OPENED BY EXAMINER
- b. Forms I.P.C. 1 to I.P.C. 13
- c. Transfer Submission Slips
- d. Returned to Post Office by Examiner
- e. Submission Slip

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Types Ret. 1 and Ret. 2
I.P.C. 1

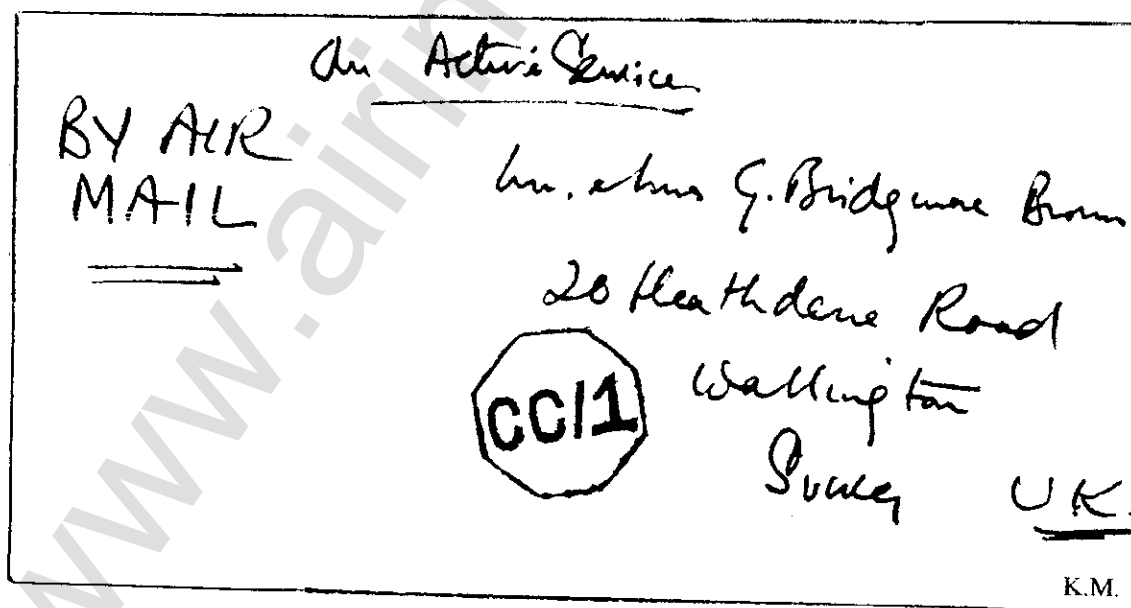
The sub-stations working in Assam and East Bengal were supplied with two handstamps and one label:

- a. Rhombus Steel Stamp
- b. Chop Stamp for Examiner
- d. P.C.90 OPENED BY EXAMINER

Types 12A and 12B
Types 12C
Type 13

The censor stations which opened in July 1945 seem to have been used censor handstamps type 5 and 6 (triple-letter) and type 7B and 7C (double-letter).

Ref. 2 and 3)



22 September 1945 : O.A.S. from No. 19 Advance Base Post Office
(South East Asia) with censor handstamp type 7B Coimbatore.

Working of Censor Stations

Until 1942 (when censor handstamps type 5, 6 and 7 and the P.C.90 label came in use) there was obviously no general policy for use of censor marks.

After 1942, the following uniform procedure was adopted at stations (others than Special Censorship Stations) with the distribution of the new censor handstamps, brass seals and censor forms:

- a. Unopened letters (also post cards)
 - Censor handstamp type 7 (and 6)
- b. Opened letters
 - Censor handstamp type 5 and resealing label, released with handstamp type 6
- c. Letters passed to another station for translation or censorship
 - if passed after opening
 - ° Censor label type 9 and censor handstamp type 5
 - if passed without prior opening
 - ° without censor marks
- d. Letters returned by one station to another after censorship
 - PC90 label and censor handstamp type 5 (not type 6)
- e. Letters returned with translation
 - Strip of brown paper (type 1A) and censor handstamp type 5, tying the tape to the cover
- f. Covers enclosed in postal packets
 - Strip of brown paper and censor handstamp type 5, not tying the tape to the cover (see below)
- g. Red Cross postal messages
 - Initially censor handstamps type 5 and 6 on the message, later type 6 on the cover only
- h. Sealed letters
 - All letters, registered or unregistered, which had been sealed by the sender were sealed with brass seals of the censor stations.
 - All registered letters, whether or not sealed by the sender, were also to be sealed by the censor.
This was mostly not done if the cover contained nothing of value.
- i. By hand mail
 - PC90 label, censor handstamp type 5 and brass seal
- j. Letters received unopened from officials (police &c.)
 - Examined and returned without stamping
- k. Travellers' mail and papers
 - Censor handstamp type 17A or 17B and (if necessary) PC90 label and brass seal type 6
- l. Airgraphs
 - outgoing: censor handstamp type 13 on the form size A4
 - incoming: censor handstamp type 13 if not already passed by British Empire Censorship

Ref. 2 and 3)

The Norwegian Shipping And Trade Mission
Ship's Positions Department,
80 Broad Street,

New York

U.S.A.

K.M.

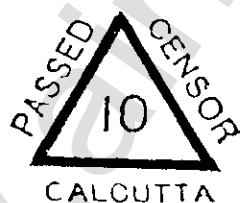
Description of Censor Marks

Listing of the Censor Handstamps

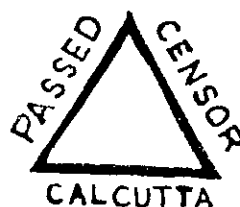
Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1A1	0 - 14	violet, red, carmine, black	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Calcutta	6
1A2	none	violet	Dec 39 - Apr 40	Calcutta	9
1B1	1 - 38	violet	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Karachi	6
1B2	none	violet	Mar 40 - Apr 40	Karachi	8
1B3	46 - 49	black, violet	Nov 39 - Feb 44	Muscat	10
1C1	2 - 14	violet, blue	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Bombay	5
1C2	none	violet, blue	Sep 39 - Feb 40	Bombay	8
1C3	21 - 30	violet, black, red	Nov 39 - Sep 40	Bombay	9
1D1	1 - 12	violet, red	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Madras	7
1D2	none		Jan 40	Madras	10
1D3	22	violet	Oct 39 - Dec 39	Madras	9
1D4	4		Mar 40	Madras	10
1E	1 - 2	violet	Nov 39 - Apr 40	Negapatam	10
1F	1 - 5	violet, black	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Madura	9
1G	1 - 8	violet	Dec 39 - Feb 40	Belgaum	9
1H	1 - 4	violet, red, carmine	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Peshawar	8
1I	1 - 8	violet	Oct 39 - Apr 40	Quetta	7
1J	1 - 3	violet, blue	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Rawalpindi	9
1K	3 - 4	violet, blue	Sep 39 - Apr 40	Chittagong	10
1L1	1	violet	Sep 39	Darjeeling	10
1L2	21, 25	black, red	Dec 39 - Apr 40	Darjeeling ?	9
1M	1	violet	Sep 39	Port Blair	10
2A	C 100	violet	Dec 39 - Feb 40	Calcutta	8
2B	C 10	violet	Feb 40 - Apr 40	Calcutta	9

Remarks:

Types 1B3, 1C3, 1D3 and 1L1 show a gap in the base line (except no. 30). The classification of these handstamps was done because of the post offices of origin on known items.



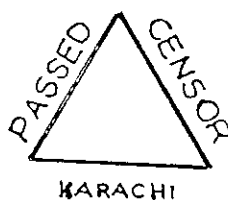
1A1



1A2



1B1



1B2



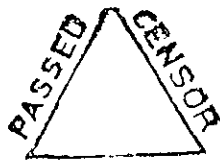
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Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)



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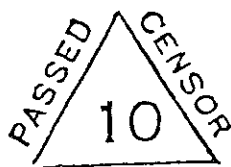


BOMBAY

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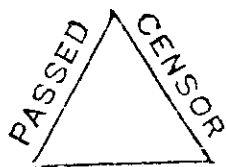


IC3



MADRAS

ID1

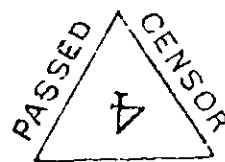


MADRAS

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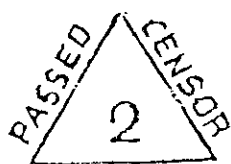


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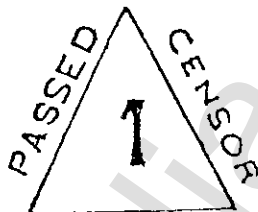
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ID4



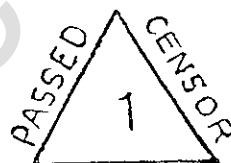
NEGAPATAM

IE



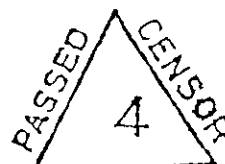
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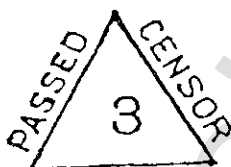
BELGAUM

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PESHAWAR

IH



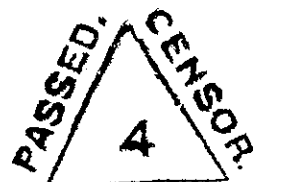
QUETTA

II



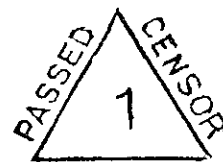
RAWALPINDI

IJ



CHITTAGONG.

IK



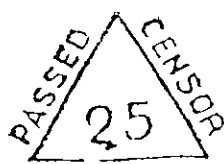
PORT BLAIR

IM

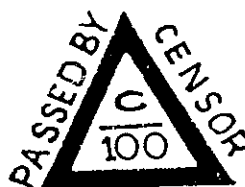


DARJEELING

IL1



IL2



CALCUTTA

2A



CALCUTTA

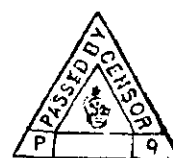
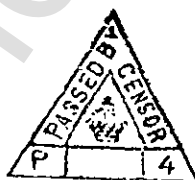
2B

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

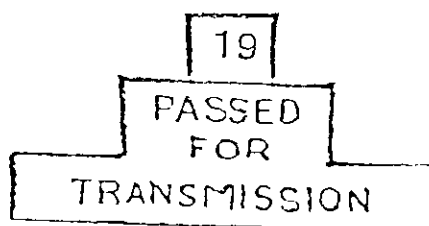
Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Code - Censor Station	Points
3	3 - 20	black	Jan 40 - Mar 42	A - Calcutta	3
3	4 - 50	black	Apr 41 - Mar 42	B - Karachi	3
3	8 - 36	black, blue, violet	May 40 - Nov 42	C - Bombay	2
3	2 - 14	black, violet	May 40 - Dec 41	D - Madras	8
3	1, 2	black	Jun 40 - Sep 40	E - Negapatam	10
3	2, 4, 6	black	Jun 40 - Aug 40	F - Madura	9
3	1, 2, 4	black	Jul 41 - Dec 41	G - Belgaum	10
3	1 - 9	black, blue	May 40 - Mar 42	H - Peshawar	8
3	2 - 5	black	Jul 40 - Jan 42	I - Quetta	9
3	2, 3	black	Apr 40 - May 40	J - Rawalpindi	10
3	1	black	Sep 40 - Apr 41	K - Chittagong	10
3	1	black	May 40 - Jun 40	L - Darjeeling	10
3	1	black		M - Port Blair	10
3	1 - 5	black	May 40 - Feb 41	N - Ahmednagar	8
3	1 - 5	black	Mar 41 - Sep 41	N - Deolali	10
3	1 - 5	black	Oct 41 - Feb 42	N - Dehra Dun	7
3	1 - 8, 10	black	May 40 - May 42	P - Bombay	7
3	9	black	Nov 41 - Feb 42	P - Bombay	10
4	10 - 19	black	04 Sep 39 - 14 Sep 39	- - Calcutta	9

Remarks:

The triangle type 3 measures 25 mm, except code P, censor no. 9 of P.O.W. Station Bombay; this measures 22 mm only.



Type 3 Handstamps



Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Code - Censor Station	Points
5A	1 - 412	violet	Mar 42 - 1945	DHA - Calcutta	3
5A	1 - 181	violet, blue	Mar 42 - 1945	DHB - Karachi	3
5A	1 - 722	violet, blue	Mar 42 - 1945	DHC - Bombay	1
5A	1 - 117	violet	Mar 42 - 1945	DHD - Madras	4
5A	2, 3		Jun 45 - Jul 45	DHE - Gauhati	10
5A	3 - 101	violet	Mar 42 - 1945	DHF - Calcutta	7
5A	1 - 34	violet	Mar 42 - 1945	DHG - Belgaum	10
5A	1 - 35	violet, black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHH - Peshawar	7
5A	1 - 37	violet, black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHI - Quetta	8
5A	1 - 11	violet, lilac	Mar 42 - Nov 46	DHN - Dehra Dun	8
5A	1, 4	violet	May 42 - 1945	DHO - Delhi	10
5A	2 - 323	violet	Mar 42 - 1946	DHP - Bombay	8
5A	12, 132	black	Jul 42 - 1945	DHQ - Cochin	10
5A	8, 9	black	Aug 45	DHR - Cocanada	10
5A	1 - 21	violet	Oct 44 - Nov 45	DHS - Vizagapatam	9
5A	1 - 8	black, violet	Apr 44 - Jul 45	DHT - Delhi	10
5A	1			DHU - Simla	10
5A	4, 5		Dec 44	DHV - Meerut	10
5A	9		Aug 45	DHX - Tinsukhia	10
5A	6, 25, 29	violet	Jan 45 - Jun 45	DHZ - Calcutta	10
5A	7		Aug 45	DHBB - Bangalore	10
5A	4		Aug 45	DHCC - Coimbatore	10
5A	8, 9		Sep 45	DHFF - Rawalpindi	10

Remarks:

P.O.W. Station Dehra Dun replaced the handstamps with censor nos. 3, 8 and 9 in April 1946. This formerly block letter types were then seriffed ones. 1st of July 1946 Dehra Dun changed the colours from violet to red-lilac.

P.O.W. Station Bombay used block letter type handstamps for censor nos. 2 - 225 and seriffed types for censor nos. 226 - 323.

Although codes DHL, DHM, DHW, DHY, DHDD, DHEE and DHGG are mentioned in official records, none of them has come to light on censor handstamps type 5A.

DHA/131

DHC/11

DHN/8

DHN/9

DHD/12

DHD/114

DHE/2

DHP/225

DHP/226

DHT/8

DHZ/2

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Censorship of Forces Mail under Civil Censorship

In April 1942, the Chief Censor was also made responsible for directing Army (Field) Censorship and the Censorship Section became a part of the Military Intelligence Directorate. For the period April to December 1943 there is no obvious change in the handling of forces mail. But in 1944 on opened forces mail we find a new type of „Examiner's Chop Handstamp“. It is very similar to type 5A, but there is no censor station letter code.

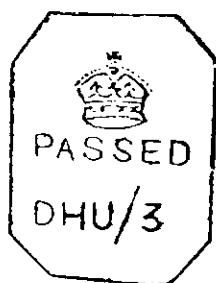
DHC/319

435

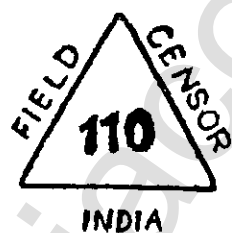
5A

5B

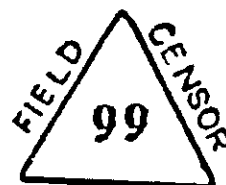
These type 5B called handstamps were used together with the resealing label type 13A (P.C.90 OPENED BY EXAMINER) and one of the following handstamps with meaning „Released after Examination“:



(type 6 / Simla)

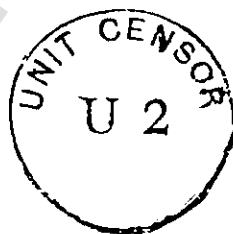


(type IND 101)



(type IND 102)

In most cases there is also one of the Unit Censor handstamps:



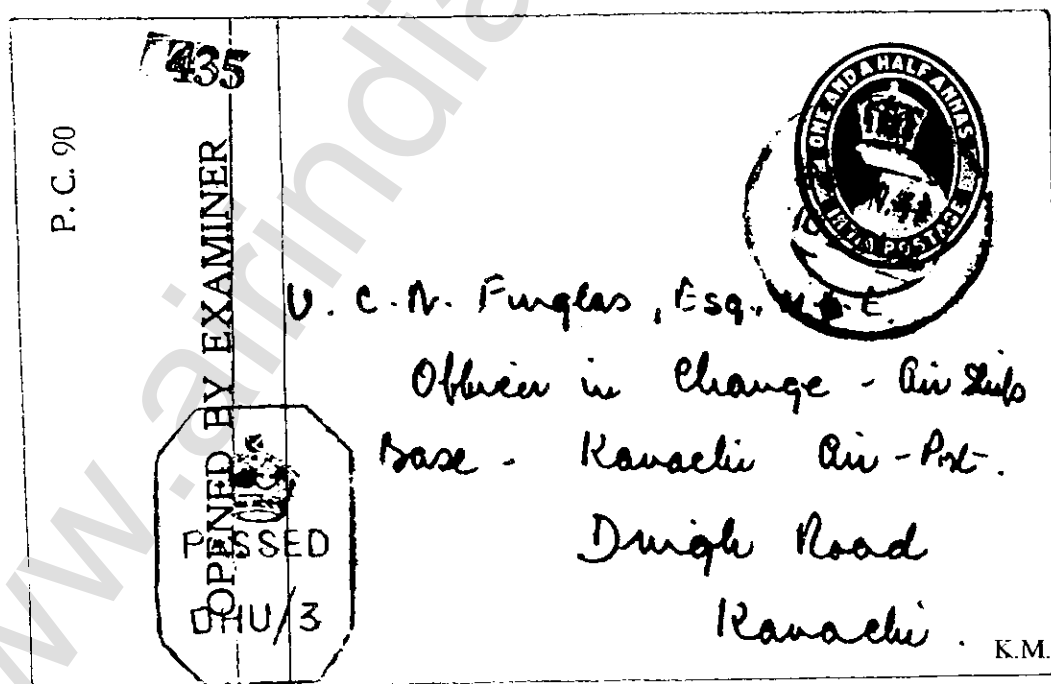
(type IND 162)

This would mean that Field and Base Censorship (not Unit Censorship) was carried out by the authorities responsible for civil mail. But it is not known whether forces mail was censored by special sections in the civil censorship stations, or still in the field/base censor units, just using the new type 5B handstamp, the PC90 and (in some stations like Simla) the type 6 handstamp.
Ref. 6)

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Date	from	to	other handstamps		
					IND 101	IND 102	Type 6 Code/No.
5B	330	Sep 44	Lucknow	Sydney		99	
5B	395		FPO 79	England	110		DHC/42
5B	435		Simla	Jharipani	123		
5B	154	May 44	FPO 71	Dublin		42	
5B	143	Jun 44	FPO 71	Dublin		42	
5B	435	Jun 44	Simla	Karachi			DHU/3
5B	437	Sep 44	Simla	New Delhi			DHU/1
5B	437	Oct 44	Simla	Ferozepore			DHU/1
5B	477	May 44	APO 61	London		69	
5B	560	Jan 44	FPO 123	Bombay		162	

Valuation: A handstamp type 5B is valued at 5 points only but other marks, especially a type 6 handstamp with scarce code like DHU/ have to be counted.

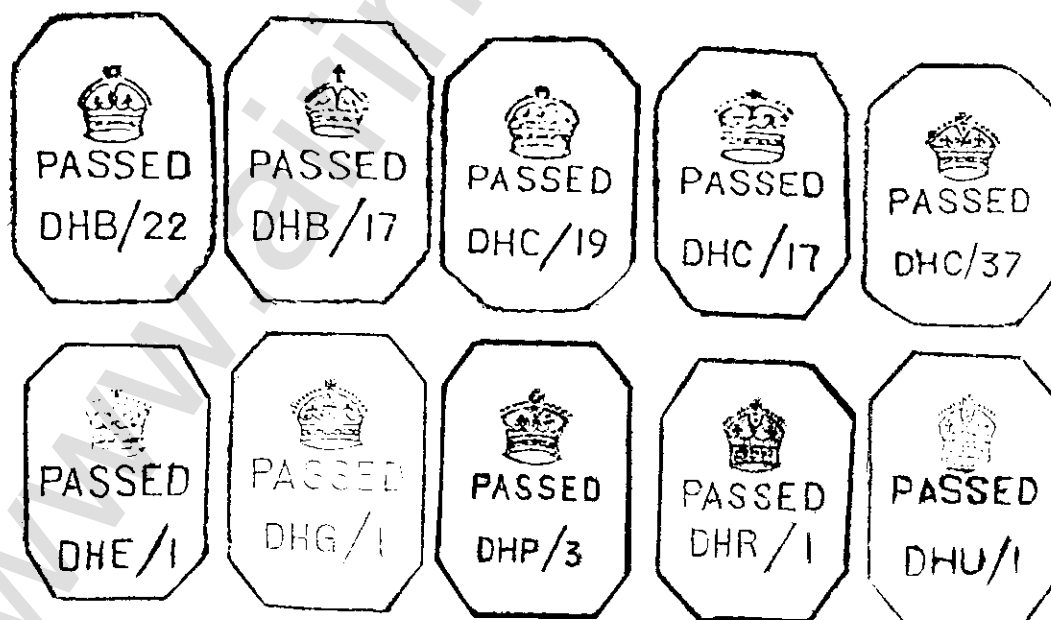


June 1944 : From Simla Area to the Officer in Charge Air Ship Base Karachi.
Resealing label type 13A (grey), tied by 5B (435) and type 6 / DHU/3 (Simla)

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Code - Censor Station	Points
6	2 - 23	black, violet	Mar 42 - 1945	DHA - Calcutta	3
6	1 - 25	black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHB - Karachi	3
6	1 - 80	black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHC - Bombay	1
6	3 - 17, 66	black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHD - Madras	4
6	1	black	Jun 45 - Jul 45	DHE - Gauhati	10
6	2 - 4	black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHF - Calcutta	7
6	1 - 5, 34	black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHG - Belgaum	9
6	2 - 9	black	Mar 42 - 1945	DHH - Peshawar	7
6	1 - 5	black, violet	Mar 42 - 1945	DHI - Quetta	8
6	1 - 5	black, violet	Mar 42 - Nov 46	DHN - Dehra Dun	8
6	1, 19	black	May 42 - 1945	DHO - Delhi	10
6	2 - 9	black	Mar 42 - 1946	DHP - Bombay	7
6	2 - 9	black	May 42 - 1945	DHQ - Cochin	10
6	1	black	Aug 45	DHR - Cocanada	10
6	1 - 3	black	Oct 44 - Nov 45	DHS - Vizagapatam	10
6	2 - 4	black	Apr 44 - 1945	DHT - Delhi	10
6	1, 3	violet	Jun 44 - Oct 44	DHU - Simla	10
6	1		Dec 44	DHV - Meerut	10
6	11		Aug 45	DHX - Tinsukhia	10
6	7	violet	Jan 45 - Jul 45	DHZ - Calcutta	10
6	1		Aug 45	DHBB - Bangalore	10
6	1		Aug 45	DHCC - Coimbatore	10
6	2		Sep 45	DHFF - Rawalpindi	10

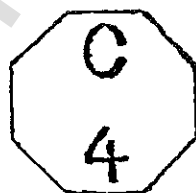
Remarks: A lot of minor differences can be found in the size and shape of the Crown.



