

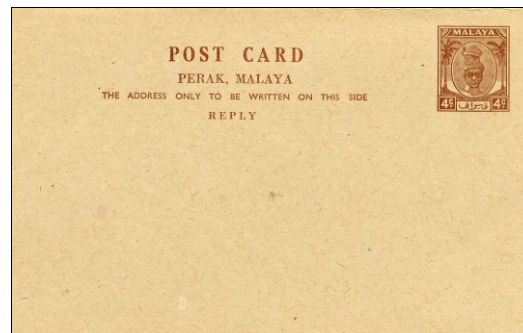
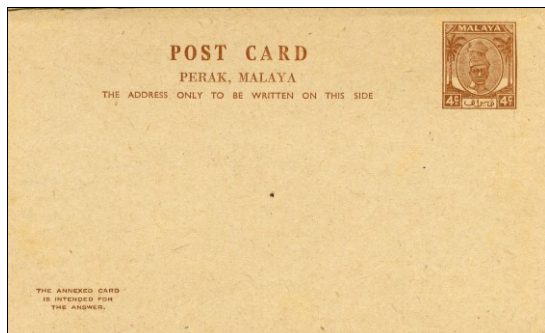
CHAPTER EIGHT

1948 DEFINITIVE ISSUE - 2. THE POSTAL STATIONERY.

2.1. POSTCARDS

1 September 1948

4c. Postcard.



Perak Reply card - outward half (left) and reply half (right). The single card was as the reply half but without the word "REPLY". (illustrations of stationery in this chapter reduced 50%)

Design:

By an unknown designer, the 139mm x 88mm postcard for each state bore an imprint reproducing the appropriate 4c. 1948-series state definitive stamp. In the case of Singapore, this was the correct Die 2 frame design. The postcard came in single and twin reply-paid versions, sold at 5c. and 10c. respectively ¹.

They were printed by De La Rue using letterpress in brown on buff card which gave no significant reaction under ultra-violet light. The cards normally bore "POST CARD" at the top with the state's name below, followed by "MALAYA" in the case of Kedah, Kelantan, Malacca, Pahang, Penang, Perak and Perlis. A larger font was used for the state issues than for Malacca, Penang and Singapore. Below this appeared "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE." Kelantan, Perak, Perlis and Trengganu did not have the stop after "SIDE" (see also "Varieties" below).

Malacca, Penang and Singapore cards correctly had the British royal coat of arms between the words "POST" and "CARD". The next four states to be printed (Johore, Negri Sembilan, Selangor and Trengganu) retained the coat of arms. This was in error, as they were not Crown colonies, but protectorates. It was only discovered after Negri Sembilan cards were released, so these cards exist in this original form. Used copies seen appear to have been philatelic in origin. Once the error was noticed, the cards were withdrawn and reissued after overprinting. Cards with the arms in error were obliterated with a brown 19mm x 15.5mm rectangle before release in most cases. It would appear that the overprinting was done on an "as required" basis, as remaindered stock later used for official purposes was not obliterated. The shade of brown ink used for the rectangle varies from red-brown to dark chocolate (Trengganu is known with two distinct overprint colours, which may be production variation or may indicate two print runs). The Johore card is known with the rectangle misplaced so as to obscure the state name. The Negri Sembilan single card is known with the obliteration double, used from Seremban on 15 June 1954. ² It is also known with a faint (dry print) overprint, used from Seremban on 26 June 1956.

Reply cards were printed double-sided as a single card with roulette 8 across the centre, the printed sides of the two halves of the card being on different sides of the composite card. This allowed the pair to be posted together, the writer having written on one half. The recipient tore off the used half and reposted the second half as the reply. The outward half had "THE ANNEXED CARD / IS INTENDED FOR / THE ANSWER" at bottom left. The reply half had "REPLY" below the other text at top centre.

Printing Requisitions:

As in the case of the stamps, orders were placed with De La Rue in a phased programme over three years. Only one order was placed per state, with no reprints (any reprint needs were satisfied by the new 6c. card, q.v.). Quantities ordered vary very widely, with comparatively few reply cards being printed. It will be seen that the objective dates of delivery, where specified, were wildly optimistic. Orders were placed as follows (shown in order of shipment):

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State	See Item	State	See Item	State	See Item
Johore	8.	Negri Sembilan	5.	Perlis	13.
Kedah	10-11.	Pahang	9.	Selangor	6.
Kelantan	12.	Penang	4.	Singapore	1-2.
Malacca	3.	Perak	14.	Trengganu	7.

1. Reqn. G9/421/1 (1946) Singapore.

1,000,000 4c. 5 ½ x 3 ½ postcards were ordered from De La Rue.

Notes: This order was cancelled and replaced by that below.

2. Reqn. G9/421/2 (1947) Singapore.

1,000,000 4c. single and 10,000 reply cards were ordered. 1,037,450 single cards were shipped in two batches on 9 April and 26 July 1948. 10,873 reply cards were shipped on 26 July.

Notes: Correctly printed with royal coat of arms.

3. Reqn. G9/1290/1 (1947) Malacca.

200,000 4c. single and 5,000 reply cards were ordered. A 4c. single-working die was produced. A 12-set forme of single cards was assembled. There were three spare card electros. A 4-set forme of reply cards was also assembled.

Shipment details for the single cards were not recorded. 5250 reply cards were shipped on 5 August 1948.

Notes: Correctly printed with royal coat of arms. 4c. card known used without 2c. uprating.³

4. Reqn. G9/1289/1 (1947) Penang.

300,000 4c. single and 10,000 reply cards were ordered. 311,290 single cards were shipped in two batches on 9 August and 20 August 1948. 10,375 reply cards were shipped on 13 August.

Notes: Correctly printed with royal coat of arms.

5. Reqn. G9/1610/1 (1947) Negri Sembilan.

100,000 4c. single and 5,000 reply cards were ordered for delivery about June 1948. They were to be banded in tens, bundled in 250s and packed as parcels of 2000. A 12-set forme of single cards was assembled. There were eight spare stamp electros. A 2-set forme of reply cards was also assembled. The total cost was £10-10-0. 104,500 single cards were shipped in two batches on 18 March and 4 April 1949. 5060 reply cards were shipped on 4 April.

Notes: Shipped after stamps issued (reply cards) or too late for contemporary release (single cards). Incorrectly printed with royal coat of arms. Negri Sembilan was issued on 1 June 1949, but the coat of arms error was discovered. The offending cards were withdrawn from sale on 4 June, but an example is known used on 23 June. Malayan Post Office Circular 47/49 of 23 August announced their withdrawal and return to Kuala Lumpur. Circular 48/49 of 26 August announced that the amended cards would be issued on 1 September. They were overprinted locally to obliterate the arms. By the date of reissue, the rate had increased to 6c. so only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

6. Reqn. G9/1704/2 (1948) Selangor.

200,000 4c. single and 10,000 reply cards were ordered for delivery about 23 August 1948. They were to be banded in tens, bundled in 250s and packed as parcels of 2000. 207,750 single cards were shipped on 22 April 1949. 10,500 reply cards were shipped on 29 April.

Notes: Incorrectly printed with royal coat of arms. Overprinted locally to obliterate arms.

7. Reqn. G9/2/1 (1948) Trengganu.

50,000 4c. single and 5000 reply cards were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. 51,250 single cards and 5235 reply cards were shipped on 17 October 1949.

Notes: Incorrectly printed with royal coat of arms. Overprinted locally to obliterate arms. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

8. Reqn. G9/3/1 (1948) Johore.

200,000 4c. single and 10,000 reply cards were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. A 12-set single-working forme for the single postcard and a 4-set forme for the replay card were made at a cost of £10 10s. 207,560 single cards and 11,090 reply cards were shipped on 31 October 1949.

Notes: Incorrectly printed with royal coat of arms. Overprinted locally to obliterate arms. Shipped after stamps issued. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

9. Reqn. G9/1/1 (1948) Pahang.

50,000 4c. single and 5000 reply cards were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. 51,000 single cards and 5230 reply cards were shipped on 1 February 1950.

Notes: Correctly printed without royal coat of arms. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

10. Reqn. G9/4/1 (1948) Kedah.

100,000 4c. single and 5000 reply cards were ordered.

Notes: This order was cancelled and replaced by that below.

11. Reqn. G9/4/2A (1948) Kedah.

100,000 4c. single and 5,000 reply cards were ordered for delivery about March 1949. 103,650 single cards were shipped on 17 January 1950. 5344 reply cards were shipped on 1 February.

Notes: Correctly printed without royal coat of arms. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

12. Reqn. G9/3/1A (1948) Kelantan.

100,000 4c. single and 5000 reply cards were ordered. 101,040 single cards and 5287 reply cards were shipped on 9 May 1950.

Notes: Correctly printed without royal coat of arms. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

13. Reqn. G9/1/1 (1948) Perlis.

10,000 4c. single and 5000 reply cards with waxed paper interleaving were ordered. 6365 reply cards were shipped on 14 September 1950. 10,500 single cards were shipped on 29 September.

Notes: Correctly printed without royal coat of arms. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

14. Reqn. G9/11/1 (1949) Perak.

200,000 4c. single and 10,000 reply cards were ordered for delivery in August 1949. 204,750 single cards and 10,475 reply cards were shipped on 20 October 1950.

Notes: Correctly printed without royal coat of arms. Shipped after stamps issued. Only surcharged cards should, in theory, exist.

Issue dates (without PPI):

There has been a general assumption that the card appeared at the same time as the contemporary stamp issue, but shipment dates for Johore, Negri Sembilan and Perak indicate that this could not have been the case in these states. It has been possible to establish that they were issued on 1 September 1948 (in Singapore), on 21 February 1949 (Penang) or 1 March 1949 (Malacca) ⁴.

Negri Sembilan was issued on 1 June 1949, but the coat of arms error was discovered (see above). The offending cards were withdrawn from sale on 4 June 1949. The overprinted card was released on 1 September 1949.

The remaining states appeared later in 1949 (Johore, Selangor), or during 1950 (Kedah, Kelantan, Pahang, Trengganu ⁵). An unoverprinted UPU specimen of Johore is known date-stamped as late as 19 September 1950. The Perak and Perlis cards are known cancelled to order on 1 August 1951, which may be the release date, but this cannot be guaranteed as Perak has also been quoted as issued in 1950.

Specimens:

Although not recorded in the requisition books, specimen cards of each state were supplied to other postal administrations in accordance with UPU rules. They were not normally overprinted before sending, but some postal administrations annotated the cards on receipt. Known examples include a date handstamped on the back of the card (Portugal? - known for Johore, Malacca, Pahang, Penang, Singapore), or a partial circular date stamp at top right (Australia - known for Johore, Pahang, Penang ⁶). Known dates suggest that the administrations received or processed the cards sometime after the cards entered into service (e.g. a Singapore card exists handstamped 22 November 1948).

One example of the Negri Sembilan card with overprint obliterating the royal coat of arms is known, possibly for internal use during the design approval process.

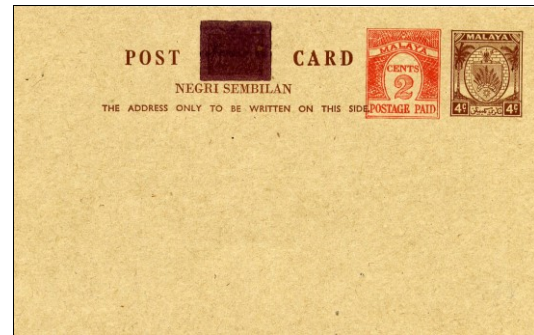
Varieties:

Varieties reported include:

Johore:	v1	Missing full stop after "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE".
Negri Sembilan:	v1	Deformed bottom bar of the "E" in "SEMBILAN".
Perlis:	v1	A white dot in the fork of the "Y" of "MALAYA" on the stamp.

Postal rate increase:

When the local postcard rate was increased to 6c. on 24 June 1949 (Malayan Post Office Circular 35/49 of 24 June 1949), the postcards at postal counters were uprated before sale by the addition of a contemporary 2c. definitive stamp (Penang and Malacca exist with both KG6 and QE2 stamps, while Singapore is known with both perforations and the Singapore 1955 definitive issue), or a larger stamp if the customer declared an intentions to send a card to a foreign destination at the time of purchase. Indeed, it is unlikely that many were used at the original 4c. rate except in Singapore, the other possible states to have legitimately used them for correspondence at the 4c. rate being Negri Sembilan (a card is known used on 23 June 1949 ⁷), Malacca and Penang (a Malacca card is known used at the 4c. rate ³). The exception to this revaluation rule could have been where a card qualified as printed paper, which remained at 4c. The Pahang card is known used without surcharge or postage due, possibly under this exception. The uprated cards were sold at 7c. (single) and 14c. (reply) ⁸.



Existing stocks of the single cards of all states were then surcharged circa 1951 with a 2c. postage paid impression (PPI) reading “MALAYA / CENTS / 2 / POSTAGE PAID” in red. In the case of Singapore, the design was similar but the imprint read “MALAYA / POST PAID / CENTS / 2 / SINGAPORE”. No complete example of the PPI on a reply card has been reported, nor has any UPU Specimen. The uprated cards were sold at 7c. (single) and 14c. (reply) ⁹.

Varieties:

The Negri Sembilan card is known with a dry print of the PPI, leaving only a few red marks to indicate where it should be. Mint Penang cards are known with the PPI substantially overlapping the “stamp”. The Penang and Singapore PPI are known inverted (appearing at bottom left). A Perak card, used 17 December 1954 at Tapah, appears to be a colour changeling, with the PPI in deep red-brown. Singapore cards have the PPI usually very close to the “stamp” and sometimes overlapping slightly.

Converted reply cards:

In Pahang and Perak, during surcharging, surplus reply cards were separated by cutting and then overprinted, the reply directions being blocked out. ¹⁰

In the case of Pahang, the outward half received a 9-line block in black over the instructions at bottom left, whilst the reply half received a block of 5 lines over the word “REPLY”. It was suggested by Mr. G. R. Turner in TMP3/42 that

all Pahang PPI cards seen overprinted were converted from reply cards. In *The London Philatelist*, Vol.69, p.151, Mr. K. Pennycuik stated that this took place in 1954. The earliest outward half seen used was on 22 March 1954 at Bentong.

In the case of Perak, the outward half received a 7-line block in brown over the instructions at bottom left, whilst the reply half received a block of 3 lines over the word “REPLY”. Reply cards cut in two are known from other states, but without the overprint it is impossible to know if this was a private or post office action. The earliest reply half known used is 15 April 1955 at Taiping.



Issue dates (with PPI):

Earliest recorded dates of use with the PPI, in order of date, are shown below. It should be noted that the majority of surviving used examples are from a batch of request cards salvaged from Radio Malaya and are thus of a specific period that may not reflect the actual date of first use.

Pahang	4Mar1954 Kuantan	Penang	15Dec1954 Penang
Negri Sembilan	31Mar1954 Seremban	Kelantan	17Dec1954 Gua Mersing
Singapore	30Apr1954	Malacca	11Feb1955 Kluang
Perak	14Jun1954 Ipoh	Kedah	8Mar1955 Alor Star
Selangor	23Nov1954 Sabak Bernam	Perlis	Date not recorded
Johore	3Dec1954 Kluang	Trengganu	Date not recorded

Destruction of formes:

Where known, the printing formes were destroyed as follows:

20 February 1958	Negri Sembilan single card.
29 September 1959	Malacca reply card. Negri Sembilan reply card
13 December 1961	Malacca single card.
13 October 1964	Johore single and reply.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (4c. Postcards)

Items marked * should not occur, as the normal postage rate had risen to 6c. before the card was issued (see text for exception).

Johore

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.15.1	4	P6	4c. postcard. Arms obliterated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.15.2	6	P8	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.15.3	8	P10	-with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.15.4	5	P7	4c. reply card. Arms obliterated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.15.5	7	P9	-with 2c. stamps.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kedah

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.16.1	7	P7	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.16.2	9	P9	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.16.3	11	P11	- with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.16.4	8	P8	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.16.5	10	P10	- with 2c. stamps.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kelantan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.17.1	8	P8	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.17.2	10	P10	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.17.3	12	P12	- with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.17.4	9	P9	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.17.5	11	P11	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Malacca (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.18.1	1	P1	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.18.2	-	P3	- with 2c. KG6 stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.18.2a	3	P6	-with 2c. QE2 stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.18.3	5	P5	-with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.18.4	2	P2	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.18.5	-	P4	-with 2c. KG6 stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.18.5a	4	-	-with 2c. QE2 stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negri Sembilan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.19.1	5	P7	4c. postcard. Coat of arms unobliterated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.2	7	P9	- with coat of arms obliterated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.2a	-	-	-- SPECIMEN overprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.3	9	P11	-- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.4	11	P13	-- with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.5	6	P8	4c. reply card. Coat of arms unobliterated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.6	8	P10	- with coat of arms obliterated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.19.7	10	P12	-- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pahang

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.20.1	4	P5	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.20.2	6	P7	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.20.3	8	P9	-with 2c. imprint. ¹¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.20.4	5	P6	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.20.5	7	P8	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.20.6	-	-	-with 2c. imprint (outward half - overprinted).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.20.6a	-	-	-- (reply half - overprinted).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Penang (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.21.1	1	P1	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.21.2	3	P3	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.21.3	5	P5	- with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.21.4	2	P2	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.21.5	4	P4	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perak

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.22.1	10	P10	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.22.2	12	P12	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.3	14	P14	- with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.4	11	P11	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.5	13	P13	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.6	-	-	-- Cut and overprinted for single use (outward half).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.6a	-	-	--- (reply half).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.7	-	-	-with 2c. stamp (outward half).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.7a	-	-	-- (reply half).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.8	-	-	-with 2c. imprint (outward half).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.22.8a	-	-	-- (reply half).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perlis

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.23.1	1	P1	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
48D.23.2	3	P3	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.23.3	5	P5	-with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.23.4	2	P2	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.23.5	4	P4	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selangor

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.24.1	5	P5	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.24.2	7	P7	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.24.3	9	P9	-with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.24.4	5	P6	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.24.5	8	P8	-with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Singapore (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.25.1	1	1	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.2	5	3	-with 2c. stamp (P. 14).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.2a	-	-	-with 2c. stamp (P. 17½ x 18).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.2b	-	-	-with 2c. stamp (1955 Singapore Definitive Issue).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.3	-	5	-with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.4	2	2	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.5	4	4	-with 2c. stamp (P. 14).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.25.5a	-	-	-with 2c. stamp (P. 17½ x 18).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trengganu

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.26.1	7	P7	4c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.26.2	-	P9	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.26.3	10	P11	- with 2c. imprint.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.26.4	8	P8	4c. reply card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.26.5	9	P10	- with 2c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

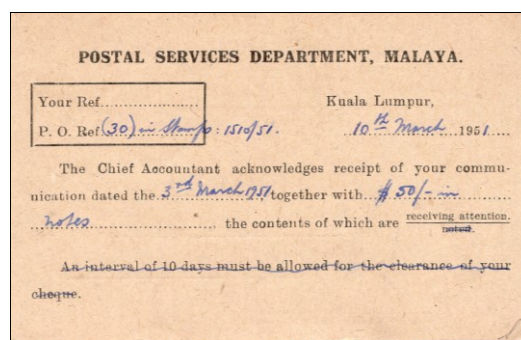
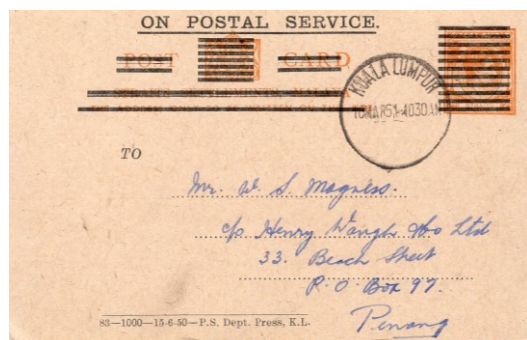
Official Use Overprints:

There were four distinct types of overprint applied to remainder postcards of this issue after withdrawal from general use, in order to invalidate the cards for public use and make them suitable for official purposes. In some cases, more than one type of overprint was applied. Not all states are known with these overprints. Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor had 6c. cards, so had presumably exhausted stocks of 4c. cards (although Malacca both had 6c. cards and had 4c. cards overprinted for official use). Perlis ordered so few cards that exhaustion is also possible. Trengganu is also not recorded, but it ordered a substantial number of 4c. cards and is unlikely to have had a high demand, so one would expect the Trengganu 4c. card to exist overprinted. As the Type A, B and C cards overprinted by the Federation of Malaya were exclusively for internal use within the Post Office, the survival rate would be expected to be very low and cards of all six states may well have been overprinted but have simply not survived or not been reported.

