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Introduction

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http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg

Egypt postage stamp 1914:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post_Stamp_Egypt.jpg

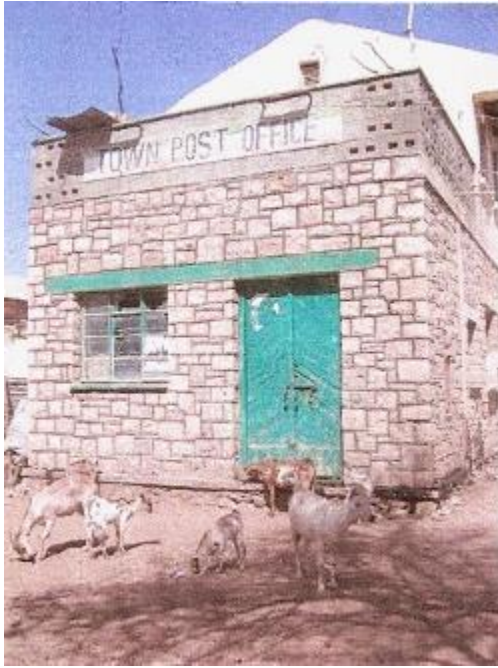
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Post Office in British Somaliland

http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_pRV_drPRft0/TDiovDm4EPI/AAAAAAAAAFc/xqDNB9YUnCE/s1600/sc0000a71e.jpg

- Independent Somalia, 1960 onwards: see APH 50.
- Somaliland Republic from 1996 onwards: see APH 51.

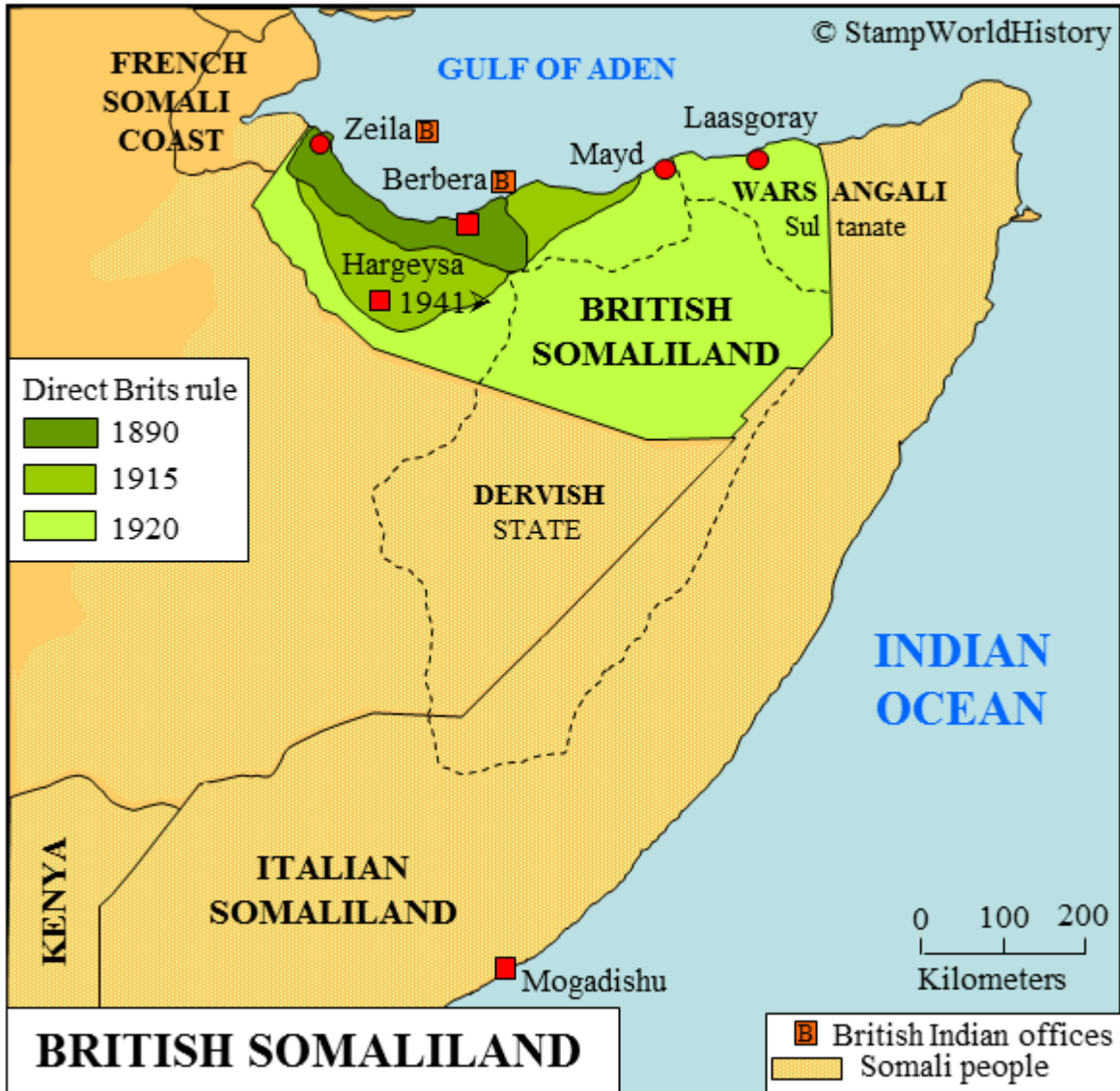
1 Introduction

“British Somaliland, officially the British Somaliland Protectorate (Somali: Dhulka Maxmiyada Soomaalida ee Biritishka), was a British protectorate in present-day Somaliland. For much of its existence, the territory was bordered by Italian Somalia, French Somaliland and Ethiopia. From 1940 to 1941, it was occupied by the Italians and was part of Italian East Africa.

On 26 June 1960, British Somaliland declared independence as the State of Somaliland. Five days later, on 1 July 1960, the State of Somaliland voluntarily united with the Trust Territory of Somalia (the former Italian Somalia) to form the Somali Republic. The government of Somaliland, a self-declared sovereign state that is internationally recognized as an autonomous region of Somalia, regards itself as the successor state to British Somaliland” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Somaliland).



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/13/British_Somaliland_in_its_region.svg/1920px-British_Somaliland_in_its_region.svg.png

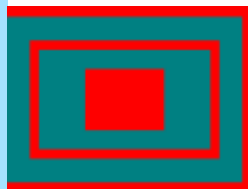


https://burcoonline.com/uploads/article/photo/IMG_8E8FB1-BA8775-FD746E-6B5191-D0DD7C-6BCBDC.png reproduced by Stampworldhistory. Please note: 'Brits' should be 'British'.



<https://mogadishuimages.files.wordpress.com/2015/03/1-img-326132639-0001.jpg>

Between 1899 and 1920 part of what later became British Somaliland was controlled by the so-called Dervish or Darwiish State, a revivalist Muslim movement under Sayyid Muhammad `Abd Allāh al-Hasan (see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohammed_Abdullah_Hassan). Its capital city was first in Eyl in Puntland, and from 1909 onwards Taleh, in the Eastern Sool region of Somaliland (see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dervish_movement_\(Somali\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dervish_movement_(Somali))). As far as we know the Dervish State did not have postal services, nor postage stamps.



<https://yamm.finance/l/m/Horn1915ad.png> and https://yamm.finance/l/m/Dervish_flag.svg.png

Statue of Sayid al Hassan In Mogadiscio:

https://yamm.finance/l/m/Sayyid_Mohammed_Abdullah_Hassan.jpeg

2 Before 1903

"Stamps of Egypt were used from 1876 till 1884

Stamps of India were used from 1 January 1887 till 1903.

Control of British Somaliland was transferred from the Indian Government to the British Foreign Office on 1 June 1903.

On 1 June 1903 Stamps of India overprinted BRITISH SOMALILAND were first issued".

<http://www.stampdomain.com/country/somaliland/>

"The philatelic history of the territory successively known as the Somali Coast, British Somaliland and the Somaliland Protectorate opens nearly twenty years before the introduction of postage stamps of a distinctive character.

In those days Northern Somaliland formed part of the dominions of the Khedive of Egypt. Egyptian garrisons held the only towns of importance, viz. Berbera and Zeila, where postal agencies were also maintained. These were in charge of agents of the Khedival Steamship Company, who acted as both collectors and distributors of mails which were transmitted by the firm's own steamers, under Government contract.

For the most part the correspondence handled was of an official character, passing under "frank " of the large circular inter-postal seals or wafers commonly used in the Egyptian postal service at that time: with the name of the office of origin inscribed in the lower half of the circumference. Berbera was supplied with a single variety, printed in pale red and lettered "BARBARA," whilst Zeila boasts two distinct types; the one black on pale yellow, inscribed "ZEJLA," and the other pale red like the Berbera emission, and reading "ZEYLA."

Regular Egyptian postage stamps of the period also exist with the postmarks of these Somaliland agencies, but owing to the limited amount of ordinary postal business transacted are infrequently met with and accordingly of some rarity. The Mahdist rising of 1884 compelled the Khedive to withdraw his outlying garrisons in order to meet the threatened Dervish invasion from the Sudan. At this juncture the British Government stepped in by declaring a protectorate over a region embracing roughly 75,000 square miles. For administrative purposes this was attached to the Government of India under the official designation of the "Somali Coast Protectorate."

Close upon three years elapsed, however, before sub-agencies of the Bombay Post Office were established at Berbera and Zeila, on January 1st, 1887. They were supplied with contemporary postage stamps of British India distinguishable only by the local postmarks, consisting of the town and date of posting enclosed within a small single-line circle, in conjunction with a bar cancellation having the initial letter "B" (for "Bombay") in its midst. Examples of Indian stamps used in the Somali Coast should properly preface a specialised

collection of this somewhat neglected British protectorate. Albeit hard to come by they are well worth the seeking. The values chiefly employed were those of 3 pies, ½ and 1 annas.

By the "Somaliland Order in Council of 1898" the control of the Protectorate passed from the Indian Government to that of H.M. Foreign Office, when it was renamed "British Somaliland". Not until the opening years of the twentieth century, however, were steps taken to establish the postal service upon a proper footing. Meanwhile the two Indian postal agencies carried on. Sometime in the year 1901 the Government of India was approached with a request for accommodation in the form of an emergency stamp issue to be employed by the Protectorate Post Office, then in process of formation, until such time as a more permanent series could be obtained through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. To this end, accordingly, a supply of Indian postage stamps bearing the head of the late Queen Victoria (series 1882-1900) was expressly overprinted with the name of the Protectorate, and forwarded to Berbera in December of that year.

But, although "Specimen" copies of the provisional stamps had been distributed through the Central Bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Bern as early as May 26th, 1902, military operations against the "Mad Mullah" and his followers, who were spreading death and destruction amongst the peaceful tribes of the hinterland, necessitated postponement of the scheme for the Protectorate postal service until a more propitious occasion. And so the Indian post offices continued to function.

The arrival on the scene of contingents of Indian troops to take part in the campaign of 1903-1904 was responsible for the introduction of a new element into the postal and philatelic situation. Their letters were dealt with by military post offices, one of which actually accompanied the forces in the field. All of this correspondence passed ultimately through the Army Base Post Office, permanently located at Berbera, where it received the impression of a large concentric postmark lettered "BASE OFFICE " at the top and "BERBERA " at the foot, with the date in a rectangular frame inset across the centre. It may be found upon various Indian postage stamps of that epoch, but mainly on the denominations ½ anna and 1 anna. The Indian Army post offices operated from January 1903 to November 25th, 1904". http://www.stampdomain.com/country/somaliland/Somaliland_Pre_1903.htm:
"Article originally published in Gibbons' Stamp Monthly in April 1931: 'British Somaliland its Posts and Postage Stamps – Retrospect', by Douglas Armstrong"

Egyptian postal services in Barbar, or Barbara (Berbera), and Zejla (Zeila, Zaila, or Zeilah), 1874-1882



<https://www.aberfoylesecurity.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/CWR-Map-of-Egypt-Empire.png>



<https://www.balkanphila.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/products-B07435-600x129.jpg>:

“Egypt: 1874-1882 Barbar or Barbara (Berbera, Somaliland) five unused or mint o.g. Interpostal Seals.”.

TYPE VIIA, 1882



418 Barbars

LX

TYPE VIII, 1887



Inscribed like Type VII, except that the final last line of Arabic in the center is different. In each seal, it represents the Arabic spelling of the town for which the seal was issued. The Latin characters are 18mm high. Printed in vermilion or shades thereof, on white paper.

TYPE VIIIA, 1882

Similar to Type VIII, except that the Arabic town name in the lowest line in the center is not spelled in the town script. The Latin letters on the same name are only 12mm high. The interpostal designs are the same also, but the die used to cut them from the sheet was slightly smaller giving them a smaller appearance.

http://www.interpostalseals.com/Barbara_type_viiia_618.jpg



<https://www.balkanphila.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/products-B07442.jpg>: "Egypt: 1874-76 Zejla (Zeila, Somaliland) unused Interpostal Seal". (also see: http://www.interpostalseals.com/Zejla_type_vb_255.jpg, as well as: <http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/somalia/egypt/egypt.html>) . A red seal for Zejla was not yet found online.

British-Indian Post Office; 1892: from Somaliland (Berbera) to Germany





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09561/S5/297.jpg>: "India used in Somaliland - 1892 cover from the anthropological zoological exhibition, Somaliland franked with India QV 1/2a x 5 stamps to Germany tied by "B" (Berbera), "BERBERA APR 5 92" and Constance arrival on reverse".

1894: from Zeila to Algeria



<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/GI/5916/840.jpg>: "India used in: 1894 1a on 1½a blue postal stationery card used from Zeila to Orba, Algeria, via France, the p.s. stamp used by 'B' in barred circle with ZAILA 'thimble' cds for JA 13 94 to left, Aden transit cds for JA 16 94, Modine a Paris T.P.O. transit cds for 27 JANV 94 in red and Marseille transit for following day, rare early usage and a most unusual destination".

1897: from Malta to Zaila (Zeila), Somaliland



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/102/9196.jpg: "Aden: Instructional Markings: Redirection, Unframed "réexpédié" italic marking (type I10), good part strike on 1897 incoming Malta 1/2d. newspaper wrapper addressed to "Ward Room Officers/H.M.S. "Plassy"/East Indian Station" forwarded to Aden with two strikes (one good) of framed "RÉEXPEDIÉ" mark and Aden Feb. 18 receiving mark, further redirected next day to Zaila, Somaliland, most unusual".

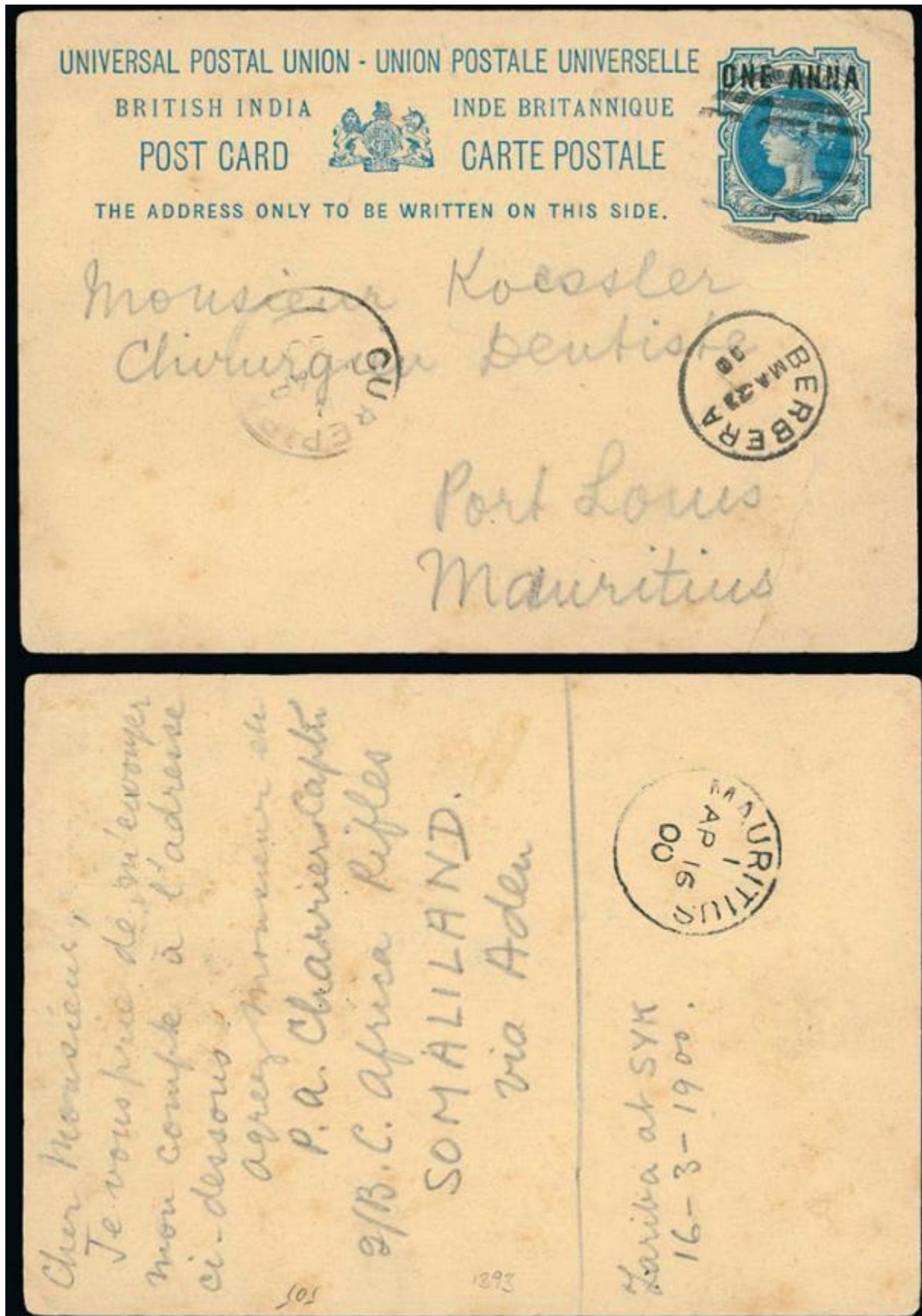
1899: Berbera Expedition from Germany





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09220/S118/608.jpg>: "BERBERA EXPEDITION - BRITISH SOMALILAND "
: 1899 GERMANY 20pf (x2) canc. NIEDER on REGISTERED envelope (fault) to Mr ALIKAR, headman for
EXPEDITION, BERBERA (BRITISH SOMALILAND). Verso, ADEN, Geramn cds DAR-ES-SALAM + British
ZANZIBAR & BERBERA. RARE". (Lugdunum Philatelie).

1900: From Berbera to Mauritius



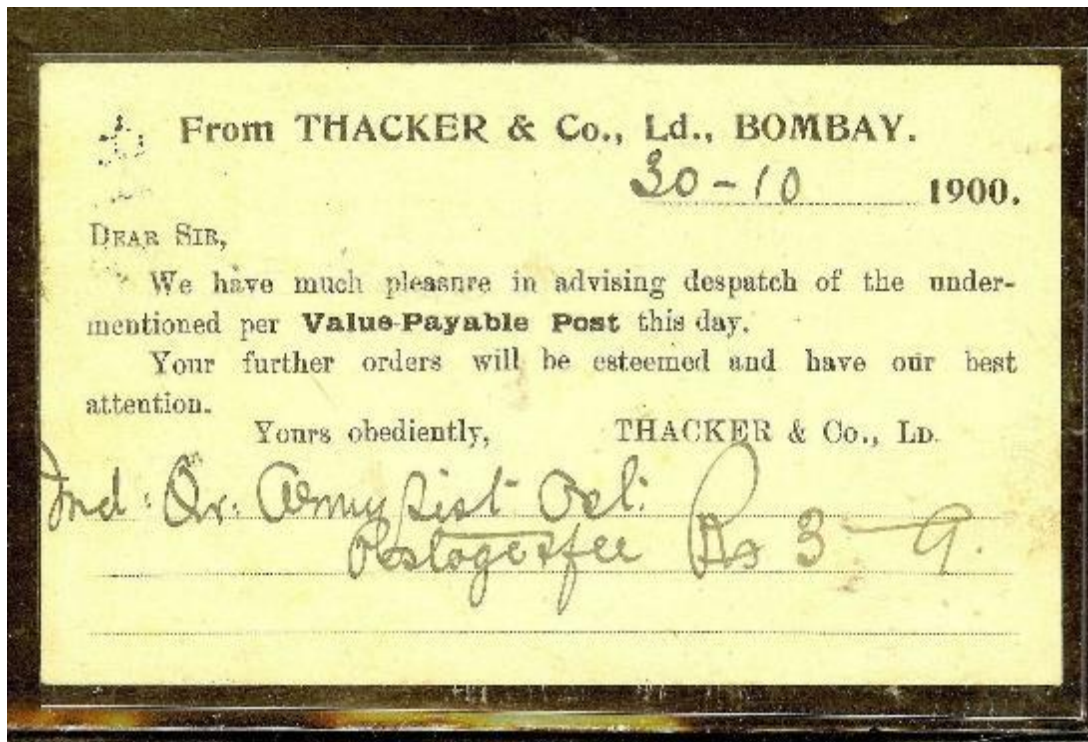
http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/102/9173.jpg : "Aden: Somali Coast Post Offices: Berbera, 1900 India 1a. on 11/2a. stationery card to Mauritius, cancelled "B" in circle of bars (type K1) with fine strike of Berbera "MA 23/00" thimble c.d.s. (type D1) below, Curepipe Apr. 16 arrival at left, endorsed from "Zariba at Syk/16-3-1900" and return address provided as "P.A. Carrier Captn./2/B. C. Africa Rifles/SOMALILAND/via Aden", slight creasing. An exceptional soldier, described by a fellow officer as "mentally and physically one of the biggest men in the army", Paul Albert Charrier served in operations against the Ashanti, with the Imperial Yeomanry during the Anglo-Boer War and again in Somaliland with the Somaliland Field Force. He was killed on Aug. 27 1914 at Etreux whilst commanding the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers in a desperate rear-guard action during the retreat from Mons, delaying nine German battalions for fourteen hours with just three companies, would have merited a Victoria Cross under other circumstances".

1900: From Berbera to the UK



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/94/7974.jpg : "Somaliland: India Used in Somaliland: 1900 1/4a. stationery postcard to England, additionally franked by 1a., tied by "B" in barred oval, Berbera and Aden".

1900: From Bombay, India to Berbera



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-P0210B-INDIA-QV-PSC-TO-ADEN-FORWARDED-TO-BERBERA-SOMALILAND-INCREDI/383217107369?hash=item59398501a9:g:psMAAOSwyTZUX~Yq> Postcard from India (Bombay) to Berbera, 30 10 1900.

1901: From Berbera to India



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1901-QV-1-2D-TO-INDIA-BERBERA-CDS/383217101932?hash=item593984ec6c:g:xFAAAOSwkLhaJBaU>

1902: From Egypt to Somaliland, via Aden



<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/3664.jpg>: "1902 (Nov 16) Egypt 4m Stationary card with sunlight stain affecting top half cancelled Port Said (17 Nov) cds datelined from H.B.M. Consulate, Port Said to S. Bennett R.N., Paymaster, HMS "Harrier", Aden, regarding receipt of £5 in postal orders redirected in manuscript to Berbera with partial Aden (22 Nov) cds & Berbera thimble (25 Nov) cds used by the Indian P.O. [...] Despite water or sunlight staining a rare item used to a Naval vessel during the 3rd Campaign (4 Nov 02-3 Jul 03) against the mad Mullah with the crew of 150 sailors & officers of HMS Harrier being awarded the Somaliland 1902-04 campaign medal".

1903: From Somaliland to India



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/15/3107.jpg: "Somaliland: India Used in Somaliland: 1903 (Oct. 18) Indian 1a. on 2a.6p. postal stationery envelope to Hazaribagh, Bengal, cancelled double ring F.P.O. No. 47, backstamped Base Office, Berbera Oct. 21."



