Third Session

WWII Thai-Burma Railway

Thailand-Burma Railway often termed “Death Railway”. After the Japanese conquest of Burma the question of logistics soon arose. The line of communication from Japan was long and the sea journey hazardous due to allied submarines in the Andaman seas and the Japanese needed another route to take supplies, men and ammunitions into Burma. A survey at the turn of the century had been conducted to build a railway across the border however the difficulties of terrain, conditions and cost made this untenable and the plan went no further. The Japanese had a great number of prisoners of war so the question of cost was negated and in the eyes of the Japanese prisoners were disgraced and of no consequence so the only difficulty remaining was the actual building of what turned out to be a monumental feat of engineering carried out by Japanese engineers. The construction of 415 km of railway over difficult terrain from Non Pladuk in Thailand to Thanyuzayat in Burma was carried out by the 9th and 5th Japanese Railway Construction regiments responsible for the Thai and Burmese sides respectively with the aid of prisoners of war and local and other native labourers. The first parties of prisoners left Singapore and Medan D.E.I. for Burma in May 1942 followed by many more as work progressed. A period known as "Speedo Speedo" from March to October 1943 resulted from the anxiety of the Japanese to complete and the two halves of the 415 km railway were completed and joined at Konkoita on the Thai side 262 km from Non Pladuk on 17 October 1943. During the construction camps moved as progress continued and although the financial cost of the construction to the Japanese was negligible the cost in human life is reputed to be one life for every railway sleeper laid. What follows is a postal history of this period in history containing items not only from the prisoners themselves but also mail to them, mail from native labour workers and to and from the Malayan postal workers drafted in by the Japanese and from the Japanese themselves. Mail from and to liberated and repatriated prisoners together with Red Cross communications and other ancillary items are all represented as is some rare registered mail with many other desirable items.

The construction by the Japanese of 415 km of railway across inhospitable terrain necessitated extraordinary decisions. One of these was to employ and draft in mostly Malay but some Javanese postal workers from post offices overseas who were familiar with the Malaya, Burmese, Chinese and Javanese languages to set up postal facilities to handle the mail from and to the thousands of Romusha labour workers employed on the railway. Post Offices were set up along the railway in Burma and Thailand and postal facilities were spread throughout the railway system however only six of the postal facilities plus the Kura Isthmus 90 Km railway to Chunphon further south were provided with datestamps and censorship handstamps, these were Kanchanaburi, Kinsaiyoku, Purangkashi, Kontoitah, Nike (Nieke) and Aperon in Burma. Mail from these offices is scarce to rare to unique and what follows is the largest single holding of this material ever placed into public auction.

All postal and censorship references are taken from "Mail of the Military Postal Agencies on the Thailand-Burma Railway" by Masayoshi Tsuchiya.
I. Mail from All Camps (Camp 1 to Camp 7)

Group 1

Headquartered at Non Pladuk and included all camps as far as Tamarkan. Throughout the entire period of Internment in Thailand and Burma the Japanese only issued 6 cards to each prisoner & although some had an opportunity to write home from Singapore before travelling overland to the railway the absolute maximum number of cards written by any one POW during the three and one half years of captivity is seven thus indicating the relative scarcity of surviving outgoing mail from the Camps.

2001

1942 (Jun), Changi Jail Singapore to England on undated Furyo Yubin POW printed card from Driver J.W. Smith in Changi jail prior to being transported overland to Thailand handstamped Marai & Sce Des Prisoners De Guerre with oval censor chop of Okazaki & British Passed PW 7525 handstamp. Estimate $400 - 500

2002

1943 (Jun 29), Sick Certificate. Malaria….Japanese permit 185 x 130mm folded & quartered to fit shirt pocket issued to a sick POW suffering from Malaria to enable him to get past guards and return to Non Pladuk and with unidentified Japanese oval censors chop. Estimate $2,000 - 2,500

An extremely rare item that we have not seen the like of previously that will grace any serious collection of the Thai-Burma death Railway.
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2003  2004

1943, Camp 1 to England on undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card from L/Cpl Burnall in No 1 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki & British Passed PW 1407 handstamp.

Estimate $400 - 500

2005  2006

1944 (Jan 5), Camp 1 to England on Imperial Japanese Army Service Des Prisoners De Guerre preprint 4th Thai issued POW card from Driver J.W. Smith in No 1 Camp with oval censor chop of Kanematsu & British Passed PW 5894 handstamp.

Estimate $400 - 500

1944 (Jan 10), Camp 1 to Subiaco, Western Australia on Imperial Japanese Army Service Des Prisoners De Guerre preprint 4th Thai issued POW card from Australian POW Driver R. Irvine in No 1 Camp with oval censor chop of Komai & Australian 3 Passed By Censor 122 handstamp.

Estimate $400 - 500
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**2007**  
1944 (Jan 14), Camp 1 to Bandoeng on Imperial Japanese Army Service Des Prisonniers De Guerre preprinted 4th Thai issued POW card from Dutch Sgt H. Severin in No 1 Camp with unidentified Japanese censor chop with manuscript X alongside. By the time the card arrived Mrs Severin had been interned in Java Camp 2 evidenced by boxed Java 2 handstamp in black, manuscript 11 with 12799 being her internee number and oval censors chop of Suzuki in red.  
Estimate $1,600 - 2,000

**Group 2**

GROUP 2 Headquartered at Chungkai and included all camps to Aruhira but during the second half of 1943 was briefly at Tamarkan until May 1944 when it returned to Chungkai. Group 2 amalgamated with Group 4 in May 1944

**2008**  
1943, Camp 2 to England on undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card creased & worn from Private F. Robinson in No 2 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki & British Passed PW 459 handstamp.  
Estimate $200 - 250
2009  □   1944 (Dec 22), Camp 2 to Bandoeng, Java on Dove & Helmet Dai-Nippon Army Service Des Prisoners De Guerre preprint 6th Thai issued POW card from 10920 Private J.C. Leewens in No 2 Camp with No Record in Java POW & Internees Camps with circular censor chop of Adachi. Estimate $4,000 - 5,000 Rare.