Type D cards were issued in Singapore only and were used in the public domain.

Type A – Barred handstamps:**Type A1 - 12 Lines:**

Various remaindered cards were demonetarised for use as an official postcard by application of a 12-line barred handstamp in black over the “stamps”. This handstamp was 51mm x 24mm. This mark is frequently seen struck twice or even three times (presumably to improve on poor initial obliteration quality), sometimes giving the appearance of 13 or more bars. The second strike is also known offset to the left to cover most of the text. Cards showing what appears to be an 11-line barred handstamp, 51mm x 22mm, in black are believed to be the result of an incomplete or worn strike.

Type B – Remittance Receipts:**Type B0 - 11 Lines (1950):**

[W. Menuz]

On 15 June 1950, the Postal Services Department ordered the overprinting by the Postal Services Department Press in Kuala Lumpur of 1000 invalidated pre-war Straits Settlements orange postcards as official reply cards.

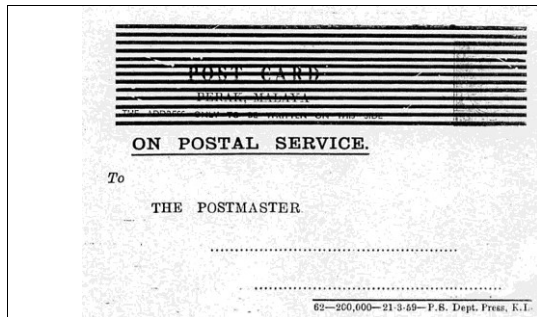
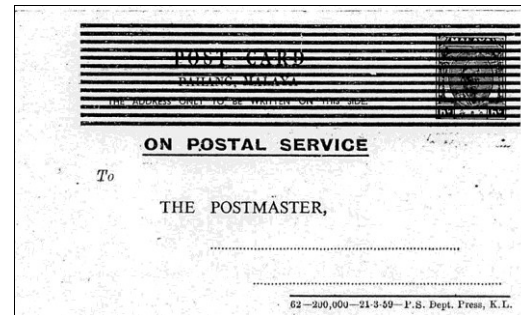
The “stamp” was obliterated in black by 11 horizontal lines and the text and coat of arms were similarly obliterated, above which was printed “ON POSTAL SERVICE / To” with reference 83-1000-15-6-50-P. S. Dept. Press. K.L.”. The reverse was printed with a Remittance Receipt for payments by customers to the central accounting department.

Type B1 - 12 Lines (1956):

On 24 August 1956, the Postal Services Department ordered the overprinting by the Postal Services Department Press in Kuala Lumpur of 100 000 obsolete postcards of various types for use as official reply cards.

The text and “stamp” were obliterated in black by 12 horizontal lines, 109mm x 25mm spanning most of the width of the card, beneath which was printed “ON POSTAL SERVICE / To / THE POSTMASTER / (two dotted lines) / (full line) / 144-100,000-24-8-56-P. S. Dept. Press. K.L.”. The reverse was printed with Form Posts-Accts.8B, a Remittance Receipt for payments by postmasters to the central accounting department.

This has only been seen on a Malacca single card. If only Malacca was used, this would represent 50% of the entire printing.

Type B2 - 13 Lines (1959):*B2a**B2b*

(Posts—Accts. 8B) POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MALAYA.

REMITTANCE RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster.....

The sum of dollars.....

and cents.....only. Posts Accts. 8A No..... Refers.....

Nature of Remittance	Amount	Signature
CASH		
STAMPS; B. P. OS. M. P. OS.		
LOTTERY TICKETS; PREMIUM BONDS		
CHEQUES; BANK SLIPS; RECEIPTS.		
Delete as required. TOTAL		

NOTE: This card must be returned to the Financial Section for final check and return to Postmaster.

Date Stamp
of
Receiving Office

On 21 March 1959, the Postal Services Department ordered the overprinting by the Postal Services Department Press in Kuala Lumpur of 200 000 obsolete 4c. and 6c. postcards of various types for official use as remittance acknowledgement cards.

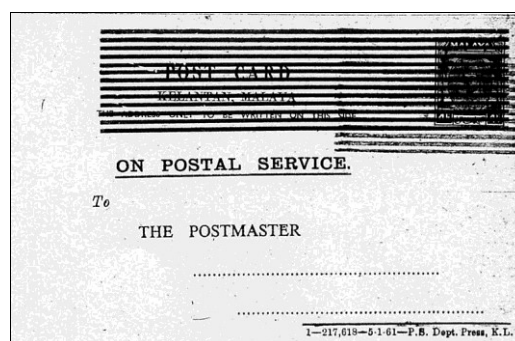
The text and “stamp” were obliterated in black by 13 horizontal lines, 109mm x 27mm spanning most of the width of the card, beneath which was printed “ON POSTAL SERVICE. / To / THE POSTMASTER / (two dotted lines) / (full line) / 62-200,000-21-3-59-P. S. Dept. Press. K.L.”. The reverse was printed with form Posts-Accts.8B, a remittance receipt for payments by postmasters to the central accounting department.

There were at least two versions:

Type B2a: **ON POSTAL SERVICE.** in serif font with stop. (Known used on Johore and Kedah 4c., Perak 6c.)

Type B2b: **ON POSTAL SERVICE** in sans-serif without stop. (Known used on Pahang 6c.)

Some of the Johore examples had not previously had the British arms obliterated.

Type B3 - 13 Lines (1961):*B3 on Kelantan 4c.*

On 5 January 1961, the Postal Services Department ordered the overprinting by the Postal Services Department Press in Kuala Lumpur of 217,618 obsolete postcards of various types for use as official reply cards, many of which had already been demonetised by application of a Type A1 handstamp.

The text and “stamp” were obliterated in black by 13 horizontal lines, 118mm x 27mm spanning most of the width of the card, beneath which was printed “ON POSTAL SERVICE / To / THE POSTMASTER / (two dotted lines) / (full line) / 1-217,618-5-1-61-P. S. Dept. Press. K.L.”. The reverse was printed with form Pos-Accts.8B, a version of the 1959 card.

It was quickly realised that the form should have been printed in Malay and the order was revised two days later (See B4 below) after some Kelantan 4c. cards, at least, had been printed.

Type B4 - 13 Lines (1961):

On 7 January 1961, the previous order was reissued specifying Malay text. The overprint now reads “URUSAN POS / Kapada / KETUA POS / (two dotted lines) / (full line) / 1-217,618-7-1-61-P. S. Dept. Press. K.L.”. The reverse was printed with form Pos-Accts.8B, a Malay version of the 1959 card. There are two known varieties:

B4a: with form number at top left. (Seen on Kedah)

B4b: with form number at top right. (Seen on Penang used on 12 June 1966)

A Kedah card has been seen carrying two strikes of A, overlapped by 13mm, probably because the first failed to completely obliterate the stamp. B2a was then applied over it.

Penang card reply halves with 2c. either KG6 or QE2 stamps have both been seen carrying one strike of A1 plus B3b.

Type C – Filing cards:**Type C1 - 8 Lines (1971):**

In November 1971, 6000 assorted cards, some already bearing Type A1 marks, received 8 bars (118mm x 17mm) across most of the width of the card. The card is printed on front and back with “SUBJECT” at left and “P. P. P. P. ”, dotted line above “19” at right. Below this are four pairs of columns headed “Date.” and “Location.”, for internal use only as a filing index card. On one side, above the table, is imprint “226-6,000-22-11-71-B.C.Setor Pos, K.L.”.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (4c. Official Use Types A, B, C)

No.	I.S.C.	State	Card type	Overprint	Mint	Used
48D.27.1	OP2	Johore	Single with 2c. imprint.	A1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.27.2	OP2	Kedah	Single.	A1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.27.3	OP4	Kedah	Single with 2c. imprint.	A1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.27.4	-	Kelantan	Single. with 2c. imprint.	A1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.27.5	OP1	Penang	Single.	A1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.28.1	-	Malacca	Single.	B1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.28.2	OP1	Johore	Single. Arms not obliterated.	B2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.28.3	-	Johore	Single with 2c. imprint.	B2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.28.4	-	Kedah	Not recorded	B2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.29.1	OP1	Kelantan	Single.	A1 + B3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.30.1	-	Kelantan	Single.	B4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.30.2	-	Kedah	Single with 2c. imprint.	A1 + B4a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.30.3	-	Penang	Reply half with KG6 2c. stamp.	A1 + B4b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.30.4	-	Penang	Reply half with QE2 2c. stamp.	A1 + B4b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.31.1	OP3	Kedah	Single.	A1 + C1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.31.2	OP2	Penang	Single.	A1 + C1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.31a.1	OP9	Straits Settlements	Single.	B0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

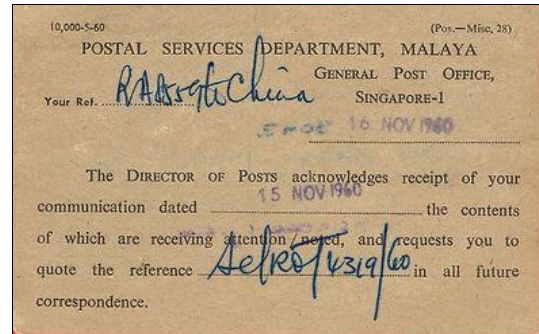
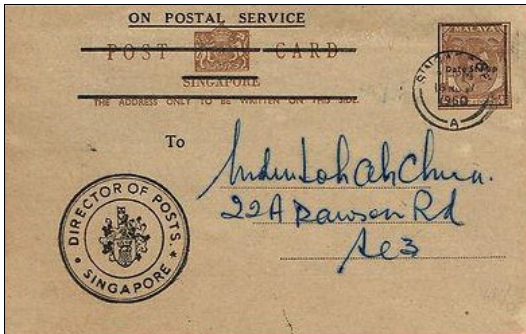
Type D – Collection notifications (Singapore only):**Type D1 - 3 Lines (1956):**

The GPO printing room in Singapore used a completely different type in December 1956 on 10,000 postcards overprinted as form “Ptg. 111/35” and “Posts (R & P) 25B” for use as notification that Cash-On-Delivery parcels were awaiting collection. Three lines were applied in red, one over each line of text, with ON POSTAL SERVICE above. The “stamp” was overprinted with a rectangular outline and “Date Stamp”. Cards are known used between 3 May 1958 and 9 October 1967. ¹² Examples used after 1965 were further overprinted in purple with handstruck “Singapore” over a bar, intended to obliterate “MALAYA” in the heading “POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MALAYA”.

Type D2 - 3 Lines (1956):

Singapore used a similar type in December 1956 on 20,000 postcards overprinted for use as notification that correspondence was awaiting collection (Form Pos-Misc28). Three lines were applied in black, one over each line of text, with ON POSTAL SERVICE above. The British coat of arms appeared at the bottom left. The “stamp” was overprinted with a rectangular outline and “Date Stamp”. Cards are known used between 28 January 1958 and 29 April 1960.

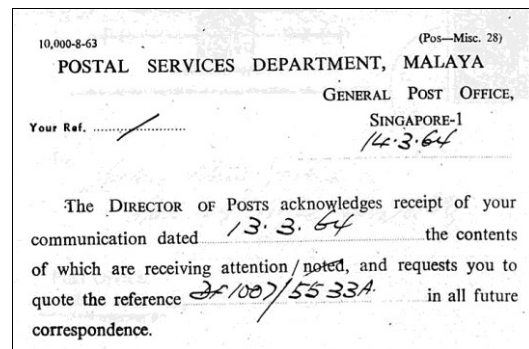
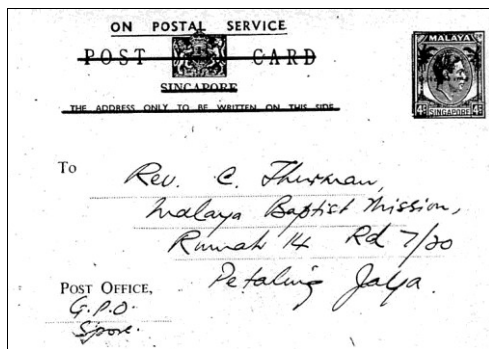
Type D3 - 3 Lines (1960):



(illustrations courtesy Eddie Yong)

Another 10,000 Singapore postcards were overprinted for use as Form Pos-Misc.28 in May 1960. Three lines were applied in black, one over each line of text, with ON POSTAL SERVICE above. The “stamp” was overprinted with a rectangular outline and “Date Stamp”. The seal of the Director of Posts was printed at the bottom left. Cards are known used between 31 May 1960 and 18 November 1960.

Type D4 - 3 Lines (1963):

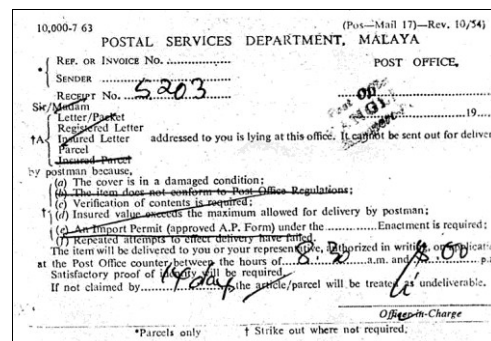
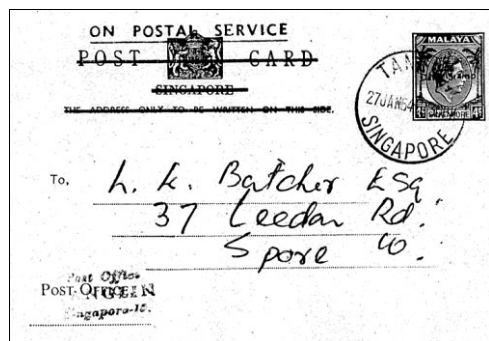


Another 10,000 Singapore postcards were overprinted for use as Form Pos-Misc.28 in August 1963. Three lines were applied in black, one over each line of text, with ON POSTAL SERVICE above. The “stamp” was overprinted with a rectangular outline and “Date Stamp”. Instead of the seal, POST OFFICE/.... appeared at bottom left. Cards are known used between 14 March 1964 and 3 September 1964.

Type D5 - 3 Lines (1964):

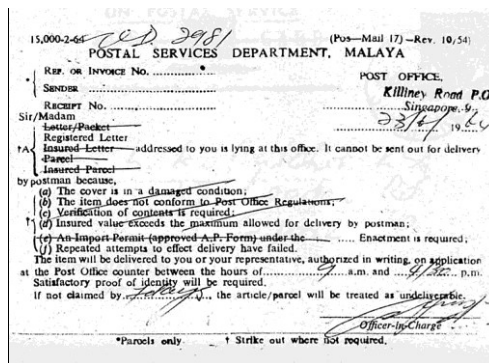
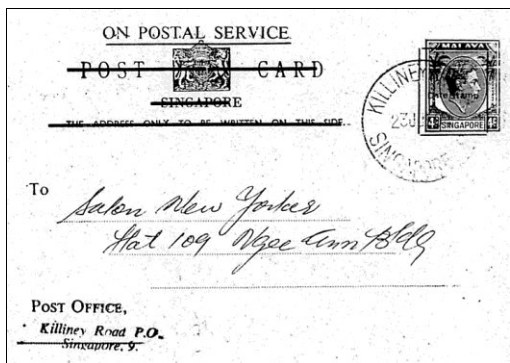
Another 15,000 Singapore postcards were overprinted for use the same purpose in October 1964. Cards are known used on 17 March 1965.¹²

Type D6 - 3 Lines (1963):



Another 10,000 Singapore postcards were overprinted in July 1963 for use as collection required notices (Form Pos-Mail 17). Cards are known used on 27 January 1964.

Type D7 - 3 Lines (1964):



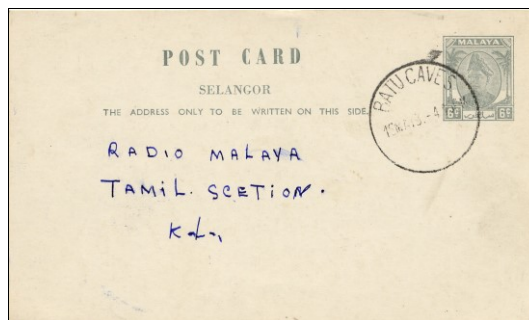
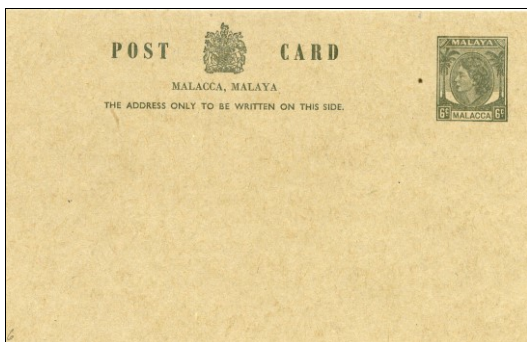
Another 15,000 Singapore postcards were overprinted in February 1964 for the same purpose. Cards are known used on 23 June 1964. The font for "ON POSTAL SERVICE" differs from that previously used.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Official Use Type D)

No.	I.S.C.	State	Card type	Overprint	Mint	Used
48D.32.1	O2	Singapore	Single.	D1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.32.2	-	Singapore	Single.	D2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.32.2	O1	Singapore	Single.	D3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.32.4	-	Singapore	Single.	D4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.32.5	-	Singapore	Single.	D5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.32.6	-	Singapore	Single.	D6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.32.7	-	Singapore	Single.	D7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Late 1954

6c. Postcard.



Left: Malacca 1954 printing on grey-brown card.
 Right: Selangor 1955 printing on white card. (illustrations reduced 50%)

Following the postal rate change which resulted in the surcharging of the 4c. cards, six states invested in 6c. postcards in 1954. Only single card versions were produced and sold at 7c. each.

Design:

By an unknown designer, this postcard bears an imprint reproducing the appropriate state's 6c. 1948 Definitive Issue stamp. New plates were produced for Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Penang, and Selangor, but it is possible that Pahang and Perak used the 4c. plates with the stamp imprint changed. The cards bear "POST CARD" at the top with the state's name below, but Malacca and Penang correctly had the British royal coat of arms inserted between the words "POST" and "CARD". Below the state name is the text "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE". The presence or otherwise of the full stop matches the situation on the 4c. The design/font differences for each state are as follows:

Type	POST CARD	State name	THE ADDRESS...	State
I	Condensed font, 4mm high, 30mm and arms between words	1.5mm high. Followed by "MALAYA"	With stop	Malacca Penang
II	Condensed font, 4mm high, 6mm between words	2mm high. State only	With stop	Selangor
III	More open font, 4mm high, 5mm between words	2mm high. Followed by "MALAYA"	With stop	Pahang

Type	POST CARD	State name	THE ADDRESS...	State
IV	As III.	As III.	Without stop	Perak
V	More open font, 3mm high, 3mm between words	As III.	With stop	Negri Sembilan

Printing:

They were printed by De La Rue using letterpress. In all cases, the orders specified that the cards were to be held in tens by paper bands, put into packets of 250 cards and then made into parcels of 2000 cards. Orders were placed as shown below in order of shipment.

INDEX to Printing information

State	See Item	State	See Item	State	See Item
Malacca	2.	Penang	3.	Singapore	6.
Negri Sembilan	11.	Perak	7, 13.	Grey brown card	1.
Pahang	5, 9.	Selangor	4, 10, 12.	White card	8.

