

TYPE C7

Type C7 is the last of the dotted cancellations. The internal diameter is normally 25 mm but the postmark of TSELAH is 26 mm and those of SENCHINI and the MOBILE POST OFFICE 27 mm. All inscriptions are in Chinese, Tibet in the top arc and the town name in the bottom arc. There is sometimes additionally a number, in either Chinese or English, in the lower arc.



A postal stationery cover from SYANTSE cancelled with type C7 postmark dated 27 MARCH 1958. Note the bar between the time and date.

The use of type C7 cancellations was fairly widespread. They are known from LHASA, the towns of SYANTSE and SHISATSE and about a dozen villages as well as the MOBILE POST OFFICE

GYANTSE C-7

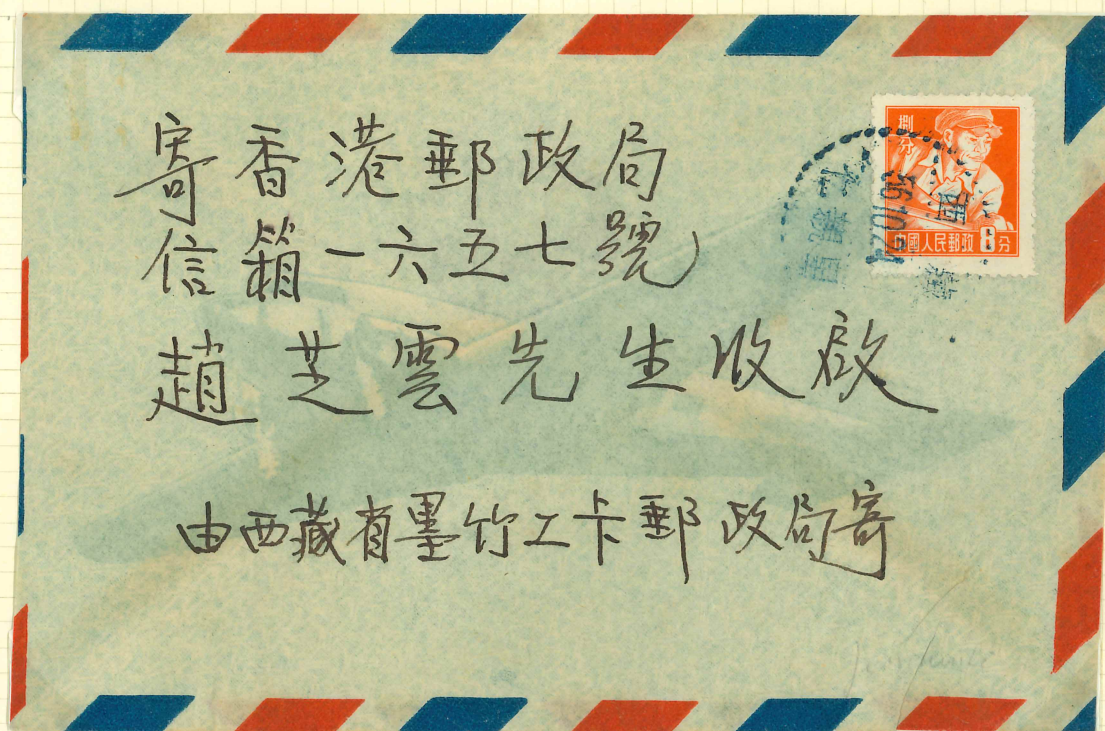
A cover from GYANTSE to KALIMPONG, India, cancelled with the type C7 postmark of GYANTSE dated 13 MAY 1956. There is a type C11 transit mark of YATUNG dated 18 MAY 1956 and a KALIMPONG arrival mark dated 21 MAY 1956



The type C7 postmark has the Chinese characters for TIBET in the top arc and for the town, in this case GYANTSE, in the lower arc. It is also known with a bar in the date bridge between the hour of posting and the day.

