

Sierra Leone Registration

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Cline Town to UK, Registered Express, franked 33½ c (15 c on reverse), showing late use (1971) of the Cline Town registered, boxed handstamp (Ref 525.50).

Chapter 1

Introduction

Scope

This monograph pulls together background information on all aspects of registered mail emanating from Sierra Leone. Postal stationery, handstamps, datestamps and adhesive labels are included, with earliest and latest dates of usage given in all possible instances. These devices continued to be used after the independence of Sierra Leone on 27 Apr 1961, and dates have been recorded for both pre- and post-independence, where appropriate.

New discoveries are still being made which will add to the information presented in this work; anyone who has examples of markings not yet included, or can add to the given date ranges is invited to forward the information to [Philip Quirk \(via webmanager@wasc.org.uk\)](mailto:Philip.Quirk@wasc.org.uk).

Historical Background

The use of registered mail from Sierra Leone started on 01 Jan 1858, just six years after the appointment of the first Postal Agent in Freetown. Prior to this time, letters could not be registered outbound from the colony, and inward letters were only considered as being registered until they left the port of despatch. Registration proved a popular facility, with the post office records for the year 1878 showing approximately 10% of all letters to the UK being registered (see Beale, *The Postal Service of Sierra Leone*, p.87, for further details).

In the early years of the service, letters were marked only in manuscript. The first handstamps were introduced in 1877 to clearly mark registered mail. These were of a type used in other British Colonies, with the originating office name not shown.

The next innovation was the introduction of adhesive perforated etiquettes which had both the name of the office and a sequential identification number pre-printed to reduce the workload of the postal clerks. The earliest recorded example of such a label is from York in 1907; they are recorded from around two dozen offices up to 1917, but their use then ceased until a much wider scale reintroduction in the late 1940s.

Following the initial period of label usage, many - possibly all - post offices were provided with a rectangular boxed rubber handstamp, which required just the registration number to be inserted by manuscript. The earliest known usages in this category are from 1913. Some of these handstamps proved to have a remarkably long life, with examples still being seen into the 1990s.

In common with a large number of countries, Sierra Leone introduced postal stationery specifically for registered letters. The embossed stamps on these envelopes only pre-paid the registration fee, and the normal postage had to be added by the use of postage stamps. Until 1964, the value inscribed in the embossed stamp was the registration fee, but in later issues the value was changed to be the selling price of the envelope, including a small premium over this fee.

Registration Fees

The fee in addition to the normal postage is given by the following table:

Effective Date	Fee	Effective Date	Fee
01 Jan 1858	6d	^b 04 Aug 1964	15c
01 Feb 1866	4d	^c 04 Dec 1967	17½c / 18½c
01 Apr 1879	2d	01 Jul 1975	30c
01 Dec 1921	3d	^d 01 May 1981	35c
^a 22 Feb 1954	4d	^e 1987	Le4
01 Apr 1958	6d	^f 01 Oct 1999	Le750 / 1250
		^g 2003	Le1500
		^h 2009	Le2000 / 3000

- ^a The precise date of this increase is not recorded in the Gazettes. The given date of 22 Feb 1954 is when the first Queen Elizabeth registered postal stationery envelopes were despatched. Covers franked at the new 4d fee are recorded from 10 Aug 1953, although letters are also found with just a 3d fee after this date.
- ^b Decimal currency, 100 cents = 1 Leone, was introduced from 4 August 1964. At that time Le1 was worth 10 shillings.
- ^c 17½c inland; 18½c overseas.
- ^d Authorisation for a rise of 15% was agreed on this date, although the actual introduction is not known. The earliest recorded example of this rate is 02 Feb 1982.
- ^e Estimate only. Earliest recorded example: 25 Jan 1988.
- ^f Internal registration Le750; international registration Le1250. There were probably many intermediate rates between 1987 and 2009, but these remain to be elucidated.
- ^g Fulmes, A.J. (2007), *Cameo*, Vol. 10, No.3, p.144, international registration.
- ^h Salpost website, <http://www.salpost.sl>, accessed 12 Feb 2009; internal registration Le2000; international registration Le3000; compulsory registration Le3800. Details unchanged as of 13 Aug 2010. Small and large registration envelopes cost Le500 and Le1000, respectively.

Conventions Adopted

All dates listed are in the form dd-mmm-yyyy, thus avoiding any possible confusion between European and American formats, as well as century changes. Dimensions are measured in millimeters. In some table entries, the abbreviation 'm/s' is used to denote 'manuscript'.

The reference numbers in Sections 3 to 5 correspond with those given in *The Postmarks of Sierra Leone 1854 to 1961*. This is based upon the allocation of a number to each of the places which had a post office at any time prior to independence in 1961. For example, under this system the normal postal markings from Aberdeen have a reference number starting 001 and Zimmi 166. The registered postmarks and boxed handstamps are identified by a number 500 greater than this, and the adhesive labels by a number 800 greater - e.g. Freetown postmarks begin with 035, the registered postmarks and boxed handstamps with 535, and the adhesive labels with 835.

Numbers for Travelling Post Office services start at 201 for postmarks, but at 680 for registered boxed handstamps and 980 for registered adhesive labels.

Post Offices opening after independence have been given reference numbers with letter suffixes, to maintain the alphabetical order of listings. Registration markings have not yet been recorded for some of these offices, which are summarised below.

Office ref. no.	Office Name	Opening Date	Notes
024A	Bunumbu	11 Oct 1962	date of Gazette notice
032A	Fairo	24 Nov 1963	
033A	Falla	11 Dec 1961	
035.101	Savage Square	26 Mar 1968	Freetown
035.111	Youyi Building		Freetown, open by 1993
042A	Gbendembu	09 Oct 1961	
045A	Giehun	01 Apr 1963	Ngiehun pmk seen 1973-85
055	Jaiama Sewafe	23 Jul 1961	(initially used Jaiama Nimiyma pmk)
056A	Jojoima	24 Mar 1962	
076A	Komboya	01 Oct 1963	later Njala Komboya
084A	Leicester	01 Apr 1977	
093A	Madina (Kambia)	02 Sep 1978	Tonkolili Chiefdom
109A	Masingbi	26 Jul 1962	
109B	Masiaka*		1993 pmk seen
112A	Mile 91 Magbosi		1992- 7 pmks seen
112B	Mobai	26 Jul 1973	
114A	Mokanji Hills	04 Apr 1976	
120A	Ngalu Bagbwe	24 Feb 1964	
139A	Sahn	06 May 1982	
149A	Taninahun	08 Apr 1963	
154A	Tumbudu	22 Jul 1961	
154B	Tungie	28 Oct 1963	

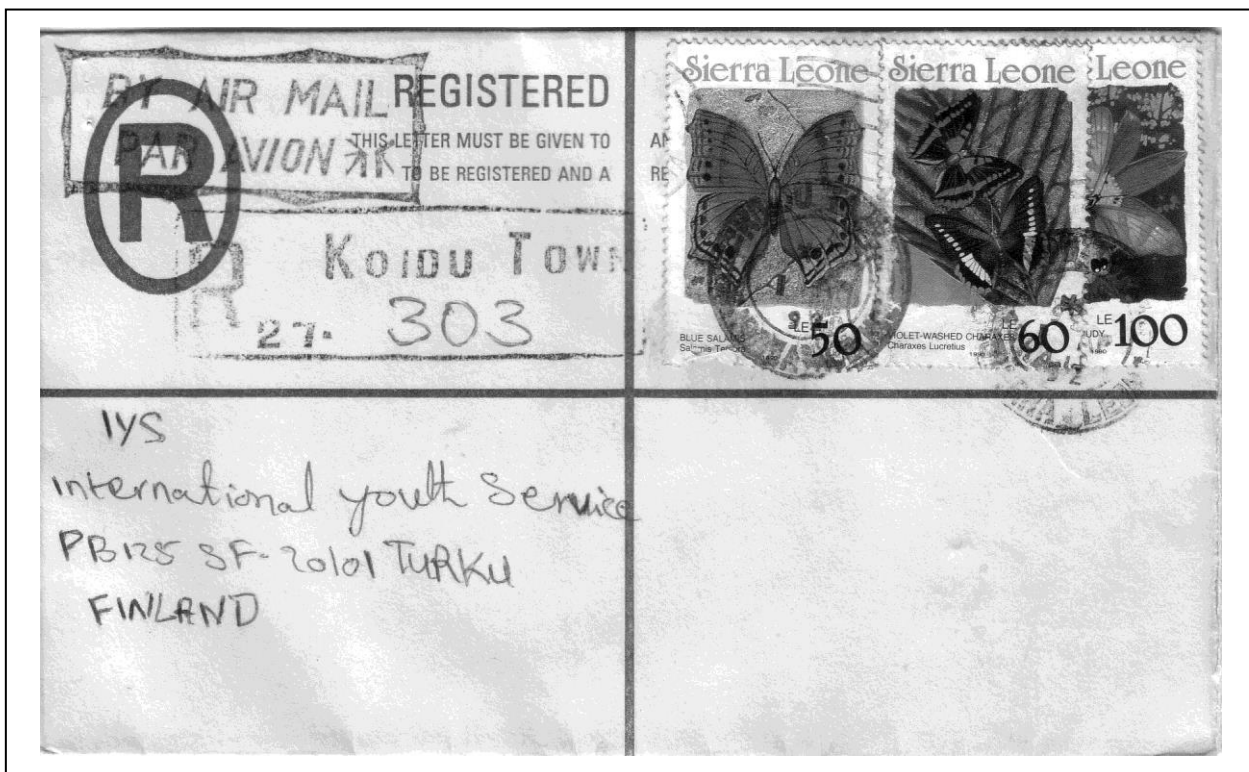
When *The Postmarks of Sierra Leone* was originally written, the number 145 was allocated to Shaingay and several spelling variations. It later became apparent (Walton, Beale & Forrest, *Cameo* Vol.5, No.1, pp.5-6, January 1995, but originally paginated as Vol.4, pp.301-302) that these postmarks emanated from *two* separate offices with similar names: Shaingay / Shengeh / Shenge, on the coast, at latitude 7° 55' N, 12° 58' W, open 1884-1898, 1901-1916 and 1925 onwards; and Shengay, inland in Northern Sherbro, at latitude 7° 36' N, 11° 54' W, open 1907-1912. We have retained number 145 for the former and allocated 145A to Shengay.

*** Please note the spelling correction for Masiaka, which was previously listed as Massaka.**

On 14 February 1990 the Sierra Leone Post Office became a solely owned Government parastatal, The Sierra Leone Postal Services (Limited), trading under the name Salpost.



Registered envelope to Liverpool, 1882, bearing the first Sierra Leone registration marking, Ref 535.01. Franked 6d: postage 4d, registration 2d.



Registered envelope (Le 4 arms, size G) to Finland, 1992, franked Le 210, including at least one re-used stamp. The registration handstamp includes the Salpost office number for Koidu Town: 27. The manuscript 303 is the number of this particular letter in the postal clerk's list of registered items.

Chapter 2

Registered Postal Stationery

Standard Envelopes

The postal stationery envelopes listed in this section were all printed by De La Rue in London. They are from the standard stock which was used for many British Colonies. It is believed that a supply of envelopes was maintained by the printers, and finished off with the country name and value only when an order was received. This theory explains why shade differences appear on some issues. All countries shared standard envelope sizes (mm), traditionally known as follows:

F = 134 x 83 G = 151 x 93 H = 202 x 126 H2 = 227 x 101.

A series of articles covering all Sierra Leone postal stationery appeared in the early *Cameos*. In particular, Martin (*Cameo* Vol.1 No.5, pp.110-114) describes the registered envelopes in detail. Chapter 29 of *The Postal Services of Sierra Leone* gives further background information, including details of the various archive materials that are known. The British Library holdings are described by Martin and Powell (2010, p.102).

Specimen Overprints

The SPECIMEN overprints on registered stationery are known with three different fonts. The serified type was used for Victoria, Edward VII and George V. There is a very small overprint recorded only on the first George V envelope. The standard De La Rue SPECIMEN overprint was changed for George VI issues. The following table lists the specimen envelopes recorded:

H&G	Head	Value	Colour	Paper	Size	SPECIMEN		No. Produced
1	QV	2d	Blue	White	F	Serifed	91 x 9	750
2	E7	2d	Blue	White	F	Serifed	91 x 9	727
3	G5	2d	Blue	White	F	Serifed	91 x 9	404
3	G5	2d	Blue	White	F	No serifs	18½ x 2½	?
4	G5	3d	Brown	Cream	F	Serifed	91 x 9	399
5	G6	3d	Brown	Cream	G	Serifed?	89 x 11	?
5	G6	3d	Brown	Cream	G	No serifs	41 x 3½	397

Issued Envelopes

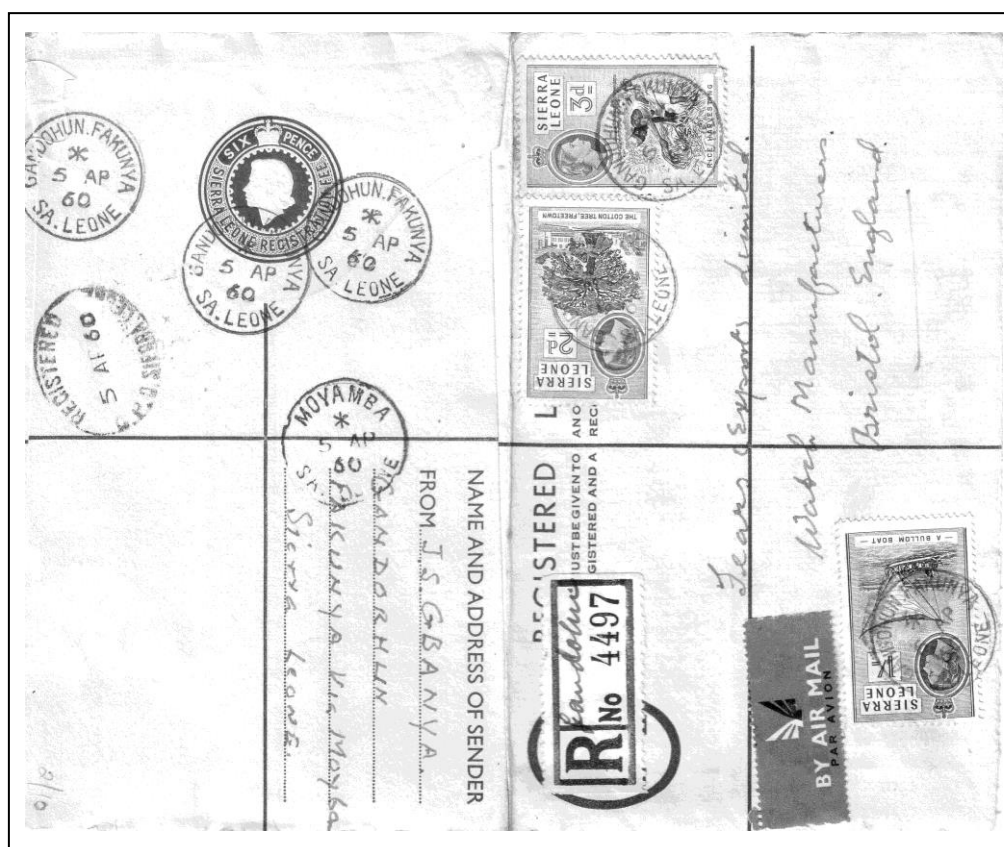
Tabulated below are all the varieties of registered envelopes recorded to date. In several instances the differences are minor and periods of use for the sub-types are not recorded.

H&G Ref	FLW Ref	Date Sent	Head	Value	Colour	Paper	Size	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1	1 1(i) 1(ii) 1(iii)	20 Nov 1893	QV	2d	Blue	White	F	06 Jul 1895	15 Mar 1902
					Stamp ultramarine, text ultramarine Stamp ultramarine, text grey-green Stamp dull blue, text ultramarine				
1a	1a	20 Nov 1893	QV	2d	Blue	White	G	10 Jan 1896	29 Aug 1902
					Text blue or grey-green				
1b	1b	20 Nov 1893	QV	2d	Blue	White	H2	20 Apr 1894	20 Jan 1896
2	2 2(i) 2(ii)	09 Jun 1902	E7	2d	Blue	White	F	11 Sep 1902	15 Jan 1912
					Stamp blue, text grey-green Stamp blue, text blue-green				
2a	2a 2a(i) 2a(ii) 2a(iii)	09 Jun 1902	E7	2d	Blue	White	G	19 Jan 1903	01 Jun 1912
					Stamp blue, text grey-green Stamp blue, text blue-green Stamp blue, text blue				
3	3	05 Jun 1912	G5	2d	Blue	White	F	12 Nov 1913	28 Apr 1926
3a	3a	05 Jun 1912	G5	2d	Blue	White	G	21 Jul 1913	25 Feb 1920
4	4	31 Dec 1921	G5	3d	Brown	Cream	F	31 Dec 1923	18 Jan 1932
4a	4a	21 Aug 1934	G5	3d	Brown	Cream	G	31 Jan 1935	17 Sep 1937
5	5 5(i) 5(ii) 5(iii) 5(iv)	05 Oct 1937	G6	3d	Brown	Cream	G	19 Jan 1938	18 Mar 1954
		Thos. De la Rue & Co. Ltd. (sans serif)					TO under LET of LETTER		
		Thos. De la Rue & Co. Ltd. (sans serif)					TO under TT of LETTER		
		THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED (serifs)					TO under LET of LETTER		
		Thos. De la Rue & Co. (sans serif)					TO under LET of LETTER		
6	6	22 Feb 1954	E2	4d	Brown	Cream	G	30 Apr 1954	06 Jan 1955
					No Senders' Name				
6	6a	26 Jul 1954	E2	4d	Brown	Cream	G	08 Oct 1954	30 Jul 1959
					With Senders' Name				
	6b	08 Jul 1955	E2	4d	Brown	Cream	H	16 Jan 1956	17 Sep 1957

H&G Ref	FLW Ref	Date Sent	Head	Value	Colour	Paper	Size	Earliest Date	Latest Date
7	7	30 May 1958	E2	6d	Brown	Cream	H	30 Mar 1961	04 Dec 1961
7a	7a 7a(i)	09 Jul 1959	E2	6d	Brown	Cream White Pre-Independence Post-Independence	G	03 Nov 1959 29 Apr 1961	19 Apr 1961 10 May 1963
	8	1963	Arms	6d	Brown	Cream	G	09 Sep 1963	02 Jun 1965
	8a	1963	Arms	6d	Brown	Cream	H	Existence Unconfirmed	
	9	1964	Arms	18c	Brown	Cream	G	04 Aug 1964	12 Mar 1969
	10	1964	Arms	20c	Brown	Cream	H	17 Aug 1966	01 Nov 1968
	11	1968	Arms	20c	Brown	Cream	G	07 Jan 1969	12 Aug 1976
	11a	1974	Arms	20c	Brown	Blue	G	04 Mar 1974	04 May 1976
	12	1976	Arms	30c	Brown	White	G	28 Sep 1976	09 Aug 1984
	13	1981 ?	Arms	35c	Brown	White	G	02 Feb 1982	22 Dec 1987
	14	1987 ?	Arms	Le 4	Brown	White	G	25 Jan 1988	21 Apr 1994
	15	1989	Arms	Le 5	Brown	White	H	30 Mar 1988	24 Jun 2008



The first registered postal stationery (2d, size F, indicium and text ultramarine) used in 1896 to London. Postage was 2½d; the second 2½d stamp probably paid the "Avis de Réception" (AR) fee (Handelman, 2009, p.iii). The Freetown registered postmark, Ref 535.10, is struck in red.



