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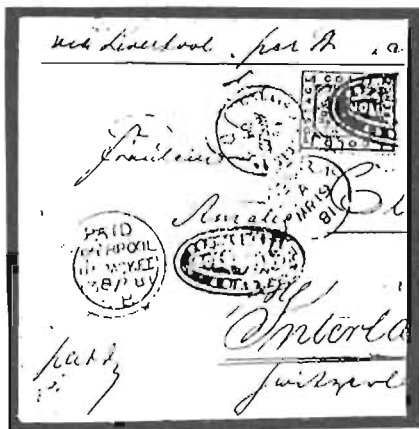
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VOLUME 3 NUMBER 10**EDITORIAL**

This issue sees the completion of Volume 3 and thus fifteen years of *Cameo*. An Index will appear in the next issue. Your editor did wonder, in the mid 1970's, whether there would be enough material to keep *Cameo* going after, say, five years. Fortunately, several keen contributors have continued to produce useful articles year after year and then there are always new discoveries to report.

Now, to turn to the Special Issue. The response to the request for articles of one page to an issue to celebrate London 1990 has been disappointing. So, it is likely to be cancelled. Those contributors who have submitted articles will find them in *Cameo* in the near future.

This is being penned before Philexfrance and will appear after the exhibition. Already friends are saying 'See you in Paris', your editor hopes to be there to renew old friendships and make new ones.

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AUCTION REALISATIONS

(Prices realised include buyer's premium where applicable. Estimates in brackets)

Phillips, November 10th 1988

Gold Coast 1899 2/6d and £5 (unissued values) cut down die proofs of country name and value tablet, in black on white glazed card, mounted on piece (62 x 55 mm), removed from De La Rue book, ms. endorsed "Feb. 28/60 leads from each die" and later crossed and dated "Apr. 7th 99" in red. The 2/6d with red ink smudges, otherwise fine. £228 including VAT (£200/£250).

Gold Coast 1928 3d colour trial, an imperforate pair in blue on white wove paper. £82 including VAT (£60/£80).

Christie's Robson Lowe December 6th 1988

Gambia 1953 1½d, 1/3d and £1 enlarged (118 x 100mm. approx) photographic essays with head excised and three enlarged (118 x 100mm) composite photographic and handpainted essays of the frame and head of K.G.V.I., showing issued crown but with side detail omitted. Ex De La Rue archives £413 plus VAT (£150)

Gold Coast 1879 cc 2d, a fresh mint block of four. £77 (£45)

Nigeria 1960 Independence, 1d, 3d, 6d and 1/3d, enlarged (228 x 153mm) pencil sketches by O.C. Meronti, drawn

on thin card (268 x 254mm approx) with various annotations and suggested colour schemes in margins. Ex De La Rue archives £154 + VAT (£200).

Channel Island Stamp Co. January 27th 1989 (Postal Auction)

Nigeria 1943 long envelope (folded at left) from Southern Rhodesia to Nigeria with 3 x 2d, 2 x 3d Falls pair, 1d and 1½d GVI, with fine Victoria D/C pmks. 12 May 43. Triangular violet cachet below L2. Nigerian tape and purple boxed 'Passed by Censor 12 Nigeria'. Inside a black on blue label 'Nigeria/Enclosure not found/When opened by Censor 30.' Minor soils. £34 (£15).

Cavendish April 8th 1989

Gambia P.O. Regulations; 1932 letter from the GPO at Bathurst covering copies of the 1926 (26pp) and 1928 (10pp) Regulations plus a 1 page 1931 Amendment ref. Parcels with oval 'GENERAL POST OFFICE / RECEIVED / BATHURST' d.s. at the top. £52 + £3 handling charge (£45)

THE T.V. ROBERTS MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS OF WEST AFRICA

The following notes have been written by Mr. Robson Lowe who thought members might find them of interest. Your Editor has thanked Mr. Lowe and has arranged for some of the prices realised to be shown below.

Gold Coast: There are three 2d. G.B. registered envelope over-printed **GOLD COAST COLONY**, all from Dodowah, the first bears a 1d. stamp cancelled "D.H. 27.7.01" with the name written in full on the front, the second is similar but the 2½d. stamp is cancelled "Dodowah 5.9.01", and the third is the same but on the 1d. "16.9.01".

An envelope to Wurttemberg via Winneba has Q.V. ½d. (2), 2½d., K.E.VII ½d. and 1d. all pen-cancelled "Nsaba 3 IV 01". A postcard via Winneba and Accra to Basle has the 1d. stamp cancelled "Nsaba 5 VI 03".

Other pen-cancelled stamps are a pair of ½d. "2 7 10 Mampong" and a 1d. "Tschito 27. OC. 27 Gold Coast", both on covers to England.

There are two covers with a ½d. and two 1d. on covers to England in 1897 and 1898, the stamps cancelled by pen X, and over-cancelled with **PAQUEBOT LIVERPOOL** c.d.s. on arrival in England; both are from a writer on "Low Town Str. Cape Coast". A 1901 cover "Per SS Jebba" has a pair of ½d. cancelled with a red ink X, then **STEAMSHIP AGENCY TIMBER PORTS** handstamp with a Plymouth duplex JA 5 1901 overall. On "16/3/01", backstamped with the oval Lokoja d.s. three days later.

Lagos: A 1d. postcard to Dahomey in 1898 has the stamp cancelled "p SS Eloby" and a loose ½d. has "SS Jebba 15/2/04". A cover to London has the 1d. stamp pen-cancelled "ARO 11.3.05" being over-cancelled with the oval of bars at Lagos.

Nigeria: There are three registered letters to England, 1934 from Iddo Ibadan T.P.O. 15, with the Registration label written "T.P.O. South"; 1944 from Ile Ife with the Registration label written "Ife"; and a 1961 cover without a label but in red chalk "LAGOS 32 R/N 645"

NORTHERN NIGERIA

The manuscript cancellations of **Jebba** have been divided into four different hands – the first is shown on

a cover registered to London with 6d. in stamps, "Jebba 27/3/1900" in red ink. There is also a loose G.B. 1d. similarly cancelled on "6/8/1900", presumably off a soldier's letter.

The second type is also in red and is found between August 1900 and June 1901 reading "Post Office Jebba 12.9.1900", often over-cancelled with the oval Lokoja datestamp two days later. There is a piece cancelled "On Active Service no stamps available" with the writers name which has been over-cancelled in red "Post Office Jebba 4/6/01" and there is a cover to London similarly cancelled but "10.6.01".

The third hand reads "Jebba 11.12.00" and is again in red and appears on the 6d. value in December 1900, apparently used on telegrams. A similar hand with strokes instead of dots in the date, is in black ink "Jebba 28/12/00".

The fourth hand is usually in red and reads "Post Office Jebba 12/2/01" and appears first in December 1900 and continues to August 1901. There is a wrapper to England bearing a 2d. and 6d. cancelled on "16/3/01", backstamped with the oval Lokoja d.s. three days later.

There are two other covers to England, one cancelled in purple "1/7/01" and another in red but "Post Office Lagos 16/8/01". This was presumably an error for Jebba as the writer endorsed the letter in red ink "via Lagos".

Other manuscript cancellations represented are "Akwanaga 7/4/01" in black on cover, "Badeggi 8-7-09" (Badika), "Bida 26/4/01 J.C." in black on cover ("J.C." was the Military Resident, Capt. Cochran), "Egga 28/9/00" and "6/10/01" "(EK) Wanaj (a) 10.12.00", "P.O. Ibi 23/7/01" in red on cover and three pieces "15.5.01" to "1.9.01", "Lefelia 20/5/1900" in black, "Loko 3/4" and "Dec 20" in black, Yola c.d.s. with the date in mss. 23/4/02, and "Zaria 28/8/07" on a strip of three 1d.

St. Helena: A letter with the envelope written on board with the ship **Harbinger** approaching St. Helena, where it was posted on 6 March 1896, being endorsed "Ships letter 2/-".

