

## Kuopio - Kyonio Censorship

### Stamps and Resealing Tapes

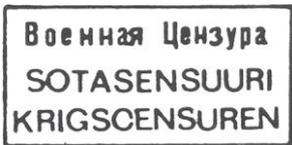
10 October 1914 to 28 March 1917



*This ordinary missionary letter from Kuopio to West India was first censored at Tornio on the way to the addressee. After numerous delivery attempts, it was returned to Kuopio, where the cover was opened to find the sender's name and possibly the address. The letter was closed and sealed with two circular official Kuopio postal paper seals on the right-hand side of the cover. Also, a post office official wrote: "Opened in accordance with the order of value post, paragraph 528" and his signature. This note appears upside down on the top. The paper seals were not used for censorship.*

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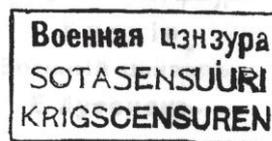
## Kuopio Censor Stamp

<a href="#"><u>CS 1</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>CS 8</u></a>	
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<a href="#"><u>CS 3</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>CS 10</u></a>	Вскрыто военной цензурой Куопио Военный цензоръ 4
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<a href="#"><u>CS 6</u></a>	Просмотрѣно военной цензурой Куопио Военный цензоръ А. ЛЮККОНЕНЪ	<a href="#"><u>CS 13</u></a>	Вскрыто Военной Цензурой .....191 Куопиоскій военный цензоръ №5
<a href="#"><u>CS 7</u></a>		<a href="#"><u>CS 14</u></a>	

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 1



Mark No. 1



Mark No. 2

Type: General  
 Shape: Rectangular  
 Size: 19 x 38 mm  
 Description: Rectangular, single frame: text in Russian, Finnish & Swedish  
 Text: War censor(ship)  
 Ink: Red  
 Subtypes: two

## Dates of Use:

Mark No. 1 15 Oct. 1914 to 06 Aug. 1915 1  
 Mark No. 2 21 Oct. 1914 to 05 Sep. 1915 1

## Comment:

The two types are distinguished by the different font of second line, and an ink dot in type two's second "U"

Mark 1 / Type I: the middle horizontal line of E in the second line, is in the center

Amsrk 2 / Type II: the mark has an ink dot above the second letter.

"u" in the word "SOTASENSUURI.", and the middle horizontal line of E in the second line, is raised  
 Note the difference in the letter "E"

Mark No.1  and Mark No. 2. 

and ink dot above the "u"  (Mark No. 2)

This CS is similar to censor stamps used in other locations. See Oulu CS No. 2, Rauma CS No. 1, Pori CS No. 1, Tampere CS No. 1, and Viipuri CS No. 1. Some of these stamps measure 19 x 38 mm, others 18 x 38 mm. The Oulu CS has a vertical line after the word "SOTASENSUURI."

This CS is seen on all types of passively censored mail, but most frequent examples are found on post(al) cards.

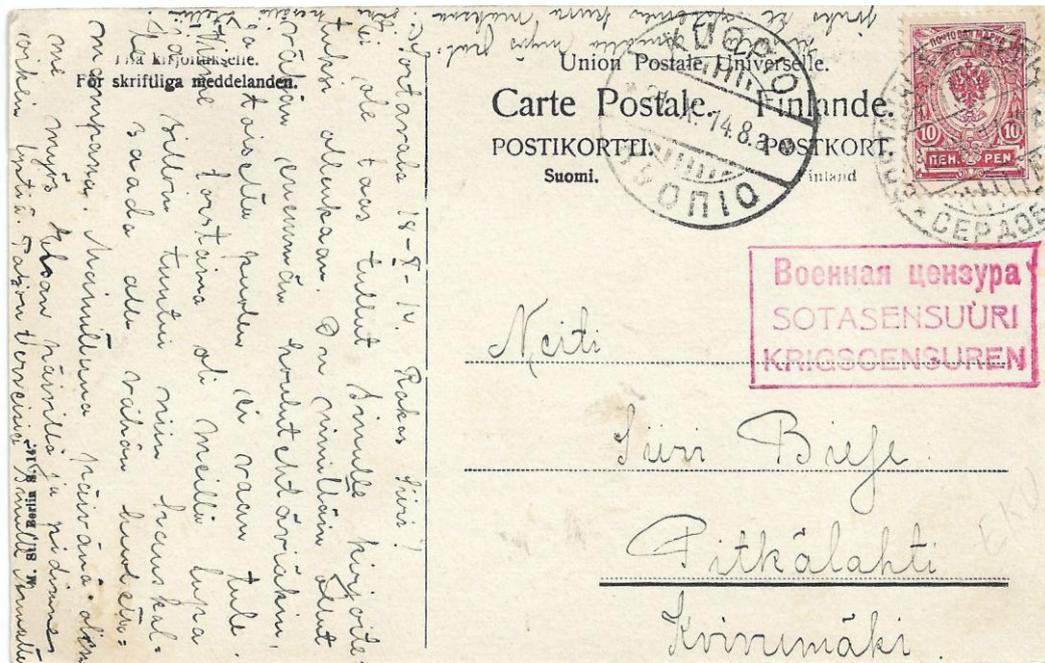
## Rarity:

Very common, level 1.



An uprated 3 kop PS card sent from Petrograd per Petrograd – Helsinki railway to Kuopio, arriving 20 x 1914. The censor mark is type 1. The postal rate was 3 kop for a card from Russia to Finland so the uprating Romanov stamp is extra.

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 1 continued**



Card sent from Sordavala via Kuopio censor office 21 X 1914 to Pitkälähti. At Kuopio card was stamped with CS No. 1 Mark No. 2. EKU.

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 2**

**This item is delisted and the CS is renumbered:**

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No 1, Mark 2**

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 3



Type:	General	Comment:
Shape:	Rectangular, double-frame lines	Over time the frame lines merge, overall impression becomes untidy. The CS is seen on postal forms and passively censored mail.
Size:	15 x 21 mm	
Description:	Rectangular, thin inner, and thick outer frame lines, in center letters	
Text:	"A. U." (= "D. Ts.") Censor Approved	Possibly more than one CS was in use.
Ink:	Red, brownish-violet	
Subtypes:	None	Rarity: Very common, level 1.
Dates of Use:	03 Apr. 1915 to __ Mar. 1916 1	



**Left:** Both red and brownish-violet inks are known throughout period of use. Here a red ink impression on a domestic post card to Mikkeli via Kuopio censor office, 10. X. 1915. The thin inner frame line is visible on this impression.

**Below:** Here, the inner frame line has merged with the thick outer frame line on a heavily inked brownish violet impression, censored at Kuopio on 9. XI. 1915.

Blank. Nr 1.

Kupong  
kan begagnas för skriftliga meddelanden och af adressaten behållas).

