

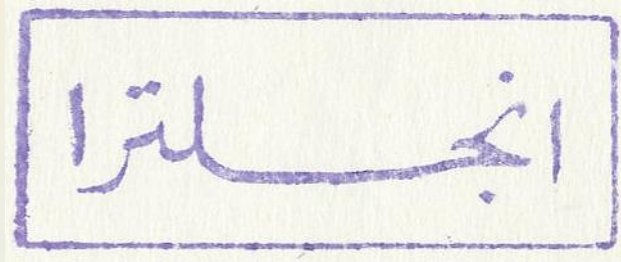
Country Destination Cachets & More



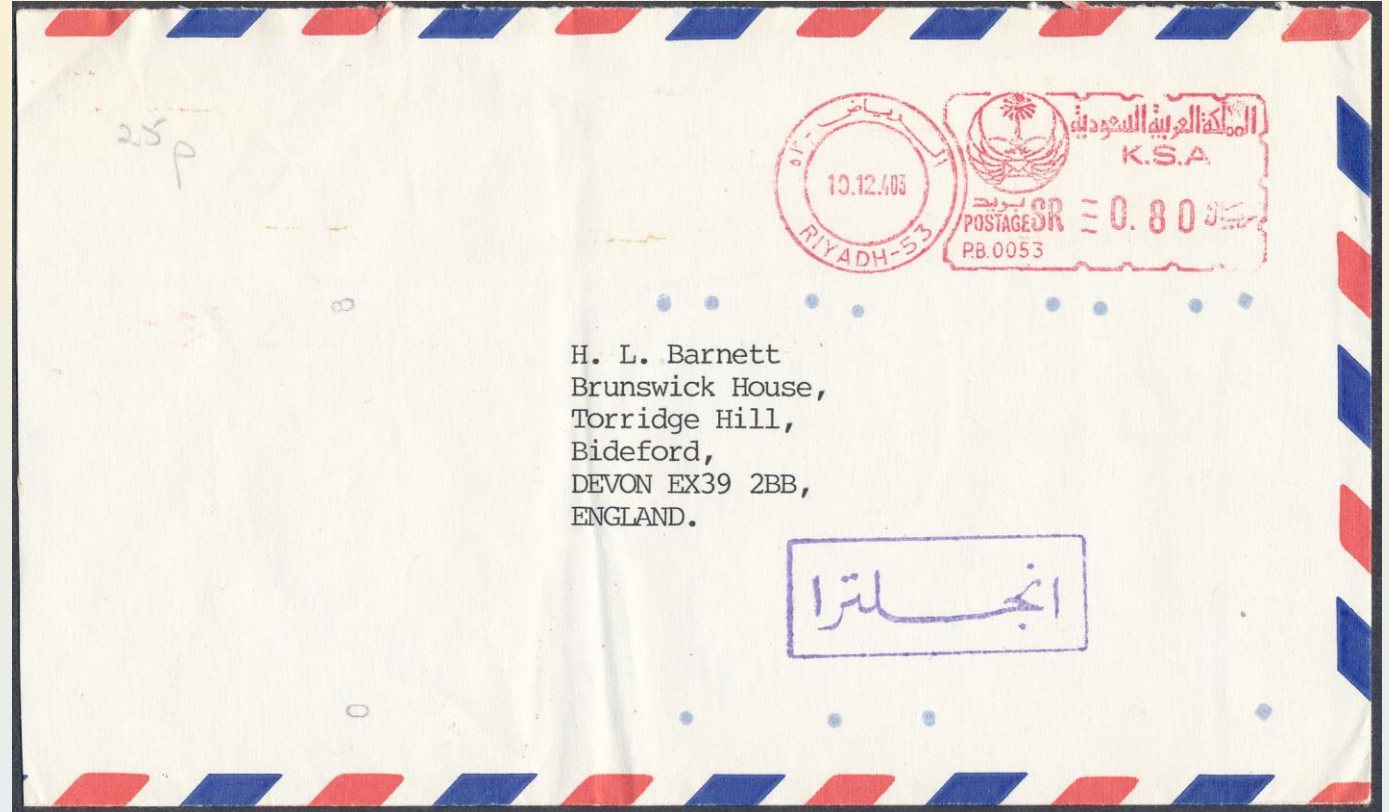
July 5th, 2025

Martin Lovegrove

Country Destination Cachet: England

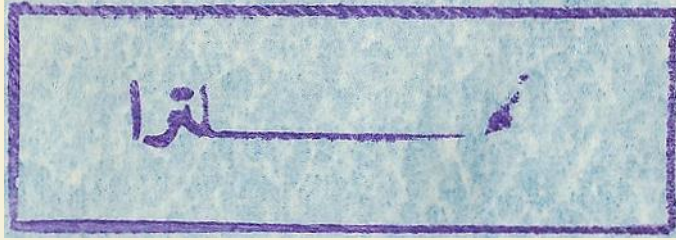


Boxed انجلترا (39x15 mm).



