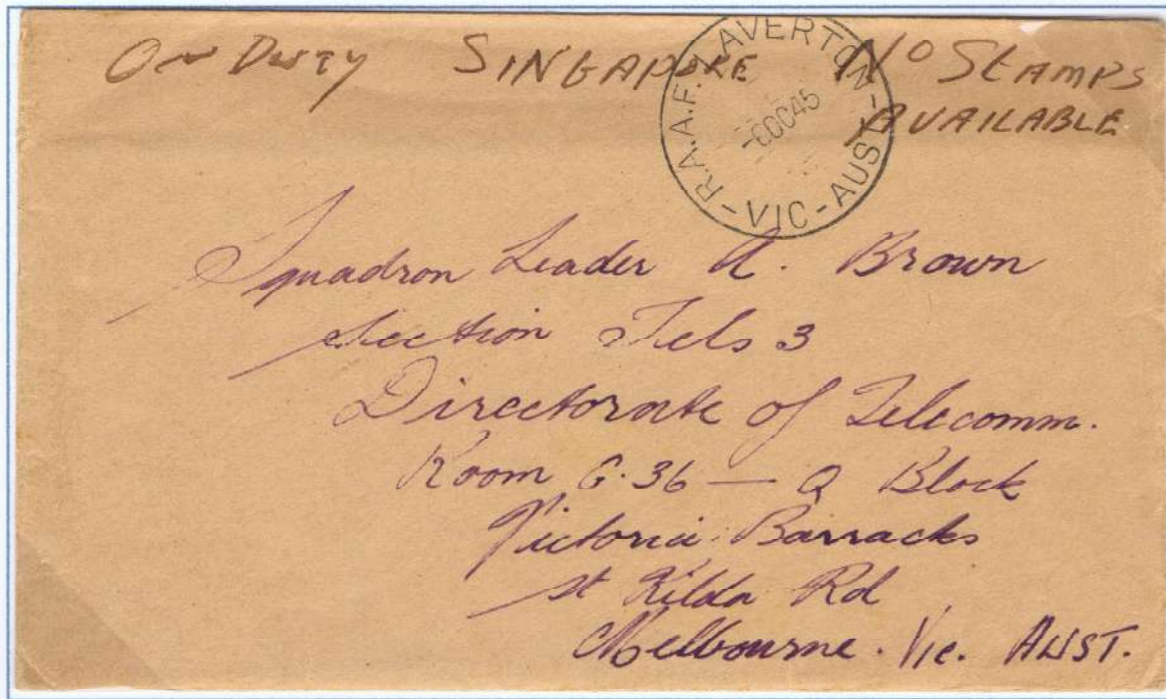


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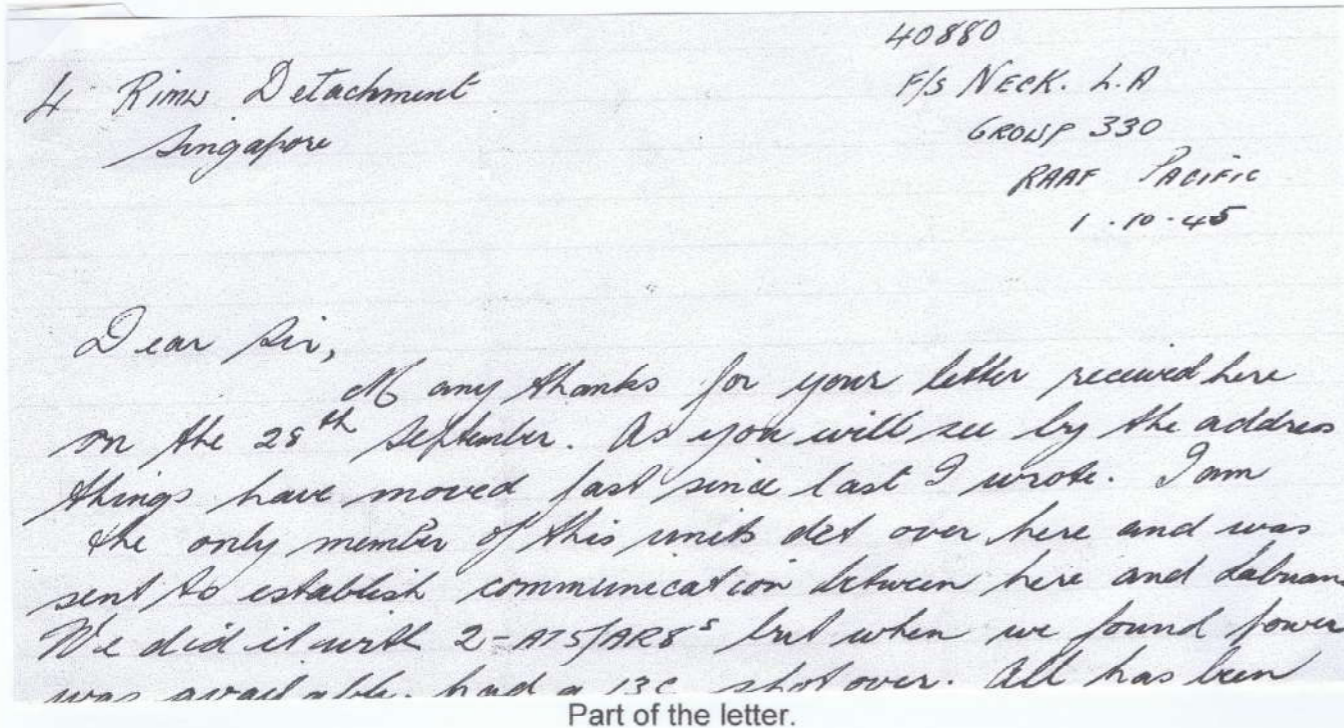
SINGAPORE

1ST OCTOBER 1945



A cover complete with letter from Group 330 RAAF Pacific to his superior officer in Australia reporting the situation and informing him that he was in Singapore to establish communication between Singapore and Labuan.

