

CENSORSHIP IN FINLAND 1914-18

Tammerfors - Tampere

Only two different censor tapes are used in Tampere. The letter type differs a lot.



Cover from Lahti to Kuhmoinen. 1916. Censored in Tampere. First tape in white and censor marks no. 16 (with date) and no. 20 (with censor number 9).



Cover from Helsinki to Kuhmoinen. Second type censor tape in light brown. Censor stamps 17 and 19.

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Cover from Warkaus, with railway postmark H V (Huuroposki-Varkaus vv) 1916 to Kauttua. Tampere censor stamp No. 21, type 2 (date block to the right).



Cover from Helsingfors t 1916 to Kauttua. Tampere censor stamp No. 21, type 3 (date block to the left).

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Torneå - Tornio

The censors were Fins, no Russians. Most of the censor marks are however in Cyrillic and in the case that also the name of the censor is included in the mark, it is also transcribed into Russian.



Ярвиненъ

Picture post card sent from Tornio railway station 1915 to Stockholm. Stamp No.1 with the name of the censor Järvinen.



Рянänenъ

Picture post card from Ödkarby on the Åland Islands to Mjölby, Sweden., 1915. As most of the foreign mail westwards was censored in Tornia, this picture post card traveled some 2140 km instead of the normal ca. 400 km. What a service for just 4k! The name of the cesor in this stamp no. 1 is Ränänen.

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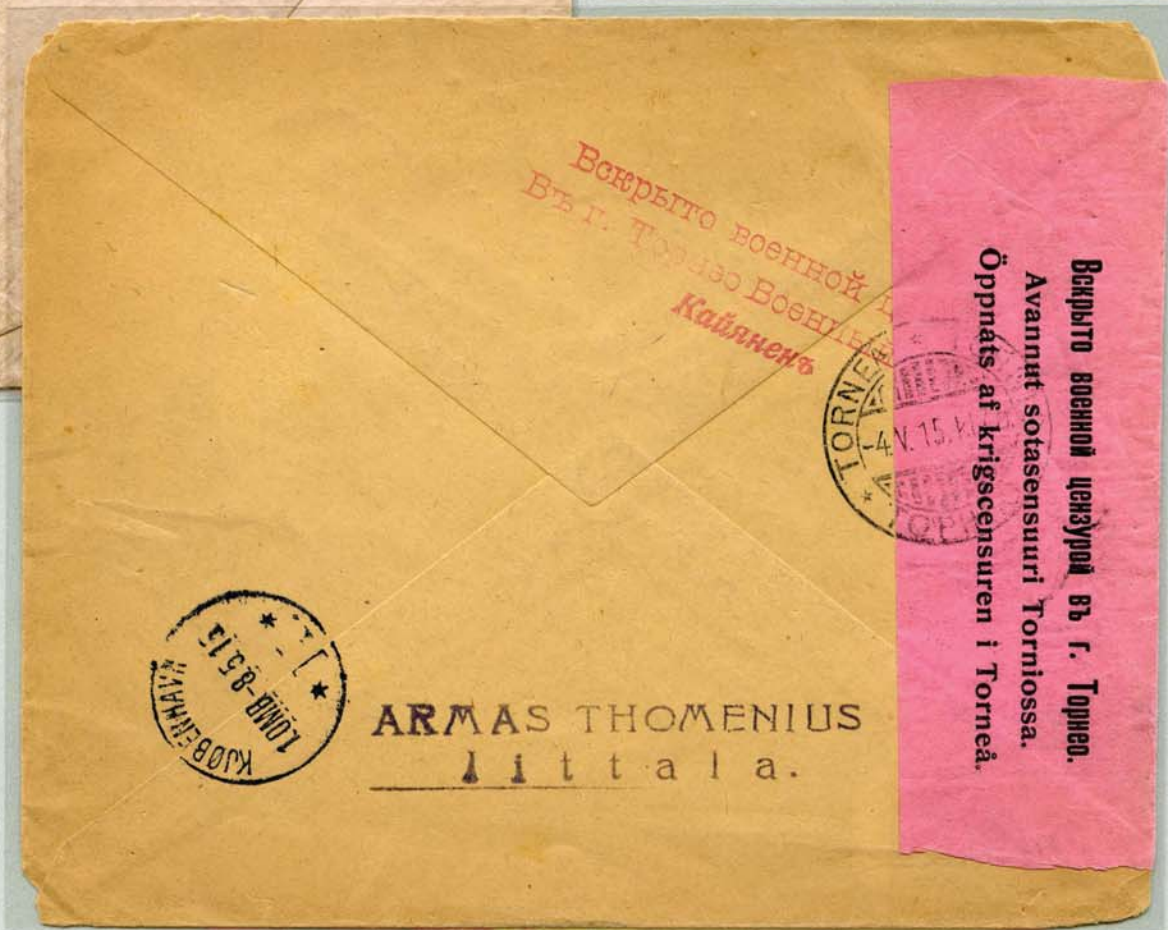
Most of the censor tapes in Tornio are white or light brown. One type is reported in red and now two types in red are known.