RIYADH-53 10-12-1403 (18 September 1983)

Country Destination Cachet: England

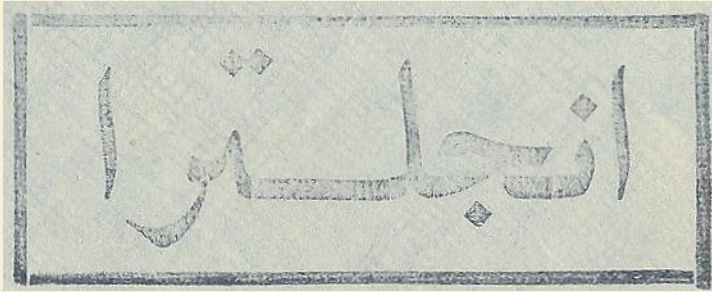


Boxed انجلترا (44x15 mm).



DHAHRAN-AIRPORT 10 August 1970

Country Destination Cachet: England

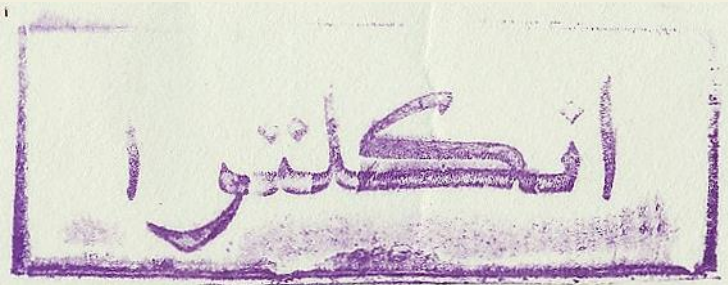


Boxed إنجلترا (45x17 mm).



KHAMIS-MUSHAIT date unclear

Country Destination Cachet: England



Boxed انكلترا (46x16 mm).



Hail 5 (AR) 21-5-1397 (10 May 1977)

Country Destination Cachet: France



Boxed فرنسا (46x13 mm).



TABUK 25 October 1975

Country Destination Cachet: France



Boxed فرنسا (47x13 mm).

