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835 Williamson Building
Cleveland, Ohio

A D E NCENSOR
MARKINGS

Diamond shaped, single lined frame
PASSED/CENSOR/BY/NO.7/ADEN
Purple imprint

A L G E R I ACENSOR
LABELS

Capital and small letters, enclosed in single lined
framed oblong, two oblongs to a label, Parallel lines
above and below oblongs.
Controle Postal Militaire
Black Printing on white label

CENSOR
MARKINGS

Oval shaped with pointed ends, single line border
OUVERT/PAR L'AUTORITE MILITAIRE framed with single
line, Censor's initials and number in center of design
a.) Black imprint
b.) Purple imprint

A N T I G U ACENSOR LABEL

Plain menilla label, no markings or inscriptions

CENSOR
MARKINGS

Large circular stamp, double lined frame, inscription
framed by single line, British crown in center
ANTIGUA/PASSED BY CENSOR
a.) Black imprint
b.) Blue imprint

Note: It has been reported that a censor number follows the above
inscription on some covers but in most cases this number
has been removed or defaced and a number added in blue
script. Can any one explain the reason for this?

A S C E N S I O NCENSOR
MARKINGS

Two line stamp, capital and small serified letters
PASSED/BY CENSOR
Black Imprint

A U S T R I APROPAGANDA

1. Circular rubber stamp with inscription "Der Führer
in Wien" (The Führer in Vienna) and swastika
2. Cover franked with Austrian stamp of 1934 issue and
also with German stamp of Plebiscite issue. (Scott's
No. 485)

B A H A M A SCENSOR
MARKINGS

Single line stamp, all capital letters
PASSED BY CENSOR
Green imprint

B A H R A I NCENSOR
MARKINGS

Single lined framed oblong
PASSED BY CENSOR/BAHRAIN
Purple imprint

B A R B A D O SCENSOR
LABELS

Capital serified letters, red on white label
OPENED/BY CENSOR

CENSOR
MARKINGS

1. Circular rubber stamp
The Import, Export and Currency Control Board,
Barbados. Bleu imprint. (Western Stamp Collector)
2. Circular stamp PASSED BY/CENSOR Purple imprint
3. Single line OPENED BY CENSOR Black imprint

A U S T R A L I ACENSOR LABELS(A) Red Printing on white label

1. Two imprints, head to head. Short thick all capital letters. Single heavy red dot below inscript.
OPENED BY CENSOR
2. Two imprints, head to head. Capital letters, larger and wider apart than No. 1, two small red dots
OPENED BY CENSOR
3. Same as No. 2 but with nine thin dots
4. Two imprints, head to head. Capital and small ser-
ifed letters. Three thick dots
OPENED BY CENSOR
5. Same as No. 3, foot to foot, no dots
6. Same as No. 3, three small dots
7. One imprint, large capital serifed letters between
parallel lines, five small squares above and below
OPENED BY CENSOR

(B) Black Printing on white label

- 1a. Two imprints, head to head. Capital serifed letters
eight small dots, period after inscription
OPENED BY CENSOR.

CENSOR
MARKINGS

1. Two lines, all capital letters, Purple imprint
PASSED BY CENSOR/ Initial and number
2. Same as No. 1 but with a numeral only, purple
3. Same as No. 1, larger wider apart letters, purple
4. Single framed oblong, all capital letters
PASSED BY/CENSOR/Initial and number
a.) Purple imprint
b.) Blue imprint
5. Single line framed diamond, all capital letters
Numeral/PASSED/EY/CENSOR/Numeral
6. Same as No. 5, "Opened by" close spaced type
Numeral/NOT/OPENED BY/CENSOR Purple imprint
7. Same as No. 6 "Opened by" same spacing as balance
8. Single lined frame NOT OPENED BY CENSOR Purple
9. Single line, PASSED All capital letters
Purple imprint
10. Letter "V" in circle. Blue imprint

SLOGAN CAN-
CELLATIONS

1. BUY-/WAR SAVINGS/CERTIFICATES
2. COMMONWEALTH/LOAN/SUBSCRIBE/EARLY

PROPAGANDA

Official first day cover, Australia's "War Participation" stamps. Map of Australia with inscription in black and red: "MEN MUNITIONS MATERIAL Australia's War Effort 15th July 1940"

Note: For what purpose is "Not opened by Censor" applied?

 CENSORED COVERS: Wanted to buy or exchange. Eugene Carey, Box 527
 Iron River, Michigan.

B E L G I U MCENSOR LABELS(A) Used in Belgium before German occupation.

Many Belgian covers are found with the usual British censor labels.

(B) Used in Belgium during German occupation.