Group 3

On the Burma side headquartered at Thanbyuzayat from October 1942 to July 1943 the moving to Mezali until January 1944. It was responsible for all camps from Thanyuzayat to Lonsi at kilo 64 plus all camps from kilo 103 to 114. In January 1944 to February 1945 it was combined with Group 5 at Tamarkan after which it was abandoned.

2010  □   1942 (May 18), Burma Camp 3 to Holland on Moulmein, Burma War Prisoners Camp Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd Burma issued card from Dutch Lieut 7600 H.N.P. Kroeze in No 3 Camp with oval censor chop of Yamada & German Ab Censor handstamp. Estimate $7,500 - 8,000 Very scarce card.
2011  ❧  1944, Burma Camp 3 to Sumatra on undated No 3 Camp Thai War Prisoners Camp Nike Imperial Japanese Army preprint 3rd Burma issued card from Dutch 2nd Lieut. W.J. Brocx in No 3 Camp with oval censor chop of Yamada.

Estimate $3,000 - 4,000

2012  ❧  1944, Burma Camp 3 to Australia on undated No 3 Camp Thai War Prisoners Camp Nike Imperial Japanese Army preprint 3rd Burma issued card from 6384 J.L. Wedlock in No 3 Camp with oval censor chop of Matsuzaki & Australian 3 Passed By Censor 225 handstamp & with Mayfield NSW 10 Jan 45 arrival d/s.

Estimate $3,000 - 4,000
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2013  🌟  1944 (May 10), Burma Camp 3 to Mabang, Java on Imperial Japanese Army Service Des Prisoners De Guerre preprint 4th & 5th Thai issued POW card from Dutch Captain J.C.A. vd Weg in No 3 Camp with circular censor chop of Sumita to his wife who by the time of receipt was also interned evidenced by boxed handstamp Jawa Yoku 111 (Java Internment District 3) followed by her Internee number 3175…Central vertical crease where card has been folded to fit shirt pocket & be close the heart adds character. Estimate $3,000 - 4,000

This POW mail from Burma Camp 3 to civil internee in Java is rare & possibly unique.

Group 4

Headquartered at Tamuang and included all camps from Ban Pong. From October 1942 to December 1943 the HQ was moved to Tarso then back to Tamuang until August 1945. All camps from Wampo South and north to Kinsaiyok were controlled by Group 4 which combined with Group 2 in May 1944

2014  🌟  1943, Camp 4 to England on undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card from Private A. Heffer in No 4 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki & British Passed PW 4127 handstamp. Estimate $400 - 500

2015  🌟  1943, Camp 4 to England on undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card from Fusilier J.T. Atkinson in No 4 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki & British Passed PW 3292 handstamp. Estimate $400 - 500
2016 1943, Camp 4 to Soerabaia, Java to undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card from Dutch Sergeant S.H. Cortenbach in No 4 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki.

Estimate $400 - 500


Estimate $400 - 500

2018 1944 (Jun 10), Camp 4 to England on Imperial Japanese Army Service Des Prisoners De Guerre preprint 4th & 5th Thai issued POW card from Captain R. Lucas in No 4 Camp with circular censor chop of Hattori & British Passed PW 3175 handstamp & with manuscript Received 30 Dec 1944.

Estimate $400 - 500
Group 5

Again on the Burma side was formed in January 1943 and Headquartered at Thanbyuzayat and included all camps from Kilo 65 to Kilo 100. In April to October 1943 the HQ was located at Aperon and then moved again briefly to Kyondan in November 1943 until combining with Group 3 in January 1944 at Tamarkan until abandoned in February 1945

2019  

1943, Burma Camp 5 to Soerabaja, Java on undated Moulmein, Burma War Prisoners Camp Imperial Japanese Army preprint 1st Burma issued card probably January 1943 from Dutch Private F.J. Van Gassbeek in No 5 Camp & with faint manuscript 28/8 03 (1943) which is probably date of receipt. Estimate $12,000 - 15,000

Exceptionally rare item with only a handful of identifiable Camp 5 items being reported...Tett records only 2.
**Group 6**

Was formed at Kinsaiyok in January 1943 and controlled all camps Marona to Bagan. In late 1943 or early 1944 it was combined with Group 1 at Non Pladuk, it had a short life.

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**2020**

1943, Camp 6 to Bangalore, India on undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card from Serjeant V.S. Van Langmberg in No 6 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki & lozenger Passed DHP/9 handstamp alongside Bangalore 24 Jul 44 arrival datestamp.

| Estimate $4,000 - 5,000 |

This is the only item we have been able to record from Camp 6 to India & ink annotations by recipient that appears to have run do not detract from this scarce item from Camp 6 which was, according to Herman, only open from January - March 1943 when it merged with Group 4 at Tamuang but Evers states it was amalgamated with Group 1 at Non Pladuk in late 1943 or January 1944 & evidence in Tett page 79 supports this.

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**2021**

1943, Camp 6 to Heemstede, Nederland on undated Imperial Japanese Army preprint 2nd & 3rd Thai issued card from Dutch Officer v. Adm R.J. Bouricius in No 6 Camp with circular censor chop of Suzuki & Ab within circle of German censor in Berlin plus manuscript 13 December 1943 date of receipt on reverse.

| Estimate $2,500 - 3,000 |

...Scarce item from Camp 6 which was, according to Herman, only open from January - March 1943 when it merged with Group 4 at Tamuang but Evers states it was amalgamated with Group 1 at Non Pladuk in late 1943 or January 1944 & evidence in Tett page 79 supports this.
Group 7

Formed in late 1944 at Kanchanaburi as an Officers Camp and was disbanded on the Japanese surrender in August 1945. It also had a short life.

