

Japanese Occupation of BORNEO and the GREAT EAST 1942 - 1945

1943

Occupation stamps with the Japanese Flag over an Island design
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Mt Fuji, Kite with Japanese Flag and Map of Japanese Empire
engraved



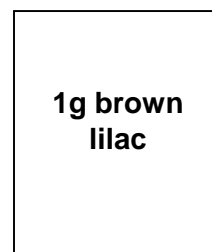
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“Borneo and the Great East were under control of the Japanese Navy. The Navy headquarters was located at Makassar on Celebes, and the Navy occupied area was divided into three Navy Civil Administrations known as Kaigun Minseibus. These were the Borneo KMBu, Celebes KMBu, and the Ceram KMBu, where the latter administered the Lesser Sunda Islands, Moluccas, and (initially) also New Guinea. Each was responsible for their own postal administration and issued their own stamps.

“Because the region consists of tens of thousands of islands, it took much longer to re-open the postal system than on Java and Sumatra. This also varied greatly as we see that post offices in South East Borneo re-opened in June 1942, while others, such as those on Flores, did not re-open until February 1943.

“Most Navy occupation stamps consist of an anchor overprint on pre-war Indies stamps. This resulted in many types of Borneo, Celebes, and other anchors. A few are shown above. There were also a few other local issues such as the Lombok Sun and the Flores Gunsei Kitte.”

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