TERRITORY of PAPUA – First Rates Period 1906 - 1912

Mail to Non British Empire

1911, March 11, to Germany, uprated 1d postcard, posted aboard ship at 1½d overseas postcard rate (overpaid ½d).
Cancelled with LOOSE/SHIP/LETTER handstamp en route to Thursday Island.
Datestamped Thursday Island 11.3.11 and Singapore 27.3.11

1909, November 16, Port Moresby to San Francisco, USA, accepted at 1½d overseas postcard rate, but 2½d letter rate should have been paid.

Royal Dutch Packet Company letter card from S.S. Van Spilbergen, with Lunch Menu on reverse.

1910, October 12, Port Moresby to Newark, New Jersey, United States of America, double 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.

Backstamped REGISTERED BRISBANE 22.10.10, New York 20.11.10 and Newark N.J. Registered 21.11.10

1907, May 6, Vatorata (near Kapa Kapa) to Denver, USA, 1½d overseas postcard rate. Cancelled at Port Moresby 26.5.07

Mail was transferred overland by Police Runners to Port Moresby from Angus Inland Mission at Vatorata.

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Mail to Non British Empire

1911, July 31, Kulumadau (Woodlarks) to Michigan, United States of America, single 2½d letter rate (½d underpaid).
Very scarce use of the BONAGAI canceller, which was transferred to Kulumadau as a relief, between late 1907 until March 1912.
10/CTMS/T applied at Samarai, (½d deficiency + ½d fine) equivalent to U.S. 2 cents.
U.S.CHARGE/2 CENTS/TO COLLECT handstamp applied and 2 cent U.S. Postage Due stamp affixed upon collection.

(E) 1909, May10, Samarai to The Saar, Germany, double 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee
Backstamped Sydney 17.5.09
Straight line REGISTERED and Oval R Registration cancels applied at Samarai.

The Neu-Guinea-Grenz-Expedition surveyed the German New Guinea and Papua border.

1907, December 24, Port Moresby to Paris, France, quadruple 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Cooktown 8.1.08, Brisbane 16.1.08 and Paris 21.2.08

1910, April 8, Port Moresby to Dessau, Germany, single 2½d letter rate.
Backstamped Samarai 10.5.10 and Sydney 30.5.10