Marked No Stamps Available [It was during the Free Post period] but not postmarked in Singapore being postmarked R.A.A..F AVERTON VIC - AUST on 6th October 1945 on arrival.



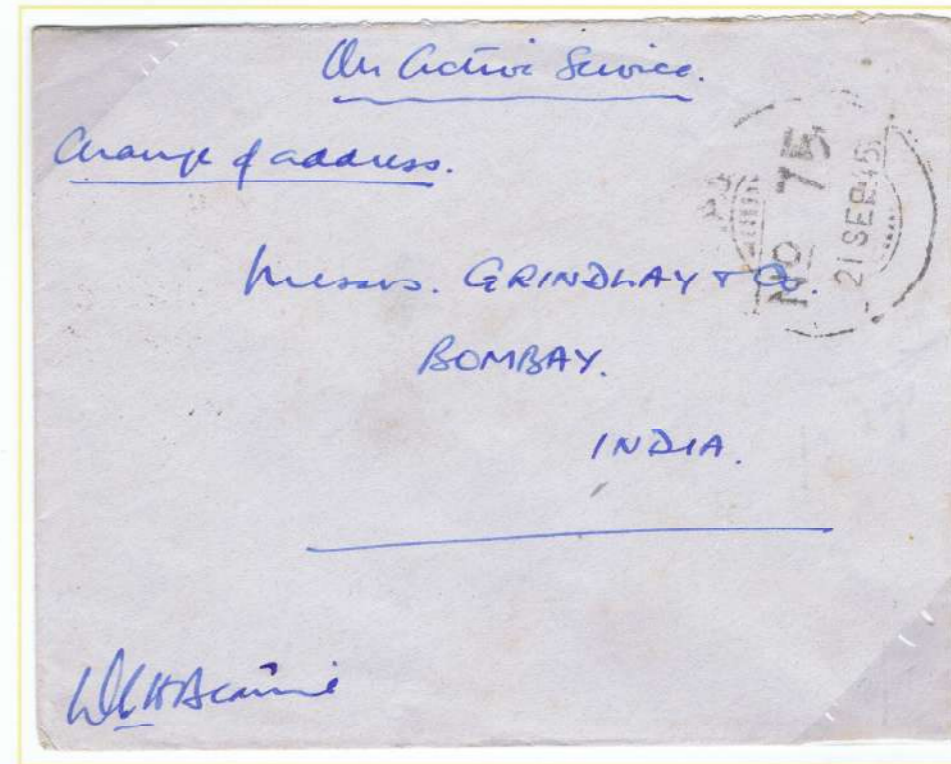
Part of the letter.

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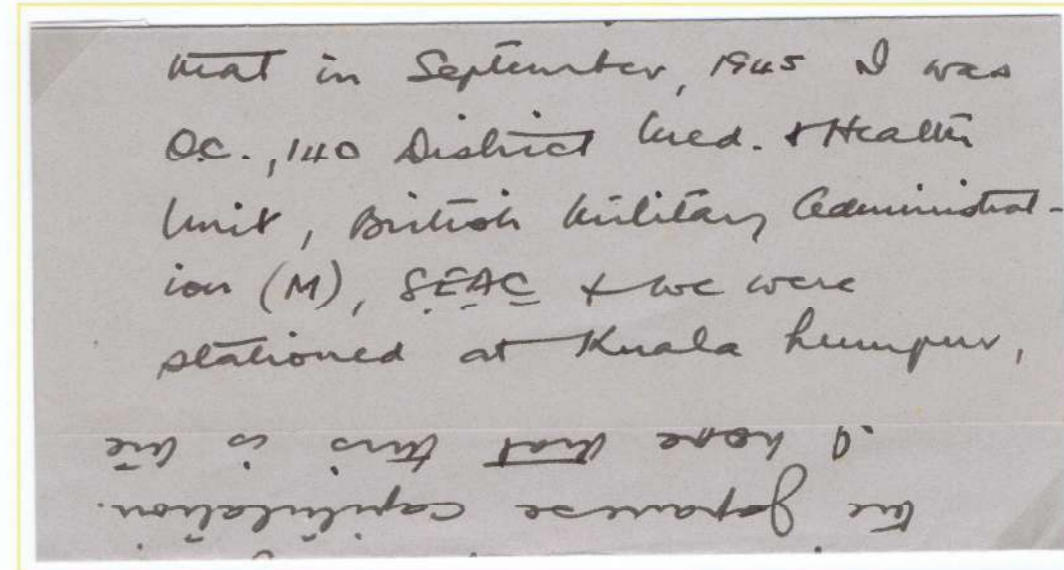
MILITARY MAIL

F.P.O. 75

21ST SEPTEMBER 1945



This FPO was at The Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur from 17th September 1945 - 27th September 1945, postings from FPO 75 during this short period are scarce. On Active Service no postage payable.



