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With this issue of the War Cover Club Bulletin we almost completed the reporting on censor labels, censor markings etc., of Great Britain. This country and Germany so far offered the widest field of varieties in censor labels and markings. We now expect to be in position to step right along and in the not too distant future complete the first listing of all countries. We then plan to list all additional information received and will advise every one in sufficient time to send in their information in order to have the total information as complete as possible. Until then we shall appreciate however not being informed of additional items.

I again would like to call attention to the newly organized Sales Department of the War Cover Club. This service is open to all members of the War Cover Club and offers a splendid opportunity to dispose of duplicates at a nominal cost and at the same time to acquire items needed.

The Sales Department is just one of the many services offered members and I again would like to call attention to our goal of 100 members by April 1 of next year. Your editors have been responsible for 12 new members since January 1. That is at the rate of three members a month. If every member would secure one additional member the next three months, our goal would be accomplished by July 1 instead of April 1. Let's all pitch in and see what can be done. New application blanks and prospectuses will soon be ready and can be secured from J. Paul Klinger, or George C. Hahn.

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B E L G I U M

Censor Labels and markings on mail originating in occupied Belgium are the same as those used on mail from Germany and therefore the same numbers are assigned. Markings and labels seen so far are:

- |       |                       |       |                       |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| CL-2  | Same as Germany CL-2  | CM-2a | Same as Germany CM-2a |
| CL-3a | Same as Germany CL-3a | CM-5  | Same as Germany CM-5  |
| CL-4a | Same as Germany CL-4a | CM-8  | Same as Germany CM-8  |
| CL-4c | Same as Germany CL-4c |       |                       |

Covers censored by Belgium prior to the invasion of that country by Germany seem to be exceedingly rare and I have yet to see one. I also have not as yet seen any military covers from Belgium of Belgian field post offices.

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CURRENT WAR CENSORED Gold Coast 25¢; Great Britain 15¢; Canada Authorized for Export, 15¢; German occupied Netherlands, 35¢; British F.P.O.'s - France, 40¢; from Iceland 50¢; British Navals, 35¢; Swiss F.P.O. 35¢; Spanish Civil War Loyalists, 40¢; others on approval. Write to THE BERKSHIRE EXCHANGE, 736 Hillgirt Circle, Oakland, California.

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Bulletin No. 4 described the various censor labels in use by Germany and the following is a description of censor markings used by it.

1883  
 (CM-1)

CM-1 Black Imprint, hand stamp. Generally two such numerals are found on covers although not all covers carry this marking. It is reported that these numerals signify that the letter has been delivered at the post office unsealed and the postal clerk not finding anything objectionable in the contents, affixes these numerals. Later censor label is placed on cover when letter arrives at the border censor station.



(CM-2)

CM-2 Black Imprint, hand stamp. Used to tie censor label to cover

CM-2a Same as CM-2 but without the small letter "e" underneath swastika and wreath.  
 Black Imprint  
 Green Imprint  
 Red Imprint

CM-2b Same as CM-2a but two small dots above each side of wing of eagle instead of a single small cross



(CM-3)

CM-3 Black Imprint Hand stamp. (Inscription reads translated: "Foreign letter examination station Frankfurt on the Main -- Examined")



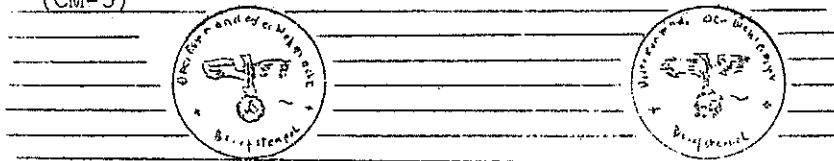
(CM-4)

CM-4 Red Imprint. Hand stamp.