Nr \_\_\_\_\_ i afgångs registret. Nr \_\_\_\_\_ i ank. registret.

**Adresskort**  
för pakettförsändelse inom landet.

Till Herr K.H. Törrönen,

i Rantasalmi adress: \_\_\_\_\_

medföljer härjämte ett paket värdt \_\_\_\_\_ Fmk \_\_\_\_\_ p:ni

välgande  hg. \_\_\_\_\_ gr. och innehållande Cigarren

Afsändare: Ph. U. Strengherg & C:os A/B,

afsändarens adress: Jakobstad.

Ofvannämnda paket kvitteras: den Rantasalmi 11/11 1915.  
K. H. Törrönen

Blankettens pris 2 penni.

För frimärken.

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 4

Type: Personal  
 Shape: Straight line  
 Size: 18 x 41 mm  
 Description: Three lines of text in Cyrillic followed by censor's name  
 Text: Opened by war censor  
 Kuopio  
*Censor's name in Russian*  
 Ink: Red, brownish-red or violet  
 Subtypes: Ten different marks with the censor's name

## Comment:

Mark is often partially indistinct, usually seen with resealing tapes, postcards, and postal forms. All of these marks are

fairly common, level 3, except CM No. 9 (level 4, R), Nos. 8 and 10 are very rare (5, RR).

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Лиукканенъ

Mark No. 5, Censor: Liukkanen  
 19 Nov. 1915 to 08 Aug. 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ

*О. Лийкканенъ*

Mark No. 6, Censor: O. Liukkanen  
 29 Sep. 1915 to 06 Jul. 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Гаммаринъ

Mark No. 1, Censor: Hammarin  
 18 Nov. 1915 to 09 May 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Луумоненъ

Mark No. 7, Censor: Luumonen  
 01 Oct. 1915 to 31 May 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Гортикайненъ

Mark No. 2, Censor: Hartikainen  
 20 Oct. 1915 to 06 May 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Пулккиненъ

Mark No. 8, Censor: Pulkkinen  
 30 Jun. 1916

5, RR

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Хяммäläйненъ

Mark No. 3, Censor: Hämäläinen  
 08 Oct. 1915 to 15 Jul. 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Рюхяненъ

Mark No. 9, Censor: Ryhänen  
 23 Sep. 1915 to 28 Jul. 1916

4, R

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Лааксовирта

Mark No. 4, Censor: Laaksovirta  
 08 Oct. 1915 to 17 Jan. 1916

3

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Шишкинъ

Mark No. 10, Censor: Schischkin  
 21 Jun. 1915

5, RR

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 4, continued**

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 А. Корниловъ.

Mark No. 11, Censor: A. Корильовъ - A. Kornilov  
 03 May 1916 to 06 May 1916

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Kuopio CS No. 4. There are ten different censor marks of this type showing the censor's last name. This mark, CM No. 3, censor Härmäläinen, written in Russian is a common mark. The mark was in use from 4. Dec. 1915 until 2. July 1916. This card was sent from Keuruu, 8. XI. 15, to Kuopio, 10. XI. 15 12a, and released later in the day, arriving at Jaala, 12. XI. 15.

This post card shows the usual route and transit marks for a postal item sent to a location that did not have its own censor office.



On this address card the censor stamp was struck correctly on the upper half of the vertical line separating the coupon section from the address section. FGPO Bulletin 8772, 1. June 1915, declared that postal orders and parcel address cards with private information on the coupon side must be sent to the war censors. In effect, from this date forward all address cards first went to the censor office.

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 5



Type: General  
 Shape: Circular  
 Size: 33 mm diameter  
 Description: Circular, three rings, three lines of text, Cyrillic letters "Д. Ц." in center  
 Text: War censor(ing)  
 "D. Ts." Censor Approved  
 and rosettes in the inner ring  
 City of Kuopio  
 Ink: Red, brownish-red  
 Subtypes: None  
 Dates of Use: 05 Dec 1915 to 22 Mar. 1916 1

Comment:  
 Mark appears solo on an object. It is generally fairly distinct. Rubber stamp and handle displayed at Post Museum.

CS No. 5 Rarity:  
 Very common, level 1.



**Left:** This letter with full contents was postmarked on TPO Coach No. 9, Kouvola - Kuopio line, 27. XII. 15, via Kuopio 27. XII. 15, to Peltosalmi, 28. XII. 15. According to the transit marks on the back, this letter spent just two hours at the censor office.

**Right:** Here the CS is struck on a well traveled New Year's Card. There is no text or message on this card. Kuhanka, 1. I. 16, via Joutsa, 1. I. 16, via Kuopio censor office, 3. I. 16, and then to the destination post office, Pertumaa, 4. I. 16.



**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 6**

Type: Personal  
 Shape: Straight line  
 Diameter: 37 x 20 mm  
 Description: Three lines of text in Russian  
 censor's name  
 Text: War censor inspected  
 Kuopio  
 War censor  
 Censor's name  
 Ink: Brownish-red, violet  
 Subtypes: Ten different signatures have been identified.

Comment:  
 The marks are seen solo on objects. CMs are identified by the signature of the censor. The same censor signatures are seen on both CS Nos. 4 and 6.

Rarity:  
 These marks are generally very elusive.

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Е. Аутоненъ.

Mark No. 1, Censor: E. Autonen  
 02 Nov. 1915 to 12 Apr. 1916 3

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Э. Гаммалайненъ.

Mark No. 2, Censor: Hämmäläinen  
 14 Dec. 1915 to 12 Apr. 1916 4, R

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 К. Лаксовирта.

Mark No. 3, Censor: K. Laaksovirta  
 06 Apr. 1916 to 07 Apr. 1916 5, RR

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 О. Лииканенъ

Mark No. 4, Censor: O. Liikanen  
 20 Dec. 1915 to 20 Jul. 1916 3

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 А. Лиукконенъ

Mark No. 5, Censor: A. Liukkonen  
 18 Dec. 1915 to 06 Jul. 1916 3

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Н. Пулккиненъ.

Mark No. 6, Censor: Pulkkinen  
 23 Dec. 1915 to 01 May 1916 4, R

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 Н. Горталайненъ.

Mark No. 7, Censor: Horttalainen  
 23 Mar. 1916 to 26 Mar. 1916 4, R

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 К. Рюхененъ.

Mark No. 8, Censor: K. Ryhänen  
 05 Dec. 1915 to 27 Jul. 1916 4, R

Прсмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куоно  
 Военный цензоръ  
 А. Викстремъ.

Mark No. 9, Censor: A. Wikström  
 25 Apr. 1916 to 10 May 1916 5, RR



А. Гаммаринъ.

