

**Tibet**  
**Specialist Study Group Members needed?**  
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In PH 153 Page 3-5, an article was published by Ed Boers, titled “Some New Postal History Facts of Tibet”, informing on some new usage dates of postmarks dates and discoveries. Based on that article, Brian W. Smith wrote an reply, published in PH 154, Page 8, informing about another earlier date then the cover shown by Ed. This shows me that there is no concentrated study and record keeping on the stamps and Postal History of Tibet available (and I fear for Nepal neither).

I know from some other Philatelic Societies where I am member; that they have detailed study group members, each of them working on a small dedicated area. I feel we also need something like that.

I believe we should have a few members who act as main contact / record keeper for following parts:

**Tibet Local Post**

**Stamps:**

1. Issue 1912 (and maybe 1914): Color Shades
2. Issue 1933: Color Shades
3. Postal Rates and rate combinations (*I am doing this already and have published the latest list on PH*)

**Postal History:**

1. Issue 1912 (and 1914): Dated covers and their franking / rate
2. Issue 1933: Dated covers and their franking / rate
3. Postmarks incl. Registration Markings, colors and dates of usage
4. Directional Markings

**British Indian Post in Tibet**

1. Younghusband Expedition
2. The later postmarks, usage dates

Additional categories could be added as needed.

These lists would eventually lead to an up-to-date handbook that could be even published on the Internet.

I could imagine that each record keeper would maintain some sort of database / spread sheet, and, important for postal history, good images of 300 or maybe even 600 dpi.

Stamps and sheets used to identify classify color shades could be scanned along with the respective Methuen Color Guide page for reference, especially since shades maybe classified different from person to person. See my example shown below.



By scanning and archiving the images like that, the shades are always retrievable, irrespectively from scanner or computer monitor type and setting.