

CHAPTER SEVENTY-FIVE
OFFICIAL POSTAL STATIONERY.

[Unless otherwise stated, illustrations of stationery are reduced by 50%]

Official postal stationery falls into two categories:

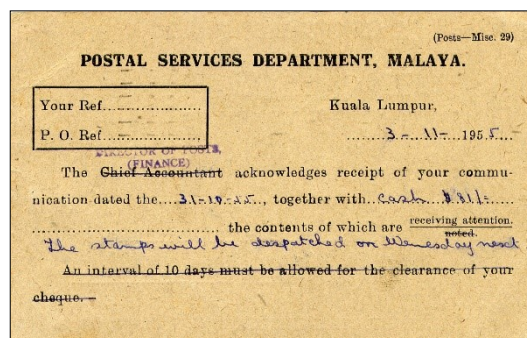
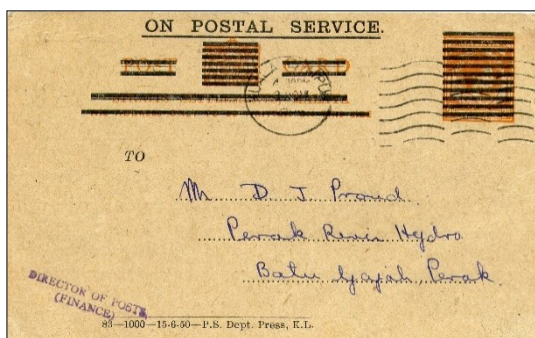
- Official stationery that has been specially printed for postal use. Most of this falls into the heading of routine business stationery and has not been studied sufficiently to enable a listing in this book.
- Ordinary postal stationery (usually redundant postcards or envelopes, including first day covers) that has been handstamped or overprinted for official use.

Where items are derived from or closely related to issues covered in this book, the official versions are listed with the original issue and can be located using Index 2 and/or Index 3. The listing below records other items which are known to have been in official use since 1948.

1950.

Correspondence reply card

Overprints on 1937 Straits Settlements Definitive Issue - 2c. Orange Postcard.



The Straits Settlements 2c. orange postcard was only released in 1941, shortly before the fall of Malaya, following a change of postal rates. Considerable stocks survived the Japanese Occupation to the end of the war and initially some were invalidated by the application of a partial postmark of Benta, Pahang. Another portion of the stock was subsequently revalued by the application of 4c. in British Military Administration (BMA) stamps (two 2c.) for provisional use. Once adequate stocks of 4c. BMA cards were available, this process ceased.

Another portion of remaindered stocks of the 2c. orange postcard was overprinted at the Kuala Lumpur Postal Services Department printing office with “**ON POSTAL SERVICE**” plus horizontal lines over the text (2 lines), coat of arms (7 lines) and stamp imprint (11 lines) on the face, under an order placed on 15 June 1950. The back was overprinted with a form to acknowledge correspondence received by the Chief Accountant (later amended by purple handstamp to “Director of Posts (Finance)”. They were designated as form Posts - Misc.29. The order was for 1000 cards, witnessed by the imprint “83-1000-15-6-50-P.S.Dept.Press, K.L.” (although other redundant stock could conceivably have been included, such as older Straits Settlements cards or cards from the Malay States, no such items have been recorded).

The card is known used between 5 September 1955 and 2 March 1961, but it must have been available for use much earlier.

| No. | H&G | I.S.C. | | Mint | Used |
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| 50M.1.1 | - | OP9 | Postcard. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1971.

Filing card

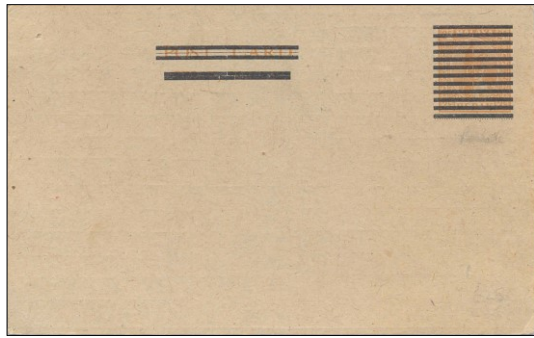
Overprints on 1937 Straits Settlements Definitive Issue - 2c. Orange Postcard.

