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ASCENSION

- SG Z22 1902 1d GB KEVII vfu strip of 3+ pair tied to piece by Ascension cds £65
 SG Z39 GB KGV ½d vfu block of 8 tied to piece by FE '16 cds £70
 SG 3 1922 1 ½d rose-scarlet vfm showing rare 'missing bar to E. of POSTAGE'. Listed by Attwood £125

GAMBIA

- H&G 1 ½d postcard to Switzerland cancelled by the rare Received Gambia cds of OC '98 £165
 SG 85 1909 3/- on registered cover to Germany. Scarce £110
 SG 86a 1912 ½d green vfm showing 'split A' variety. Stamp no. 45 left pane £15
 1924 cover bearing KGV 2 ½d & 10d tied by scarce TPO River Gambia cds of 19 JA '24 £55
 SG 134 & 140 tied to piece by superb Kunta-Ur cds of 20 DE '29 £45

GOLD COAST

- SG 25 1894 20s vfu with inverted wmk. Rare £65
 SG 80a 1921 2/- Die II vfm. Elusive stamp. £90

LAGOS

- SG 25 6d olive-green in vfm bottom control & plate 1 block of twelve £75
 SG 27-9 superb mint trio overprinted Specimen. Rare set £650

NIGER COAST

- SG Z47 GB 2 ½d tied to piece by complete PO Burutu handstamp of 30 OCT '98 £25
 SG1-6 1892 series in superb, fresh mint condition overprinted Specimen £465
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NIGERIA

- SG 16 1921 1d vfm. corner copy with inverted watermark. Rare £40
 SG 31 1935 S J 2d showing 'log & kite' variety. Stamp 60 plate 1 £12

ST HELENA

- SG 55a ½d on bluish paper with RPS Cert £90
 SG 86 1913 6d showing 'split A' variety. Rare on this issue £125
 SG 92e 1923 4d vfm pair showing 'left rock' variety £80
 SG 96 1922 £1 superb used example £675
 SG 97 1923 ½d fm marginal block of four with inverted watermark. Rare £350
 SG 99e 1937 1 ½d superb used dated copy £85

TOGO

- SG 34-46 local opt set inc 3d white back £55
 SG 35f in vfm strip of three showing 2 small F varieties and major 'OCCUPATION' error. Rare piece £95

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EDITORIAL

Roger West has re-designed the front cover to present a more clear cut design. It is hoped that members approve of the change.

Please also note that the front cover of the July 1983 issue showed Volume 2 Number 7. This was a printing error and should have been Number 8.

In this issue is an article by Mr. Mackin requesting information on Gold Coast postmarks. All too often, pleas for help go unheeded and ours is not the only Study Circle where such lack of involvement occurs. Would members please send in details of postmarks they may have, even if it is only one? It is only by doing this that a complete, or nearly complete, picture is obtained. Do it now!

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AUCTION REALISATIONS

Realisations include buyer's premium. Estimates in brackets.

Robson Lowe Ltd. April 13th 1983

Gold Coast 1922 imperf. Printer's Sample 1d blue, a block of four, each overprinted "SPECIMEN", affixed to piece of brown card. £70 + 15% VAT (£80).

St. Helena 1/- deep yellow-green (thin bar) on 1867 cover (creases, well clear of adhesive) to India showing "POST OFFICE/ST. HELENA" oval d.s. in blue £513 (£150).

St. Helena 1922-27 issue. Die proof of the central vignette in black on glazed card (70 x 31 mm.) £405 + 15% VAT. (£100).

Solent Philatelic Auctions May 28th 1983

Ascension 1939 commercial cover to England with pair 1½d cancelled. **Ascension** c.d.s. Two line "Passed/by Censor" in black alongside £40 (£10).

Ascension 1922 1½d value, fine used example with variety "Missing bar to 'E' of postage" at right £42 (£12.50).

Ascension 1922 2d value mint with variety "Long 'T' in Government" at bottom of vignette description £20 (£7.50).

Ascension 1924 centre vignette die proof on white card £250 (£150).

Ascension 1924 5d Die Proof of frame "AFTER STRIKING" on white card £220 (£150).

Ascension 1924 1/- Die Proof of frame "BEFORE HARDENING" on white card £175 (£150).

Ascension 1934 5/- Plate Proof in blue, imperf. on paper £240 (£150).

Ascension 1938 1½d black and vermilion, perf 13, unmted mint with "Davitt" flaw £15 (£10).

Ascension 1938-53 2/6d perf 13½ used with "Davitt" flaw £38 (£17.50).

Ascension 1938 2/6d perf 13 used with "Davitt" flaw. £42 (£17.50).

Harmers of London June 7th 1983

Gambia 1869-72 4d brown, black manuscript "Cancelled", small part o.g. with small to large margins, faint gum crease and embossing a trifle split, but fine and very rare £263 (£150).

St. Helena 1861 rough perf. 14 to 16 6d blue with type D1 SPECIMEN handstamp, part o.g., good condition and extremely rare £1470 (£300).

St. Helena 1864-80 thick bar, imperf 1d lake, type D5 SPECIMEN handstamp, part o.g., slight hinge remainders but fine. £1155 (£200).

Sierra Leone 1859-74 imperf. 6d dull purple on slightly blued paper, type D5 SPECIMEN handstamp, part o.g. good condition £262 (£80).

Robson Lowe Ltd. June 16th 1983

Ascension 1911-12 2½d and 9d G.B. each tied by 23 mm. c.d.s. to 1916 envelope registered to England showing underlined "PASSED CENSOR/- ASCENSION" handstamp and framed "DAMAGED/- BY/SEAWATER" (consequent saline markings). £227 + 15% VAT (£150).

Gambia 1880 line perf. 14 3d pale ultramarine with wmk. wideways, fine and lightly cancelled in red. £35 (£30).

Gold Coast 1875 (July 31st) cover to London bearing perf 12½ 6d orange with Cape Coast Castle c.d.s. and showing "PAID ● AT ● CAPE ● COAST ● CASTLE" and Liverpool Packet c.d.s. both on face. £162 + 15% VAT (£80).

Sierra Leone 1897 1d Stamp Duty die proof in black on glazed card (92 x 60 mm) with blank value tablet £86 (£125).

Robson Lowe Ltd. September 13th 1983

Lagos 1869 (1st Oct) E.L. from Lagos to London endorsed "p.Biafra", showing "LAGOS" c.d.s., manuscript "6" and blue crayon "1", filing crease £194 (£225).

Lagos 1884-86 4d pale violet imprimatur with some original gum, faint mark on face £92 + 15% VAT (£125).

Lagos 1884-86 2/6d, 5/-, 10/- Sperati forgeries, each signed and numbered on reverse £86 + 15% VAT (£50).


Lagos 1932 envelope to Liverpool bearing Gold Coast 1928 2d (stain) and showing "MISSENT TO LAGOS" handstamp £108 + 15% VAT (£125).

Bournemouth Stamp Auctions October 6th 1983

Ascension 1935 Jubilee 2/-, a photographic essay for an unadopted design. £48 + VAT (£45).

G.P.O. NOTICE 1852

1852.



By Command of the Postmaster General.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC,
AND
Instructions to all Postmasters.

Establishment of Contract Mail Packets to Ceylon, Mauritius and India, via the Cape of Good Hope.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.
May, 1892.

On and after the 15th June next, the Mail Packets of the general Screw Steam Shipping Company, conveying mails to the Cape of Good Hope, will call at Ascension, and will proceed from the Cape to Mauritius, Point de Galle (Ceylon) and Calcutta.

All Letters and Newspapers for Ascension or for Mauritius will hereafter be forwarded by these Packets, unless specially addressed to be otherwise sent, but Letters for Ceylon or India intended to be sent by this route must be specially addressed "via the Cape of Good Hope."


Letters for all these British Possessions will be liable to the uniform rate of one shilling, when not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight, two shillings when not exceeding an ounce and so on in proportion, but Newspapers will be conveyed free from charge.

The postage chargeable upon Letters for Ascension and Mauritius must be paid in advance, but Letters for Ceylon and India forwarded by these Packets may be posted unpaid.

1892. 1-13

G.P.O. NOTICE 1852

1852.



By Command of the Postmaster General.