1. Grey-brown card:

Early printings for the first five states to place orders (Malacca, Pahang, Penang, Perak and Selangor) were printed in a dark shade of grey ("greenish slate", as used on early stamp printings) on a "utility" grey-brown card stock. The card gives no reaction under ultra-violet light. The card size of these early printings is nominally 140mm x 89mm, with some variability as shown below.

2. Reqn. G9/9068/2 (1953) Malacca (QE2).

20,000 (later increased to 25,000) 6c. postcards were ordered. 27,000 were shipped on 28 May 1954, banded in 10s, in packets of 250 and parcels of 2000. 363 specimens were supplied to the GPO.

Notes: Grey-brown card. 140mm x 89mm. A UPU Specimen exists date-stamped 26 April 1955 by the receiving authority. Earliest seen used in 1955.

3. Reqn. G9/9069/2 (1953) Penang (QE2).

50,000 6c. postcards were ordered. 53,000 shipped 28 May 1954. 363 unoverprinted specimens were supplied to the GPO. A circulated card from a national UPU archive bears the receipt date 26 April 1955.

Notes: Grey-brown card. 140-141mm x 89mm. A "first day" card by W. S. Magness of Penang exists dated 1 December 1956. If true, this suggests that the cards were ordered in anticipation of need and held in store for a considerable period before release.

4. Reqn. G9/1135/1 (1954) Selangor (1).

100,000 6c. postcards ordered. 110,000 shipped 2 July 1954. 363 specimens were supplied to the GPO.

Notes: Grey-brown card. 140mm x 89-90mm. Earliest seen used on 17 December 1954.

5.. Reqn. G9/1070/2 (1954) Pahang (1).

50,000 6c. postcards ordered. 53,000 shipped 8 July 1954. 363 specimens were supplied to the GPO.

Notes: Grey-brown card. 140mm x 89mm. Earliest seen used on 3 February 1955.

6. Reqn. G9/5387/1 (1954) Singapore (QE2).

100,000 6c. postcards were ordered, but subsequently cancelled. 367 specimens had been ordered for the GPO.

Notes: This cancelled order was replaced by a 6c. card in Singapore's 1955 Definitive Issue series.

7. Reqn. G9/2982 (1955) Perak (1).

120,000 6c. postcards ordered. 123,930 shipped 2 June 1955. 367 specimens were supplied to the GPO.

Notes: Grey-brown card.

8. White card:

When the need arose in 1955 for reprints to be undertaken, it was specified that they were to be carried out on a new, off-white "HWM" (Heavy Weight Matte) card instead of the grey card hitherto used. This became standard, even when not specifically requested. This new card enabled the lighter "greenish-grey" ink to be used, as on contemporary stamps. A total of five states received these cards, four by way of reprints and one, Negri Sembilan, from new, having come late to the party. The card gives no ultra-violet reaction and tends to darken with time in the tropics, so cards will appear to vary in shade. Cards from these later printings were smaller, nominally 140mm x 83mm. The earlier printing plates were reused, so each state retains its characteristic font differences.

9. Reqn. G9/3708/1 (13 April 1955) Pahang (2).

20,000 6c. postcards were ordered "on new HWM card". 26,000 shipped 8 August 1955. 367 specimens were supplied to the GPO.

Notes: First reprint for any state and only reprint for Pahang. White card. ¹³

10. Reqn. G9/3691/1 (1955) Selangor (2).

75,000 6c. postcards were ordered "on new HWM card". 80,520 shipped in two batches on 14 October and 29 November 1955. 367 specimens were supplied to the GPO.

Notes: First reprint. White card. Earliest seen used on 4 June 1956 from Kuala Lumpur.

11. Reqn. G9/3733/1 (18 April 1955) Negri Sembilan.

15,000 6c. postcards ordered. 16,000 shipped on 15 November 1955. A 6-set letterpress forme was made up using spare stamp electros with wording made-up from loose type. 367 specimens were supplied to GPO.

Notes: Negri Sembilan was the last new state to order a 6c. card. This was only printed on the new white card. 139mm x 82mm. Earliest seen used on 10 April 1957.

12. Reqn. G9/5734/2 (1956) Selangor (3).

25,000 6c. postcards were ordered. 26,000 shipped on 31 May 1956.

Notes: Second reprint. White card. 140mm x 83-84mm. This is the only 6c. card printing that is not clearly identifiable.

13. Reqn. G9/5738/1 (1 March 1956) Perak (2).

11,000 6c. postcards were ordered. 12,000 shipped 31 May 1956.

Notes: First and only reprint. No GPO Specimens requested. White card. 140mm x 82-83mm. Although not reflected in the Requisitions Book, some copies must have been shipped earlier by air and put into immediate use as copies are known used on 9-10 May. Earliest seen used on 9 May 1956.¹⁴

Destruction of formes:

The Negri Sembilan printing formes were destroyed on 20 February 1958. The dates for the other states have not been found.

Withdrawal:

No withdrawal date is known for this card, but it is assumed to have been replaced at all offices by the new card issued on 4 November 1957 (see 1957 Definitive Issue).

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (6c. Postcards)**Malacca (QE2)**

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.33.1	6	P7	6c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negri Sembilan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.34.1	12	P14	6c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pahang

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.35.1	9	P10	6c. postcard - grey-brown card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.35.2	10	P11	- white card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Penang (QE2)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.36.1	6	P6	6c. postcard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perak

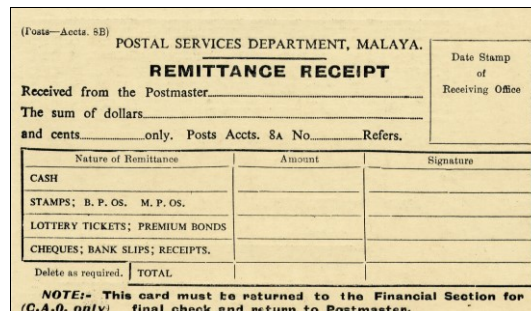
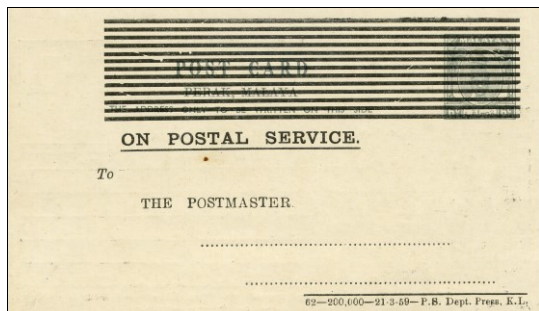
No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.37.1	-	P15	6c. postcard - grey-brown card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.37.2	C15	P15a	- white card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selangor

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.38.1	10	P10	6c. postcard - grey-brown card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.38.2	11	P10a	- white card.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Official Use Overprints:

As with the 4c. cards, overprints were applied to remaindered postcards of this issue in 1959 to invalidate the cards for public use and make them suitable for official purposes. Of the 4c. types, B2a and B2b are known to have also been used on 6c. cards.



6c. Perak white card overprinted with Type B2a.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (4c. Official Use Types A, B, C)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.	State	Card type	Overprint	Mint	Used
48D.39.1	-	OP1	Pahang	White card.	B2b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.39.2	D1	OP2	Perak	White card.	B2a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2. ENVELOPES

1948

10c. Envelope.

Design:

Sold at 12c., the landscape-format envelope bore an oval 10c. imprint by an unknown designer containing the embossed albino portrait of:

Johore	Sultan Sir Ibrahim	Penang	King George VI
Kedah	Sultan Tengku Badlishah		(later Queen Elizabeth II)
Kelantan	Sultan Tengku Ibrahim	Perak	Sultan Yussuf Izzudin Shah
Malacca	King George VI	Perlis	Raja Syed Putra
	(later Queen Elizabeth II)	Selangor	Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah
Negri Sembilan	Coat of Arms	Singapore	King George VI
Pahang	Sultan Sir Abu Bakar	Trengganu	Sultan Suleiman

Essays are known of the imprints for Pahang and Selangor, hand-painted in brown with lettering and parts of the design picked out in white. They were annotated in red manuscript "Approved (initials) 2/11/48" (Pahang) or "Approved (initials) 13/8/48" (Selangor). It is assumed that similar essays exist(ed) for the other states and Singapore.

Printers:

Two printers were used. Both combined letterpress with embossing. The contract originally went to De La Rue. Later printings were by McCorquodale, as shown in the Requisition listing below. The easiest way to determine which printer produced an item is by looking at the flap. De La Rue printings have a pointed tip to the triangular flap, while McCorquodale envelopes have a rounded tip to the flap. Different De La Rue printings exhibit different gum shapes, but it is not yet possible to link these to specific printings.

McCorquodale produced new embossing dies, which are generally less detailed than their De La Rue counterparts. For example, the QE2 dies for Malacca and Penang lack the separate orb above the top of the crown and the Queen's hair lacks any detail. McCorquodale lettering tends to be slightly thinner than De La Rue. The envelope is slightly larger. It is typically 136mm x 109mm against the DLR 134mm x 105mm but both types are but subject to variation in size due to variability in folding.

Colour:

The printing colour is brown, but various shades exist and are listed by some authors, sometimes on the same type of envelope where only one printing was made. This is probably the result of normal production variations in inking density or mixture. In general, later printings tend to have lighter colours than early ones, as on the stamps, and economy in pigment cost may have been a factor. McCorquodale printings tend to be a lighter brown that used by De La Rue, but this is not a reliable guide.

Papers:

Various types of paper are reported; both wove and laid papers exist, but the author's experience is that the watermark of diagonal lines about 28mm apart that characterises laid paper is often hard to see resulting in frequent misdescription as wove paper by vendors. The author has been unable to examine enough envelopes to have confidence in any classification of papers, but initial De la Rue printings appear to have been on thick wove paper, with thick laid paper appearing to be from reprints. In general, McCorquodale printings were on thinner, creamier wove paper. A variety of paper colours have been listed in catalogues, but all seen by the author have been in creamy off-white with varying degrees of tropicalisation. The paper gives no significant reaction under ultra-violet light.

Requisition data:

Orders were placed as shown below (listed in order of shipment, where known). No shipping dates were recorded for the McCorquodale orders and no data has been retained by the manufacturer.

INDEX to Printing information

State	See Item	State	See Item
Johore	8, 14, 20, 25, 39, 43, 52-53.	Selangor	5, 17, 22, 26-27, 35-36, 37, 40.
Kedah	12-13, 21, 37, 44.	Singapore	1, 58.
Kelantan	9, 39, 50.	Trengganu	7, 24, 30, 37, 42.
Malacca	2, 32, 57.	McCorquodale	38.
Negri Sembilan	4, 16, 18, 29, 35-36, 46, 51.	Packaging	15.
Pahang	6, 23, 35-36, 45, 48, 55.	Queen Elizabeth II	31, 58.
Penang	3, 33, 39, 49, 56.		
Perak	10, 19, 28, 34, 41, 47, 54.		
Perlis	11.		

1. Reqn. G9/421/2 (1947) Singapore (KG6).**De La Rue.**

50,000 envelopes were ordered from De La Rue. 49,747 were shipped on 3 May 1948.

Notes: There was only one printing for Singapore. Earliest known used 28 November 1953. In 1955, Singapore issued its own 10c. envelope based on its 1955 Definitive Issue.

2. Reqn. G9/1290/1 (1947) Malacca (KG6) (1).**De La Rue.**

20,000 envelopes were ordered. 20,747 were shipped on 31 May 1948.

Notes: There was only one printing of the King George VI envelope for Malacca. UPU Specimen known date-stamped 24 May 1949.

**3. Reqn. G9/1289/1 (1947) Penang (KG6) (1).****De La Rue.**

20,000 envelopes were ordered. 20,994 were shipped on 9 June 1948.

Notes: There was only one printing of the King George VI envelope for Penang. UPU specimen known date-stamped in Australia 17 May 1949.

**4. Reqn. G9/1610/1 (1947) Negri Sembilan (1).****De La Rue.**

20,000 envelopes were ordered for delivery about June 1948. Waxed paper interleaving specified (small rectangle placed under gummed flap). A single embossing die was produced (the dies for the 10c. and registration envelopes cost £50 the pair). 20,500 were shipped on 21 February 1949.

Notes: UPU Specimen exists date-stamped 30 August 1949. Also known mint with manuscript 22 June 1949. Earliest known used 9 June 1952 at Tampin.

**5. Reqn. G9/1704/2 (1948) Selangor (1).****De La Rue.**

20,000 envelopes were ordered for delivery about 23 August 1948. Waxed paper interleaving specified. To be banded in 25 and put in packets of 250. 20,000 were shipped in two batches on 21 February and 22 April 1949.

Notes: UPU specimen on wove paper exists date-stamped 2 Nov 49. Earliest seen used September 1955. H&G differentiates between "wide gum" (B2c) and "narrow gum" (B2b) varieties, but the present author has not seen examples to verify these.



6. Reqn. G9/1/1 (1948) Pahang (1).

10,000 envelopes were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. 10,500 were shipped on 11 August 1949.

Notes: Earliest known used 22 October 1953 (reprints had been delivered by this date).

De La Rue.

**7. Reqn. G9/2/1 (1948) Trengganu (1).**

10,000 envelopes with waxed paper interleaving were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. 10,000 were shipped on 16 September 1949.

De La Rue.

**8. Reqn. G9/3/1 (1948) Johore (1).**

20,000 envelopes were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. A single embossing die was produced (the dies for the 10c. and registration envelopes cost £50 the pair). 20,000 were shipped on 17 July 1950.

Notes: UPU Specimen known date-stamped 24 January 1951. Earliest reported used 25 October 1951.

De La Rue.

**9. Reqn. G9/3/1A (1949) Kelantan (1).**

20,000 envelopes with waxed paper interleaving were ordered. 20,000 were shipped on 18 May 1951.

Notes: There was only one printing of the De La Rue envelope.

De La Rue.



10. Reqn. G9/11/1 (1949) Perak (1).

20,000 envelopes with waxed paper interleaving ordered for delivery August 1949. 20,000 were shipped on 18 May 1951.

Notes: Earliest known used 7 October 1951 at Kampar.

De La Rue.

**11. Reqn. G9/1/1 (1948) Perlis.**

5000 envelopes were ordered. 5000 were shipped on 18 May 1951.

Notes: There was no known reprint of the Perlis envelope. Earliest reported used 1 August 1951 at Alor Star (Kedah).

De La Rue.

**12. Reqn. G9/4/1 (1949) Kedah (1).**

20,000 envelopes with waxed paper interleaving were ordered. The order was cancelled.

De La Rue.

13. Reqn. G9/4/2A (1949) Kedah (2).

20,000 envelopes with waxed paper interleaving were ordered for delivery about March 1949. 20,250 were shipped on 4 June 1951.

De La Rue.

**14. Reqn. G9/5342/1 (1951) Johore (2).**

Reprint of 6000 envelopes. 6250 were shipped on 20 August 1951.

De La Rue.

15. Packaging:

All subsequent Requisitions specified that the envelopes should have waxed paper interleaving and be banded in tens and parcels of 250 cards.

16. Reqn. G9/5344/1 (1951) Negri Sembilan (2).

Reprint of 5000 envelopes. 5250 were shipped on 20 August 1951.

De La Rue.

17. Reqn. G9/6339/1 (1951) Selangor (2).

Reprint of 5000 envelopes. 5000 were shipped on 17 March 1952.

De La Rue.

18. Reqn. G9/6817/1 (1952) Negri Sembilan (3).

2nd Reprint of 15,000 envelopes. 16,000 were shipped on 1 May 1952.

De La Rue.

19. Reqn. G9/6869/1 (1952) Perak (2).

Reprint of 25,000 envelopes. 25,000 were shipped in two batches on 1 May and 15 May 1952.

De La Rue.

- 20. Reqn. G9/7013/1 (1952) Johore (3).** **De La Rue.**
2nd Reprint of 5000 envelopes. 5500 were shipped on 30 May 1952.
- 21. Reqn. G9/7082/1 (1952) Kedah (3).** **De La Rue.**
Reprint 5000 envelopes. 5250 were shipped on 30 May 1952.
- 22. Reqn. G9/6994/1 (1952) Selangor (3).** **De La Rue.**
2nd Reprint of 10,000 envelopes. 10,250 were shipped on 16 June 1952.
- 23. Reqn. G9/7039/1 (1952) Pahang (2).** **De La Rue.**
Reprint 15,000 envelopes. 16,000 were shipped on 16 June 1952.
- 24. Reqn. G9/7190/1 (1952) Trengganu (2).** **De La Rue.**
Reprint 9000 (later 10,000) envelopes. 10,250 were shipped on 16 June 1952.
- 25. Reqn. G9/7943/1 (1952) Johore (4).** **De La Rue.**
3rd Reprint of 20,000 envelopes. 20,000 were shipped on 2 January 1953.
- 26. Reqn. G9/8116/1 (1952) Selangor (4).** **De La Rue.**
3rd Reprint of 3000 (later 5000) envelopes. 4870 were shipped on 19 January 1953.
- 27. Reqn. G9/8870/1 (1953) Selangor (5).** **De La Rue.**
4th Reprint of 10,000 envelopes. 11,000 were shipped on 4 March 1953.
- 28. Reqn. G9/8872/1 (1953) Perak (3).** **De La Rue.**
2nd Reprint of 5000 envelopes. 5200 were shipped on 4 March 1953.
- 29. Reqn. G9/8871/1 (1953) Negri Sembilan (4).** **De La Rue.**
3rd Reprint of 8,000 envelopes. 8250 were shipped on 19 March 1953.
- 30. Reqn. G9/8960/1 (1953) Trengganu (3).** **De La Rue.**
2nd Reprint of 5000 envelopes. 5000 were shipped on 16 July 1953.

31. Queen Elizabeth II:

Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 on the death of King George VI. For Malacca and Penang, revised envelopes were issued in 1954, in which the portrait of the queen replaced that of the late king. Available evidence points to a date of issue for Penang of 12 July 1954, although UPU specimens were not sent out until some 6 months later. The Malacca date would have been similar. Although printed at the same time as Penang, the Malacca UPU specimens arrived with postal administrations at the end of April 1955, four months after Penang and 16 months after printing.

32. Reqn. G9/9068/2 (1953) Malacca (QE2) (2). **De La Rue.**

5000 envelopes ordered. 5250 were shipped on 16 November 1953. GPO received 363 specimens.

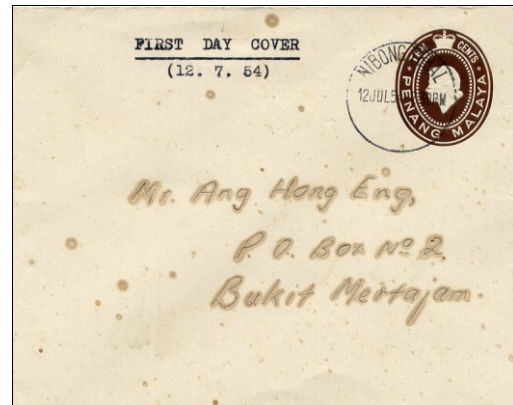
Notes: Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. UPU Specimen exists date-stamped 26 April 1955. Thick laid paper.



33. Reqn. G9/9069/2 (1953) Penang (QE2) (2).

12,000 envelopes ordered. 11,750 were shipped on 16 November 1953. GPO received 363 specimens.

Notes: Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. An example is known inscribed "First Day Cover" used 12 July 1954 from Nibong Tebal. A UPU Specimen exists date-stamped 28 December 1954.

De La Rue.**34. Reqn. G9/9830/1 (1953) Perak (4).**

3rd Reprint of 10,000 envelopes. 10,250 were shipped on 16 December 1953.

De La Rue.**35. Reqn. G9/572/1 (4 December 1953) Negri Sembilan (5), Pahang (3), Selangor (6).****McCorquodale.**

Order for 5000 Negri Sembilan, 5000 Pahang and 5000 Selangor envelopes, banded in 25s. bundled in 250s and parcelled in 5000s with waxed paper interleaving. Dies would be supplied by CA. Proofs would be required in triplicate. McCorquodale had tendered £1 8s 0d per 1000 envelopes.