Togo: An envelope bearing Anglo-French Occupation 2½d. cancelled "Ho 27/4/16", over-cancelled **STATION**

PALIME two days later and passing through Lome en route for Holland.

Prices realised which include the 10% Buyer's premium. Estimates in brackets.

Gold Coast "D.H." etched £176 (£200); the second "Dodowah" £303 (£250) and the third £352 (£250). The 1903 'Nsaba' to Wurttemberg sold for £468 (£200) and the one to Basle for £275 (£150). The later Mampong reached £308 (£175) and the 1927 Tschita £143 (£50). The lot which included the 1897 and 1898 covers cancelled by a pen X did not sell but the STEAMSHIP AGENCY made up for this realising £440 (£150).

Lagos The 1904 "SS JEBBA" made £165 (£75) and the

'Aro' cover £198 (£100).

Nigeria The one lot which included the 1934 T.P.O. sold for £94 (£50).

Northern Nigeria Only prices realised for covers are given. "Jebba 27/3/1900" £440 (£500). "Post Office Jebba 10.6.01" £176 (£225); "Post Office Jebba 16/3/01" in the fourth hand £209 (£250). The other two covers, in purple and 'Lagos' did not sell.

The 'Akwanaga' cover realised £297 (£350); Bida £286 (£350) and 'Ibi' £308 (£375).

St. Helena The Ship Letter made £523 (£650)

Togo The 'Ho' manuscript remained unsold.

NEW LETTER SYSTEM FOR THE COAST

ROY COOPER

Roy has submitted a photo-copy of a page from the newspaper "West Africa" dated June 16th 1917. In addition to the paragraph on mail, your Editor felt that members would be interested also in various honours awarded.

A COASTER'S LONDON LOG.

(By "Spotted Dog")

28, Fleet Street, Thursday.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. Whigham, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the Nigeria Regiment, who is Home on leave, was received by the King this week at His Majesty's Investiture, and presented with the D.S.O. Colonel Whigham has had a good deal of experience on the Coast, having been employed with the West African Frontier Force from 1901 to 1906, and again from 1907 to 1912. He returned for further service in 1916. Many gallant officers now serving with the W.A.F.F.'s or who have served with it, have during the last few days been singled out by the king for promotion or decoration. A notable officer on the list is Major-General P.S. Wilkinson, who has received the K.C.M.G. for service in the war. He first gave service with this regiment from October, 1897, to December 1904, and he was Inspector-General from 1909 to 1913. He had just relinquished this position before the war, but joined up again immediately.

SOME FURTHER HONOURS.

Major and Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) H.O. Mance, Royal Engineers, and the W.A.F.F., has received the C.M.G. He is well known in Northern Nigeria, where he was engaged for four years in survey work. Colonel W.C.G. Heneker, W.A.F.F., is

promoted to be a Major-General. He was in the Niger Coast Protectorate from 1897 to 1899, and served with the W.A.F.F. from 1900 to 1903. Captain E.L. Salier, Northumberland Fusiliers, now a Brevet-Major, served with the W.A.F.F. from 1910 to 1915. Major H. Goodwin, Middlesex Regiment, and the W.A.F.F., has received the D.S.O., and so has Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) J. Sargent, Lancashire Fusiliers, and the W.A.F.F.; and Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) W.I. Webb-Bowen, Middlesex Regiment, who served with the Nigerian Regiment from 1913 to 1915. many Nigerians, especially those of the Northern Provinces, will recall Captain H.E. Kentish, who served under Major Guggisberg in the Nigerian Surveys. They and all others who know him will learn with satisfaction that he is one of the latest recipients of that distinguished honour, the Military Cross. He was one of the early participants in the campaign in the Cameroons.

NEW LETTER SYSTEM FOR THE COAST

The system for transmitting letters abroad by different ships in duplicate or triplicate, referred to in these columns last week, has now been extended to West Africa. Both duplicate and triplicate, in addition to the original fully addressed letter, must bear 6d. In stamps, and the letters should all be placed in one envelope bearing ordinary postage and registration fee, addressed "Urgent," to the Superintendent on Duty, Sorting Office, Post Office, Liverpool. They should not be marked with any particular route. On receipt by the Superintendent both the enclosed letters will be registered, and certificates of posting will be sent forthwith to the sender (who should enclose for the purpose an envelope bearing his full name and postal address).

'G.R.I.' BY ROBERT M. GIBBS

The sub-title is 'The Postage Stamps of the German Colonies occupied by the British 1914-1918' which includes the Cameroons and Togo.

The author deals in great detail with the German overprinted stamps and thus the Gold Coast overprints of Togo are not included. The history leading to the issues is covered in great detail, particularly for Togo. Postal history has not been included since, as the author mentions, much has already been published and is also in the course of revision by members of the Circle.

The issue of the stamps has been researched with great

thoroughness. The 'numbers issued' of Togo has been a source of conjecture since the booklets published during the First World War. Robert Gibbs has checked carefully and provided tables giving his considered views bearing in mind known scarcity. Collectors now have more accurate figures to go on.

Published by Christies Robson Lowe at £60, this may be beyond the means of some collectors. For those who collect Cameroons or Togo, it is essential reading so beg or borrow a copy if the purse strings will not stretch.

J.J.M.

KING GEORGE VI PRINTINGS

Could I appeal to any Circle member who has (a) reference examples of specific printings to get in touch with me and (b) anyone with duplicate reference examples of specific printings to offer them to us.

My intention is to build up, in the 'fullness of time', a reference collection of all King George VI colonial printings.

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The K.G.V.I. Collectors' Society has also been asked.

BRITISH FORCES AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS PRINTED IN WEST AFRICA

JOHN DAYNES

Lee's Type

<p>HIV On white paper with imprint on back "Catholic Mission Press, Cape Coast"</p> <p>a In admonition "s" of size over "n" of only</p> <p>b "s" of size over "1" of only</p> <p>H V On white paper with imprint at front bottom left W.A.P.S.S. 7/42/100000/ 192</p> <p>a Small space between AIR & MAIL at top left Admonition small serified capitals.</p> <p>b large space between AIR & MAIL at top left Admonition larger sans-serified capitals.</p> <p>X On white paper with orange overlay in vertical bars giving the paper a pink appearance from front. Admonition in second line has no reference to "BLUE" border</p>	<p>CG41-1 Headed FORCES LETTER CARD with a red St. Andrews Cross overprinted.</p> <p>a Fancy overlay upright</p> <p>b Fancy overlay inverted.</p> <p>KIV Poorly printed on white paper but with blue background printed on front and back 1 & 2 A & L of AIR LETTER in larger letters 3-6 A & L of AIR LETTER of equal size</p> <p>CG42-9 Magenta overlay inside having diagonal albino lines. Printed in black</p> <p>CG44-5 Similar to KIV in blue ink on yellow paper. Stamp rectangle with words "X'mas Issue Post Free." Also known used with stamp in February 1945</p> <p>Y Normal issue printed on blue paper.</p>
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GT. BRITAIN Mauve ornamental overlay. Printed by Catholic Mission Press. Cape Coast.

No varieties

TYPE HIV

AIR

**AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD**



IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

Coded W.A.P.S.S. 7/42/100000/192. Army Form 3077
Bottom admonition has three lines.

No varieties

TYPE HV

**BY
MAIL**

**AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD**

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

HIV Type. Only one example of this has been seen, used from West Africa. It has **GT. BRITAIN** printed in the address space with a 39¼mm. underline. On the back is a printers imprint – Catholic Mission Press, Cape Coast

There is an internal overlay of unique design, mauve squares extending over both writing spaces (after the first fold) but with a plain border all round the complete form where writing was not expected to occur. There are no side flaps but a narrow horizontal one. This may be Hodson's W.A.F. No. 5 but this was stated to have no flaps.

