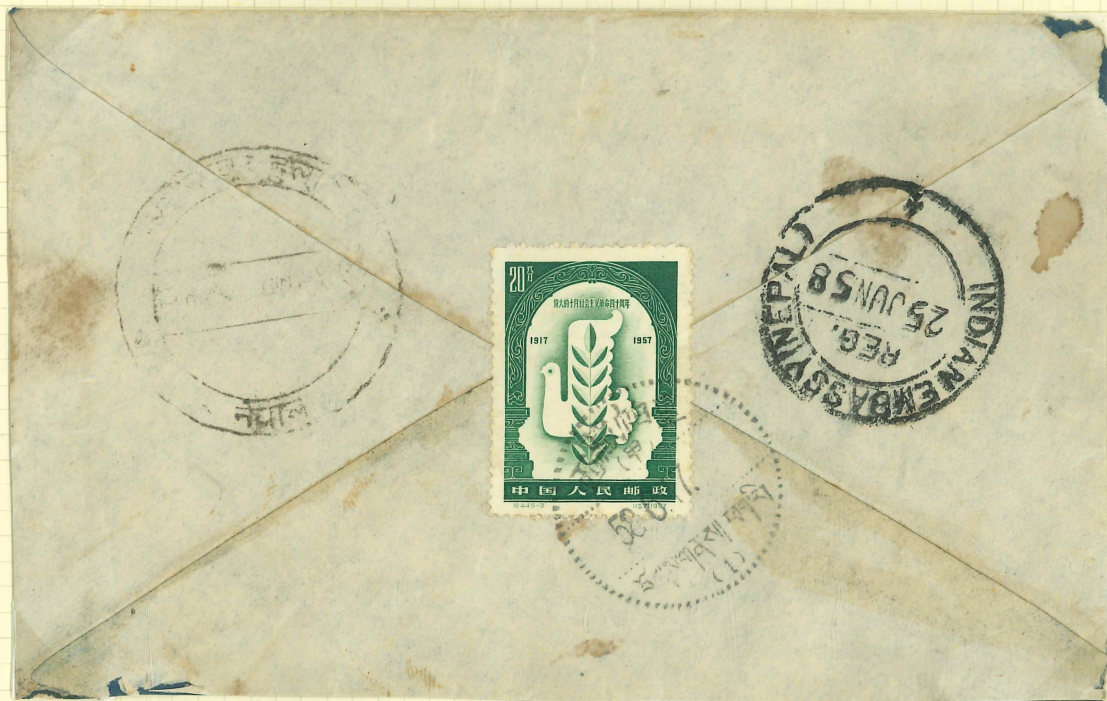


TYPE C6

Type C6 is very similar to type C5 but larger, having a diameter of about 29-30 mm and a circumference of smaller dots. The top arc contains an inscription in Chinese characters, with the two left hand characters signifying Tibet and the remainder the town name. In the bottom arc is an inscription in Tibetan, the characters to the left of the vertical line are common to all postmarks and those to the right indicate the town name. In some cases there is a number added, in English in the lower arc and Chinese in the upper arc.



A cover from PHARISONG cancelled with type C6 postmark dated 17 JUNE 1958. The time has been omitted. Note the figure 1 below the two inscriptions. This Registered letter took 8 days to reach KATHMANDU.

In addition to PHARISONG, type C6 postmarks are known from the towns of GYANTSE, SHIGATSE and YATUNG.

GYANTSE C-6

A cover from GYANTSE to KALIMPONG, India, cancelled with the type c6 postmark of GYANTSE dated 7 JUNE 1956, with a type c11 transit mark of YATUNG dated 11 JUNE 1956 and a KALIMPONG arrival mark dated 13 JUNE 1956.



It is interesting that the type c6 postmark of GYANTSE is not recorded by HAVERBECK, C.W. CHIU or A.C. WATERFALL, the more surprising as this cover shows it was in use certainly as early as JUNE 1956. Although the crucial part of the postmark has the YATUNG postmark superimposed on it there can be no mistaking the Tibetan characters for GYANTSE at the right of the bottom arc: གཡང་མེ་

PHARISONS. C-6

A cover from PHARISONS, addressed to KAMIMPONG, cancelled with the type C6 postmark dated 7 JULY 1955. On reverse is a type C11 transit mark of YATONG, dated 11 JULY 1955 and on front a KAMIMPONG arrival mark dated 13 JULY 1955



From early 1955 up to about 1964 type C6 was the only postmark used at PHARISONS. It always has the figure (1) in English in the bottom one and in Chinese below the Chinese inscription. The hour of posting is either absent or, as in this case, takes the form of what would appear to be a simple slug although it may possibly be a Chinese character which never reproduces clearly.