2022  

1944(Dec 22), Camp 7 to Bandoeng, Java on Dove & Helmet Dai-Nippon Army Service Des Prisoners De Guerre preprint 6th Thai issued POW card from Major T.J. Heitink in No 7 Camp with square censor chop of Suzuki Yoshihiko.

Camp 7 was an Officers camp opened at Kanchanaburi in late 1944 with only a short life until August 1945 when the Japanese surrendered.

Estimate $2,500 - 3,000
II. Incoming Mail to POWs in Camps

By the early part of 1943 over 60,000 Allied POW’s taken prisoner in Malaya, Singapore and the Dutch Indies had been transported to Thailand and Burma to work on the railway. Japanese communications via the Japanese Red Cross to the IRC, Vatican and other channels when received purposely never mentioned Thailand or Burma only Malaya and the Dutch Indies and it was not until the second half of 1943 when the first issue of Thai and Burmese cards started to arrive that relatives became aware. Mail addressed to previous address’s is often seen marked by the Bureau of Records & Enquiry [BRE] in Singapore with manuscript OVL indicating that the prisoner had been transported overland to the railway. Mail was sometimes withheld or even destroyed in front of prisoners as a form of punishment and at the time of surrender many sacks of undelivered mail were found in Thailand. Surviving ingoing mail although available especially from Camps 1, 2 and 4 had to withstand the heat and humidity and the ever changing localities of the camps as the railway progressed with many men keeping the precious letter or letters folded neatly next to the heart in what remained of a shirt pocket so it should not be a surprise to find faults with surviving mail after suffering such ordeals.

2023  1943 (Jan 17), South Africa to Malaya & OVL to Thailand with manuscript Kanburi OVL/F 18/4/43 to British civilian Gordon G. Waller c/o Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, Singapore c/o Japanese Red Cross Tokyo with South African Opened By Censor label. Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

Very unusual item to civilian on the Railway.

2024  1943 (Apr 30), England to Malaya & OVL to Thailand with manuscript OVL 20/3/43 and with boxed censor handstamp of MotoJima incorporating Thai POW HQ handstamp to Gunner 947556 F.G. Angkorn, British Prisoner of War, Malaya Camps with British Opened By Examiner 6511 label. Estimate $500 - 600

Scarce with Motojima censor.
2025  1943 (Jun 19front), Envelope to Dutch POW Camp 3 Nieke via Germany & Egypt. envelope worn on edges to Dutch POW ex Sumatra Infantry with manuscript No 3 Gr routed via Germany and Egypt and censored in Berlin and Cairo. Japanese Red Cross Tokyo handstamp and boxed Thai POW Camp No 3 Branch Censored h/s in orange with censor seal of Motojima.

*A rare item especially into Camp 3.*

Estimate $12,000 - 15,000

2026  1943 (Nov 29), Postcard to Dutch POW Camp 2 via Germany & Egypt. plain card to Dutch POW ex Sumatra Infantry with manuscript No 2 Gr routed via Germany and Egypt and censored in Berlin and Cairo with Thai POW Camp Censored h/s in violet with unidentified oval censor seal in orange.

*Very scarce.*

Estimate $8,000 - 10,000
2027 1943 (Oct 14), England to Thailand Camp with plain envelope complete with contents to Driver 907867 E. Pattinson, British Prisoner of War, Thai Camp with British Opened By Examiner 3551 label from Halifax with no other markings. Estimate $300 - 400

2028 1944 (Jun 22), Ingoing card to Camp 1 Forwarded and Returned with Returned in Undeliverable Mails from Territory Formerly Occupied by Japanese Forces handstamp then forwarded to Burma with circular FPO 305 [15 Nov 45] datestamp and redirected in manuscript "By Ormonde PO Box 164 London EC" on British 3d POW stationary postcard to Private I. Caplan, No 1 POW Camp ....The "Ormonde" left Rangoon 26.9.45 and landed Southampton 22.10.45 with repatriated former prisoners, he missed this ship. Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

2029 1944 (Jul 5), Ingoing card to Camp 1. British 3d POW Stationary postcard to L/Sgt 950942 F.G. Simpson, No 1 Thailand with octagonal Passed PW 6318 handstamp. Estimate $400 - 500

2030 1944 (Jul 22), Ingoing card to Camp 1. British 3d POW Stationary postcard to 2591725 Jack Caplan, No 1 POW Camp Thailand from Glasgow with octagonal Passed PW 3325 handstamp. Estimate $400 - 500
**2031** 1944 (Aug 23), Ingoing card to Camp 1 and Returned with Returned in Undeliverable Mails from Territory Formerly Occupied by Japanese Forces handstamp deleted in red crayon and Returned to Sender on British 3d POW Stationary postcard to 1788487 Gunner T. Richens, No 1 Prisoner of War Camp Thailand. 
Estimate $800 - 1,000

*Rare item.*


**2033** 1944 (Dec 27), Ingoing card to Camp 1 and forwarded with Returned in Undeliverable Mails from Territory Formerly Occupied by Japanese Forces handstamp then forwarded to Burma with circular FPO 305 [15 Nov 45] datestamp and redirected in manuscript c/o PO Box 164 London EC on British 3d POW stationary postcard to Gnr/Dvr O.L. Stinson, No 1 POW Camp. 
Estimate $800 - 1,000

**2034** 1944 (Jun 10), Ingoing card to Camp 2. British 3d POW Stationary postcard to Lieut. J.M. Bebb, Camp 2 with Thai Prisoner of War Camp h/s in violet & boxed Censored h/s with oval censors seal of Sato inserted in orange and with octagonal Passed PW 1541 handstamp from Southport Lancs. Estimate $500 - 600

*Scarce.*
2035  1944 (Jul 13), In going card to Camp 2 forwarded to Camp 4 . British 3d POW Stationary postcard to Lt. Col J.R. Williamson, No 2 Camp Thailand with Thai Prisoner of War Camp h/s in violet & boxed Censored h/s with oval censors seal of Sato inserted in orange and manuscript 4 indicating item was forwarded to Camp 4 which was headquarted at Tamuang.