The standard dimensions are:-

By Air Mail	Letter Card	Admonitions	Frame Size	Date seen
31mm				
long	44mm	44½ & 99½	115½x93½	Jan 1942
(no tablet)				

HV Type Only one example of this has been seen, used from West Africa. The bottom admonition is in three lines, the first two of which are equal in length with the third line saying – ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN, 38½mm long. There is a printers reference at the bottom left reading W.A.P.S.S. 7/42/100000/192. At the bottom right is ARMY FORM 3077 There are guide dots on the flaps. Two lines are used for BY/AIRMAIL The standard dimensions are:-

Two lines 57½mm 58 & 99 98 x91½ April 1943

NOTE:

Hodson lists as W.A.F.23 a 1942 Christmas issue of HV, printed in black with the word blue omitted on the second line of the bottom admonition. It is coded only ARMY FORM W.3077, 26mm long.

Hodson also lists a quite different Christmas issue for 1941 headed in one straight line at the top left FORCES LETTER CARD. with a red St. Andrews Cross overprinted. This has not been seen used free of postage before Christmas but two copies have been seen with G.B. stamps applied and postmarked mid 1942.

West African origin. Coded W.3077

Sub-types 1 and 2

TYPE KIV

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

**IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL**

West African coded W.3077 Better print, address lines clear. With thin solid folding lines.

TYPE KIV.

Sub-types 3 and 4
Sub-types 5 and 6
Sub-types 7 and 8

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

**IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
BY ORDINARY MAIL.**

CATEGORY KIV

Introduction

These are of West African origin, poorly printed. They carry Army Form W.3077 at the bottom right of the front panel and are generally the same layout as KI category but without arrows and BY AIR MAIL is not in a blue tablet.

Sub-type 1. AIR LETTER is 34½mm long with larger type for the A and L. There is no stop after MAIL in the admonition. The dotted second folding line points, at the left, to between the 'h' and 'e' of 'First fold here' which being printed within the overlay, is partly visible on the front of the form as folded for posting.

Seen used 6.9.43.

Sub-type 2. As sub-type 1 but AIR LETTER 34mm. long and the second folding line points to beyond the 'First fold here' which therefore appears entirely on the back of the form as folded for posting.

Seen used 12.10.43.

Sub-type 3. AIR LETTER now all in the same size of print and 37¾mm long. Second folding line points to the 'f' of fold in 'First fold here'.

Seen used 15.12.43.

Sub-type 4. AIR LETTER 37mm long. The second fold line now points to the 'o' of 'fold'

Seen used 30.3.44.

Sub-type 5. Now in a better standard of printing, especially of the overlay. Address lines are clear and obviously continuous. No stops in 'Army Form W 3077' 'First fold here' is now printed outside the overlay and so cannot be seen on the form as folded for posting. AIR LETTER is 37¾mm long. The first line of the admonition is 44¼mm long and the address lines are aligned vertically on the right. The top address line is 90½mm long.

Seen used 9.8.44.

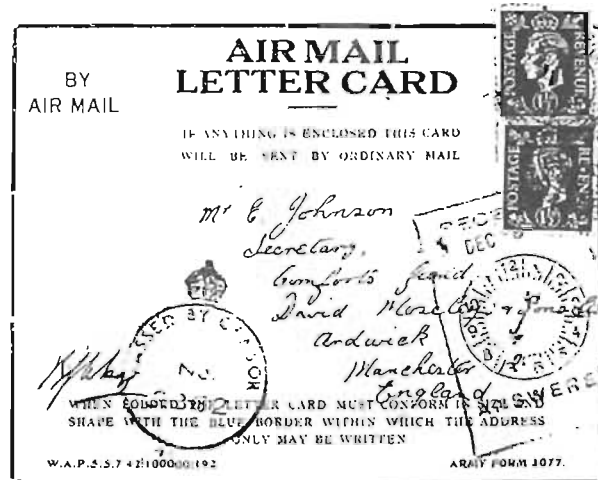
Sub-type 6. Generally as sub-type 5 but with stop in 'Army Form W. 3077' and AIR LETTER 37mm long. The first line of the admonition is 43½mm and the address lines are not vertically aligned on the right. The top address line is 89½mm.

Seen used 22.9.44.

type HIV




Type HV



AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD

BY AIR MAIL

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS CARD
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL



POST OFFICE

559

Miss / *John D. Hill,*
Sacred Heart Convent
The Manor House
Chew-Magna
Nr Bristol
W. of ... Somerset - England

PASSED BY CENSOR

No.

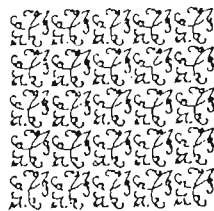
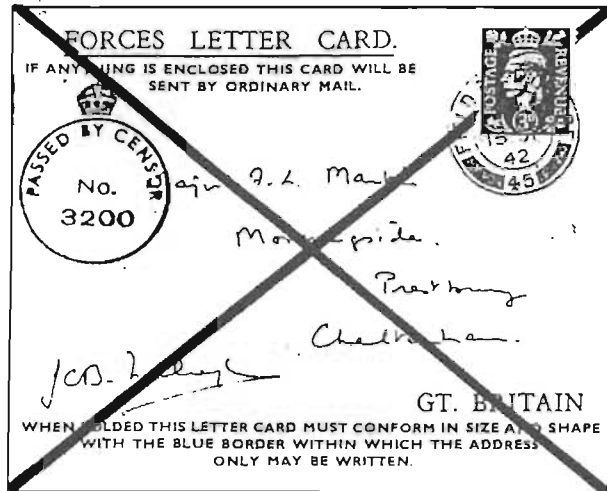
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WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND
SHAPE WITH THE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS
ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN

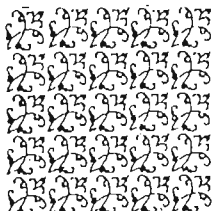
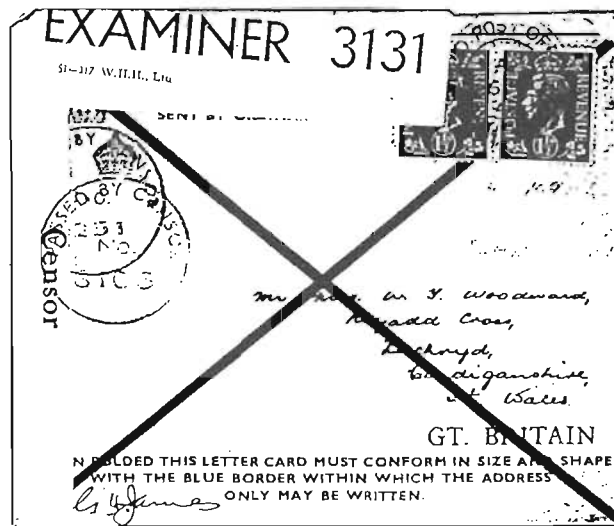
W. O. ... W. O. ... ARMY FORM W 3077

Miss / *John D. Hill,*
Sacred Heart Convent
The Manor House
Chew-Magna
Nr Bristol
W. of ... Somerset - England

See under type HV. No reference to "Blue" border.



Type CG 41-1 Fancy overlay upright



Type CG 41-1. Fancy overlay inverted

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
 IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
 THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
 BY ORDINARY MAIL

O.A.S.
 ENGLISH

X
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
 10

School of Accountancy,
70 Regent House,
Edinburgh,
C. 2

S. P. Stewart

Army Form W.3077

See under Type CG44-5. Normal issue. Printed on blue paper

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
 IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
 THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT
 BY ORDINARY MAIL.