Right top: Cover from Isokyrö 1915 to England. Red censor tape type 17.

The only reported red tape in literature.

Right under: Cover from Iittala 1915 to Denmark.

A not before recorded red censor tape. Not the reversed date block in the Iittala postmark. ®



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Insured and some registered letters have the censor tape sealed with wax. This wax seal is mostly the ordinary wax seal used at the post office.



Registered letter from Borgå - Porvoo to Denmark 1914. ®



The censor tape is type 13, light brown. The wax seal has left of the post horn letter A and on the right 1.

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Insured letter from Gamlakarleby-Kokkola 1916 to Sweden. In the envelop 35 Swedish crowns. It is notable that there is no indication in French francs which was obligatory for sending money abroad.



The censor tape is type 22. The wax seal has no letter and number around the posthorn.

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The First World War was censorship officially closed down on January, 28, 1918. During the Civil War which started in 1918 there was also censorship. There are little varieties, but important: No Russian text anymore.



Insured letter from Helsinki FI 30-8-1918 to Utrecht, Netherlands. Censor closing tape en post office wax seal. Both without Russian text. ®



The wax seal shows now the Finnish coat of arms, instead of the Russian.

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Uleåborg - Oulu



However there are already 7 varieties known of censor stamp No. 1, the one on this postcard from Helsinki 1914 to Oulu is not reported yet. L in Oulu under S and no dot behind Sotasensuuri.

