

# Opinions

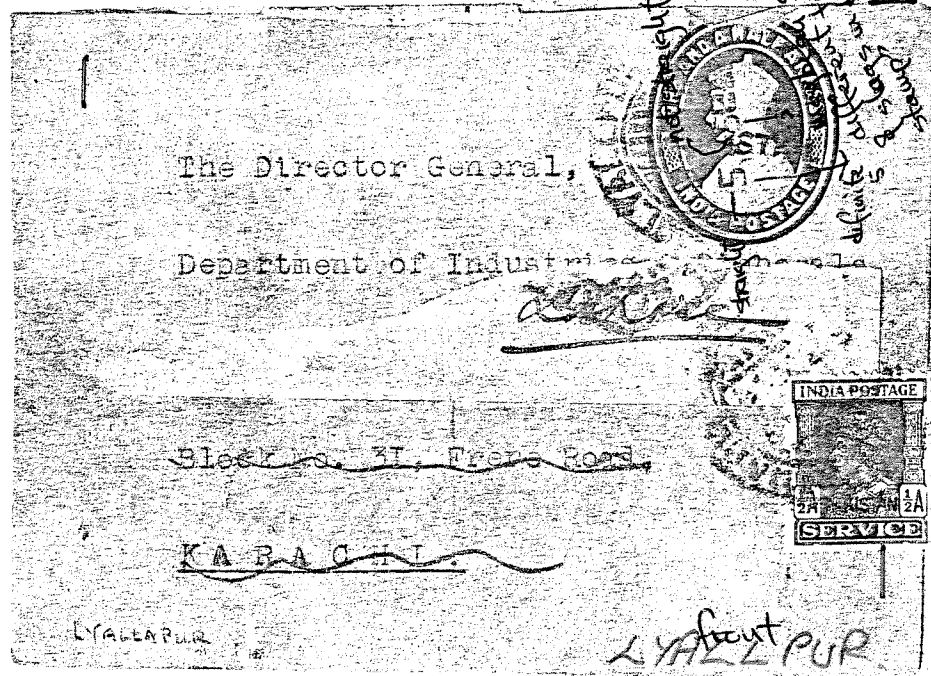
Expertization Decisions by Ron Doubleday  
on Indian Stamps & Postal Stationery  
Overprinted "**PAKISTAN**"

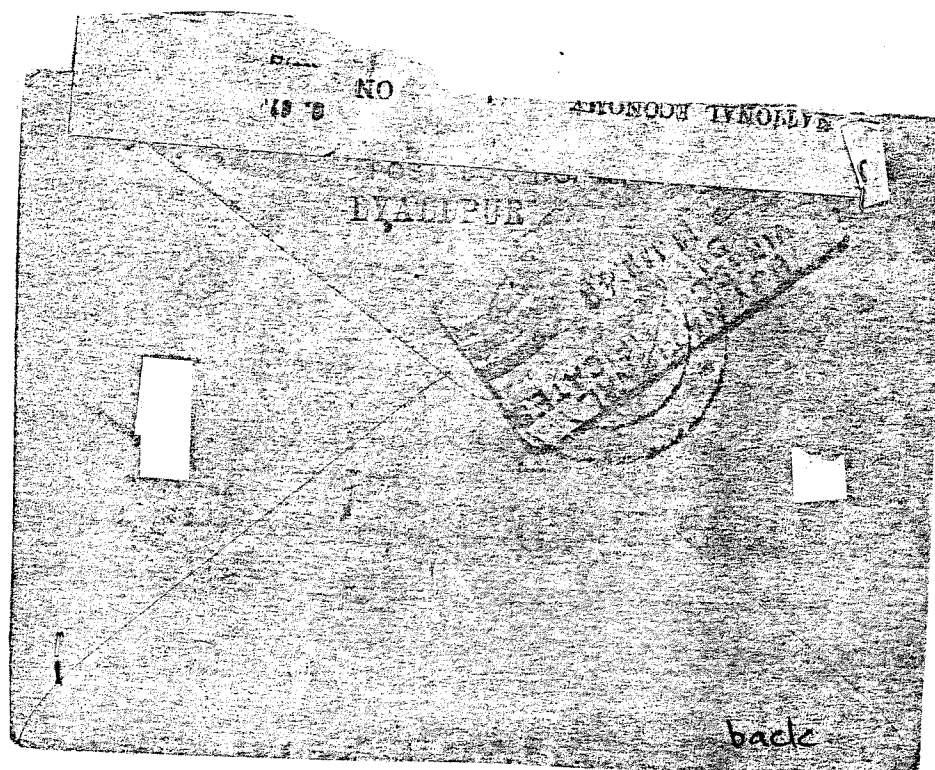
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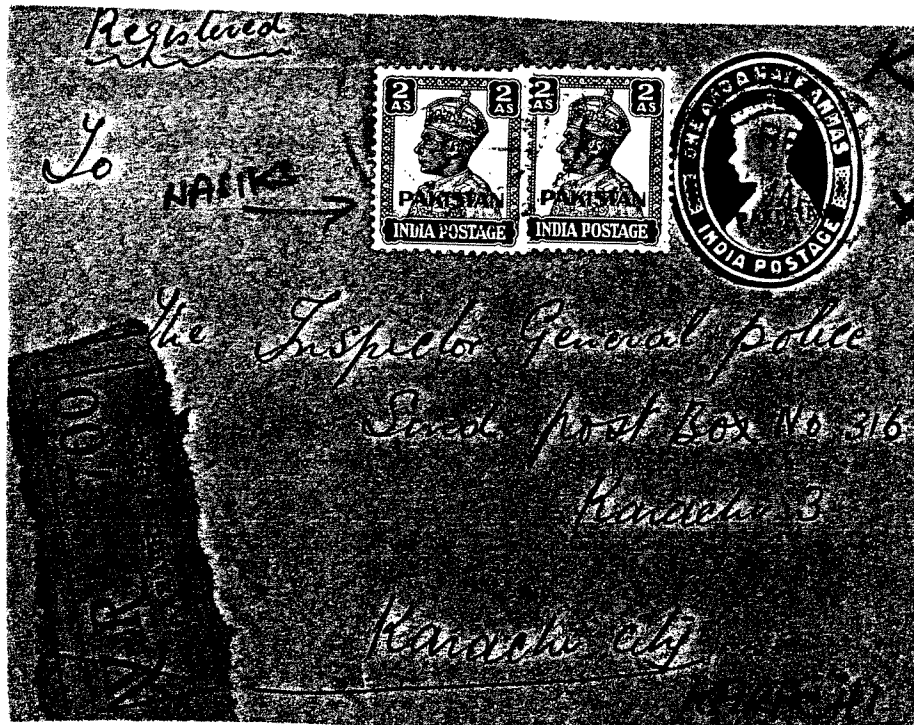
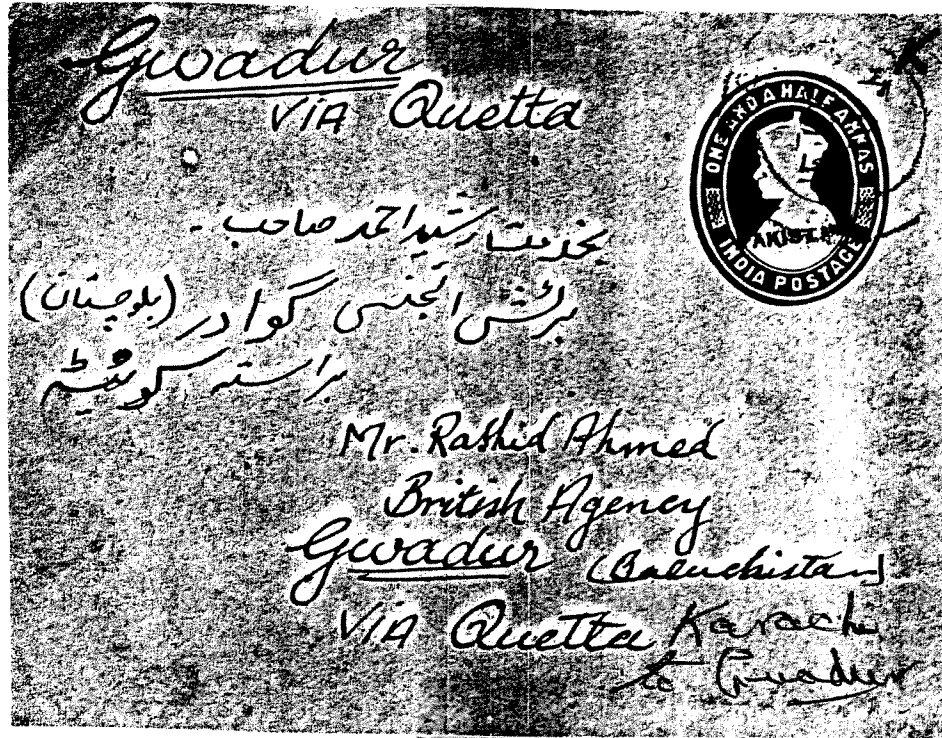
ANTHONY T. HOLLAND

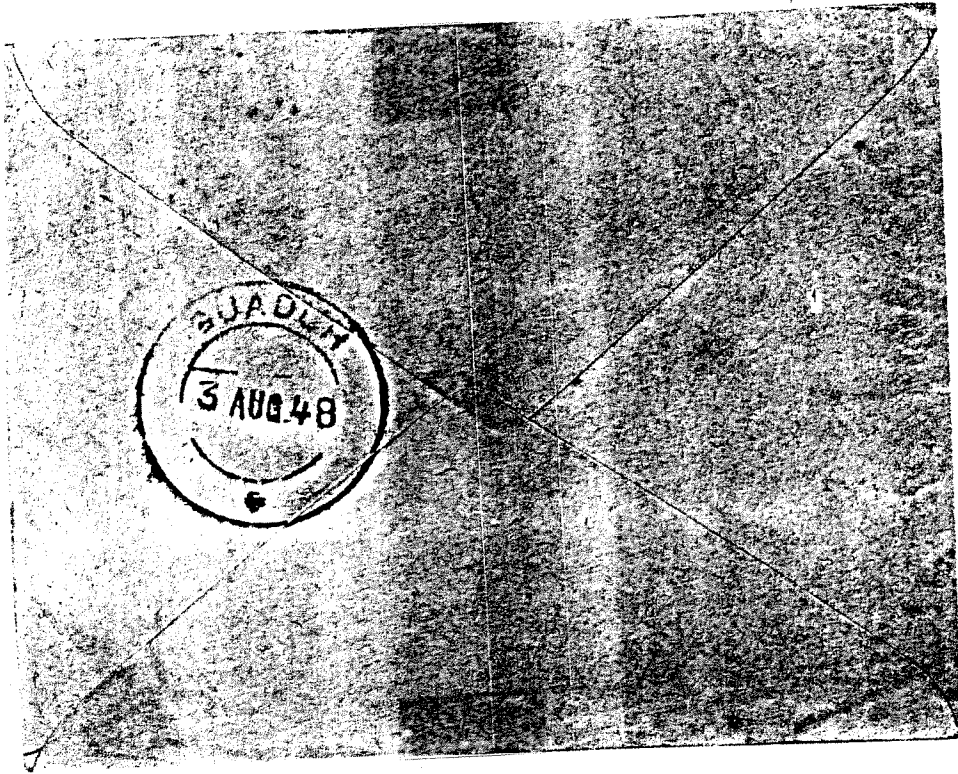
LYALPUE

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Intel. Gath.

Black H/S

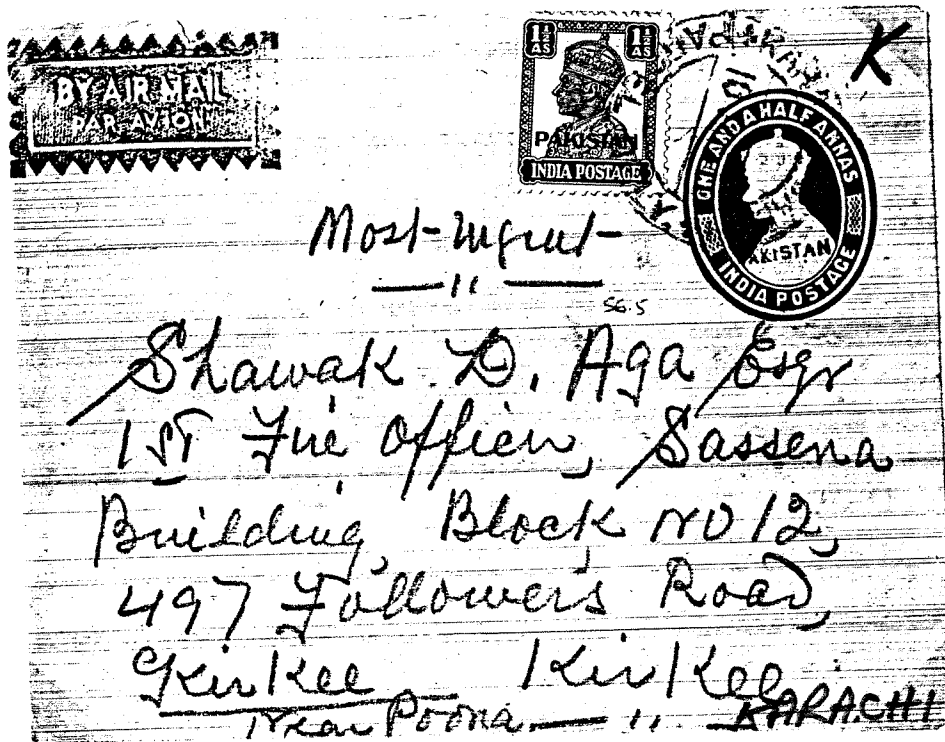
Black No Smg

Karachi

March 31, 1948

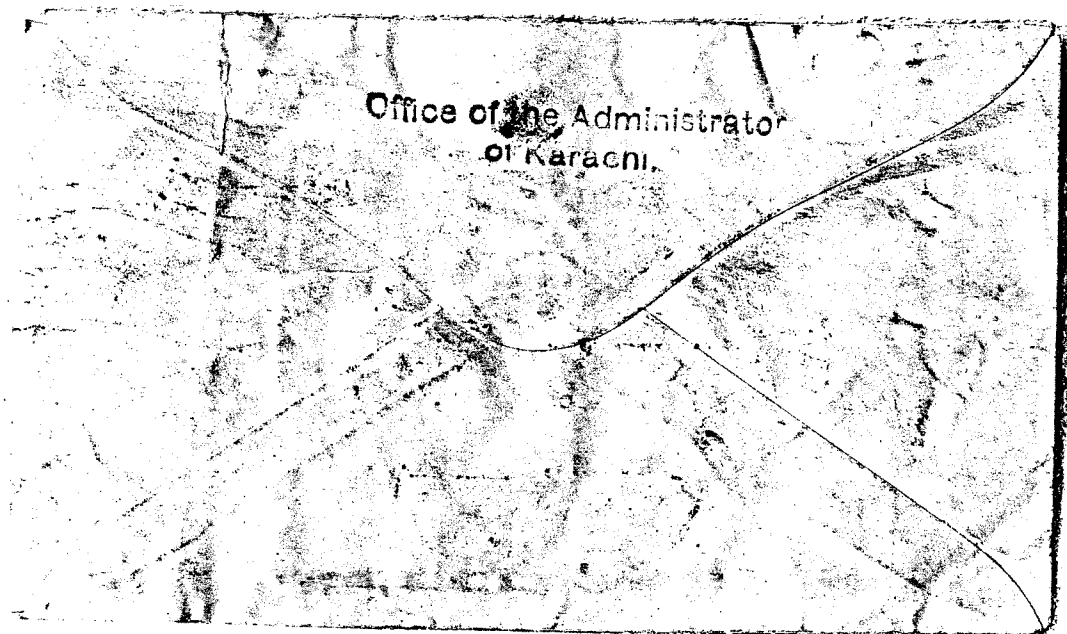
With 2-2mm (Hybrid?)

Registered - V.P. 700 altered to just R 700  
(or other significance?)



HI SADAE

КРАСН/



Inrel. Gath.