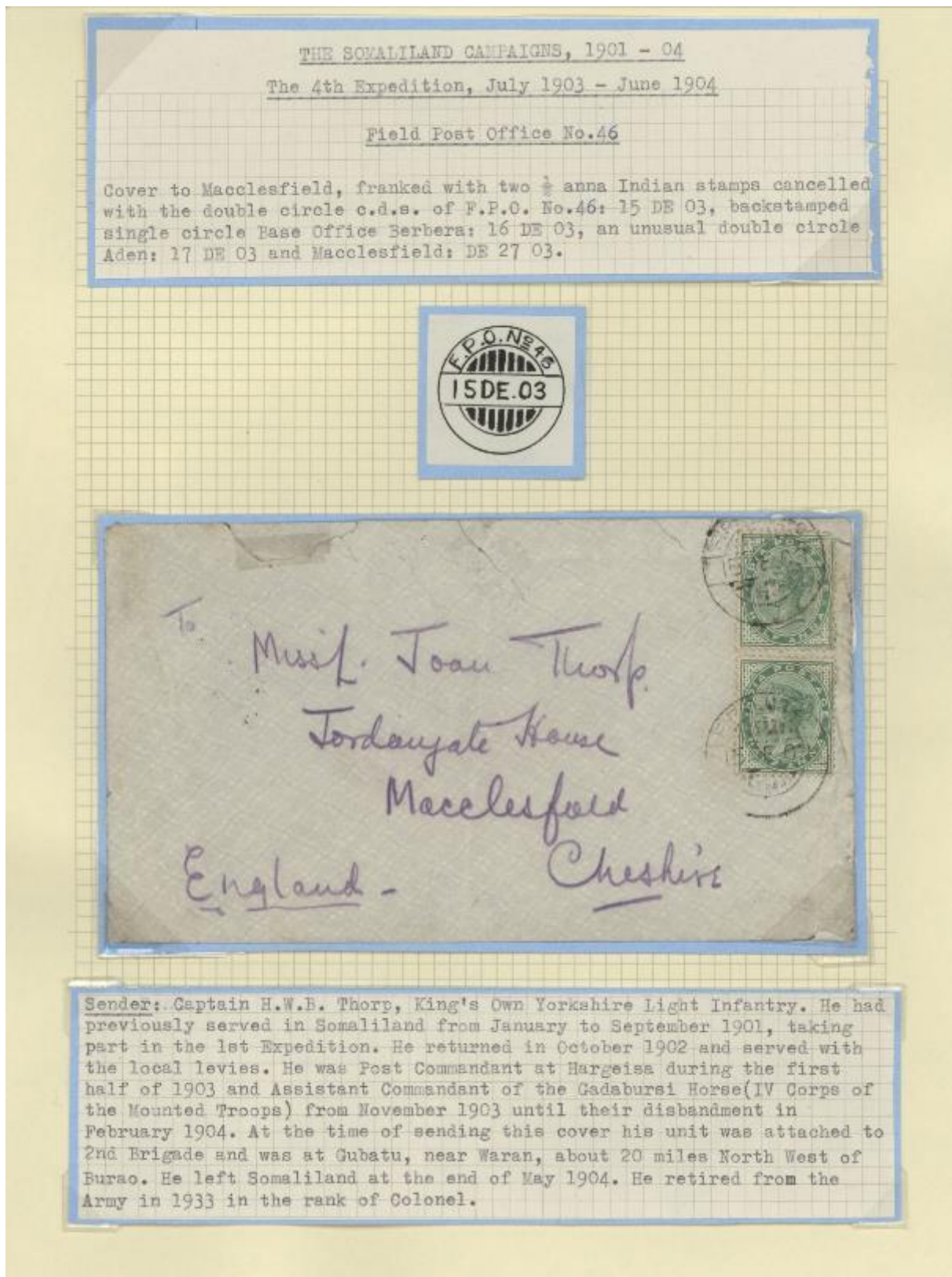


<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/f14578cc2e76bc0c45dbd504077fcfec76b65f5.jpg>: "F.P.O. No 41 22 FE 04 (Proud D5) cancels India 1883 Victoria 1/2a envelope addressed to Major Wynch (CO37th Dogras) at Punjab India, backstamped Base Office Berbera 26 FE 04, Durgai 8 MA 04 (two different) Nowgong Bundelkhand 11 MA 04, envelope with light horizontal fold through indicia, still Fine cover sent by C.W. Finch, the chief superintendant of the field post offices as the augmented British forces spread out through the various regions of Somaliland, a series of numbered Field Post Offices were established to handle the mail. They were numbered 41-48 but there is no evidence FPO 43 ever arrived or was placed into service. FPO 41 was located at Berbera and functioned from 18 Feb to 17 June 1904".

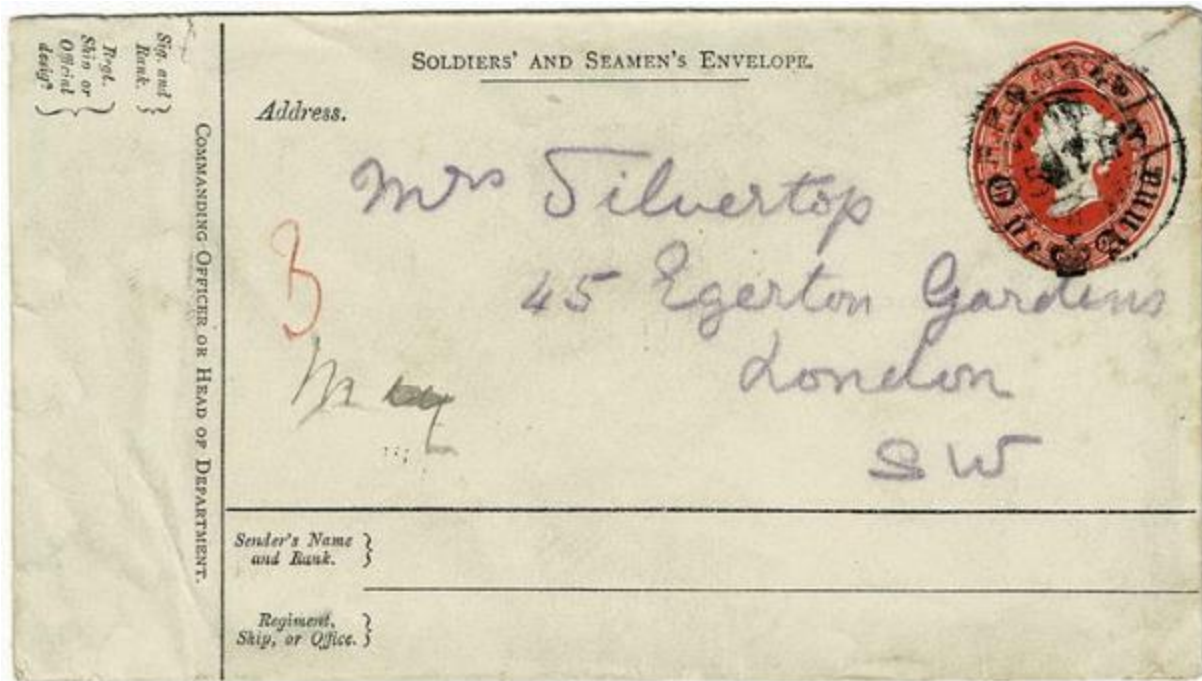
1903/04: From Somaliland to the UK



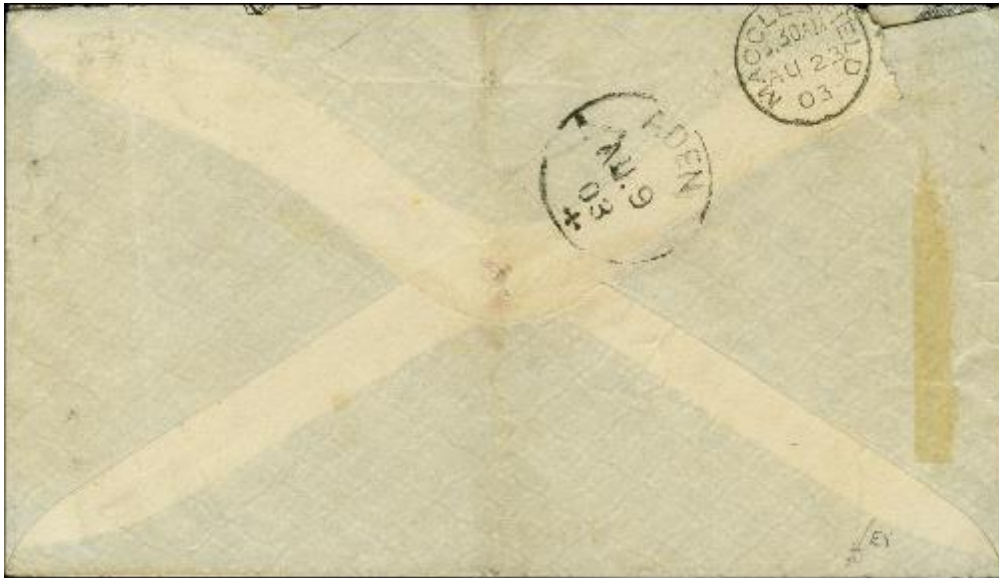
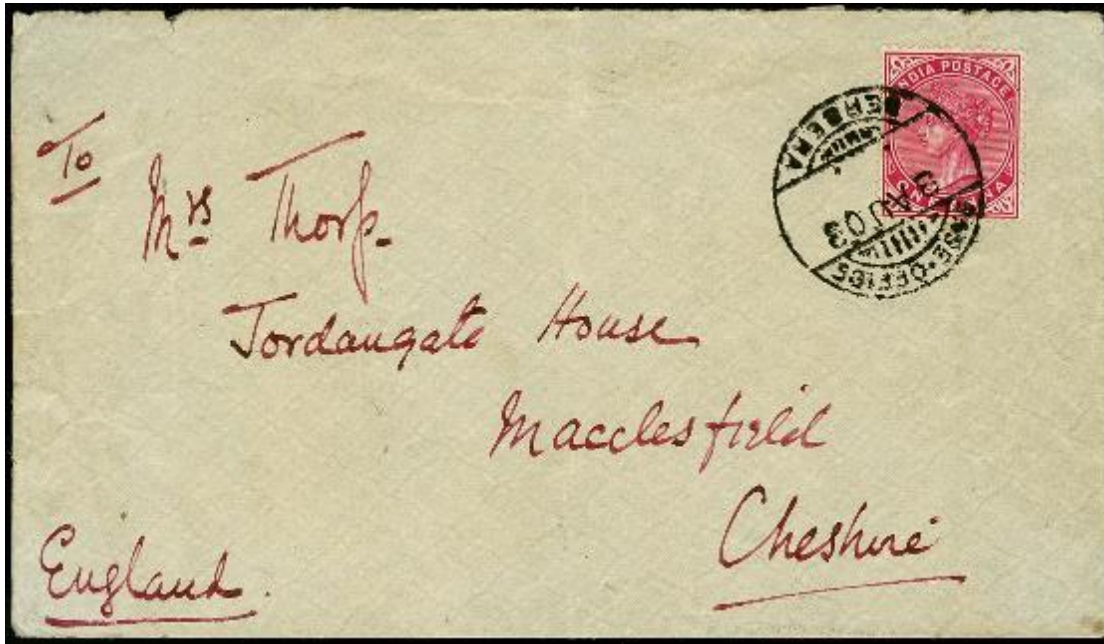
http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/15/3109.jpg: "Somaliland: India Used in Somaliland: 1903 (Dec. 21) envelope to England, franked India 1a. cancelled double ring F.P.O. No. 46 at Upper Sheikh, backstamped Base Office, Berbera and Aden transit date stamps".



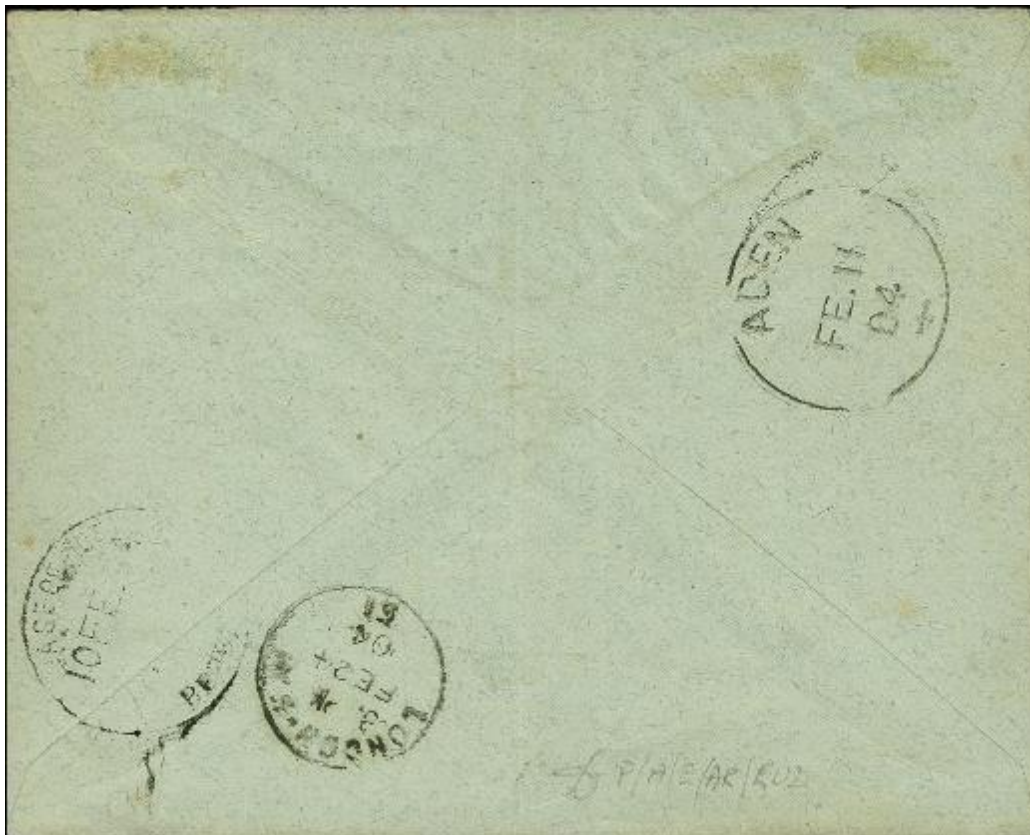
<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/5263/665263-000000.jpg> : "1903-04 SOMALILAND CAMPAIGNS: Four covers sent from Indian Field Post offices during the Somaliland Campaigns (1901-04), one from Captain H.W.B. Thorp, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry to England cancelled by Upper Sheikh F.P.O. 46 '15 DE 03' cds, two covers to England from the Barkly correspondence, and an official envelope from Base Office Berbera to London, all franked by Indian adhesives and with resp. transit and arrival date stamps, well written up on pages with a lot of information and two maps depicting British Somaliland and the Post Offices."



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09535/S1/G3245.jpg> : "1903 India One Anna on 9 Pies Soldiers' and Seamen's Envelope sent from a member of the Somali Field Force to London, with an F.P.O. No. 45 5 MY 03 cancellation. At that time the F.P.O. No. 45 canceller was at Bohotle. Base Office Berbera 8 MY 03 and London MY 19 03 transit and arrival cancels are on the back. The Somaliland Campaign was a series of military expeditions against the Dervishes from 1900 to 1920". (David Morrison).



<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/9c3c328455149036efebaf2acc896493ec5167be.jpg>: "BASE POST OFFICE BERBERA A8 AU 03 cds ties India Victoria 1a on cover to England, backstamped Aden AU 9 03, Macclesfield AU 23 03, cover shows trivial bit of postal wear, Fine use. The Barbera office was opened on 20 April 1903 but did not receive their cancelling device until 1 June. The cover was sent from Capt. H.W.B. Thorp of the Yorkshire Light Infantry to his wife".



<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/82a16b25f78c26778f138531154c94f3ecc51bd2.jpg> : "F.P.O. No 42 6 FE (no year date; Proud D5) cds ties India Victoria 1a to cover addressed to London, backstamped Base Office Berbera 10 FE 04, Aden FE 11 04, London FE 24 04,

envelope with couple of light central vertical bends, Fine use; Proud gives only a tentative location and service period (approx. 30 days) for this office and this cover was considered the discovery example and the only recorded postmark from this office”.



<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/20944.jpg> : “1904 (Jan 28) India ½a Stationary envelope to Camberley, Surrey endorsed On Field Service Somaliland / No Stamps Available & countersigned bottom left NC Bannatyne, 28th Bombay Pioneers cancelled F.P.O. No 48 cds & with on reverse Aden (11 Feb) transit cds....F.P.O. 48 part of the 2nd Brigade were located a few days 25 – 28 Jan 1904 at Danan Gaolo”.

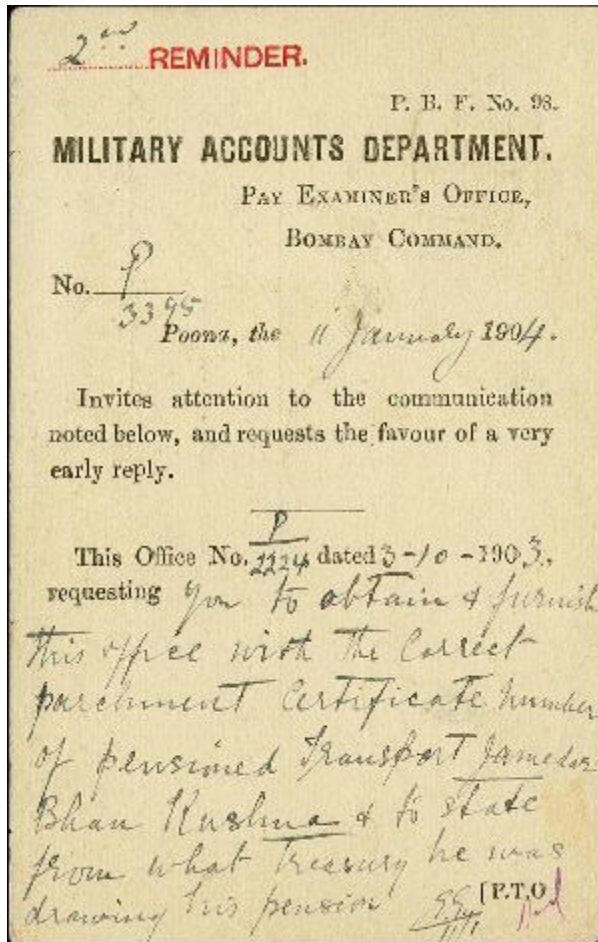
1904: From Somaliland to Canada



<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/20945.jpg> : "1904 (Feb 11) India 1a on 2a6p Stationary envelope to Toronto, Canada cancelled F.P.O. No 48 cds & with on reverse Base Office / Berbera (16 Feb) & Aden (17 Feb) transit & Toronto (6 Mar) arrival cds....F.P.O. 48 part of the 2nd Brigade had begun to withdraw from the Nogal with F.P.O. 48 on 11 Feb somewhere between Hudin (Recorded 6 – 8 Feb) & Eil Dab (Recorded 12 – 15 Feb)".

1904: From India to British Somaliland





<https://d1stvyu4yyf2jr.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/17/pics/big/f27dc58960992d06f1445089ecaf5e3afce8ddc0.jpg>: "F.P.O. No 41 29 JA 04 cancel on India KE VII 1903 ¼a official postal card (Assistant Pay Examiner, for Pay Examiner, Bombay Command imprint at bottom) cancelled by a Poona India 11 JA 04 cds and addressed to "Lt F.M. Ransford / 2nd Sikhs - Somaliland Field Force / Lower Sheikh", sent in error to FPO 44 and then forwarded to FPO 41 with the card receiving cds cancels of both offices (both are Prod type D6), Very Fine use and highly unusual with postmarks of two different FPO offices. (later Maj) Ransford served in the Boer War and in the 1903-04 and 1908-10 Somaliland campaigns earning decorations in each theatre and saw service in WW I with the 6th Gurhka Rifles".

3 Somaliland as British Protectorate, 1903-1940

1903: Postage stamps, British India, Queen Victoria, with 'British Somaliland'



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/Br-Somaliland-SG-1-10-m-m-1903-1-2a-1r-Q-V/153846242927?hash=item23d1f35e6f:g:8sgAAOSwEwpeVnEJ>

Y1-13, nrs 4 (2a6p), 7 (6a), 9 (12a), 10 (1r), 11 (2r), 12 (3r) and 13 (5r) two types of overprints. M1-13 idem.



½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28339, with cancellation 'Berbera'

½ anna with error Brit sh: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SG-1a-Somaliland-British-variety-Very-fine-used-Scarce-CAT-275/232504196705?hash=item3622547e61:g:po8AAOSwtGNZzKry>

½ anna with error o aliland: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-1903-QV-a-AMAZING-OVPT-ERROR-MINT-SG-1var-REF-D274/371586300679?hash=item568444fb07:g:8qcAAOSwxcRW-Qly>



1 anna: catalogue.klaseboer.com; cancellation with B

2 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28341, with cancellation 'Berbera'



2 anna 6 pies [two types]: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28342, with cancellation 'Berbera'; <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-SG4a-1903-2-a-ULTRAMARINE-BRIT-SH-VAR-MTD-MINT/362570722562?hash=item546ae62d02:g:hxYAAOSw8adcejR6> (with broken i), and http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28348 (postmark Berbera)

2 anna 6 pies, error, broken variety: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-14-MINT-HINGED-OG-1903-NO-FAULTS-EXTRA-FINE-BROKEN-I-VARIETY> etc.



https://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/35/9455.jpg



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/15/3111.jpg: "Somaliland: 1903 (June) 21/2a. ultramarine unmounted mint block of sixty (10 x 6) from the upper left corner of the sheet, one [6/4] showing "BR1TISH" error, some perf. separation, buckling and other imperfections but the majority incl. the variety fine and a scarce positional multiple. S.G. 4, a".

http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/52/7710.jpg: "Somaliland: 1903 overprint at foot 21/2a. ultramarine showing variety "SUMALILAND", fine mint. S.G. 18b".



2 annas six pies, error Br1tish: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-SG18-a1903-QV-2-1-2a-ultra-variety-BR1TISH-only-101-possible/401947401262?hash=item5d95ee9c2e:g:0xMAAOSwWNNdwYgB>

3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28343

4 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28344



6 annas: [two types]: overprint low: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-20-MINT-HINGED-OG-NO-FAULTS-VERY-FINE/293492880955?hash=item445589f63b:g:Rr4AAOSwZ15eQDd7> and overprint high: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28345

6 annas, 2x, one with error somal.land: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1903-QV-6a-pair-showing-the-SOMAL-LAND-variety-MVLH-SG-19-19b/233531825936?hash=item365f94df10:g:BasAAOSwyKta~WcX>



8 annas (and 12 annas), both with 'Berbera' cancellation: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/51985-British-Somaliland-1903-lot-2-good-Used-Very-Fine-stamps/392727634055?hash=item5b70642087:g:a9wAAOSw~9FebiWh> .
Postmark Berbera.



12 annas: [two types]: high: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28346 , and low: (together with 1R): <https://www.ebay.com/itm/BRTISH-SOMALILAND-1903-QV-12A-AND-1R-OVERPRINT-AT-BOTTOM/401946356200?hash=item5d95dea9e8:g:pQAAAOSwCL9dty3W>



<https://imperiumstamps.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/37417-300x347.jpg>



1 rupee: [two types]: high: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pid=28347, and low: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-SG21-21b-1903-NOV-1r-GREEN-ANILINE-CARMINE-SUMALILAND-VAR-MTD-MINT/372662756617?hash=item56c46e6509:g:yF0AAOSwPhpcye1l> (one of the two an error: Sumalialand).



<https://www.corbitts.com/auctions/stamps/159/images/1074.jpg>



2 rupees: [two types] high: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/BRITISH-SOMALILAND-1903-11-EDV11-MINT-STAMP/202925352145?hash=item2f3f4b24d1:g:XRIAAOSws25eRZ30> , and low: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1903-carmine-yellow-brown-2r-overprint-at-bottom-mint-SG22/333151708832?trkparms=aid%3D1110006%26algo%3DHOMESPLICE.SIM%26ao%3D1%26asc%3D226053%26meid%3D427454355cd74543be61251f93efb5be%26pid%3D100005%26rk%3D6%26rkt%3D12%26mehot%3Dpf%26sd%3D173907823187%26itm%3D333151708832%26pmt%3D1%26noa%3D0%26pg%3D2047675%26algv%3DSimplAMLv5PairwiseWebWithBBEV1Filter&trksid=p2047675.c100005.m1851> , and very low: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-1903-2r-CARMINE-YELLOW-BROWN-SG-22-FINE-USED/201553138003?hash=item2eed80d153:g:tG8AAOSwJQdW~nnp>



3 rupees: [two types]: low: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1903-brown-green-3r-overprint-at-bottom-mint-SG23/233334922077?hash=item3653d85b5d:g:CEMAAOSw2GIXJI-C> , and high: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Br-Somaliland-SG-12-l-m-1903-3r-Q-V/153846602146?hash=item23d1f8d9a2:g:p1kAAOSw~tteVuin>

3 rupees inverted overprint: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-1903-QV-3R-ERROR-DOUBLE-INVERTED-ALBINO-MNH-ONLY-1-SHEET-EXISTED/362945660930?hash=item54813f4802:g:DqIAAOSwkBtebr3C>



5 rupees: [two types]: high: https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-12d-SG-13a-curved-overprint-variety-Rare-etc.,_https://www.ebay.com/itm/SG-13-Somaliland-Protectorate-1903-5r-ultramarine-violet-OVP-at-top-Very/372220535465?hash=item56aa12a2a9:g:NtwAAOSw9NBagZuD (with postmark Zaila, 1 July 1903), and low: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-PROT-MINT-14-20-OG-LH-CS-17-SOUND-CENTERED-1-SHOWN/124108195235?hash=item1ce56cc5a3:g:V~8AAOSw9rJeYZOo>



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/70/7997.jpg: "Somaliland: 1903 overprint at foot 5r. ultramarine and violet, showing variety "SUMALILAND", used, slightly soiled, otherwise fine. S.G. 24b". Postmark Berbera.



