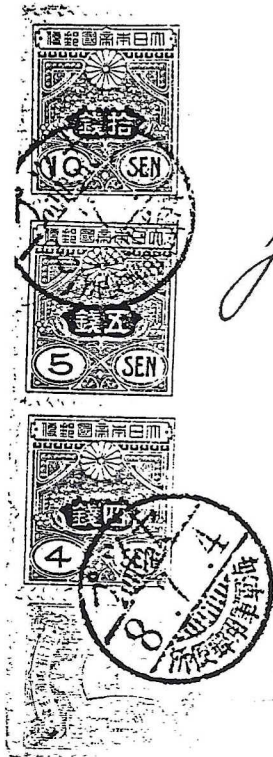


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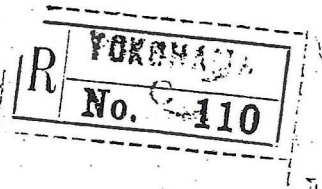
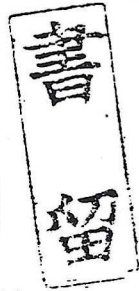
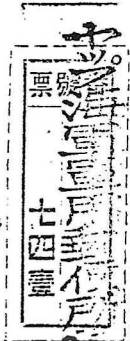
Yap
4 July 1919



Imperial Navy P.O. Yap
Imperial Post Office, Yokohama.

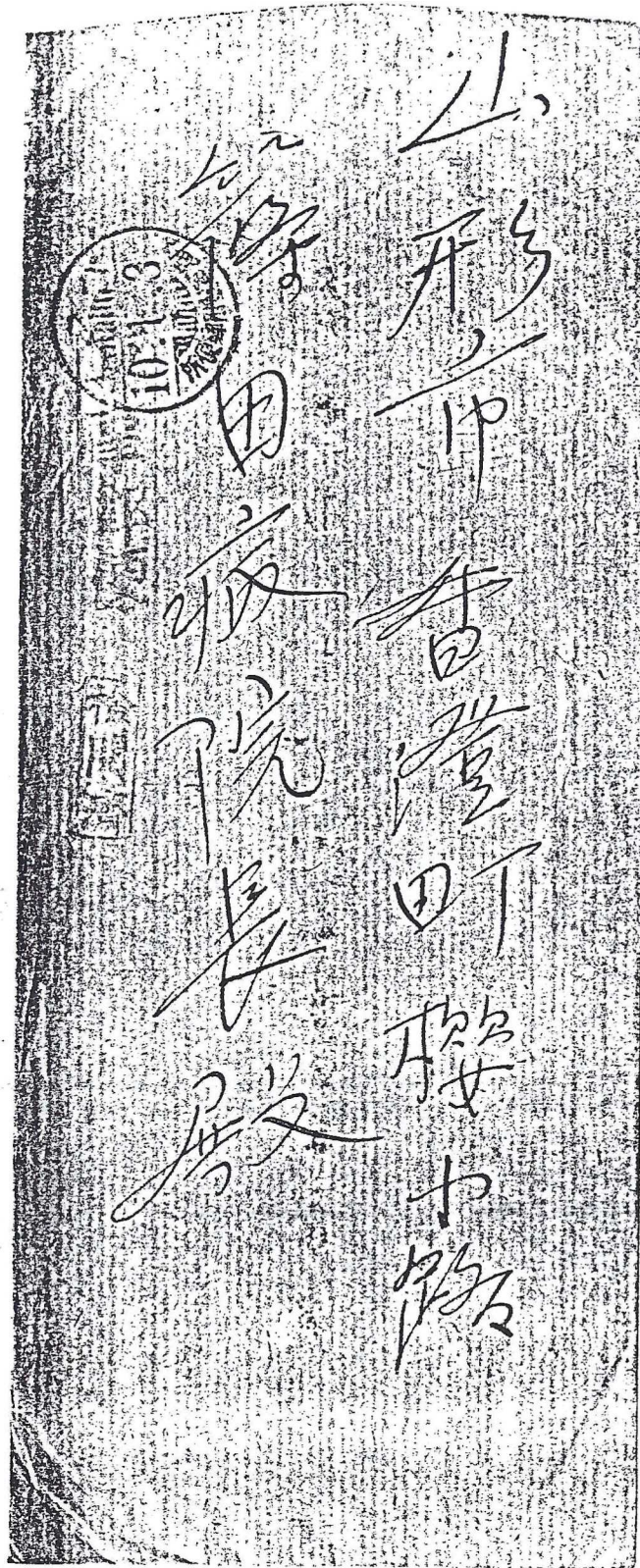
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Joseph Grecht. Esq.
Basle, Switzerland,
Türkheimerstrasse



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Registered mail from Postmaster M. Yamamoto at "Yap/Imperial Naval Post Office" to Switzerland.



Cover with the "Palau/Imperial Naval Post Office" postmark, which remained in use for military mail during the early postwar period.



The Japanese naval expeditionary force arrived in the Marianas on 14 October 1914 and was able to take possession without incident.

Above cover has registry label and postmark inscribed "Saipan/Imperial Naval Post Office." Manuscript indication of registration added in transit at Yokohama.