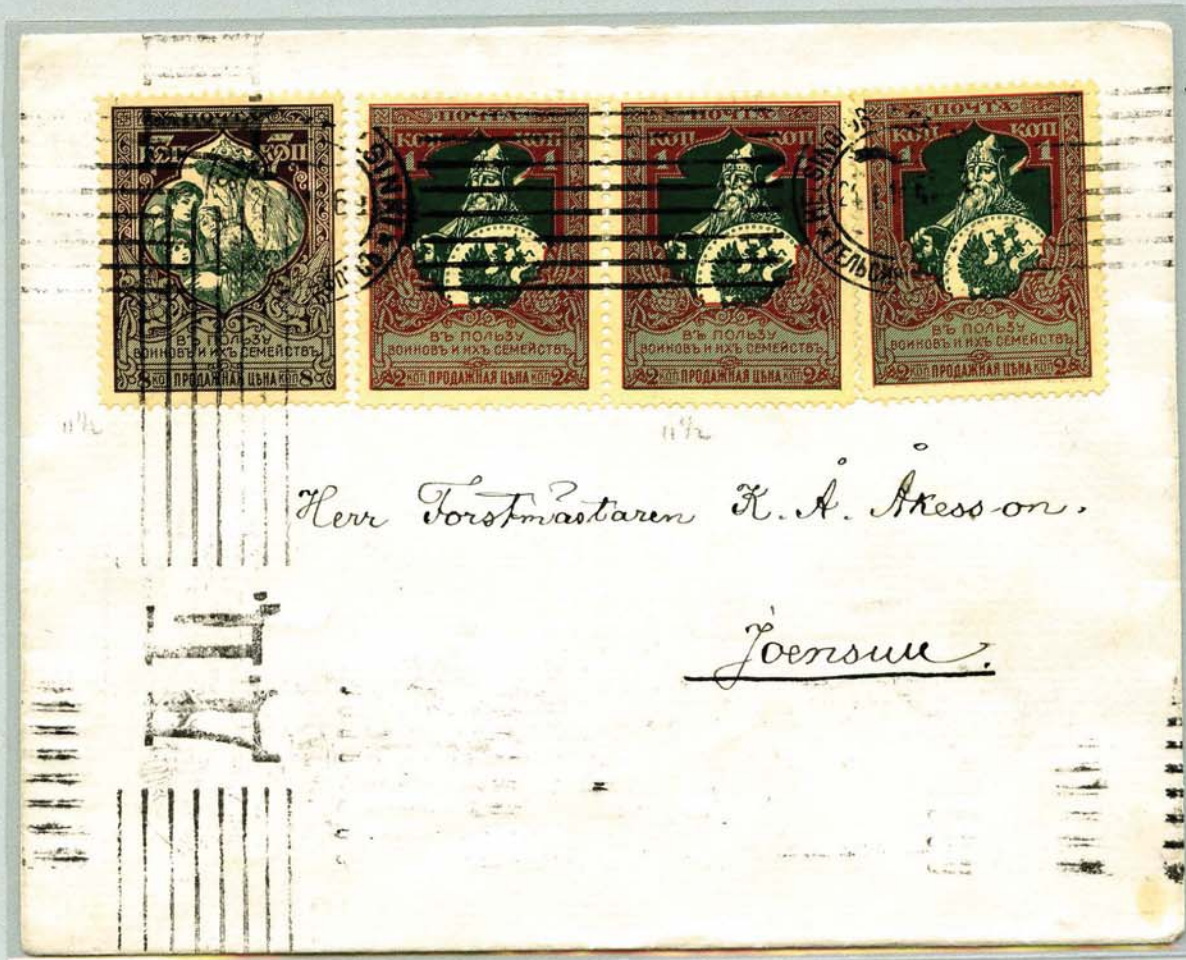


Cover from li As. 1916 to Kalajoki. Censored in Oulu with violet censor stamp No. 5. (Second period)

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Wiborg - Viipuri

Like in Tampere, also in Viipuri the Krag machine for censor stamps was much in use. But, here they Took more care about the amount of ink.



Cover from Helsinki to Joensuu 1916. Censored in Wiborb, stamp 5 in black.



Picture post card from Rantasalmi 1915 to Raivola. Censored in Wiborg, stamp 5 in red.

