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1. Post Offices numbers assigned to British Burma, 1855-1886, Bengal Circle.



Type A No. B/156
Rangoon



Type B No. B/5
Akyab

B5	Akyab	B129	Tavoy	B165	Henzada(from1861)
B12	Bassien	B133	Myanoung	B171	Shoay gyeen
B56	Amherst	B136	Namayan	B173	Sittang
B108	Kyouk Phyou	B146	Pegu	B179	Thayetmyo
B111	Meeaday	B150	Prome	B181	Toungoo
B112	Mengyee	B156	Rangoon	B227	Port Blair
B127	Moulmein	B159	Sadoway		
B128	Mergui	B165	Sarawah(to 1860)		

1.1885/86 Martyn Type 7 and G/M Type 14 (Type A) and 15 (Type B) obliterators.



2.1860-65 Martyn Type 9 (and Sub-Types), G/M Type 19-24 Duplex obliterators.

During 1875, a further series of duplex marks was introduced in which the right hand portion of the cancellation included the office code number, prefixed by the letter "R" for Rangoon:



32



34

R-1 Rangoon, R1-1 Rangoon cantonment, R-2 Akyab, R-3 Bassien, R-4 Henzada, R-5 Kyouk Phyou, R-6 Mandalay, R-7 Mergui, R-8 Moulmein, 1/R-8 Amherst, R-9 Myanoung, R-10 Port Blair, 1/R-10 Nancowry, R-11 Prome, R-12 Sadoway, R-13 Shwegyeen, R-14 Tavoy, R-15 Thayetmyo, R-16 Toungoo

3.1875 Duplex obliterators G/M Type 32-34.



Number	Railway T.P.O.	Mail To Rangoon
R-1	Rangoon-Toungoo	IN
R-2	Rangoon-Prome	IN
R-3	Mandalay-Toungoo	OUT
R-5	Naba-Mandalay	IN
R-6	-	-
R-10	Moulmein-Pegu	OUT
R-25	Thazi-Myingyan	IN
R-26	Katha-Naba	OUT
R-27	Myitkyina-Naba	OUT
R-28	Maymyo-Lashio	IN
R-29	Mandalay-Alon	IN
R-30	(Henzada-Bassien)	IN
R-31	Mandalay-Maymyo	IN
R-32	(Letpadan-Henzada)	IN
R-33	Thazi-Aungban	IN
R-34	Henzada-Kyangin	IN

Railway Travelling Post Offices Rail sections cancellations numbers. 1886/87-1937 era.

1. Pre-Stamp Era

First Burmese War 1824-26. War in Ava.

General Order By His Excellency the Right
Honble the Commander in Chief,
Head Quarters, Calcutta, 14th April, 1826.
The services of the Army lately
employed against the State of Ava, having
been successfully terminated by the conclusion
of an Honorable Peace, dictated to that Power
by the Right Honble the Commander in Chief in
India embraces the happy occasion to express
to the troops of His Majesty and of the Honble
Company from the Presidencies of Fort William
and Fort St. George, who were employed in the

General Order thanking troops

In late 1823, the Burmese took possession of Shapuree (a muddy Is. In Bengal). The British sailed upto Irrwadi to take Rangoon.



Dispatch
Received

Moulmein
Lyon, France

17 February, 1845
8 July, 1845

"MOULMEIN/1845 FEBRUARY 1845/ PAID" in a box. Davis/Martyn Type & Very Rare hand struck Postage stamp from Burma. Equally rare ship letter from Burma to France.

MOULMEIN
FEBRUARY 1845
Paid

Davis/Martyn Type 4

1. Second Burmese War, 1852-53



Davis /Martyn Type 6 cancellation



Soldier's letter despatched from Moulmein in September 1853, received Manchester, 3 november 1853. Two Pence payable on arrival in Machester for surface mail inland delivery.

2d. Surface Mail Inland Postage.

2. Queen Victoria Era – 1854 – 1902.



Toongoo Shipletter dated 17 August, 1854 to London dated 3 November, via Calcutta. Postage Paid 2a. For Toongoo – Calcutta, 1a. Ship Paid and 8a for Calcutta – Kingsbridge(via London), England.



1854 1/2a Litho stamps used in in Burma.

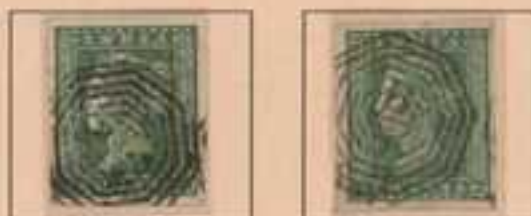
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1854 1a Litho Stamps used in Burma.



1854 2a. Photo-litho stamps used in Burma.



All Cancellations Martyn Type 7, Davis-Martyn Type 14-15, B/5 Akyab, B/181 Toongoo, B/179 Thatemyo, B/136 Prome.

British India used in Burma



B/5 AKYAB



B/156 RANGOON



B/127 MOULMEIN



B/181 TOUNGOO



India Used In British Burma

Locally transported within Rangoon by Steamer



The only known Example.

Rangoon to Rangoon by Steamer

A local cover with one anna stamp cancelled by pen and with **Red Rangoon G.P.O.** delivery post mark on front showing **28 sep 1857**, it is very interesting to know that the cover is sent by steamer instead of ground transportation.

India Used In British Burma

Calcutta to Rangoon



Thin dots 9x9



An early **Example** of communication in **Burma** with stamps.

A cover from Calcutta dated **20 Nov 1854**, cancelled with diamond of dots **Cooper Type # 1** travelled on steamer "**Sesostris**" with Red boxed mark on back of Calcutta G.P.O. and **Oval Merchant Mark** Delivered to **Rangoon on 4 Dec 1854** .

India Used In British Burma

Registered Cover



Moulmein



A cover from **Moulmein** with one anna stamp cancelled by **Cooper Type # 7 - B/127**, showing large manuscript **278** for Registration No. The fee of registration was paid in cash on front showing **CALCUTTA G.P.O.** Delivery mark in **Red**.

2.1854 4a Litho Stamps used in Burma.



B/179 THATEMYO

B/127 MOULMEIN



Stamps used in AKYAB B/5, cancellation Davis/Martyn Type 14 and 15.