WORLD WAR I
Marshall Islands

Jaluit
13 January 1917

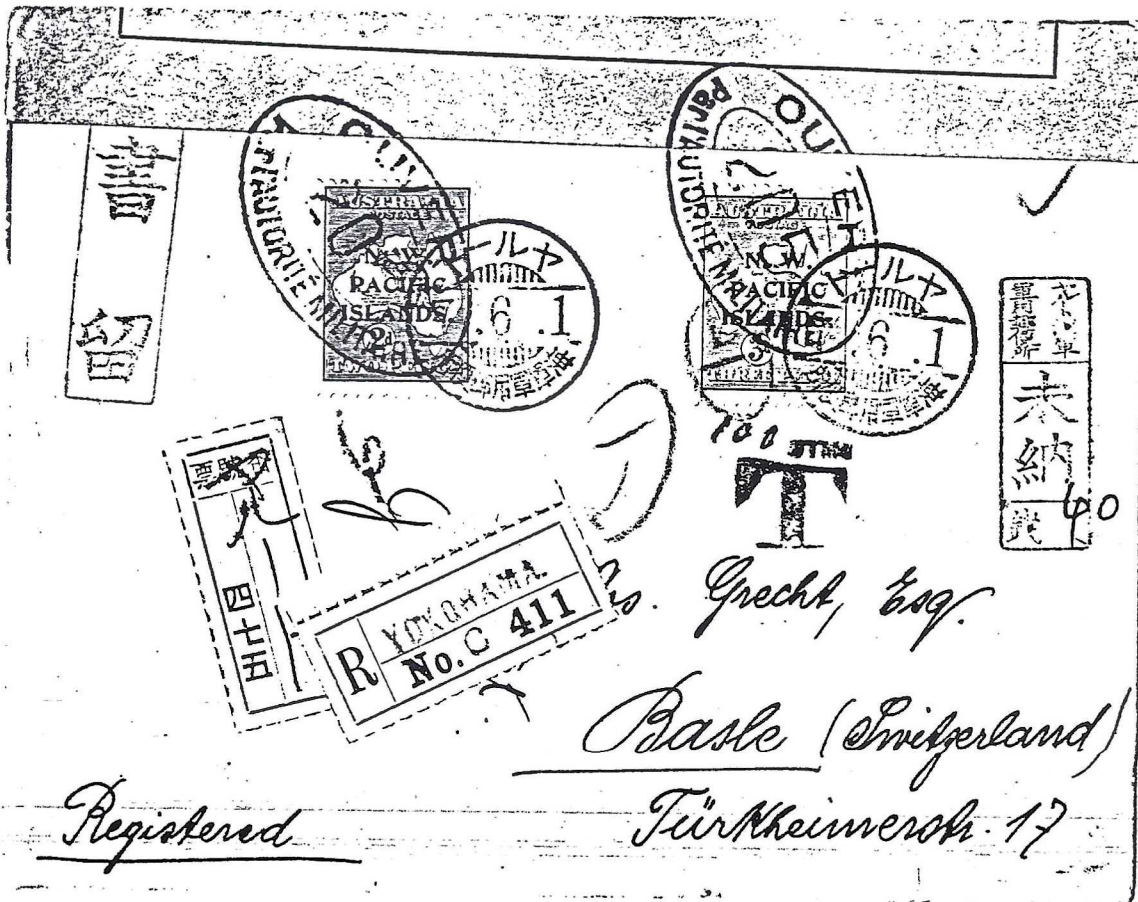
Messrs.

Mr Remmers & Co.

Yokohama



As in the case of the other German Pacific possessions, Japan sent a naval expeditionary force to capture the Marshalls. Again, there was no resistance and the takeover was effected on 29 September 1914. Mail from this campaign is particularly elusive.

