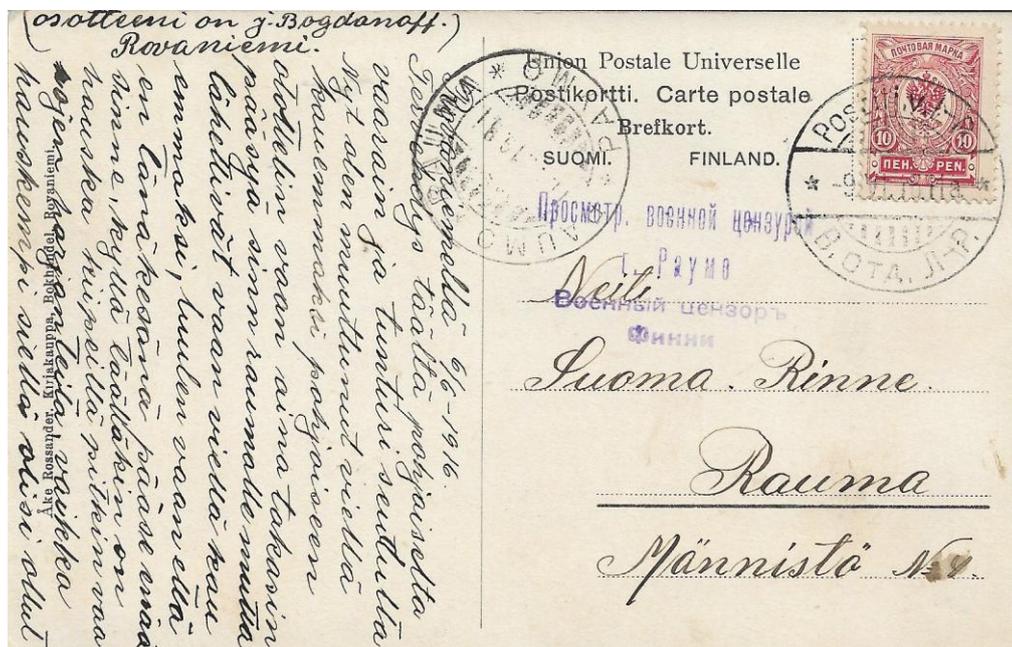


Rauma / Raumo / Раумо Censorship

Stamps and Resealing Tapes

25 October 1914 to 20 March 1917

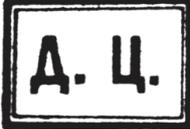
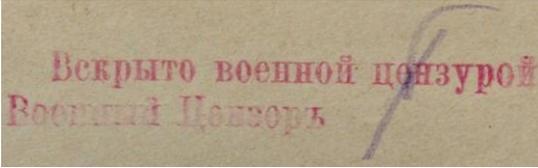
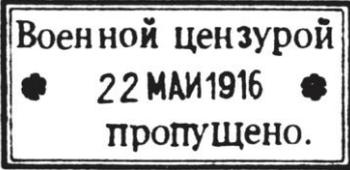


This is a new Cs reported since last edition of this catalogue, Rauma Cs. No. 8.. Four versions have been found in the archives, of which only two of them have been reported in active use. Those two are Mark 2: Sensor Финни (Finni) shown above, and the left hand below Mark No. 1; Sensor Калониусъ (Kalonius). The use of the marks of sensor Клемковъ (Klemekov) and sensor Генць (Gents) have not yet been reported.

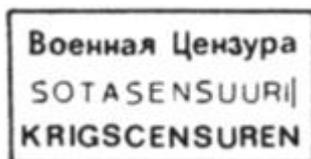


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Rauma Censor Stamp

<u>CS-01</u>	
<u>CS-02</u>	
<u>CS-03</u>	
<u>CS-04</u>	
<u>CS-05</u>	
<u>CS-06</u>	
<u>CS-07</u>	Вскрыто Военной Цензурой.....191 Раумосский военный цензор № 4
<u>CS-08</u>	

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 1



Type: General
 Shape: Rectangular, single frame
 Size: 19 x 37 mm
 Description: Three lines of text:
 Russian, Finnish & Swedish
 Text: Военная Цензура
 Sotasensuuri
 Krigscensuren
 War censor(ing)
 Ink: Red, violet
 Subtypes: None
 Dates of Use: 29 Oct. 1914 to 20 May 1916 1

Comment:
 Stamp contains the same irregularity as Oulu Censor Stamp No. 1. There is a vertical line immediately after the letter "I" in the word "SOTASENSUURI."



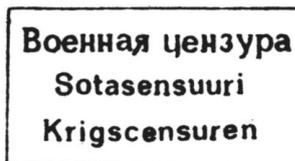
Mark appears solo on objects. Violet ink seen in May 1915. Termonen & Keturi measure this CS "19 x 35 mm." We believe this is a typographical error; the correct measurement is 19 x 37 mm.

Right: Domestic cover sent from Kortesjärvi 18 V 16, arriving Rauma next day, 19 V 1916 and marked with LKU of Cs 1. Late 1915 Rauma began to use violet ink.