(CM-5)

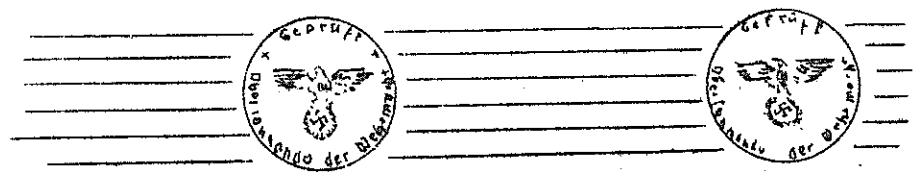
CM-5 Red Imprint. Hand Stamp. Note similarity to CM-4 but no dash to right and bottom inscription differs



(CM-6)

CM-6 Machine cancellation placed over label.  
 Black Imprint

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CM-7. Machine cancellation placed on top of censor label tying the same to cover. Black Imprint.



CM-8. Hand Stamp. Black and also red imprint. This stamp has been noted lately on covers from Germany as well as German occupied territories. It possibly takes the place of the numerals described under CM-1.



CM-9. Handstamp. Black imprint and also red imprint. This marking has been found on post cards as well as covers carrying censor labels. At times it is the only marking with CM-8.

CM-9a. As above, however, the letters Ae instead of Ab



CM-10. Hand stamp. Red Imprint. This stamp is similar to CM-9a, but letters are of a different size.



CM-11. Red Imprint. Hand stamp. Similar to CM-9 but letters very much larger and circle also bigger.

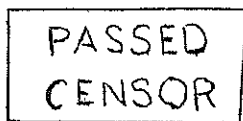
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We would like to call the attention of readers to the sale of the Edward S. Knapp Collection, which will be held by the Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 East 57th Street, New York, N. Y. on May 5 to 10. This collection includes material from the civil war, as well as the world war. Catalogues are selling for one dollar, which includes a list of prices realized. Subscription to the catalogue should be sent to Parke-Bernet Galleries direct.

GERMANY "Current War German Prison Markings" is the title of a profusely illustrated article by M. Hertzberg, member of the War Cover Club, appearing in the March 15 issue of "STAMPS". Those interested in a complete description of such markings should write H. L. Lindquist publications for this number. Address is 2 West 46th Street, New York, N.Y. Why not subscribe to "STAMPS"? Your editor will gladly handle such subscription. "STAMPS" is giving the War Cover Club very nice publicity and deserves the support of all collectors of war items.

WAR COVER CLUB SALES DEPARTMENT Have you sent your application in yet? This department is operated for members of the War Cover Club. George C. Hahn, Sales Manager, 835 Williamson Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio

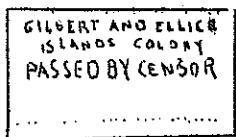
GIBRALTAR



CM - 1. Hand Stamp. Red Imprint

(CM - 1)

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS



CM - 1. Hand Stamp. Blue Imprint

(CM - 1)

GOLD COAST

GOLD COAST  
 →  
 OPENED BY CENSOR.



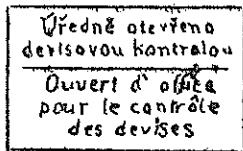
(CL-1)

(CM - 1)

CL - 1. Black on yellow  
 CL - 1a. Same as CL-1, but without period after "Coast".

CM - 1. Hand Stamp. Purple also Red imprint.  
 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 are numerals seen so far.

CZECHO - SLOVAKIA



(CL-1)

Geöffnet



(CL-5)

CENSUROVÁNO

(CM-1)



(CM-3)



(CM-2)

- CL - 1. "Opened by the Exchange Control Office" Czechic and French languages. Black on white. Label perforated on all four sides. Used early 1939 prior to German occupation.
- CL - 2. Same as Germany CL-2
- CL - 3. Same as Germany CL-3
- CL - 4. Same as Germany CL-4
- CL - 4c. Same as Germany CL-4c
- CL - 4d. Same as Germany CL-4d

CZECHO- SLOVAKIA

- CL - 4e. Same as Germany CL-4b, however, letter "d" in bottom.
- CL - 5. New type label. Black on white. Cut at both ends.
- CM - 1. Hand stamp. Blue imprint. Used prior to German invasion
- CM - 2. Hand stamp. Purple imprint. Foreign Exchange Control stamp. Name of town differs on various stamps.
- CM - 3. Hand stamp. Red imprint. Similar to Germany CM-1 but larger numerals.