JENCHINLI

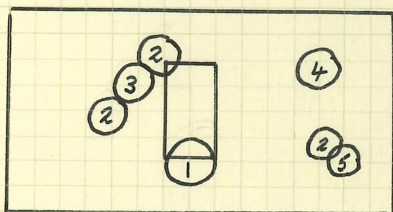
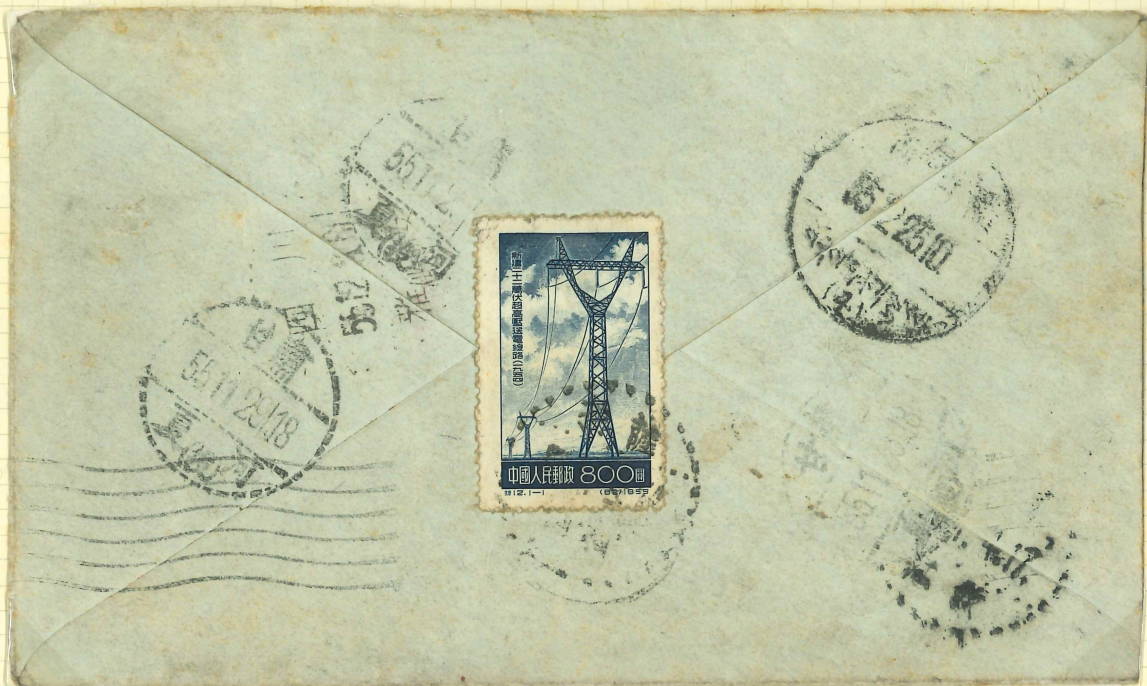
JENCHINLI lies about 140 miles East of LHASA on the old Silk Road. It is the new name given to the old village of MEDASONKUR.



This cover from JENCHINLI is cancelled with the type C7 postmark in blue dated 24 OCT 1956. This postmark is also known struck in violet.

The internal diameter of the type C7 postmark is normally around 25 mm but varies slightly; the JENCHINLI postmark is the largest, having a diameter of 27 mm.

LHASA C5 + C9(4)



An interesting cover with a variety of postmarks that appears to tell a strange story. The cover is addressed to GYANTSE and the senders address is given as LHASA.

The stamp is cancelled with the type C5 postmark of LHASA ① - date indeterminate but probably NOVEMBER 1955. Next there are three strikes of an unknown Chinese transit mark ② dated 29 NOVEMBER 1955 - this postmark is definitely not Tibetan. Then comes a transit strike of YAKIANG ③, in SZECHWAN Province, dated 8 DECEMBER 1955. Perhaps here it was realised the letter was travelling in the wrong direction and it was returned Westwards for the next strike is a type C9 of LHASA(4) ④ dated 25 DECEMBER 1955. (This strike is different from the normal LHASA(4) in many respects, for instance the (4) is over 5 mm wide instead of the normal 3½ mm.) Finally there is a type C7 arrival postmark of GYANTSE ⑤ dated 4 (probably JANUARY 1956).

Or is there a better story to fit these postmarks?

PIEMPA

On the old Silk Road about halfway between TAICH and CHAMDO lies the village of PIEMPA



This cover from PIEMPA is cancelled with the type C7 postmark dated 2 SEPT 1956. On reverse is a pictorial postmark dated 1 OCT 1956.

It is perhaps ironic that this letter from a village in the middle of the old Silk Road should be franked with a Chinese stamp from the set to celebrate the completion of the new TIBET-TSINGHAI and TIBET-SIKANG highways. The stamp shows the scenes of rejoicing in LHASA.

SHIGATSE C-7

The upper of these 2 covers is cancelled with the type C7 postmark of SHIGATSE dated 18 AUGUST 1956 and carries a type C11 transit mark of YATUNG dated 24 AUGUST 1956 and a KAXIMPONG arrival mark of 27 AUGUST.



收信人地址: TO HAKIM SUBASAHEB RANGANATH. U.D.

GORKHA OFFICE

收信人姓名:

P.O. GYANTSE TIBET, CHINA.