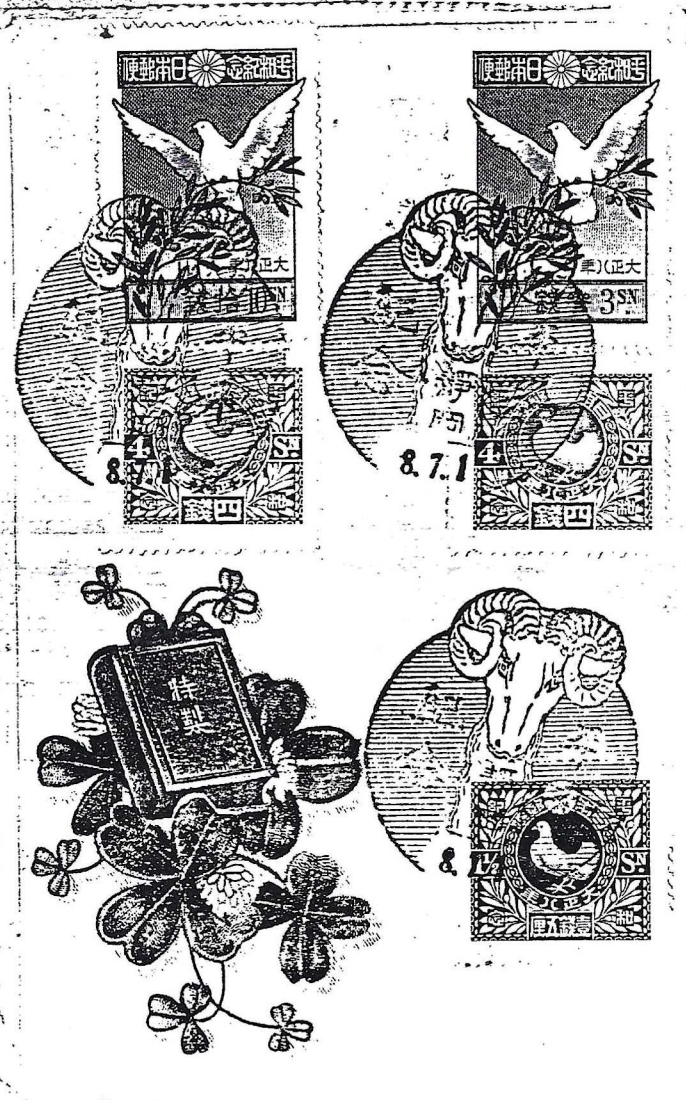


Unusual use of Australian stamps overprinted for the N.W. Pacific Islands from a territory held by the Japanese; even though philatelically inspired, no other example is known to the exhibitor. The cover has the registry label and postmark of the "Jaluit/Imperial Naval Post Office."

WORLD WAR I AFTERMATH
China
Japan

Shanghai
1 July 1919

Tokyo
1 July 1919




Following the successful completion of the war, a set of four values was issued and a special postmark provided on 1 July 1919 to commemorate the peace. These stamps were valid for postage in both Japan proper and the post offices in China.

WORLD WAR I AFTERMATH
Austria


Vienna
8 February 1921

S. Mignot Gallois. Vienne Autriche
DÉLÉGATION DU JAPON
COMMISSION AÉRONAUTIQUE
INTERALLIÉE
DE CONTROLE EN AUTRICHE
ET EN HONGRIE



MONSIEUR ERNEST GALLOIS
Chef de Subdivision

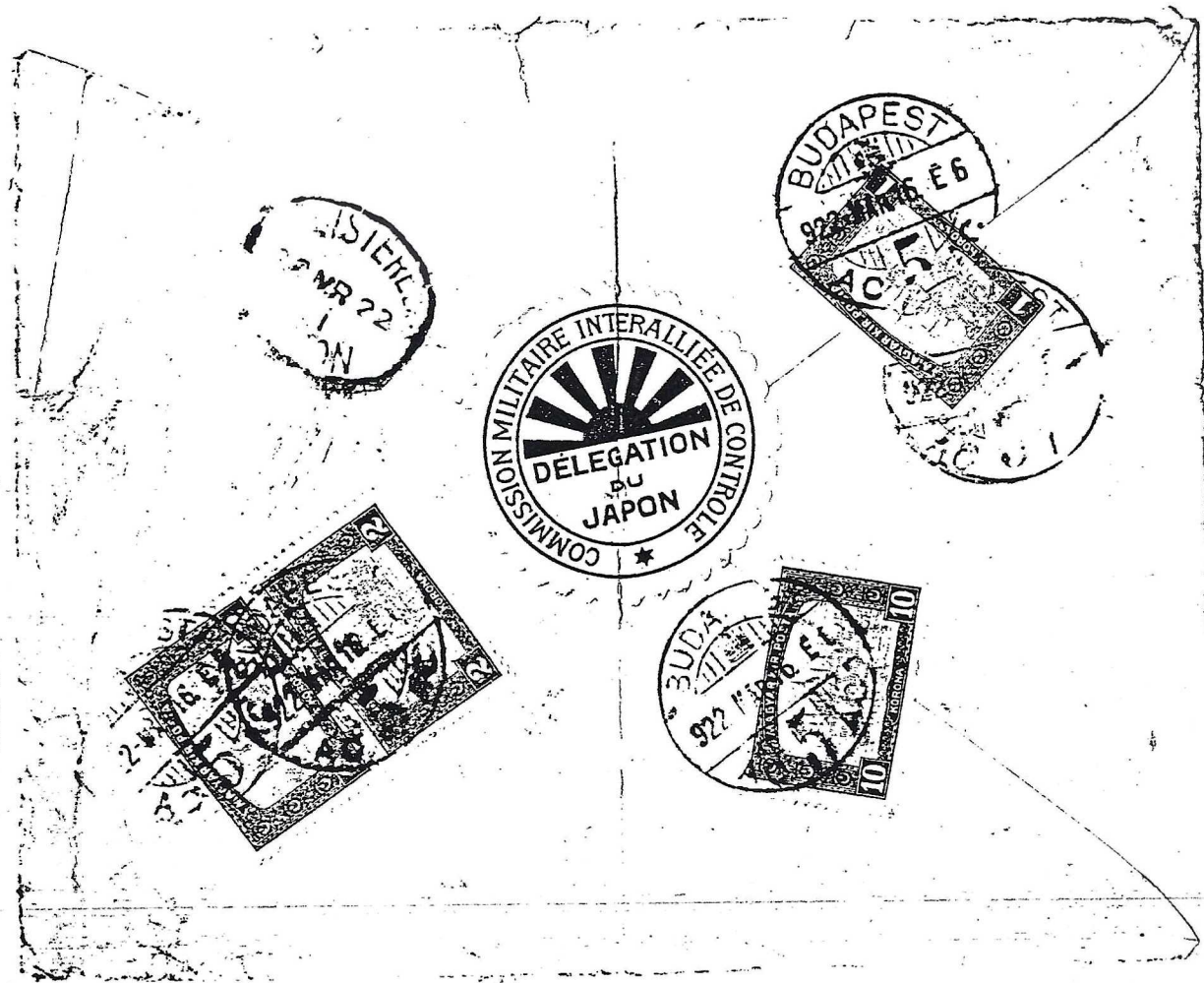
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Monsieur Ernest GALLOIS
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FRESNE EN WOEVRE
FRANKREICH (MEUSE)