Other hand stamps used on mail from Czecho-Slovakia are the same as those used on mail from Germany.

Most covers from Czecho-Slovakia also bear the post mark of Frankfurt am Main, which is the censor station for mail from Czecho-Slovakia destined to foreign countries.

CORRECTION!

- GERMANY: CM-1. Also seen in red imprint  
 CM-2a. Also seen in blue imprint  
 CM-6. Correct to read red imprint instead of black.

D E N M A R K

Very few censored covers of Denmark have been seen since the occupation of that country by Germany. Such covers definitely are rare so far. A few covers carry both the German as well as British censor markings and some covers, prior to the occupation by Germany, carry British censor labels even though the mail originated in Denmark and was addressed to a point in Denmark.

- CL-2. Same Censor Label as Germany CL-2.  
 CL-4a. Same Censor Label as Germany CL-4a.  
 CL-4d. Same Censor Label as Germany CL-4d.

- CM-2a. Same Handstamp as Germany CM-2a, but printed in purple  
 CM-4. Same Handstamp as Germany CM-4.

Don't neglect World War I covers. (Covers between 1914 - 1919). They can be had at reasonable prices: 10 different (all countries, civilian censor, soldiers, sailors) for \$1.00.-- 20 different for \$2.00. Add 6-cents for Postage. I want to buy covers of all wars for my collection. DELF NORONA, Moundsville, West Virginia.

The June issue of the War Cover Philatelist will be a publicity issue. There will be four extra pages. One thousand copies will be printed for wide distribution. To pay for added cost ten paid dollar advertisements are necessary. If ten such ads are secured for the June issue, the September issue will also be increased by four pages. Your dollar ad (30 words for 3 or 4 lines) will help the cause and probably repay you in results obtained. Write to Delf Norona, Editor, War Cover Philatelist, Moundsville, West Virginia.

CENSORED COVERS -- Wanted to purchase or exchange. EUGENE CAREY  
 Box 527, Iron River, Michigan

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CENSOR LABEL S

OPENED BY  
EXAMINER

(CL-1)

EXAMINED  
BY CENSOR

(CL-2) P. & C. 6.

OPENED BY  
CENSOR.

(CL-3)

P.C. 51.

OPENED BY  
CENSOR

P.C. 66

1911

(CL-4)

P. C. 90

OPENED BY  
EXAMINER 6755

(CL-5)

P.C. 60.

OPENED BY  
EXAMINER 312

CL-5a)

P.C. 80

OPENED BY  
EXAMINER 6179

(CL-5b)

P.C. 90

OPENED BY  
EXAMINER 5102

P.C. (61.-5c)

OPENED BY  
EXAMINER 5042

(CL-5d)

P.C. 102.

OPENED BY  
CENSOR.

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(CL-6)

Shaded spaces in above illustrations are solid color on actual label

Description of Labels on page 7

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CENSOR LABELS      (Description of illustrations on Page 6)

- CL - 1. "OPENED BY EXAMINER" - Black on White - Censor Number in script with ink. Letters 9 mm high.
- CL - 1a. "OPENED BY EXAMINER" - Black on White - Censor Number in script with ink. Letters 7 mm high.
- CL - 2. "EXAMINED BY CENSOR P.&C.B." - Orange on White - Censor Number in script with blue pencil.
- CL - 3. "OPENED BY CENSOR PC 22." - Red on White - Censor Number in script with blue pencil.
- CL - 4. "OPENED BY CENSOR P.C. 66" - Black on White - Censor Number printed on label. - "OPENED BY" 78 mm long, letters 9 mm high - "CENSOR" 52 mm long, letters 9 mm high.
- CL - 4a. Same as CL-4, however "OPENED BY" 79 mm long, letters 9 mm high - "CENSOR" 50 mm long, letters 8 mm high.
- CL - 5. "OPENED BY EXAMINER P.C. 90" - Black on White - Censor Number printed on Label

