

LHASA C9(2)

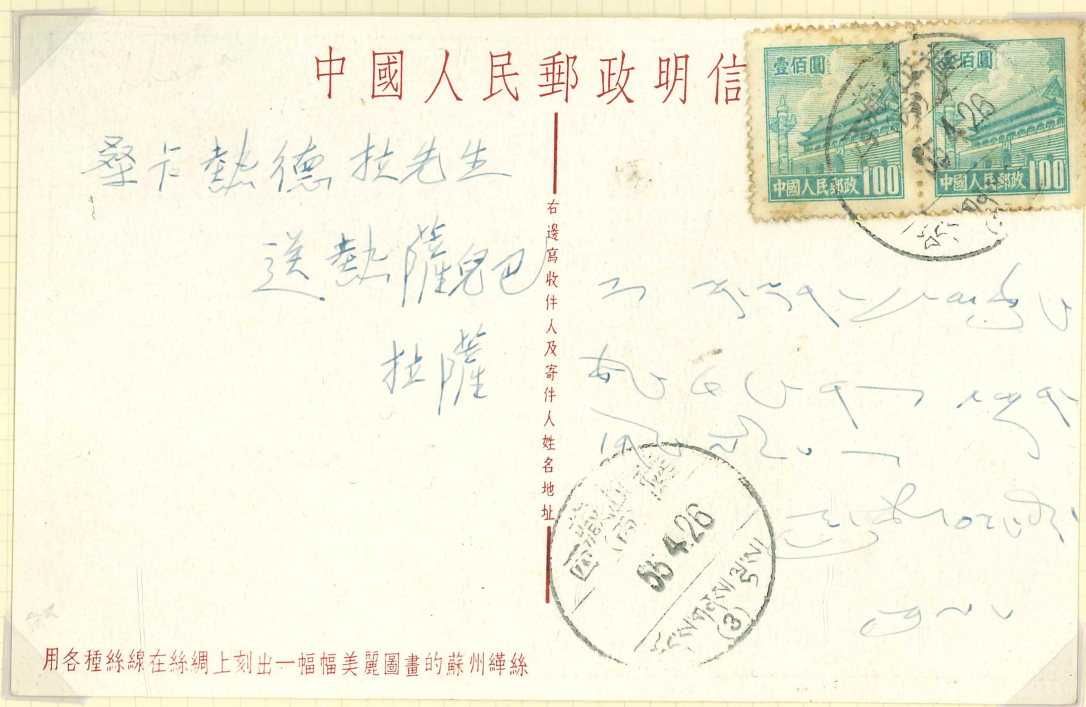
A cover from LHASA addressed to KALIMPONG, India, cancelled with the LHASA type C9(2) postmark dated 10 JUNE 1955



On reverse is a type C11 transit strike of YATUNG dated 14 JUNE 1955; on front is a KALIMPONG arrival mark dated 27 JUNE 1955.

LHASA C9(3)

A Tibetan picture postcard cancelled with 2 strikes of the LHASA type C9(3) postmark dated 26 APRIL 1955



LHASA C9(4)

A registered cover from LHASA addressed to KATHMANDU and cancelled with the LHASA type C9(4) postmark dated 28 APRIL 1959. There is also a Nepalese transit mark and a KATHMANDU arrival mark dated 21 MAY 1959.



There appear to be two completely different types of the LHASA type C9(4) postmark. The main differences are:-

- a. Chinese inscription in a straight line
 - b. (4) measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm overall
 - c. (4) $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm from base of circle
- } as on cover above

whilst the other type has:-

- a. Chinese inscription follows contour of circle
- b. (4) measures 5 mm overall
- c. (4) practically sits on base of circle.

SHETANG

A few miles East of LHASA a road branches South East off the old Silk Road; at the end of this road, on the South side of the TSANG Po river lies the village of SHETANG.



A cover from SHETANG with type C9 postmark dated 27 DEC 1959 struck in reddish violet. In the bottom arc is the number (1), and the Chinese figure 1 under the Chinese inscription at top. On reverse is another similarly dated strike of this postmark but struck in black and a Chinese arrival mark dated 12 JAN 1960

SHIGATSE C9 variations



Three variations on the SHIGATSE type C9 postmark found during 1961 and 1962.

