

POST OFFICE INFORMATION SLIPS
UPDATE

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It has been a very long time since new Post Office Information slips for the period of 1945-1949 has been found. Recently I was fortunate in find an earlier usage of the first slip found in the book "Republic of China Post Office Information Slips, 1946-48" which was published in 2011. (the library has a copy and I am sure the librarian can provide copies of any of the pages).

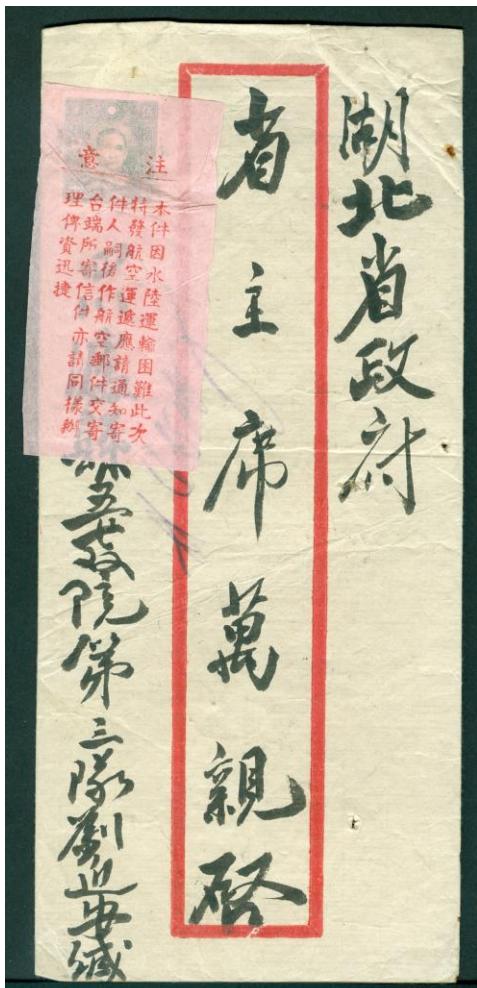


Figure 1



Figure 2

Figure 1 is a cover which was mailed from Luhsien (East Szechwan) on December 25, to "Wuchang (Hupeh Province) on December 31, 1946. There is a Chungking transit cancel of December 27. It was at Chungking that the slip was added. This new slip is 40 x 80 mm and printed on very thin pink paper, almost a tissue paper figure 3.

The previous form (figure 4) listed was printed on much thicker white paper, 45 x 88 mm, figure 4. The date of usage was January 21, 1947. The characters for the two slips are the same, just re-arranged.

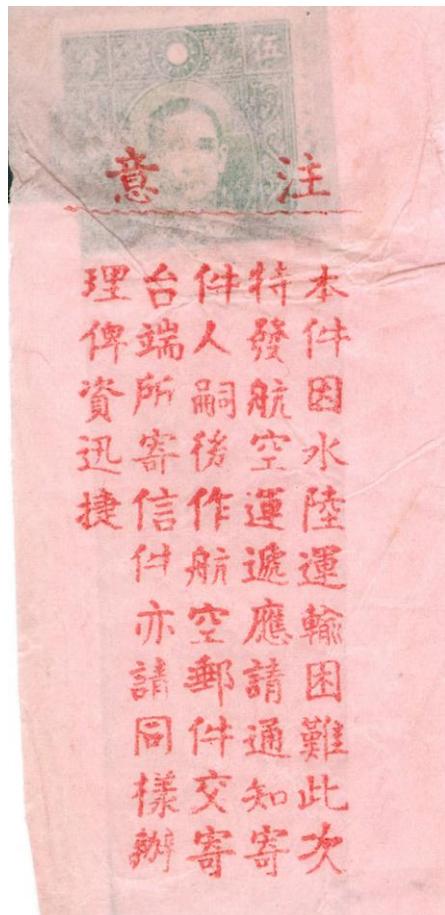


Figure 3

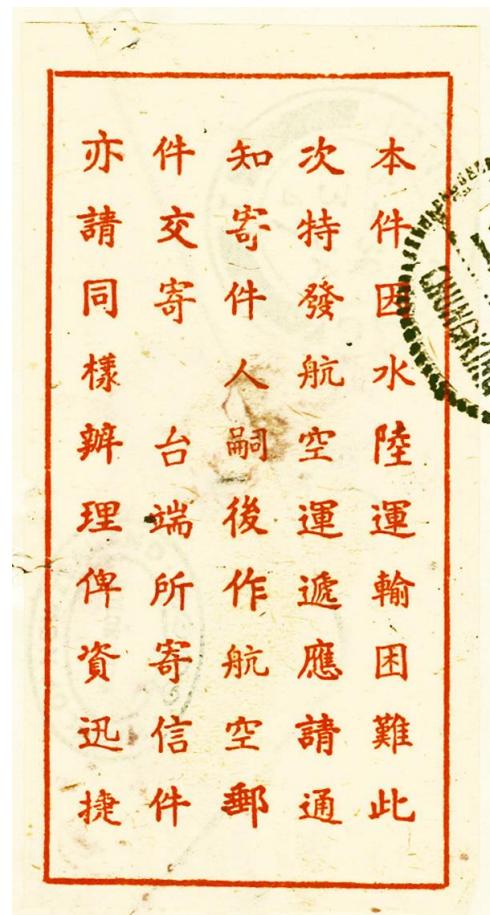


Figure 4

Translation: "Attention" Due to the blockage of some surface routes, your letter was delivered by airmail. Please notify the sender to send future letters by airmail to assure prompt delivery



Figure 5

On the back of the cover is an example of what appears the broken value boxes on the left two vertical stamps. It appears to be broken rather than just the inking.