Soviet Censorship during the Great Patriotic War

The German attack at the USSR the 22nd of June 1941 was the start of the histories biggest and bloodiest conflict. The exhibit will show the postal censorship that was introduced as a result of the war after the attack the 22nd of June 1941 until the end of 1945 when normal situation was re-established. It neither shows the censorship that irregularly appears in the Baltic countries in 1940/41, nor the censorship of field post until 1953 or prisoner of war mail.

The collection is systemising and shows examples of the Soviet censorship during the great patriotic war. The war in Russia is known as the “Great Patriotic War”. The collection is divided in international correspondence, rear area and field post. For the rear area section, it is subdivided in the European and Asian part of the USSR. The Field post is subdivided in filed post sorting points, naval post bases and field post bases. The exhibition is based on own research. A lot of new information has been discovered thanks to the two Russian sites having publish a lot of old documents. Most of the censor cancels has the text "Проверено военной цензурой" or "Просмотрено военной цензурой", and may be translated as "Examined by war censor". The location names used are as it was called during these years.

The NKVD (National Committee of Internal Affairs) was responsible for the censorship. All mail was censored, with some few exceptions in the beginning of the war. The censorship is almost always performed at the senders’ site. The cancels are struck at address side of postcards/stationeries, and the backside for letters. Censor stripes are rare, and are usually used in 1941, or on mail going abroad. The most common way to close letters was to use glue where it was opened (usually at the right side). The triangular letters (trigolnik) was usually used for field post, and the censorship is only visible by means of the censor cancel. The censor could also delete parts of the text that was not allowed. The censorship is performed at three different organizational places. They are at oblast/krai (county), ВПИС (field post sorting point), and ВПБ (field post base). The navy had similar organisations ВМПО and ВМПС as the army.

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The quality of the objects of this period is usually very poor. Either because the letter/card was made of provisional material, bad paper quality, closing technique after censorship (the letter was glued), or the situation at the front has worn/damaged the objects. Rare and important objects will be marked with a box around the object.

Literature:
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http://podvignaroda.mil.ru/
https://pamyat-naroda.ru/
http://soldat.ru/

The postage rates in the war period are:

Postcard
• Locally 10 kop.
• USSR 20 kop.
• Abroad 30 kop.

Letter
• Locally 15 kop.
• USSR 30 kop.
• Abroad 50 kop.

Registered fee
• USSR 60 kop.
• Abroad 80 kop.

Field post to/from the front
• Free

Objects which are not correct postage will be commented.
1.0 Censor at oblast/krai USSR

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Example (copy) of regular censor cancel 2nd period with a fraction used in Kazan.

The three censor periods with their typically features:
1st Period – June 1941 to April 1942, recognised with unregular censor cancels, or regular cancels with 1-3 digits.
2nd Period – April 1942 to June 1943, recognised with regular censor cancels with a fraction
3rd Period – June 1943 to December 1945, recognised with regular censor cancels with 5 digit number

The censor periods are a bit floating in time depending on the location. The regular cancel is recognised with the state emblem, two text lines “Просмотрено / Военной Цензурой” and underneath this some kind of identification of the censor. Either in the form of a 1-3 digit in the first period. A fraction with oblast/krai, ВИСТ, ВИБ, or ВМС as numerator, and the censor number as the denominator in the second period. Or as a 5 digit number with the censor number in the third period. The three first digits usually is the encrypted place of the censorship, e.g. 153xx is censored in Moscow by censor xx, or 250yy is censored in Tallinn by censor yy.

Molotov oblast, Russian republic 9.10.1941 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Molotov, 1st period.
The cancel is unregular and observed used in October 1941, with the numbers: 1
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Murmansk and Archangelsk

Murmansk oblast, Russian republic 18.8.1942 to Leninabad, Tajikistan republic, censored in Murmansk, 2nd period. Usage of the cancel is June 1942 to April 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 11 to 27.

Archangelsk, Russian republic 7.1.1942 to Kirovskoy oblast, Russian republic, censored in Archangelsk, 1st period. Usage of cancel is October 1941 to January 1942 with 4 numbers in the range 10 to 40. Postage is 30 kopek, correct rate for postcard is 20 kopek.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Belomorsk and Petrozavodsk

Belomorsk, Russian republic, 24.1.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Belomorsk, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, the usage is January to June 1943 with 2 numbers in the range 20 to 27.

Petrozavodsk, Karelian republic, 12.8.1941 to Petrozavodsk, Karelian republic, censored in Petrozavodsk, 1st period. Usage of cancel is August 1941. Petrozavodsk was occupied 2nd October 1941 and liberated 29th June 1944. Petrozavodsk is a rare censor place.
Сыктывкар, Коми АССР к Dzialalabad, Киргиз ССР, цензурен в Сыктывкар, 2-а период.
Использование ежедневно от Августа 1942 до Июня 1943, с 4 номерами в диапазоне 1 до 58.

Гимн Советского Союза
(Текст С. Михалкова и Э. М. Дегистана)
Советская республика свободных
Свободных наций Белый Русь.
Да доросшему созданной волею свободы,
Единый, могучий Советский Союз.
Слава, Освободительное и свободное,
Дружное народов и деловой совет.
Слава советскому, земле народному,
Пусть он победы к победе ведет!
Слава революции право во имя свободы,
И делать нашу нами лучших держав.
На людей свободы — на величие роду,
На народах во имени вас боевое.
Слава, Освободительное и свободное,
Свободный народ солидный совет.
Земли советскому, земли народному,
Пусть он победы к победе ведет!
Мы с вами вновь восстановлен в суверенитете,
Законным путем с долги и свободой.
Мы к ближнему решим судьбу нации.
Мы к славе возвести свои победы!
Слава, Освободительное и свободное,
Слава народов надежный спутник.
Земли советскому, земли народному,
Пусть он победы к победе ведет!

Адрес отправителя:
Вологда.
Почтовая стоимость: 30 коп.
Цена 30 коп.
Гашение: 4/III 1944.

Сыктывкар, Кому Сергеевичу Сухаревскому.
Москва, Г. Орджоникидзе.
Телеграмма 30 и.
4757.
Начало: Вологда.
End.

Вологда, республика, 8.11.1945 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Vologda, 3-й период.
Использование отмены в Октябре 1943 до Ноября 1945.
5 номеров в диапазоне 04201 to 04300
7 номеров в диапазоне 04701 to 04799
Номера с 042XX и 047XX принадлежат Вологде. Это не отмечено в литературе.
Leningrad, Russian republic 4.8.1941 to Kirovskaya oblast, Russian republic, censored in Leningrad, 1st period. Usage of the cancel is August 1941. Only some few letters have been observed with this red machine cancel as censor cancel.