Type 6 Handstamps

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Code - Censor Station	Points
7A	3 - 38	black, blue	Apr 43 - Jul 45	A - Calcutta	4
7A	3 - 73	black	Apr 43 - Aug 45	B - Karachi	5
7A	3 - 76	black	Apr 43 - Sep 45	C - Bombay	3
7A	2 - 19	black	Apr 43 - Dec 45	D - Madras	8
7A	1 - 3	black	Apr 45 - Aug 45	E - Gauhati	10
7A	2 - 3	black	Apr 43 - Mar 44	F - Calcutta	10
7A	2 - 6	black, blue	Apr 43 - May 45	G - Belgaum	10
7A	3 - 8	black	Apr 43 - Aug 45	H - Peshawar	10
7A	1 - 2	black	Apr 43 - Aug 45	I - Quetta	9
7A	1 - 4	black	Apr 44 - Jul 45	J - Chittagong	10
7A	1	black	Jul 45	L - Chandpur	10
7A	1	black	Apr 43 - Apr 45	N - Dehra Dun	10
7A	1	black	Sep 45	P - Bombay	10
7A	2 - 3	black	Apr 44 - Jan 45	Q - Cochin	10
7A	1 - 4	black	Apr 44 - Aug 45	R - Cocanada	10
7A	1 - 6	black	Apr 44 - Aug 45	S - Vizagapatam	10
7A			Apr 44	T - Delhi	10
7A		black	Jun 44	U - Simla	10
7A	3 - 4	black	Nov 44 - Aug 45	X - Tinsukhia	10
7A	2 - 3	black	Apr 44 - Aug 45	Z - Calcutta	10
7B	1	black	Aug 45 - Sep 45	CC - Coimbatore	10
7C	2 - 4	black	Jul 45 - Sep 45	BB - Bangalore	10
7C	3 - 4	black	Jul 45 - Sep 45	DD - Poona	10
7C	1 - 2	black	Jul 45 - Sep 45	EE - Ranchi	10
7C			45	FF - Rawalpindi	10
7C	2 - 3	black	Aug 45 - Sep 45	GG - Secunderabad	10
7D	34, 35	black	Aug 45 - Sep 45	C - Calcutta	10



7A



7A



7B



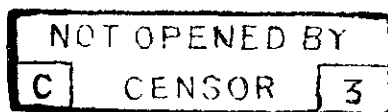
7C



7D

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Code - Censor Station	Points
8	2 - 19	black	May 40 - Sep 41	A- Calcutta	6
8	1, 40	black	May 40 - Sep 41	B- Karachi	7
8	1 - 17	black	May 40 - Feb 41	C- Bombay	5
8	1 - 12	black	May 40 - Mar 41	D- Madras	8
8	1	black	Jul 40	E- Negapatam	10
8	1 - 2	black, violet	May 40 - Feb 41	G- Belgaum	10
8	1 - 4	black	May 40 - Mar 41	H- Peshawar	9
8	2 - 3	black	Mar 40 - Dec 40	I - Quetta	10
8	2	black	May 40	J - Rawalpindi	10
8	1	black	Mar 41	K - Chittagong	10
8	1	black	May 40 - Sep 41	L - Darjeeling	10



Type 8 Handstamps

Following a letter „From File DEFE 1/144A“, Copy SEC/3336/11 23rd April 1941, regarding the use of the type 8 handstamps:

Dear Silver

Censorship has recently received the information that India are using the following stamp „Not opened by Censor“ in their examination work in addition to the usual stamps „Opened by Censor“ and „Passed by Censor“.

2. It is considered here that the use of the stamp „Not opened by Censor“ is extremely undesirable for the following reasons:-

- A letter bearing it may be opened by some other censorship station on the route followed by the letter.
- The writer of a letter may have erased a part of it himself, possibly he may have excised a part himself, and should he have done, either the addressee would almost certainly think that the censorship were responsible, and that the stamp used was either to avoid liability or as a means of pretence.
- Such a stamp can be misused.
- A letter which has not been opened does not bear any Examiner's label and the use of such a stamp is therefore wholly redundant. The proper stamp to use in such a case would be „Passed by Censor“ which can be placed on postal packets whether opened or not.

3. If the idea of using a „Not opened by Censor“ stamp is on occasion where an envelope is found open in the mail, it can be closed either with the ordinary Examiner's label or, where this is thought to be undesirable for any reason, with an ordinary Post Office label such as that in use in the U.K., which carries on it „Found open and officially sealed“.

4. Would you be good enough to bring these facts to the notice of the Censorship Authorities by cable and ask them if they are willing to comply with U.K. practice.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd) C.H. Dale, Major.

17th May ARMY HQ INDIA Ref letter No 46166/Censors New Delhi 5.2.41.

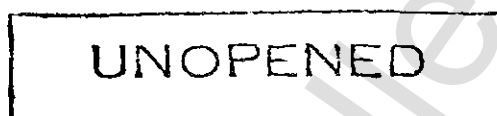
Letter quoted above will please be treated as cancelled.

The use of the oblong „NOT OPENED BY CENSOR“ stamp has been discontinued in all the censorship stations in India.

Ref. 4)

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Format	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
9	63x14	none	violet	Dec 39 - Mar 42	Karachi	8
10	15 - 17	10 - 98	black	May 41 - Feb 42	Karachi	5
10	15	4 - 9	black	Apr 41 - Jul 41	Madras	8
10	14	3 - 8	black, violet	May 41 - Sep 41	Peshawar	9
11	16x12 - 24x17	51 - 92	black, violet	May 40 - Mar 42	Calcutta	4



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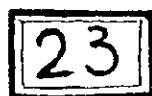
Remarks: Type 10, censor no. 7, is known on inland mail 19 October 1943 from Mymensingh to Patna, used together with handstamp type 12A, censor no. 32.

Type 11, censor no. 23, is known on inland mail (date illegible) from Lakhipur to Muttra, used together with type 12A, censor no. 74.

Late use on Inland Mail



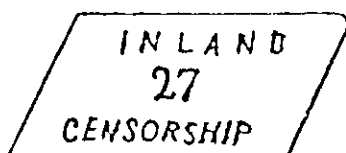
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Inland and Special Censorship 1943 to 1945
(See „Description of Censor Stations“ on page 12).

Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Points
12A	1 - 74	violet, blue	Jul 43 - Aug 44	8
12B	1 - 191	violet, blue	Oct 44 - May 45	9
12C1	see next page	violet	Oct 43 - Mar 44	10
12C2	see next page	violet	Sep 44 - Jun 45	10
12D	17	violet	Sep 44	10



12A



12B

ICT/18

12C1

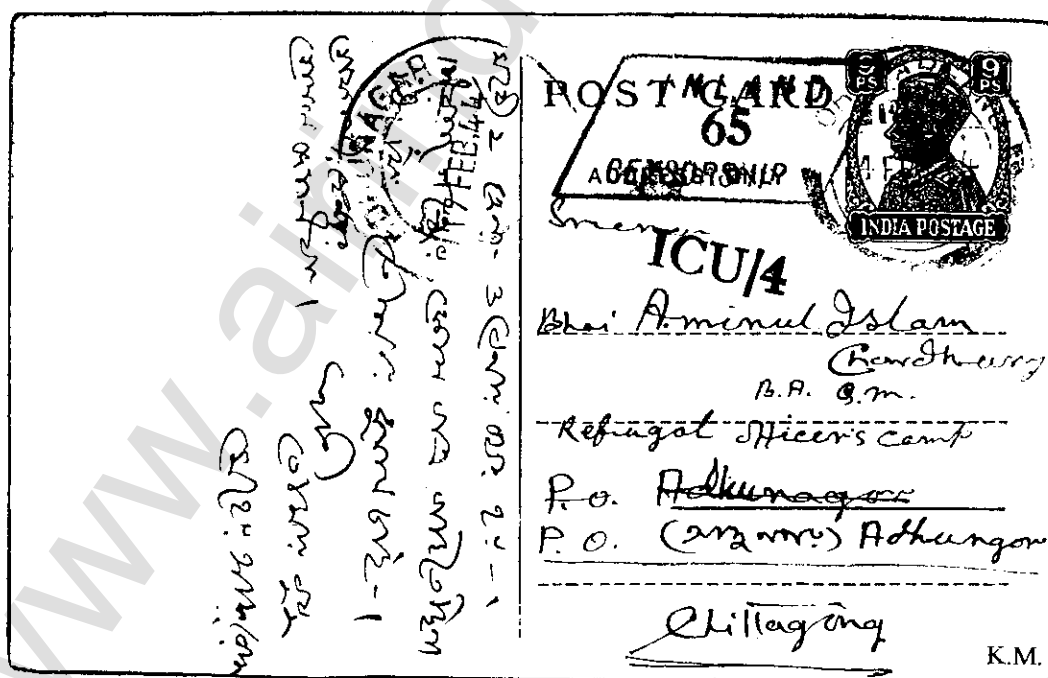
ICG
17

12D

SCS/7

12C2

Remarks: „Inland Censorship“ used handstamps types 12A, 12C1, 12D and sometimes types 10 and 11.
 „Special Censorship“ used handstamps types 12B and 12C2.
 From type 12D only one example known on a post card 18 September 1944 from Gauhati to Muttra together with type 12A censor no. 15. „ICG“ could well mean „Inland Censorship Gauhati“.
 For an attempt to locate codes and censor numbers see next page.



14 February 1944 : Censor Station Mymensingh.
 Inland post card to Chittagong with handstamps type 12A and 12C1 (ICU/4).

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Following the different types of censor handstamps type 12 with possible areas or stations used at.

Type	Code /	Censor No.	Date range recorded	Possibly used at
12A	--	1 - 10	Jul 43 - Aug 44	West Bengal
		11 - 20		Assam
		21 - 50		East Bengal
		51 - 60		Assam
		61 - 70		East Bengal
		71 - 74		Assam
12B	--	1 - 10	May 44 - Nov 45	Calcutta
		11 - 15		Dacca
		22, 30		Chittagong
		47		Lumding
		56 - 58		Gauhati
		75		Silchar
		82 - 99		Calcutta
		109 - 148		Tinsukhia
		191		Gauhati
12C1	ICT /	2	25 Nov 45 ?	Dacca
	ICT /	18		Dacca
	ICU /	4	14 Feb 44	Chittagong
	ICW /	14	Dec 43	Lumding
	ICX /	5	01 Mar 45	Gauhati
	ICX /	21	30 Oct 43	Gauhati
	ICZ /	8	22 Nov 43 - Feb 44	Silchar
	ICZ /	12	44	Silchar
12C2	ICZ /	16	22 Mar 44	Silchar
	SCS /	7	Feb 45	Calcutta
	SCS /	8	16 Mar 45	Calcutta
	SCS /	38	Feb 45	Calcutta
	SCS /	45	Nov 44	Calcutta
	SCT /	2	26 May 44	Dacca
	SCT /	3	Jan 45	Dacca
	SCT /	10	08 Jun 45	Dacca
	SCT /	21	08 Sep 44	Dacca
	SCT /	29	Feb 45	Dacca
	SCU /	10	Nov 44	Chittagong
	SCU /	25	May 45	Chittagong
	SCW /	4	08 Jan 45	Lumding
	SCX /	1	Jan 45	Gauhati
	SCX /	2	29 Oct 44	Gauhati
	SCX /	7	Mar 45	Gauhati
	SCX /	16	15 Dec 44 - 06 Mar 45	Gauhati
	SCZ /	30	29 Jan 45	Silchar
	SCZ /	35	14 Dec 44	Silchar
	SCZ /	37	08 Jan 45	Silchar
	SCZ /	42	Dec 44	Silchar
12D	ICG	17	18 Sep 44	Gauhati

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Date range recorded	Code	Censor Station	Points
13A	1 - 12	Aug 42 - Jun 45	DHA	Calcutta	9
13A	1 - 6	Dec 42 - Apr 45	DHC	Bombay	8
13B	8	Jun 42	DHB	Karachi	10
13B	1 - 4	Mar 42 - Oct 44	DHC	Bombay	8
13B	4 - 8	Jan 43 - Jun 43	DHD	Madras	10
13B	1 - 2	Apr 44	DHO	Delhi	10
13B	1	Jun 42 - May 44	DHI	Quetta	10
13C	10 - 12	Jan 44 - Sep 44	DHA	Calcutta	10
13D	2		DHO	Delhi	10

AIRGRAPH
DHC/3
CENSORSHIP

13A

AIRGRAPH
DHC/3
CENSORSHIP

13B

AIRGRAPH
DHA/12
CENSORSHIP

13C

AIRGRAPH
DHO/2
CENSORSHIP

13D

MESSRS. WHIFFEN & SONS, LTD.
CARNWATH ROAD,
FULHAM,
LONDON, S.W. 6.

127810

Write the message very clearly below this line.

DATE 14th August 1942. Recd's Address D/H-000.

TO: CHURCHILL, MR. (AIR MAIL)

FROM: BOSTON, MASS.

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT

REMARKS: URGENTLY REQUIRED.

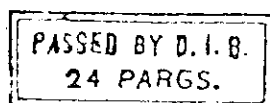
SMITH STATISTICAL & CO., LTD.
S. A. K. K. K.

K.M.

12 August 1942 : Airgraph from Calcutta
to London with censor handstamp type 13A
DHA/1

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
14A	violet	Sep 39	Batanagar	10
14B		Dec 43	?	10
15A	black, blue	Mar 41 - Oct 42	Bombay	10
15B	violet, blue	41 - Nov 44	Bombay	10
15C1	violet	May 45	Bombay	10
15C2	blue	Apr 44	Bombay	10
15D		Sep 42	Bombay	10
15E		Aug 42	Bombay	10
15F		May 44	Bombay	10
15G		Dec 44	Bombay	10
15H		Mar 40	Bombay	10
15I		Jan 43	Calcutta	10



14A

PASSED BY CENSOR
D. M. S.

14B

RECEIVED DAMAGED
POSTAL CENSOR,

15A



15B

RECEIVED DAMAGED

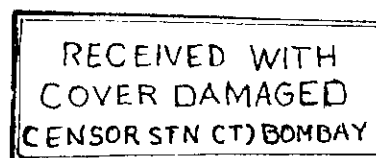
15C1

RECEIVED DAMAGED

15C2

Received Damaged
Censor Station (E.F.)

15D



15E

Received Damaged
Postal Censor, Sort.

15F

AS RECEIVED
POSTAL CENSOR

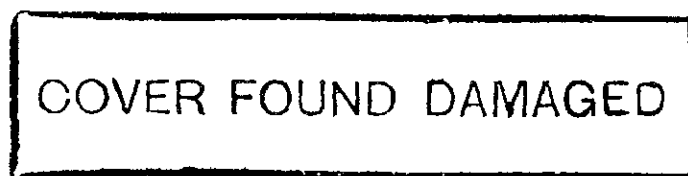
15G

RECEIVED DAMAGED

POSTAL CENSOR, BOMBAY

15H

15I



Remarks: Type 14A, „D.I.B. 24 PARGS.“ could either mean „District Intelligence Branch“ or „District Intelligence Bureau, District 24 Parganas“
Type 14B, meaning of „D.M.S.“ „Department of Military Security“ ?

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Censor No.	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
16A	none	violet	Jul 40 - Apr 41	Bombay	7
16A	none	violet	Aug 40 - Sep 41	Belgaum	10
16B	none	violet	Jun 40 - Oct 41	Madras	10
16C	none	violet, red	Jan 40 - Nov 43	Bombay	9
16D	none		Jan 43	Bombay	10
17A	1, 5	violet	Nov 39	T.C. 1)	10
17B	1		Dec 43	?	10
17B	15, 16		44	Bombay T.C.	10
17B	22			Simla T.C.	10
17B	24			Delhi T.C.	10

Please request sender in future to write full name and address on the envelope together with the language used.

Please request sender to write on the envelope in future, his or her name and address, and the language used in the letter.

16A

16B

RETURNED TO SENDER
BY
Postal Censor, Bombay

RETURN TO SENDER

16C

16D

PASIND 1



17A

17B

Remarks: The handstamp type 17A was found on three letters, all with return address Kathmandu, two of them were posted at Gymkhana Club Post Office Delhi. The censorship must have been done by Travellers Censorship somewhere between Nepal and Delhi.

Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
18A	black	May 42 - Apr 43	Gangtok	10
18B	black	Aug 42 - Dec 43	Gangtok	10

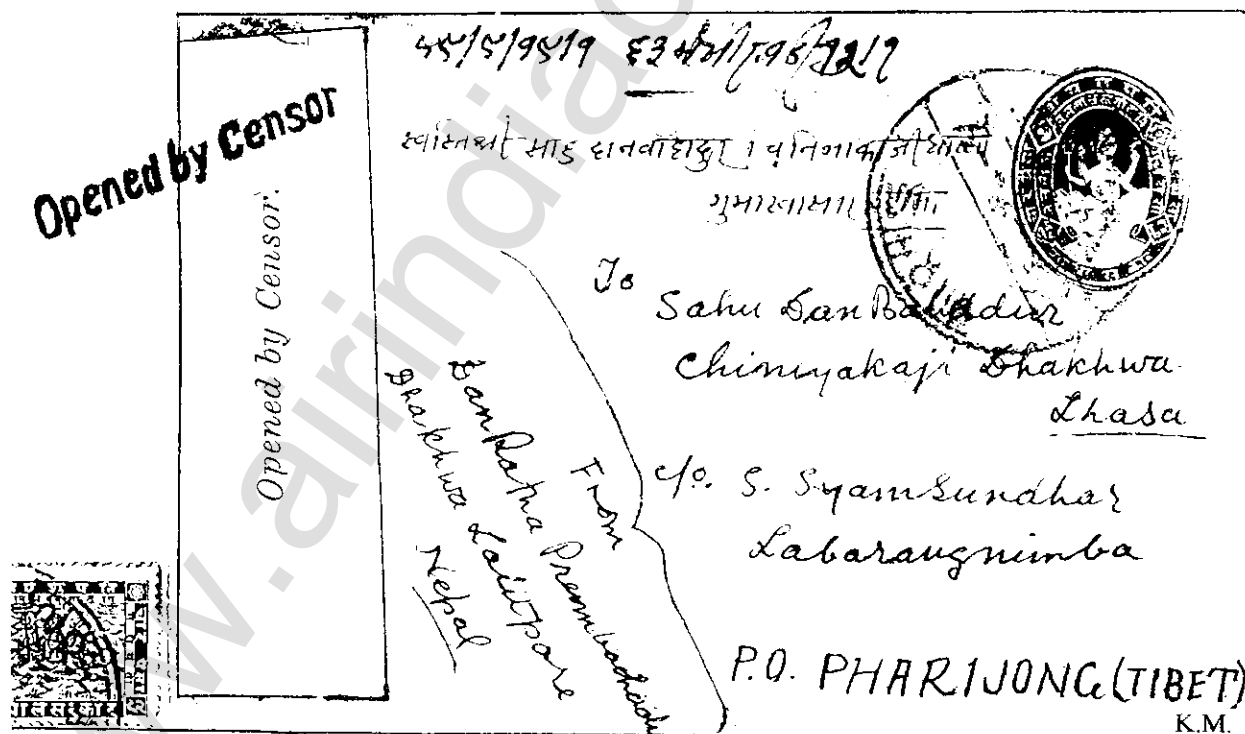
Opened by Censor. जाँचवाट खोलिएको.

18A

18B

Remarks: Censor handstamps type 18 were used together with type 16 tape, but not always the English type handstamp was used to tie the English tape. There exist examples of type 16A with the type 18B handstamp and viceversa.

Inscription of type 18B: JACH BATA KHOLIYAKO (Opened by Censor).



December 1942 : Stationery cover from Lalitpur/Nepal to Tibet,
arrived Pharijong 28 Dec 42.

Censor handstamp type 18A tying resealing label type 16A.

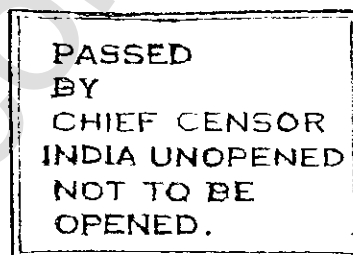
Listing of the Censor Handstamps (cont.)

Type	Format/Measurement	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
19A1	Rhomboid	violet		Calcutta	10
19A2	boxed 48x33	violet	Oct 41	Calcutta ?	10
19C	boxed 76x29	violet	Nov 40 - May 42	Bombay	9
19D	boxed 124x52			Madras	10
19I	boxed 86x34		17 Jul 41	Quetta	10
19T	boxed 64x39 vertical rounded	violet		Delhi ?	10

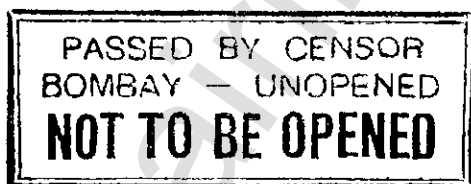
Remarks: Mail with the type 19 handstamps was sent to addressees on the „White List“ (Ministries, Consuls, Abassadors &c.), which in no case was to be opened.
All handstamps reduced size.



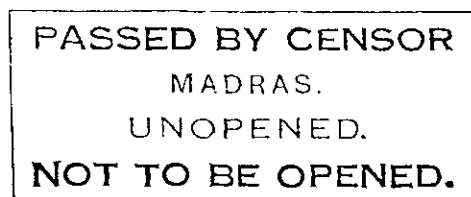
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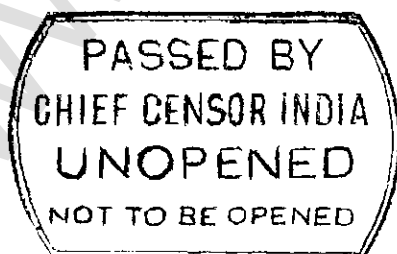
19A2



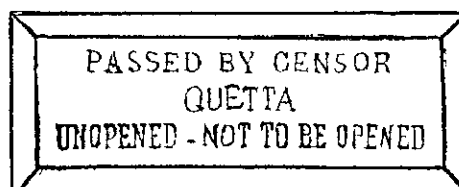
19C



19D



19I



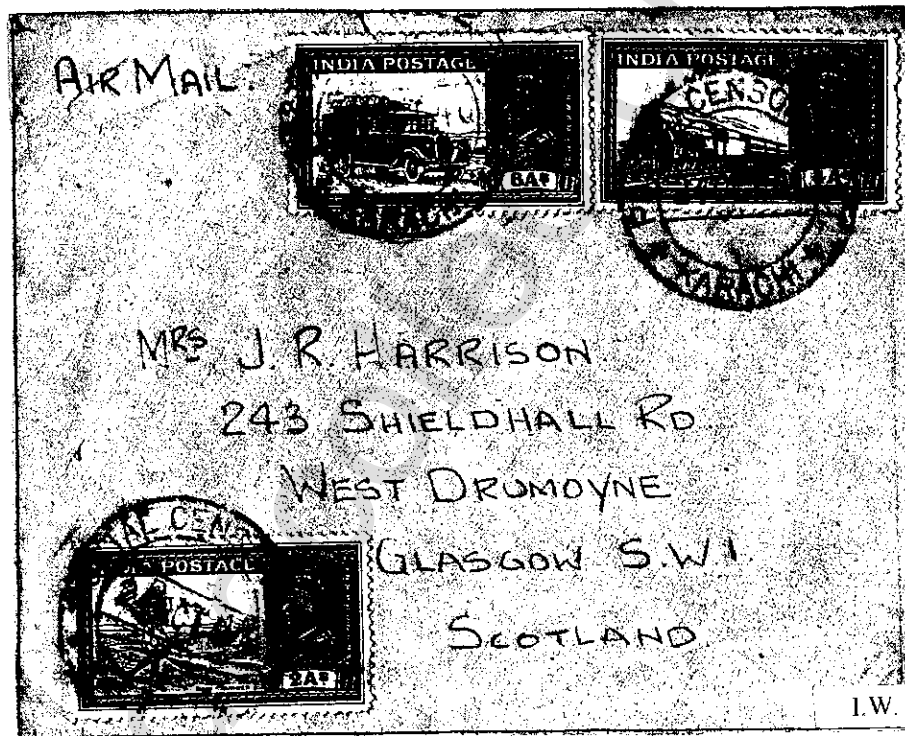
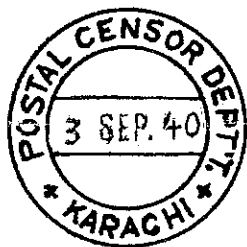
19T

Date Stamps used at Post Offices attached to Censor Stations

These date stamps are to be seen on mail originating in the Censorship Department (then uncensored), or even on censored mail with franking not cancelled at the post office of origin.

Karachi

Date range recorded 03 Sep 40 - 24 Oct 40



Bombay

Date range recorded 24 Sep 42



Other Handstamps used at Censor Stations**SENIOR CENSOR OFFICER. / CALCUTTA.**

This handstamp is known on only one large cover 26 Oct 39 registered from Calcutta to Amsterdam. Onto this cover a second front was applied (obviously from another cover with same sender and addressee) and tied by six red censor brass seals type 3. Manuscript addition to the handstamp:
examined by Senior Censor Officer Calcutta and „REPACKED“

**SENIOR CENSOR OFFICER.
CALCUTTA.**

*examined by
Senior Censor Officer
Calcutta and
"REPACKED"*

KARACHI / CANCELLED

Date range recorded 03 Oct 40 - Jul 41

This handstamp is only to be found on air mail, cancelling the air mail sticker. Such mail was excluded from air service because of censorship interests (security reasons) or possibly lack of air mail capacity. For same purpose the handstamp with two or four bars were used.

**YOUR POSTAL DELIVERY DISTRICT NO. IS.....**

Date range recorded 23 Jul 45

This handstamp was applied over the address of Karachi Airship Base to advise the addressee, giving his correspondents the correct address to be used. It is in the same ink as the handstamps type 5 and 6 (DHZ).