寄信人地址姓名:

The lower cover is a printed envelope and the stamp is cancelled with the SHIGATSE type C7 postmark dated 3 JAN 1957 repeated on the back; note that there is no hour of posting and the date is shown as: "5.7.1.3." There is also a type C7 arrival postmark of GYANTSE dated 7 JAN 1957.

POMI DISTRICT

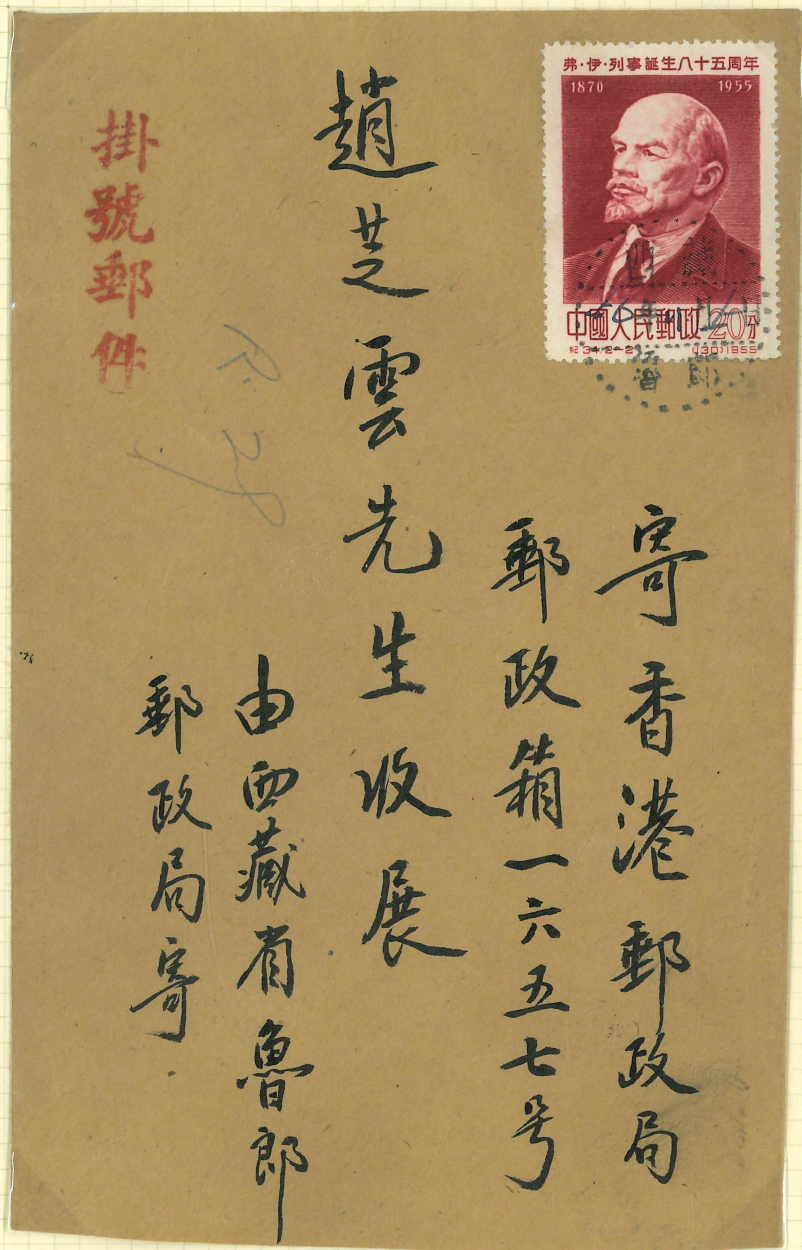
The Pomi District is roughly the area lying between the Old Silk Road and the new Lorry Road between TAICHUNG and CHANGDE.



This cover from the Pomi District is cancelled with the type C7 postmark dated 22 5AM 1956 with the number (3) in the lower arc

RULANG

This is probably the RULANG to the West of KHASA between NANGARTSE and GYANTSE



This cover is cancelled with the type C7 postmark of RULANG; it is different from all other C7 postmarks in that it has Chinese characters for day, month and year in the bridge and the date in Chinese

The 4 letter red mark is a Registration mark as is the manuscript "R27" repeated on reverse. Also on reverse are the remains of an acknowledgement of receipt slip.

掛號郵件

趙芝雲先生收展

寄香港郵政局
郵政箱一六五七號

由西藏省魯郎
郵政局寄

TSELAM

At the southernmost point of the new lorry road, on the northern bank of the ISANGS Po river is the village of TSELAM. Before the lorry road was built TSELAM was not on a mail route.

This cover from TSELAM is cancelled with the type C7 postmark dated 27 SEPT 1955. In the bottom arc is the number (2) in Chinese (=).



趙
成和道十四號地下
雲先生
香港跑馬地