

Northern Nigeria Type 2 cancels

November 2014

I've measured hundreds of cancellations to prepare this update to the data in Ince & Sacher. Computer technology gives us a step forward in comparing postmarks at a level of detail which was very hard 20 years ago. However, a ruler and a pair of dividers were still used frequently for measurement.

I've tried to note which of my records correspond to the variations identified in I&S other than their usual Type 2A. Many of the early/late dates from I&S still stand and I have recorded late dates which I&S note as "after 1913". There is a good level of updating both from my own collection and from that of WASC colleagues, particularly Paul Redhead and Svein Vikhamar who are regular contacts and to whom I'm very grateful. Members reviewing this list are encouraged to let me know about dates outside the range I've noted, about likely errors in my list and about new cancels.

I've made fairly careful use of software to clean up scans to some extent, but rarely to enhance, which is why many of the cancels look a bit rough. Many of them are created from amalgamating two or three original images, and it's quite possible that in doing that I've constructed something which is not quite like the original, so tell me.

At one stage I used measurements to a decimal of a millimetre, possible both with a good magnifier and with software. However, I was soon told that the thickness of the lines made such detail unreliable – and I found I was inventing new cancels where none probably existed. In general I have stuck to measuring the cancels to the nearest half millimetre, but as not all were completely circular, especially after heavy use, you may disagree with my chosen figure. Text height (text between the rings, not the date) is also given to the nearest half millimetre, except occasionally when using quarters might help to distinguish one cancel from another.

New information will be welcome, as will be scans which will improve on my originals. I have scanned at 400dpi, so emailing me images at anything from 300 to 600dpi will give sufficient detail.

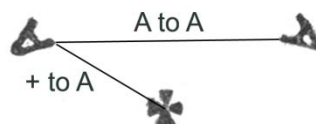
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AMAR



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		R. to N	A to A	⊠ to A
28mm	19mm	2¼mm		3½mm	15mm	8½mm



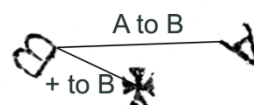
Earliest known	8 December 1906	Latest known	1921
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BARO



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		RO. to N	A to B	⊠ to B
27½mm	18½mm	2¼mm		6½mm	11mm	6mm



Earliest known	January 1909	Latest known	17 October 1911 and "after 1913"
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BAUCHI



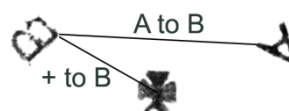
2a (I&S type 2B)



2b (I&S type 2C)

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to B	⌘ to B
28½mm	20mm	2¼mm	2a	3½mm	13½mm	7½mm
28½mm	19mm	3¼mm	2b	3mm	9½mm	5mm

 I. to N

 A to B
+ to B

Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	May 1905	28 October 1907
2b	4 January 1909	22 November 1920

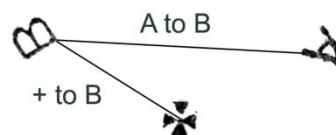
BIDA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to B	⌘ to B
28½mm	19mm	2½mm		2½mm	16½mm	9½mm

 A. to N

 A to B
+ to B

Earliest known	6 August 1904	Latest known	10 October 1916
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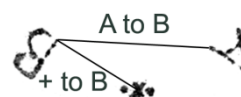
BIRNIN KEBBI



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to B	⌘ to B
29½mm	19½mm	3mm		3½mm	10mm	6½mm

 I. to N

 A to B
+ to B

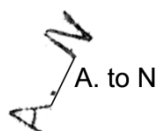
Earliest known	23 October 1913	Latest known	5 April 1919
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DEKINA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to D	⊠ to D
28½mm	20mm	2½mm		3½mm	14mm	7½mm



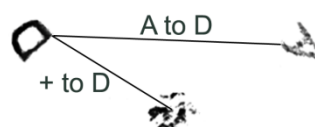
Earliest known	11 November 1904	Latest known	31 July 1916
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DUMJERI