2. QV Stamps used in Burma.



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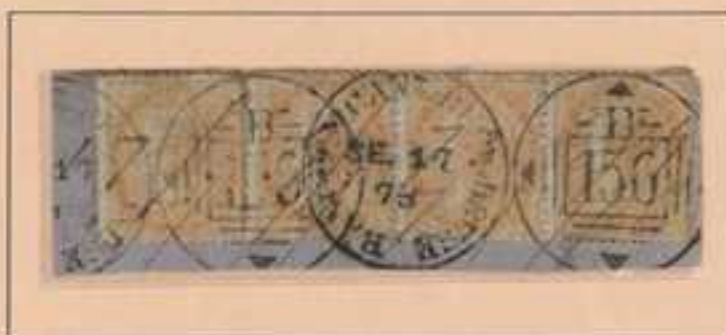
Davis/Martyn Type 18



Used in Bassein Burma

B/21 duplex, Davis/Martyn Type 18 cancellation. This type of obliterator (full strike) is rare and only a few examples exist.

2. QV stamps used in Burma.



Used in Rangoon B/156, Davis/Martyn Type 23 cancellation.



Registered letter from Rangoon B/156 to Randeer(India) via Surat dated 20 February, 1870.
Registered Postage Rate 5a.

2. QV used in Burma.



Henzada B/165, Moulmein B/127, Prome B/136, Mergui B/128 and Thayetmo B/179.



Rangoon B/156(in blue) May 1858 to England via Bombay and Marselles.
Postage Paid 4a "INDIA PAID" in red and black. 4a is on bluish paper of 1855.

2. QV Era



Toungoo B/181, Promé B/136
Cancellations Davis/Martyn Type 14 and 20.



Rangoon B/156, July 1858 to England via Bombay and Marseilles. Postage 6a.

2. QV Era



Akyab B/5, 4 July, 1901 to Prome Steamer letter.



Akyab duplex cancellation Davis/Martyn Type 19 dated 17 October, 1865 to Calcutta.

2. QV Era



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The story gleaned from the above is that Messrs John Ogilvy Hay & Co. wrote to the address in London barely leaving time to catch an outgoing boat. Knowing that the boat was due to sail with the tide, they applied the adhesives and their cachet, saw the masters or one of the ship's crew, and asked if the letter might be despatched for them at Calcutta or the next port of call, and thereby save perhaps as much as a week in transit.

This is borne out by the fact that all three cancellations are (J.C. type 7)
B/1 of Calcutta



Group of stamps cancelled at Rangoon, B/156

2. QV Era



Rangoon B/156 , Davis/Martyn Type 20 cancellation,
dated July,1867 via calcutta to Whitby, England Postage 13a4p.



Stamps cancelled with 1875 duplex oblirators Davis/Martyn Type 32-34,
R-1 for Rangoon, R-1/1 for Rangoon Cantonment, R-11 for Prome.

2. QV Era



Akyab R-2, Davis/Martyn Type 32 duplex cancellation letter dated 18 mar 1874 to Italy via Suez.
"SEA?POST OFFICE/D/MAR:26. Postage 6a8p"



Mourning letter, Rangoon R-1, dated 18 April, 1874 to London via Calcutta Brindisi, Postage 8a.

2. Qv Era



Moulmein R-8, 23 December, 1876 to Bombay via Calcutta transit.



Rangoon R-1, steamer letter dated 30 July (no year) to Calcutta.

2. QV Era



Pegu dated 18 July, 1879 to London dated 26 August 1879. Postage 5s.
Experimental cancellation Davis/Martyn Type 30.



Registered letter dated 27 July, 1876 cancelled Davis/Martyn Type 30 (variety thinbars),
to Bombay via Calcutta. "STEAMER LETTER/G.P.O./CALCUTTA/AU 1" cds on reverse.

2. QV Era



Moulmein registered letter, cancelled Davis/Martyn Type 30 dated 7 april, 1887 to Bombay. Postage 3a



Registered Prome, 27 june, 1880 to Rangoon.
Registration hand- stamp has no year. Postage 2a6p.

2. QV Era

Experimental P.O. Cancellations



Moulmein, 23 September, 1880 to Cambridge, England dated 20 October.



Rangoon dated 5 April, 1892 with an Experimental cancellations
Davis/Martyn Type 42 to Devakota, Madras state.

2. QV Era

Static P.O. cancellations (Railway Mail/ Military)



Rangoon "R" duplex cancellation Davis/Martyn Type 35
Dated 10 June 1884 to Calcutta.



Origin of this letter uncertain. Cancellation Davis/Martyn Type 36,
backstamp, Bombay 1 december, 1881 to london, 19 december,
1881. Also, frameless T.P.O. cancellation
"N.J. 2UP/2/NOV2" of Bengal Railway.

2. QV Era



Thyetymyo. Davis/Martyn Type 32. Backstamped: Roscrea Sep 20, 1878. Entire cover showing this Post mark – very rare. In 1869 in Thyetymyo population was only 10,000 of which less than 1 percent were European or East Indians.

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1. On H.M.S. Rangoon to Thyetymyo
2. Rangoon to Myitkyo. Both cancelled R-1 duplex.

2. QV Era Military Campaign mail

3rd Burmese War 1885-86



By November, 1885 the king of Burma had surrendered and Mandalay was occupied by the British troops. By the end of march 1886, the Civil Post office had undertaken the functions of the Field Post Office. The Signalling Dept. H.Q. was traditionally a Field Force in Burma. Letter as dated 26 January, 1886.

2. QV Era



Meiktila dated 3. August , 1897 to Thyetmyo 2 September, 1897 via Rangoon. 1897 was the Pacification period at the end of the third Burmese war in 1886. This military Post Card is from some detachment to the H.Q. in Thyetmyo.

Meiktila single circle c.d.s. is Davis/Martyn Type 43, route is down the river to Rangoon.



Military Post Card from Infantry Depot office, pellaveram, dated 30 November, 1894 to Thyetmyo, Burma. Post card send through the sea route.