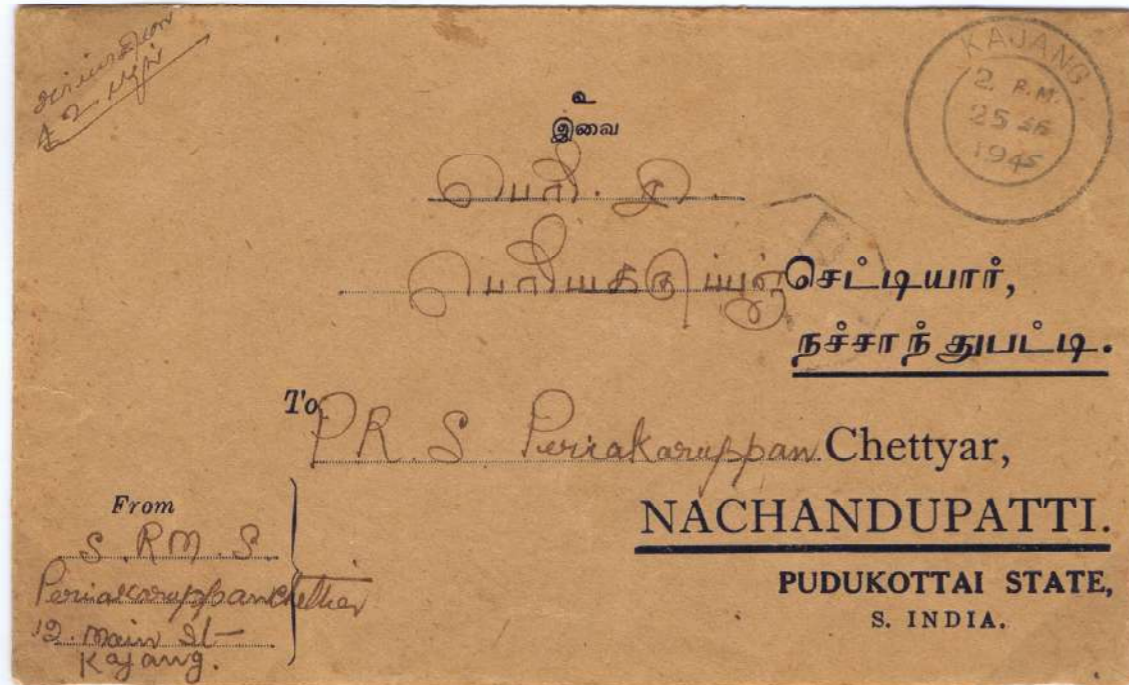
In a letter which accompanied this cover dated 18th October 1945 from Edinburgh, the sender Dr D E H Beattie states that he was OC 140 District Medical and Health Unit British Military Administration (M) SEAC. And that he was stationed in Kuala Lumpur having disembarked over the beaches at Morib Bay on 10th September 1945 following the Japanese capitulation.

KAJANG

25TH SEPTEMBER 1945

SELANGOR

FREE PERIOD



Letter sent from Kajang to India during the free postage period. The postmark had figures 2, 25, 19 remaining and the extra figures A.M. SE and 45 have been added by hand in ink. The arcs and the word MALAYA had been removed by the Japanese

There is a light censor mark on the front and the clear arrival postmark Nachandupatti dated 18th October 1945 on the reverse

This Post Office was open during the Japanese occupation but free period mail is very scarce.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR MAIL

PASSED FREE
27TH SEPTEMBER 1945



AUST FIELD P.O. 251

Set up to handle mail from ex Prisoners of War whilst they were waiting for repatriation at No 2 POW Reception Unit, Singapore

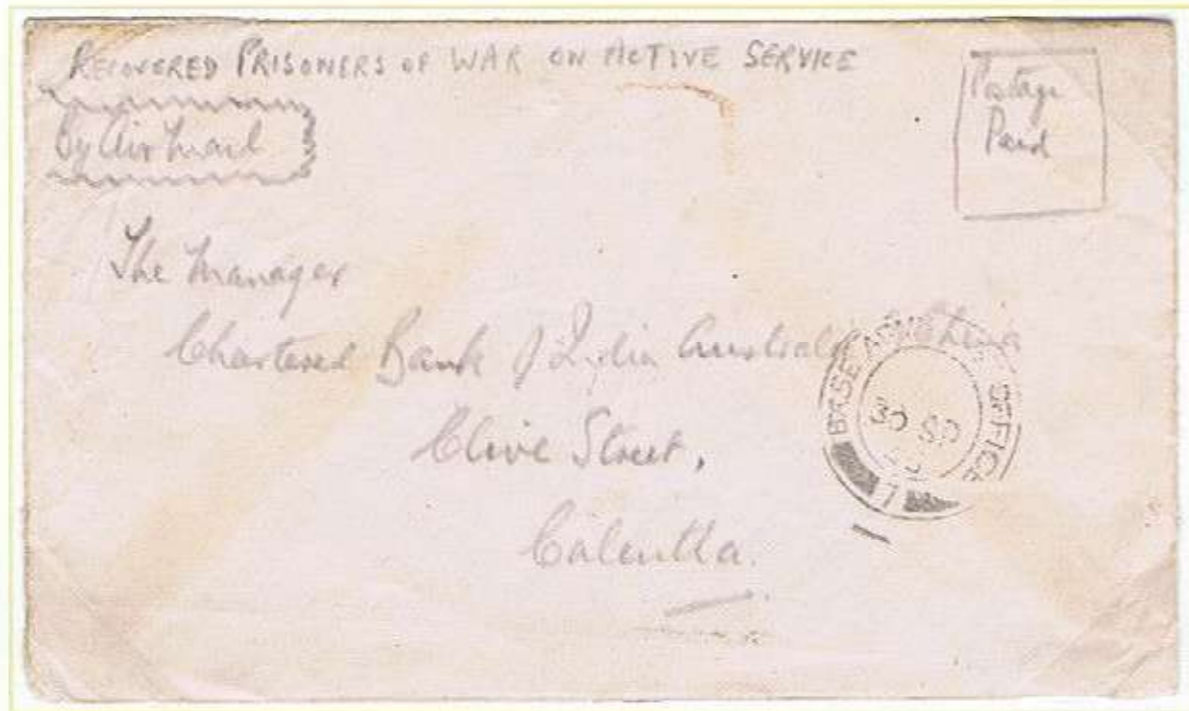
The few examples of this mark seen are all struck in violet ink.

This letter was sent by Private Jack Wicks to his wife.