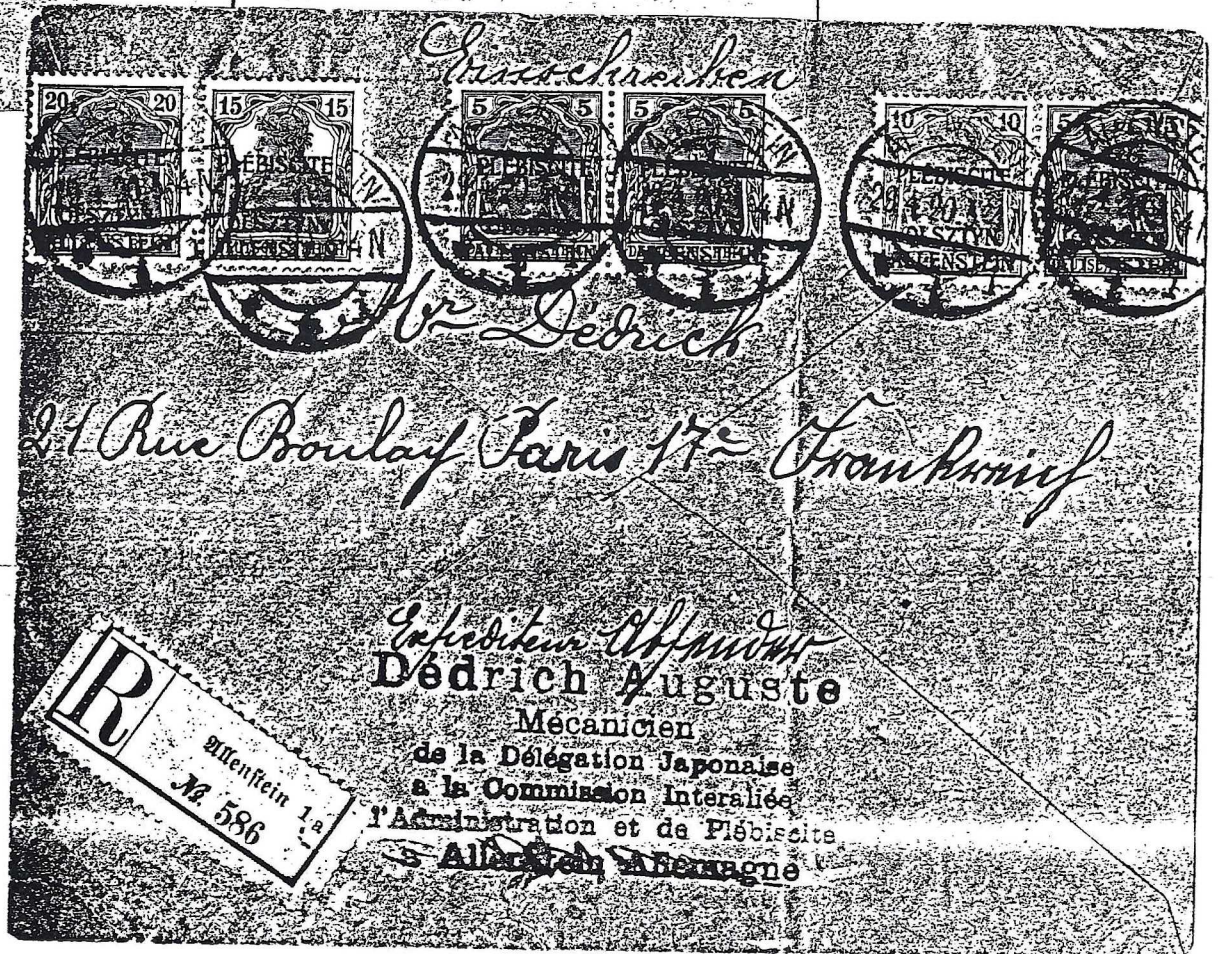
Although it took no part in the fighting in Europe, Japan was nominally represented on some of the control commissions set up on former enemy territory. Above covers are from the Japanese Delegation of the Interallied Aeronautical Control Commission in Austria. Note that Japan appears to be represented by a Monsieur Gallois, obviously a Frenchman.