NOTICE to the PUBLIC,
AND
Instructions to all Postmasters

Establishment of Mail Packets to the West Coast of Africa.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.
October, 1892.

HER MAJESTY'S Government have entered into a Contract for the conveyance of Mails to the WEST COAST OF AFRICA by Steam Vessels, to be despatched from Plymouth on the 24th of every month, calling at Madeira, Teneriffe, Gorée, Bathurst, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cape Coast Castle, Lagos, Accra, Wydah, Badagry, Bonny, Old Calabar, Cameroons, and proceeding to Fernando Po.

The mails for these places will be made up in London on the evening of the 23rd of each month, and at Plymouth on the morning of the 24th of each month, except when the 23rd falls on a Sunday, and in that case the mails will be closed in London on the evening of the 24th, and at Plymouth on the following morning.

All Letters and Newspapers for the West Coast of Africa will hereafter be forwarded by these Packets, unless specially addressed to be otherwise sent; but Letters for Madeira and Teneriffe will be despatched by these Packets, or by the Brazil Contract Packets, leaving Southampton on the 9th of each month, according as they may be posted in time for either line of Packets.

The following Table shows the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, chargeable upon Letters and Newspapers for the several places above mentioned.

	Letters not exceeding half ounce.	Newspapers.		Letters not exceeding half ounce.	Newspapers.
Madaira	1 10	2	Lagos	1 0	2
Teneriffe	1 10	2	Bonny	1 0	2
Gorée	1 0	2	Old Calabar	1 0	2
Bathurst	1 0	Free	Cameroons	1 0	2
Sierra Leone	1 0	Free	Fernando Po	1 0	2
Liberia	1 0	2	Accra	1 0	2
Cape Coast Castle	1 0	Free	Wydah	1 0	2
			Badagry	1 0	2

These Postmasters whose Instructions require them to send Letters for Plymouth by Cross Post, will forward Letters, &c. intended to be despatched by these Packets, in like manner.

1892. 11-23

MAIL BAG LABELS

J. J. MARTIN

For ACCRA (Ghana)

SACS-AVION VIDES-PAR AVION
From LONDON Foreign Section

FOR

ACCRA
(GHANA)

VIA

ACC

30042935 (2DL 18017)

For LONDON Foreign Section

From LONDON Foreign Section **PAR AVION**

For

LAGOS
(NIGERIA)

Serial No.

Date of Dispatch:

SACS-AVION VIDES

LOS

30043166

For FREETOWN (Sierra Leone)

EMPTY BAGS
From LONDON Foreign Section

FOR

FREETOWN
(SIERRA LEONE)

Serial No. of Mail

VIA

By courtesy of the National Postal Museum, I am able to illustrate three current labels used for mail bags being sent by the London G.P.O. to West Africa. They are all in black on a green background.

THE FORCES POSTAL HISTORY OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS AND THE TASK FORCE

BY JOHN A DAYNES

This new book is mentioned in *Cameo* since it contains seven pages relating to the part played, and still being played, by the Island of Ascension in connection with the 1982 conflict in the Falkland Islands.

Your reviewer would recommend the book in any case for the detailed background to the campaign. Circle members interested in Ascension will find the information on this aspect of modern postal history fascinating.

The book can be obtained from the author at 25A, Mill Road, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8PZ at £8.75 postage included.

J.J.M.

"NO STAMPS AT ASCENSION – 1875"

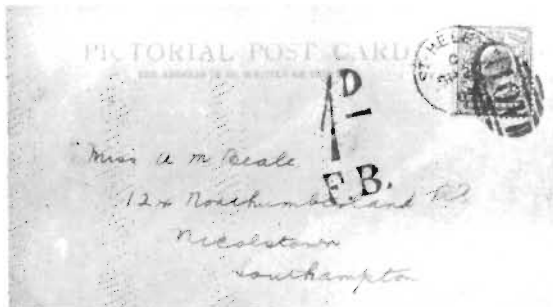
JOHN ATTWOOD

I am indebted to John Sacher for corrections to my remarks on the postal rate of 1/- charged on the 1875 cover from Ascension to England and as illustrated on page 149 of *Cameo*, Volume 2 Number 7.

John believes that the instruction, in manuscript, on the cover, namely "Via Cape Mail. Ship's Letter" implied Private Ship only as far as the Cape and Mail Steamer from the Cape to England, hence the 1/- charge.

1905 ASCENSION PICTORIAL POSTCARD ST. HELENA TAXE MARK

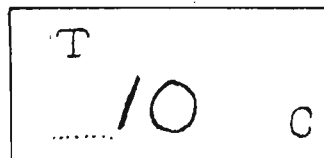
JOHN ATTWOOD



This Ascension pictorial postcard was cancelled in transit by a St. Helena c.d.s. of 20 September 1905 and taxed 1d by the Foreign Branch, London.

This postcard has additional interesting features, namely:

- the adhesive is cancelled with the A 01 killer of Kingston, Jamaica, which was in use in Jamaica from 1858 to 1860 on G.B. stamps. This obliterator was subsequently returned to London and has been used, on occasion by the Foreign Branch Office.



- the postcard also bears a St. Helena "tax payable" handstamp of Type "TAX. 2" as illustrated by Edward Hibbert in the April 1983 Newsletter of the St. Helena and Dependencies P.S. (This cachet does not show up well in the above photograph). This "TAX. 2" handstamp actually measures 43 x 21 mm. and not 45 x 21 mm. as indicated in the G.P.O. books of 6 June 1902.

Finally, the tax payable of 1d indicates a 1905 postcard postage rate from St. Helena to the U.K. of 1½d compared with a postage rate of 1d from Ascension.

AMENDMENTS TO "ASCENSION – THE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY" continued from *Cameo*, July 1983

JOHN H. ATTWOOD

CHAPTER 1. 1922 "Overprinted" St. Helena Issue

- The 2d reversed watermark has not been mentioned in the book text as I can find no collector, dealer or other expert who has ever seen an example of such a variety. We would all fall over backwards if one was found and in the words of a well known UK Specialist dealer, "However would I know what to charge".

- I have one marginal unmounted mint copy of the ½d with the reversed watermark and know of two others offered for sale in the last two years both of which are mounted mint. The example on current offer is going to \$520.00 from a UK dealer.

- The rectangular projection from the cliff face quoted on the 1d value is in the green colour of the vignette and not in black as stated in the book.

CHAPTER 2. 1924-33 "Badge Issue"

- Under 1.3, "Other Vignette Flaws" the "repaired flag" in position No. 42 has been reported on the 1d, 2d, and 5d values on printings after 1927.

- Under 2, "Duty Plate Varieties" the "shamrock flaw" at position No. 37 is in bright violet and not in black as stated in the book. Also the "spot the king's nose" at position No. 3 is in red, the colour of the Duty Plate, and not in black as stated.

displaced sideways to the left a full 2 mm. This is quite spectacular and results in the left hand buoy being nearly half hidden behind the left hand radio mast.

- In spite of the statement made in the book, there are a considerable number of printing flaws which vary from very clear to very slight. A proper detailed study of complete sheets (Plate 1) of 60 of the first five values yielded the following list of varieties. It is to be hoped that other Ascension specialists can complete the study of the remaining five top values of the set.

