



Cachets of Aden 1937 - 1965

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Introduction

This listing is an attempt to list the cachets (the envelope designs) that commemorated events in Aden (primarily stamp issues) during the years of Independent Burma beginning in 1937. While these covers are encountered in the philatelic market, there has not been a comprehensive reference guide to these covers.

Aden (along with Burma) has long been a “step-child” of philately. Due, in part, to the relative anonymity of Aden philately, the items included in this listing are, generally speaking, inexpensive. There are not many collectors seeking these items. More discoveries are waiting to be made.

In this listing, each envelope design has a two-part designation. The first number, from one to seventeen, designates the event, and the second part is a sequential listing of designs for the event. This allows new numbers to be added for any covers not previously identified. The catalog numbering system is copyrighted; permission to use it - should it be of interest or use - is freely given provided that the numbers are always referred to with the prefix “Zwillinger”.

Beginning in 1942 separate stamps were issued for the Kathiri State of Seiyun and for Qu’aiti State in Hadhramaut – the Aden Protectorate States. Cachets with the stamps of these states are occasionally encountered. As these stamps and cachets are part of Aden philately, they are included here with a two part rule:

1. Where the stamps are the same design as those of Aden and the cachet does not reflect the state, they are included in the general listing for the stamp issue
2. Where the cachet refers to a State and/or the stamp design is unique to the State and is not shared with issues of Aden, they are in the appendix.

If you possess a cover not included here and would like to contribute to future revisions of this catalog, please send me a clear full size photocopy of the cover, or, even better, a clear scan of the cover with the information needed to include it in this listing.

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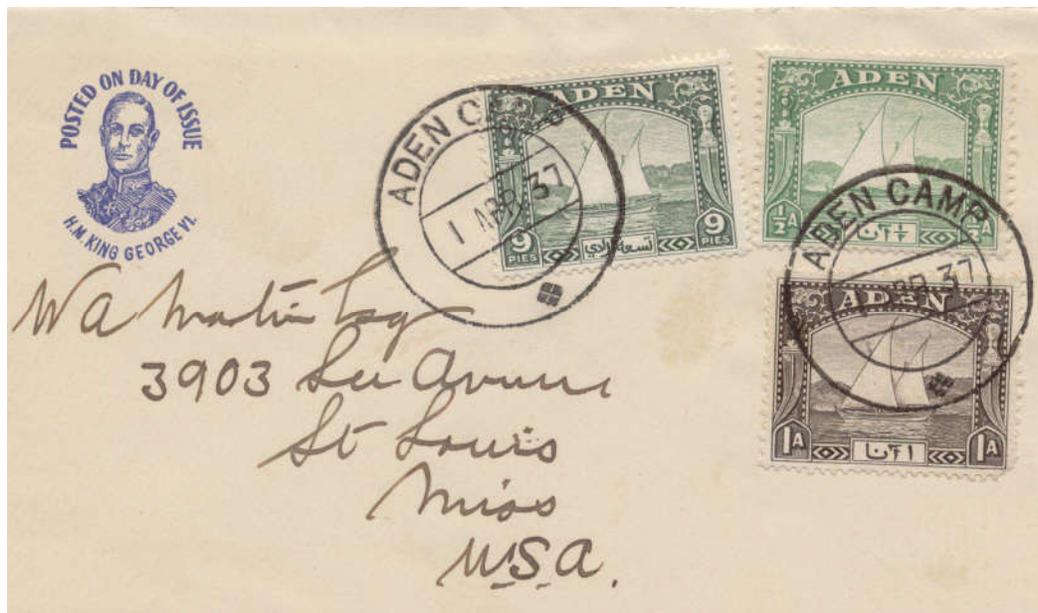
There are 17 significant events, activities or periods in Aden postal history associated with covers bearing cachets. These are:

1	April 1, 1937	Stamp Issue of 1937
2	May 12, 1937	Coronation of George VI
3	January 19, 1939	Aden Centenary and Second Definitives (With additional issues in 1945 and 1948)
4	1939	Cruise of the USS Sacramento
5	October 15, 1946	Peace and Victory Stamp Issue
6	January 7, 1949	Silver Wedding
7	October 10, 1949	Anniversary of UPU
8	October 1, 1951	Stamp Issue (Currency Overprint)
9	June 2, 1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth
10	June 15, 1953	Definitive Stamp Issue of 1953
11	April 27, 1954	Royal Visit
12	Sept. 20 1954 through Jan 7, 1957	Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957
13	August 24, 1957	First Flight
14	Oct. 15, 1958 through Jan. 22, 1963	Definitive Stamp Issues of 1958 - 1963
15	January 26, 1959	Stamp Issue Revised Constitution
16	June 4, 1963	Stamp Issue Freedom From Hunger
17	Feb. 5, 1964 through Feb. 16, 1965	Definitive Stamp Issues of 1964 – 1965