Mark No. 10,  
 Censor: A. Gammarinъ  
 or in Finnish A. Hammarin  
 06 May 1916 to 28 May 1916

5, RR

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 6, continued**



Censor Stamp No. 6, Mark 1, cancelled wiht railway TPO, Postilj.v. B. K. (Borgå-Kerva) via Kuopio, censor office, 25. I. 1916, to Hyrynsalmi. Of the nine CS No.6 personal marks, only 1, 4 and 5 are common.



Censor Stamp No. 6, Mark 4, on a printed matter order card. The Kuopio cds indicate the card was processed through the censor office within seven hours after some six days in transit from Kuusamo to Kuopio.

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 7



Type: General  
 Shape: Circular  
 Size: 33 mm diameter  
 Description: Circular, three rings, two lines of text in Cyrillic, no text in center, rosettes in the inner ring  
 Text: War censor(ing)  
 City of Kuopio  
 Ink: Red  
 Subtypes: One

Comment:  
 This CS was converted from CS No. 5 by removing the letters "D. Ts." from the center. Although it was in service for only two months it is a very common mark, seen solo on passively censored mail.

Rarity:  
 CS No. 7: Very common, level 1.

Dates of Use: 26 Mar. 1916 to 03 Jun. 1916 1

**Right:** CS No. 7 continued in use for two months after a four-month service life as CS No. 5. Nevertheless, the outer rings remained clear and distinct. On this card the rosettes are clearly visible Helsinki, 12. IV. 16, via Kuopio to Leppävirta, 14. IV. 16.

These postal items suggest that there were two marks in concurrent use because the usages of the two marks overlap.



**Left:** Here the rings are totally missing. This type of CS was used in every censor office from late 1915 through 1916.

Although not known as a difficult item, few CS 7a examples on cover have been reported.

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 8



Type: General  
 Shape: Oval  
 Size: 27 x 45 mm  
 Description: Three lines of text in Russian  
 Text: War censor(ing)  
 Date  
 City of Kuopio  
 Ink: Black, blue, shades of red and violet.  
 Subtypes: None identified with certainty.  
 Dates of Use: 09 Jun. 1916 to 20 Mar. 1917 1

Comment:  
 Because of the appearance of a variety of ink colors, it is certain that at least three different censor stamps were in use. Marks with different colored inks are seen with the same dates; however, there are no distinguishing attributes of these marks, which warrant classifying this CS into subtypes. Many strikes are faint with only a partial visible impression. Seen solo on passively censored mail including postal forms.

Rarity:  
 Marks are very common and known to be used on the last day of censoring in Kuopio. level 1 rarity.

**Right:** Reddish violet ink on this date stamp, 8. VII. 16. This ink impression is often faint with outer rings partially missing. The censor date stamp obviated the need for an exit postal cds.



**Above:** Here the stamp impression was struck in a bluish-violet ink. Again, the outer rings are partially missing from a weak impression.

**Right:** This ink color appears to be reddish brown-violet. The inner ring on the right side is missing. This printed Christmas card without text, therefore no postal arrival marks.



## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 9

Просмотрѣно военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензоръ  
 5

Type: Personal  
 Shape: Straight line  
 Diameter: 20 x 38 mm  
 Description: Three lines of text; the fourth line is Arabic number, identifying censor  
 Text: War censor inspected  
 Kuopio  
 War censor  
 censor's personal ID No.  
 Ink: Red, violet, blue, violet-red  
 Subtypes: Eleven reported;  
 CM No. 1 is unknown.  
 Rarity:  
 See listings after the date(s) of use.

Comment:  
 Marks are mostly elusive. Seen solo on objects and on covers with resealing tapes.

Dates of Use:

Mark No. 1	No reported use	
Mark No. 2	01 Sep. 1916 to 07 Sep. 1916	5, RR
Mark No. 3	30 Aug. 1916 to 29 Sep. 1916	5, RR
Mark No. 4	31 Aug. 1916 to 29 Sep. 1916	4, R
Mark No. 5	17 Aug. 1916 to 04 Oct. 1916	3
Mark No. 6	16 Oct. 1916	5, RR
Mark No. 7	17 Aug. 1916 to 02 Oct. 1916	4, R
Mark No. 8	22 Aug. 1916 to 28 Sep. 1916	2
Mark No. 9	18 Aug. 1916 to 11 Sep. 1916	5, RR
Mark No. 10	12 Sep. 1916	5, RR
Mark No. 11	15 Sep. 1916 to 16 Sep. 1916	4, R
Mark No. 12	12 Sep. 1916	5, RR

*Kuopio censor Stamp No. 9 is very elusive. Only Marks 5 and 8 are common, but certainly not plentiful or easily acquired.*

**Right:** *Opened and inspected local letter with a Mark 5 weak impression in red ink. The wax seal was affixed by the sender. The resealing tape is Type A-I.*

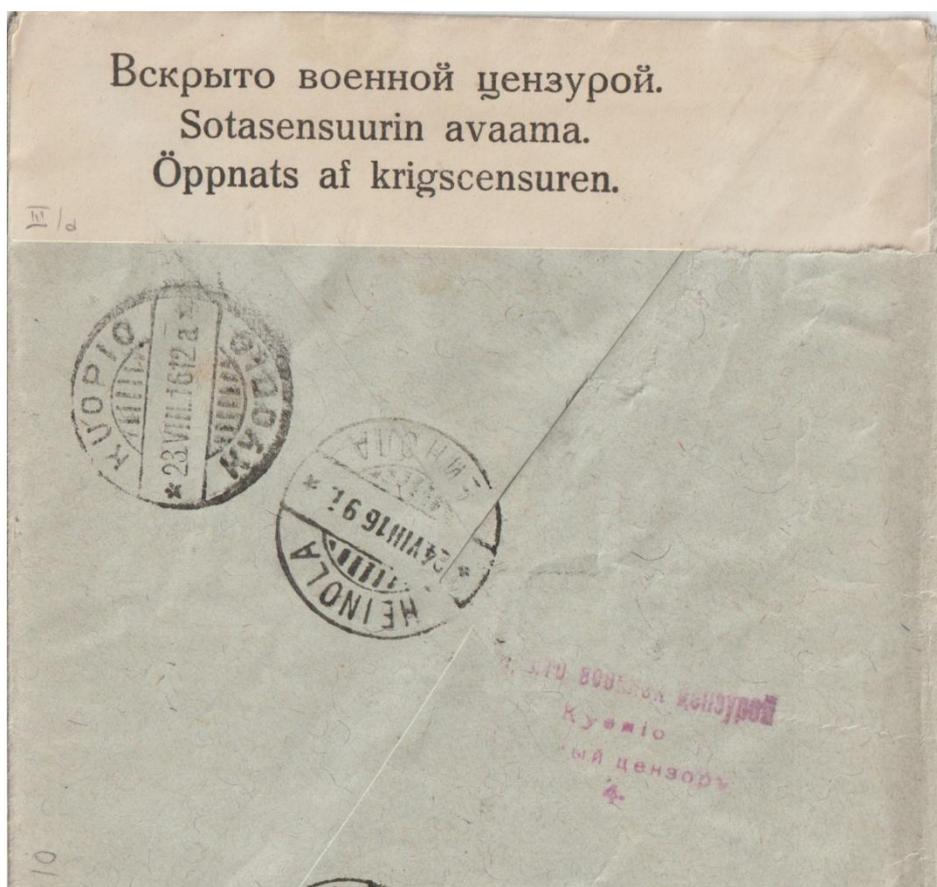
**Bottom:** *This is one of only known example of Mark 2, struck cleanly on an open mourning letter to Otava.*



## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 10

Вскрыто военной цензурой  
 Куопио  
 Военный цензор  
 4

Type:	Personal	Comment:	
Shape:	Straight line	The Russian text on the first line of the stamp is different from CS No. 9. The town name is printed in a smaller type of font.	
Size:	18 x 41 mm		
Description:	Three lines of text in Russian; fourth line is the censor's personal ID No.		
Text:	Opened by war censor Kuopio War censor Censor's ID No.	Rarity:	Both marks are very elusive.
Ink:	Red	Dates of use:	
Subtypes:	4 numbers reported	Mark No. 1	
		Mark No. 2	17 Aug. 1916 to 22 Aug. 1916 3
		Mark No. 3	
		Mark No. 4	16 Aug. 1916 to 23 Aug. 1916 4, R
		Mark No. 5	16 Aug. 1916 to 17 Aug. 1916 3
		Mark No. 6	
		Mark No. 7	17 Aug. 1916 5, RR



*Every reported use within same week.*

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 11**

Type: General  
 Shape: Circular  
 Size: 28 mm diameter  
 Description: Date stamp, date in Arabic numbers and month in Roman (Latin) letters,  
 Text: No text, date.  
 Ink: Black  
 Subtypes: One, catalogued as CS No. 11a  
 Dates of use: 14 Sep. 1916 to 20 Mar. 1917 1

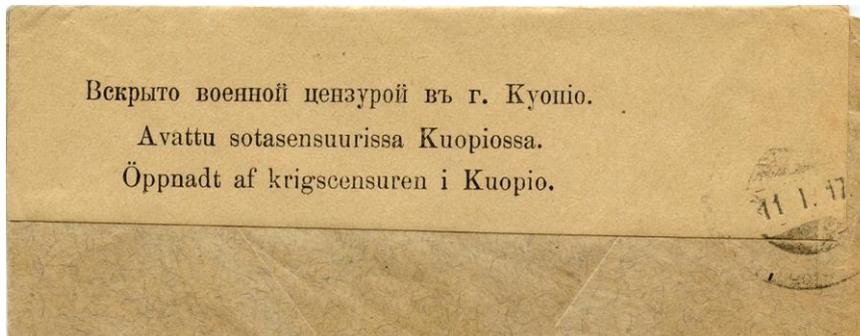
**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 11a****Comment:**

The top half is entirely missing or very faint. The blackened half circles above and below the bridge have mostly disappeared. This mark is known used on 22 October 1916 and 12 February 1917. It is not clear from empirical observation if the impression from CS No. 11a is the result of damage to CS No. 11 or is simply a faint impression. Often seen with resealing tape.

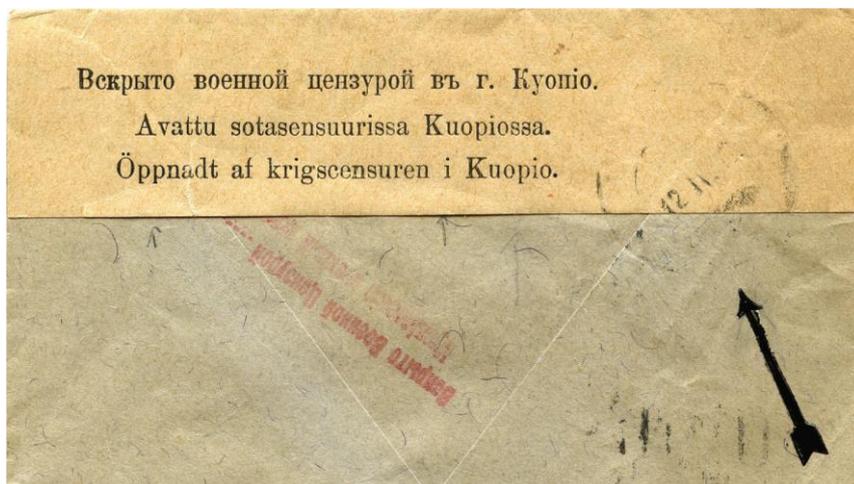
**Rarity:**

CS No. 11 is very common, level 1 rarity.

CS No. 11a is uncommon; insufficient data to establish a rarity level.



**Left:** Although the impression is weak, which is not unusual, the upper half of CS No. 11 is seen together with the outer ring. The date is 11. I. 17, (11. January 1917).



**Left:** Here the impression is very weak and the outer ring of the upper half of the censor stamp is missing together with the filled space above the date. However, it is not an automatic judgment that the impression is CS No. 11a or just a very weakly struck CS No. 11.

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 12****Kyonio****3.**

Type: Personal  
 Shape: Straight line  
 Size: 13 x 14 mm  
 Description: One line of text, followed by censor's personal ID No.  
*KYONIO*  
*Personal number*

Ink: Brownish-red  
 Subtypes: Two different numbers have been reported: Mark Nos. 3 and 6.  
 Dates of Use:  
 Mark No. 3 14 Sep. 1916 to 08 Oct. 1916 3  
 Mark No. 6 01 Oct. 1916 to 04 Oct. 1916 4 or R

Comment:

Mark is elusive. This CS was most likely converted from CS No. 10 by the removal of the first and third rows. Mark is seen on double-censored objects and as a departure mark.

No usage has been reported for Mark Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5 or any number higher than 6.

Rarity:

Mark No. 3 is common

Mark No. 6 is rare



CS 12, Mark 3, is seen here on a double censored cover from Kuopio, 31 September 1916 to Oulu. This mark is not known used on mail arriving at Oulu.

**Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 13**

Вскрыто Военной Цензурой .....191  
 Куопиоский военный цензор № 5

Type: Personal  
 Shape: Straight line  
 Diameter: 8 x 52 mm  
 Description: Two lines of text, censor's personal ID No. at the end of the second line of text.  
 Text: Opened by war censor ... date  
 Kuopio war censor No. \_\_  
 Ink: Red, violet, violet-red  
 Subtypes: Thirteen reported.