Notes: This order, possibly placed with McCorquodale in error, was cancelled on 17 June 1954 and replaced by an identical order to De La Rue, although it was not recorded by the British GPO control staff at McCorquodale until 25 October 1954. Given that this was De La Rue's last order, it may be that McCorquodale were simply not ready to assume the contract at this time. The assumption that (presumably) the De La Rue dies could be used by McCorquodale could have been incorrect due to machine incompatibility, hence the need for new dies when McCorquodale took over the contract.

36. Reqn. G9/572/2 (17 June 1954) Negri Sembilan (6), Pahang (4), Selangor (7).**De La Rue.**

4th Reprint of 5000 Negri Sembilan envelopes. 5250 were shipped on 2 September 1954.

2nd Reprint of 5000 Pahang envelopes. 5500 were shipped on 2 September 1954.

5th Reprint of 5000 Selangor envelopes. 5250 were shipped on 2 September 1954.

Notes: Order did not specify waxed paper interleaving.

37. Reqn. G9/2469/1 (1954) Kedah (5), Selangor (9), Trengganu (5).**De La Rue.**

Reprint 5000 Kedah envelopes. 5500 were shipped on 12 December 1954.

Reprint of Selangor 10,000 envelopes. 10,500 were shipped on 12 December 1954.

Reprint 5000 Trengganu envelopes. 5500 were shipped on 12 December 1954.

Notes: This was the last De La Rue order.

38. McCorquodale printings:

All subsequent orders were placed with McCorquodale. There are no known McCorquodale printings for Perlis and Singapore. The British GPO was contracted to carry out production control at McCorquodale's Wolverton printing works on behalf of the Crown Agents as, unlike CA, they already had resident inspectors to handle work for Britain.

39. Reqn. G9/1907/1 (June 1954) Johore (5), Kelantan (2), Penang(QE2) (3).**McCorquodale.**

Notes: Details not known. Approval of envelope and registration envelope dies for future McCorquodale printings.

40. Reqn. G9/1017/2 (14 July 1954) Selangor (8).**McCorquodale.**

6000 envelopes, ordered during 1954, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Order later increased to 30,000. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 31,660 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing. UPU specimen exists date-stamped 21 April 1956. Earliest known used 9 April 1956 at Petaling Jaya.



41. Reqn. G9/1018/2 (14 July 1954) Perak (5).**McCorquodale.**

5000 envelopes ordered, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Order later increased to 20,000. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 6170 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle". A deficiency of just 10 envelopes was found in Case 364 on arrival, which led to extended correspondence, a major investigation and changed procedures at Wolverton.

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing. Earliest known used 7 September 1960 at Kuala Kangsar.

42. Reqn. G9/1071/2 (14 July 1954) Trengganu (4).**McCorquodale.**

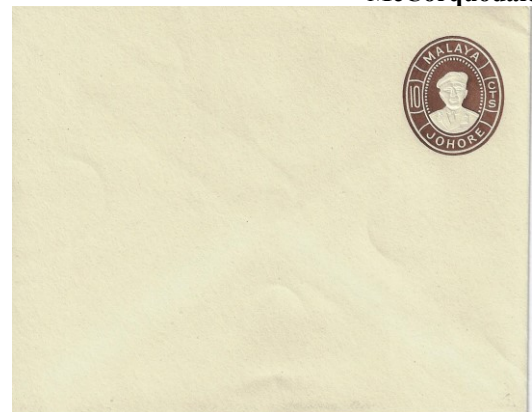
10,000 envelopes ordered, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 10,000 shipped 8 November 1955 on "Glengyle".

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956.

**43. Reqn. G9/1072/2 (14 July 1954) Johore (6).****McCorquodale.**

10,000 envelopes ordered, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Order later increased to 15,000. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 15,220 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: First McCorquodale printing. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. UPU specimen exists date-stamped 21 April 1956. Earliest reported used 7 April 1956.

**44. Reqn. G9/1133/1 (14 July 1954) Kedah (4).****McCorquodale.**

15,000 envelopes ordered, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA. 17,444 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

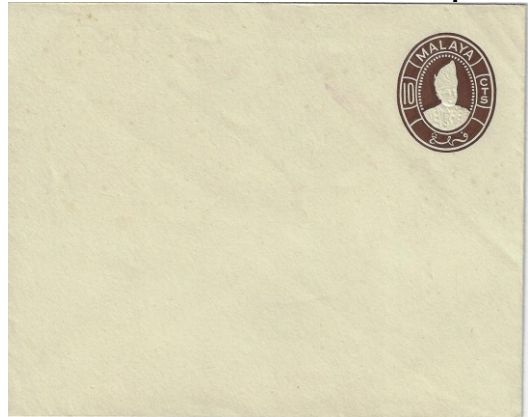
Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. Earliest reported use is March 1957.



45. Reqn. G9/1694/2 (14 July 1954) Pahang (5).

6,000 envelopes ordered. 6250 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle", banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA.

Notes: First McCorquodale printing. Earliest possible use was late November/December 1955. Earliest known used 17 December 1955 at Bentong.

McCorquodale.**46. Reqn. G9/1073/2 (August 1954) Negri Sembilan (7),**

15,000 envelopes ordered. Shipping dates not recorded. 367 specimens ordered for CA.

Notes: First McCorquodale printing. UPU specimen exists date-stamped 21 April 1956. Exists used 10 March 1956.

McCorquodale.**47. Reqn. G9/3690/2 (1955) Perak (6).**

Reprint 6000 envelopes. Shipping dates not recorded

Notes: First reprint of McCorquodale envelope.

McCorquodale.**48. Reqn. G9/3708/2 (13 April 1955) Pahang (6).**

Reprint 7,000 envelopes without inspection. 7300 shipped 9 November 1955. Design as G/1694/2. Ship in conjunction with CA Shipping Dept. S3.

Notes: First reprint of this McCorquodale envelope.

McCorquodale.**49. Reqn. G9/3709/2 (13 April 1955) Penang (QE2) (4).**

Reprint 8,000 envelopes with waxed paper interleaving. Die previously approved under Reqn. G9/1907/1. Band in 10s and parcel in 250s. Proofs required before printing. Ship in conjunction with CA shipping Dept S3. 8120 shipped 9 November 1955. 367 GPO specimens ordered - 370 shipped to Crown Agents.

Notes: First McCorquodale printing. UPU specimen exists date-stamped 21 April 1956.

McCorquodale.**50. Reqn. G9/3732/2 (15 April 1955) Kelantan (3).**

4,000 envelopes with wax interleaving without inspection. Stamp design as Reqn. G9/1907/1. Band in 25s and parcel in 250s. Ship in conjunction with CA Dept. S3. 4014 shipped 11 January 1956. 367 GPO specimens ordered - 370 supplied.

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing. Earliest possible use early 1956.

McCorquodale.**51. Reqn. G9/3733/2 (18 April 1955) Negri Sembilan (8).**

Reprint without inspection 5,000 envelopes, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as Reqn. G9/1073/2. 5280 envelopes shipped 9 November 1955.

McCorquodale.

Notes: Only known reprint of McCorquodale envelope. Two shades of this envelope exist mint, which suggests that it may be possible to separately identify the printings at a later stage.

52. Reqn. G9/3735/2 (18 April 1955) Johore (7).

McCorquodale.

Reprint without inspection 6,000 envelopes, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as Reqn. G9/1072/2. Ship in conjunction with CA Dept. S3. 6150 envelopes shipped 9 November 1955.

Notes: First reprint of this McCorquodale envelope.

53. Reqn. G9/5735/2 (1 March 1956) Johore (8).

McCorquodale.

Reprint without inspection 7500 envelopes (incorrectly ordered as 20c. and later corrected to 10c.), to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as Reqn. G9/1072/2. 2 Specimens for CA. 7500 envelopes shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Second reprint of this McCorquodale envelope. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

54. Reqn. G9/5738/2 (1 March 1956) Perak (7).

McCorquodale.

Reprint without inspection 12,000 envelopes as Reqn. G9/1018/2 and G9/2982, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. 12,000 envelopes shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Second reprint of this McCorquodale envelope. Earliest possible use was late 1956. Reference to unknown Reqn. G9/2982 may be to an order for which no record survives.

55. Reqn. G9/5740/2 (1 March 1956) Pahang (7).

McCorquodale.

Reprint without inspection 3,000 envelopes as Reqn. G9/3708/2, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Required by August 1956. 3000 envelopes shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Second reprint of this McCorquodale envelope. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

56. Reqn. G9/5741/2 (1 March 1956) Penang (QE2) (5).

McCorquodale.

Reprint without inspection 7,000 envelopes as Reqn. G9/3709/2, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Required by August 1956. 7000 envelopes shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only reprint of this McCorquodale envelope. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

57. Reqn. G9/5742/2 (1 March 1956) Malacca (QE2) (3).

McCorquodale.

Print without inspection 3,000 envelopes, to be banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as Reqn. G9/1907. 370 Specimens required for CA. Required by September 1956. 3450 envelopes shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only known printing of this McCorquodale envelope. Earliest possible use was late 1956. A UPU Specimen exists date-stamped 4 February 1957.



58. Singapore - Queen Elizabeth II:

Singapore Requisition G9/4316/1 (raised on 4 December 1953) included a printing by McCorquodale of 25,000 QE2 10c. envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper and banded in 25s. The 10c. envelopes were cancelled on 17 March 1955 and no such envelopes were issued.

Issue dates:

Specific issue dates are unknown. It has been suggested that they were issued in 1948 (Singapore), 1949 (Malacca, Negri Sembilan (22 June?), Pahang, Penang, Selangor), 1950 (Johore), 1951 (Kedah, Kelantan, Perak, Perlis).

Earliest known dates for individual envelopes are shown in "Notes" in the requisition listing above.

Destruction of dies:

The dies for Johore were destroyed on 13 October 1964.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (10c. Envelopes)**Johore**

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.40.1	B3	E3	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.40.2	B4	E4	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kedah

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.41.1	B2	E2	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.41.2	B1	E1	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kelantan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.42.1	B2	E2	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.42.2	B2	E2	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Malacca

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.43.1	B1	E1	10c. KG6. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.43.2	B2	E2	- QE2. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.43.3	-	-	-- McC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negri Sembilan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.44.1	B2b	E2b	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.44.2	B2	E2	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pahang

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.45.1	B2a	E2a	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.45.2	B2	E2	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Penang

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.46.1	B1	E1	10c. KG6. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.46.2	B2	E2	- QE2. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.46.3	B2a	E2a	-- McC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perak

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.47.1	B4	E4	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.47.2	B3	E3	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perlis

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.48.1	B1	E1	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selangor

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.49.1	B2b	E2b	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.49.2	B2	E2	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Singapore (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.50.1	B1	1	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trengganu

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.51.1	B1	E1	10c. DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.51.2	B1a	E1a	- McC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Official use:

After withdrawal from normal use, envelopes were handstamped with a rectangle of 13 bars, 34mm x 30mm, (Type A2), over the stamp for use on official correspondence. It is known used without further annotation on 4 January 1965 at Machang.

The majority received a variety of additional handstamps as follows:

E1	ON POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER	78mm x 32mm. Reported used from KL 1 August 1964 on Negri Sembilan.
E2	<u>Urusan Kerajaan</u> <u>On Government Service</u>	70mm x 9mm. Reported used Kuala Trengganu to Pasir Puteh 19 July 1964, at Tanah Merah 13 January 1965 on Kedah and at Machang 10 January 1965 on Negri Sembilan.
E3	URUSAN POS	74mm x 6mm. Used from KL on Perak (date not recorded).

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Official overprints on 10c. Envelopes)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.	State	Envelope type	Overprint	Mint	Used
48D.52.1	-	-	Negri Sembilan	McCorquodale	A2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.53.1	-	-	Negri Sembilan	McCorquodale	A2 + E1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.54.1	-	-	Johore	Not recorded.	A2 + E2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.54.2	-	-	Kedah	McCorquodale	A2 + E2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.54.3	-	-	Negri Sembilan	McCorquodale	A2 + E2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.55.1	-	-	Perak	McCorquodale	A2 + E3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.3. REGISTRATION ENVELOPES

1948

20c. Registration Envelope.

Design:

This envelope from an unknown designer bears a circular 20c. embossed Registration “stamp” containing the same image as used for the 10c. envelope. This stamp only paid the registration fee. Postage stamps had to be added at the appropriate rate. Four sizes were printed for each state, namely G (nominally 152mm x 95mm), H (203mm x 127mm), H2 (229mm x 102mm) and K (292mm x 152mm). Actual dimensions vary due to variability in folding, etc. The envelopes were sold at a premium, 35c. in the case of Size K (and possibly the other values).

There were three distinct types during the life of this envelope, from two different printers.

1. De La Rue Type A (1948):

At the top left of the front, there appeared a letter R in a vertical oval. A blue cross was printed on front and back. At top centre of the front (flap side on this envelope) is the text:

“REGISTERED LETTER.

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF
THE POST OFFICE
TO BE REGISTERED AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED
FOR IT.

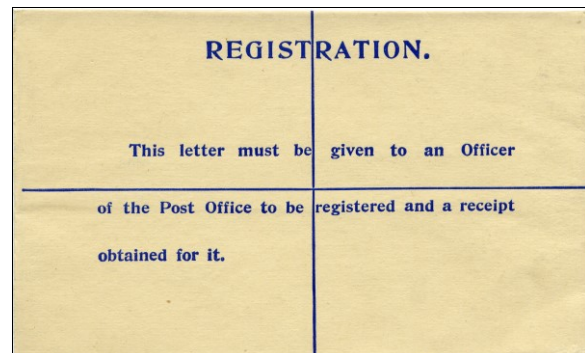
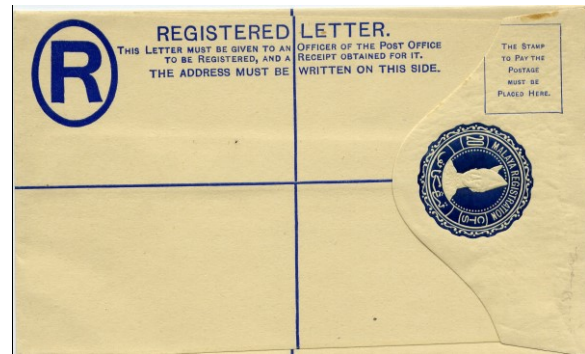
THE ADDRESS MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE”

At bottom left, “FEE PAID” appears on Size H, H2 and K. At top right is a rectangular box for a stamp to be attached with text “THE STAMP / TO PAY THE / POSTAGE / MUST BE / PLACED HERE”. The back only bore the cross and four lines of text:

“REGISTRATION

This letter must be given to an Officer of
the Post Office to be registered and a receipt
obtained for it.”

The embossed stamp imprint appeared in the centre of the flap, with the top towards the right-hand end of the envelope. The printer’s imprint “THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY, LIMITED” was covered by the flap when the envelope was sealed.



Trengganu Size G

Essays:

Essays are known of the “stamps” for Pahang and Selangor, hand-painted and embossed in blue with lettering and parts of the design picked out in white. They were annotated in red manuscript “Approved (initials) 2/11/48” (Pahang) or “Approved (initials) 13/8/48” (Selangor). It is assumed that similar essays exist(ed) for the other states and Singapore.

Printing:

They were printed by De La Rue using letterpress in dark blue on unwatermarked, linen-reinforced, white paper is used, giving no significant reaction under ultra-violet light. The 20c. “stamp” is embossed in blue, the head or emblem being uncoloured. A waxed paper rectangle was placed between the flap and the envelope to prevent adhesion in the moist tropical air.

Type A envelopes were printed in all four sizes in all states.

Issue dates:

Actually, issue dates are unknown. To the best of our knowledge, they were issued in Singapore on 1 September 1948. Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Penang, Selangor and Trengganu followed in 1949, Johore in 1950 and Kelantan, Kedah, Perak, Perlis in 1951. For the earliest dates seen by or reported to the author on used envelopes, see the relevant Requisition below.

Requisition history:

Orders for Type A registration envelopes were placed as follows (in order of first delivery):

State	See Item	State	See Item	State	See Item
Johore	A9.	Negri Sembilan	A5, 16.	Perlis	A13.
Kedah	A11-12.	Pahang	A7.	Selangor	A4.
Kelantan	A14.	Penang	A1.	Singapore	A2, 6, 10, 17.
Malacca	A3.	Perak	A15.	Trengganu	A8.

A1. Reqn. G9/1289/1 (1947) Penang (KG6) (1).

40,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered. Specimens for Size G only. 5075 Size H and 5125 Size H2 were shipped on 31 May 1948. 42,575 Size G were shipped on 9 August. 5125 K were shipped on 2 September. On 18 March 1949, a further 372 Size H, 372 Size H2 and 368 Size K were shipped.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Specimens were needed for Size G only as specimens for the larger sizes were included in the Singapore order. The late batch of Sizes H, H2 and K was a balance held in reserve at the printer for possible use as Specimens. Earliest possible use was late 1948.

A2. Reqn. G9/421/2 (1947) Singapore (KG6) (1).

100,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered. "Usual" specimens were needed. 5000 Size H and 5125 Size H2 were shipped on 9 June 1948. 100,000 Size G and 5000 Size K were shipped on 14 September.

Notes: Initial release. Earliest possible use was late 1948. Earliest reported use is (Size H) 11 May 1951, (Size H2) 25 October 1949, (Size K) 27 May 1949 at Singapore.

Variety: The ASP Catalogue (now published by CS Philatelic Agency) states that there are two versions of Type A Size H. In this 1948 printing (and the 1949 reprint), the text "AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE" is said to measure 56mm (ASP R3). The 1951 printing is said to measure 58mm (ASP R4).

A3. Reqn. G9/1290/1 (1947) Malacca (KG6) (1).

20,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered. 5000 Size H and 5475 Size H2 were shipped on 9 June 1948. 20,075 Size G were shipped on 9 August. 5700 Size K were shipped on 2 September.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Specimens were requested but quantities are not mentioned in the Requisition Book entry. Earliest possible use was late 1948. This Requisition number was later reused by Singapore.

A4. Reqn. G9/1704/2 (1948) Selangor (1).

40,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered for delivery about 23 August 1948, to be banded in 12s and put in packets of 240 (Size G) or 120 (rest). 42,200 Size G were shipped in two batches on 19 January and 2 February 1949. 5100 Size H, 5050 Size H2 and 5000 Size K were shipped on 2 February. 343 each surplus GPO specimens of Sizes H, H2 and K were sent to Malaya on 18 March.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was early 1949.

A5. Reqn. G9/1610/1 (1947) Negri Sembilan (1).

20,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered for delivery about June 1948. A single embossing die was produced (the dies for the 10c. and registration envelopes cost £50 the pair). 21,650 Size G, 5500 Size H and 5500 Size H2 were shipped on 4 February 1949. 5343 Size K were shipped on 4 April, together with 343 each surplus GPO specimens of Sizes H and H2.

Notes: Initial release. Of Type A, only Size G was reprinted. Earliest possible use was early 1949. Earliest known use seen by author is (Size G) 7 December 1953 at Bahau.

A6. Reqn. G9/1290/1 (1948) Singapore (KG6) (2).

Reprint of 10,000 Size H envelopes were ordered for delivery between 16 March and 9 July 1949, to be interleaved with waxed paper and banded in 12s. 10,440 were shipped on 16 June 1949.

Notes: First reprint of Size H. Earliest possible use was mid-1949. This Requisition number had previously been used by Malacca.

A7. Reqn. G9/1/1 (1948) Pahang (1).

10,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. 10,450 Size G, 5825 Size H, 5300 Size H2 and 5250 Size K were shipped on 11 August 1949.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was late 1949.

A8. Reqn. G9/2/1 (1948) Trengganu (1).

10,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. 5625 Size H were shipped on 16 September 1949. 10,225 Size G, 5000 Size H2 and 5389 Size K were shipped on 29 September 1949.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was late 1949. Earliest known use is (Size G) 3 July 1951 at Jerteh, (Size H) 28 July 1956 at Kuala Trengganu, (Size H2) 7 October 1954 at Kuala Trengganu.