CHAPTER 3. Pictorial Issues
1. 1934 Definitive Issue

- On the 1d, 2d, 8d and 2/6 values the centring of the vignette is variable but generally only from 1/2 to 1 mm displacement downwards. However I have an example of the 8d value where the vignette is

1/2d "GEORGETOWN"

Description of Variety	Sheet Position
- Sea shading in border above "E & R"	1,7,13,19,25,31,37,43,49,55.
- Weakness of inner frame line on left hand side extending over 1 1/2mm starting at the shore line	2.
- Violet spot in sky, 3mm below name tablet and 1/2mm from inner right hand frame line	3.
- 4 violet scratches in sky under left hand end of name tablet	8.
- Violet scratch in right hand margin 1/2mm outside right outer frame line and level with the King's eye	9.
- 1 1/2mm long black wavy line in the sea above "ENU" of "REVENUE"	10.
- 1 mm long curved black line in the sky below "E" of "ASCENSION"	11.
- 1 mm long curved black line in the sky below "N" of "ASCENSION"	13.
- 1 1/2mm long violet wavy line in the sky below left hand edge of "A" of "ASCENSION"	16.
- Purple spot in bottom margin at left hand end of left hand value tablet	16.
- Purple spot in the shading within the medallion and alongside the King's forehead	17.
- Break near the end of the longest leaf of the plant at the foot of the palm tree	22.
- Purple line in the foot of the "1" in the "1/2" of the left hand value tablet	25.
- Purple spot in sea above "S", purple spot in sky to the right of the central hill (Green Mountain) and purple scratch in the sky below "A" of "ASCENSION"	26.
- 1/2mm long black scratch in the sky under "N" of "ASCENSION"	28.
- 2 purple spots in sky below "AS" of "ASCENSION"	33.
- 2 purple spots in margin above the name tablet and above "C" of "ASCENSION"	37.
- 2mm long red wavy line in sky 3 1/2mm to the left of the King's nose, 1 mm long black wavy line in sea above "W" of "GEORGETOWN" and 3/4mm long green wavy line in sky below "E" of "ASCENSION"	38.
- Purple spot in sky below "C" of "ASCENSION"	40.
- 2 parallel purple lines in left hand margin 1/2mm outside left outer frame line and close to perforation	53.
- Purple spot in margin above "O" of "POSTAGE" and black spot in hairline above King's eye	56.

1d "ASCENSION ISLAND"

- Break in outer frame line medallion opposite end of King's nose	1.
- Green spot on island 1 mm below turtle	3.
- 1/2mm long green vertical scratch between right hand buoy and medallion	4.
- 2 green spots beside right hand radio mast and between mast and right hand buoy	5.
- Green spot between right hand mast and medallion and on a level with top of King's ear	7.
- Black dot 2mm behind turtle	8.
- Black wavy line across nose at level of King's eye	9.
- 2 green marks at sea level to right of right hand buoy	11.
- 2 green spots to the right and top of right hand buoy	12.

1d "ASCENSION ISLAND" (Continued)

Description of Variety	Sheet Position
– Green spot in medallion to right of King's neck and black scratch between left hand radio mast and medallion at level of King's nose	16.
– Green spot on island below head of turtle	17.
– Green spots in left hand margin to perforation from near bottom of radio mast	18.
– 2 black marks under "I" of "ASCENSION"	23.
– Green spot between near top of left hand buoy and medallion	27.
– Green spots in right hand margin to perforation, level with right hand value tablet	28.
– Black spot between cage of right hand buoy and radio mast	29.
– Green marks between cage of left hand buoy and medallion	32.
– 2 Green marks on island above the turtle	34.
– "Tear" flaw, 2 black and 2 green scratches below King's eye	35.
– Missing line of shading between "1" and "d" of left hand value tablet	51.
– Black spot to the left of King's ear	54.
– Break in shading line between "1" and left hand frame of left hand value tablet and black spot above right hand buoy	55.
– Green spot on island just above turtle	58.
– Green spot in right hand margin adjacent to perforation and about 3mm above right hand value tablet	59.

1½d "THE PIER"

– Six red spots in sea above building on pier	8.
– About ten red spots in sea between the derrick and rocks	12.
– Red spots in sky under "E" of "ASCENSION" and red spot on shed roof	19.
– Two red scratches in sky under "S" of "ASCENSION"	20.
– 1½mm red line through upright of the "d" in right hand value tablet	25.
– Red scratch in sky under "N" of "ASCENSION"	26.
– Red blotched area in bottom margin towards the right corner and effecting some 6 perforations	32 (clear) 38 (slight)
– Outer bottom frame line weak to left of right hand value tablet	32.
– Red spot under "E" of "THE"	39.
– Red spot in sky under "O" of "ASCENSION"	40.
– Black spot on King's forehead above eye	40.
– Red spot on railing at end of pier	41.
– Red spot in sky under "A" of "ASCENSION"	43.
– Red spot in "N" of "ASCENSION"	44.
– Red scratch in sky between "O" and "N" of "ASCENSION"	47.
– Black spot in margin above outer frame line above "C" of "ASCENSION"	48.
– Red scratch in sky below "S" of "ASCENSION"	49.
– Red smudged line through "N" of "ASCENSION" and up to outer top frame line	52.
– Thin straight red line starting at the shed and extending up to the name tablet on stamp at position no. 47	59,53,47.
– Red gash into right side of "1" in the right hand value tablet	60.

2d "ASCENSION ISLAND"

– Orange spot in sky below "AS" of "ASCENSION" and two black spots in sea below medallion	2.
– Black spot in name tablet to left of the "A"	3.
– Black spot in medallion under King's chin	4.
– Black spot in sea above left hand value tablet	5.
– Three black spots in sea above left hand value tablet	6.
– Weak bottom frame line under "EVENU" of "REVENUE"	6.
– Black spot 2mm behind turtle	8.

2d "ASCENSION ISLAND" (Continued)

Description of Variety	Sheet Position
– Orange spots between right hand radio mast and medallion. Orange spot above right hand value tablet	9.
– Black wavy line through "20" and up to "8" at lower right	10.
– Wavy orange scratch in sky below "C" of "ASCENSION"	14.
– Black scratch between left hand radio mast and medallion at level of King's nose	16.
– Black spot in right hand margin on a level with King's ear	17.
– Orange spots around top of right hand radio mast and in "A" of "ASCENSION"	19.
– Black spot at top end of left hand radio mast	22.
– 2 black marks under "I" of "ASCENSION"	23.
– 2 Black spots in right hand margin, one on a level with the buoy and the other nearly level with the top of the radio mast	28.
– Orange spots around the top of both radio masts	29.
– Orange spots around top of the left hand radio mast, on the island behind turtle and in sea in lower right corner	30.
– ½mm long black scratch in sea and cutting into left hand buoy	30.
– Black spot between right hand buoy and radio mast	32.
– "Tear" flaw, 2 black scratches below King's eye	35.
– Thin horizontal black line starting from "d" in right hand value tablet and extending to "A" in "POSTAGE" of stamp no. 38	37,38.
– Orange spot on right hand outer frame line near the top of right hand radio mast	40.
– Two orange spots above left hand buoy	41.
– Two orange spots 1 mm right of left hand radio mast and level with King's eye	42.
– Black spot between left hand buoy and medallion	47.
– Black scratch between left hand radio mast and medallion level with King's eye	50.
– Black spot to left of left hand buoy about 5mm above island	51.
– Black spot in margin above "NS" of "ASCENSION" and close to outer frame line	53.
– Black spot in margin to right of name tablet and orange spot in name tablet to right of "N"	54.
– Orange spots on King's ear	60.

3d "LONG BEACH"

– Black spot in right hand margin 1 ½mm down from top of stamp	9.
– Black spot in sky to the left of hill and under "OS" of "POSTAGE"	22.
– Black spot resembling a buoy in the water 5 ½mm to the right of the left hand inner frame	24.
– Red spot in sky 1 mm to left of medallion level with top of King's head	34.
– Blue spot to right of "N" in name tablet	36.
– Black spot in sky under "OS" of "POSTAGE"	38.
– Red spot in sky under "P" of "POSTAGE"	39.
– About 17 blue spots in sky under the crown	42.
– 2 Black spots in sky under "E" of "REVENUE"	43.
– Black spot in sky 1 mm to the right of the left hand inner frame	47.
– Black spot in sky under "A" of "POSTAGE"	49.
– Blue spot above the hill which is under "GE" of "POSTAGE"	49.
– Black spot in left hand margin 3mm down from top of stamp	56.
– Black spot in frame of medallion below "E" in "REVENUE"	56.

– DIE PROOFS

To those listed in the book should be added:–

- ½d to 5/- in the issued colours (cut down and less remarques).
- ½d in black and ultramarine (cut down and less remarques).
- 1 ½d in black and ultramarine (63 x 55mm).

DIE PROOFS (Continued)

- 8d the frame only, incomplete in blue on medium wove paper (61 x 111mm).
- 1/- the frame only in rose-carmine (90 x 65mm).
- 1/- complete in black and ultramarine (65 x 46mm).