Estimate $500 - 600

2036  1944 (Oct 18), In going card to Camp 2. British 3d POW Stationary postcard to Private 6127347 E.F. Joyce, No 2 Thailand with octagonal Passed PW 1662 handstamp.

Estimate $400 - 500

2037  1945 (Jun 6), Card to Camp 3 and Returned. Australian POW Stationary postcard to SX 11075 Private E.R. Reynolds, No 3 Branch Thai Camp with redirection labels to G.D.D. South Australia and then to Marion P.O. written by his wife and uprated for airmail with Australian censor handstamp.

Estimate $800 - 1,000

Rare item.

2038  1944 (Mar 24), In going card to Camp 4 . Plain card to Private 5951996 R. Ingrey, Camp 4 with manuscript Tam 656/6 indicating Tamakran Camp to stained plain stampless postcard with octagonal Passed PW 7960 handstamp from Hitchin Herts.

Estimate $300 - 400
2039  1944 (Aug 20), Ingoing card to Camp 4 and Returned. British 3d POW Stationary postcard with Returned in Undeliverable Mails from Territory Formerly Occupied by Japanese Forces handstamp deleted in red crayon and Returned to Sender with on reverse scarce Head Clerk-Recovered POW Mail Centre handstamp in violet on Plain stampless postcard to 1049955 Gunner J. Fountain, No 4 Prisoner of War Camp Thailand.

Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

2040  1943 (Feb 14), & undated Dutch Indies Jap Occupation POW postcard first to No 1 Camp & undated to No 2 Camp with manuscript 11c T indicating block number at Camp with Japanese Prisoner of War Post handstamp to J.J. Van der Linden on creased uprated for airmail Japanese Occupation 3?c cards from Soerabaia. A Fine pair.

Estimate $1,000 - 1,500
III. Mail From Civilian Malay Postal Workers and Romusha Workers 1943-45

The construction by the Japanese of 415 km of railway across inhospitable terrain necessitated extraordinary decisions. One of these was to employ and draft in mostly Malay but some Javanese postal workers from post offices overseas who were familiar with the Malay, Burmese, Chinese and Javanese languages to set up postal facilities to handle the mail from and to the thousands of Romusha labour workers employed on the railway. Post Offices were set up along the railway in Burma and Thailand and postal facilities were spread throughout the railway system however only six of the postal facilities plus the Kura Isthmus 90 Km railway to Chunphon further south were provided with datestsamps and censorship handstamps, these were Kanchanaburi, Kinsaiyoku, Purangkashi, Kontoitah, Nieke and Aperon in Burma.

Mail from these offices is scarce to rare to unique and what follows is the largest single holding of this material ever placed into public auction. Tett in his magnificent book relating to the postal history of the prisoners of war lists 61 items including 3 registered items from the postal workers. This catalogue contains over 40 more 6 of which are registered with most of the known date & hand stamps being represented and all carry the impeccable provenance of Milo Rowell.

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2042 1943 (Nov 7), Registered First Day of Issue Konkoitah to Penang with variety of Japanese Occupation of Malaya adhesives each cancelled neatly by circular Kontoitah [Tsuchiya PKo1] datestamps unusually in red and marked First Day Cover 7 Nov 2603 alongside Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa1] datestamp with transposed day and month slugs for 11-10 (11 Oct) which should be 10-11 (10 Nov) transit datestamp from Ong Keng Liand Oka1380 to Central Post office Penang on longer envelope with two nibbles to right side. Estimate $3,000 - 4,000

PHILATELIC BUT UNUSUAL RED CANCEL.

2043 1943 (Nov 1), Returned registered postal stationery card from Kanchanaburi to Sentul, Kuala Lumpur with Japanese Occupation of Malaya marginal imprint 10c & 3c plus vertical pair 1c cancelled Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa1] datestamp & boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa2] handstamp in black from S. Anthony, Oka Dai 5801 to Railways Stores Superintendents Office refused by the addressee and returned with Ipoh 19 Nov + Kuala Lumpur 20 Nov + Sentul 24 Nov & Kanchanaburi 7 Dec datestamps….Rare item of Returned mail, 31. Estimate $14,000 - 16,000
2044  1943 (Dec 3), Japanese Military postcard from Kinsaiyoku to Kuala Lumpur with Kinsaiyoku [Tsuchiya PKi1] datetstamp from V.M. Chinnian giving his Kuala Lumpur address of 669-7 Chan Ah Thong Street and sending a message of New Year greetings. Estimate $4,000 - 5,000

2045  1943 (Dec 15), Japanese Military postcard from Kanchanaburi to Kuala Lumpur with boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa1] handstamp in black from Tharmapalen, Thai Haken, Oka Dai 5821 giving Christmas & New Year greetings …Tett records 4 items to Tharmapalen but none from him. Estimate $3,000 - 4,000

2046  1943 (Dec 17), Japanese Military postcard from Konkoitah to Kuala Lumpur with boxed Konkoitah [Tsuchiya CKo2] handstamp in orange from J.S. Vethantagam c/o Oka Dai 5801 giving a message of New Year greetings. Estimate $7,000 - 8,000
2047 1943 (Dec 20), Plain postcard from Kanchanaburi to Sentul, Kuala Lumpur with boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa1] handstamp in black & marked On Postal Service from S. Anthony, Oka Dai 5801 …From the message "How are my darling children are they still asking for their mother " it appears that the writer S. Anthony could be female but this cannot be possible. Estimate $4,000 - 5,000

2048 1943 (Dec 26), Japanese Military postcard from Kinsaiyoku to Kuala Lumpur with Kinsaiyoku [Tsuchiya CKi] handstamp in black from Shahin Gaindhin the signature a little difficult to read giving his compliments to the staff back at home. Estimate $4,000 - 5,000

