

# ARABIAN GULF STATES POSTAL HISTORY QUARTERLY

**REGISTERED LETTER.**  
THE ADDRESS MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

**BY AIR MAIL**  
PAR AVION

To:-

MARTIN BROTHERS TOBACCO CO. INC.  
25 Broadway,  
NEW YORK 4, N.Y.  
U. S. A.

From:-

ALI R. REZA,  
BAHRAIN,  
Persian Gulf.

BAHRAIN



A GVIR 1&1/2as Registered Letter overprinted BAHRAIN

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Covers from the United Arab Emirates



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THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

This article lists the cancellers used by the states comprising the UAE. Surprisingly many cancellers do not include the initials UAE.

ABU DHABI

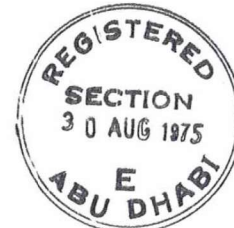
Abu Dhabi cancellers in use before the UAE postal service started have already been dealt with in editions 3 and 4 of this publication but I have listed again those which continued in use after the formation of the UAE postal administration on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1972. These are marked with a star \*. Types 8 and 19 were also in the original Abu Dhabi list and although there is no evidence of use prior to this date and they may be UAE cancellers I am not transferring them to the UAE list yet.

Types 8 Abu Dhabi Paid – single ring dia. 30mm  
Type 10\* Abu Dhabi Recommande – single oval horiz. dia 34mm  
Type 12 \*Al Ain Abu Dhabi Recommande – single oval horiz. dia 34mm  
Type 15 \*Abu Dhabi Bureau D'Echange – single ring dia 30mm  
Type 19 Abu Dhabi Remittance Branch – single ring dia. 27mm  
Type 21 \*Abu Dhabi Registered Section – double ring dia 41mm  
\*In use before and after the UAE postal was formed. All these are listed in editions 3 and 4 of this publication.

The only additional information I have is for type 21. It was usually struck in blue.

Recorded dates of use

|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Abu Dhabi A | 17. 5.75 – 30. 8.75 |
| Abu Dhabi B | 1.11.72             |
| Abu Dhabi E | 29. 6.75 – 30. 8.75 |



ABU DHABI UAE

Type 1 Double ring bilingual dia. 26mm  
This small double ring canceller has only been recorded from Abu Dhabi and Dubai



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Recorded dates of use  
 Abu Dhabi UAE 26. 3.73 – 13.11.76  
 Isle Das Abu Dhabi UAE 20. 1.73 – 20.12.83

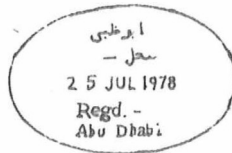
Type 2 Large double ring dia.36mm intended for packets.



Abu Dhabi 19 2.2.81  
 Hamdan Post Office/Abu Dhabi 15.2.77

Type 3 Large single oval dia.  
 (not shown)  
 Al Ain Abu Dhabi Recommande 15.5.75

Type 4 small single oval horiz. dia. 41mm  
 Struck in purple to cancel stamps ; in green or purple a transit mark.



Abu Dhabi :-  
 Regd. 3 16. 8.80 – 8.12.80  
 Regd. D 26. 4.80 – 12. 7.80  
 Regd. F 28. 2.79 – 21.4.79  
 It was also struck without code number or letter  
 Regd. - 25. 7.78 – 26. 9.78

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Type 4 continued

Recorded dates of use

Al Ain :-

R1 19. 4.79 – 24. 4.79  
 R2 26. 4.80 – 1. 5.80  
 R3 23.12.78 – 11. 3.79  
 R4 15. 4.78 – 27.12.78 also recorded with '4' crossed  
 out and replaced by a manuscript '2'.  
 8 24. 4.94  
 Hamdan Street :-  
 R4 18.11.80

Type 5 Double ring bilingual with or without 'R' (egistered).



This type is still in regular use throughout the UAE.

Abu Dhabi :-

R3 7.3.93  
 R4 10.12.80 – 27.12.80  
 R5 2. 5.91\* – 1. 6.99 \* CPO reg. label  
 R6 27. 9.78\* – 3. 9.89 \* struck in purple  
 R8 25. 6.93\* – 1. 2.94\* \* CPO reg. label  
 R9 26. 1.94\* – 8.10.94 \* CPO reg. label  
 R10 1. 9.78 – 17. 1.93

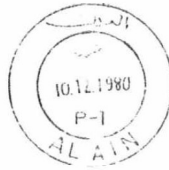
Cancellers with a 'P' intended for Parcel Card use

P2 17. 7.83  
 P3 21. 1.84

Cancellers without 'P' or 'R' were used on ordinary and registered letter mail.

2 8. 7.78  
 5 29. 4.78 – 5. 7.99  
 6 8. 7.78 – 16. 4.79 sometimes struck in purple  
 11 16. 6.78 – 11.11.94 " " " "  
 13 18.10.83  
 16 5. 4.76 – 16. 1.84 " " " "  
 19 1. 9.78\* \* struck in purple

| Type 5 continued                                                                                                      | 6                    | Recorded dates of use |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 27(Abu Dhabi Paid?)                                                                                                   | 14. 9.96             |                       |
| The wording of this canceller is unclear and has only been recorded once on an unfranked Registered Letter to the UK. |                      |                       |
| 33                                                                                                                    | 4.10.99              |                       |
| Al Ain:-                                                                                                              |                      |                       |
| R1                                                                                                                    | 16. 1.81 - 26. 5.83  |                       |
| R2                                                                                                                    | 11. 3.81 - 13. 9.96  |                       |
| R3                                                                                                                    | 3. 3.81 - 13. 3.84   |                       |
| Type 5 continued                                                                                                      |                      |                       |
| R4                                                                                                                    | 10.12.80 - 24. 4.94* | *on ordinary mail     |
| R5                                                                                                                    | 24. 4.81 - 7. 6.81   |                       |
| R6                                                                                                                    | 16. 5.81 - 19.12.94  |                       |
| R8                                                                                                                    | 25. 5.93 - 9. 4.98   |                       |
| R9                                                                                                                    | 8. 6.81 - 19. 2.94*  | *CPO reg. label       |
| P1                                                                                                                    | 15. 1.83 - 25. 5.84  |                       |
| P1 crossed out                                                                                                        | 10.12.81             | used on ordinary mail |
| 4                                                                                                                     | 28.12.82             |                       |
| 5                                                                                                                     | 18. 8.80 - 6. 1.82   |                       |
| Abu Dhabi Airport :-                                                                                                  |                      |                       |
| 1                                                                                                                     | 18.12.94             |                       |
| 3                                                                                                                     | 18. 2.02             |                       |
| Abu Dhabi Central :-                                                                                                  |                      |                       |
| 25                                                                                                                    | date not readable    |                       |
| 27                                                                                                                    | 24.10.93 - 1. 2.94   |                       |
| Bateen :-                                                                                                             |                      |                       |
| 1                                                                                                                     | 8. 9.93 - 21. 2.94   |                       |
| Hamdan :-                                                                                                             |                      |                       |
| R4                                                                                                                    | - . 94 - 3. 3.96     |                       |
| R7                                                                                                                    | 26. 4.99             |                       |
| P1                                                                                                                    | 23. 2.85             |                       |
| 8                                                                                                                     | 24. 1.95             |                       |

| Type 5 concluded                                                                      | 7                                         | Recorded dates of use |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Khalidiya :-                                                                          |                                           |                       |
| 4                                                                                     | 12. 2.78 - 16. 6.81                       |                       |
| 6                                                                                     | 26. 7.95 - 9. 1.97                        |                       |
| Musafa :-                                                                             |                                           |                       |
| 1                                                                                     | 26.10.94                                  |                       |
| 2                                                                                     | 22. 7.90                                  |                       |
| Nady Syahey :-                                                                        |                                           |                       |
| 1                                                                                     | 16. 1.93                                  |                       |
| 2                                                                                     | 10. 3.96 - 10. 9.99                       |                       |
| 3                                                                                     | 16. 4.93                                  |                       |
| 4                                                                                     | 17. 2.94 - 24. 4.95                       |                       |
| 9                                                                                     | 25. 4.02 - 25. 8.02                       |                       |
| Postage Paid :-                                                                       |                                           |                       |
|   |                                           |                       |
| 5                                                                                     | 12.11.85 - 5.12.85 on mail from Abu Dhabi |                       |
| Sanaeyah :-                                                                           |                                           |                       |
| 2                                                                                     | 26. 6.77 - 21.12.83                       |                       |
| 6                                                                                     | 8. 5.95 - 9.10.96                         |                       |
| 7                                                                                     | 13. 5.93                                  |                       |
| 10                                                                                    | 17. 5.00                                  |                       |
|  |                                           |                       |

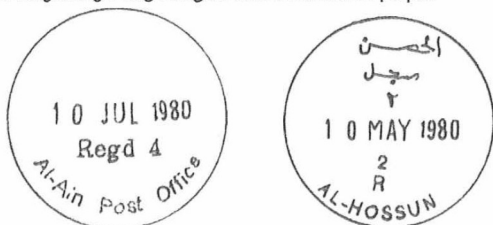
Parcels canceller from Al Ain



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Recorded dates of use

Type 6 Large single ring bilingual struck in black or purple.



Abu Dhabi dia. 30mm

35 27. 7.84 – 3.11.92  
 39 1. 5.94 – 20. 1.97

Al – Ain Post Office

Regd. 1 9. 3.81

Regd. 4 16. 7.80 – 7.12.80

Al – Hossun

R2 10. 5.80

Das Island

2 4.12.00

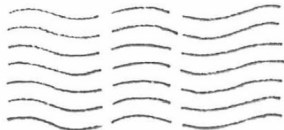
Type 7 Large double ring parcel canceller dia. 40mm

Abu Dhabi Parcels F 23. 3.77

Al – Ain – Parcels 10.12.77



Type 8 Machine cancellers with 7 wavy lines.



Abu Dhabi type 1, wide letters

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Machine cancellers continued

Recorded dates of use

Abu Dhabi

1 Wide letters 3mm high 13. 4.71 – 26. 3.99

2 Narrow letters 2mm high 14.12.81 – 13.1.94

Al Ain

4. 5.81 – 24. 6.97

Hamdan Street

14. 3.82 – 23. 7.85

UAE Abu Dhabi \*

28. 2.77 – 15. 7.82

Abu Dhabi UAE \*

2. 7.77 – 15. 7.82

\* Also used without wavy lines as back stamp.

Type 9 Slogan cancellers

25 years of the national Bank of Dubai

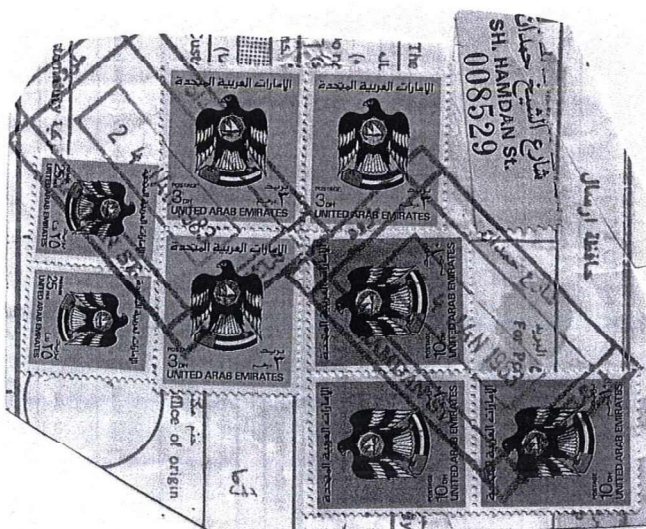
Abu Dhabi UAE 16.10.88



Abu Dhabi type 2 Narrow letters



Type 9 Rectangular parcels cancellers 52x36mm. These are usually found on parcel cards (which are printed on paper) or customs declaration forms.



Piece of a parcel card from Sh. Hamdan Street 24.1.83. This is a bilingual canceller but the two Abu Dhabi ones listed below are English language only. Many of the used high value UAE stamps come from this source.

United Arab Emirates 1978, 1995 and 2000  
The upper cover shows how underpaid mail was dealt with



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Parcels Cards from Abu Dhabi 1977 and 1990

| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES G. P. O.                                                                                  |  | DESPATCH NOTE                                                  |  | حاشية الراسل          |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Name and address of the sender<br>MR. M. LATIF<br>P.O. Box 2246<br>ABU DHABI, U.A.E.                           |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Name and address of addressee<br>MR. SHAHID LATIF & ZAHID LATIF<br>Jamia Abadi, Street #3<br>Gokarna, Pakistan |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Complete the back of the form                                                                                  |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Insured value - words<br>Insured value - figures                                                               |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Cash on delivery - words<br>Cash on delivery - figures                                                         |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Number of parcels<br>Description of packing (1)                                                                |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Certificates and invoices<br>Customs declarations                                                              |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |

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The use of Postage Due stamps in Dubai 1972



| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES                                                                                         |  | DISPATCH NOTE                                                  |  | حاشية الراسل          |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Name and address of the sender<br>MOHAMMED H<br>P.O. Box 8386<br>ABU DHABI<br>(U.A.E.)                       |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Name and address of addressee<br>RASHIDA MOHAMMED H<br>YARUTA CENTER<br>66 SHARJAH CENTER<br>SHARJAH, U.A.E. |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Insured value - words<br>Insured value - figures                                                             |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Cash on delivery - words<br>Cash on delivery - figures                                                       |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Number of parcels<br>Description of packing (1)                                                              |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |
| Certificates and invoices<br>Customs declarations                                                            |  | The space within<br>Route to be followed<br>Office of exchange |  | 2041<br>ABU DHABI - 3 |  |



The 50/75 fils surcharge on a Customs Declaration Form and an airmail letter

| اتحاد دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة<br>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES G.P.O.                                 |  | CUSTOMS DECLARATION<br>إعلان جمركي                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Name and address of sender (الاسم وعنوان المرسل من)                                             |  | 2. Sender's reference (المرجع)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| TAHIG MOHAMED<br>P.O. BOX 919<br>ABU DHABI, U.A.E.                                                 |  | E. GIFT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 3. Name and address of addressee (الاسم وعنوان المستلم إلى)                                        |  | 4. Nature of the contents (الطبيعة المحتويات)                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| MOHD AFZAL, PRINCE JEWELLERS<br>INSIDE, PAK GATE, SIRAPA BAZAR<br>MULTAN, PAKISTAN<br>MULAT MULAT. |  | a gift <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sample of merchandise <input type="checkbox"/><br>the undersigned certifies that the particulars given in this declaration are correct<br>أشهر المصدق يقر بأن التفاصيل المذكورة في هذا الإعلان هي صحيحة |  |
| 7. Observations (ملاحظات)                                                                          |  | 8. Signature (التوقيع)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| AIR MAIL PARCEL                                                                                    |  | 9. country of origin of the goods (بلد المنشأ)<br>JAPAN                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
|                                                                                                    |  | 10. country of destination (بلد الوجهة)<br>PAKISTAN                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
|                                                                                                    |  | 11. total gross weight (الوزن الإجمالي الإجمالي)<br>KG G G G G                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 12. number of items (عدد البضائع)<br>FOUR                                                          |  | 13. detailed description of contents (وصف مفصّل للمحتويات)<br>TWO LADY SUITS AND TWO BLOUSES                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                                                                                    |  | 14. tariff code (الرمز الجمركي)<br>59 11 00 00                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|                                                                                                    |  | 15. net weight (الوزن الصافي)<br>KG G G G G                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|                                                                                                    |  | 16. value (القيمة)<br>DH. 25/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

Abu Dhabi listings concluded.

East Branch Office Abu Dhabi UAE

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|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| EAST BRANCH OFFICE   |             |
| POST                 | 26 DEC 1976 |
| PARCEL               |             |
| ABU DHABI - U. A. E. |             |

Head Post Office Abu Dhabi UAE

22. 1.78 - 17. 4.77

Al - Ain

12. 9.77 - 7. 7.79

Sh. Hamdan St.

21.11.78 - 19. 2.83



Postage Paid 1 dated 5.12.85

Type 10 Double Oval Regd. Horiz. dia. 41mm



Hamdan Post Office

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31. 3.84

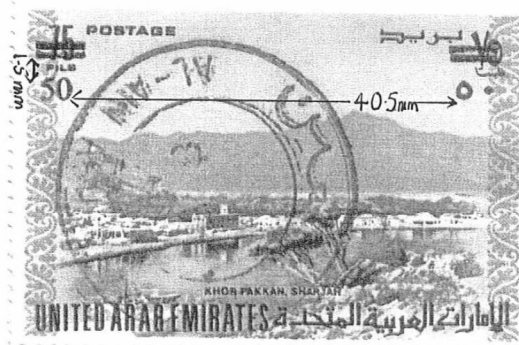




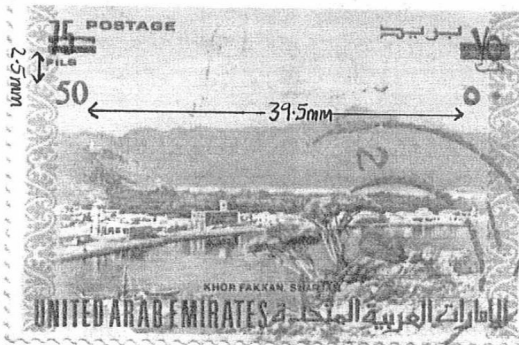
### The UAE surcharge of 1976 SG50a

In August 1976 a new definitive series included the 50f value but earlier in the year, SG gives a date of 15<sup>th</sup> January, a shortage of this value was solved by surcharging SG6. Two settings of the surcharge are known :-

(1) Horiz. measurement 40.5mm; distance between bars and '50' is 1.5mm



(2) Horiz. measurement 39.5mm; distance between bars and '50' is 2.5mm



Examples of this stamp on parcel card and letter are shown on page 14.

Both of these are type (2) but I can't say from the evidence of a sample of five stamps which is the more common.

Top : A Customs Declaration form bearing type (2) surcharge cancelled 17.4.76 with type 9 Head Post Office Abu Dhabi UAE.

Bottom : An airmail letter franked with 2xSG50a – an overfranking of 10f. Cancelled on 7.9.77 with machine type 8, UAE Abu Dhabi.

### Indian Postal Stationery overprinted Bahrain

In edition No. 7 I recorded two H size Registered Letters overprinted BAHRAIN. The first was a GVR issue, 3as registration fee and 1a 3p postage. The second was a GVIR issue with the same postal rates. I have kept records, dating back to the 1970's, of all postal stationery I have seen used from the Gulf PO's, both overprinted and unoverprinted.

The India Study Circle published a Guide to Indian Postal Stationery which includes a volume on envelopes by Derek Lang. The listings include the following GVIR types but there is no mention of overprinted stationery.

RE21 H size registration fee 3as; postage 1as 3p

ISC gave a likely date of issue as early 1941

Six of these, overprinted Bahrain, are recorded in edition 7 and have dates of use from 15.1.42 – 27.10.46.

RE22 H size registration fee 3as; postage 1&1/2as

ISC give a likely date of issue as 1942.

Two examples of RE22 have been recorded from the Gulf :-

(1) from Kuwait 18.3.46

(2) from Muscat -.12.47 (Neither are overprinted)

The Guide also records a small 1&1/2as GVIR stamped envelope – EJ1, which was issued when the inland postal rate increased from 1a 3p. This envelope is already known overprinted Bahrain and Kuwait and it seemed likely that RE22 was similarly overprinted but none were known. In March 2005, after more than half a century I can record a new piece of Gulf.

### RE22 overprinted BAHRAIN

The overprint on RE21 measures 13mm and looks much like that on RE21.

These are illustrated below and the whole of the Letter on the front cover of this edition. Note the high additional franking of 35as made up with 1a, 3x6as, 2x8as (SG41, 48, 49) and cancelled with Bahrain type 9 dated 19.7.47 with the usual BAHRAIN cachet and m/s registration number. The backstamp is New York 25.7.47

The 1&1/2as postage rate only applied to inland surface mail in India. The Gulf post offices were treated as part of the inland area which explains the large additional franking on overseas airmail items.

## Colour Plates

**Page 2 – top :** Returned mail struck with a 'Return to Sender' cachet. This cachet is identical with those on the Kuwait covers shown on page 22. During the Postal Agency period these and other cachets were supplied by the British PO, some of which were also used in the UK. There is no way of knowing where the cachet on this cover was struck.

– middle : A cover from Abu Dhabi with an early example of a self adhesive registration label. The single oval type 4 Al – Ain Reg. 1 was struck when this meter mail was handed over for registration. The back of the cover is also struck with type 4 Abu Dhabi Regd. F in purple.

– bottom : A cover from Al – Hossun cancelled 10.5.80 with type 6. There is a type 4 struck in purple on the back of this cover dated 11.5.80.

**Page 11 – top :** an inward underfranked cover redirected from the UK. The rectangular British tax mark reads T/ FS=Tax Foreign Section. The underpayment was 3&1/2p and the charge raised in the UAE is indicated by the 1D stamp cancelled by type 5, Abu Dhabi 6 dated 8.7.78. No postage due stamps were issued in the UAE.

– middle : airmail to UK franked with the 3D falcon of the latest definitive set and cancelled with a single ring type 6, Das Island 4.12.00

– bottom : an airmail cover with a quaint handstamp of an aeroplane. The canceller is the machine type 8 of Abu Dhabi with the wide letters.

**Page 12 – top :** a Despatch Note with a very clear strike of the Abu Dhabi parcels canceller type 7.

– bottom : a more modern version of the UAE Despatch Note with clear strikes of the Musafa 2 type 5. Note this is the double ring canceller without a 'P' or 'R'. Special numbered labels were used on all parcels cards.

**Page 13 – top :** a metered cover from the UK, 12.12.72 franked 6d and charged 1R40. The postage due stamps were issued in May 1972 and the denominations used here are the 5,20 and 50dh SG D394/6/8 cancelled Dubai 22 February 1973. The UAE has never issued postage due stamps and for a time in the later 1970's indicated the charges on underfranked mail using definitive stamps. (See example on page 11)

– bottom : the back of a second cover this time from USA charged 1R70. This is cancelled 20<sup>th</sup> January but I can't read the year.

**Page 24 – bottom :** a registered cover sent 4 November 1961. By this date the overprinted stamps of the postal Agency had been superseded by the first Qatar definitive set but were still valid for postage. Thanks to Mike Parker for this interesting franking.

## UAE NATIONAL DAY 1977

The set of three stamps were issued and withdrawn on 2.12.77 because the date was printed the wrong way round in Arabic. A cover sent on 8.1.1978 part of which is shown here was franked with the 150f stamp SG98. This is obviously commercial mail with a rarely seen 'Abu Dhabi West BO' registration label and cancelled with type 5 Khalidiya 3, on 8 January 1978.

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## Recent News.

- A Kuwait Zeppelin cover was recently sold for 840e (estimate 480e) in the Deider Sale, Munich, March 2005.
- An exhibition of Dubai stamps and postal history was held during the Dubai Shopping Festival. This was a joint promotion by the Dept. of Tourism and the Emirates Philatelic Association. A full colour brochure was produced outlining the different aspects of philately, illustrating the known date stamps from 1909 and showing a selection of stamps and postal history items. [Khalid Omira]

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Editorial

This has been a most interesting edition to put together particularly the long overdue listing of the Abu Dhabi UAE cancellers and of course the piece of overprinted postal stationery from Bahrain. I think it is too early to say this is a new discovery but it must be very rare as is the down rated GVIR post card I reported on a couple of years ago. The 50dh overprinted UAE stamp SG50a has never been mentioned in these pages before and I have not seen any in auction sales either as loose stamps or on cover. Is it rare? Let me know if you have any. And finally the report on the Dubai postage due stamps. Again I have never seen examples of these on cover before.

The Great Britain Overprints Society recently gave a display to the Royal Philatelic Society and my entry was the Overprinted Aerogrammes of the Gulf 1948 to 1966. Full colour copies of this display which includes the write-up are available in the form of a 12 page A5 booklet at £5. A copy of this entry, but not in booklet form has been sent to the GBOS. I would like to thank Mike Phelan for his help in getting this to the Royal as I wasn't able to attend myself.

Kuwait Corner

There is always something new to report from Kuwait and this month is no exception. First two covers from Thomas Johansen, which are shown on pages 22 and 23, were from the Dead Letter Office. This is the first mention of a repository for deceased mail in connection with the British Postal Agency. The evidence to date is that this office was located in Manama. The 'Return to Sender' cachet often raises the question – where was it struck? Identical cachets were supplied many post offices both in the Gulf and the UK from whence it originated. There is usually no way of telling which post office applied the mark and it doesn't make sense to speculate.

(1) Kuwait to Awali franked 3x2&1/2as cancelled type 24 dated 15.8.53. The cover was returned by Awali PO, type 25 dated -.9.53. The sender could not be contacted and Kuwait PO returned the letter to the DLO marking the cover with type 28, the Exchange Office canceller which was for use on postal documents. This Dead Letter was treated as an internal transfer of a postal document.

(2) Kuwait to Bahrain franked with 3x2&1/2as Coronation issue, cancelled type 29 (no date showing). The sequence of events for this letter should be the same as (1) but we cannot ascertain whether the Bahrain Exchange canceller type 33 was applied before it was returned to Kuwait or after it was returned from Kuwait as a Dead Letter.

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(3) Frank Mallalieu has sent me scans of a number of 1958 Kuwait covers. The most interesting one is from Safat to USA with a previously unrecorded double ring canceller similar to the type 39's, which distorted so rapidly into lemon shapes. The new type must have had a very limited life; borne out by the continued use of type 39 almost to the point of destruction on the many covers, including those scanned by Mr Mallalieu, which are invariably cancelled by type 39. Two sections of the cover bearing the 'new' canceller are shown below.



(4) A 1965 cover cancelled with a single ring steel canceller is shown on page 24. I have only seen this on cancelled to order aerogrammes and receipts from the philatelic bureau. It was also used on other mail as this cover shows. The Shakar listing gives five post offices using this type in the 1960's. These are Kuwait, Safat, Shuaiba, Kaifan and Shamiyah.

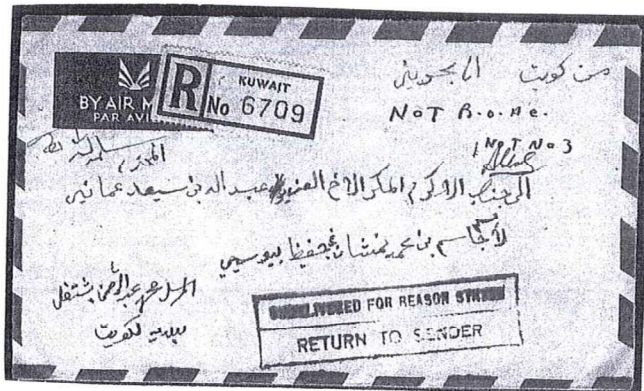
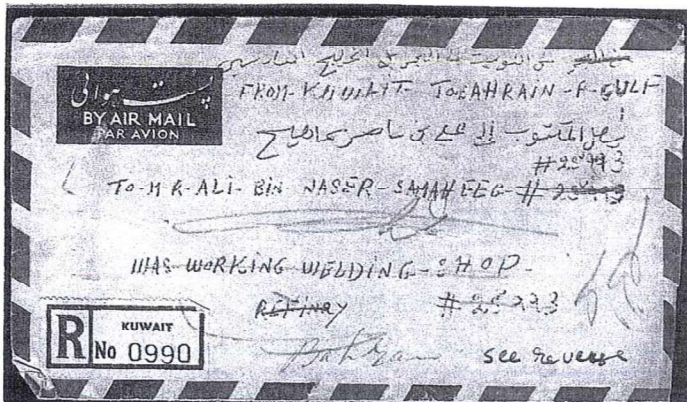
Note: both these cancellers will be given a type number in due course.



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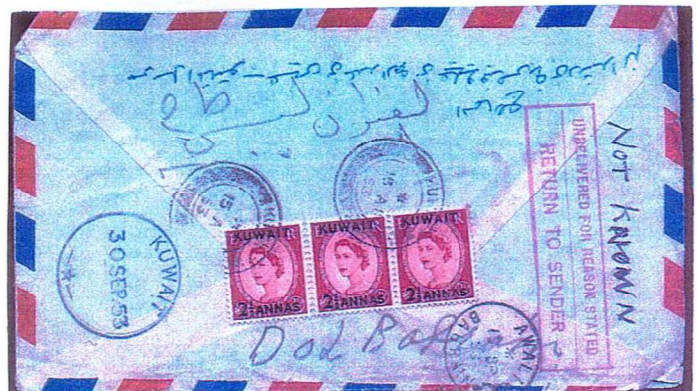
## Dead Letter Office

The Dead Letter Office for the British Postal Agencies was at Manama. The two 'Dead Letters' shown here were not deliverable, were returned to Kuwait but the senders could not be identified and were finally sent to the DLO. The upper cover has 'DoL Bahrain' written on in pencil in the wrong order! As stated on page 18, we can't say where the RTS cachet was struck.



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## Dead Letters Kuwait 1953



The Kuwait type 28 Exchange Office canceller records the final journey to the Dead Letter Office



The Bahrain type 33 Exchange Office canceller was used to signify dispatch to the Dead Letter Office



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Kuwait 1<sup>st</sup> February 1965



The large single ring canceller has not been listed yet

Qatar 4<sup>th</sup> November 1961



The stamps on this cover were all issued by the British Postal Agency.