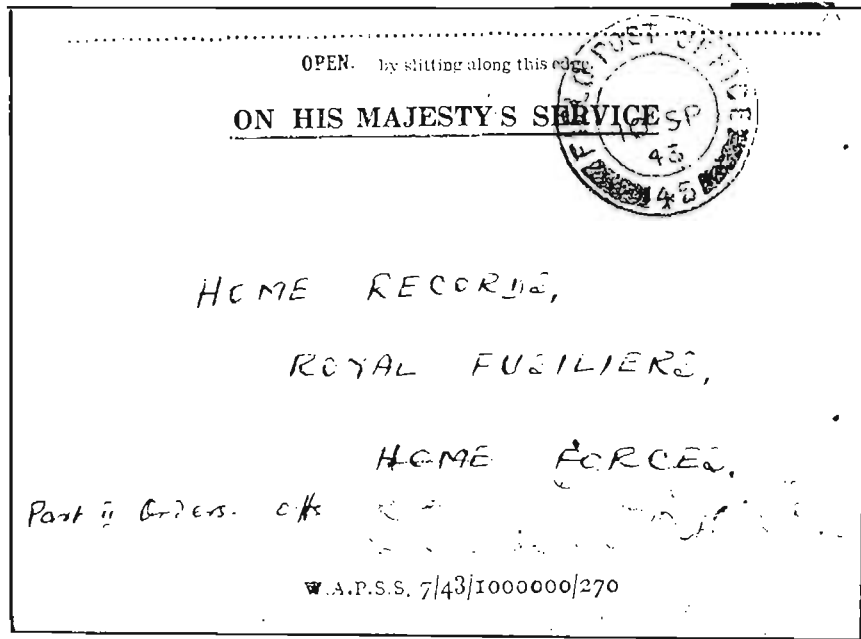
FIELD
 100

Mr. C. Spangloper,
"Billie Van,"
Walsby Road,
Harrow Weald,
Middlesex, England.

R.A.F.
 CENSOR
[Signature]



Army Form W.3077

John Daynes is President of the Forces Postal History Society. "British Forces Air Mail Letter Cards and Air Letters 1941-1977" by O.R.J. Lee was first published by the F.P.H.S. in 1983 and due acknowledgement is given to Mr Lee.

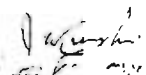
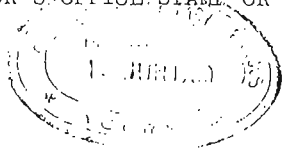


In addition, other stationery was produced in West Africa. Illustrated is an Economy Label. John Daynes has another example which would not reproduce very clearly. This has a reference "W.A.P.S.S. 1544/1000000/270" and was used on 3 NO. 44.

Finally, two Ghana Army Forms from 1960

SDS TO: Flying 'Praemium' Croquet Club No.		PRECEDENCE <i>Routine</i>	REF NUMBER HWT/546/11
SER NO.		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION /1	
DATE STAMP 25/6		DELETE AS NEC REGISTERED UNREGISTERED	AUTHORIZED BY ✓ SIG & RANK
ORIGINATOR'S OFFICE STAMP OR ADDRESS 			

Ghana Army Form F/SDS/46 (reduced size)

IN LIEU of F/SDS/46			
SDS To OC, FTC, ACCRA.		PRECEDENCE <i>Routine</i>	REFERENCE No TAK/Edn/3
SER No.		DELETE AS NECESSARY REGISTERED UNREGISTERED	AUTHORIZED BY  SIGNATURE & RANK
DATE STAMP 17	ORIGINATOR'S OFFICE STAMP OR ADDRESS 		

Ghana Army Form with reference 'In Lieu of F/SDS/46' (reduced size)

We have a joint meeting with the F.P.H.S. on December 2nd 1989. John has specially asked for the members of the Circle to bring along all similar items so that they may be recorded.
 John has also mentioned that he may be looking at the numbering system.

OMV 500.284 1/74

HELPY MESSAGE

Date: 16. 8. 69

The £10 not yet received.
The £20 has been received.
Parents, entire family are all well.
Your immediate family are all well.
From [unclear]

Family Information & Tracing Agency,
F. C. R. C. H. C.
c/o St. Mary's Seminary,
1000 [unclear] - OKU
[unclear] F. R. A.

FC 43.392/MG

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

14, A 15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT
LONDON SW1

BRITIDKOSKY LONDON SW1
TALIANE REDKOS London, S.W.1.
TALIANE BULGARIA 5454

6667

RED CROSS MESSAGE
ENQUIRER

NAME: UKANDU

Postal Address: MARK BEKE
RUSKIN COLLEGE
OXFORD, ENGLAND

Reply immediately, further aid
to family depends on acknowledgment
of £10 remitted by Ruskin College.
Send children's Baptismal Certificates,
and report on condition of entire family.

5.6.69

UKANDU

Postal Names: OBIOMA,
OBILAST, UMUEDE,
NKPA, PUSTAL AGENCY,
TIA, UZUAROLI,
UMUAHIA (BIAFRA)

This is a Red Cross form sent in June 1969 from Ruskin College, Oxford to Umuahia, Biafra. The reply in August 1969 was franked with a 4d Biafran Independence stamp, SG 2. This is the first Red Cross form I have seen connected with Biafra.

CAMEROONS. AN APPEAL

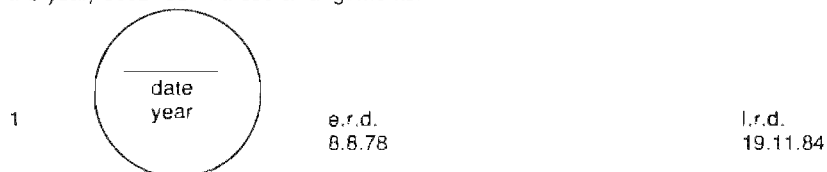
I have been asked by the publications committee of the WASC to prepare a publishable version of the paper on the Cameroons which I edited and produced in 1983. I shall do this jointly with our Dutch member, Dr. Jan Schelling. I appeal to *all* members, who have this paper, (which is still available from Jack Ince) to see whether they can add to the dates recorded for postmarks, respond to the questions raised with facts or opinions, or add anything of interest. Please do this even if you have written to me before! Please respond at the latest by the end of the Christmas/New Year holiday, to Dr. Schelling or myself.



Michael Wright
Cameroons editor, May 1989

GAMBIA: THE MACHINE CANCELLER

OLIVER ANDREW

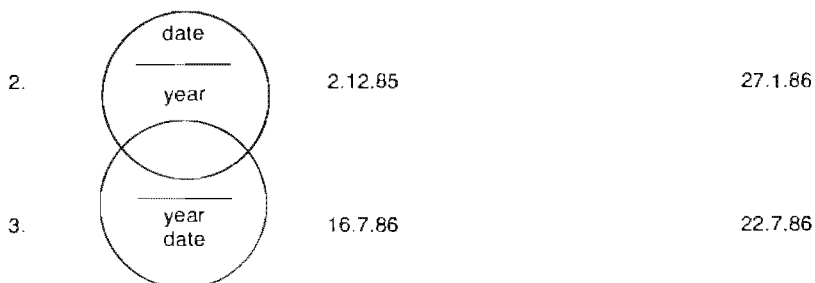
Looking through my modern Gambia covers a year or two ago, I was surprised to notice that the layout of the three elements inside the circle of the Banjul machine-canceller varied. The three (a straight line, the date with three-letter month, the year) occurred in these arrangements:



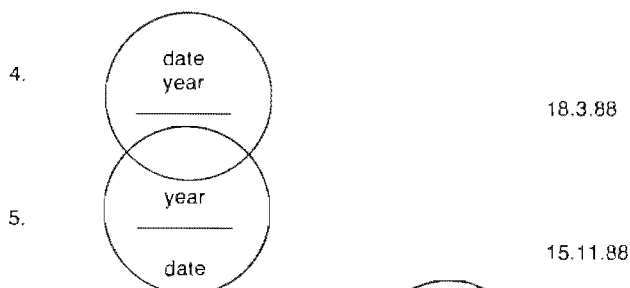
a. wavy lines  (all others are ) 16.2.78

b. c.d.s. inverted 16.11.78

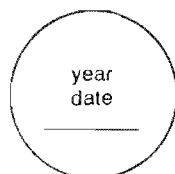
(N.B. As I remember, there was a longish period between 1979 and 1983 when this canceller was not found. I wrote to the P.O. but had no reply.)