2049 1943 (Dec 29), Japanese Military postcard from Konkoitah to Kuala Lumpur with boxed Konkoitah [Tsuchiya CKo2] handstamp in orange from J.S. Vethantagam giving a message regarding his quarters and New Year greetings. Estimate $4,000 - 5,000
2050  
1944 (Jan 7), Japanese Military Dove & Helmet postcard in orange from Kanchanaburi to Kuala Lumpur with boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa1] handstamp in black from Tharmapalen, Thai Haken, Oka Dai 5821 asking about family matters …Tett records 4 items to Tharmapalen but none from him.  
Estimate $5,000 - 6,000

2051  
1944 (Jan 7), Japanese Military Dove & Helmet postcard in yellow from Kanchanaburi to Sentul, Kuala Lumpur with Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa2] handstamp in mauve from S. Anthony with manuscript Replied on 20/2/2 probably in error for 4 with message about family matters.  
Estimate $5,000 - 6,000

2052  
Rare item addressed originally to Prai, Penang.  
Estimate $14,000 - 16,000
2053 1944 (Feb 22), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Kanchanaburi to Kuala Kangsar, Perak with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa2] datestamp and boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa1] handstamp in violet from Utch Bin Aziz, Oka 5801, Watanabe Butai stating Arrived my destination in safety….My service will be about 6 months. *Interestingly he confirms the period of service.*

2054 1944 (Oct 3), Japanese Military postcard from Purangkashi to Kuala Lumpur with circular Purangkashi [Tsuchiya PP1] datestamp & boxed Purangkashi [Tsuchiya CP] handstamp both in violet from Low Kong Guan with message regarding family matters. *Estimate $6,500 - 8,000*
2055  
1944 (Mar 14), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationery postcard from Kanchanaburi to Sentul with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa2] datestamp in black and boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in brown from S. Anthony complaining about lack of letters with manuscript "Replied on 20/4/21".  
Estimate $8,000 - 10,000

2056  
Only Selangor Registered envelope in the collection.  
Estimate $14,000 - 16,000
2057 1944 (Mar 21), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Chumphon to Kuala Kangsar, Perak with circular Chumphon [Tsuchiya PC3] datestamp and boxed Chumphon [Tsuchiya CC] handstamp both in violet used on the 90 km Kura Isthmus Railway that ran between Chumphon & Khao Fachi. This line was used to strengthen transportation via the Thai-Burma line & is an integral part of this history written by Buyong Idris Bin Gomgaman with message in native script. Estimate $8,000 - 10,000

From Chumphon on the Kura Isthmus 90 Km railway.

2058 1944 (Apr 14), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Kanchanaburi to Sentul with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa2] datestamp in black and boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in brown from S. Anthony regarding family matters & with manuscript “Replied on 20/5/4”. Estimate $6,500 - 8,000

Scarcer.
2059  1944 (Apr 15), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Kanchanaburi to Sentul with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa2] datestamp in black and boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in brown from S. Anthony regarding family matters & with manuscript "Replied on 20/5/4". Estimate $8,000 - 10,000

Rare.

2060  1944 (Apr 18), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Chumphon to Kuala Kangsar, Perak with circular Chumphon [Tsuchiya PC3] datestamp and boxed Chumphon [Tsuchiya CC] handstamp both in violet used on the 90 km Kura Isthmus Railway that ran between Chumphon & Khao Fachi. This line was used to strengthen transportation via the Thai-Burma line & is an integral part of this history written by Buyong Idris Bin Gomgaman with message in native script...vertical crease to card. Estimate $12,000 - 15,000

From Chumpon on the Kura Isthmus 90 Km railway.

The only Negri Sembilan registered envelope in the collection.

2062 1944 (Jun 5), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c postcard from Rinting to Kuala Lumpur with Kinsaiyoku 10 Jun [Tsuchiya PKi2] datetamp and Kinsaiyoku [Tsuchiya CKi] handstamp in black from Low Kong Guan, Butai 2143 with message regarding finances and other matters but does state "Regarding my work I don't have much to do but only 2 hours daily".

Scarcer from Renting.
1944 (Jun 10), Japanese Military postcard from Rinting to Kuala Lumpur with Kinsaiyoku 11 Jun [Tsuchiya PKi2] datestamp and Kinsaiyoku [Tsuchiya CKi] handstamp in black from Low Kong Guan, Butai 2143 with message to sister regarding family matters but does say he should be home sometime next month. Estimate $8,000 - 10,000

Scarcer from Renting.

1944 (Jul 5), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Chumpon to Kuala Kangsar, Perak with circular Chunpon [Tsuchiya PC3] datestamp and boxed Chunpon [Tsuchiya CC] handstamp both in violet used on the 90 km Kura Isthmus Railway that ran between Chumpon & Khao Fachi. This line was used to strengthen transportation via the Thai-Burma line & is an integral part of this history written by Shariff Mahat, 10 kilo Joraom Station OFA 15801 Butai with message in native script. Estimate $12,000 - 15,000

From Chumpon on the Kura Isthmus 90 Km railway.
2065 1944 (Jul 21), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Chunpon to Kuala Kangsar, Perak with circular Chunpon [Tsuchiya PC3] datetamp and boxed Chunpon [Tsuchiya CC] handstamp both in violet used on the 90 km Kura Isthmus Railway that ran between Chunpon & Khao Fachi. This line was used to strengthen transportation via the Thai-Burma line & is an integral part of this history written by Boejoeng Idris Bin Gomgaman with message in native script. Estimate $12,000 - 15,000

From Chunpon on the Kura Isthmus 90 Km railway.