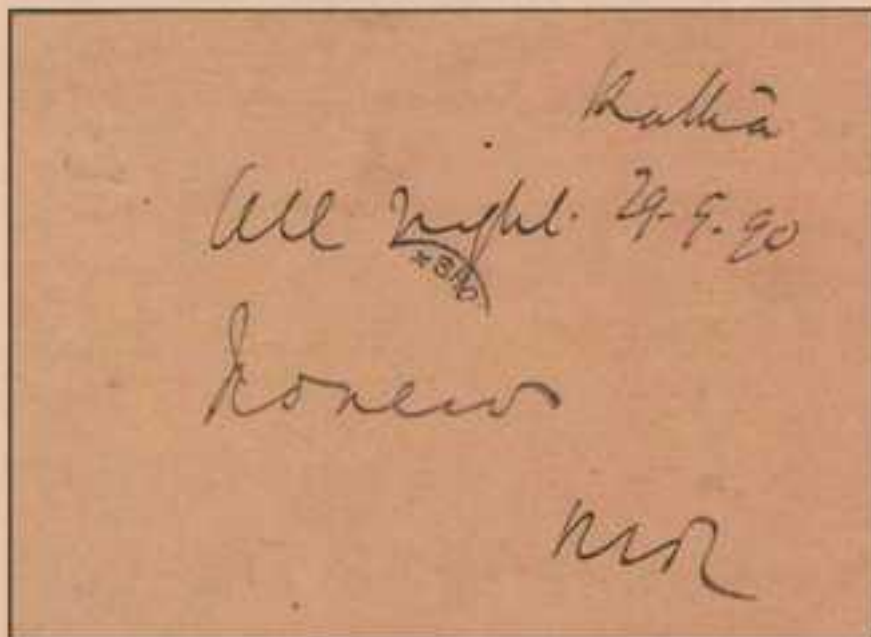
2. QV Era Military Mail

PACIFICATION OF UPPER BURMA

The discovery of a card might suggest that there is evidence of an Expedition.



Message on reverse



Such a laconic message to England could only be from a soldier on active service.

The card must have been sent from Katha by river steamer since the railway service was not completed until 1901.

Military Campaign Mail



During the Siyin-Nwengal rebellion, some 2,600 troops were operating from Fort White, Tiddim and Dimbo. Single line c.d.s. dated 13 August 1892 of Fort WHITE. MONYWA applied to 1a embossed stamp. Transit c.d.s of Rangoon and Fort Bombay, 2 Sep. 1892.

The delay of 11 days was almost certainly due to some military campaign.

2. QV Era

Railway Mail Travelling post Offices Cancellations.



Rangoon - Toungoo section R-1 Davis/Martyn Type 67 c.d.s.
Dispatched 24 April, 1896 destination : England



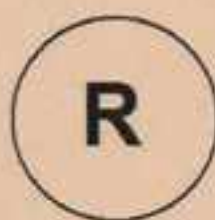
Myitkyin - Naba section R- 27 Davis/Martyn Type 66 c.d.s.
Destination : Dorset, England date not mentioned.

2. QV Era

Static Post offices Cancellation



Registered Rangoon 7 May, 1886 "R" in a circle, to Paris, France, 31 May, 1886. Static P.O. Cancellation "R" is Davis/Martyn type 36.

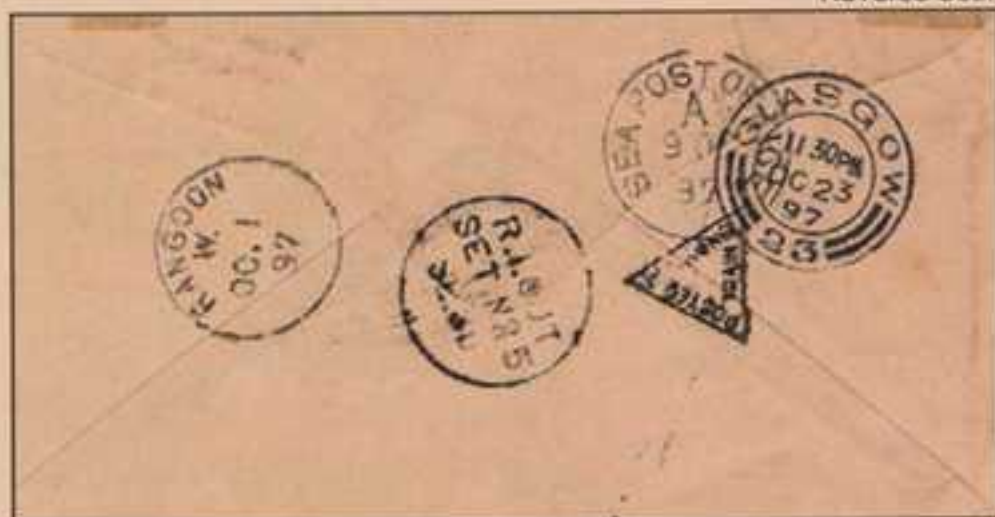


Akyab Registered letter to Rangoon.
Dispatch date 14 May 1887
Received date 18 May 1887
Cancellation "R" Davis/Martyn Type 36

2. QV Era



Reverse Scan



T.P.O. Cancellation, R.1. OUT/SET25/SE30 Davis/Martyn Type 66.
Rangoon-Toungoo section.

Dispatch	Rangoon	1 October, 1897
Received	Glasgow, Scotland	25 October, 1897

"POSTED IN WRONG TRAIN" and "SEA POST OFFICE A /90/97"
on reverse of the cover.

Postage 2a9p. 9p stamp is very scarce on cover.

2. QV Era

Railway Mail Travelling Post Offices Cancellations



Mandalay -Toungoo section R-#, Set 4 From Yamethin 24 July,1891 To Pymmanr 25 July,
Davis/Martyn Type 65 cancellation



Mythyina - Naba section R - 27, set 3, Late use of QV Postal Stationery
Dispatch, 11 november 1910
Received, Dorchester 3 December

2. QV Era

Indian Postal Stationery used in Burma

Wrappers 1895
Types (MJ)

All manik jain



MJ Type W1 Rangoon to Malta 15 February, 1896.



MJ Type W2 Rangoon to London August 1896.

2. QV Era

Post Cards



MJ Type P2 Rangoon dated 21 February, 1891 to Scotland via Bombay.



MJ Type P7 Henzada to Prome 18 July, 1896.

2. QV Era

Post Cards



MJ Type P12 Maymyo 17 november, 1918 to Dorset, England.
Very Late Use



MJ Type 9. Katha 6 January, 1910 to Dorset, England.
Late Use

2. QV Era

Post Cards



MJ Type P7 Akyab 18 August, 1887 to Bombay 23 August.



MJ Type P8. Rangoon Cantonment 21 February, 1891 to Shwebo.
Date inverted and No year variety.

2. QV Era

Post Cards



MJ Type P9 Rangoon cantonment 7 september, 1895 to Bath, England.
Inverted date variety



MJ Type P9. Rangoon Cantonment 24 July, 1899 to Brighton, England.
"SEA POST OFFICE/B/JY 29/99" c.d.s.

2. QV Era

Official Post Cards



MJ Type OP7 Alyotha 21 April, 1897 from Sub-Treasury Office.