German censor label, black printing on white label 13½ x 3.9 cm. Large circle centered to right with one thin line each side of circle. Printing inside circle capital and small serified letters. Oberkommando der Wehrmacht Geöffnet. (Chief command of the defense force opened). Nazi coat of arms. Tied to cover with similar circle hand stamp Geprüft/Oberkommando der Wehrmacht. Black imprint. Geprüft - Examined.

B E R M U D ACENSOR LABELS

Red printing on white label
OPENED BY/CENSOR

CENSOR MARKINGS

Single line framed circular stamp, all capital letters
*PASSED BY CENSOR/*Numeral/BERMUDA Green Print

BRITISH GUIANACENSOR LABELS

Single line framed oblong. Capital and small serified letters first line, second line in heavy all capital sanserified letters.
Officially opened and released/BY CENSOR
Black printing on white label

CENSOR MARKINGS

Two line stamp, all capital letters
PASSED BY/CENSOR
Red Imprint

B U R M ACENSOR LABEL

Red Printing on white label. Royal emblem above
OPENED BY CENSOR

CENSOR MARKINGS

1. Triangle with inscription on outside of triangle
All capital letters, numeral inside of triangle
PASSED/CENSOR/RANGOON
a.) Purple imprint
b.) Red Imprint
2. As No. 1 but smaller sized letters
Blue imprint

C A M E R O O N SCENSOR LABEL

Cachet in black
CONTROLE POSTAL COMMISSION B/TERRITOIRE DU
CAMEROUN

CENSOR MARKINGS

Black printing on white label
OUVERT PAR L'AUTORITE MIL

WANTED: Censored covers, military and naval covers, red cross and prisoner of war letters, cards and covers, army, navy and service organization stationery, war slogan cancellations, everything and anything pertaining to the second world war and its causes. George C. Hahn, 835 Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio

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WAR COVER CLUB annual convention. Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio
March 28, 29 and 30th. Excellent exhibit. Good fellowship.
Meet your fellow collectors and have a good time!

C A N A D A

- CENSOR LABELS
1. Black on white label, large capital serified letters
EXAMINED BY/CENSOR/Letter and Numeral
 2. Same as No. 1 but smaller sized type
EXAMINED BY/Letter and numeral
 3. EXAMINED/PER Letter and numeral added in script
- CENSOR MARKINGS
1. Single line, all capitals
PASSED BY CENSOR _____
a.) Black imprint
b.) Green imprint
c.) Purple imprint
 2. Same as No. 1
EXAMINED BY CENSOR _____
a.) Black imprint
 3. Single line (used on departmental and official mail)
POSTAL CENSORSHIP
 4. Script and initialed by hand
PASSED
- FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL LABELS
1. Type I-B.-20,000 Sheets-15-2-40
Opened to verify contents in/accordance with requirements of/Foreign Exchange Control Board/and officially sealed by/...../Censorship Clerk

A square is located to the right on the label with "Date" on top and "Stamp" at bottom
Black printing on white label
 2. Type I-B.-20,000 Sheets-18-7-40
Same as No. 1 but word "Examiner" is substituted for Censorship clerk.
- FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL POSTAL SERVICE STAMPS
1. Single lined framed circular stamp
District Director of Postal Services,
P.O. OCT 24 1940 Saint John, N. B.
Purple imprint
 2. Same as No. 1 but without letters "P.O." and name of town is in capital letters.
 3. Same as No. 1 but changed inscription
District Director of Postal Services
O.S.S. May 31 1940 3 MOOSEJAW, Sask.
Red Imprint
 4. Same as No. 2 but complete single line circle on inside of stamp
Blue imprint
 5. Single lined framed oblong
NIAGARA/FALLS/NOV 8 1940/ONT.
 6. Single lined framed oblong with rounded corners
"District Director of/POSTAL SERVICES, (Quebec, P.Q.)/P.O. 7 10 1940 3/Directeur du District/
Postal, Quenec, P. Q.
Purple imprint

PRESIDENTIAL SERIES STAMPS: I am working on a specialized reference collection of the Presidential Series. I welcome all kinds of varieties, such as plate, printing, perforation etc. Interesting covers excepting First Day, Pro-cancels etc. Send for my want list. Address George C. Hahn, 835 Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio

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Advertisements in this bulletin only 10-cents per line per insertion
Address editor with remittance and copy.