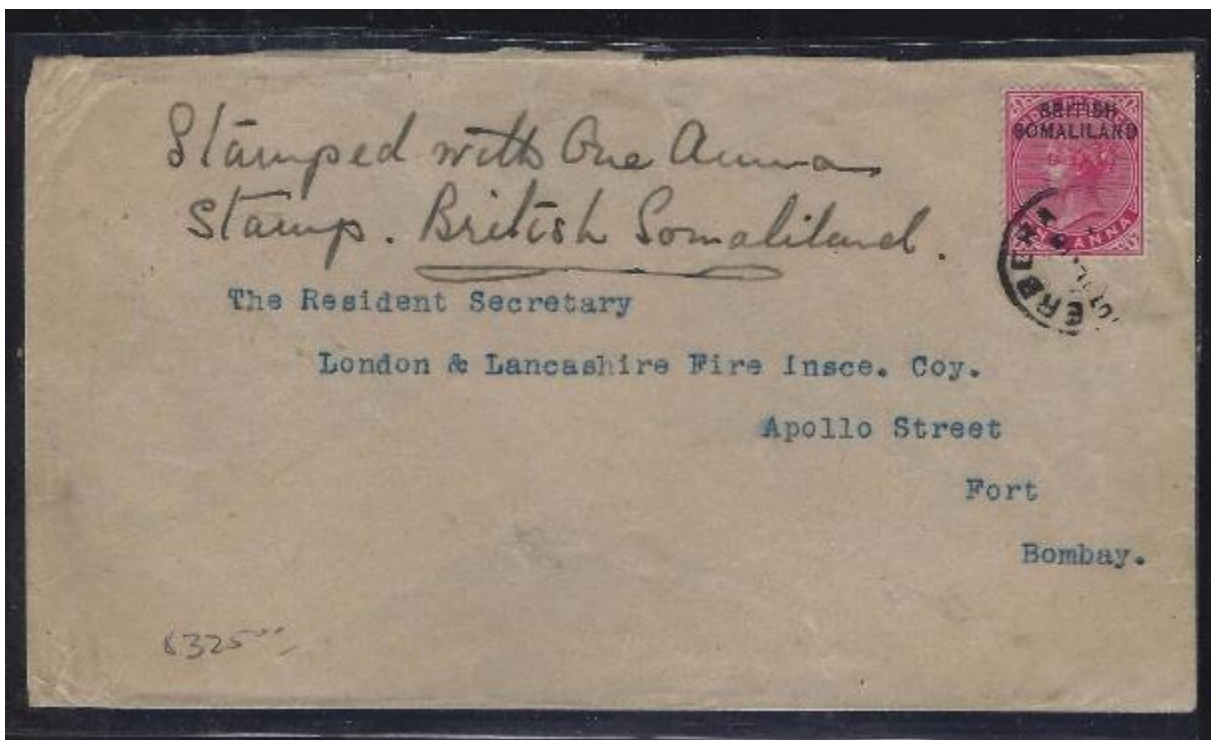
<https://www.ebay.ca/itm/British-India-overprint-British-Somaliland-Victoria-1905-Registered-SEA-P-O-A-SE/303492971456?hash=item46a9973bc0:g:rmAAOSwKHteTTt> : letter from Somaliland to Poona, India, cancellation Berbera, 14 May 1905.



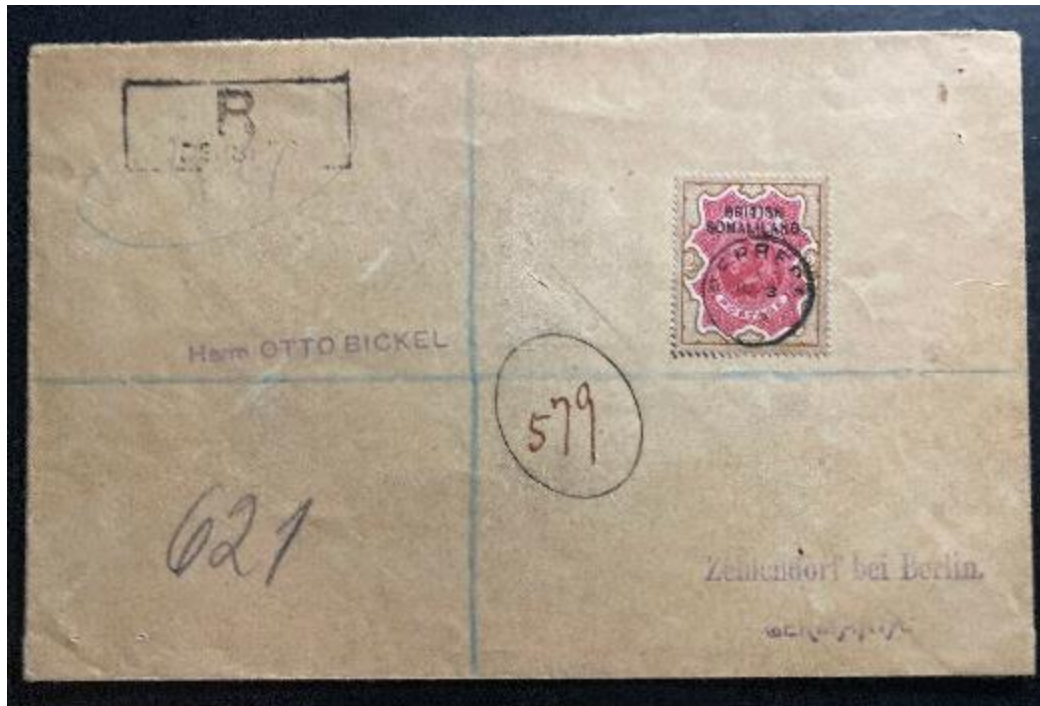
http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_pRV_drPRft0/TDipYb6IGHI/AAAAAAAAAF0/MOCgPswl-g/s1600/sc0001b61501.jpg : Registered letter from Berbera to Oldenburg, Germany



<https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1903-QV-1D-FROM-BERBERA-TO-BOMBAY-B-S-ADEN-ETC/123943589627?hash=item1cdb9d16fb:g:g4wAAOSwFb5aJBWM>: Letter from Somaliland (Berbera) to Bombay, India, cancellation Berbera, 1903.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1903-QV-1A-BERBERA-TO-INDIA-B-S-ADEN/123943592767?hash=item1cdb9d233f:g:f8sAAOSwzRlaJCqv>: Letter from Berbera to Bombay.



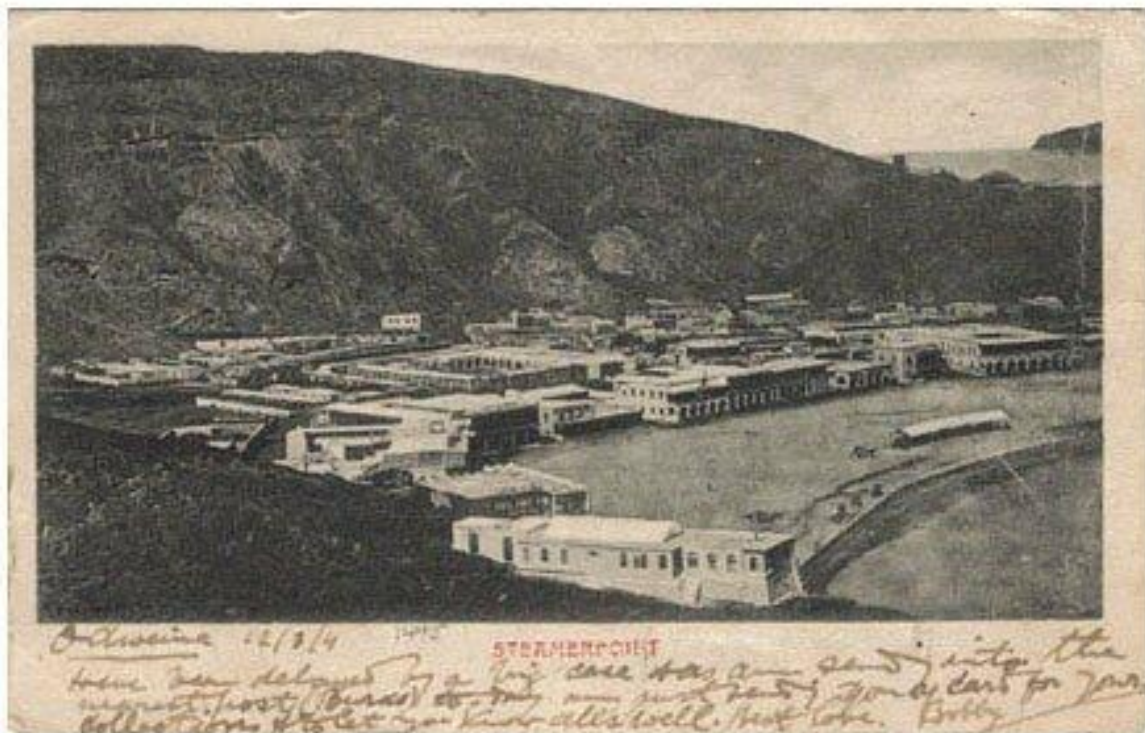
<https://www.ebay.ca/itm/1903-Berrera-British-Somaliland-Registered-Cover-To-Berlin-Germany-SG-11/133268054814?hash=item1f0765231e:g:1LsAAOSwbl9d5oXE> Registered letter from Somaliland to Berlin, Germany, cancellation Berbera



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09562/S1/3828.jpg>: “1903 (SE 5) registered cover to Colaba Bombay franked 1903 overprinted at top Indian stamps 2a. pair and 12a. single and block of four, the envelope is endorsed “Stamped 64 annas/ sixty-four annas”, tied Berbera cds and registration handstamp, also with violet straight-line REGISTERED with blue manuscript number of Indian maritime mail, arrival backstamps” (Cover Story Webshop).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09562/S1/2918.jpg>: “1903 registered cover to Duisburg, Germany franked by three ‘British Somaliland’ overprints on India 1r green and aniline carmine each tied by Berbera cds, registration handstamp at right and further framed BERBERA handstamp bottom left which identifies the Office, red ‘1887’ handstamp of Indian maritime service, reverse with Aden transit and arrival”. (Cover Story).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/2688.jpg>: "Somaliland British 1904 Burao FPO 47 Unpaid Picture Postcard Cancelled @ Base Office Berbera sent to England, with Manuscript Notation "Stamps not available at Warran WP Sub P.M. Burao", noting "T" & "1d / I.S. /N." VERY RARE Card". (Compustamp).

1903: Idem, On His Majesty's Service, although still with Queen Victoria

Ultramar



<https://i.burda-auction.cz//webove/miniatury/182332.jpg>: "1903 SG.O1-O5, Indic 1/2A-1Rs, Opt BRITISH SOMALILAND and Portuguese hand-made ULTRAMAR; complete and rare set".



½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28355

1 anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28356

2 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28357, and
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-SGO3-1903-2a-PALE-VIOLET-USED/372816205171?hash=item56cd93d573:g:GzQAAOSwD0ddsrwg> Postmark Berbera



<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/GI/5916/844.jpg>: "Officials: 1903 (1 June) ½a yellow-green, variety with "On. H.M.S." grossly misplaced horizontally, S.H. appears at centre left, On. upper right and M. lower left (SG O1 var), upper marginal, light gum crease but very fresh and hinged in margin only, with 1977 BPA cert, only one sheet with this misplacement was believed to have existed, ex Gawaine Baillie".



8 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28358

1 rupee: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28359



8 annas and 1 Rupee with postmarks: <https://www.dorotheum.com/fileadmin/lot-images/43S141111/normal/gestempelt-britisch-somaliland-british-somaliland-3282410.jpg>

Y-S1-5; M-D1-5

Revenue stamps



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/British-Somaliland-1900-REVENUE-Overprinted-on-India-CANCELLED-Court-Fee-MM/223944174868?hash=item34241ced14:g:3vEAAOSwi-BeaiFv>



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/British-Somaliland-1901-REVENUE-Overprinted-on-India-Court-Fee-Used-Type-A-45mm/223944175301?hash=item34241ceec5:g:U0AAAOSw-Q5eaiGu> Postmark British Consulate Berbera



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PP0610B-ON-QV-INDIA-REVENUE-1A-VFU-BH1/383094391537?hash=item59323482f1:g:Yi0AAOSwmLIX9p5J>

<https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/363341594160/British-Somaliland-1900-QV-Overprint-on-India-Revenue.jpg>

1903: Postage stamps, British India, Edward VII, with 'British Somaliland'

Ultramar



<https://i.burda-auction.cz//webove/miniatury/182315.jpg>: "903 SG.26c-28, Indian Edward VII, 1A-8A with Opt BRITISH SOMALILAND, in addition with hand-made Opt ULTRAMAR; very rare, printing 25 pcs, 1 Ann in addition with printing error SUMALILAND"



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/15/3112.jpg: "Somaliland: 1903 (Sept.-Nov.) K.E.VII 1/2a. to 8a. set of six handstamped "SPECIMEN" (Samuel type NA2) in violet by Natal Post Office on receipt from U.P.U. having been distributed uncanceled, the 1/2a. trimmed at left, otherwise mainly fine without gum. S.G. 25-30".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09020/E00204/0020400083.jpg>



½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28349 Postmark Berbera

½ anna, error, somal land: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/BRITISH-SOMALILAND-1903-KEVII-1-2A-VARIETY-SOMAL-LAND/112634310851?hash=item1a398730c3:g:FvCAAOSw-xVZ-hTm>

½ anna, error, Comaliland: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1903-SG-25-1-2a-Green-Comaliland-Error-MH-A17876/190715139745?hash=item2c678216a1:g:bKwAAMXQsmFRdMtU>



1 anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28350

1 anna error, Brit sh: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-1903-EDVII-1a-carmine-hinged-mint-showing-10986/254415012916?hash=item3b3c510434:g:PSsAAOSwx4BdxYJV>

1 anna error Somal.land: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/British-Somaliland-1903-1a-o-p-SOMAL-LAND-flaw-SG-26d-MNH-see-description/153713798029?hash=item23ca0e6b8d:g:uQQAAOSw9xJdwx1Y>



2 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28351

https://i.burda-auction.cz/webove/nahledy_galerie/174859.jpg



3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28352

3 annas with error Somal. Land: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-1903-3a-ORANGE-BROWN-WITH-SOMAL-LAND-VARIETY-SG-28c-MINT/202315568509?hash=item2f1af2957d:g:VB0AAOSwAnha~YIA>



4 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28353 Postmark Berbera

8 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28354 Postmark Berbera

Y14-19; M14-19

India Used In Somaliland

Indian stamps were used by the Somaliland Field Force from 1902 to 1904. F.P.O. numbers from 41 to 48 are seen.



Card from Berbera to Aden, dated, 3 May, 1904.

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09561/S5/260.jpg>: "India used in Somaliland - 1904 (May 3) picture postcard fw Edward 1a tied by "BASE OFFICE BERBERA" with "ADEN" cds alongside and Nottingham delivery cds".



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1903-KE-1A-ON-CEYLON-PPC-TO-INDIA/123943593695?hash=item1cdb9d26df:g:yR4AAOSwKQ9aJDNk> Letter from Berbera via Seapost Office, No 8 1903, to Bombay, India.



<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/GI/5916/841.jpg>: "1903 KEVII ½a green with overprint at foot, four examples used on large part manila book post wrapper to Simla India, tied by two 22mm double ring cancels

which are not legible but bear a strong resemblance to Ottoman cancels used in Yemen, the piece also bears a fine OVERLAND POSTAGE/DUE/AS/2 mark and 'T', unusual”.



<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/GI/5916/842.jpg>: “1904 (Jan) cover to Hampton Court, England, franked horizontal pair KEVII ½a green which has been deemed invalid (possibly due to pre-existing crease) and scarce 'T' hand stamp applied, face also bears UK '1D/F.B.' h/s, reverse bears Berbera despatch cds for 4 JA 04, Aden transit for JA 5 04, East Molesey and Kingston-upon-Thames arrivals for JA 17 04, a few tones but largely fine”.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1904-KE-1A-2A-3A-4A-8A-REG-BERBERA-TO-GERMANY/123943590001?hash=item1cdb9d1871:g:xlkAAOSwWCZaJCyH> Letter from Berbera to Germany, 7 April 1904.



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/56/7481.jpg: "omaliland: 1903 K.E.VII 1/2a., 1a. with variety "SUMALILAND" (unpriced used), 2a., 3a. and 4a. used together on 1903 (Dec. 9) registered envelope to Germany via Aden, all tied by "BERBERA"'"

1903: Idem, with 'SERVICE'



½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28360

½ anna with error service e: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SG-06-Somaliland-1903-a-Green-variety-with-dropped-second-E-in-service-Pristin/233195840284?hash=item364b8e231c:g:wyAAOSwCcBcsE5v>

½ anna, error, Briti9h: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-Prot-1903-KEVII-SG-O6-BRITI9H-for-BRITISH-Error-FMHOG-SEE-DESCR/401766694098?hash=item5d8b293cd2:g:JkQAAOSwRbtalgUR>



1 anna: pinterest

1 anna, with error service e: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-1903-SERVICE-on-KEVII-1a-ERROR-DROPPED-E-RARE-UNLISTED/362945666596?hash=item54813f5e24:g:80kAAOSwpGpebr~F>

1 anna, with error Brit sh: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1903-KE-VII-1a-variety-BRIT-SH-SG-07a-Mint/193262051791?hash=item2cff50e1cf:g:POUAAOSw2H1d-gqy>



2 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28361

2 annas, with error service e: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-O8-MINT-NEVER-HINGED-OG-Dropped-E-variety-RARE/303270554447?hash=item469c556b4f:g:F~EAAOSwLEtYk9mo>

2 annas with error Brit sh: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-Protectorate-1903-2a-Official-Missing-i-In-British-SGO8a-MH-130/223945073965?hash=item34242aa52d:g:ro8AAOSwt-heRI0U>



8 annas OnHMS: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/BRITISH-SOMALILAND-Yv-Official-4-USED/382906432178?hash=item5927007ab2:g:tcsAAOSwEK9TycDw>

8annas Service and ultramar: <https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTQhxNN2b9i76AM7ilts9rO7GVa-LxPfgYMPQ&usqp=CAU>

1 rupee (with Queen Victoria)



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/233973660293/_Somaliland-1903-KEVII-Officials-set-complete-MLH-SG.jpg

Y-S6-10; M-D6-10

1904, and 1905-1906: Edward VII

Proofs



<https://i.burda-auction.cz//webove/miniatury/182324.jpg> : “1904 TRIAL PRINT for SG.11, Edward VII. 2Rs; print of gravure of stamp frame in black color on chalky paper 92/60mm, with postmarks BEFORE HARDENING and 6. JUL 03; perfect and rare print, ex. De La Rue Archives”.



<https://i.burda-auction.cz//webove/miniatury/182325.jpg> : “1903 TRIAL PRINT for SG.12, Edward VII. 3Rs; print of gravure of stamp frame in black color on chalky paper 92/60mm, with postmarks BEFORE HARDENING and 6. JUL 03; perfect and rare print, ex. De La Rue Archives”.

Colour trial



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https://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/15/3119.jpg

Specimen stamps:



½ anna with specimen: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-1904-1-2d-KEVII-MLH-SPECIMEN-SG-32s/362339047225?hash=item545d171739:g:OP8AAOSwDDxa4U7e>

4 anna with specimen error: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECT-SG37s-1904-4a-wmk-CA-opt-SPECIMEN-Broken-M-only-12-possible/401958854419?hash=item5d969d5f13:g:8nkAAOSw8SddzZPM>



www.specimenstamps.com



https://images-04.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/749/065/037_001.jpg?v=1

(1/2 anna to 12 annas: with two different watermarks, CC and CA)



1/2 anna: https://images-03.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/828/311/777_001.jpg?v=1
Postmark Berbera

1 anna: 2 annas: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/51989-British-Somaliland-1904-lot-2-good-MH-Very-Fine-stamps/293512195204?hash=item4456b0ac84:g:qUwAAOSwHlxebiX1>



2 1/2 anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28366

3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28367

3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28368

All: postmark Berbera



6 annas: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/ED-VII-Somaliland-Protectorate-Stamps-Sg38-6a-mounted-mint/264332710599?hash=item3d8b7512c7:g:nBUAAOSwAspc5TqP>

8 annas: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-Protectorate-1904-Scott-47a-Mint-Very-Lightly-Hinged/252581812662?hash=item3acf0c99b6:g:AyoAAOSwZJBX~ioM>

12 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=39603



1R, 2R, 3R, 5R: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-SG41-4-1R-TO-5R-HIGH-VALUES-LIGHTLY-MOUNTED-MINT/273845455985?hash=item3fc2760c71:g:WwgAAOSwAzVceVcR>



<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/ZbMAAOSwFblheUHJ/s-l300.jpg>: "SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE EDVII SG42, 2r dull & bright purple, VFU".



3 rupees: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1904-KEVII-3r-green-black-VFU-SG-43-Sc-38/362898885012?hash=item547e758994:g:WUwAAOSwyC1eMtyR>, Postmark Berbera 9 Nov 1904.



5 rupees: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1904-KEVII-5r-grey-black-red-VFU-SG-44-Sc-39/402035505351?hash=item5d9b2ef8c7:g:HSMAAOSwnAJeHHQV>, Postmark Berbera, 9 Nov 1904.

Y20-32 (watermark CA single), and 33-41 (watermark CA multiple); M20-32 (CA single) and 33+35+37-43 (CA multiple). Nr 42 8A and 43 12A in two colour types.



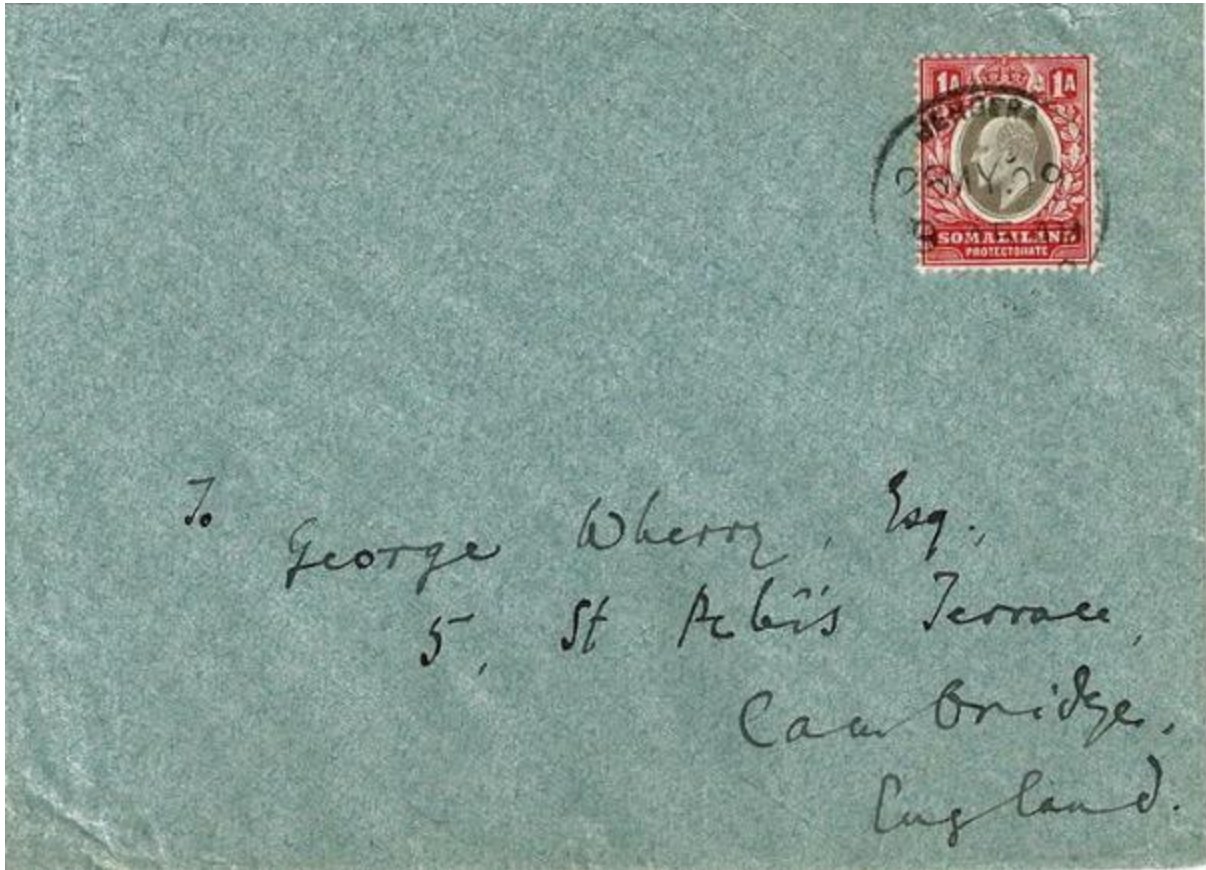
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-PSC-KE-1D-BERBERA-TO-ENGLAND/123943590344?hash=item1cdb9d19c8:g:YwoAAOSwry1aJCtn> Letter from Berbera to England.