Measurements of the various CL-5 labels are as follows:

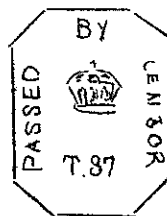
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CL - 5. ....	79 mm	51 mm	8 mm	8 mm
CL - 5a.....	75 mm	46 mm	9 mm	9 mm
CL - 5b.....	70 mm	47 mm	11 mm	9 mm
CL - 5c.....	75 mm	37 mm	9 mm	7 mm
CL - 5d.....	74 mm	41 mm	9 mm	9 mm

- CL - 6. "OPENED BY CENSOR PC 102." - Red on White - Censor Number printed on label. (This label has been seen so far only on mail between European countries and the United States, particularly neutral countries. It might not be a censor label of Great Britain but rather a label used in one of the British possessions. Can any reader assist?)

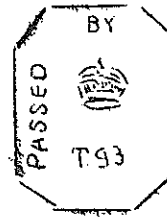
CENSOR MARKINGS      (Description of below noted items on page 8)



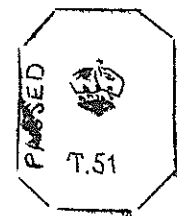
(CM-1)



(CM-2)



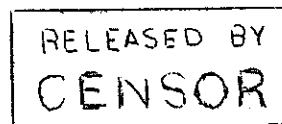
(CM-3)



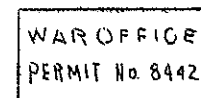
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(CM-5)



(CM-6)



(CM - 7)

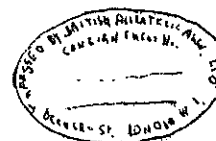


G R E A T   B R I T A I NCENSOR MARKINGS (Illustrations on page 7)

- CM - 1. Hand-stamp. Red Imprint. Blue Imprint  
 CM - 2. Hand-stamp. Black Imprint  
 CM - 3. Hand-stamp. Red Imprint  
 CM - 4. Hand-stamp. Black Imprint. Red Imprint. Blue Imprint  
 CM - 5. Hand-stamp. Red Imprint  
 CM - 6. Hand-stamp. Red Imprint  
 CM - 7. Hand-Stamp. Purple Imprint

POSTAL SERVICE SUSPENDED  
 RETURN TO SENDER

(X - 1)



(X - 2)

- X - 1. Hand-stamp. Purple Ink. Used on mail from Great Britain addressed to German occupied territory.  
 X - 2. Hand-stamp. Purple Ink. Used by British Philatelic Assn.  
PC 23

RETURNED TO SENDER  
 BY THE CENSOR

(X - 3)

FOR REASON EXPLAINED IN  
 MEMORANDUM ENCLOSED  
 IN THIS COVER.

- X - 3. Censor Label. Green on white. Carries in addition to this return label regular CL-5 label.

WAR SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

- WSC - 1. GROW MORE FOOD/DIG FOR VICTORY  
 WSC - 2. HELP TO WIN/ON THE/KITCHEN FRONT  
 WSC - 3. SAVE WASTE/PAPER METAL/BONES RAGS

GROW MORE FOOD  
 DIG FOR VICTORY

(WSC-1)

HELP TO WIN  
 ON THE  
 KITCHEN FRONT

(WSC - 2)

SAVE WASTE  
 PAPER METALS  
 BONES RAGS

(WSC - 3)

The next Bulletin, to be sent out on or about May 30, 1941, will contain information on balance of items of Great Britain including Military and Naval cancellations and censor markings.

ECONOMY LABELS

In order to save paper, a so-called economy label is being sold in Great Britain with which the recipient can use the envelope over. Such labels are manufactured specially or any old white or colored piece of paper is used for that purpose.