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to D	⊠ to D
28mm	19½mm	2½mm		3¼mm	15½mm	9mm



Earliest known	26 January 1911	Latest known	24 July 1911
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EGGA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to E	⊠ to E
28½mm	20mm	2½mm		2½mm	17mm	10½mm

A. to N

A to E
+ to E

Earliest known	4 July 1903	Latest known	13 May 1909
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IBI



2a (I&S type 2B)



2b (I&S type 2C)

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to I	⌘ to I
28mm	19½mm	2¼mm	2a	4¾mm	11mm	6mm
28mm	19mm	3mm	2b	4mm	11½mm	7mm

I. to N

A to I
+ to I

Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	23 June 1904	11 November 1904
2b	25 July 1908	12 December 1919

ILORIN



2a (I&S type 2B)



2b (I&S type 2C)

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		N. to N	A to I	⌘ to I
27½mm	20mm	2¼mm	2a	3½mm	14½mm	9mm
27½mm	19mm	2¼mm	2b	2¼mm	11mm	6mm

N. to N

A to I
+ to I

Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	30 November 1903	11 August 1908
2b	3 November 1908	1 March 1916

JEBBA



2a

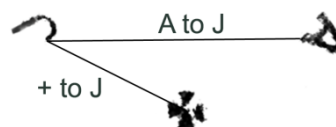
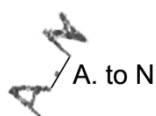


2b



2c

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to J	⌘ to J
28mm	19½mm	2½mm	2a	2½mm	17mm	10½mm
27mm	19mm	2¼mm	2b	3½mm	10½mm	5½mm
28½mm	19½mm	2¼mm	2c	2¼mm	15½mm	10mm



Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	28 June 1904	6 February 1912
2b	20 November 1908	10 January 1925
2c	11 June 1912	26 November 1913

JEGGA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to J	⌘ to J
27½mm	19mm	3mm			13½mm	8mm



Earliest known	23 February 1907	Latest known	28 August 1909
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JEMAA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to J	⊠ to J
29mm	19½mm	3¼mm		3½mm	12½mm	7mm

A. to N

A to J
+ to J

Earliest known	18 April 1913	Latest known	4 October 1922
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KADUNA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to K	⊠ to K
30mm	19½mm	3¼mm		3½mm	13mm	7½mm

A. to N

A to K
+ to K

Earliest known	3 April 1911	Latest known	2 May 1918
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KANO



2a (I&S type 2B)



2b (I&S type 2C)



2c



2d

Type 2d is the same size and appears to use the same font/characters as type 2b but is clearly re-set. Types 2c and 2d have not yet been found used before 1 January 1914.

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		NO. to N	A to K	⊠ to K
28½mm	19½mm	2½mm	2a	6mm	16½mm	10mm
28mm	19mm	3mm	2b	6½mm	9½mm	6mm
29/29½mm	19mm	3mm	2c	6½mm		
28½mm	19mm	3mm	2d	5½/6mm	13mm	8mm

NO. N
NO. to N

A to K
+ to K

Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	18 January 1905	20 April 1920
2b	1 May 1909	10 April 1916
2c	13 June 1914	13 July 1914
2d	21 November 1915	9 January 1919

KATAGUM (KATAGUN on type 2)



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		N. to N	A to K	⊗ to K
28¼mm	19mm	2½mm		2½mm	13mm	7½mm

N. N
N. to N

A to K
+ to K

Earliest known	26 June 1905	Latest known	15 September 1908
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KATSENA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to K	⊗ to K
28½mm	20mm	2½mm		2½mm	13mm	7mm

A. N
A. to N

A to K
+ to K

Earliest known	23 July 1909	Latest known	after 1913 (I&S)
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KEFFI

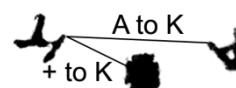
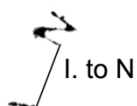


2a



2b

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to K	⊠ to K
28mm	19½mm	2½mm	2a	4mm	9½mm	5½mm
27mm	19mm	2½mm	2b	3¼mm	11mm	6mm