On Postal Service
Inter department use



MJ Type PSP1. Registered Rangoon 24 October, 1894. Local delivery.

2. QV Era

On Postal Service



MJ Type PSP1. Rangoon 13 July, 1891 to Mandalay 15 July.
Acknowledgement card.



MJ Type PSP 2. Moulmein 29 August, 1899.
Local delivery.

2. QV Era

Registered Envelopes



MJ Type RL. Registered Rangoon Cant. November 1896 to Nottingham, England via London postage 6a8p.



MJ Type RL 1 Reverse of above example for illustration only. Embossed 2a die not cancelled.

2. QV ERA

Envelopes



MJ Type E3. Prome, 27 October, 1887 to Jacobabad,
Balochistan via Rangoon.
Davis/Martyn Type 31 c.d.s.



MJ Type E 13. Akyab 19 October, 1894 to Calcutta.
Davis/Martyn Type 39 cancellation.

2. QV Era

Envelopes



MJ Types E14, Mohnyin 20 November, 1910 to Donchester, England.
Davis/Martyn Type 45 c.d.s.



MJ Type E15 (Thick Overprint). T.P.O. cancellation R-3
Pynmana-Mandalay section to Hythe, England dated July, 1905.

2. QV Era

Envelopes



MJ Type E-15 Mohnym (Hill Village) 26 August, 1911 to Donchester, England.
Davis/Martyn Type 105 cancellation.



MJ Type 17Mandalay – Toungoo section R-3, set 3.
Despatch 16 January 1897
Received Comrie, Scotland 7 february,
Davis/Martyn Type 66 cancellation.

2. QV Era

Envelopes



MJ Type 15 Henzada 8 May 1896 to London via Rangoon.



MJ Type E-11 Myingyam 4 November, 1909 to Moulmein.
 Davis/Martyn 47c.d.s.



MJ Type E-11. Hhlegu 26 January, 1896 to Thonze.
 Davis/Martyn Type 44 Cancellation.

2. QV Era

Envelopes



MJ Type E-11. Rangoon, 21 November, 1903 to Hamburg, Germany. " SEA POST OFFICE/C/NO. 28/03 on reverse and Hamburg arrival c.d.s. Postage Paid 1a; underpaid. Tax 25 PF to be Paid on arrival.



MJ Type E-13 Rangoon October, 1890 to Calicut. Davis/Martyn Type 38 cancellation.

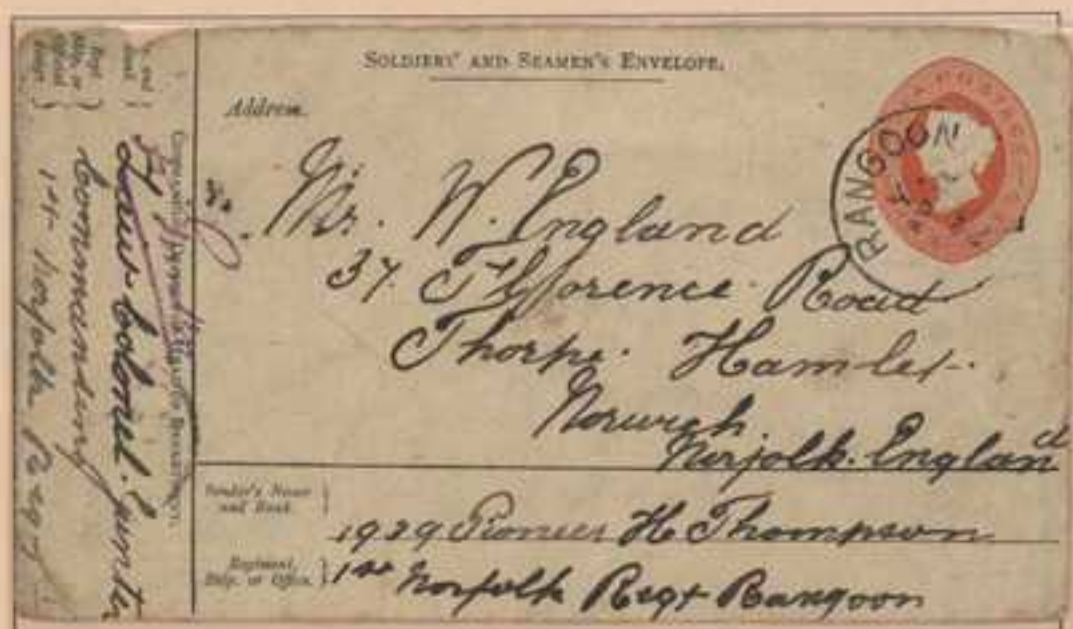
2. QV Era

Envelopes



MJ Type E-15. Fort Dufferin november, 1891 to London, England via Bombay- Brindisi route. "SEA POST OFFICE/4/28 NOV.91" on reverse
Fort Dufferin was Military H.Q. and cantonment (upper Burma)

Military Envelope



MJ Type ME -1 . Rangoon 12 August, 1896 to Norwich, England. Postage 9p.

2. QV Era



Service stamps of QV cancelled at Myaungmya violet cancellation of Treasury (?).

Experimental Post Office



Experimental P.O. r-60, 18 May, 1908 to Dorchester, England 6 June.
Appears to be posted from Hopin as the destination seen from previously shown covers.
Davis/Martyn Type 91 cancellation.

2. QV Era



Rangoon Cantonment c.d.s.



R-1, Rangoon- Toungoo Railway T.P.O.cancellation



Rangoon Secretariat, July 1898 to Chelsea England.
Postage Paid 5a.

2. QV Era

UK - Burma - UK return mail



Dispatch Cardiff, England Feb:1892

Received Rangoon 15 April,1892

Returned London via Bombay 23 April, 1892

Onward : "SEA POST OFFICE/B/28 MA/92"

Return: "SEA POST OFFICE/ A/ Ap.23/92"

3. King Edward VII Era

1902-1910



Minto Mension Rangoon

From Minto Mension Rangoon to Windsor, England.

Then redirected to Murrin, Switzerland. An additional postage 1½d.
Paid in England for this service. This is a very rare Burma
cancellation and the origin of this cover.



Reverse Scan

3. KE VII Era



Camp Post Office
H.R.H. Governor General's Camp P.O. 8 January, 1902 to Bombay.
This is a rare Burma cancellation.



Registered letter from a village P.O. Mupun Burma.

Dispatched 29 September, 1910
Received London 22 October
Locally Printed Registration label.