TERRITORY of PAPUA – First Rates Period 1906 - 1912

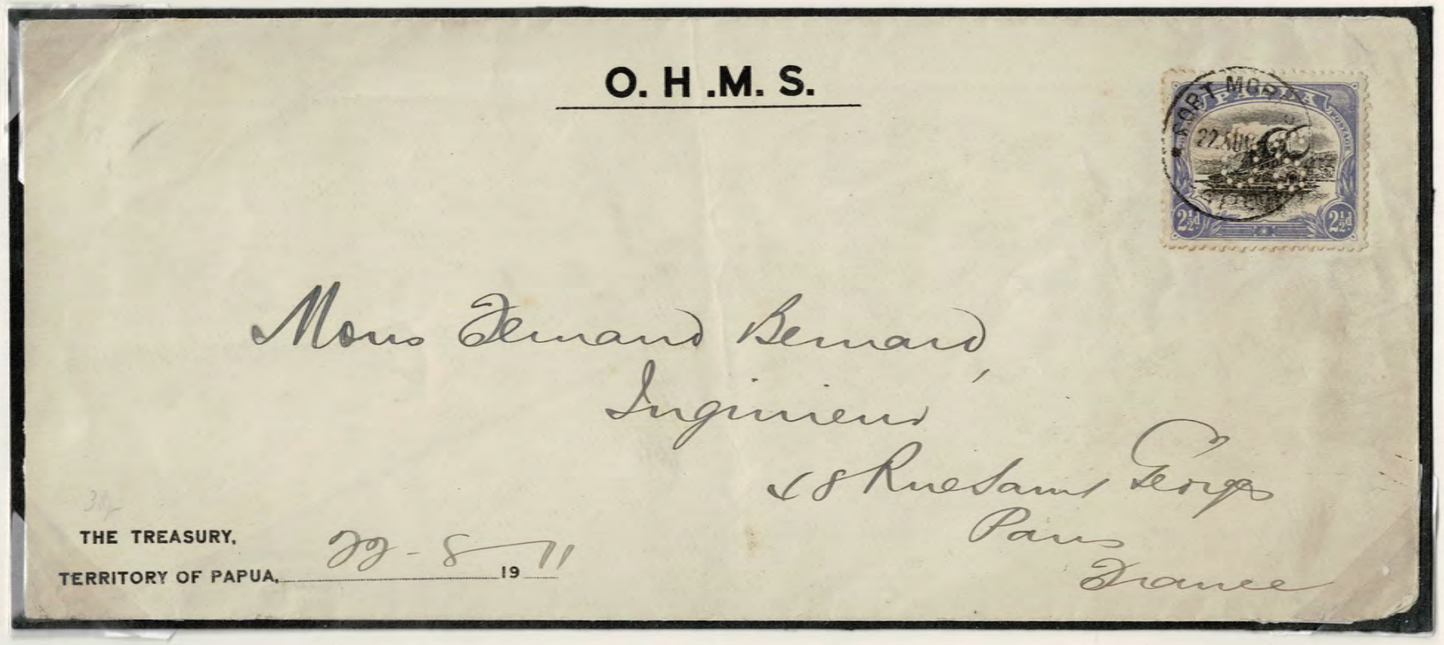
Mail to Non British Empire

(E) 1909, May 1, Kanosia to Eisern, Germany, uprated to 1½d overseas postcard rate.

Only 2974 1½d postcards were sold for overseas use, being available from 1.7.1901

1911, February 16, Samarai to Berne, Switzerland, single 2½d letter rate (½d overpaid) + 3d Registration fee. Backstamped Berne 31.3.11

1907, August 16, Port Moresby to Vienna, Austria, single 2½d letter rate.
Backstamped Cairns 22.8.07, Brisbane 29.8.07 and Vienna 5.10.07.



1911, August 22, Port Moresby to Paris, France, single 2½d letter rate.
Backstamped Brisbane 30.8.11

OHMS mail to overseas destinations required normal postage to be paid, but OS stamps were used.

TERRITORY of PAPUA – First Rates Period 1906 - 1912

Mail to Non British Empire

1910, May 13,Port Moresby to Newark, NJ, United States of America, triple 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Brisbane 16.5.10, London 29.6.10, New York 6.7.10 and Newark 7.7.10

TERRITORY of PAPUA – First Rates Period 1906-1912

Return use of UPU Reply Card

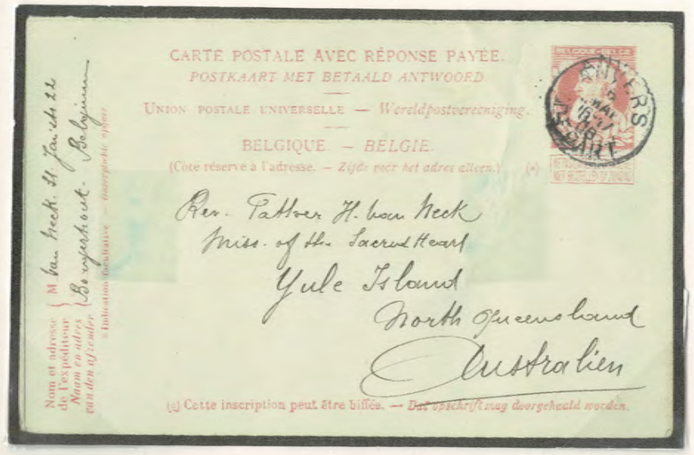
1908, July 17, Port Moresby to Anvers, Belgium, prepaid UPU Reply card rate.
Reply side Port Moresby 17.7.08 handstamp and Anvers 20.9.08 arrival handstamp.

1910, January 5, Port Moresby to Paris, France, 1½d overseas postcard rate.

Only 2974 of these BNG postal stationery postcards were sold.

1907, May 13, Samarai to Mulhausen, Germany, 1½d overseas postcard rate,
+ 3d Registration fee (1d underpaid)
REGISTERED/ SAMARAI, B.N.G. , Samarai 13 5.07 and
Mulhausen 23.6.07 arrival handstamp on face of postcard.