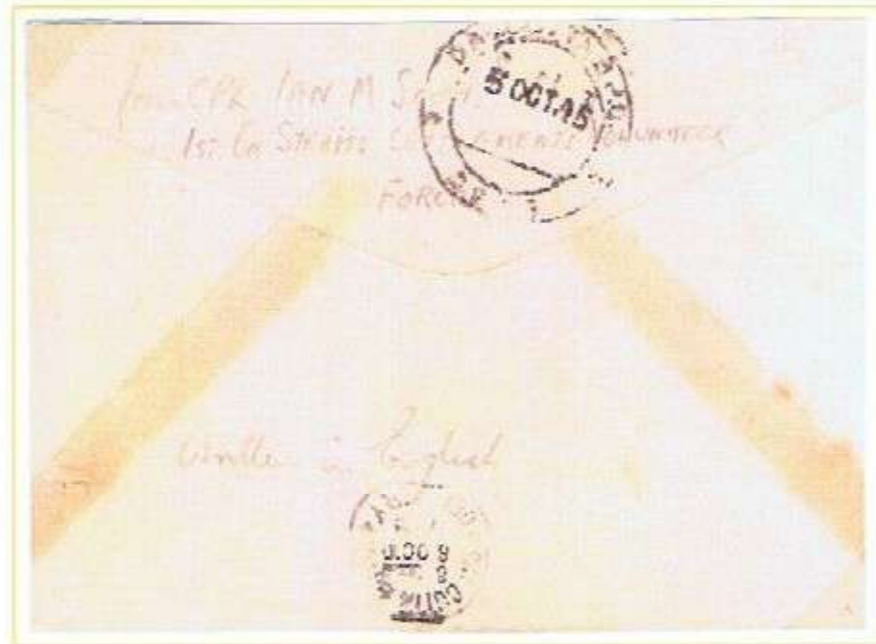
B.M.A.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR MAIL

PASSED FREE
30TH SEPTEMBER 1945



Letter in pencil postmarked Base Army Post Office 7 to Calcutta.



From: Cpl Ian M Scott 1st Battalion Straits Settlements Volunteer Force to Calcutta. Arrived GPO 5th October 1945, Calcutta delivery next day.

B.M.A.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
19TH OCTOBER 1945

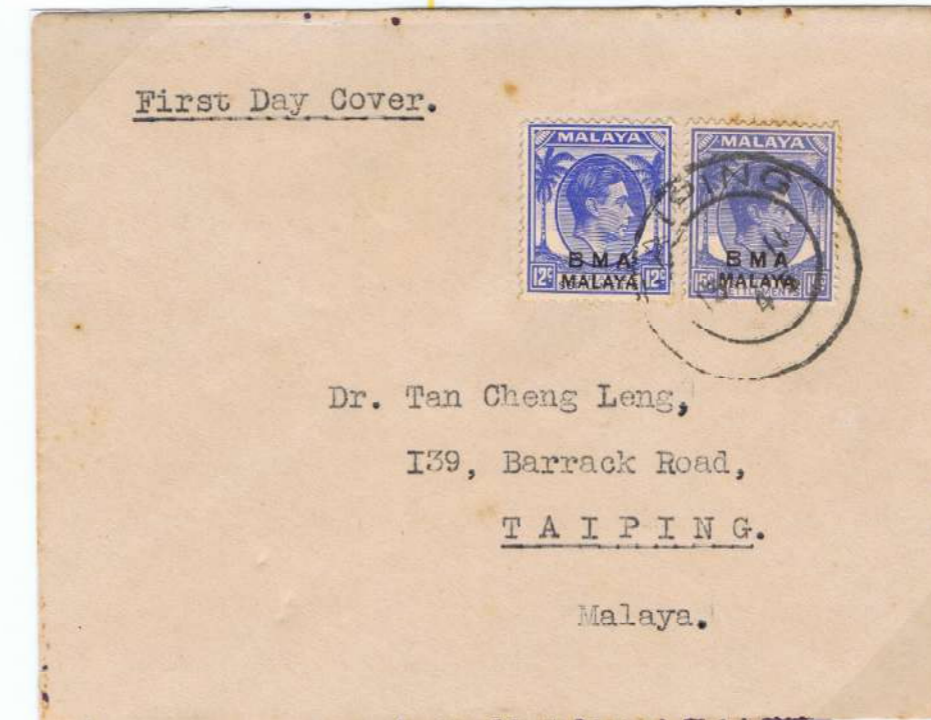


◀ The first six denominations were widely distributed in time for issue on 19th October after the Free Period.

▶ The 5c value was overprinted locally and issued on 5th November 1945.



First Day Cover.



◀ Two further values, 12cents and 15cents overprinted in black locally were issued on 13th November 1945 in Perak.