Left: This is the EKV of Rauma CS No. 1 and the earliest recorded censor mark from Rauma, on a post card from Viipuri, 29. X. 1914. The censor office opened 25 October 1914, so it is still possible to find earlier censorship markings from this location.

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 2

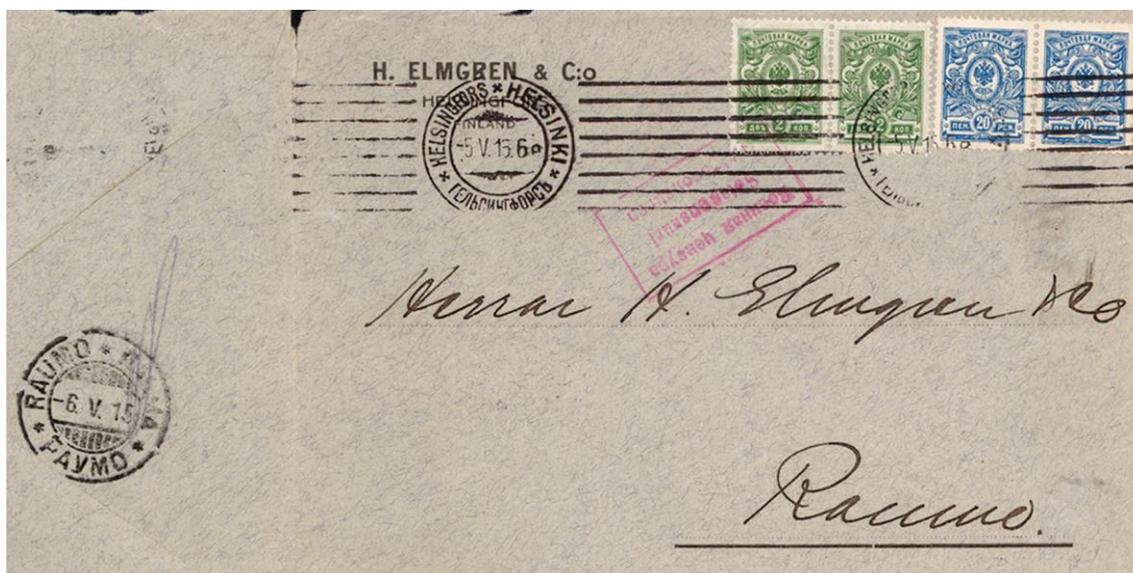


Type: General
 Shape: Rectangular, single frame
 Size: 19 x 35 mm
 Description: Three lines of text:
 Russian, Finnish & Swedish
 Text: Военная Цензура
 Sotasensuuri
 Krigscensuren
 (War censor(ing))
 Ink: Red, violet
 Subtypes: None
 Dates of Use: 07 Nov. 1914 to 11 May 1916 1

Comment:
 Mark generally distinct and usually appears in the right side, upper corner of an object. Two marks may have been in use as both color inks were used on the same day. Violet ink seen from April 1915.

This stamp is easily distinguished from CS No. 1 as the text in lines two and three are in sentence case whereas in CS No. 1, the second and third lines of text are in upper case.

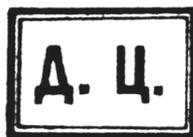
Rarity:
 Very common, level 1.



CS No. 2 is a very common Rauma mark struck on a double weight mixed franked cover from Helsinki, 5. V.15. The censor wrote his initials over the Rauma exit postmark, 6. V. 15. Handwritten initials or full personal signatures are very rare on passively censored covers; however, several are known from Rauma. It is noteworthy that and written censor initials are very infrequently seen after January 1915 except at Rauma and Kuopio. This cover has been reduced and cropped at the bottom.

The censor's initial is identified as Censor Initial No. 2.

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 3



Type: General
 Shape: Rectangular, double frame
 Size: 15 x 21 mm
 Description: One line of text in Cyrillic, "Д.Ц." "D. Ts."
 Text: Censor(ing) allowed
 Ink: Red, violet, reddish-violet
 Subtypes: None

Comment:
 Violet ink was used from December 1915 to March 1916.
 It is most often seen solo on an object.

Rarity:
 Very common, level 1.

Dates of Use: 04 Jun. 1915 to 28 Mar. 1916 1

Right: Rauma CS No. 3 is a common general mark; similar marks were used in several censor locations, including Nikolainkaupunki and Kuopio. Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain the location where a cover has been inspected; however, procedures called for censorship at the destination location and mail addressed to Rauma was most certainly censored there unless the sender was a bank or other institution that arranged for censorship at the departure censor office. This cover was sent from Helsinki which did not use this type of mark.



Left: Local letter (Kokemäki lies within the Rauma censor office district) with a strong red strike of CS No. 3 showing the double frames very clearly.

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 4

Type: Personal
 Shape: Straight line
 Size: 10 x 70 mm
 Description: Two lines of text in Cyrillic
 Text: War censored opened
 War censor
 Ink: Red, violet
 Subtypes: Five reported by T & K.