Only two Registered postcards are recorded from Papua.



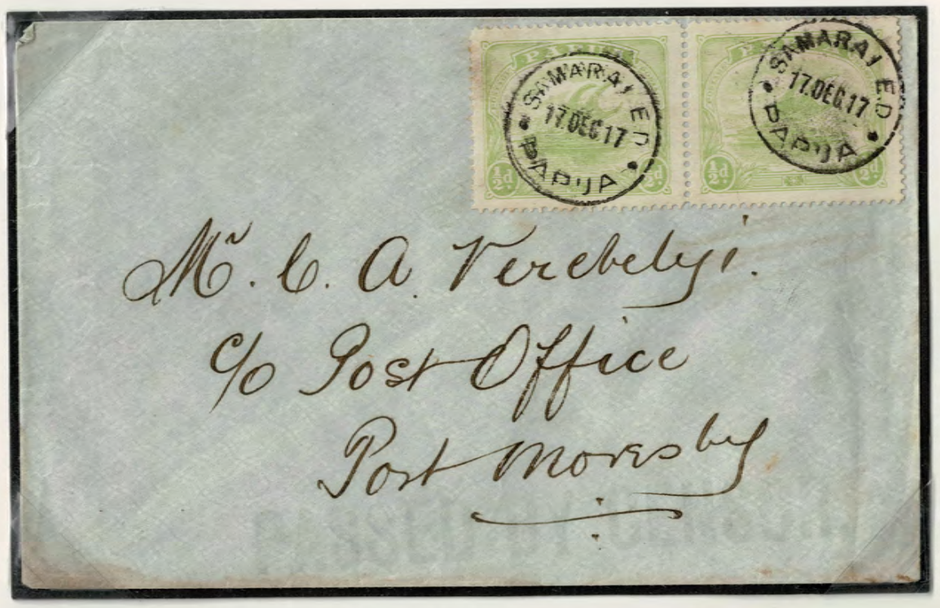
(75% scan of reverse of UPU Reply card)

Original card incorrectly addressed to Yule Island,
North Queensland, Australia

TERRITORY of PAPUA – Second Rates Period 1912 - 1921

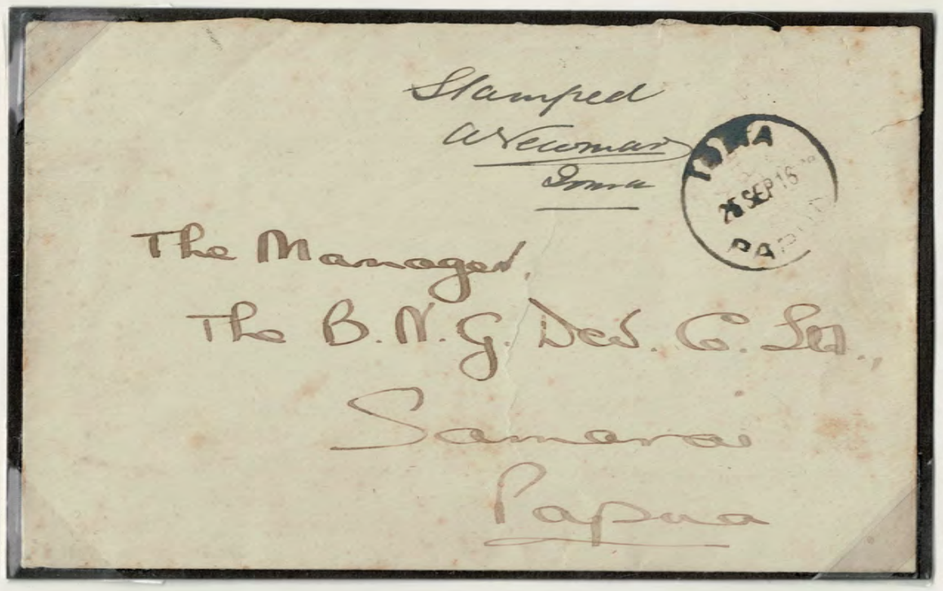
From 28 September 1912, the letter rate was reduced from 2d to 1d.