Since then two more variations have turned up, leaving only one of the six possibilities unused. They are:



Numbers with examples showing



or dates falling

outside those listed here, are warmly encouraged to contact the Gambia Editor to have them recorded.

GOLD COAST COLONY: PLATE VARIETIES ON QUEEN VICTORIA ISSUES

The original article was published in the July 1988 issue of *Cameo*. There was an error in the Plate flaws. One was shown as position 4. Please amend this to position 3.

NOTES ON GOLD COAST CANCELLATIONS – QUEEN VICTORIA

PETER NEWROTH

In *Cameo* 3 (7), pp. 180-181, M. Machin reported observations on early Type 2 cancellations in which the date and code letter plugs are missing. While further detailed study is necessary, a survey of datestamps of this type in my collection show.

ADDAH – one example (S.G. 5): only '5' present in day position, with no sign of year date, month or code letter (measured 19mm) – letters appear to be the same size as other complete datestamps.

AXIM – no examples of missing dates or codes, but a copy of S.G. 3 dated MR 2-76 (no code – diameter 19mm) (the earliest recorded date?) has larger letters than those with A, B or C codes.

DIXCOVE – one example of S.G. 7 with no dates or codes (19mm diameter) shows letters slightly smaller than code B or C types and the lettering nearly touches the datestamp ring.

ELMINA – early Type 2 cancels appear to have two lettering types, with noticeable variation in the letter 'A' of 'ELMINA' and the code letter 'A'.

SALTPOND – Examples of S.G. 4 (SALTPOND) and S.G. 13 (SALT.POND) without dates or codes (both 19mm); the former has smaller letters than datestamps with dates and codes, the latter has letters the same size as examples with dates and codes.

WINNEBAH – Seven examples with no dates or codes (5) or partial dates (2) (all 19mm diameter) – all with smaller letters. One example without date and code "c" only has larger letters (see this illustrated – Figure 2, p. 172, *Cameo* 2 (7).) Examples of both lettering sizes

(including small and large 'C' code letters) are common on dated copies.

The following notes respond to earlier articles on Victorian cancellations.

1. Cape Coast "P" Code: In *Cameo* of July 1985 K. Macrae reviewed earlier reports of a "P" code on Type 5A cancels of Cape Coast. I have the example illustrated here, dated OC 10, 1894, the same date reported for two others by Macrae. This is a uniform, clear strike and not a broken "B"; in any case there are no reports of Type 5A with a "B" code. I can only repeat the appeal made earlier for members to check their collections so that we may get more clues to unravel this problem.

2. Kwisa/Kwissa: Also in *Cameo* of July 1985, K. Macrae encouraged further study on the cancellations of Rwissa?/Kwissa and indicated that Rwissa probably was a mis-spelling of Kwissa. My material supports this conclusion; I have several manuscript cancels dated Sept. and Oct. 1901 (Kwissa, on S.G. 27), Type 5 dated May 12, 0? (Kwisa, in purple on S.G. 26) and Type 11 dated 13 Sep 1902 (Kwissa, in purple on S.G. 27).

The Post and Telegraph Department Report for 1900 reported that the office at Brafu Edru was destroyed by rebellious Adansis and the clerk killed; another office was established at Kwissa in its place.

3. Victoriaborg: I have a pair of S.G. 26 cancelled with Type 5C in violet ink (dated Mr 1 0?) and a single S.G. 27 with an undecipherable date, also in violet; this colour is unrecorded to my knowledge.



GOLD COAST: BOOK POST WRAPPER

PETER NEWROTH

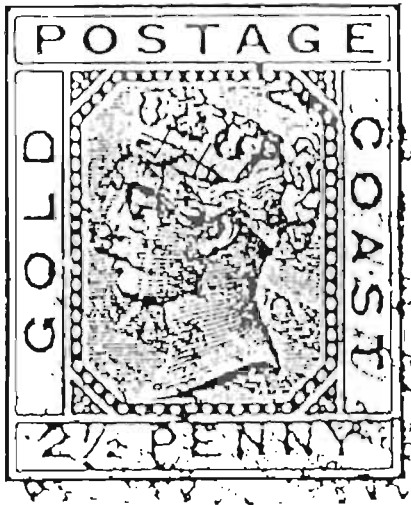
I illustrate an example of a Book Post Wrapper, sent on OHMS from Victoriaborg, Accra to Kwitta (Jy 3, 1895). The "BOOK POST" tablet is embossed in blue and includes the statement "Manufactured by Waterlow & Sons Limited". I have seen two other examples of this wrapper, both on OHMS from Accra (to Saltpond - Ap 13, 1894 and to Ada - No. 27, 1902). Apparently these were used for transmission of thin bundles of papers or magazines and I would be interested in corresponding with Circle members who have similar items or details about their usage.



The De La Rue Archives included an Essay for a halfpenny Wrapper for use only with newspapers or other Book-rate documents. This wrapper incorporated the 1884 Halfpenny postage stamp design and the Essay was dated March 30, 1899. Apparently this wrapper was never put into production or issued.

THE 1891 GOLD COAST 2½d

ROBERT SEAMAN

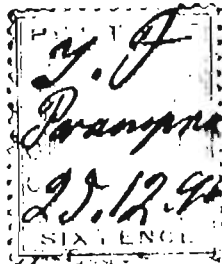


The illustrations show clearly the two different sizes of '2½ PENNY', the example on the right being noticeably smaller

GOLD COAST PRAMPAM MANUSCRIPT

ROY COOPER

I cannot recall seeing a Prampram manuscript before – perhaps someone may know of another.



The date is most interesting being December 25th 189(6?) which I would think makes it postal rather than revenue. December 25th 1896 was a Friday.

Footnote: Robert Nelson has reported that Peter Jaffe has found a manuscript cancellation 'Kpong 23.7.92' in violet ink on an 1884 1d.

Would a member like to start a listing of all known Gold Coast manuscript cancellations? The T.V. Roberts sale catalogue would make a starting point.

Editor

GOLD COAST WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

PETER NEWROTH

Unused and cancelled examples of 1d War Savings "Stamps" for the Gold Coast Colony are illustrated below. The cancellation is Type 21 "Labadi 6 OC 51". Both copies are light blue, typographed on paper watermarked Multiple Crown Script CA and comb perforated 13.3 x 12.8.

The central design, an elephant and a palm encircled by a ring with the words GOLD COAST COLONY, is similar to Gold Coast essays prepared by De La Rue for Judicial and Postage/Revenue stamps in 1897 and the design of the 1938 Gambia definitives (See Beale, *Cameo* 13(2)3, pp. 69-71). The War Savings stamps illustrated differ from the essays and the issued stamps in that the design is cruder and the elephant's trunk is raised.

I would be interested in hearing from members who have information on the source, application and issue date of these stamps. Were there other values?



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NIGER COAST FORGED COVERS

JACK INCE

By courtesy of Ken Sergeant, our dealer/member from Eastbourne, I have been able to view two suspect covers, one of which is illustrated herewith.

The details are:-

1. To Rev. G.M. Townsend, Llanvapley Rectory, Abergavenny
2. Niger Coast Stamps 1 x ½, 1 x 2d tied by 3 strikes of ASABA date stamp, carrying date of 6th Feb. 1897
3. This ASABA d.s. has the flanking bars of S. Nigeria type 2 with town name at top and decoration at base. Noticeably no code letter appears.
4. At bottom left appears the PAID/LIVERPOOL/BR PACKET/ date stamp in 'vermilion' with date FE 27.97 and, below, 3A.

Cover B:

1. Addressee and address as in 'A'
2. Niger Coast stamp 1 x 1d tied by one strike of the same ASABA date stamp as in 'A', 11 Nov. 1899.
3. No code
4. At bottom left Paid Liverpool date stamp as in 'A' vermilion with date 7th Dec. 1899 and, below 1B.

These covers are examples of forgeries known to be in circulation. The following details may facilitate recognition.

