

PERSIAN GULF

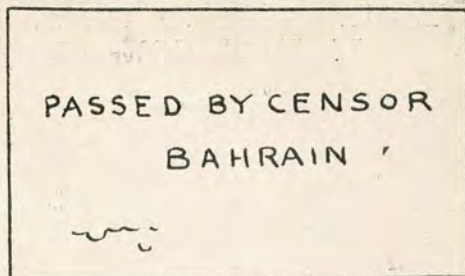
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Addenda

A: Bahrain & Bandar Abbas



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BANDAR ABBAS

SINCE I wrote this series, my attention has been drawn to certain other types of cancellation existing at one time or another in the various ports, which I had not previously seen.

In order to make the listings as complete as possible, I propose to give details, under the Port headings of those which have either been sent me by readers, or which I have myself discovered since.

First of all, however, I should like to acknowledge the kindness and help afforded me by the following gentlemen, who have sent me tracings, and in some cases, allowed me to inspect the actual cancellations on covers: Mr. J. W. Halstead, for his help with certain cancellations of Bahrain; Dr. Gordon Ward, who showed me a new Bandar Abbas; Mr. K. Sargeant, for information regarding dates of use; Mr. Jal Cooper, for Experimental Kuwait K-79; and Mr. A. C. Gledhill, for showing me new (to me) types from Bandar Abbas, Dubai and Busrah. Truly, as the Arabs say, "Only Allah can make the perfect article".



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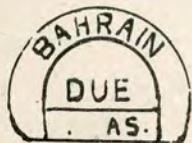


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Type 11A with the office name spelt BANDAR-ABAS with a hyphen between the words. This was in use during the early part of this century, and is found on the K.E. VII issues. Type 3(2), in use during the Karachi Circle period. This was used in duplex with 3(1), and is remarkable for the date being across the bottom of the circle and underlined. There is also a stop between the R of BUNDER and the A of ABBAS.

(To be concluded.)

BAHRAIN



D 1



RB 1

Type 11A.—This has been seen on late issues of Queen Victoria and on K.E. VII, with dates from 1902 to 1907, a single circle of 25 mm. diameter with the office name round the top half. Type 9B as Type 9, but with a wide centre belt with the date at the top, as if it had been proposed to include the time of day as well.

Type 14A as Type 14, but with BAHRAIN AIR round the top of the circle. This has a further variant with the date and time of day in three lines in the centre. Type D1 a Postage Due marking on covers bearing K.G. VI issues, the amount of annas due being filled in in manuscript. In the Censor mark section, I have seen Type C.4, a rectangle of 60 mm. x 37 mm. on covers used during the war of 1939-45. There is also a registered marking as Type R.B.I which is to be found on covers, the stamps themselves being cancelled by Type 9A.

Return to Sanity?

Two indications of a Better Future.

It has been announced, cables Mr. Armstrong, that all import restrictions on the sending of stamps into South Africa have been removed. This move was forecast in our columns recently, and it will be welcomed by British dealers and album-makers, whose efforts to export to a growing market were frustrated.

Secondly, the Crown Agents have offered facilities for an accredited representative of the P.T.S. and "of other approved philatelic Societies" to inspect new printings of Colonial stamps as they are placed on sale. This move, which is designed to sell more stamps, should be of great value to dealers who want to know if a "Recent Printing" is different in any way, and should be in their stock. It will *not* obviate the necessity for our "Recent Printings" feature which will continue (as it always has done) to be of service to the collector. It will however enable dealers to have in stock the desirable perf. or colour changes as soon as the collector demands them.

Varieties Uncatalogued

G.B. U.P.U. 2½d. Cylinder 3 dot. Stamp 99 (Row 17, No. 3) has no Hawaiian Islands, and a blue smear just North of where they should be on the globe. (From Mr. Norman Saville confirmed). 2½d. Cylinder 3 dot. Stamp 109 (Row 19, No. 1) has a broken meridian of longitude immediately below the tip of the Cape of Good Hope. (Reported by Messrs. R. K. Knight and G. N. Lindsey and confirmed).