Comment:

Occasionally, the censor has failed to sign his name. Specimens where the censor has added the name of the city "Rauma" have also been reported. Mark 1 is without a censor's signature. Six different censors' signatures are known, Mark Nos. 2-7. Distinguish from Nikolainkaupunki CS No. 10 by carefully measuring the height and length of the mark. Nikolainkaupunki CS measures 11 x 69 mm. Signatures also identify location. Seen with resealing tape.

Rarity:

All of these marks are very elusive, 4 or 5 except for Mark No. 3, which is ranked at level 3, common.

**Вскрыто военной цензурой
Военный Цензоръ**

Mark No. 1 25 Mar. 1915 to 21 Oct. 1915 4, R
 Mark 1 is without a censor's signature.

**Вскрыто военной цензурой
Военный Цензоръ**

Mark No. 2 04 Aug. 1915 to 28 Aug. 1915 4, R

**Вскрыто военной цензурой
Военный Цензоръ**

Mark No. 3 30 Oct. 1915 3
 Censor: Русь

**Вскрыто военной цензурой
Военный Цензоръ**

Mark No. 4 17 Oct. 1915 to 16 Nov. 1915 4, R

**Вскрыто военной цензурой
Военный Цензоръ**

Mark No. 5 15 Sep. 1915 to 17 Dec. 1915 4, R

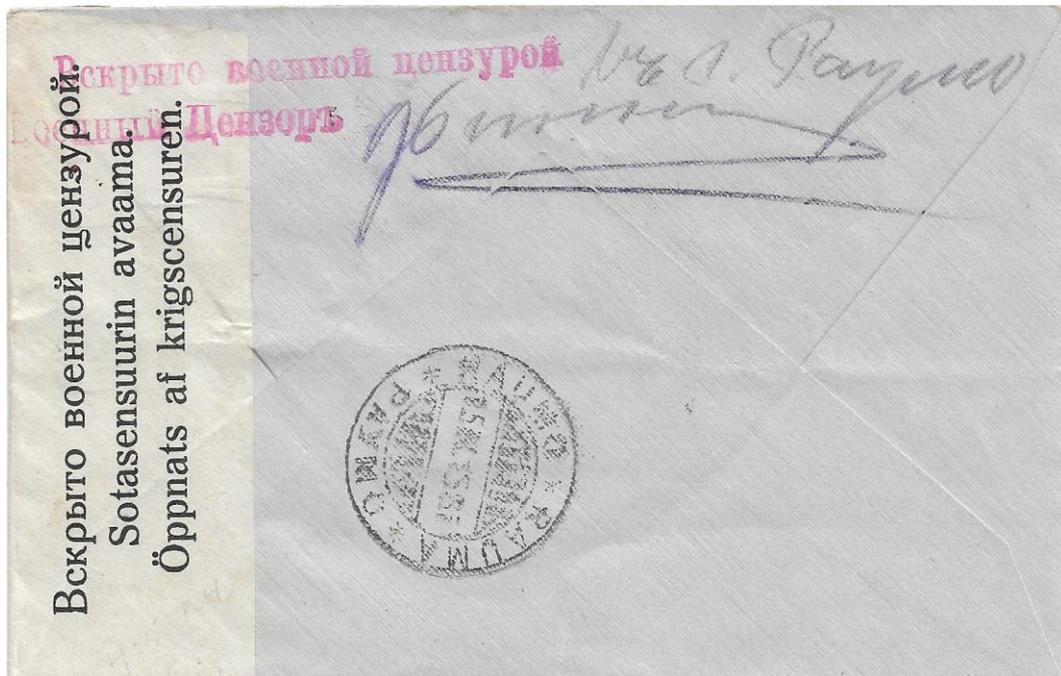
**Вскрыто военной цензурой
Военный Цензоръ**