**YOUR POSTAL DELIVERY DISTRICT NO. IS KARACHI NO. 11
PLEASE HAVE YOUR LETTERS ADDRESSED ACCORDINGLY.**

Listing of the Censorship Brass Seals

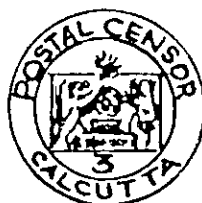
Type	Format	Colours	Code	Censor No.	Date range recorded	Used at	Points
1	Double-oval 26x18	black, red, brown	A	none	Apr 41 - Jul 42	Calcutta	9
			B	none	Nov 41 - Jul 43	Karachi	8
			C	2, 8, 12	Jul 41 - May 43	Bombay	7
			D	none	Apr 41 - Dec 41	Madras	9
			E	none		Dehra Dun	1) 10
			F	none	Mar 41 - Mar 45	Calcutta	10
			H	none	Apr 41	Peshawar	9
			I	none	Jul 43	Quetta	10
2A	25	red, brown	Calcutta	2, 3	Oct 39 - Apr 41	Calcutta	9
2B	25	red	A	2, 3	Mar 41 - Apr 41	Calcutta	9
3	25	red	Calcutta	2, 3	Oct 39 - May 42	Calcutta	10
4	Oval 25	red	-	none	Feb 41	Peshawar	10
5	13	red	-	none	Apr 41	Karachi	2) 10
6	20	-	-	1	Dec 43	T.C.	3) 10
7	Oval 20	red	-	none	Apr 40	Bombay	4) 10
8	20	red	-	none	Sep 39	Rawalpindi	10
9	Triangle	red	B		Sep 40	Karachi	5) 10

Remarks:

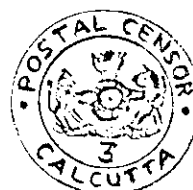
- 1) Type 1E is known as negative handstamp only on mail from Internment Camp Dehra Dun. It was used to cancel the air mail franking.
- 2) Type 5 known on censor tape type 2A1, used together with censor handstamp type 3/B. Possibly a private seal used by a censor.
- 3) According to Virk type 6 was used to seal traveller's packets. Distribution of censor numbers as censor handstamp type 17B. This seal is known from a cover which was carried from India to Great Britain by a traveller in 1943/44.
- 4) No illustration available. Inscription reported: *SENIOR CENSOR* / REG / BOMBAY
- 5) Censor handstamp type 3 A with code B impressed in red wax.



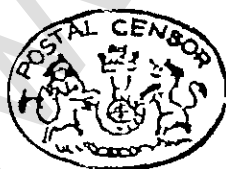
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2A



3



4



5



6



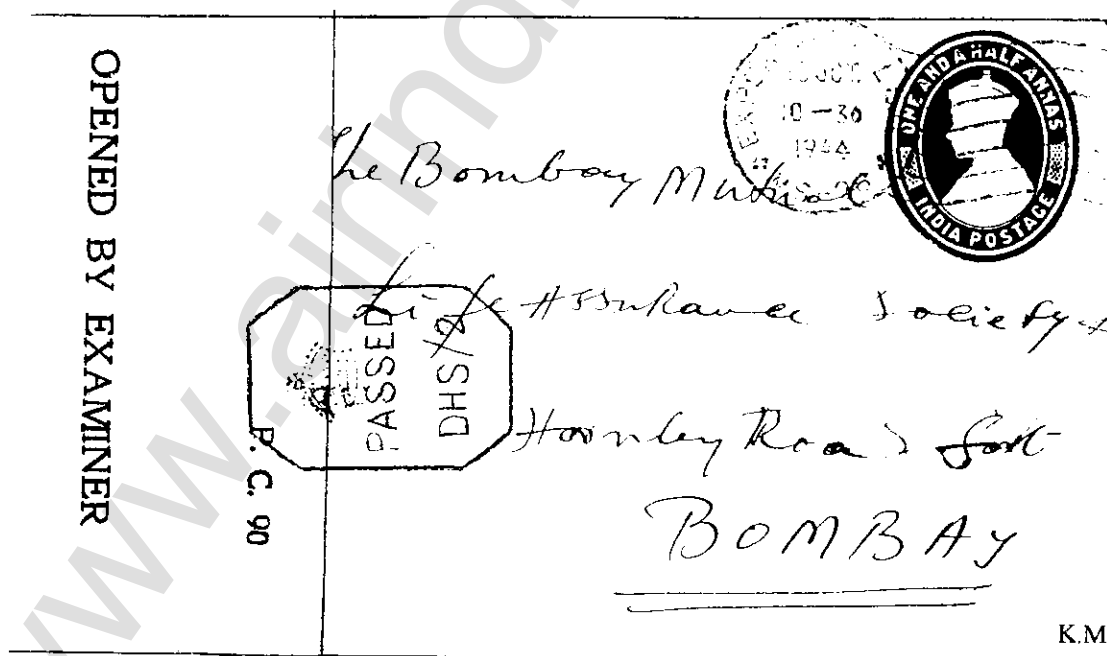
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Listing of the Resealing Tapes and Labels

Type	Colour of Print	Format	Coat of Arms/Inscription	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1A	no imprint	20 mm			Bombay 1)	7
1B	no imprint	24 mm		Jan 43	Bombay 1)	7
2A1	red	18x13	76	Sep 39 - Sep 42	Karachi 2)	6
			74 - 78	Dec 39 - Jul 42	Calcutta	5
			76	Dec 41 - Jan 42	Peshawar	10
			76	Apr 41	Chittagong	10
2A2	blue	18x13	76.5	Jul 40 - Aug 40	Simla	10
2B	red	11x8	74 - 77	Apr 40	Karachi	8
				Dec 39 - Mar 40	Calcutta	8
2C	red	11x8	47		Karachi	7
2D	red	12x8	50			10
2E	red	12x8	55	Sep 41 - Dec 42	Karachi	8
2F	black	11x8	75	Oct 39 - Nov 39	Calcutta	10
3	red	14x11	76 - 78	Nov 40 - Nov 41	Calcutta	10
4	red	14x11	79	May 41 - Dec 42	Calcutta	10
5	red	18x25	79	Feb 40 - Aug 42	Bombay 3)	2
				Jul 41 - Jun 43	Madras	7

Remarks:

- Types 1 are brown scotch tapes 20 or 24 mm without imprint
- Types 2 to 4 are brown tapes with imprints in red, blue (2A2) or black (2F)
- Type 5 is a white label with red imprint. Bombay (code C) known with censor numbers 1 to 149, Madras (code D) known with censor numbers 11 to 62.



18 October 1944 : From Experimental P.O. M.S. 28 to Bombay (21 Oct.).
Censor handstamps type 5 and 6 (DHS) of Vizagapatam

Listing of the Resealing Tapes and Labels (cont.)



OPENED BY CENSOR

2A1

OPENED BY CEN



OPENED BY CENSOR

2E



PASSED BY EXAMINER

3



OPENED BY EXAMINER

4



137 C

PASSED BY CENSOR

5 „Bombay“

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format		Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
6A1	32x23	83x10	Nov 40	Calcutta	10
			Sep 39 - Jul 41	Bombay	7
			Sep 39 - Apr 40	Madras	9
			Nov 39 - Sep 40	Negapatam (E)	10
			Dec 39 - Sep 40	Madura (F)	10
			Dec 39	Belgaum	10
			Dec 39 - Feb 40	Peshawar	10
			Dec 39	Darjeeling	10
			Feb 40 - Mar 40	Rawalpindi	10
			Dec 41 - Jun 42	Bombay	5
6A2	25x18	80x7	Dec 41 - Jun 42	Bombay	5
6A3	25x18	82x7	Jan 42	Belgaum	8
6A4	32x23	57x5	Oct 39 - Jun 40	Bombay	8
			Nov 39	Madras	9
6A5	31x22.5	81x10	Jan 40	Negapatam (E)	10
			Sep 39 - Mar 40	Peshawar	10
			Jun 40	Rawalpindi	10
			Sep 40 - Feb 41	Darjeeling (L)	10
			Sep 39 - May 40	Madras	10
			Feb 40	Rawalpindi (J)	10
			Jan 40 - Jul 41	Bombay	9
			Feb 40	Madras	8
			May 42	Negapatam	10
			Apr 40	Delhi (DHO)	10
6A8	33x24	86x6	Apr 40	Rawalpindi	10
6B1	25x18	80x7	Jul 40 - Nov 43	Bombay	1) 1
6B2	25x18	82x7	Nov 41	Madras	1) 7
			Mar 42	Bombay	2) 8
			Mar 43	Madras	2) 9
6C	25x18	80x7	Feb 41 - Mar 42	Bombay	3) 8
6D	25x18	64x6	Mar 42 - Jul 43	Quetta	4) 10

Remarks:

1) Type 6B1 Bombay known with censor numbers/code 5C to 272C

Type 6B1 Madras known with censor numbers/code 38D to 57D

2) Type 6B2 Bombay known with censor numbers/code 8C and 249C

Type 6B2 Madras known with censor numbers/code 3D and 249D

3) Type 6C known with censor numbers/code 236C to 249C

4) Type 6D known with censor numbers/code 1-I and 2-I

The colours of type 6A and 6B are red on white, 6A1 Madras varies from red-orange to carmine. 6C and 6D are black on white.

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)



OPENED BY CENSOR

6A1



OPENED BY CENSOR

6A2



OPENED BY CENSOR

6A4



OPENED BY CENSOR

6A5



OPENED BY CENSOR

6B1

63 C



2-I

**OPENED BY
EXAMINERS**

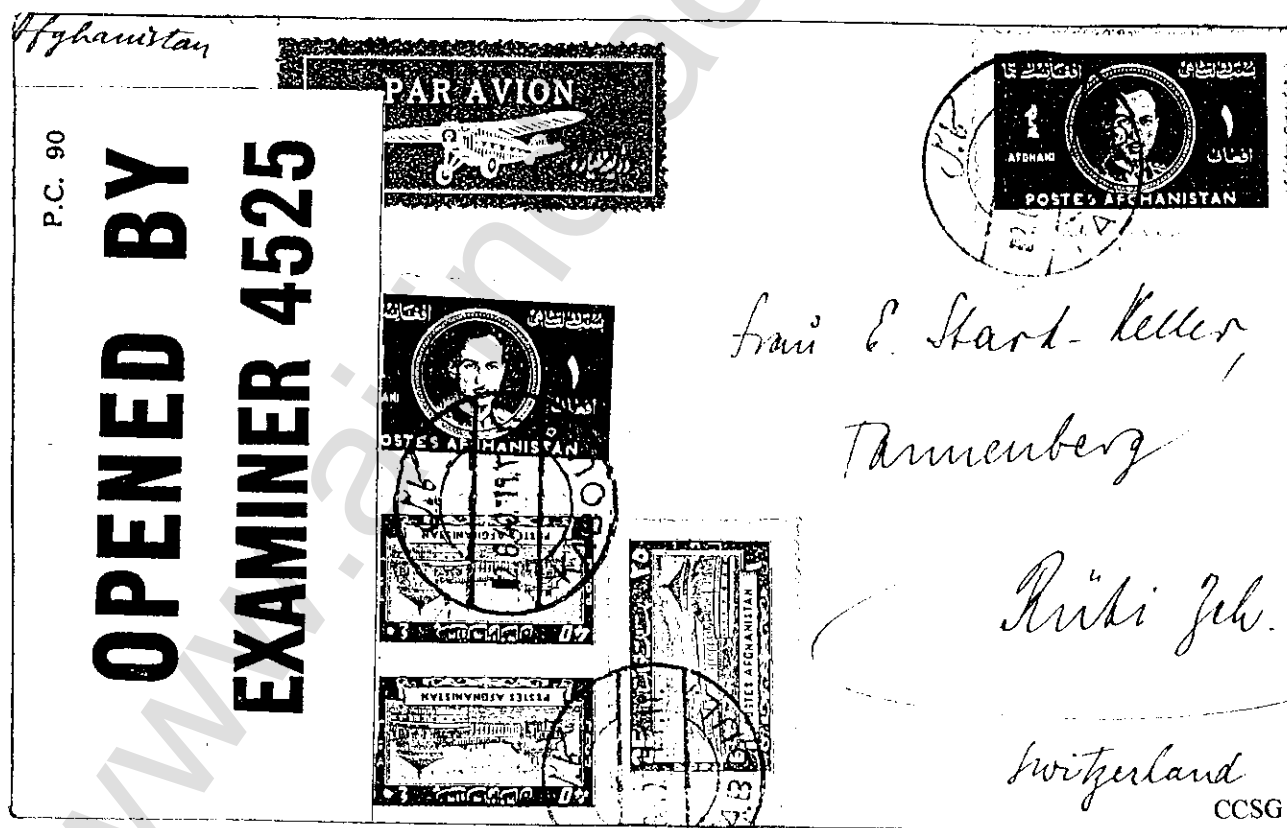
6D

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format		Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
7A1	34x25	65x4	May 40 - Sep 41	Peshawar	8
7A2	34x25	69x5	Ju 1 40 - Sep 40	Peshawar	9
7B1	41x30	66x4	Nov 40	Peshawar	10
7B2	39x28	69x4	Sep 40	Peshawar	10
7C	32x23	83x10	May 40	Peshawar	10
7D 1	34x25	67x4	May 40	Peshawar	10
7D2	34x25	67x4	Jun 40	Peshawar	10

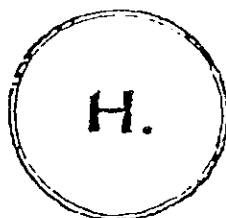


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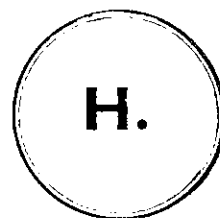
02 June 1940 : Air mail with resealing label type 7D2 on the right side,
tied to cover by censor handstamp type 3A (H 1).
On the left U.K. PC90 type 1D / 4525

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)



OPENED BY CENSOR

7A1



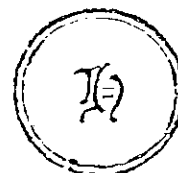
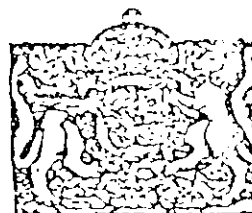
OPENED BY CENSOR

7B1



OPENED BY CENSOR

7A2



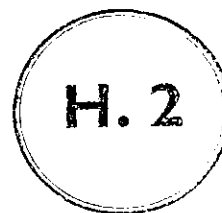
OPENED BY CENSOR

7C



OPENED BY CENSOR

7D1



OPENED BY CENSOR

7D2

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format		Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
	Coat of Arms/Inscription				
8A1	37x22	44x4.5	Sep 39 - Mar 40	Karachi	8
8A2	37x22	42x4.5	Sep 39 - Feb 40	Karachi	7
8A3	37x22	48x4.5	Jan 40 - Feb 41		10
8A4	28.5x16	52x4.5	Nov 39	Karachi	10
8B1	37x15	63x5	Mar 40 - Aug 40	Quetta	9
8B2	28x25	44x5			10
8B3	37x15	67x5	Oct 40	Quetta	9
8B4	37x15	60x5	Dec 41	Quetta	10
8B5	35x15	63x5	Mar 42	Quetta	9
8B6	37x15	57x4.5	Nov 41	Quetta	9
8B7	40x13	65x8	Nov 39	Quetta	10
8B8	37x15	87x8	Jun 40	Simla	10
8B9	37x15	83x8	Jun 40	Simla	10
8B10	37x15	61x5		Quetta	10
8B11	37x15	38x3	Jun 41	Quetta	10
8B12	31x17	62x5	40	Quetta	10
8B13	32x18	69x5	Sep 40	Chittagong (K)	10
8B14	37x15	67x4.5	40	Karachi	10

Remarks: The colours of the labels type 8 are red on white paper, except
8A3 - black on blue, 8A8 - black on blue, 8A9 - red on blue.
Type 8A3 to be found on transit mail only.



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OPENED BY CENSOR

8A1



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OPENED BY CENSOR

8A2



OPENED BY EXAMINER

8A3

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)



OPENED BY CENSOR

8B1



OPENED BY CENSOR.

8B6



OPENED BY CENSOR.

8B7



OPENED BY CENSOR OPENED BY CENSOR

8B8



8B9

I



2

OPENED BY CENSOR

8B11

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Coat of Arms/Description	Format	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
8C1	24x15	80x9	Jul 40 - Oct 41	Bombay	7
8C2	25x15	75x8	Jul 41	Bombay	9
8C3	24x12	77x8	Jul 40 - Nov 41	Bombay	6
8C4	24x12	78x8.5	Aug 40 - Sep 41	Bombay	7
8C5	24x12 - 13	80x9	Apr 40 - Nov 42	Bombay	5
8C6	24x12 - 13	78x8	Nov 40 - Nov 41	Bombay	8
8C7	23x13	77x9	Dec 40	Bombay	8
8C8	25x13	78x9	Jun 40 - Dec 40	Bombay	9
8C9	24x12	75x8.5	Jun 41	Bombay	10
8C10	25x15	79x10	Jul 40	Bombay	10
8C11	24x15	79x8	Apr 41 - Oct 41	Bombay	10
8C12	20x18	72x4	Sep 39 - Oct 39	Darjeeling	10
8D	50x40	86 - 89x6	Sep 39 - Dec 39	Bombay	10
		89x6	39	Madras	10
8E	48x30	89x5	Apr 40	Chittagong	10
			Feb 40	Darjeeling	10

Remarks: The colours of the above types are red on white paper, except 8C1 - orange on white.
One example of 8E found on a cover from Darjeeling with handstamp type 1L2, censor number 25.



OPENED BY CENSOR

8C1



OPENED BY CENSOR

8C3

Listing of the Rescaling Labels (cont.)

Darjeeling



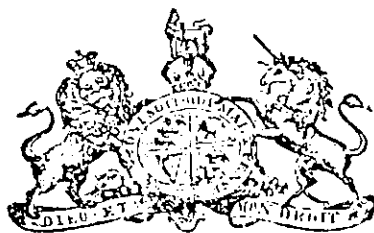
OPENED BY CENSOR

8C12



OPENED BY CENSOR

8D



OPENED BY CENSOR

8E

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Colours	Coat of Arms/Inscription	Format	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
9A1	red on rose paper	37x22	57x5 80x5	Jul 41	?	10
9A2	red on blue paper	48x27	72x4.5 93x4.5	Aug 40	Darjeeling	10
9A3	? ?	38x23	73x4.5 93x4.5	Jul 40	?	10
9B1	red on brown paper	25x22	69x4.5 75x3	Oct 40	?	10
9B2	black on rose paper	25x22	56x3 73x3		Delhi	10
9C	red on light red paper	25x12	58x4.5 64x4.5	May 41 - Dec 41	?	10
9D	red on rose paper	37x22	80x5 57x5		?	10
9E	red on rose paper	19x8	70x3.5 23x3	Jul 45	Calcutta (DHF)	10

Remarks: Cover with type 9A2 forwarded from Darjeeling to Calcutta because of German language.
 Type 9B2 known as loose, unused label from Delhi Records.
 Type 9C, the bottom inscription reported as „Passed to Calcutta for Censorship“.
 Type 9D, top inscription reported as „OPENED BUT UNCENSORED“.
 Cover with type 9E forwarded to Calcutta because of Chinese language.

OPENED BUT UNCENSORED.



Passed to *Bowling* for Censorship.
4/1/41

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

OPENED BUT UNCENSORED.



Passed to

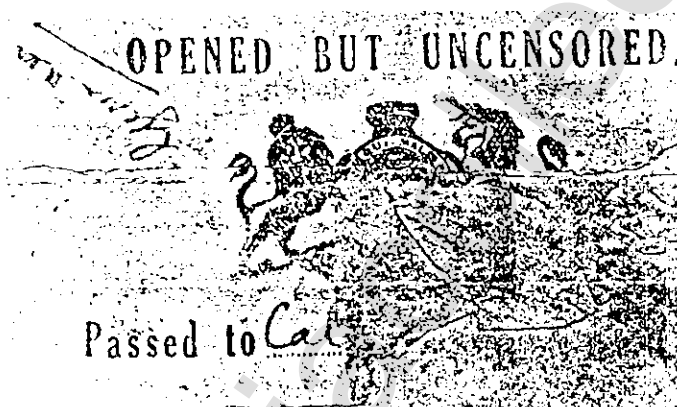
for Censorship.

9A1



Passed for Censorship.

9D



9A2

OPENED BUT UNCENSORED



Passed to

for Censorship

9B1

OPENED BUT UNCENSORED



Passed to

for Censorship

9B2

OPENED BUT UNCENSORED.



Passed to Calcutta for Censorship.

9C

OPENED BUT UNCENSORED



LANGUAGE

9E

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format of Lines			Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
10A1	41x6	5x3	39x6	Nov 39 - Apr 40	Bombay	9
				Nov 39	Madras	9
10A2	32x5	5x3	35x4.5	Nov 39	Bombay	10
10B1	30x6	5x3	30x6	Nov 39	Bombay	10
10B2	31x6	5x3	30x6	Dec 39 - Feb 41	Bombay	4
10C	30x6	5x3	36x6	Nov 39	Madras	10

Remarks: Type 10B2 known with printed censor numbers 5 to 100, also to be seen with blue or red manuscript code „C“.

The colours of the type 10 labels are all red on white paper.

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10A1

PASSED

BY

CENSOR

10A2

PASSED

BY

CENSOR

10B1

PASSED

BY

CENSOR**75**

10B2

PASSED

BY

CENSOR

10C

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format of Imprint	Colour of Printing / Paper		Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
11A	28x9	violet	/ buff	Sep 42 - Aug 43	Bombay 1)	10
11B	31x10	black	/ yellow	Dec 40 - Sep 42	Bombay 2)	9
11C	31x10	black	/ yellow or white	Dec 40 - May 42	Bombay 3)	8
12A1	96x6	black	/ grey	Feb 44 - Aug 45	Bombay	8
12A2	98-100x6	black	/ white	Jan 43 - May 45	Bombay	8
		black	/ grey	Dec 43 - Jan 44	Calcutta	9
		black	/ brown	Mar 45 - May 45	Karachi	10
		black	/ brown	Mar 44 - Oct 44	Peshawar	10
12B	19x4, 100x6	black	/ white	Sep 44 - Jul 45	Bombay	10
		black	/ white	Apr 45	Peshawar	10
12C	65x9	red	/ brown	Aug 41	Belgaum	10

Remarks: 1) Violet handstamp on buff paper.
2) Black printing on yellow paper with watermark „AVE“ or „OND“. The watermark consists of two or more words and about three figures are to be seen.
3) Black printing on yellow or white paper without watermark.

X 10

11A

X 10

11B

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12A2

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12B

OPENED BY CENSOR

12C

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format of Printing		Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Handstamp Code	Points
13A	14x3	64x4	black / 1)	Jul 42 - May 45	Calcutta	DHA	4
				May 42 - Aug 44	Karachi	DHB	3
				Aug 42 - Aug 45	Bombay	DHC	2
				Sep 44 - Sep 45	Madras	DHD	6
				Oct 43 - Jun 45	Calcutta	DHF	10
				Apr 43 - Jul 44	Belgaum	DHG	10
				Aug 42 - Jun 45	Peshawar	DHH	9
				Apr 42 - May 45	Quetta	DHI	9
					Delhi	DHO	10
				Jul 42 - Sep 43	Madras ?	DHQ	10
				Aug 45	Cocanada	DHR	10
				Oct 44 - Aug 45	Vizagapatam	DHS	10
				Jul 45 -	Delhi	DHT	10
				Jun 44 - Oct 44	Simla	DHU	10
				Aug 45	Bangalore	DHBB	10
				Aug 45	Coimbatore	DHCC	10
13B	14x3	64x4	red/white	Nov 42 - Jun 43	Bombay	DHP	10
				Jun 42	Belgaum	DHG	10
				May 42	Peshawar	DHH	10
13C	14x3.5	60x5	red/white	Apr 42 - Jun 44	Quetta	DHI	9

Remarks: 1) Colour of paper varies between white, buff (bright and dark), grey and greyish-brown.