Black H/S

Black- with S

Karachi

March 3, 1948

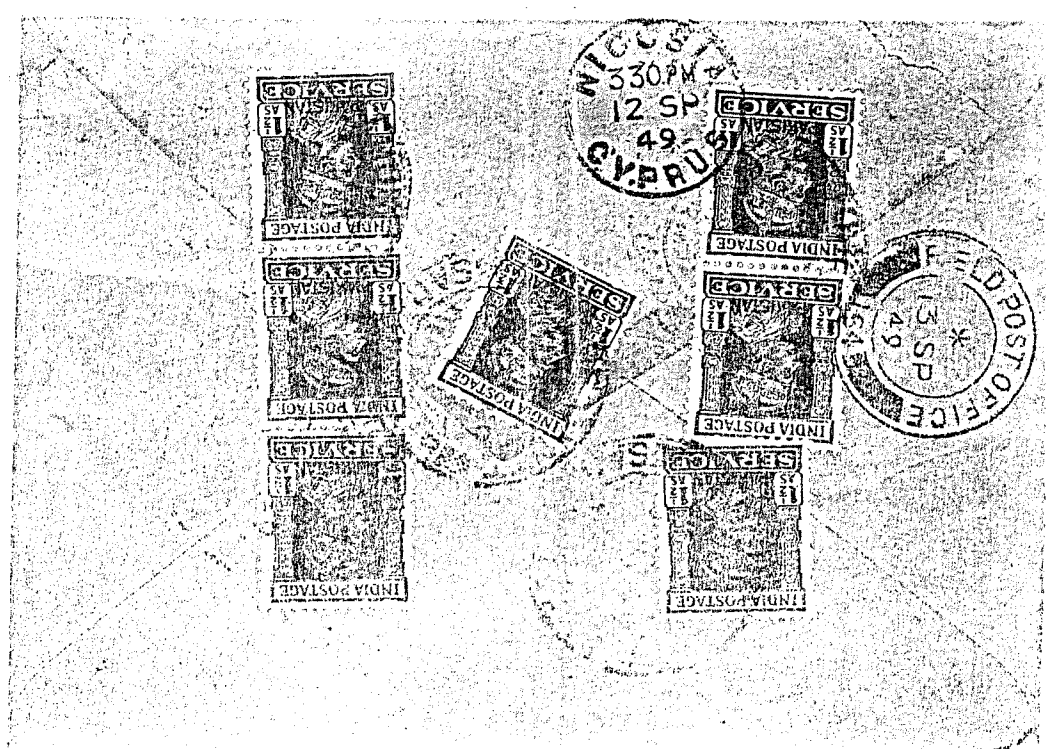
with 42 anna (42/1111)

(3)

K



KARACHI PRINT ON SERVICE





ACTIVE

SERVICE

R/EX/120/22/2

ఈ లక్షలోని వెళ్ళు, వెళ్ళవచ్చు  
లక్ష ఉపయోగింపకూడదు.

గమనింపవలసిన విషయము :-

ఈ లక్షలోనుండు ఉత్తరప్రభుత్వ  
ములు రెజిమెంట్ వలన వెంబర్ చేయ  
బడవలసిన అవకాశము లేదు. దీనిలోనున్నవి  
లేవ్ వద్ద పరిక్షింపబడును.

జాబు ప్రాయువులు ఈ క్రింది సర్టిఫి  
కేట్ ప్రకారము చేయవలయును.

ఈ లక్షలోనుండు ఉత్తరములో  
జాబులుంబయ్యవలసినవియు, స్వల్ప  
య విషయములుగా చేయవలయును.  
వచ్చి, వచ్చు సర్టిఫికేట్ చేయవలయును.

పంత్ కమిషన్, మద్రాసు, M.L.P.G 776-  
13.7.44-20 lacs

[ఈ లక్షలో మూడు ఉత్తరములవర  
కుమ వంపవచ్చును. కొని ఆ ఉత్తరములన్ని  
యును ఒకనివలన నే వ్రాయబడియుండవల  
యును. అట్టి విషయములలో ఈ లక్షలో  
లేవ్ పెంజారుకు పంపబడవలెను.]

పెరిల్ సము :

The Indian  
Oxygen Acetylene  
Co. Ltd  
G.T. Road  
Lahore

A.F.W. 3078 (Pushto)

شربت

EGYPTIAN  
TRANSPORT MARK

POSTAL  
NUMBER  
NOT  
LING LING

جنگل

دو لکھا دو سہ سئو روپياں کا تحفہ ہے جس سے  
دو لکھا دو سہ سئو روپياں کا تحفہ ہے جس سے  
دو لکھا دو سہ سئو روپياں کا تحفہ ہے جس سے

esbach Olsch

MACG

2547-1-3-42-10,000

CYPRUS

KARACHI





Intel. Garh

Purple H/S

Block - No Sry

Karachi

Date not discernable

Endorsed at top:

Stamped

Express Letter?

With 1/2 Anna (Hybrid?)

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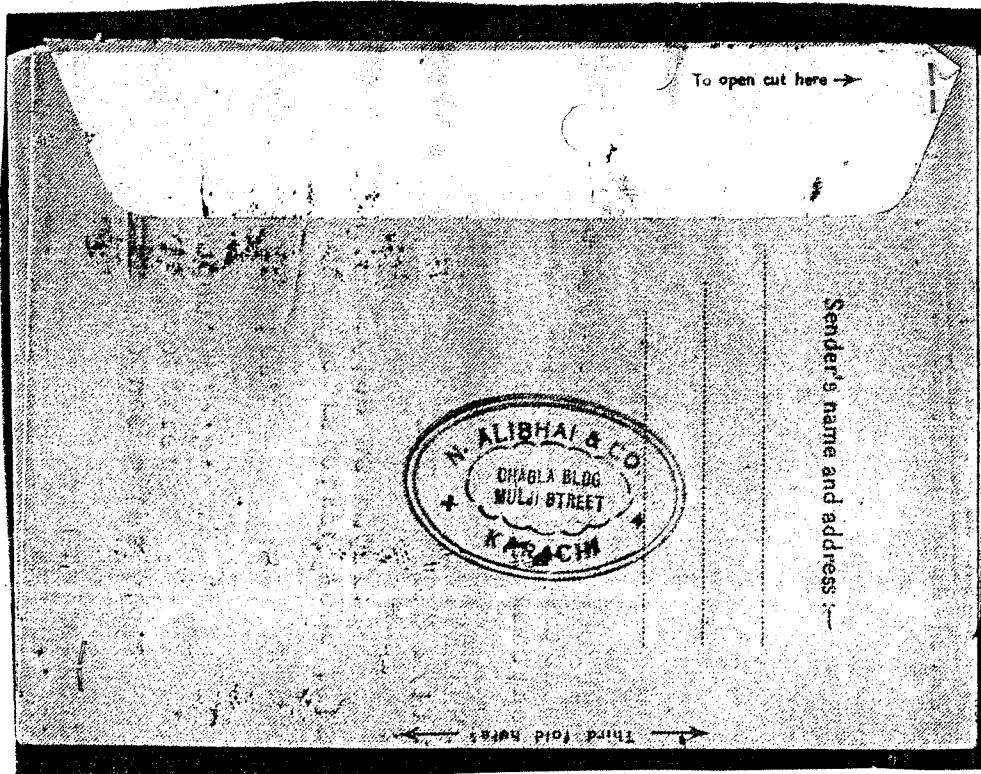
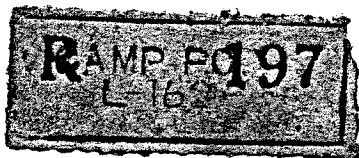
M. YUSAF DEURA  
MAJIDPURA  
SIALKOT CITY-PAKISTAN.

Registered.

157  
24/10 '90

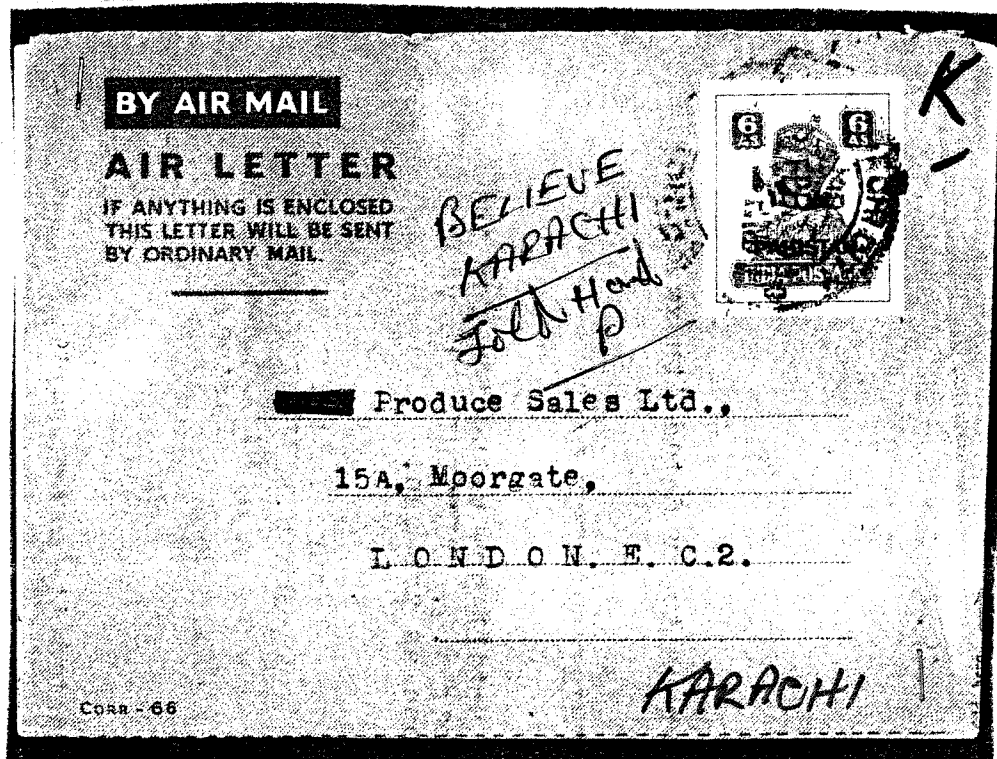
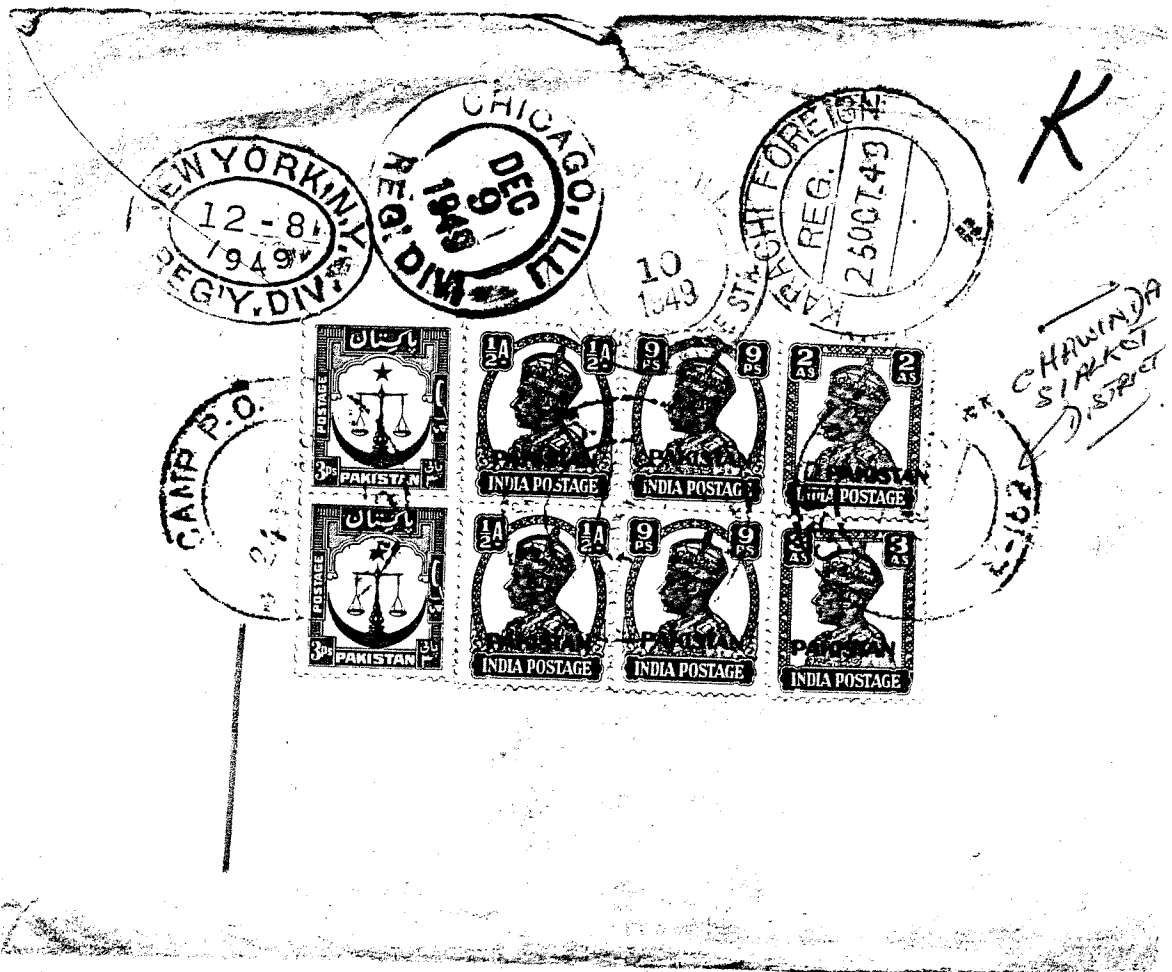
Mr. Edward C. Hopps.  
2246 Medill Ave.  
Chicago 47, Ill

(U.S.A.)



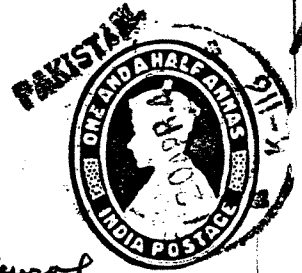
Sialkot City C.C.  
Cane Camp P.O.

Karachi Foreign  
1/2 a. = KARACHI  
9 p. = NASIK  
2 x 3 a. = KARACHI  
(or possibly  
77 (by hand))



By Air Mail

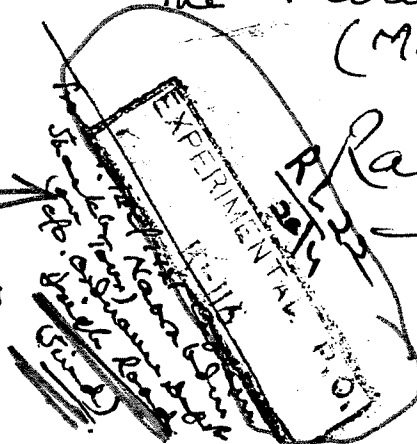
Registered



To: The Accountant General  
(Military), Pakistan

Planned

From  
Peshawar?



KARACHI EXPTL. P.O.  
K116

Keep for your  
records

17 16 1/2 x 3

POST CARD

THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED FOR THE ANSWER

ADDRESS ONLY

9 NOV 1948  
15 30 P.M.

9 Pies

PAKISTAN

INDIA POSTAGE

The Sardar

Saddar Bazar,

Peshawar.

M. A. GHANI  
Universal Stamp Seller No. 1115  
Muslim Market, P.O. (Fak)  
Peshawar, N.W.F.P.

NOT MUCH KNOWN OF THIS  
NOV 1948

9 Pies = USED IN KARACHI, IN  
PAKISTAN  
KARACHI.



K

R. D. B. Sweet Escott Esq.,

~~P.O. Box No. 84,~~

Mrs. W. J. Hart  
264 Victoria Drive  
Eastbourne  
Sussex Eng,  
—

~~Cotton Exchange,~~

~~Karachi,~~

1. S.  
E.



To  
 The Inspector  
 General  
 Special Central Police  
 Force  
 Pakistan Government  
 Karachi



To



The Inspector General Police  
 Pakistan

Ans. ——— Kanadi

Schubert/Maria LATRE LOHARI MANDI 19

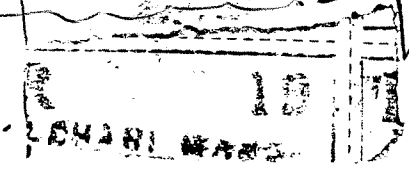
my Sir Bada.

Posti hari 39320.

Kuchi Bani 00

Liban.