Registered envelope (6d Elizabeth II indicium, size G), used in 1960 from Gandohun Fakunya to Bristol, with Moyamba and Freetown transit markings. Image slightly reduced in size.

Chapter 3

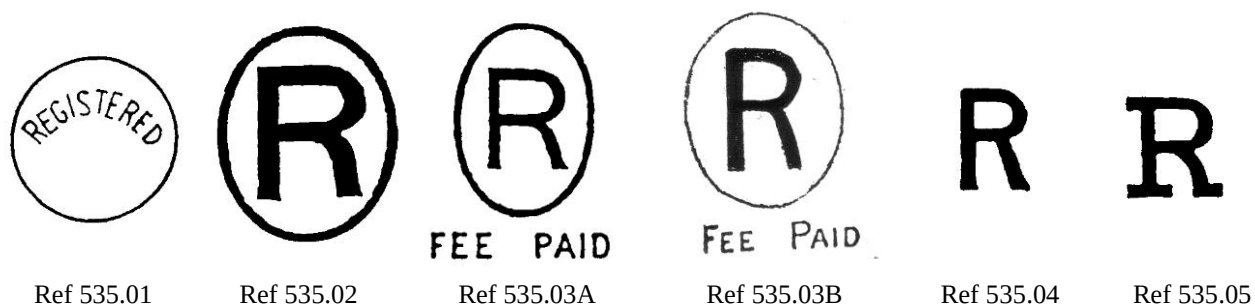
Registered Handstamps, Oval and Circular Datestamps

The early types of handstamps were the first markings applied to registered post in Sierra Leone. It is highly probable that all of these first devices were used in Freetown. A number was usually handwritten below the R, being the number for that envelope shown on the letter bill form. The Post Office Impression Books show that numerous similar examples of these devices were sent:

Ref 535.02	1 on 22 Oct 1902	1 on 20 Aug 1907	6 on 28 Mar 1908
Ref 535.03A	4 on 01 Jun 1893	1 on 27 Nov 1899	
Ref 535.03B	4 on 11 Oct 1899		
Ref 535.04	1 on 17 Aug 1906	3 on 21 Sep 1906	
Ref 535.05	3 on 12 Dec 1905		

Several of these markings were distributed to the larger village offices, as evidenced by strikes in specific shades of ink that match village postal markings, for example Manoh Salijah.

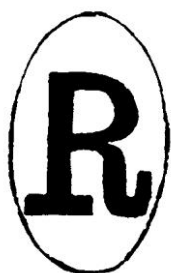
Registered and 'R' Markings



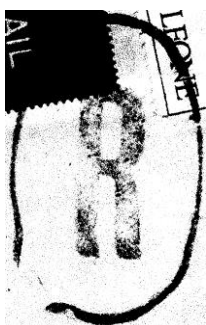
Ref 535.03A has all the letters of "FEE PAID" the same size, while Ref 535.03B shows a larger "F" and "P".

Ref	Text	Dimensions (mm)	Earliest Date	Latest Date
535.01	REGISTERED in circle	20	18 Jul 1877	16 Sep 1882
535.02	R in oval (several sizes)	e.g. 20 x 25, 21 x 27, 22 x 26	07 Oct 1884	22 May 1978
535.03	R in oval / FEE PAID	23 x 30	26 Feb 1896	06 Nov 1979
535.04	R (sans-serif)	9 x 13	14 Apr 1920	22 Sep 1920
535.05	R (with serifs)	12 x 13		
535.06	R (with serifs) in oval	20 x 35	22 Aug 1969	16 Jan 1971
535.07	R (sans-serif) in large oval	25 x 39	23 Apr 1981	23 Apr 1981

A 20 x 25 mm example of Ref 535.02 was in use at Freetown during February 1978, while the latest recorded date refers to a 19 x 23 mm device used at Mattru. Markings of type 535.03 were in use during 1979 at both Port Loko (sub-type A) and Yengema (sub-type B). Both uses of Ref 535.04 recorded above are from Boia (Bauya). The three examples of Ref 535.05 were apparently sent initially to Baiima, Daru and Kasse. Ref 535.07 was used at Water Street, Freetown.



Ref 535.06



Ref 535.07

Registered covers are also found with manuscript R markings. Pre-1946 examples seen by the authors include: Bananas (11 Jul 1925); Gbangbama (29 Dec 1930); Hastings (09 Mar 1922); Kamabai (04 Jul 1920-21 Mar 1921); Njala (04 May 1926); Panguma (04 Apr 1901); Pendembu (08 May 1920); Roruks (15 Apr 1912); Shenge (22 Oct 1925); Songo (10 Jul 1924); Sumbuya (16 May 1913); Wilberforce (23 Nov 1907); Patrol Post No.1 (14 Mar 1913). Later such markings are summarised on page 40.

G.P.O. Freetown Oval Registered Datestamps



Ref 535.10



Ref 535.11
(Impression book)



Ref 535.12
(Impression book)



Ref 535.11

Ref	Text	Size	Codes	Earliest Date	Latest Date
535.10	REGISTERED / FREETOWN.SIERRA-LEONE	28 x 22	C	21 Jul 1896	11 Dec 1896
			A	25 Jan 1897	05 Dec 1902
535.11	REGISTERED / SIERRA-LEONE	30 x 24	*	19 Jan 1903	01 Feb 1906
535.12	REGISTERED / SIERRA LEONE	30 x 24	*	Oct 1906	20 Dec 1910

The middle crossbars of the Es of LEONE are of similar length to the top bars in Ref 535.11 (originally 535.11A), but are shorter in Ref 535.12 (originally 535.11B). The original Ref 535.12 was described by Beale (p.62) as WASC type 71. However, the hand-drawn illustration does not appear in *West African Post Office Impression Books*; **we have merged it with 535.11.**



WASC type 71



Ref 535.13
Thin 0, high dot



Ref 535.15
Thin 0, low dot



Ref 535.18
Round O, high dot

Several **different Registered GPO ovals** have been described by Proud (*The Postal History of Sierra Leone*) and Rolfe (unpublished). These may be distinguished on the basis of: (a) size; (b) high, low or absent dot between SIERRA and LEONE; (c) presence or absence of full stop after O of GPO;

(d) height of lettering; (e) other characteristics of individual letters and their spacing. The process is not trivial, as individual strikes are often distorted by envelope flaps and stamps, both postage and embossed, whilst the absence of a dot could be due to wear or underinking.



Some renumbering has been required in this section.



Ref 535.13 (Proud R8)
30 x 24; G(PO) to S(IE) 8 mm

Ref 535.14 (Proud R11)
30 x 24; high dot often faint or missing;
G(PO) to S(IE) 7.5 mm

Ref 535.16 (Proud R10)
30 x 23.5; high dot;
wider O; narrow RRA
G(PO) to S(IE) 7 mm

Ref 535.16 worn
28 x 23.5; high dot;
G(PO) to S(IE) 6.5 mm;



Ref 535.15 (Proud R9)
30 x 24; low dot;
G(PO) to S(IE) 8 mm

Ref 535.15 worn
28 x 23.5; low dot;

Ref 535.21
32 x 25; no dot after A;
full stop after O.

Ref 535.27
32 x 25; no dot after A;
no full stop after O

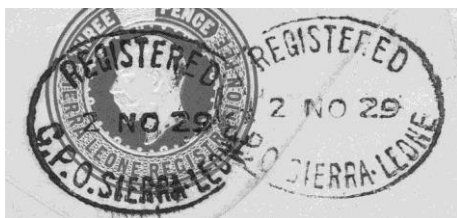


Ref 535.24, rubber, purple
larger year slug in 1959

Ref 535.26 (Imp. book)
no dot after Sierra

Ref 535.25
Returned Letter Office

535.13	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA·LEONE	30 x 24	08 Feb 1908	13 Aug 1955
535.14 (ex 13B)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA·LEONE	30 x 24	18 Jan 1911	07 Feb 1925
535.15 (ex 14)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA·LEONE	30 x 24	15 Apr 1913	02 Sep 1961
535.16 (ex 15A)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA·LEONE	30 x 23	08 Feb 1917	05 Dec 1952
535.17 (new)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA·LEONE	29 x 24	15 Oct 1920	09 Mar 1946
535.18 (ex 15)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA·LEONE	30 x 24	09 Aug 1930	11 Dec 1954
535.21 (ex 17A)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	32 x 25	04 Dec 1955	27 Jan 1965
535.22 (new)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	32 x 25	12 Mar 1956	23 Apr 1961
535.26 (ex 17)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	32 x 25	19 Apr 1962	14 Dec 1966
535.27 (ex 17B)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	32 x 25	05 Dec 1961	Nov 1978
535.28 (new)	REGISTERED / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	31 x 25	03 Jun 1964	
535.24 (ex 16)	REGISTERED POST / FREETOWN	34 x 23	30 Oct 1956	12 Jul 1959
535.25 (ex 18)	REGISTERED / R.L.O. G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	32 x 25	16 Jul 1945	11 Aug 1959



Ref 535.17, close GIS



Ref 535.22, narrow A-L



Ref 535.28, wide GIS

For a more detailed account of these registered ovals, see Quirk, *Cameo* Jan 2022, pp.11-17.

Forgeries of G.P.O. Freetown Oval Registered Datestamps

Five different registered oval devices are included in *Madame Joseph Forged Postmarks* (illustrations reproduced below, with permission). These are most readily identifiable by the fixed dates of 16 JUL 11, 4 SP. 11 or 6 MY 35. Cartwright has recorded usage of four of the devices, the exception being type 391.



Madame Joseph 390



Madame Joseph 391



Madame Joseph 392



Madame Joseph 395



Madame Joseph 396



Enlarged illustration of Madame Joseph 395.
The G of REGISTERED is distinctive, lacking any horizontal bar.

Registered G.P.O. Circular Datestamps

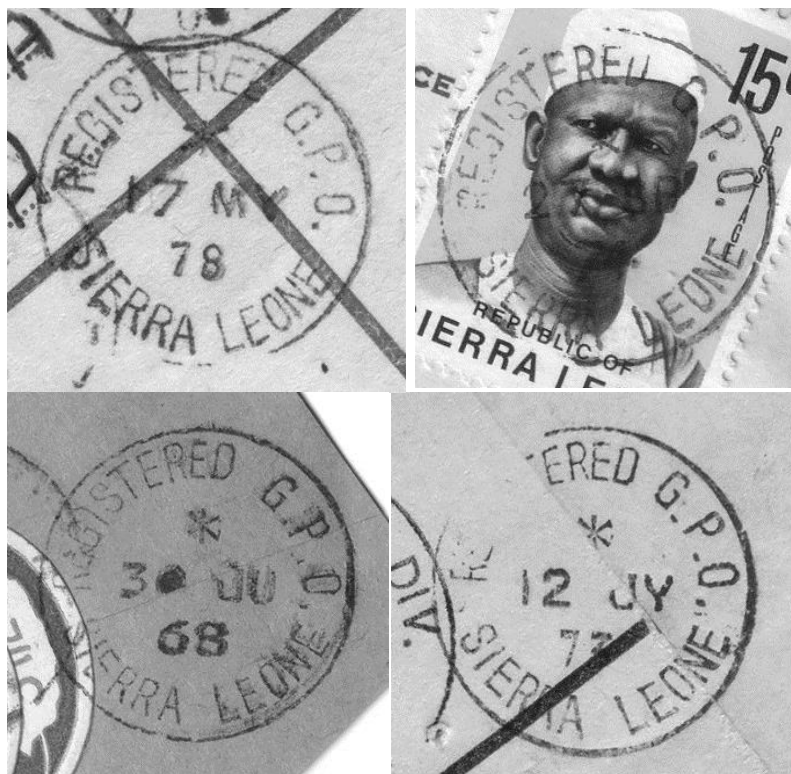
At least four distinct subtypes (A-D) of this postmark exist, originally designated 535.20, but now renumbered 535.50. Many of the markings seen are blurred or partial strikes, or are applied across the flaps of an envelope, so our measurements are probably only accurate to the nearest 0.25 mm. Possibly the easiest point of identification is the distance between the bottom of the right leg of the A of Sierra and the bottom of the shaft of the L of Leone. The asterisk occurs in at least two sizes (3 mm and 3.5 mm), but is sometimes omitted. In the late 1970s, type 535.50A was being used as a transit backstamp on registered mail passing through Freetown, 535.50B in conjunction with "Freetown 100" registered labels and 535.50C together with "Freetown 1" registered labels.

Characteristic	"Registered G.P.O." Postmark subtype			
	A	B	C	D
Spacing of G and P	1.5 mm	2.0 mm	2.5 mm	2.5 mm
Dot after G	central	central	central	closer to P
Spacing of P and O	3.0 mm	3.0 mm	3.0 mm	3.5 mm
Dot after P	central	central	closer to O	closer to O
Spacing of O and following dot	0.75 mm	0.5 mm	1.5 mm	0.75 mm
Spacing between Sierra and Leone	2.5 mm	3.25 mm	3.75 mm	3.0 mm
Spacing between GPO and Leone	4.0 mm	3.5 mm	3.0 mm	2.5 mm

535.50	REGISTERED G.P.O. / SIERRA LEONE	24	*	30 Aug 1966	01 Feb 1996
			(no asterisk)	10 Jun 1968	03 Feb 1981



Ref 535.50A



Clockwise from upper left: Refs 535.50A, 535.50B, 535.50C, 535.50D
(all enlarged)

Other Datestamps used on Registered Mail



FREETOWN "Alphabet letter". / SIERRA LEONE (originally 535.21 I/L)

035.179	FREETOWN I. / SIERRA LEONE	24		27 May 1980	31 Dec 1981
035.182	FREETOWN L. / SIERRA LEONE	24	*	14 Sep 1969	30 Jul 1971
			(no *)	07 Sep 1970	02 Oct 1971



FREETOWN COUNTER No. "number" / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE (originally 535.22)

035.260.01	FREETOWN COUNTER No. 1	26	*	10 ??? 1980	10 Oct 1994
035.260.05	FREETOWN COUNTER No. 5	26	*	04 ??? 1980	06 Nov 1995
035.260.07	FREETOWN COUNTER No. 7	26	*	21 Aug 1982	13 Mar 1996

Further details of the Freetown alphabetical postmarks are given by Rolfe (*Cameo* Vol.8 No.5, pp. 284-285, 2005; *Cameo* Vol.10 No.1, p.5, 2007). Other postmarks in the alphabetical (A-L) and counter number (1-8) series have been seen only on non-registered material; conversely, the devices listed above have only been seen on registered items. Examination of covers suggests that in the mid-1980s, the Counter No.1 device was being used with Freetown 100 registration labels, Counter No.5 with Freetown 1 labels and Counter No.7 with Freetown 2 labels, the numbers on the labels being applied in manuscript.

The two following markings have been used as backstamps on the envelope flaps of registered items. Further details are given by Quirk (*Cameo*, Vol.11 No.2, p.95, 2009).



Ref 035.270 (was 535.23)

Ref 535.38 (was 535.24)

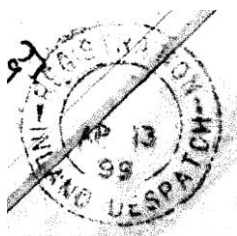
035.270	POSTMAN WALK / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	27	*	21 Aug 1981	(1992)
535.38	PRIVATE MAIL BAG / SIERRA LEONE	35 x 28		12 May 1983	25 Aug 1993

Salpost Double Ring Markings



Ref 535.40 REGISTRATION COUNTER / NO. "number"

535.40.14	REGISTRATION COUNTER / NO. 14	26 + 17	01 Nov 1996	11 Sep 2003
535.40.15	REGISTRATION COUNTER / NO. 15	26 + 17 *	31 Dec 1996	15 Sep 1999
535.40.16	REGISTRATION COUNTER / NO. 16	26 + 17	09 Dec 1996	31 Mar 2011



Ref 535.41



Ref 535.42



Ref 535.43



Ref 535.44



Ref 535.45

535.41	REGISTRATION / INLAND DESPATCH	26 + 17	16 Nov 1992	28 Sep 2011
535.42	REGISTRATION INLAND RECEIPT	26 + 17	19 Jul 2000	03 Jan 2013
535.43	REGISTRATION / OVERSEAS DESPATCH	26 + 17	25 Jul 1996	06 Oct 2007
535.44	REGISTRATION / OVERSEAS RECEIPT	26 + 16	08 Aug 1996	11 Nov 1998
535.45	REGISTRATION OVERSEAS RECEIPT	26 + 17	07 Jun 2010	29 Sep 2011

See Bohnstedt (2013) for further details.