2. 1938-53 Definitive Issue

- The last printing of the 1d "Three Sisters" should be Oct. 1955 and not Oct. 1965.
- The retouch to the second "E" of "GEORGETOWN" can also be found with perforation 13½ but not on the May 1938 printing. It is suspected therefore that the 17 May 1944 printing was actually perforated 13½ and not 13 x 12¾ as previously believed.
- The variety "doubling of left frame line and value tablet" stated as existing in sheet Position 24 on the ½d "Georgetown" should be deleted. This particular variety at sheet position 24 only occurs on the 1/- value.
- It is reported that the pale blue colour of the 6d "Three Sisters" used in the 1938 and 1944 printings is fluorescent under ultra-violet light.

3. 1956 Definitive Issue

The following reprints were made:-

21 May 1958 1d, 1½d values
11 August 1959 ½d value
27 April 1962 ½d value

CHAPTER 4. "Bird" Definitive Issues

2. 1976 Definitive Issue

Two watermark varieties exist, namely:-

2p inverted watermark
8p inverted watermark

THE BAVINGTON-JONES CAMEOS APRIL 13th 1983

J. O. A.

This International Gold Medal collection fetched a total of over £100,000, though this was slightly below estimate. At least, on paper, since one cannot be sure how many lots were bought in. There were one or two other doubts: the lotting appeared to be done by someone insufficiently experienced in this field (Lot 153, estimated at £90, contained 46 1880 1d stamps, of which three were the 1st printing, which have made £80 each in other recent auctions. The lot realised £160). Black and white plates were little help to many buyers, and some of the descriptions were written more for publicity than for truly philatelic information. Many of the items on sale, however, were nothing short of magnificent. Among the finest were items ex Lee, Sacher, Whitfield, and McCaig, already well-known to the Circle. But there was plenty more of interest, such as: Lot 21, an 1872 envelope to France, via Senegal,

marked "voie de Gorée with Senegalese adhesives. £850 (est. £1200); Lot 204, an 1883 essay, being the 1883 3d with THREEPENCE painted out and 2½ PENNY painted in by hand in white. £850 (est. £1200); Lot 317, a 2d registration essay, printed, and painted by hand, 13 JUN 83, ex DLR £325 (est. £500).

Most lots were knocked down at about estimate, but one of the only three known examples of the 1883-93 1d maroon, estimated at £6000 made £10,000. Watermark varieties were almost all down, with the startling exception of a pair of 1883-93 6d yellowish olive-green with watermark inverted, which made £190 against an estimate of £60. Doubly embossed varieties fared little better. Selections of single values, however, were mostly above estimate. One would be tempted to guess that the trade had a better day than collectors.

STAMPS IN USE IN THE GAMBIA IN 1949

J. J. M.

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THE territory known as the Gambia, part colony and part protectorate, forms an enclave in the French colony of Senegal. About 12 miles wide, it extends for some 250 miles along either bank of the great West African river Gambia, about 13° north of the Equator. The total area is 4,132 square miles.

The population of the Colony, at the 1944 census, was 21,152, and that of the Protectorate (1946 census) 228,114. In addition there is a floating population of some 13,000 farmers who come in annually from neighbouring countries to sow and harvest groundnuts.

The currency of the Gambia is British West African silver and currency notes, at par with sterling.

There are 4 post offices, situated at Bathurst, Kuntaur, Georgetown and Basse. Postal Agencies exist at Cape St. Mary, Brikama, Kaur, Bansang and Kisti Kunda, and there is a Travelling Post Office aboard H.M.C.S. "Prince of Wales". The first (embossed) stamps of the Gambia were issued in January 1869. The current series comprises 14 denominations, engraved and recess printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., as follows:—



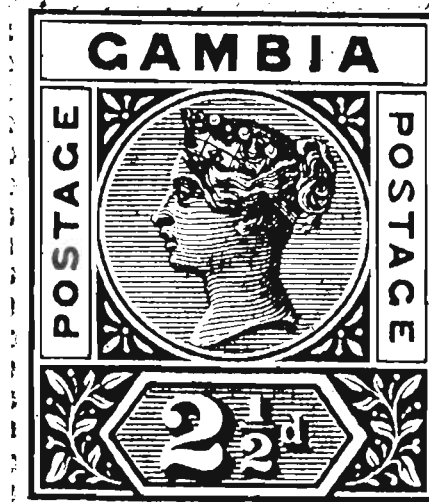
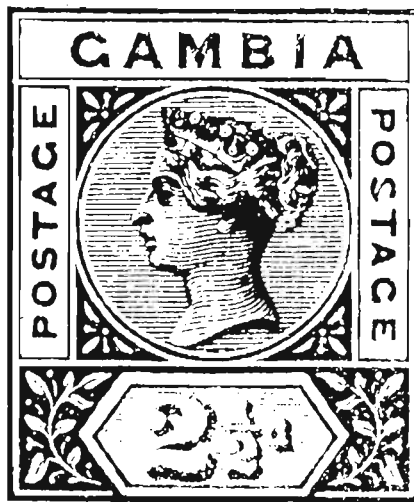
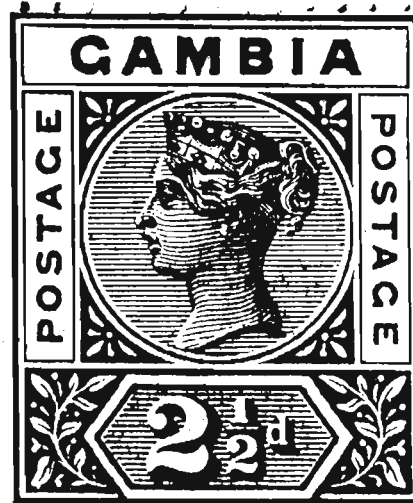
DENOMINATION	COLOURS	SUBJECT	DATE OF ISSUE
½d.	Sage and green	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
1d.	Mauve and brown	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
1½d.	Blue and grey	Badge of the Gambia	2. 1.45
2d.	Red-brown and scarlet	Badge of the Gambia	1.10.43
3d.	Light and dark blue	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
5d.	Olive and slate-purple	Badge of the Gambia	13. 3.41
6d.	Dull green and claret	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
1/-	Grey and violet	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
1/3	Brown and light blue	Badge of the Gambia	28.11.46
2/-	Rose and azure	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
2/6	Sepia and dull green	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
4/-	Red-orange and purple	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
5/-	Blue and red-orange	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38
10/-	Orange and black	Badge of the Gambia	1. 4.38

The design of these stamps consists of the Badge of the Colony, an elephant and a palm tree, against a landscape showing the River Gambia flowing beside two low hills, and a medallion portrait of His Majesty, King George VI, copied from a photograph taken by Messrs. Bertram Park.

GAMBIA – THE MALFORMED S VARIETY

P. O. BEALE

In Cameo Number 12 Volume 2 on page 50 I mentioned that the malformed S variety found on stamp 39 on the left hand pane of printings from Plate 2 on the Queen Victoria Key plate issues is known to have been corrected on that same Plate 2. The three illustrations show the normal S, the malformed S and the corrected S all on the 2½d value.



THE GOLD COAST POST OFFICE IN 1914

M. ENSOR

A recent search for official information about postal rates in force in the Gold Coast provided, incidentally, a sight of some annual reports of the Gold Coast Posts and Telegraphs Department which, like those of other Government Departments, were published in the Colony's Official Gazette until those for the year 1914. The reports are supported by comprehensive statistical tables. A summary of what the P. & T. report for 1914 says on the postal side may interest readers of Cameo: in it the contemporary spelling of place names and use of capital letters have been retained.

The Postmaster General responsible for the report was S.B. Gosling who returned in March 1914 to the Gold Coast, where he had served earlier, after a spell as Postmaster General of Southern Nigeria. Not long after his arrival he was loaned, with six European senior, and nine African junior, technical officers, to the Togoland Field Force with which he served from 12th August to 30th September 1914. The main purpose of this secondment was the rehabilitation of Togoland's tele-communications system. "At the close of the operations" the posts and telegraphs and telephone

system within the British Sphere of Administration in Togoland were taken over by the Gold Coast Department. Gosling's term of office as Postmaster General was an unusually long one – until 1929.

At the end of 1914 the department had 74 offices in the Colony, Ashanti and Northern Territories (i.e. excluding Togoland) of which 39 were Postal Agencies. During the year Post Offices were established at Mangoase and Danoe; Postal Agencies at Asuboi, Commendah, Juaso and Labadi.

6¼ million articles of mail were distributed.