**Comment:**

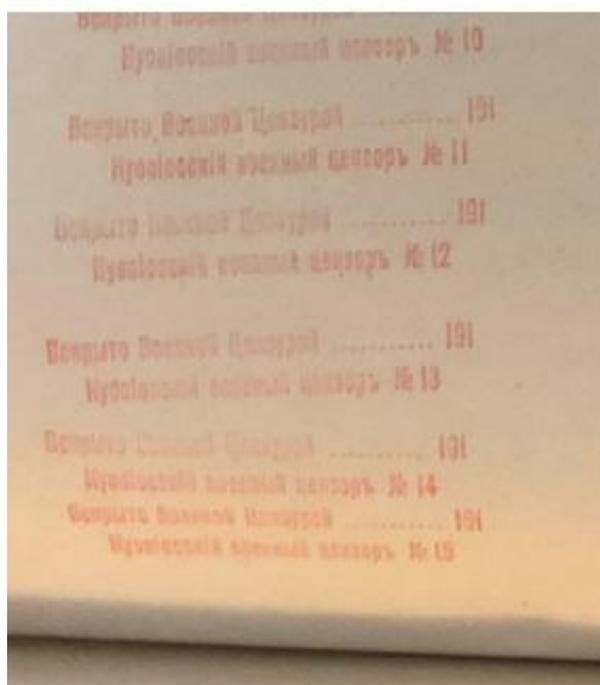
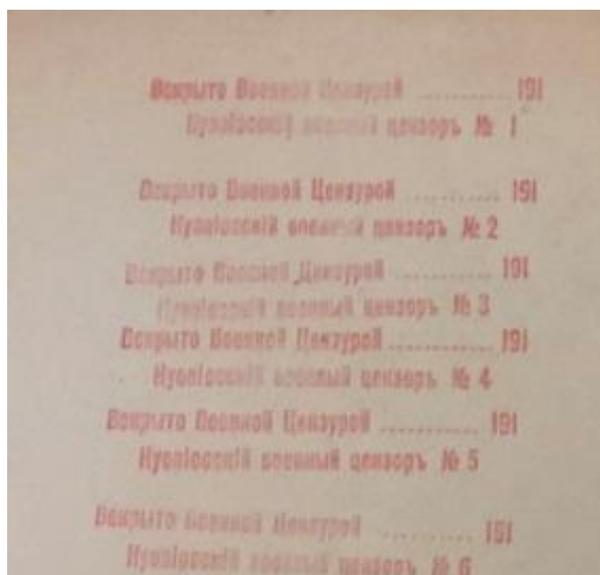
Common type mark used at each censor location. Marks used in Kuopio are common except for CM Nos. 6, 7, 15 to 18. These marks are seen solo on objects and on covers with resealing tapes.

**Rarity:**

See rarity levels shown after the date(s) of use.

**Dates of Use:**

Mark No. 1	No use reported
Mark No. 2	No use reported
Mark No. 3	No use reported
Mark No. 4	04 Oct. 1916 to 12 Mar. 1917 3
Mark No. 5	05 Oct. 1916 to 04 Mar. 1917 2
Mark No. 6	12 Oct. 1916 5, RR
Mark No. 7	07 Nov. 1916 to 15 Mar. 1917 4, R
Mark No. 8	04 Oct. 1916 to 20 Mar. 1917 2
Mark No. 9	03 Oct. 1916 to 13 Mar. 1917 3
Mark No. 10	06 Oct. 1916 to 12 Mar. 1917 3
Mark No. 11	03 Oct. 1916 to 16 Mar. 1917 3
Mark No. 12	No use reported
Mark No. 13	No use reported
Mark No. 14	13 Nov. 1916 to 09 Mar. 1917 3
Mark No. 15	19 Oct. 1916 to 26 Nov. 1916 5, RR
Mark No. 16	16 Dec. 1916 to 12 Jan. 1917 4, R
Mark No. 17	__ Jan. 1917 5, RR
Mark No. 18	17 Dec. 1916 to 12 Mar. 1917 4, R



*Right: Photos of documents in the National Archives show that Mark number 1, 2, 3, 12, and 13 were manufactured. So far, no use of any of these marks has been reported.*

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 13, continued.



When this mark is used on passively censored mail such as postal cards, the date and year are usually left blank. Nevertheless, this card shows two transit marks noting arrival and departure from the Kuopio post office. The two days at the censor office may have been occasioned by arrival on Sunday, 12 March.



Newly discovered (January 2018) and only rerecorded example of censor mark No 17. on cover sent 11 Jan. 1917 (Gregorian calendar) from Tula (Russia). The cover is resealed with Kuopio censor tape No 1 but has no arrival postmarks or dating of censor mark.

## Kuopio Censor Stamp No. 14



Type: Personal  
 Shape: Straight line  
 Size: 10 x 70 mm  
 Description: Two lines of text in Cyrillic  
 Text: War censored opened  
 War censor  
*Censors signature*  
 Ink: Red, violet  
 Subtypes: One reported  
 Dates of Use: 29 Apr. 1915 to 25 Jun. 1915 5, RR

Comment:  
 This CS has previously not been reported used at Kuopio, but similarly found at Rauma and Nikolainkaupunki. Two copies were found, one on an insured letter (shown on a later page with a post office wax seal without a letter/number). The same censor signature is found without CS, listed as Kuopio No. xx.



CS 14 on money order from Viipuri 25.VI.15 via Kuopio censor office (no postmark) to Heinola 29.VI.15

## Censor Tape Without City Identification - Type A

### Вскрыто военной цензурой. Sotasensuurin avaama. Öppnats af krigscensuren.

Type A: Mittel standard 14-point type without city identification.

Shape: Straight line, text in Russian, Finnish & Swedish

Text: Opened by war censor

Paper colors Yellow, blue, white, brown, gray & red, light brown, white-grayish

Subtypes Types I, II & III

Dates of Use:

Type I

Yellow paper 15 Oct. 1914 to 22 Oct. 1914 5, RR

Gray paper 26 Jan. 1915 to 03 Nov. 1915 -

Type II

Brown paper 19 Sep. 1915 to 04 Dec. 1915 3 or 4, R

Type III

Blue paper 31 Oct. 1914 to 17 Dec. 1914 4, R

Light brown 16 Aug. 1915 to 14 Jan. 1916 -

White paper 28 Jan. 1915 to 08 Sep. 1917 1

White-grayish 01 Oct. 1915 to 11 Feb. 1916 -

Red paper 02 Nov. 1914 to 18 Jan. 1915 4, R

Brown paper 23 Sep. 1915 to 20 Jul. 1916 2

Green paper 16 Sep. 1915 5, RR

Comment:

Refer to the main body of the text for information relating to different types. Initials and signatures are known on the early resealing tapes. Twelve different signatures and five initials are known; they are all very scarce.

Rarity:

The census of the colored tapes used at Kuopio from October 1914 to various dates as late as December 1916 (blue colored tape) is small and the rarity levels suggested here are tentative based on a limited response from collectors.