C A N A D APASSED FOR EXPORT
MARKINGS

1. All capital letters, 4 cm long, rubber stamp
PASSED FOR EXPORT.
a.) Purple imprint
b.) Blue imprint
2. Same as No. 1. 6 cm long. No period.
PASSED FOR EXPORT
a.) Green imprint
3. 2 line stamp, all capital letters
PASSED FOR EXPORT/VOISE POUR ENVOI A L'EXTERIEUR
a.) Blue imprint
4. Single line, all capital letters, rubber stamp
AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT
a.) Red imprint
5. Single line framed oblong, rubber stamp
Authorized for export by the/Foreign Exchange
Control Board/THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE/
TORONTO/_____
Red Imprint
6. Handwritten and initialed in script
Passed for export
7. Typewritten, initialed and dated in script
Passed for Export

WAR SLOGAN
CANCELLATIONS

- (A) Metered cancellations
1. WIN THE!/WAR/Buy/WAR SAVINGS STAMPS
Picture of a soldier. . Purple imprint
 2. WIN the WAR/Buy/WAR SAVINGS STAMPS \\
Picture of an airplane
Purple imprint

FREE FRANKS

Foreign Exchange Control Board/Ottawa
Printed signature to right G. F. Towers
Cancellation killer shows word "Free" in slant-
ing letters

MISCELLANEOUS WAR
MARKINGS

1. Single line, all capital letters rubber stamp
MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED
Purple imprint
The above used on letters addressed to enemy
or territory occupied by enemy.
2. Yellow label "POSTAL CENSORSHIP". This letter
is returned as it is undesirable that postage
stamps should be imported or exported at the
present time. A letter and a numeral added
in script to this stamp.

PRISONER MAIL

1. Manilla envelope. $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ "
PRISONER OF WAR MAIL (in top center)
FREE in slanting capital letters as part of
postmark killer between two wavy lines
Rubber hand stamp in single lined frame
CENSORED/INTERMENT/OPERATIONS, OTTAWA
2. CENSORED/F/INTERMENT/CAMP
Single lined framed oblong Black Imprint
3. CANADA INT. OP./5/CENSORED
Circular stamp
Red Imprint

Do you collect stamps? Join the American Philatelic Society. Write
George C. Kahn, 835 Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio for further
particulars.

C A N A D AMilitary Post Office Cancellations

I am listing only those actually seen or in my collection. Additional information will be welcomed.

1. Round die, 2.9 cm in diameter
FIELD POST OFFICE/CANADA MILITARY/13/JUN 26/40/PETAWAWA CAMP-ONT.
2. Same as Type 1
SHILO MILITARY CAMP/FIELD POST OFFICE/PM/SP 27/40/MAN.
3. Round die, 2.4 cm in diameter
MILITARY POST OFFICE/AM/AU 16/40/NO 101
- 3a. Same as Type 3 but without PM or AM line. Office No. 303
- 3b. Same as Type 3a, Office No. 501
4. Same as Type 3
ST. BRUNO CAMP MILITAIRE/AM/AU 12/40/P.Q.
5. Same as Type 3
R.C.A.F. STATION/NO 19/40/ROCKCLIFFE ONT.
6. Round die, 2.3 cm in diameter
SUSSEX CAMP, N.B./AU 24/40/FIELD POST OFFICE
7. Round die, 2.2 cm in diameter, 7 wavy lines to right as killer
PETAWAWA? ONTARIO/OCT 7/9.30PM/1940/FIELD POST OFFICE
8. Same as Type 7 but issued from CAMP BORDEN, ONT.

I would like to obtain official information as to the reasons why military mail from these post offices requires prepayment of postage by means of postage stamps instead of being forwarded free like most military mail. Who can advise me?

N A V A L M A I L

The following have been reported but were not actually seen by myself

1. Single line PASSED BY CENSOR Name of ship. a.) Blue imprint
b.) Red imprint
2. Same as No. 1 but name of ship on second line. Blue imprint
3. EXAMINED _____ Name of Boat. All single line. Green imprint
4. FROM H.M.C. SHIP/PASSED BY CENSOR and line for initials and date enclosed in single lined framed square with rounded top.
a.) Black imprint b.) Blue imprint

MILITARY STATIONERY

1. Envelope. On flap R C A F in red letters above the seal of the Royal Canadian Air Force in blue and red.
2. Envelope. Same as No. 1 but without letters "R C A F", larger seal, printed in light blue only
3. Business envelope with return address in upper left corner reading "6th D.C.R.C. Hussars/THE ARMOURY/1103 St. Mathews Street/Montreal On envelope single lined framed oval hand stamp "6th D.C.R.C. HUSSARS/(ARM'D C.)/JAN 13 1941/Pay Office

Additional information will be printed in Bulletin No. 3, which is expected to be mailed about February 28, 1941. At that time we also intend to describe the various items of countries from Czecho-slovakia alphabetically to and including Germany.

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Editor