Mark No. 6 24 May 1915 to 07 Aug. 1915 5, RR

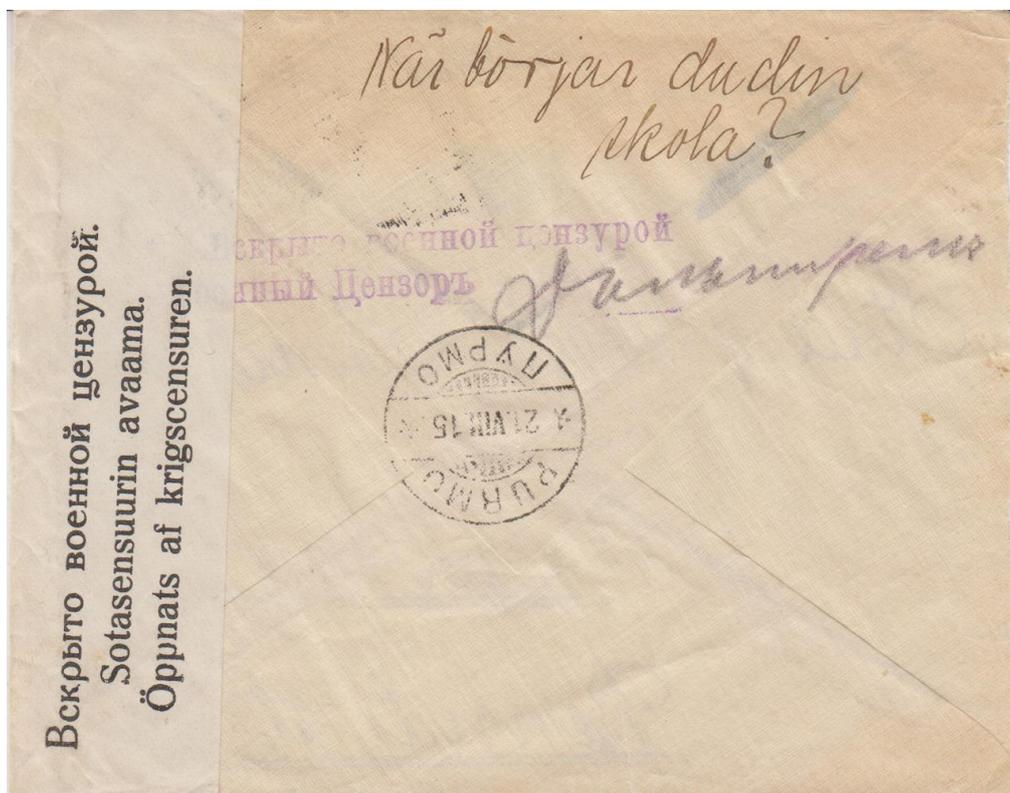
Mark No. 7 21 Aug. 1915 5, RR

Mark No. 8 04 Jun. 1915 to 06 Jun. 1915 5, RR
 (This is same censor as signature No. 5)

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 4, continued



These Rauma censor stamp marks are very elusive. This cover is postmarked KPXP No 11 15.IX.15 (used Helsinki-Pori railway line) and censored at Rauma same day signed with Mark No 5, and resealed with EKV of Censor Tape Type A used at Rauma from 15 Sep. 1915 to 18 Nov. 1916.



Mark 7 is newly reported on cover opened and resealed at Rauma, August 21, 1915. This is the only known example of this signature written under CS No. 4.

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 5



Mark No. 1



Mark No. 2

Type: General date stamp
 Shape: Oval, double-ring, two rosettes
 Size: 29 x 41 mm
 Description: Two lines of text, date in center
 Text: Военная Цензура (War Censor(ing))
 Date
 г. Раумо (City of Rauma)
 Ink: Violet
 Subtypes: Two

Comment:
 Mark is generally partially indistinct, and usually stamped in the lower left corner of an object. At least two stamps were in use: Mark No. 1, all the letters are correctly aligned. In Mark No. 2, the serif on the letter "р" in the second Russian word is incomplete and bent forward.

Rarity:
 Both marks are common, level 2.

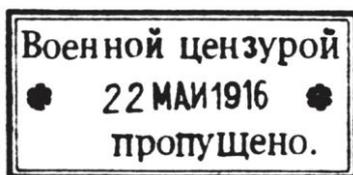
Dates of Use:

Mark No. 1 15 Jun. 1916 to 10 Mar. 1917 2
 Mark No. 2 04 Jul. 1916 to 04 Feb. 1917 2

Right: This post card was sent from Kuunsankoski, 27. IX. 16, to Rauma, 28. IX. 16, inspected and approved, then struck with CS No. 5, CM 2, identified by the incomplete and bent serif in the letter "р" in the second Russian word.



Left: Both marks were in parallel use; towards the end of their service, the letters become somewhat worn and the impression is often blurred as seen on the last letter of the Russian text, "цензура" on the top line.

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 6

Type: General
 Shape: Rectangular, double frame, two rosettes
 Size: 22 x 45 mm
 Description: In the center, two lines of text in Russian with date in the center
 Text: Военной Цензурой
 Date
 Пропущено
 War Censor(ing)
 Date
 Passage allowed
 Ink: Violet
 Subtypes: None reported
 Dates of Use: 22 Jun. 1916 to 12 Aug. 1916

Comment:
 Originally, stamp may have been used as a censor ban mark. See Oulu CS No. 4 and Tampere CS No. 5. The Russian word, "He" on the third line of text was removed which would have changed the meaning to "passage allowed"