A9. Reqn. G9/3/1 (1948) Johore (1).

40,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered for delivery about 5 October 1948. A single embossing die was produced (the dies for the 10c. and registration envelopes cost £50 the pair). 40,350 Size G, 5250 Size H, 5250 Size H2 and 5050 Size K were shipped on 23 May 1950.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. A UPU Specimen Size G is known date-stamped 24 January 1951. Earliest possible use was mid-1950. Earliest use is (Size G) reported used 26 October 1951 at Kluang, (Size K) seen used 17 January 1955 at Johore Bahru.

A10. Reqn. G9/1749/1 (1950) Singapore (KG6) (3).

Reprint of 30,000 Size G, 15,000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper and banded in 12s. 30,636 Size G, 15,600 Size H and 5007 Size K were shipped on 30 November 1950, followed by 5124 Size H2 on 3 January 1951.

Notes: Second reprint of Size H and first reprint of the other sizes. This was the only reprint of Type A Size H2. Earliest possible use was early 1951. The ASP Catalogue (now published by CS Philatelic Agency) states that there are two versions. In the 1948 printing, the text "AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE" is said to measure 56mm. This 1951 printing is said to measure 58mm.

A11. Reqn. G9/4/1 (1948) Kedah (1).

20,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered.

Notes: The order was cancelled.

A12. Reqn. G9/4/2A (1948) Kedah (2).

20,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes interleaved with waxed paper were ordered for delivery about March 1949. 22,650 Size G were shipped in two batches on 25 January and 19 December 1951. 5550 Size H2 were shipped in two batches on 19 February and 9 March. 5400 Size H and 5170 Size K were shipped on 9 March.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was early 1951. The late delivery of the second batch of Size G suggests that it is possible that the latter portion may have been Type B. Earliest known use is (Size H) 20 July 1953 at Sungei Patani.

A13. Reqn. G9/1/1 (1948) Perlis (1).

5000 each of Sizes G, H, H2 and K envelopes were ordered. 5150 Size G, 5550 Size H, 5450 Size H2 and 5350 Size K were shipped on 27 March 1951.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was mid-1951.

A14. Reqn. G9/3/1A (1948) Kelantan (1).

20,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered. 20,000 Size G, 5450 Size H, 5475 Size H2 and 5350 Size K were shipped on 23 April 1951.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was mid-1951. Earliest recorded used is 11 August 1952 at Pasir Puteh.

A15. Reqn. G9/11/1 (1949) Perak (1).

40,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes were ordered for delivery August 1949. 42,000 Size G, 5475 Size H and 5400 Size H2 were shipped on 23 April 1951 together with part of the order for Size K. The balance of 5000 Size K was shipped on 19 July.

Notes: Initial release - Only Type A printing. Earliest possible use was mid-1951. Earliest known use dates are (Size G) 17 January 1952 at Taiping but postmark (TAIPING / B cds) reads 17 January 1951 in error, (Size H) Not seen, (Size H2) 3 January 1953 at Talim Nawar, (Size K) 12 August 1954 at Taiping.

A16. Reqn. G9/4774/1 (1950) Negri Sembilan (2).

Reprint of 20,000 Size G envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper. 20,850 Size G were shipped on 4 June 1951.

Notes: Only reprint. Earliest possible use was autumn 1951.

A17. Reqn. G9/2035/1 (1951) Singapore (KG6) (4).

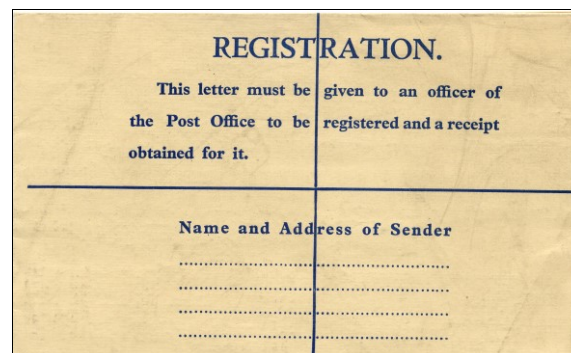
Reprint of 30,000 Size G and 3000 (later increased by a variation order to 5000) Size K envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper and banded in 12s. 30,720 Size G were shipped on 18 May 1951, followed by 5000 Size K on 19 July 1951.

Notes: Second reprint of Sizes G and K. Earliest possible use was mid-1951.

2. De La Rue Type B (1951):

Printings from mid-1951 gained "Name and Address of Sender" and four dotted lines on the reverse below the original four lines of text. At top right is a rectangular box for a stamp to be attached with text "The Stamp / to Pay the / Postage / must be / Placed Here". In all other respects, the envelope was as for Type A.

As Type B envelopes were only supplied as reprint orders, not all states received all sizes. Perlis received no Type B envelopes at all. All other states received Size G, most received H and H2 but only a few received Size K.



Size G Type B

Requisition history:

Orders for Type B registration envelopes were placed as follows (in order of first delivery):

State	See Item	State	See Item
Johore	B1, 15, 29, 39-40, 44.	Perak	B13, 20, 28, 36, 44.
Kedah	B39-40, 44.	Perlis	None.
Kelantan	B37, 39-40.	Selangor	B2, 10, 18, 22, 26, 39-40, 44.
Malacca	B5, 11, 35.	Singapore	B7, 9, 12, 23, 32, 38, 41, 43.
Negri Sembilan	B6, 14, 27, 39-40.	Trengganu	B19, 25, 30, 42.
Pahang	B3, 8, 16, 24, 31, 39-40, 44.		
Penang	B4, 17, 21, 34.	Queen Elizabeth II	B33.

B1. Reqn. G9/5342/1 (1951) Johore (2).

5000 Size H envelopes and 3000 (later 5000) Size H2. This is annotated to indicate new design on reverse. Proofs in triplicate were required before printing. 5075 Size H and 5000 Size H2 were shipped on 19 July 1951.

Notes: First Type B printing of Sizes H and H2. Earliest possible use was late 1951. Earliest reported uses are (Size H) 6 January 1955 at Ulu Tiram, (Size H2) 26 January 1956 at Johore Bahru.

B2. Reqn. G9/5341/1 (1951) Selangor(2).

45,000 Size G envelopes and 2000 (later 5000) Size H, to be interleaved with waxed paper. This is annotated to indicate new design on reverse. Proofs in triplicate were required before printing. 5250 Size H were shipped on 19 July 1951. 45,500 Size G were shipped in two batches on 20 August 1951 and 13 February 1952.

Notes: First Type B printing of Sizes G and H. Earliest possible use was late 1951. Earliest reported use is (Size G) 8 May 1952 at Kuala Lumpur.

B3. Reqn. G9/5346/1 (1951) Pahang (2).

5000 Size G envelopes, with waxed paper interleaving. This is annotated to indicate new design. 5200 were shipped on 10 October 1951.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1951.

B4. Reqn. G9/5260/1 (1951) Penang (KG6) (2).

5000 Size G envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s. This order is annotated to indicate new design on reverse. 5225 were shipped on 18 October 1951.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1951.

B5. Reqn. G9/5343/1 (1951) Malacca (KG6) (2).

6000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, packets of 250 and parcel of 500. This is annotated to indicate new design on reverse. Proofs in triplicate were required before printing. 6125 were shipped on 18 October 1951.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1951.

B6. Reqn. G9/5344/1 (1951) Negri Sembilan (3).

20,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, packets of 250 and parcel of 500. This is annotated to indicate new design. 21,000 were shipped on 20 November 1951.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was end 1951/early 1952. Earliest seen use is 22 October 1954 at Seremban.

B7. Reqn. G9/2322/1 (1951) Singapore (KG6) (5).

30,000 Size G envelopes. This is annotated to indicate new design on reverse (i.e. Type B). Proofs in triplicate were required before printing. 33,600 were shipped 20 November 1951.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was end 1951/early 1952. Earliest reported use is 26 September 1953.

B8. Reqn. G9/5346/2 (1952) Pahang (3).

Reprint of 15,000 Size G envelopes. 15,400 were shipped on 13 February 1952 with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: First reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was early 1952.

B9. Reqn. G9/2677/1 (1951) Singapore (KG6) (6).

Reprint of 60,000 Size G, 10,000 Size H and 3000 (later 5000) Size H2 envelopes. 59,904 Size G were shipped in two batches on 29 February and 1 May 1952. 10,320 Size H and 5004 Size H2 were shipped on 29 February. Envelopes were parcelled in 12s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: First reprint of Size G. First Type B printing of Sizes H and H2. This is not annotated to indicate new design on reverse but is assumed to be Type B for all values. Earliest possible use was early 1952. Earliest reported use is (Size H) 14 June 1954.

B10. Reqn. G9/6339 (1952) Selangor (3).

Reprint of 6000 Size H and 2000 (later 5000) Size H2 envelopes. This is annotated to indicate new design on reverse for Size H2 only. 6375 Size H and 5350 Size H2 were shipped on 17 March 1952. Orders were banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size H2 and first reprint of Size H. Earliest possible use was mid-1952.

B11. Reqn. G9/7038/1 (1952) Malacca (KG6) (3).

Reprint of 20,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, packets of 250 and parcels of 500. 21,100 were shipped in two batches on 1 May and 15 May 1952.

Notes: Only reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952.

B12. Reqn. G9/2854/1 (1952) Singapore (KG6) (7).

Reprint of 40,000 Size G and 10,000 Size H envelopes. 40,800 Size G and 10,448 Size H were shipped in two batches on 30 May and 16 June 1952. Orders were parcelled in 12s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Second reprint of Size G and first of Size H. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952.

B13. Reqn. G9/6869/1 (1952) Perak (2).

Reprint of 20,000 Size G, 5000 Size H and 5000 Size H2 envelopes, banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. 26,000 Size G were shipped on 30 May 1952. 5000 Size H and 5075 Size H2 were shipped on 16 June.

Notes: First Type B printing of Sizes G, H and H2. This is not annotated as the new design. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952. Earliest dates seen used are (Size G) 18 January 1954 at Chenor, (Size H) 24 October 1953 at Taiping.

B14. Reqn. G9/6817/1 (1952) Negri Sembilan (4).

Reprint of 5000 Size H and 500 Size H2 envelopes, banded in 10s and parcel of 250. 5180 Size H and 5240 Size H2 were shipped on 16 June 1952.

Notes: First Type B printing of Sizes H and H2. This is not annotated as new design on reverse. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952. Earliest seen used is (Size H2) 22 February 1957 at Kuala Pilah.

B15. Reqn. G9/7013/1 (1952) Johore (3).

Reprint of 40,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s. This is annotated to indicate new design on reverse. Proofs in triplicate were required before printing. 40,975 Size G were shipped in two batches on 16 June and 2 July 1952.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1952. Earliest reported use is 11 October 1954 at Kulai.

B16. Reqn. G9/7039/1 (1952) Pahang (4).

5000 Size H envelopes, banded in 25s, packets of 250 and parcels of 500, with waxed paper interleaving. This is annotated to indicate new design. 5225 were shipped on 16 June 1952.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size H. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952.

B17. Reqn. G9/7015/1 (1951) Penang (KG6) (3).

Reprint of 25,000 Size G and 2500 (later 5000) Size H envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H). Size H is annotated to indicate new design on reverse. Proofs in triplicate were required before printing. 25,675 Size G were shipped in two batches on 16 June and 2 July 1952. 5050 Size H were shipped on 16 June.

Notes: First Type B printing of Size H. First reprint of Size G. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952.

B18. Reqn. G9/6994/1 (1952) Selangor (4).

Reprint of 8000 Size H and 13,000 Size H2 envelopes, banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving. The Size H2 were urgently required. 8550 Size H were shipped in two batches on 2 July and 15 August 1952. 13,675 Size H2 were shipped on 15 August.

Notes: First reprint of Type B Size H2 and second of Size H. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952.

B19. Reqn. G9/7190/1 (1952) Trengganu (2).

Reprint of 6000 Size G envelopes, banded in 10s and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 6440 were shipped on 2 July 1952.

Notes: First printing of Type B Size G. This is not annotated to indicate new design, probably due to elapsed time. Earliest possible use was autumn 1952. Earliest seen use is 12 April 1955 at Kuala Trengganu.

B20. Reqn. G9/7916/1 (1952) Perak (3).

Reprint of 10,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, and 5000 Size H, banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s, with waxed paper interleaving in both cases. 10,500 Size G and 5288 Size H were shipped on 31 October 1952.

Notes: First reprint of Type B Sizes G and H. Earliest possible use was late 1952.

B21. Reqn. G9/7962/1 (1952) Penang (KG6) (4).

Reprint of 6000 Size G and 2500 (later 5000) Size H envelopes, to be interleaved with waxed paper, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H). 6375 Size G and 5050 Size H were shipped on 31 October 1952.

Notes: Second Type B reprint of Size G and first of Size H. Earliest possible use was late 1952.

B22. Reqn. G9/8116/1 (1952) Selangor (5).

Reprint of 32,000 Size G and 2000 (later 5000) Size K envelopes, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s (Size K), with waxed paper interleaving. 34,350 Size G were shipped in two batches on 12 November 1952 and 19 January 1953. 5250 Size K were shipped on 18 February 1953.

Notes: Only Type B printing of Size K (this is not annotated to indicate new design) and first reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1952 for Size G and early 1953 for Size K.

B23. Reqn. G9/3355/1 (1952) Singapore (KG6) (8).

Reprint of 40,000 Size G and 8000 Size H envelopes. 40,464 Size G were shipped in two batches on 28 November and 15 December 1952. 8321 Size H were shipped on 15 December. Orders were parcelled in 12s, with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Third reprint of Size G and second Size H. Earliest possible use was end-1952 (G) or early 1953 (H).

B24. Reqn. G9/8387/1 (1952) Pahang (5).

Reprint of 20,000 Size G envelopes. 20,432 were shipped on 2 January 1953, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: [Second](#) reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was early 1953.

B25. Reqn. G9/8388/1 (1952) Trengganu (3).

Reprint of 6000 Size G envelopes, banded in 10s and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 6175 were shipped on 3 February 1953.

Notes: [First](#) reprint of Type B Size G.

B26. Reqn. G9/8870/1 (1953) Selangor (6).

Reprint of 60,000 Size G and 3000 (later 5000) Size H envelopes, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s (Size H), with waxed paper interleaving. 5159 Size H were shipped on 19 March 1953. 60,075 Size G followed on 31 March.

Notes: Second reprint of Type B Size G and third of Size H. Earliest possible use was mid-1953.

B27. Reqn. G9/8871/1 (1953) Negri Sembilan (5).

Reprint of 15,000 Size G and 2000 (later 5000) Size H envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H), with waxed paper interleaving. 15,725 Size G and 5292 Size H were shipped on 19 March 1953.

Notes: First reprint of Type B Sizes G and H. Earliest possible use was mid-1953.

B28. Reqn. G9/8872/1 (1953) Perak (4).

Reprint of 10,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving. 10,212 were shipped on 19 March 1953.

Notes: Third reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was mid-1953.

B29. Reqn. G9/8873/1 (1952) Johore (4).

Reprint of 35,000 Size G and 3000 (later 5000) Size H envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H), with waxed paper interleaving. 36,000 Size G and 5375 Size H were shipped on 31 March 1953.

Notes: First reprint of Type B Size H and second of Size G. Earliest possible use was mid-1953.

B30. Reqn. G9/8960/1 (1953) Trengganu (4).

Reprint of 5000 Size G envelopes, banded in 10s and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 5340 were shipped on 15 April 1953.

Notes: Second reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was mid-1953.

B31. Reqn. G9/8925/1 (1953) Pahang (6).

Reprint of 8000 Size G envelopes. 8089 were shipped on 4 May 1953, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Third reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was mid-1953.

B32. Reqn. G9/3631/1 (1953) Singapore (KG6) (9).

Reprint of 5000 Size H2 and 3000 (later 5000) Size K envelopes. 5196 Size H2 and 5460 Size K were shipped on 1 July 1953. Orders were parcelled in 12s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: First reprint of Size H2. First Type B printing of Size K. This is not annotated to indicate new design on reverse, probably due to elapsed time. Earliest possible use was autumn 1953.

B33. Queen Elizabeth II:

Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 on the death of King George VI. The Malacca and Penang envelopes were reissued in late 1953 or early 1954 with the portrait of the queen in place of that of the late king. Singapore did not follow suit as it was developing its own postal material policies.

B34. Reqn. G9/9069/2 (1953) Penang (QE2) (5).

50,000 Size G, 5000 Size H, 2000 (later 5000) Size H2 and 2000 (later 5000) Size K envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (rest), with waxed paper interleaving. 363 Size G specimens were needed for GPO use. 5280 Size H2 were shipped on 5 October 1953. 5170 Size H were shipped on 29 October. 5490 Size K were shipped on 30 November. 52,175 Size G were shipped on 16 December.

Notes: Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Initial and only printing of all sizes. Earliest possible use was late 1953 (except Size G) or early 1954 (Size G).

B35. Reqn. G9/9068/2 (1953) Malacca (QE2) (4).

Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II: 25,000 Size G, 3000 (later 5000) Size H, 2000 (later 5000) Size H2 and 2000 (later 5000) Size K envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (rest), with waxed paper interleaving. 363 Size G specimens were needed for GPO use. 25,475 Size G, 5350 Size H and 5250 Size H2 were shipped on 16 November 1953. 5550 Size K were shipped on 30 November.

Notes: Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Initial and only printing of all sizes. Earliest possible use was late 1953 (except Size K) or early 1954 (Size K).

B36. Reqn. G9/9830/1 (1953) Perak (5).

Reprint of 60,000 Size G and 12,000 Size H envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s (Size H), with waxed paper interleaving. 62,125 Size G were shipped in two batches on 16 and 30 November 1953. 12,700 Size H were shipped on 30 November.

Notes: Fourth reprint of Type B Size G and second of Size H. Earliest possible use was late 1953/early 1954.

B37. Reqn. G9/9829/1 (1953) Kelantan (2).

13,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving. 14,000 G were shipped on 10 February 1954.

Notes: First Kelantan Type B printing of Size G. This is not annotated as new design, possibly due to elapsed time. Earliest possible use was early 1954. Earliest known use is 13 June 1955. Reeves and Dexter listed Type B Sizes H, H2 and K envelopes for Kelantan, but there were no such orders.

B38. Reqn. G9/4316/2 (4 December 1953) Singapore (KG6) (10).

Reprint of 50,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 12s, with waxed paper interleaving. 42,420 were shipped in two batches on 15 and 30 April 1954. 7680 were also shipped by air on 21 April.

Notes: Fourth reprint of Size G. Earliest possible use was late April 1954, as urgent air shipment was specified. There was no recorded DLR QE2 issue for Singapore.

B39. Reqn. G9/572/1 (4 December 1953) Johore (5), Kedah (3), Kelantan (3), Negri Sembilan (6), Pahang (7), Selangor (7).

An order was placed, possibly in error, with **McCorquodale** for 15,000 Johore Size G, 15,000 Kedah Size G, 5000 Kelantan Size G, 30,000 Negri Sembilan Size G, 15,000 Pahang Size G, 30,000 Selangor Size G, banded in 25s, bundled in 250s and parcelled in 5000s with waxed paper interleaving. Dies would be supplied by CA. Proofs would be required in triplicate. McCorquodale had tendered £4 17s 6d per 1000 for Negri Sembilan and Selangor, £5 2s 9d per 1000 for Johore, Kedah and Pahang, £5.8.9 for Kelantan, the various prices reflecting fixed set-up costs defrayed over varying volumes.

Notes: This order, possibly placed with McCorquodale in error, was cancelled on 17 June 1954 and replaced by an identical order to De La Rue, although it was not recorded by the British GPO control staff at McCorquodale until 25 October 1954. Given that this was De La Rue's last order, it may be that McCorquodale were simply not ready to assume the contract at this time. The assumption that (presumably) the De La Rue dies could be used by McCorquodale could have been incorrect due to machine incompatibility, hence the need for new dies when McCorquodale took over the contract.