3. KE VII Era



Picture Post Card. Rangoon R.M.S., 3 December, 1917
Davis/Martyn Type 72 (Variance) cancellation to England.

Underpaid Mail, ½d. Postage taxed on delivery.



Military Depot P.O. Maymyo Registered to
Nim-Ka-Thana, Dist Jeypore, Rajasthan.

Dispatch
Received

7 January, 1908
15 January

Postage 3½ a

3. KE VII Era

Rangoon Cantonment Cancellation



Rangoon Cantonment Type 1 cancellation. Addressed to London dated 28 October, 1910.



Type 2



Rangoon Cantonment Type 3 cancellation 3 July, 1907 to England.

3. KE VII Era



Stamps of KE VII used in Burma



Rangoon Cantonment cancellation Type 3.

3. KE VII Era



Stamps of KE VII used in Burma



Rangoon - Cantonment Type 4 Cancellation
Addressed to London , 17 March, 1861.

Under paid Mail Taxed 1d on arrival.



MJ Type 18
Dispatch
Received

Hopin
Dorset, England

24 October, 1914



MJ Type 18.

Both from Mohnyin to Dorset.

4. KGV Era

World War 1 Censorship Marks
1914-1918



Rangoon R.M.S./ Sorting davis/Martyn Type 72(variance)
"PASSED BY CENSOR/RANGOON" censormark Davis/Martyn Type 57.

Received Dispatch 11 February, 1916
Boston, Mass U.S.A.

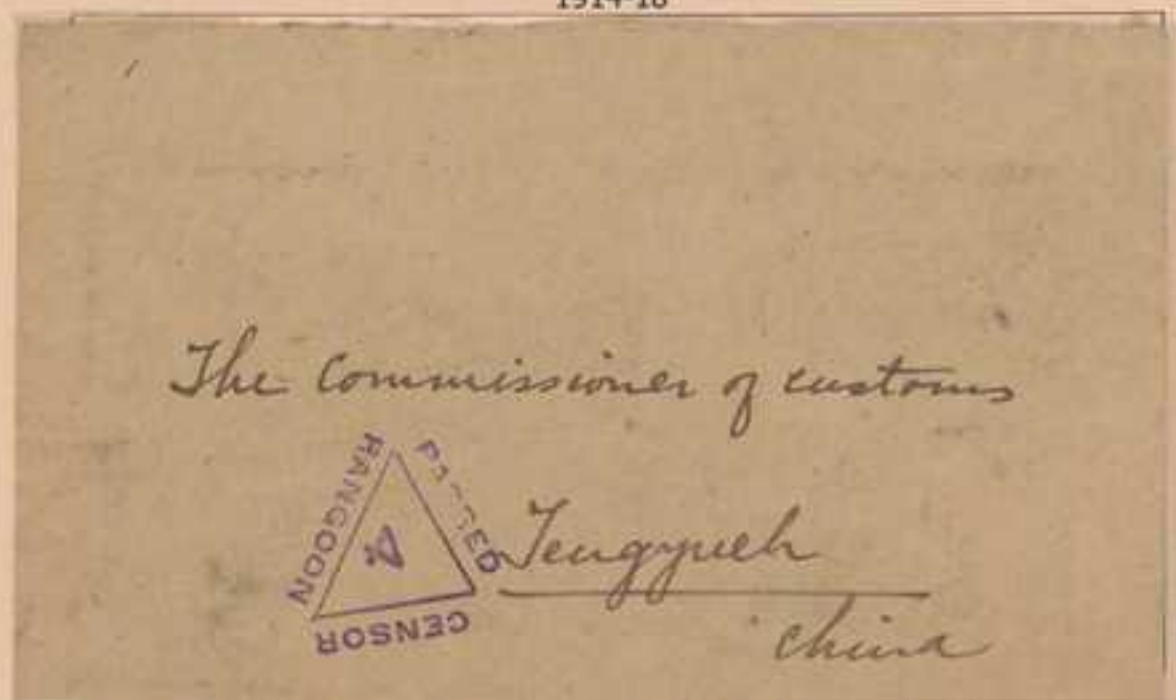


Rangoon R.M.S./ SET1 T.P.O. Cancellation
"PASSED CENSOR/RANGOON" censormark Davis/Martyn Type 58.

Destination Boston, U.S.A. Dispatch 8 January, 1916

4. KGV Era

World War 1 Censorship Mark
1914-18



1916 WW1 cover from Rangoon G.P.O. to Teng yueh, China.

On front there is a Censormark, " PASSED/CENSOR/RANGOON"

Davis/Martyn Type 58A. Transit mark Bharno indicates that the cover went via the Burma Road.
Dispatch Rangoon 23 October, 1916

Receipt Teng Yueh 2 November, 1916



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon
Teng Yueh

25 October, 1916
5 November, 1916

PASSED CENSOR RANGOON 3
3 means posted at Bhamo

4. KGV Era

World War 1 Censor Marks
1914-18



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon
Teng Yueh,China

20 September,1916
October,1916

Passed by CENSOR/RANGOON Davis/Martyn Type 58
Transit via Bhamo aand the Burma Road.



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon 21
Teng Yueh,China

November,1916
7 December,1916

PASSED CENSOR RANGOON 1. 1 means posted at BHAMO and went through via Burma Road.
Davis/Martyn Type 58A Censor mark.

4. KGV Era

World War 1 Censor Marks

1814-18



AHLONE Davis/Martyn Type 61 c.d.s.

Dispatch Ahlone 4 February, 1915
Received Chicago, USA 23 March,

OPENED BY CENSOR Pink label Davis/Martyn Type 57A.
Label tied by "RANGOON R.M.S./SOR/5 FEB, 15/3-P.M./SET 1"

Davis/Martyn Type 74.

Although Ahlone is close to Rangoon, such covers are extremely scarce bearing this cancellation along with Censor label.

4. KGV Era

World War 1 Censor Marks
1914-18



BHAMO Davis/Martyn Type 61B cancellation
Dispatch Bhamo 14 March, 1915
Received California, U.S.A. 7 April
OPENED BY CENSOR LABEL Davis /Martyn Type 57A.
PASSED CENSOR/BOMBAY/11 handstamp.



4. KGV Era

Postal Stationary
Wrappers



MJ Type W3. De La Rue Printing.

Rangoon 12 May, 1934 to Mattarasankotal, S.India.



4. KGV Era
Post Cards

Issued 1912



MJ Type P 19

Dispatch
Received

Myitkyina
Dorset, England

22 August, 1913
14 September

Myitkyina was a northern terminus of railway from Mandalay.