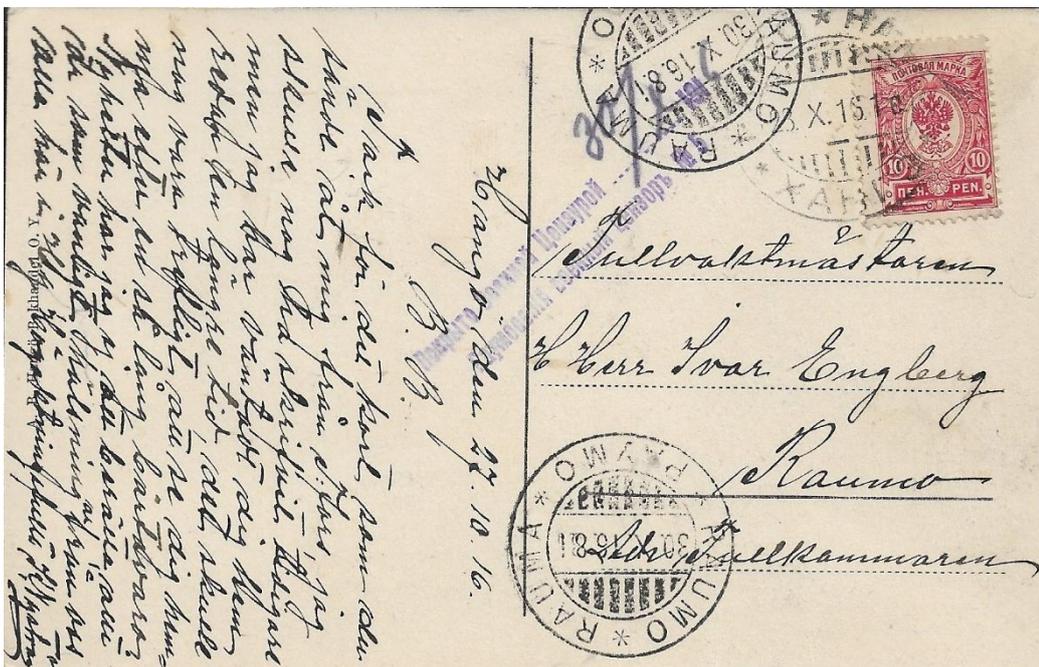
Rarity:
 Several examples of this censor stamp have been reported, but it is very difficult to find one. This CS is ranked 4 or (R) by T & K. As a class of censor marks, the most difficult are the marks denying the letter's return to the mail stream and delivery to the addressee.

No Cover Illustration Available

Rauma Censor Stamp No. 7

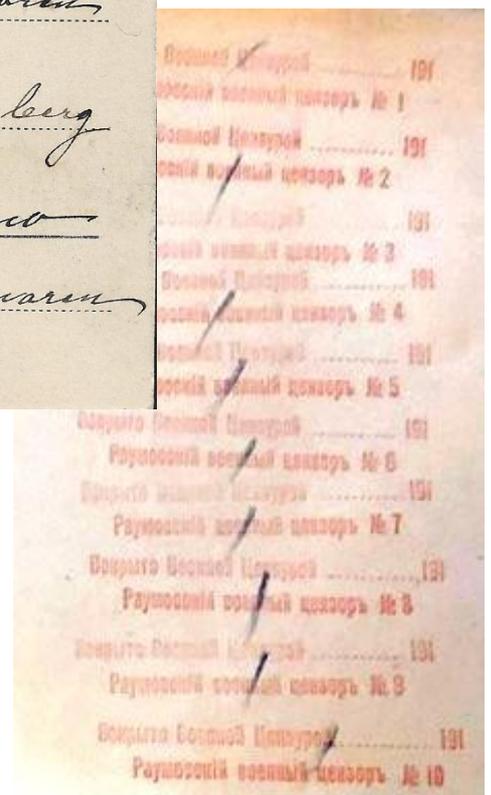
Вскрыто Военной Цензурой191
 Раумосский военный цензор № 4

Type:	Personal	Comment:
Shape:	Straight line	Similar mark found in all censor cities. Mark generally appears along with a resealing tape. The space reserved for the date is often left blank.
	Size: 8 x 52	This type mark, so common at other censor locations, is particularly elusive here. Few resealed covers survive from Rauma and that is reflected in the rarity of these marks.
Description:	Two lines of text in Russian, date and censor's personal identification number	Dates of Use:
Text:	Вскрыто Военной Цензурой ...191... (War censored opened....191...) City of Rauma/No. <i>Censor's personal identification number</i>	Mark No. 4 17 Nov. 1916 to 05 Jan. 1917 3
Ink:	Violet	Mark No. 5 30 Oct..1916 to 17 Jan. 1917 4
Subtypes:	Imprint of marks 1 to 10 have been found in a delivery journal at the National Archives in Helsinki. Only three different numbers have been reported in use.	Mark No. 6 14 Oct. 1916 to 22 Dec. 1916 4
		Mark No. 4 is valued: common, Mark No. 5 and 6: Rare



Above: Postcard sent from Hanko 28.X.1916 to Rauma 30.X.1916 with the very hard-to-find Cs.no. 7. This is Mark 5, which is one of only three out of ten, which have been reported used. 30 Oct. 1916 is EKU for any of the marks.

Right: A photo from documents in National Archives shows that Marks 1 to 10 were manufactured.



Rauma Censor Stamp No. 8

Type: Personal
 Shape: Straight line
 Diameter: 22x 39 mm
 Description: Three lines of text in Russian
 censor's name
 Text: Просмотр. Военной Цензурой
 г. Раумо
 Военный Цензоръ
 (War censor inspected)
 (Raumo)
 (War censor)
 (Censor's name)
 Ink: violet
 Subtypes: Four reported

Comment:

This CS is not listed by Olamo or Termonen & Keturi. Mark No. 1 and No. 2 were first reported by Reijo Tanner, who also provided jpg scan of all 4 marks, found in the National Archives in Helsinki. At this stage there are no evidence of any active use of Mark No. 3 and 4.