B40. Reqn. G9/572/2 (17 June 1954) Johore (6), Kedah (4), Kelantan (4), Negri Sembilan (7), Pahang (8), Selangor (8).

All these orders specified that the envelopes were to be banded in 25s, placed in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving.

Reprint of 15,000 Johore Size G envelopes. 16,000 were shipped 2 July 1954.

Notes: Third reprint of Johore Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1954.

Reprint of 15,000 Kedah Size G envelopes. 15,875 were shipped 2 July 1954.

Notes: Only printing of Kedah Type B Size G. Not annotated as new design, probably because of elapsed time. Earliest possible use was late 1954.

Reprint of 5000 Kelantan Size G envelopes. 5250 were shipped 2 July 1954.

Notes: Only reprint of Kelantan Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1954.

Reprint of 30,000 Negri Sembilan Size G envelopes. 31,425 were shipped in two batches on 8 and 28 July 1954.

Notes: Second reprint of Negri Sembilan Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1954.

Reprint of 15,000 Pahang Size G envelopes. 16,000 were shipped 2 July 1954.

Notes: Fourth reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1954.

Reprint of 30,000 Selangor Size G envelopes. 31,700 were shipped in two batches on 8 and 28 July 1954.

Notes: Third reprint of Selangor Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1954.

B41. Reqn. G9/4550/3 (1954) Singapore (KG6) (11).

Reprint of 5000 Size H, 5000 Size H2 and 5000 Size K envelopes. 5004 Size H, 5160 Size H2 and 5172 Size K were shipped on 14 June 1954. Orders were banded in 12s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Third reprint of Size H. Second reprint of Size H2. First reprint of Size K. Earliest possible use was autumn 1954.

B42. Reqn. G9/1071/3 (14 July 1954) Trengganu (5).

Reprint of 10,000 Size G envelopes, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 10,750 were shipped on 2 September 1954.

Notes: Third reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1954. As Reqn. G9/1071/2 was for McCorquodale envelopes, this was presumably an interim order pending availability of the new design.

B43. Reqn. G9/5236/1 (1954) Singapore (KG6) (12).

Reprint of 80,000 Size G and 15,000 Size H envelopes. 4080 Size G were shipped by air on 23 November 1954, followed by 3840 on 4 January 1955 and 73,680 in two batches on 20 January and 17 March 1955. 15,600 Size H were shipped in two batches on 6 and 20 December 1954. Orders were banded in 12s with waxed paper interleaving, in parcels of 480 (Size G) or 240 (Size H).

Notes: Fifth reprint of Size G. Fourth reprint of Size H. Earliest possible use was late November 1954 (Size G) or early 1955 (Size H).

B44. Reqn. G9/2469/1 (1954) Johore (7), Kedah (5), Pahang (9), Perak (6), Selangor (9).

5000 Kedah Size H and 5000 Size H2 envelopes. 5000 Size H were shipped on 12 December 1954. 5000 Size H2 followed on 27 January 1955. Envelopes were banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Only printing of Kedah Type B Sizes H and H2. Not annotated as new design, probably because of elapsed time. Earliest possible use was early 1955. Size H2 is known used at Taiping, Perak on 16 August 1957. Higgins and Gage listed a Type B Size K (H&G C3b) but there was no order for such an envelope.

Reprint of Selangor 30,000 Size G and 5000 Size H envelopes. 5000 Size H were shipped on 12 December 1954. 30,250 Size G were shipped in two batches on 27 January and 18 February 1955. Envelopes were banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H), with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Fourth reprint of Selangor Type B Sizes G and H. Earliest possible use was early 1955.

Reprint of 10,000 Pahang Size G, 5000 Size H and 5000 Size H2 envelopes. 10,500 Size G and 5000 Size H were shipped 12 December 1954. 5250 Size H2 were shipped 27 January 1955. Envelopes were banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Sizes H, H2), with waxed paper interleaving. Notes: Fifth reprint of Type B Size G. First reprint of Size H. First Type B printing of Size H2, which was not annotated as a new design, probably because of elapsed time. Earliest possible use was early 1955.

Reprint of 15,000 Johore Size G envelopes. 16,000 were shipped 27 January 1955, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving.

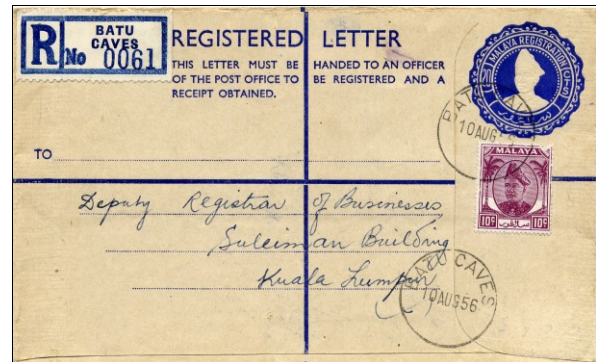
Notes: Fourth reprint of Johore Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was early 1955.

Reprint of 15,000 Perak Size G envelopes. 15,000 were shipped 3 March 1955, banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving.

Notes: Fifth reprint of Type B Size G. Earliest possible use was mid-1955.

3. McCorquodale Type C (1955) :

From mid-1954, all orders went to McCorquodale instead of De La Rue. The McCorquodale design was significantly different. The new envelopes were printed in bright ultramarine on cream reinforced paper. The R in oval was deleted from the front on the envelope and replaced by a box to which the registration label was to be affixed, containing the text "This space is reserved for / Official Registration Label.". The flap was redesigned to move the "stamp" to the top right-hand corner of the envelope, for which the flap was changed to a "rounded rectangular" shape. The original four lines of text were removed from the back. There was no printer's imprint.



Selangor Size G

The British GPO was contracted to carry out production control at McCorquodale's Wolverton printing works on behalf of the Crown Agents as, unlike CA, they already had resident inspectors to handle work for Britain.

Singapore did not issue a Type C until after it had assumed an independent stamp issuing policy and these issues are outside the scope of this book. All other states received Type C Size G, but few received any of the larger envelopes under known Requisitions. However, at least one envelope exists for which the requisition is not recorded, so other Type C large envelopes may exist unrecorded.

Requisition history:

Orders for Type C registration envelopes were placed as follows (in order of first delivery):

State	See Item	State	See Item	State	See Item
Johore	C1, 5, 15.	Negri Sembilan	C6, 14, 20.	Perlis	C1, 25.
Kedah	C7, 16, 24.	Pahang	C8, 21.	Selangor	C2.
Kelantan	C1, 13, 17.	Penang	C1, 10, 22.	Singapore	C26.
Malacca	C1, 12, 23.	Perak	C3, 9, 19.	Trengganu	C4., 11, 18.

C1. Reqn. G9/1907/1 (10 June 1954) Johore (8), Kelantan (5), Malacca (QE2) (5), Penang(QE2) (6), Perlis (2).

Notes: Details not known. Approval of envelope and registration envelope dies for McCorquodale printings. This probably covered all states, but has only been seen referenced in orders from the above states.

C2. Reqn. G9/1017/2 (14 July 1954) Selangor (10).

70,000 (later 120,000) Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 125,634 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing of Size G. The CA record includes 10,000 Size H and 5000 Size H2 but this does not appear on the order received by McCorquodale (there is thus no known order for Sizes H, H2 or K). Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. Earliest known use of Size G is 10 August 1956. Size H exists and is known used 21 September 1956 from Klang.¹⁵

C3. Reqn. G9/1018/2 (14 July 1954) Perak (7)

20,000 (later 80,000) Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 82,568 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. Earliest reported is 30 June 1955 at Matang, which must be in error. ISC lists two shades (RE4) Blue and (RE4c) Ultramarine.

C4. Reqn. G9/1071/2 (14 July 1954) Trengganu (6).

10,000 (later 15,000) Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 15,222 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: First McCorquodale printing of Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. Earliest seen used is 9 April 1956 at Kuala Trengganu.

C5. Reqn. G9/1072/2 (14 July 1954) Johore (9).

30,000 (later 50,000) Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA. Proofs required before shipping. 49,311 shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing of Size G. The CA record includes 5000 Size H but this does not appear on the order received by McCorquodale (there is thus no known Size H, H2 or K order). Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. A UPU Specimen is known date-stamped 21 April 1956. Earliest seen used is 2 July 1956 at Benut.

Variety:

A constant error reported is a "blue bolt on the south east corner of "20"". ¹⁶

C6. Reqn. G9/1073/2 (August 1954) Negri Sembilan (8).

20,000 Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA.

Notes: First Negri Sembilan Type C printing of Size G. Shipping dates not recorded, as no British GPO control report survives. Earliest possible use was 1955. Earliest seen use is 15 June 1956 at Kuala Klawang.

C7. Reqn. G9/1133/1 (1954) Kedah (6).

15,000 Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 367 specimens ordered for CA.

Notes: First Kedah Type C printing of Size G. Shipping dates not recorded, as no British GPO control report survives. Earliest possible use was 1954. Earliest known use is 4 April 1956 at Sungei Patani.

C8. Reqn. G9/1694/2 (14 July 1954) Pahang (10).

40,000 Size G and 5000 Size H envelopes. Envelopes were banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving. Proofs required before printing. 367 Size G specimens ordered for CA. 42,240 Size G and 5193 Size H shipped 8 November 1955 on Glen Line SS "Glengyle".

Notes: First McCorquodale printing of Size G and only known printing of Size H (there is no known order for Size H2 or K). Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956. Earliest seen use is 8 January 1957 at Triang.

C9. Reqn. G9/3341/1 (1955) Perak (8).

2500 Size K envelopes, to be banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving at the flap.

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing of Size K. Shipping dates not recorded, as no British GPO control report survives. Earliest possible use was 1955.

C10. Reqn. G9/3709/2 (13 April 1955) Penang (QE2) (7).

30,000 Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Proofs required before printing. Ship in conjunction with CA shipping Dept S3. 30,300 shipped 9 November 1955. 367 GPO specimens ordered - 370 shipped to Crown Agents.

Notes: First Type C printing. Earliest possible use was late 1955. Earliest known use is 31 July 1956. Higgins & Gage list a Size K as C4a, but there is no known requisition to support its existence and no example has been seen by the author.

C11. Reqn. G9/3730/2 (15 April 1955) Trengganu (7).

1500 Size H and 3000 H2 envelopes, to be banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s with waxed paper interleaving, without inspection. Stamp design as for G9/1071/2. 3 record copies to be supplied to CA. Ship in conjunction with CA Dept. S3. 1895 Size H and 3000 Size H2 shipped 11 January 1956.

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing of Size H and first of Size H2. Earliest possible use was early 1956. Earliest seen use is (Size H2) 30 April 1957 at Kemanan.

C12. Reqn. G9/3731/2 (18 April 1955) Malacca (QE2) (6).

9000 Size G envelopes without inspection, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as approved under Reqn. G9/1907/1. Ship in conjunction with CA Dept. S3. 367 specimens ordered for CA - 370 shipped. 10,869 shipped 9 November 1955.

Notes: First Type C printing. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956.

C13. Reqn. G9/3732/2 (15 April 1955) Kelantan (6).

13,000 Size G envelopes without inspection, to be banded in 25s and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Ship in conjunction with CA Dept. S3. 14,600 shipped 11 January 1956. 367 specimens ordered for CA - 370 supplied.

Notes: First Type C printing. Earliest possible use was early 1956. Earliest recorded use is 14 July 1956 at Kota Bharu.

C14. Reqn. G9/3733/2 (18 April 1955) Negri Sembilan (9).

Reprint without inspection of 18,000 Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as Reqn. G9/1073/2. 19,685 shipped 9 November 1955.

Notes: First reprint of Negri Sembilan Type C Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1955/early 1956.

C15. Reqn. G9/3735/2 (15 April 1955) Johore (10).

Reprint 21,000 Size G and print 3000 Size H and 1200 Size K envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 25s and parcelled in 250s (Sizes H and K), with waxed paper interleaving. No inspection. Die design as Reqn. G9/1907. 2 specimens ordered for CA. Sizes H and K required by May 1956. Correct quantities shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: First reprint of Johore Size G and only printing of Sizes H and K. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

C16. Reqn. G9/3736/2 (15 April 1955) Kedah (7).

5000 Size G and 4000 Size H envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H), with waxed paper interleaving. Die design as Reqn. G9/1133/1. 367 specimens ordered for CA. 5900 Size G and 4344 Size H shipped 11 January 1956.

Notes: First reprint of Kedah Type C Size G and only printing of Size H. Earliest possible use was early 1956.

C17. Reqn. G9/5736/2 (1 March 1956) Kelantan (7).

Reprint without inspection 4000 Size G envelopes as Reqn. G9/3732/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s, with waxed paper interleaving. Correct quantities shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only known reprint of Size G for Kelantan. Earliest possible use was end 1956.

C18. Reqn. G9/5737/2 (1 March 1956) Trengganu (8).

Reprint without inspection 10,000 Size G and 1500 Size H2 envelopes as Reqn. G9/3730/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Size H2), with waxed paper interleaving. 2 specimens for CA. Correct quantities shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only known reprint of Sizes G and H2 for Trengganu. Earliest possible use was end 1956.

C19. Reqn. G9/5738/2 (1 March 1956) Perak (9).

5000 Size G, 8100 Size H and 3600 Size H2 envelopes as Reqn. G9/1018/2 and G9/2982, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s (Size G) or banded in 10s and parcelled in 250s (Sizes H and H2), with waxed paper interleaving. Correct quantities shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only known McCorquodale printing of Sizes H and H2 for Perak. Earliest possible use was end 1956. H2 is known used 4 December 1956 from Ulu Bernam. The note regarding unknown Reqn. G9/2982 of 1954 may be reference to an order for which no record survives.

C20. Reqn. G9/5739/2 (1 March 1956) Negri Sembilan (10).

Reprint without inspection 15,000 Size G envelopes as Reqn. G9/3733/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Required by August 1956. 15,000 shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Second reprint of Negri Sembilan Type C Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

C21. Reqn. G9/5740/2 (1 March 1956) Pahang (11).

Reprint without inspection 7500 Size G envelopes as Reqn. G9/1694/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Required by August 1956. 7530 shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only reprint of Pahang Type C Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

C22. Reqn. G9/5741/2 (1 March 1956) Penang (QE2) (8).

Reprint without inspection 25,000 Size G envelopes as Reqn. G9/3709/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Required by August 1956. 25,000 shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only reprint of Penang Type C Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

C23. Reqn. G9/5742/2 (1 March 1956) Malacca (QE2) (7).

Reprint without inspection 10,000 Size G envelopes as Reqn. G9/3731/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Required by September 1956. 10,000 shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Only reprint of Malacca Type C Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

C24. Reqn. G9/5743/2 (1 March 1956) Kedah (8).

Reprint without inspection 10,000 Size G envelopes as Reqn.G9/3735/2, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. 10,000 shipped 13 September 1956.

Notes: Second reprint of Kedah Type C Size G. Earliest possible use was late 1956.

C25. Reqn. G9/6980/1 (8 August 1956) Perlis (3).

Print 5000 Size G envelopes, to be banded in 25s, in packets of 250 and parcelled in 500s with waxed paper interleaving. Design as approved under Reqn. G9/1907/1. 370 Specimens ordered. Free-on-board order, to be shipped in conjunction with CA Dept. S3. 4880 shipped 20 May 1957.

Notes: Only Perlis Type C Size G printing. Earliest possible use June 1957. This envelope is known used at Enggor (Perak) on 12 June 1957.

C.26 Singapore - Queen Elizabeth II:

Singapore Requisition G9/4316/1 (raised on 4 December 1953 and shipped on 10 November 1955) was a printing by McCorquodale of envelopes of Sizes G, H, H2 and K. New embossing dies were required to produce this printing, so this was Singapore's first Queen Elizabeth II issue. This can be regarded as part of the 1955 Definitive Issue of Singapore and thus outside the scope of this book. It was issued on 2 January 1956.

Further McCorquodale printings may have taken place but are not recorded in the Crown Agents Requisition Books. In summary, known Type C envelopes are:

Size G: All known to have been printed.

Size H: Only Johore, Kedah, Pahang, Perak, Selangor and Trengganu known to have been printed.

Size H2: Only Perak and Trengganu known to have been printed. Selangor was probably also printed but official information is self-contradictory.

Size K: Only Johore and Perak known to have been printed.

Out-of-state usage:

There appears to have been a shortage of registration envelopes in Perak in 1957. The Perlis Type C Size G is known used at Enggor on 12 June 1957 and Kampong Kapayong 26 June 1957, while the Kedah Type B Size H2 is known used at Taiping on 16 August 1957.

Destruction of dies:

The dies for Johore were destroyed on 13 October 1964.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (20c. Registration Envelopes)**Johore**

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.56.1	C2	RE2	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.2	C3	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.3	C4	RE3	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.4	C2a	RE2a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.5	C3a	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.6	C4	RE3	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.7	C2b	RE2b	Size H2. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.8	-	-	- Type B. .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.9	C2c	RE2c	Size K. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.56.10	-	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kedah

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.57.1	C4	RE4	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.2	-	RE5	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.3	C5	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.4	C4a	RE4a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.5	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.6	-	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.7	C4b	RE4b	Size H2. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.8	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.57.9	C4c	RE4c	Size K. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kelantan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.58.1	C3	RE3	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.58.2	C4	RE4	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.58.3	C5	RE5	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.58.4	C3a	RE3a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.58.5	C3b	RE3b	Size H2. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.58.6	C3c	-	Size K. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Malacca (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.59.1	C1	RE1	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.59.2	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.59.3	C1a	RE1a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.59.4	C1b	RE1b	Size H2. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.59.5	C1c	RE1c	Size K. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Malacca (QE2)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.60.1	C2	RE2	Size G. Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.60.2	C3	RE3	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.60.3	C2a	RE2a	Size H. Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.60.4	C2b	RE2b	Size H2. Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.60.5	C2c	RE2c	Size K. Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negri Sembilan

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.61.1	C2	RE2	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.2	-	RE3	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.3	C4	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.4	C2a	RE2a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.5	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.6	C2b	RE2b	Size H2. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.7	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.61.8	C2c	RE2c	Size K. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pahang

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.62.1	C2	RE2	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.2	C3	RE3	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.3	C4	RE4	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.4	C2a	RE2a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.5	C3a	RE3a	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.6	C4a	RE4a	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.7	C2b	RE2b	Size H2 Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.8	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.62.9	C2c	RE2c	Size K Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Penang (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.63.1	C1	RE1	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.63.2	C2	RE2	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.63.3	C1a	RE1a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.63.4	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.63.5	C1b	RE1b	Size H2 Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.63.6	C1c	RE1c	Size K Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Penang (QE2)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.64.1	C3	RE3	Size G. Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.64.2	C4	RE4	- Type C. ¹⁷	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.64.3	C3a	RE3a	Size H. Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.64.4	C3b	RE3b	Size H2 Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.64.5	C3c	RE3c	Size K Type B. ¹⁸	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perak

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.65.1	C3	RE3	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.2	C4		- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.3	C5	RE4	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.4	C3a	RE3a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.5	C4a		- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.6	-	RE4a	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.7	C3b	RE3b	Size H2 Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.8	C4b		- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.9	-	RE4b	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.10	C3c	RE3c	Size K Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.65.11	-	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Perlis

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.66.1	C1	RE1	Size G Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.66.2	-	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.66.3	C1a	RE1a	Size H Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.66.4	C1b	RE1b	Size H2 Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.66.5	C1c	RE1c	Size K Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selangor

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.67.1	C2	RE2	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.2	C3	RE3	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.3	C4	RE4	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.4	C2a	RE2a	Size H. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.5	C3a	RE3a	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.6	C4a	RE4a	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.7	C2b	RE2b	Size H2 Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.8	C3b	RE3b	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.10	C2c	RE2c	Size K Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.67.11	-	-	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Singapore (KG6)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.68.1	C1	1	Size G. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.2	C2	2d	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.3	C1a	1a	Size H. Type A. "AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE" measures 56mm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.3a	-	-	- "AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE" measures 58mm.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.4	C2a	2e	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.5	C1b	1b	Size H2. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.6	C2b	2f	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.7	C1c	-	Size K. Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.68.8	C2c	2g	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Trengganu

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.69.1	C3	RE3	Size G. (1949) Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.69.2	C4	RE4	- Type B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.69.3	C5	RE5	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.69.4	C3a	RE3a	Size H. (1949) Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.69.5	-	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.69.6	C3b	RE3b	Size H2 (1949) Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.69.7	-	-	- Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.69.8	C3c	RE3c	Size K (1949) Type A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Official Use Overprints:

A number of remainder envelopes are known used in 1959-1960 overprinted for official use by the Director of Posts (Finance), Kuala Lumpur, whose role included the Philatelic Bureau:

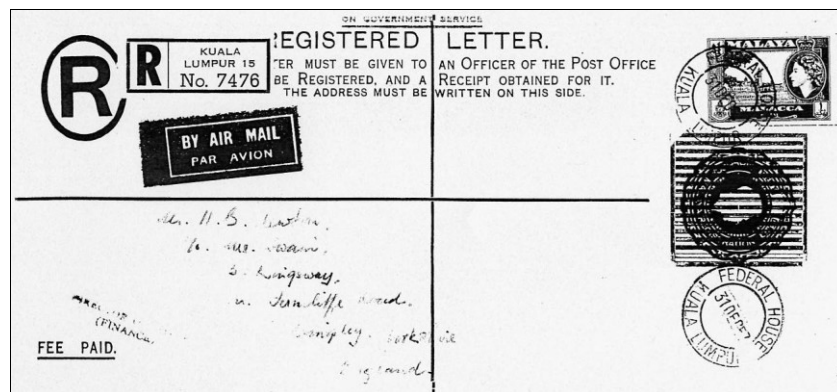
Type 1:

Stamp obliterated with 19 vertical blue bars (relative to the axis of the “stamp”) closed by horizontal bars at top and bottom. “ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE” applied in blue to the envelope, 37mm x 2mm. Reported used 1959-1961. Malacca (KG6) Size H2 Type A is known used by Director of Posts (Finance), Kuala Lumpur on 21 March 1959. Perlis Size H2 Type A is known used by Director of Posts (Finance) on 1 November 1961.