SHIGATSE C-6

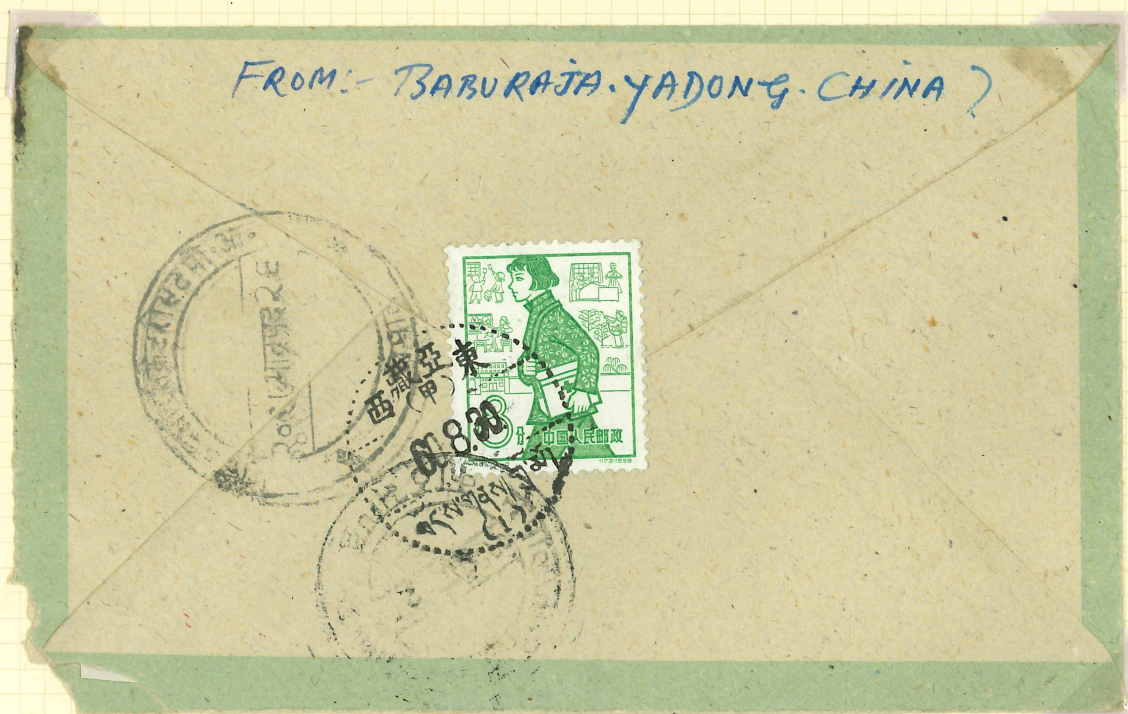
Two covers from SHIGATSE cancelled with type c6 postmark with figure (1) in English in lower arc and in Chinese below Chinese inscription.



Both these covers have a bar between the time and the day. Note that in the upper cover the year (58) is inverted and the figure 3 is from a larger font of type than the remaining figures.

YATUNG C-6

A cover from YATUNG addressed to KATHMANDU, Nepal. Note that the sender gives his address as "YADONG, CHINA", no mention being made of Tibet.



This cover has a very clear strike of the YATUNG type C 6 postmark dated 30 AUG 1960. Up to about 1960 the date is usually found centralised and without an hour of posting.

The YATUNG type C 6 postmark has the number (1) in the lower arc in English and below the Chinese inscription - YATUNG TIBET - in Chinese.

YATUNG C-6 VARIANTS

Two covers from YATUNG addressed to LAXITPUR, Nepal, and cancelled with the type c6 postmark, the upper cover dated 23 JUNE 1962 and the lower cover dated 11 (or 18?) APRIL 1962.



Both these postmarks have the date including the time of posting - in both cases 16 (4 pm). In the upper postmark there is a bar between the hour and day, and again between the month and year. In the lower postmark there are three bars, one separating each set of figures.