Another portion of remaindered stocks of the 2c. orange postcard received the A1 handstamp and C1 overprint as applied to remaindered 1948 Definitive Issue stationery and described in Chapter 8 (see issue 48D.31). The order imprint has not been confirmed, but this card is believed to come from the same printing order as the 1948 Definitive Issue examples.

| No. | H&G | I.S.C. | | Mint | Used |
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| 50M.2.1 | - | OP8 | Postcard. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

19??.

Meter reading card
Overprints on 1937 Perak Definitive Issue - 2c. Orange Postcard.



| No. | DATE..... DESCRIPTION | METER | | ACTUAL | | FILTER USED | REMARKS |
|-----|--------------------------|-------|---|--------|---|----------------|---------|
| | | F | @ | F | @ | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
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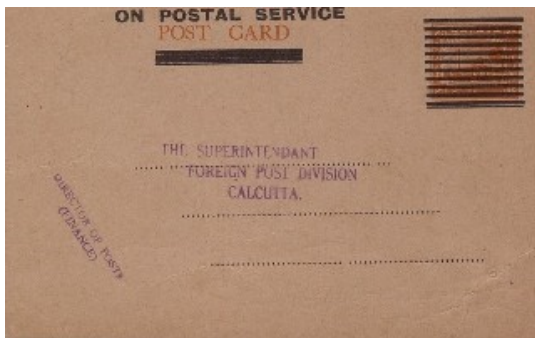
(illustration courtesy Mr. D. Morris)

Another portion of remaindered stocks of the Perak 2c. orange postcard received horizontal lines over the bottom line of text (3 lines, the middle one being narrow) and the stamp imprint (11 broad lines plus a narrow line at bottom - 12 in total). The correspondence side was ruled as a meter reading record card. There was no printing imprint, so the order date and quantity are unknown. The only example seen was unused.

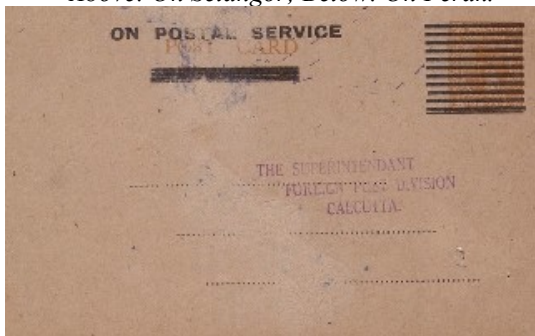
| No. | H&G | I.S.C. | | Mint | Used |
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| 50M.3.1 | - | - | Postcard. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

c.1953.

Money Order correspondence reply cards
Overprints on 1937 Selangor and 1938 Perak Definitive Issues - 2c. Orange Postcard.



Above: On Selangor; Below: On Perak.

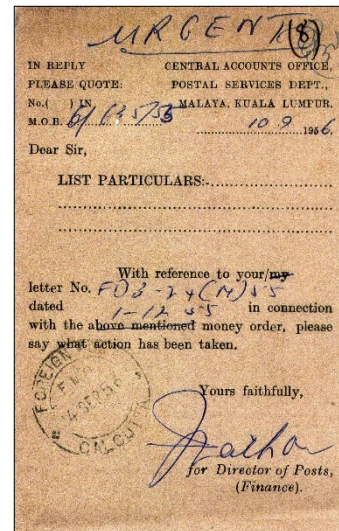


(Illustrations Mr. H. van Dooremalen)

Remaindered stocks of the 1941 2c. orange Perak and Selangor postcards were overprinted circa 1953, probably at the Kuala Lumpur Postal Services Department printing office, with “**ON POSTAL SERVICE**” plus horizontal lines over the bottom line of text (4 lines) and the stamp imprint (11 broad lines plus a narrow line at bottom - 12 in total).