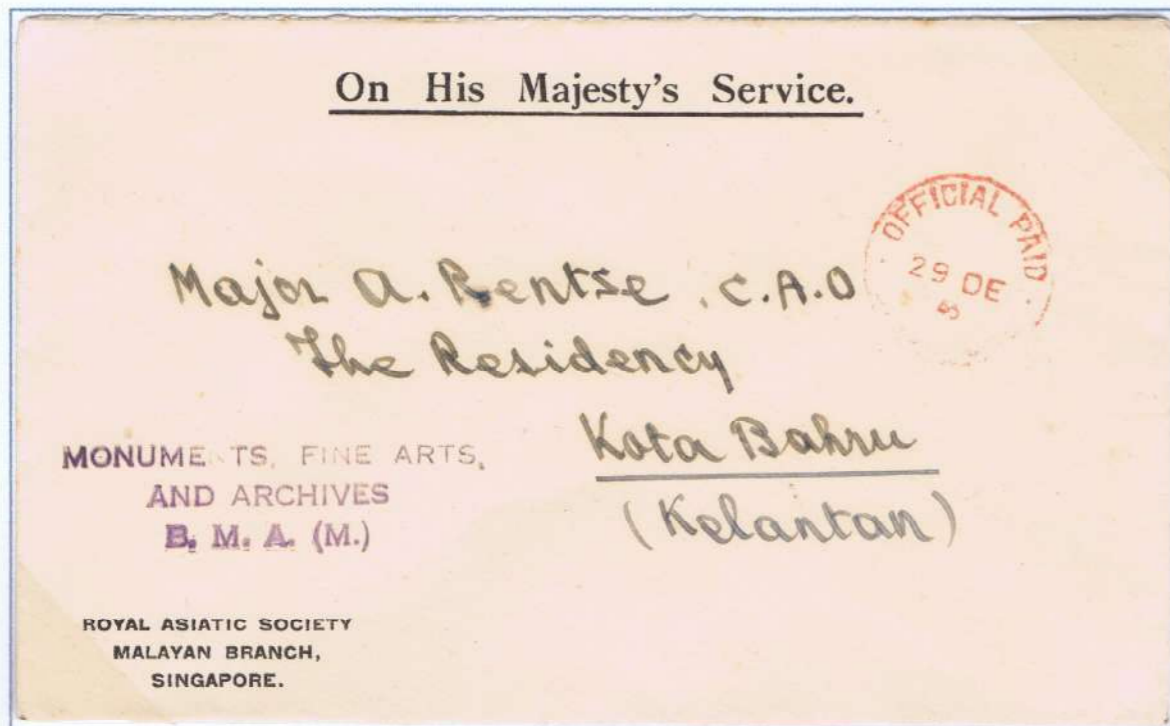
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SINGAPORE

OFFICIAL PAID



BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (MALAYA) SINGAPORE
Official Paid 7th November 1945

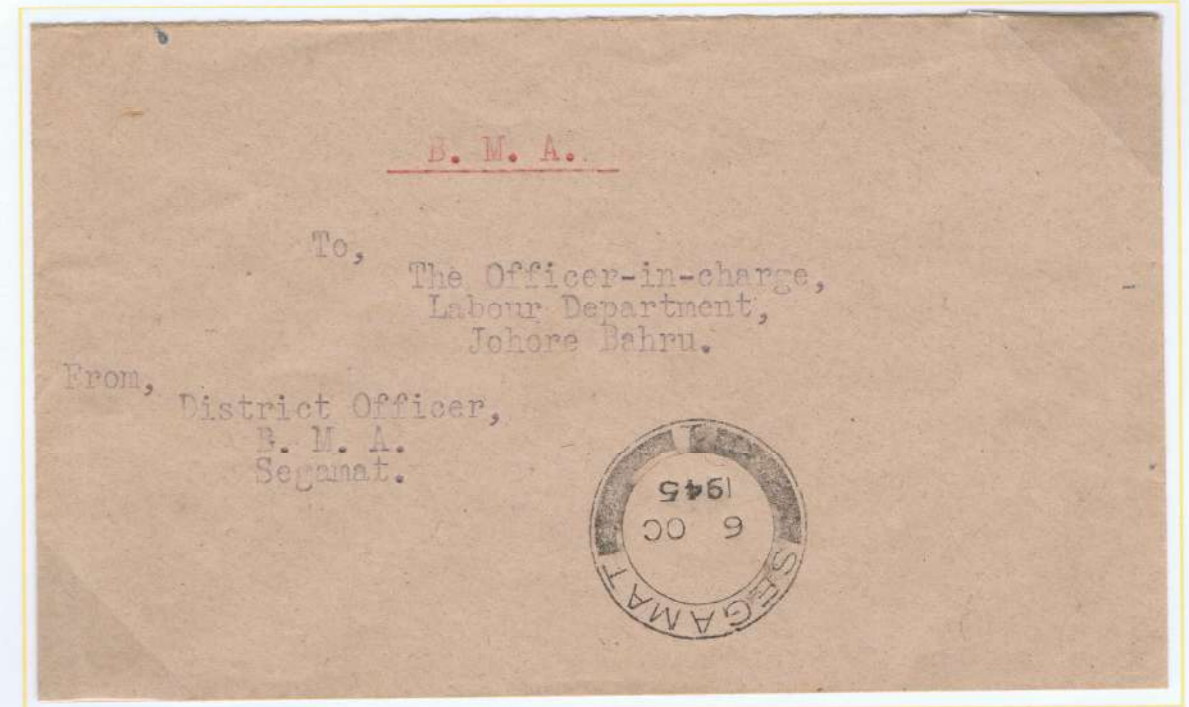


MONUMENTS FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES B.M.A. (M) Official Paid 29th December 1945

B.M.A.