1-1

Stamp Issue of 1937

April 1, 1937



Text: Posted on Day of Issue

Notes: Early use of coronation cachet

1-2

Stamp Issue of 1937

April 1, 1937



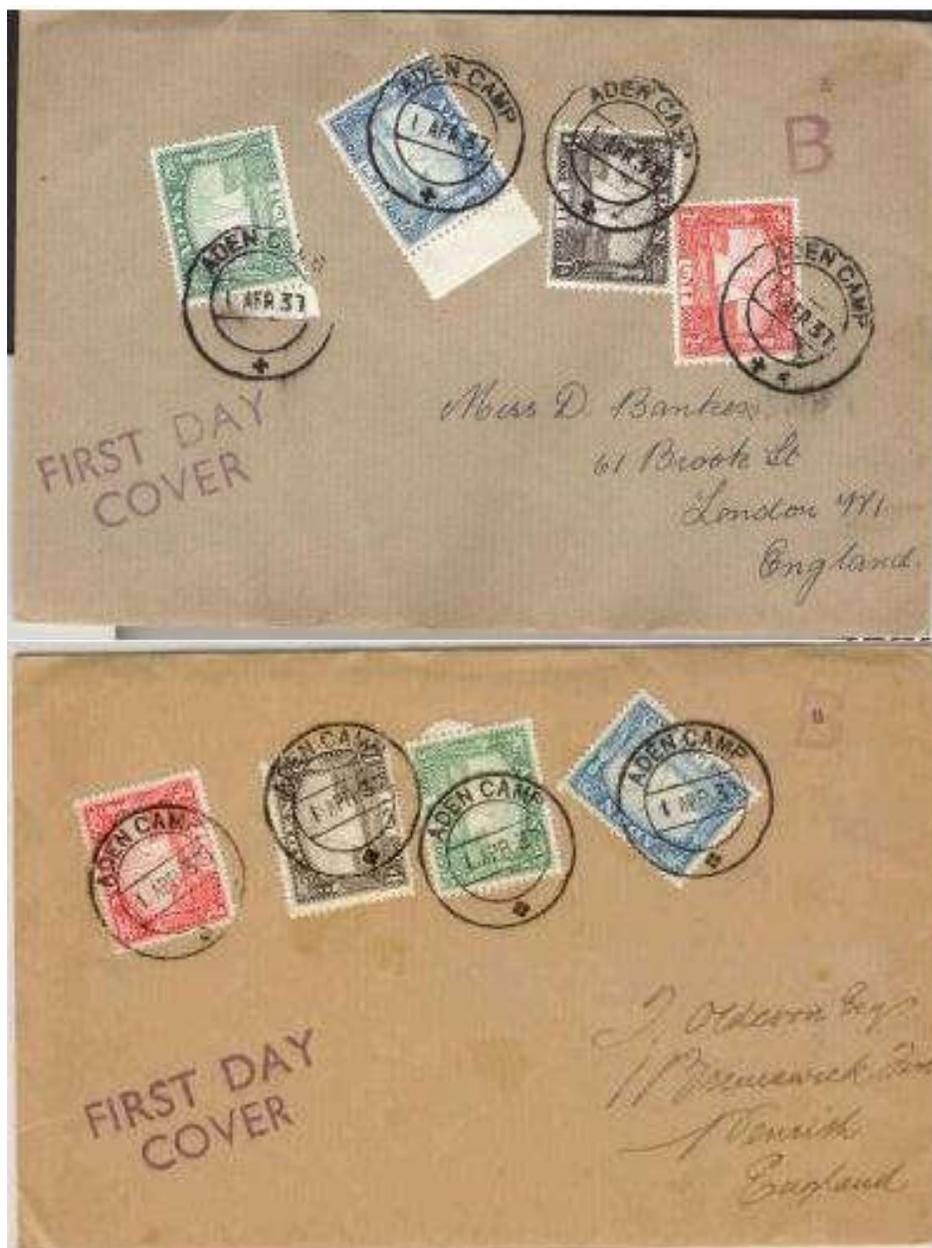
Text: First Day Cover

Notes: Boxed Rubber Stamp - red

1-3

Stamp Issue of 1937

April 1, 1937



Text: First Day Cover

Notes: Unboxed Rubber Stamp - red

1-4

Stamp Issue of 1937

April 1, 1937



Text: First Day Cover

Note: Rubber Stamp – pale blue ink

2-1

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Posted on Day of Issue
H.M. King George VI

Note: See also cachet 1-1

2-2

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Commemorating
the Coronation of
His Royal Majesty
George VI
King of England
Emperor of India
Defender of the Faith
May 12, 1937

2-3

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text:

Coronation of King George VI

12th May, 1937

Jennings, Printers, So. Shields (in very small print)

2-4

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Coronation Commemoration
GR ER
First Day Cover

Note: This cachet is known used in other colonies as well.

2-5

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text:

The
Westminster Stamp Co
Bank Chambers
His Majesty Her Majesty
King George Queen Elizabeth
Stamps Issued in Commemoration of the
Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

Note:

This cachet is known used in other colonies as well.

2-6

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: King George VI
Coronation Cover
May 12, 1937

2-7

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Aden Philatelic Souvenir
First day envelope Special Coronation Issue 12th May 1937

Notes Several designs are seen with a preprinted address
for Mr. F.L. Aga.

2-8

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Coronation
1937
H.M. George VI
Her Majesty the Queen

2-9

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Commemorating
the Coronation of
His Majesty
George VI
King of England
Emperor of India
Defender of the Faith
May 12, 1937

Note: This cachet is known used in other colonies as well.

2-10

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Posted
On Day
Of Issue

Note: Boxed Rubber Stamp - red

2-11

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: A Souvenir
Commemorating the Coronation
Of their majesties King George VI
And Queen Elizabeth
At Westminster Abbey
May 12, 1937

Note: Published by University Stamp Co.?

2-12

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text:

Day of Issue
Coronation Stamps

2-13

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Posted on Day
Of Issue
H.M. King
George VI

2-14

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: King George VI
Coronation Day
1937 12th May

Notes Seen with pre-printed address to two different stamp dealers in Cairo. In addition to The Oriental Philatelic House illustrated above, Philatelists' Stores is also known. That one has the address on the left and the Registration label on the right.

Multiple copies of this cachet have been seen with the identical Registration number – B 171.

2-15

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



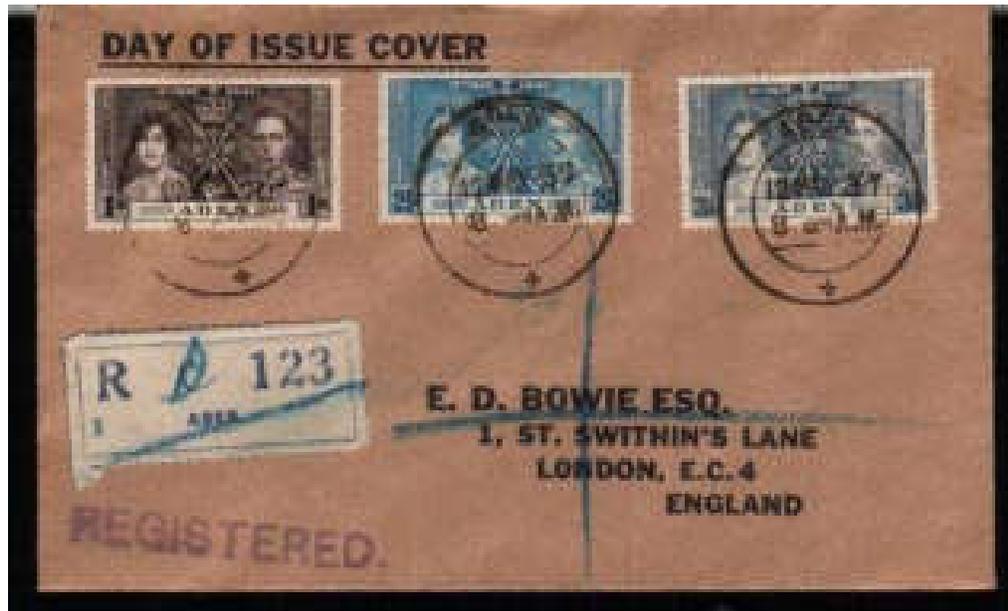
Text: Posted
On Day
Of Issue

Note: Blue Rubber Stamp – straight line

2-16

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: First Day of Issue Cover

2-17

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: [No text – just illustration]

2-18

Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text:

First Day Cover
Commemorating the Coronation of
King George VI & Queen Elizabeth
At Westminster Abbey,
On Wednesday, May 12, 1937.