Type 2:

Stamp obliterated with 17 vertical blue bars (relative to the axis of the “stamp”) closed by horizontal bars at top and bottom. “ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE” applied in blue to the envelope, 100mm x 5mm. Malacca (KG6) Size H2 Type A was reported used in 1958 by the Director of Posts, Kuala Lumpur. Malacca (KG6) Size K Type A is known used at Kuala Lumpur on 28 September 1959.

Type 3:



(Malacca Size H2)

Stamp obliterated with 17 vertical blue bars (relative to the axis of the “stamp”) closed by horizontal bars at top and bottom, forming a 35.5mm square. The 16th bar from the left is set back and improperly inked in the example shown above. “ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE” applied in blue to the envelope, 37mm x 1.5mm. Reported used 1957-1958. Malacca (KG6) Size H2 Type A is known used by the Director of Posts (Finance), Kuala Lumpur on 21 July 1958.

Type 4:

Stamp obliterated with 16 vertical black bars (relative to the axis of the “stamp”) without horizontal bars at top and bottom. “ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE” applied in black to the envelope, 94mm x 5mm. Reported used 1960. Perlis Size H Type A is known used by the Director of Posts (Finance), Kuala Lumpur on 3 March 1960 and 1 April 1960 with added 30c. stamp.

Type 5:

Stamp obliterated with 16 vertical black bars (relative to the axis of the “stamp”) without horizontal bars at top and bottom, forming a solid block. “ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE” applied in black to the envelope, 54mm x 4mm. Perlis Size H2 Type A exists used by Director of Posts (Finance) between 14 February 1961 and 27 August 1962. Trengganu Size H2 Type C is known used at Federal House, Kuala Lumpur on 28 May 1963 with an additional violet handstamp “Urusan Perkhidmatan Pos”.

Unknown Type:

A Johore Type A Size H2 has been reported used with a similar overprint from Kuala Lumpur on 6 December 1960.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Official overprints on 20c. Registration Envelopes)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.	State	Size	Envelope type	Overprint	Mint	Used
48D.70.1	-	-	Malacca (KG6)	H2	A	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	H&G	I.S.C.	State	Size	Envelope type	Overprint	Mint	Used
48D.70.2	-	-	Perlis	H2	A	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.71.1	-	OE1	Malacca (KG6)	H2	A	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.71.2	-	-	Malacca (KG6)	K	A	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.72.1	-	-	Malacca (KG6)	H2	A	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.73.1	-	-	Perlis	H	A	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.74.1	-	-	Perlis	H2	A	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.74.2	-	-	Trengganu	H2	C	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.75.1	-	-	Johore	H2	A	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A QE2 H2 envelope type B has been seen overprinted type 4 or 5, used 8 January 1962, but it has not been possible to identify whether it was Penang or Malacca as a stamp was stuck over the imprint.

2.4. AEROGRAMMES – GENERAL ISSUE

The aerogramme, or “Light Air Letter” as it was officially known until 1952, was invented by Douglas William Gumbley¹⁹ and first issued on 15 July 1933 in Iraq, to enable more mail to be carried in an aircraft, by use of a lightweight form with the maximum usable space without the need for an envelope, and can be considered a development of the “Letter Card” introduced in the 19th Century (but only briefly tried in Malaya in the 1920s without success). It only became widely used under wartime conditions when payload became an even more valuable commodity, starting in Australia and then Britain and India. The term “Aerogramme” was the official term adopted by the UPU when this class of postal item was given official recognition at the Brussels 13th Congress of 1952.

A notice in The Straits Times of 2 November 1957, p.3., stated that aerogrammes, affixed with a 25c. stamp, were on sale at all post offices in Malaya. Privately-produced aerogrammes bearing the inscription “Form Approved by the Postmaster General Malaya, No...” would be accepted, but all others could be returned to sender.

The aerogramme forms listed below were the official post office issues and similar or identical designs were widely used in other British Empire and Commonwealth countries, suggesting a common source of supply. The so-called “formular” issues produced privately under government licence are outside the scope of the present book.

Forerunners of or contemporaries to the BMA issue known used in Malaya may be considered to include military issues such as:

1. Blue overlay military aerogramme, of which at least 5.5 million were printed in February and April 1945 for use by the Indian Army Field Force. This bears form number IAFF 1083 at the bottom left of the front, with printer’s reference “SSP LTD 9.2.45 25,00,000” or “SSP LTD 11.4.45 30,00,000” on one sealing flap. An example of the first printing is known used in Kuala Lumpur in 1947 and of the second at Taiping on 14 August 1947.
2. “On Active Service” aerogramme privately issued by the Navy, Army and Air Forces Institute (NAAFI) as part of their care for services personnel. An example is known used in Malaya on 28 November 1946.
3. A cream sheet with blue overlay, in a similar format to the buff aerogramme described below but with “POST OFFICE” at the bottom of the back panel, aligned with the text. This has been seen unused with either a 25c. BMA stamp or a 10c. Royal Silver Wedding and a 15c. BMA. No used example has been seen and its status is open to debate.

The earliest reported scenic aerogramme, privately produced with a Malayan scene at the top left-hand corner, dated from October 1946.

1 April 1946?

British Military Administration - Unstamped Aerogramme



A 25c. civilian postal rate for light air letters to any destination was first made available from Malaya on 1 April 1946.

The first aerogramme used after the resumption of postal services in Malaya at the end of World War Two was printed without a stamp to give maximum flexibility for use in postal administrations. I believe that, as with the 1948 aerogramme, it was sold in Malaya for 25c. with the stamp affixed.

Although outside the nominal scope of this book, this item is recorded here for completeness as it does not appear in the Group’s book on King George VI postal stationery. Similar (or identical) aerogrammes were supplied to other British colonies in this period. The earliest example seen by the author was used in Malacca on 17 April 1947, but used examples have been reported between July 1946 and June 1949.

The designer and printer were not recorded. The aerogramme was in Format A²⁰, measuring 225mm x 215mm unfolded (over tabs), 111mm x 104mm folded. The folded dimensions depended to some extent on how carefully the writer folded the sheets and tabs. Some variation in unfolded size has been reported. This may have been the result of different printings or shrinkage due to storage conditions. Variations in font and arrow boldness have also been reported. It was printed in blue on thin, smooth, buff paper. The paper gave no ultra-violet reaction and tends now to be brittle when unfolded. There was no watermark. The second fold line had 7 dashes per 2cm.

Variety:

A variation has been reported with the bottom "To open slit here" and arrow omitted, used in 1949.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Buff Aerogramme)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
45D.1.1	-	-	Aerogramme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/> Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>		

Late 1946**Malayan States - Unstamped Aerogramme**

This aerogramme was sold over the post office counter to customers without additional charge over the cost of postage, a practice that continues to this day. This practice is all the more surprising in the case of the 1948 aerogramme as stamps of the appropriate value had to be affixed. Although at first sight the postal authority would appear to be making a loss compared with an ordinary stamped letter, the weight saving probably enabled the authority to make a greater saving in its airline freight charges than the cost of the forms. Postage paid impressions were not pre-printed on the form because of the low numbers expected to be used and the complexity of postage rates, depending on destination, coupled with post-war need for economies. Similar (or identical) aerogrammes were supplied to other British colonies in this period (e.g. Type A2a is known used in Sarawak on 1 February 1952).

The designer and printer were not recorded, but the basic design was in use in Great Britain in 1942. McCorquodale was almost certainly responsible. They printed identical base aerogrammes for the United Kingdom and for colonies, the stamp, where requested, being added by the appropriate stamp printer, such as De La Rue or Harrison. The British GPO supplied these unstamped forms to colonies at a cost of 11s 3d per 1000, plus 12 ½ % "departmental costs" plus postage.²¹ The aerogramme was in Format A²⁰, measuring 257mm x 213mm unfolded, 125mm x 101mm folded. It was printed using litho on pale drab (brownish grey) paper with a blue printed overlay. The paper gave no ultra-violet reaction. There was no watermark.

The forms can be divided into three distinct types with sub types reflecting changes over the period of issue. It replaced the 1945 aerogramme, printed on buff paper. This earliest version of the 1948 aerogramme (and its buff predecessor) could be regarded as an issue of the British Military Administration, but it was used throughout the currency of the 1948 Definitive Issue.

The standard aerogramme was initially sold for 25c., the counter clerk being required to affix the appropriate 25c. definitive stamp. The customer would then have to buy stamps to cover any additional charge to pay the full postage rate to the destination. Instructions were issued to postmasters that aerogrammes must not be sold unstamped to the public.

Two rates were subsequently issued. The 25c. aerogramme had just the 25c. definitive stamp. The 30c. aerogramme was produced by overprinting blank forms with a 5c. Postage Paid Indicator (PPI) in red, there being no 30c. definitive stamp at this time. This was probably produced to meet the need generated by the increase of the light air letter rate to the United Kingdom from 25c. to 30c. from 1 April 1953. The earliest date on which the aerogramme with 5c. imprint has been seen used was 15 May 1954 in Perak. Although there were strict rules against selling these aerogrammes to the public without stamps attached, unstamped forms with PPI exist with both wording variations (Types A and B), possibly by arrangement with the counter clerk to sell, but not to actually attach, the stamp. The aerogramme with just the 5c. PPI exists philatelically used (probably cancelled by favour) from Cocos Island (part of the Colony of Singapore) to Perak on 6 June 1955 without any attached stamp. The 1955 Post Office Guide confirmed that both these 25c. and 30c. aerogrammes were being issued simultaneously.

Although intended for sale at 30c. with a 25c. stamp, a number of examples with PPI exist from 15 February 1955 onwards where a 20c. stamp or equivalent combinations of stamps have been used to make up the 25c. rate. The relative frequency of this suggests that official sanction may have been given to the practice in the interests of clearing stock of what may already have been considered a misguided experiment. Alternatively, there may just have been a shortage of aerogrammes without the PPI.

It should be noted that there were many other aerogramme postal rates, from 10c. to 55c. It is assumed that either the customer would be responsible for attaching the extra postage or that the clerk would supply the appropriate stamps on request at the time of purchase. The Type C aerogramme is not known with the postage paid impression and it is assumed that this was sold at 25c. or the appropriate rate for destination as appropriate.

Whilst normally found used with 25c. 1948 Definitive series stamps, these aerogrammes also exist with the 25c. rate paid with BMA stamps (on Type A1 only), other definitive combinations or the 25c. UPU stamp (Perak and Selangor..). Other rates have been seen by use of additional stamps, such as 30c., (3 x 10c. 1948, 10c. + 20c. 1948, 3 x 10c. Coronation, 30c. 1957) or 35c. (25c. BMA and RSW 10c.).

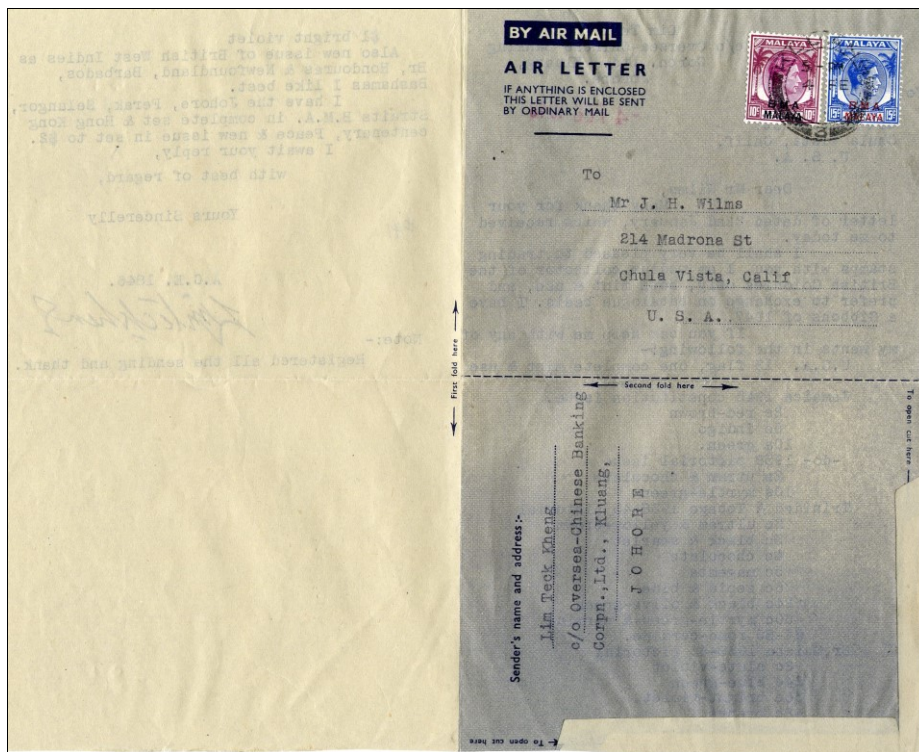
Type A1:

Sold at 25c.

“BY AIR MAIL” was at top left in paper colour in a blue rectangle, below which was “AIR LETTER / IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED / THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT / BY ORDINARY MAIL”. The words “BY AIR MAIL” were cleared of screening dots so that they looked whiter than the surrounding (overlaid) paper.

“Second fold here” line had 8 dashes per 2cm. The text “Affix / Stamp / here” appeared at top right (usually obscured by the stamp)

The flaps were not gummed.



Sub-types:

Type A1a: Short hyphen after “address” on the back. Second fold line opposite “f” of “fold”. (illustrated)

Type A1b: Long hyphen after “address” on the back. Second fold line opposite “l” of “fold”. Examples of A1b exist with ruled lines on the blank pages (whether or not used), added by the sender to aid in writing the letter.

Issue date:

The issue date was not recorded, but it was probably released in 1946. The earliest recorded date of use of Type A1a was 12 December 1946 in Kuala Lumpur with BMA stamps. Type A1b has been seen used between 24 August 1949 and 21 January 1951.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Blue Aerogramme Type A1)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.76.1	-	-	Type A1a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>		
48D.76.2	-	-	Type A1b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>		

Type A2:

“BY AIR MAIL” at top left in background colour in a blue rectangle, below which was “AIR LETTER / IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED / THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT / BY ORDINARY MAIL”. The words “BY AIR MAIL” were not cleared of screening dots so that they now matched the surrounding (overlaid) paper. The text “Affix / Stamp / here” appeared at top right (normally concealed by stamp).

The flaps were not gummed.

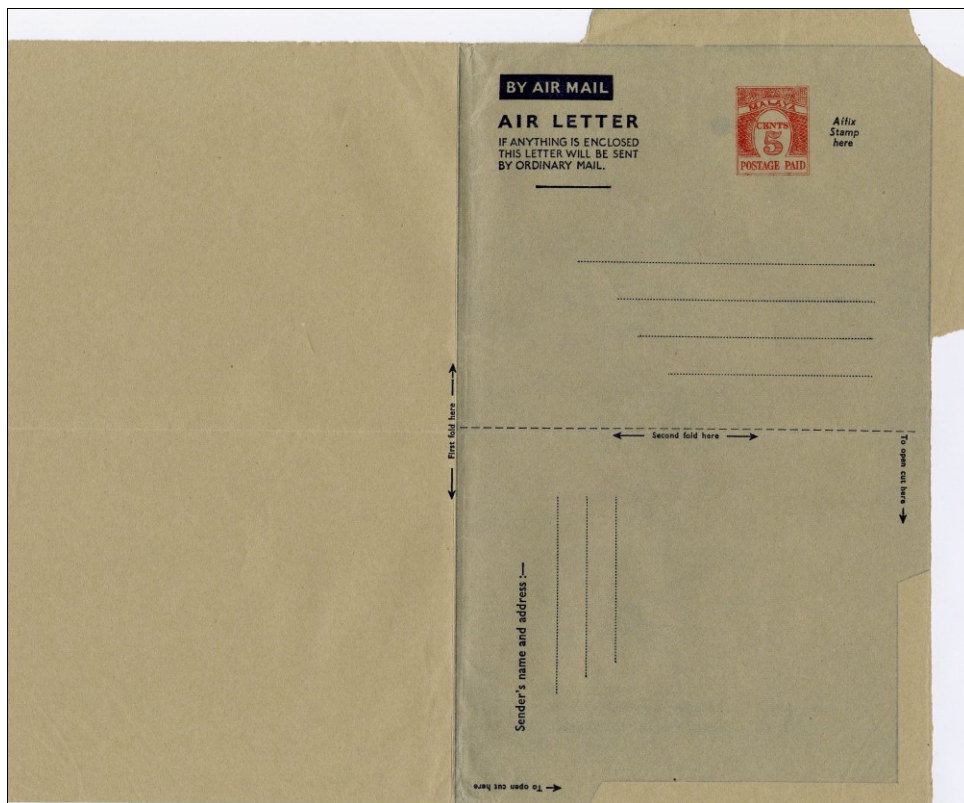
Sub-types were:

Type A2a: Short hyphen after “address” on the back. No PPI. “Second fold here” line had 9¾ dashes per 2cm. Sold at 25c.

Type A2b: Long hyphen after “address” on the back. No PPI. “Second fold here” line had 6½ dashes per 2cm. Sold at 25c.

Type A2c: Long hyphen after “address” on the back. With PPI. “Second fold here” line had 6½ dashes per 2cm. Sold at 30c.

Type A2c



Issue date:

The issue date was not recorded, but the aerogramme was probably released circa 1951. The earliest recorded date was 4 May 1951 at Kuala Lumpur. A reprint with minor design changes appeared in late 1951 or at the start of 1952.

Type A2a has been seen used between 4 May 1951 and 10 June 1953. An A2a aerogramme is known used for correspondence by a Singapore stamp dealer on 15 November 1961 with a 30c. Singapore stamp.

Type A2b has been seen used between 2 January 1952 and 11 January 1956.

Type A2c has been seen used between 15 May 1954 and 24 December 1955, and it was probably only issued in the Federation of Malaya (i.e. not in Singapore, which had had its own aerogrammes since 1951), although Malayan aerogrammes would have been valid for postage in Singapore.