Type I Yellow 5, RR

Type I Gray Unranked

Type II Brown 3 or 4, R

Type III Blue 4, R

Type III Lt. brown Unranked

Type III White 1 or 2

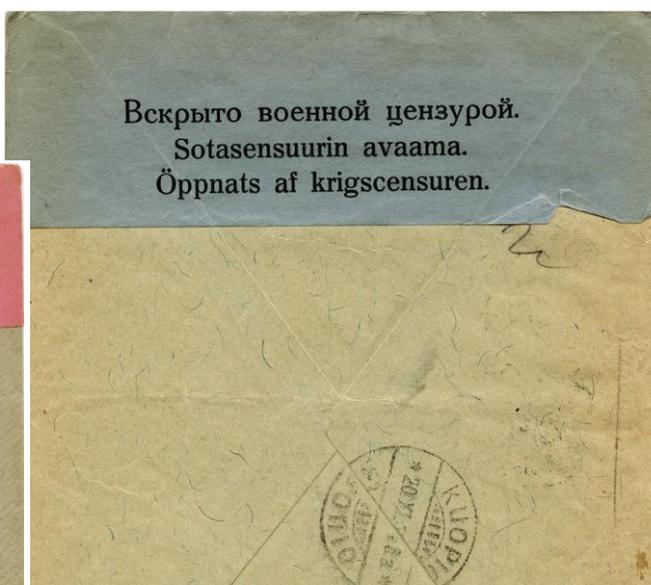
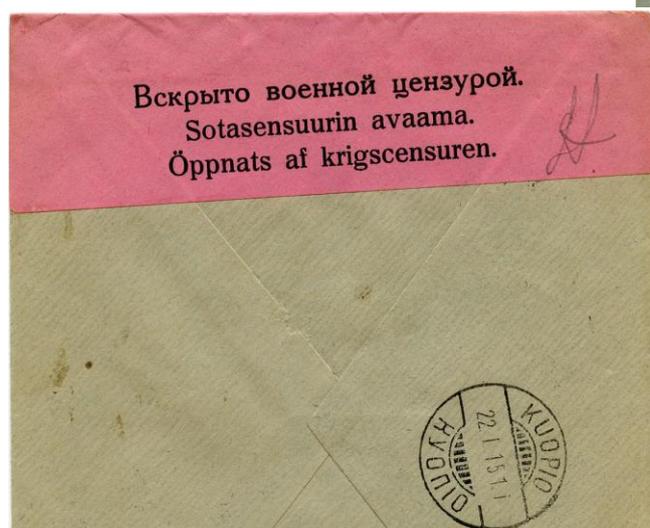
Type III White-Gray Unranked

Type III Red 4, R

Type III Brown 2

Type III Green 5, RR

Type A	Russian	Finnish	Swedish
I	71-71.5 mm	53.5 mm	61
II	73 mm	54 mm	61
III	72-72.5 mm	53-53.5 mm	61



On both of these tapes a censor has handwritten his initial. On the red tape, the initial appears on the tape while on the cover with the blue tape, the censor's initial appears partially under the tape. See later in this catalogue. It is unlikely the blue tape was used as late as 1916 as reported in the T & K catalogue; this is possibly a mistake. 1914 is likely correct.

## Censor Tape Without City Identification - Type B

### Вскрыто военной цензурой. Sotasensuurin avaama. Öppnats af krigscensuren.

Type B: Antique serif point type without city identification  
Shape: Straight line, text in Russian, Finnish & Swedish  
Text: Opened by war censor  
Paper Colors: White, brown paper  
Subtypes: Only Types I & II are used in Kuopio.

Comment:  
Refer to the main body of the text for information relating to different types.

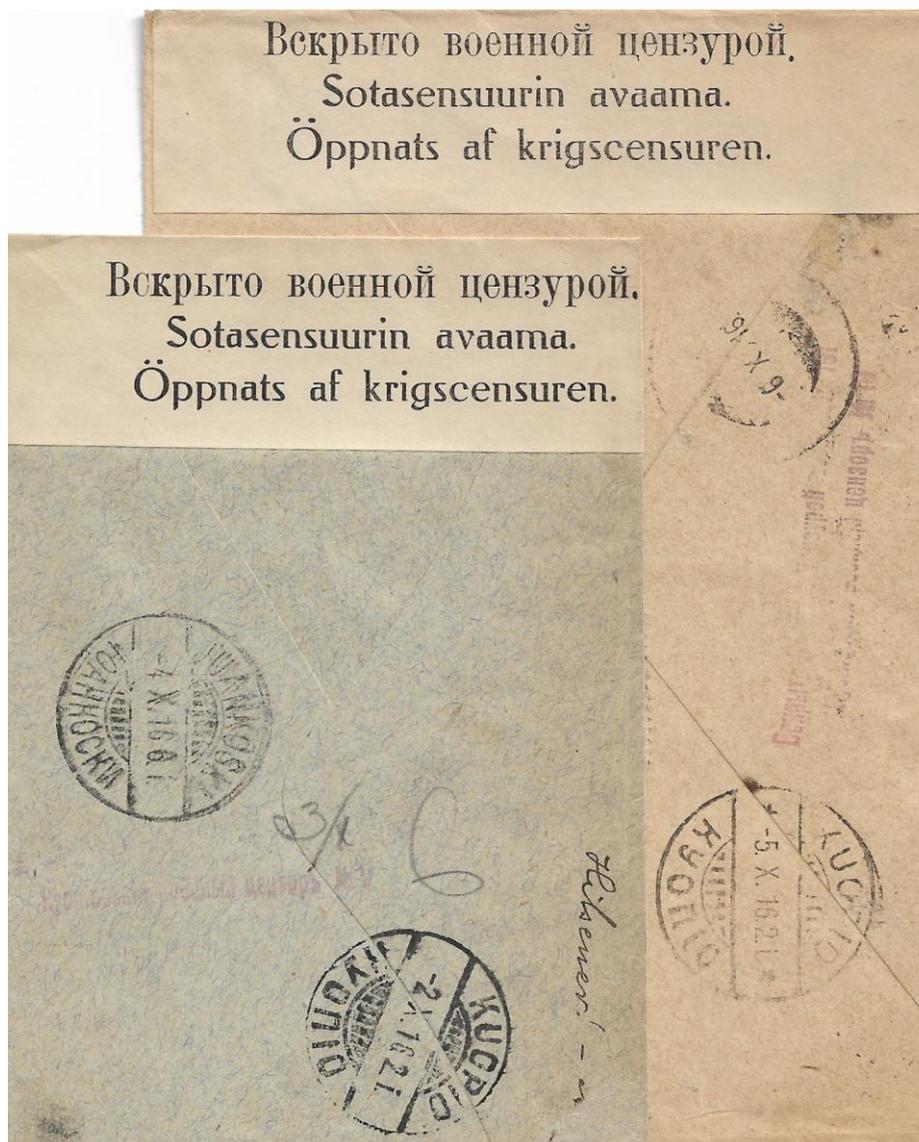
This listing comes from the original censor catalog edited by Juhanni Olamo, first published in 1972. In the ensuing 40 years, only one additional example of the Type B tapes on a cover has been reported.