2-19

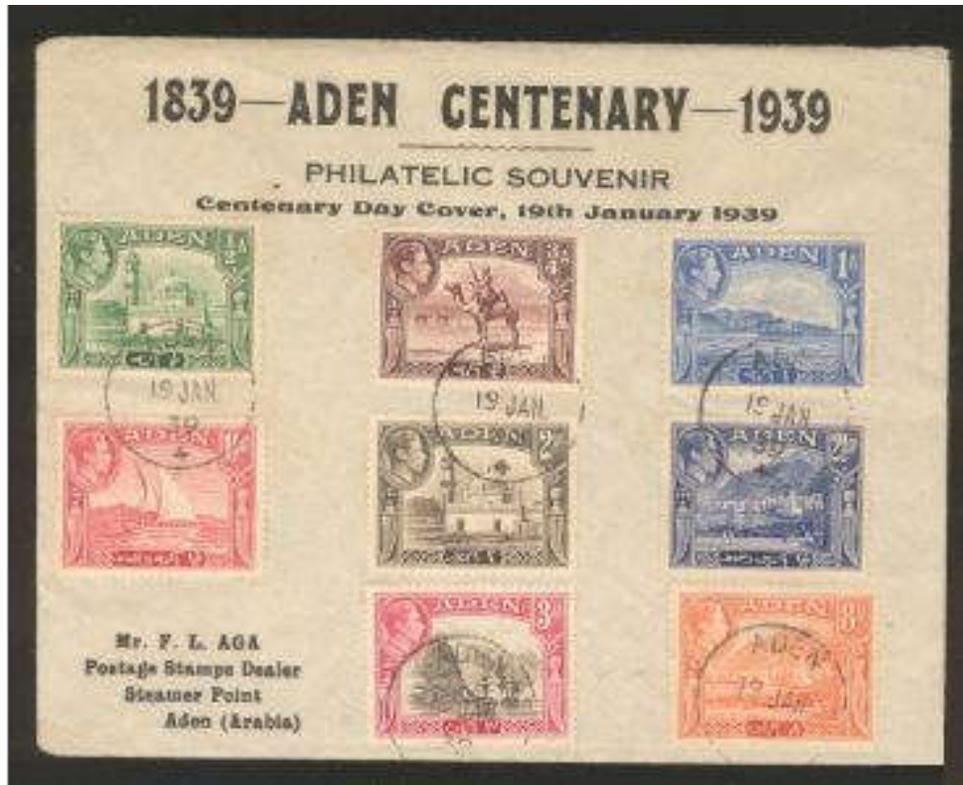
Coronation of King George VI

May 12, 1937



Text: Rubber stamped boxed First Day Cover - blue

3-1 Aden Centenary and Second Definitive Issue
 January 19, 1939



Publisher F.L. Aga (?)

Text: 1839 – Aden Centenary – 1939
 Philatelic Souvenir
 Centenary Day Cover, 19th January 1939

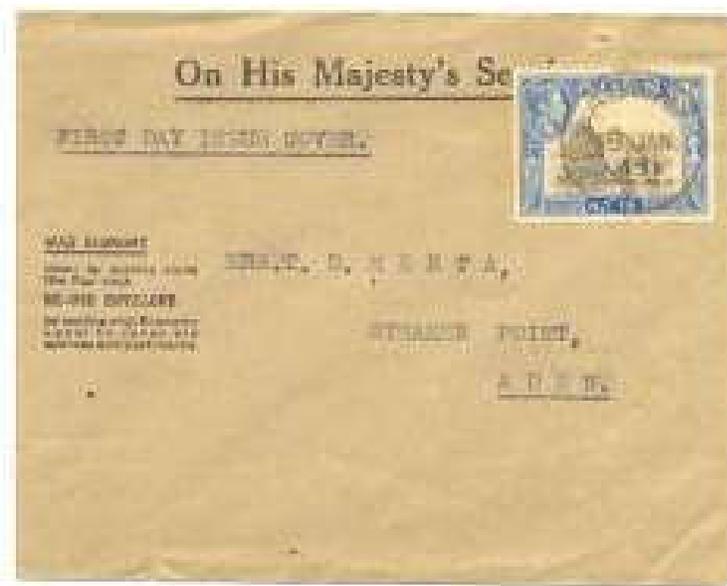
Note: Additional covers:



3-2

Second Definitive Issue – con't

January 15, 1945



Text: First Day Issue Cover

Note: Typewritten

Two values of the 1939 set were issued after 1939. This one, in 1945 and another, in 1948.

4-1

USS Sacramento

1939



Text: Homeward
Bound
U.S.S. Sacramento
From the Orient

Notes The USS Sacramento arrived in Shanghai on April 1, 1932 for seven years of operations with the Asiatic Fleet mostly watching over American lives and property during the Sino-Japanese War. The ship became known as the Galloping Ghost of the China Coast. Departing Cavite on January 12, 1939, it transited the Suez Canal and proceeded through the Mediterranean back to New York where it arrived on May 27, 1939.

After repairs in the New York Navy Yard, the Sacramento proceeded to Michigan City, Ind. where it was placed in the service of the 9th Naval District on November 20, 1939 for the training of Naval Reservists on the Great Lakes.

5-1 Peace and Victory Stamp Issue
October 15, 1946



Text: Anniversary of Peace
1945 - 1946
First Day of Issue

Notes First two lines are rubberstamped - purple
Last line is typewritten

5-2

Peace and Victory Stamp Issue

October 15, 1946



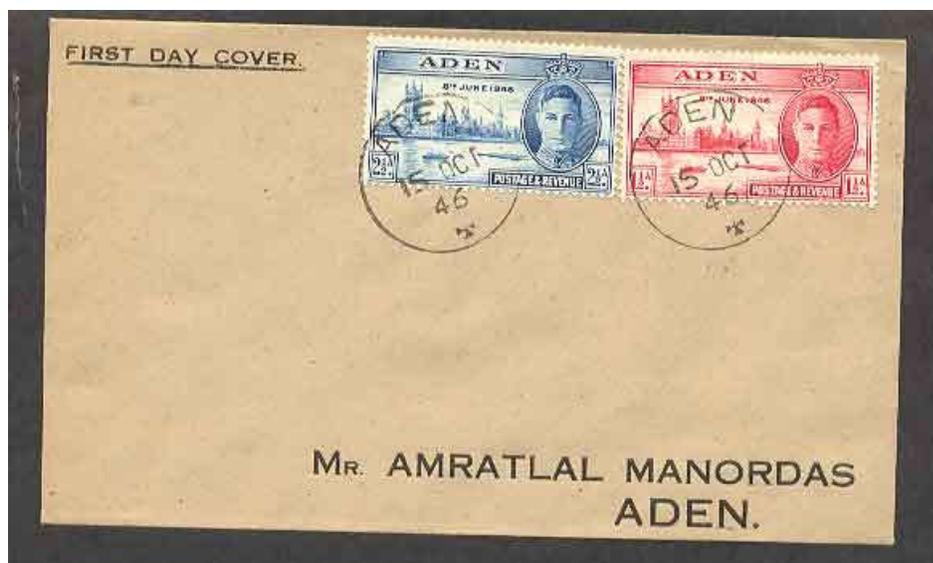
Text: First Day Issue

Notes Rubber stamped - blue

5-4

Peace and Victory Stamp Issue

October 15, 1946



Text: First Day Cover

Rubber stamped - black

6-1 Silver Wedding

January 17, 1949



Text: Royal Silver Wedding F.D.C.