From
Uusomgye, Tibet
Shigatse (T)

To
"REGISTERED"

R NO.0674



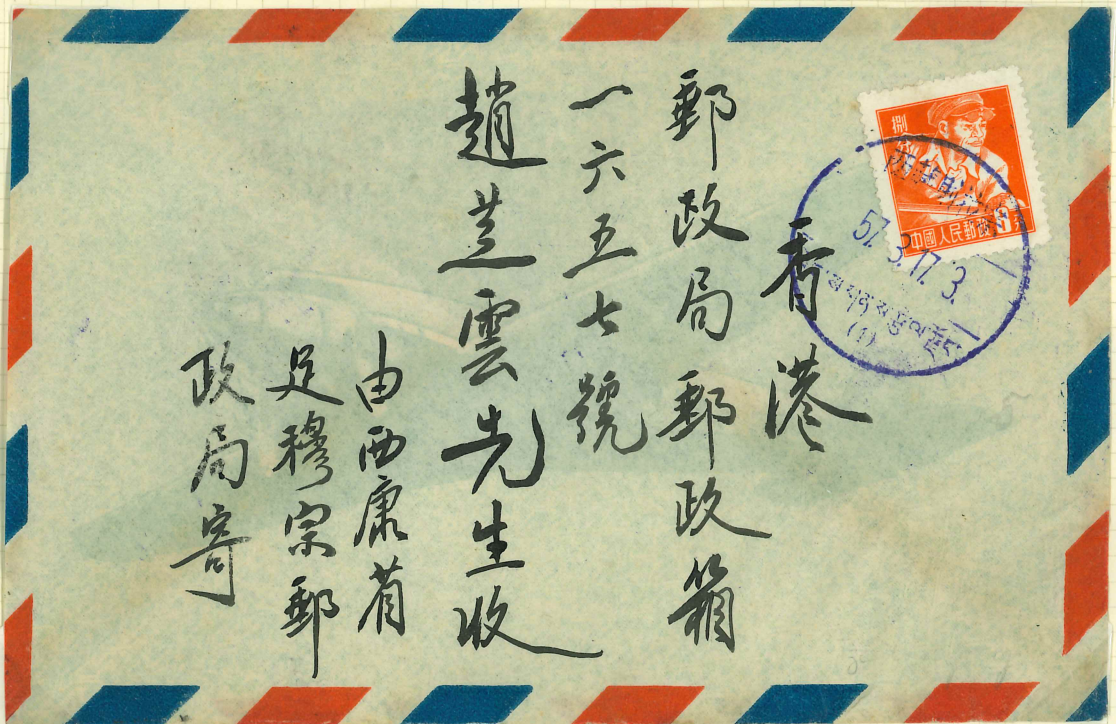
Sahu Tejendra Shakya
3 1/2 Mile - Kalimpong
(Dist.) Darjeeling



The top cover, dated 18 MAY 1961 has a bar between month and year; the centre cover, dated 9 AUGUST 1961 has a bar between the hour and the day, and the bottom cover has no bars but stops between each group of figures including between 19 and 62 in the date 18 AUGUST 1962.

TSELAM C9

TSELAM lies at the most Southernly point of the new horry Road, on the North bank of the TSANG Po river.



This cover from TSELAM has a very clear strike of the type C9 postmark dated 17 MARCH 1957 and struck in violet. In the lower arc is the figure (1) but there is no corresponding Chinese figure in the upper arc. The postmark is also known struck in black.

On reverse is a Chinese arrival mark dated, in a mixture of Chinese and English figures 2 Apr 1957

TYPE C9

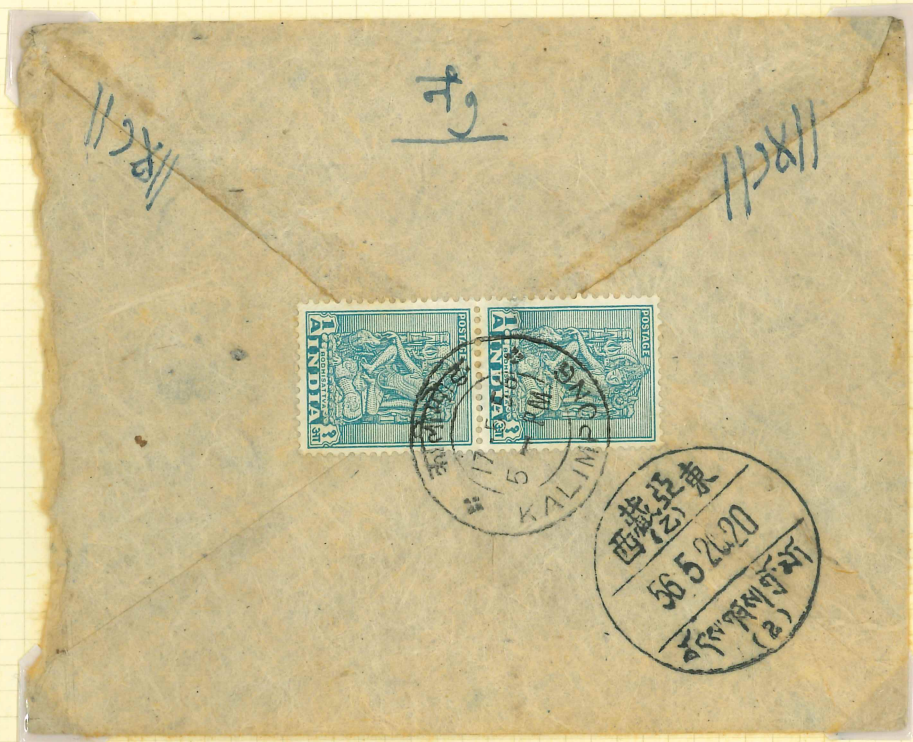
The type C9 postmark is very similar to type C8 except that it has a diameter of 30 mm instead of 25 mm. It is known used from HIASA (with numbers (2) (3) or (4)) and the towns of SHIGATSE (2) and YATUNG (2) and the villages of HEI-HO and SHETANG (1) and TSELAN (1). It is sometimes found struck in violet.