Further G.P.O. Oval Registered Markings



Ref 535.80



Ref 535.81



Ref 535.82



Ref 535.83

535.80	REGISTRATION OVERSEAS DESPATCH / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	35 x 29	19 Sep 1980	25 Mar 1994
535.81	REGISTERED MAILS RECEIVED / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	36 x 29	06 Jan 1981	13 Sep 1995
535.82	REGISTRATION INLAND DESPATCH / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	35 x 29	02 Feb 1981	17 Dec 2005
535.83	REGISTRATION DELIVERY COUNTER / G.P.O. SIERRA LEONE	36 x 29	03 Feb 1981	18 Jan 1996

The above markings were originally numbered 535.30-33.

Government Railway

201.03	REGISTERED / SIERRA LEONE. GOVT. RAILWAY	35 x 28)	21 Jun 1919	23 Aug 1928
201.04	REGISTERED / SIERRA LEONE. GOVT. RAILWAY	36 x 29)		
201.05	REGISTERED / SIERRA LEONE GOVT. RAILWAY	35 x 28		



Ref 201.03



Ref 201.04



Ref 201.05

Village Oval Registered Datestamps

The village oval registered datestamps are rare, with examples from only two of the nine offices recorded so far.



Ref 511.01



Ref 512.01



Ref 536.01

511.01 REGISTERED / BOIA.SIERRA.LEONE

31 x 25

Not Recorded

512.01 REGISTERED / BENDU.SHERBRO

31 x 25

Not Recorded

536.01 REGISTERED / GAMBIA.SHERBRO

31 x 25

Not Recorded



Ref 624.01



Ref 629.01



Ref 636.01

624.01 REGISTERED / PENDEMBU. SIERRA.LEONE

33 x 25

Not Recorded

629.01 REGISTERED / PUJEHUN SIERRA LEONE

31 x 24

06 Jul 1914

13 Jul 1976?

636.01 REGISTERED / RONIETTA. SIERRA LEONE

29 x 24

Not Recorded

The Pujehun registered oval, ref. 629.01, is recorded used *circa* 1976 without date slugs in place of a boxed handstamp or adhesive label. Unfortunately, the cover's postmarks all lack year slugs.



Ref 644.01



Ref 645A.01



Ref 647.01

644.01 REGISTERED / SERABU.SHERBRO

34 x 25

02 Nov 1909

02 Nov 1909

645A.01 REGISTERED / SHENGAY.SHERBRO

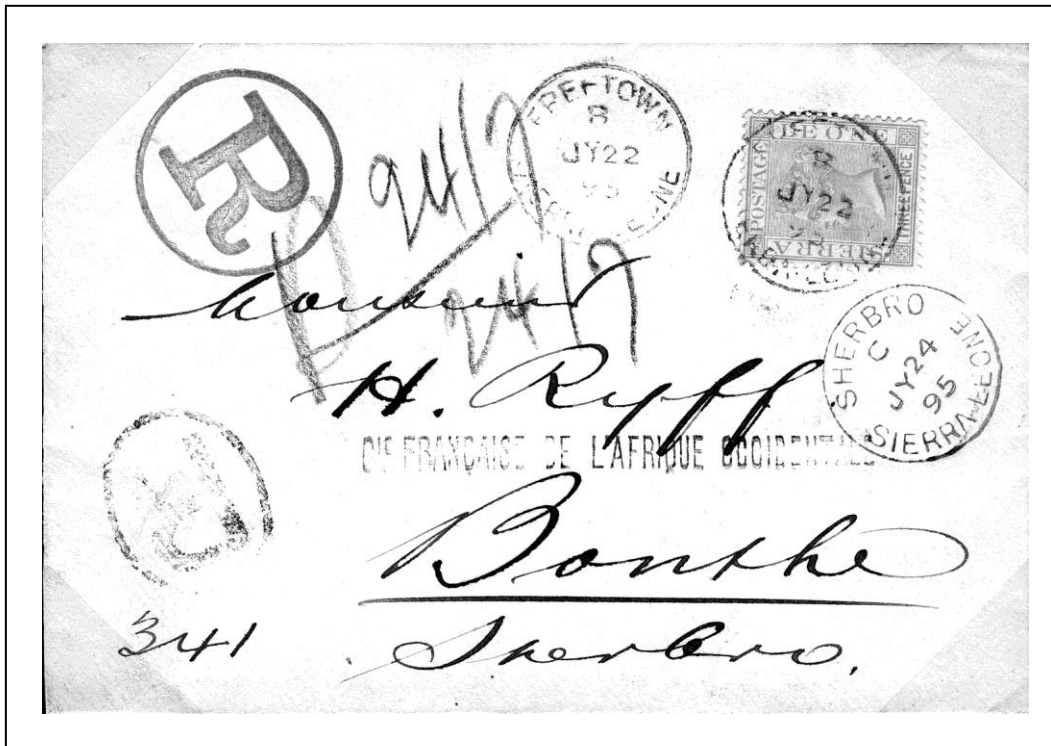
31 x 25

Not Recorded

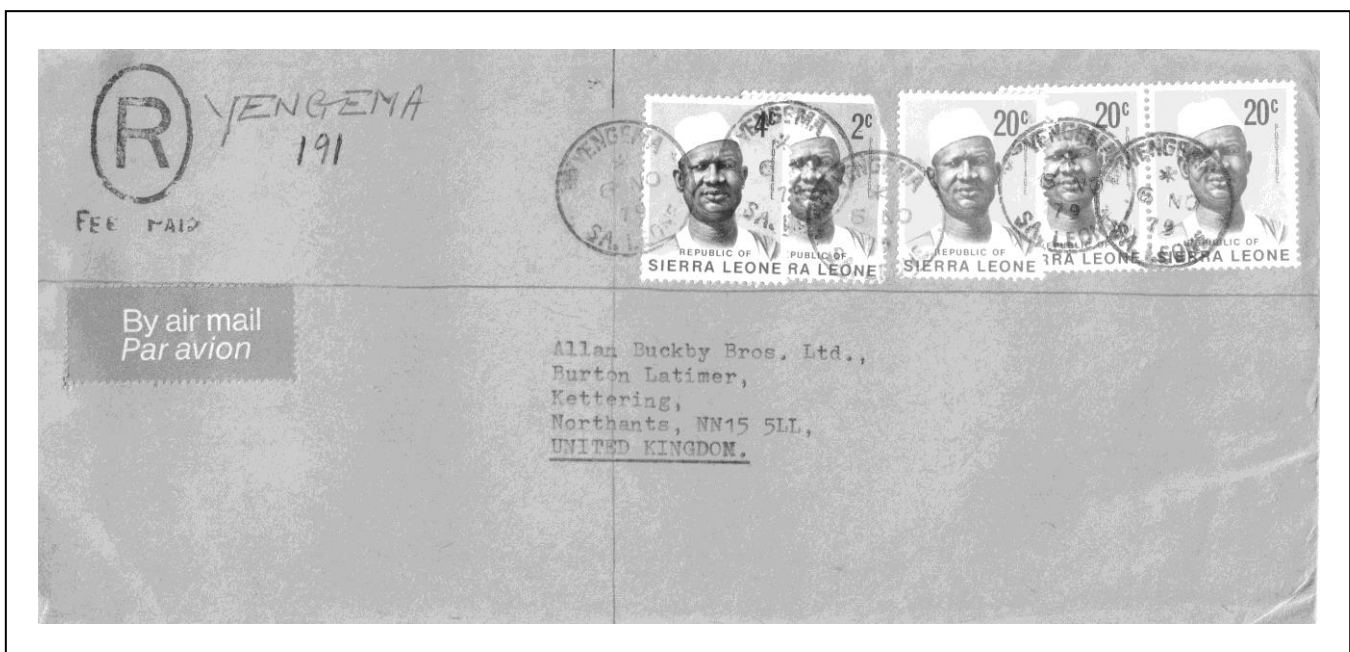
647.01 REGISTERED / SUMBUYA.SHERBRO

33 x 25

Not Recorded



Sierra Leone internal registered envelope from Freetown to Bonthe, 1895. Franked 3d: registration 2d, postage 1d. Cover bears Post Office R in oval, Ref 535.02, and private R in circle markings.



Yengema to UK, 1979, showing late use of the R in oval with FEE PAID handstamp (Ref 535.03B). Franking is 66 c. Image is reduced in size.

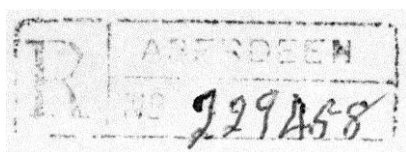
Chapter 4

Registered Boxed Handstamps

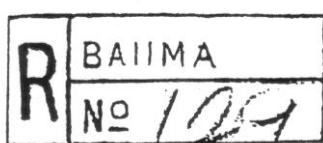
It is possible that every post office in Sierra Leone which was open for some period after the First World War had a rubber handstamp similar to those illustrated in this section. There appear to be some generic groups, but it is thought likely that the majority of these handstamps were made to one-off orders, as the variety exhibited is considerable.

The reference number given to each example is fully consistent with that given in Chapter 6 of *The Postmarks of Sierra Leone*, with 500 being added to the office number and the individual handstamps numbered from 50 upwards. When two or more different handstamps have been recorded for the same office, the earliest type has the lowest reference number, unless it was only discovered more recently than a subsequent version. SalPost handstamps incorporating an office code number, e.g. Makene / 30, have been numbered in the 5xx.60 series, while a second set of SalPost markings for Freetown has been numbered from 535.70 upwards.

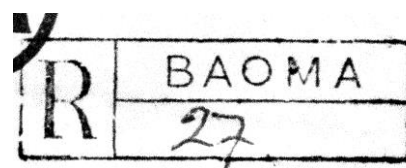
The rubber devices naturally deteriorated over time, and later impressions are frequently unclear. Wear, or application to an uneven surface, may also cause small variations in size. For these reasons, we have amalgamated the pre-independence Freetown handstamps into four main types, according to the size of the box and the positioning of "Freetown" within it.



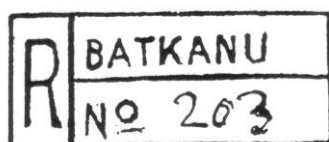
Ref 501.50



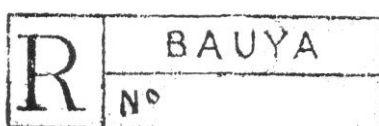
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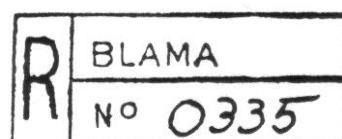
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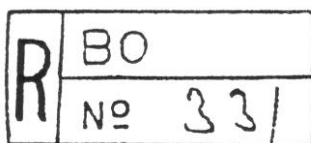
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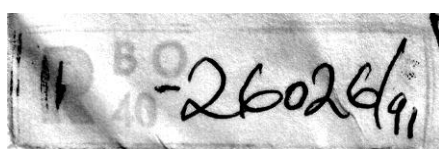
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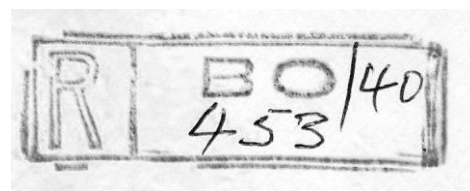
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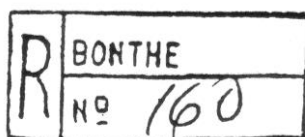
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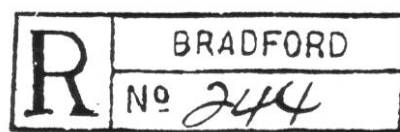
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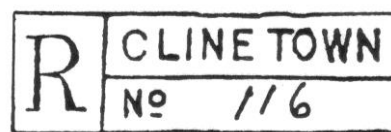
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Ref 518.50



Ref 519.50



Ref 525.50

Registered Boxed Handstamps

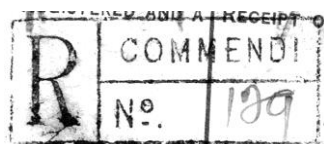
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			Earliest Date	Latest Date	Earliest Date	Latest Date
501.50	ABERDEEN	50 x 15			12 Jul 1966	12 Jul 1966
504.50	BAIIMA	41 x 17	13 Apr 1914	09 Dec 1955		
508.50	BAOMA	52 x 16	09 Aug 1955	29 Oct 1955	19 Feb 1972	27 Jun 1972
510.50	BATKANU	42 x 17	30 May 1924	30 Sep 1953		
511.50	BAUYA	50 x 15	04 Dec 1928	04 Dec 1928		
515.50	BLAMA	44 x 17	18 Aug 1920	15 Jun 1959	07 Nov 1964	09 Jul 1992
516.50	BO	40 x 17	13 Jun 1914	10 Sep 1953	21 Jan 1963	02 Nov 1974
516.60	BO / 40	55 x 17			24 Sep 1991	17 Jan 1992
516.61	BO (/ 40 m/s)	55 x 17			09 Jan 1995	17 Sep 2001
518.50	BONTHE	40 x 17	07 Jun 1913	14 Jan 1946	06 Dec 1962	10 Dec 1963
519.50	BRADFORD	51 x 16	08 Oct 1949	25 Mar 1956		
519.51	Bradford (m/s)		04 Mar 1955	04 Mar 1955		
525.50	CLINE TOWN	50 x 15	04 Jun 1926	05 Nov 1946	08 Jun 1971	14 Aug 1971
525.60	CLINE TOWN / 6	60 x 23			25 Feb 1995	25 Feb 1995
527.50	COMMENDI	41 x 16	25 Jan 1946	04 May 1959		
530.50	DARU	40 x 17	08 Nov 1913	27 Jan 1955	12 Apr 1972	07 Jun 1990
535.56	Freetown (m/s)		29 Sep 1913	29 Sep 1913		
535.50	FREETOWN	42 x 17	21 May 1913	08 Dec 1939	(includes old 535.51 Proud RL2)	
535.52A	FREETOWN	41 x 15	02 May 1923	14 Jan 1932	(wide O in Freetown Proud RL3)	
535.52B	FREETOWN	41 x 15	22 Dec 1925	06 Dec 1939	(narrow O in Freetown Proud RL5)	
535.54	FREETOWN	49 x 16	18 Jun 1934	23 Nov 1950	(includes old 535.53 Proud RL4/7)	
535.55	FREETOWN	50 x 14	30 Jun 1932	17 Jun 1941	(Proud RL6)	
535.60.01	FREETOWN / 1	53 x 17			28 Feb 1991	02 Sep 1993
535.60.02	FREETOWN / 2	53 x 17			12 Nov 1990	
535.60.03	FREETOWN / 3	54 x 16			05 May 1992	04 May 1995
535.60.05	FREETOWN / 5	55 x 18			22 Nov 1990	23 Dec 1991
535.61.05	FREETOWN / 5	55 x 16	(5 part m/s, 535.60.01 worn)		08 Jun 1993	16 Aug 1993
535.70.01	1 / FREETOWN	57 x 13	(1 with foot at centre of box)		07 Nov 1993	07 Jun 2000
535.71.01	1 / FREETOWN	54 x 16	(1 without foot at left of box)		15 Mar 1995	19 Jun 2002
535.72.01	1 / FREETOWN	55 x 16	(1 with foot at left of box)		05 Jan 1996	
535.70.02	2 / FREETOWN	56 x 13	(small 2 at centre of box)		27 Sep 1993	17 Mar 1997
535.71.02	2 / FREETOWN	57 x 15	(large 2 at right side of box)		02 Jan 2000	30 Sep 2002
535.72.02	2 / FREETOWN	54 x 16	(large 2 at centre of box)		03 Mar 2000	30 Aug 2000
535.70.03	3 / FREETOWN	53 x 15	(narrow 3)		11 Mar 1994	24 Nov 1995
535.71.03	3 / FREETOWN	53 x 15	(wide 3)		01 Nov 2001	22 Oct 2002
535.72.03	3 / FREETOWN	54 x 16	3 (m/s) on 6 / FREETOWN		01 Nov 1996	13 May (1997)
535.73.03	3 / FREETOWN	54 x 15	(narrow 3, wider N-edge gap)		30 Jul (1997)	30 Jul (1997)
535.70.06	6 / FREETOWN	54 x 16	(later with m/s 3 on the 6)		19 Dec 1995	
535.70.10	10 / FREETOWN	53 x 16	(see Kissy)		Not recorded without endorsement	
535.70.12	12 / FREETOWN	56 x 15	(endorsed Postshop in m/s)		20 Feb 1995	20 Feb 1995
539.50	GBANGBAIA	50 x 15	02 Feb 1927	22 May 1939		
542.50	GBAP	57 x 18	1951	14 May 1959		
545.50	GERIHUN	41 x 17	24 Nov 1925	12 Aug 1929		
550.50	HANGHA	40 x 17	10 May 1919	25 Jul 1957	11 Jan 1967	11 Jan 1967
551.50	HASTINGS	51 x 15	15 Feb 1957	22 Dec 1957		
556.50	JIMMI	50 x 15	29 Jan 1929	21 Apr 1934		
557.50	KABALLA	51 x 16	12 May 1923	22 Dec 1924	(Proud R3)	
557.51	KABALLA (Proud R2)	42 x 17	07 Feb 1925	26 Aug 1953	01 Dec 1972	10 Dec 1979
561.50	KAMAKWIE	59 x 18	10 Mar 1954	07 Oct 1958		
562.50	KAMBIA	41 x 17	14 Aug 1919	16 Jul 1946	12 May 1978	30 Aug 1979
563.50	KANGAHUN	52 x 15	11 Nov 1952	07 Aug 1955		
564.50	KANRE LAHUN	51 x 15	07 Oct 1929	04 Mar 1948	11 Oct 1965	16 Mar 1983
572.50	KENEMA	50 x 15	31 Oct 1927	22 Apr 1960	11 Sep 1961	21 Sep 2011
572.51	KENNEMA	45 x 17	19 Jul 1920	14 Mar 1927		
572.60	KENEMA / 20	54 x 16			23 Mar 1991	13 Jul 1992