Dates of Use:

Type I  
White paper 02 Oct. 1916 to 04 Oct. 1916 4  
Type II  
Brown paper 04 Oct. 1916 to 07 Oct. 1916 4

Rarity:

All Type B resealing tapes at Kuopio are elusive. Insufficient data to establish a rarity level, tentative rarity level of 4 is reasonable.



*Top Left* cover shows a Type B-II tape used at Kuopio 6. X. 16, which is the middle day of a registered use of only three days.

*Low Left* cover shows a type B-I tape used at Kuopio. The cover was sent from Liminka 30.IX.16 via Koupio censor office, transit postmarked 3.X.16, to Juankoski arriving on 4.X.16.

Type difference between B-I and B-II is found in second letter in Russian text, where top of "C" in type I ends in a peak, does type II end in dot.

## Censor Tape With City Identification No. 1

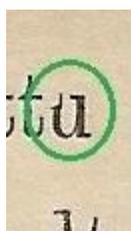
Вскрыто военной цензурой въ г. Куопіо.

Avattu sotasensuurissa Kuopiossa.

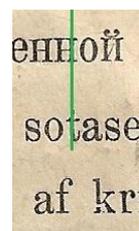
Öppnadt af krigscensuren i Kuopio.

Type: Resealing tape with Kuopio city identification.  
 Shape: Straight line, text in Russian, Finnish & Swedish.  
 Text: Opened by war censor  
 Type Character: In the Russian text, the “K” is straight across the top and the serifs are joined.  
 Paper Colors: Light brown, white-grayish  
 Subtypes: Types I, II & III

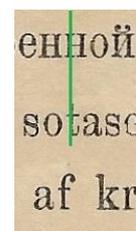
Comment:



Type I



Type II



Type III

Dates of Use:

Type I

Light brown 08 Dec. 1916 to 08 Mar. 1917

Light gray 05 Dec. 1916 to 15 Dec. 1916

Type II

Light brown 02 Nov. 1916 to 26 Feb. 1917

Type III

Light brown 23 Dec. 1916 to 16 Mar. 1917

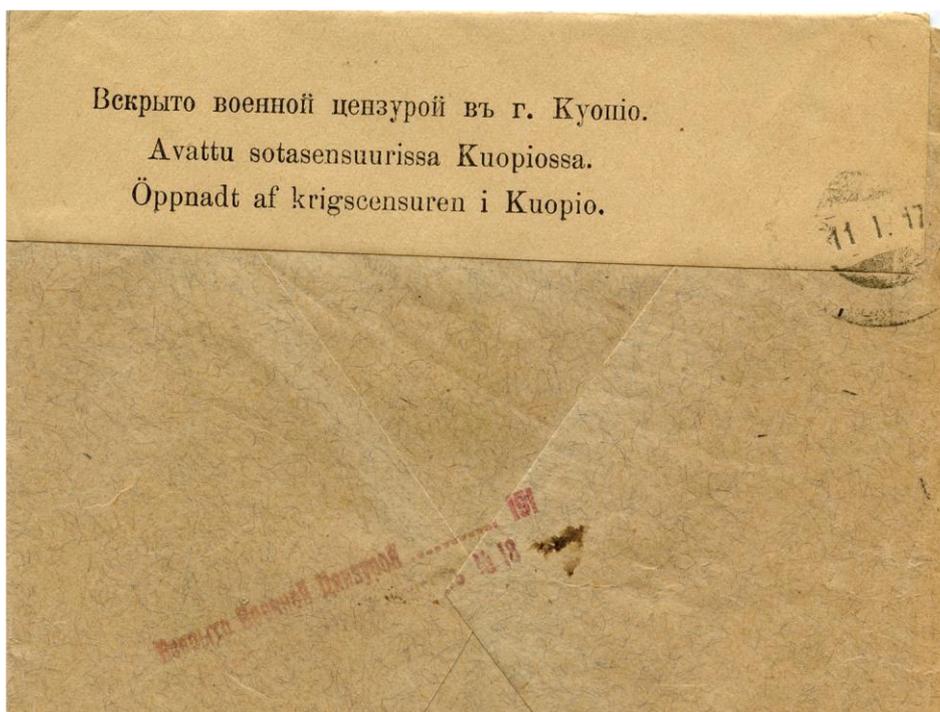
Type I: (Avatt) **U** in second line damaged at top left side.

Type II: position of **H** in the first line and **t** in the second line.

Type III: position of **H** in the first line and **t** in the second line.

Rarity:

CT No. 1 is very common, but no accurate census exists to identify the rarity of the subtypes. Assigning level 1 or 2 rarity is reasonable.



Here the flat “K” in “Kuopio” is positive identification for CT No. 1, and the position of “t” in “sotasensuurissa” compared to second “H” “ВОЕННОЙ” in first line identify the CT as sub-type II. Also shown here with CS No. 11 as a exit date stamp and CS No. 13, Mark 18, which identifies the censor; three different indicia of censorship is not uncommon throughout 1916 and 1917.

## Censor Tape With City Identification No. 2

Вскрыто военной цензурой въ г. Куопіо.

Avattu sotasensuurissa Kuopiossa.

Öppnadt af krigscensuren i Kuopio.

Type: Resealing with city identification.  
 Shape: Straight line, text in Russian, Finnish & Swedish  
 Text: Opened by war censor  
 Type Character:

In the Russian text, the "K" is uneven across the top and the serifs are rounded and separated. This makes for easy identification.

Paper Colors: White, light brown & grayish-brown.  
 Subtypes: Types I, II, III, IV & V

### Comment:

In Type I, there is a curl on the bottom of the letter "c" in "krigscensuren," which looks like a wrong setting with a Spanish letter with a cedilla "ç" In Type IV, the period is missing at the end of the sentence of the Russian text. In Type II, III, and V positions of letters are different. (See illustration below)

Termonen & Keturi do not list subtypes for CT Nos. 1 & 2 in *Postisensuuri Suomessa*.

### Dates of Use:

#### Type I

White paper 05 Nov. 1916 to 07 Nov. 1916  
 Light brown 07 Oct. 1916 to 20 Mar. 1917  
 Grayish-brown 24 Oct. 1916 to 17 Feb. 1917

#### Type II

Grayish-brown 01 Nov. 1916 to 15 Feb. 1917

#### Type III

Grayish-brown 28 Jan. 1917 to 17 Feb. 1917

#### Type IV

Light brown 03 Nov. 1916 to 13 Mar. 1917

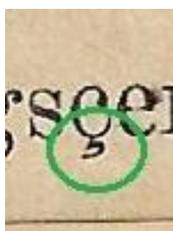
#### Type V

Light brown 01 Feb. 1917 to 20 Mar. 1917

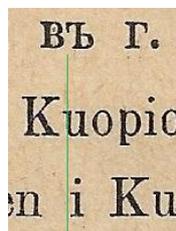
Color differences are not easily distinguished, particularly light brown and grayish brown.