7-1 Anniversary of UPU
October 10, 1949



Text: UPU
75th Anniversary
1874 1949
Issued by the authority of
the
British Philatelic Association
and the
Philatelic Traders Society

7-2a **Anniversary of UPU**
October 10, 1949



Text: Commemorating
 75th Anniversary
 Universal Postal Union

Note: Also known with “First Day Cover” in red ink from rubber
 handstamp



See next page

7-2b

Anniversary of UPU

October 10, 1949



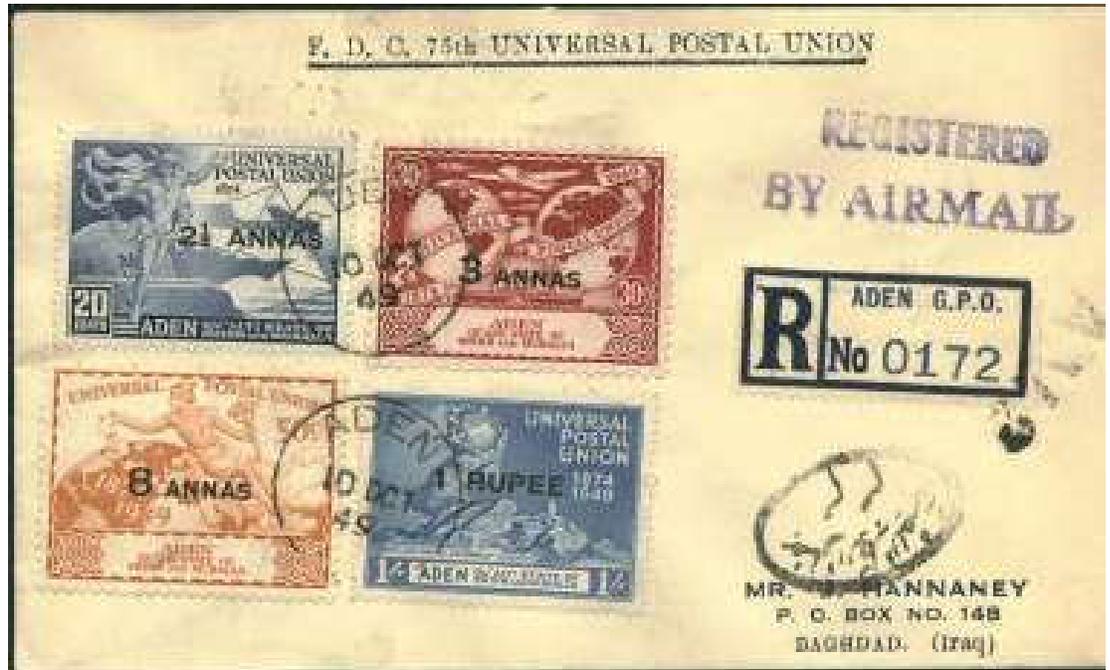
Text: F.D.C. 75th Universal Postal Union
Commemorating
75th Anniversary
Universal Postal Union

Note: Identical to the previous cachet but with the addition of an
additional line
“F.D.C. 75th Universal Postal Union”