Mail steamers ceased to call at Axim and Cape Coast. Consequently regular land services had to be provided from there to the still operating port at Secondee. The regular land services operating were these:

Twice weekly:

Accra – Winnebah – Appam – Saltpond – Cape Coast;
Secondee – Chama – Elmina – Cape Coast;
Secondee – Dixcove – Axim.

Once weekly:

Axim – Atuabo – Beyin – Half Assinie.

Seventeen Inland Distributing Offices were served from Accra P.O. District and Branch Posts operated as follows:

Twice weekly:

Winnebah – Swedru – Nsaba

Once weekly:

Saltpond – Nsuam Dodowah, Mampong – Akropong.

Daily services were provided from Accra to Adawso and Koforidua via Mangoase Railway Station and there was a daily local service between Adawso and Koforidua.

The twice weekly service between Addah and Akuse by steamer launch was discontinued during the year owing to the high rate demanded by the River Transport Company. Thereafter mails went overland via

Dodowah. Mails for Lome (Togoland) circulated twice weekly via Accra, Dodowah, Addah and Quittah.

Mails for the Mining Districts of Tarquah, Prestea and other stations in the Western Province circulated via Secondee. Up-country mails were carried by the Gold Coast Government Railway to Distributing Stations on the Railway Line. A daily mail service was maintained between Tarquah, Abosso, Prestea and Bromase.

Mails for Ashanti and the Northern Territories were carried as far as Coomassie over the Gold Coast Government Railway and distributed by Mail Runners.

Special mail vans completed in 1913 were put into service and a Travelling Post Office was attached to both up and down daily trains between Secondee and Coomassie and served intermediate Stations on the line.

Parcels dealt with numbered 98,357: there was a heavy decline in parcel traffic with the U.K. in the latter months (i.e. after the outbreak of war).

The value, and purposes, of postage stamps sold by post offices in 1914 were as follows:

Judicial purposes	£15,136 – 15 – 5
Used under the Stamps Ordinance (estimated)	£ 100 – 0 – 0
Affixed to Postal Orders	£ 272 – 6 – 8
Forward charges on parcels	£ 1,286 – 4 – 10
Postage on letters	£10,366 – 4 – 2½
Unpaid correspondence	£ 39 – 15 – 4
Inland telegrams	£ 6,326 – 13 – 3
Foreign telegrams	£ 413 – 4 – 7
Collection of revenue for other departments (mostly customs due on parcels)	£13,193 – 5 – 4
Collection on cablegram fees	£ 7,546 – 7 – 3
	£54,680 – 16 – 10½

Sales of postal stationery amounted to £126.18.0

Another Gazette notice of this period records the completion in August 1915 of the new G.P.O. building in Accra whither business was transferred from the James Town and Victoriaborg Post Offices, which were closed.

CANCELLATIONS OF THE GOLD COAST

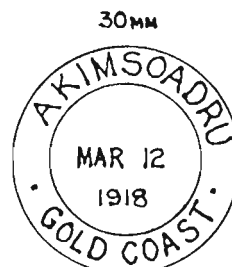
M.T. MACKIN



TYPE
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The purpose of this article is really a plea for help from fellow members of the Circle about an area of postal history which still has much to offer in the way of new discoveries.

In the 1920-40 period, many post offices opened in the colony but very little, or in many cases nothing, is

recorded on the types of cancellers with which they were issued.

For some post offices known to have opened in the early 1920's, no postmarks have been recorded until twenty years later. Others are but names on a map. This lack of information hinders postal historians in tracing

the postal history of the Gold Coast during that period.

The George V period is rich in material with nearly 300 post offices open by 1939. Many types of cancellation first appeared during this period e.g. Types 16 – 19a which are illustrated. In addition Type 15 (also illustrated), although it first appeared during the previous reign, was issued to some offices which opened after 1915.

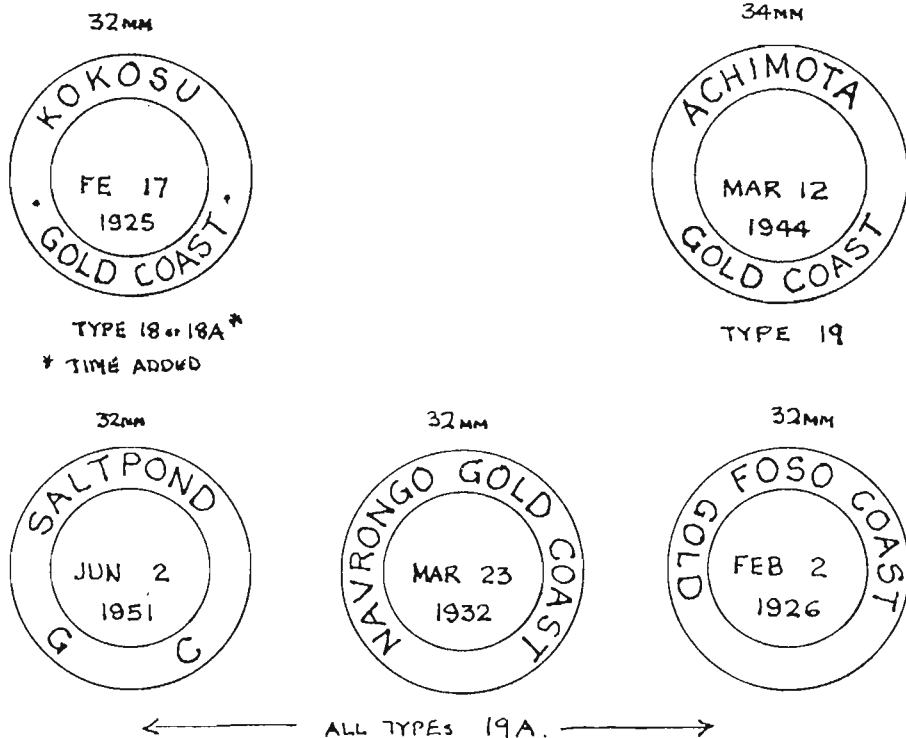
In October 1971 a study paper "the Handstruck Stamps and Cancellations of the Gold Coast" listed many types to be found. Since then, although the early

period has been up-dated, the later period has been neglected except by a few of our members.

Would members please write to me, not only giving details of cancellation types shown, but of any others. Town, type and, if possible, the date is required.

Also, if when looking through your collection, you find any item of which either you are unsure or which may be of interest to fellow members, please submit details.

Please write to M.T. Mackin (Asst. Editor, Gold Coast), 131 Langley Way, West Wickham, Kent. Tel: 01-776 1730.



OIL RIVER PROTECTORATE COVERS

J. SACHER

July 1884 – Nov. 1891
(Additon to those in the Bulletin)

1888 Cover

"Brass. W.C. Africa No Stamps procurable". charged 6d – Liverpool – 10.7.88 to Trowbridge.

1889 Cover

"Per S.S. 'Benguela'" charged 6d at Liverpool – Liverpool – 12.2.89 to Manchester.

1890 Cover

"per Mail Steamer from Opobo" charged 1/- at Liverpool – 10.12.90 to Glasgow.

1891 Cover

"per S.S. Bonny from Opobo" charged 6d at Liverpool – 13.9.91 to Glasgow.

1891 Cover

"S.S. Nubia from Bonny" charged "10d" at Liverpool – 29.11.91 to Glasgow.

1892 Cover

"Stamps not procurable" charged "5D" at London 4.7.92 to Glasgow. FB

1892 Cover

"Stamps not procurable" charged. "5d" at Liverpool – 21.4.92 to Glasgow.

PEN CANCELS OF THE NIGER COAST/GANA GANA

J.F. INCE

Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia Pt II (Africa), in the section of The Niger Territories, refers to a pen cancellation – the only example known – on a G.B. 1887 – 92 5d with manuscript "Forcados, Niger Territories, 23/6/94" (sic) and, in the bottom left hand corner of the envelope, also in manuscript "D.A. Gana Gana". This cover changed hands at the Robson Lowe London sale on 17th April 1980 whereat the auctioneer announced the existence of a second, similar cover. This was done at my request and, at the Circle's London meeting in September, I was able to view the first cover and compare the handwriting of the manuscript cancellation with my own cover.