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573.50	KENT	51 x 15	09 May 1941	07 Jul 1951		
575.50	KISSY	51 x 16	15 Aug 1938	06 May 1955		
575.60	KISSY (m/s) on 10 / FREETOWN	53 x 16			13 Apr 2000	13 Apr 2000
640.60	KOIDU TOWN / 27	62 x 20			01 Apr 1992	07 Oct 1992
577.50	KORIBUNDU	50 x 15	05 Sep 1934	03 Nov 1956	31 Jan 1991	31 Jan 1991
579.50	KUMRABAI MAMILA	50 x 15	22 Dec 1954	22 Dec 1954		
585.50	LEVUMA	51 x 15	13 Aug 1958	13 Aug 1958		
588.60	LUNGI / 38	50 x 16			07 Aug 1995	07 Aug 1995
589.50	LUNSAR	70 x 23	06 Nov 1939	04 Nov 1952	29 May 1964	07 Nov 1998
590.50	MABANG	51 x 15	09 May 1938	12 Feb 1941		
591.50	MABONTO	57 x 14	31 Mar 1938	08 Mar 1943		
599.50	MAKENE	40 x 15	09 Jan 1920	10 Oct 1941	23 Sep 1961	29 Jan 1988
599.60	MAKENI / 30	52 x 18			09 Jan 1992	17 Jun 1993
599.61	MAKENI				07 Dec 2011	07 Dec 2011
602.50	MAGBURAKA	49 x 15	16 Apr 1928	06 Oct 1953	24 May 1961	15 Sep 1962
602.51	MAKUMP.	56 x 17	11 Jan 1921	16 Dec 1925		
605.50	MANGE (m/s)	51 x 15	15 Mar 1951	09 Aug 1955		
605.51	MANGE	52 x 16	16 Nov 1944	16 Nov 1944		
606.50	MANO	42 x 16	07 Feb 1918	11 Apr 1947		
607.50	MANO SALIJAH	40 x 17	04 Oct 1919	29 May 1924		
607.51	MANO SALIJA	51 x 15	17 Dec 1927	17 Dec 1927	date correction from 17 Dec 1917	
612.50	MATTRU	52 x 15	16 Dec 1925	04 Aug 1960	01 Apr 1965	01 Apr 1965
612.51	MATTRU	37 x 20			12 Jan 1987	12 Jan 1987
617.50	MOYAMBA	37 x 17	04 Nov 1914	04 Apr 1956	07 May 1966	31 Dec 1987
617.60	MOYAMBA / 43	57 x 16			12 Jun 1993	26 Sep 1994
619.50	NEW ENGLAND (manuscript)	52 x 16	01 Oct 1946	30 Dec 1946		
620.50	NEWTON	52 x 15	07 Jul 1954	25 Nov 1955		
621.50	N'JALA	51 x 15	08 Jun 1934	20 Aug 1941	25 Aug 1961	21 Aug 1981
623.50	PANGUMA	51 x 15	27 Jun 1927	14 Nov 1959		
624.50	PENDEMBU	43 x 18	21 Dec 1915	01 May 1946		
625.50	PEPEL	49 x 15	09 Jun 1934	21 Mar 1952		
626.50	PORT LOKKO	42 x 17	18 Jan 1918	20 Nov 1956		
629.50	PUJEHUN	58 x 19	11 Feb 1920	30 Mar 1957		
635.50	ROKUPR	55 x 16	01 Aug 1939	28 Jun 1955		
637.50	RORUKS	41 x 17	17 Nov 1920	25 Aug 1955		
638.50	ROTIFUNK	43 x 17	06 Feb 1920	24 Jan 1958	15 Jul 1961	06 May 1963
640.50	SEFADU	49 x 15	09 Jun 1937	Dec 1954	26 Jul 1961	15 May 1990
641.50	SEGBWEMA	43 x 16	25 May 1917	22 Sep 1958	04 May 1970	22 May 1979
642.50	SEMBEHUN	43 x 17	04 Apr 1919	02 May 1956		
645.50	SHENGE	52 x 16	17 Sep 1932	18 Mar 1956		
628.50	SONGO TOWN	51 x 15	01 Feb 1954	?? Jun 1956	22 Apr 1977	22 Apr 1977
646.50	SULIMA	52 x 15	14 Jan 1932	28 Jan 1944		
647.50	SUMBUYA	43 x 17	12 May 1919	16 May 1956		
647.60	SUMBUYA / 44	55 x 15			23 Nov 1993	23 Nov 1993
649.50	TABE	52 x 16	11 Nov 1930	04 Feb 1956		
650.50	TASSO	49 x 16	19 Apr 1934	21 Oct 1934		
651.50	TIAMA	52 x 16	07 Oct 1929	07 Oct 1929		
656.50	WATERLOO	43 x 17	02 Apr 1913	03 Jan 1959	13 Sep 1961	26 Nov 1977
658.50	WILBERFORCE	52 x 15	04 Oct 1939	04 Oct 1939		
659.50	YAMANDU	55 x 15	19 Mar 1926	19 Mar 1926		
662.50	YONIBANA	49 x 16	03 Jul 1928	08 Nov 1945	17 Feb 1979	24 Oct 1989
662.51	YONNI BANNA	42 x 17	13 Jan 1921	05 Jul 1926		
663.50	YORK	51 x 15	03 Nov 1934	01 Feb 1941		
664.50	YORK ISLAND	52 x 16	06 Feb 1919	22 Sep 1955		
664.51	YORK ISLAND		1914	1914	sans serif R	
665.50	YOYEMA	50 x 15	06 Aug 1954	03 Dec 1955		

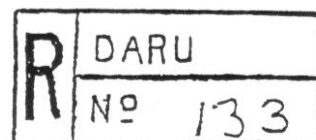
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666.50	ZIMMI (m/s)		07 Sep 1925	07 Sep 1925		
680.50	TRAVELLING P.O.	58 x 18	10 Feb 1920	06 Apr 1926		
681.50	BO. PENDEMBU	51 x 15	13 Sep 1926	28 Mar 1929		
681.51	B.O. PENDEMBU	49 x 16	01 May 1926	24 Jul 1944		
682.50	FREETOWN - B.O.	51 x 15	14 Apr 1927	01 Feb 1947	(used on TPO, but by 10 Nov 1945 used at Freetown on Garrison mail)	
683.50	BOIA - MAKENI.	50 x 15	26 Apr 1929	08 May 1941		
	F.P.O. No.41	36 x 25	20 Nov 1942	04 Oct 1944	(datestamp on blank label)	



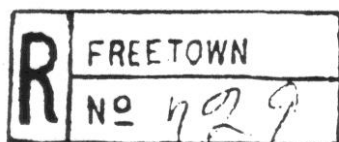
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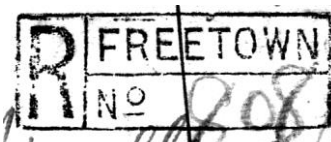
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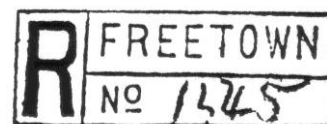
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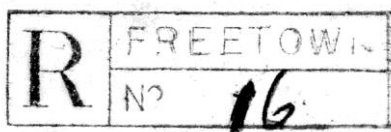
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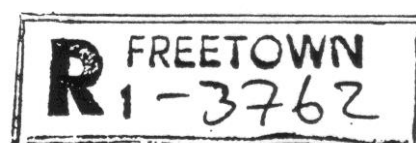
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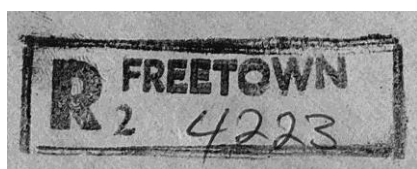
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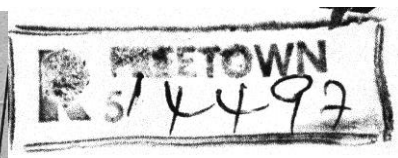
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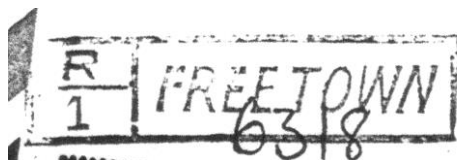
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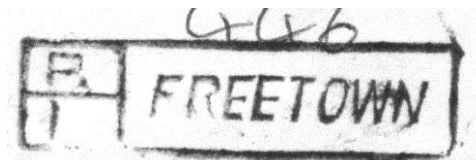
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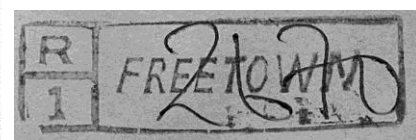
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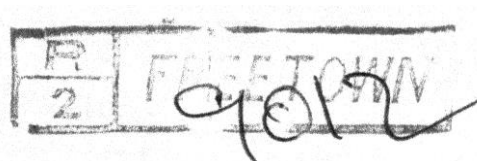
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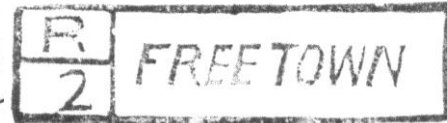
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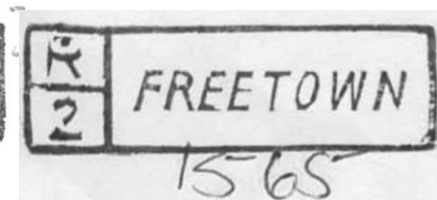
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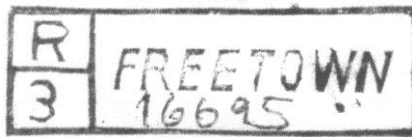
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Ref 535.71.02



Ref 535.72.02



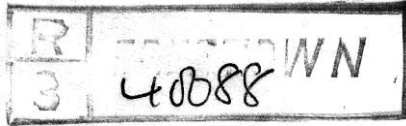
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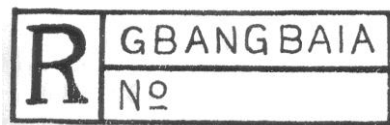
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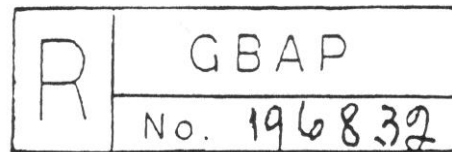
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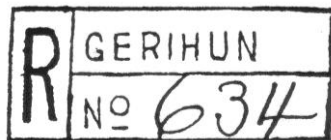
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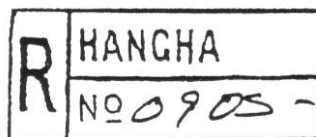
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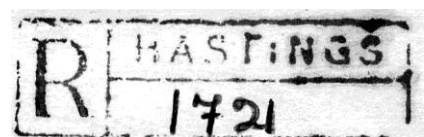
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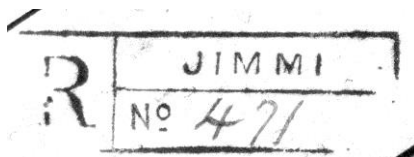
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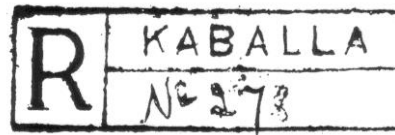
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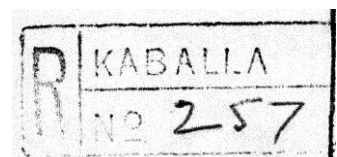
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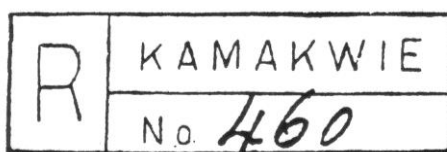
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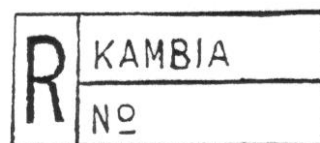
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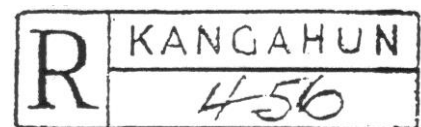
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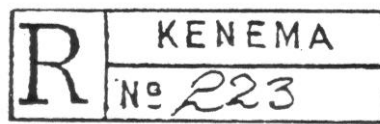
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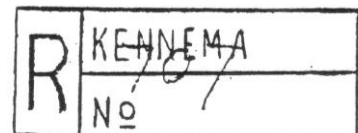
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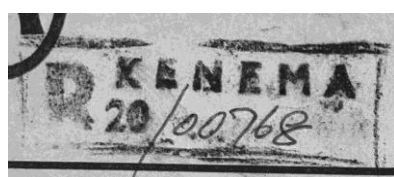
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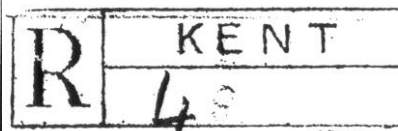
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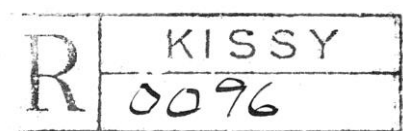
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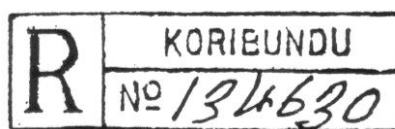
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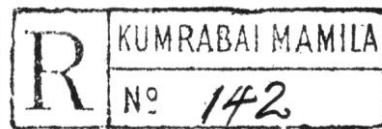
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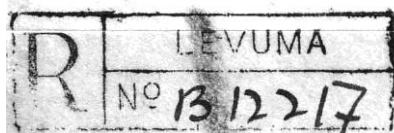
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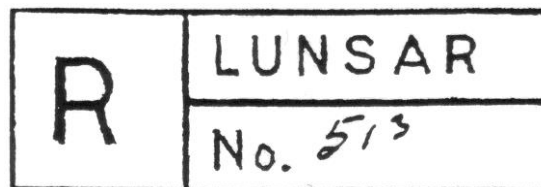
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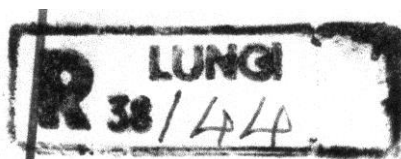
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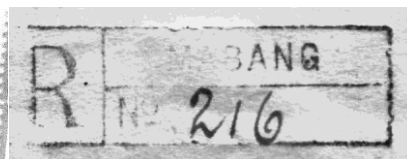
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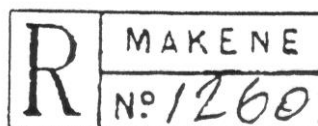
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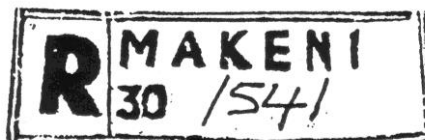
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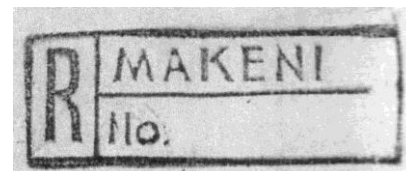
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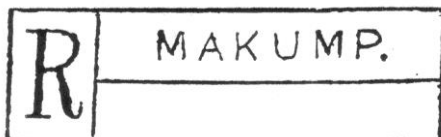
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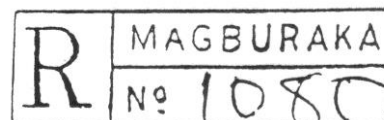
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Ref 599.61



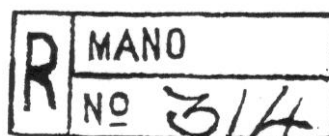
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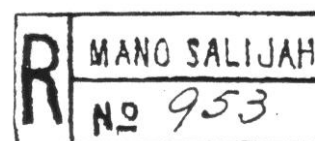
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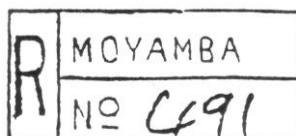
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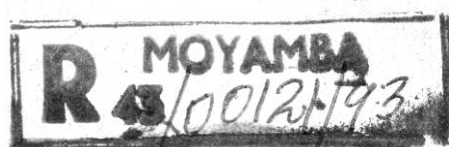
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Ref 612.51