Mark 2: Censor Финни (Finni)
 11 Mar 1916 to 20 Jun. 1916

5 or RR



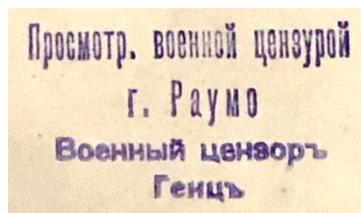
Mark 3: Censor Клеменовъ (Klemekov)
 No use reported

n/a



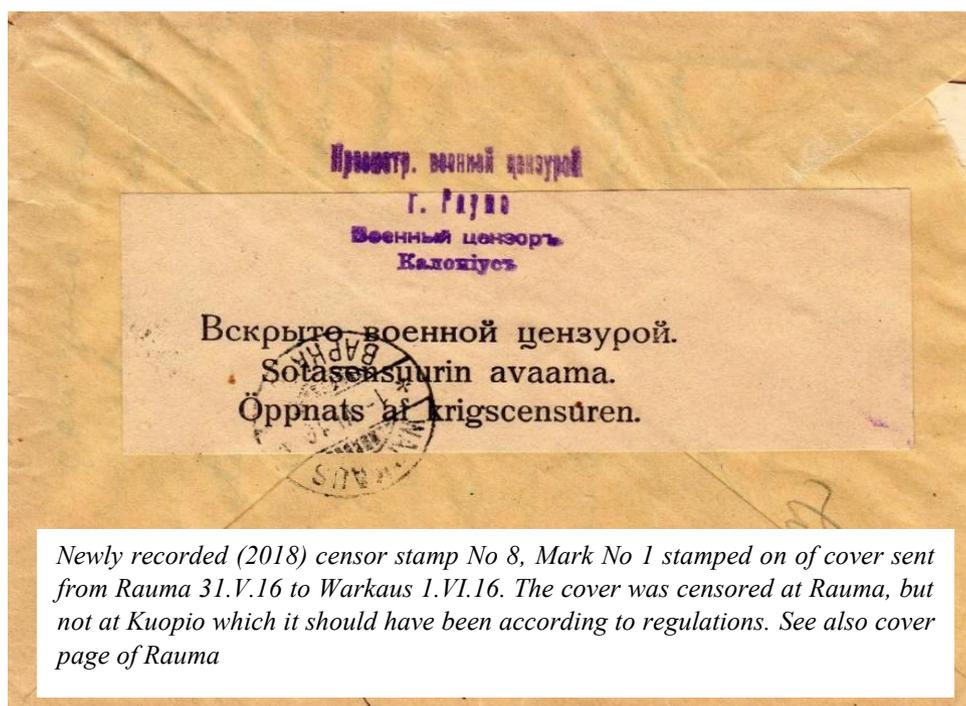
Mark 1; Censor Калониусъ (Kalonius)
 31 Mar. 1916 and 31 May 1916

5 or RR



Mark 4: Censor Генць (Gent)
 No use reported

n/a



Newly recorded (2018) censor stamp No 8, Mark No 1 stamped on of cover sent from Rauma 31.V.16 to Warkaus 1.VI.16. The cover was censored at Rauma, but not at Kuopio which it should have been according to regulations. See also cover page of Rauma

Rauma Censor Tape W/out 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: See Subtypes

Dates of Use:

Type I

White paper 15 Sep. 1915 to 08 Dec. 1916

Type II

Blue paper 06 Jan. 1915 to 03 Jun. 1915

Type III

Blue paper 30 Oct. 1914 to 01 Oct. 1915

White paper 17 Jan. 1915 to 17 Jan. 1917

Comment:

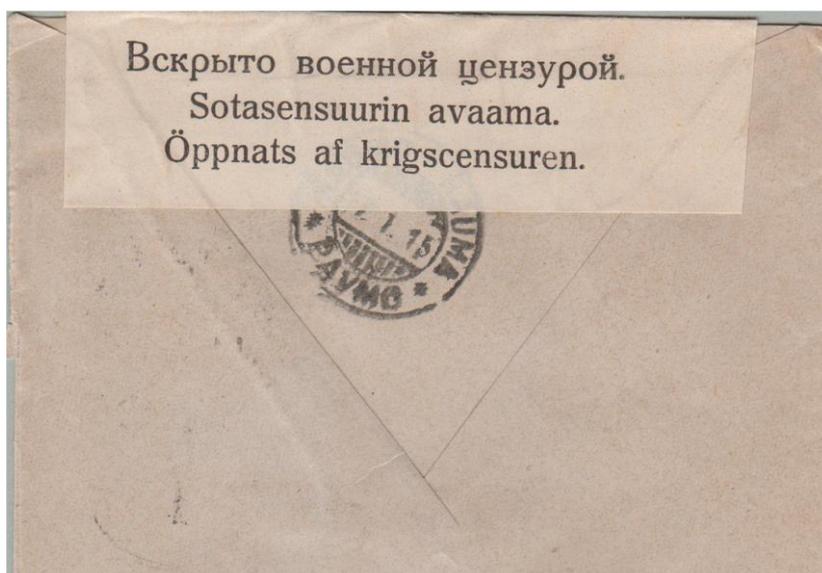
Refer to main text for differences between three subtypes.
All three types are known used in Rauma.