Both covers comprise identical sized official Royal Niger Company envelopes addressed to the London office and my cover similarly carries a G.B. 5d adhesive, the manuscript cancellation being "Forcados 25/5/94" (sic). Both covers have the straight line Paquebot handstamp and the handwriting of the cancellation appears identical, although my cover, the earlier by one month (possibly the previous sailing?) does not include "Niger Territories" or "Gana Gana". However, the similarity of format and handwriting and the proximity of dates would indicate the same author and origin.

Apart from the question of location of Gana Gana, the most obvious is why the stamps should be cancelled "Forcados" in manuscript at a date when the post office in Forcados had been open for over two years and all mail passing through that office carried the Niger Coast Protectorate c.d.s. type 1.

The answer lies primarily in the realisation that the Forcados river, on the west side of the Niger delta, constituted the boundary between the Protectorate and The Niger Territories and that the sea-port of Forcados, on the west bank, was in the Protectorate.

The Royal Niger Company's main port of entry had been Akassa, further to the east in the delta, but already severe problems of silting were being experienced in the river Nuu which were, in the next few years, to render that port unnavigable for ocean going vessels. This was a continuing problem in all rivers throughout the delta.

Pedler, in his history of The United Africa Company (successor to The Royal Niger Company) entitled "The Lion and The Unicorn in Africa" writes, on page 132:–

"... it is interesting to record an enterprise ... namely ... the building up of Gana Gana. This was originally no more than a sandbank in the river. The Royal Niger Company beached a number of old vessels on the sandbank and silt gathered around them and formed an island.

In this way it was possible to find room for warehouses and staff quarters and so Gana Gana became a port of entry."

It seems reasonable, in view of the manuscript cancellations of "Forcados" on both covers (especially the addition of "Niger Territories" on the later one), to deduce that Gana Gana was sited on or near the east bank of this navigable river probably close to the port of Forcados. This location would enable imports and exports from both territories to be handled by the same ocean going vessel without the problems of clearance, payment of duties etc. if goods, relating to The Niger Territories first had to pass through the Protectorate's wharves of Forcados. The two covers, both of which are of a size which could have contained covering shipping documents, were probably 'posted on board' the carrying vessels to which the goods related, the Paquebot handstamp being applied in view of the manuscript cancels.

The river Forcados additionally provided a direct navigable (for river steamers) route to the Niger Company's riverine ports along the Niger up to Lokoja and, in fact, within some two years Burutu, approx. 20 miles upstream, became the Company's terminus for the riverine steamer service, passengers and freight by that time being ferried between Forcados and Burutu;

Gana Gana's life as a port of entry would appear to have been shortlisted, possibly due to the continuing problems of silting, while the incorporation of S. Nigeria on 1st January 1900 uniting the two territories obviated any continuing desire for a separate port. In fact the rise of Burutu from the end of 1896 as an island port may have hastened the demise of Gana Gana but it is of interest to record, in my possession, a Niger Coast protectorate postal stationery card written on 23rd February 1898 from "Gana Gana, The Niger Territories, W. Coast of Africa via Forcados" while the printed 1d stamp bears the boxed cancellation of Burutu.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA AMENDMENTS

R.H.

Thanks to the vigilance of members the following amendments and additions may be made to 'The Postmarks of Southern Nigeria', the circle's bulletin produced in 1981.

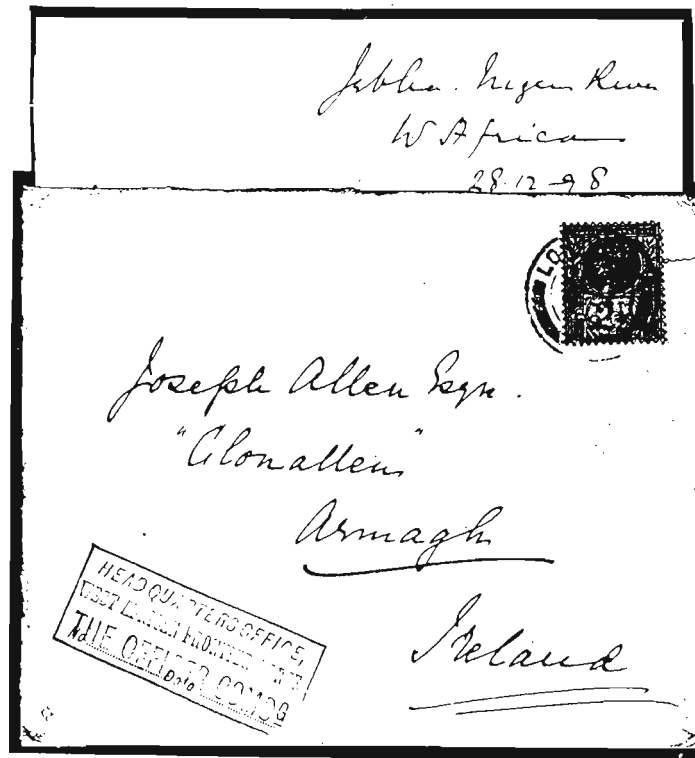
AFIKPO	Type R2 (32 x 26mm) black code C	MR 12 08
ARO	the type illustrated is correct but actually refers to 11 March	
BENIN	Type R2 (31 x 26mm) violet code C	NO 27 09
BURUTU	Type R1 code A	JY 17 10

CALABAR	Type 6 black code A violet code A	to JU 10 16 MR 2 08 and AP . . 08 11 AU 06
CREEK TOWN	Type R2a black code A delete the line just above the illustration Type 5 26mm	10 AU 05 and OC 21 04
EKET	Type R4 should read R3	8 FE 12
EPE	Type 7 black	DE 10 07
FORCADOS	Lagos type 15a code B (new entry)	NO 30 09
IDAH	Type R2 31 x 25½mm code A	S.G. 44
LAGOS	Type P2 (new entry) on Northern Nigeria (So probably after 1913) Type 7 (28-19/20mm) Type 7 (26 - 17mm) Type P3 Type R3a (32 x 26mm) (31 x 26mm)	to MR 6 13 also JA 30 13 also 17 JU 18 to 28 AU 18 to 31 DE 19 DE 9 02
OLD CALABAR	Niger Coast type 4a Type R2a code A	11 SE 03 to 15 JY 04 SP 25 08
WARRI	Type P1 (new entry) code B	

Further additions will be welcomed by the Southern Nigeria editor.

WEST AFRICAN FRONTIER FORCE

This cover, as well as the one on the IBEKU - OLOKORO EXPEDITION, have been submitted by Mr. Kevin Ashworth, a member of the Society of Postal Historians.



Cover from JEBBA Niger River carried by hand to London and then placed in the post for delivery to Ireland. The letter is from Col. Willcocks who was Assistant Commandant at JEBBA.

NIGERIAN EXPERIMENTAL AIR MAIL SERVICES: NOVEMBER 1931

J.J. MARTIN

Previous issues of *Cameo* (whole numbers 14,15,17 and 18) have contained details of the efforts to accelerate the delivery of mails between the U.K. and West Africa. An experimental weekly service was planned between Lagos and Tiko which it was hoped would speed up mails between various towns in Nigeria and the U.K. P.O. Archives have given permission for the following to be reproduced (file M 14303/1298).

Extracts from Lagos "Post Office Circular" Nov. 1931

4. No. 0689 – Experimental Internal Air Mail Services: November, 1931 INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS

Commencing on November 6th, 1931, the Aerial Development Company will operate an Internal Air Mail Service once weekly in each direction between Lagos-Warri-Port Harcourt-Calabar and Tiko.

2. The scheduled times of arrival and departure at each office can be ascertained at the offices concerned.

3. All classes of correspondence excepting parcels can be accepted for transmission within Nigeria only by this Air Mail Service at the following (combined postage and air fee) Rates:—

- (a) For letters or any other class of correspondence addressed for delivery in Nigeria and the Cameroons under British Mandate – 6d. for every ounce or part thereof.
- (b) For letters or any other class of correspondence addressed to Great Britain, British Colony or Protectorate forwarded by ordinary post to connect with the Homeward steamer from Lagos – 6½d. for every ounce or part thereof.
- (c) For letters or any other class of correspondence addressed to Foreign Countries forwarded to connect by ordinary post with the Homeward steamer from Lagos – 7½d. for every ounce or part thereof.