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P. C. 90

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13A

13B

P. C. 90

OPENED BY EXAMINER

13C

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)

Type	Format	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
14A	64x6	red on white	Jun 41 - Sep 42	Bombay	9
14B	68x6	red on white	Oct 40 - Apr 41	Bombay	10
14C	70x6	red on white	May 42	Bombay	10
15A	Brit. type PC66	black on white	Feb 40	Peshawar 1)	10
15B	Brit. type PC90	black on white	Oct 40	Madras 2)	10
16A	40x5	black on grey-white	Dec 42 - Apr 43	Gangtok 3)	10
16B	46x8	black on brown	May 42 - Dec 43	Gangtok 3)	10

Remarks:

- 1) Type 15A is one of the British type PC66 with the number cut off and used at Peshawar with censor handstamp type 1H.
- 2) Type 15B is one of the British type PC90, used at Madras with censor handstamp type 3 „D/11“.
- 3) Types 16 were used
 - a) 16A with censor handstamp type 18A (or 18B),
 - b) 16B with censor handstamp type 18B (or 18A).

OPENED BY EXAMINERS **OPENED BY EXAMINERS**

14A

14B

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OPENED BY EXAMINERS **OPENED BY CENSOR**

14C

15A

Opened by Censor.

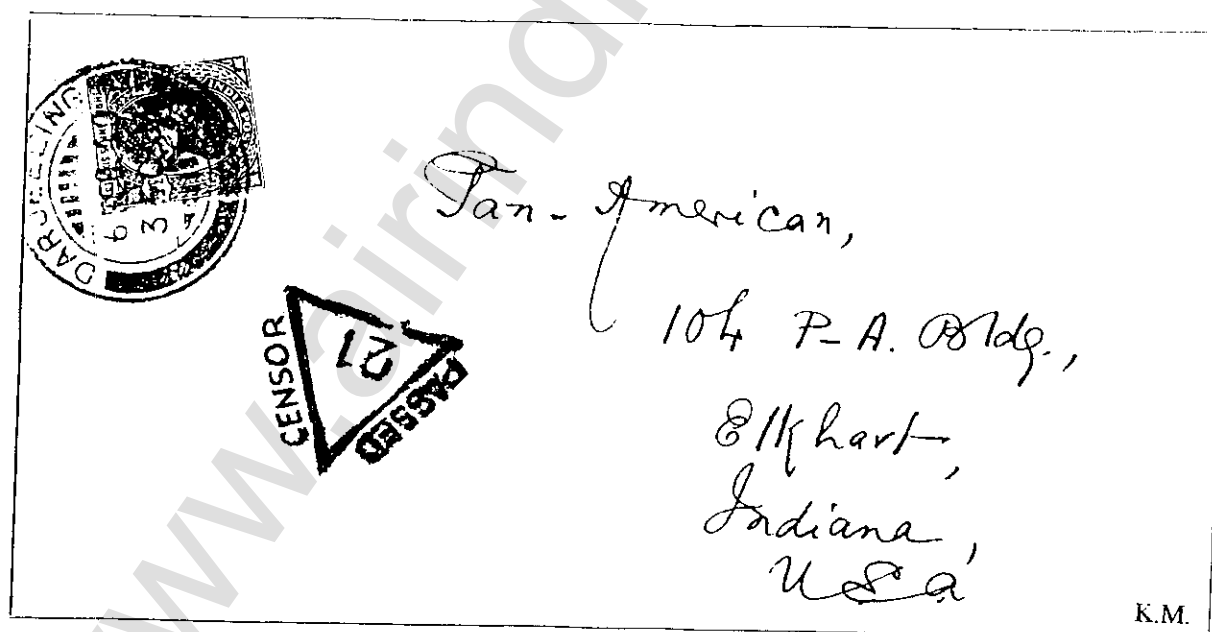
जाँचवाट खोलिएको.

16A

16B



17 November 1939 : Rescaling label type 10A2 on a Bombay cover.



06 February 1940 : The scarce Darjeeling handstamp type 1L2

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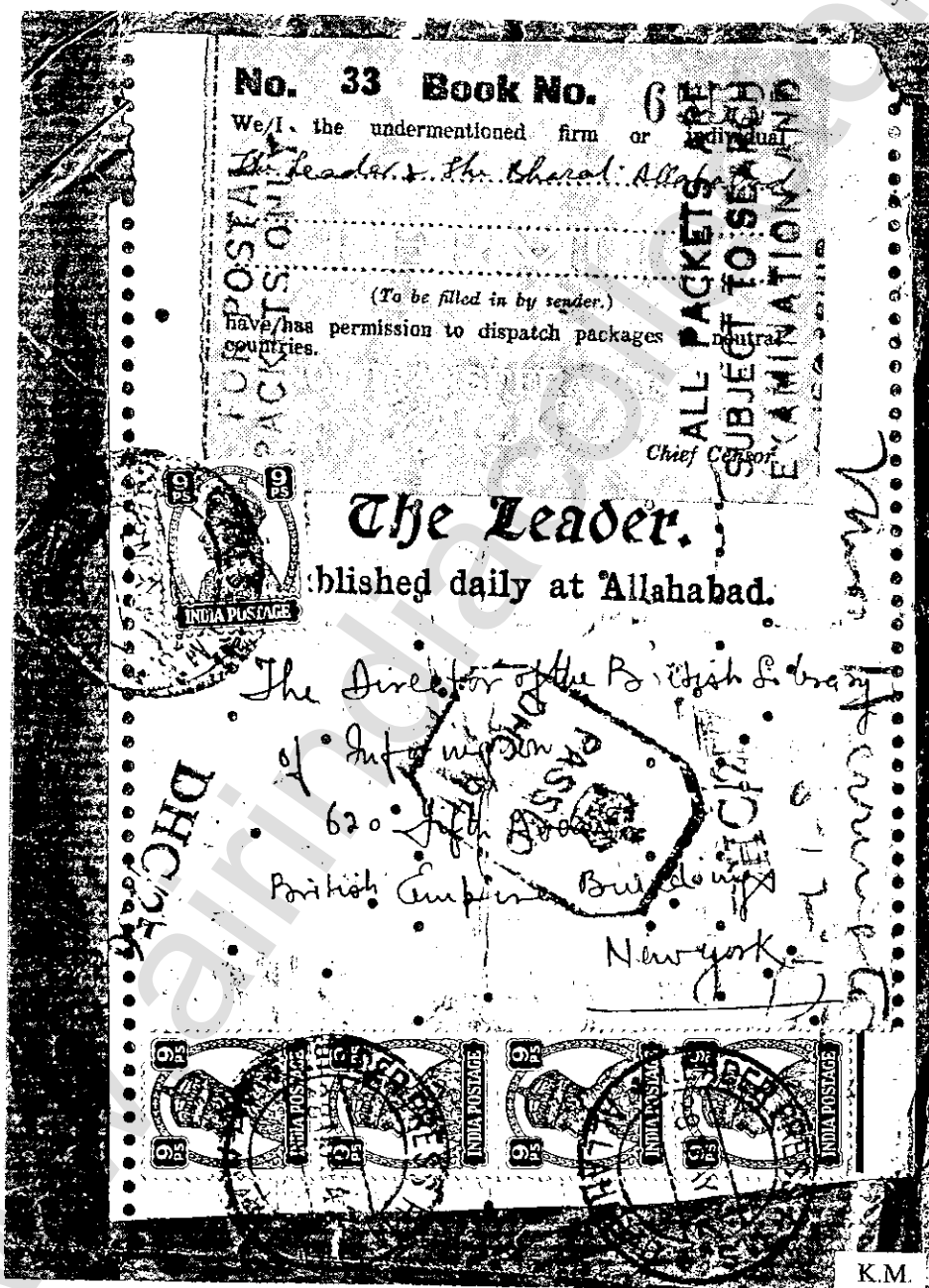


02 January 1940 : Air mail Bombay - Switzerland with rescaling label type 10B2.
The Censor 94 could not examine this letter (possibly because of German language),
so he crossed out his label and forwarded the item to Table 6 (T 6).

Permit Forms

Type	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
A.B.1	blue, red, black on white	40 - 41 ?	Calcutta	10
			Bombay	10
		Mar 40	Madras	10
A.B.2	black, buff on grey- brown	May 42 - Oct 44	Bombay	10
A.B.3	black, red on white	1)	1)	10
A.B.4	black on bright brown	1)	1)	10

Remarks: 1) Permit Forms A.B.3 and A.B.4 are known from Delhi Records only.



Newspaper wrapper with franking cancelled
LEADER PRESS R.M.S. 28 MAY 42 ALLAHABAD
sent to "The Director of the British Library of Information New York".
Censor handstamps type 5 and 6 and Permit Form A.B.2 with handstamp
ALL PACKETS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH AND CENSORSHIP.

Permit Forms (cont.)

No. 24	Book No. 505
Permission is hereby given	
<i>J. M. Dhruwalia Bm,</i>	
<i>Sicador Ch-</i>	
to export the following by Parcel Post—	
<i>Trebley Gut</i>	
to the countries undermentioned—	
<i>Dubai</i>	
All packets are subject to search, examination and censorship	
Not transferable.	<i>[Signature]</i> Chief Censor, India.

A.B.3

No.	Book No. 15357
Permission is hereby given	
to export the following by Post—	
to the countries undermentioned—	
All packets are subject to search, examination and censorship	
Not transferable.	<i>[Signature]</i> Director, Civil and Services Censorship (India).

A.B.4

For illustration of Permit Form A.B.1 see outer cover of this book.

„Returned“ Censor Forms

Type	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
Ret1	black on brown	Nov 43	Bombay (DHP)	10
Ret2	red on buff	1)	1)	10
Ret3	black on white	Feb 43	Bombay (DHP) ?	10

Remarks: 1) Form Ret 2 is known from Delhi Records only.

P. O. W. POST

To

RETURN TO SENDER

Your letter is returned because the **Japanese authorities** have restricted correspondence to **25 words in block letters or typescript**. There is **no** restriction on the number of letters allowed but they will not be delivered unless conforming with the above orders.

O.C. CENSOR STATION, BOMBAY.

Ret1

RETURNED TO POST OFFICE
for RETURN to SENDER as
this letter is addressed to an
ENEMY/OCCUPIED COUNTRY

Please be brief. The enemy Censorship
will not read letters of this length.

P. O. W. Censorship.

Ret2

Ret3

I.P.C. Forms / Postal Censorship Memoranda

The censorship forms I.P.C. 1 to I.P.C.13 are known from Delhi Records only.

I.P.C. 1 was produced for internal censorship or censorship - post office use and so it is unlikely that it would ever be seen „used“.

To Records.

I.P.C. 1.

MISSING ENCLOSURES

(BLOCK CAPITALS)

From
Address

To
Address

Dated

P.T.O.

Missing

Remarks:—(e.g. evidence of previous Censorship)

Trade or
Private

Table

Examiner

D.A.C.

Date

-2.

I.P.C. 1 (reduced size)

I.P.C. Forms (cont.)

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP

I. P. C. 2.

You are reminded that although it is not an offence to receive messages or letters from enemy or enemy-occupied territory, it is contrary to the Defence Regulations to attempt to communicate with such territory by any other means than through an authorised intermediary. This prohibition covers the sending of messages intended to be sent on to enemy or enemy-occupied territory by a third party as well as the sending of actual letters or written documents.

As announced in the press, authority to act as intermediary has been granted to Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, from whom all information can be obtained.

Remittances or business correspondence cannot be despatched without licences from the controller of Enemy Trading, Caltex House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Personal messages of not more than 25 words between relatives and written on a prescribed reply form, may also be sent through the Indian Red Cross Society. Details of the procedure to be adopted for sending these messages will be supplied by the Indian Red Cross Society, (Nearest Branch).

N. B. This slip must not be enclosed in letters leaving India.

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP

I. P. C. 3

This communication is returned to you since the only authorised means of transmitting letters to Japan or Japanese-occupied territory is by Prisoner of War Post.

The regulations governing this Post are set out in enclosed leaflet, entitled communication with Prisoners of War and Civilians in Japan and Japanese occupied Territories, D. G. P. & T. Circular 37 A of July, 43 further copies of which may be obtained from the post office.

Personal Messages of not more than 25 words between relatives and written on a prescribed form may also be sent through the British Red Cross Society in the following areas:—Japan, Occupied China, Shanghai, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Thailand and French Indo-China.

N. B.—This slip must not be enclosed in letters leaving India.

I. P. C. 4

POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

Where reference is made to any casualty, no details, in addition to those which appear in the official casualty list, may be given.

I. P. C. 5

POSTAL CENSORSHIP

The communication returned in this cover constitutes a breach of the Defence Regulation. The writer is warned to be more careful in future.

N. B.—The communication will be allowed to proceed if the passage or passages referring to..... are omitted, and if it is re-posted to the addressee in the usual way.

I.P.C. Forms (cont.)

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

I.P.C.6

Enclosure mentioned
was missing when the letter was opened. Before making enquiries of the Post Office, please ascertain definitely from the sender of the letter whether the article in question was actually enclosed. If so, the sender should make enquiry of the Postal Administration of the country in which the letter was posted, mentioning that the enclosure was missing. The cover of the letter, and, if possible, such of its contents as were received, should accompany any communication to the Postal Administration.

No compensation is given for the loss of the contents of a letter for or from a foreign country, unless the letter was insured (not merely registered) with the Post Office.

I. P. C. 7

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP

Your correspondent gave an address which you are not permitted to use, and which has been excised. His correct address is :—

Number.	Rank.	Initials.	Name.
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I.P.C. 8.

POSTAL CENSORSHIP

This letter is returned to sender for reason that it was posted in a civil post box contrary to regulations.

I.P.C. 9.

**RETURNED TO SENDER
BY THE CENSOR
FOR REASON EXPLAINED IN
MEMORANDUM ENCLOSED
IN THIS COVER.**

I.P.C. 6 to I.P.C. 9

I.P.C. Forms (cont.)

I. P. C. 10

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP

This cover was open when it reached the
Censorship.

I.P.C. 11.

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

The Indian Censorship is not
responsible for the mutilation of this
letter.

I.P.C. 12.

The transmission of letters to this country
is at present suspended.

I. P. C. 13.

INDIAN POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

The Indian Censorship is not
responsible for the absence of
Stamps from the cover of this
Postal Packet.

I.P.C. 10 to I.P.C. 13

Controller of Enemy Trading

A resealing label and an enclosure form can be found on commercial and bank mail from Germany which arrived at India in September and October 1939.

This censorship was not carried out under the Chief Censor's responsibility.

One item is known with the handstamp CUSTOM HOUSE KARACHI tying the resealing label to the cover.



O. H. M. S.

**PASSED BY CONTROLLER
OF
ENEMY TRADING**

Resealing Label

O. H. M. S.

Details of these documents have been noted by the Controller of Enemy Trading, and any person attempting to deal with them otherwise than in accordance with the Defence of India Rules will be liable to prosecution.

Enclosure Form

Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India

In my handbook „Civil Censorship in British India 1939 - 1945“ (Ref. 3) I omitted the camp censor marks. But because of the handling of nearly all internment and P.O.W. mail in civil censorship stations, it is no longer possible to ignore this sort of mail when looking at *Civil Censorship*. Internment and P.O.W. mail was checked by camp censors and in some of the camps a part of the mail was marked with special camp censor handstamps.

Additionally this mail was routed via the responsible civil censorship stations, e.g. -

Fort William via Calcutta (A/DHA)

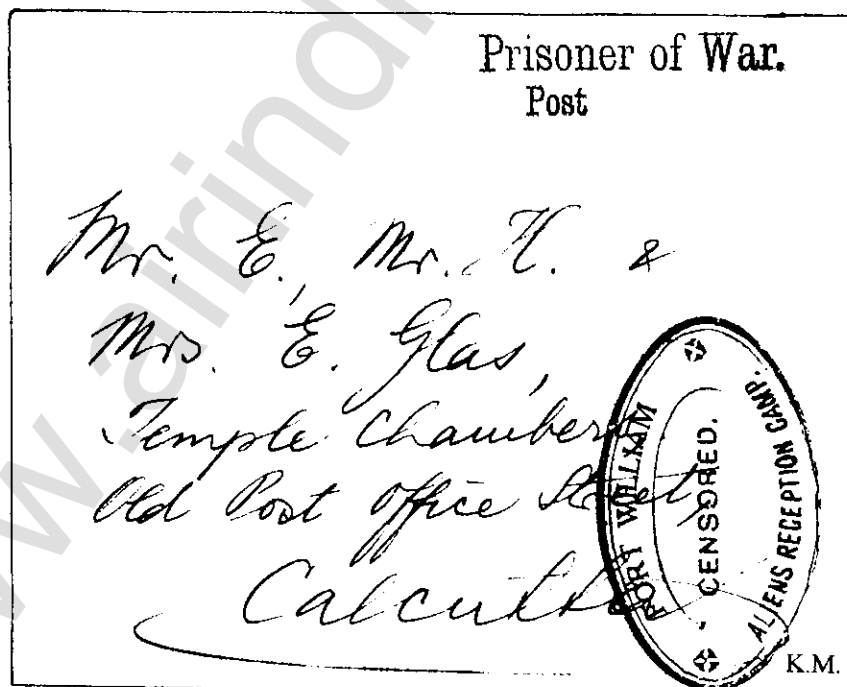
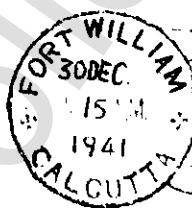
Purandhar and Satara via Bombay (C/DHC)

Kodaikanal and Yercaud via Madras (D/DHD)

and all P.O.W. mail via Bombay (P/DHP).

On the following pages the camps with dates of establishment and the censor marks used on their mail.

*Hungarian,
Aliens' Reception Camp,
Fort William,
Calcutta.*



30 December 1941 : Internment mail from *Aliens Reception Camp Fort William*
The sender was Hungarian internee.
The only example known of that censor handstamp.

Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India (cont.)

Camps in alphabetical order:

Ahmednagar

19 Sep 39 - 23 Feb 41
Internment camp for men

Bairagarh/Bhopal

Group 2, camps 9 to 16
for Italian POW

Bangalore

03 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39
Assembly camp for men
01 Jan 41
Group 1, camps 1 to 8
for Italian POW

Bikanir

Group 6, camp 29
for Japanese POW

Dagshai

03 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39
Assembly camp for German men

Dehra Dun

01 Jan 41 - 1946
Group 4, camps 21 to 24
for Italian POW
11 Oct 41 - 26 Nov 46
Internment camp for German men
25 Feb 42
German internees from Colombo,
Hong Kong and Singapore,
transferred via Diyatalawa to
Dehra Dun and Satara

Delhi

08 Dec 41
Internment camp for Japanese

Deolali (Devlali)

04 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39
Assembly camp for German men
23 Feb 41 - 08 Oct 41
Internment camp for German men

Deoli

Jul 41 - Apr 43
Group 3, camp 17
for German internees
May 43 - 1946
for Japanese Internees and
penal settlement for Germans

Fort Williams

03 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39
Assembly camp for men
28 May 40
for about three weeks parole camp
for women, children and refugees.
Nov 41 - 1942
reception camp for other than
Germans (Bulgarian, Finns, Hungarian)
and for displaced persons

Hazaribagh

29 May 40 - Jul 42
Parole camp for women, children and refugees

Jubbulpore Ridge

03 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39
Assembly camp for men

Kangra Valley/Yol

Group 5, camps 25 to 28
for Italian POW

Katapahar

Jul 40 - Jul 42
Parole camp for women,
children and refugees

Kodaikanal

29 May 40 - Jul 42
Parole camp for women,
children and refugees

Marmagao/Port. India

German and Italian seamen
interned on board
SS Anfora *SS Ehrenfels*
SS Braunfels *SS Dracxenfels*

Nainital

29 May 40 - Jul 42
Parole camp for women,
children and refugees

Purandhar

Jul 40 - 21 Sep 42
Parole camp for women,
children and refugees
22 Sep 42 - Apr 46
Family camp

Quetta

1945, Group 7, camp 30 for Japanese POW

Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India (cont.)

*Camps in alphabetical order: (cont.)***Ramgarh / Bihar**

Jan 42 - Jul 42

Group 3, camp 17

German internees, transferred
from Alas Valley/Sumatra via
Bombay and Ramgarh.Group 3, camp 17 to 20
for Italian POW**St. Thomas Mount**

03 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39

Assembly camp for men

Satara

29 May 40 - 21 Sep 42

Parole camp for women,
children and refugees

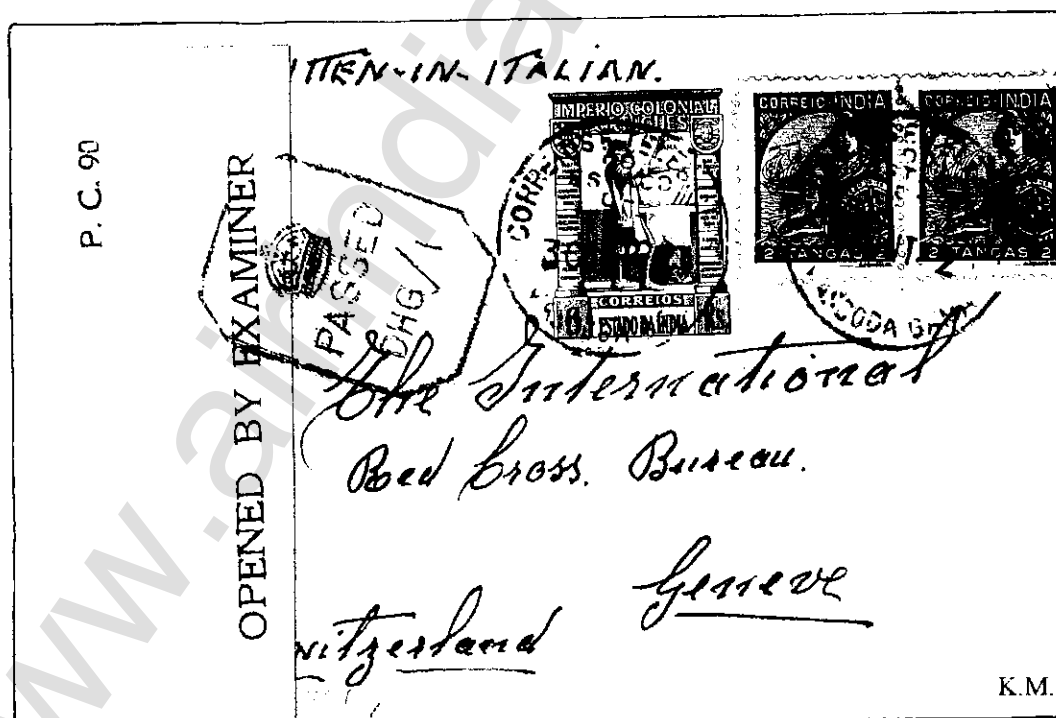
25 Feb 42

German internees from Colombo,
Hong Kong and Singapore,
transferred via Diyatalawa to
Satara and Dehra Dun

22 Sep 42 - 26 Nov 46

Family camp for Germans
and Italians**Yercaud**

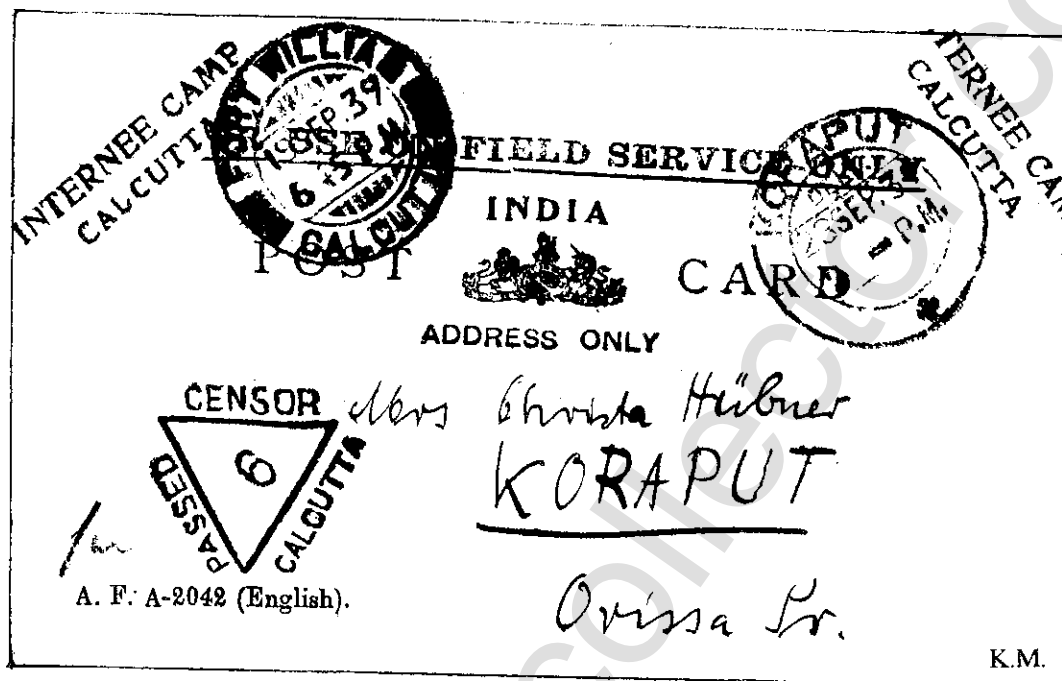
29 May 40 - Jul 42

Parole camp for women,
children and refugees

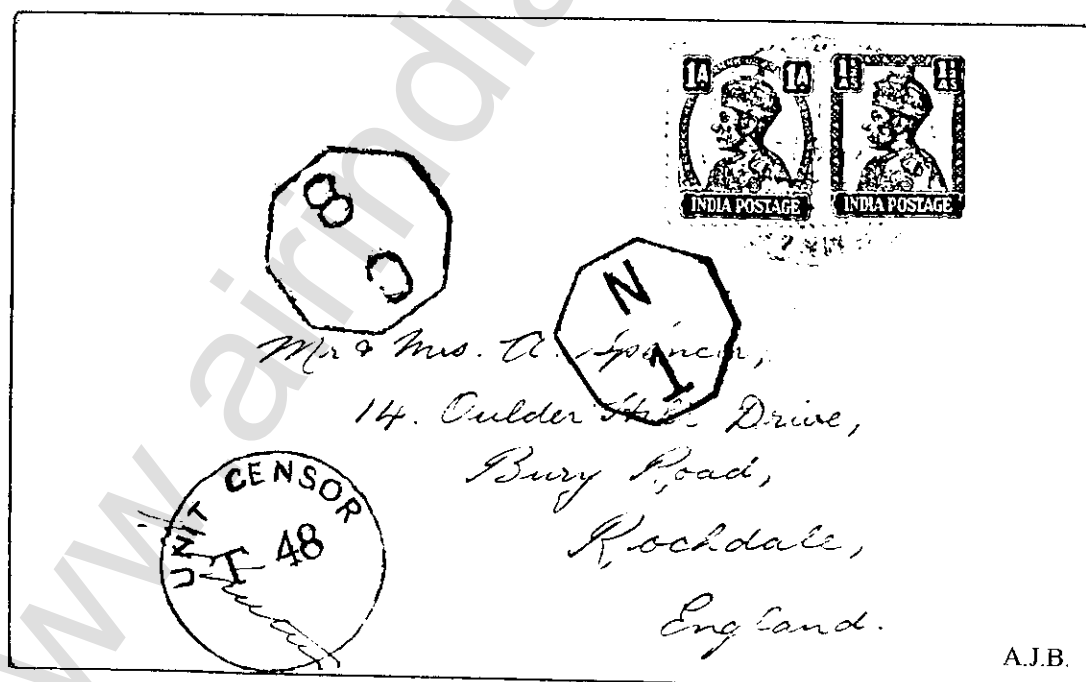
30 October 1942 : Internment mail from Italian crew member of *SS Anfora*
from Marmagao to Geneva.