They were intended for following-up queries regarding money orders between Central Accounts Office and customers or other postmasters. The card does not bear a printing imprint, so order date and quantities are unknown, but used examples appear to be earlier than those bearing the 1953 imprint (see below). Known used on 20 May 1954 (Perak card) or 22 November 1955 (Selangor card) from the Director of Posts to “The Superintendent, Foreign Post Division, Calcutta”.

| No. | H&G | I.S.C. | | Mint | Used |
|---------|-----|--------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 50M.4.1 | - | - | Perak Postcard | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 50M.4.2 | - | - | Selangor Postcard | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



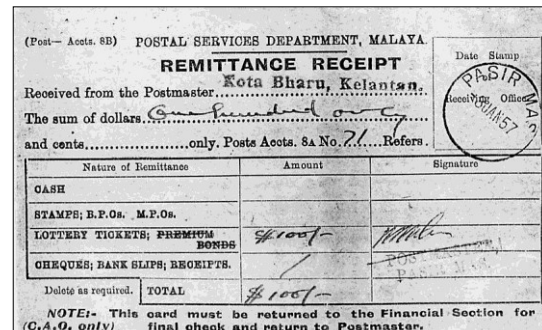
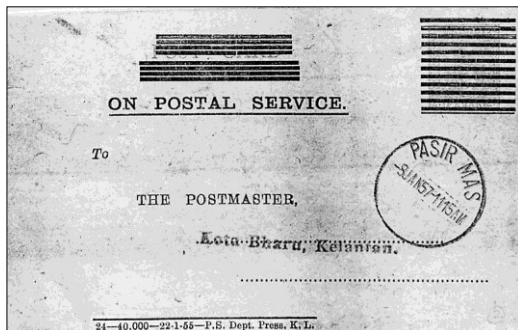
Further remaindered stocks of the 1941 2c. orange Perak postcard were overprinted at the Kuala Lumpur Postal Services Department printing office with “**ON POSTAL SERVICE**” plus horizontal lines over the bottom line of text (4 lines) and the stamp imprint (12 broad lines plus narrow lines at top and bottom - 14 in total).

The correspondence side was identical to the preceding printing. The order placed on 3 October 1953 was for 2000 cards, witnessed by the imprint “183-2000-3.10.53-P.S.Dept. Press. K.L.” (other redundant stock could have been included). It is known used between 10 September 1956 and 8 February 1960 from the Director of Posts to “The Superintendent, Foreign Post Division, Calcutta”, but it must have been available for use much earlier.

| No. | H&G | I.S.C. | Mint | Used |
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| 50M5.1 | - | - | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1955.

Remittance receipt
Overprints on 1938 Perak Definitive Issue - 2c. Orange Postcard.



Remaindered stocks of the 1941 2c. orange Perak postcard were similarly overprinted at the Kuala Lumpur Postal Services Department printing office with “**ON POSTAL SERVICE**” plus horizontal lines over the two lines of text (4 lines each) and the stamp imprint (13 lines).

Intended for receipt of remittances between postmasters and Postal Headquarters, they were designated as form “Posts - Accts. 8B”. The order placed on 22 January 1955 was for 40,000 cards, witnessed by the imprint “24-40,000-22-1-55-P.S.Dept. Press. K.L.” (although other redundant stock could conceivably have been included, such as older Straits Settlements cards or cards from the Malay States, no such items have been recorded). Known used 8 January 1957, but it must have been available for use much earlier.

| No. | H&G | I.S.C. | Mint | Used |
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| 50M.6.1 | - | OP2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 |

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- ¹ Two examples sold in MSG M. H. Wade auction October 2004.
 - ² A similar pre-war card was designated T.B.7. A 1937 printing was recorded in TMP 53/87.