Leningrad, Russian republic 8.9.1941 to Molotovskaya oblast, Russian republic, censored in Leningrad, 1st period. Usage of cancel is August to December 1941.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Leningrad

Leningrad oblast, Russian republic 25.12.1942 to Chkalovskoy oblast, Russian republic, censored in Leningrad, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage of the cancel is February 1942 to October 1943, with more than 100 numbers in the range 1 to 244.

Leningrad, Russian republic 24.3.1942 to Yaroslavskaya oblast, Russian republic, censored in Leningrad, 2nd period. This cancel type is only used for less than 5 censor numbers. Postage is 60 kopek; correct rate is 20 kopek.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Ivanovo

Ivanovo, Russian republic, 21.11.1941 to Rybinsk, Russian republic, censored in Ivanovo, 1st period. Usage of the cancel is November 1941 to January 1942, with 2 numbers in the range 1 to 6.

Ivanovo, Russian republic 30.3.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Ivanovo, 2nd period. It is three different cancel types, usage of cancel is April 1942 to June 1943, with 43 numbers in the range 1 to 250. Cancelled “Red Army - Letter – Free of Charge”.

Ivanovo, Russian republic, 18.10.1944 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Ivanovo, 3rd period. Usage of the cancel is August 1943 to October 1945, with the numbers:
11 numbers in the range 10000 to 10099, and 5 numbers in the range 11000 to 11099
Numbers with 100XX and 110XX usually belongs to Ivanovo. This has not been recorded in any literature.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Kalinin and Izhevsk

Kalinin oblast, Russian republic, 23.7.1945 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Kalinin, 3rd period. Usage of the cancel is July 1943 to August 1945, with 10 numbers in the range 00910 to 00970. Numbers with 009XX belongs to Kalinin. This has not been recorded in any literature.

Glazov, Russian republic, 20.4.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Izhevsk, 2nd period. It is three different cancel types, usage of cancel is March 1942 to June 1943, with 13 numbers in the range 1 to 95.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Yoshkar-Ola and Gorky

Yoshkar-Ola, Russian republic 23.3.1943 to field post station 390 (staff 31st Army), censored in Yoshkar-Ola, 2nd period. Usage of the cancel is March 1942 to March 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 1 to 59.

Dated Yoshkar-Ola, Russian republic 27.12.1941 to Moscow oblast, Russian republic, censored in Yoshkar-Ola, 1st period. Usage of the cancel is October 1941 to February 1942, with 4 numbers in the range 501 to 514.
Note the identical layout, form, and size of the cancel, compared to the 2nd period. Postage due, because no postage.

Gorky, Russian republic, 25.8.1941 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Gorky, 1st period. Usage of this cancel is from mid August to beginning of September 1941.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Cheboksary and Kazan

Alatir, Russian republic 29.1.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Cheboksary, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is August 1942 to April 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 50 to 116.

Kazan, Russian republic 30.10.1941 to Moscow oblast, Russian republic, censored in Kazan, 1st period. Usage is October 1941 to March 1942, with 5 numbers in the range 1 – 38.
Penza, Russian republic 16.7.1941 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Moscow, 1st period. It is two different cancel types (different text size), usage is July to September 1941, but it is rarely in use.

Moscow, Russian republic 16.8.1941 to Kalinin oblast, censored in Moscow, 1st period. Usage is August to September 1941, with the three places: Бачманский, Кр.Пресня, and Фрунзенский.
1.1 Censor at oblast/krai Moscow

Airmail Moscow, Russian republic 6.10.1941 to Saratov, Russian republic, censored in Moscow, 1st period. It is two different cancel types, usage is September 1941 to July 1942, with 46 numbers in the range 15 to 666, of these only a very few numbers are in the range 400 to 666. Postage is correct (20 kopek (postcard USSR) + 60 kopek (airmail USSR)).

Moscow, Russian republic 3.7.1943 to Ulyanovsk, Russian republic, censored in Moscow, 2nd period. It is four different cancel types, usage is March 1942 to July 1943 with censor more than 260 numbers ranging from 1 to 1097.
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Smolensk and Ryazan

Smolensk oblast, Russian republic 27.4.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Smolensk, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is from December 1942 to July 1943, with 4 numbers in the range 20 to 39. Smolensk was occupied by the Germans from 16th July 1941 to 25th September 1943, so the censorship was performed somewhere else in Smolensk oblast, than the city itself.

Ryazan oblast, Russian republic 15.5.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Ryazan, 2nd period. Usage is September 1942 to May 1943, with 11 numbers in the range 40 to 93.
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Penza and Yelets

Penza, Russian republic 10.2.1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Penza, 1st period.
Usage is October 1941 to February 1942, with 4 numbers in the range 110 to 158.
This is the only censor number where it is upside-down.

Unclear place, unclear date 1943 to Gorky, Russian republic, censored in Yelets, 2nd period.
Usage is June 1942 to July 1943 with 6 numbers in the range 10 to 43.
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Kursk and Saratov

Kursk, Russian republic 7.5.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Kursk, 2nd period. Usage is April to October 1943, with 8 numbers in the range 1 to 87.

Saratov, Russian republic 6.9.1941 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Saratov, 1st period. Usage is August to September 1941.
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Kiev and Kharkov

Registered Kiev, Ukrainian republic, 3.7.1941 to Kiev oblast, Ukrainian republic, censored in Kiev, 1st period. Usage is July 1941. Kiev was surrounded 16th September 1941 and surrendered 26th September 1941. This is one of the rare domestic censor stripes used, very rare item and short usage. Postage is 60 kopek, correct postage is 65 kopek (15 kopek (local) + registered fee 50 kopek).

Kharkov, Ukrainian republic, 27.7.1941 to Poltava oblast, Ukrainian republic, censored in Kharkov, 1st period. Usage is July to September 1941. Kharkov was occupied by the Germans 24th October 1941. The easiest way to differentiate these two cancels is to compare the text length.
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Stalingrad and Voroshilovgrad

Stalingrad oblast, Russian republic 9.1.1943 to Frunze, Kirgizstan republic, censored in Stalingrad 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is from July 1942 to April 1943, with 15 numbers in two ranges 1 to 135, and 500 to 596.

Voroshilovgrad, Ukrainian republic dated 6.7.1942 to Kustanay, Kazan republic, censored in Voroshilovgrad, 2nd period. Usage is June to July 1942 with 3 numbers in the range 1 to 15. Ukrainian SSR was the only place where you could find the first text line formed as a curve.
Krasnodar, Russian republic 5.8.1941 to Poltavska oblast, Ukrainian republic, censored in Krasnodar, 1st period. Usage is August 1941, but may have been for a longer period.

Sevastopol, Ukrainian republic 31.7.1941 to Kostroma, Russian republic, censored in Sevastopol 1st period. Usage is observed July 1941. The same cancel is also observed in September 1941, on mail from the naval postal base 1007 (Sevastopol).
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Nalchik and Ordzhonikidze

Nalchik, Russian republic 7.7.1942 to Rostov Don, Russian republic, censored in Nalchik, 2nd period. Usage is July to October 1942, observed with 2 numbers in the range 282 to 360. Nalchik was occupied by German forces from 28th October 1942 until 3rd January 1943.