Censor handstamp type 6 (DHG/1) on resealing label type 13A of censor station Belgaum.
Additionally censored at Paris (X).

Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India (cont.)



19 September 1939 : Internee mail on A.F.A.-2042 from *Assembly Camp Fort William* to Koraput (23 Sep 39) with unknown handstamp INTERNEE CAMP CALCUTTA and violet handstamp of Civil Censorship Station Calcutta type 1A1.



April 1943 : From Army School Dehra Dun to Rochdale with Unit Censor T 48 and civil censorship handstamp type 7A (C 8) *Bombay*. Censor Station *Dehra Dun* used handstamp type 7A (N 1) because they were not responsible for censoring military or civil mail.

Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India (cont.)

1. Assembly Camps for Men (G)
03 Sep 39 - 28 Sep 39

	Camp Censor Marks	Handstamps of Civil Censorship	
		Type	Code
BANGALORE Mysore			
DAGSHAI North India			
DEOLALI (Devlali) Bombay District	CC 1		
FORT WILLIAMS Calcutta District	CC 2	1	Calcutta
JUBBULPORE RIDGE Central Provinces	CC 3		
ST. THOMAS MOUNT South India			

2. Internment Camps

AHMEDNAGAR 19 Sep 39 - 23 Feb 41	CC 4	3	N
DEOLALI 23 Feb 41 - 08 Oct 41		3	N
DEHRA DUN (Premmagar) 11 Oct 41 - 26 Nov 46		3 5/6 7	N DHN N

3. Family Internment Camps

PURANDHAR (G) 22 Sep 42 - Apr 46	CC 5	5/6	DHN
SATARA (G/I) 22 Sep 42 - 26 Nov 46	CC 6	5/6	DHN/DHC

German POW to CANADA

Nationalities:(G) - Germans
(I) - Italians
(J) - JapaneseRepatriation:SS Sloterdijk
departing Bombay 11 Nov 46SS Oldenbamevelt
departing Bombay 27 Nov 464. Parole Camps for
Women, Children (G)
and Refugees

	Camp Censor Marks
FORT WILLIAM 29 May 40 - Jun 41	CC 7
KATAPAHAR Jun 40 - Jul 42	CC 8
HAZARIBAGH 29 May 40 - Jul 42	
KODAIKANAL 29 May 40 - Jul 42	
NAINITAL 28 May 40 - Jul 42	CC 9
YERCAUD 29 May 40 - Jul 42	
DAGSHAI 29 May 40 - Jul 40	

PURANDHAR (Poona)
Jul 40 - Apr 46SATARA
29 May 40 - 26 Nov 465. Reception Camp for
European Enemies,
other than German

FORT WILLIAM Nov 41 - 1942	CC 12
DEHRA DUN	

6. German and Italian Seamen
interned at MARMAGAO / Goa
on board
SS Anfora SS Braunfels
SS Drachenfels SS Ehrenfels

7. Internment Camps

near DELHI (J)
08 Dec 41 - May 43DEOLI (J/G)
May 43 - 1946

Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India (cont.)

8. POW Camps 01 Jan 41 - 1946

Handstamps of Civil Censorship Type Code	Camp	Nationalities	Camp Censor Marks	Handstamps of Civil Censorship Type Code
3 A	Group 1 BANGALORE	1 Italians	CC 13	5/6 DHP
3 A		2 Italians		5/6 DHP
5/6 DIIA		3 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
3 A		4 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
5/6 DIIA		5 Italians		3 C/P
3 D		6 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
5/6 DHD		7 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
3 none	Group 2 BAIRAGARH/ BHOPAL	8 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
3 D		9 Italians	CC 14	5/6 DHP
5/6 DHD		10 Italians		5/6 DHP
DHP		11 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
3 C		12 Italians		3/5/6 P/DHP
5/6 DHC		13 Italians		5/6 DHP
3 C		14 Italians		5/6 DHP
5/6 DHC/DIIN		15 Italians	CC 15	5/6
		16 Italians		5/6 DHP
	Group 3 RAMGARH	17 Italians		5/6 DHP
	RAMGARH	17 Germans (Jan - Jul 42)		5/6 DHP
	DEOLI	17 Germans (Jul 42 - Apr 43)		5/6 DHP
	RAMGARH	18 Italians		
		19 Italians		
		20 Italians		3 P
	Group 4 DEHRA DUN / CLEMENT TOWN	21 Italians	CC 16	5/6 DHP
		22 Italians		5/6 DHP
		23 Italians		5/6 DHP
		24 Italians		5/6 DHP
	Group 5 KANGRA VALLEY / YOL	25 Italians		5/6 DHP
		26 Italians		5/6 DHP
		27 Italians		5/6 DHP
		28 Italians		5/6 DHP
	Group 6 BIKANIR	29 Japanese (1943)		5/6 DHP
	Group 7 QUETTA	30 Japanese (1945)		5/6 DHP

9. German Internees and POW from outside India

COLOMBO HONG KONG and PEMATANG/Sumatra
SINGAPORE
03 Sep 39 1940 1940

DEYATALLAWA/Ceylon via DEOLI BOMBAY and
25 Feb 42 RAMGARH
1942

SATARA and DEHRA DUN

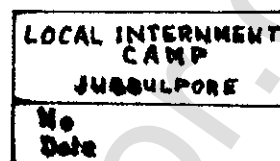
Internment and Prisoner of War Camps in India (cont.)

Camp Censor Handstamps (nearly all reduced size)



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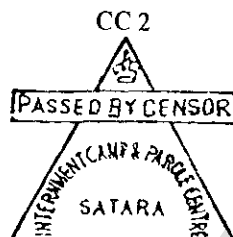
INTERNEE CAMP
CALCUTTA



CC 3



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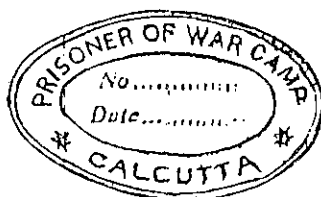


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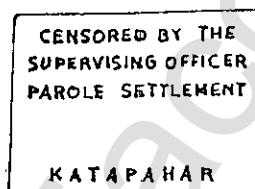
SANCTIONED.

Commandant, Internment Camp & Parole Centre,
SATARA.

CC 6



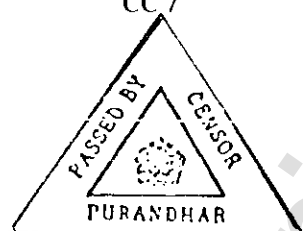
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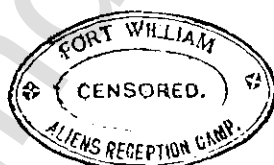
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Censored
O. I. C. Parole Camp
NAINI TAL

CC 9



CC 10



CC 12



CC 13

SANCTIONED

[Signature]
Commandant, Parole Camp, Satara.

CC 11



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General Information

Establishment and Organisation of Censorship

Postal and Telegraph censorship was imposed on 1st September, 1939, by the promulgation of Defence Regulations made by the Governor. Censorship Headquarters were established at Colombo, where all external commercial cable and wireless communication was controlled from the C.T.O., and all sea or air mails, as well as those received overland from India (with few exceptions) passed through the G.P.O.

There was no permanent internal censorship in Ceylon, but such censorship both of telegrams and letters, was imposed for brief periods in 1940, 1941, 1944 and 1945. There was a regular interchange of censorship information and frequent consultation between India and Ceylon Censorships. Liaison visits were also exchanged between Officers of the two Censorships.

Postal Censorship

Ceylon had very little terminal foreign mail. Private firms and persons with foreign connections were so few that it was possible to keep an effective check on their affairs. There was a very large terminal mail to and from India. Until the fall of Singapore in February, 1942, there was a large transit mail between the Netherlands East Indies and Europe. In Ceylon terminal foreign mail was subjected to 100% censorship, and on the entry of Japan into the war the percentage of censorship of all outward Empire mails was greatly increased. Owing to the large number of languages used in letters, some occasional translators had to be employed. Unfortunately these were allowed to work in their homes, to the detriment alike of security and of the Department's reputation.

The Intelligence Branch of the Censorship undertook testing of letters and examination for code.

A Permit system was introduced and revised regulations were made in July, 1940. To control subversive matter from India permit regulations were applied to all non postal documents carried to and from all countries. At the end of 1940 the Documentary Passport was introduced. The physical control of travellers was the duty of the Customs Officers who forwarded any undesirable documents discovered to the Postal Censor.

Pre-censorship, modelled on the arrangements proposed by the United Kingdom Censorship, was introduced in May, 1943.

Staff

In April, 1942, censorship lost many of its lady examiners when on the advice of the Commander in Chief they left the Island.

The total establishment in 1945 consisted of 24 Higher Grades, 92 Examiners, 39 Clerical and other miscellaneous and 42 minor employees.

Ref. 1)

The *Censor Station Letter Code* for Ceylon was *L*, the letters used in 1939/40 (F to M) are Examiner's identification letters.

Censorship in Maldivé Islands is not mentioned in „History of the Postal and Telegraph Censorship Department 1938 - 1946“ (Ref. 1)

John Warren reported a cover 05 Dec 1944 from Maldives to Jamnagar / India with arrival postmark 20 Jan 45.

The cover bears the Ceylon resealing label type 7A1 with censor number 30 and additionally censor handstamps type 5 and 6 (DHC) on resealing label 13A of Bomay.

John Warren writes: „The cover prompts the question *why censored in Ceylon -unless the Ceylon label was applied in the Maldives?*“ There is no trace of a Ceylon postmark and so an implication of direct transit to Bombay, India“.

Ref. 5)

Listing of the Censor Handstamps and a Brass Seal

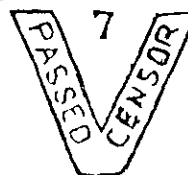
Type	Code / Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Points
1	J, K, L	violet	Sep 39 - 30 Apr 40	7
2	1 - 22	violet	26 Nov 40 - 28 Oct 41	4
3	6, 7, 9	violet	41 - 42	8
3A	6A	violet	42 - 19 Feb 43	9
4	L/1, L/6, L/7	violet, red	23 Apr 42 - 10 Sep 42	6
4A1	L/6.	violet	18 Mar 42 - 19 Sep 42	7
4A2	L/A3	(on Airgraph)	17 May 43	9
4M	L/M	violet, red		7
S 1	none	red wax	41 - 24 Oct 42	10



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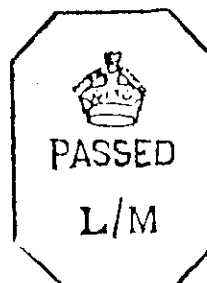
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4



4A1



4M



S 1



F

RETURNED TO SENDER
CENSOR COLOMBO

NO. *547* DATE *19/11*
FORWARDED BY THE
GALLE FACE HOTEL,
COLOMBO.

*A. Krake G.
Internment Camp
Diyatalawa*

F



RETURNED TO SENDER
CENSOR COLOMBO

180
PM
139

TRADE FOLLOWS
THE PHONE

5.
10



Holbert Scholz

Pickendachstr 33 I

PTO

Dresden A 24



GERMANY
K.M.

10 August 1939 : Mailed to Dresden/Germany, three weeks prior to the outbreak of War.

Return address was „A. Krake, Resident at Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, Ceylon“.

Opened and returned to sender, who had, by then, been taken to Internment Camp Diyatalawa.

It was forwarded by the Galle Face Hotel on 19 November 1939.

Strange to note that at this early stage, mail to Germany was already being kept back.

Perhaps it was being held at the GPO awaiting a ship when censorship came into operation.

Listing of the Resealing Labels

Type	Code / Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Points
1F	F	black on buff	39	10
1K	K	black on buff	21 Sep 39	10
2F	F	black on buff	30 Sep 39 - 26 Nov 39	7
2H	H	black on buff	13 Apr 40	8
2I	I	black on buff	31 Oct 39	7
2I	I (K) 1)	black on buff	08 May 40	10
2J	J	black on buff	29 Nov 39 - 26 Feb 40	8
2K	K	black on buff	01 Nov 39	8
2L	L	black on buff		8
3F	F	black on buff	24 Feb 40	8
3J	J	black on buff	29 Nov 39 - 23 Dec 39	8
3K	K	black on white	28 Nov 39	8
3M	M	black on white	20 Sep 39	8
4	I	black on white		7

Remarks: 1) Code letter „I“ amended to „K“ in blue crayon.



F

**OPENED BY CENSOR
COLOMBO**

1F

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.)



K



J

OPENED BY CENSOR

OPENED BY CENSOR

2I (K)

2J

**OPENED BY
CENSOR**

K

3K

**OPENED BY¹
CENSOR**

Listing of the Resealing Labels (cont.) and PC Forms

Type	Code / Censor No.		Colours	Date range recorded	Points
5		5 - 35	black on white	30 Aug 40 - 04 Dec 44	3
5L	L/	15 - 247	black on white	25 Oct 40 - 19 May 44	5
6	none	none	1) green on white	16 Jan 42	10
7A1	L/	25 - 592	black on white	18 Mar 42 - 17 Jun 45	2
7A1	L/	30	2) black on white	05 Dec 44	?
7A2	L/	42 - 147	black on buff	43	3
7B1	L/	374	3) black on buff	29 Jan 45	8
7B2	L/	455	4) black on buff	17 Dec 44 - 29 Jan 45	7
7C	L/	85 and 999	5) black on buff	15 Jan 45 - 31 Jan 45	8
8A	none	none	no further dates		9
8B	none	none	no further dates		9
Ret.1	F		black on pink	Sep 39	10
Encl.1	none		black on white	06 Jun 42	10

Remarks: 1) Censor no. at top right cut off before use. Only one example known on a cover „On Active Service“ from Colombo to India.
 2) Censor no. 30 possibly used on Maldiv Islands (see page 69)
 3) On registered air mail from Slave Islands
 4) Very poor printing quality
 5) Censor nos. in manuscript

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**OPENED BY
 CENSOR**

4/247
**OPENED BY
 CENSOR**

5L
**OPENED BY
 EXAMINER**

Listing of the Resealing Labels and PC Forms (cont.)

**OPENED BY
EXAMINER**

L/25

7A1

**OPENED BY
EXAMINER**

L/455

7B2

**OPENED BY
EXAMINER**

L/

7C

◆ C 90

P. C. 90

OPENED BY EXAMINER

8A

OPENED BY EXAMINER

8B



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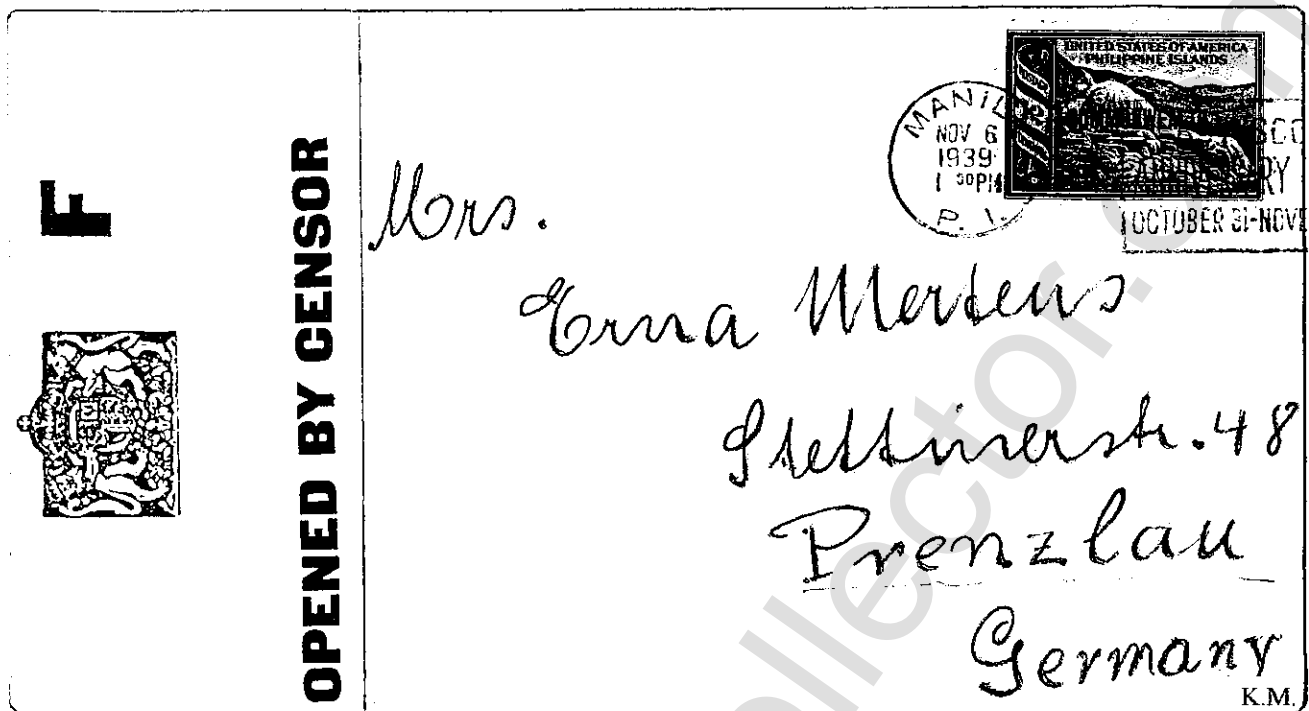
**RETURNED TO SENDER
CENSOR COLOMBO**

Ret.1

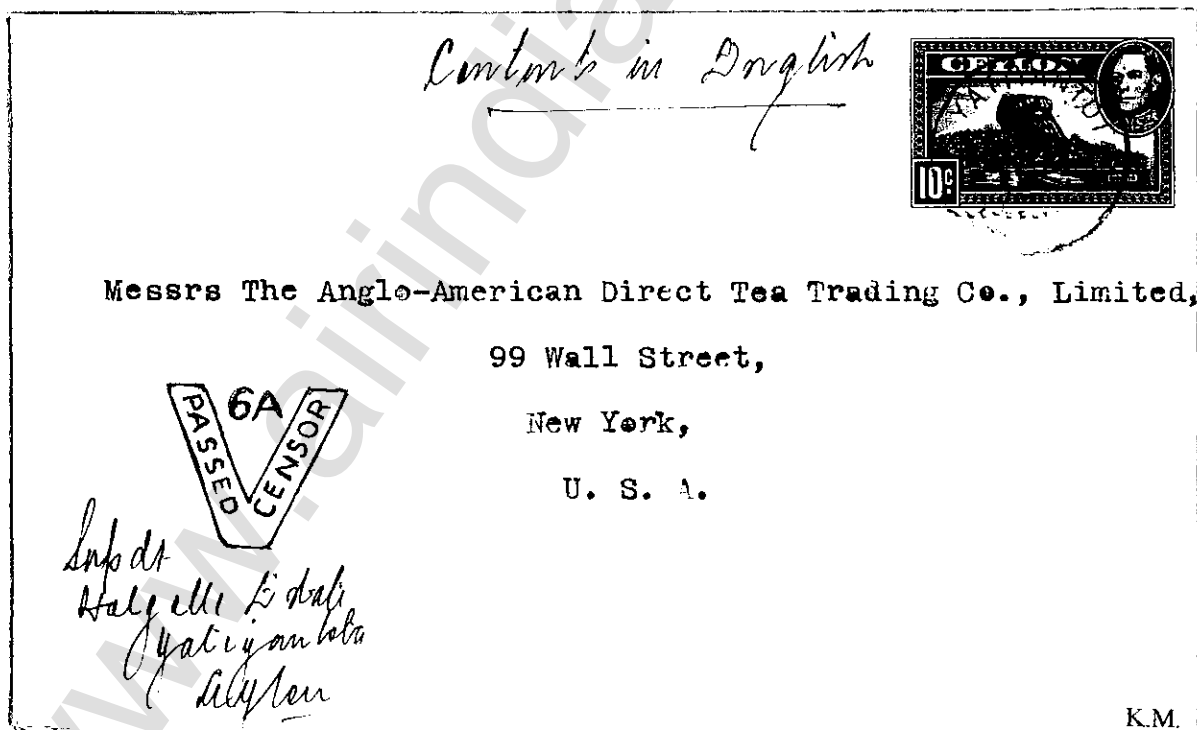
CEYLON POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

The Censorship is not responsible
for the ^{tearing}~~removal~~ of stamps ~~from~~
this cover.

Encl.1



06 November 1939 : From Manila to Germany
with rescaling label type 2F (black on buff paper).
On reverse German rescaling label type B-50 of censor station Berlin.



19 February 1943 : From Yatijantota
with censor handstamp type 3A

General Information

Establishment and Organisation of Censorship

The officers detailed for censorship took up their duties between 1st and 6th September, 1939. Censorship Stations were established at *Rangoon* (Headquarters), *Mandalay* and *Akyah*. It was agreed in December, 1939, that Censorship staff should be drawn as far as possible from the Military, Postal and Telegraph Department, Police, Customs, Banks and retired Government Servants. The recruitment of business men from local firms was limited to those about to retire and therefore unlikely to return to their firms.

In December, 1939, *Mandalay* Station was closed and in January, 1940, a new station was opened at *Lashio*. In March, 1940, Burma Censorship passed from the Control of Allied Headquarters to the Defence Department and thus became a civil organisation. Early in 1941 a separate Chinese Section was formed at Rangoon to which Singapore and Hong Kong Censorships contributed staff in the course of the year. When the Inspector General of Overseas Censorship visited Burma he found it was the only Censorship that did not employ women. This was remedied in June, 1941. In February, 1942, a Postal and Telegraph Censorship Station was established at *Mandalay* and the *Rangoon* Staff were transferred there, the Station at Rangoon being evacuated. *Mandalay* was bombed on 3rd April, the postal traffic became negligible.

Censorship Stations in Burma were closed down in April and the last one on 1st May.

The Staff prior to final evacuation numbered about 220.