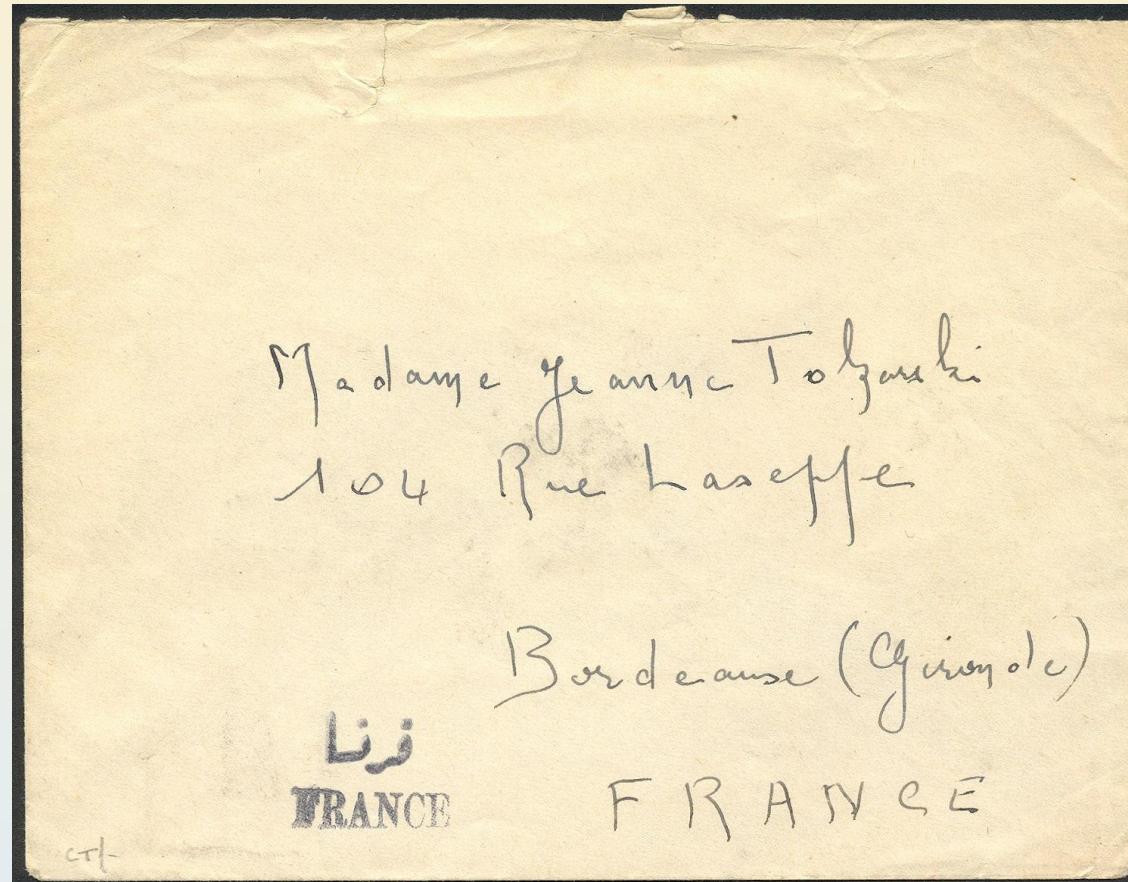


TAIF 15, 3 May 1976

Country Destination Cachet: France



Unboxed فرنسا and
FRANCE (21x15 mm).



15 Apr 1955 Al-Kharj, but date not reliable

Country Destination Cachet: France



Unboxed فرنسا and
FRANCE (32x15 mm).



KHARJ 23 Sep 1956 type SR56

Country Destination Cachet: France



Unboxed البريد جوي and فرنسا
and FRANCE (32x40 mm).



KHARJ 23 Sep 1956 type SR56

Country Destination Cachet: Great Britain



Boxed بريطانيا (40x20 mm).



TAIF 18 April 1973

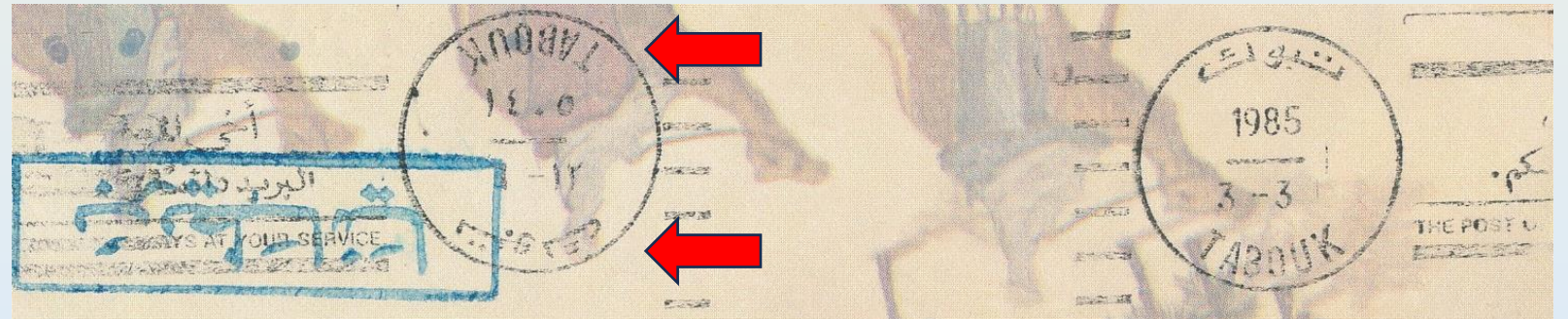
Country Destination Cachet: Great Britain



Boxed بريطانيا (39x11 mm).



TABOUK 3 March 1985



Inverted office names

Country Destination Cachet: Great Britain

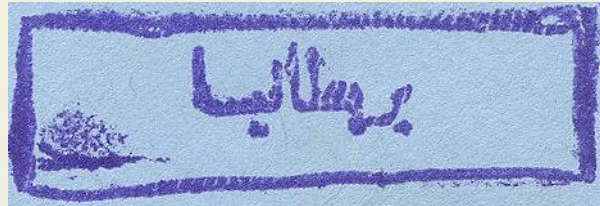


Boxed بريطانيا (35x15 mm).



RIYADH A.P. 16 April 1981

Country Destination Cachet: Great Britain

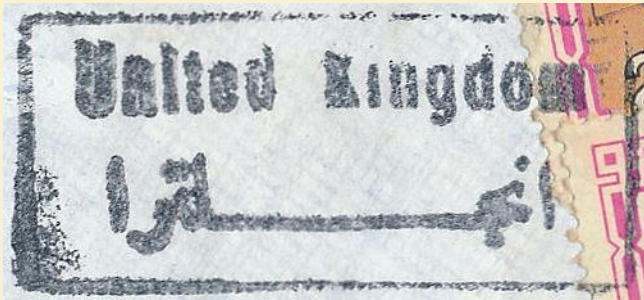


Boxed بريطانيا (37x10 mm).



