

## CCSG Facebook group

The CCSG has a new Facebook group, courtesy of Olivier Lafarge who has kindly volunteered to administer it with myself acting as backup. We would like to encourage all members who are comfortable using Fb to sign up and start posting! Please log in to your Facebook account, search for "Civil Censorship Study Group" and click on "ask to join". You will then be admitted and see the CCSG page.

**Paul Waldron**  
Hon Treasurer

## Letters to the Editor

- From our member, **Dann Mayo** About the article "Germany Second World War 'Postperre'" published in our July issue (No. 219, p. 100-101).

As for the Italian translations on the cover, it is considered p 101 that "Berlin hospital or the Milan Post Office [may have] added them for the benefit of the sender."

In my opinion, any explanation applied in Milan would seem to be for the benefit of the addressee rather than the sender. And as the Addressee was the Italian Ambassador to Poland, my guess is that he would hardly have needed the interpretations given here. The idea that the Berlin Hospital added them for the benefit of the sender is possible but unlikely as compared to a collector later adding them.

- From our member, **Piyush Khaitan** About the review of an article by Mike Fulford dealing with air mail from Turkey to the USA by the Transatlantic Route 1940-1953 published in our July issue (No. 219, p. 81).

The article mentions wartime censorship at Vienna, Bermuda, Cairo, Beirut and New York. I have a cover in my collection from Turkey during the Second World War.



It is a registered cover from Galata / Istanbul dated 2 September 1942 and postmarked in the US on January 3 & 4 1943. This cover has been censored at Bombay (Morenweiser 6: DHC/21) and



additionally censored by the special cell for handling sensitive mail at Bombay with the X 10 violet handstamp applied on a plain buff paper resealing label (Morenweiser 11A: X 10, scarcity rating 10 pts.)

This appears to be a surface mail letter but

is still an interesting route for mail between Turkey and the USA. I am sending this to you in case other readers are interested.

This cover was shown to our Librarian, **Graham Mark** who noted:

It is unfortunate that the special examination at Bombay covered some of the postage stamps so it is not possible to determine the amount paid on the front.

The surface mail rate was 10 Kurus for 20 g + 6 Kurus for extra 20 g, and registration was 17½ Kurus.

Note the 4 Kurus National Defence Tax on the back.

Reference: Morenweiser Konrad, 2011. *British Empire Civil Censorship Devices/World War II/British Asia*, CCSG, Sixth and Revised Edition, p. 22 & 51.

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