Unrecorded Second World War Indian civilian censorship mark

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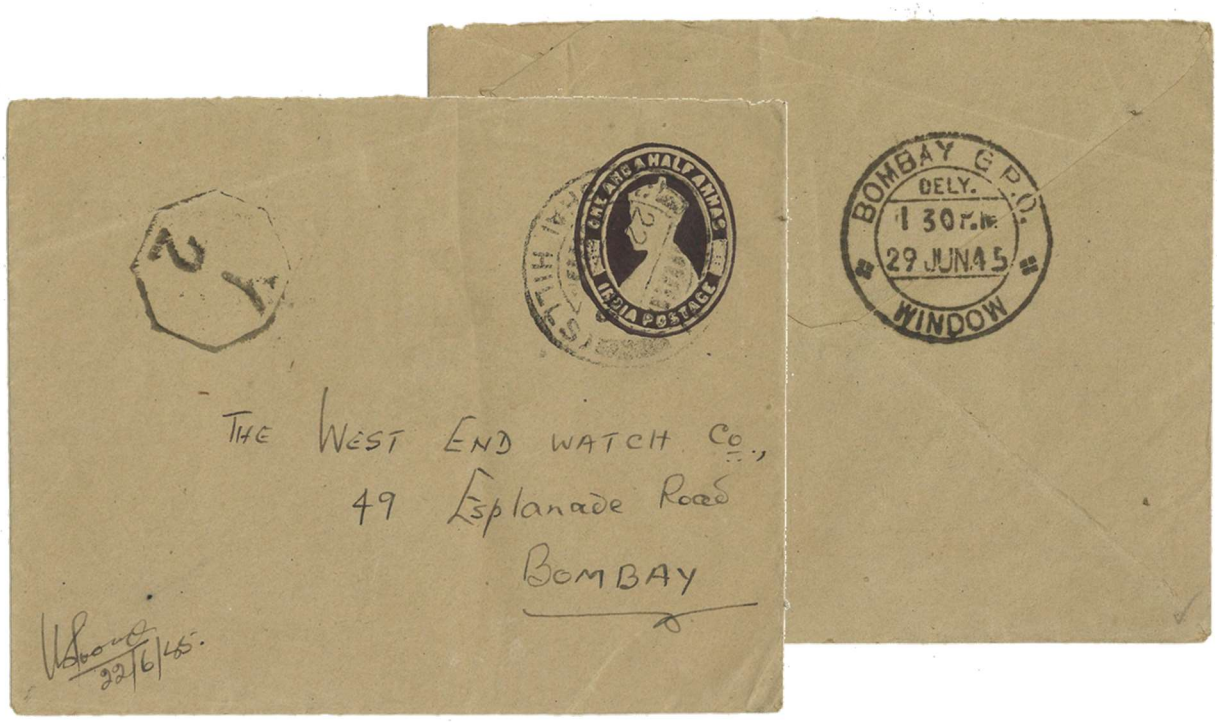
Lushai Hills is in the North Eastern part of India in the state of Mizoram, on the border between India and Burma. This area saw fighting during the Second World War as the Japanese forces moved westwards in their attempt to invade India.



The civilian censorship mark **Y 2** on the front of the cover is typical of the Morenweiser Type 7 octagonal design and is unrecorded in his 2011 edition of British Empire Civil Censorship Devices, World War II, British Asia. This impression from a steel stamp indicates that the cover passed through the censorship office without opening. The alphabet codes X & Z (the alphabet code immediately before and after Y) have been recorded used at Tinsukia (Nov. 44-Sep. 45) and Calcutta (Apr. 44-Aug. 45) respectively, and this one fits in quite well in the series.

We have yet to determine the location of the censor station, but if I was to hazard a guess, I would probably say Silchar.

If anyone has other examples of this mark of additional information, please email me at pk@khaitan.in

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Reference:

Morenweiser Konrad, 2011. *British Empire Civil Censorship Devices/World War II/British Asia*, CCSG, Sixth and Revised Edition, 119 p.