Ref 617.50



Ref 617.60

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Ref 620.50

R	N'JALA
	No 204

Ref 621.50

R	PANGUMA
	No 7458

Ref 623.50

R	PENDEMBU
	No 702

Ref 624.50

R	PEPEL
	No

Ref 625.50

R	PORT LOKKO
	No 206

Ref 626.50

R	SONO TOWN
	262

Ref 628.50

R	PUJEHUN
	No

Ref 629.50

R	ROKUPR
	No 233

Ref 635.50

R	RORUKS
	No

Ref 637.50

R	ROTIFUNK
	No 262

Ref 638.50

R	SEFADU
	No 5112

Ref 640.50

R	Koidu Town
	27-303

Ref 640.60

R	SEGBWEMA
	No 84

Ref 641.50

R	SEMBEHUN
	No 611

Ref 642.50

R	SHENGGE

Ref 645.50

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	260

Ref 646.50

R	SUMBUYA
	No

Ref 647.50

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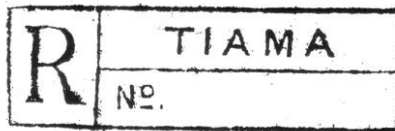
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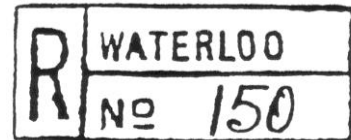
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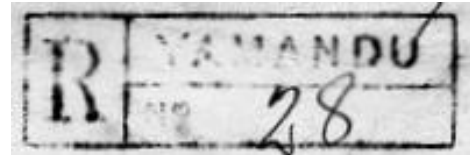
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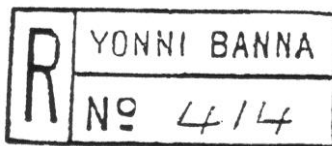
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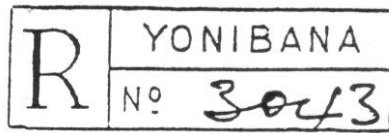
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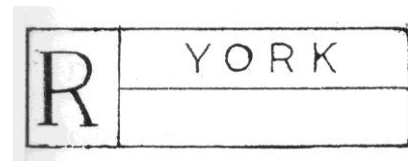
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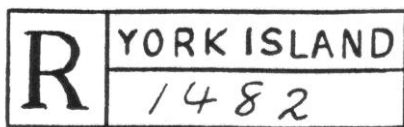
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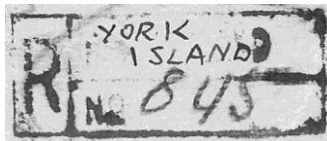
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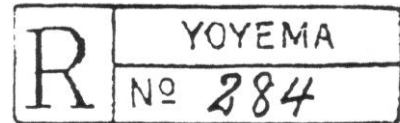
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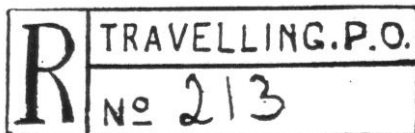
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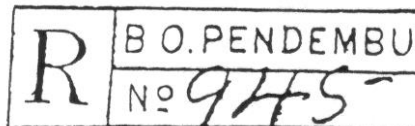
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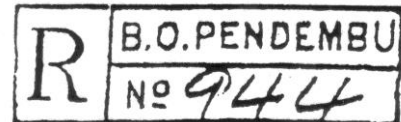
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Ref 680.50



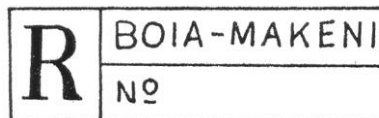
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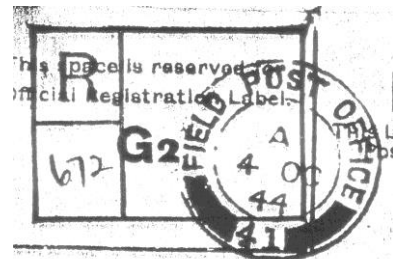
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Ref 682.50



Ref 683.50



F.P.O. No. 41, 1944

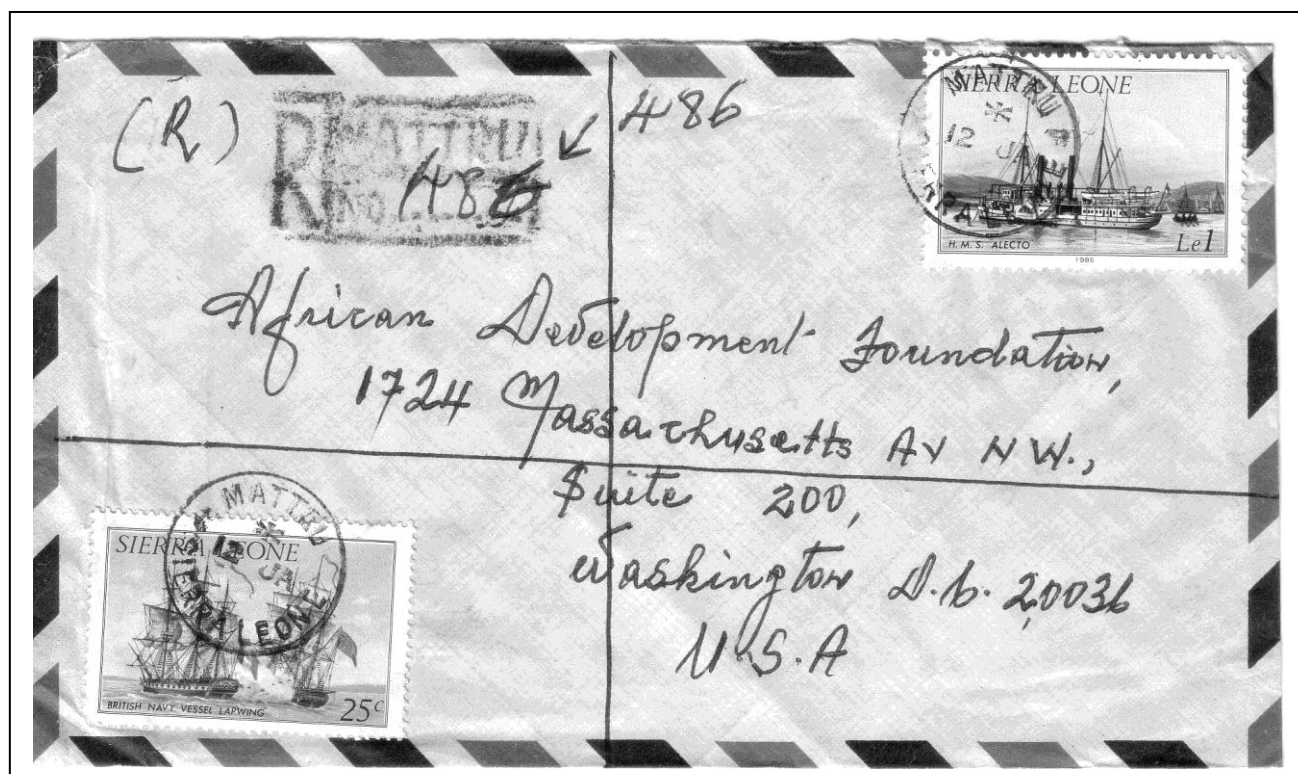
RECORD OF A FOREIGN OR COLONIAL INSURED REGISTERED PARCEL.	
An insured Registered Parcel prepaid <u>4/-</u> s. d., and addressed as under, has been posted here this day:—	
<u>10-0-0</u> <u>3 Chapstow St</u> <u>Manchester</u> Received a Fee of <u>5/-</u> s. d. for Insurance of a Registered Parcel for a Sum not exceeding* <u>£100</u> <u>5/-</u> Pounds. <u>Five Shillings</u> State value in words. <u>£5-4-</u> Sender's name and address } <u>P. O. C. Coy</u> <u>100, 101, 102</u> <u>St. John's</u> <u>St. John's</u>	Consecutive No. <u>2410</u> Date Stamp.  Postmaster's Signature. <u>[Signature]</u>

No. 326 SIERRA LEONE POST OFFICE.	
Received a REGISTERED LETTER addressed <u>R. West, Esq.</u> <u>Engineering Dept, Bank of East Africa Ltd</u> <u>Easton, Sunn, Glen.</u>	
Postmaster's Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date Stamp. 

Receipts for a registered parcel (1908) and a registered letter (1937)
(Walton, *Cameo*, Vol.5, No.3, p.121, 1996).



Registered envelope (3d George VI indicium, size G), used from Segbwema to Bristol in October 1939, franked 3d postage. The cover bears the Segbwema registered handstamp, Ref 641.50, and was censored in Freetown.



Registered cover from Mattru to Washington, DC, 1987, franked 1 Le 25 c. The cover bears what appears to be a home-made registered handstamp, Ref 612.51.

Chapter 5

Registered Adhesive Labels

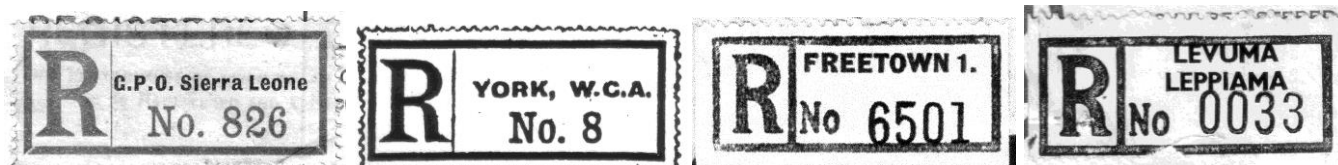
All the adhesive labels listed in this section are printed in blue ink on white gummed paper with perforated edges. The printed box is typically 40 x 15 mm.

There are two discrete periods in which these types of labels were in use. They were first introduced in late Edwardian times at the larger offices. The earliest example seen is on a cover from York, with an unfortunately unclear date in 1907. This label bears the sequence number of 'No. 8'. The latest examples seen for this first period are September 1917 from Magbele, June 1920 from Kissy and August 1924 from Mange.

The second period commenced in 1946 when these labels reappeared on a more widespread basis. Although, according to the Sierra Leone Gazette, each postal agency accepted registered items, labels have not been seen for all of them. Frequently manuscript examples are found. Where an entry is listed as '(manuscript)', it indicates that the name of the originating office has been added by hand to a label that has the large R and the sequence number pre-printed, but with the office name left blank. If one office's label has been amended for use at another office, it is listed as, for example, 'Bonthe (manuscript) on KASSIE, Ref 818.01'. The exceptional use by Pujehun of a long-obsolete, registered, oval postmark is mentioned in Section 3. As a last resort, a letter "R", sequence number, and office name could simply be written on the item in pen.

In many instances these labels were used concurrently with the rubber handstamps. As the labels had a long period of use, many reprints were made. These may differ in several aspects, such as shade of blue, font and font size, the size of numbers relative to letters, and the presence or absence of a dot after the "office number". We have given full listings only to differences in the wording of the office name (e.g. Lungi Airport and Lungi Air Port), variations in the use of upper case and mixed upper and lower case lettering (e.g. KAMBIA and Kambia), and manuscript wording on pre-printed blank labels. In general, labels from the second period are numbered xxx.50 (upper case lettering), xxx.51 (mixed upper and lower case lettering) and xxx.52 (manuscript).

In order not to conflict with the Walton 700.xx series for instructional markings, all the registration labels have been renumbered from the first edition, by the addition of 100 to the first part of the Ref number. Due to the great similarities between all of the labels, only a selection is shown. Walton (*Cameo* Vol.5 No.3, p.121, 1996) has illustrated further examples.



Ref 835.01
Freetown, 1909

Ref 963.01
York, 1907

Ref 835.70.001
(dot after 1)
Freetown, 1957

Ref 886.50
Levuma Leppiama,
1961

Registered Adhesive Labels, First Period: 1907 to 1924

Ref	Text	Earliest Date	Latest Date
806.01	BANDAJUMA, W.C.A.	Not recorded without endorsement	
815.01	BLAMA	24 Aug 1911	24 Aug 1911
816.01	BO, W.C.A.	15 Sep 1910	18 Jun 1912
816.02	BO	09 Nov 1912	09 Nov 1912
818.02	BONTHE	19 May 1911	19 May 1911
818.01	Bonthe (manuscript) on KASSIE	07 Aug 1912	07 Aug 1912
830.01	DARU	12 Jul 1912	12 Jul 1912
835.01	G.P.O. Sierra Leone	31 Mar 1909	31 Oct 1911
835.02	G.P.O. / SIERRA LEONE	13 Jul 1909	08 Mar 1910
852.01	HILL STATION, / W.C.A.	09 May 1910?	09 May 1910?
857.01	KABALLA	30 May 1910	30 May 1910
869.01	KASSIE	Not recorded without endorsement	
874.01	KING TOM BRIDGE	03 Mar 1909	29 Oct 1912
875.01	KISSY	24 Jan 1910	01 Jun 1920
895.01	MAGBELE	19 Sep 1917	19 Sep 1917
905.01	MANGE	23 Feb 1924	09 Aug 1924
906.01	MANO	19 Oct 1909	19 Oct 1909
917.01	MOYAMBA	05 Aug 1909	09 Nov 1910
918.01	Murray Town, W.C.A.	1912	1912
924.01	PENDEMBU	01 Jun 1912	01 Jun 1912
929.01	Pujehun (manuscript) on BANDAJUMA, W.C.A.,	19 Jun 1913	19 Jun 1913
942.01	SEMBEHU	01 Apr 1912	01 Apr 1912
944.01	SERABU	02 Nov 1909	02 Nov 1909
945A.01	SHENGAY, N.S.	24 Aug 1912	24 Aug 1912
947.01	SUMBUYA	25 May 1909	17 Oct 1910
947.02	SUMBUYAH	24 May 1911	26 May 1911
953.01	TOMBO	15 Jan 1910	15 Jan 1910
956.01	WATERLOO, W.C.A.	25 Oct 1909	15 Jan 1912
958.01	WILBERFORCE, / W.C.A.	1909	1909
963.01	YORK, W.C.A.	07 Jan (?) 1907	29 Apr 1910

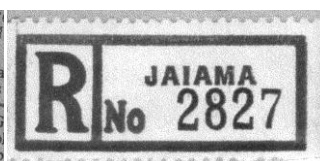
In addition, F.P.O. No.41 (41 manuscript) is recorded for 14 Apr 1944 (see below).



Ref 835.70.002,
Freetown, 1957



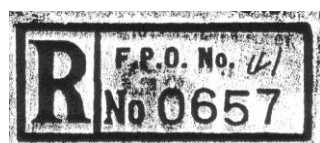
Ref 835.70.002
Freetown, 1960



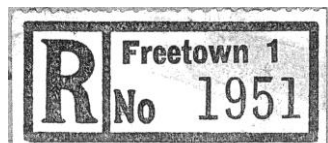
Ref 854.50
Jaama, 1962
(thick letters)



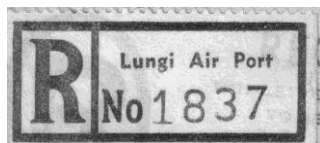
Ref 854.50
Jaama, 1965
(thin letters)



F.P.O. No.41, 1944



Ref 835.71.001
Freetown, 1956



Ref 888.55
Lungi Air Port, 1964



Ref 844.52
Gboyama (m/s), 1961

Registered Adhesive Labels, Second Period: from 1946

The numbering system is generally as follows: the first part is the Walton office ref. + 800; the second part is 50 for labels in upper case, 51 for labels with initial letters upper case and the rest lower case, 52 for hand-written inscriptions on blank labels, 53 for hand-amended labels, with further types numbered 54 and above.

Ref	Text	Pre-Independence		Post-Independence	
		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Earliest Date	Latest Date
802.51	Allen Town			08 Dec 1966	08 Dec 1966
802.52	Allen Town (manuscript)	05 Mar 1959	05 Mar 1959		
804.50	BAIIMA	06 Nov 1953	06 Nov 1953	Not recorded without endorsement	
805.50	BANANAS			Not recorded without endorsement	
806.50	BANDAJUMA	13 May 1960	13 May 1960		
807.52	Bandajuma Yawei (m/s)	29 Apr 1960	29 Apr 1960	05 Jul 1961	05 Jul 1961
808.50	BAOMA			25 Jan 1962	25 Jan 1962
810.50	BATKANU	29 Sep 1952	29 Sep 1952		
811.50	BAUYA	07 Dec 1950	06 Oct 1959		
814.52	Binkolo (manuscript)			29 Sep 1962	29 Sep 1962
815.50	BLAMA	01 Mar 1950	08 Nov 1960	17 Oct 1961	17 Oct 1970
815.52	Blama (manuscript or blank)			29 Apr 1961	17 Jun 1969
815.53 (a)	Blama (m/s) on other labels			?? Sep 1989	?? Sep 1989
816.50	BO (also B.O.)	30 Dec 1948	18 Apr 1961	12 Aug 1961	01 Feb 1972
816.51	Bo	31 Jan 1956	13 Apr 1960		
816.52	Bo (manuscript)	06 Jul 1959	06 Jul 1959	20 Nov 1963	09 ??? 1972
816.53 (b)	Bo (m/s) on other labels			10 Jun 1970	29 Feb 1972
816.54	Bo-Pendembu / T.P.O. with Pendembu / T.P.O. del. m/s	04 Aug 1959	04 Aug 1959		
816.62	New Site / Bo (m/s)	04 Apr 1956	02 Oct 1957		
816.71	Ngalu Road	02 Jul 1960	02 Jul 1960		
816.72	NGALU RD. B.O.			Not recorded without endorsement	
816.73	NGALU ROAD			Not recorded without endorsement	
817.50	BOAJIBU	09 Dec 1954	09 Dec 1954	09 Jun 1961	26 Jul 1972
817.52	Boajibu (manuscript)	05 Oct 1951	05 Oct 1951	17 Apr 1972	17 Apr 1972
818.50	BONTHE	11 Mar 1949	02 Dec 1956	02 Oct 1964	23 Jun 1973
818.51	Bonthe			1969	29 Sep 1971
818.53 (c)	Bonthe (m/s) on other labels			Not recorded on cover	
819.50	BRADFORD			05 Aug 1961	09 Aug 1966
823.52	Bumbuna (manuscript)	Not recorded on cover			
824.50	BUMPE	07 May 1955	26 Jan 1956	17 Feb 1968	17 Feb 1968
824.52	Bumpe (manuscript)	08 Jun 1954	08 Jun 1954		
825.50	CLINE TOWN	01 Dec 1948	12 Sep 1960	09 Feb 1962	09 Jul 1975
825.51	Cline Town	04 Nov 1954	08 Mar 1960	17 Oct 1968	30 Sep 1975
825.52	Cline Town (manuscript)			20 Jun 1970	20 Jun 1970
825.53 (d)	C/Town (m/s) on other lbls.			03 Sep 1982	17 Feb 1986
828.50	CONGO / CROSS ROADS			16 May 1965	04 Nov 1969
828.51	Congo / Cross Roads	10 Oct 1959	03 Oct 1960	27 Jan 1965	07 Sep 1965
828.52	Congo Cross Roads (m/s)	26 Sep 1952	15 Oct 1952		
828.53	Congo Cross Roads	04 Jun 1956	04 Jun 1956		
828.54	CONGO / CROSS RDS.			11 May 1967	11 May 1967
829.50	DAMBARA			Not recorded without endorsement	
829.51	Dambara			Not recorded without endorsement	
830.50	DARU	30 Oct 1951	01 Mar 1960	03 Dec 1965	11 Aug 1978
830.51	Daru	02 May 1957	02 May 1957		
832.50	FADUGU			ca. 1970	ca. 1970
832.52	Fadugu (m/s)	Not recorded on cover			
832A.50	FAIRO			Not recorded without endorsement	
833A.50	FALLA			Not recorded without endorsement	
833A.51	Falla			Not recorded without endorsement	
833A.52	Falla (manuscript)			27 May 1963	03 Jul 1963
834.50	F. B. COLLEGE	used at Mount Aureol		02 Apr 1962	07 Feb 1975
834.51	F.B. College	28 Sep 1957	29 May 1958	02 Apr 1969	27 Sep 1971

