

SYNOPSIS

DENPASAR POST OFFICE, BALI – DUTCH EAST INDIES, SINCE 1906

Purpose and Scope

This article will demonstrate the wide variety of cancellations used in the Denpasar Post Office from 1906 to 1950 and the different types of franking that were applied on the mail sent from this post office.

The postal cancellations used in the Denpasar Post Office are very interesting and varied. The study of those cancellations is also very interesting.

Importance

In the past, the capital of Bali Island was Singaraja. Denpasar, at that time, was only a small town, the center of South Bali region, led by an assistant resident based in Denpasar. Later on, Denpasar became a strategic city, witnessing various major historical events in the region, even now becoming the capital of Bali Island Province. The first Post Office in Denpasar was opened in 1906 as a field post office. This post office has changed its name and moved to some locations several times.

Treatment

The study is divided into 3 parts :

1. Chapter 1 : Period 1906 – 1913

This chapter examines the establishment of the Field Post Office – Bali in 1906 and the postal cancellations used in this post office until 1913.

2. Chapter 2 : Period 1913 – 1942

This chapter examines the postal cancellations used since a new post office was built in 1913 until 1942 before the Japanese Occupation.

3. Chapter 3 : Japanese Occupation up to 1950

This chapter examines the postal cancellations used in the Denpasar Post Office during the Japanese Occupation period, Republic period and Dutch Occupation period.

Knowledge and Research

The author has collected, studied, exhibited and written about the postal history of Dutch East Indies for more than 30 years..

Activities of the post office's initial years were verified by accessing primary sources such as *Staatsblad*, *Regeerings-Almanak* and *Verslag*.

Philatelic knowledge on this book is based by using major references (books and articles) written by J.H. Beer van Dingstee, P.R. Bulterman and Peter Storm van Leeuwen.

References

Official documents (primary sources) :

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is a periodical publication that has been authorized to publish for the public or legal notices in the Dutch East Indies period from 1808 until 1949.

2. *Javasche Courant* :

or the Government Gazette is the newspaper published by the Dutch East Indies Government containing new laws and various governmental announcements.

3. *Gouvernements Besluit* :

government decree

4. *Regeerings-Almanak voor Nederlandsch-Indië* :

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5. Verslag omtrent de Gouvernements Post en Telegraafdienst in Nederlandsch Indië :
report on the Government Post and Telegraph Service in Dutch East Indies.
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