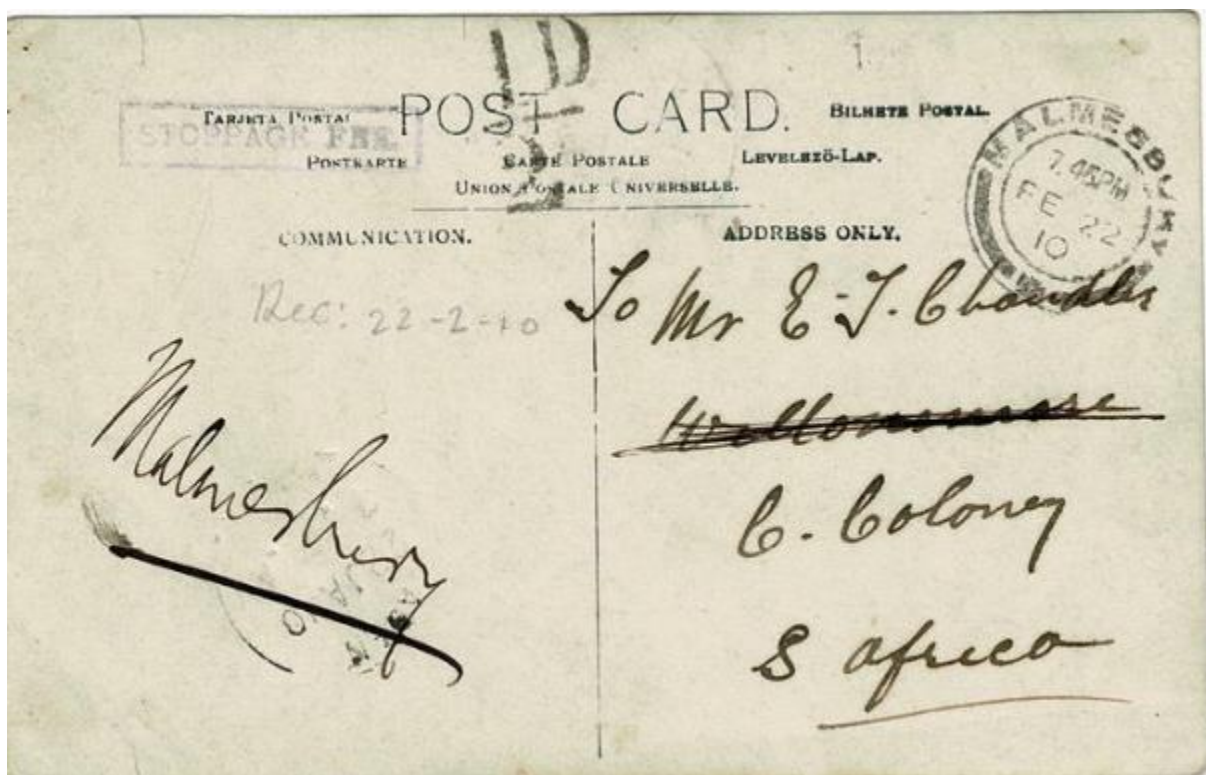
http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/16/1481.jpg: "Somaliland: 1904, Ethiopian 1901-03 1/4g. postal stationery card (with Melikt handstamp in black), used to France, apparently privately carried and placed in the post at Zaila with c.d.s. of June 20, franked with K.E.VII 1a. cancelled three days later at Berbera June 23, with Aden June 25 transit and backstamped Remoncourt arrival, most unusual".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/2703.jpg>: "Somaliland British 1905 Berbera 1anna Postal Card H&G1 Commercially sent to England" (Compustamp). Postmark Berbera, 1905.



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09535/S1/A4158.jpg>: "1909 WINGATE MISSION envelope to Cambridge, written by C.H. Armbruster, a Political Officer and African language specialist with the Sudan Government brought in from Sudan to be on this Mission, that has a 1A cancelled BERBERA 08 MY 09. A Cambridge arrival JU 10 09 date stamp is on the back of the cover. At the request of the British government, Wingate undertook a special mission to Somaliland to report on the military situation in connection with the proposed evacuation of the interior of the protectorate. This Mission took place from 21 April to 17 June 1909. Accompanying this cover is a copy of a cover and letter from Armbruster, written in Sudan a couple of months prior to the Wingate Mission. This verifies the writer and his handwriting. An exceptionally rare cover from this little known Mission." (David Morrison).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09535/S1/G3247.jpg>: "1910 picture post card (real photo of troops training on a beach) to South Africa with a 1A cancelled BERBERA 21 JA 10. The card was addressed to Willowmore but redirected on arrival to Malmesbury where it received an arrival cancel of FE 22 10. A boxed 'STOPPAGE FEE' cachet with a '1/2d' handstamp alongside denotes the fee paid. The Post Office Act of 1882 stated that "Any letter, post card, packet or newspaper arrested or intercepted through the post, at the request of the sender or the addressee thereof shall be liable to a charge equal to the ordinary rate of postage from the place of origin

....” This is intended to apply to any case where the sender of a letter may desire its stoppage during transmission for the purpose of amending the address or redirecting to a fresh address. A rarely seen cachet and a fine item from Somaliland to a very uncommon destination.”. (David Morrison).

Stationery Edward VII



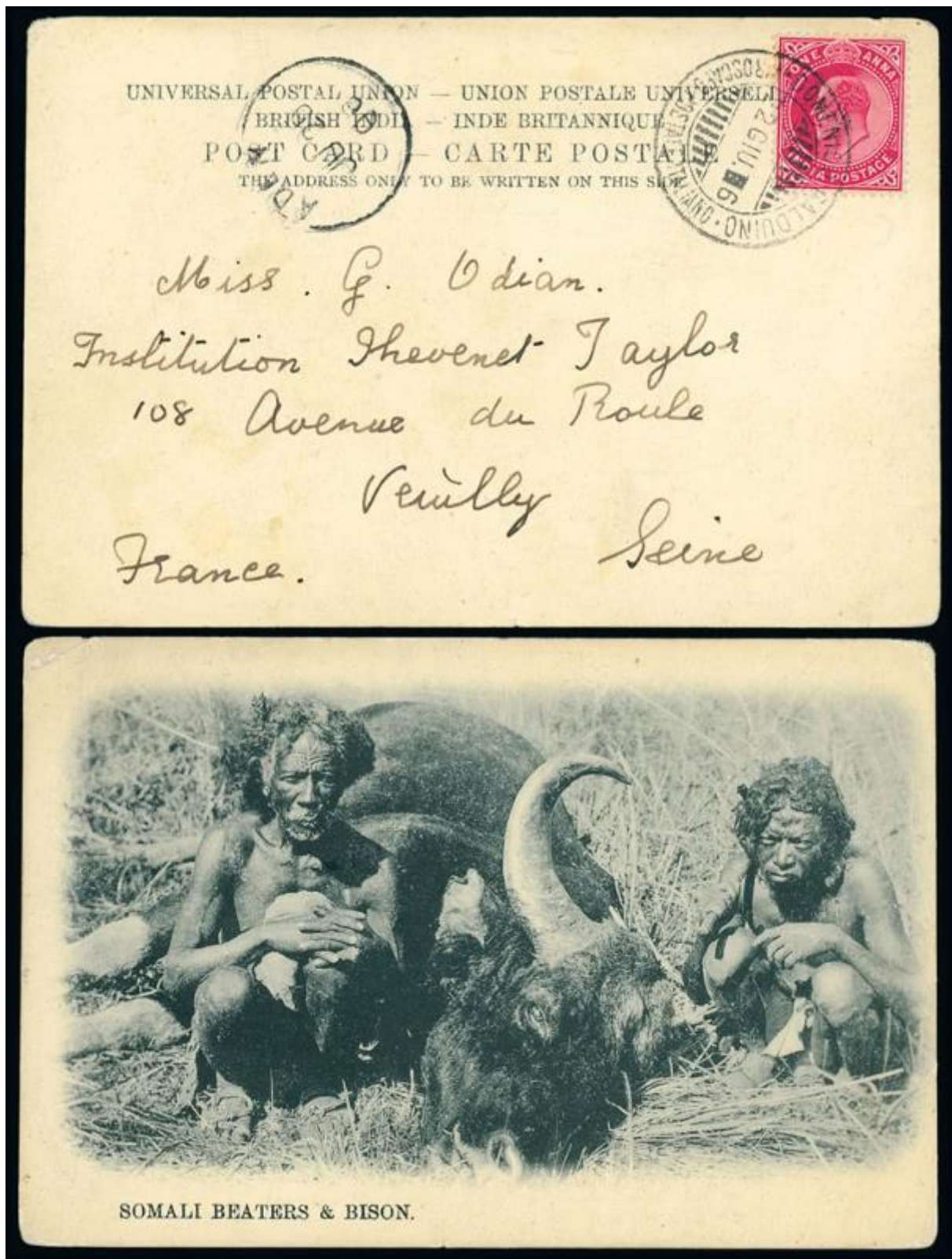
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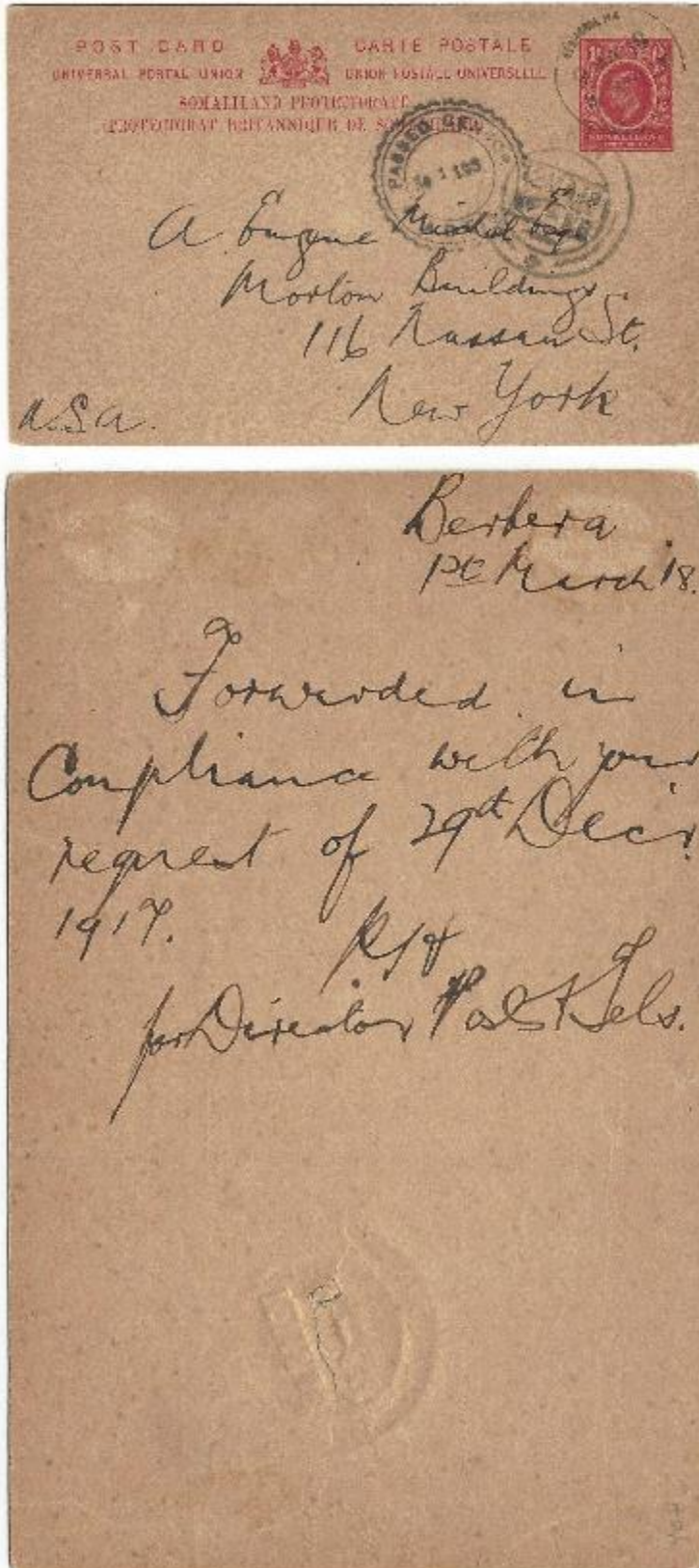
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<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-P0210B-1904-KE-1A-PSC-TO-ENGLAND/383217102760?hash=item593984efa8:g:t9sAAOSwdpxUX-JL>: Postcard with 1 anna from Berbera to England, 15 March 1904.



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/122/7180.jpg: "maliland: 1906 postcard (depicting Somali beaters and bison), addressed to France, franked by India 1a., tied by "PIROSCAFI POSTALE ITALIANO/DOMENICO GALDUINO" datestamp.".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/2251.jpg>: "British Somaliland 1918 Berbera 1a KEVII Postal Card H&G
1 Censored at Aden with Wafer Edge Triple Censor Hand-stamp Sent to New York via Aden, Tied with CDS;
RARE & VERY FINE". Postmarks Berbera and Aden, 1918.

1904-1905: O.H.M.S.

Specimen stamps:



www.specimenstamps.com

Y-S11-15 (watermark CA single) + 16 (2 annas with watermark CA multiple); M11-15 (nrs 11-14 also without a dot after S) + M16 (2 anna; with and without a dot after S).



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09315/S201909/802.jpg>: "OFFICIALS: PORTUGUESE RECEIVING AUTHORITY ARCHIVE SPECIMENS: 1904 KEVII ½a, 1a, 8a, & 1r (SG O10, O11, O13 & O15). Group of four values M/unused ovptd SPECIMEN in the usual way. Each then additionally handstamped "ULTRAMAR" (by the Portuguese authorities prior to distribution to their overseas colonies as specimens) in violet-blue." (Filat AG).



½ anna, 1 anna, 2 annas and 8 annas: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/MOMEN-SOMALILAND-SG-O10-O13-1904-05-MINT-OG-H-LOT-195894-3791/202810233700?hash=item2f386e9364:g:OQgAAOSwGIJduDCX>



½ anna: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1904-OHMS-opts-1-2a-Used-SG-O10/352800243101?hash=item5224887d9d:g:PFoAAOSwDGpdiPX2>

1 anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28362

2 annas [two types]: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-PROT-MINT-O11-14-OG-LH-FANTASTIC-CS-4-1-SHOWN-GREAT-CENTERING/383449877447?hash=item594764cbc7:g:Ob4AAOSwdIVeYZPq>



8 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28363

1 rupee: <https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-PROT-MINT-O15-OG-NH-A-GEM-CLEAN-EXCELLENT-CENTERING/124108196394?hash=item1ce56cca2a:g:apIAAOSwuxZeYZPv>

2 rupee: not yet found online

1909: Edward VII, different colours



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http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28364



1 anna: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/NNAS-208-BRITISH-SOMALILAND-1909-USED-MICH-36/324103725591?hash=item4b76166217:g:rSUAASwShpZcflI> Postmark Berbera

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PP1210B-KE-1-A-SG-59-VFU/383306979658?hash=item593ee0594a:g:OTcAAOSwpw5bwPRw> With cancellation B.

Y42; M36 (+ M34 ½ anna blue green).

1912-1913 and 1921: George V

(all: with two different watermarks, CC and CA)

Specimen stamps:



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09442/S210125/422.jpg>: "1921 wmk Script CA 2r and 5r handstamped boxed 'SPECIMEN.' type SP1 — very fine and scarce examples from a presentation set". (James Bendon).



www.specimenstamps.com



https://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/70/7998.jpg

Y43-55 (watermark CA single) + 56-68 (watermark CA multiple); M44-56 + 57-69



½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30733

1 anna (red): http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28369

1 anna (scarlet): http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30735



2 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30736

2 ½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30737

3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30738



4 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30739

6 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30740

8 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30741



12 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30742

1 rupee: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/52000-British-Somaliland-good-MH-Very-Fine-stamp/372988374835?hash=item56d7d6ef33:g:RiAAAOSwJXlebibN>, and
http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30743



2 rupees: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/52001-British-Somaliland-good-MH-Very-Fine-stamp/392727639250?hash=item5b706434d2:g:zhQAAOSwMLNebibh>, and
http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30744

3 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30745



5 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=30746



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/BRITISH-SOMALILAND-RARE-POSTMARK-BURAO-KG5/191877097257?hash=item2cacc42729:g:EB0AAOSwh8dcv5AZ> Postmark Burao, 6 Ap 1935.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/pAgAAOSw-V1cv5AS/s-l300.jpg> Postmark Sheikh,



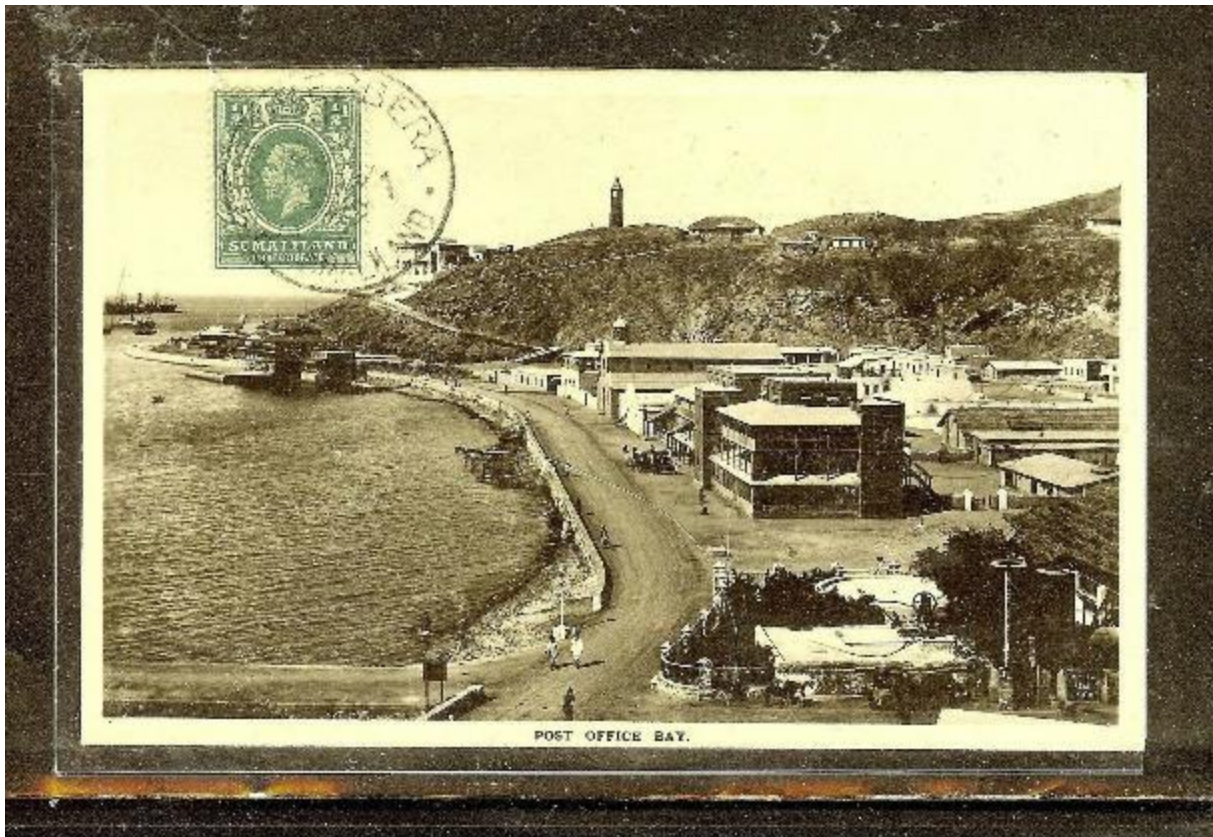
<https://i.burda-auction.cz//webove/miniatury/182317.jpg>: "921 SG.84, George V. 3Rs green / black, CDS
BERBERA 4. JU 38".



https://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/947/738/501_001.jpg?v=0, Postmark Berbera



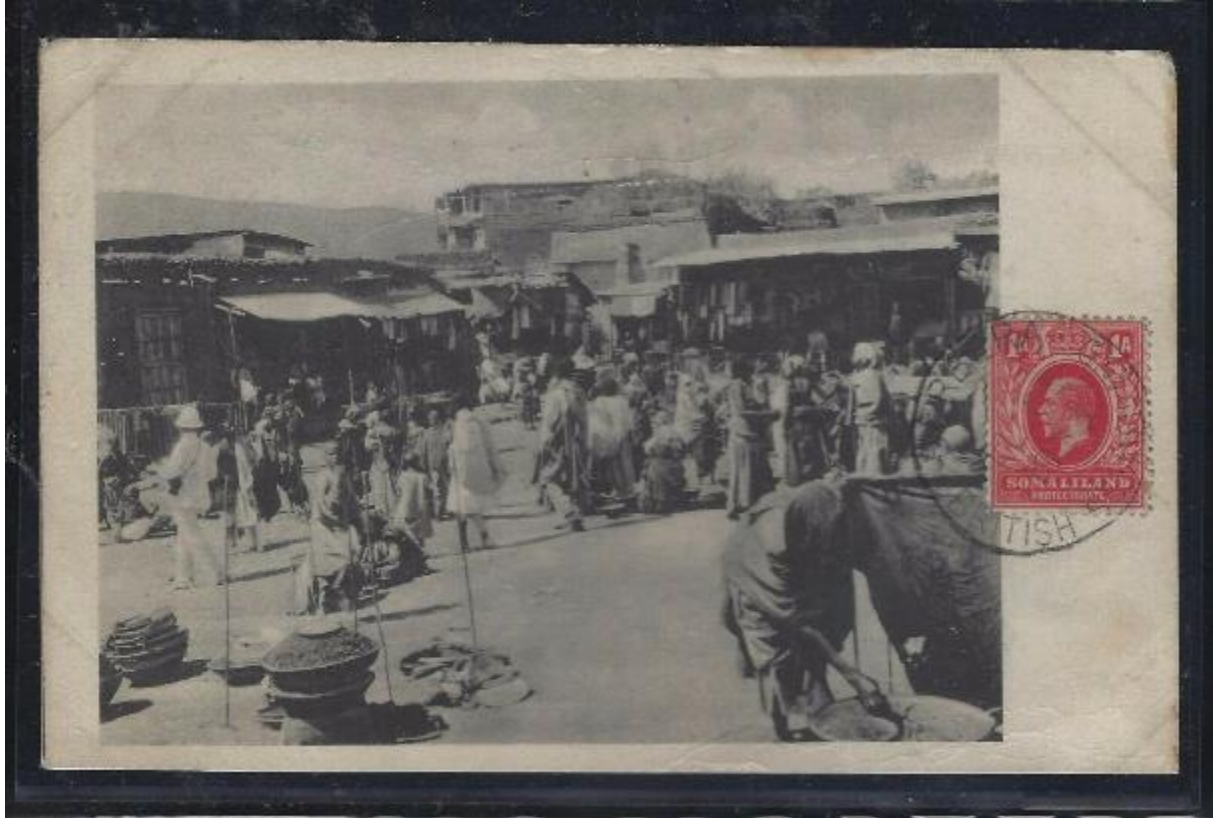
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1913-KGV-6-A-REG-BERBERA-VIA-ADEN-TO-AUSTRIA/383217100972?hash=item593984e8ac:g:y90AAOSwAaJaJC3R> : registered letter from Berbera to Austria, September 1913.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-P0210B-KGV-1-2A-ON-PPC-ADDRESS-SIDE-A-BIT-MESSY/383217104673?hash=item593984f721:g:yIUAAOSwcF9UYF9U> Postmark Berbera



<https://stampauctionnetwork.com/GI/5916/843.jpg>: „1915 (11 Aug) registered cover from Zaila to Darjeeling, India, franked 1912-19 ½a green and 12a grey-black and orange-buff blocks of 4, each used by 'B' in barred circle and former also tied by boxed 'R/ZAILA' and red m/script 'No 389', reverse bears Zaila dispatch cds for 11 Aug 15, Aden transit cds for 17 Au and Darjeeling arrival for 26 Au 15, the Zaila registration h/stamp rare and rated 4000 points by Proud”.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1933-KGV-1A-ON-PPC-TO-USA/123943589334?hash=item1cdb9d15d6:g:E9gAAOSwnCFaJC~0>



<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/8886/298886-000000.jpg>: “1926, ZEILA (type D5): KGV 2a violet/purple single use on reverse of cover to England with indistinct large double-circle 'ZEYLA / SOMALILAND' pmk. with Berbera (7.9.26) and Aden (8.9.26) transit marks, heavy faults but a very scarce postmark”.

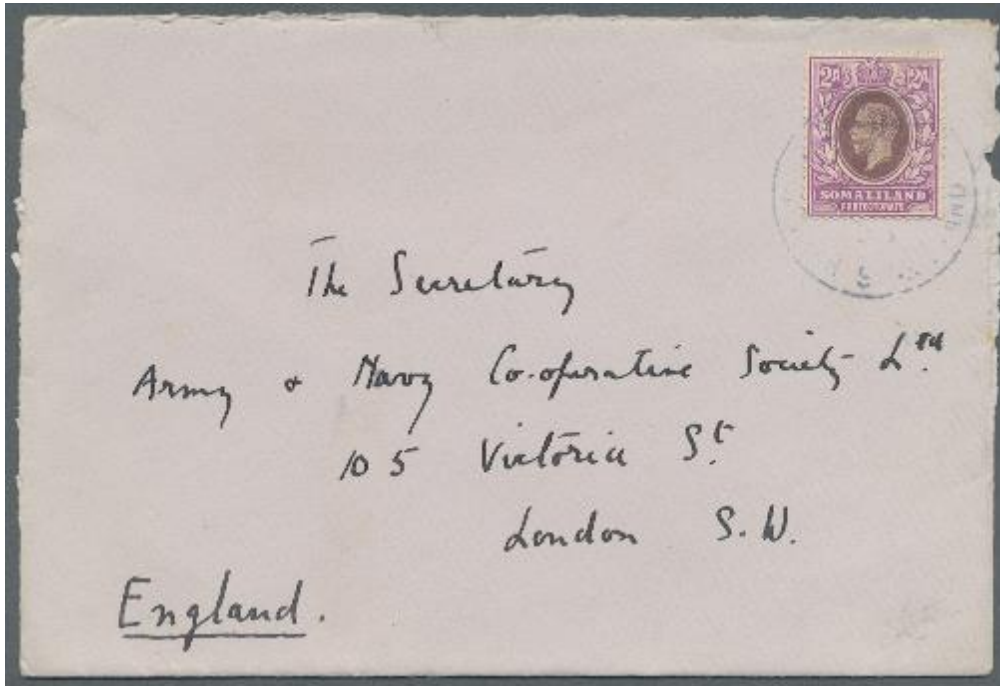


http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/116/6095.jpg: "Somaliland: 1931 (July 25) envelope to Aden bearing 1921 2a. tied Sheikh c.d.s., with Aden Camp and Berbera backstamps, adhesive with some toning and envelope slightly roughly opened, otherwise fine". Postmark Sheikh.