### Rarity:

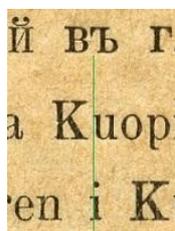
CT 2 is very common, level 1, but no accurate census exists to identify the rarity of the subtypes.



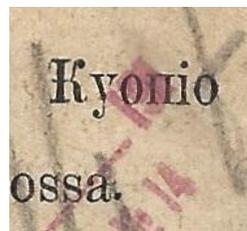
Type I



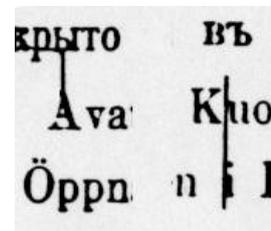
Type II



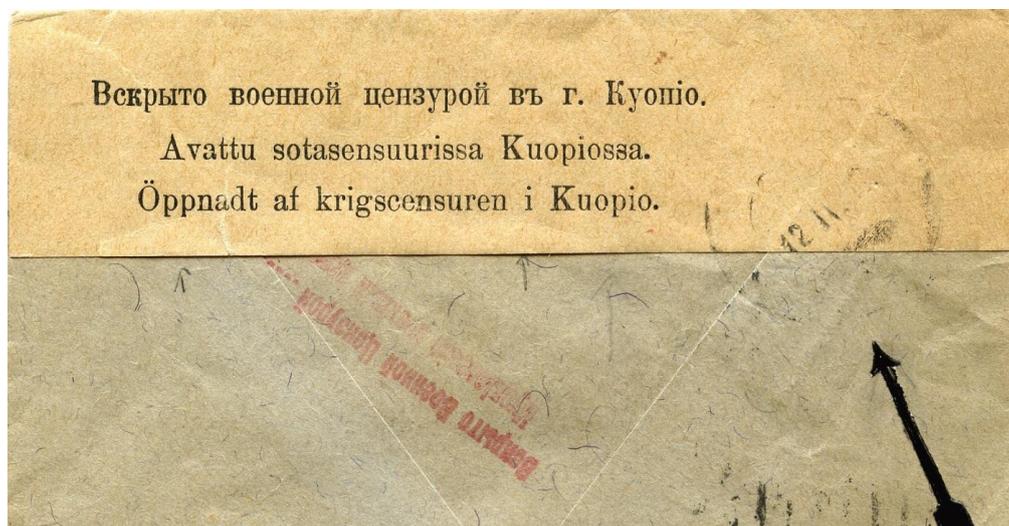
Type III



Type IV



Type V



The rounded top serif of the right arm of the letter "K" in "Kuopio" readily identifies CT No. 2 (Type III) shown here with a very faint strike of date stamp CS No. 11 used as an exit mark. Also, personal CS No. 13 was applied, but the censor's identifying number is obscured.

## Kuopio Censor Wax Seal

Type: Censor wax seal w/ city identification

Shape: Circular

Size: The outer ring measures about 30 mm but varies with the spread of wax on each impression.

Font: Sans-serif

Text: MILITARY CENSORSHIP IN KUOPIO

Wax seal color: Red, dark red

Dates of Use 01 Nov. 1915 to 31 Oct. 1916

Comment:  
Used to resealing tapes on insured/ value letters.

Rarity:  
Insufficient census; however, very elusive.



Kuopio Censor Wax seal - in Russian language  
ВОЕННАЯ ЦЕНЗУРА КУОПИО  
(MILITARY CENSORSHIP IN KUOPIO)  
*enlarged 50%*



A value letter sent from Turku 18.XII.1915 to Kuopio arriving 20.XII.15. Two small wax seals to the right is from the sender, in the center a postal wax seal from Turku Post Office and Kuopio Censor Office closed the cover with two wax seals with text "ВОЕННАЯ ЦЕНЗУРА \* Г. КУОПИО" and stamped with Kuopio CS 4 mark 2.

## Kuopio Postal Wax Seal

Type: Postal wax seal w/ city identification

Shape: Circular

Size: The outer ring measures about 30 mm but varies with the spread of wax on each impression.

Font: Serif

Text: City name in dual language, Finnish / Russian. No letter-number identification

Wax seal color: Red, dark red

Dates of Use 18 Oct. 1914 to 31 Oct. 1916 5

Comment:

Used to resealing tapes on insured/ value letters.

Rarity:

All wax seals used by censors to reseal registered and insured letters are scarce.



Kuopio Postal Wax seal – in two languages  
KUOPIO / KYОPIO  
*enlarged 50%*



*Exceptional example of the postal wax seals used by the censor office to secure a value letter without also utilizing a paper tape. This cover was sent from Helsinki 28.IV.15 censored at Kuopio 29.IV.15 and arrived Warkaus 1.V.15. Additional Kuopio CS 14 on back with censor's signature. Collection Reijo Tanner.*

## Kuopio Postal Wax Seal

With number-letter combination in Seal

Type: Postal wax seal w/ city identification

Shape: Circular

Size: The outer ring measures about 30 mm but varies with the spread of wax on each impression.

Font: Serif

Text: City name in dual language, Finnish / Russian. With letter-number identification

Wax seal color: Red, dark red.

Seals with number-letter combinations and dates of use:

Type A - 1      31 Oct. 1914 to 19 Sep. 1917      5

Type A - 2      07 Sep. 1914 to 08 Jan. 1915      5

Comment:

Used to reseal tapes on insured/ value letters.

Rarity:

All wax seals used by censors to reseal registered and insured letters are scarce.



Kuopio Postal Wax seal – in two languages  
KUOPIO / ΚΥΟΠΙΟ  
and letter/number A - 1  
*enlarged 50%*



Kuopio Postal Wax seal – in two languages  
KUOPIO / ΚΥΟΠΙΟ  
and letter/number A – 2  
*enlarged 50%*



Another exceptional cover sent from 'Savonlinna via Kuopio Censor Office on 24 Oct. 1914 to Warkaus The cover has been resealed with postal wax seal with letter-number A-2, and a yellow CT A tupe I which also is very scarce

## Kuopio Postal Wax Seal continued



*Kuopio Postal Wax Seal with letter/number A-I inscription in rather worn quality, The seal is extremely rare found and this is the only example available to the editors. The seal has been used to reseal a registered letter sent from Salo 28 X 14 Kuopio Censor office 31 X 14, The censor also used a CT type A III, on which he wrote his initial. The cover arrived at Leppävirta on 1 XI 14.*