MJ Type P19

Mandalay Rly. Stn

Dispatch
Received

Mandalay Rly. Stn.
England

24 July, 1921
?

Rare use of NINE PIES adhesive from Burma.

4. KGV Era
Postcards

Issued 1921-22



MJ Type P24

Variety: Serif of "1" missing.

Dispatch
Received

Akyab
Jaipur

29 March, 1928
11 April, 1928

Surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ over $\frac{1}{4}$ A, 20 different types of overprints exist, excluding errors.



MJ Type P24

Dispatch
Received

Akyab
Sree Madhopour

1922
29 Oct, 1922

4. KGV Era
Postcards

Issued 1925-26



MJ Type P36

Dispatch
Received

Rangoon
Churu, Rajputana

26 March, 1932
2 April

"USE THE AIR MAIL SAVE TIME" Slogan Postmark.



MJ Type P37

Dispatch
Received

Rangoon
Jhun-Jhunu

22 September, 1927
28 September

4. KGV Era
Postcards

Issued February, 1932



MJ Type P41

Dispatched
Received

Monywa
Jhun-Jhunu

11 September, 1935
September, 1935



MJ Type P41

Dispatched
Received

Monywa
Jhun-Jhunu

20 September, 1933
29 September, 1933

"TELEPHONE SAVES TIME AND MONEY" slogan Postmark.

4. KGV Era
Postcards

Issued 1912



MJ Type RL7

Dispatch
Received

Rangoon Cantonment
Varna, Bulgaria

10 November, 1921
December, 1921

Sent via Trieste, received on 6 December Postage; Registration 2a, Postage 4a.



MJ Type RL6

Dispatch
Received

Kyalikat
London

21 October, 1913
14 November, 1913

Postage: Registration 2a, Postage 1a

4. KGV Era
Registered Envelopes

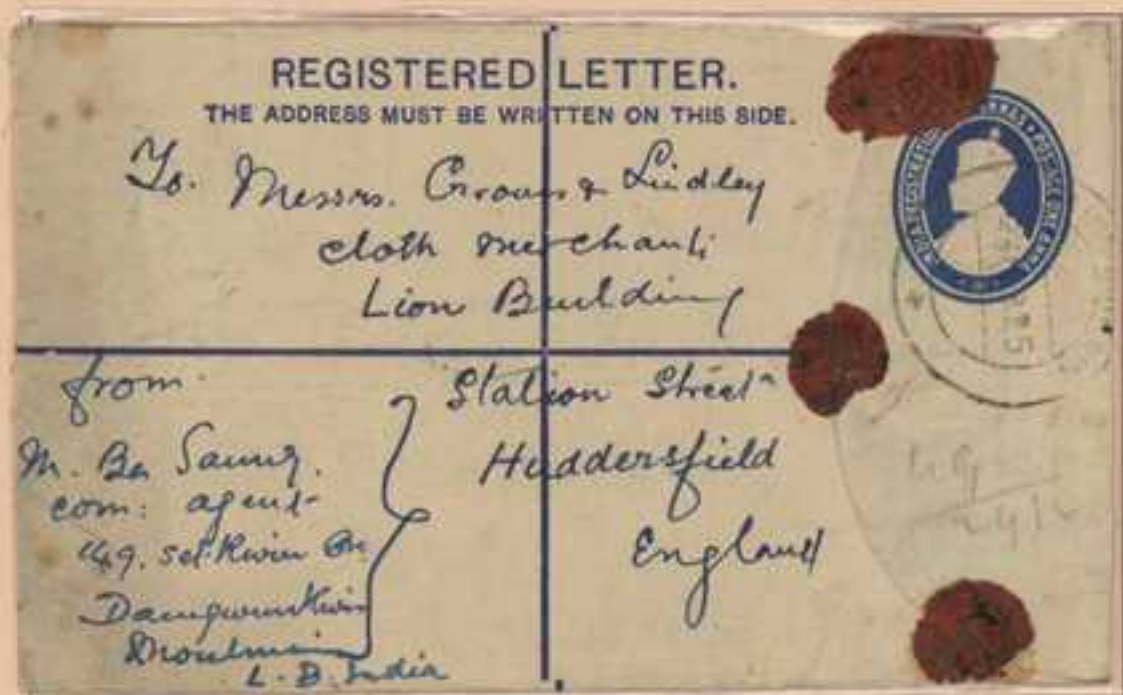


MJ Type RL7
Dispatch
Received

Myitkyma
Huddersfield, England

February, 1922
26 February

Postage Registration 2a, postage 2a.



MJ Type RL7

Dispatch
Received

Daingwunkwin (Amhursa)
Huddersfield, England

24 February, 1925
March, 1925

Very rare origin of this Registered letter and village P.O.



MJ Type Not Recorded
Dispatch
Received

Rangoon Cantonment
Richmond, England
Postage: Registration 2a, Postage 1a9p.