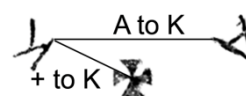
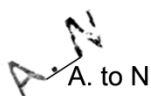
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2a	8 December 1903	25 November 1907
2b	10 July 1909	13 April 1915

KONTAGORA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to K	⊠ to K
28½mm	20mm	2½mm		2½mm	13mm	7mm



Earliest known	20 June 1905	Latest known	16 August 1919
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LOKO




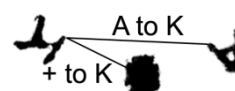
2a (I&S 2A type a)



2b (probably I&S 2A type b)

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		KO. to N	A to L	⌘ to L
28mm	19mm	2½mm	2a	6¾mm	9mm	5mm
29½mm	19½mm	2¾mm	2b	6½mm	16mm	10mm

 KO. to N

 A to K
+ to K

Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	August 1904	11 September 1907
2b	11 February 1912	25 July 1914

LOKOJA



2a (I&S type 2B)



2b (also I&S type 2B)




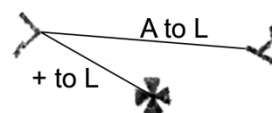
2c (I&S type 2C)



This shows that types 2a and 2b do not exactly match.

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to L	⌘ to L
28mm	20mm	2½mm	2a	2¾mm	14mm	8½mm
27½mm	19¼mm	2½mm	2b	2½mm	13½mm	8½mm
28mm	19mm	2¾mm	2c	3½mm	13½mm	7½mm

 A. to N

 A to L
+ to L

Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	20 July 1903	18 May 1918
2b	January 1904	5 February 1913
2c	12 July 1910	22 February 1919

It seems unlikely that the original canceller type 2a could actually have continued in this busy office for 15 years. Later examples suggest that elements (or the whole canceller) had actually been renewed.

LOKOJA T.O.



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		T.O. to N	A to L	⊠ to L
28mm	19½mm	2¾mm		7mm	11mm	6mm

T.O. N
T.O. to N

A to L
+ to L

Earliest known	22 March 1905	Latest known	28 December 1915
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MAIDUGERI



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to M	⊠ to M
27½mm	19mm	3mm		2½mm	9mm	5½mm

I. N
I. to N

A to M
+ to M

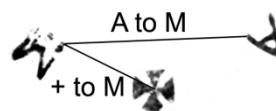
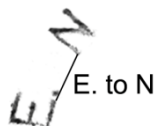
Earliest known	26 April 1910	Latest known	22 March 1914
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MAIFONE



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		E. to N	A to M	⊠ to M
28mm	19½mm	2½mm		3½mm	12mm	6½mm



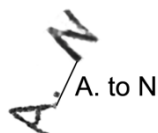
Earliest known	16 July 1907	Latest known	12 March 1908
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NAFADA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to N	⊠ to N
27mm	18½mm	2¾mm		3½mm	9½mm	5½mm



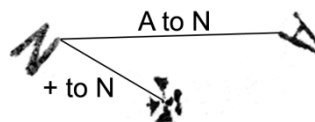
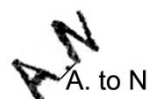
Earliest known	May 1910	Latest known	9 April 1919
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NARAGUTA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to N	⊠ to N
28mm	19mm	3mm		1½mm	14mm	8mm



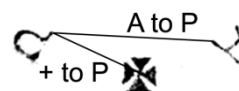
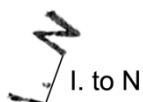
Earliest known	22 July 1910	Latest known	30 August 1917
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PATEJI



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to P	⊠ to P
28mm	19½mm	2½mm		3½mm	10½mm	6½mm



Earliest known	13 October 1903	Latest known	15 November 1909
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SOKOTO



2a



2b



This shows that types 2a and 2b do not exactly match.