KOHAT (USE)



#5 - H/s Purple - Serifs - Stop - 18 x 3  
Canc. Parachinar, Jan. 10, 1948

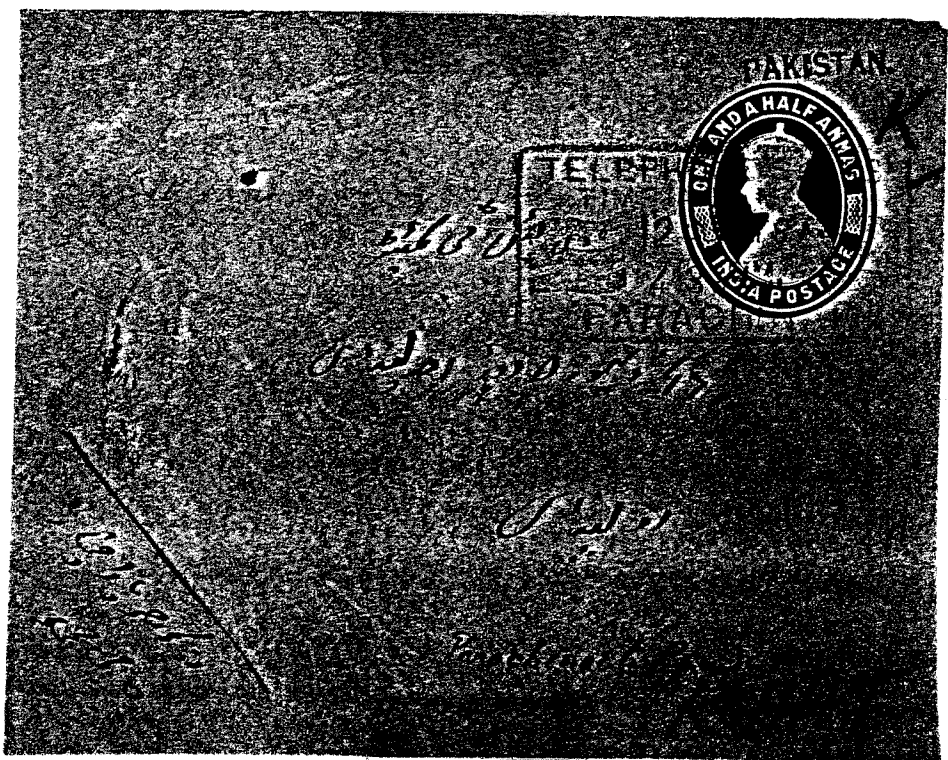
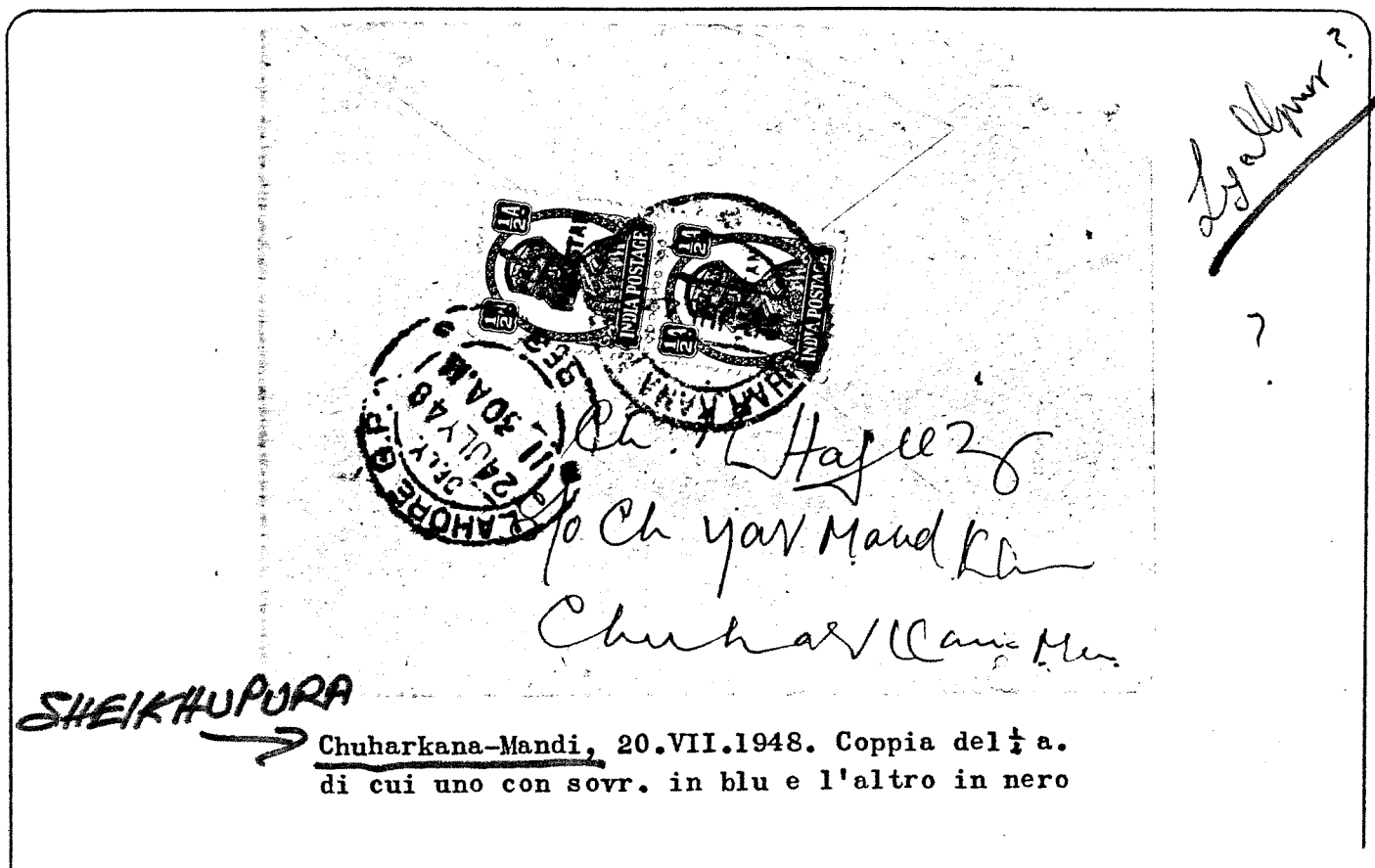
Kohat

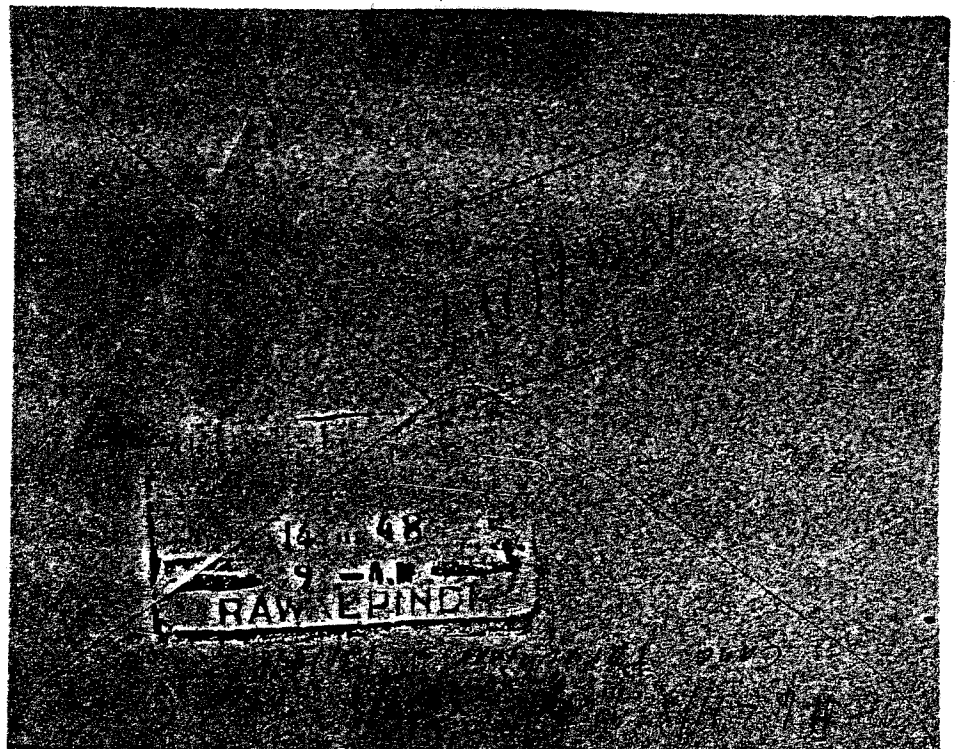
#4 - H/s Purple, Serifs, Stop, 18 x 3  
Canc. Lohari Wandi, Feb. 14, 1948

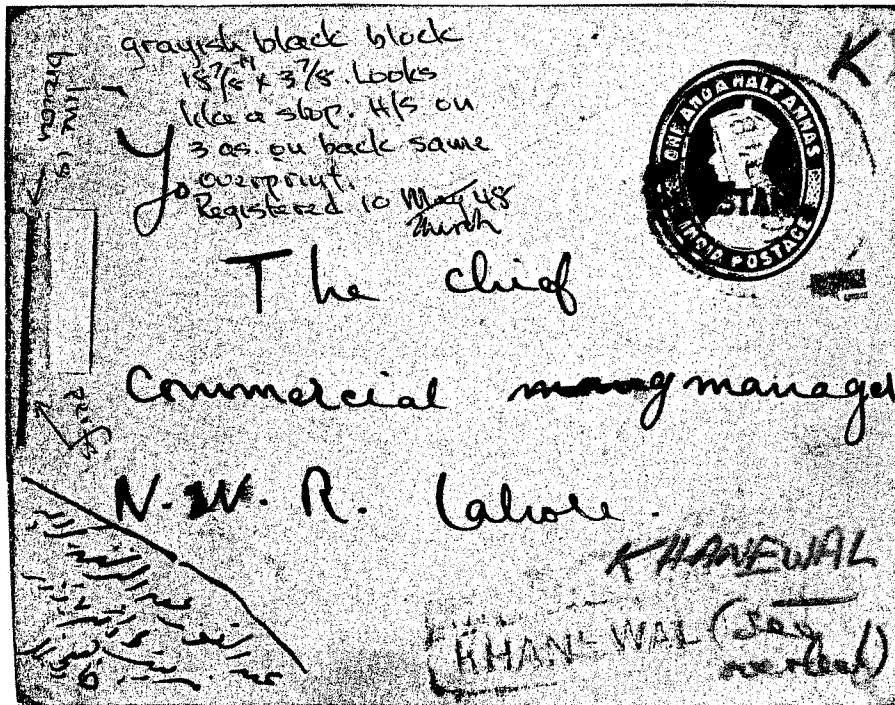
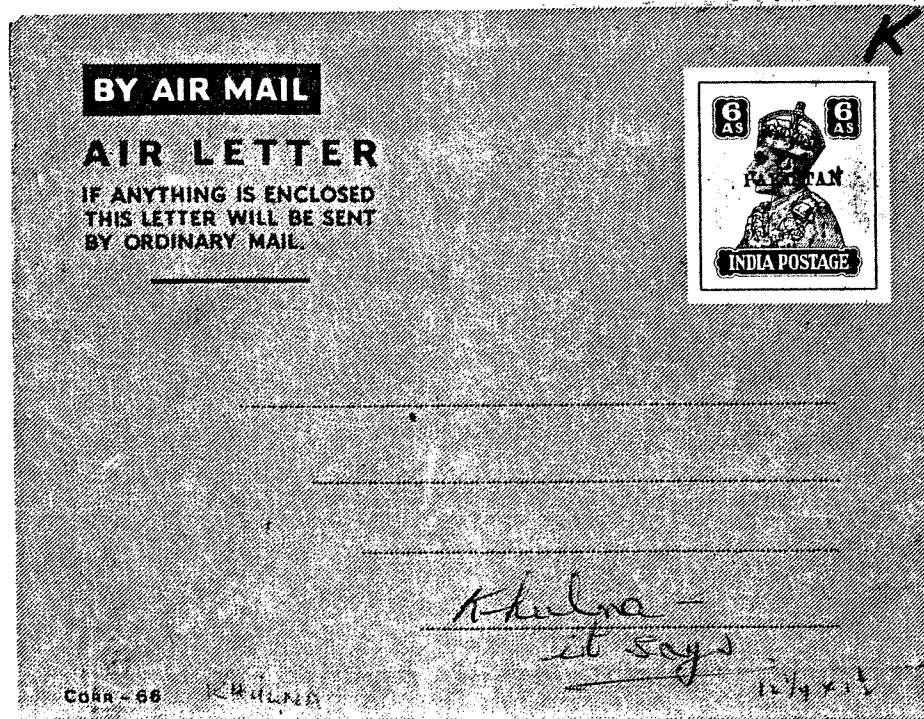
Kohat



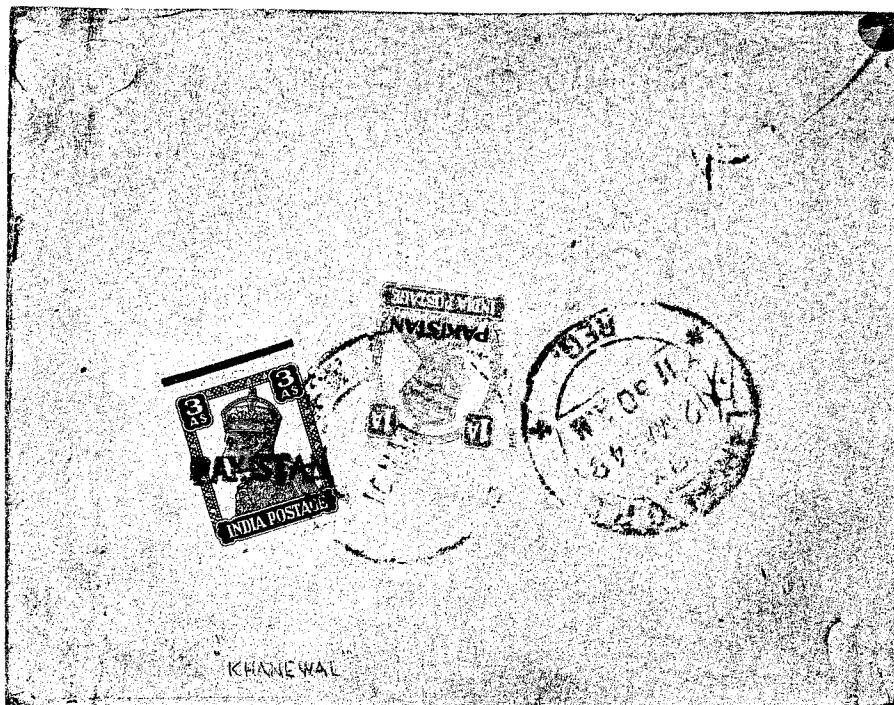
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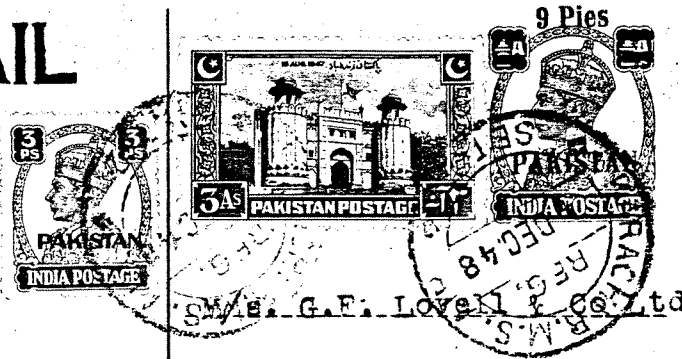


from Everett March 82  
Khulua - a redish purple really  
12.2 x 1.5 mm  
Notice ink on Khulua registration  
envelope kind of filled up K +  
A, looking like A, B  
This is so wet + clean





**BY AIR MAIL**



Rexville

New Port Mon

ENGLAND.

K B. PANNA & CO.  
G. P. O. BOX NO. 66.  
KARACHI-1 (PAKISTAN).

Karachi, 4.XII.1948. C.P. da  $\frac{1}{2}$  a. sovr. in  
tipografia locale + 3ps. Nasik + 3as. Indi  
pendenza. Tariffa aerea esatta: 4as.



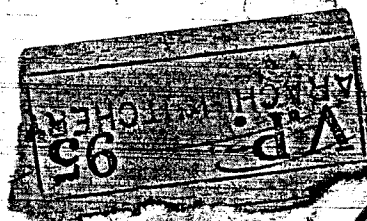
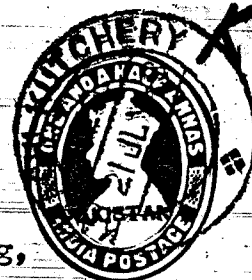
*KARACHI O/P AND  
SURCHARGE.*

REGISTERED A. D.

To,

Flag Officer Commanding,  
Royal Pakistan Navy,  
Naval Head Quarters.

KARACHI.



*KARACHI*



Registered (N.D.) KARACHI

The  
 12/19/61 Inspector General of Police  
 3/4/48 Karachi

Abdul Hai Khan  
 No. 9 Mamanawson  
 Maclean Street  
 off Plaza  
 Bunder Road  
 Karachi

PAKISTAN INDIA POSTAGE

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H.W.