<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/8831/298831-000000.jpg>: "1932 (12.3.), BURAO (type D5): KGV 2a violet/purple single use on cover to England with fine 'BURAO / BRITISH SOMALILAND' cds. and Berbera transit mark on reverse (14.3.), philatelic cover with earliest recorded date of postmark!"



<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/8867/298867-000000.jpg>, and
<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/8867/298867-000001.jpg>: "1935 (2.2.), SHEIKH (type D4): KGV 2a violet/purple single use on cover to England with poor 'SHEIKH / BRITISH SOMALILAND' cds. and Berbera transit mark on reverse (3.2.), roughly opened three-sides".



<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/6232/916232-000000.jpg>, and
<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/6232/916232-000002.jpg> : "1935, two air mail covers
at 7A. rates from "BERBERA" to Kassala/Egyptian Sudan resp. Assab/Italian Eritrea, the earlier with
boxed "UNCLAIMED" marking."



<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/8833/298833-000000.jpg>: "1936 (11.7.), BURAO (type D5): KGV 2a violet/purple single use on cover to England with very fine 'BURAO / BRITISH SOMALILAND' cds., large tears through the front and part of backflap missing but a scarce postmark on cover!"



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09243/S0/6585.jpg> : "1938 envelope with embossed letter 'Somaliland Camel Corps' addressed to London franked single 2a adhesive tied 'BURAO' c.d.s. '3 MR 1938'".

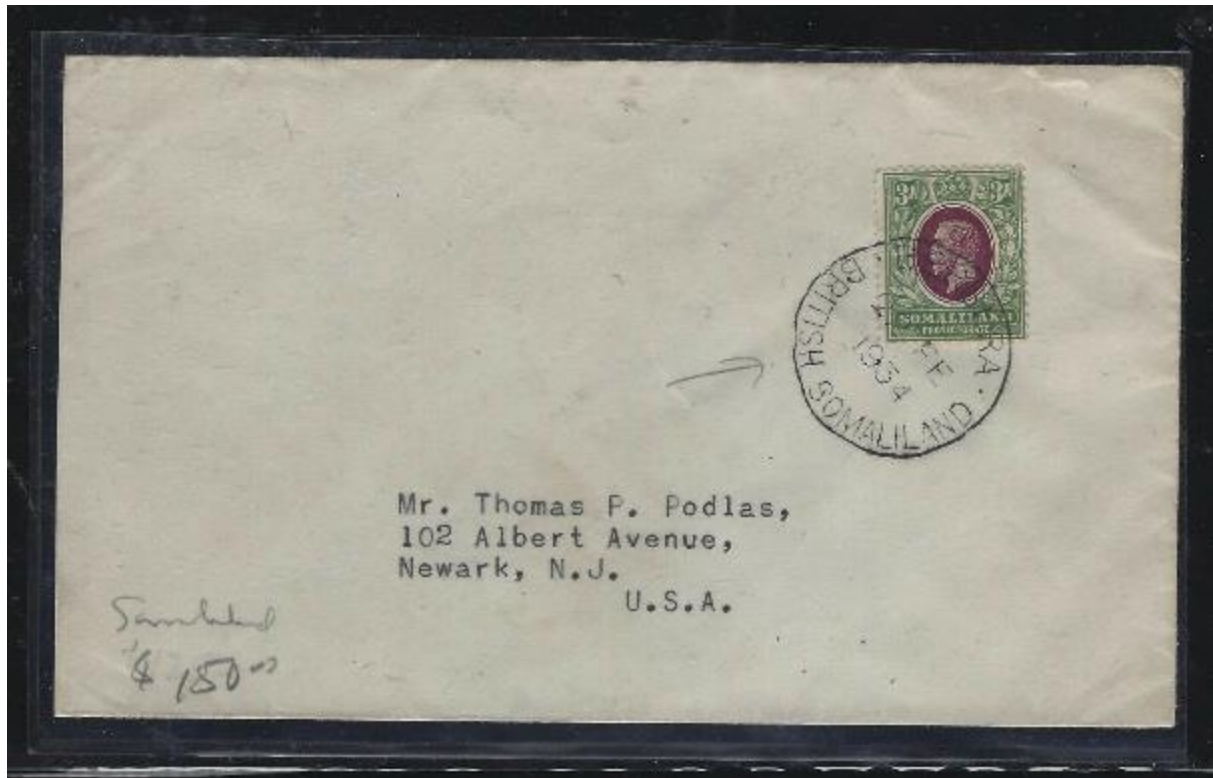


<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/4522/594522-000000.jpg>: "1938. Envelope with crest on flap and letter headed 'Somaliland Camel Corps, British Somaliland via Aden' addressed to London bearing British Somaliland SG 74, 1a scarlet (pair) tied by Burao date stamp '21st Feb 1938'. The

Somaliland Camel Corps had a total strength of 14 British Officers and the troops to ethnic Somalis. Humphrey French was the son of Major Herbert Cummins French and was attached to 'C Company' at Burao and later at Berbera. A rare item with intriguing text".



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/115/7328.jpg: "Postal History and Covers: The Napier Collection: British African Airmails: Somaliland, 1933 (Sept.) cover, registered to Brazil, franked by 1921 1r., flown on the 1933 Chicago Zeppelin flight with special red cachet, rare". Postmark Berbera.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1934-KGV-3-A-BERBERA-TO-USA/123943593075?hash=item1cdb9d2473:g:7LUAAOSwVF1aJC4p> Letter from Berbera to the USA, 22 February 1934.





<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1935-KGV-2A-FORWARDED-COVER-INTERESTING/123943589901?hash=item1cdb9d180d:g:8DMAAOSwr6FaJC-n> Letter from Berbera to Port Sudan, 5 January 1937.

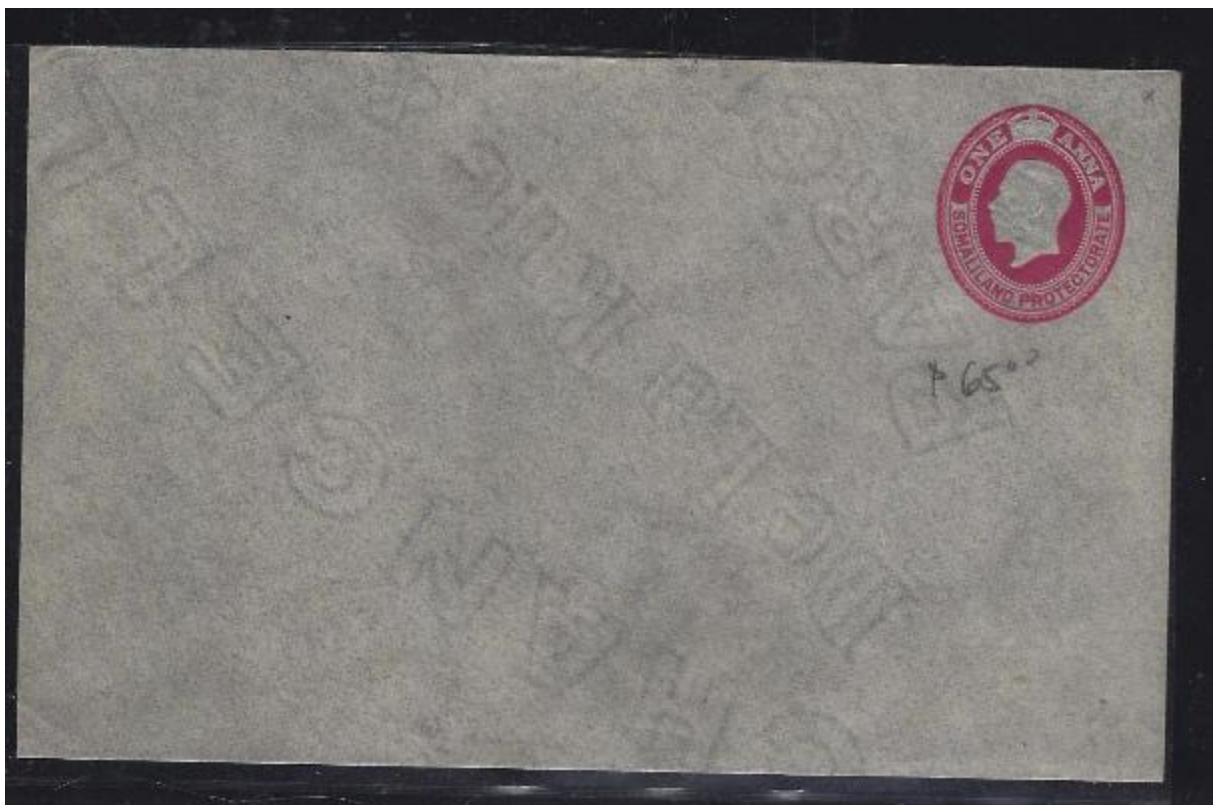


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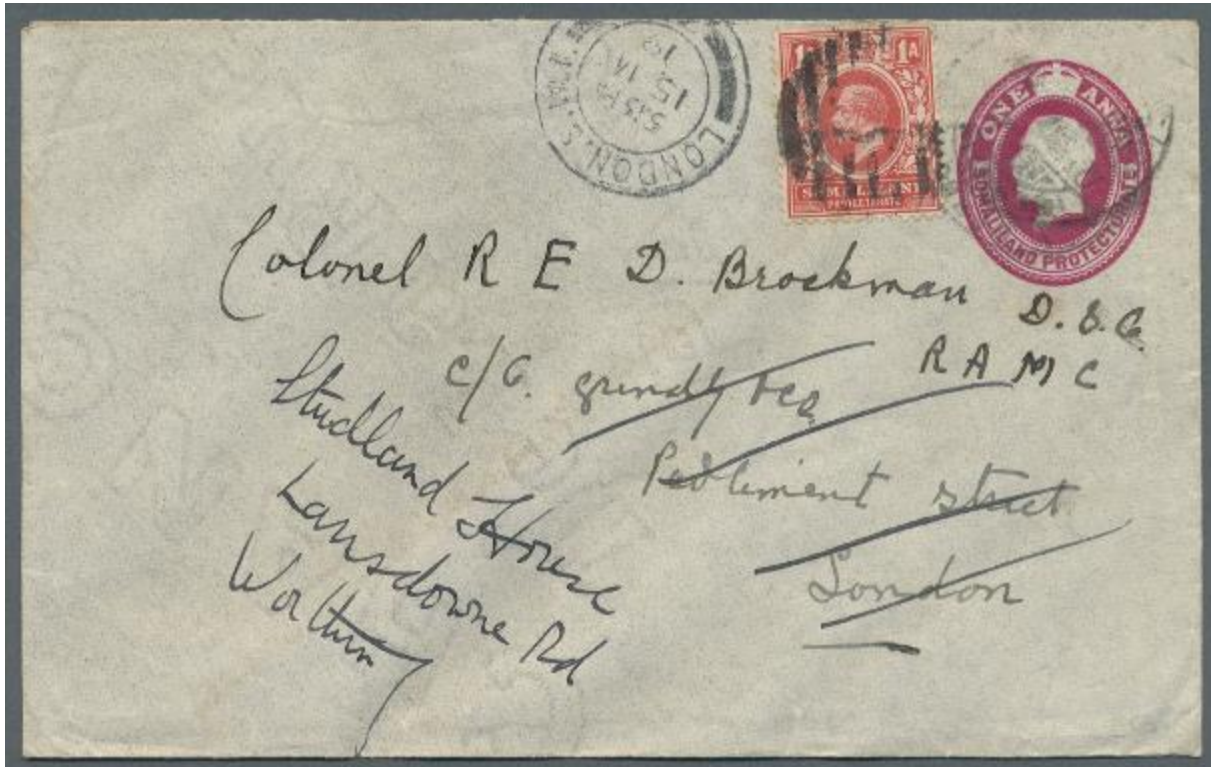
Stationery George V.



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<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/8884/298884-000000.jpg>: "Britisch-Somaliland: 1919 (26.4.), ZEILA (type D3): KGV 1a stat. envelope uprated with 1a scarlet us 1919 (26.4.), ZEILA (type D3): KGV 1a stat. envelope uprated with 1a scarlet used with killer obliterator 'B' and an indistinct cds. (of Berbera or Zeila) to

London redirected to Worthing with fine 'ZAILA / SOMALILAND' pmk. on reverse and London transitmark on front (15.5.), nice envelope and very scarce postmark!".



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-KGV-1A-PSC-OVPT-SPECIMEN/123943591090?hash=item1cdb9d1cb2:g:tgAAASwPAXaJDQy> (1917)

1935: George V Jubilee



<https://www.john-rice-stamps.co.uk/assets/images/products/large/5e089112816f1.jpg>

Y69-72; M70-73: 1 anna: 2 annas: 3 annas: 1 rupee



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-1935-George-V-Silver-Jubilee-set-on-cover-SG-86-89/202914221652?hash=item2f3ea14e54:g:vJcAAOSwoaNeVRzU> Postmark Berbera



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09535/S1/G3276.jpg>: „1935 cover sent registered to London with Silver Jubilee 2c, 1c and 3c each cancelled BERBERA 16 MY 1935. A manuscript 'Registered' with '375' beneath and a Registration label are on the front of the cover. On the back is a Hendon 1 JU 35 arrival c.d.s.” (David Morrison).



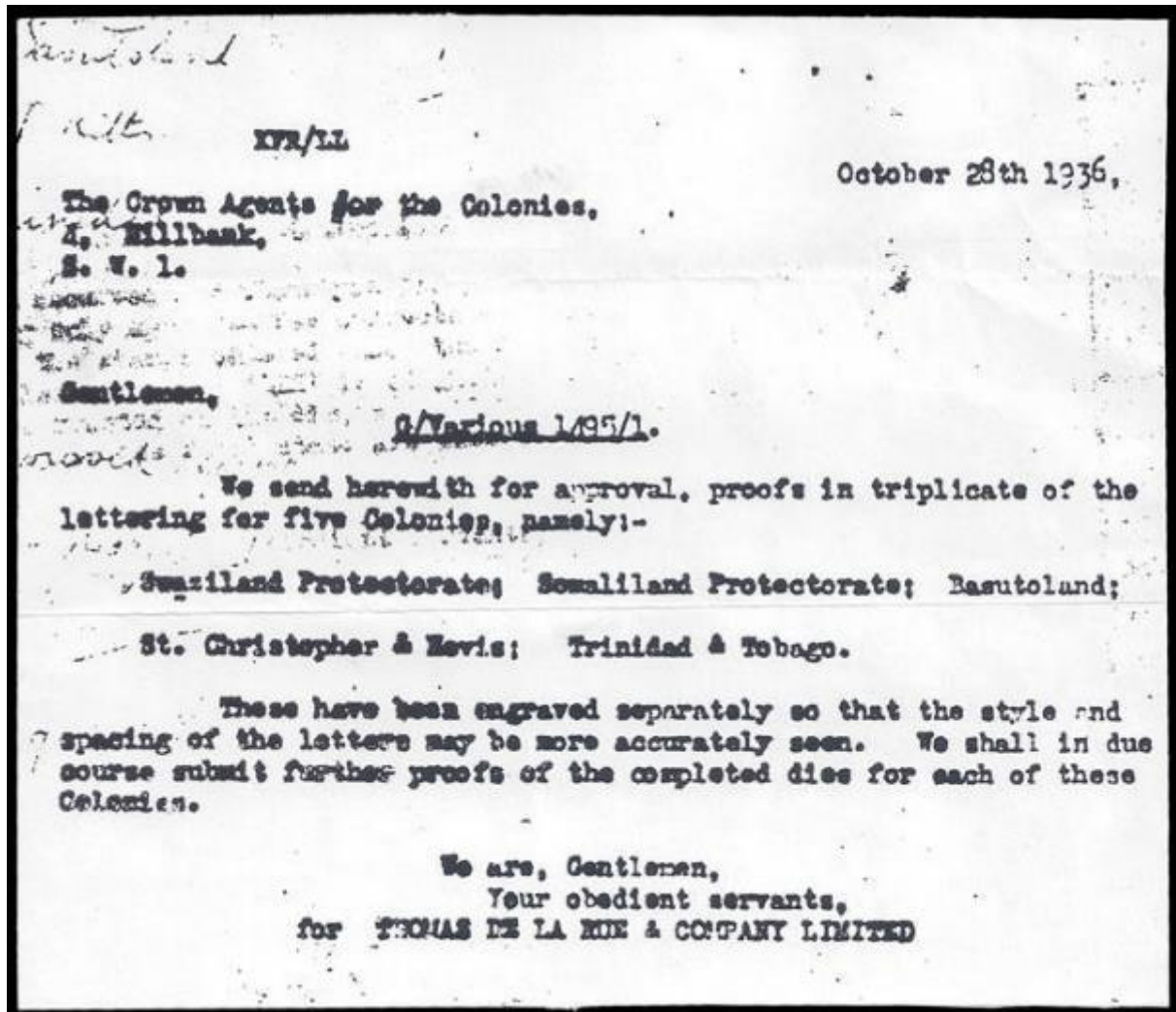
http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/38/9191.jpg: “935 Silver Jubilee Issues: Somaliland: 1a. to 1r. set on zeppelin cover to Pernambuco, registered from Berbera, flown on 7th South America flight with green Graf Zeppelin label and flight cachet, Aden, Frankfurt-Basel Bahnpost and Pernambuco arrival backstamps”.



<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de/auction/5482/725482-000000.jpg> Postmark Paquebot Aden 11 Aug 1936: „ 1935, 1 A carmine/dark blue, 2 A grey/ultramarine and 3 A violet blue/red brown cancelled with "PAQUEBOT ADEN 11.AUG.36" on letter to Paris, envelope with vertical folding trace".

1936: proofs KEVIII





<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09315/S201909/3891.jpg>

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09315/S201909/3891b.jpg>

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09315/S201909/3891c.jpg>: " 1936 KEVIII ESSAY PROOF: Circular vignette frame with "SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE" below, in black on gummed paper 19x20mm. Diagonal bend. A very rare proof from the proposed Colonial issues intended for the reign of KEVIII (who abdicated). These inscriptions prepared for a small number of Protectorates/Colonies with the intention to use them on a common keyplate background. Accompanied by photograph showing similar vignette proofs of other territories as well as the intended complete stamp designs. See Lot 136 & others, De La Rue archives, Robson Lowe, Basel 1976." (Filat AG).

1937: Coronation George VI



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1 anna: 2 annas: 3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=2292

Y73-75: M74-76



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/1937-Berbera-Somaliland-King-George-VI-Coronation-FDC-First-Day-Cover-KGVI/133349703743?hash=item1f0c43003f:g:LrQAOSw5oheXR0J>: FDC From Berbera to London.



https://delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/001/261/206/146_001.jpg?v=1: « SOMALILAND - Enveloppe FDC en recommandé pour Bedford en 1937 ». Registered letter from Berbera to Bedford ; return to sender.



https://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/233/520/881_001.jpg?v=0 Postmark Berbera



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-1937-CORONATION-COVER/283610020328?hash=item42087979e8:g:SnYAAOSwGMhdVB3a> Postmark Berbera



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1938: George VI

Specimen stamps:



www.specimenstamps.com



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1 rupee: <http://kayatana.com/images/somalilandprotectorate/somalilandprotectorate00024.jpg>

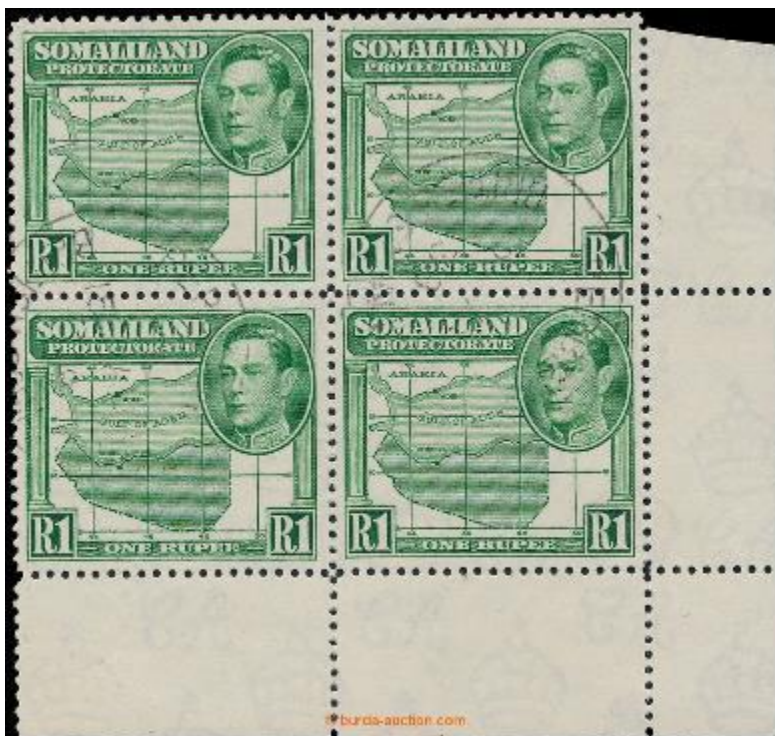


2 rupees (+ 1R and 5R): <https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-1938-High-Value-definitives-R1-R2-R5-Cat-74-MM-SG101-2-104/124021585356?hash=item1ce04335cc:g:VvUAAOSwyKZeAeB4>



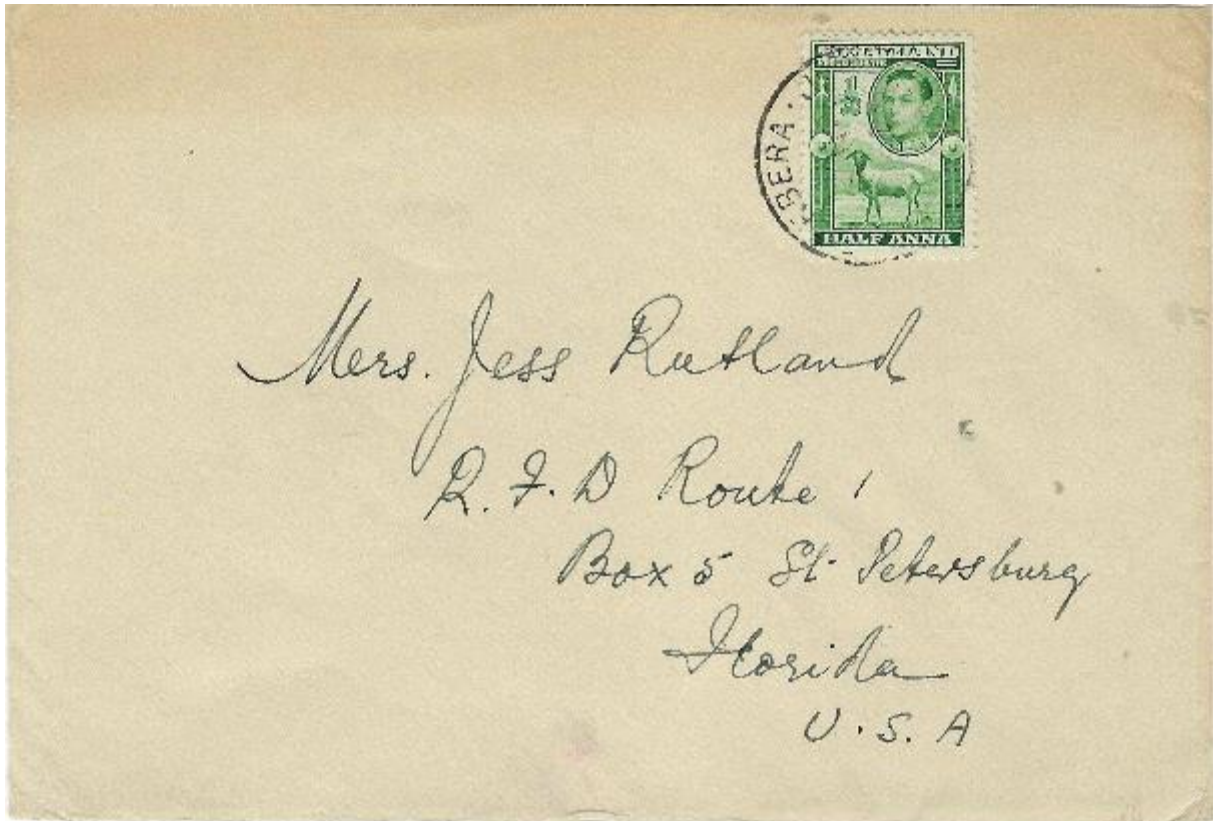
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5 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8599



<https://i.burda-auction.cz//webove/miniatury/182334.jpg>: "1938 SG.101, corner block-of-4 George VI. 1Rs Map green, with forged postmark BERBERA 15. AU 38, so-called. "Madame Joseph Forgery"; only single pieces occur, blocks are still unknown".