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		TO. to N	A to S	⊠ to S
28mm	19½mm	3mm	2a	6½mm	13¼mm	7mm
28mm	19mm	3mm	2b	6½mm	12mm	7mm



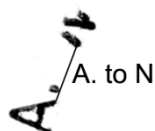
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2a	18 October 1904	31 October 1914
2b	23 July 1908	22 July 1912

YELWA



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to Y	⌘ to Y
28mm	19mm	2¾mm		4mm		8mm

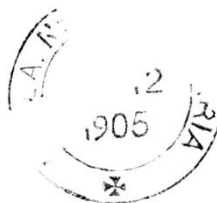


Earliest known	2 September 1908	Latest known	2 September 1908
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YOLA



2a



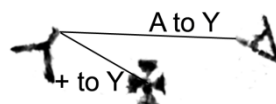
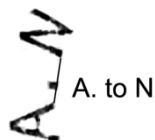
2b



2c

The placement of the A and N show that types 2a and 2b do not exactly match. They may be the same canceller with the type moved.

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to L	⌘ to L
28mm	19½mm	2½mm	2a	3mm	16½mm	9½mm
28mm	19½mm	2½mm	2b	3mm		
28mm	18½mm	3mm	2c	3½mm	11mm	7mm



Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	12 July 1905	12 July 1905
2b	1905	1905
2c	20 August 1909	26 March 1918

ZARIA (including below the damaged canceller reading ZANA)



2a (I&S type 2B)



2b (I&S type 2C?)



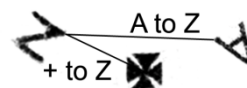
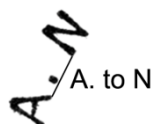
2c



2d (I&S type 2D?)

Characters in type 2d are narrower than in 2c; placement of the top section in type 2d is not certain. Types 2c and 2d are not yet recorded pre-1914.

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to Z	⊕ to Z
28mm	19½mm	<2½mm	2a	3mm	10mm	6mm
27½mm	18½mm	2¾mm	2b	2½mm	10½mm	5½mm
28mm	19½mm	2½mm	2c	2½mm	15½mm	9mm
29mm	19½mm	2¾mm	2d	2½mm		9¾mm



Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	July 1903	27 July 1905
2b	17 September 1909	3 May 1916
2c	17 September 1914	3 February 1919
2d	23 January 1919	23 January 1919



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		I. to N	A to P	⊕ to P
28mm	19mm	2½mm		3mm	14mm	8mm

Earliest known	18 August 1908	Latest known	9 February 1916
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ZUNGERU



2a (I&S type 2B)



2b



2c



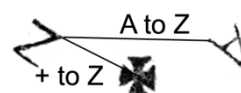
2d (I&S type 2C)



2e (I&S type 2D)

Comparing 2a and 2b, which are very similar, note the different placement of the letters TH in NORTHERN. Type 2e appears to have no dot after U
Type 2e has not yet been found used before 1 January 1914.

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		RU. to N	A to Z	⌘ to Z
28½mm	19½mm	2½mm	2a	5mm	10mm	5½mm
28/28½mm	19½mm	<2½mm	2b	4½mm		
28½mm	19mm	>2½mm	2c	4½mm	15mm	9mm
30mm	19mm	3mm	2d	6mm	10mm	5½mm
28½mm	19½mm	2¾mm	2e	5mm	12½mm	8mm



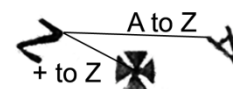
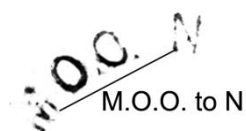
Type	Earliest known	Latest known
2a	22 July 1903	16 June 1913
2b	27 August 1905	27 August 1905
2c	12 August 1913	12 August 1913
2d	20 December 1912	2 November 1916
2e	25 June 1914	2 June 1923

ZUNGERU M.O.O.



2a

Outer Ring	Inner Ring	Letter Height		A. to N	A to Y	⌘ to Y
27mm	19mm	2¾mm		8½mm	9½mm	5½mm



Earliest known	2 September 1912	Latest known	21 May 1915
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