2066 1944 (Aug 1), Plain Japanese Military postcard from Renting to Kuala Lumpur with Kinsaiyoku [Tsuchiya PKi2] datetamp and Kinsaiyoku [Tsuchiya CKi] handstamp in black and with Japanese Kuala Lumpur 16 Aug arrival datetamp from Low Kong Guan, Butai 2413 with message to father regarding family matters but does say he might be home sometime next month. Estimate $8,000 - 10,000

Rinteng fine looking item.
2067  **1944 (Aug 10),** Incoming Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Johore to Mohd Yunus Bin Said at Thai Oka 5821 which is probably Kanchanaburi area cancelled Japanese Johore Bahru [Proud JD3] datetamp in black and with boxed Japanese Censored handstamp in blue with unidentified red oval censor chop inserted and written in native script. Estimate $16,000 - 20,000

*Despite being creased and worn this is one of the few incoming items we have seen.*

2068  **1944 (Aug 14),** Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Kanchanaburi to Soerabaja, Java with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa2] datetamp and boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa2] handstamp both in black from Dutch postal worker Tahio, 5828 Comp with message written in native script. Estimate $13,000 - 15,000

*Only item in collection from Dutch Indies.*

Exceptionally rare incoming item to postal worker at Nieke Camp 3 the only one in the collection. 

2070  1944 (Oct 20), Internal use Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard Kanchanaburi to Prai carried by favour without postal markings being a request to the Postmaster Lye Kim Cheong at Prai from postal worker Lee Teik Khoor at Kanchanaburi to take care of the transportation of rice for his friends at Prai. 

Unusual internal use.
**WWII Thai-Burma Railway**

**2071  1944 (Oct 23),** Internal use Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c Stationary postcard from Kanchanaburi to Prai with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa2] datestamp and boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa2] handstamp both in black from Lee Teik Khoor to Postmaster Lye Kim Cheong with message regarding meeting the Aperon Post office people & others. 

*Internally postally used. Rare.*


*Unusual with red cancel.*
2073 1945 (Jan.), pair of Japanese Military postcard used philatelically and registered by S.M. Gimon with variety of Malayan Japanese Occupation issues cancelled by favour with datestamps of Aperon 1 Jan in blue + Kinsaiyoku 22 Jan + Purangkashi 4 Mar + Kanchanaburi 16 Dec then Malayan Japanese Occupation Penang CPO 9 Jan & Prai P.W. 10 Dec datestamps from Burma, Thailand & Malaya. Estimate $6,500 - 8,000

2075  1945 (Jan 22), Plain postcard from Kanchanaburi to Sentul, Kuala Lumpur cancelled Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa3] datetamp and with boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in brown from S. Anthony, Kanchanaburi with message complaining about lack of letters. Estimate $7,000 - 8,000

2076  1945 (Feb 13), Internal use plain postcard from Purangkashi to Prai cancelled Kanchanaburi 14 Feb [Tsuchiya PKa3] datetamp and with boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in black from S.M. Gimon to Lye Kim Cheong, Post Master at Prai with message regarding business matters & visit to Ban Pong. Estimate $13,000 - 15,000

Scarce internal use.
2077  1945 (Feb 13), Internal use plain postcard from Purangkashi to Prai cancelled Kanchanaburi 17 Feb [Tsuchiya PKa3] datestamp and with boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in red/brown from Lim Ghee Hoi to Lye Kim Cheong, Post Master at Prai with message regarding business matters & giving Chinese New Year greetings. Estimate $13,000 - 15,000

Scarce internal use.


This is the only registered item with a censored resealing label in the collection.

Scarce registered.

2080 1945 (Jul 12), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c postcard cancelled from Kanchanaburi to Sentul with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa3] datestamp & boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in brown violet from S. Anthony with message about family matters. Estimate $6,500 - 8,000

Crisp & fine item.
2081  1945 (Jul 19), Japanese Occupation of Malaya 4c postcard cancelled from Kanchanaburi to Sentul with circular Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya PKa3] datetamp & boxed Kanchanaburi [Tsuchiya CKa3] handstamp in brown violet from S. Anthony with message about family matters. Estimate $6,500 - 8,000

Crisp & fine item.

2082  1945 (Jan 31), Purangkashi datestamp ties Japanese Occupation of Perak 5c with Kanji overprint to small piece by complete and very fine Purangkashi [Tsuchiya PP2] datetamp. Estimate $800 - 1,000

Scarce use of Purangkashi datetamp on Japanese Occupation of Perak.
IV. Volunteer Native Labourers

Very little is known or written about the postal services for the civilian Burmese Romusha workers on the Burma side of the railway and all mail is very scarce and sought after... Tett illustrates five examples.

2083  Undated circa 1945, Burmese Romusha railway worker postcard with circular Sweat Corps Post office Postage Free canceller and part of message blacked out by censor & stamped with Department of Peoples Army, Meldon, Moulmein handstamp on pictorial Japanese military card probably from Aperon.

Estimate $6,500 - 8,000
V. Mail From Japanese Soldiers in Thailand - Malaya

By 28 July 1941 Japan had occupied the whole of Indo-China giving them the naval bases and airfields needed to launch an invasion of southern Thailand and Malaya. In the meantime Japan had been for some time involved in talks and other matters with Thailand and indeed had intervened in a short war between Thailand and the Vichy French during late 1940-41 and mediated in a border disputes with Cambodia resulting in the Thais gaining more territory thus sowing seeds for the future. Japanese forces landed on the 8 December 1941 at Patani and Singora in southern Thailand and very quickly obtained an agreement with the Thai Government to use Thailand as a conduit to transport supplies and men for war purposes. As far as the Japanese were concerned this agreement resulted in a full occupation with them doing exactly as they pleased and later ceding the four northern states of Malaya to Thailand. During this period many thousands of Japanese troops were not only to transit Thailand but also to be stationed in various localities but despite these numbers mail seems to be elusive.