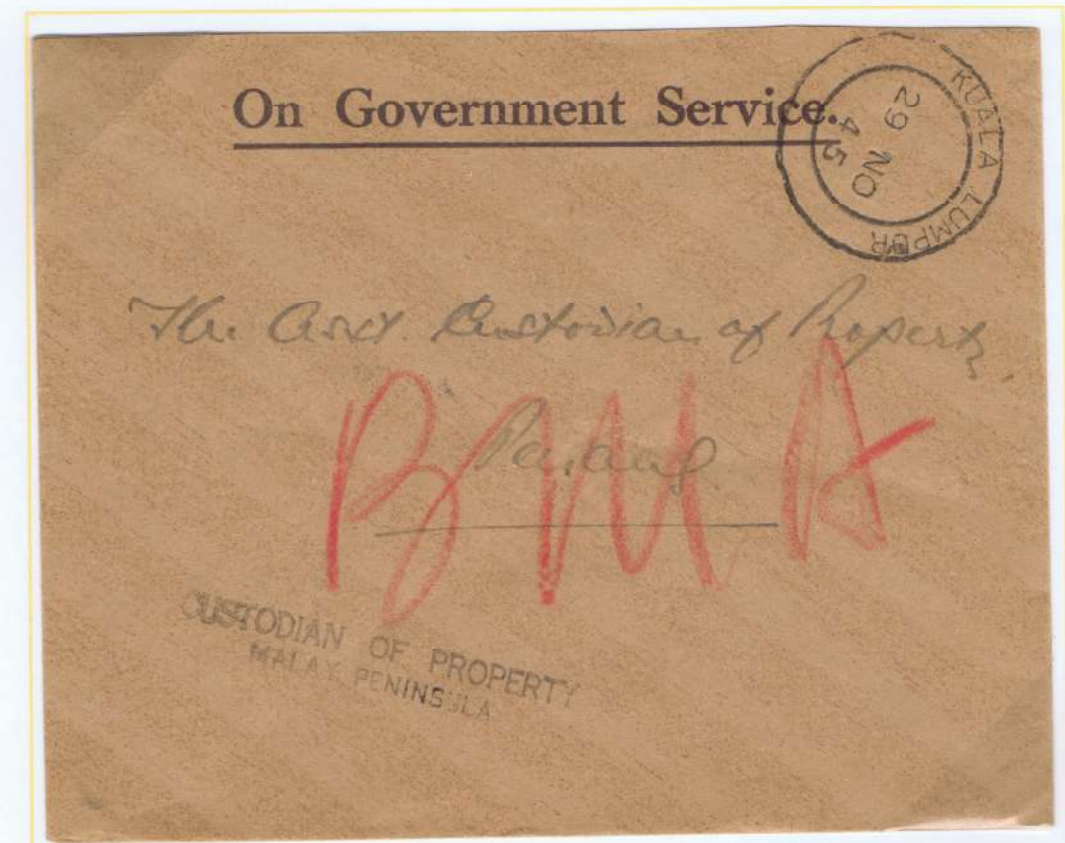
SEGAMAT

OFFICIAL MAIL PASSED FREE
6TH OCTOBER 1945



From the District Officer BMA Segamat to the Labour Department in Johore Bahru. Used during the Free Period but passed free anyway

29TH NOVEMBER 1945



From Custodian of Property Malay Peninsular to Assistant Custodian of Property Penang over marked **BMA**. Posted free **On Government Service** at Kuala Lumpur

KUALA KURAU

PERAK

B.M.A.

MILITARY MAIL

F.P.O. 57

23RD JANUARY 1946

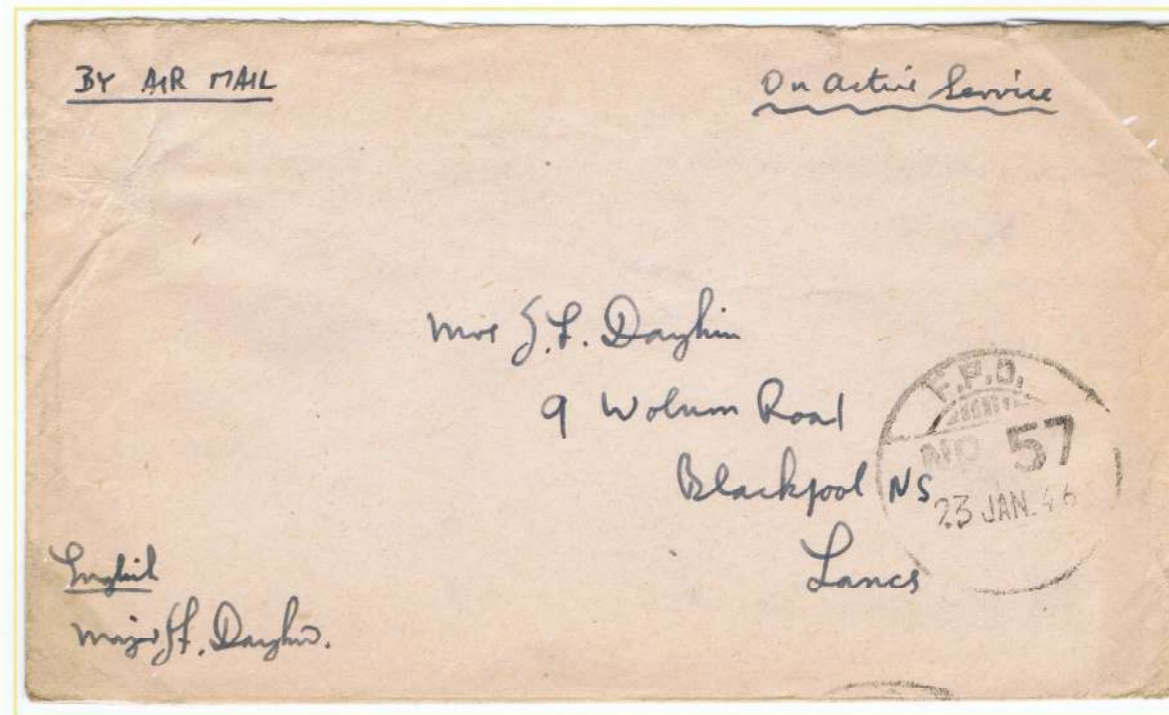
LOCALLY DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED CANCEL

16TH OCTOBER 1946



A local cover from Kuala Kurau to Utan Melintang using the treble ring postmark with manuscript date in purple, 16-10-46.

Similar postmarks were made for Chenderiang, Chikus, K.Kapayong, Matang, and Trolak, all of which are very scarce.