Postal Censorship

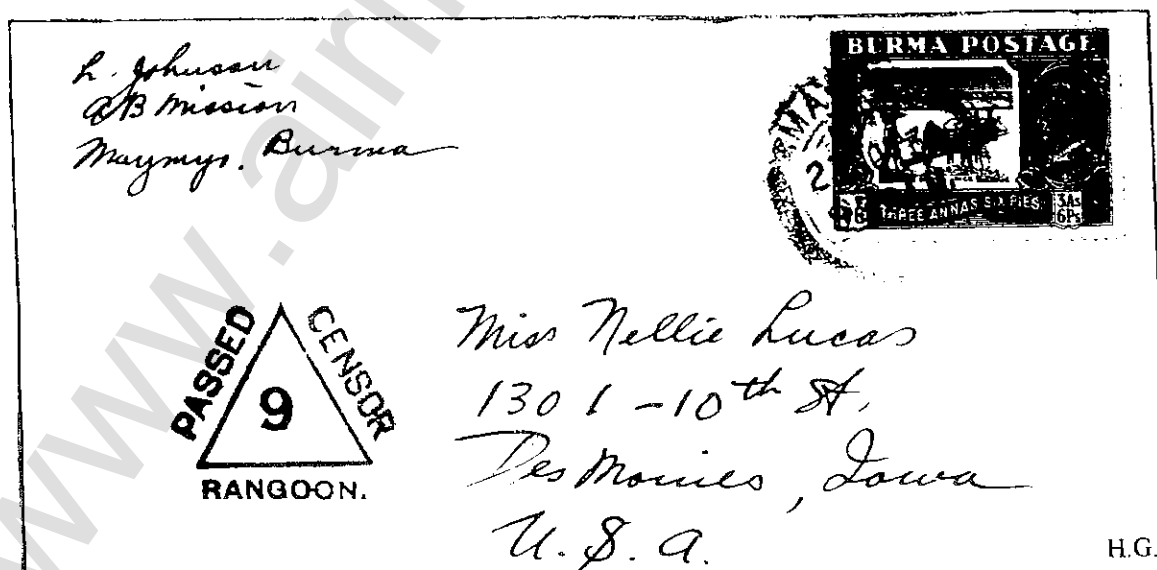
The degree of censorship imposed until the outbreak of war with Japan was 10% Empire and 100% non-Empire. All terminal and transit mail was scrutinised. Officially there was no inland censorship, but in practice a considerable degree was carried out. The percentage of outgoing Empire mail (except India) censored was raised to 50. After the outbreak of war with Japan and after the evacuation of Rangoon in February, 1942, 100% censorship of all outgoing mail was aimed at.

Travellers Censorship

All intending travellers except a small number of important personages were required to produce their documents at the nearest censorship station for examination and sealing.

General Remarks

Owing to its geographical situation Burma was unimportant in the Imperial Censorship Scheme until the interruption of communications through Indo-China and the greater use of the Burma Road caused a vast increase in the volume of Chinese and other mails passing through Rangoon.



Notes on the Closing Stages of the Burma Censorship

Towards the middle of March, 1942, the overcrowding, shortage of food and prevalence of cholera rendered it obviously undesirable to retain at *Mandalay* non-essential or personnel whose work could be equally well carried out elsewhere under less trying conditions. Arrangements were made to dispense with and evacuate as many of the staff as could be spared and, by the end of the month, a reduction of more than 40% of the establishment had been effected.

It was pointed out to the Defence Department and the Director-General Posts and Telegraphs that the Censorship of the Indian Surface Mail arriving by and being despatched by the Tamu - Palce route could be carried out equally well, or better, nearer the point of entry into or exit from Burma.

These proposals were still under consideration when the bombing of *Mandalay* on the 3rd April occurred followed by what proved more disastrous, i.e., fires night after night, which drove 80% of the *Mandalay* Censorship personnel out of their temporary homes and resulted in the loss of the few personal effects which they had managed to save from Rangoon. Many had perforce to take shelter in Refugee Camps at some distance from the City.

With the conditions such as they had now become in *Mandalay* and the Post Office receiving few mails, it became more obvious than ever that only a very limited amount of Censorship was either possible or necessary in *Mandalay*. Furthermore, mails were starting to come into and be despatched from Burma by evacuee planes arriving at and departing from *Myitkyina*.

To examine mail at the points of exit from or entry into the country, two new Censorship Parties were formed for *Myitkyina* and *Kalewa*.

The *Myitkyina* party reached its destination without incident and started censorship of such mails and telegrams as were forthcoming on the 15th April.

A few days after the departure of these two parties, it was ascertained that *Mandalay* was to be evacuated by the British. Only the Chief Censor with a staff of six remained.

The *Lashio* Censorship personnel left *Lashio* in an evacuation train on the 22nd April.

On the following day the evacuation of *Maymyo* had been arranged.

Censorship in Burma ended on 30th April, 1942.

Re-Establishment of Censorship in Burma in 1945

At a meeting held on 27th December, 1943, in Delhi, at which the Director General was present, it was decided that, in Burma and Malaya, Censorship control would be the responsibility of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer. It was also arranged that the Burma Censorship Organisation should be worked up as a unit within the Calcutta station of the India Censorship, taking external communications under its control until sufficient of Burma had been recovered to justify a move. A number of the former members of the Burma Censorship who had been evacuated to India were available for this purpose.

On 20th April, 1944, it was reported from New Delhi that those members of the former Burma Censorship now employed in India Censorship had been earmarked for transfer to the Burma establishment in due course.

On 5th October, 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander South East Asia (S.A.C.S.E.A.) sent a telegram to the War Office stating that the Governor of Burma proposed to abolish Civil Censorship on the return of Civil Government about 15th October.

On 31st December, 1945, external censorship in Burma closed.

Ref. 1)

It is not possible to find out either dates of opening or the censor stations working in Burma in 1945. From censored mails we have the following dates of operation:

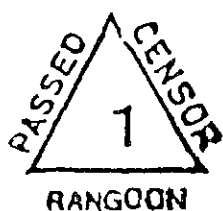
<i>Akyab</i>	10 Aug	-	Nov 45
<i>Lashio</i>	20 Nov	-	09 Dec 45
<i>Mandalay</i>	08 Jul	-	01 Dec 45
<i>Prome</i>	11 Sep 45		
<i>Rangoon</i>	17 Jul	-	05 Dec 45

Listing of the Censor Handstamps 1939 - 42

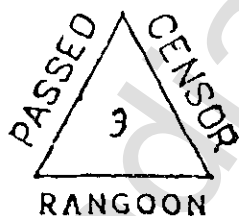
Type	Censor No.	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1A1	1 - 4, 11, 29, 30	violet, green	30 Oct 39 - 23 Feb 41	Rangoon	6
1A2	2, 3, 6, 7	violet, green	03 May 40 - 04 Feb 41	Rangoon	7
1A3	9	violet	25 Nov 39 - 27 Nov 39	Rangoon	8
1B	3	violet	Oct 39	Mandalay	10
1C1	1	violet	Sep 39 - 30 Oct 39	Akyab	10
1C2	1	violet	19 Mar 40 - May 40	Akyab	10
1D	none	violet	24 Jun 40	Lashio	10
2X	3 - 69	violet, green	Mar 41 - Mar 42	Rangoon	5
2Y	1		May 41	Akyab	10
2Z	2, 4	violet	Oct 41 - 18 Mar 42	Lashio	10
3	10, 12, 14 21, 27, 29	violet	Apr 41 - Mar 42	Rangoon	8

Remarks:

Identification of types 1A: 1A1 - large censor number
1A2 - small censor number
1A3 - large censor number and fullstop after RANGOON.



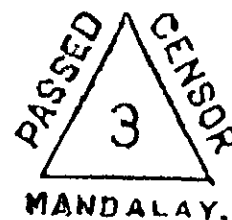
1A1



1A2



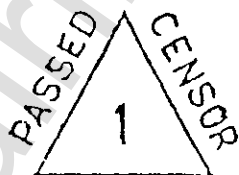
1A3



1B



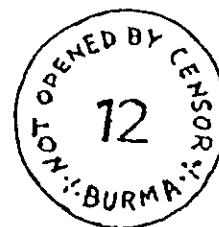
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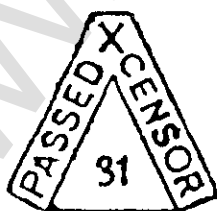
1C2



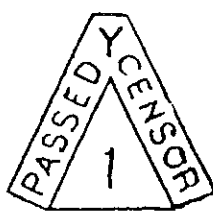
1D



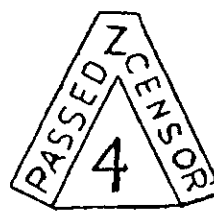
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2X



2Y



2Z

Listing of the Resealing Labels 1939 - 42

Type	Format		Colours	Date range recorded		Censor Station	Points
1A1	29 x 22.5	54 x 6	red on white	20 Jun 40 -	Jan 42	Rangoon	5
1A2	30 x 22.5	54.5 x 6	red on white	29 Sep 40 -	Sep 41	Rangoon	6
1A3	31 x 23.5	56 x 6	red on white	30 Oct 39 -	Mar 42	Rangoon	7
				Jun 40 -	18 Mar 42	Lashio	10
1B	31 x 23	57 x 6	carmine on white	19 Jan 40 -	25 Feb 41	Rangoon	8
				30 Oct 40 -	19 Apr 40	Akyab	10

Remarks: The measurements of type 1A show further varieties, i.g. 30.5 x 22.5 / 56 x 6 but it would be by far too much to list them all. It can be assumed that nearly each label in the printed sheet is slightly different. The colours of type 1A vary between red and dark red.

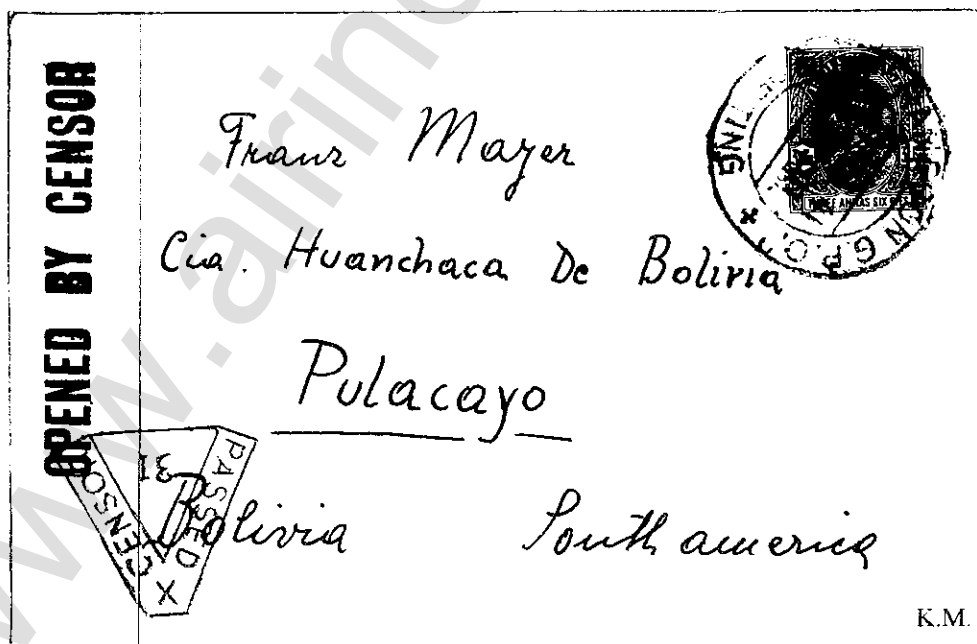


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1A

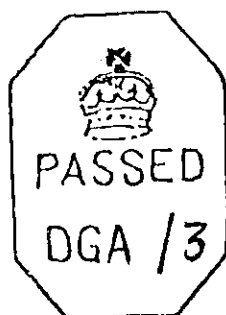
1B



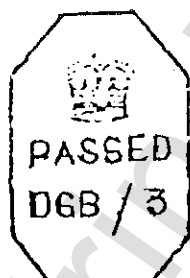
07 August 1941 : From Rangoon to Bolivia with green censor handstamp type 2X on resealing label type 1A2.

Listing of the Censor Handstamps 1945

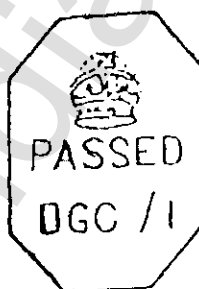
Type	Code /	Censor No.	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
4A	DGA	3	violet	10 Aug 45 - Nov 45	Akyab	10
4B	DGB	1 - 4	violet, black	25 Sep 45 - 09 Dec 45	Rangoon	8
4C	DGC	1	violet	19 Sep 45 - 01 Dec 45	Mandalay	9
4D	DGD	1	black	20 Nov 45 - Dec 45	Lashio	9
4E	DGE	1	violet	11 Sep 45	Prome	10
5B	DGB	1 - 3, 10	violet, black	19 Sep 45 - 05 Dec 45	Rangoon	7
5E	DGE	1	violet	Sep 45	Prome	10
6	DG	1 - 10	violet	08 Jul 45 - Dec 45	Mandalay	9
	DG	20	violet	10 Aug 45 - Nov 45	Akyab	10
	DG	43 - 49	violet	20 Nov 45 - 09 Dec 45	Lashio	9
	DG	89 - 144	violet	25 Sep 45 - Nov 45	Rangoon	8
6C	DGC	2, 4	violet	Nov 45	Rangoon	9
6E	DGE	1 - 3	violet	11 Sep 45	Prome	10
7A1	DGA	4, 8	violet	Jul 45 - Sep 45	Akyab	9
7A2	DGA	3	violet	17 Jul 45 - 18 Aug 45	Rangoon	10
8	none	3	violet	Nov 45	Rangoon	8



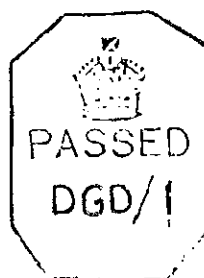
4A



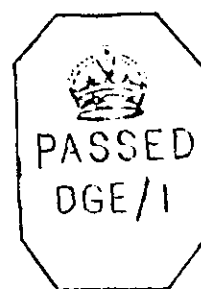
4B



4C



4D



4E



5B

DG / 94

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DGC / 2

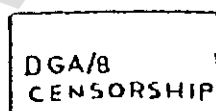
6C

DGE / 1

6E



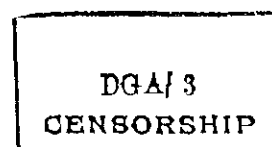
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7A1



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7A2

Listing of the Resealing Labels 1945

Type	Description	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
2	India type 13A	black on brown	19 Aug 45 - Dec 45	Rangoon	7
		black on white	10 Aug 45 - 09 Dec 45	Rangoon	8
		black on grey	25 Sep 45	Rangoon	8
		black on grey	25 Nov 45	Lashio	10
		black on brown	18 Sep 45	Mandalay	10
3	O B E 81 x 4.5	black on brown	Nov 45	Rangoon	9
			Dec 45	Lashio	10
			01 Dec 45	Mandalay	10
4A	typed with PC90	black on white	Sep 45	Akyab	10
4B	typed without PC90	black on white	21 Sep 45	Mandalay	10
			11 Sep 45	Prome	10
			45	Rangoon	10

P. C. 90

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General Information

Establishment and Organisation of Censorship

Postal and Telegraphic Censorship was fully established at *Singapore* on the 1st September, 1939. The main censorship in Malaya was at Singapore with sub stations at *Penang*, *Labuan* (British North Borneo) and *Kuching* (Sarawak). The two latter stations were under the general direction of the Chief Censor, Singapore, who laid down broad questions of policy; but their internal administration was left to the local Chief Censor.

Postal Censorship, Singapore

This station was far more important from a censorship point of view than in the first World War owing to

- a) the development of Singapore as a naval base,
- b) the fact that the U.S.S.R., China, Japan and Siam were not Allies,
- c) the development of air mails.

The most important mails were not the terminal mails, but those which passed through Singapore in transit, whether surface mails or air mails, and more especially mails in Dutch ships or aircraft. It was considered as early as October, 1939, that Hong Kong and Singapore would be the main Censorship Posts in the Eastern Area. It was suggested that some portion of each mail should be censored at Singapore and the balance at Karachi, Singapore informing Karachi of the action they had taken.

Postal Censorship, Penang

From the beginning the principal importance of the Penang Censorship was that it handled the bulk of the terminal and transit mails to and from Siam.

It was impossible to centralise the examination of the K.L.M. transit air mails in Singapore owing to the intermediate stop which the K.L.M. aircraft made at Medan in both directions, between Singapore and Penang, and also because the Dutch postal authorities used Medan as their office for making up and receiving mails to and from all countries in Europe outside Holland. It became essential, therefore, that these Medan „foreign“ bags should be censored at Penang.

With the German occupation of Holland and Belgium in May, 1940, trade and the carriage of mails to and from the Western sea-board of Europe ceased and though Singapore continued to examine what little remained of the K.L.M. mails, they were of small value from a censorship standpoint. Consequently Singapore Censorship reorganised and intensified their examination of other censorship materials.

The work at Penang also diminished owing to the considerable decrease in Foreign surface mails to and from Siam.

Organisation and Staff

In view of the importance of the station the Singapore Censorship was laid out as a model overseas unit with several specialised branches, i.e., Postal Censorship, Telegraph Censorship, Press, General Intelligence, Economic and Trade, Permit, and Oriental Languages. Liaison was maintained with Dutch Censorship in the Netherlands East Indies and with Bangkok, Shanghai and Manila. The staff was recruited locally and numbered 202 by the end of November, 1939. Naval and military liaison officers were also appointed. In April, 1940, four specially qualified and experienced men were sent out from London and appointed Chief Postal Censor, Trade Censor, Deputy Postal Censor and Micro-Film expert respectively. In this month the staff reached its peak with 312 officers at Singapore and 58 at Penang. A number of these were part-time workers.

Closure of Censorship Stations

Penang was evacuated on 16th/18th December, 1941, and many of the staff were transferred to Singapore where they continued on censorship work.

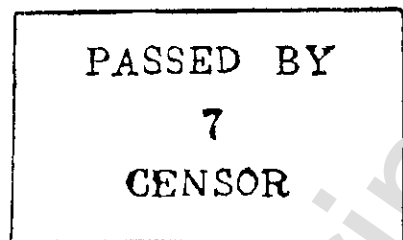
The *Kuching* (Sarawak) Censorship closed about the middle of December and the *Labuan* Censorship on 31st December.

Singapore Censorship station closed on 12th/13th February, 1942, and Singapore fell on 15th February. The Malaya Censorship was not re-opened after liberation.

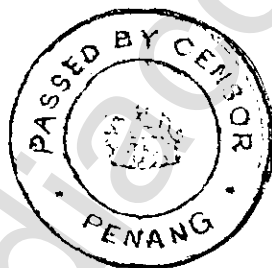
Listing of the Censor Handstamps

Type	Censor Nos.	Size	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1	none	35 x 20	black	01 Sep 39 - 23 Sep 39	Penang	10
2A	2 - 85	50 x 28 - 51 x 30	violet, black	01 Sep 39 - 15 May 40	Singapore	5
	4	53 x 32	violet	39 - 05 Jun 40	Brunei 1)	5
2B	2 - 41	43 x 23	black	09 Sep 39 - 23 Jun 41	Penang	7
2C1	33	36 x 20		12 Mar 40	Singapore	9
2C2	23 - 33	28 x 16		18 Sep 39 - 28 Mar 40	Singapore	8
3A	none	35 x 18	violet, black	19 Oct 39 - 26 Dec 40	Singapore	5
3A	none	41 x 22 (worn)	black	Dec 40	Singapore	5
3B1	none	35 x 20 - 36 x 18.5	black	07 Sep 39 - 18 Apr 40	Penang	8
3B2	none	38 x 18	black	07 Nov 39 - 25 May 40	Penang	7
4A	111 - 142	35 x 18	violet	19 May 40 - 05 Nov 40	Singapore	6
4B	106 - 120	35 x 18	violet	28 Dec 40 - 24 Apr 41	Singapore	4
5A	12 - 206	26 x 13.5	violet, black	09 May 40 - 07 Feb 41	Singapore	5
5B	6 - 332	27 x 14	violet	21 Jul 40 - 28 Nov 41	Singapore	4

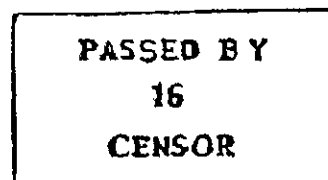
Remarks : 1) Two covers with handstamp type 2A, censor number 4, from Brunei via Singapore to U.K..
The handstamps may well have been applied at Singapore but a sub station at Brunei is not impossible.



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CENSOR

2C2

PASSED
FOR
TRANSMISSION

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TRANSMISSION

3A
(worn)

PASSED
FOR
TRANSMISSION

3B1

PASSED BY
CENSOR 128
SINGAPORE

4A

PASSED BY
CENSOR 120
A

4B

PASSED BY
CENSOR 194
SINGAPORE

5A

PASSED BY
CENSOR 108
A

5B

PASSED BY
CENSOR 318
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5B

Listing of the Censor Handstamps and Wax Seals (cont.)

Type	Censor Nos.	Size (about)	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
6A	1 - 102	42 x 36	violet	19 Mar 40 - 30 Nov 40	Singapore	4
6A	15	51 x 46	black		Singapore	4
6B	1 - 91	45 x 40	violet, black	29 Nov 40 - 23 Jan 42	Singapore	7
6C	3 - 111	42 x 36	violet	13 May 41 - 23 Sep 41	Singapore	5
6D	6 - 32	43x38	violet, black	20 Jan 40 - 27 Nov 40	Penang	6
6E1	6 - 32	43 x 38	black	20 Jan 40 - 27 Nov 40	Penang	8
6E2	3 - 63	42 x 36	violet	27 Feb 41 - 06 Dec 41	Penang	7
6E3	13	44 x 38	violet	10 Feb 41 - 19 May 41	Penang	9
6E4	14, 24, 26, 30, 37	43 x 35		25 Mar 41 - 08 Oct 41	Penang	8
6F	14 - 45	37 x 40	violet	01 Apr 41 - 06 Nov 41	Penang	9
6G	1M	29 x 29	violet	01 Dec 41	Penang	10
7	2 - 48	31 x 15	violet	05 Apr 41 - 18 Dec 41	Penang	6
8	none	44 x 3		22 Dec 39	Penang	10
9	none	75 x 31	violet	02 May 40 - Mar 41	Penang	10
S1	2, 8	24 x 10	red wax	22 Dec 39	Penang	10

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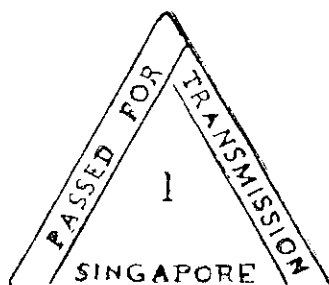
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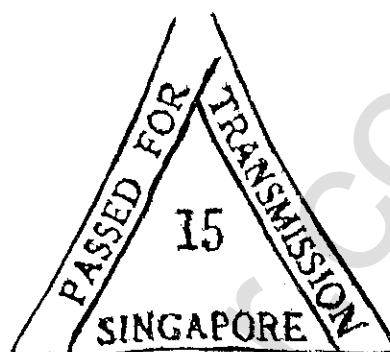
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MALAYAN CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

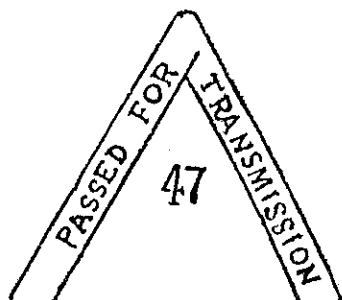
PLEASE REQUEST SENDER IN
FUTURE TO WRITE HIS/HER FULL
NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FRONT
OF THE ENVELOPE TOGETHER WITH
THE LANGUAGE USED.