Y76-87; M77-88

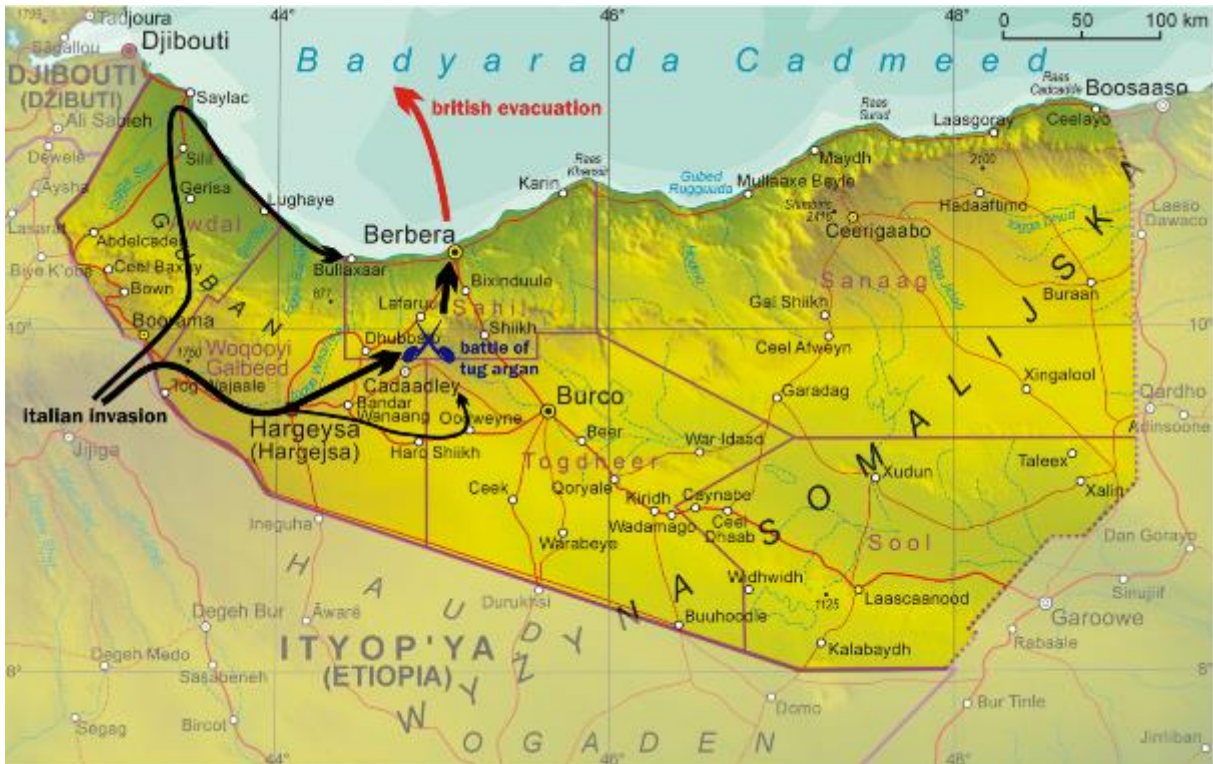


<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/998.jpg>: "British Somaliland [1939] Berbera Envelope PRINTED MATTER Sent to the United States Bearing Solo ½anna KGVI Adhesive SG93; VERY SCARCE & FINE" (Compustamp).

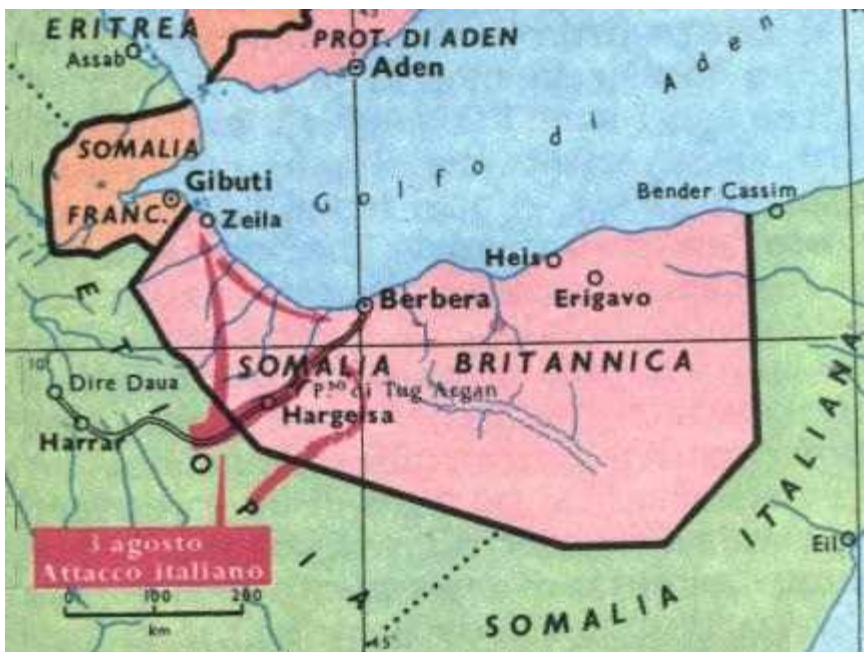


<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09243/S0/6583.jpg> : "1939 envelope with letter headed and dated 'Burao 19.3.39' addressed to London franked horizontal pair 1a adhesives tied 'BERBERA' c.d.s. '20 MAR 39' "Don't post me any letters to Somaliland after you get this, I expect to travel on the 'Francisco Crispi' Lloyd-Trentino and should be in Port Said on the 22nd.".

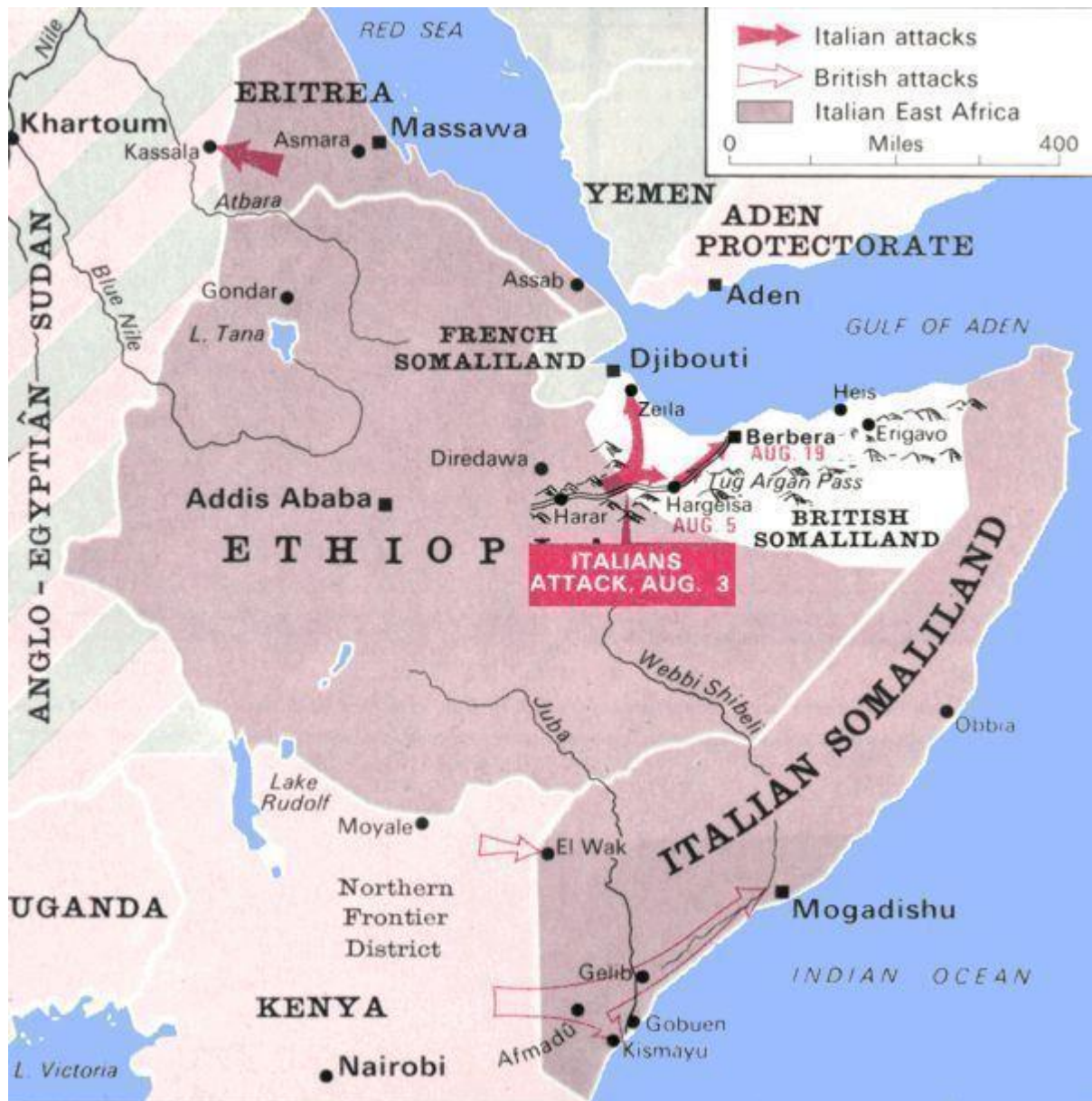
4 Italian invasion and occupation, 1940-1941



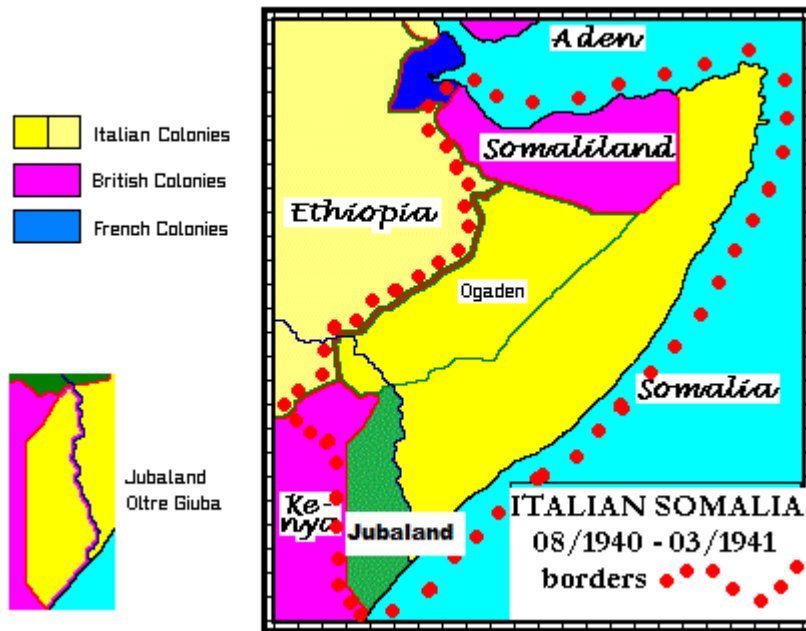
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/6c/Somaliland_Italian_invasion.png/1920px-Somaliland_Italian_invasion.png



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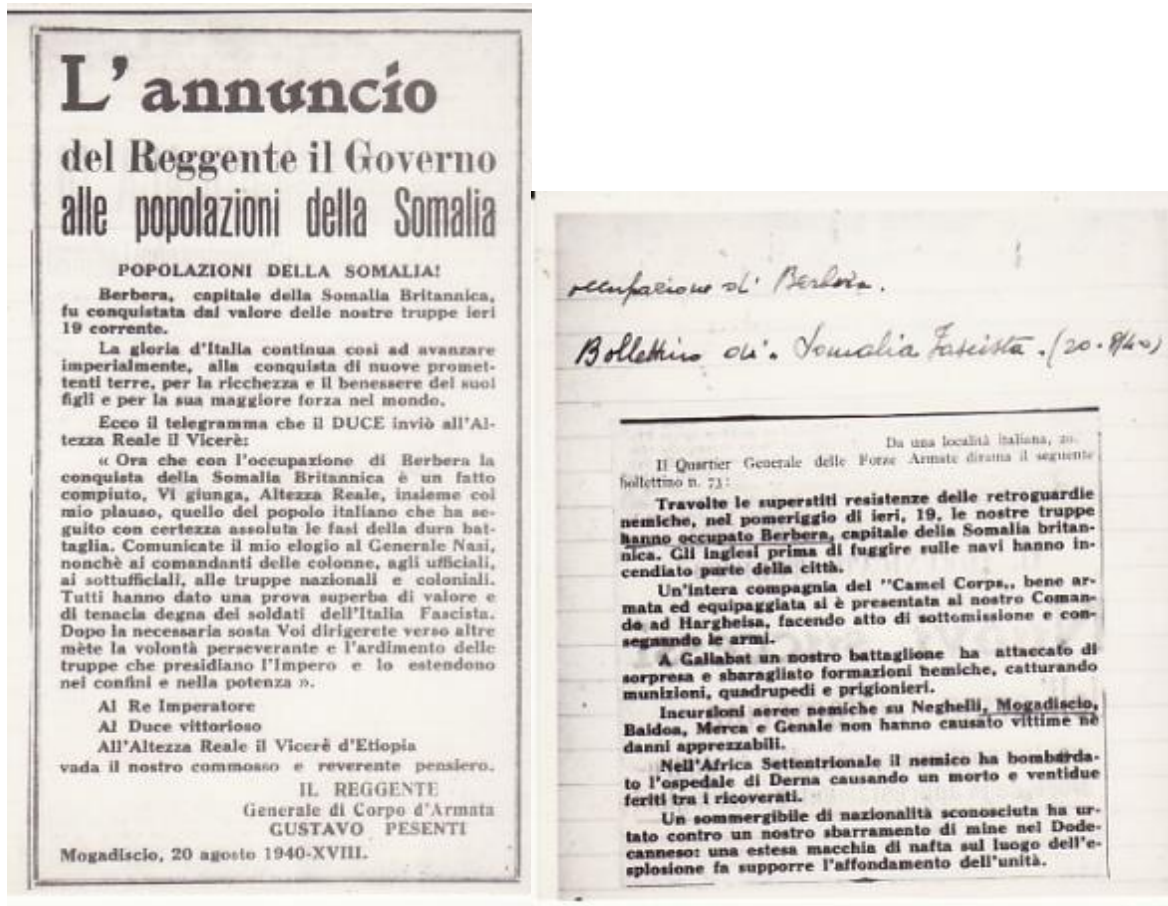
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<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/d/d2/GrandeSomaliasetteembre1940.gif>



Picture of the British occupation of Berbera (Collection Vincent Prange).



<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/3120.jpg>: "1940 (Aug 20) Photographic postcard size reproduction from newspaper of Modagishu "Somalia Fascista" + photographic copy of Poster affixed on all village walls of Somalia announcing the Italian occupation of Berbera".

Philatelic evidence of Italian occupation of British Somaliland is very scarce. Here are some illustrations, all from the collection of Vincent Prange.



A remarkable and very scarce card with a confiscated postmark 'Product of British Somaliland' in violet. The Italian soldier added già (ex-) in red. The card was probably sent by military truck on 19-8-1940, the day of the Italian attack, to Aiscia (border town) and from there to Italy, where it arrived 13-9-1940.



Front- and backside of censured mail sent by an Italian soldier to Italy, 28-11-1940; with 75 c stamp from AOI and 10c stamp from Eritrea. Censore N.9 HA.



Letter to Trieste, sent 27.11.1940. In the postmark: (10)78. Both (letter and card) have been sent in late November 1940, probably as part of Christmas mail.



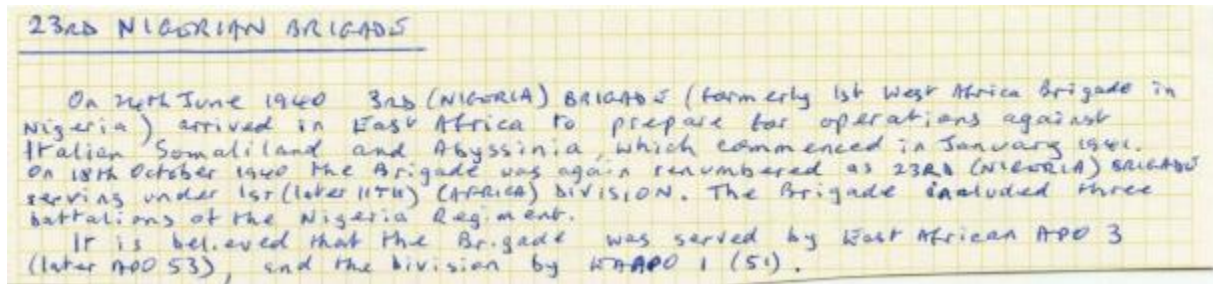
Left: After the Italian occupation of British Somaliland an Italian soldier defends the area against the threats from British Aden. Postcard (collection Vincent Prange).

Right: After the British reconquered the occupied territory the Italians promise to come back: "Ritorneremo" (collection Vincent Prange).

5 British re-occupation, 1940 onwards

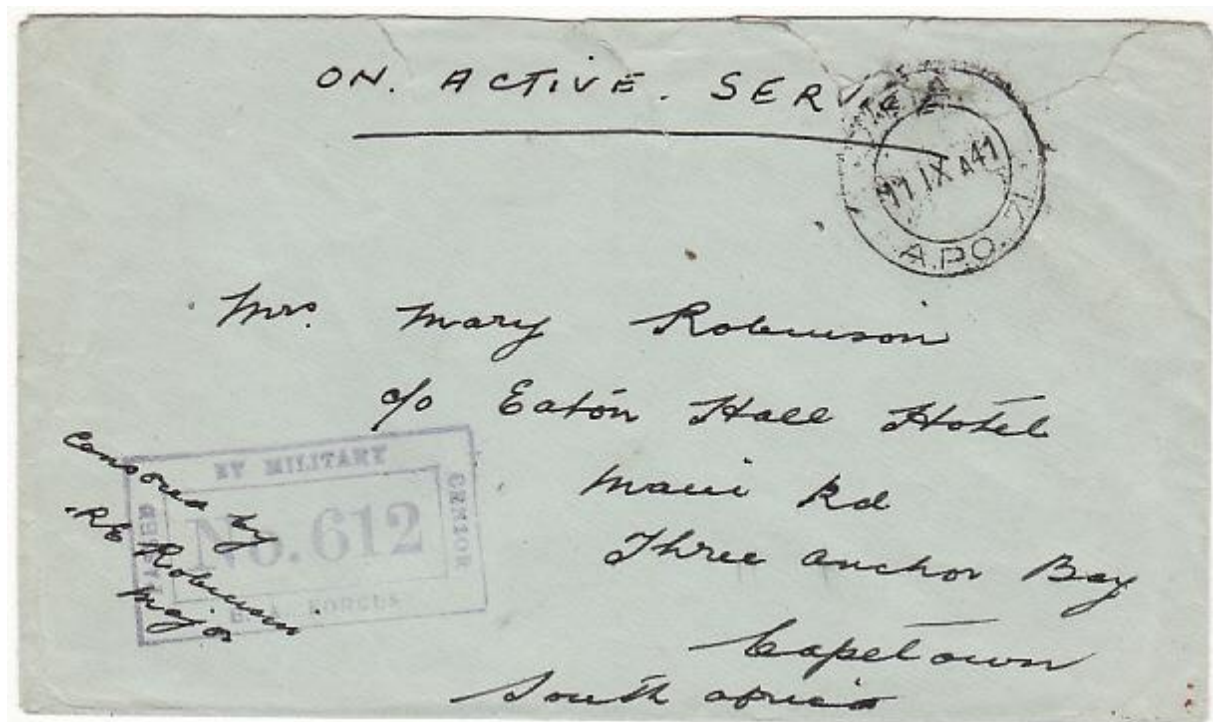
1940: British Nigerian brigade in Somaliland



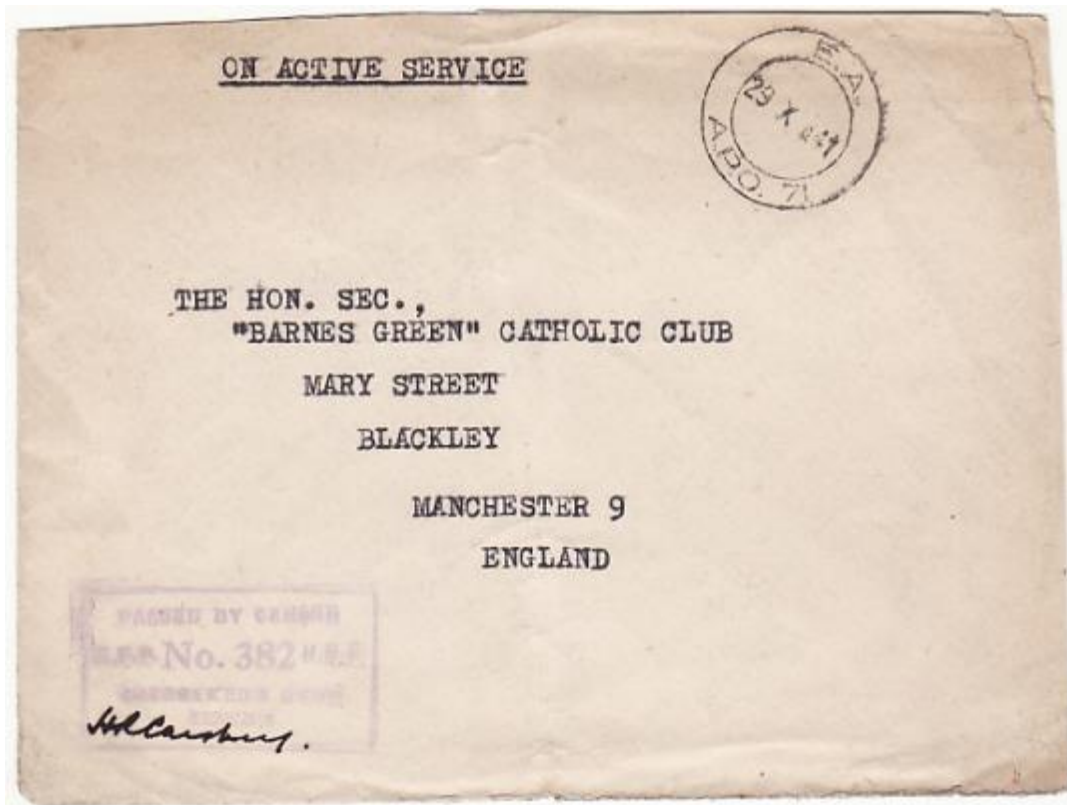


<https://www.ebay.com/itm/WW2-EAST-AFRICA-NIGERIAN-BRIGADE-1940-OHMS-OFFICIAL-MILITARY-FRANKED/283728193954?hash=item420f84a9a2:g:ENQAAOSwDYNdwd~B>

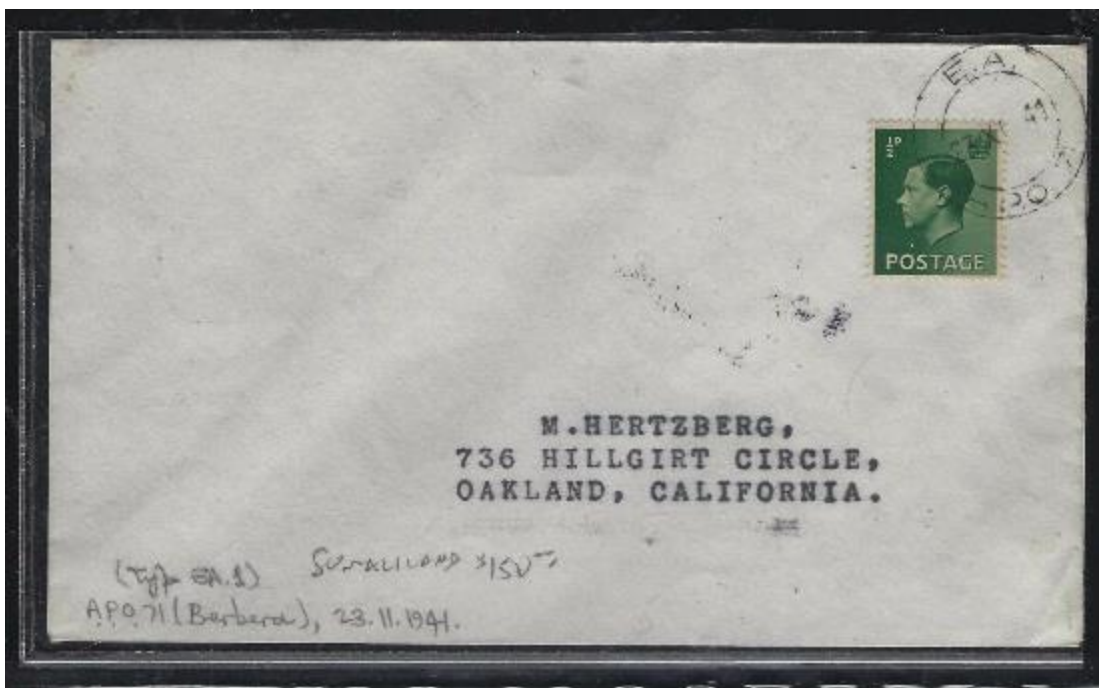
1941: E.A. APO 71; South African regiment in Somaliland



<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/3358.jpg>: "1941 (Sep 11) Plain stampless envelope to Capetown endorsed On Active Service cancelled EA APO 71 cds located at Berbera & with violet boxed Passed By Military Censor /No 612 (Daynes EA 5B) hand stamp".