Ref	Text	Pre-Independence		Post-Independence	
		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Earliest Date	Latest Date
834.52	FBC (manuscript)	1959	1959		
834.53	Fourah Bay / College			25 Mar 1968	27 Mar 1972
834.54	FREETOWN 31	used unendorsed at Mount Aureol		01 Aug 1982	01 Aug 1982
835.52	F'town (manuscript)	14 Jan 1959	14 Jan 1959		
835.70.001	FREETOWN 1	14 Jun 1948	30 Mar 1961	} See separate list at end } for usages of these types } after 1960 }	
835.71.001	Freetown 1	18 Aug 1955	25 Apr 1957		
835.70.002	FREETOWN 2	02 Apr 1948	10 Aug 1960		
835.71.002	Freetown 2	02 Sep 1953	06 Jul 1956		
835.80.002	2 (m/s) on FREETOWN 1	10 Oct 1949	10 Oct 1949		
835.70.003	FREETOWN 3	07 Nov 1949	09 Sep 1955	Seen on five covers, all with Garrison Mail cancels.	
835.55	Conference Centre (m/s) on Freetown 55 (55 obliterated)	Not recorded on cover			
835.56	PP (Parcel Post) (m/s)			27 Nov 1972	23 Mar 1973
835.61	FREETOWN EAST			22 Nov 1965	04 Apr 1979
835.62	FREETOWN / EAST	used unendorsed at Cline Town		18 Aug 1988	31 Aug 1988
835.63	Freetown East			23 Jun 1962	19 Mar 1970
835.64	Freetown / East	10 Sep 1957	03 May 1960	02 Oct 1963	14 Aug 1969
835.65	Ftn East (manuscript)	30 Jan 1953	30 Jan 1953		
835.81	Ftn Quay (manuscript)	03 Sep 1954	26 Apr 1956	07 May 1963	21 Apr 1965
835.82	Freetown Quay	03 May 1957	24 Dec 1959	15 Feb 1963	31 May 1979
835.83	FREETOWN / QUAY			03 Aug 1978	29 Sep 1983
835.84 (e)	Ftn Quay (m/s) on other lbls			04 Jul 1988	04 Jul 1988
835.85	Freetown / Quay	01 Apr 1958	01 Apr 1958		
835.70	FREETOWN / WEST			Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71 (f)	Freetown West			22 Mar 1966	22 Mar 1966
835.72	Freetown / West	28 Feb 1958	06 Dec 1960		
838.52	Gandohun (m/s)	05 Apr 1960	05 Apr 1960	} used at Gandohun Fakunya	
837.50	GANDORHUN			20 Jun 1967	09 Apr 1970
841.50	GBANGBATOKE	23 Nov 1956	23 Nov 1956		
841.52	GBA TOKE (m/s)	01 Sep 1952	01 Sep 1952		
840.50	GBANGBOMA			Not recorded without endorsement	
842.50	GBAP	10 Mar 1960	10 Mar 1960		
842.54	GBAPP			Not recorded without endorsement	
843.50	GBINTI	11 Jul 1958	02 Nov 1960		
844.50	GBOYAMA			03 Oct 1966	03 Oct 1966
844.52	Gboyama (manuscript)	25 Aug 1958	28 Feb 1961		
845.50	GERIHUN	04 Dec 1959	12 Mar 1960	15 Sep 1961	12 Sep 1962
845.53	GERIBUN			Not recorded without endorsement	
846.50	GIEMA	30 Mar 1960	30 Mar 1960		
846.54	GIIMA	Not recorded without endorsement			
847.52	Gloucester / Gloster (m/s)			08 Jun 1967	08 Nov 1973
848.50	GODERICH	19 Dec 1958	19 Dec 1958	Not recorded without endorsement	
848.51	Goderich	14 Apr 1961	14 Apr 1961		
850.50	HANGHA	24 Mar 1953	16 Dec 1960	14 Jun 1961	22 Sep 1970
850.51	Hangha			08 Sep 1962	08 Sep 1962
851.50	HASTINGS	27 Mar 1954	08 Feb 1955	04 Apr 1966	25 Dec 1969
851.51	Hastings	07 Dec 1959	06 Jan 1961	23 Dec 1965	23 Dec 1965
851.52	Hastings (manuscript)			01 Aug 1961	05 Mar 1962
854.50	JAIDAMA			03 Feb 1962	04 Dec 1971
854.52	Jaiama (manuscript)	07 Dec 1954	1955		
856.50	JIMMI BAGBO	17 Oct 1960	17 Oct 1960		
856A.50	JOJOIMA			01 Dec 1969	01 Dec 1969
856A.52	Jojoima (manuscript)			04 Oct 1962	04 Oct 1962
857.50	KABALA	23 Sep 1954	01 Jul 1959	24 Sep 1962	03 Aug 1977
857.51	Kabala	07 Feb 1958	07 Feb 1958	05 May 1967	05 Mar 1977
864.50	KAILAHUN	Apr 1948	13 Nov 1959	10 Aug 1961	14 Sep 1976
864.52	Kailahun (manuscript)			10 Feb 1965	10 Feb 1965
864.53 (g)	Kailahun (m/s) on other lbls.			15 Apr 1989	15 Apr 1989

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		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Earliest Date	Latest Date
859.50	KAINKORDU	04 Apr 1961	04 Apr 1961		
859.52	Kainkordu (m/s)	28 Jun 1955	20 Oct 1956		
860.50	KAMABAI	22 Oct 1955	22 Oct 1955		
861.50	KAMAKWIE			05 Jul 1961	31 Dec 1970
862.50	KAMBIA	19 Oct 1954	19 Dec 1960	18 Nov 1963	10 Mar 1976
862.51	Kambia	15 Feb 1960	11 Mar 1960	01 Nov 1971	01 Nov 1971
862.52	Kambia (manuscript)			24 Jul 1961	15 Feb 1966
862.53 (h)	Kambia (m/s) on other lbls			25 Jun 1983	25 Jun 1983
863.50	KANGAHUN	01 Jul 1959	01 Jul 1959	25 Jun 1964	25 Jun 1964
863.52	Kangahun (manuscript)	04 Sep 1952	07 Jul 1954		
870.50	KASSERI	07 Jul 1960	07 Jul 1960	24 Apr 1967	24 Apr 1967
870.52	Kasseri (manuscript)	11 May 1959	25 Jan 1960		
870.53	KASSIRI			Not recorded without endorsement	
871.52	Kayima (manuscript)	24 Nov 1955	24 Nov 1955	11 May 1961	11 May 1961
872.50	KENEMA	01 Mar 1951	09 Jul 1960	10 Sep 1963	04 Jan 1971
872.51	Kenema	?? Nov 1955	11 Jul 1956	04 Oct 1972	28 Dec 1972
872.52	Kenema (manuscript)	29 May 1959	01 Mar 1960	24 Oct 1966	06 Jan 1971
875.50	KISSY			05 Oct 1962	12 Mar 1984
940.50	KOIDU TOWN	11 Aug 1959	19 Apr 1961	09 Nov 1961	01 Nov 1972
940.51	Koidu Town			26 May 1971	04 Feb 1972
940.52	Koidu Town or Koidu (m/s)	12 May 1958	12 May 1958	23 Jul 1962	21 Feb 1973
876.52	Koindu (manuscript)	05 Jun 1959	05 Jun 1959		
877.50	KORIBUNDU			Not recorded without endorsement	
878.50	KUKUNA			Not recorded without endorsement	
878.52	Kukuna (manuscript)	27 Feb 1959	27 Feb 1959		
879.50	KUMRABAI / MAMILA	10 Nov 1959	10 Nov 1959		
883.52	Kychum (manuscript)	03 Oct 1952	16 Feb 1953		
885.52	Levuma (manuscript)	07 Jun 1960	07 Jun 1960		
886.50	LEVUMA / LEPIPIAMA			17 Aug 1961	09 May 1964
886.52	Levuma Leppiama (m/s)	24 Oct 1960	24 Oct 1960		
887.50	LUMLEY			30 Mar 1963	10 May 1965
887.52	Lumley (manuscript)	15 Aug 1959	04 Jan 1961		
888.50	LUNGI / AIRPORT	02 Jan 1959	14 Oct 1960		
888.51	Lungi Airport	30 Jun 1960	03 Feb 1961	23 Apr 1969	23 Apr 1969
888.52	Lungi Airport (m/s)	01 Sep 1956	01 Sep 1956		
888.53	Lungi (manuscript)	16 Mar 1957	13 Aug 1959		
888.54	LUNGI AIRPORT			29 Apr 1961	15 Sep 1967
888.55	Lungi Air Port			07 May 1964	02 Mar 1967
888.56	LUNGI AIR PORT			15 May 1966	03 Jun 1966
888.57 (i)	Lungi (m/s) on other labels			28 May 1983	28 May 1983
888.58	LINGI AIR PORT (sic)			1966	1966
889.50	LUNSAR	06 Sep 1948	17 Dec 1960	03 Jun 1961	02 Nov 1988
889.51	Lunsar	10 May 1958	18 Mar 1960	02 Dec 1969	08 Jun 1979
890.51	Mabang	Not recorded on cover			
891.60	MABONTO	29 Dec 1949	15 Jul 1950		
893.52	Madina (manuscript)	05 Oct 1960	05 Oct 1960	28 Nov 1961	28 Nov 1961
902.50	MAGBURAKA	04 Nov 1950	06 Oct 1960	11 Jan 1963	08 Jun 1971
902.51	Magburaka	22 Jun 1954	22 May 1958	08 Feb 1972	15 Apr 1972
902.52	Magburaka (manuscript)	Not recorded on cover			
902.53 (j)	Magb (m/s) on other labels			09 Mar 1978	05 Aug 1996
897.50	MAHERA	15 Aug 1955	15 Aug 1955	27 Nov 1961	27 Nov 1961
897.52	Mahera (manuscript)	04 Mar 1953	14 Jul 1953		
898.50	MAKALI			Not recorded without endorsement	
898.51	Makali	30 May 1960	30 May 1960		
898.52	Makali (manuscript)	15 Nov 1955	15 Nov 1955	14 Jan 1972	14 Jan 1972
899.50	MAKENI	20 Sep 1950	30 May 1960	16 Oct 1962	27 May 1970
899.51	Makeni	27 Jan 1956	26 May 1956	04 Aug 1971	21 Mar 1994
899.52	Makeni (manuscript)			25 Jul 1961	07 Sep 1961
903.50	MAMBOLO	09 Feb 1955	05 Dec 1960		

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		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Earliest Date	Latest Date
903.52	Mambolo (manuscript)	24 Feb 1951	27 Aug 1951		
905.50	MANGE	19 Mar 1960	26 Mar 1960	05 Oct 1963	11 Jun 1970
906.50	MANO	02 Oct 1952	09 Jul 1956	23 Aug 1961	27 Feb 1971
908.50	MANOWA			Not recorded without endorsement	
908.51	Manowa			06 May 1963	06 May 1963
910.50	MASSA			Not recorded without endorsement	
910.51	Massa			Not recorded without endorsement	
911.52	Massam (manuscript)	24 Mar 1961	24 Mar 1961	10 Feb 1967	10 Feb 1967
909A.50	MASSINGBI			Not recorded without endorsement	
909A.52	Masingbi (manuscript)			25 May 1963	25 May 1963
912.50	MATTRU	30 Jun 1952	28 Oct 1958	28 Jan 1963	09 Aug 1977
912.51	Mattru	06 Nov 1954	01 Nov 1955	01 Sep 1964	02 Nov 1970
912A.53 k	Mile 91 (m/s) on other lbls.			11 Aug 1993	03 Nov 1993
914.51	Mongheri			14 Apr 1970	14 Apr 1970
917.50	MOYAMBA	04 Nov 1954	04 May 1959	06 May 1965	07 Nov 1972
917.51	Moyamba	05 May 1956	04 Jul 1956	08 Jun 1973	08 Jun 1973
917.52	Moyamba (m/s)	25 Apr 1960	25 Apr 1960		
918.50	MURRAY TOWN			13 Sep 1972	11 Mar 1976
919.50	NEW ENGLAND	08 Sep 1948	05 Apr 1957	14 Jul 1966	28 Jan 1980
919.51	New England	02 Oct 1959	02 Dec 1960	02 Oct 1962	21 Feb 1973
919.53 (l)	N/E (m/s) on other labels			03 Aug 1983	03 Aug 1983
920.50	NEWTON	29 May 1959	27 Apr 1960	29 Jun 1967	29 Jun 1967
921.50	NJALA	26 Sep 1952	24 Feb 1961	16 Aug 1962	01 Nov 1978
921.51	Njala	28 Sep 1955	28 Sep 1955		
921.52	Njala (manuscript)	02 Jul 1958	02 Jul 1958	21 Jan 1966	02 Oct 1970
921.54	Njala U.C. (typewritten)			06 Jul 1971	06 Jul 1971
922.50	NUMEA			Not recorded without endorsement	
922.52	Numea (manuscript)			17 Jun 1961	17 Jun 1961
923.50	PANGUMA	01 Jul 1958	27 Mar 1961	09 Nov 1962	30 Sep 1965
923.52	Panguma (manuscript)	12 Sep 1952	12 Sep 1952		
924.50	PENDEMBU	18 Sep 1951	25 Oct 1960	18 Dec 1961	13 Jul 1970
924.51	Pendembu	26 Sep 1955	01 Dec 1955		
924.54	T.P.O. BO- / PENDEMBU	T.P.O. BO obliterated m/s		18 Dec 1984	11 May 1990
925.50	PEPEL			15 Aug 1962	16 Apr 1963
925.52	Pepel (manuscript)	26 Feb 1957	31 May 1957		
926.50	PORT LOKO	31 Jul 1950	22 Mar 1961	23 Jun 1961	07 Jul 1971
926.51	Port Loko	06 Jun 1957	06 Jun 1957	03 Nov 1971	03 Nov 1971
926.52	Port Loko (manuscript)			08 Mar 1965	18 Mar 1974
926.54	PORT-LOKO			Aug 1965	Aug 1965
927.50	POTORU	11 Feb 1955	12 Jun 1958		
927.51	Potoru	07 Dec 1960	08 Feb 1961	31 Jan 1962	31 Jan 1962
927.52	Potoru (manuscript)				
929.50	PUJEHUN	10 Nov 1952	08 Jun 1960	16 Apr 1963	24 Jul 1972
929.51	Pujehun	02 Oct 1954	03 Dec 1955		
929.52	Pujehun (manuscript)			28 Jun 1961	28 Jun 1961
931.50	REGENT			08 Apr 1971	08 Apr 1971
932.50	ROCHIN			Not recorded without endorsement	
935.50	ROKUPR	09 Feb 1952	01 Sep 1954	07 Aug 1962	03 Oct 1979
935.51	Rokupr			28 Jan 1964	03 Feb 1964
938.50	ROTIFUNK	29 Aug 1949	12 Dec 1951	18 Dec 1966	02 Dec 1978
938.51	Rotifunk	05 Apr 1960	05 Apr 1960	18 Feb 1965	10 Mar 1965
835.101	Savage Square (m/s)			16 Dec 1968	11 Sep 1971
940.50	SEFADU	06 May 1950	02 Mar 1955		
940.51	Sefadu	02 Sep 1954	20 Nov 1954	30 Nov 1988	30 Nov 1988
940.52	Sefadu (manuscript)	05 Aug 1955	08 Nov 1955		
941.50	SEGBWEMA	21 May 1948	01 Mar 1961	17 May 1961	13 Nov 1973
941.51	Segbwema	31 Oct 1953	25 Oct 1955	29 May 1972	27 Aug 1975
942.50	SEMBEHUN			12 Apr 1962	08 Oct 1968
944.50	SERABU			03 Jul 1965	03 Jul 1965