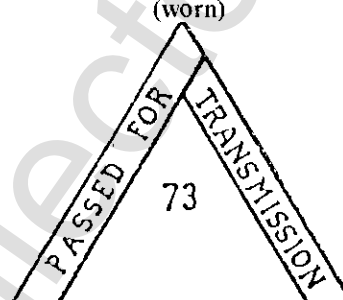
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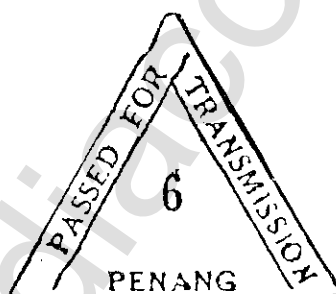
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(worn)



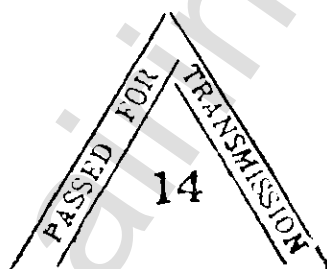
6B



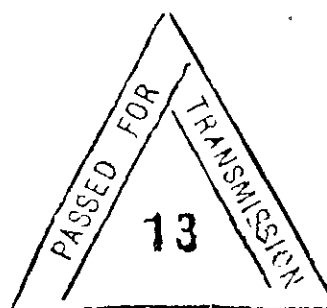
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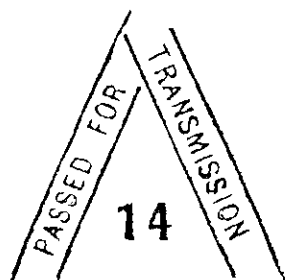
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Listing of the Resealing Labels and Enclosure Forms

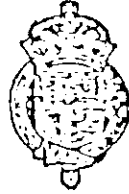
Type	Description	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1	P B C	black on white	01 Sep 39	Penang	10
2A	Em. 77	black on white	Nov 39 - Sep 40	Singapore	7
2A	Em. 77	black on white		Penang	9
2B	Em. 77	black on white	07 Sep 39	Singapore	8
2B	Em. 77	black on buff	19 Sep 39	Singapore	9
2B	Em. 77	black on white		Penang	9
3	Em. 193	black on white	16 Nov 39 - Sep 40	Singapore	9
4	plain brown tape		21 Jul 40 - Nov 41	Singapore	4
4	plain brown tape		Dec 41	Penang	6
5	typed	black on white	06 Jul 40	Singapore	10

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Return to sender for
reasons stated herein.

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Em. 17

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Em. 17

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Em. 193

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Censor Station's Cachet and Brass Seal

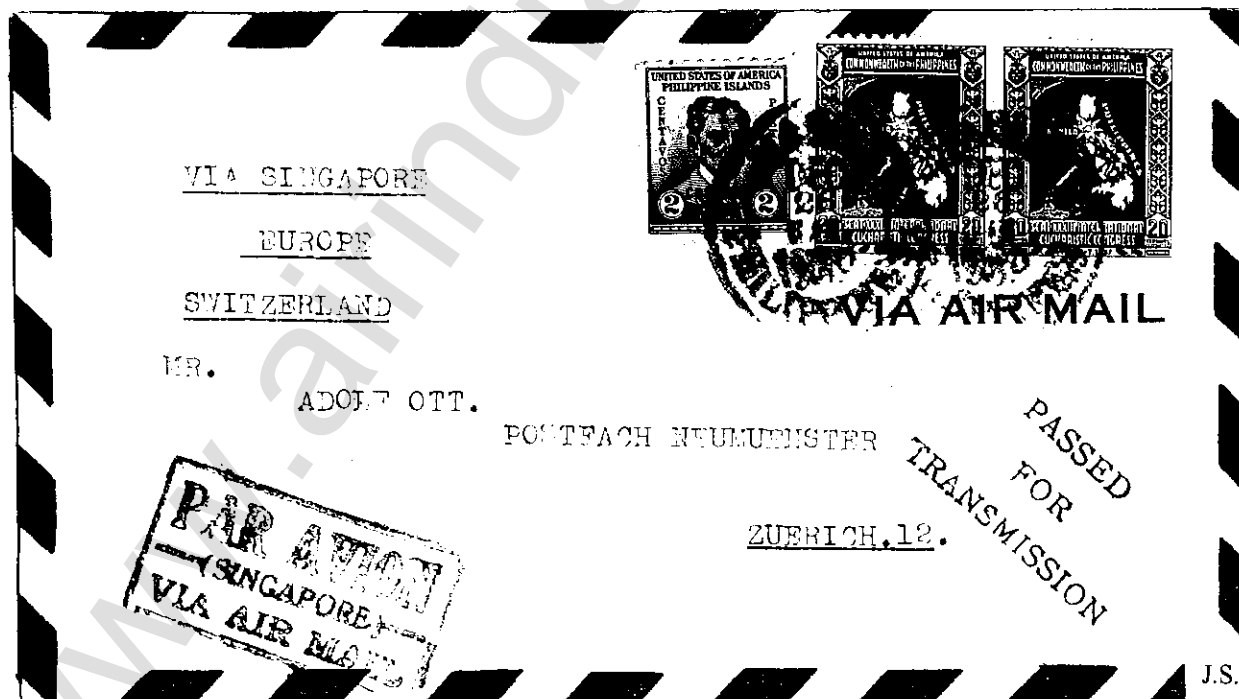
Type	Format	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station
I	43 x 8	violet	29 Nov 41	Singapore
II	25 x 16	red wax	18 Sep 41 - 29 Nov 41	Singapore

CHIEF CENSOR,
MALAYA.



Censor Station's Letter Codes have been allocated but not used:

- FF - Singapore
- GG - Penang
- HH - Kuching (Sarawak)
- II - Labuan (British North Borneo)

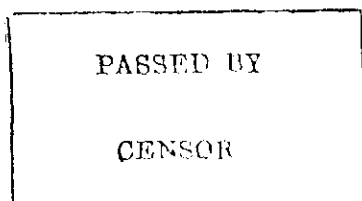


26 December 1940 : Air mail from Manila via Singapore to Europe
with censor handstamp type 3A.

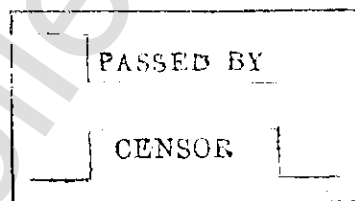
General Information
See page 83.

Listing of the Censor Handstamps

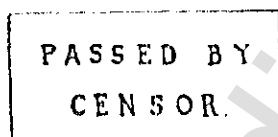
Type	Format	Colour	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1A	46 x 25	violet	Sep 39 - Jun 41	Kuching, Sibulundu, Sarikei, Kapit, Engkilili, Miri	9
1B	46 x 25	black violet, black	18 Dec 39 - 07 Jun 41	Kuching, Miri	10
2	36 x 18	violet	Sep 41 - 03 Oct 41	Kuching, Sibulundu, Sarikei, Kapit, Engkilili, Miri	9
3	31 x 21	violet	06 Mar 41 - Sep 41	Kuching, Miri	9



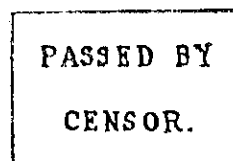
1A



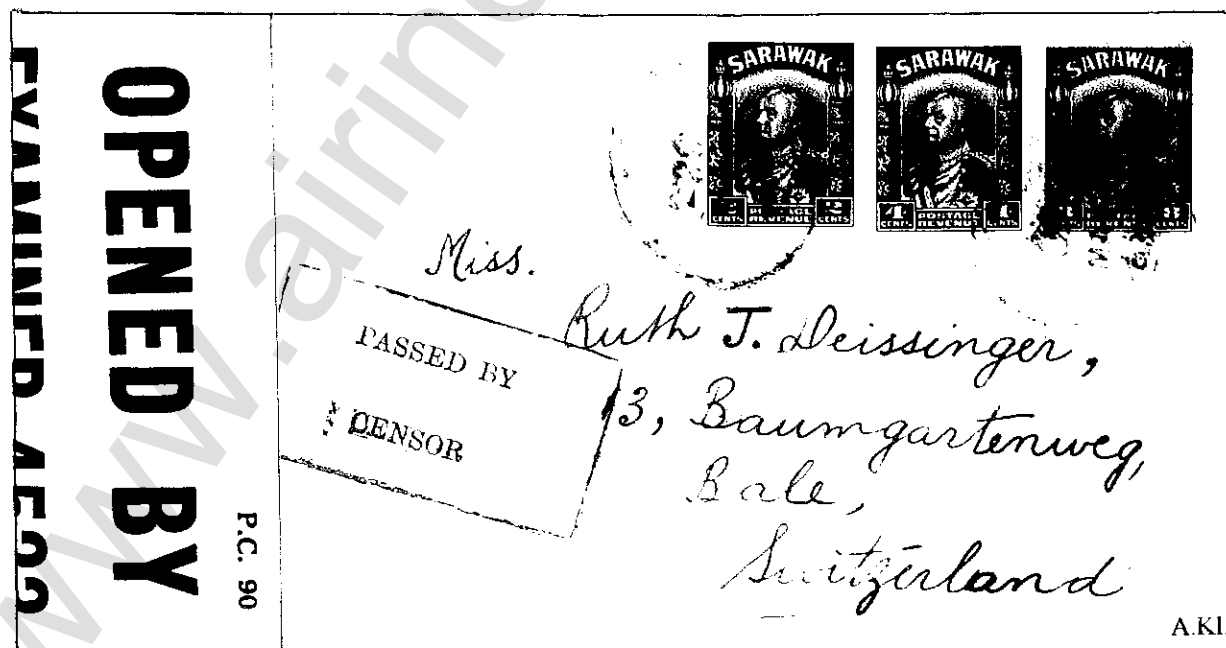
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29 May 1940 : From Kuching to Switzerland with censor handstamp type 1A.
On the left side the PC90 type 1D, used in Great Britain.

Listing of the Rescaling Labels

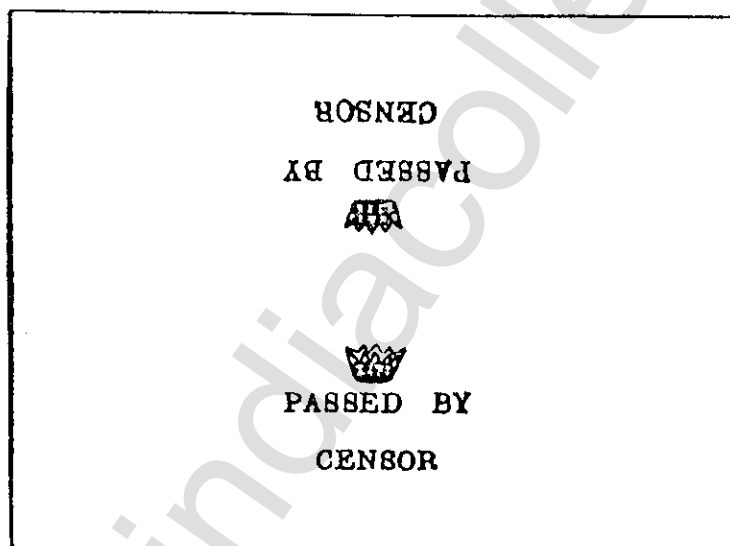
Type	Approx. Size	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1	96 x 71	black on white	Sep 39 - 20 May 41	Kuching	9
2	91 x 43	black on white	01 Sep 39 - 03 Dec 39	Kuching	10

Remarks:

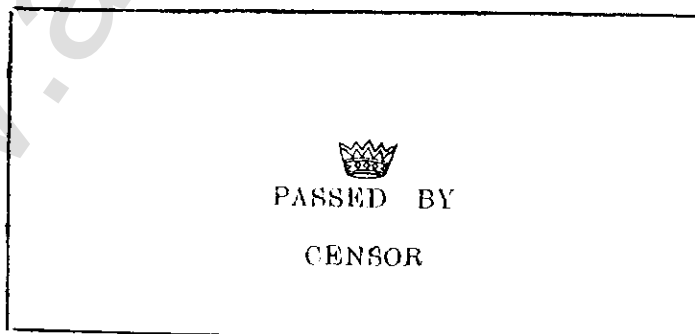
The labels were not tied to cover by handstamp.

Type 1 has been reported as used bisected, but

type 2 was not made by cutting down the type 1 (see cover on page 93)

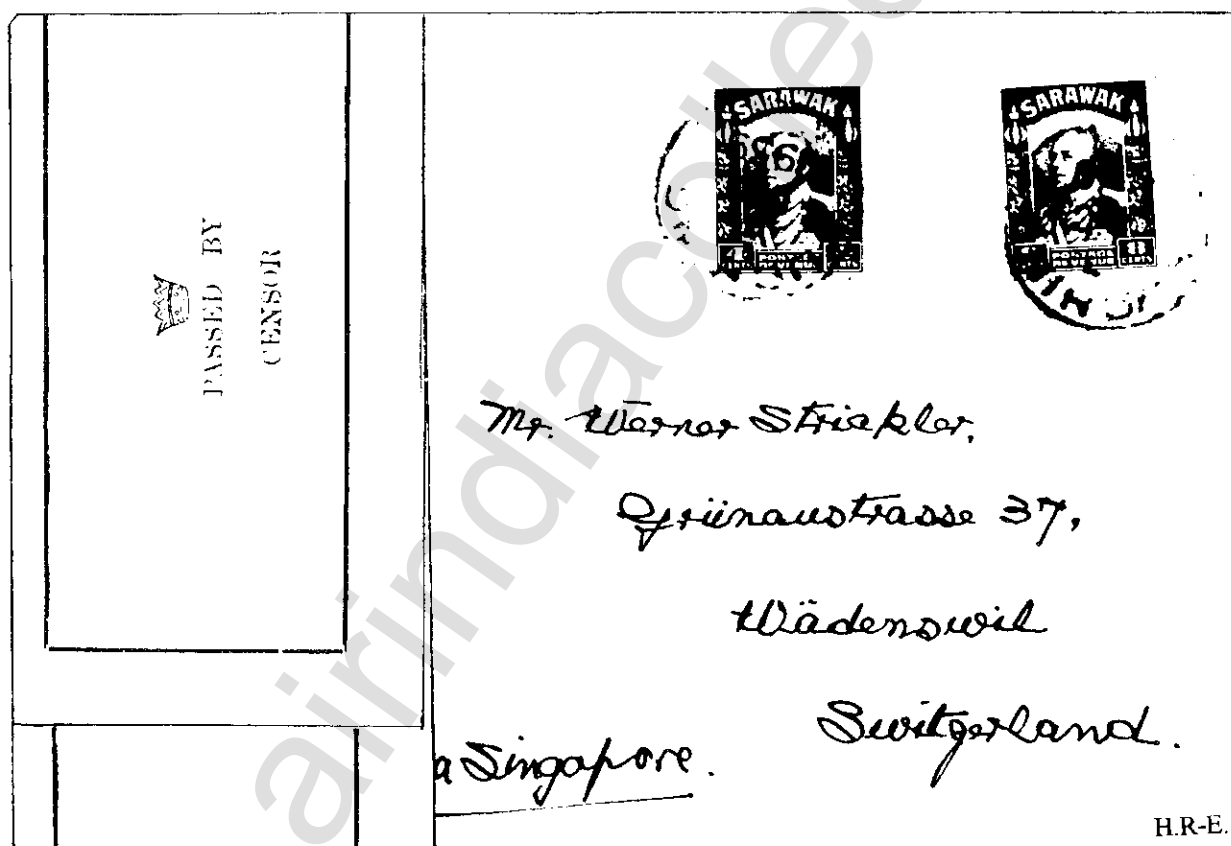


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Resealing Label on Cover



03 Dec 1939 : From Kuching to Wädenswil/Switzerland.
Rescaling label type 2 with frame lines on four sides.

General Information

With the outbreak of war in 1939, North Borneo had but seven post offices. In approximate order of size of business they were Jesselton, Sandakan, Tawau, Kudat, Beaufort, Lahad Datu and Tenom. The vast majority of censored mail from this period that has survived is of course outgoing mail but there is also evidence of censorship of incoming mail.

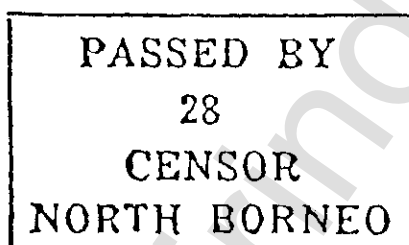
The censorship seems to be naturally centered on the post offices, each of which would appear to have one or more examiners, each of whom had a number. Surviving mail has produced a sequence of numbers 1 to 33.

For **Establishment and Organisation** see page 83.

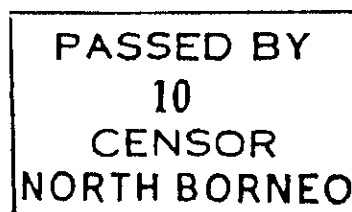
Listing of the Censor Handstamps

Type	Censor Numbers	Colour	Date range recorded	Points
1A	1 - 9, 11 - 16, 21 - 30, 32, 33	violet, black, red	12 Sep 39 - 15 Jan 42	9
1B	10, 17 - 20	black, violet	Oct 39 - 27 Oct 41	10
2	4 - 33	black, violet, red	39 - 28 Oct 41	10

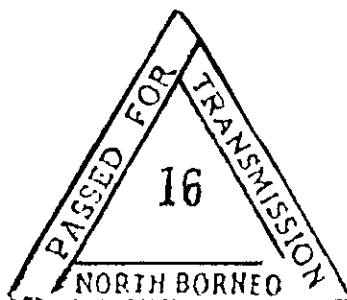
For assumed Censor Stations see next page.



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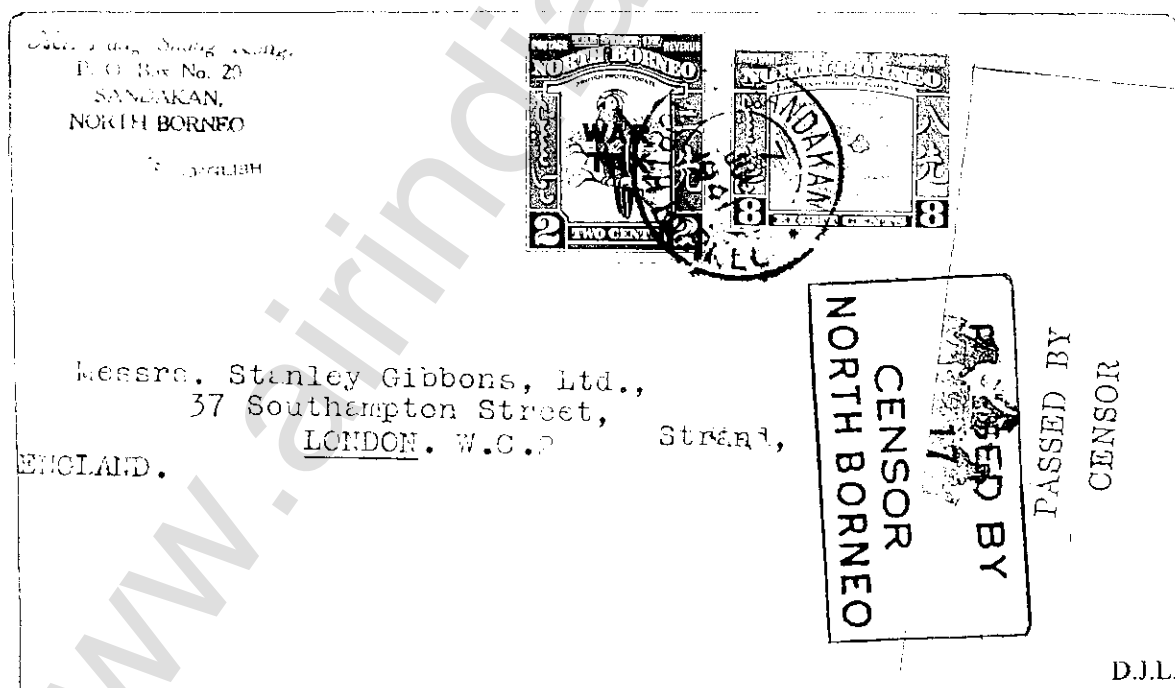


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Assumed Censor Stations with Censor Handstamps, Censor Numbers and Date range recorded

Censor Station (Post Office)	Type of Handstamps	Censor Numbers	Date range recorded
Jesselton	1A	2, 4, 6 - 8	15 Nov 39 - 19 Nov 40
	2	4, 5, 8, 9, 30, 32, 33	21 Aug 40 - Sep 41 19 Aug 40 - 41
Sandakan	1A	21 - 23	Nov 39 - 24 Feb 41
	1B	10, 17, 20	17 Jun 40 - 16 Oct 41
	2	15 - 17 19 - 21	10 Sep 40 - 30 Jun 41 28 Oct 40 - 09 Sep 41
Tawau	1A	25, 26	12 Oct 39 - 12 Sep 40
	2	25, 26	Aug 40 - 29 Nov 40
Kudat	1A	12	29 Nov 39
	2	12	Nov 40
Beaufort	1A	5	13 Dec 39
	2	8	09 Apr 41
Lahat Datu	1A	28	14 Dec 39 - 09 Apr 40
	2	29	01 Sep 40 - 09 Nov 40
Tenom	not known		

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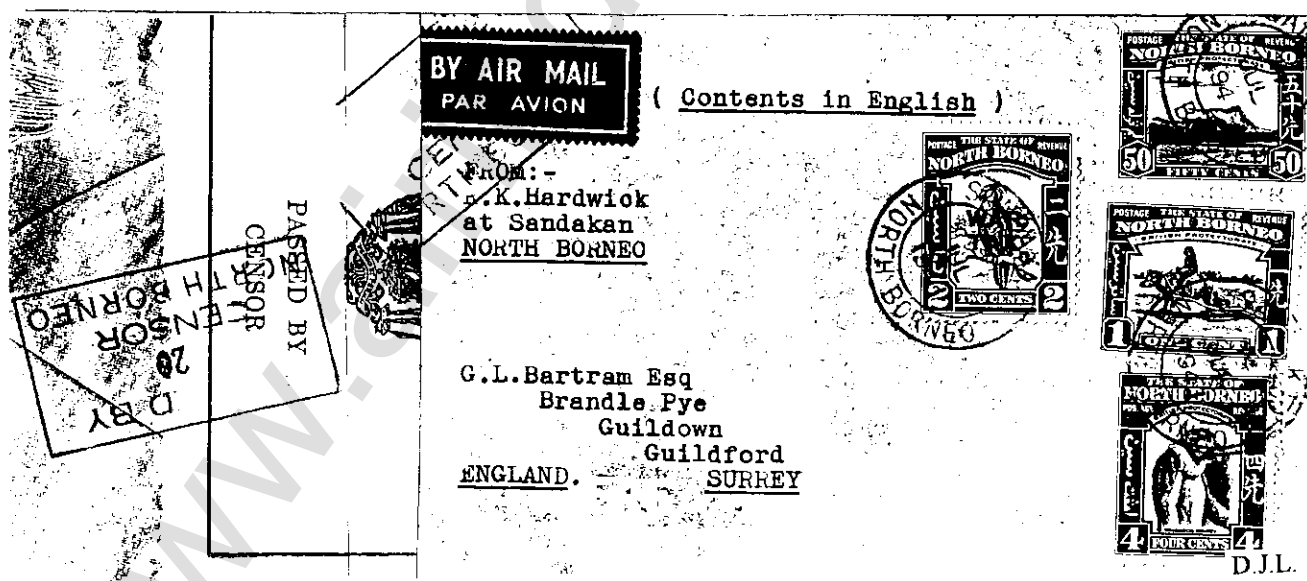
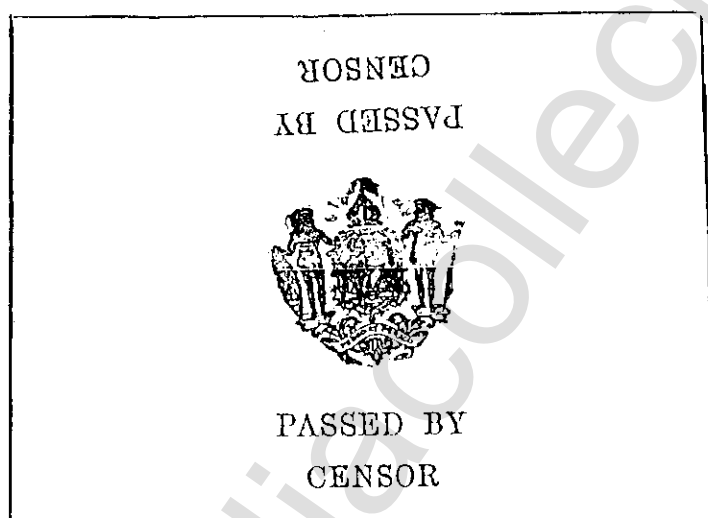


07 July 1941 : From Sandakan with censor handstamp type 1B, censor number 17, tying resealing label type 1 (upper half only).

Listing of the Resealing Labels

Type	Colours	Date range recorded	Censor Station	Points
1	black on white	07 Jul 41 - 14 Jul 41	Sandakan	10

Remarks : Two examples of this label, each cut in half, are known. Both are used on covers from Sandakan, tied by censor handstamp type 1B, censor numbers 17 and 20.