Ordzhonikidze, Russian republic, two different types, censored in Ordzhonikidze, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is March to September 1942, with 5 numbers in the range 28 to 124.
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Makhachkala and Tbilisi

Makhachkala, Dagestan ASSR 29.1.1942 to Gorky, Russian republic, censored in Makhachkala, 1st period. Usage is January 1942 to July 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 1 to 29. Postage is 30 kopek; correct rate is 20 kopek (domestic postcard).

Tbilisi, Georgian republic February 1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Tbilisi. 1st period. Usage is February to March 1942, with the only number 500. Postage is 30 kopek; correct rate is 20 kopek (domestic postcard).
1.2 Censor at oblast/krai Batumi and Yerevan

Batumi, Georgian republic, 6.10.1942 to Baku, Azerbaijan republic, censored in Batumi 2nd period.
Usage is September to October 1942, with 3 numbers in the range 1 to 13.

Yerevan, Armenian republic 30.10.1941 to Tbilisi, Georgian republic, censored in Yerevan 1st period.
Usage is October 1941, with 4 numbers in the range 1 to 107.
No postage, so the letter is cancelled with “postage due” (doplatit).

Hamzacheman, Armenian republic, 16.3.1943 to Kirovakan, Armenian republic, censored in Yerevan, 2nd period.
It is two different cancel types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 15 numbers in the range 1 to 377.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Uralsk and Urgentch

Uralsk, Kazakhstan republic unclear date 1943 to Baku, Azerbadizhan republic, censored in Uralsk, 2nd period. Usage is January to July 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 20 to 29.

Urgentch, Uzbekistan republic 25.10.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Urgentch, 2nd period. Usage is August to October 1942, with only 1 number in the range 1 to 11.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Chardzhou and Bukhara

Chardzhou, Turkmenistan republic, 17.8.1943 to Saratov oblast, Russian republic, censored in Chardzhou, 2nd period.
Usage is observed in July to August 1943, with 2 numbers in the range 1 to 12.

Bukhara, Uzbekistan republic 8.12.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Bukhara, 2nd period.
Usage is observed in December 1942, with only 1 number.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Kzyl-Orda and Samarkand

Kzyl-Orda, Kazakhstan republic, 4.8.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Kzyl-Orda, 2nd period. Usage is November 1942 to August 1943, with 4 numbers in the range 1 to 23.

Samarkand, Uzbekistan republic 27.4.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Samarkand, 2nd period. Usage is April 1942 to May 1943, with 7 numbers in the range 10 to 35.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Termez and Stalinabad

Termez, Uzbekistan republic 2.12.1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Termez, 2nd period. Usage is December 1942 to March 1943, with 4 numbers in the range 15 to 27. Letter is postage free, because sender is a Red Army soldier.

Ordzhonikidzeabad, Tadzhikistan republic 21.10.1942 to Stalinabad, Tadzhikistan republic, censored in Stalinabad, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is July 1942 to July 1943, with 10 numbers in the range 5 to 47.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Petropavlovsk and Chimkent

Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan republic 15.6.1943 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Petropavlovsk, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is October 1942 to June 1943, with 6 numbers in the range 4 to 34.

Chimkent, Kazan republic, 25.1.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Chimkent, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is July 1942 to June 1943, with 8 numbers in the range 2 to 21 and 95 to 99.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Leninabad and Namangan

Unclear place, Tadzhikistan republic 19.12.1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Leninabad, 2nd period. Usage is observed November to December 1942, with the number 3.

Namangan oblast, Uzbek republic 20.1.1943 date to Tashkent, Uzbek republic, censored in Namangan, 2nd period. Usage is observed January to June 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 13 to 16.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Fergana and Andizhan

Kokand, Uzbekistan republic 14.4.1943 to Chimkent, Kazakhstan republic, censored in Fergana, 2nd period. Usage is March to June 1943, with 2 numbers in the range 15 to 22.

Andizhan, Uzbekistan republic 12.2.1943 to Murmansk oblast, Russian republic, censored in Andizhan, 2nd period. Usage is June 1942 to April 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 1 to 18.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Przhevalsk and Semipalatinsk

Przhevalsk, Kirgizstan republic 9.7.1943 to field post number 86601 (transport staff 23rd Army), censored in Przhevalsk, 2nd period. It is also canceled at VPSP #9 (in Tashkent) on its way to the front. It is three different cancel types, usage is observed April to July 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 3 to 58.

Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan republic 30.9.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Semipalatinsk, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is September 1942 to June 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 1 to 22.
1.3 Censor at oblast/krai Ust-Kamenogorsk

Unfranked letter, Leninagorsk, Kazakhstan republic 5.8.1943 (late usage) to Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan republic, censored in Ust-Kamenogorsk, 2nd period.
Usage is May 1942 to August 1943, with 7 numbers in the range 1 to 24.
Postage due cancel with 60 kopek, correct postage was 30 kopek.

Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan republic 25.7.1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Ust-Kamenogorsk, 2nd period. It is three different types of this censor cancel.
1.4 Censor at oblast/krai Chkalov and Ufa

Chkalov, Russian republic, dated 4.11.1941 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Chkalov, 1st period. Usage is November 1941 to August 1942, with 2 numbers in the range 12 to 18.

Ufa, Russian republic 30.3.1942 to Kaluga, Russian republic, censored in Ufa, 1st period. It is two different cancel types, usage is October 1941 to March 1942, with 9 numbers in the range 050 to 700. All cancels from Ufa in this period ends with a zero, so the range is in fact 05 to 70 with a zero at the end.
Magnitogorsk, Russian republic 22.11.1941 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Chelyabinsk, 1st period. Usage is November 1941 to February 1942, with 7 numbers in the range 8 to 58. The similarities of these two cancels here was an important step to identify and systemize the regular cancels from the first period in regards to form and size. Such as text length, state emblem, and shifted text.

Chelyabinsk oblast, Russian republic unclear date 3.1942 to Kalinin oblast, Russian republic, censored in Chelyabinsk, 2nd period. It is four different cancel types, usage is March 1942 to July 1943, with 24 numbers in the range 5 to 593.
1.4 Censor at oblast/krai Omsk

Omsk, Russian republic, 16.9.1941 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Omsk, 1st period.
Usage is September to October 1941. A very short usage period and rare censor cancel.

Tyumen, Omsk oblast, Russian republic, 25.1.1942 to Moscow oblast, Russian republic, censored in Omsk, 1st period.
Usage is November 1941 to February 1942, with 3 numbers in the range 2 to 16.
1.4 Censor at oblast/krai Krasnoyarsk and Irkutsk

Krasnoyarsk krai, Russian republic 2.5.1943 to Saratov oblast, Russian republic, censored in Krasnoyarsk, 2nd period. It is three different cancel types, usage is April 1942 to October 1943, with 9 numbers in the range 18 to 168.