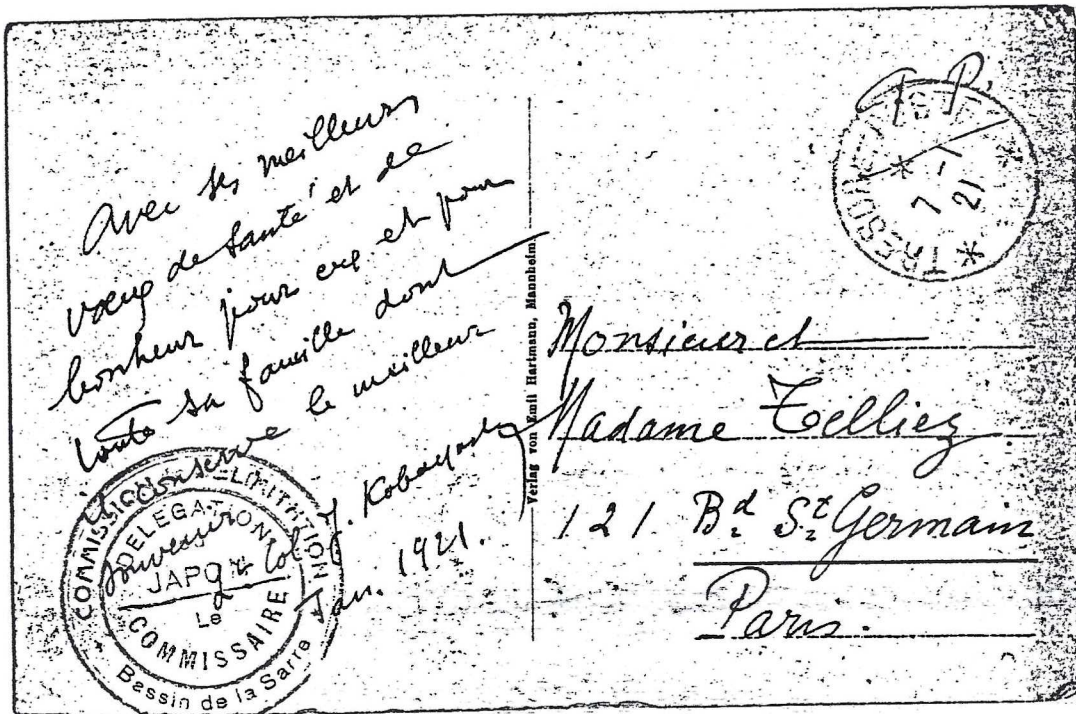
Back of cover from the Japanese Delegation of the Interallied Control Commission in Hungary. Little can be added to what is shown above, but it is the only example of mail from this group ever seen by the exhibitor.

WORLD WAR I AFTERMATH
Allenstein

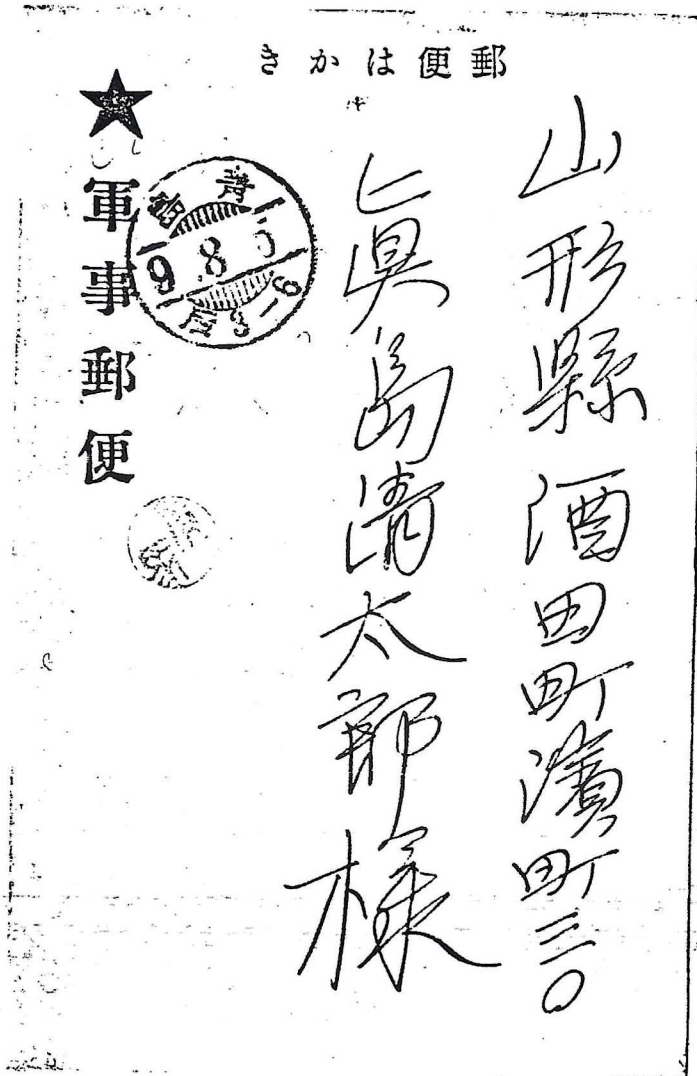
Allenstein
29 April 1920
23 July 1920



The token representation of Japan in some of the postwar supervisory activities in Europe is further illustrated by the above examples of mail to the Japanese Delegation to the Plebiscite Commission in Allenstein.



Picture post card of Saarbrücken sent by Lt. Col. Kobayashi, Japanese Commissioner of the body responsible for the border delimitation between the Saar Basin and Germany proper. It is the only recorded example of Japanese mail from the Saar (per Sinais).



An example of free franking in the postwar period, this summer greetings card was sent by a member of the Civil Affairs Department of the Tsingtau Garrison Force to Yamagata Prefecture. Postmark of the 9th year of the Taisho reign.