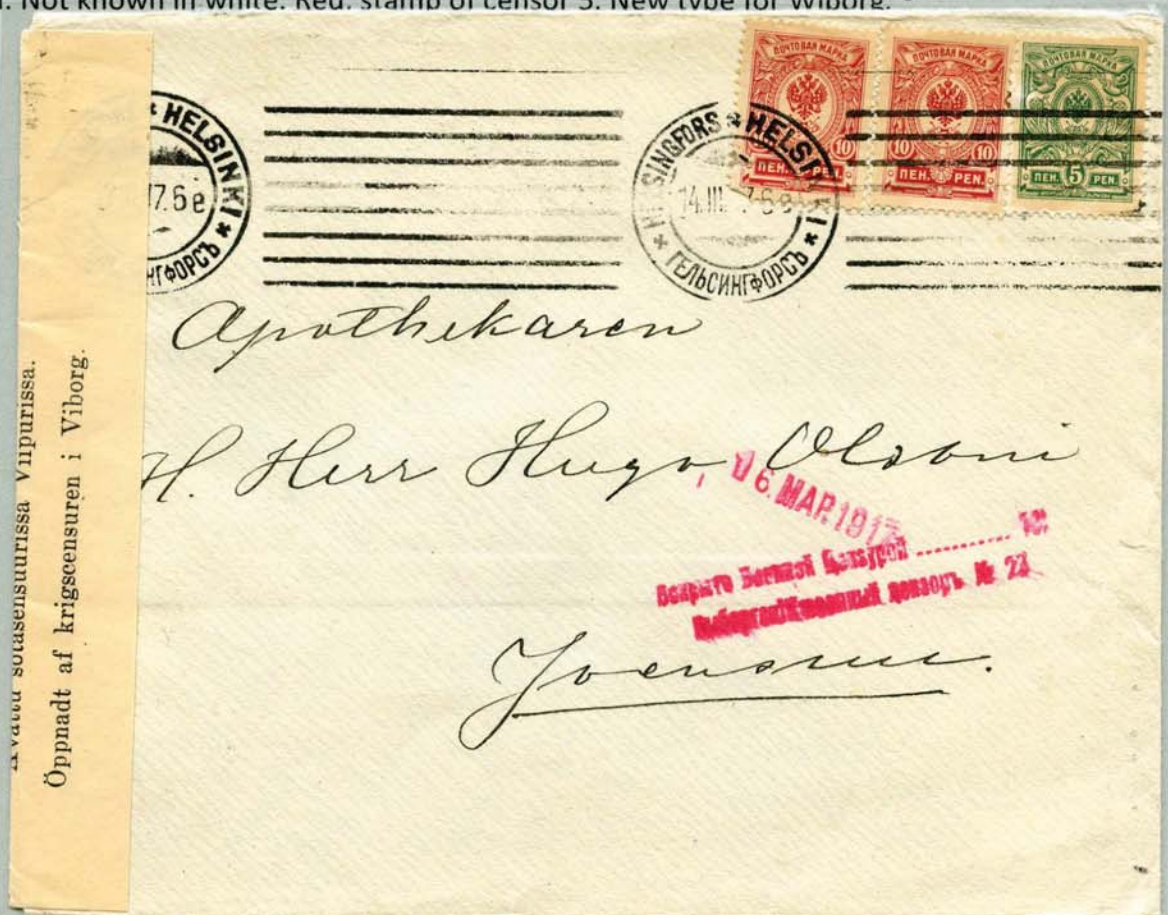
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Wiborg - Viipuri

Вскрыто военной цензурой.
 Soikasensuutti avaima.
 Öppnadt af krigscensuren.



Cover from Helsinki to Joensuu 1916. Censored in Wiborg 1915. Censor tape without town name type 1/II. Not known in white. Red. stamp of censor 5. New type for Wiborg. ®



Cover from Helsinki to Joensuu. Wiborg censor stamp of censor 22 and date stamp. Types 14+18.

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Wiborg - Viipuri



Cover from Halila 1917 to Reval. Censored in Wiborg. Unreported type censor tape. Stamp of censor 111 and an unreported date stamp. ®



Cover from Turku to Karhula 1914. Yellow censor tape. First general type, without city name.

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Åbo - Turku



Three post cards 1915 with censor stamp no. 3: red, pink, violet.

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Wax seals are not reported so far from Åbo - Turku.



Insured letter from Wärtsilä 1914 to Åbo. Insured value Fmk 20. The stamp ARVO = value in Finnish. Standard censor tape (no place name mentioned) in blue. ®



Not a single wax seal from Åbo - Turku has been reported so far.

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Åbo - Turku

There was no censorship on the Åland Islands. All mail to and from Åland was censored in Åbo.



Picture post card from Wårdö to Ekenäs on the mainland 1916. Censored in Åbo.



Cover 1915 from Mariehamn to Åbo, and there censored.

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Åbo - Turku

The censor post marks are known in a variety of colours. Most of them are red or violet, but between the colours there are many very different shades.



Not everybody at the post office spoke the Russian language., But it was possible to address mail in Russian, even when it was an inland shipment. This postcard was sent from Kirvu 1916 to Åbo. It was clearly written in Cyrillic, but after censoring it went to Nystad. There they figured out that it was not even for Åbo but Nådendal, near to Åbo. Censor stamp 6 in rose-red.



Picture post card from Helsinki to Lemland, Åland Islands. The same censor stamp no. 6, but in brown red.

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Åbo - Turku

Money orders are, when censored, mostly stamped between the form and the coupon. As complete forms in this period are not seen that often, it is not easy to find a complete censor stamp on such a document.



Postcard from Westankär in the Åbo archipelago via Kimito 1916 to Turku. Censor stamp no. 10.



Money order in Rubles from Helsinki to Turku. Censor stamp 10 unusually on the right side.