Irkutsk, Russian republic, 19.2.1944 to Kiev, Ukrainian republic, censored in Irkutsk, 3rd period. Usage is November 1943 to March 1944, with 4 numbers in the range 18400 to 18499. Numbers with 184XX belongs to Irkutsk.
1.4 Censor at oblast/krai Ulan-Ude and Vladivostok

Ulan-Ude, Russian republic dated 9.6.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored in Ulan-Ude, 2nd period. It is three different cancel types, usage is May 1942 to June 1943, with 14 numbers in the range 1 to 65 and the single number 343.

Vladivostok, Russian republic, 4.4.1942 to Molotov oblast, Russian republic, censored in Vladivostok, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types (Vladivostok above/below the number), usage is April 1942 to July 1943, with 6 numbers in the range 3 to 138.
1.4 Censor at oblast/krai Khabarovsk and Magadan

Uncancelled card, 1943 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Khabarovsk, 2nd period.
Usage is December 1942 to March 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 4 to 34.

Magadan, Russian republic unclear date to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored in Magadan, 2nd period.
Usage is observed in December 1943, with 2 numbers in the range 4 to 9.
This is a rare censor mark. Magadan is very isolated, and the nearest major town by road is Yakutsk 2000 km away.
Magadan was the administrative center for the Gulag organization Dalstroi, and got its town status in 1939. The climate of Magadan is subarctic.
2.1 International Correspondence Lwow and Riga

Registered Lwow, Ukrainian republic, 28.9.1945 to Palestine, censored in Lwow, 3rd period.
Usage is June 1945 to September 1945, with 3 censor numbers in the range 1 to 12. Lwow is a very rare censor site.

Registered Riga, Latvia republic 29.10.1945 to South Africa, censored in Riga 3rd period.
Usage is November to December 1945, with the 4 censor numbers in the range 1 to 6.
Registered Kaunas, Lithuanian republic, 20.8.1945 to USA, censored in Vilnius, 3rd period.
Usage is August to December 1945, with 3 censor numbers in the range 3 to 21.
Postage is 110 kopek (postcard international 30 kopek. + registered fee international 80 kopek.).

Registered Voroshilgradskoy oblast, Ukrainian 12.8.1945 to Canada, censored in Minsk, 3rd period.
Usage is August to September 1945, with 3 censor numbers in the range 3 to 21.
Postage is 140 kopek; correct postage is 1 rubel and 10 kopek (postcard 30 kopek. + 80 kopek. registered).
Minsk used the letters Mx, while Murmansk used the letter M-x (difference is the "-\)."
This is a very rare censor cancel.
2.1 International Correspondence Kishinev and Leningrad

Registered Kishinev, Moldavian republic, 27.9.1945 to Palestine, censored in Kishinev, 3rd period.
Correct postage is 110 kop. (30 kop. international postcard + 80 kop. registered), stamps have fallen off or been removed.
Usage is observed in September 1945, with 2 numbers in the range 3 to 7. Kishinev is a very rare censor site.

Registered Leningrad, Russian republic 17.7.1945 to USA, censored in Leningrad, 3rd period.
Usage is December 1944 to December 1945, with the censor numbers: 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16 - 19, 21 - 23, 26
The usage of the censor stripe is December 1944 to September 1945, with 16 censor numbers in the range 1 to 26.
The censor stripe in Leningrad comes in two colors, red or black text.
2.1 International Correspondence Kiev and Murmansk

Registered letter Kiev, Ukrainian republic 11.5.1945 to USA, censored in Kiev, 3rd period.
Usage is December 1944 to July 1945, with 13 censor numbers in the range 10 to 34.
It was 4 different censor stripes in usage, but this is the only registered of this type.

Murmansk, Russian republic 3.3.1944 to USA, censored in Murmansk, 3rd period, and New York (censor #6401).
Usage is December 1943 to April 1945, with 4 censor numbers in the range 1 to 5. Usage of the censor stripe is observed February to March 1944, but most likely used longer, these stripes are very rare. Postage is 20 kopek; correct postage is 50 kopek.
Sender was onboard SS Philip F Thomas, which arrived Murmansk 28.2.1944 with convoy JW57 and left 7.4.1944 with convoy RA58. The letter was most likely with the same convoy back to the USA.
Registered Moscow, Russian republic 28.7.1941 to London, censored in Moscow, 1st period.
Usage is July to September 1941. Also censored in the UK with a PC.90 censor stripe.

Moscow, Russian republic 3.10.1941 to USA, censored in Moscow, 1st period and in San Francisco.
Postal route is Moscow, Vladivostok, and to San Francisco.
This postal route was for a very short period, and was closed when the USA entered the war 7th of December 1941.
Therefor it is very rare with San Francisco censorship on USSR letters.
2.1 International Correspondence Moscow

Moscow, Russian republic 1.8.1942 to USA, censored in Moscow, 3rd period and English censorship with a PC.90 stripe. It is 6 different censor stripes, the usage of this censor stripe is July – August 1942. It is 3 different variants of the censor cancel, 75 numbers are used with the range 1 to 120. Period of usage is April 1942 – December 1945. Postal route is Moscow, Murmansk (or Archangelsk) (with the convoys), England and to New York.

Registered Moscow, Russian republic 19.7.1945 to USA, censored in Moscow, 3rd period. The usage of this censor stripe is June – July 1945. Postage is 190 kopek; correct postage is 130 kopek (50 kopek letter abroad + 80 kopek registered fee abroad)

Censor stripes are only used on international mail (except for some very few locations in the 1st period). Text length and letters may vary for the different censor stripes.
2.1 International Correspondence Archangelsk and Yerevan

Archangelsk oblast, Russian republic 26.2.1945 to USA, censored in Archangelsk, 3rd period. Censored in Archangelsk with cancel and censor stripe, and censored again in New York with censor tape. Usage is May 1943 to March 1945, with 3 numbers in the range 2 to 5. The censor stripe is very rare.

Registered Yerevan, Armenian republic, 10.7.1945 to USA, censored in Yerevan, 3rd period. The usage of the cancel is September 1942 to April 1945, with 4 censor numbers in the range 1 to 11. Postage is 120 kopek; correct rate is 110 kopek (30 kopek postcard international + 80 kopek registered).
2.1 International Correspondence Tbilisi and Kazan

Tbilisi, Georgian republic dated 1.6.1945 to Iran, censored in Tbilisi, 3rd period, and Anglo-Soviet-Iranian censorship. Usage is June to July 1945, with 2 numbers in the range 1 to 5. Postage is 60 kopek; correct postage is 30 kopek.