Violet  
Same color  
25 1/2 a embossed  
on other side

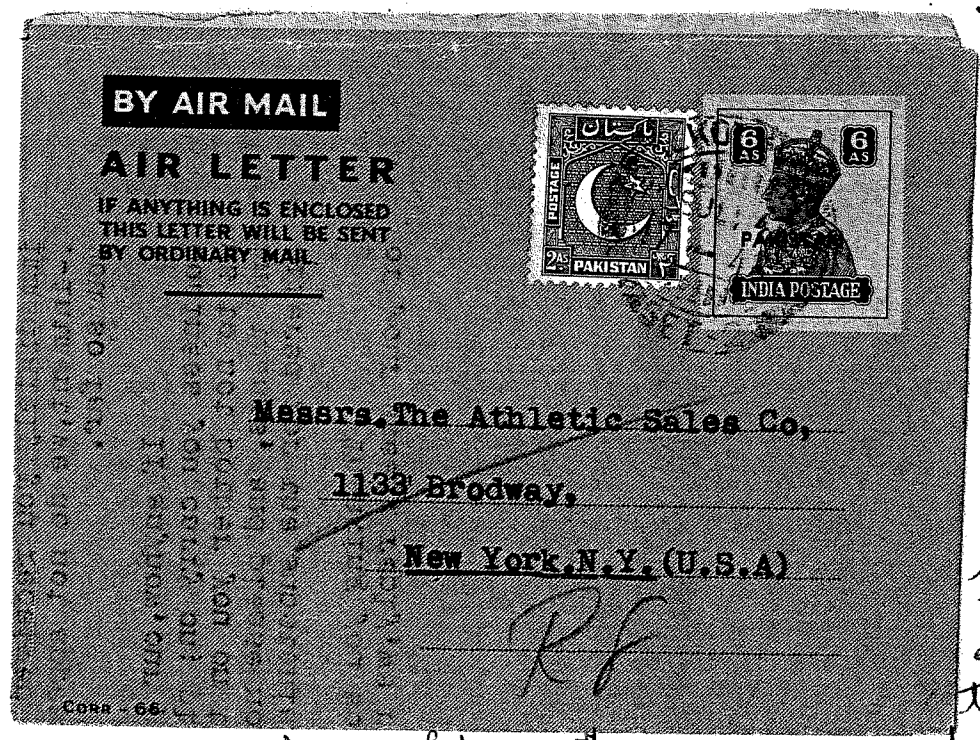
I have not  
seen this on  
Postal Stationery  
before!



Violet Handstamp

A measurement of the overprint would be possible. However, the overprint is unusual and it is still a mystery as to why the overprint was put on the stamp. It is a perfectly reasonable expression of nationalistic sentiment. Can you let me know the measurement of the overprint on the stamp on embossed paper?

27-2-93



Found this  
at a local  
stamp house.  
**USED**  
SIALKOT

Then you are inside  
most of the Lahore machine  
is the Lahore machine  
print on the Lahore machine  
and I sent to the Lahore  
this overprinting was  
this overprinting was  
\* Be that  
this overprinting was  
\* Be that  
this overprinting was  
\* Be that

connection for as  
first example came from  
District from PAKISTAN  
as I recall. This example also  
is used in the USA. A very  
rare item and one with a  
minimum of \$200 starting  
placed upon it. A very  
my congratulations out of the Lahore machine  
as it may be known to date of the Lahore machine  
of postal stationers. There must be some  
\* Be that  
this overprinting was  
\* Be that

LAHORE

8)

L

PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT OVERPRINTS  
LAHORE

MAJOR ERRORS



INVERTED OVERPRINTING

Q574



DOUBLE OVERPRINT - ONE INVERTED

Q584



DOUBLE OVERPRINT

Q584



Q584

پاکستان  
POST CARD

ADDRESS



2  
NABIK  
OIP  
'SERVICE'

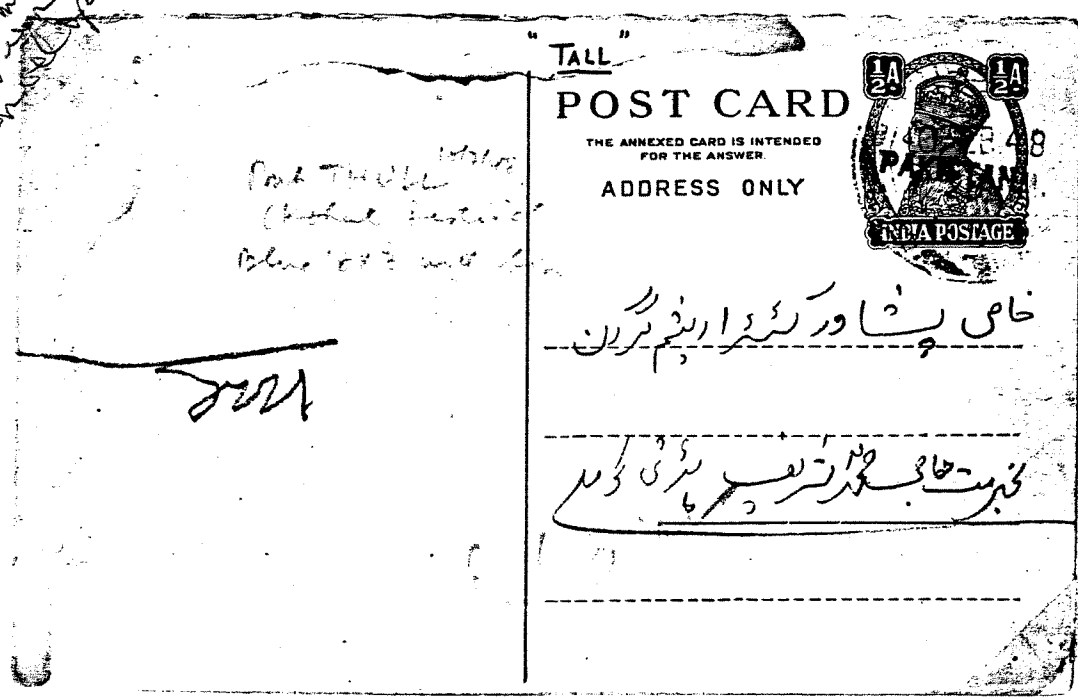
DOUBLE OVERPRINT - ONE INVERTED. IF CASES KNOWN - ALL ON POSTCARDS. Q574

LAHORE

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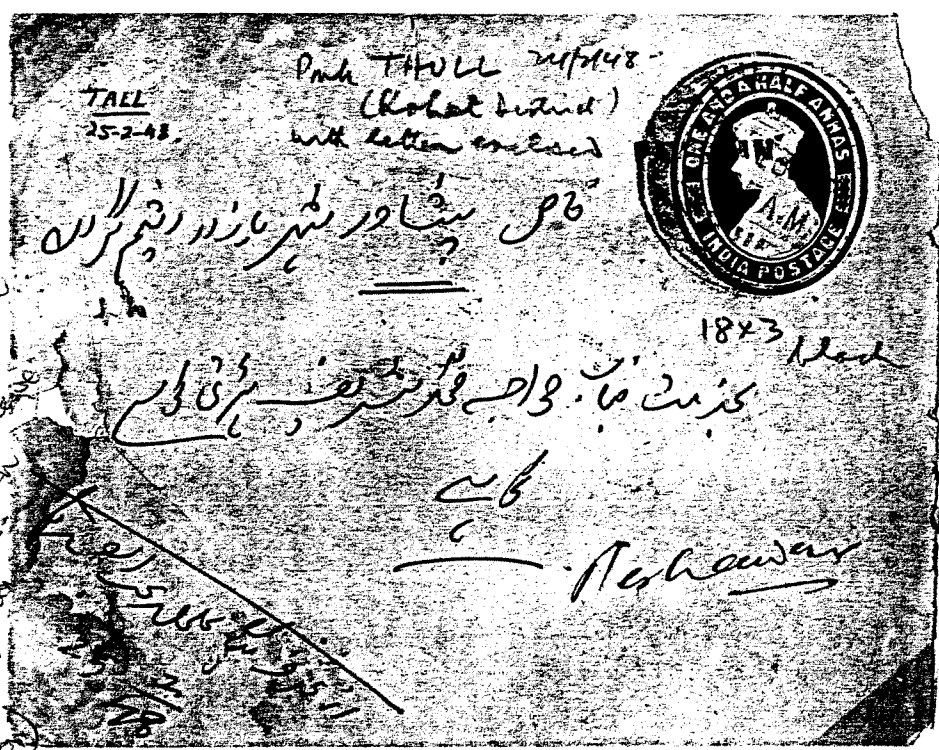
This is the best application of pen this I have ever seen. It is 1 7/8 x 3 mm. It is better than that of 1 7/8 x 2 5/8 mm. It is quickly and easily made on 1200 envelope stamp paper.

26-2-93



THULL  
KOHAT DIST.

18 x 3 mm  
WITH STOP.  
BLUE.



18 x 3 mm.  
Block letters  
BLACK.

On this entire the black appears to have disappeared which may well have been of similar pen but this application is still with stop (or semi stop) color.

26-2-93

KOHAT

Lahore:

Undoubtedly the Lahore  
Machine Print on Postal  
Stationery but also the typical  
Lahore Machine Overprint on  
General stamps.

27.2-93

Couldn't get a better  
photocopy.

Found this in a box  
of odds & ends at a  
local bourse.



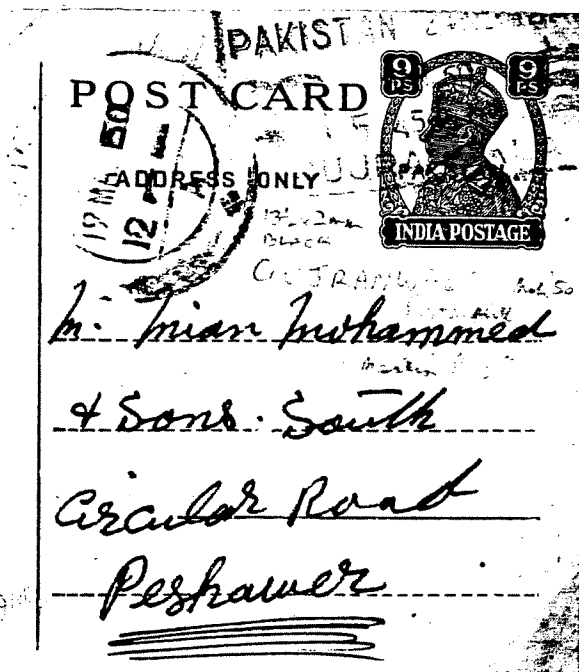
Un-Recorded  
Extremely Rare

Over many years one  
gets, perhaps, a little more  
on reading or hearing such  
descriptions. In this case  
perfectly correct - a rare  
to extremely rare stamp.

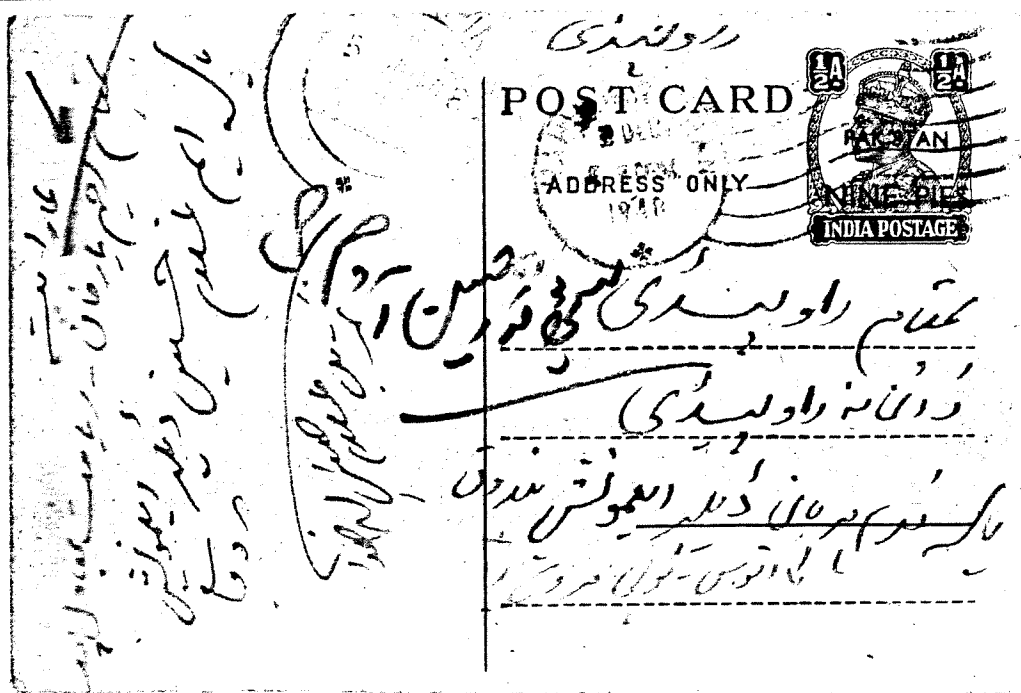
27.2-93

Block Letters  $13.5/14 \times 2/2.4$  mm No stop

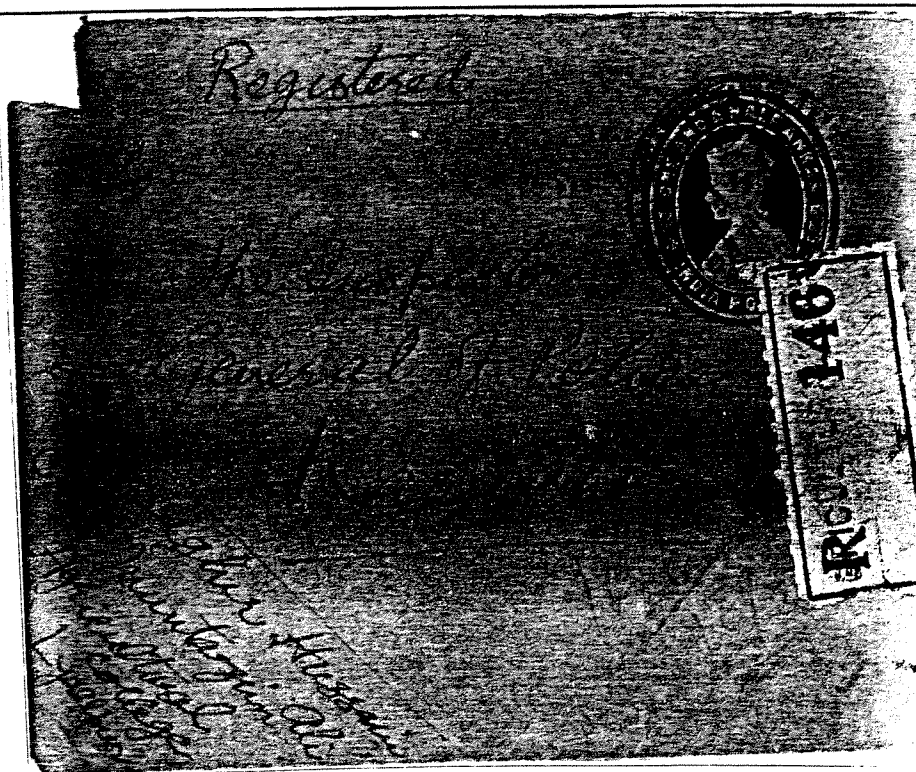
This overprint was ~~meant to be~~ used on postal stationery  
and seems to have been mistakenly applied to adhesives.  
1-copy each of 1/2a and 4a, and 3-copies of 2a values are known.



L



Rahimyarkhan, 3.XII.1948. C.P. da ½a. sovr. **LAHORE**  
 "PAKISTAN/NINE PIES" in tipografia, probabil- ("I - VIRTUALLY  
 mente a Lahore: stampa non nitida. Trattasi MISSING)  
 di tarda tiratura.



Lyallpur, 16.III.1948. Busta da 1½as. con  
 sovr. a mano, in blu (12,5 x 1,5 mm.).  
 Al verso 4as. Nasik per raccomandazione.

**LYALLPUR**

# MACHINE PRINTS - LAHORE ON SERVICE

SG 0137



NO 051

Page 21.

Moms had 2 recorded  
used single  
my exhibition page says 3 recorded

my stamp is the  
1936 design 81  
India Postage, so  
is SG 0127 a  
So, this stamp  
is unlisted! And  
I wonder if Moms  
made some mistake  
as I did with postage  
+ revenue



Service capt on 0111 is  
13/2 mm

As NO 050 but the stamp is SG 0111  
to recorded and not SG 0125

my page says 6 recorded

Service capt on 0125  
is 14 mm

~~my excerpt seems to~~  
~~be only 12 mm~~

~~Service Ex~~  
~~copy also sent~~

26/6, 14/11. O.P.G.S.

The o/c Record

R. Pak. Engineer

SIALKOT



Secretary, District Sialkot, Sialkot

Alleged to be

ON SG 0109

Not recorded  
previously.