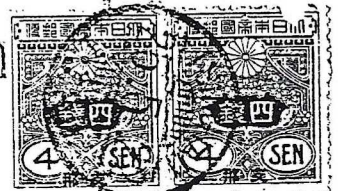
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Carte Postal

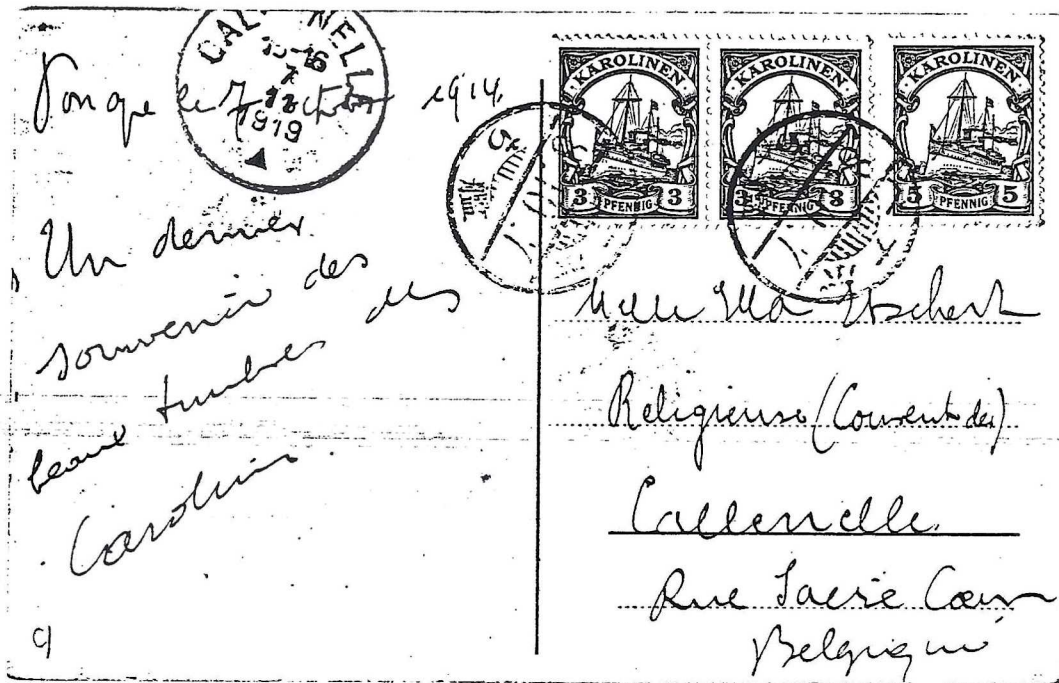
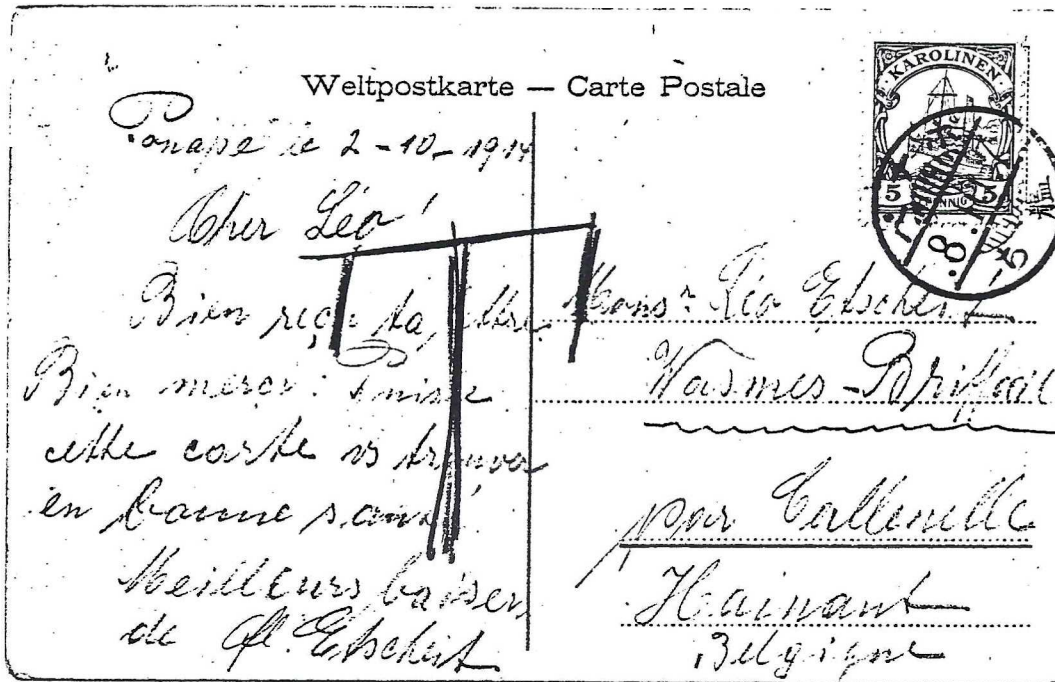
Danke Ihnen für Ihre Karte,
Ihren Grußwort und auch
auf die Karte, aber ich hoffe,
dass sie Ihnen nicht gefallen mag.
Ich kann Ihnen die Karte von
Fragen, Ballet und Feiern.
Wenn Sie selbst die Karte
senden können, ist es
auf der Karte. Ich bitte um
Dank. Ich will auf Ihre Karte
Dank senden. Ich hoffe, sie
Hideo Kawamura
P.O. 1427c. Bank of China
Tsingtau, China