Arsk, Russian republic, 24.4.1943 to USA, censored in Kazan 2nd period, Moscow 3rd period and New York. Double censorship in USSR is rare, this is the only registered international mail from Kazan. Usage of the Kazan cancel is from February 1942 to June 1943. Postage is 50 kopek; correct rate is 30 kopek.
Baku, Azerbaijan republic, 11.9.1944 to Iran, censored in Baku, 3rd period, and also Anglo-Soviet-Iranian censorship from Iran. The usage of the cancel is from July 1942 to August 1944, with 3 censor numbers in the range 1 to 3. “Avio” is handwritten on the envelope (all Soviet airmail was automatic registered at this time). The airmail rate from 1.9.1940 to 20.9.1948 was 1 rubel for letters. Postage is for registered letter 130 kopek (50 kop. letter abroad + 80 kop. registered abroad).

Ashabadskaya oblast, Turkmen republic, 24.3.1945 to Palestine, censored in Ashabad, 3rd period, and also Anglo-Soviet-Iranian censorship from Iran. The Ashabad cancel is only observed in 1945, with 2 censor numbers in the range 1 to 3. One stamp is missing or presumably removed by the censor before it reached its destination (receivers’ office stamp (“Passed in ...”) is placed above the place where the stamp was situated).
2.1 International Correspondence Tashkent

Registered Tashkent, Uzbekistan republic 14.5.1942 to Canada, censored in Tashkent, 1st period and 2nd period.
A unique item, showing the transition between the 1st and 2nd period. This letter also documents the location (Tashkent) for the irregular cancel from period 1. The usage period for the irregular cancel is January to May 1942. The regular cancel has three different types, usage is from April 1942 to June 1943.
Postage is 130 kopek (50 kop. international letter + 80 kop. international registered).

Bukharskoy oblast, Uzbekistan republic 27.11.1943 to Palestine, censored in Tashkent, 3rd period.
It is two different cancel types, usage is July 1942 to July 1945 with 10 numbers in the range 2 to 19.
The difference between Tashkent and Tbilisi cancel, is the letter T, and the placement of the text in the double circle.
Registered Semipalatinsk, Kazan republic unclear date 5.1942 to USA, censored in Alma-Ata (2nd period) and New York. It is three different cancel types, usage is May 1942 to July 1943, and only censor number 4 and 9 is registered for international correspondence.

Registered Alma-Ata, Kazan republic 29.12.1942 to USA, censored in Alma-Ata, Kazan republic 3rd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is August 1942 to December 1945, with 9 censor numbers in the range 1 to 13. Censor tapes are very rare.
2.1 International Correspondence Novosibirsk and Vladivostok

Registered Troisk, Altaiy krai, Russian republic, 26.3.1942 to Switzerland, censored in Novosibirsk, 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is April 1942 to October 1943, with 14 numbers in the range 3 to 318. But only the numbers 3 and 26 are used on international letters. Novosibirsk did not control international mail in the 3rd period. The letter has gone through Istanbul and further to Switzerland.

Registered from Vladivostok, Russian republic, 25.1.1944 to Haifa, Palestine. Censored in Vladivostok, 3rd period, and New York, USA (censor #7778). Thereafter censored by the British in Haifa, Palestine. Correct postage. Usage for the Vladivostok cancel is February 1944 to October 1945, with the numbers 2, 3. The censor stripe has been observed in the period January to April 1944, and is of the same type as used in Moscow in the period July – August 1942. Postal route is Vladivostok, Moscow, Murmansk (or Archangelsk) (with the convoys), and to New York, then it has gone back to England/Palestine. A unique item displaying the postal hardship with three different censor places (nations).
Censorship at ВПСП and ВПБ

The postal route between the home and the front was as following: after the letter was posted it was transferred from the local post office to a ВПСП (field post sorting point).

A ВПСП could have a fixed localisation, e.g. ВПСП #1 to Moscow and ВПСП #2 to Leningrad, or it could follow the front, e.g. ВПСП #15 to Donskoy Front and ВПСП #28 to Northwestern Front ("Front" is the military organization). There were 43 fronts during the war, and they had a number as id. The ВПСП sent the mail to the ВПБ (field post base).

A ВПБ was attached to an Army, e.g. ВПБ litera BE was 62nd Army. The ВПБ followed the front, and had a litera made out of one or two letters, as id. The ВПБ sent the mail to the ППС (field post station).

A ППС transferred the letter to the frontline where the soldier was. After the summer 1943, field post number (ППН) was used instead for the mail addresses.

A similar mail route was used for mail sent from the front to home.

The navy had a similar organization, but instead of field post, it was navel post (ВМПО or ВМПС).

Field post station (ППС) 1575, 27.1.1943 (wrong year in cancel) to Kazan, Russian republic, censored at ВПОП № 3, 2nd period. ППС 1575 belongs to 364th Infantry Division, 61st Army, at this period participating in the battle of Stalingrad.

Usage is January to February 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 1 to 12.

The usage of ВПОП is unclear, but it is associated to ВПСП #26 (Stalingrad Front) as a subordinate exchange point. Censorship from the ВПОП are very rare.
3.1 Censor at ВписП number 2 and 6

Leningrad, Russian republic 3.12.1942 to ПисС 8539, censored at ВписП #2 (located in Leningrad), 2nd period. The letter has been returned (blue cross and the Cyrillic “B”), without any stated reason. Usage is July 1942 to May 1943, with 49 numbers in the two ranges 5 to 122, and 201 to 235.

ПисС 117 (55th Rifle Division) 26.10.1942 to Chelyabinsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВписП #6 (assigned to the North Caucasian Front), 2nd period. Usage is April 1942 to April 1943, with 7 numbers in the range 352 to 427.
Field post number (ППН) #15530, 5.4.1943 to Saratov, Russian republic, censored at ВПСП #7 (Kuibyshev), 2nd period. ППН 15530 belongs to 586th Fighter Aviation Regiment, at this time located at Pridatcha near Voronezh. Usage is January to July 1943, with 9 numbers in the range 27 to 123.

Uncancelled, dated 25.4.1943 to Moscow oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПСП #10 (Chita), 2nd period. Usage is March to April 1943, with 2 numbers in the range 74 to 88.
3.1 Censor at ВПСП number 13 and 14

Gorky, Russian republic 26.10.1943 to ППН 03049 (97th Guard Infantry Division) censored at ВПСП #13 (Gorky), 2nd period. ППН 03049 belongs to 97th Guard Infantry Division under 5th Guard Army.
Usage is July 1942 to October 1943, with 13 numbers in the range 15 to 150.
This postcard documents the location of ВПСП #13 to Gorky, with the cancelation of both Gorky and ВПСП #13 on the same date. Such documentation are rare and hard to find, and very important for the research of the locations.