1. Asaba was the administrative HQ of the Royal Niger Company which, while it was a "postal centre" for the Company, was never issued with a handstamp for postal usage. None of the Company's "postal centres" was part of the Imperial Post Office

2. From 1st January 1900 Asaba was gazetted a post office of the new protectorate of Southern Nigeria, and was issued, from that date, with a c.d.s. S. Nigeria type, similar to that on the above covers. However the correct diameter should be 23½mm and the date stamp has never been seen without the inclusion of code letter "A".

It is of interest to note that this date stamp was issued, from 1st January 1900, only to towns which had been postal centres of The Company viz Akassa, Asaba, Agberi (later Aboh), Burutu and Ida (later Idah).

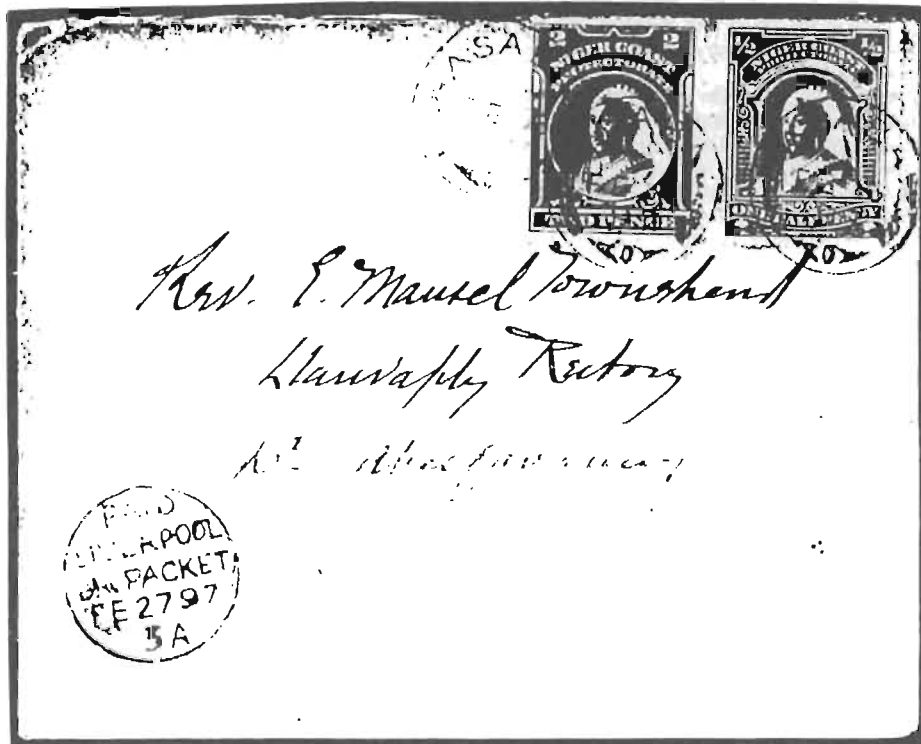
3. The "Paid Liverpool" handstamp is in an unusual vermilion ink.

4. The lack of "country of destination" i.e. Wales, United Kingdom, Britain is exceptional for a cover sent from overseas, especially at this period.

5. Opening the cover and looking against a strong light at the reverse of the adhesives discloses an outline which no longer appears on the face.

6. Taking points 4 & 5 together, it would seem that local, inland, covers of the period have had their G.B. stamps removed, any postal cancellation has been superficially removed, but the dye of the cancelling ink has entered the weave of the envelope and remains.

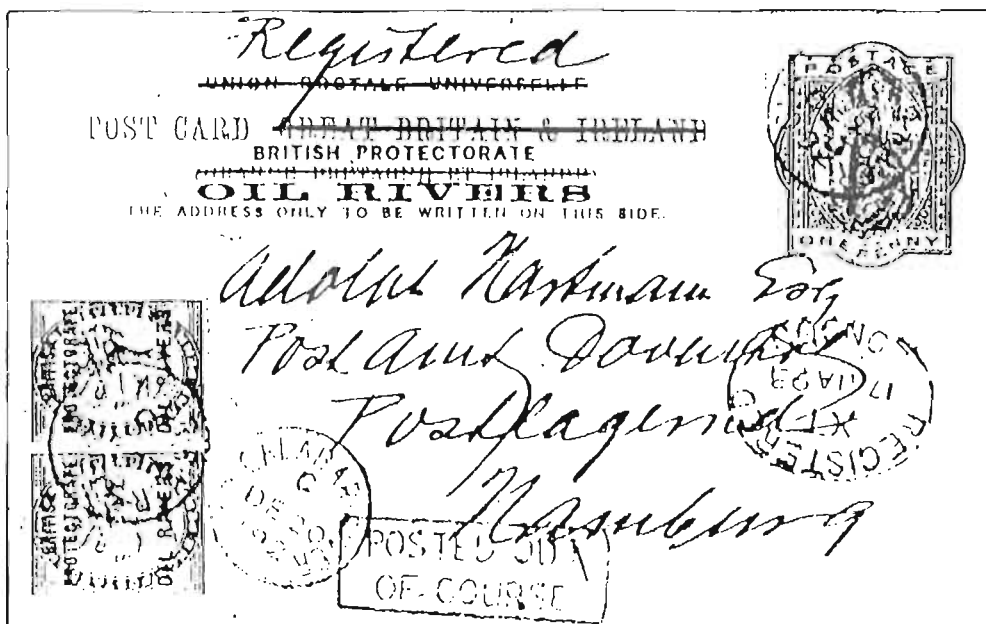
7. One cover carried a backstamp which might seem to lend verification but, inland, post bearing datestamps of this type were perfectly normal.



All members are advised to seek expert advice if offered covers whose authenticity they may have reason to doubt.

“POSTED OUT OF COURSE” – OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE

JACK INCE



This boxed cachet is applied to the face of a cover when delay is expected (or has taken place) in delivery due to an error at time of despatch (or possibly while in transit).

In December 1892 in the Oil Rivers Protectorate, the post office had been officially in operation for six months only and experience in the use of ancillary services, such as registration, was probably minimal as far as the handful of native clerks was concerned.

In the example postcard, the writer has himself written "Registered" on the face and the card is stamped at the correct registered postage rate i.e. 1d postage to members of the U.P.U. plus 2d registration fee. Presumably, therefore, the writer received a receipt at the Old Calabar Post Office but the clerk failed, not only to apply the (straight line) REGISTERED handstamp to the card but placed it in the ordinary overseas mail bag (not the bag for registered mail).

On arrival in England, during sorting, the error was discovered and the oval registered handstamp was applied in London together with the boxed cachet, before placing it in the mail bag for German mail.

The letters "XT" in the oval handstamp are not significant i.e. they are not an abbreviation for 'EXTERNAL MAIL' The 'X' refers to the handstamp code in use, while the 'T' is the day code (which would be changed daily).

The post card is of interest, not only because little or no delay appears to have occurred, in fact the time of some thirty days Calabar to London was about normal at this period, but the use of the boxed cachet is the earliest I have seen on an Oil Rivers item.

This item was submitted to Jack by Kurt Herrmann. Ed.

MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

JOHN SACHER

Manuscript or pen cancellations have been recorded for several locations, especially during the period 1900-1902. It was normal procedure for the Lokoja oval handstamp to be superimposed over the manuscript marking on mail in transit through that office before despatch by the River Niger steamer service to the coast.

Such cancellations occurred most commonly at Jebba where the administrative headquarters of Government were then located. Apart from Lokoja and Jebba, it is doubtful whether any other post offices had been opened during this earliest period. However, manuscript cancellations are known for Akwanaja which was the early terminus of a telegraph line along the River Benue from Lokoja, the Loko to Akwanaja section being dismantled and re-routed in 1901. Other examples are known with the notation "Post Office" or "P.O." and the date, or the date alone (or even just a diagonal cross). The lapse of time between these and the date of the subsequent Lokoja handstamp gives some indication at least of the remoteness of the place of origin. The cancellation previously recorded as Oderri is almost certainly Odeni, sited 130 miles from Lokoja up the Benue river

Since, in the early days at least, all outgoing mail was channelled through and most cancelled at the Lokoja Post Office, there was generally no postal need for manuscript cancellations, except possibly to ensure that stamps were not removed and re-used. Certainly there appears to have been no formal authority for such a procedure.