4. It must be clearly understood that insufficiently prepaid correspondence cannot be forwarded under any circumstances by the Internal Air Mail unless it is prepaid at least 4½d. per ounce of weight. Any deficiency however between 4½d. per ounce and the correct combined postage as shown in (3) should be surcharged double in the usual way and the item forwarded by Air Mail, the surcharge being collected from the addressee before delivery.

This rule refers also to official letters from Government Departments. No official letter may be forwarded by the Internal Air Mail unless the Air Mail Fee of 4½d. per ounce of weight has been affixed in postage stamps. The postage fee of 1½d. is not of course payable.

5. When an unpaid or insufficiently prepaid article marked for Air Mail transmission is diverted to the ordinary mails under the above paragraph, the Air Mail label and all markings borne by the article relative to transmission by air must be cancelled by means of two thick transverse strokes in red pencil.

6. No registered correspondence can be sent by the Internal Air Mail Service.

MAKE UP AND DESPATCH

7. Every item of Air Mail correspondence must have one of the special Blue Air Mail Labels affixed in the upper left hand corner. A supply of these labels has been forwarded to the offices of Lagos, Warri, Port Harcourt, Calabar and Tiko, authorised to make the Air Mail despatches.

FROM INLAND OFFICES

8. Items of correspondence, if prepaid at the Air Mail Rates may be accepted at any Inland office and forwarded to either of the above offices for inclusion in the Air Mail despatches. Such articles should have an Air Mail label attached or be marked conspicuously in the upper left hand corner "Air Mail", and the number forwarded advised in bulk on the Combined Letter Bill.

FROM AIR MAIL OFFICES

9. The Combined Post and Air Fees will be checked and the postage stamps obliterated by the ordinary cancelling datestamp. A clear impression of the "Internal Air Mail" skeleton stamp which is being forwarded to Despatching Offices should be made by the side of the Air Mail Label.

10. Combined Letter bills will be used for advising the quantity of Air Mail correspondence forwarded, and the bills will be numbered in a separate series "A.V.1" et sequa.

The bulk number of Air Mail items despatched at each rate of combined postage to be tabulated on the Combined Bill, as examples:—

Three bundles of	80 letters under	1 oz at	6d.
	27 letters under	1 oz at	6d.
	2 letters under	1 oz at	4½d., Official
	1 letter under	2 oz at	1s.
	3 letters under	2 oz at	1s. 1d., Empire
	1 letter under	1 oz at	7½d., Foreign.

N.B. Letters at the 6d. rate under 1 oz. should be tied up in bundles of 80.

11. All Air Mail correspondence together with the bill to be forwarded in sealed bags labelled, ex "Air Mail – Lagos to Calabar" in the usual way.

12. Receipts will be obtained on the usual Way Bills from the Pilot of the Seaplane for all Air Mails despatched and receipts will be given for all Air Mails handed over by the Pilot.

13. On receipt of the Air Mail Bags, the number of bundles and loose letters as advised on the bill will be checked by the Receiving Officer and all correspondence dealt with immediately.

14. At Lagos any Air Mail correspondence received addressed to countries overseas which has been sent to internal Air Mail to connect with the Homeward steamer, must have all instructions relating to the Air Mail and all markings borne by the article relative to transmission by air, cancelled neatly by the Superintendent, Circulation Branch, by means of two

thick transverse strokes in red pencil. Care must be taken to see that all such correspondence is transferred and sorted into the ordinary mails immediately.

15. The Combined Letter Bills received at each office covering all Air Mail despatches, must be forwarded by the Postmaster to the Chief Accountant by Registered Post at the end of every month to enable payment to be made to the Air Mail Company. A skeleton bill should be prepared and filed by the Receiving Office.

16. These instructions relate to the Internal Air Mail in Nigeria, and must not be confused with the Instructions on pages 122 and 123 of the Post Office Circular for 1929 and subsequent amendments relating to the acceptance of Air Mail correspondence for transmission by Air Services from the United Kingdom.

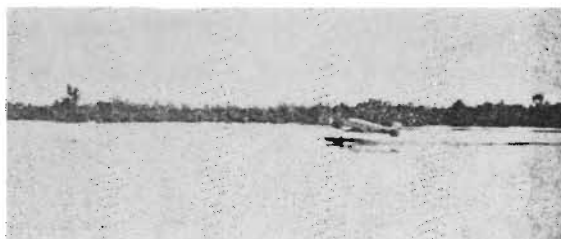
Should however, any such letter be tendered for transmission by the Internal Air Mail, an amount of 4½d. per ounce must be added to the appropriate rate which will appear in the Post Office Circular for December, 1931.

The experiment was not a success. A page in the archives headed 'General Post Office' and titled 'Extract from West Africa Dated 19 Dec. 1931' explained:

Nigeria's First Local Airmail

An experimental weekly air service between Lagos and Tiko, calling at Port Harcourt and Calabar, was started on November 6 by seaplane, the postal rates being 6d. per oz. for local letters, 6½d. to the United Kingdom and British Possessions, and 7½d. elsewhere. After a single journey the arrangement had to be cancelled, as the firm operating the service found that without further knowledge both of local weather and topography running would be impossible. The project has not been abandoned, however, and investigation is being made of the route, for it is of course necessary that the seaplane should follow the lagoons system throughout its flight.

Pictures were also included.



The seaplane (left) which brought the first air mails to Port Harcourt. It may be seen discharging the mails and refueling while an "audience" in canoes watches the proceedings with deep interest. When this seaplane landed (right) at Port Harcourt it was in a heavy downpour of rain.



The air mails were taken over on the wharf by the Postmaster-Surveyor (centre) in company with a clerk and a messenger.

On January 22nd 1932 the Postmaster General's Office, Nigeria wrote to the G.P.O., London.

"With reference to your letter No. 135233/31 of the 14th December, 1931, on the subject of the establishment of an air mail service between Lagos and Tiko, I have to inform you that no such air mail service exists.

2. A survey of the water-ways between Lagos and Tiko and Lagos and Accra is at present being undertaken by Mr. G.I. Cowan, of the Aerial Development Company, with a view to inaugurating a regular air mail service at some future date; but so far as can be seen at present

there is no possibility of a regular service materialising for some considerable time.

3. At Mr. Cowan's request an experimental air mail was forwarded from Lagos to Port Harcourt, Calabar and Tiko on the 6th of November last, but as the service broke down at Port Harcourt, the Aerial Development Company has now been informed that no further mails will be forwarded by air until a regular service can be guaranteed."

Thus ended the first attempt at establishing a regular local service.