Molotov oblast 13.4.1942 to field post station (ППС) 370, censored at ВПСП #14 (Karelian Front), 2nd period. ППС 370 belongs to 10th Aviation Technical Division.
It is two different cancel types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 11 numbers in the range 3 to 59.
Letter is also canceled at the backside with the date stamp from ВПСП #14 on the 16.4.42.
ВПСП #14 was formed in October 1941 and moved to the frontline in end of May 1942.
3.1 Censor at ВПСИ number 15 and 17

Field post number (ППН) 36250, 28.5.1943 to Sverdlovsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПСИ #15 (Donskoy Front), 2nd period. ППН 36250 belongs to 8th Railway Brigade.
Usage is November 1941 to May 1943, with 19 numbers in the range 5 to 141.

Molotov, Russian republic, 11.5.1943 to field post number (ППН) 28711, censored at ВПСИ #17 (Yaroslavl), 2nd period. ППН 28711 belongs to 699th Fighting Antitank Artillery Regiment, 22nd Army.
It is four different cancel types, usage is March 1942 to June 1943, with 17 numbers in the range 9 to 146.
3.1 Censor at ВПСП number 18, 19, and 21

Chkalov, Russian republic, cancelled at a ВПСП #18 to ВПСП #19, censored at ВПСП #18, 2nd period. Location of ВПСП #18 is unknown, but it is likely in Chkalov. Usage is September 1942 to June 1943, with 12 numbers in the range 12 to 197.

Field post number (ППН) 17206 23.4.1943 to Saratov, Russian republic, censored at ВПСП #19, 2nd period. ППН 17206 belongs to 83rd Separate Infantry Brigade. ВПСП #19 was first located in Chkalov, later it was transferred to the Southern Front. It is three different cancel types, usage is April 1942 to April 1943, with 9 numbers in the range 19 to 111.

Field post number (ППН) 15236, dated 29.5.1943 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПСП #21 (Western Front), 2nd period. ППН 15236 belongs to 87th Border Regiment (Western Front). It is two different cancel types, usage is June 1942 to April 1943, with 20 numbers in the range 1 to 67.
3.1 Censor at ВПСГ number 22 and 23

Sverdlovsk oblast, Russian republic, 31.5.1943 to field post number 42715 (6th Separate Hydraulic Engineering Company), censored at ВПСГ #22 (initially Omsk, then moved to Sverdlovsk), 2nd period.
It is two different cancel types, usage is April 1942 to May 1943, with 18 numbers in the range 5 to 162.

ВПСГ 1485 (staff Kalinin Front) 15.3.1942 to Chelyabinsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПСГ #23 (initially Sverdlovsk, then reassigned to Kalinin Front), 2nd period.
It is two different cancel types, usage is July 1942 to June 1943, with 14 numbers in the range 1 to 86.
The ВПСГ number and the censor id have changed places from the normal standard (48/23 instead of 22/48).
It also interesting to note that the layout of the cancel is identical to the cancel in Chelyabinsk in the first two periods.
3.1 Censor at ВПСИ number 26 and 27

Rostov na Don, Russian republic dated 2.3.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored at ВПСИ #26 (Stalingradsky Front), 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is December 1942 to March 1943, with 14 numbers in the range 11 to 58. Based on own research this cancel was made mute between March and May 1943.

ППС 2026 (staff 24th Army) dated 5.12.1942 to Ryazan, Russian republic, censored at ВПСИ #27 (Ryazan), 2nd period. It is two different cancel types, usage is August 1942 to June 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 2 to 86.
4.1 Censor at ВМПБ КБФ

Naval field post 1001, 13.6.1942 to Novosibirsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at naval base Kronstadt, 1st period. Naval field post 1001 belongs to Red Army Baltic Fleet (Kronstadt) outside Leningrad. Usage is October 1941 to June 1942.

Naval field post 1101, 23.10.1942 to Ivanovo oblast censored at ВМПБ КБФ (Kronstadt, Leningrad), 2nd period. Naval field post 1101 belongs to Red Army Baltic Fleet (Kronstadt, Leningrad).

It is two different types (letters КБФ or Б), usage May 1942 to October 1942 for the КБФ variant, and October 1942 to April 1943 for the Б variant, with 14 numbers in the range 5 to 54 (К and Ф was removed from the cancel in October -42).

It has a triangular cancel giving free postage as soldiers mail, but has anyway got a "postage due" (dopravit) cancel.
4.1 Censor at ВМПС number 1007 and 1008

Field post station 1133, 7.2.1943 to Black Sea Fleet, Russian republic, censored at ВМПС #1007 (Sevastopol), 2nd period. Marked at front, “returned because of no full address”. Senders address is 1131, all these field/naual postal stations belongs to the Black See Fleet. Content of the letter is also censored and deleted part of the text (regarding where the sender is located). Usage is May 1942 to February 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 7 to 26.

Field post 916, 4.1.1943 to Altaiisky krai censored at ВМПС #1008 (Polarne, Murmansk), 2nd period. Field post 916 belongs to 82nd Marine Brigade. It is two different types, usage April 1942 to January 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 4 to 22.
4.1 Censor at BMIPС number 1118 and 1120

Naval post station 1118 (Pacific Fleet) 5.6.1943 to Gorky, Russian republic, censored at BMIPС #1118 (Romanovka), 2nd period.
Usage is November 1942 to June 1943, with 4 numbers in the range 2 to 8.

Field post number 49279, 5.6.1943 to Moscow oblast, Russian republic, censored at BMIPС #1120 (Romanovka, Pacific Fleet), 2nd period.
Field post number 49279 is not known. This cover is one of two covers from the same person, three months earlier his address was field post station 1120 (same as censor place). So field post number 49279 is BMIPС #1120.
Usage is March to June 1943, with only one registered number.
4.1 Censor at BMIC number 1139 and 1154

Naval post station 1135 (Black Sea Fleet) 14.6.1942 to Voronezh oblast, Russian republic, censored at BMIC #1139 (Black Sea Fleet), 2nd period.
Usage is observed in June 1942, with just one registered number.

BMIC #1154, Baku, no date to Tashkent, Uzbekistan republic, censored at BMIC #1154 (Caspian Sea), 2nd period.
Usage is December 1941 to July 1942, with 3 numbers in the range 1 to 3.
This is a very rare naval postal station and censor cancel.
4.2 Censor at ВПБ Ю

Field post station (ППС) 862, 10.7.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ Ю (14th Army), 2nd period. ППС 862 belongs to 26th Rifle Division NKVD, Karelsky Front.
It is two different types, usage is May 1942 to April 1943, with 10 numbers in the range 1 to 17.

