

WWII CIVIL CENSOR MARKS OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The purpose of this exhibit is to show the different civil censorship marks used in Southern Rhodesia during WWII, assigned to the applicable Censor Office. Censor resealing tapes are shown peripherally. Military censorship is outside the exhibit's scope.

BACKGROUND

Southern Rhodesia civil censorship began August 1939 with the requirement that mail to or from countries outside the British Empire be forwarded to the nearest Censor Office. There were three periods of civil censorship. An opening period began September, 1939 using straight-line "PASSED BY CENSOR" and "P.B.C." handstamps. The middle or "reorganization period" began September 1940 with the introduction of triangular censor marks with a censor number in the center. A censor resealing tape was also in use with a straight-line "OPENED BY CENSOR" stamp applied. The third and final period saw the introduction of the octagonal DE censor marks and printed resealing tapes. Civil censorship concluded September 1945.

CENSORSHIP TIMELINE

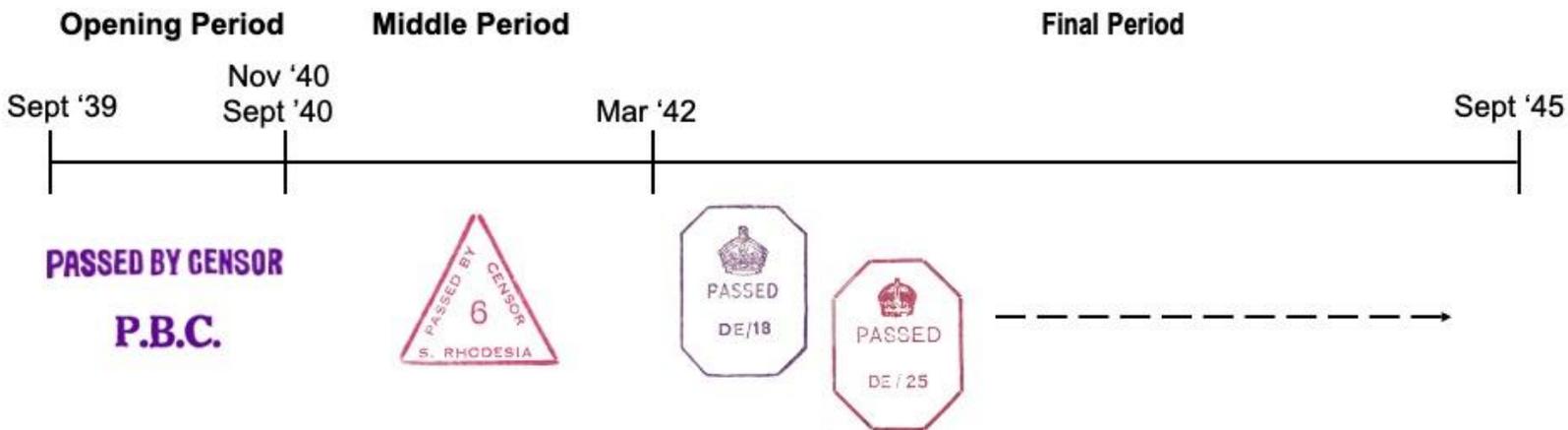


EXHIBIT PLAN:

- Forerunners - WWI
- Opening Period
- Middle (Transition) Period
- Final Period
- Internment Camp Censorship
- Not Examined
- Epilogue

Items of special importance/rarity - **framed in red**

or **in red ink**

Personal study/Original research



Exhibitor's censuses and articles on WWII Rhodesian censor marks are available at the attached QR code:

