

Aden

Indian Post Office

From its inception as a dependency of the British Crown in 1839 Aden had an active postal service, it being a port of major importance on the routes between Great Britain and the Empire in India, Asia & Australia.

In 1855 India was divided into Postal Circles and Aden was allocated to the Bombay Circle. From the first date when postage stamps became available in Aden in 1857, a large number of postmarks were produced, a field which has been extensively studied by collectors, in particular M H Robertshaw.

The first group of cancellations showed the number 124 (and for a short period 125), this being Aden's Bombay Circle identification number, followed by B22 in the 'All-India' series from 1873. In 1884 Squared Circle types appeared, later followed by many different single ring & double ring circular datestamps, including a number for special services such as registration, parcels, insurance & money orders.



Postcard of the Post Office, Aden, produced for 'the Hôtel de l'Europe Turkish Shop by I Benghiat Son, Aden' No 3278 47 949 q

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Crown Colony

Aden had been under British control since 1839 when Captain S.R. Haines captured it in the name of Queen Victoria and the territory was ceded to the British Crown by the local ruler.

Since that time Aden and the surrounding areas and subsidiary settlements had been administered by the Indian Post Office in Bombay, as an office of the Bombay Postal Circle. Initially it was Post Office No 124 and then as part of the 'All India' reorganisation of the postal system in 1872, it became Branch Office No 22 of Bombay.

Following representations by the local population to the British Government in 1936, Aden became a Crown Colony as from 1 April 1937, and the new Colony issued its own postage stamps, the Arab Dhow design.



Postcard of the Signal Station, Aden,
issued by the London County Council as a Reward Card c 1910

ADEN DHOW RECESS PRINTED BY DE LA RUE & CO
ON PAPER WATERMARKED MULTIPLE SCRIPT C A (SIDEWAYS)
PERFORATION 13 × 12 & WITH SEMI-CIRCULAR "SPECIMEN"



THIS SET WAS ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 1 1937

1 APRIL 1937 ADEN DHOW






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28 April 1937 Aden to London Registered



½ anna, 9 pies, 1 anna, 2 annas & 2½ annas dhow issue
overfranked for the 2½ annas letter rate to the UK + 3 annas registration.

Aden Reg double ring cds with registration label on reverse
& handstamp REGISTERED on front

no arrival backstamps

26 May 1937 Aden to Palestine registered



2 annas + ½ anna dhows + 4 x 1 anna Coronation on reverse of envelope
large Aden Reg double ring cds
3½ annas surface letter rate + 3 annas registration

Rafa-Haifa TPO 31 May 1937 Registered Jerusalem 31 May 1937

26 May 1937 Aden to Middlesex Registered



1 anna & 2½ annas Coronation issue + 2 annas dhow
for the 2½ annas letter rate to the UK + 3 annas registration.

Aden Reg double ring cds with registration label on reverse

backstamped Harrow Middlesex 5 June 1937

12 MAY 1937 CORONATION OF KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH

POSTMARK
ROBERTSHAW TYPE 30
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE





POSTMARK
ROBERTSHAW TYPE 29





POSTMARK TYPE 31

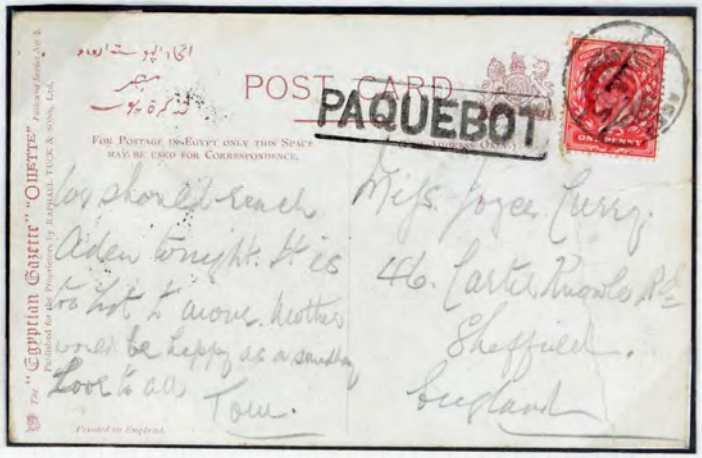


POSTMARK TYPE 46 b.



ADEN
MARITIME MAIL

10 JANUARY 1905
d/r bridged cds (Robertshaw t 24a) on GB KE7 1d
with boxed PAQUEBOT h/s 1d foreign postcard rate
to SHEFFIELD



ON RAPHAEL TUCK PPC
'EGYPTIAN GAZETTE Oilette'
Street Scene, CAIRO



ADEN
MARITIME MAIL

1 DECEMBER. 1908
PAQUEBOT ADEN s/r cds (Robertshaw t 71) on 2×GB KE7 ½d
1d foreign postcard rate to SOUTHSEA





on b/w PPC of ADEN
'ARABA POTTER SHOP'

published by Hôtel de l'Europe, Turkish Shop, Aden







12 MAY 1937 CORONATION OF KING GEORGE VI





15 OCT 1946 VICTORY ISSUE

RECESS BY DE LA RUE & CO. WMK. MULT. SCRIPT CA PERF 13½×14





17 JAN 1949 ROYAL SILVER WEDDING

1½ AS. PHOTO BY WATERLOW & SONS PERF. 14 x 15

10 RS. DESIGN RECESS & NAME TYPO BY BRADBURY WILKINSON PERF 11½x11

BOTH WATERMARKED MULTIPLE SCRIPT CA



10 OCT 1949 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

VALUES IN CENTS/SHILLINGS SURCHARGED WITH ANNAS/RUPEES

2½ AS & 1 R RECESS WATERLOW & SONS PERF 13½-14

3AS & 8AS DESIGN RECESS NAME TYPO BRADBURY WILKINSON PERF 11x11½

ALL VALUES WATERMARK MULTIPLE SCRIPT CA









19 JAN 1939 SCENES OF ADEN

RECESS PRINTING BY WATERLOW & SONS WMK. MULT. SCRIPT CA PERF. 12½



SEPT 1948 15 JAN 1945



19 JAN 1939 SCENES OF ADEN USED

POSTMARK ROBERTSHAW TYPE 29 (& OTHERS)






153
3 ANNAS
20 CENTS
ADEN
1 RUPEE
UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION
1874
1949