Ref	Text	Pre-Independence		Post-Independence	
		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Earliest Date	Latest Date
944.51	Serabu	30 Jul 1959	21 Jun 1960		
944.52	Serabu (manuscript)	08 Jan 1951	15 Jan 1955		
945.50	SHENGE	04 Aug 1960	20 Apr 1961	30 Apr 1964	17 Jul 1969
928.50	SONGO	05 Jul 1960	15 Sep 1960		
946.50	SULIMA	29 Sep 1950	20 Apr 1960		
947.50	SUMBUYA	21 Apr 1946	1960	23 May 1961	28 Oct 1984
947.54	SUMBUYAH	Not recorded on cover			
948.51	Sussex	09 Mar 1954	26 Jun 1955	Jul 1969	Jul 1969
949.50	TABE	03 Jul 1958	15 Jun 1960	21 Jan 1967	15 Aug 1969
950.50	TASSOH			Not recorded without endorsement	
951.50	TIAMA	06 Sep 1948	11 Feb 1957	10 May 1963	11 Apr 1972
952.50	TIKONKO			14 Apr 1969	14 Apr 1969
952.51	Tikonko	04 Apr 1961	04 Apr 1961	31 Jan 1966	31 Jan 1966
952.52	Tikonko (manuscript)	10 Oct 1952	07 May 1957		
954A.50	TUMBUDU			21 Jan 1971	11 Apr 1972
954A.52	Tumbudu (manuscript)			29 Jul 1969	29 Jul 1969
954B.50	TUNGI			Mar 1972	Mar 1972
835.91	WATER ST. / BO	(used at Water Street, Freetown?)		Not recorded without endorsement	
835.92	Water St BO (m/s)	15 Jun 1960	15 Jun 1960		
835.93	WATER STREET / P.O.	25 Jun 1959	25 Jun 1959		
835.94	WATER ST. BO			17 Oct 1979	17 Oct 1979
835.95	T.P.O. Water Street	T.P.O. obliterated m/s		15 Aug 1963	15 Aug 1963
835.96	WATER ST - BO			16 Jul 197?	16 Jul 197?
835.97	Water Street P.O.			06 Apr 1964	06 Apr 1964
956.51	Waterloo	10 Oct 1955	01 Jun 1956	06 Jul 1978	02 Apr 1981
956.54	WATERLOO / SIERRA LEONE			02 Sep 2011	02 Sep 2011
957.50	WELLINGTON			08 May 1963	13 Sep 1974
957.54	WELLINGTON / SIERRA LEONE			12 May 1990	26 Oct 1990
958.50	WILBERFORCE	03 Feb 1954	29 Sep 1955	18 Nov 1969	18 Nov 1969
958.51	Wilberforce	02 Dec 1958	02 Dec 1958	05 Dec 1961	18 Jan 1963
959.51	Yamandu	15 Dec 1960	15 Dec 1960		
960.50	YELE			17 Sep 1965	17 Sep 1965
960.52	Yele (manuscript)	30 Jul 1954	30 Jul 1954		
961.50	YENGEMA			29 Aug 1961	13 Mar 1975
961.51	Yengema			10 Aug 1971	05 Aug 1972
961.52	Yengema (manuscript)	19 Mar 1958	01 Sep 1959	17 Jun 1961	05 Sep 1972
962.50	YONIBANA	01 Aug 1951	10 Sep 1960	27 Jul 1966	09 Sep 1972
962.51	Yonibana	03 Jul 1954	03 Nov 1959		
963.50	YORK	11 Sep 1956	11 Mar 1959		
963.51	York			03 May 1963	27 Nov 1964
964.50	YORK ISLAND	Not recorded on cover			
965.51	Yoyema			Not recorded without endorsement	
966.50	ZIMMI	19 Nov 1954	11 Mar 1955		
980.50	BO-PENDEMBU T.P.O.				
980.51	Bo-Pendembu / T.P.O.	1960	1960	Also used at Bo (Ref.816.57)	
980.53	T.P.O. / BO-PENDEMBU	Not recorded on cover			
980.54	T.P.O. BO "/" / PENDEMBU	17 Oct 1958	17 Oct 1958		
980.55	T.P.O. BO- / PENDEMBU			Not recorded without endorsement	
981.50	T.P.O. BO	14 Jul 1956	06 Apr 1957		
982.50	T.P.O. WATER ST / BO				
982.51	T.P.O. / Water Street			24 Sep 1962	26 Sep 1962
982.53	T.P.O. / WATER ST. "/" BO	Not recorded on cover			
983.50	T.P.O. MAKENI	05 Jun 1957	05 Jun 1957		
983.51	T.P.O. WATER / ST. "/" MAKENI	01 Feb 1954	01 Feb 1954		

Footnotes: "/" indicates that the / symbol is printed on the label. m/s = manuscript.

(a) 815.53 - Blama (m/s) on LEVUMA LEPIAMA (Sep 1989).

(b) 816.53 - Bo (m/s) on FREETOWN 19 (29 Feb 1972); FREETOWN 105 (09 Dec 1970 - 06 Jan 1971); NGALU ROAD (10 Jun 1970 - 09 Aug 1971); NGALU RD. B.O. (07 May 1971).

- (c) 818.53 - Bonthe (m/s) on Freetown 31 (not seen on cover).
- (d) 835.53 - Cline Town (m/s) on FAIRO (17 Feb 1986); FALLA (03 Sep 1982 - 30 Sep 1985); Falla (29 May 1984).
- (e) 835.84 - Quay (m/s) on FREETOWN 13 (04 Jul 1988).
- (f) Blank, unendorsed label used at Freetown West (12 June 1953).
- (g) 864.53 - Kailahun (m/s) on KANGAHUN (15 Apr 1989).
- (h) 852.53 - Kam or Kambia (m/s) on NUMEA (25 Jun 1983).
- (i) 888.57 - Lungi (m/s) on BOAJIBU (28 May 1983).
- (j) 902.53 - Magb or Magburaka (m/s) on MAKALI (09 Mar 1978); MASSINGBI (18 Oct 1984 - 28 Oct 1988); TASSOH (07 Jun 1994 - 05 Aug 1996).
- (k) 912A.53 - Mile 91 (m/s) on HANGHA (11 Aug 1993 - 03 Nov 1993).
- (l) 919.53 - N/E or New England (m/s) on Freetown 24 (03 Aug 1983).

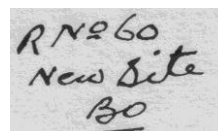
Examples of pre-1946 manuscript registration markings, with or without a hand-drawn box, are given on page 14. Similar, post-1946 markings include: Bauya (04 Oct 1954 – 30 June 1958); Bo (22 Aug 1975 - 14 Nov 1979); Bonthe (10 Apr 1970 - 04 Jan 1978); Cline Town (04 Nov 1977 - 11 Apr 1979); Gbendembu (27 Mar 1965 - 03 Aug 1965); Lungi (07 Sep 1974 - 05 Aug 1977); Magburaka (28 Nov 1975 - 22 Sep 1984); Mattru (19 Sep 1979); Mongheri (14 Aug 1954 - 07 Dec 1954); New Site, Bo (14 Mar 1963); Njala (06 Dec 1978 - 05 Jun 1979); Port Loko (06 Feb 1976 - 13 Dec 1983); Pujehun (29 Jul 1978 - 08 Sep 1978); Tikonko (26 May 1957); Yengema (29 Jan 1963 - 07 May 1963, 04 Oct 1977 - 06 Nov 1979); Freetown-Makeni TPO (04 Mar 1958); TPO Bo (10 Feb 1960 - 24 Jan 1963 with Freetown-Bo TPO cancel), TPO Makeni (16 Sep 1957).

At least BLAMA, DARU, FAIRO, Freetown / East, JAIAMA, KISSY, LUNSAR, MAGBURAKA, MANO, PORT LOKO, ROTIFUNK, TIAMA and YENGEMA labels exist with both thick and thin lettering. Labels with dots following the office number are known for FREETOWN 1. (29 Nov 1957) and FREETOWN 2. (10 Jun 1958). FREETOWN 1 and FREETOWN 2 labels are also recorded with distinctive shades of dark and pale blue.

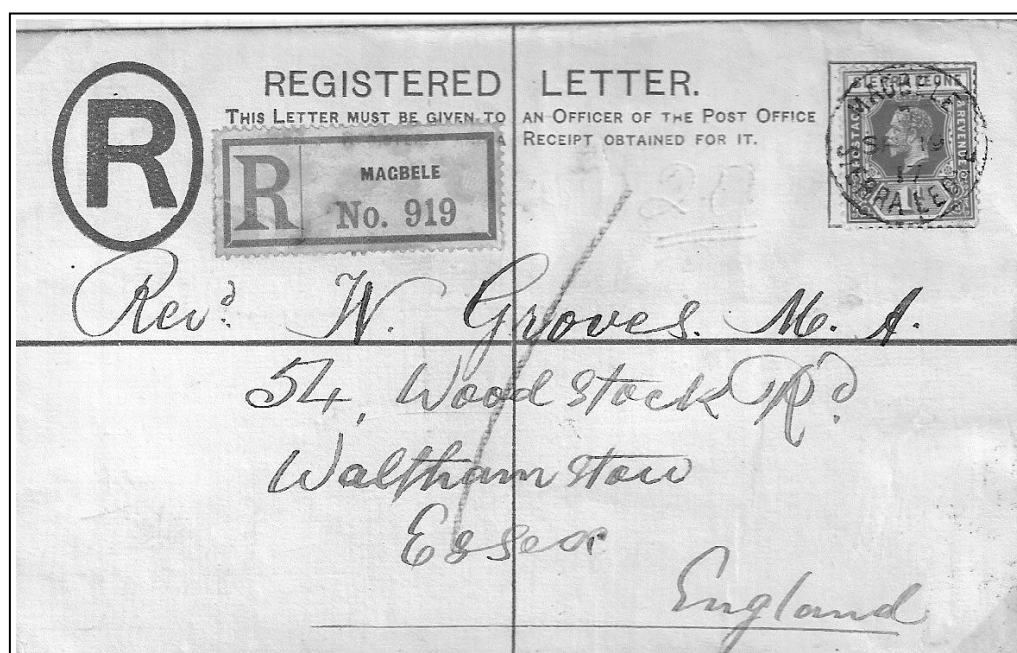
Blue labels were superseded in the early 2000s by bar-coded, self-adhesive labels. The earliest date seen is 14 Nov 2003. No office name is printed, but this is sometimes added in manuscript.



Barcode label from Bo, 2003 (image size reduced)



Manuscript marking
New Site, Bo, 1963



Late use of a first period Registered label, Ref 895.01, from Magbele in 1917
(image size reduced).

Freetown Numbered Labels - Post 1960

In the United Kingdom system, each sub-office in a town used registration labels bearing the name of the town followed by a number identifying the individual office. The Freetown registration labels exhibit the same format, but the "sub-office" numbers cannot have had the same interpretation. Firstly, at least some of the Freetown town offices (East, Quay, Water Street) had labels with their own names. Secondly, the numbers range from 1 up to 105, and there are unlikely ever to have been plans for so many post offices in Freetown.

During the 1970s, Freetown numbers 1, 2 and 100 predominated, often being inserted in manuscript on labels originally carrying other numbers. These three numbers may have corresponded to particular positions in the Post Office. Between 1975 and 1979, items with Freetown 1 labels are postmarked with one particular Registered G.P.O. circular cancel (Ref 535.50C), items with Freetown 2 labels carry a Registered G.P.O. oval (Ref 535.27), and items with Freetown 100 labels bear a different Registered G.P.O. circular cancel (Ref 535.50B). **Later, the Counter No. 5, 7 and 1 devices (035.260.xx) took over (see page 18) and Freetown 101 labels became associated with the Registered G.P.O. cds 535.50B.**

With regard to the other numbers, FREETOWN 3 labels have only been seen on five 1950s items, all with Garrison Mail cancels. It is possible that rolls of labels were issued by the G.P.O. to organisations generating large volumes of registered mail; for example, the Bank of Sierra Leone used a batch of FREETOWN 68 labels on outgoing mail over a period of several months in 1983, and these were not altered after despatch. Such a system has been described for Gambia (Maddocks, *Cameo* Vol.7, No.4, pp.194-195, 2002). The Philatelic Section at the G.P.O. Freetown used FREETOWN 89 labels (printed and manuscript) for several years from 1963 onwards.

The numbering system for these items is designed to allow simple incorporation of further discoveries. Labels with wholly upper case lettering are numbered 835.70.xxx, where xxx is the label number; those with only the initial 'F' upper case are 835.71.xxx. Thus, 835.70.001 is FREETOWN 1, while 835.71.001 is Freetown 1. Hand-written inscriptions on blank labels are numbered 835.72.xxx. Manuscript alterations on Freetown labels are numbered as 835.80.xxx (upper case labels) and 835.81.xxx (mixed case), where xxx is the new number. For example, 835.80.002 denotes 2 (manuscript) on a FREETOWN label. We have recorded the overwritten "office numbers" in footnotes at the end of the table. **Finally, manuscript alterations of non-Freetown labels are numbered in the 835.90.xxx series, where xxx is the new Freetown number.**

Ref	Text / Number	Earliest Date	Latest Date
835.72.000	blank label (printed item number)	26 Oct 1964	26 Oct 1964
835.70.001	FREETOWN 1	11 May 1961	10 Nov 1972
835.71.001	Freetown 1	28 Jun 1971	11 Nov 1971
835.72.001	Freetown 1 (manuscript)	24 Oct 1961	03 Feb 1975
835.80.001 (a)	1 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	Feb 1970	02 Sep 1998
835.81.001 (a)	1 (m/s) on Freetown xx	01 May 1971	04 Nov 1985
835.90.001 (b)	Ft 1 (m/s) on non-Freetown	17 Mar 1989	31 Jan 1991
835.70.002	FREETOWN 2	28 Nov 1961	26 Aug 1972
835.71.002	Freetown 2	19 Jun 1970	15 Oct 1971
835.72.002	Freetown 2 (manuscript)	17 Jul 1961	30 Nov 1972
835.80.002 (c)	2 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	08 May 1967	24 Mar 1990
835.81.002 (c)	2 (m/s) on Freetown xx	03 Oct 1976	15 Jan 1986
835.90.002 (d)	Ft 2 (m/s) on non-Freetown	26 Feb 1988	06 Jan 1989
835.71.003	Freetown 3	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.004	FREETOWN 4	1962	1962
835.70.005	FREETOWN 5	1964	1964
835.71.005	Freetown 5	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.006	FREETOWN 6	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.007	FREETOWN 7	29 May 1961	1 Jan 1963

Ref	Text / Number	Earliest Date	Latest Date
835.71.007	Freetown 7	Not recorded on cover	
835.70.008	FREETOWN 8	16 Dec 1963	1964
835.71.008	Freetown 8	16 Aug 1983	16 Aug 1983
835.70.009	FREETOWN 9	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.009	Freetown 9	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.010	FREETOWN 10	17 Nov 1971	17 Nov 1971
835.71.010	Freetown 10	07 Mar 1972	07 Mar 1972
835.70.011	FREETOWN 11	20 May 1963	06 Jan 1987
835.71.011	Freetown 11	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.012	FREETOWN 12	21 Jun 1983	17 Feb 1984
835.71.012	Freetown 12	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.80.012 (e)	12 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	04 Jun 1984	04 Jun 1984
835.70.013	FREETOWN 13	26 Jan 1961	18 Jan 1996
835.71.013	Freetown 13	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.014	FREETOWN 14	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.014	Freetown 14	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.90.016	Freetown 16 (m/s) on MAHERA	16 Jun 1986	16 Jun 1986
835.70.017	FREETOWN 17	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.017	Freetown 17	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.018	Freetown 18	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.019	FREETOWN 19	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.019	Freetown 19	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.90.019	Ft 19 (m/s) on FAIRO	15 Nov 1988	15 Nov 1988
835.70.020	FREETOWN 20	12 Nov 1965	12 Nov 1965
835.70.021	FREETOWN 21	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.021	Freetown 21	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.022	FREETOWN 22	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.022	Freetown 22	11 Oct 1983	11 Oct 1983
835.70.023	FREETOWN 23	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.023	Freetown 23	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.024	Freetown 24	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.026	FREETOWN 26	1962 / 1963	30 Oct 1963
835.70.028	FREETOWN 28	13 Mar 1979	13 Mar 1979
835.71.028	Freetown 28	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.029	FREETOWN 29	15 Dec 1964	15 Dec 1964
835.81.029 (f)	29 (m/s) on Freetown xx	20 Sep 1983	20 Sep 1983
835.70.030	FREETOWN 30	13 Aug 1964	13 Aug 1964
835.71.030	Freetown 30	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.031	FREETOWN 31	used at Mount Aureol (Ref.834.54)	
835.71.031	Freetown 31	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.032	FREETOWN 32	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.032	Freetown 32		
835.70.033	FREETOWN 33	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.033	Freetown 33	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.034	FREETOWN 34	197?	197?
835.71.034	Freetown 34	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.035	FREETOWN 35	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.036	FREETOWN 36	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.037	FREETOWN 37	27 Jun 1985	27 Jun 1985
835.71.038	Freetown 38		
835.70.039	FREETOWN 39	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.040	FREETOWN 40	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.040	Freetown 40	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.041	FREETOWN 41	03 Aug 1960	19 Jun 1966
835.71.041	Freetown 41	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.042	FREETOWN 42	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.042	Freetown 42	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.043	FREETOWN 43	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.043	Freetown 43	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.044	Freetown 44	Not recorded without endorsement	