A number of stamps and a few covers survive without the Lokoja cancellation. This may have been due to the lack of supervision and chaotic conditions which prevailed in the 1900-1902 period.

JEBBA MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS

There has for many years been a strongly held theory that staffing at the Northern Nigeria Headquarters was so sparse that Brigadier-General Frederick Lugard (later in 1901 Sir Frederick and then Lord Lugard), the High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, cancelled at least some of his own mail

Indeed it is reported in the Robson Lowe Encyclopaedia that "The late Lord Lugard told the writer that to the best of his belief red ink cancellations are only found in his writing, the red ink being looked upon as 'juju' by his native servants"

Inspection of papers of the then Chairman of the Niger Company, Lord Scarborough, at Rhodes House Library

has revealed two letters written by Sir Frederick Lugard from his cottage at Abinger, Kent, dated 21.9.1901 and 22.8.1903. Photostats of these and the known cancellations have been inspected by eminent graphologists. There are at least three different handwritings used for cancellations in red and it is certain that none of them corresponds to that of Lugard in the two almost contemporary letters.

One must conclude, therefore, that if Lugard did cancel letters, they were not the ones known to have survived, and certainly he was not the sole user of red ink. This is confirmed by examination of the dates when he was known to be absent from Jebba on local business, on leave in the U.K., or in Madeira being married to Flora Shaw, the colonial correspondent of the Times. Red ink was used while he was absent.

There is no physical evidence that he in fact cancelled mail at all.

WHO DID USE RED INK AT JEBBA?

Mr. Adye, the Postmaster referred to by Lugard in his Annual Report for 1901, arrived at Lokoja on 2nd February 1900. He suffered from intermittent sickness while in Northern Nigeria and was finally invalided out of the country on 25th February 1901, eventually resigning on 6th July. His replacement, Mr. J. Somerville, arrived on 8th November 1902.

Subject to his state of health Mr. Adye, in 1900, would have been responsible for instructions as to practice given to his staff. They comprised an African assistant postmaster (possibly at this period stationed at Jebba) and five African clerks of grades three to eight.

Owing to the skeleton nature of the Protectorate staff, both military and civil, everybody was doing several jobs. One officer at Lokoja held seven appointments including officer commanding the Royal Artillery, officer in charge of the Magazine, Station Staff Officer and Cantonment Magistrate.

At Jebba, Gollan, previously Lugard's secretary, after promotion to Attorney General, was also Head of Police and in charge of Prisons

The ink cancellations at Jebba could have been carried out by Lugard's European secretary, by the African assistant postmaster, if he was stationed there, by the occasional other European officer or official, or by postal clerks

Members attention is also drawn to page 232 of the January 1989 Cameo, the article by Jack Ince.

A map on page 80 of the same book shows the following places as served by Nigeria Airways – I have added the international codes as given in a 1988 edition of the ABC Travel Atlas:

Benin City	BNI	Kaduna	KAD
Calabar	CBQ	Kano	KAN
Enugu	ENU	Maiduguri	MIU
Gusau	QUS	Port Harcourt	PHC
Ibadan	IBA	Sokoto	SKO
Jos	JOS	Tiko	TKC
Lagos	LOS	Yola	YOL

Tiko was already transferred to Cameroun, but apparently still had an 'internal' flight, but I think it has no flight now; nor does Gusau. The Atlas also gives codes for four other Nigerian towns, Abuja (ABV), Akure (AKR), Ilorin (ILR) and Makurdi (MBI).

Some time ago I made a fortunate purchase of seven covers that had been given this service, all addressed to the United Dominions Corporation in Lagos. Three have forms glued to them and the fourth (which is smaller than the form) is stapled to it. The forms are dated between 20/8/65 and 17/9/66.

The forms are essentially the same as those of a few years later, illustrated by Mr. van Reken, but with one main exception. The box for the despatch stamp is headed 'W.A.A.C. stamp' (although the forms are already headed NIGERIA AIRWAYS). One of the despatch stamps is still headed W.A.A.C. and another has the intermediate style W.A.A.C. (NIGERIA) LTD.

The line *Service*: on the form is followed by the letters WT always printed, and then a number filled in by hand. This is the flight code for Nigeria Airways. In one case it is followed by the letters BA in manuscript as well as the number. This suggests that in fact the letter was carried by British Airways – it went from Kano to Lagos which would have been a sector on their route from Europe.

All of these covers (except one) has a longish handstamp struck up to three times reading NIGERIA AIRWAYS/EXPRESS AIR LETTER SERVICE in two straight lines – the lower one is only slightly longer as the letters are smaller; the overall dimensions are 57 x 7½mm. This and the stamp cancellation are usually in violet, but on one, from Maiduguri, they are in black.

The type of cancellation illustrated by the editor is clearly the norm, using the airport code as above, and the word CANCELLED. (What, however, do the letters ABC mean in this context? They also appear on the W.A.A.C. despatch stamp above the town name of ENUGU.) I have such cancellations with the codes CBQ, MIU and PHC (followed in this case by a full stop). On the other hand one had KANO unabbreviated, and another (from Enugu) has simply CANCELLED with no code.

Two other cancellations without any code have exactly the same inscriptions but are smaller – there appears to be only a single, inner ring about 28mm diameter, while the overall impression is about 34mm across. One appears to have come from Enugu – see illustration.

The adhesive postage stamps presumably had to be added, and cancelled, even if the envelope did not go through any post office in order to protect the post office's monopoly. Does anyone have any envelopes with subsequent postmarks? Four of my envelopes are franked 3d, but one has 2 x 2d, one has a 6d stamp and one without stamp is marked in manuscript OFFICIAL F.G.

I have recently acquired a cover dated 1971; on the form the box for the rectangular despatch handstamp is simply headed 'STAMP'. Ironically the despatch handstamp, which has also been used to cancel the 4d adhesive, is still inscribed W.A.A.C. The form attached to the cover was as usual inscribed '*Duplicate to: Station Destination...*' and the manuscript was a carbon copy. With this item also came the top copy, which was the same on the front except it read '*Original to: Consignor...*'. It also had the following text on the back:

THIS LETTER IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE FOR POSTAL MAIL ISSUED BY THE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT. NO LIABILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY NIGERIA AIRWAYS FOR THE LOSS OR VIOLATION OF THIS LETTER DURING TRANSMISSION.

LETTERS CONTAINING CURRENCY-POSTAL ORDERS ETC ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

In very small letters it also reads WAAC PRESS, IKEJA



West Africa is not prolific in Cinderella items, but here we have, if not stamps, at least some Cinderella cancellations. Members are requested to report other covers in as much detail as possible. As Cameroons editor I am particularly interested to learn of any from Tiko (not to mention to have the chance to acquire one!)

THE 1965-72 DEFINITIVES OF NIGERIA

NEVILLE JONES AND JEREMY MARTIN

This is a most interesting definitive issue and what follows is the research carried out, so far, by the writers. A plate proof of the 4d value in the issued design and colours is known prepared by De La Rue. It is imperforate on unwatermarked paper without gum and has 'DELARUE' as an imprint at the bottom right. They did not obtain the contract. The catalogue numbers, courtesy of Stanley Gibbons, are S.G. SG 172-185, 220-230 and 231-232.



Without imprint



With imprint



F.G.N.