14 July 1941 : Air mail from Sandakan with handstamp type 1B on resealing label type 1, lower half only (reduced size).

General Information

Establishment and Organisation of Censorship

At the outbreak of war the Director of Education was appointed Chief Censor and in December, 1939, he was succeeded by the Vice-Chancellor and one of the Professors of the University who divided the duties while continuing their academic work. Postal and Telegraph Censorship started on 1st September, 1939.

Postal Censorship

Terminal mail to and from all destinations (except U.K. and most Empire destinations) was examined 100% but the percentage of mail censored varied. All transit mail was examined and listed letters, letters from enemy subjects and letters from countries contiguous to enemy territory, were censored.

For some time before August, 1941, the Pacific Clipper from Manila had called alternately at Hong Kong and Singapore; on the latter trips air mails from the clipper for Japan had been carried directly by ship from Singapore to their destination and had thus escaped censorship at Hong Kong.

Staff

Excluding the Scrutiny Staff and coolies and messengers the staff in March, 1941, consisted of about 180 Postal and 42 Telegraph Officers.

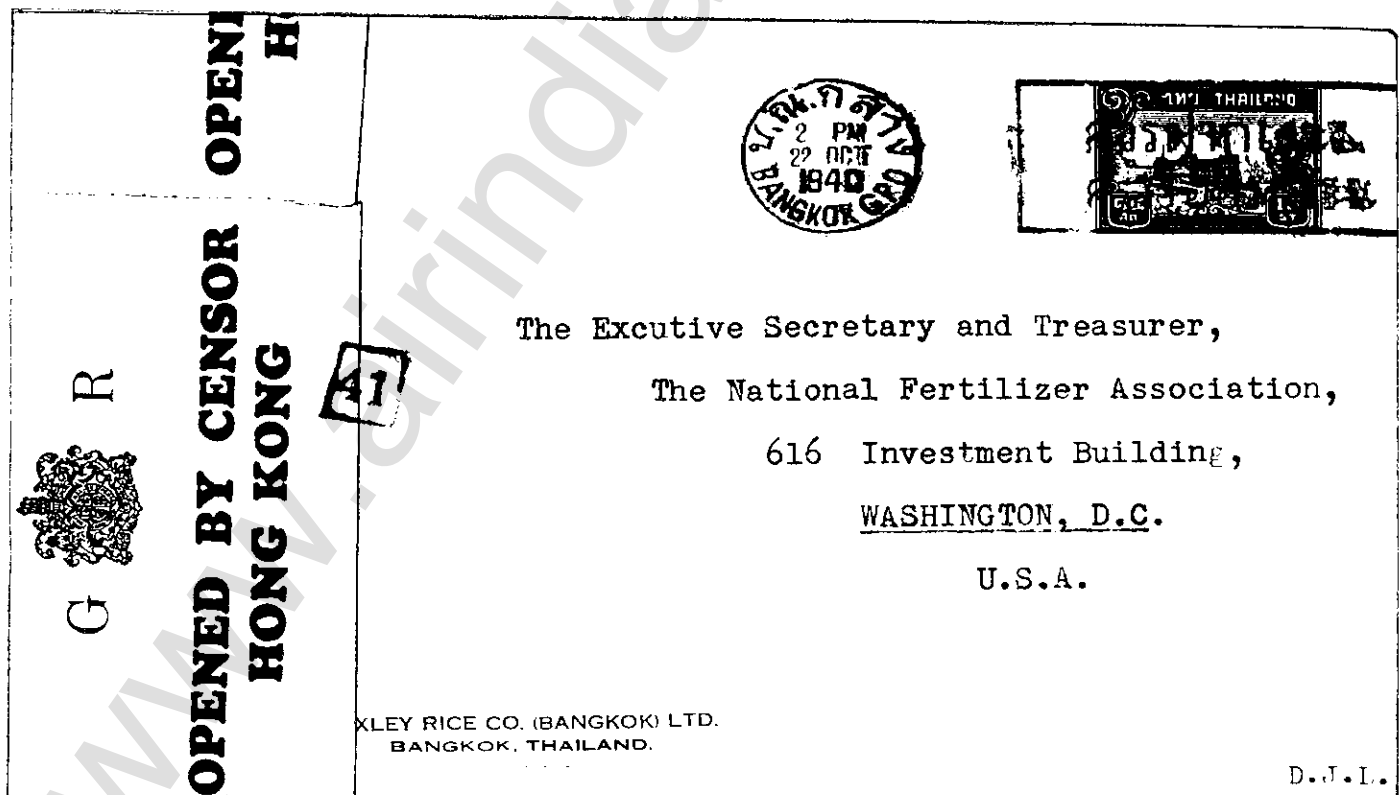
Closing of the Censor Station

Hong Kong was captured by the Japanese on 25th December, 1941, when the Censorship Staff were interned.

Hong Kong Censorship was not re-established after liberation.

Ref. 1)

Censor Station Letter Code allocated was Z but this was not used.

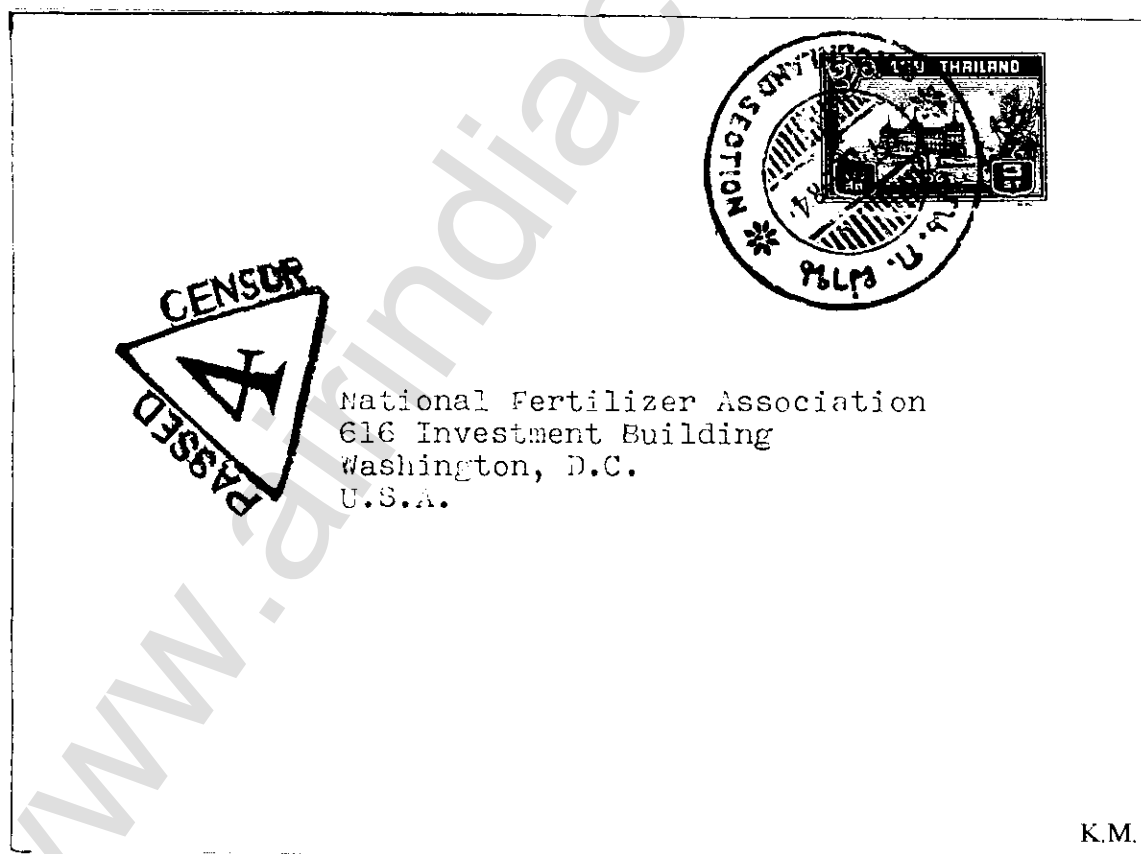


22 October 1940 : From Bangkok to Washington
with rescaling label type 2A (black on white paper).
tied to cover by censor handstamp type 6 (41).

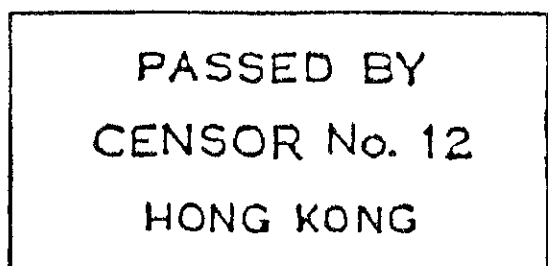
Listing of the Censor Handstamps and Wax Seals

Type	Censor Nos.	Colour	Date range recorded	Points
1	12	violet	39 - 40	9
2	1 - 6	violet	18 Dec 39 - 03 Jan 40	8
3	5 - 20	violet, green, blue	30 May 40 - 18 Dec 40	5
4	3 - 20	violet, red	09 Mar 40 - 41	6
5	1 - 20	violet, green, red	24 Sep 40 - Nov 41	4
6	11 - 123	violet, black, green, blue	May 40 - 01 Dec 41	3
7A	none	violet, green, red, blue	May 40 - Oct 41	5
7B	none	violet, blue	10 Feb 40 - 29 Apr 41	7
7C	none	violet, green	06 Feb 41 - 17 Nov 41	5
7D	none	violet	18 Aug 41 - 07 Nov 41	8
S1	none	red wax	18 Jul 41	10

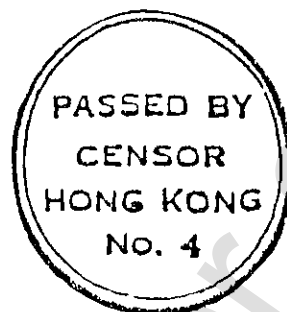
Remarks : Type 1 may possibly be a military mark.



15 December 1940 : From Bangkok to Washington
with censor handstamp type 5 in violet.



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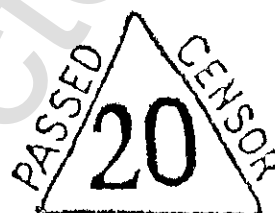
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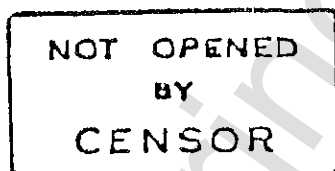
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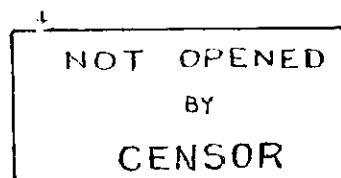
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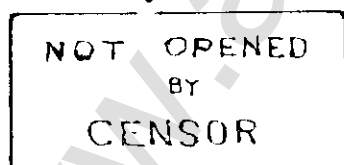
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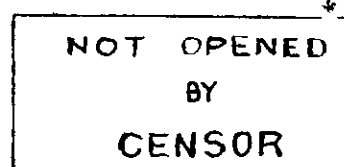
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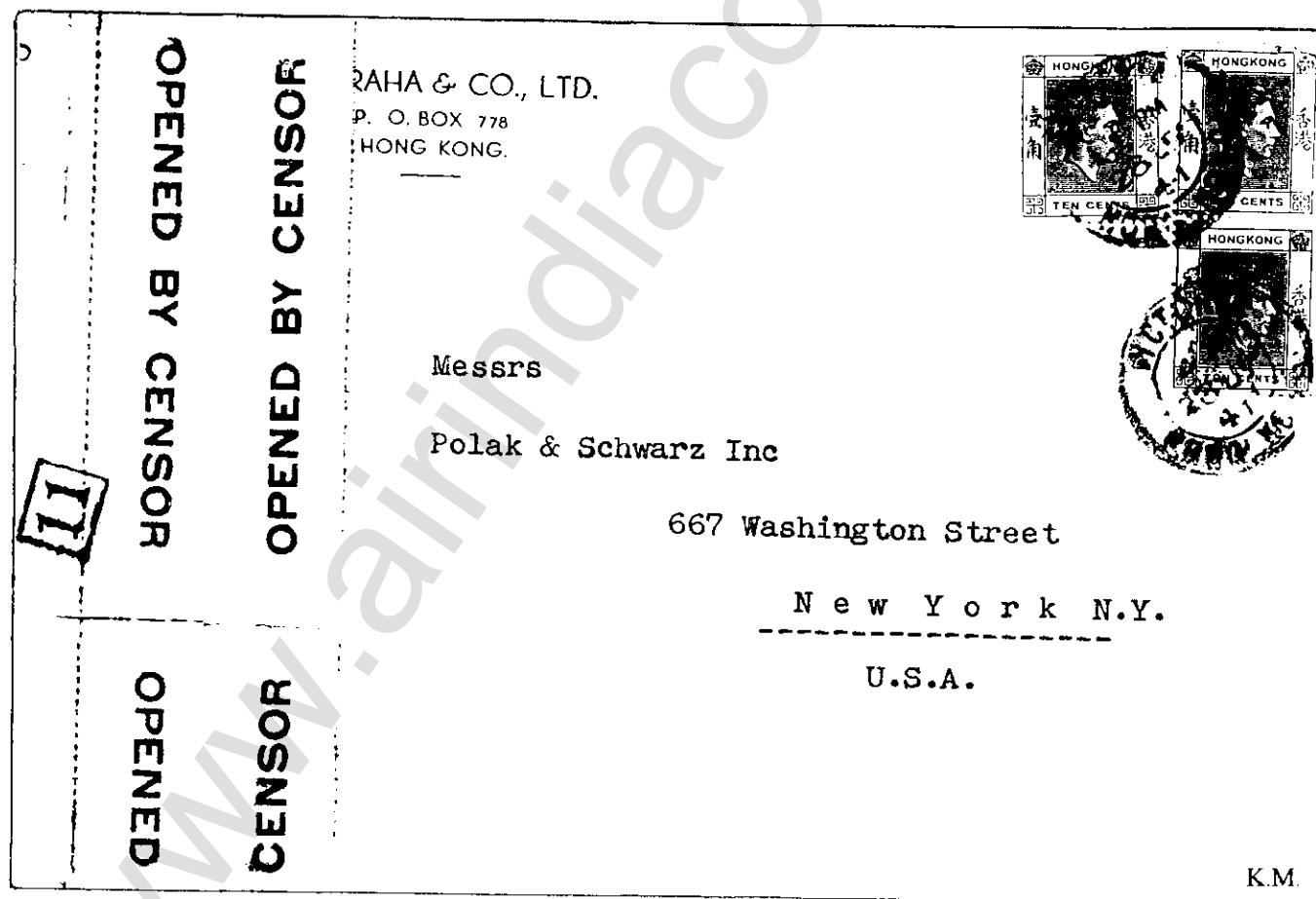
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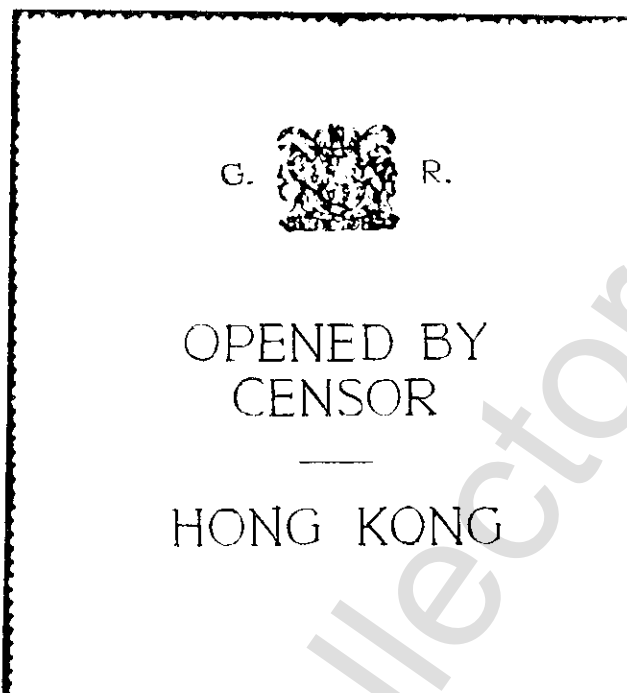
Listing of the Resealing Labels

Type	Format of O B C	Colours	Date range recorded	Points
1	40 mm	black on white	Sep 39	10
2	68 mm	black on white	Sep 39 - 30 Apr 40	7
3A	76 mm	black on white	05 May 40 - 22 Oct 40	6
3B	76 mm	red on white	12 Feb 40 - Feb 41	7
4A	67 mm	black on white	Nov 40 - 15 Nov 41	6
4B	67 mm	red on white	30 Dec 40 - Nov 41	7
4C	67 mm	blue on white	26 Apr 41 - 16 Jun 41	8
5A	68 mm	black on white	Jul 41 - Oct 41	6
5B	68 mm	red on white	Jul 41 - 20 Nov 41	8



23 July 1941 : The type 5A black/white resealing label with complete perforation lines,
tied to cover with censor handstamp type 6 (11).

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HONG KONG

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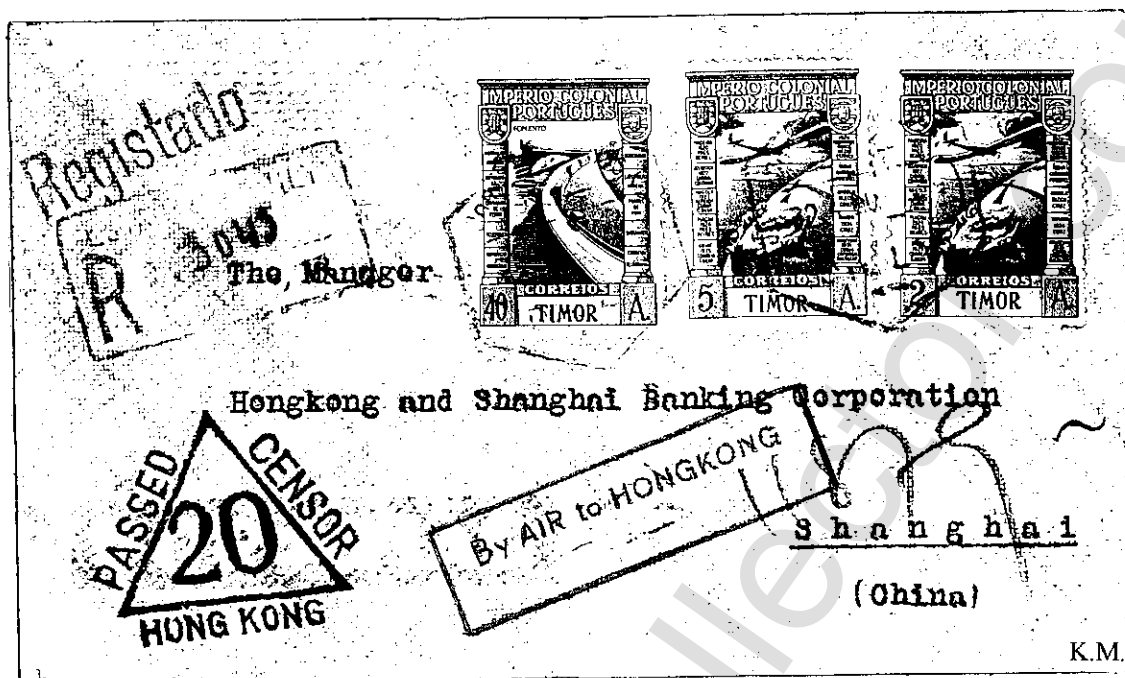


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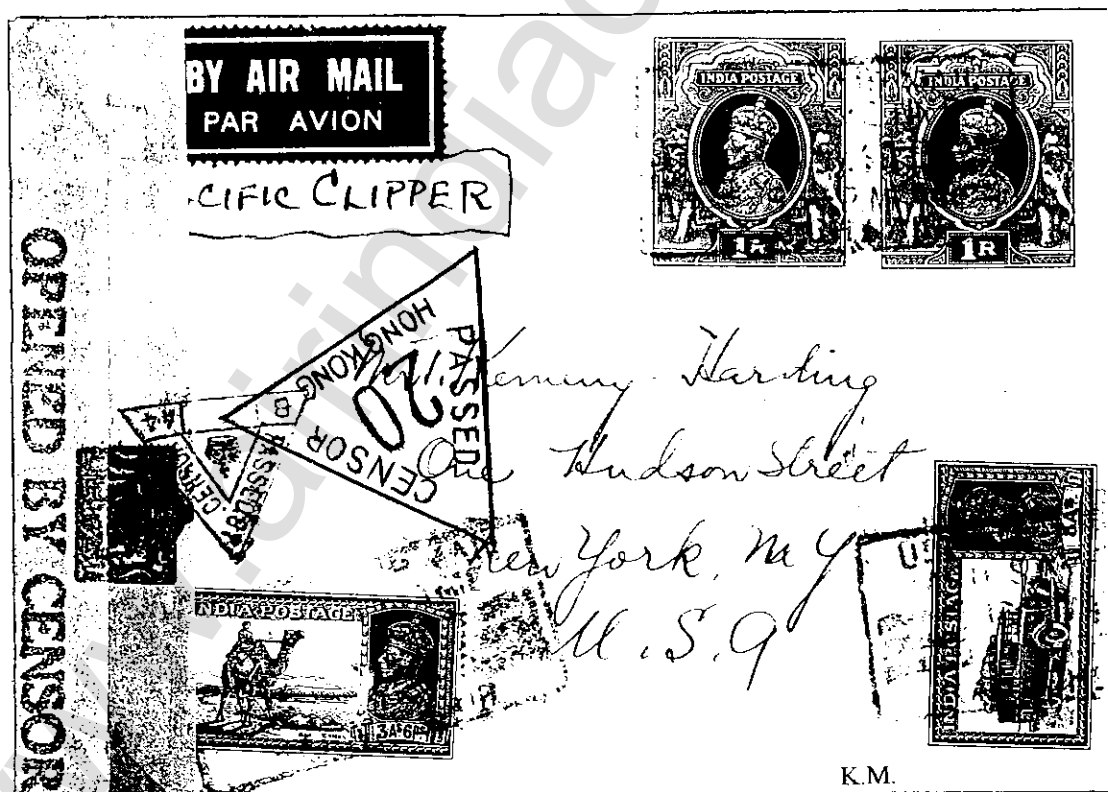
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24 August 1949 : Registered air mail from Timor to Shanghai.
Violet censor handstamp type 4

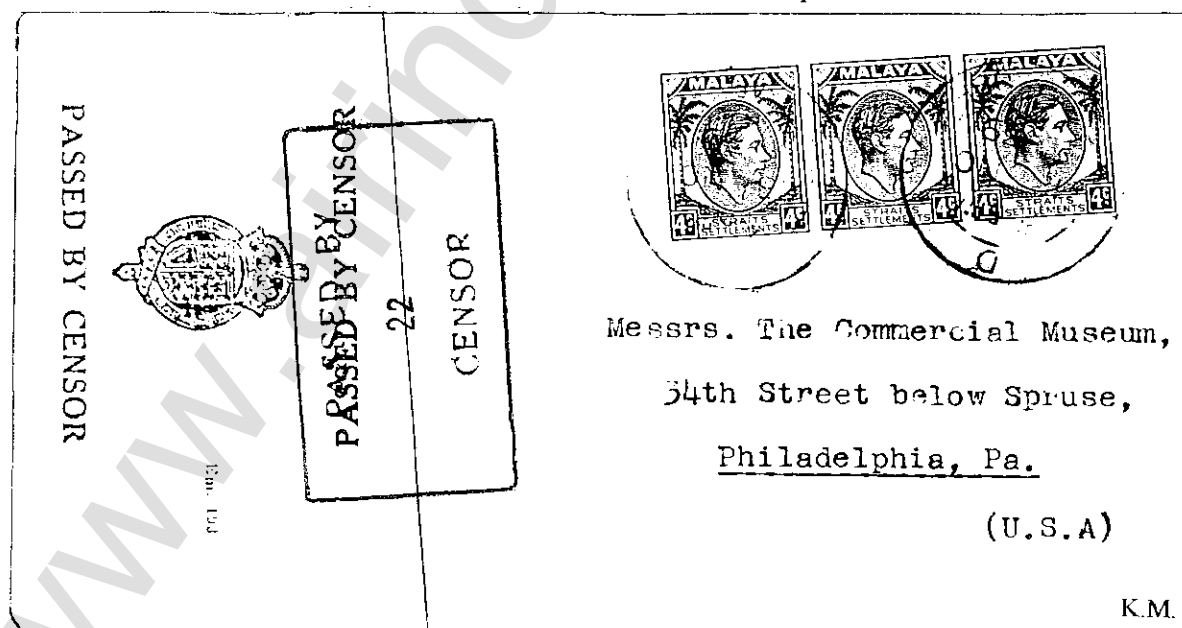


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