13 January, 1930
1 February, 1930

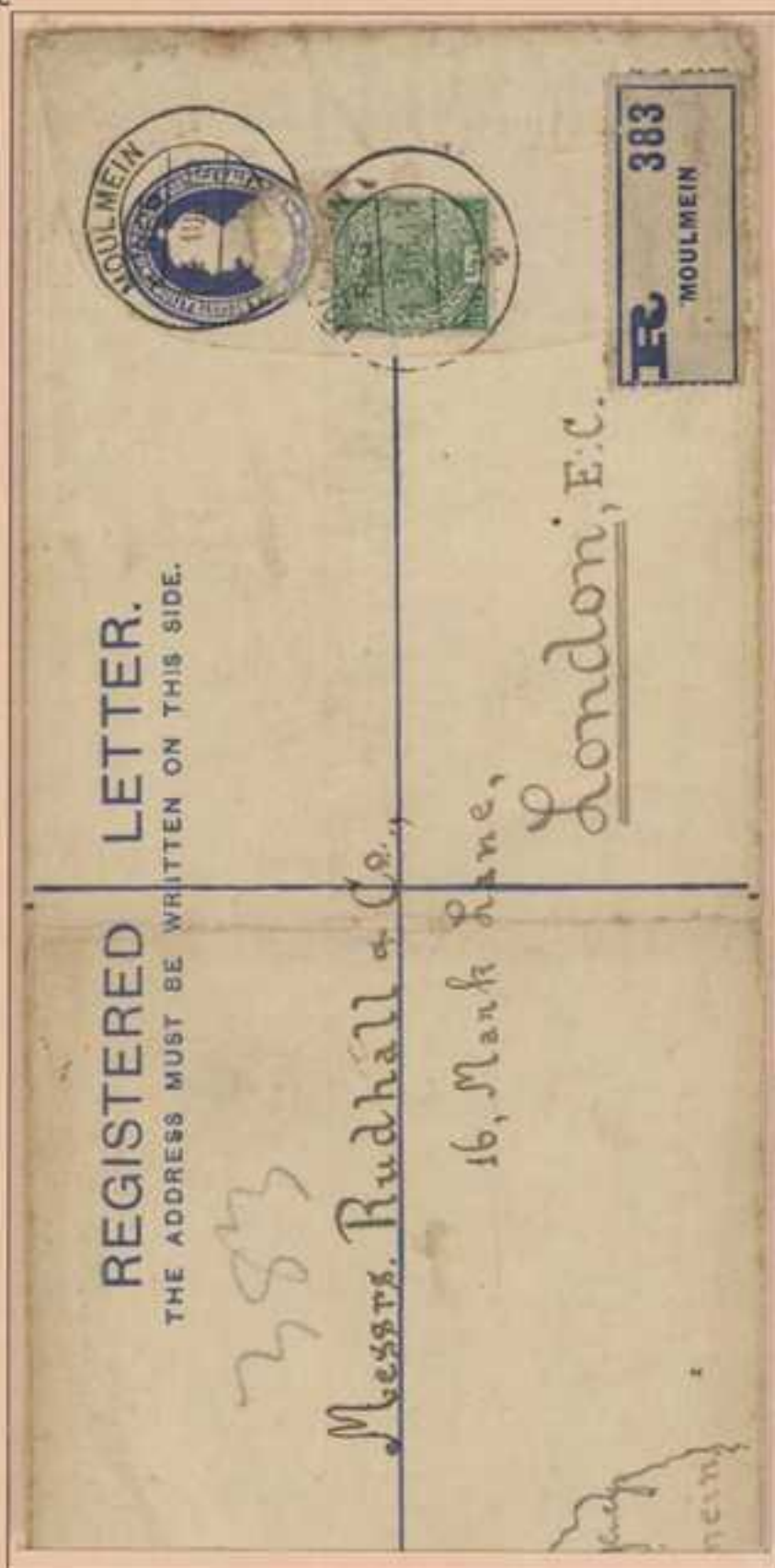


Nattalin 7 July, 1932 to Rangoon (East). Postage 14a3p.

4. KGV Era

Registered Envelope

MJ Type RL9



Moulmein 14 August, 1937
London 23 August
Embossed Registration 2a, Postage 1/2a.

4. KGV Era

Registration Envelopes

Issued April, 1932



MJ Type RL 18

Dispatch
Received

KYKIKTO
Northampton, England

17 July, 1933
10 August

Postage: Registration 3a, Postage 2a6p.

4. KGV Era
Envelopes

Issued 1921



MJ Type E27

Surcharged 1a on 1/2 a

Dispatch
Received

Bhama
Rangoon

17 may, 1924
19 May



MJ Type 29

Dispatch
Received

Thanton
Huddersfield, England

12 June, 1926
June 1926

4. KGV Era
Envelopes

Issued 1922-36



MJ Type E31

Dispatch
Received

Surati Bazar, Moulmein
Mussooree

January, 1935
14 January, 1925

Note : c.d.s. Moul Mein for Moulmein.



Dispatch
Received

Eindawya
Calcutta

12 August, 1936
17 August

4. KGV Era

AIRMAIL TO AND FROM BURMA
Used in Burma with 1929 AIRMAIL Stamps Of India



"First AIRMAIL BURMA-ENGLAND" cachet Davis/Martyn Type 111.
 Dispatch Rangoon 30 April, 1931
 Received Croydton 10 May
 On reverse, signed by Stephen Smith in black ink.



Rangoon-Karachi-London, 2 October, 1933. Davis/Martyn Type cachet.
 Type 112 on back of cover. Postage 81/2 a.
 " USE THE AIRMAIL AND SAVE TIME" Slogan.

4. KGV Era
AIRMAIL



Dispatch (Registered)
Received

Maymyo
Manchester

28 February, 1931
March 1931

Postage 11a6p.



Dispatch
Received

Maymyo
Manchester

15 December, 1932
23 December

Postage 8a6p

MAYMYO ALEXANDERA BARRACKS

4. KGV Era
AIRMAIL



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon University
Cambridge

10 November, 1931

Scarce Rangoon University Cancellation



Dispatch
Received

Bassein
Newcastle-on-Tyne

3 April 1935

"SUPPORT THE JUBILEE FUND" Slogan in a box Davis/Martyn Type cachet 62a.

4. KGV Era
AIRMAIL



MJ Type AE1

Stationery cover

Issued February, 1930

Dispatch
Received

Tharrawadi
Manchester

18 November, 1931
November, 1931



Dispatch
Received

Yenangaung
Manchester

8 November, 1932
25 November, 1932

Transit Karachi 16 November, 1932

4. KGV Era
AIRMAIL



Dispatch
Received

Secretariat-Rangoon
London

14 December, 1932
4 January, 1933



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon Cantonment
Oxford

18 March, 1936

4. KGV Era
AIRMAIL

INAUGURAL AIR MAIL SERVICE
INDIA OUT GOING MAIL
Rangoon-London Akyab-London



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon G.P.O.
London

1 October, 1935

"Slogan Cache" USE THE AIRMAIL AND SAVE TIME" " FIRST AIRMAIL, RANGOON, 2 OCTOBER, '33"
Pictorial cachet Davis/Martyn Type 22



Dispatch
Received

Akyab
London

2 October, 1933

4. KGV Era

Inaugural Inward Airmail
London-Rangoon London- Akyab

AIRMAIL



Dispatch
Received



London F.S.
Rangoon



23 September, 1933
1 October, 1933



Dispatch
Received

London F.S.
Akyab

23 September, 1933
1 October, 1933

4. KGV Era

Rangoon-Calcutta First Flight



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon
Calcutta

20 January, 1931
24 January, 1931

Signature of Stephen Smith on reverse.



Dispatch
Received

Akyab
Calcutta

17 November, 1932
21 November

Signature of Stephen Smith on reverse
Flight detail on red label affixed (arrow)

4. KGV Era
AIRMAIL



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon
London

9 April, 1934

Slogan Postmark " AVOID SMALLPOX BY VACCINATION"
Bilingual- English and Burmese. Davis/Martyn Type 62H.