Moms had unique  
I have my work-up as

WEST PAKISTAN  
Machine overprinted in Lahore

Experimental Overprints

Ch George V  
entire reign  
until 1910

1906? 1926-31?  
SG design 55

✓ SG  
0109  
I guess



SERVICE  
= 18¢  
SF 9¢  
1st

unlisted ✓  
3 recorded  
Pair etc  
Benn



what Morris  
called OSC

6 recorded

SG 0125  
"service" is 14¢  
is "Postage &  
Revenue"

SG 0127  
"service" is  
15¢

In May 1948, The Punjab Government Press Again "tested" another type of overprint on OBSOLETE stamps. This proved to be satisfactory, so regular Indian Service adhesives were machine overprinted to replace the local handstamped ones. Only a few of the used OBSOLETE stamps have survived.



3 recorded  
4

SG 0137 ✓

3 to add  
to rewrite

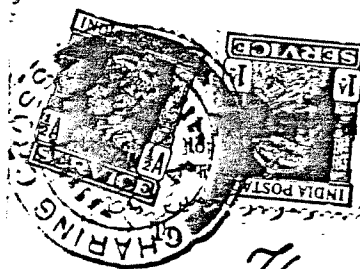
PAKISTAN

find your copy + send  
along

1947/8

LAHORE PURPLE HANDSTAMP

21<sup>ST</sup> 1948



1855; 1751-A.

D. H. M. S.

S. 87.

Putting this slip and not the flap. USE

डोबें। लिफाफे को बार बार काम में लायें।

سلیپ کو چاک کر کے لفافہ کھولیں۔

The Manager,  
Imperial Bank of India

LAHORE.

Despatcher  
Executive Engineer  
Central Division  
Pak, P.W.D., Lahore,

LAHORE



PAKISTAN POSTAGE & TELEGRAPH  
OFFICE

EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE



unlisted-unique



SB.  
0127A  
6 recorded

ORIGINAL STAMPS WERE PRESSED INTO USE ABOUT MAY 1948 TO TEST A SECOND EXPERIMENTAL TYPE OF METAL OVERPRINT. IT WAS CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY AND REPLACED THE PREVIOUSLY USED LOCAL HANDSTAMPS. MOST OF THESE OBSOLETE OVERPRINTED STAMPS WERE USED FOR REGULAR POSTAGE SO ONLY A FEW SURVIVE.

OBsolete stamps were pressed into use about May 1948 to test a second experimental type of metal overprint. It was considered satisfactory and replaced the previously used local handstamps. Most of these obsolete overprinted stamps were used for regular postage so only a few survive.



SB 0137  
2 recorded  
Service

3 PIES UNLISTED-1 MEASURE OVERPRINT AT 13 1/2 MM, CAN'T TELL WATERMARK  
but so THIS SHOULD BE (IN 1972 GIBBONS) 0109, THE 1926-31 ISSUE.

MY CARELESS READING- ONLY NOTICED NOW, "WERE USED FOR REGULAR POSTAGE." TO ME THIS MEANS OFFICIALS WERE USED AS ORDINARY STAMPS.

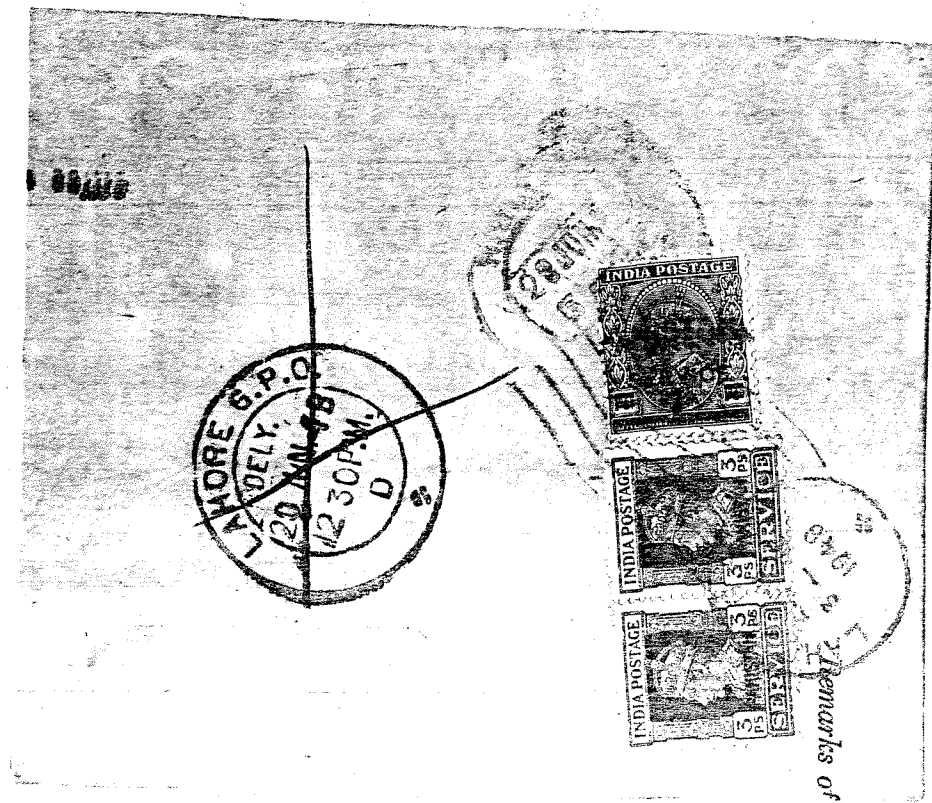
THESE STAMPS, I BELIEVE, WERE THE ONES MORRIS WROTE TO ME ABOUT IN 1973. FROM 9/29/73 LETTER-"I'M GLAD MRS. E. IS SO PLEASED AT MY BUYING THE LAHORE TRIAL PRINTS. I REALLY WAS RELUCTANT BECAUSE-A) THEY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND (B) I DO NOT LIKE TO ACQUIRE ANYTHING

NOT SO.

ABOUT WHICH THERE IS NO REAL KNOWLEDGE. EVERYTHING ABOUT THESE, INCLUDING WHY THEY WERE PRINTED, IS A BIG QUESTION AND TO SPEND \$125 ON VAGUE RUMORS "WORRIES" MY SCOTCH SOUL. SHE HAS PROMISED TO TRY TO DIG UP INFORMATION FOR ME, BUT NOW SAYS HER SOURCES HAVE DRIED UP. THE FACT THAT MOGENS WANTS THESE HELPS A LITTLE, BUT I STILL WONDER ABOUT HOW TO DESCRIBE THEM AND REALLY HOW THEY CAME TO BE AT ALL."

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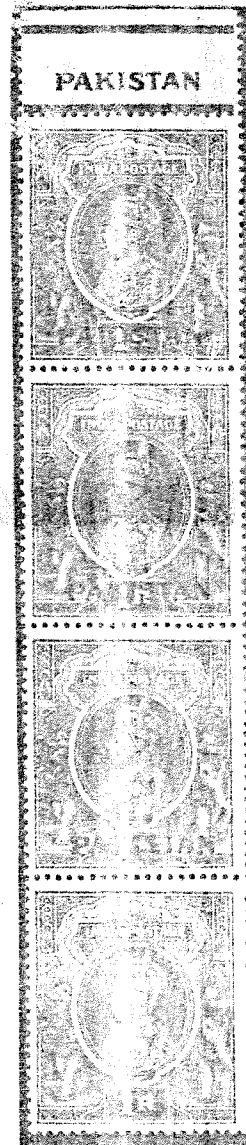
Laure  
Violet with stop



LAHORE

WEST PAKISTAN

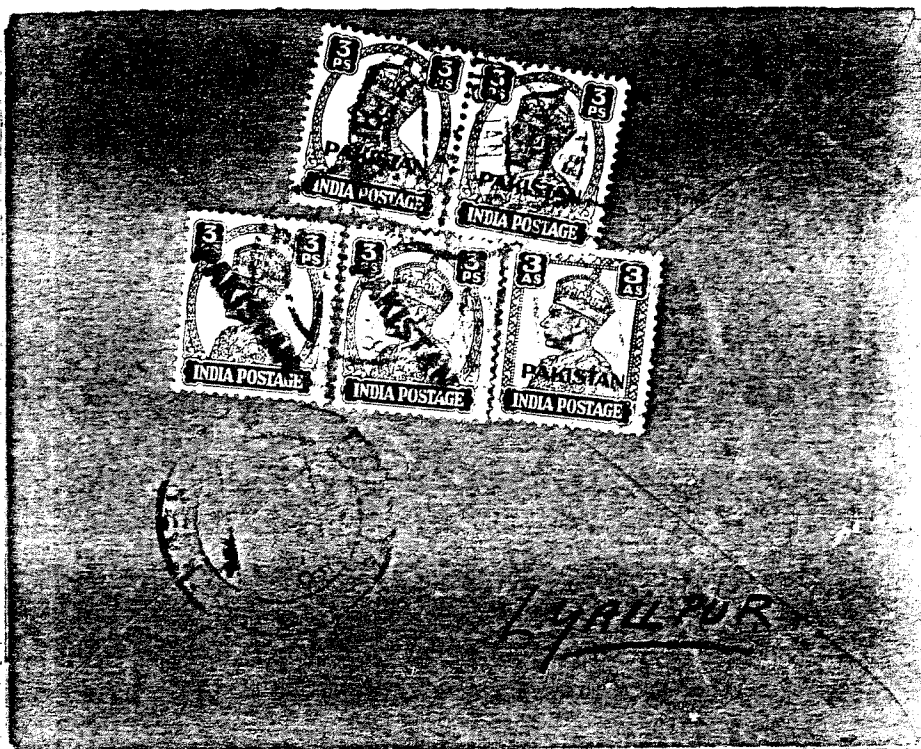
Machine overprinted at Government Press in  
Karachi from plates made in Karachi



Pane A

Two panes were discovered with overprint mis-  
placed so that it appeared on the gutter above  
the top ten stamps and missed the bottom row of  
10 stamps entirely.

KARACHI



Lyallpur, 15.I.1948. Busta da  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as. sovr.  
a mano, in nero; al verso due esemplari da  
3ps., sovr. a mano, + due da 3 ps. ed un 3  
as. con sovrastampa di Nasik.

LYALLPUR

PAKISTAN

1947

OVERPRINT ISSUE

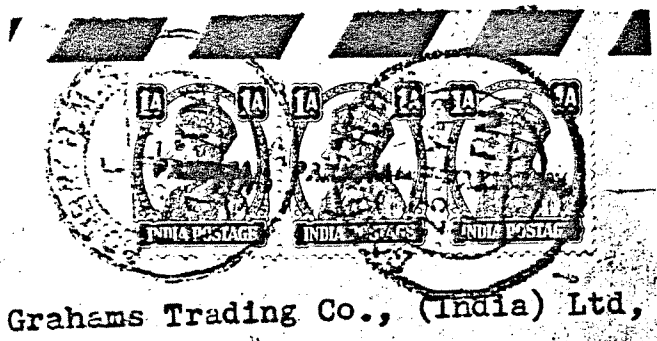
KHUSTIA DISTRICT, KHEMIRDAR RUBBER HANDSTAMP

first found in England with RMS-railway mail service-  
postmarks but later identified at Khemirdar PO

'P'and'A' leans  
usually ink clogged  
15.75x3.0 mm.



RMS POSTMARKS



Bombay

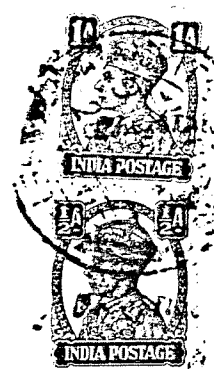


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Amritsar

ASQUITH &  
HICKS

LOOKS LIKE  
GOVT. STAMP.

See my  
letter of  
21.12.74.

## Lahore - Machine Overprint on Service.

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Some years ago I was asked for my opinion by the late Mrs. G. Earl - on several stamps which bore a neat Serif overprint and which she claimed was a Lahore Experimental Print. At the time, I did not like its looks and said so. However, ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> cannot just "sweep under the carpet" or consign as bogus since this is <sup>an</sup> easy way out which I have seen adopted many times with ~~these~~ its overprints in general.

Some <sup>other</sup> found their way, albeit temporarily, to the USA although only two examples were retained. Much later, an acquaintance gave up on Pakistan overprints and I had the good fortune to be invited by Christie's Robson Lowe to view before sale.

Virtually the whole range of this overprint was present. Obsolete George V, mainly mint, with two examples of George VI; all <sup>but one</sup> are on Service issues. In the collection the mounting-up is of interest and is headed "Lahore Experimental Machine Print" with the following:-

1 "An experimental run was undertaken in Lahore to test printing methods. All sheets in stock were treated. These were then put on sale, supplies lasting a few days only."

I would disagree with the last sentence since it implies the sale of Service stamps over a GPO counter; the authorities would not have countenanced such an action.

Of the two used items, one is exceptional, that of 1 anna George V Service used at Lahore Cantonment <sup>inscribed</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> date in ~~May~~ <sup>May</sup> 1948. The other is the sole <sup>example</sup> ~~stamp~~ of what is undoubtedly this overprint on ordinary, that of a 3 pies / 1 1/4 annas George VI. The circular date stamp merely shows a letter "K" giving no indication as to its position within the circumference.

I will now consider the two items that remained within the USA, now united under one ownership. It is the used item that is most intriguing being a copy of the 6 annas Edward VII overprinted "On H M S". With a 1/2 anna Nasik Service overprint it was used at Lahore Cantonment on 16 March 1949.

A previous owner had written up as follows:-  
"Pakistan Postal authorities in Lahore commandeered obsolete Indian stamps in early 1948 and sent them to the Punjab Government Press for overprinting.  
It is not clear whether these series type



overprints were considered as experimental or  
not, but it is known that they were used  
for postage for only two or three weeks.  
The type itself was too fragile for continuous use.

In the first sentence, I dislike the use of  
the word "commandeered" since all stamps in <sup>the</sup> Pakistan  
at the time of Partition were the property of  
the government to ~~use~~ as ~~the~~ it thought fit.

In the second sentence the time of usage is  
very much a matter of conjecture and I believe it  
to be untrue. I am also a little doubtful  
regarding the fragility of the type, although this  
may well be a valid point.

I fear we shall now never know the hard  
facts behind this serif overprint but I am very  
convinced that it was purely experimental. As was  
their custom, the authorities did not waste such  
examples as were good enough to use and they did  
so. In the two legible postmarks we have seen  
so far, both are from Lahore Cantonment. The  
dates of usage, however, are widely separated.

The first date we have is May 1948 which  
I believe to be very much in line with the over-  
printing of service stamps at Lahore. However, one  
must not overlook the fact that possibly this  
serif type was used as a pure experiment on its  
existing machines at Government Press to  
ascertain whether or not they were adequate for  
the overprinting they had in mind. Indeed, machine  
overprinting was only being considered <sup>then</sup> because of the  
~~present~~ previously extensive handstamping that had  
finally run its course.

The second date of March 1949 is a further  
problem. The chronology of overprinting shows that  
this was quite late usage and it is very possible  
that this Edward VII stamp was a part of a small  
remainder to be used. The paper on which it is  
affixed is a type of brown ~~waste~~ waste such as  
constitutes large envelopes or wrapping and I fail  
to find any reason why this so-obsolete stamp  
was not genuinely used.

Turning to the small amount of stamps

Faint  
type-  
fragile  
etc.

different positions → involved, one notes that there is an error - inverted overprint in 2 annas George VI and this occurs not once but twice on two survivors. It is a very likely error entirely conducive with the experimenting of the plate ~~at the~~ setting-up of the machine.

The outcome was that this serif type was not preferred and that a similar type in block letters and virtually the same size was introduced the one known plate being used practically to extinction.

Fine Serif Letter. No Stop. 16/16½ x 2 mm. Black

|            |       |      |
|------------|-------|------|
| Stamp of   | 062   | 600. |
| K.E. V.    | 0127A | 1a.  |
| ON SERVICE | 0130  | 200. |
|            | 0152  | 400. |
|            | 0115  | 800. |

|            |       |      |
|------------|-------|------|
| Stamp of   | 0144A | ½a.  |
| K.E. VI    | 0147  | 200. |
| ON SERVICE |       |      |

|             |     |            |
|-------------|-----|------------|
| Stamp       | 101 | 3p/1a. 3p. |
| K.E. VI     |     |            |
| ON ORDINARY |     |            |

Apart from the sole item on Ordinary reported above and ~~to~~ which my remarks still stand, I have been given further information on a similar machine overprint. Remarks made by the late-Mr. Earl also attribute the overprint to be as a "Labour Trial Printing".

Seven low value ~~the~~ K.E. VI Ordinary stamps are involved with a preponderance of inverted applications. There is also a 1a. K.E. VI Service but the double overprint is very poor quality. Indeed, these overprints fall below the standard of those above with bad inking producing thick and thin strokes. There is but one decipherable postmark which would appear to be Bahawalpur and I have no hesitation in classing this overprint as extremely doubtful. see Part VI.