2084 1943 (Dec 11), Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard Thailand Education Unit to Japan... from soldier 7362 Matsuri Education Unit c/o 7970 Gi Unit Thai Expeditionary Force, HQ 15th Army on CensoredYellow Dove & Helmet card to Shega Prefecture. Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

Scarce.
2085  1944, Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard Thailand 10128 Gi Unit to Japan from soldier Gi 10154 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force probably 18th Direction Army on Censored yellow brown card with 19.7.10 [10 Jul 44] arrival handstamp. Estimate $800 - 1,000

2086  1944, Japanese Military postcard Thailand 10331 Gi Unit to Japan… from soldier Gi 10154 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force, probably 18th Direction Army on Censored flimsy card to Okayama Prefecture with private circular 19.1.10 [10 Jan 44] arrival datestamp. Estimate $800 - 1,000

2087  1942-45, undated OKA 1382 from Thailand to Japan with orange Dove & Helmet Japanese Military Stationary postcard with unidentified oval Japanese censor seal in orange and a further unidentified oval Japanese censor seal in red. Estimate $800 - 1,000

2088  1942-45, undated Japanese Military postcard Thailand 10154 Gi Unit to Japan… from soldier Gi 10154 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force, 18th Direction Army on Censored card to Ibaraki Prefecture. Estimate $800 - 1,000
2089  1942-45, undated Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard Thailand 7259 Unit to Japan… from soldier Abatsuki 7259 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force, 18th Direction Army on Censored Orange Dove & Helmet card to Yamagata Prefecture….Abatsuki means Ship Unit probably a Marine.  Estimate $1,000 - 1,500
Scarce item.

2090  1942-45, undated Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard Thailand Oka 7259 Unit to Japan… from soldier Takebayashiji Party "Oka" 9634 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force, 7th Area Army on Orange Dove & Helmet card censored by Morita to Nagano Prefecture.  Estimate $1,000 - 1,500

2091  1942-45, undated postcard Thailand 15827 Unit to Japan… With Military Mail handstamp on Temple of Dawn Bangkok picture postcard from soldier 15827 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Morita to Japan.  Estimate $1,100 - 1,300
Rare.
2092  
1944 (Sep 18), postcard Thailand 15827 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier in 15827 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Hakozaki addressed to Fukui Prefecture, Imadate County, Japan from Ogaki to his family.  
Estimate $1,100 - 1,300

2093  
1942-45, undated postcard Thailand 15827 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier 15827 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Hakozaki addressed to Fukui Prefecture, Imadate County, Japan from Ogaki to his family.  
Estimate $1,100 - 1,300

2094  
1942-45, undated postcard Thailand 15827 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier in 15827 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Hakozaki addressed to Fukui Prefecture, Imadate County, Japan from Ogaki to his family.  
Estimate $1,100 - 1,300

2095  
1942-45, undated Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard stamped Thailand 15827 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier in 158327 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Hakozaki addressed to Fukui Prefecture, Imadate County, Japan from Ogaki to his family.  
Estimate $1,100 - 1,300
1942-45, undated Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard stamped Thailand 15827 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier in 158327 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Hakozaki addressed to Fukui Prefecture, Imadate County, Japan to his family. Estimate $1,100 - 1,300

1942-45, undated Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard Thailand 1382 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier in 1382 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Kiyohara addressed to Agata Miyagi, Motomiga County, Japan to his family. Estimate $1,100 - 1,300

1942-45, undated Japanese Military Dove and Helmet postcard Southern Expedition 1373 Unit to Japan... With Military Mail handstamp on postcard from soldier in 1382 Unit Thai Expeditionary Force censored by Choko addressed to Osaka. Estimate $1,100 - 1,300
VI. Liberation

Liberation forces & Liberated Prisoners of War. By the time the Japanese forces surrendered on 15 August 1945 they had already separated the Officers from the men and also dispersed many of the POW's to other areas and camps away from where they were previously concentrated in the Kanchanaburi area mainly due to fear of uprisings and reprisals. Although both US and British special forces were operational gathering intelligence in the areas near the known camps the main allied effort and priority was to get messages, food & medical supplies to the various camps and the first relief troops were dropped by parachute and so began the task of locating, caring for and repatriating the surviving liberated POW's.

2099 1943 (Jul 28), Enquiry to Red Cross complete with File card for Thailand POW. Catholic Mission at Friburg Switzerland to Red Cross in Geneva printed card stating British POW 920933 Gunner Denyer was taken POW in Malaya and was in a Thai Camp this would be be sent to the Apostolic Delegation in London and on to the original enquirer but most unusually together with Catholic Mission hand written file card dated 1 July noting all known information …… Rare collateral items of both Enquiry and File cards that we have never seen previously for the same person.

VERY SCARCE. See TETT Vol 1 page 72-3.

2100 1945 (Jul 29), card to Sanatorium Service Suspended. British 1½d POW Stationary postcard with Returned From Abroad Service Suspended handstamp to Sergeant 2579018 H.L. Turner, Sanatorium Thailand returned to Gillingham Kent. Scarce card & unusual form of address.

Estimate $600 - 800
2101 1945 (Jul 29), Card to Sanatorium Service Suspended. British 1?d POW Stationary postcard with Returned From Abroad Service Suspended handstamp to Sergeant 2579018 H.L. Turner, Sanatorium Thailand returned to Gillingham Kent. Estimate $600 - 800

Scarce card & unusual form of address.

2102 1945 (Aug 27), Liberated POW Kanchanaburi to Amsterdam, Holland. 10s Stationary letter card from Dutch Captain W. Brack at Camp Kenburi, a misspelling for Kanchanaburi, up rated with additional 10 x 5s for air-mail all with circle of dots cancellations with alongside partial Bangkok [1 Sep] transit datetimestamp & showing 10 within circle censors handstamp. Estimate $2,000 - 2,500 from Kenburi.

2103 1945 (Aug 30), Liberated POW Ubon to Den Haag, Holland. 10s Stationary letter card from Dutch 1st Luitenent D. ter Brugge at Ubon with segmentated oval Tax handstamp. Estimate $2,500 - 3,000 Scarcer Camp.
2104  1945 (Aug 30), Forces Letter to Camp 2, Returned Repatriated. British 1?d Forces Letter sheet Returned to Sender with "It is Regretted this Letter could not be Forwarded in time to catch with the Ship or Aircraft on which Addressee was Repatriated" handstamp to Sgt 7654118 J.P. Howard, No 2 Camp cancelled London E.1 Victory Bells [3 Sep] datestamp with long personal and loving letter from his wife. Estimate $800 - 1,000

LIBERATED NICE ITEM.