This FPO was at Singapore from 10th November 1945 – January 1947

ADVANCE BASE POST OFFICE F.P.O. S-16

13TH NOVEMBER 1946

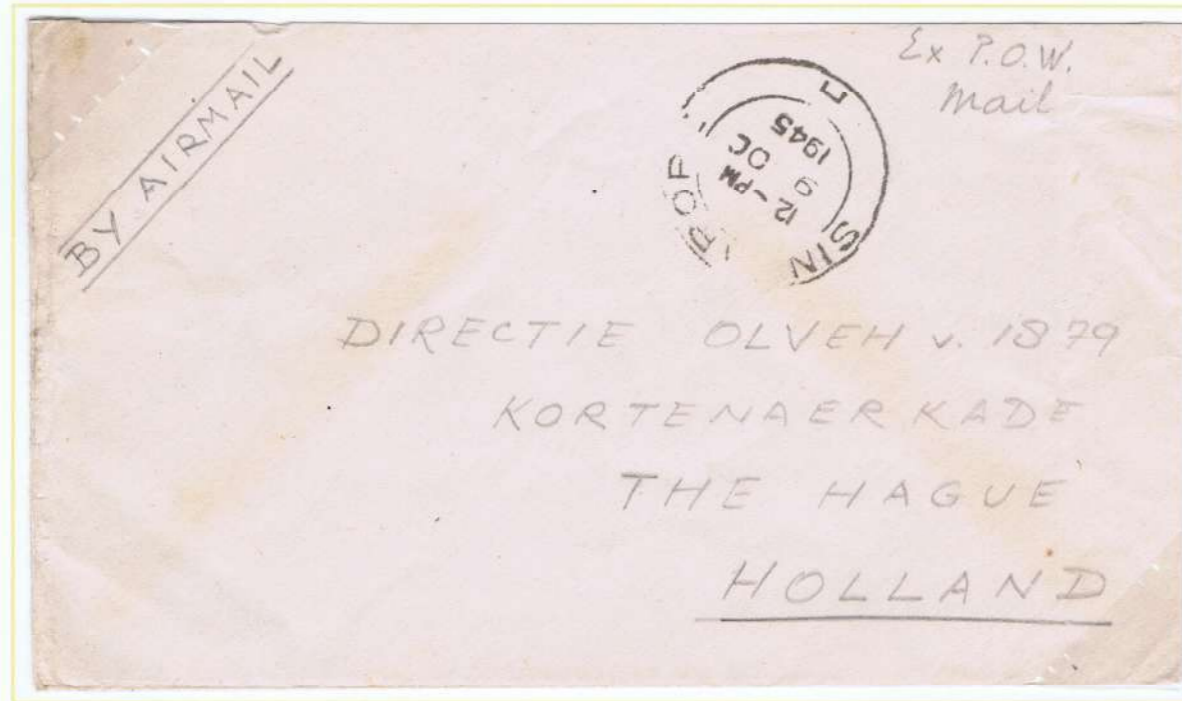


This office was at Kuala Lumpur on 13th November 1946.
On active service no postage payable.

B.M.A.

NETHERLANDS EX-PRISONERS OF WAR MAIL

PASSED FREE
9TH OCTOBER 1945



By AIRMAIL addressed to the Hague in Holland, ex POW mail but handled by the civilian post office using the Singapore broken H post mark



Sent by a Dutch ex POW who was in Alexandra Hospital but has been transferred to Wilhelmina camp no doubt awaiting repatriation.

NETHERLANDS POST OFFICE

SINGAPORE

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

NETHERLANDS NAVY

4TH FEBRUARY 1946



A airmail letter from a naval officer, at Marine Post Office Batavia, addressing the letter to Curacao c/o British Fleet Mail which was handled by the Netherlands Post Office in Singapore.

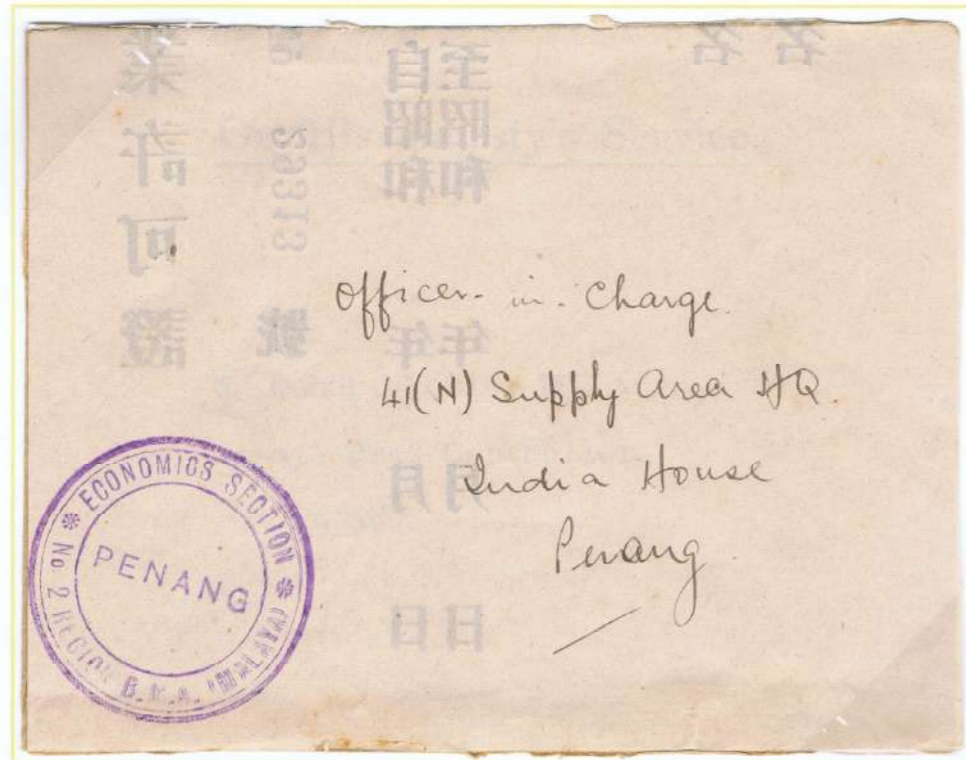
Passed free On Active Service postmarked 4 FEB 1946 and less than 10grams in boxed cachet.