3d. stamp 115 (Row 20 No. 1) has a tail to the "S" of UNIVERSAL (two dots immediately below the "S"). (Mr. A. A. Whitworth and confirmed).

1/- stamp 97 (Row 17, No. 1) "Makers label on Posthorn" (flaw on posthorn, immediately below the "PO" of "POSTAL"). (By Mr. A. A. Whitworth and confirmed).

There are several other very small flaws that seem to be constant, but do not warrant listing. All these at least can be seen with the naked eye. Also we have seen a good few "Doctor blade" flaws (which are not constant) on the 2½d. and 3d.



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Addenda

B: Busrah, Dubai, Henjam and Kuwait



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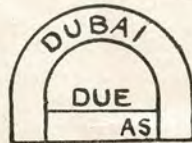
BUSRAH

Type 2(A), but year omitted and month precedes the date, spelt BUSRAH in serifed lettering. Type 3a, but abbreviated year added after date and month; specimen seen with 27 JUN. 95. on cover which has Type 6 cancelling the stamps. Type 8 seen on K.G. V issues with wide belt in centre, and space under the date for time of day, which was, however, omitted. Type 9 seen dated 25 JUL 1916, on K.G. V, but this time with space over the date, which is at the foot of the central belt.

DUBAI



E 2



D 2

Type E.2. This is a bit of a mystery. It is a double circle of 32 mm. diameter with EXPERIMENTAL P.O. round the top, and K-77 at the foot, and has been seen on a cover dated May 9th, 1941. The cover has a commercial printed heading of a firm at Sharjah. Now Sharjah, which I have never heard of as possessing a Post Office, is very near Dubai, and it may have passed through the Post Office there; on the other hand, as Sharjah is a Flying Boat station on the Indian run, it is possible that during the war the troops stationed there may have had this experimental P.O. cancellation allocated to them. This, despite the fact that the normal cancellation for the troops would be the FPO type. It may have been used by the civilian staff at the Airport, but I think we want some further information as to its use. Type D.2, a Postage Due cachet, seen on cover, the stamps on which were K.G. VI cancelled by Type 14.

HENJAM

Type 10, but with DT. after the words "Persian Gulf", as in Jask.



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KUWAIT

Type E.1, but with K-79 over the central belt. This has been shown me on a 2 annas K.G. VI dated August 12th, 1941. This is another of these mysterious experimental types, the reason for which I have yet to determine. Normally they were used in India at places where it was not clear whether the volume of traffic warranted a CDS, but this is used at a place which already



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had a Post Office in being. Type 15: this is a brand new cancellation which has only come into use during the last few months. 24 mm. in diameter, it is a single circle with the office name curved round the top and a small star under the name. So far I have only seen it on registered covers, and it may be that it is a new registered cancellation similar to those used in U.K. and Ireland, which also have the star. Incidentally, I notice from these covers that the Registered Airmail rate has apparently been raised from 9 to 10 annas, as all the covers with this cancellation have stamps to that value. Jal Cooper reports a marking which I have not yet seen, which is described as a double-lined rubber stamp with the wording SUPTD. OF POST OFFICES (KUWAIT), which would suggest a rectangular cachet, but he does not say whether it is a cancellation or only a marking on the cover.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Whilst works of philatelic interest about the Gulf have been sadly lacking, there is a wealth of general literature appertaining to these parts, and I list some of the more important, so that anyone interested in the Gulf, may, if he is fortunate enough to acquire any of them, gain as much information and interest as I have done.

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THE END.

IMPORTANT

With this number we come to the end of the study of Persian Gulf Ports. Much information has come to light as a result of these articles, and some of it is incorporated in the addenda. But a number of readers have asked us if we will publish the article revised in booklet form. We shall do so, if there is a real demand for a booklet of about forty or fifty pages, including all the illustrations (111 to date), on blank sheets so that they can be cut and mounted beside the stamps on the album sheet. The cost will be kept as low as possible in accordance with the demand. Will you please let the Editor know your views now?