Field post station (ППС) 550, 28.10.1942 to Murmansk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ Ю (14th Army), 2nd period. ППС 550 belongs to 258th Fighter Aviation Division, 7th Air Force, Karelian Front.
ВПБ Ю (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 401, 500, 550
4.2 Censor at ВПБ ВТ and ВС

Field post number (ППН) 28564, 24.2.1943 to Zelezhodolsk, Tatar republic, censored at ВПБ ВТ (32nd Army), 2nd period. ППН 28564 belongs to 80th Separate Marine Brigade, 32nd Army, Karelian Front.
It is two different types, usage is June 1942 to April 1943, with 4 numbers in the range 1 to 26.
ВПБ ВТ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 716, 738, 804

Field post number (ППН) 26410, 24.2.1943 to Vologda oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ ВС (7th Army), 2nd period. ППН 26410 belongs to 2nd Separate Infantry Battalion, 69th Separate Marine Brigade.
It is two different types, usage is August 1942 to May 1943, with 9 numbers in the range 1 to 39.
ВПБ ВС (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 130, 194, 475, 617
Field post base III, 22.11.1941 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ III (23rd Army), 1st period. ВПБ III belongs to 23rd Army, which fought in the battle of Leningrad, on the Vyborg side. Usage is observed in November 1941, with the number: 440. Field post cancels from field post bases (ВПБ) are rare.

Field post station (ППС) 295, 27.2.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ III (23rd Army), 2nd period. ППС 295 belongs to 291st Infantry Division, 23rd Army, this unit fought in the battle of Leningrad, on the Vyborg side. It is two different types, usage is March 1942 to February 1943, with 14 numbers in the range 1 to 42. ВПБ III (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 434, 524, 951, 998, 2236, 2241.
Registered field post station (ППС) 699, 8.8.1942 to Ivanovo, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АЦ (42nd Army), 2nd period. ППС 699 belongs to Staff 42nd Army, Leningrad Front. Postage is 60 kopek. (field post free + registered 60 kop.) It is two different types, usage is March 1942 to April 1943, with more than 35 numbers in the range 1 to 50. ВПБ АЦ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 145, 245, 394, 436, 448, 468, 557, 620, 699, 996, 1405, 1813, 2189, 2241.

Field post number (ППН) 67616, arrival date 5.4.1943 Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АО (55th Army), 2nd period. ППС 67616 belongs to 134th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, 55th Army, Leningrad Front. It is four different types, usage is April 1942 to April 1943, with more than 20 numbers in the range 1 to 50. This type of the cancel is only observed with the number 37. ВПБ АО (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 366, 494, 506, 856, 857, 937, 996, 1713, 2289.
4.2 Censor at ВПБ ГД and AK

Field post station (ППС) 4, 8.1.1943 to Omsk, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ ГД (67th Army), 2nd period. ППС 4 belongs to Nevsky Operative Group, Staff 67th Army, Leningrad Front. Usage is November 1942 to February 1943, with 19 numbers in the range 1 to 50. ВПБ ГД (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 4, 121, 366, 436, 857, 937, 2241

Field post station (ППС) 828 26.8.1942 to Gorky, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АК (8th Army), 2nd period. ППС 828 belongs to 24th Guard Rifle Division, 8th Army, Volkov Front. It is two different types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 18 numbers in the range 1 to 42. ВПБ АК (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 54, 341, 347, 591, 828.
4.2 Censor at ВПБ БВ

Field post station (ППС) 618, 10.7.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БВ (54th Army), 2nd period. ППС 618 belongs to 26th Infantry Division, 54th Army, Volkhov Front.
It is two different types, usage is April 1942 to April 1943, with 9 numbers in the range 1 to 31.

Field post number (ППН) 07766, 17.4.1943 to Kalinin oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БВ (54th Army), 2nd period. ППН 07766 was subordinated to 285th Infantry Division, 54th Army, Volkhov Front.
ВПБ БВ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 456, 618, 676, 949, 955
The field post has changed address format from field post station (ППС) to field post number (ППН), and the field post cancel has been made mute (but not the censor cancel).
Field post station (ППС) 1444, 5.3.1943 to Yaroslavl oblast, censored at ВПБ БТ (59th Army), 2nd period. ППС 1444 belongs to 377th Infantry Division, 59th Army, Volkhov Front. Usage is December 1942 to March 1943, with 2 numbers in the range 3 to 34.

Field post station (ППС) 99, 27.1.1943 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АИ (52nd Army), 2nd period. ППС 99 belongs to 225th rifle division (2nd formation), Volkhov Front. It is three different types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 5 numbers in the range 5 to 37. ВПБ АИ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 99, 990, 1482.
4.2 Censor at ВПБ Д and БЛ

Field post station (ППС) 1634, 28.3.1943 to Gorky oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ Д (11th Army), 2nd period. ППС 1634 belongs to 159th rifle division (3rd formation), North-western Front. It is three different types, usage is April 1942 to May 1943, with 12 numbers in the range 7 to 33. ВПБ Д (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 839, 840, 883, 1476, 1604, 1634, 1693

Field post station (ППС) 140, 16.9.1942 to Leningrad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БЛ (1st Shock Army), 2nd period. ППС 140 belongs to 7th Guard Infantry Division, 1st Shock Army, North-Western Front. It is two different types, usage is May 1942 to April 1943, with 13 numbers in the range 1 to 28. ВПБ БЛ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 45, 140, 191, 261, 1822
4.2 Censor at ВПБ БЗ and П

Field post station (ППС) 2282, 4.10.1942 to Sverdlovsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БЗ (3rd Shock Army), 2nd period.
ППС 2282 belongs to 37th Mechanised Brigade, 3rd Shock Army, Kalinin Front.
Usage is October 1942 to May 1943, with 8 numbers in the range 1 to 36.
ВПБ БЗ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 801, 1709, 2282, 2539

Field post station (ППС) 1507, dated 9.10.1942 to Sverdlovsk, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ П (22nd Army), 2nd period.
ППС 1507 belongs to 155th Infantry Division, 22nd Army, Kalinin Front.
It is two different types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 8 numbers in the range 7 to 26.
ВПБ П (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 431, 609, 1507
Field post station (ППС) 2169, 26.11.1942 to Gorkovskaya railroad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АБ (4th Shock Army), 2nd period.

ППС 2169 belongs to 274th Fighter aviation division, 3rd Air army, Kalinin front.
Usage is July 1942 to March 1943, with 13 numbers in the range 1 to 27.
ВПБ АБ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 340, 414, 629, 1407, 1711, 2169

Field post number (ППН) 01835, 22.4.1943 to Moscow oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ ВН (16th Army), 2nd period.