7-3

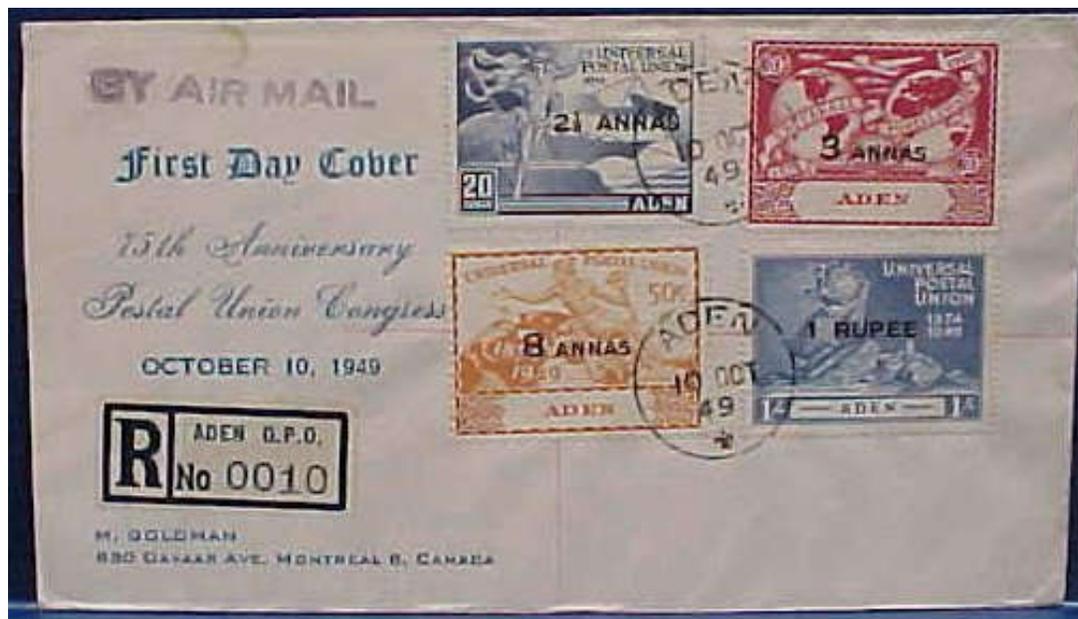
Anniversary of UPU

October 10, 1949



Text: F.D.C. 75th Universal Postal Union

7-4 Anniversary of UPU
October 10, 1949



Text: First Day Cover
75th Anniversary
Postal Union Congress
October 10, 1949

Notes Printed address to M. Goldman

7-5

Anniversary of UPU

October 10, 1949



Text: F.D.C. 75th Universal Postal Union

Notes: Rubber stamped
Orientation of handstamp can vary; see below



7-6 Anniversary of UPU
October 10, 1949



Text: By Air Mail
Souvenir – 1874-1949
75th Anniversary UPU

7-7 Anniversary of UPU
October 10, 1949



Text: F.D.C. 75th Universal Postal Union

Notes Rubber stamped with words close together - purplish

8-1 Stamp Issue (Currency Overprint)
October 1, 1951



Text: First Day Issue
1 - OCT - 1951

Note Rubber Stamp with same attributes of address stamp-
blue

8-2 Stamp Issue (Currency Overprint)
October 1, 1951



Text: Currency Over-Print Issue
First Day Cover

8-3 Stamp Issue (Currency Overprint)
 October 1, 1951



Text: First Day Cover

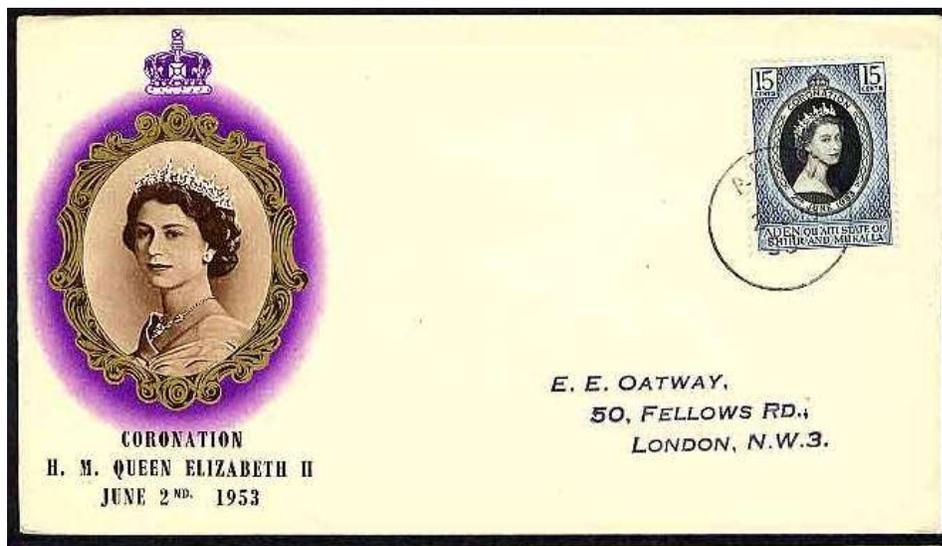
Notes: Rubber stamp in blue. Always (?) seen on diagonal.

Known on a variety of envelopes. See example below.



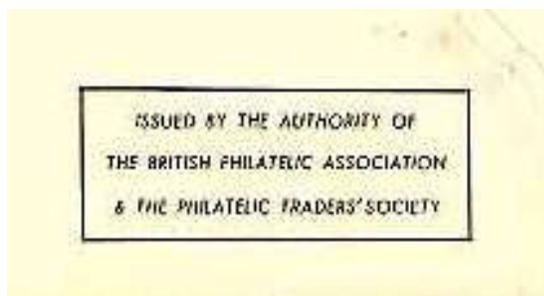
9-1 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth
June 2, 1953

Aden



Text: Coronation
H.M. Queen Elizabeth II
June 2nd 1953

Handstamp on reverse:



9-2

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text: Elizabeth II
First Day
Cover

Notes This cachet was also used in 1954 for the first day of issue of the Royal Visit Stamp. In both cases, there is a pre-printed address on the envelope: J. Sanders Esq. in Southampton, England.

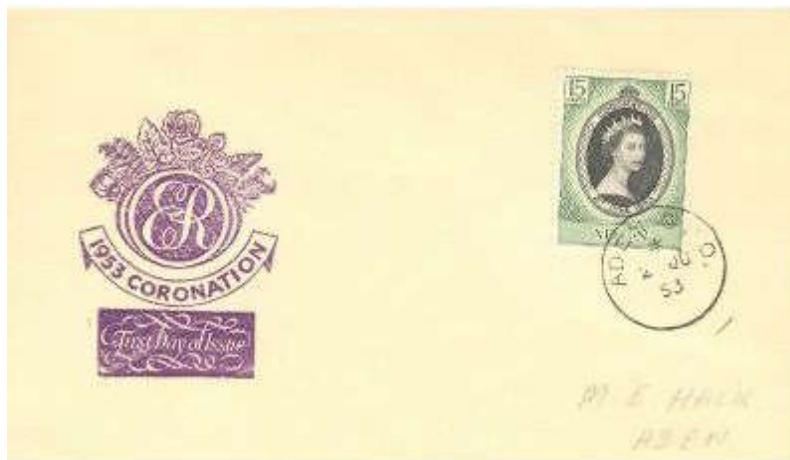
9-3 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth
June 2, 1953

9-3a



Text: ER
1953 Coronation
First Day of Issue
Notes Also known in purple – variety b:

9-3b



9-4

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text:
Notes

Label on envelope – not printed - is the same design as design number 8-3.

9-5

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text: First Day Cover
Coronation
1953

Notes Printed Address to Mirza Store, Aden

9-6

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text:

Commemorating the Coronation
Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
June 2 1953

9-7

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text:

Elizabeth II
By the Grace of God of the
United Kingdom, New
Zealand, and Her other Realms
and Territories, Queen, head of
the Commonwealth, Defender
of the Faith

Note

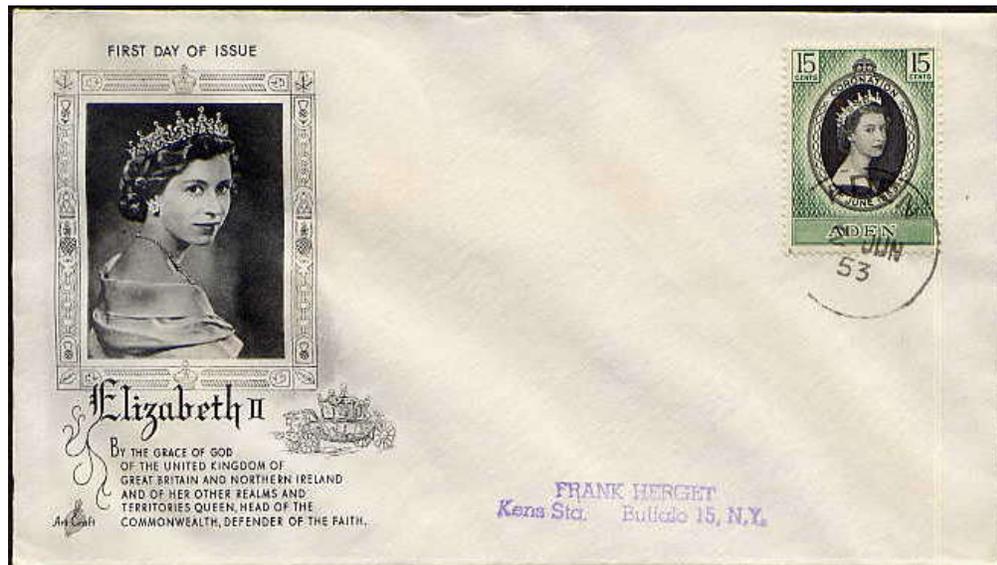
Same cachet used for Issue of Qu'aiti State of Shihr and
Mukalla