GENERAL POST OFFICE  
LAHORE

✓ L

EXTRA POSTAGE REQUIRED

16.5 x 2



# 7 May 1/2 1982

unlisted-unique

ON BACK OF ABOVE PIECE MORRIS WROTE MRS. EARL, DATE ACQUIRED, 8/10/73 AND PRICE, \$30.00. HIS LETTER OF LAST WEEK, WHICH I LEFT IN QUEENS, DAMMIT, SAID YOU TOO HAD LIKED THIS PIECE. THIS IS THE SIX ANNAS EDWARD V11 OLIVE BISTRE STAMP. GIBBONS 062

PAKISTAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN LAHORE COMMANDEERED OBSOLETE INDIAN STAMPS IN EARLY 1949, AND SENT THEM TO THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT PRESS FOR OVERPRINTING.

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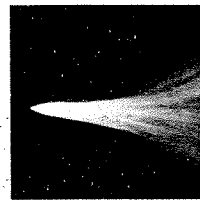


THIS GEOV1 I BOUGHT FROM MRS. EARL, ?, BUT CLOSE TO THE END. FOUND THIS OUT IN QUEENS IN BOX IN ORIGINAL GLASSINE ENVELOPE, ON WHICH SHE WROTE, "ONLY DUPLICATE OF RARE SERIF PRINTS-INV." 2 POUNDS. HEAVIER INKING ON GEO V1 AND I WOULD SAY FORGERY EXCEPT FOR THE FACT IT CAME FROM MRS. EARL. TOO LATE TO QUESTION HER SUPPLIER.

##### 5. STANLEY GIBBONS

ASSUMING THAT THESE TWO SERIF OVERPRINTS ARE MACHINE, THEN THEY ARE FOR THE GIBBONS CATALOGUE.

THE 3 PIES ON OTHER PAGE WE KNOW IS MACHINE OVERPRINTED, SO THAT'S ANOTHER ITEM.



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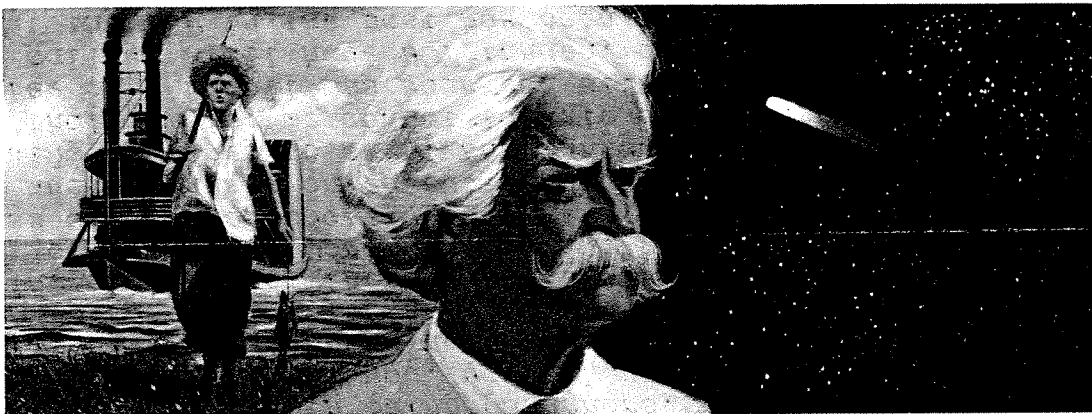
“ I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet. ”



Mr. Roy Doubleday  
57 Archers Way  
Galleywood  
CHELMSFORD  
Essex CM2 8SB  
England

AEROGRAMME \* VIA AIRMAIL \* PAR AVION

② Second fold



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1835 · Mark Twain · 1910 · Halley's Comet · 1985

Find this aerogramme west in bad taste - looks like our firm  
a "developing" nation.  
Guess we got in + out of the Philippines at a good time. We've  
been lucky - Cayman before riots + Pakistan in 1970  
"Congratulators" - on obtaining John's material? It will be well  
housed as you know, studied and most of it sold. Shall try to  
locate Susan in time. Have not found excess of that cover with  
all the typed overprints in Robbie's auction of Jan 81 or 82, nor did  
I spot it while viewing the genuine pages. I may + have on  
these typed out mainly I guess as I find them frustrating to  
figure out - but they are postal history  
four lousy snow falls in 8 days + some expected tonight. will  
never spend another February in NY. When I saw my old one  
Tuesday he spent me for a x-copy of my chest, asking how much  
it cost. I swapped.  
It is Dorethy -  
Best regards,  
Mark

16 Regent  
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Richmond Hill, NY 11419  
U.S.A.

Feb 22nd 1986

Dear Ron,

Your news is really great, and how good you must feel! I am so very happy for you that Robbie likes your manuscript, and you will go ahead. This is about the best news yet this year and it looks as though \$6 will be as good for Pakistan philately as was \$5. Ernie too is pleased. ~o many thanks for letting me know immediately!

I'll continue, not that I'd ever stopped, going over xeroxes of John's pages, scrawling in Isani (soon to be Doubleday) numbers and making notes-unlisted and usage dates, and questions. Also here in Queens when I arrived was a letter from Colin confirming that John's collection was despatched by air-freight, not that I know how long that takes. Letter written Feb 12th with uncanceled 31p adhesive, so will have to move quickly to clean out kitchen cabinets in 1st floor apt of the old dump.

You ask about our Collectors Club. Non-resident dues, which I pay as I legally live in Ohio, went up to \$35.00 this year from \$25.00. It would be a generous gesture if you joined, and with Gene and Ernie both being governors, you'd be in immediately. If I were to second you, you'd have to wait to be approved etc. Not that I'm a snob or name dropper (except when it comes to Ken Baird and why for him I'll never understand myself) etc, being a member of the CC, and same of the Royal, does add a bit of prestige. Don't know about your tax laws. We have a much less structured society over here, maybe the reason we place so much emphasis on education and give tax deductions for the giving of money to such. And I know you feel as strongly as I do that dammit, we cannot look to our governments for everything. Atlee as I recall was your bad start-ours was Roosevelt.

My galleys still have NOT landed, and last weekend Ernie said that the CCP in the past has been notoriously late. Gene is doing his best to get it back on schedule. He does a lot of traveling on business. Was just elected to be a Fellow of the Royal. He is dedicated and a hard worker. And I must get back your manuscript and see what installment 111 will be!

Found a file folder with a few letters from Mrs. E last weekend. She was most annoyed that Isani left out the Lahore "trial serif lettered" mint stamps. "These Lahores were left out by Martin because he had not seen the Hicks material and had not had the chance." "Mr. Hicks was connected with the Govt book department."

Ever heard of a Mr. Asquith, who used to be in the NW Railway head office in Lahore? He sent her a 1a3p Karachi service print first day cover, which was issued in E. Pakistan, and W. Pak got these 6 weeks later. Vaguely remember this and imagine I must have bought the fdc for £5 in 1975. In another letter she was mad at Morris for returning his Lahore "trial" prints in payment for the 9 pies Karachi service error \$\$\$\$\$\$ after holding them 2 years. But she always had what I wanted, or thought I wanted. Gibbons of all places sold her stamps in pril of 1975.

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From:



Capt. Usman Ali Isani,  
Joint Secretary,  
Tele: 21331

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
ISLAMABAD.

Islamabad, the 16th December, 1974.

My dear Mrs. Earl,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of 7th December, 1974.

2. I am extremely grateful to you for the information that you have sent. I will ensure that it is recorded in the next edition of the book. I shall be grateful if you could kindly send me a photograph and any other information available with you regarding two items that you had mentioned.

- ✓ (a) Haranpur 22X3 M.M. with stop Black, half anna and a black of four X one anna.
- ✓ (b) Jehlum District 22½ X 3 M.M. Two annas Black. On cover from Chak Mujahid Railway Station Haranpur.

3. I have examined the 3Ps/las 3 ps. Lahore trial printing that you have sent me. This is the first time that an over print of this type has been seen by me. I will have to consult other collectors, in the country before I can send you some definite information. Col. Martin had mentioned Mr. Hicks in his book. This stamp comes from the Hicks collection and as such I feel Col. Martin ought to have mentioned it in the book.

4. With regard to the hand stamps, I must again confess that this is the first time that I am seeing anything like this. The nearest measurements in serif letters that I know are those of Campbellpur type-II mentioned on page-82 of the book. I have compared this over-print with the Campbellpur Type-print but I cannot find any similarity. Not only the ink but

no - he did not do so because he knew - as they were different

3. I have examined the 3Ps/las 3 ps. Lahore 1911 printing that you have sent me. This is the first time that an over print of this type has been seen by me. I will have to consult other collectors, in the country before I can send you some definite information. Col. Martin had mentioned Mr. Hicks in his book. This stamp comes from the Hicks collection and as such I feel Col. Martin ought to have mentioned it in the book.

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5. I will keep a strict watch for any further information on this also.

6. You have mentioned that you have about 80 lots in various auctions. I would be extremely interested in the details of these lots. I may be interested in some of them. I would also be grateful for some information on the prices realized for these lots.

7. I have requested the National Book Foundation of Pakistan to expedite the despatch of the book to Messrs Robson Lowe. However, it will take some time as it has to travel by sea. I am trying to procure a few copies which I would send to you by air.

8. With best wishes and regards and awaiting an early reply with regard to information about the lots that you have in auction.

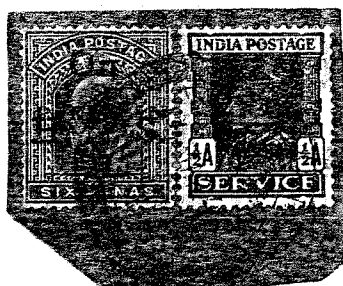
With best wishes and regards.

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doubtful  
March  
1994

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PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT OVERPRINTS  
LAHORE

EXPERIMENTAL OVERPRINTS (2)



16.5 x 2

UNLISTED - UNIQUE

no - they owned them!

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England. L

3rd. February, 1975.

As ill-luck would have it, just recently a number of things have come up which have called for my undivided attention. In consequence, I have had but little time, until this evening, to spare on philately - which has broken my heart at times ! However, daylight is now beginning to dawn and the first thing that I must do is to sit down and give you the resumé of Morris Everett's letter to me regarding the Mrs. Earl Lahore "trial prints". As I am hastening to tell him, I am afraid that for once he has been encouraged to buy dubious material - but let me tell you his news.

He has in his possession the following MINT:-

1a, 2a, 4a, and 12a Geo.V.  
½a Brown Geo.VI. together with 2as. inverted overprint.

When he at first refused the above he was sent the following used:

Edward VII 6as tied with a ½a regular overprint Geo. VI. cancelled on piece with a date of 6 Jun 49. Postmark is not identifiable. ← Yeo-Lahore Cantonment, where.

However, with the above he also had 3 x ½a regular Geo.VI on piece clearly dated 17 Mar 48 from District Headquarters. It is this last item which intrigues me and I have asked him to either have a good photograph taken of this piece together with that of the Edward VII mentioned. Failing that, will he send me both items - which I have never seen - in order that I can examine thoroughly and pass on the results of my examination to you.

He goes on to say the following and I quote:-

"Looking more closely now I think that the stamps which are cancelled have quite a bit thinner letters. Actually the letters on the ½as are somewhat damaged as if they had had a lot of use".

He goes on to say that there is not much doubt that the cancellations on the 2 pieces go over the overprints but the difference in the size of the lettering should have warned him even more than it did so.

I think that the answer to the problem lies in these 3 x ½a on piece and I look forward to hearing from him again.

I sincerely hope that he sends me the actual stamps; so much better than photographs.

I believe that I have made an error in adding a m/s footnote to my letter of the 3rd December to you. I put that "black bars at upper obliterating "India" - I certainly had a memory of bars at the time but believe now that it was the bars on the 3p/1½as that I had in mind.

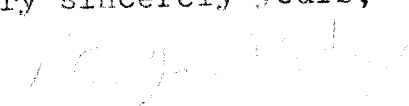
Anyway, I think that we shall get to the bottom of this problem and it is a pity that I did not have the knowledge of the existence of these stamps before now. I still think that they should be consigned to that part of the book labelled "bogus"

But it may be that Everett has a genuine article in respect of the 3 x ½a. piece and that the others are merely a bunch of too good-looking copies of the original - we shall see.

I hope to get back to your pages of Paisa listing very shortly though I fear I must apologise for the fact that I have not been able to complete in the two weeks I first mentioned. But I will get these out to you as soon as I can.

Trusting you are in good health, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

  
(R.E. Doubleday)

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3rd. December, 1974.

*My dear Captain Ismail*

I note that my last letter to you was dated 4th October and since the time is approaching when it is the custom in this country to send our friends, at home and overseas, our Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 1975, then this I most heartily do !

I believe my display and lecture in London of 12th October went off quite well and I had a large audience. I went very thoroughly into every aspect and it is my belief that this event has awakened the interest for these stamps - those of the 1961 Currency conversion.

As you requested in your last letter to me of 26th September I am enclosing a few stamps which are possibly doubtful - some of them - whilst others I cannot place. I should be grateful for your comments at your convenience.

I regret to report that I have, once again, fallen out with Mrs. Earl and age or no age, I shall leave her severely alone for the time being ! It all revolved around her purchase - and she has told everyone of her retirement ! - of two Pakistan collections - one of 1948-49, the other of 1961. I went up to see them and noted a few stamps in both which had not previously been recorded in Martin's book, details of which I will let you have later and a few from the 1961 lot which I noted as being additional to my lists.

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In the 1948-49 lot however, there was one section which I could not agree with her as genuine. It concerns stamps which she insists are Lahore Trial Prints. These apparently came from the Hicks collection. Now this gentleman is acknowledged by Martin but, at the same time, Martin makes no mention of these particular stamps ! Hicks himself is stated to have been connected with the books trade and Government departments - do you know of him ? The "Trial Prints" themselves are in Roman capitals and look so very good that I doubted them right away. They are in black and Pakistan measures 16 x 2 mm. But it is the stamps themselves which bring the greatest suspicions to my mind. They are as follows:-

NO  
WITH BLACK  
BARS AT  
UPPER ORBIT  
ERATING  
INDIA

2as. normal and inverted, 4as., and 8as. George V.  
1/2a. Brown George VI - all on Service.  
3p/1/4as. and 1/4as. ORDINARY.

Some of above are mint and a few used, but the latter

do not carry even one identifiable postmark. I cannot conceive that a Trial Print for SERVICE stamps would be conducted on ORDINARY stamps as well, anyway. And again, why did Authority chose such rare/uncommon stamps on which to conduct trials ? The Peshawar Reds were genuine trials done on common stamps but these so-called Lahores have, to my mind, nothing to commend them. I was asked first to agree that they <sup>WSE</sup> were Service Type II - I would not do this in a million years ! Lastly, I was just asked to verify them as something; I replied that at best they were highly dubious and at worst, downright bogus. I should be grateful for your views on these for I think they should go in any future reprint of the book under one of these two categories.

Having got this little lot off my chest, I should be grateful to know how your enquiries are progressing regarding the history of the 1961 issues ? It will take me about six months to get my collection of 1948-49 into shape in albums, but do not let this deter you since I can answer correspondence on 1961 issues at any time you care to start !

I think that this is about all I have for you at this time; trusting that you and your family are in good health, I remain, with my best wishes,

Very Sincerely Yours,

  
(R.E. Doubleday)

From:

Capt. Usman Ali Isani,  
Joint Secretary,  
Ministry of Education,  
Government of Pakistan  
Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD JULY 21, 1975.

My dear Mr. Boukiledoy

I was most excited to have received your letter dated 7th July, 1975, alongwith the other literature. I must profusely apologize for the delay in writing to you. I was tied down with a lot of work. The National Assembly was in the budget session. This is the time when we have to work very hard to secure the maximum grants for the coming financial year. Finally I was able to get a few days leave. I am happy to learn that you and your wife were able to have a good holiday. Talking of holidays, if ever you decide to take a trip abroad, please do include Pakistan in your itinerary. We would be very glad to have you and your wife as guests for your stay in this country.

2. The auction lists were very interesting. There does not appear to have been any bids for the hand stamps placed in the acution. I wonder if Mrs. Earl was able to sell any of these. If so what would the prices realized be like.

3. I was feeling unsure whether I had done the right thing in requesting you to contact Mr. Mogens Juhl. The fact that he has replied to you in encouraging terms has really delighted me and I am sure we would be able to get considerable information from him specially on plating. Any information on the chapters dealing with postal stationery and plating would be welcome. I hope you have received some information from Messrs. Persons and Cehme.

4. While still on the subject of the over-prints I must mention that I was able to pick up three values of the so called "Lahore Trial Prints", copies of which had been circulated by Mrs. Earl and a photograph had been sent to you. I got these from a dealers' accumulation in Lahore at very nominal prices. The three values were K-G.VI Ordinary 1 as 3pies, 6 as and 8 as. The post marks on the 6as and 8 as cover the over-print while the post mark on the 1 as 3 pies does not cover the over-print. I am enclosing the 8 as copy for your examination. I am still unable to accept this type as a genuine type. Perhaps some more information may be forthcoming at your end.