Rarity:

Insufficient data to establish rarity levels for any of the five
resealing tapes used at Rauma. Nevertheless, all Rauma
resealing tapes are elusive and initialed covers are very rare.

Clearly the Type III white tapes are more plentiful considering
length of time in service. Rarity is rated fairly common, level
3. The blue tapes are more elusive but cannot be assigned a
ranking because census is unknown.

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



This Type A-III tape on a 17. I. 15 cover is the EKU of this tape on white paper. The white colored tape was introduced while the blue paper tapes were still in use.

Rauma Censor Initial No. 1

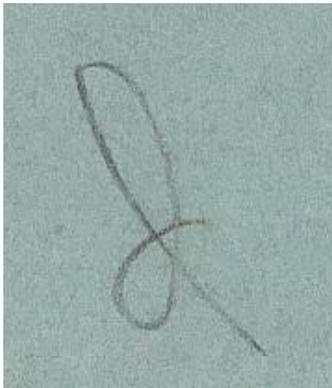
Initial No. 1 is seen on an opened and resealed cover inspected December 9, 1914. The censor's initial written in pencil on the bottom of the blue resealing tape, Type A-III. This marking suggests that other actively censored covers with the censor's initial or signature from Rauma may exist because the first personal censor stamps were not introduced at Rauma until March 1915.

Dates of Uses: 05 Dec. 1914 to 09 Dec. 1914

Rarity:

Uncertain, tentative level subject to reevaluation.

Rare, level 4 or R



This is **Censor Initial No. 1**. The censor has written his initial on the tape; it is very faint, located at the bottom left. The Rauma exit cancel is dated, 9. XII. 14.

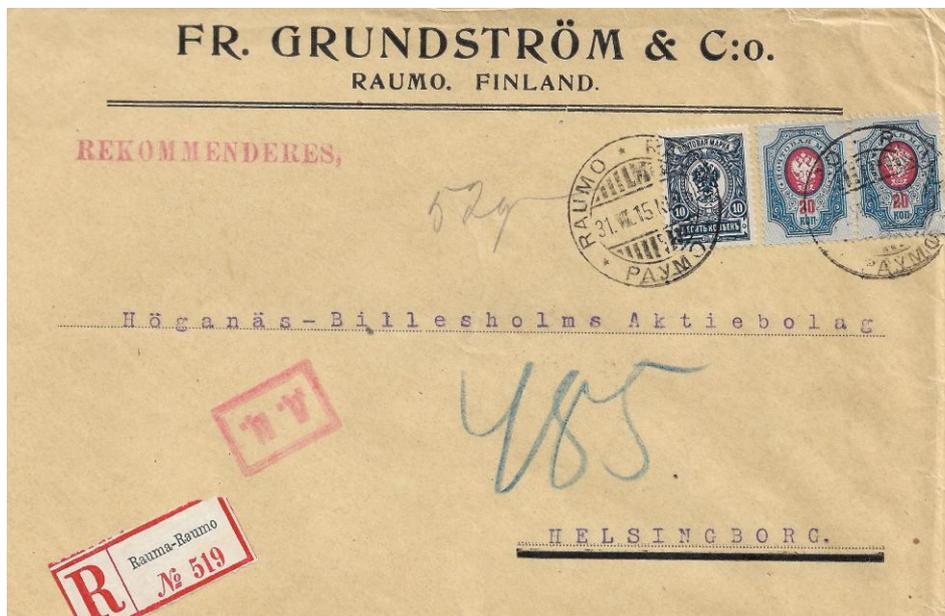


Rauma Censor Initial No. 2

Dates of Use: 08 Dec. 1914 to 31 Jul. 1915

Rarity:

Rare, level 4 or R



Rauma Censor Initial No. 2



Rauma Censor Initial No. 2. Front and back of a 4th weight cover (46-60 gr.) that was posted at Rauma 31.VII.15. and probably delivered unclosed to the post office, where after the censor office closed the cover with a white censor tape type AIII. There is a Rauma censor stamp type No. 3 on the front of the cover, which afterwards passed Tornio 1.VIII.15 and Tornio censor office for passive censorship, where it was marked with Tornio censor stamp No. 8 mark 1 (Earliest known use). Arrival postmark from Helsingborg 4.8.1915.

Rauma Censor Initial No. 3

Dates of Use: 20 Jun. 1915

Rarity: There is only one recorded copy.

The individual censors have not been identified.

It is a weak mark, but clearly different from the other initials reported at Rauma.