A very clear strike of the type C9 postmark of YATUNG dated 14 FEB 1958. Note the bar between the time and date in the central bridge.

YATUNG. C-9

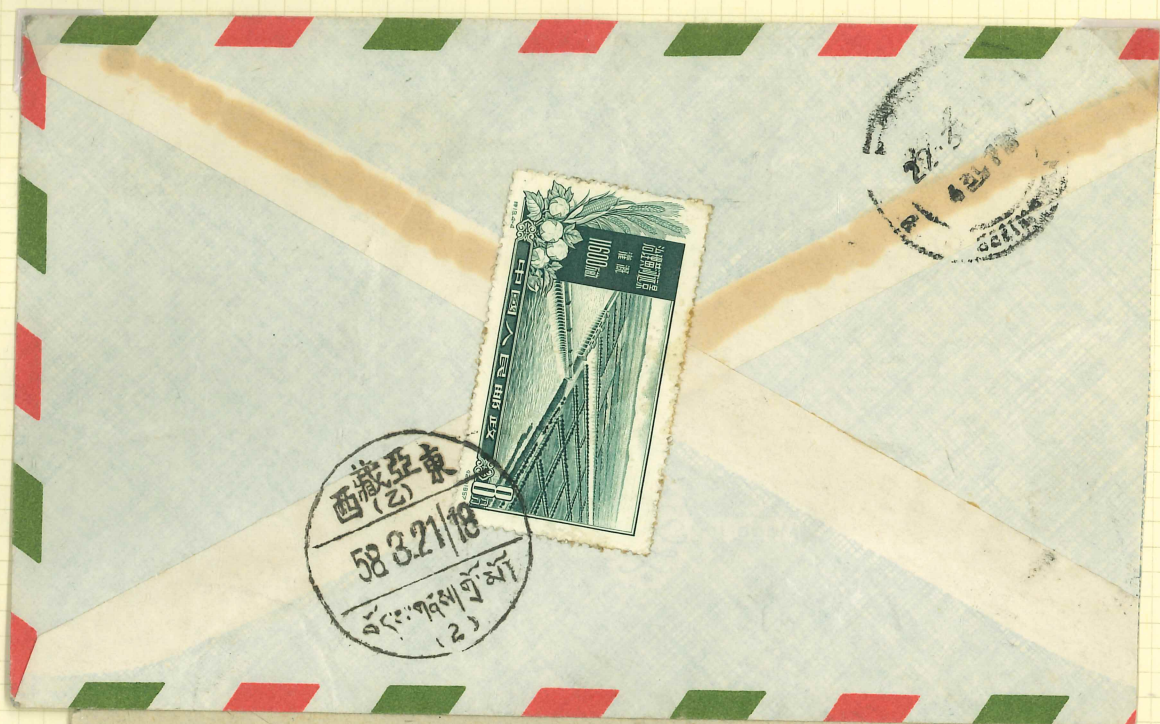
YATUNG is on the main TIBET-INDIA mail route and covers may be found going from India to Tibet as well as going from Tibet to India.



A cover from KALIMpong, India, addressed to LHASA. The Indian stamps are postmarked 17 MAY 1956 and there is a very clear transit strike of the YATUNG type C9 postmark dated 20 MAY 1956.

The YATUNG type C9 postmark is known only with the number (2) in English in the bottom arc and Chinese below the Chinese inscription.

YATUNG C-9 VARIANTS



Two covers from YATUNG cancelled with the type c9 postmark. On the top cover there is a bar between the hour and the day on the date bridge. On the bottom cover there are two bars, one between the hour and day and one between the month and year. The covers are dated respectively 21 MARCH 1958 and 31 MARCH 1961.