9-8

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text: First Day of Issue
Elizabeth II
By the Grace of God
Of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland
And of her Other Realms and
Territories Queen, head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

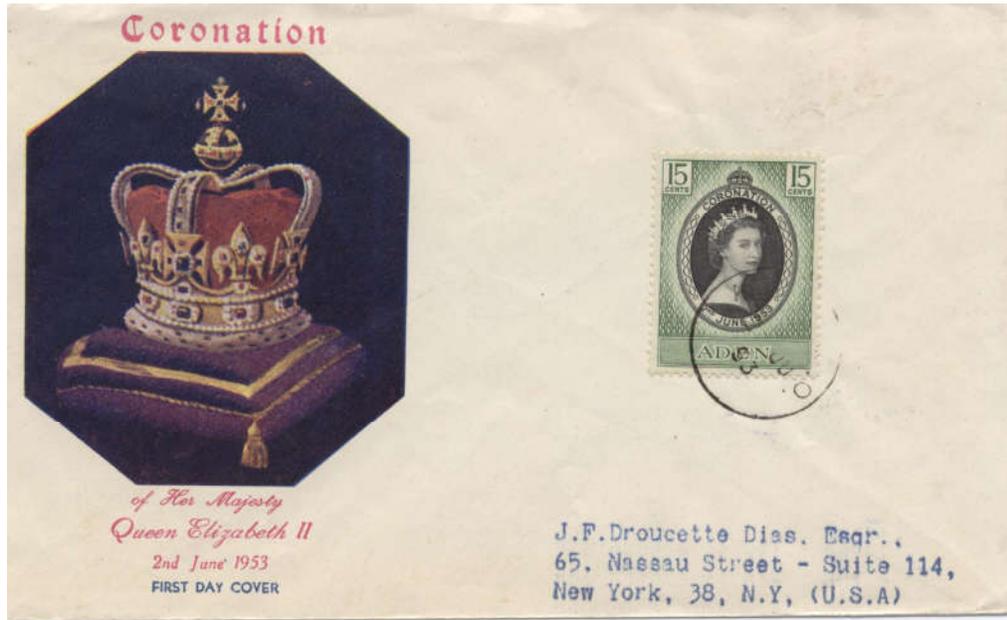
Note: This Artcraft cachet was also used in 1954 for the first day of issue of the Royal Visit Stamp.

9-9

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953

Aden



Text:

Coronation
Of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
2nd June 1953
First Day Cover

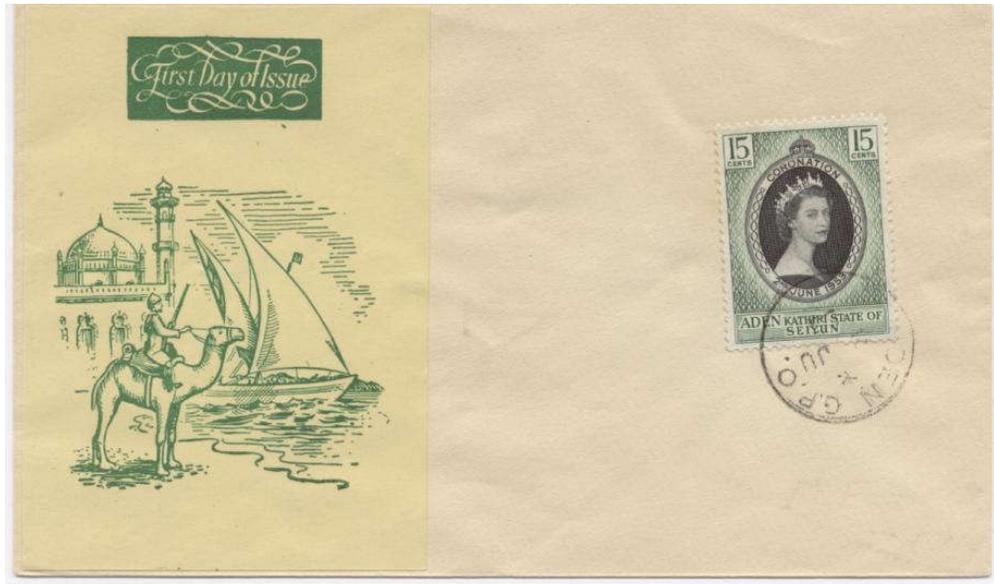
Aden
Qu'aiti
State of
Shihr and
Mukalla



9-10

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text: First Day of Issue

Note: Adhesive label on cover

9-11

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text: First Day of Issue

Note: Rubber Stamp – identical to address stamp – in black
Used in Qu'aiti State of Shihr and Mukalla

9-12

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953

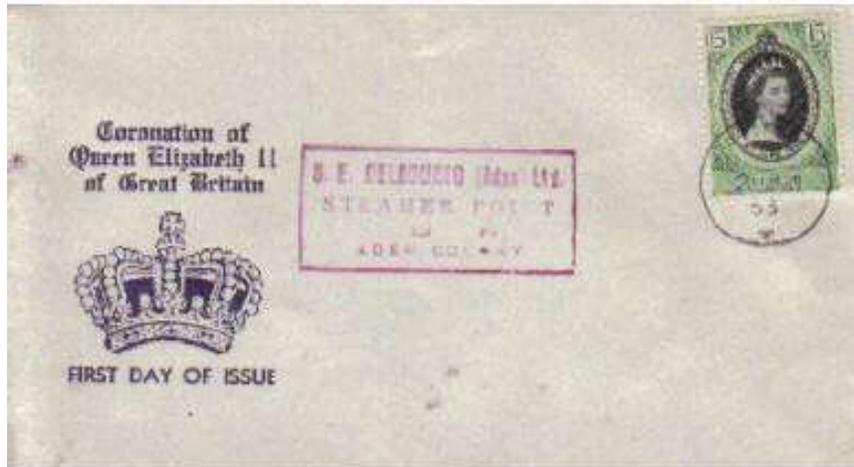


Text: Commemorating
Coronation of
H.M.
Queen Elizabeth II

9-13

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text:

Coronation of
Queen Elizabeth II
Of Great Britain
First Day of Issue

9-14 **Coronation of Queen Elizabeth**
June 2, 1953

9-14a
Purple/Blue



Text: First Day Cover
Coronation of E II R
[unclear from image]