Rauma Censor Initial No. 3

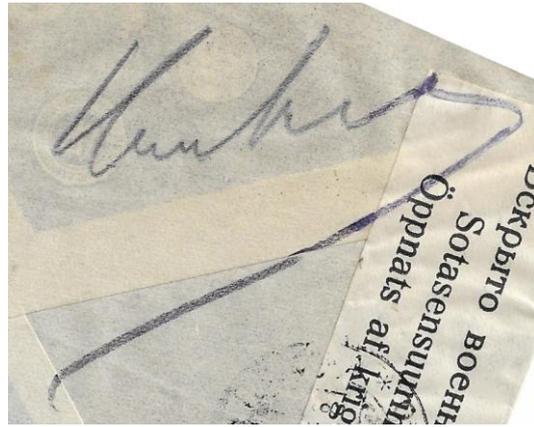


Rauma Censor Initial No. 3 on second weight cover sent from Helsinki 19.VI.15

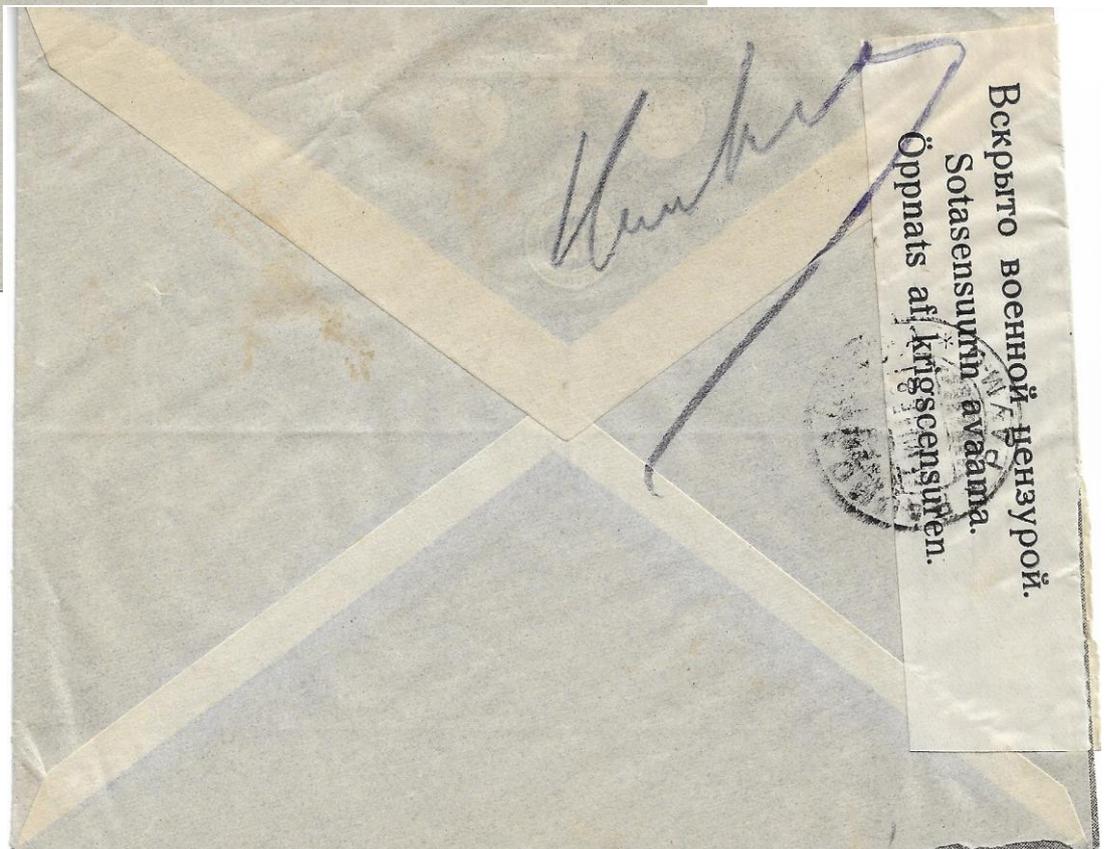
Rauma Censor Initial No. 4

Date of Use: 25 Jul. 1915 to 04 Aug. 1915

Rarity: There are three recorded copies.



Rauma Censor Initial No. 4



Rauma Censor Initial No. 4. on cover from Tampere 24. VII.15 to Rauma sealed with white censor tape type A-III. Rauma postmark dated 25.VII.15

Rauma Censor Initial No. 5

Date of Use: 03 Nov. 1914 to 28 Apr. 1915.

Rarity: There are three reported copies.



Rauma Censor Initial No. 5

This mark appears to have been written with two separate strokes, but the letters are uncertain and poorly defined. Given the difficulty in deciphering many of these initials and signatures, we surmise that the censor did not wish to have his identity known to the general public.

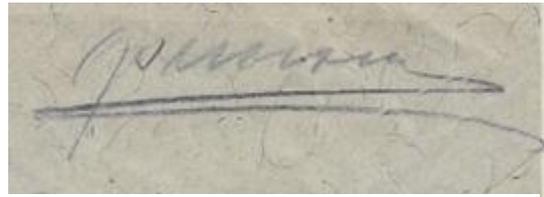


Rauma Censor Initial No. 5. Front and back of cover sent from Turku and cancelled with K.P.XP. No. 18 postmark, dated 2.XII.14, and initial signature No. 5 on top of the blue censor tape type A-III. Rauma exit mark dated 3.XII.14

Rauma Censor Initial No. 6

Date of Use: 04 Aug. 1915

Rarity: only copy known



*Rauma Censor Initial No. 6
Same Censor as Rauma Cs No 4, Mark No. 5*



Censor initial No. 6 on cover sent from Turenki to Rauma, inspected 4 VIII.1915