The reverse has a CURACAO arrival dated 16th February 1946. So obviously an airmail transmission.

B.M.A.

PENANG

OFFICIAL MAIL PASSED FREE



From Economics Section B.M.A. Penang to 41(N) Supply Area HQ. The letter is carried free. The envelope has been reused with a recycled Chinese language leaflet.



From Assistant Food Controller's Office No 2 Region B.M.A. (Malaya) Penang to Officer in Charge Supply (N) Area HQ. No charge, envelope reused with paper label.

B.M.A.

PENANG

OFFICIAL MAIL PASSED FREE

6TH MARCH 1946



Office of British Military Administration Penang to a local address requesting attendance at a committee to discuss distribution of Red Cross food to the Chinese Community.

8TH MARCH 1946



A reminder of the meeting but this time sent from Refugees & Displaced persons Dept. No 2 Region BMA (Malaya)

FREE PERIOD
DENAKOTTAI ARRIVAL 4TH NOVEMBER 1945
LOCALLY MADE POST MARK



This cover from Parit Buntar has only a single despatch mark (Parit Buntar) to Denakottai. This mark is very rare (x100 in Proud) It arrived on November 4th which means that it must have left Malaya before the end of the Free Period on 19th October 1945. The letter was censored and passed by DHA/26 and re sealed.

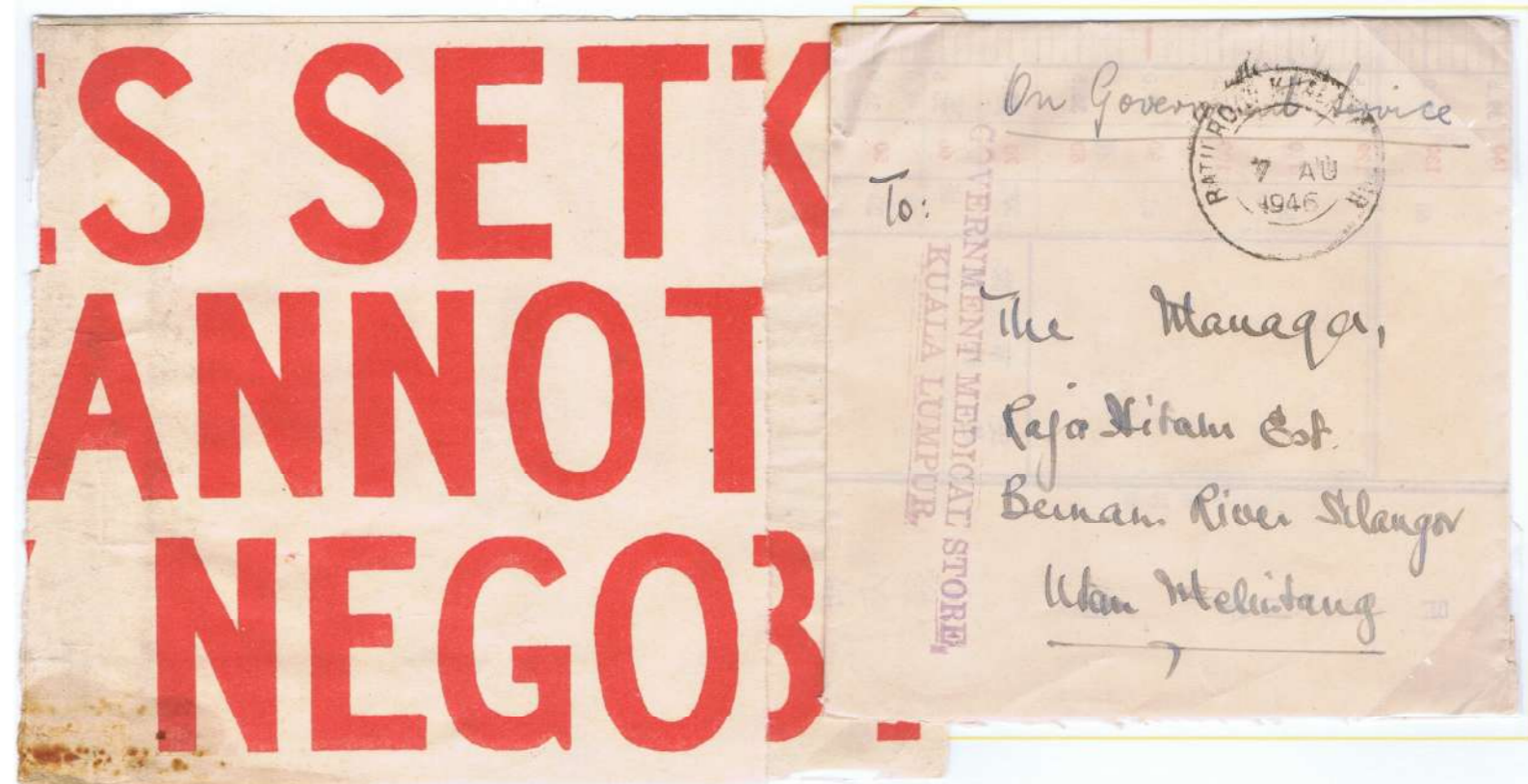


The arrival mark for Denakottai covers the censorship label and a further Censor's mark DHA/451 presumably released the letter to its addressee.

OFFICIAL MAIL SENT IN RECYCLED PAPER WRAPPERS.



A Circular from the Health Officer, Klang about Malaria control.



▲ On the left an anti-strike poster and on the right ► an envelope from the Government Medical store made from a recycled Chinese medicine form.