SIERRA LEONE W.W.I. CIVILIAN CENSORSHIP

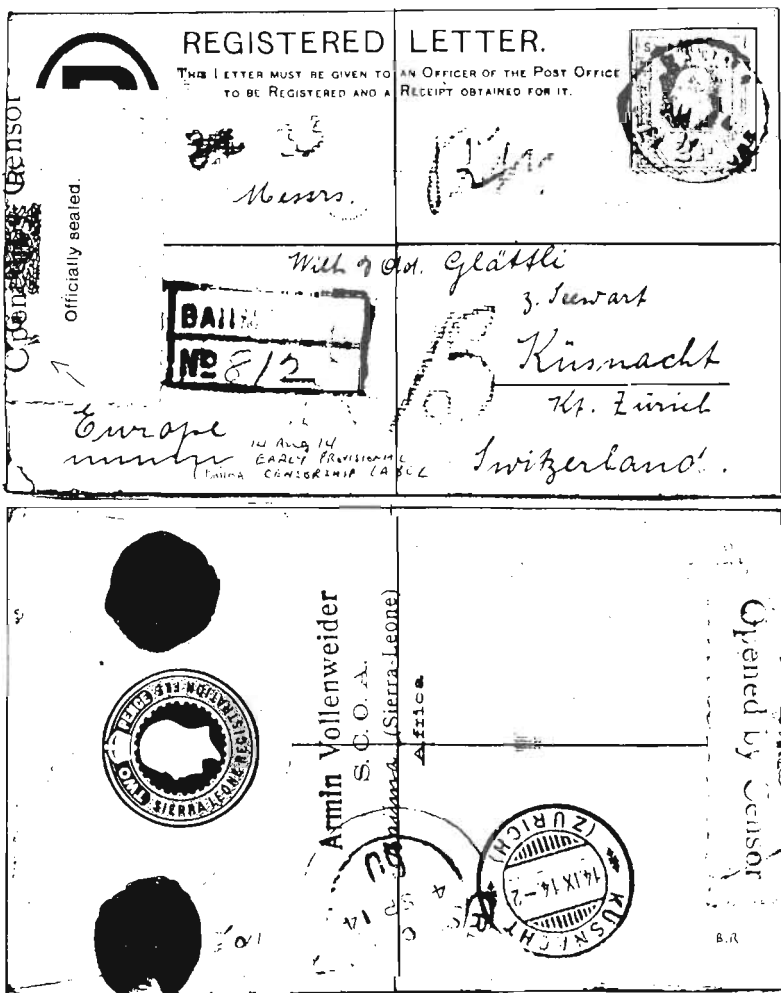
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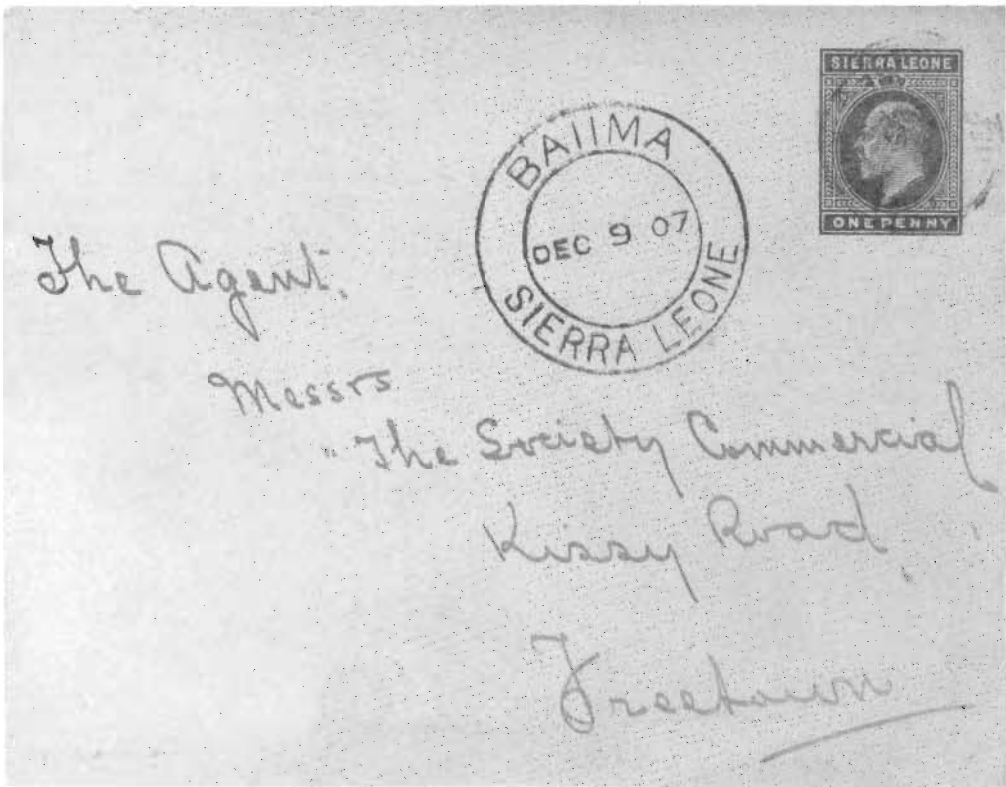
In the July 1983 Cameo your editor included an article on the above subject in which it was mentioned that it was not known when censorship started in Sierra Leone.

Mr. Macmillan has produced a cover postmarked at

Baima on August 14th 1914 and addressed to Switzerland.

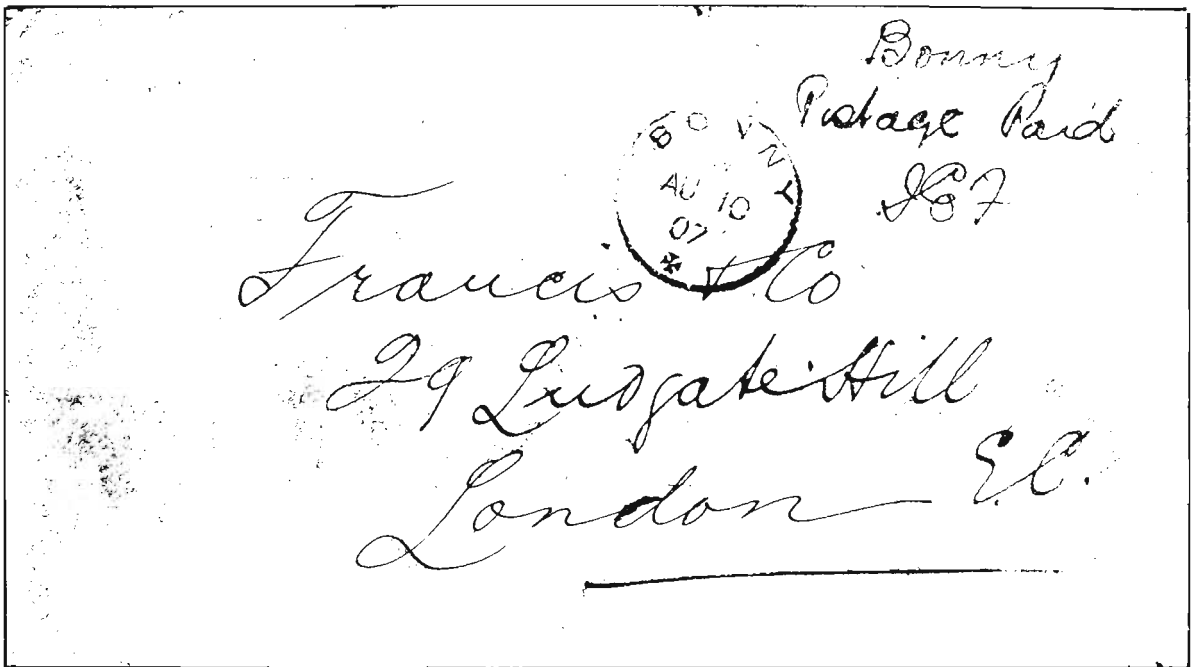
It has an 'Officially sealed' label of the type used in Sierra Leone on which has been printed in seriffed letters 'Opened by Censor' measuring 48 x 2.2 mm.





SOUTHERN NIGERIA - BONNY MANUSCRIPT ENDORSEMENT

J. WILSON



The cover illustrated originated at Bonny, and carries the Bonny c.d.s. dated AU.10.07. The reverse of the cover carries a London E.C. receiving c.d.s. dated AU.30.07.

The manuscript endorsement is in red ink, and my only other reference to similar markings is lot 1830 in the Danson sale, described thus:

"1900 Bonny River to Manchester endorsed in red ink "Paid H.C.F." . . . ". I suppose that the endorsement shown here could be read as H.C.F., although I would read the initials as J.E.F. or I.E.F.

Use of this endorsement, presumably by the

postmaster since he would be the person to accept payment and apply the Bonny c.d.s., would seem to suggest the absence of any low value stamps in stock. Can anyone confirm this by producing other covers from the same period? I would also like to know if Danson Lot 1830 resides within the Study Circle and may be available for comparison. Indeed, any background information would be gratefully received, even if it's simply confirmation of the initials of the Bonny postmaster.

I shall gladly refund any costs involved should any reader be able to help.

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As an additional service to readers of "Cameo" it has been decided to introduce a small classified ad. section in each issue. It is hoped that this will enable members of B.W.A.S.C. who are unable to attend regular meetings, to acquire specialist material, or dispose of surplus, to fellow members of the Circle. There is no limit to the subject matter of the advertisement placed, and typical examples might be requests for specialist assistance in research as well as the more usual sale/wanted ads.

A small charge will be levied for insertion, and this will help to support "Cameo" in its present form. The basic charge for up to 40 words will be £1, with a further £1 for 41-80 words and so on. Payment should be made preferably by cheque made out to B.W.A.S.C., and this payment should accompany the advertisement copy when sent. The address for sending advertising is:

John Wilson,
c/o Lowe Electronics,
Chesterfield Road,
Matlock,
Derbys. DE4 5LE.

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