Ihre
Milly Hapow
Hallenstraße
Berlin, German

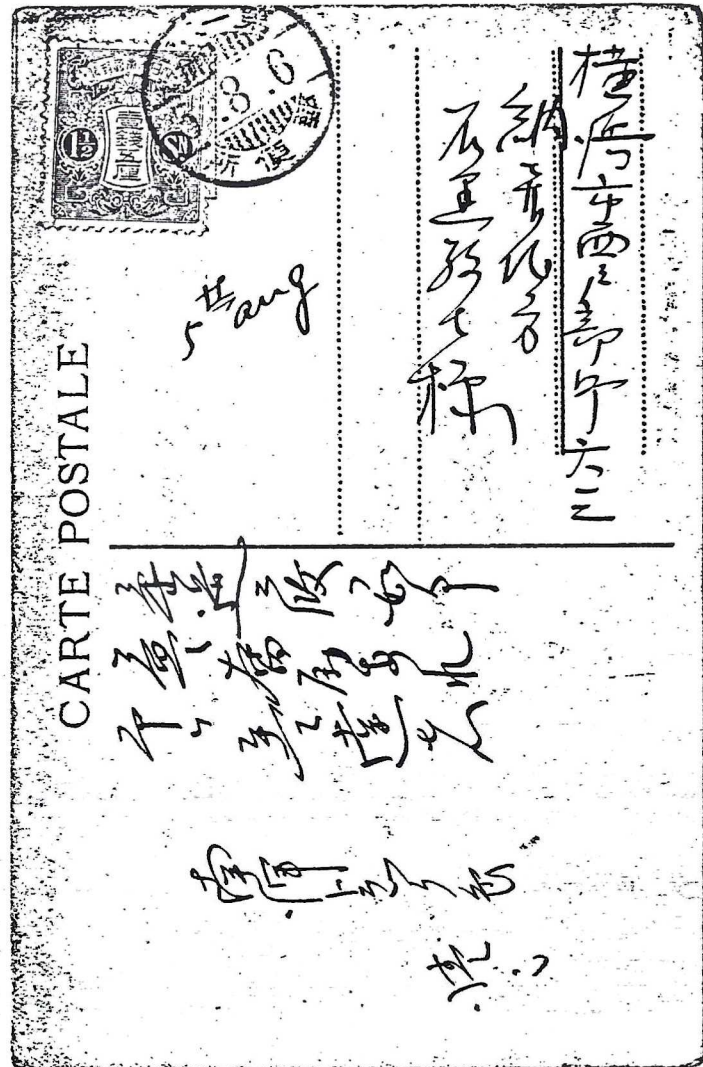
送力は便郵



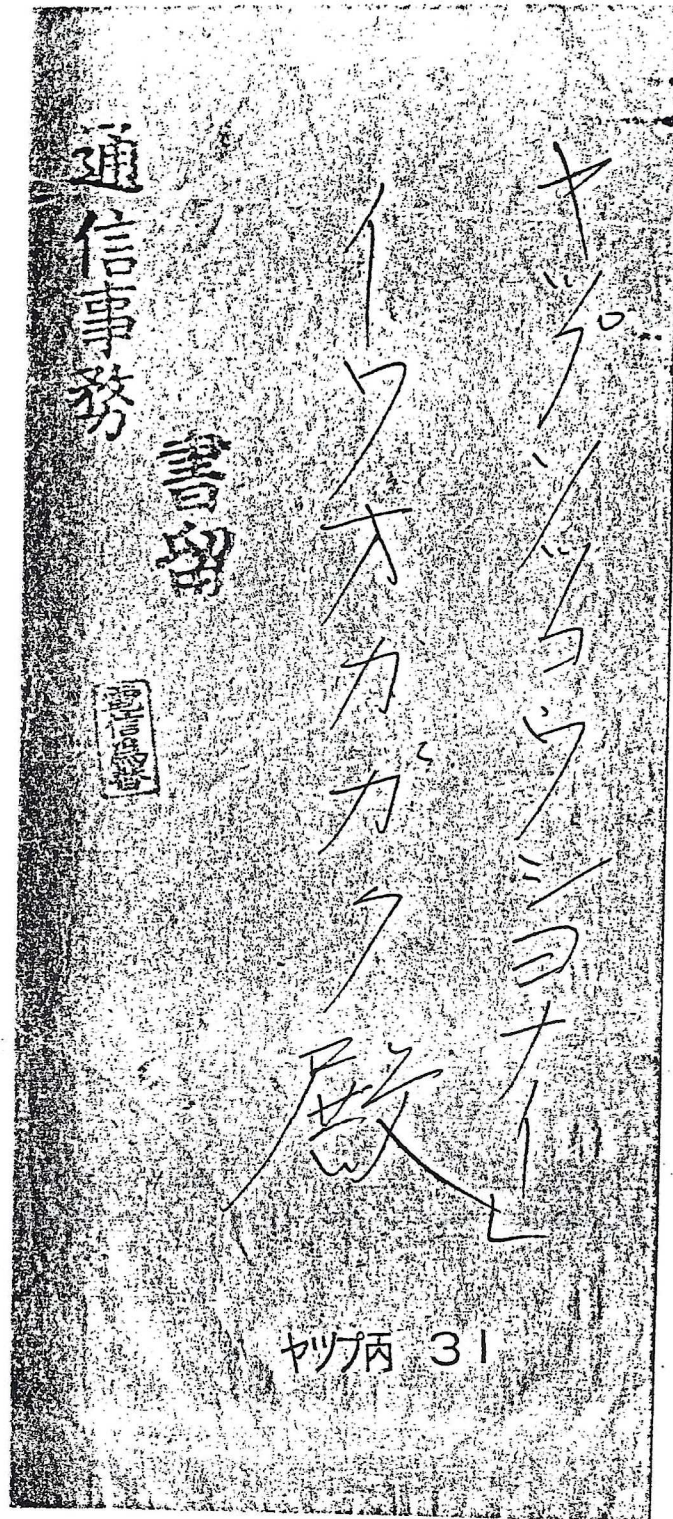
At the end of the war, the IJPO in Kiauchau introduced an English version of the postmark, comparable to those used in the other Japanese post offices in China. Kiauchau was not assigned to Japan under the peace agreement, and the other Allies insisted that the territory be returned to China, which was done on 10 December 1922.