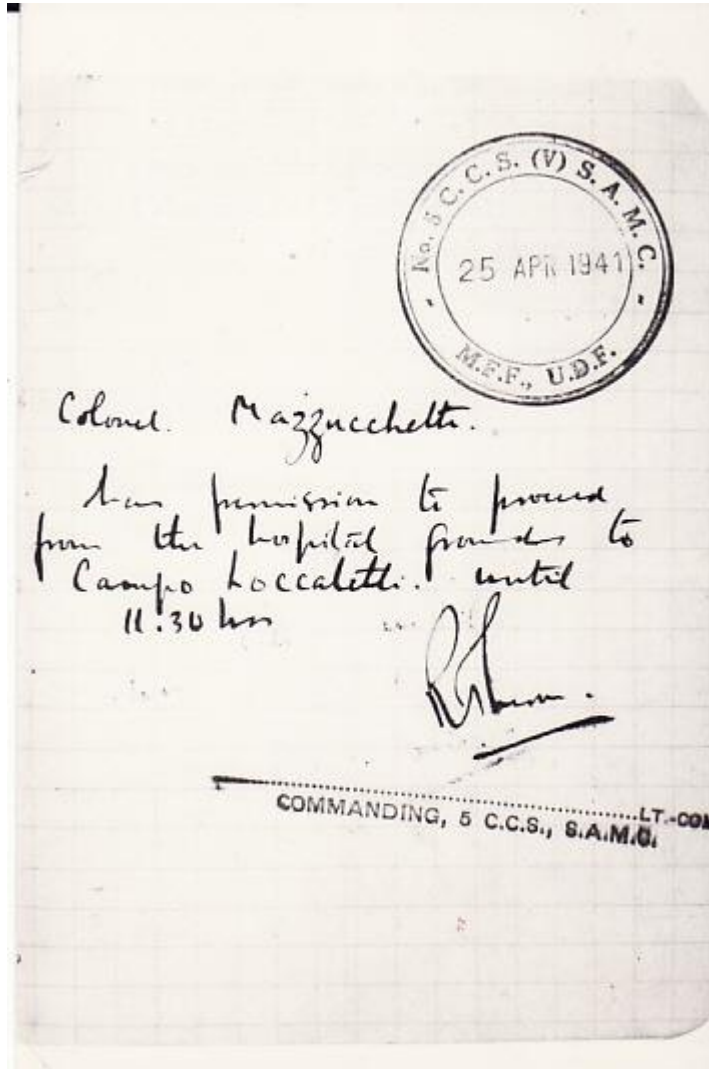


<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/2420.jpg>: "1941(Oct 20) Stampless envelope to Manchester endorsed On Active Service & cancelled EA APO 71 date stamp located Berbera & with boxed bi-lingual Passed By Censor / MFF No 382 UDF hand stamp [Daynes SA 101] [...] The reverse is complete but grubby with vertical creases which are not apparent on the face & No postal markings are on the reverse".



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-KE-VII-1-2D-GB-SENT-FROM-SOMALILAND-TO-USA/383217107840?hash=item5939850380:g:790AAOSwQcJaJDUj> Letter from E.A. APO 71 (Somaliland) to California, with EVIII postage stamp Great Britain.

1941: Italian PoW camp in British-re-occupied Somaliland

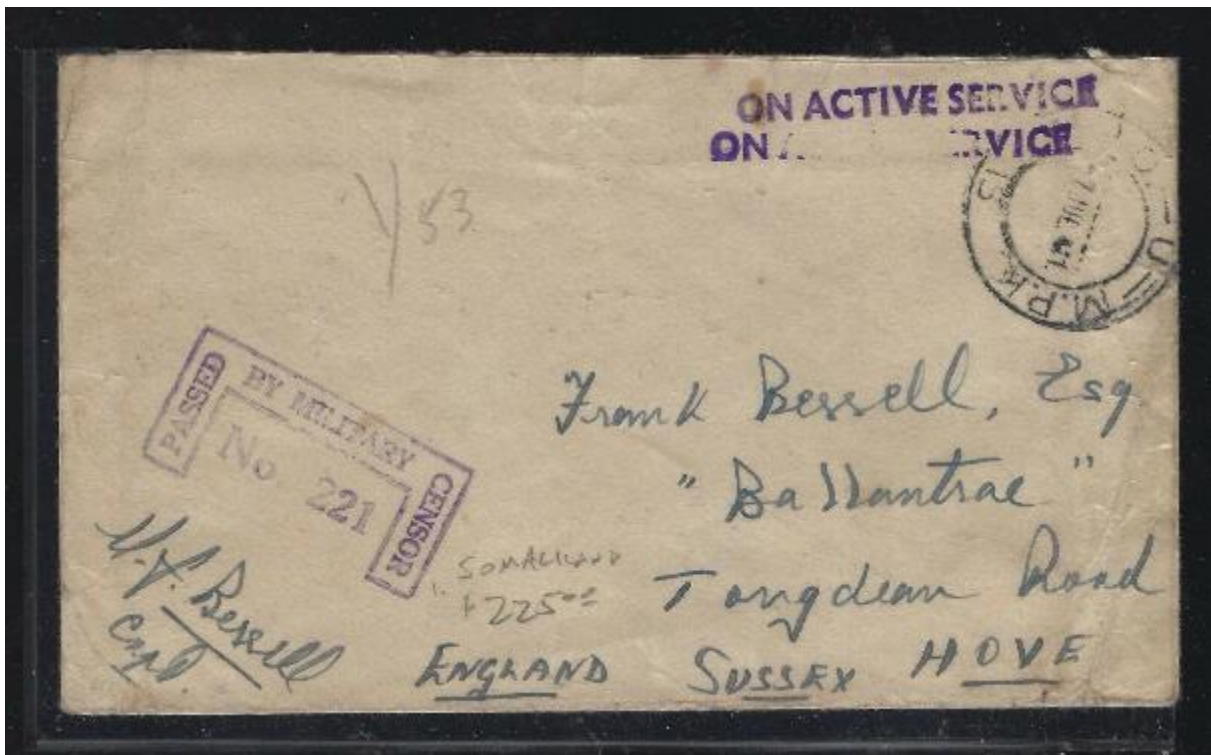


<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/3124.jpg>: "1941(Apr 25) Photographic postcard of Pass to proceed from hospital grounds issued to Italian POW at Camp Locatelli showing circular No 5 C.C.S. (V) S.a.M.C. /25 Apr 1941 /M.E.F. U.D.F. date stamp & with unframed Lt. Col/Commanding 5 C.C.S., S.A.M.C. hand stamp with facsimile signature above + 65 x 80mm photographic piece of Danane POW Camp hand stamp used on Official Mail....2 items not postally used".

1941/'42: soldier's letters during the war



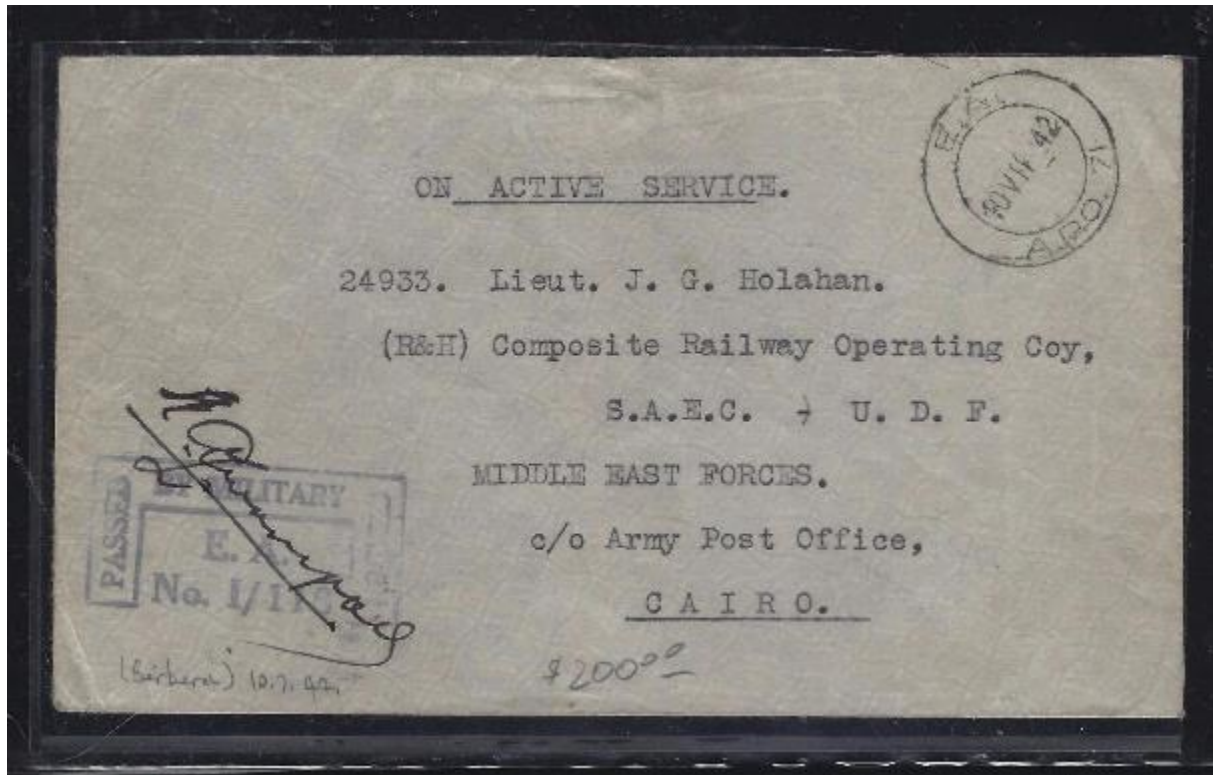
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<https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-OAS-APO-CENSOR-COVER-TO-ENGLAND/383217101559? trkparms=aid%3D1110001%26algo%3DSPLICE.SIM%26ao%3D2%26asc%3D20160323102634%26meid%3Ded69df5f859f4b8dbc7b529535ae48f9%26pid%3D100623%26rk%3D4%26rkt%3D6%26sd%3D123943589152%26itm%3D383217101559%26pmt%3D0%26noa%3D1%26pg%3D2047675%26algv%3DSimplAMLv5PairwiseWeb& trksid=p2047675.c100623.m-1>: letter sent from Somaliland to England 'on active service', without postage stamps, but with censor marks. Cancellation: A.P.O. – U – M.P.K. 15; 7 July 1941.



<https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1942-CENSOR-OAS-TO-ENGLAND/123943589152? trkparms=aid%3D1110001%26algo%3DSPLICE.SIM%26ao%3D2%26asc%3D20160323102634%26meid%3Ded69df5f859f4b8dbc7b529535ae48f9%26pid%3D100623%26rk%3D4%26rkt%3D6%26sd%3D123943589152%26itm%3D383217101559%26pmt%3D0%26noa%3D1%26pg%3D2047675%26algv%3DSimplAMLv5PairwiseWeb& trksid=p2047675.c100623.m-1>: Soldier's letter from Somaliland to England 'on active service', with cancellation E.A. A.P.O. 55; 23 VIII 1942, and censor mark 'passed by military censor' E.A. No HA11'.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1942-CENSOR-OAS-TO-EGYPT/383217101389?hash=item593984ea4d:g:Lt0AAOSwySlajDjx> : Soldier's letter from Somaliland to Cairo 'on active service', with cancellation E.A. A.P.O. 71; 10 VII 1942, and censor mark 'passed by military censor' E.A. No 1/118.

1941: Censored soldier's letter to the UK



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/109/8538.jpg: "Ethiopia: World War II: Censored Mail: 1941 (Dec. 5) "O.A.S." envelope to England, franked by British Somaliland 3a. (3), tied by "A.P.O. 63" datestamps (used at Neghelli) with shield censor mark".

1942: George VI, new image

Specimen stamps:



www.specimenstamps.com



½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8613

1 anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=2281

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12 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28377

1 rupee: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28378



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3 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8619

5 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8620

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https://delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/001/293/308/683_001.jpg?v=3 Postmark Hargeisa, 27 April 1942

1943: soldier's letter during the war



<https://www.ebay.ca/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1943-OAS-APO-CENSOR-COVER-TO-ENGLAND/383217103588?trkparms=aid%3D1110001%26algo%3DSPLICE.SIM%26ao%3D2%26asc%3D20160323102634%26meid%3D033d3a65738f401391bed506baf5d9da%26pid%3D100623%26rk%3D3%26rkt%3D6%26sd%3D123943590462%26itm%3D383217103588%26pmt%3D0%26noa%3D1%26pg%3D2047675%26algv%3DSi mplAMLv5PairwiseWeb&trksid=p2047675.c100623.m-1>: Letter from Somaliland to England, 'On active service', without a postage stamp, but with cancellation E.A. A.P.O. 65; 18 IV 1943, and censor mark 'Passed by Military Censor No 160'.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-1943-WW2-AIRLETTER-CENSORED/351583281427?hash=item51dbff2113:g:8jMAAOSwlwhWTdrx>: censored airmail letter from Somaliland to England. Postmark APO, rest not visible.

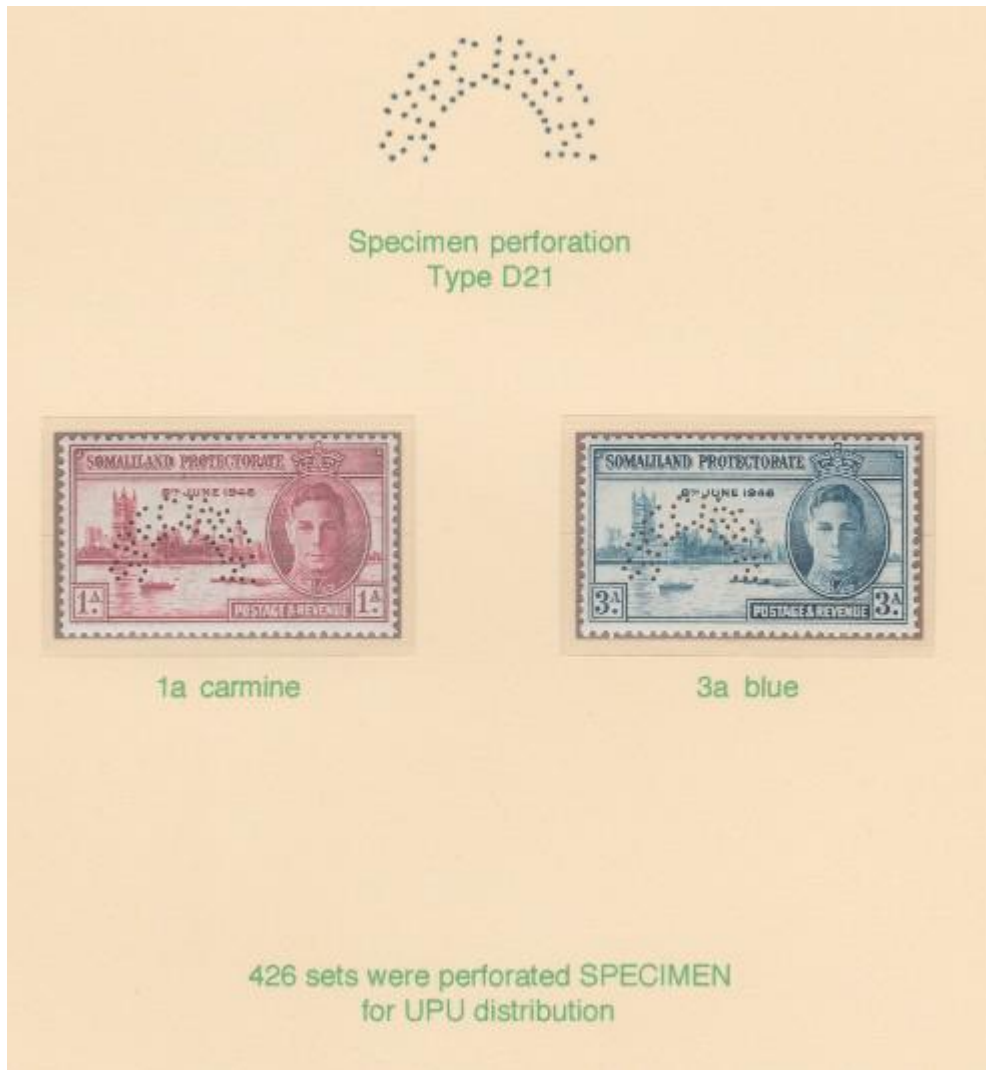
1945: Soldier's letter from British Somaliland to the UK



<https://mikewhiteuk.com/images/5762.jpg>: "1945 (May 6) A.F. W3078 Active Service Privilege Envelope by airmail to Bagshot, Surrey from the Dickerson correspondence bearing British Somaliland pair & single 3a tied E. A. APO 71 cds located at Berbera & with violet Crown over Shield /Passed By Censor /525 + Plain white re-sealing label tied by violet framed Passed By Base Censor /E.A. No. IV /01 (Henning EA B5) & with on reverse violet O/18 within circle [...] Nice triple rate airmail unusually with the Base censor using an improvised plain re-sealing label".

6 British Protectorate 1946-1960

1946: Victory



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/684-SOMALILAND-1946-KG6-VICTORY-SPECIMEN-set-of-2-only-426-produced/382758961525?hash=item591e364175:g:~74AAOSwuARcUwbb>



1 anna and 3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&plD=2279

M101-102 (nr 101 1 anna with two types of perforations 14:14 ¼ and 13 ½).



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-PP0312B-KGVI-PEACE-SET-REG-HARGEISA-TO-ENGLAND/123868508238?hash=item1cd723704e:g:GbsAAOSwO7haJIBC>: Letter Hargeisa to England, 15 Oct. 1946.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-PP0312B-KGVI-PEACE-SET-REG-ZEILA-TO-ENGLAND/383217101683?hash=item593984eb73:g:INYAAOSwklhJlAM> Letter from Zeilah to England, 15 April 1947.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-PP0312B-KGVI-PEACE-SET-REG-BURAO-TO-ENGLAND/383217101037?hash=item593984e8ed:g:nGYAAOSwR2RaJH7b> Letter from Burao to England, 15 4 1947.

1946: Soldier's letter after the war

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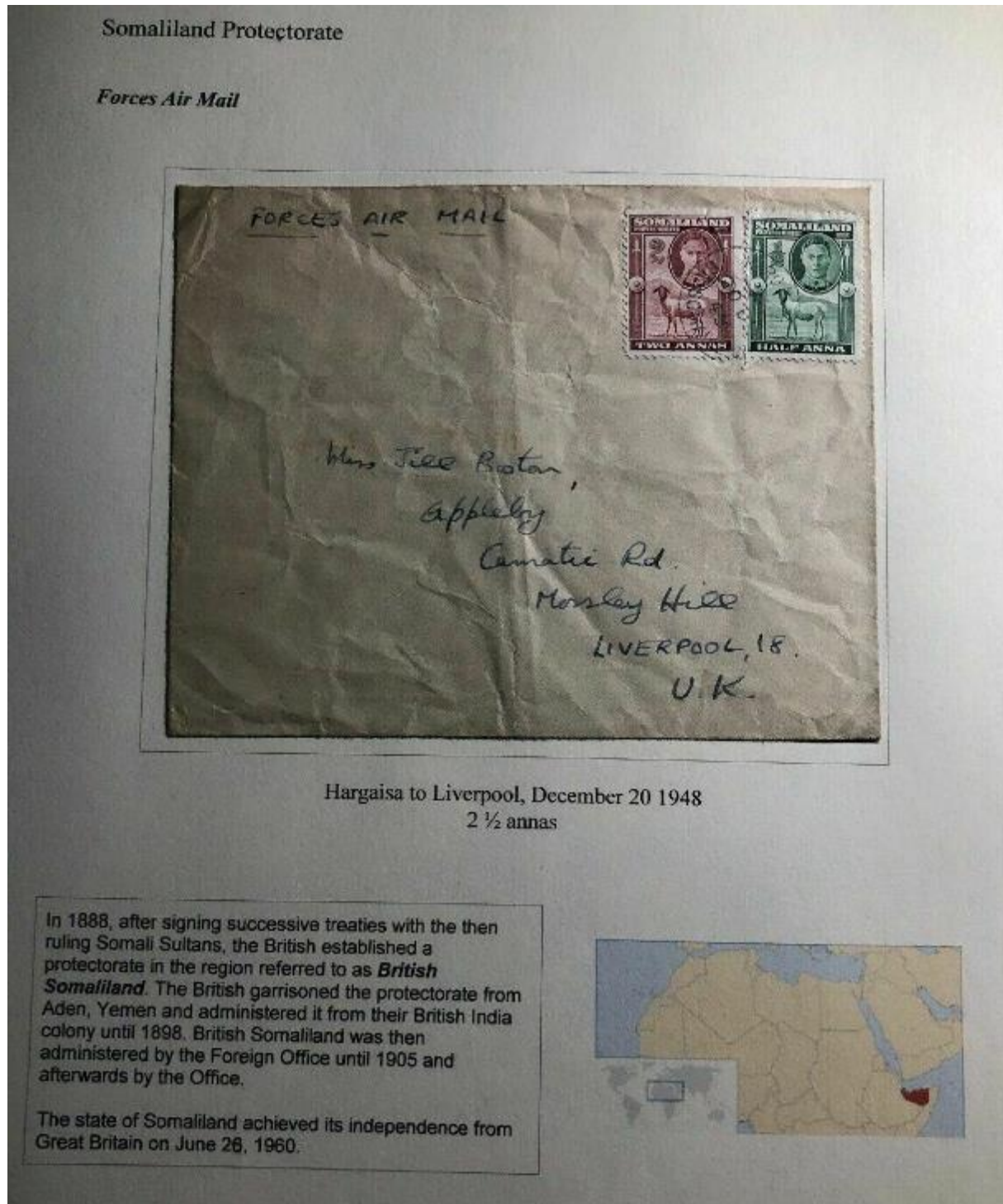
<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/569.jpg>: "British Somaliland 1946 Hargeisa Official Stampless ex Signal Coy Cachet in Violet Sent to England; SCARCE", (Compustamp).

1947: Cover British Military to the UK



http://www.grosvenorauctions.com/dyn_pages/stamp_images/109/8540.jpg: "Ehiopia: Military Mail: 1947 (May 12) envelope to England, franked by Somaliland 1/2a. and 1a. tied by Hargeisa c.d.s., with double circular "HEADQUARTERS BRITISH MILITARY ETHIOPIA" cachet in violet".

1948: Airmail forces from Somaliland to England



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/1948-Hargaisa-Somaliland-Forces-Airmail-Cover-To-Liverpool-England/401827892848?hash=item5d8ecf0e70:g:t0IAAOSwl2ddmq-4>

1949: Silver Jubilee



1 anna and 5 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&plD=2278

M103-104



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09485/S312/3326.jpg>: "SOMALILAND FIRST DAY COVERS - Includes Silver Wedding (2), 1937 Coronation (6), 1953 Coronation, VF". (Eastern Auctions). Postmark Hargeisa.

1949: UPU 75 years



1 anna, 3 annas, 6 annas, and 12 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=2282

M105-108



https://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/959/366/153_001.jpg?v=1 Postmark Berbera
24 October 1949.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-PP0312B-KGVI-UPU-SET-BERBERA-LOCAL-COVER/383094391037?hash=item59323480fd:g:tfMAAOSwRbtaJH3r>: Letter Hargeisa to England, 15 06 1949.

1951: new currency



5 cents on ½ anna: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8602

10 cents on 2 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8606

15 cents on 3 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8607



20 cents on 4 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8611

30 cents on 6 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8605

50 cents on 8 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=28406



70 cents On 12 annas: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8603

1 shilling on 1 rupee: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8610

2 shillings on 2 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=45669



2 shillings on 3 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8608

5 shillings on 5 rupees: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=8609

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<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09535/S1/G2432.jpg>: "1952 envelope to England endorsed 'Forces Air Mail' bearing a 5c on ½A and a 20c on 4A, cancelled HARGEYSA B.P.O. 20 DE 52". (David Morrison).