ППН 01835 belongs to 27th Guard Infantry Regiment, 11th Guard Infantry Division, 16th Army, Western Front.
Usage is January to April 1943, with 13 numbers in the range 7 to 40.
ВПБ ВН (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 221, 301, 482, 957, 1773, 1824, 1828, 1863
4.2 Censor at ВПБ В

Field post station (ППС) 812, 28.3.1942 to Sverdlovsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ В (30th Army), 2nd period. ППС 812 belongs to 16th Guard Rifle Division, Kalinin Front. Usage is March to May 1942, with 3 numbers in the range 3 to 11. ВПБ В (1st period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 812

Field post station (ППС) 812, 1.1.1943 to Sverdlovsk oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ В (30th Army), 2nd period. Same sender and receiver for both cards. This shows the fact that the field post address was changed in between these dates. The address “44th Guard Artillery Regiment”, was changed to “Unit 650” out of secrecy reason. Usage is May 1942 to February 1943, with 16 numbers in the range 3 to 30. ВПБ В (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 214, 812, 871, 1435, 1440, 1443, 1560, 1608, 1843
4.2 Censor at ВПБ БЖ and БМ

Field post station (ППС) 1411, 29.3.1943, to Moscow, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БЖ (31st Army), 2nd period. ППС 1411 belongs to 331st Infantry Division, 31st Army, Western Front. It is two different types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 12 numbers in the range 1 to 30. ВПБ БЖ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 134, 301, 332, 390, 690, 756, 810, 1411, 1442, 1596, 1614

Field post station (ППС) 912, 5.10.1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БМ (20th Army), 2nd period. ППС 912 belongs to 22nd Tank Brigade, 20th Army, Western Front. It is three different types, usage is March 1942 to March 1943, with 18 numbers in the range 1 to 34. ВПБ БМ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 38, 250, 608, 690, 756, 912, 1517, 1597, 1642
4.2 Censor at ВПБ АЖ

Field post station (ППС) 312, 3.3.1942 to Yaroslavl, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АЖ (49th Army), 1st period. ППС 312 belongs to 217th Infantry Division, 49th Army, Western Front. Usage of rectangular censor cancel is August 1941 to March 1942. ВПБ АЖ (1st period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 312 Identified censor cancels from the 1st period are very rare.

Field post station (ППС) 312, 6.8.1942 to Yaroslavl, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АЖ (49th Army), 2nd period. ППС 312 belongs to 217th Infantry Division, 49th Army, Western Front. It is three different types, usage is March 1942 to April 1943, with 19 numbers in the range 2 to 32. ВПБ АЖ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 92, 312, 487, 690, 786, 1655, 2401
Field post station (ППС) 965, dated 26.10.1942 to Ivanovo oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АН (3rd Army), 2nd period.
ППС 965 belongs to 283rd Infantry Division, 3rd Army, Bryansk Front.
It is two different types, usage is June 1942 to April 1943.

Field post station (ППС) 965, 4.2.1943 to Ivanovo oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АН (3rd Army), 2nd period.
One of the few cancels that uses the “Проверено” instead of “Просмотрено ” in the text.
ВПБ АН (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 311, 679, 965, 1618
4.2 Censor at ВПБ ВХ and ВД

Field post station (ППС) 1700, 14.12.1942 to Samarkand, Uzbekistan republic, censored at ВПБ ВХ (60th Army), 2nd period. ППС 1700 belongs to 232nd Infantry Division, 60th Army, Voronezh Front. Usage is July 1942 to January 1943, with 11 numbers in the range 4 to 28. ВПБ ВХ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 467, 1677, 1700, 1963, 1973, 2486

Field post station (ППС) 314, 29.12.1942 to Tatarskaya ASSR, censored at ВПБ ВД (2nd Tank Army), 2nd period. ППС 314 belongs to 183rd Infantry Division, 3rd Reserve Army. Usage is December 1942 to February 1943, with 6 numbers in the range 2 to 23. ВПБ ВД (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 314, 1718
4.2 Censor at ВПБ Ч and ВП

Registered letter field post station (ППС) 656, 25.5.1942 to Moscow, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ Ч (21st Army), 2nd period. Registered field post letters are rare.
ППС 656 belongs to 227th Infantry Division, 21st Army, this unit fought in the battle of Kharkov.
Usage is April 1942 to January 1943, with 12 numbers in the range 3 to 30.
ВПБ Ч (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 547, 590, 656, 976, 1455, 1466, 1687, 3695
Postage with 90 kopek (postage for letter within USSR was 30 kopek + 50 kopek registration fee).

Field post station (ППС) 82, 27.1.1943 to field post station 686, censored at ВПБ ВП (1st Guard Army), 2nd period.
ППС 82 belongs to 207th Fighter Aviation Division, 17th Air Army, South-Western Front.
ППС 686 belongs to 16th Aviation District Base.
Usage is December 1942 to April 1943, with 8 numbers in the range 10 to 31.
Mail between two front units are rare.
Field post station (ППС) 802, uncancelled, dated 16.10.1942, to Moscow, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БК (65th Army), 2nd period.

ППС 802 belongs to 69th Infantry Division, 65th Army, Western Front.
It is two different types, usage is April 1942 to March 1943, with 13 numbers in two ranges 5 to 31, and 144 to 158.
ВПБ БК (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 780, 802, 1652, 1705, 1859, 1975, 2282

Registered field post station (ППС) 2150, 15.12.1942 to Gorky oblast, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ ВЕ (62nd Army), 2nd period. This card was sent from Stalingrad during the battle.
ППС 2150 belongs to 37th Guard Infantry Division, Stalingrad Front.
It is four different types, usage is August 1942 to March 1943, with 11 numbers in the range 1 to 28, and the single number 113.
ВПБ ВЕ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 808, 1455, 1593, 1769, 1794, 2024, 2150
4.2 Censor at ВПБ БР and АС

Field post station (ППС) 1532, 26.3.1943 to Kazan, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ БР (57th Army), 2nd period. ППС 1532 belongs to 60th Cavalry Division, 68th Reserve Army (built on 57th Army). It is four different types, usage is August 1942 to April 1943, with 12 numbers in the range 1 to 19. ВПБ БР (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 847, 1532, 1705

Field post station (ППС) 1470, 20.1.1943 to Gorkovskoy railroad, Russian republic, censored at ВПБ АС (51st Army), 2nd period. ППС 1470 belongs to staff 51st Army, South Front. Usage is March 1942 to March 1943, with 7 numbers in the range 2 to 24. ВПБ АС (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 181, 884, 1663, 1705
4.2 Censor at ВПБ АШ and T

Field post station (ППС) 780 29.1.1943, to Kazan, Kazan republic, censored at ВПБ АШ (28th Army), 2nd period. ППС 780 belongs to 6th Guards Tank Brigade, 28th Army, South Front. It is two different types, usage is April 1942 to January 1943, with 3 numbers in the range 12 to 23. ВПБ АШ (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 780

Field post station (ППС) 1867, 14.10.1942 to Leninabad, Tadzhikistan republic, censored at ВПБ Т (9th Army), 2nd period. ППС 1867 belongs to 417th Infantry Division, 9th Army, Caucasian Front. Usage is June 1942 to February 1943, with 10 numbers in the range 2 to 22. ВПБ Т (2nd period) is registered sent from these field post stations: 29, 883, 1495, 1867