Notes: Handstamp (magenta above, blue below) reads
S.E. Deleoured (Aden) Ltd.
Steamer Point
ADEN
Aden Colony

9—14b
Orange



9-15

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth

June 2, 1953



Text: ..First Day Cover Coronation - 2nd June 1953 ..
[typrwritten]

10-1 Definitive Stamp Issue of 1953

June 15, 1953



Text: First Day of Issue
Aden

Notes First day of issue for the 5 cent yellowish green, 10 cent orange, 15 cent blue green, 25 cent carmine red, 35 cent deep ultramarine, 50 cent dull blue, 70 cent brown grey, and 1 shilling sepia and reddish violet. Complete issue on two covers



11-1

Royal Visit

April 27, 1954



Text: First Day of Issue
1953
Royal Visit
1954
Aden

11-2

Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: First Day Cover
Royal Visit
1954

11-3

Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: Commemorating
The Gracious Visit
Of
Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth The Second
And
His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh

11-4

Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: Her Majesty The Queen
Royal Visit to Aden
27th -28th April 1954

11-5

Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: Royal Tour
Aden

Notes Embossed aerogram

11-6

Royal Visit

April 27, 1954



Text:

"Royal Visit of Her Majesty the Queen."
Aden, 27th April, 1954.

11-7

Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: First Day of Issue
E II R
Royal Tour
H.M. Queen Elizabeth II

Notes Published by Artcraft

11-8

Royal Visit

April 27, 1954



Text: First Day Cover

11-9

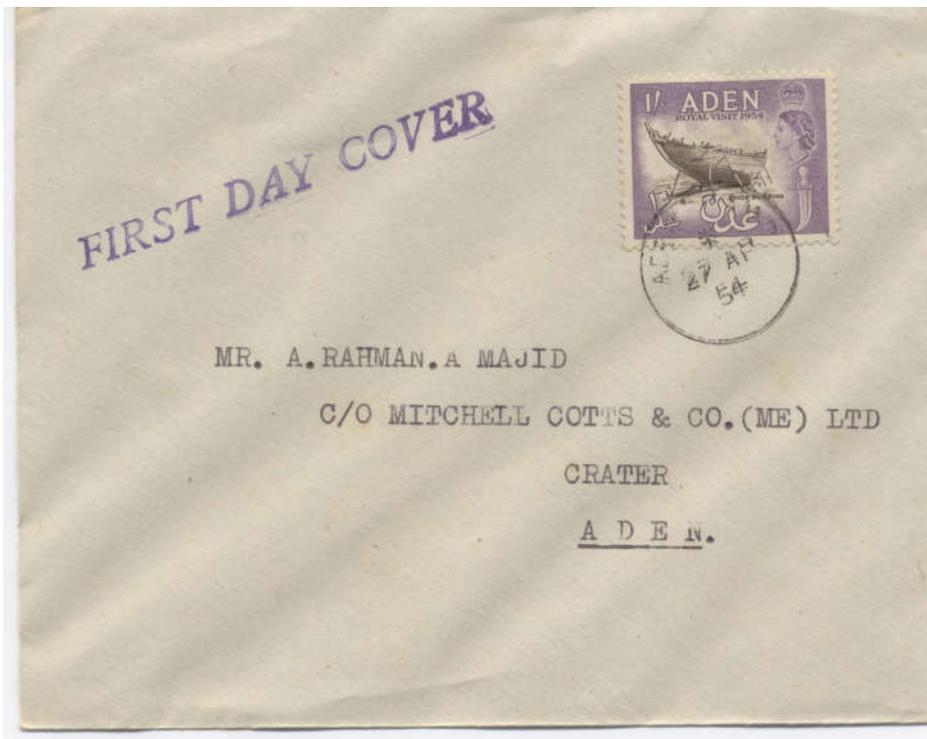
Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: First Day Cover

Note: Boxed Rubber Stamp – purple ink

11-10 **Royal Visit**
April 27, 1954



Text: First Day Cover

Note: Rubber stamped in purple

11-11 **Royal Visit**
April 27, 1954



Text: E I I R
To commemorate the
 Visit of
H.M. the Queen
And H.R.H. the
Duke of Edinburgh
 To Aden
April 17 - 23, 1954

11-12

Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



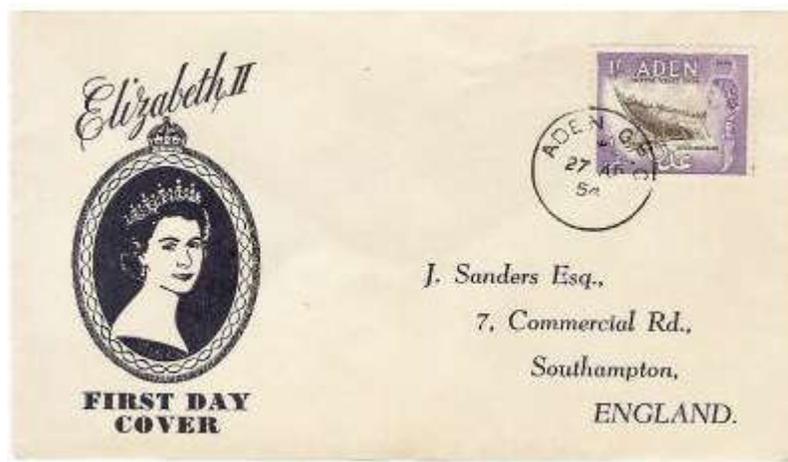
Text: Souvenir First Day Cover
 1953 1954
 Royal Visit
 Of
 H.M. Queen Elizabeth II
 And
 H.R.H.
 The Duke of Edinburgh
 To
 B.W.I Pacific Isles, Australia,
 New Zealand, Malaya, Ceylon,
 East Africa, Aden, Malta, and Gibraltar

11-13 Royal Visit
April 27, 1954



Text: First Day Cover
To commemorate the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
And H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to
Aden 27th April 1954

11-14 **Royal Visit**
April 27, 1954



Text: Elizabeth II
 First Day
 Cover

Notes This cachet was also used in 1953 for the first day
 of issue of the Coronation Stamp. In both cases,
 there is a pre-printed address on the envelope:
 J. Sanders Esq. in Southampton, England.