1953 Coronation Elizabeth II

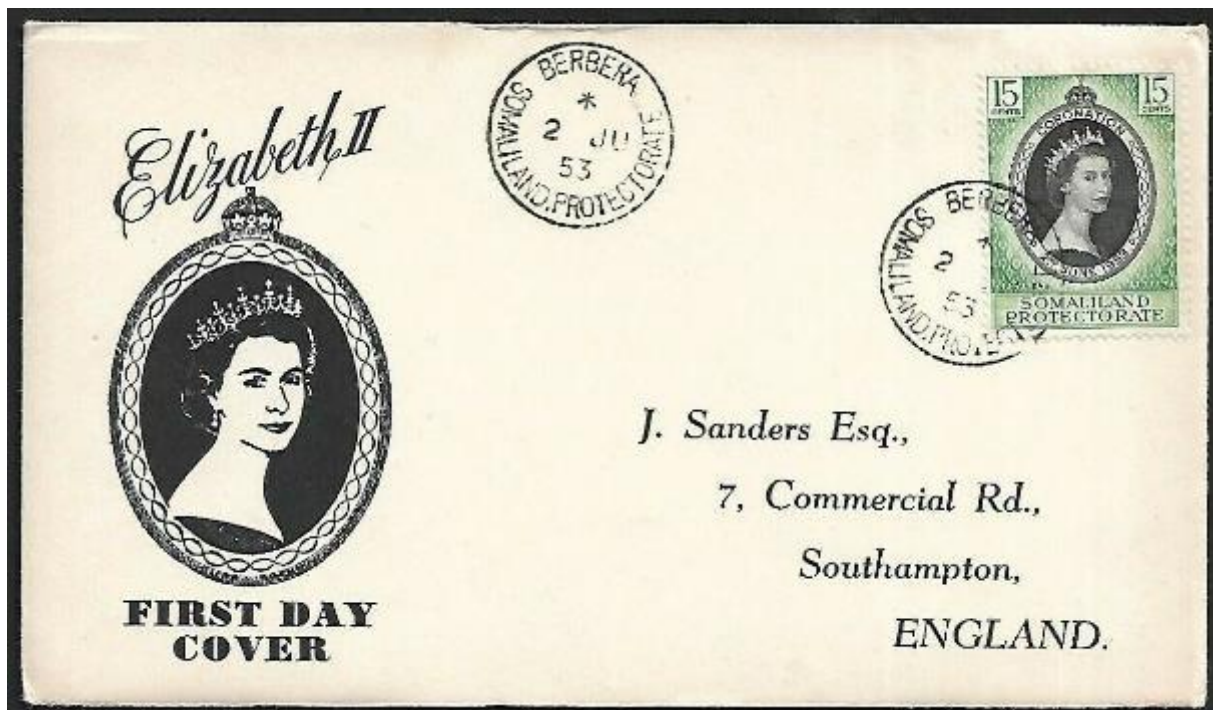


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<https://www.ebay.com/itm/Somaliland-Protectorate-1953-Coronation-pictorial-FDC-used-Berbera/164126920192?hash=item2636ba0e00:g:BowAAOSw4wZeBvC7> Postmark Berbera



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/UK-Somaliland-Protectorate-Old-FDC-Cover-Elizabeth-II-Coronation-1953/174091607536?hash=item2888ab1df0:g:qDEAAOSwkyRdpORT> Postmark Hargeisa



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/1953-Somaliland-Coronation-to-England-FDC-first-day-cover-QE2-Queen-Elizabeth-II/401211903703?hash=item5d6a17ced7:g:VsgAAOSwGf5dmq9c>



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/1953-Somaliland-Coronation-to-England-first-day-cover-QE2-Queen-Elizabeth-II-FDC/401252755663?hash=item5d6c8728cf:g:nE8AAOSwzBBdmq93>



<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/SOMALILAND-PROTECTORATE-1953-KG6-QEII-REGd-COVER/283812611793?hash=item42148cc6d1:g:nzsAAOSwP2ZeaktO>: registered letter from Hargeisa to England, 1953, cancellation Hargeisa.

1953 Queen Elizabeth II and local images



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09315/S201909/4715.jpg>: "1958 QEII Pictorial 1s30 (SG 145). Archival Photo-Essay in near-issued design on portion of record book page dated "19 Mar 58". VF, important archival piece, likely unique. PRINTERS RECORD BOOK PHOTO-ESSAYS: Bradbury Wilkinson Ltd

maintained daily record books reflecting the various works in progress. These records were in photographic format and comprise then-contemporary photographs of the various artworks, handpainted essays, accepted & unaccepted designs in progress. When dates are shown these are the entry dates into the archive record books. By way of comparison to archival materials of the other stamp printers these photographic records can for Bradbury Wilkinson be likened to the so-called "day book" die proofs affixed to the ledger pages in the De La Rue records. As with the De La Rue day book items these Bradbury Wilkinson pieces are similarly important and typically unique. Provenance: Can be reconciled with images of the intact archive prior to distribution".



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1 shilling: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=18739

1 shilling 30 cents: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=2294 (1958)

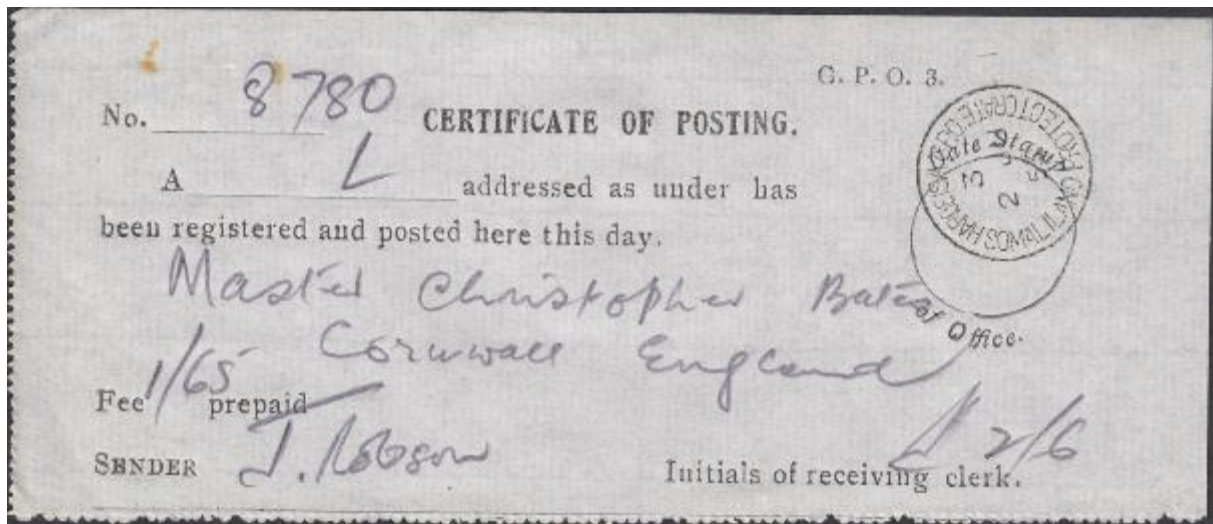


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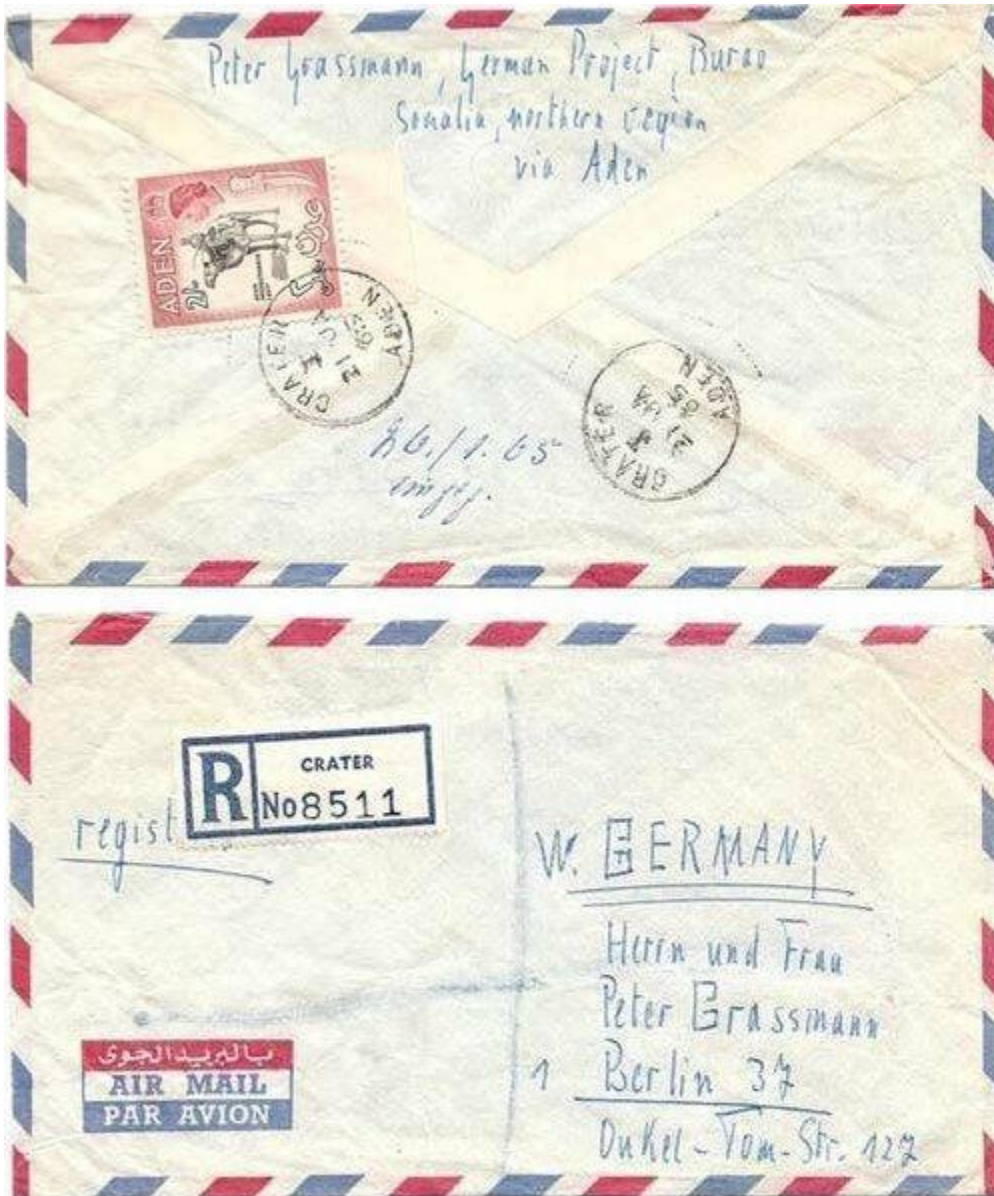


<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09562/S1/1239.jpg>: "1953 'Certificate of Posting' form for registered item to Cornwall, England, cancelled 'HARGEISA G.P.O.'".



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09535/S1/K3197.jpg>: "1958 envelope sent air mail to England with a 20c and a 5c cancelled 20 MR 58. On arrival the cover was redirected to Cyprus with a G.B. 6d cancelled 24 MR 58. On the backflap is a P.M.C. OFFICERS' MESS / SOMALILAND SCOUTS handstamp and an 'Orderly Room 19 MAR 1958 / Overland Scouts' handstamp. An interesting item of inter forces forwarded mail" (David Morrison).

1955: Outgoing mail from Somaliland via Aden



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/1338.jpg>: "British Somaliland 1964 Burao Envelope Registered Airmail Mailed via Crater Aden Bearing Aden 2Shillings QEII Adhesive Sent to Germany; Return Address on Flap Notes "German Project Burao / Somalia, northern region / via Aden" (Compustamp). Postmark Crater, Aden, 1955.

1957: Opening of the Legislative Council



Overprint on 20 cents and 1 shilling: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=40902

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1960: Legislative Council, Unofficial Majority



20 cents and 1 shilling 30 cents: http://kayatana.com/index.php?main_page=popup_image&pID=18735

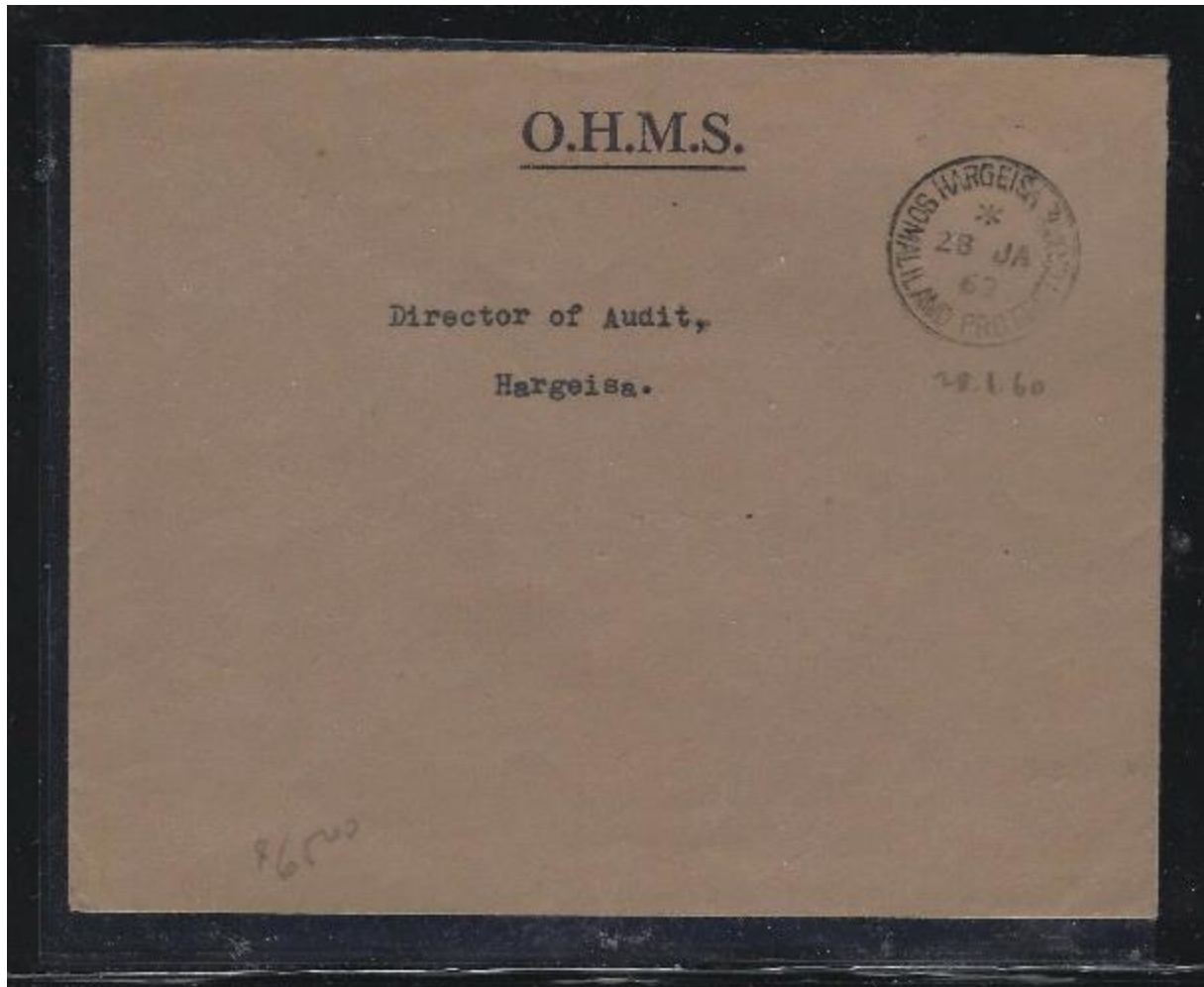
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<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0412B-1960-QEII-1-30-LEGIS-COUNCIL-A-M-TO-IRELAND/123868506623?hash=item1cd72369ff:g:u9wAAOSw5VtaJZrF> Airmail Letter from Hargeisa to Ireland, 11 April 1960.



https://thumbs.worthpoint.com/zoom/images1/1/0511/22/somaliland-1960-reg-ge2-council-ovpts_1_d5372373c7a068a1ad6352a548609cf2.jpg



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-COVER-P0312B-1960-OHMS-STAMPLESS-FROM-HARGEISA-LOCAL/123943593846?hash=item1cdb9d2776:g:P1cAAOSwtnpaJDYO> Stampless cover, O.H.M.S., within Hargeisa, 28 January 1960.

7 Independent Somaliland in 1960 and Somaliland as part of Somali Republic, 1960 onwards

On 26 June 1960 British Somaliland became Independent, with the purpose to join, five days later, with former Italian Somaliland to become Independent (Greater) Somalia. The (brief) Independence of Somaliland was celebrated philatelically with the issuing of three stamps, which the British Postal Agencies in Hargeisa had bought from the authorities in Mogadiscio, and which were overprinted with 'Somaliland Independence 26 June 1960'. According to many catalogues the validity of these three stamps was restricted to only five days, but as the example below shows, the stamps have also been used on later letters.



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/SOMALILAND-1960-SG-353-5-MNH-Cat-140/173846368832?hash=item287a0d1240:g:NgQAAOSWJBhcf9TQ>

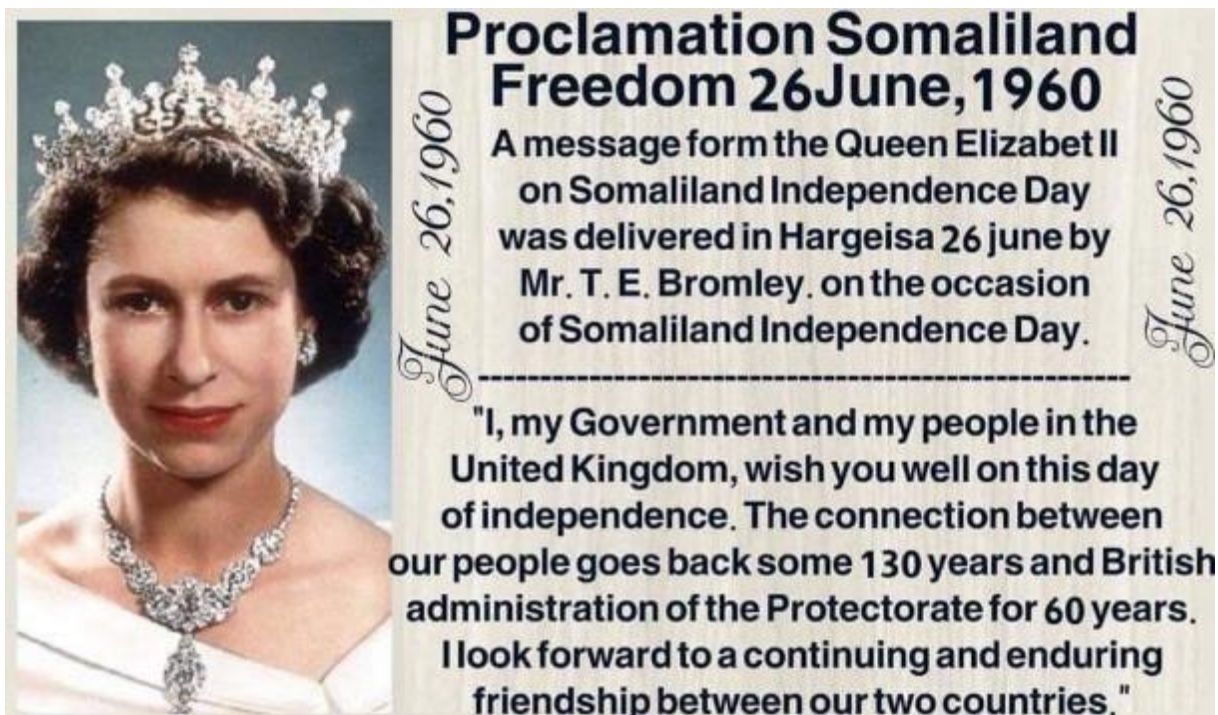
M Somalia 1 + 2-3.



Filitalia 17/4, p. 2: "Registered letter from the Postmaster General in Hargeisa, Somali Republic, to London, sent on 25 September 1960".

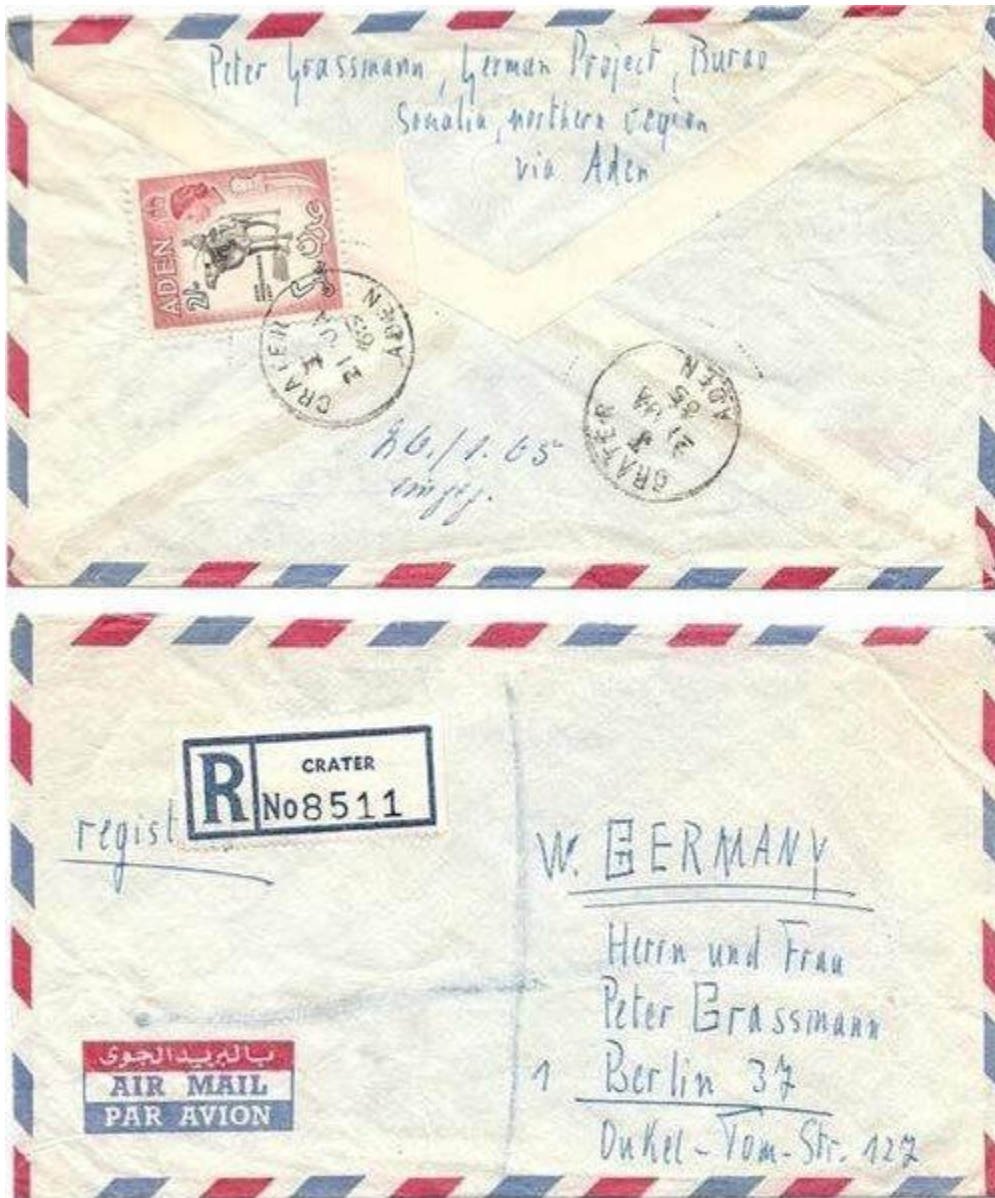


https://mancrymf.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/fullsizeoutput_2753.jpeg?w=219&h=300 : "...the first and only leader of this quicksilver republic was Muhammad Haji Ibrahim Egal, a veteran of British rule. Egal was a political leader before independence, a member of both the Executive Council and the Legislative Council that spent three years planning for independence.".



<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/e3/8b/b5/e38bb59020ef293128c8add462595d39.jpg>

German project in Burao, 1964, sent via Aden



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09666/S1/1338.jpg>: "British Somaliland 1964 Burao Envelope Registered Airmail Mailed via Crater Aden Bearing Aden 2Shillings QEII Adhesive Sent to Germany; Return Address on Flap Notes "German Project Burao / Somalia, northern region / via Aden"; VERY SCARCE" (Compustamp).

8 A summary of postmarks illustrated in this APH

Postmark	2	3	5	6	7
APO			+		
B	+	+			
Berbera (Barbar, Barbara)	+	+++		+	
Berbera British Consulate		+			
Burao		+		+	(+)
Hargeisa/ Hargeysa			+	++	+
Overland postage		+			
Paquebot Aden		+			
Sheikh		+			
Zaila/Zeilah/Zeila	+	+		+	

2: < 1903

3: 1903-1940

4: 1940-1941 (Italian)

5: 1940-1946 (British)

6: 1946-1960

7: 1960 and afterwards

9 A note on sources

For this APH about British Somaliland mostly internet sources have been used. The exception are illustrations from Filitalia, the magazine of a Dutch philatelic club for collectors of Italy and its colonies and areas, as well as illustrations from the collection of Vincent Prange, the chairperson of Filitalia. Partly the internet sources were general websites like Wikipedia and Wikimedia, or philatelic parts of general auction websites, like Ebay or Delcampe. But a lot of illustrations and explanations came from specialised philatelic websites, like kayatana, stampdomain, Klaseboer, specimenstamps, corbitts, burda-auction, burcoonline, imperiumstamps, stampauctionnetwork, or john rice stamps, and other philatelic websites, like:

<https://www.grosvenorauctions.com/auctions>

<https://www.kelleherauctions.com>

<https://www.stampcircuit.com/stamp-Auction/david-feldman-sa>

www.balkanphila.com

<http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de>

www.interpostalseals.com

<http://zenius.kalnieceiai.lt/africa>

<https://mikewhiteuk.com>

<https://www.philasearch.com>: a conglomerate of auction houses and webshops:

- Chris Rainey
- Christ Stamps Webshop
- Christoph Gärtner Auktionshaus
- Compustamp
- Cover Story
- David Morrison
- Filat AG
- Grosvenor auctions
- James Bendon
- Lugdunum Philatelie
- Mark Bloxham
- Soler y Llach
- Spink London
- Victoria Stamp Company

There are also some books about the philatelic history of the area, like:

“The Postal History of Aden and Somaliland Protectorate” by Edward B Proud, Proud-Bailey Co Ltd, 2005, 360pp, ISBN 1872465412

“Postal Markings Somaliland Protectorate 1903-1960” by Germain Mentgen, privately published, 1997 (A detailed and comprehensive look at the postal and civil censorship markings, including the Somaliland Field Force (1903-04), Italian Occupation (1940-41), etc.).

“Somaliland Protectorate Administration of the Postal Affairs Through Aden G.P.O”., by M A Cox, in The Dhow, Volume 3, no. 1, March 2002, pp 15 - 19. The administration by the Aden G.P.O. occurred from 1941 to 1942.

Source: <http://www.stampdomain.com/country/somaliland/>

Other sources :

www.aberfoylesecurity.com

<https://alchetron.com>