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835.70.045	FREETOWN 45	19 Sep 1980	05 Dec 1980
835.70.046	FREETOWN 46	24 Mar 1960	24 Mar 1960
835.71.046	Freetown 46		
835.70.047	FREETOWN 47	23 Nov 1960	22 Nov 1970
835.71.047	Freetown 47	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.048	FREETOWN 48	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.049	FREETOWN 49	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.049	Freetown 49	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.050	FREETOWN 50	23 Nov 1971	02 Dec 1971
835.71.050	Freetown 50	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.051	Freetown 51	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.052	Freetown 52	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.053	FREETOWN 53	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.053	Freetown 53	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.054	Freetown 54	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.055	FREETOWN 55	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.055	Freetown 55	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.056	FREETOWN 56	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.057	FREETOWN 57	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.057	Freetown 57	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.80.057 (g)	57 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	07 Jul 1983	30 Mar 1988
835.81.057 (g)	57 (m/s) on Freetown xx	04 Mar 1988	04 Mar 1988
835.90.057 (h)	Ft 57 (m/s) on non-Freetown	03 Dec 1985	25 Mar 1994
835.70.059	FREETOWN 59	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.061	FREETOWN 61	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.061	Freetown 61	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.062	FREETOWN 62	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.063	FREETOWN 63	07 May 1965	10 May 1967
835.71.063	Freetown 63	11 Dec 1971	11 Dec 1971
835.72.063	Freetown 63 (manuscript)	20 Jul 1967	16 Oct 1967
835.80.063 (i)	63 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	?? Jul 1967	17 Jul 1973
835.81.063 (i)	63 (m/s) on Freetown xx	08 May 1973	30 Nov 1983
835.70.064	FREETOWN 64	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.065	FREETOWN 65	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.066	Freetown 66	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.068	FREETOWN 68	08 May 1983	03 Aug 1983
835.71.068	Freetown 68	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.069	Freetown 69	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.070	FREETOWN 70	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.070	Freetown 70	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.071	FREETOWN 71	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.071	Freetown 71	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.072	FREETOWN 72	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.072	Freetown 72	17 Oct 1973	17 Oct 1973
835.70.073	FREETOWN 73	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.073	Freetown 73	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.074	FREETOWN 74	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.075	FREETOWN 75	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.076	FREETOWN 76	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.076	Freetown 76	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.077	FREETOWN 77	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.077	Freetown 77	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.078	FREETOWN 78	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.079	FREETOWN 79	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.079	Freetown 79	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.080	FREETOWN 80		
835.71.080	Freetown 80	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.081	FREETOWN 81	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.081	Freetown 81	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.082	Freetown 82	07 Dec 1983	07 Dec 1983

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835.70.083	FREETOWN 83	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.084	FREETOWN 84	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.085	FREETOWN 85	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.086	FREETOWN 86	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.087	FREETOWN 87	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.088	FREETOWN 88	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.088	Freetown 88	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.089	FREETOWN 89	21 Mar 1963	15 May 1991
835.72.089	F'TOWN 89 (manuscript)	12 Jan 1966	04 Jul 1966
835.70.090	FREETOWN 90	1971	1971
835.71.090	Freetown 90	22 Feb 1984	22 Feb 1984
835.90.090	90 (m/s) on FREETOWN EAST	05 Aug 1986	05 Aug 1986
835.70.091	FREETOWN 91	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.72.091	F/T 91 (manuscript)	14 Feb 1966	14 Feb 1966
835.70.092	FREETOWN 92	02 Oct 1962	02 Dec 1970
835.72.092	F/T 92 (manuscript)	25 Mar 1965	22 Jun 1968
835.70.093	FREETOWN 93	1962	1962
835.70.094	FREETOWN 94	02 Sep 1962	05 Sep 1962
835.70.095	FREETOWN 95	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.096	FREETOWN 96	Not recorded on cover	
835.70.097	FREETOWN 97	14 Jun 1962	25 Jan 1965
835.70.098	FREETOWN 98		
835.71.098	Freetown 98	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.099	FREETOWN 99	12 Sep 1961	22 Nov 1963
853.71.099	Freetown 99	198?	198?
835.70.100	FREETOWN 100	02 Nov 1967	10 May 1973
835.71.100	Freetown 100	08 Mar 1968	01 Sep 1972
835.72.100	Freetown 100 (manuscript)	06 Jun 1966	24 Sep 1972
835.80.100 (j)	100 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	03 Aug 1966	19 Jun 1987
835.81.100 (j)	100 (m/s) on Freetown xx	1964	05 Mar 1985
835.90.100 (k)	Ft 100 (m/s) on non-Freetown	27 Jun 1985	22 Dec 1989
835.70.101	FREETOWN 101	06 Jan 1970	26 May 1972
835.71.101	Freetown 101	14 Aug 1971	14 Aug 1971
835.80.101 (l)	101 (m/s) on FREETOWN xx	26 May 1972	08 Nov 1986
835.81.101 (l)	101 (m/s) on Freetown xx	02 Feb 1982	20 Jan 1988
835.90.101 (m)	Ft 101 (m/s) on non-Freetown	01 Dec 1989	1991
835.70.102	FREETOWN 102	06 Oct 1978	06 Oct 1978
835.71.102	Freetown 102	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.103	FREETOWN 103	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.104	FREETOWN 104	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.70.105	FREETOWN 105	Not recorded without endorsement	
835.71.105	Freetown 105	Not recorded without endorsement	

A MASSA label (910.50) was used at Freetown 18 Jul 1985 without any endorsement.

Footnotes:

(a) 835.80.001 / 835.81.001 - 1 (manuscript) has been noted on the following labels: FREETOWN 3, 6, 11, 13, 17, 19, 28, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 40, 47, 49, 55, 57, 61, 62, 71, 76, 77, 81, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 105; and Freetown 11, 13, 14, 17, 21, 23, 24, 30, 31, 33, 41, 51, 53, 71, 81.

(b) 835.90.001 - Freetown 1 (manuscript) noted on: BAOMA (04 Apr 1990); DAMBARA (05 Jul 1989); FREETOWN / WEST (23 Jun 1988); GBANGBOMA (17 Mar 1989); GIIMA (01 May 1989); JOJOIMA (30 Oct 1989 - 17 Nov 1989); KORIBUNDU (31 Jan 1991); PEPEL (14 Sep 1990); ROCHIN (31 Jan 1990).

(c) 835.80.002 / 835.81.002 - 2 (manuscript) noted on: FREETOWN 1, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 26, 30, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 65, 71, 72, 75, 76, 79, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 90, 92, 94, 102, 104, 105; and Freetown 9, 31, 34, 40, 42, 43, 44, 49, 51, 52, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76, 105. Exceptionally early use of 2 (manuscript) on FREETOWN 1 noted on a UPU issue first day cover, 10 Oct 1949.

(d) 835.90.002 - Freetown 2 (manuscript) noted on: BANANAS (198?); FAIRO (04 Nov 1988); FALLA (06 Jan 1989); GBAPP (08 Sep 1989); GERIBUN (Jun 1990); GODERICH (11 Dec 1989); KASSIRI (11 Oct 1988); MANOWA (26 Feb 1988); TUNGI (1988); Yoyema (04 Apr 198?).

(e) 835.80.012 - 12 (manuscript) noted on FREETOWN 11.

(f) 835.80.029 / 835.81.029 - 29 (manuscript) noted on: Freetown 88

(g) 835.80.057 / 835.81.057 - 57 (manuscript) noted on: FREETOWN 33, 79, 104, and Freetown 53.

(h) 835.90.057 - Freetown 57 (manuscript) noted on: BAIIMA (29 Sep 1986 - 30 Oct 1986); KUKUNA (03 Dec 1985 - 27 Jul 1990); MASSA (19 Feb 1994 - 25 Mar 1994).

(i) 835.80.063 / 835.81.063 - 63 (manuscript) noted on: FREETOWN 61, and Freetown 32, 33, 66, 105.

(j) 835.80.100 / 835.81.100 - 100 (manuscript) noted on: FREETOWN 1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 43, 46, 49, 53, 55, 56, 57, 61, 64, 65, 70, 75, 77, 81, 84, 85, 90, 94, 102, 103, 105; and Freetown 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 28, 42, 47, 49, 50, 61, 66, 68, 73, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 101, 102.

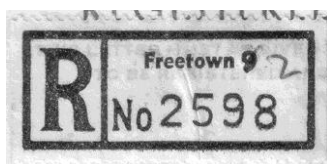
(k) 835.90.100 - Freetown 100 (manuscript) noted on: WATER ST. / BO (20 ??? 1988); Falla (03 Feb 1989); GODERICH (22 Dec 1989); MAHERA (27 Jun 1985).

(l) 835.80.101 / 835.81.101 - 101 (manuscript) noted on: FREETOWN 16, 33, 36, 42, 43, 73, 74, 77, 81, 102; and Freetown 17, 19, 24, 29, 54, 57, 68, 77, 98.

(m) 835.90.101 - Freetown 101 (manuscript) noted on: BAUYA (05 Jun 1989); BRADFORD (13 Jan 1990); Dambara (198?); GODERICH (01 Dec 1989); JOJOIMA (31 May 1990); KASSERI (08 Sep 1988); KORIBONDU (1991); TABE (08 Feb 1990); YELE (09 Mar 1990).



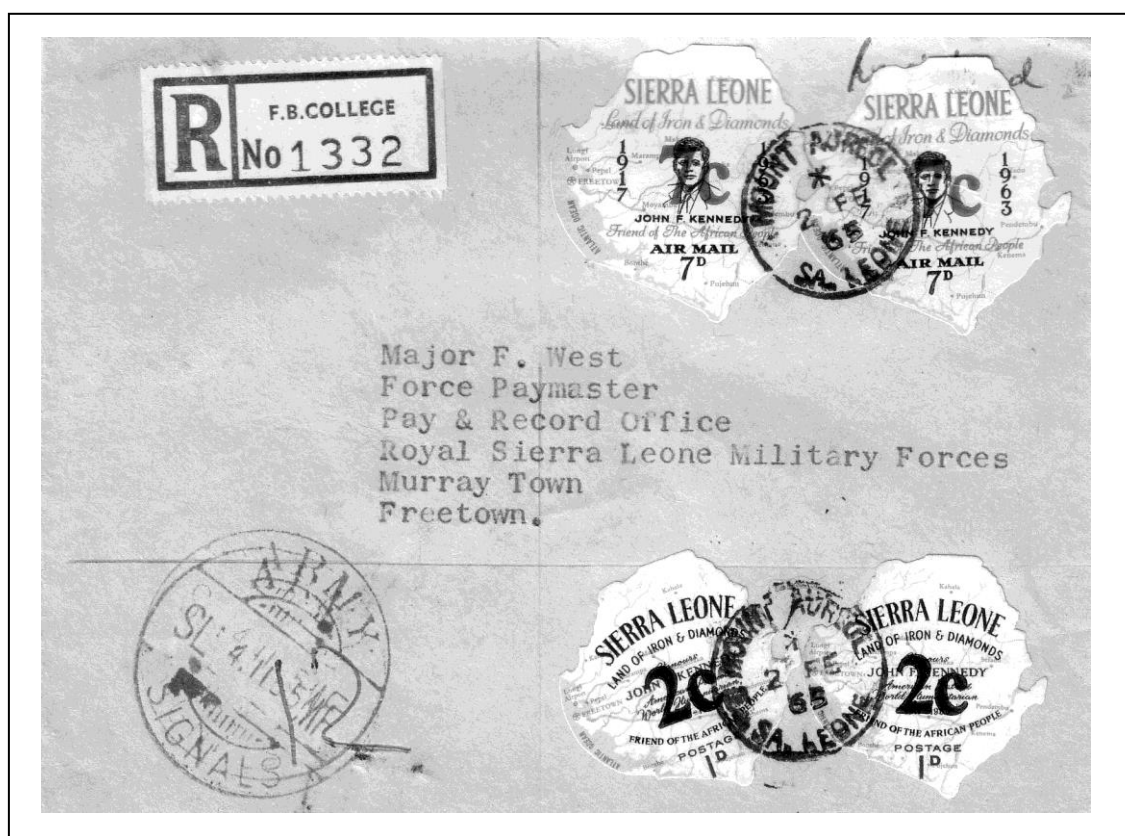
Ref 835.80.001, 1977
1 on FREETOWN 49



Ref 835.81.002, 1976
2 on Freetown 9



Ref 835.90.057.078
FT 57 on KUKUNA, 1985



Second period label inscribed F.B.COLLEGE, Ref 834.50, used in 1965. Although named Mount Aureol, the post office was located at Fourah Bay College. Note the Army Signals SL ---- MF (Sierra Leone Military Forces) receiving mark.

Index of Offices

The table below summarises which offices had registered postmarks, handstamps or labels. Postmarks with (✓) have not yet been recorded in use. For the box and label columns, 'm/s' denotes manuscript inscription inside a rubber handstamp, or on a blue label, respectively; (✓) denotes a label only seen endorsed and used elsewhere.

Office	Reg. pmk	Box h/s	Blue label	Office	Reg. pmk	Box h/s	Blue label
Aberdeen		✓		Gbap		✓	✓
Allen Town			✓	Gbendembu			
Baga				Gbinti			✓
Baiima		✓	✓	Gboyama			✓
Bananas			✓	Gerihun		✓	✓
Bandajuma			✓	Giehun			
Bandajuma Yawei			m/s	Giema			✓
Baoma		✓		Gloucester			m/s
Bathurst				Goderich			✓
Batkanu		✓	✓	Hamilton			
Boia / Bauya	(✓)	✓	✓	Hangha		✓	✓
Bendu	(✓)			Hastings		✓	✓
Benguema				Hill Station			✓
Binkolo			m/s	Jaiama			✓
Blama		✓	✓	Jaiama NimiYema /Sewafe			
Bo		✓	✓	Jimmi		✓	✓
New Site, Bo			m/s	Jojoima			m/s (✓)
Ngalu Road, Bo			✓	Kaballa		✓	✓
Boajibu			✓	Kabinkola			
Bonthe		✓	✓	Kainkordu			✓
Bradford		✓	✓	Kamabai			✓
Buedu				Kamakwie		✓	✓
Bullom				Kambia		✓	✓
Bumbuna			m/s	Kangahun		✓	✓
Bumpe			✓	Kanre Lahun / Kailahun		✓	✓
Bunumbu				Karema			
Cline Town		✓	✓	Karene			
Combraymah				Karle			
Commendi		✓		Karlu			
Congo X Roads			✓	Kasse			✓
Dambara			✓	Kasseri			✓
Daru		✓	✓	Kayima			m/s
Dia				Kenema		✓	✓
Fadugu			✓	Kent		✓	
Fairo			✓	King Tom Bridge			✓
Falaba				Kissy		✓	✓
Falla			✓	Koindu			m/s
Freetown	✓	✓	✓	Komboya / Njala Komboya			
Freetown East			✓	Koribundu		✓	✓
Freetown West			✓	Kukuna			✓
Freetown Quay			✓	Kumrabai Mamila		✓	✓
Water Street, Freetown			✓	Kunso			
Savage Square, Freetown			m/s	Kychum / Kychom			m/s
Youyi Building, Freetown				Lavanah			
Gambia	(✓)			Leicester			
Gandorhun			✓	Levuma		✓	m/s
Gandohun Fakunya			m/s	Levuma Leppiama			✓
Gbangbaia		✓		Lumley			✓
Gbangbama			✓	Lungi Airport / Lungi		✓	✓
Gbangbatoke				Lunsar		✓	✓

Office	Reg. pmk	Box h/s	Blue label	Office	Reg. pmk	Box h/s	Blue label
Mabang		✓	✓	Rokelle			
Mabanta				Rokupr		✓	✓
Mabonto		✓	✓	Ronietta	(✓)		
Mabum				Roruks		✓	
Madina / Medina (093)			m/s	Rotifunk		✓	✓
Madina (093A)				Russell			
Mafweh / Mafwe							
Magbelli / Magbele			✓	Sahn			
Magbenka				Sefadu / Koidu Town		✓	✓
Mahera			✓	Segbwema		✓	✓
Makali			✓	Sembeh / Sembehun		✓	✓
Makene / Makeni		✓	✓	Serabu	✓		✓
Makomba				Shaingay/Shengeh/Shenge		✓	✓
Makump / Magburaka		✓	✓	Shengay, Northern Sherbro	(✓)		✓
Mambolo			✓	Sulymah / Sulima		✓	✓
Mamunta				Sumbuyah / Sumbuya	(✓)	✓	✓
Mange		✓	✓	Sussex			✓
Mano		✓	✓	Tabé		✓	✓
Mano Salija		✓		Taninahun			
Manowa			✓	Tassoh		✓	✓
Masanki				Tiama		✓	✓
Masingbi			✓	Tikonko			✓
Masiaka				Tombo			✓
Massa Krim			✓	Tumbudu			✓
Massam			m/s	Tungie / Tungi			✓
Mattru		✓	✓	Victoria			
Mile 91 Magbosi			m/s	Waterloo		✓	✓
Mobai				Wellington			✓
Mongheri			✓	Wilberforce		✓	✓
Mokanji Hills				Yamandu		✓	✓
Mo Palma				Yele			✓
Mount Aureol			✓ a	Yengema			✓
Moyamba		✓	✓	Yonni Banna / Yonibana		✓	✓
Murray Town			✓	York		✓	✓
New England		m/s	✓	York Island		✓	✓
Newton		✓	✓	Yoyema		✓	(✓)
Ngalu Bagbwe				Zimi / Zimmi		m/s	✓
Njala		✓	✓				
Numea			✓				
Panguma		✓	✓	S L Govt Railway	✓	✓	
Pendembu	(✓)	✓	✓	Freetown - Bo TPO		✓	
Pepel		✓	✓	Freetown - Makeni TPO			
Port Lokkoh / Port Loko		✓	✓	Freetown - Bauya TPO			
Potoru			✓	Freetown - Pendembu TPO			
Prince Alfred Town /Songo		✓	✓	Bo - Pendembu TPO		✓	
Pujehun	✓	✓	✓	Water St - Pendembu TPO			
Regent			✓	Boia - Yonnie TPO		✓	
Rochen / Rochin			(✓)				
Rokel				Garrison Mail		✓ b	✓ c

Footnotes:

- (a) Used labels inscribed F.B. College or Fourah Bay College
(b) Used the former Freetown - Bo TPO rubber handstamp
(c) Used FREETOWN 3 labels in the early 1950s.

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