Dispatch
Received

Akyab
Bournemouth, England

26 January, 1935

4. KGV Era

1931 Inauguration of New Delhi
1937 Silver Jubilee stamps used in Burma



Dispatch
Received

Bawdigo
Harpenden, England

9 November, 1935

Very scarce village office in the Mandalay area.



Dispatch
Received

Prome
Liverpool, England

11 August, 1935
3 September, 1935

4. KGV Era



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon Cantonment
Windsor, England

5 June, 1935



Dispatch
Received

Rangoon University
Hythe, England

17 August, 1935

4.KGV Era



Dispatch
Received

East Rangoon
Stour Bridge, England

March 1931



Dispatch
Received

Mingladon
Canterbury

21 March, 1937

4.KGV Era



Dispatch
Received

Mandalay R.S.
Cheltenham

8 February, 1927

Under Paid Mail Taxed. 1d. On arrival.
Two types of postage due marks of Mandalay

Type1 (DM Type 83)

Type2 (DM Type 84)



Akyab 23 December, 1935 to Gt. Dover, England.

UNION OF BURMA 1 APRIL, 1937

British Administration From Rangoon

Phase 1 1937 - 42, 1942 - 45 Japanese Occupation
Phase 2 1945 - 48 End of British Administration.

1937, 1 April

King George V



First Day Cancellation, 1 April, 1937 Rangoon G.P.O.



1926-33 Series of India overprinted BURMA (3ps- 25Rs)

Multi star Wmk Paper

1926-33 Series of India overprinted BURMA (3ps- 25Rs)

Multi star Wmk Paper



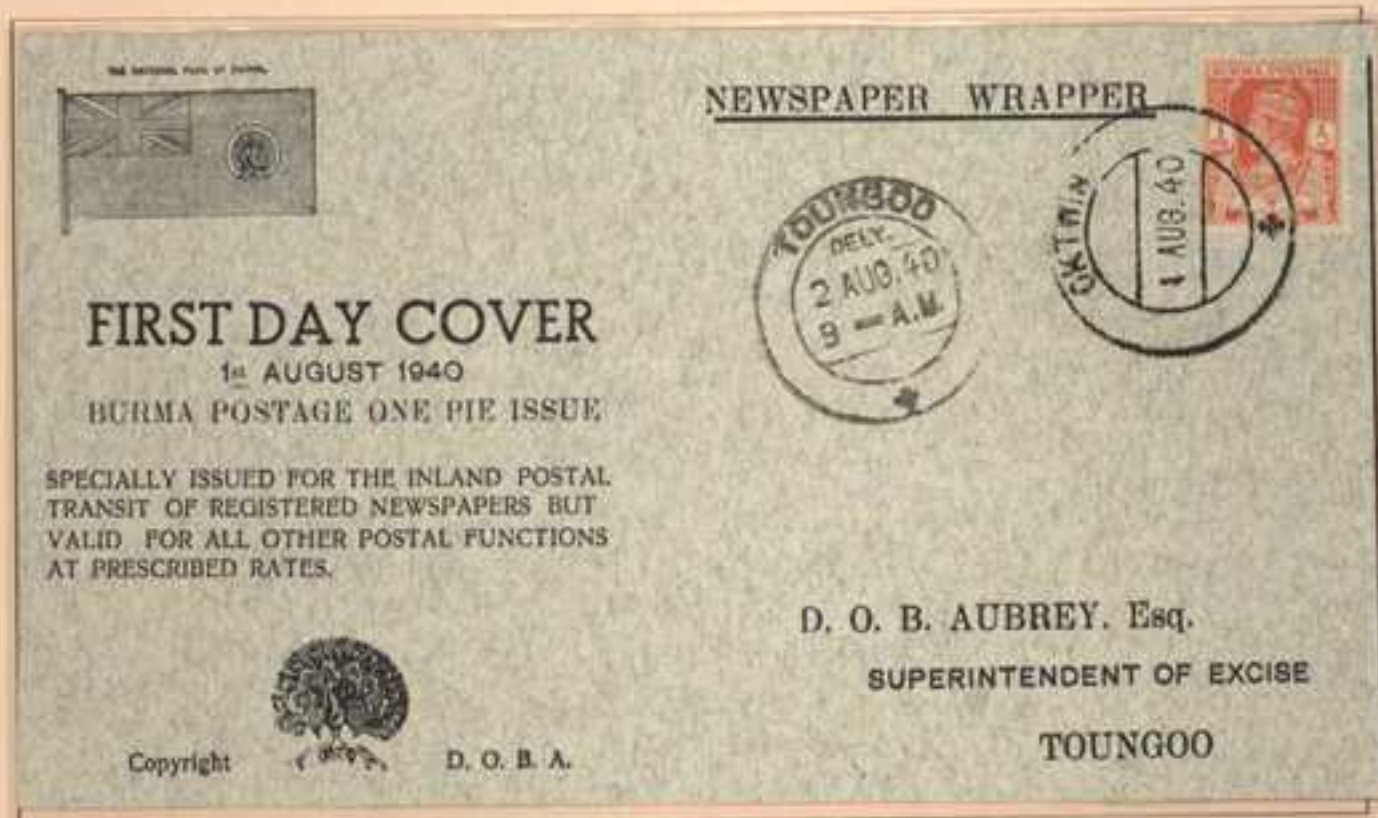
1937, 1 April India opd. Burma

1940

King George VI

Issued 1 August, 1940
Nasik press printing

First Series: Multiple Elephant Heads Wmk paper



First Day Cover. 1st August, 1940 to Toungoo.

Centenary of First Postage Stamp

Commemorative Stamp
1940 Issue over printed and Surcharged 1a.



First Day cancellation, Rangoon G.P.O. 6 May, 1940
1939 - 45 World War II Censored Mail.



Base P.O. Rangoon, December 1941
"OPENED BY EXAMINER, 8963" label tied.
Censor stamp obscured by the label.

British Military Administration

1940 Series overprinted MILI ADMN
3P – 10R



Stamps overprinted Interim Government

3P - 10R
1st October 1947



Burmese Interim Government

Overprinted Service
1947
3P - 10R



British Interim Government

Overprinted 1 October, 1947



AIRMAIL Covers to London, England.

British Interim Government Overprints

1947



Rangoon - London Air Mail letters, 1947.

Union Of Burma

First Independence Issue

1949

3P - 10R



Union Of Burma

1949 Independence Issue

Overprinted Service

3P - 10R