2105  1945 (Aug 31), Liberated POW Ubon to Den Haag, Holland. 10s Stationary letter card from Dutch Private J. C. Lucas at Ubon with partial octagonal Crown Passed L 59 handstamp and plain white resealing label applied at Ceylon. Estimate $3,000 - 4,000

2106  1945 (Sep 2), Liberated POW Kanchanaburi to Shropshire, England. 3s Stationary Post card from British Captain A. G. Faber at Kanburi Camp marked Ex Prisoner of War Post:- By Air Mail Please...light hardly perceptible diagonal crease does not detract. Estimate $2,500 - 3,000
2107 ✱ 1945 (Sep 4), Liberated POW Kanchanaburi to Batavia-C, Neth East Indies. 3s Stationary Post card from Dutch soldier F. D. Homen at Kanchanabury Camp with octagonal Crown Passed L/1 handstamp applied in Ceylon and circular RAPWI-Batavia red cross handstamp (RAPWI = Recovery Allied Prisoners of War & Internees)…Very Scarce use despite 3s having been excised and cleverly replaced. Estimate $7,000 - 8,000

2108 ✱ 1945 (Sep), Liberated Indian 7/8 Punjab Regiment POW to Sussex with strip 3 x 5s to envelope from liberated British Major Courtney-Bennett, 7/8 Punjab Regt. with triangular Field Censor 127 handstamp in violet cancelled on arrival Lancing/Sussex [15 Sep] datestamp and redirected to Worthing. Estimate $1,500 - 2,000 Rare.

2109 ✱ 1945 (Oct 26), Ingoing from Burma to Camp 4 forwarded to Red Cross Hospital with Indian FPO 37 datestamp redirected with manuscript Bangkok Roode Kruis Hosp on plain envelope Dutch Captain Jan H. deJong, Camp 4 with manuscript 6 indicating Camp 6….FPO 37 is listed as located Rangoon-Mingaladon to 5th Oct and was probably still there as it did not reach Bangkok till 6 Nov 45. Very unusual incoming ex Burma. Estimate $800 - 1,000

2110 ✱ 1945 (Nov 7), Indian Forces Lopburi to Bombay, India... stampless on active service envelope cancelled FPO No 39 datestamp the earliest known date recorded at Lopburi and with triangular FS Free handstamp and Bombay 15 Nov arrival datestamp. Scarcem. Estimate $800 - 1,000
2111 1945 (Dec 5), Allied Liberation forces with smudged Indian FPO 37 located Bangkok 6 Nov 45 to 26 Jan 46 to stampless envelope from Major S.F. Daykin to England. Estimate $400 - 500 Rare.

2112 1946 (Feb 6), Liberated Dutch POW from Irene Kamp, Bangkok to Holland with Air Letter sheet datelined Bangkok 6 February 1946 with Door Den Censuurdienst re-sealing label from 200396 Private J.C. Lucas Irene Kamp Bangkok and written in Dutch to Gravenhage. Estimate $2,000 - 2,500 Scarce Irene Camp & unusual to be censored on arrival.

2113 1946 (Mar 16), Liberated Dutch POW from Nakorn Pathom to Bandoeng, Java with Air Letter sheet datelined Nakorn Pathom 16-3-45 in error it has to be 46 from 131022 F.R. Joehems, Nakorn Pathom, Siam written in Dutch to Bandoeng. Estimate $1,100 - 1,300
2114 1946 (Jul 4), Liberated Dutch POW from Irene Camp to Nederland with Irene Kamp handstamp to Letter sheet cancelled Nedpostkantoor Bangkok [6 Jul] datestamp from 200398 J.C. Lucas, Landstormsoldaat, Princess Irene Kamp, Bangkok and written in Dutch to Gravenhage. Estimate $3,000 - 4,000

Very Scarce.

2115 1946 (Jun 15), Allied Liberation forces with Indian FPO 135 located Bangkok and known used 27 Jan to 7 Aug 46 to stampless envelope from Major L.C.J. B. Wallon to London, England. Estimate $600 - 800

Rare.

2116 1946 (Sep 27), Liberated Dutch POW from Bangkok to Nederland with Nedpostkantoor Bangkok datestamp to stampless envelope from Kapt J. Theelen Bangkok to Mastricht. Estimate $800 - 1,000

Rare.
VII. Postwar Correspondance


Estimate $1,500 - 2,000

The best item is ingoing cover to Nieke.

2118 1941-44, Collection of 12 covers to Captain B.H.J.A. O'Reilly RASC, 85th Anti Tank Regt., that was part of the 11th Indian Division who fought a tremendous retreat from Malaya and were almost completely destroyed at the battle of Slim River and reforming at Singapore with the remnants of the 9th Indian Division and later taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942 with [1] Dec 41 envelope to APO 1575 with "It is Regretted that this Item could not be Delivered at the Address Stated" [2] Jan 42 uprated 2d postcard to APO 1575 with "No 3d Air Postcard Service" + "Addressee Reported Missing" & returned to sender [3] Apr 42 envelope to APO 1575 with "Addressee Reported Missing" [4-6] Feb + Apr + Jun 43 envelopes to British POW Malaya Camps with manuscript OVL 23/10/42 & boxed Censored handstamp & censor seal of H. Kanno applied in Thailand [7] Nov 43 envelope with Thai Prisoner of War Camp and boxed Censored handstamps & censor seal of Sato inserted [8-9] Mar + Apr 43 Plain postcards to No 4 Camp with Censored handstamp & censor seal of Matsushita inserted [10-12] May + Jun 44 British 3d POW cards with Censored handstamps & censor seal of Sato inserted….Good collection from before Japanese occupation to Missing to POW in Malaya to POW in Thailand with good variety of postal and censorship markings.

Estimate $4,000 - 5,000

Most complete POW correspondance for one captive soldier in a camp ever put together.

End of Sale - Thank You