1965-66 WITHOUT PRINTERS IMPRINT ON INDIVIDUAL STAMPS. SG 172-185

Sheets of 60 (5 x 12) 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d (SG 177a) and 9d photogravure by Harrison's.
 Sheets of 25 (5 x 5) 1/2d, 1 1/2d, 4d (SG 177) 6d, 1/-, 1/3d, 2/6d, 5/- (both) 10/- and £1 photogravure by Delrieu.
 Harrison printings have an imprint in the central bottom margin. All Harrison printings are on chalk-surfaced paper.
 Dated margins: dates shown in the corners of the sheets, from the French printers Delrieu, relate to the dates of their printings.

Perforated:	12 x 12 1/2	1/2d, 6d
	12 1/2 x 12	1 1/2d, 4d
	12 1/2	1/-, 1/3d, 2/6d, 5/-, 10/- and £1
	14 x 13 1/2	1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 9d (Harrison's)
Plate numbers:	1d 1A (x 4)	1B (x4)
	2d 1B (x 5)	2A-1A (x 4), 2B-1B (x 4)
	3d 1A (x 3)	2B (x3)
	4d 1A (x 4) - Harrison's	
	9d 1B-1B	
	others none	
Printings:	(a) 1 November 1965	1/2d and 1d
	(b) 1 April 1966	2d
	(c) 2 May 1966	4d (SG 177), 6d, 1/-, £1
	(d) 17 October 1966	3d and 9d
	(e) 27 June 1968	2d and 3d with P.V.A. gum

SG 172 1/2d Lion's head pale brown to yellow brown. Printed date of 2.10.1965 in bottom side margin
 173 1d Yellow colour shift 7mm to right and 1mm upwards
 174 1 1/2d
 175 2d Plate numbers 1B 1B 1B 1B 1B (dark red, yellow, black, light red, dark grey) under bottom right hand stamp of sheet. Variety: PVA gum
 176 3d Printers imprint in bottom margin of sheet. Plate numbers 2B 2B 2B (brown, ochre, green) under last but one stamp of sheet. Colour control

GREEN
 OCHRE
 BROWN

in side margin against last stamp in penultimate row. Colour of full length cheetah varies from brown to grey-brown. Variety: PVA gum
 177 4d Perforated 12 1/2 x 12
 177a 4d Perforated 14 x 13 1/2
 Leopards i) orange-brown ii) yellow-brown. Plate numbers 1A 1A 1A 1A (brown, red, yellow, magenta) under last stamp of sheet.
 Colour control in side margin against last

MAGENTA
 YELLOW
 RED
 BROWN

178 6d Several shades of colour of both outside background (bright reddish-violet to pale reddish-violet) and shield shaped background

180 1/-	Printed date of 23.2.1966 under first stamp of bottom row.
181 1/3d	Exists with dark brown and pale brown background. Neville has a pale brown example with printed date of 1.2.1966 under first stamp of bottom row.
182 2/6d	Printed date of 28.7.1965 under first stamp of bottom row, SG show date of release as 2.5.66.
183 5/-	Shades i) brown-purple and ii) deeper brown-purple which appears to be the 16.12.1966 printing.
183a 5/-	Hippopotamus i) mauve ii) claret
185 10/-	Printed date of 26.1.1966 in side margin against last stamp of sheet.
186 £1	Printed date 30.7.1965 in margin under first stamp in bottom row. Variety: defective letter 'T' in 'FIEVET'. Believed to be row 4, stamp 2.

**1968-73 WITHOUT PRINTER'S IMPRINT ON INDIVIDUAL STAMPS
Overprinted 'F.G.N.' (Federal Government Nigeria)**

Prepared in November 1968 for use as official stamps. The scheme was abandoned but some stamps were released in error. Limited supplies were made available to prevent scarcity but they had no postal validity.

However, the 3d, 4d and 2/6d values do exist properly used on official mail – the 4d value in April 1969 and all three values in 1973

Values overprinted 'F.G.N.' (twice) were the 1d, 3d, 4d (SG 177), 1/3d, 2/6d (pale brown background), 5/- (brown-purple and deeper brown-purple, not the original brown shade SG 183) and 10/-. SG record that all were available from the Philatelic Bureau. SG also record a 1/- value that was not available from the Bureau. The writers have not seen an example but it no doubt exists.

'F.G.N.' is in black, one being in the upper right, the second at the lower left. In some cases, the final stop after 'N' is approximately 1mm below the line of the other two stops.

(SG 173) 1d Plate numbers 1B 1B 1B 1B under last stamp of sheet (red, orange, black, grey).
Control (colour) in side margin against last stamp of sheet

- 0 grey
- 0 black
- 0 orange
- 0 red

Variety: both 'third full stops' 1mm below
upper 'third full stop' only 1mm below

(SG 176) 3d Variety: both 'third full stops' 1mm below
upper 'third full stop' only 1mm below

(SG 177) 4d Plate numbers 1A 1A 1A 1A under last stamp of sheet (brown, red, yellow, magenta). Colour controls in side margin against last stamp of sheet

	Magenta
	Yellow
	Red
	Brown

Variety: bottom 'third full stop' 1mm below.

(SG 180) 1/-
(SG 181) 1/3d
(SG 182) 2/6d

Variety: both 'third full stops' 1mm below
Pale brown background

Variety: both 'third full stop' 1mm below
upper 'third full stops' 1mm below

(SG 183a) 5/-

Pale chestnut, yellow and brown purple
Pale chestnut, yellow and deeper brown-purple. Printed date 16.12.1966 under first stamp of bottom row.

Variety: upper 'third full stop' 1mm below
one only 'F.G.N.' inverted on reverse
on gum

(SG 185) £1

Printed date 30.7.1965 under first stamp of bottom row
Variety: upper 'third full stop' 1mm below.

1969-72 WITH PRINTER'S IMPRINT ON INDIVIDUAL STAMPS SG 220-230

Printed by the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Co. Ltd. whose imprint N.S.P. & M Co. Ltd. in different sizes appears in the bottom margin with the name of the designer. The imprint is at the bottom left on the 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d and 9d and bottom right on the 6d, 1/-, 1/3d, 2/6d, 5/- and the unissued 10/- and £1.

Perforated:	13½ 6d 13 x 13½ all other issued values
SG 220 1d	
SG 222 2d	Imprint and 'MAURICE FIEVET' both measure 5½mm
SG 222a 2d	Imprint 5½mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 4½mm
SG 223 3d	Imprint and 'MAURICE FIEVET' both 5½mm
SG 223a 3d	Imprint 9mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 8½mm Variety: white patch on cheetah's chest. Believed to be row 9, stamp 1.
SG 224 4d	Imprint 6mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 5½mm Leopards vary in colour from bright orange-brown to yellow-brown and to dull fawn-brown. The background varies from light to dark magenta.
224a 4d	Imprint 5½mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 4½mm. This is a scarce stamp, no value being shown in the catalogue.
225 6d	Pale and bright background colour
226 9d	Variety: in the imprint 'td' of 'Ltd' omitted. Believed to be row 10, stamp 2.
227 1/-	Red and pale red. Grey background mostly solid but slightly mottled. In some cases the photo-screen pattern can easily be seen. Variety: broken 'F' in 'FIEVET' broken 'V' in 'FIEVET' black inscription appears doubled. Especially noticeable in imprint.
SG 228 1/3d	
SG 229 2/6d	Dark (bright) brown and pale brown
- 10/-	With the £1 value has recently appeared in imperforate sheet(s). They would seem to be classified as 'plate proofs on gummed paper prepared for use but not issued'. The 10/- exists with plate numbers 1B 1B 1B 1B (orange, blue, mauve, deep reddish-violet) at bottom left of sheet and also 1C 1C 1C 1C in same colours and position. It would seem that at least two sheets existed. Exists imperforate. See note above.
- £1	

1970-71 PRINTED BY ENSCHEDE SG 231-232

Re-drawn and with a new printer. No printers Imprint, 'MAURICE FIEVET' at right.

Perforated:	14½ x 13 both values
SG 231 2d	Value '2d' white instead of yellow
SG 232 4d	White lettering and value larger. Leopards i) dull fawn brown ii) yellow brown.

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