Private overprints:

An entrepreneur produced a series of private first day aerogrammes, one for each state, for the 1953 Coronation issue, bearing an ER monogram in red or green, using both Type A2a or A2b aerogrammes, each bearing one stamp of a state, cancelled to order in state.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Blue Aerogramme Type A2)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.76.3	-	-	Type A2a. Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/> Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.76.4	-	-	Type A2b. Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/> Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.76.5	-	-	Type A2c. Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/> Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type B:

“BY AIR MAIL” at top left in background colour in a blue rectangle, below which was “AÉROGRAMME / AIR LETTER / IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED / THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT / BY ORDINARY MAIL”.

“Second fold here” line had 6½ dashes per 2cm.

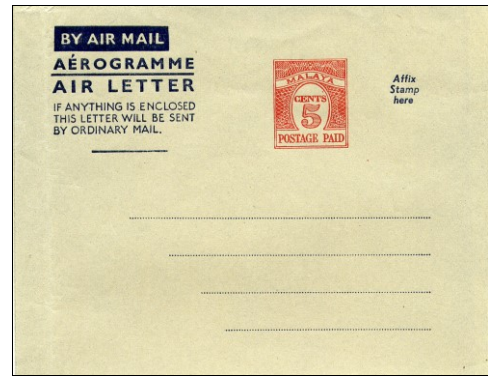
The text “*Affix / Stamp / here*” appeared at top right.

The flaps were not gummed.

There were two sub-types.

Type Ba: Long hyphen after “address” on the back. No PPI. Sold at 25c.

Type Bb: Long hyphen after “address” on the back. With PPI. Sold at 30c. (*illustrated.*)

**Issue date:**

The term “aerogramme” was first used in February 1951 by Israel and adopted by Great Britain and its colonies after its official adoption at the 13th UPU Congress in 1952. This aerogramme is rarely seen used. Its issue date is unknown, but Type Ba must have been issued between 1952 and January 1955, possibly 1 January 1955.

The earliest used Type Ba reported was dated 29 January 1955 from Singapore to London with a 25c. stamp and a 5c. stamp to make up the 30c. rate.²² A correspondent from Alor Star reported on 30 April 1955 that Type Ba was the only aerogramme on sale, although he had found a few 25c. and 30c. Type A2 aerogrammes at minor offices.²³ The latest seen was used on 19 November 1955 from Taiping.

Distribution would have been dependent on postmasters ordering new stocks of aerogrammes. The earliest date on which Type Bb has been seen used was on 15 February 1955 from Malacca to India, with a 20c. stamp to make the 25c. rate. A Kelantan-stamped one has also been seen used from Alor Star in Kedah on 19 March 1955, although it is reported that Type Bb was not available in Alor Star on 30 April 1955, so it is assumed that this was a “traveller”. Type Bb also exists postmarked 14 August 1955 from Cocos Island to Australia with just a 5c. Singapore stamp. The latest date seen was used on 14 January 1956 from Klang with a 10c. Selangor and 10c. Johore Jubilee.²⁴

Both Type B aerogrammes were only issued in the Federation of Malaya (i.e. not in Singapore, which had its own aerogrammes from 1951), although Malayan aerogrammes would have been valid for postage in Singapore. Relatively few used Type B examples have been recorded.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Blue Aerogramme Type B)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.77.1	-	-	Type Ba. Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/> Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.77.2	-	-	Type Bb. Johore <input type="checkbox"/> Kedah <input type="checkbox"/> Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/> Malacca <input type="checkbox"/> Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/> Pahang <input type="checkbox"/> Penang <input type="checkbox"/> Perak <input type="checkbox"/> Perlis <input type="checkbox"/> Selangor <input type="checkbox"/> Singapore <input type="checkbox"/> Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Type C:

This was sold at the rate for destination (seen franked 25c., 30c. and 50c.). A correspondent from Alor Star on 17 February 1956 reported that "I see also in the gazette authority to charge just over 1/2d each for these forms from P.O.". This suggests that they were available unstamped at 2c. each.

"BY AIR MAIL" at top left in background colour in a blue ribbon, below which was "PAR AVION / AIR LETTER / AÉROGRAMME". This corresponded in design to the contemporary UK aerogramme design.

The back now carries "AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY / ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED / OR SENT / BY ORDINARY MAIL."

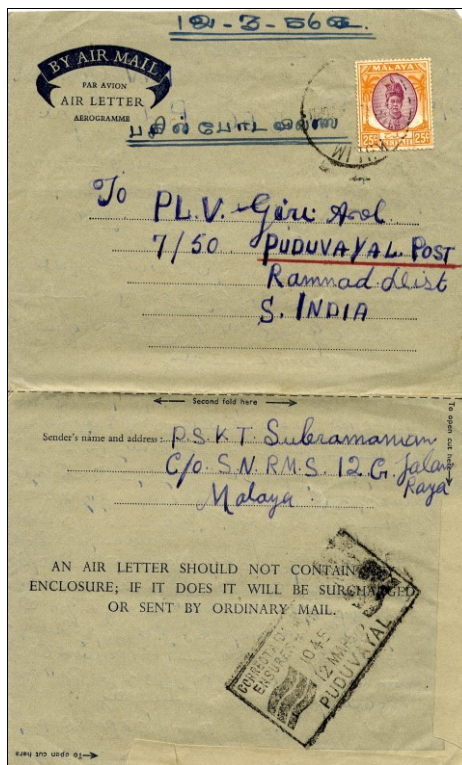
The "Second fold here" line has 6½ dashes per 2cm.

The text "Affix / Stamp / here" appears at top right.

It has not been possible to determine whether or not the flaps were gummed as no mint examples have been seen by the author. Contemporary Singapore aerogrammes were gummed.

Issue date:

The issue date is unknown, but probably early 1956 and probably only in the Federation of Malaya (i.e. not in Singapore, which had had its own aerogrammes since 1951). The earliest date on which it has been seen used is in Alor Star, Kedah on 17 February 1956, the correspondent reporting that they had just appeared in the post office. Although it should have been withdrawn on release of the 1957 Definitive Issue aerogramme on 2 December 1957, it has been seen used as late as 6 January 1960. Relatively few used examples have been recorded.



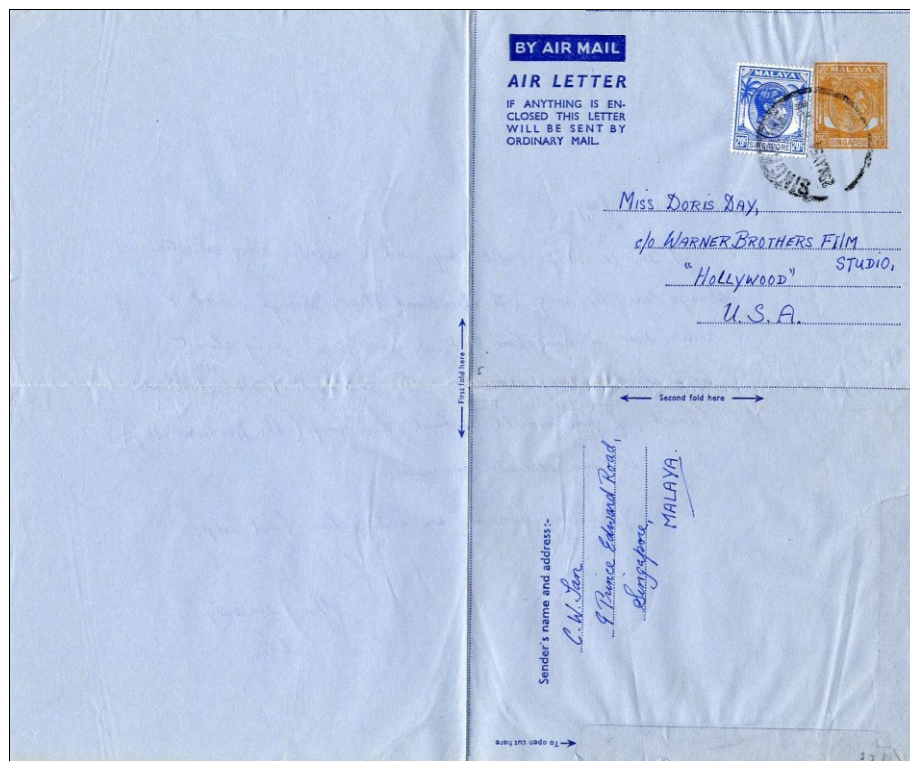
CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Blue Aerogramme Type C)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.78.1	-	-	Type C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Johore <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Kedah <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Kelantan <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Malacca <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Negri Sembilan <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Pahang <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Penang <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Perak <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Perlis <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Selangor <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Trengganu <input type="checkbox"/>		

2.5. AEROGRAMMES –SINGAPORE

1 October 1951 & c.1952

Singapore - 25c. and 30c. Aerogrammes - Types I, II and IIa



Type II used with extra 20c. stamp to make 45c. rate to USA

This aerogramme, one of the first signs of the divergence between Singapore and Federation postal policies, replaced the unstamped aerogramme.

Design:

By an unknown designer, this aerogramme was sold at 25c. and shows a 25c. 1948-series state definitive stamp but printed in deep yellow. The reproduction is too coarse to classify as a specific Die as used for the stamps. They were printed by McCorquodale using letterpress. The aerogramme is in Format A, measuring 257mm x 212mm unfolded, 122mm x 100mm folded. The “BY AIR MAIL” label is rectangular. Below it is printed “**AIR LETTER** / IF ANYTHING IS EN- / CLOSED THIS LETTER / WILL BE SENT BY / ORDINARY MAIL.”. Except for the “stamp”, it is printed in blue on light blue paper, which fades, when tropicalised, to a similar colour to the unstamped series. The paper gives no significant reaction under ultra-violet light. There is no watermark. The “stamp” has no simulated perforation.

Requisition history:

Only 25c. aerogrammes were printed by McCorquodale. The 30c. aerogramme was produced by overprinting locally. There were four requisitions in total for Singapore King George VI aerogrammes, covering all the Types. Of these, two requisitions for Singapore aerogrammes fall during the period of issue of the Type I and II aerogrammes:

Reqn. G9/2389/1 (1951):

This called for 1,500,000 25c. air letters on blue paper, plus 350 specimens for GPO use.

Notes: This printing had no gum on the flaps (Type I). See below for an additional distinguishing feature.

Reqn. G9/3355 (1952):

This ordered 600,000 gummed airletters. Specimens were ordered for CA 1 and CI 1 “to show gummed flaps”.

Notes: This printing had gum applied to whole surface of the flaps (Type II). An additional distinguishing feature was that the right-hand edges of the block etiquette and text below it coincided on Type II. On Type I, the block stopped short of the text.

Specimen overprints:

The aerogramme is known overprinted “SPECIMEN”, although it is very late for such an overprint to be applied for UPU distribution purposes. It may have been applied for distribution to the press or a similar purpose, but, as the stamp impression was reported to be dull and flat compared with the issued aerogrammes, it is more likely to have been an essay or proof.

Varieties:

The ASP catalogue lists a variety (A3) with both As of "AIR MAIL" with deformed left feet. In reality, the letters of this box vary considerably among all the aerogrammes which I have examined.

First day facilities:

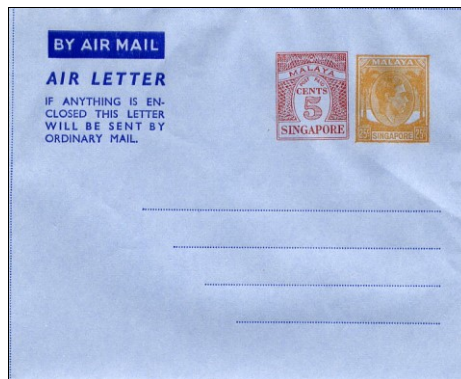
There was no recorded official release date. The Type I issue date of 1 October 1951 is based on a philatelically-used example sent from RAF Tengah to New York and annotated "First day" in pencil.

Type II was probably issued in 1952 or 1953.

30c. Aerogramme (Type IIa):

For rates other than 25c., of which the 30c. rate was the most common, the envelopes at postal counters were uprated before sale by the addition of a 5c. definitive stamp (and/or additional stamps as required). (Earliest seen used 10 December 1952, but this practice must have been applied from the start).

On 1 April 1953, the rate to the United Kingdom rose from 25c. to 30c. Subsequently (circa 1954 - 1 January 1954 has been suggested), stocks were overprinted locally with a 5c. postage paid imprint in red and sold at 30c. This imprint is similar to that used for the Malayan States but altered to read "MALAYA / POST PAID / CENTS / 5 / SINGAPORE". So far, the author has only seen this applied to Type II aerogrammes.²⁵



First day facilities:

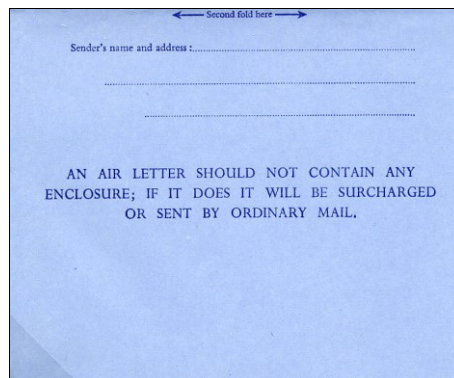
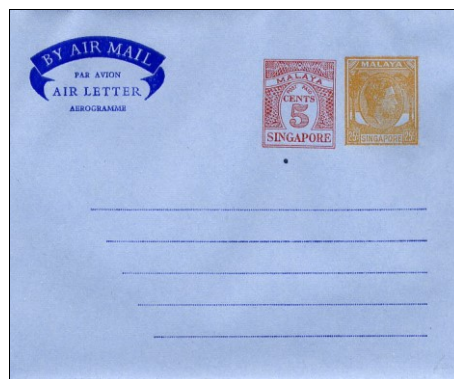
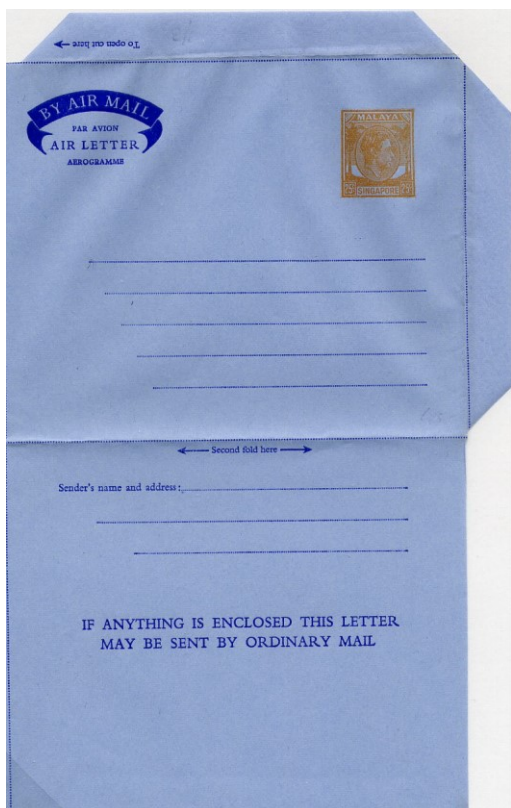
There was no recorded official release date for Type IIa and no dates for used examples have been recorded by the author.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Blue Aerogramme Singapore Types I and II)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.79.1	1	1	25c. Aerogramme - Type I.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.79.2	-	-	- Type II.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.79.3	-	-	- Type II?. With 5c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.79.4	2	2	30c. Aerogramme - Type IIa.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1954 & 1955

Singapore - 25c. and 30c. Aerogrammes - Types III and IV



Left: 25c. Type III. Top right: 30c. Type IIIa. Bottom right: Type IV back

Design:

This aerogramme was identical to the previous one except that the rectangular "BY AIR MAIL" label is replaced by a curved ribbon bearing the same text. Below it appears "PAR AVION / AIR LETTER / AEROGRAMME". It was sold at 25c. and shows a 25c. 1948-series state definitive stamp, but printed in deep yellow. They were printed by McCorquodale, using letterpress. The aerogramme has Format A, measuring 257mm x 212mm unfolded, 122mm x 100mm folded. It is printed in blue on unwatermarked light blue paper, which gives no significant reaction under ultra-violet light, but which fades, when tropicalised, to a similar colour to the unstamped series. The "stamp" has no simulated perforation.

25c. and 30c. envelopes were advertised. To provide a 30c. rate, aerogrammes were again overprinted with a 5c. postage paid imprint in red.

25c. air letters could, of course, be uprated at postal counters before, or by the customer after, sale by any stamp necessary to pay other postal rates, but sale from counters in this form for the 30c. rate would no longer be a normal practice.

The two types differ as follows:

Type III: Two lines of instructions on the back:

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER
MAY BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

Type IV: Three line of instructions:

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

The 30c. versions have been designated Types IIIa and IVa respectively.

Requisition history:

Only 25c. aerogrammes were printed by McCorquodale. The 30c. aerogramme was produced by overprinting locally. The McCorquodale requisitions were as follows:

Reqn. G9/4550/2 (1954):

Order for 250,000 more gummed air letters.

Notes: Type III aerogramme.

Reqn. G9/5236/2 (1955):

Order for 500,000 more gummed air letters. This was later increased to 850,000.

Notes: Type IV aerogramme.

Issue date:

Type III has been seen used 23 September 1954.

Type IIIa has not been reported used.

Type IV has been seen used 9 April 1955.

Type IVa has been seen used 25 September 1955.

CHECK LIST / SUMMARY (Blue Aerogramme Singapore Types III and IV)

No.	H&G	I.S.C.		Mint	Used
48D.80.1	3	3	25c. Aerogramme - Type III.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.80.2	-	-	- Type III with 5c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.80.3	5	5	- Type IV.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.80.4	-	-	- Type IV with 5c. stamp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.80.5	4	4	30c. Aerogramme - Type IIIa.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48D.80.6	6	6	- Type IVa.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTES

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- 1 Reported by Mr. D.R.M. Holley.
 - 2 Collection of the late Mr. D. Medhurst.
 - 3 Illustrated by Mr. Chang Kok Kay in TMP 42/13.
 - 4 Penang and Malacca dates reported by Mr. D.R.M. Holley.
 - 5 A Trengganu 4c. card without 2c. has been seen annotated "22¹²/50" which has been interpreted as a UPU specimen receipt date.
 - 6 Penang reply card in AN collection.
 - 7 Reported by Mr. Chang Kok Kay in TMP 50/62.
 - 8 Reported by Mr. D.R.M. Holley.
 - 9 Reported by Mr. D.R.M. Holley.
 - 10 Reported by Mr. G. R. Turner in TMP 2/59.
 - 11 GR Turner in TMP3/42 suggested that all Pahang cards seen overprinted were converted reply cards.
 - 12 Reported by Dr. J. S. Cheah in TMP 18/21. 9Oct1967 on E-bay September 2013.
 - 13 According to MSG auction catalogue March 2009, this card is unknown used.
 - 14 Known used 9May1956 at Manong.
 - 15 Reported by Mr. M. Roper.
 - 16 Reported 18Aug56 Pontian to KL (Richard Lim).
 - 17 Known used 31Jul56.
 - 18 H&G C4a is a Size K Type C but there is no Requisition to support its existence.
 - 19 1881-19Feb1973. Director General of Posts and Telegraphs and Director of Civil Aviation in Mesopotamia (later Iraq) from 1919 to 1934. His copyright was registered on 15 February 1933 at Stationer's Hall, London.
 - 20 For aerogramme formats, see section 10 in Chapter 3.
 - 21 GPO Letter to BMA Eritrea 7 August 1947; BPMA POST 33/5627 file 4.
 - 22 Reported by Mr. G. P. T. Peters in TMP 49/30. Philatelically used to a London dealer.
 - 23 Aerogramme in Mr. A. F. Norris collection.
 - 24 Reported by Mr. S. Muthu Chellappan.
 - 25 If a 30c. aerogramme is found with ungummed flaps, it would be designated Type Ia., but this is considered unlikely to occur in view of the timing.