5. I am also enclosing two copies of an over-print which I have been unable to identify. I feel they are from East Pakistan. I would be grateful for your views. I have a few copies of this type which I can spare for exchange if you so like.

Well!!!

6. With regard to the 1961 surcharges, I must appreciate the detailed and methodical work that has been done by you. I have tried to un-earth some further background information with regard to these issues. The Post Office Department approached the Controller Printing and Stationery Department for arrangements for carrying out the necessary surcharges. The correspondence in the Office of the Controller of Printing and Stationery shows that all the values were printed through the "Times Press", Karachi. The Office of the Controller of Stamps in the Post Office Department also confirm that no printing of these issues was done through the Security Printing Corporation. I am trying to further substantiate this fact through the Security Printing Corporation to see if they

have any record of this work.

Exceedingly interesting.

7. The Times Press, Karachi did not have such a large number of machines and since the time left to them was very short therefore, I am told that they did sub-contract to other printers. The sub-contract was to a great extent of the 1 paisa on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as stamps. It is precisely this series which has the greatest variety and the largest errors. I learn that as many as two dozen different plates may have been composed for over-printing of the one paisa on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as stamps. It is definite that a number of treadle machines were used. I have repeatedly tried to obtain some information from the Times Press but they apparently do not keep records for very long. Consequently nothing authentic has turned up.

8. The original  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as Jehangir Mausoleum stamp is again very interesting for specialized study. The plates were first engraved by DE LA RUE and Co. The printing was carried out by the Security Printing Corporation of Pakistan. There are sheets which do not bear any plate number or printers imprint. Subsequently some plates were apparently manufactured by the Security Printing Corporation also, but I have not been able to verify this fact. There were numerous printings and this has resulted in a wide variety of shades. Again a variety of papers have been used in the printing of this issue. No study has been undertaken and consequently I am not able to give you any firm details about the different printings and the paper differences. Perhaps at a later stage I may be able to go into some greater details of this issue.

See file

9. Coming back to the 1961 surcharges I have about a dozen or so different sheets of the 1 paisa stamps in my possession which I will now study on similar lines as you have done. I think your method would enable us to re-construct some of the plates used for printing.

10. I am enclosing a few varieties of the 1961 surcharges for your opinion. Also I hope to be able to make out a check list of the hand stamps in about a month or so.

With best wishes and regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. L.



From:

Capt. Usman Ali Isani,  
Joint Secretary,  
Tele: 21331

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Islamabad, the 16th December, 1974.

My dear Doubleday,

I thank you very much for your kind letter  
of 3rd December, 1974.

2. I have had a look at the 1961 issues that you had  
enclosed. Frankly speaking most of them are new for me. I will  
try and obtain some more information locally. In the meantime  
do continue trying to place them.

3. I have prepared a listing of the machine prints  
of the 1961 issues. I am trying to get some information about  
quantities printed by the Security Printing Corporation and the  
Times Press, Karachi. So far I have not had much luck. I will  
be sending these lists in about two weeks time as I am unsure  
of some entries that I have made in the list.

4. I am particularly weak in the East Pakistan issues  
of the 1961 series. Any help in this field would be welcomed.  
I shall also be looking forward to getting a want list from you  
for any issues of Pakistan old or new.

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5. I have also received a letter from Mrs. Earl asking me to identify the so called Lahore trial prints. I agree with you. This is the first time that I am seeing these prints. I am trying to retain a photograph of the 3ps/1as 3 ps value of this variety which Mrs. Earl has sent. Kindly get a full listing of the values that exist with this over print. It would be an item to be included in the next edition of the book of course in the paper place.

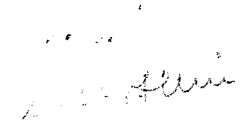
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6. Mrs. Earl has also sent me a one rupee service stamp with a rubber stamp in purple. She claims this to be a Lahore district hand stamp. This again is a completely new item. The stamp though used has a post mark in one corner. The over print is also very faint. I feel that this is again another issue to be viewed with extreme suspicion.

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Wishing you a merry X-Mas a happy New Year. I am enclosing your stamps.

Yours sincerely,

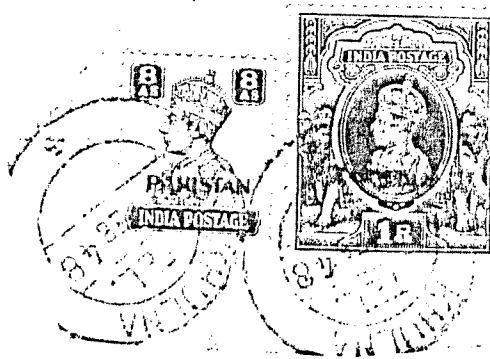
  
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PLACE FOR STAMPS.



Two pieces have been recently discovered with "KHULNA" Telegraphic cancellation dated 24 Feb 1948. This shows that this overprint was used earlier then it had previously been thought. One piece bears a Rs.1 stamp SG-259 with the overprint in combination with the 12 As. stamp with the same overprint the second piece bears the Rs.1 stamp with the Khulna overprint in combination with the 8 As. stamp with "NASIK" Overprint.

*Khulna Print*  
*[Signature]*

THICK N

HEAVIER & DARKER BAK



NO 100  
VALUABLE IN PAPER - ONE LITRE OF WATER  
PAPER - ONE LITRE OF WATER  
ONE LITRE OF WATER  
ONE LITRE OF WATER

X Karachi - Printers Waste or  
should have been. *Karachi - Printers*

Capt. Usman Ali Isani,  
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education.  
Tele: 21331  
Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD SEPTEMBER 17, 1975.

My dear

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EXPERIMENTAL  
See Table

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See also information  
on Telegram  
proceedures. p/2

4. I am enclosing typed copies of the measurements recorded by you of the 1 paisa currency surcharge on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as Mausoleum of Emperor Jehangir. These are spare copies and you may like to retain these for your reference. Since a large number of plates were used for the over-print of the 1 paisa /  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as values, I think your method suggests a very positive means of identifying and recording these plates. Since I have a number of full sheets of these values myself I will get down to recording the measurements and let us see where these exercise will take us.

5. To my knowledge no instructions existed prior to 1st October, 1947 for the over-printing of any kind of stamps, with the word Pakistan. As a matter of fact the Indian stamps were considered to be perfectly valid, ~~and any official directions and indeed without any need for it.~~ In my collection I have a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as service stamp with over-print Pakistan and post marked Haripur Hazara. The date of the post marked is 27 Oct 47. I would, therefore, say that any over-printing for any purposes before October, 1947 is purely in the nature of individual enthusiasm. It is quite possible that some enthusiastic staff in some post office freely used some hand stamps for this purpose. These items are definitely philatelic curiosities and I feel that they can be recorded so that some information on them is available. I wonder what your views on the subject are.

6. I would be greatly interested in the new reference book entitled " The Postal Agencies in Eastern Arabia and the Gulf" by Neel Donaldson. I wonder if you could send me the address from where it can be ordered. If you find it convenient I could send the money to you so that you could obtain a copy for me alongwith your own copy and forward the same to me.

Telegraph Check Office of the area. These forms are retained for <sup>for</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~two~~ months and audited. Thereafter they are destroyed. Thus any stamps salvaged from this would be unofficial leakages.

8. Any further news from Mr. Mogens Juhl. It would be very nice if the information could be made public and published through any source.

9. Any news from your correspondent in Dacca. It would be very helpful if something could be received from him.

With best wishes and regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Capt. Usman Ali Isani)

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## RECEIPT

## FOR INLAND TELEGRAM

(See Instructions on reverse.)

A(T&amp;T)

Class Amount No. Date  
Office of Origin

## PAKISTAN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT

## Inland Telegram

A(T&amp;T)

Class Amount No.

Office of Origin

Code Service  
Instruction



H. M.

Sent at

To

By

Words

Charges

Rs. Ps.

DEPOSIT A/C No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Booking Clerk.

(Nothing is to be written by the Sender above this line).

If this telegram is to be classed EXPRESS  
write the class X here.

If this telegram is on State business, the word  
STATE should be written in this space.

## Special Instruction

(See Clause 15 of  
T&T Guide)

To

Name

Address

Telegraph Office

Note—The name of the sender, if required to be telegraphed should be written at the end of the text but separated from it. The sender should sign and give his address in the space provided on the reverse of this form.

FROM

(To be Telegraphed)

Should any reference become necessary, the production of the receipt will enable the telegram to be traced by the office of origin within one month of the date of its despatch. *Complaints* respecting this telegram and applications for *Refund* involving complaints against the service should be made to the General Manager, Karachi, Lahore and Dacca within one month from the date of the telegram. Applications for refund *which do not involve complaints against the Service* should be made to the *Officer-in-Charge Telegraph Check Office, Dacca and Lahore, for the messages booked in East and West Pakistan respectively.*

### DEPOSIT ACCOUNT PARTICULARS.

If cost is to be recovered through Deposit Account :

*To be filled*

*in by sender :* Deposit Account No.  
: Name of Telegraph Office :  
: Accounts Payable by :

*To be filled in*  
*by billing Clerk :* Cost debited to account No.

(Signature of billing Clerk)

Date

*THE ACCURACY* of the telegram is not guaranteed, the Sender and receiver must accept *ALL RISKS* arising from non-delivery, errors or delays. The receipt granted for the telegram should be enclosed with any reference regarding complaints or refund. In Address consisting of a name prefix to a Registered or Abbreviated address, or when a telegram is addressed to one person at the house of another whose name is also given, the words, "Care of" or the symbol 'C/o' should be inserted after the name of the *Addressee*. There is always risk of a telegram not being delivered if a full and definite address is not given in the first instance.

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED

Signature  
and

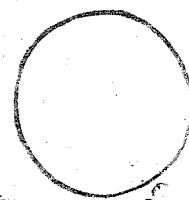
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Telephone No. (if any).....



TO PREVENT MISTAKES ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGIBLE WRITING.

# RECEIPT FOR FOREIGN TELEGRAM



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PAKISTAN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE STAMP

Class Amount No. Date

## TELEGRAM

Pakistan Telegraph and Telephone Department

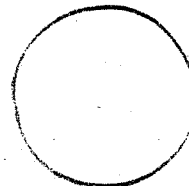
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Special Instructions  
by Sender

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Country) \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE STAMP



Message Sent

Time  
Circuit  
By

I request that the above telegram may be forwarded subject to the conditions mentioned on back of this form by which I agree to be bound.

SIGNATURE OF SENDER

TELEPHONE NO.

ADDRESS

(Not to be Telegraphed)

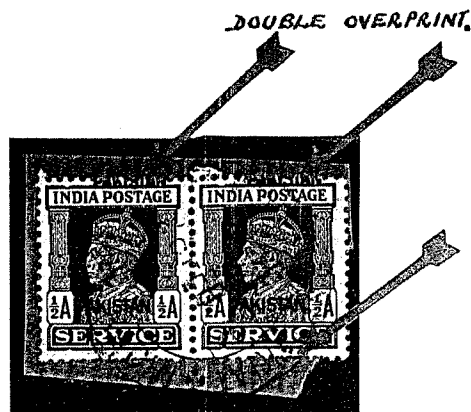
KARACHI - KARACHI DISTRICT.

BLOCK LETTERS. NO STOP.

COLOUR OF MACHINE OVERPRINT: BLACK.

ON SERVICE.

LOW VALUES SIZE: 9 1/2 / 9 3/4 x 1 1/4 / 1 1/4 mm.



USED 26 FEBRUARY  
1948.

FAINT TRACES OF A TRIPLE  
OVERPRINT.

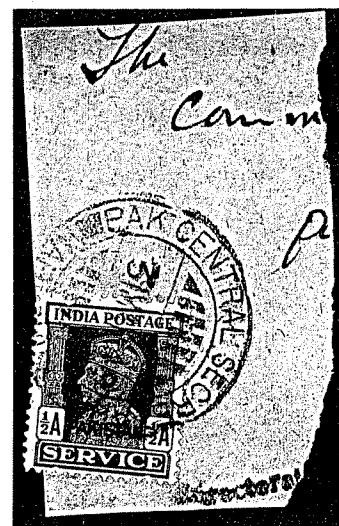
NOTES: 1 DISCOVERED VERY LATE (SEPTEMBER 1948)  
THE ABOVE ERROR ALTERS TWO DISTINCT LINES  
OF THOUGHT HELD BY COL. MARTIN AND EXPRESSED  
IN HIS WRITINGS - AND IN OTHER LATER WRITINGS -  
AS FOLLOWS:-

- (a) THIS DOUBLE OVERPRINT ON 1/2 ANNA KARACHI  
SERVICE OVERPRINT IS THE FIRST KNOWN ERROR  
ON THIS VALUE AND JOINS THE SIX OTHER  
KNOWN MAJOR ERRORS.
- (b) THE DATE OF USAGE (26 FEBRUARY 1948) IS  
SOME TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF APRIL OF  
THAT YEAR WHEN OVERPRINTS DISTINGUISHED  
BY BADLY CENTRED COPIES BEGAN TO APPEAR  
IN NUMBERS.

2 BOTH THE ERROR ABOVE AND THE SINGLE EXAMPLE  
AT RIGHT (SHOWN FOR ITS ALMOST-COMPLETE AND  
IDENTICAL POSTMARK) SHOW THAT KARACHI  
OVERPRINTING BEGAN MUCH EARLIER AND IT IS NOT  
BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF POSSIBILITY THAT THESE  
EARLIER EXAMPLES WERE PART OF A TRIAL  
PRINTING IN WHICH THE ABOVE ERROR ESCAPED  
DETECTION.

3 THAT THESE EXAMPLES ARE EARLY PRINTS AND GOOD  
COPIES OF NASIK IS APPARENT. THE LETTERING IS NOT  
AS WELL-FORMED HOWEVER WITH THE SHARPLY DEFINED  
EDGES. UNEVEN INKING ALSO SLIGHTLY SHOWS.

4 IT IS NO MERE COINCIDENCE  
THAT BOTH EXAMPLES BEAR  
THE SAME POSTMARK, I.E.  
"PAK CENTRAL SECRETARIAT  
KARACHI".



USED 31 MARCH 1948.

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£800 - £1000

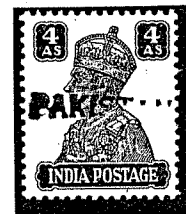
KHARIAN - GUTRAT DISTRICT.

BLOCK LETTERS. WITH STOP.

COLOUR OF HANDSTAMP: VIOLET.

ON ORDINARY.

SIZE: 18 x 3 mm.



NOTES: THE ABOVE MINT STAMPS ARE FROM THE COLLECTION FORMED BY GENERAL SIR  
1. DOUGLAS GRACEY WHILST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, NORTH WESTERN ARMY HQ. AT  
RAWALPINDI, DESCRIBED IN COL. D.R. MARTIN'S HANDBOOK AS "THE PHILATELIST"  
WHO DESPATCHED AN AIDE TO KHARIAN TO INVESTIGATE THIS DIE.

2. THE ARROWED GEORGE V 1 1/4 ANNAS BEARS A DOUBLE HANDSTAMP - ONE INVERTED.

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£130

LAHORE - LAHORE DISTRICT.

BLOCK LETTERS. WITH OR WITHOUT STOP.

COLOUR OF HANDSTAMP: PURPLE.

ON SERVICE.

SIZES: VARIOUS.



1. THE Rs.2 LAHORE HANDSTAMP ON SERVICE IN PURPLE IS A RARITY IN MINT CONDITION.
2. THE ABOVE EXAMPLE IS OF A SIZE  $18\frac{1}{4} \times 3$  mm. WITH VERTICAL LINE AFTER LETTER "N". HANDSTAMP IS WORN, "PAK" BEING WEAKEST.



3. THE Rs.5 LAHORE HANDSTAMP ON SERVICE IN PURPLE IS, VERY PROBABLY, THE MOST RARE ITEM OF ALL HANDSTAMPS, BOTH ORDINARY AND SERVICE.
4. TO DATE (FEBRUARY 1989) IT IS UNRECORDED AND AGAIN, TO DATE, THE ABOVE EXAMPLE IS THE ONLY KNOWN COPY.
5. THIS EXAMPLE BEARS A HANDSTAMP SIZE OF  $18\frac{1}{4} \times 3$  mm. WITH LARGE STOP.