11-15 Royal Visit
April 27, 1954

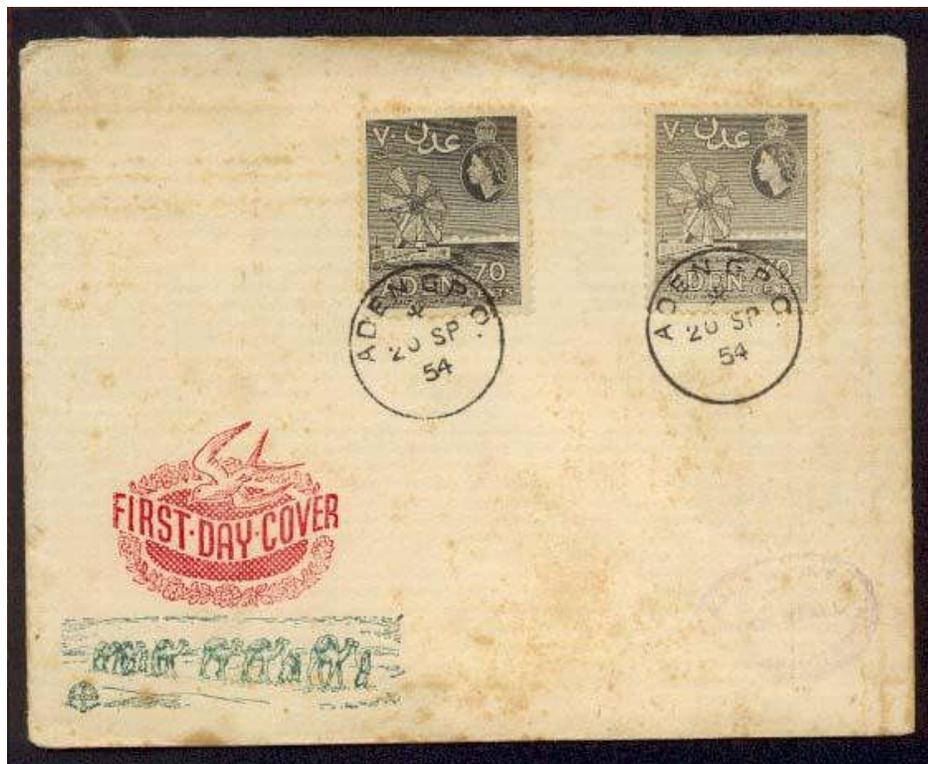


Text: First Day Issue
[Rubber stamp]

12-1

Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957

September 20, 1954



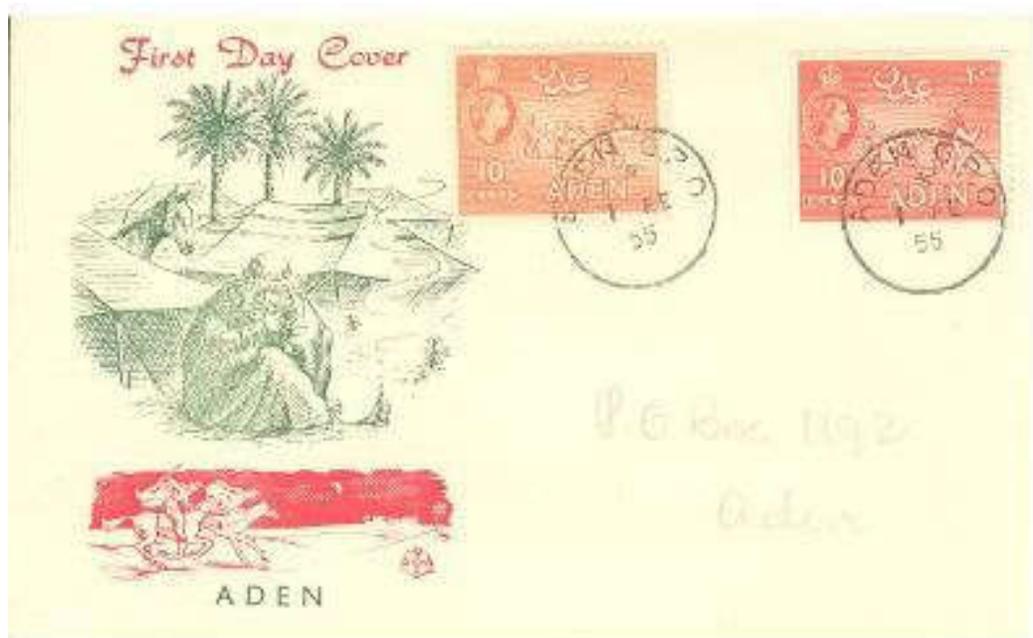
Text: First Day Cover

Notes First day of issue for the 70 cent black issue.

12-2

Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957

February 1, 1955



Text: Aden

Notes First Day of Issue for the 10 cent vermilion.

12-3

Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957

June 1, 1955



Text: First Day of Issue Aden

Notes First Day of Issue for the 10 cent vermilion.

12-4

Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957

July 1, 1955



Text: First Day Cover
Aden
Three Arrows

Note: First day of the new shade; last day of the old for the 50 cent deep blue and one shilling black and violet.



12-5

Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957

July 1, 1955



Text: First Day Cover
Aden

Notes First day of issue for the 50 cent deep blue and
the 1 shilling black and violet.

12-6

Definitive Stamp Issues of 1954 - 1957

March 1, 1956



Text: First Day Cover New Colour

Notes Typed on illustrated envelope

First day of issue for the 2 shillings black and carmine-red.

13-1 First Flight
August 24, 1957

To England



Text: By Air Mail
Par Avion
Britannia
Jet-Prop Airliner
BOAC
First Flight Between
London and Aden

To Sudan



14-1 Definitive Stamp Issues of 1958 - 1963

October 15, 1958



Text: E I I R
Souvenir
First Day Cover
Of the
Postage Stamps of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II

Notes First day of issue for the 35 cent deep blue issue

15-1 Stamp Issues Revised Constitution

January 26, 1959



Text: Revised Constitution
First Day Cover
Registered

Note: Typewritten

The Registration stamp was renumbered by hand from the original printed number.

16-1

Stamp Issue Freedom from Hunger

June 4, 1963



Text:

1963
First Day Cover
Freedom from Hunger
C.S. Junior III

16-2 Stamp Issue: Freedom from Hunger
June 4, 1963



Text: 1st Day Cover
4th June 1963
Freedom From Hunger

Notes Text is typewritten

17-x Definitive Stamp Issues of 1964 - 1965

Cachets not yet recorded

Appendix A - Kathiri State of Seiyun

Beginning in 1942, separate stamps were issued for the Kathiri State of Seiyun – one of the Aden Protectorate States. Cachets with stamps of the Kathiri State of Seiyun are sometimes encountered.

As these cachets are part of Aden, they are included here. To date, the editor has seen two cachets specifically marked for Kathiri. As mentioned in the introduction, cachets not specifically marked as such, but bearing the State's stamps are included in the body of this catalog.

Victory Issue
June 8, 1946.



Appendix A - continued

Issue of 1951



Appendix A - continued

Issue of 1954