These cards, written in 1914, were apparently in the Ponape post office awaiting a mail steamer at the time of the Japanese invasion on 7 October and then held by the authorities until mail service to Belgium was restored in 1919. At that point, they were postmarked with the Japanese cds for the 8th year, 10th month of the Taisho reign and forwarded. The German Colonial postage was accepted, but the upper card with only a 5 pf, stamp was underpaid and marked "T" for postage due. Received in Belgium a month later.



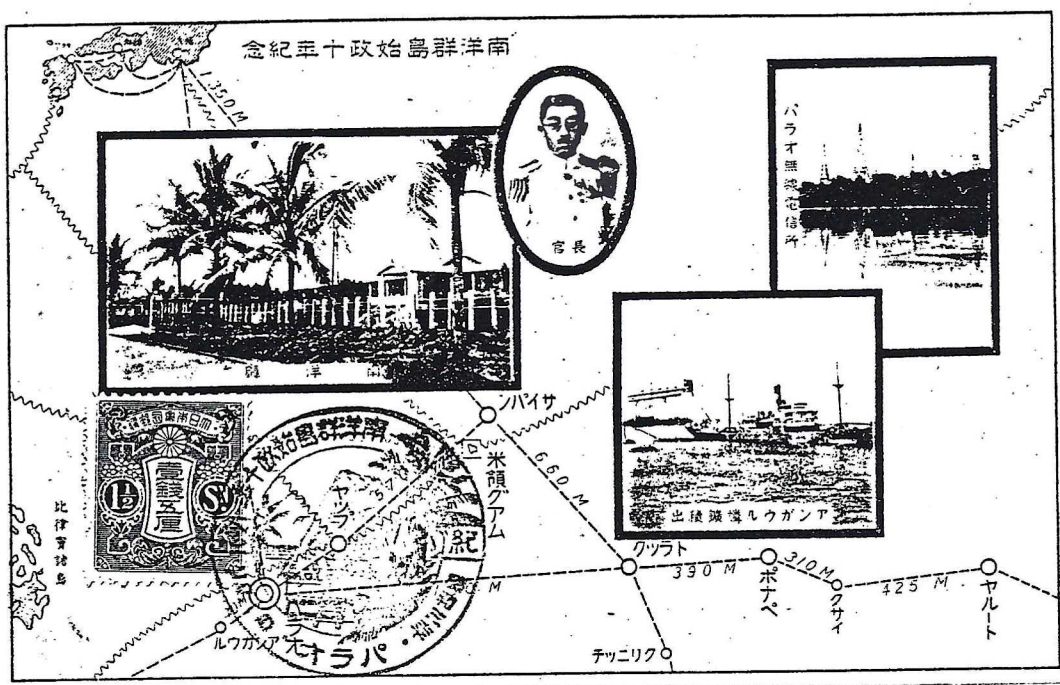
Picture post card mailed to Yokohama with scene showing canoe race at Truk on reverse. Postmark of Truk/#1 Ship Post Office.



Internal official registered cover from "South Sea Agency" to Yap Meteorological Station. Markings in red read Communications Business, Registered and (in box) Telegraphic Money Order. Marking in blue at bottom is the registration number "Yap C-31." No postmarks, so cover cannot be dated specifically, but an extraordinary piece of postal history.

WORLD WAR I AFTERMATH
Caroline Islands

Palau
1 July 1928
8 September 1931



Germany



西獨
比利
亞國
經
山行

Herrn Superintendent S c h l a e g e r

Neuruppin

Reg. Potsdam

Superintendentur

Special commemorative post card and postmark for the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the South Seas Islands Administration, showing portrait of Emperor Hirohito and scenes superimposed on a map of the territory, which was at that time a Japanese mandate under the League of Nations.

Cover is an example of commercial use from a missionary on Palau to Germany.