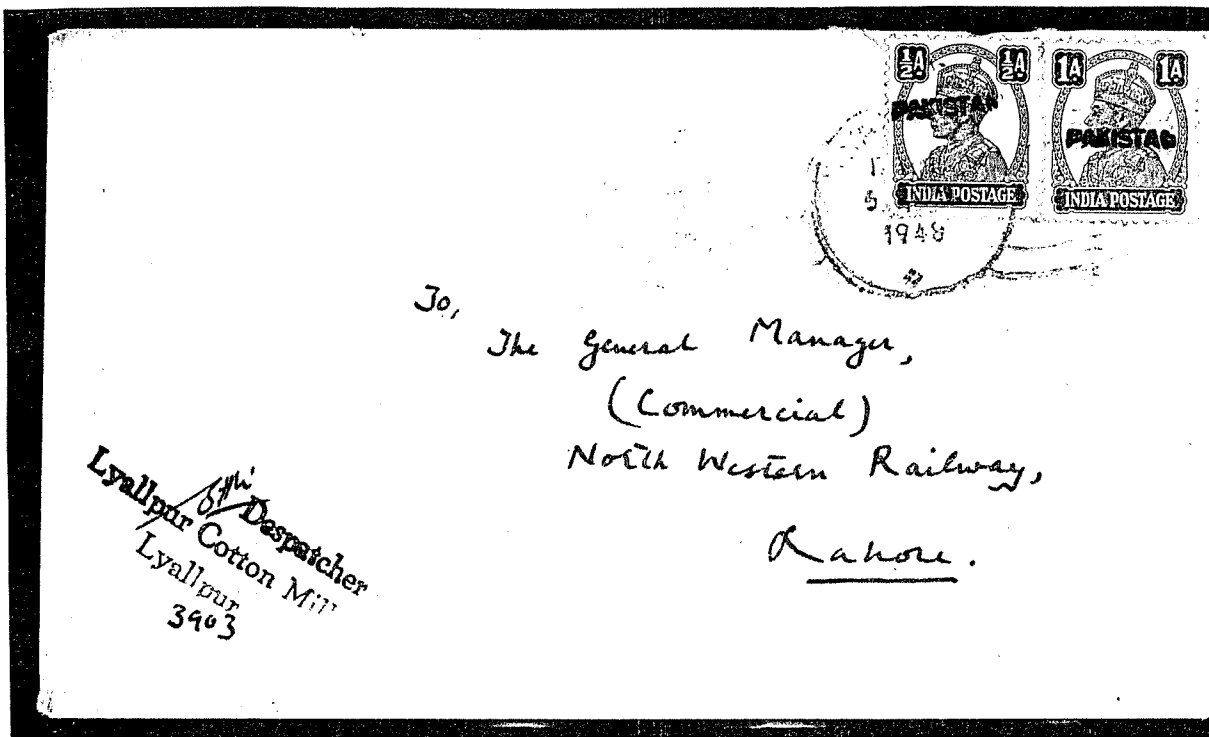
*£800 - £1000*

## PAKISTAN

### HANDSTAMPS ON INDIA 1947-48.

Misinterpretation of a Central Government directive to Provincial Governments dated 3 January 1948 concerning postal stationery caused the handstamping of ordinary adhesives.

In many cases it was literally an acute shortage of ordinary adhesives from January to July 1948 plus a desire to keep the posts moving which motivated local district authorities. Such an example is that of Lyallpur District.



TYPE 1.

Rubber die 14 x 1 3/4 mm. Believed used early January 1948 in purple but quickly withdrawn and later used on Service. Resumed usage in black February-May 1948.

TYPE 2.

7 Rubber dies in sizes ranging from 18 1/2/24 x 3 3/4 mm. Black. ('PAKISTAN' and 'PAKISTAN'.)



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PAKISTAN - 1947-1949.

KARACHI ADMINISTRATIVE AREA AND DISTRICT.

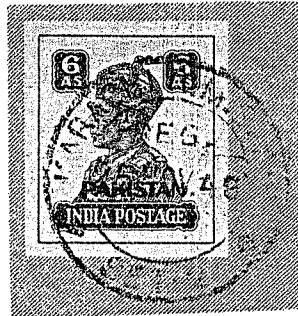
BLOCK LETTERS. NO STOP.

MACHINE OVERPRINT: BLACK.

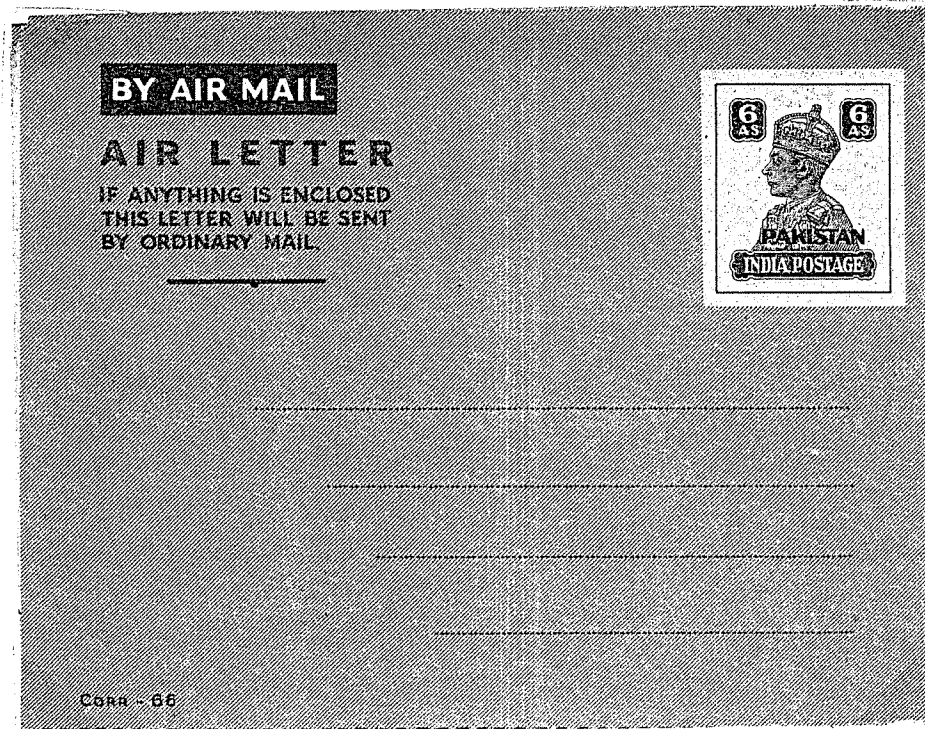
WEST PAKISTAN.

SIZE: 13 1/2 x 2 1/4 mm.

6 ANNAS AIR LETTER.



FROM: KARACHI RMS AIR, 25 NOV. 1948.



1. KARACHI OVERPRINTED THIS AIR LETTER USING PARTS OF THE PLATE USED FOR OVERPRINTING ORDINARY STAMPS. THIS PRACTICE IS ALSO IDENTIFIED WITH LAHORE, PESHAWAR AND BARISAL (EAST PAKISTAN).
2. THE ABOVE CUT-OUT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF KARACHI PRINTING WITH A DULL INK AND MINUTE SPECKS OF WHITE.
3. THE UNUSED EXAMPLE IS A VERY GOOD IMITATION OF A NASIK PRINT BY KARACHI, THE ONLY APPARENT DIFFERENCE BEING THE DULL INK - INK OF A QUALITY NEVER USED BY NASIK PRESS.

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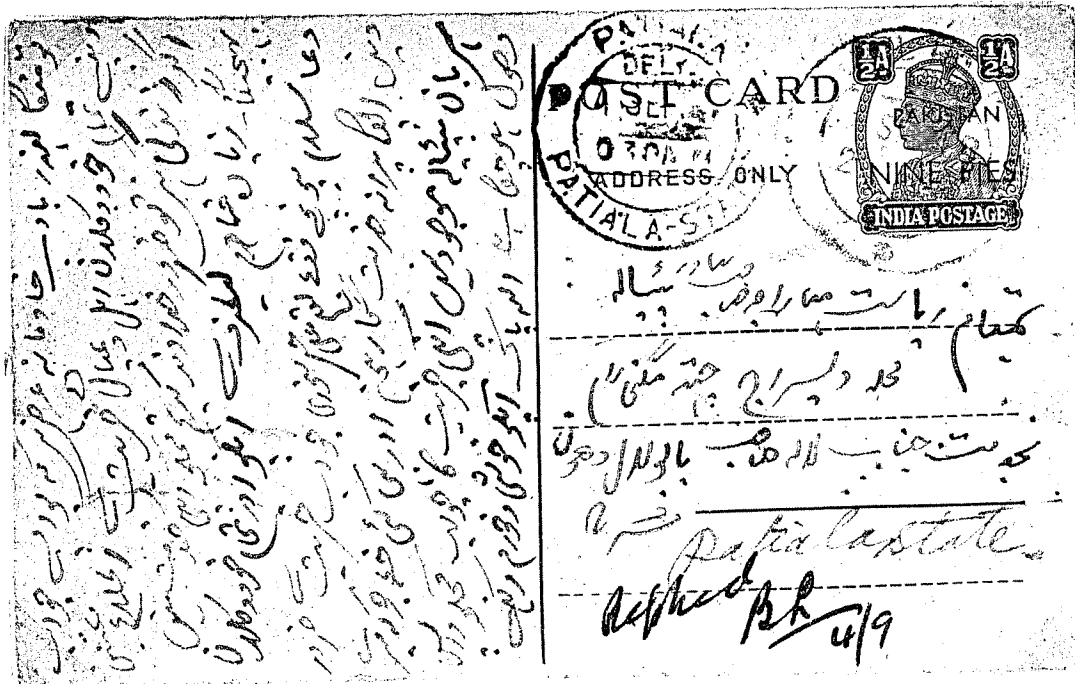
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PAKISTAN — 1947-1947.

LAHORE — LAHORE DISTRICT.

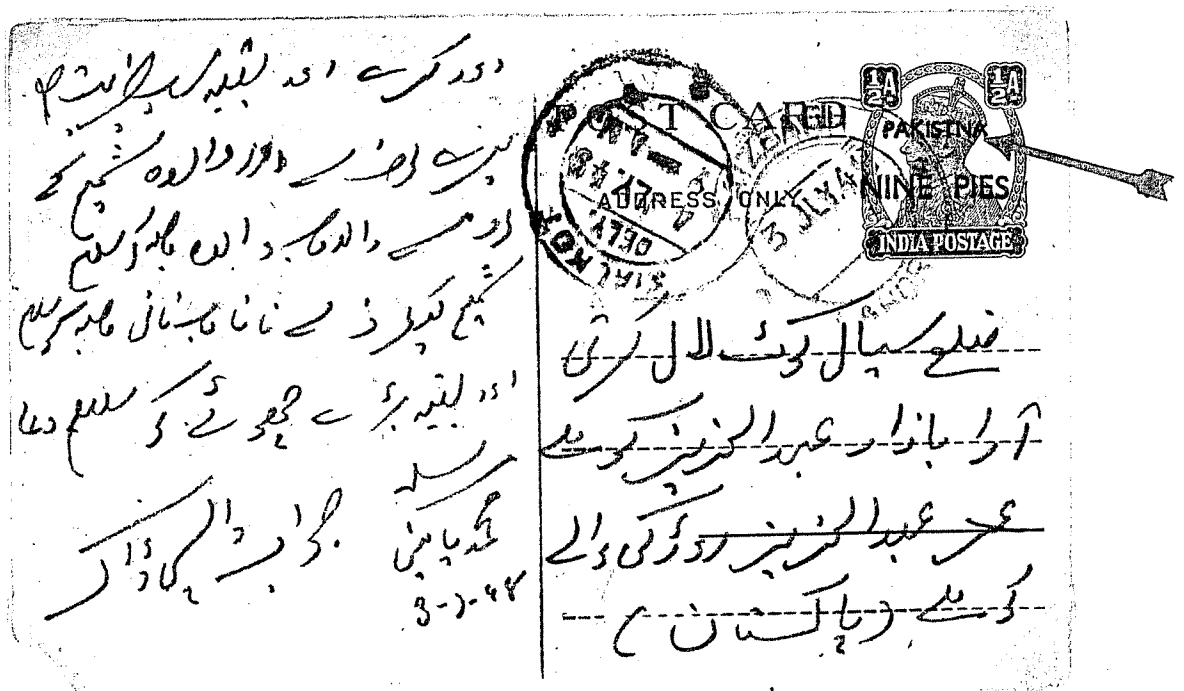
WEST PAKISTAN.

1/2 ANNA POSTCARD SURCHARGED  
NINE PIES.



FROM: LAHORE MALL ROAD, 2 SEPTEMBER 1948.

A RARE  
EXAMPLE  
OF A RARE  
ERROR.



FROM: LAHORE FAIRBAGH, 3 JULY 1948.

1. "NINE PIES" MEASURES 19 x 3 mm. AND GAP BETWEEN OVERPRINT AND SURCHARGE IS 5 1/2 mm. OVERPRINTING CARRIED-OUT IN ONE OPERATION.

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PAKISTAN - 1947-1949.

WEST PAKISTAN.

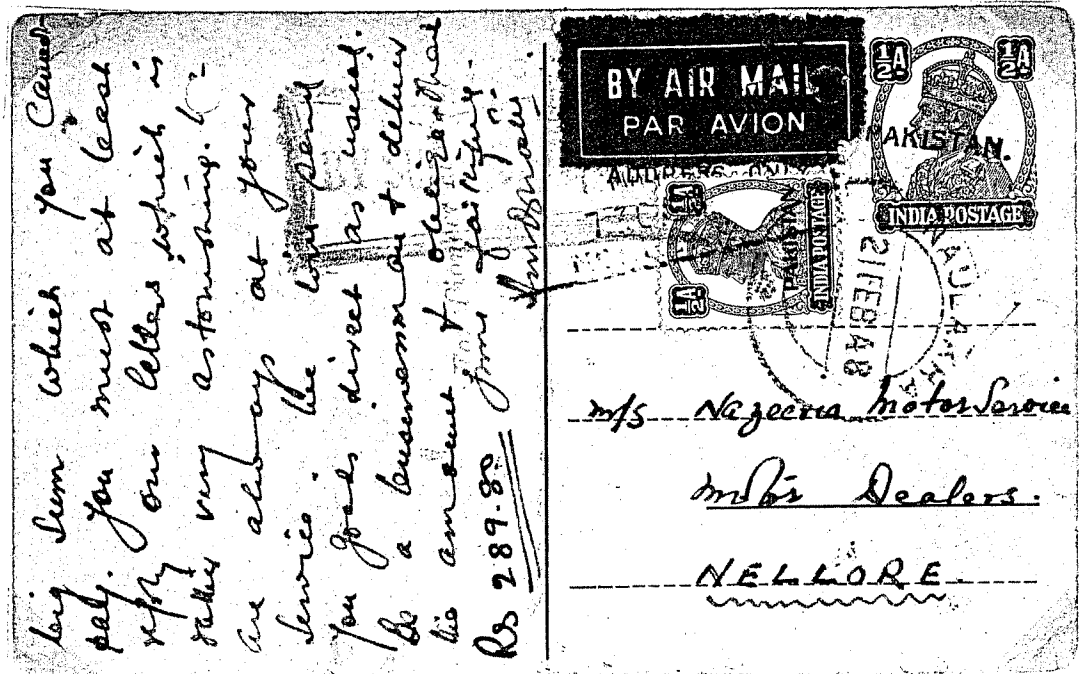
LAHORE - LAHORE DISTRICT.

BLOCK LETTERS. WITH STOP.

HANDSTAMP OVERPRINT: PURPLE.

SIZE: 18 x 2 3/4 / 3 mm.

1/2 ANNA POSTCARD.



FROM: NAULAKHA, 21 FEBRUARY 1948.

1. HANDSTAMPING IN LAHORE WAS AUTHORIZED IN FEBRUARY 1948 FOR SERVICE STAMPS AND SERVICE POSTAL STATIONERY. THIS WAS PRIOR TO THE ADVENT OF MACHINE OVERPRINTING IN MAY OF THAT YEAR.
2. CIRCA MID-FEBRUARY 1948 THERE WAS AN APPARENT NEED TO HANDSTAMP THE ABOVE POSTCARD AND TWO OTHER ITEMS OF STATIONERY BUT NOT, APPARENTLY, THE 1 1/2 ANNAS ENVELOPE.
3. SUCH HANDSTAMPING WAS VERY SHORT-LIVED AND THERE ARE ONLY THREE KNOWN SURVIVORS OF THIS POSTCARD INCLUDING THE ABOVE EXAMPLE.
4. I INITIALLY LINKED THIS HANDSTAMP WITH THE LAHORE GROUP OF DIES ON SERVICE ADHESIVES AND IT IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THIS 'FAMILY'. IT DOES NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO MEASURE MORE THAN 18 mm. IN LENGTH ON ANY EXAMPLE SEEN A FACT WHICH PUTS IT A LITTLE TO THE SIDE OF THE ADHESIVE STAMPS GROUP.

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£70 - £200