Mail within the Territory



(E) 1917, December 17, Samarai to Port Moresby, single 1d letter rate.

This internal cover proves the PASSED BY CENSOR handstamp was used at Port Moresby.



(E) 1916, September 25, Ioma to Samarai, postage paid in cash.

mss *Stamped/A Newman/Ioma* endorsed by the Postmaster, during a temporary lack of postage stamps.

1917, March 5, local Port Moresby letter, double 1d letter rate, + 3d Registration fee. using Printed Postal Stationery envelope. →

S.S.Tasman belonged to the Dutch shipping line, Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij.

Only 1000 Registered Letter envelopes were printed.

← **1918, August 7, Buna Bay to Ioma single 1d letter rate.**

The Ioma Postmaster at the time was L.P.R. Armit

1919, August 9, Samarai to Madang double 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.

Wax seal on reverse of →
Burns, Philp & Company.

TERRITORY of PAPUA – Second Rates Period 1912 - 1921

Mail to British Empire

1912, November 19, Loose Ship letter, via Brisbane to London, England, single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee (not acknowledged).

LOOSE SHIP LETTER handstamp applied at Brisbane.

1918, November 18, Port Moresby to Toronto, Canada →
single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Sydney 20.12.18 and Toronto 30.1.19

← 1918, November 30, Tiveri to Birmingham, England, single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.

Very scarce use of the NEPA handstamp on relief transfer to TIVERI from 7 May 1917 until 12 July 1920. Only recorded on "Wilson" covers.

1919, January 31, Daru to Birmingham, England, single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Brisbane 20.2.19

Registered/Daru No.13 handstamp on face of cover only in use during 1918 and 1919, and only recorded on "Wilson" covers.

Partial strike of PASSED BY CENSOR possibly applied at Daru.

1915, May 30, Loose Ship letter → via Brisbane to Surrey, England, double 1d letter rate.

LOOSE SHIP LETTER and PASSED CENSOR BRISBANE 1.6.15 handstamps on face of cover.

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1913, October 21, Daru to Hong Kong, single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Thursday Island 24.10.13 and Hong Kong 17.11.13

(75% scan of cover reverse)

Only two examples of
DEAD LETTER OFFICE/PAPUA
circular datestamp are recorded on cover.

DLO RECORD No. handstamp is in
the same green ink as the
circular dtatestamp, tying it to
Port Moresby. It has not
previously been recorded.

(E) 1919, June 9, Port Moresby to Cairo, Egypt, double 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Sydney 23.6.19, Cairo 31.7.19, DEAD LETTER OFFICE, BRISBANE 2.12.19
DLO RECORD/No. 21/20 and DEAD LETTER OFFICE, PAPUA 15.1.20
DLO Cairo and RETURN TO SENDER 9.9.19 handstamps on face of letter.

Although not part of the British Empire, Egypt was within the British sphere of influence,
and was treated like part of the Empire for postal purposes.

1918, April 11, Samarai to Calcutta, India, redirected to Darjeeling, single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Melbourne 29.4.18, Dhanushkodi 22.6.18, Calcutta 28.6.18 and Darjeeling 1.7.18

1912, November 19, to London, double 1d letter rate.
LOOSE/SHIP/LETTTER handstamp applied at Brisbane, where the stamps were cancelled.

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The letter rate to England changed from 2½d to 1d on 1 November 1912

Mail to British Empire

1912, November 24, Ioma to Harrogate, England,
double 2½d (old) letter rate + 3d Registration

(E) 1914, September 3, Rigo to Glasgow, Scotland,
single 1d letter rate. →

Only three commercial covers are recorded from Rigo.

1918, June 18, Port Moresby to Newcastle, England, single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.
Backstamped Sydney 6.7.18 and Liverpool 6.9.18

1919, January 9, Buna Bay to Birmingham, England
single 1d letter rate + 3d Registration fee. ←
Backstamped Sydney 11.2.19 and London 18.4.19

1919, November 21, Port Moresby to →
Sherbourne, England, double 1d letter rate.
Backstamped Sydney 1.12.19