RIYADH No 9, 15 September 1970

Country Destination Cachet: United Kingdom



Boxed انجلترا (40x17 mm).

TABOUK
22 October 1986 (19-2-1407)
type SS10L 'The Post Office...'



Country Destination Cachet: United Kingdom



Boxed انجلترا (41x17 mm).



RIYADH 28, 2 October 1974 type S90

Country Destination Cachet: West Germany

المانيا الغربية

Unboxed المانيا الغربية (39x8 mm).



Tabouk 3 (AR), 13-7-1397 (30 June 1977)

Ship Cancels - Khedivial Mail Line

S.S. Taif and S.S. Talodi were mentioned in RN #32, 33, and 68. S.S. Roda was mentioned in RN #33, but no illustration has been found.



S.S. Taif.



S.S. Talodi.



Yet to feature in Random Notes is S/S ZAMALEK.

Ship Cancels – Italian Maritime

ERITREA and SASSARI featured in a short note by Dr. Randall Baker in RN #8. SASSARI has been seen on several Albert Eid covers, possibly all with SASSARI date 25 February 1926.



Ship Cancel - Cannoniere Toselli

References for postal cancellations for this vessel have yet to be found.



The cannoniere Toselli was based in Somalia 1922 – 1923 and would have passed through the Red Sea.

1960 - Inauguration of Arab League Centre, Cairo. Omnibus Issue.



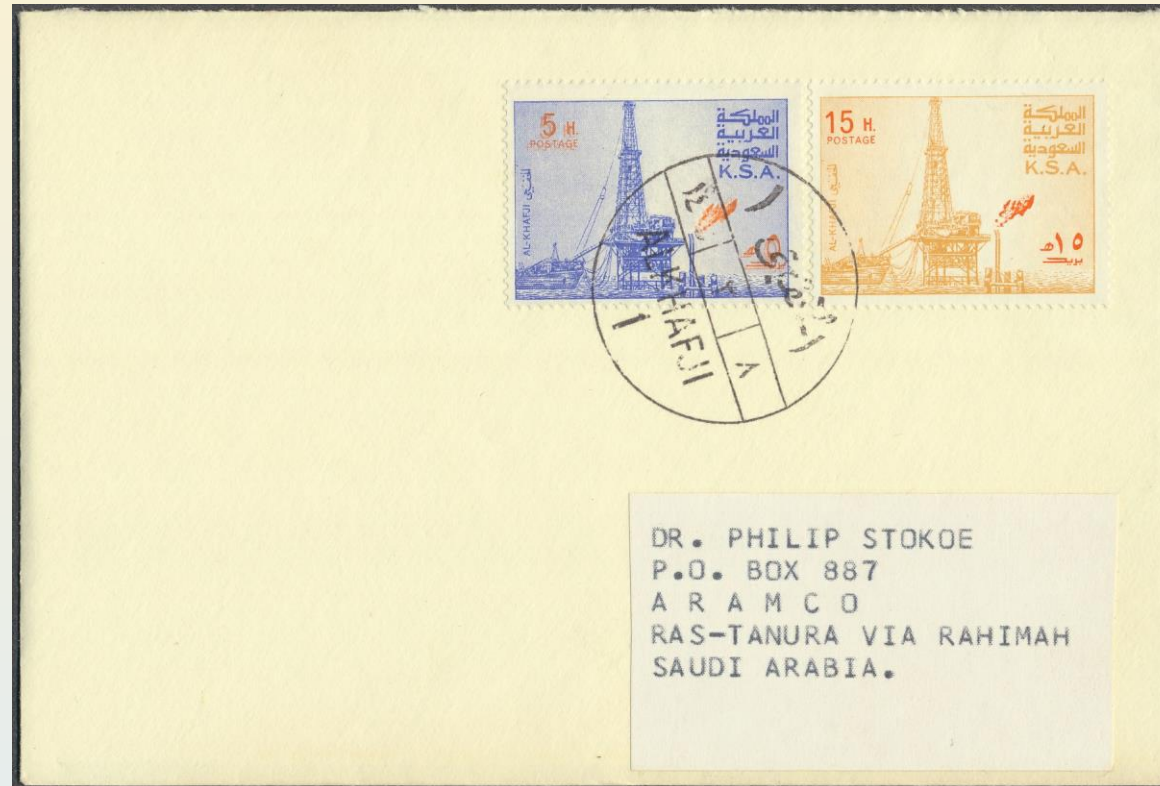
Invitation card with stamps from the six countries issuing the stamps cancelled with commemorative postmark 22 March 1960. Two stamps are inscribed 'UAR' but with different currencies. Egypt – Mill, Syria – Piastre.



Black (country and face value) omitted.

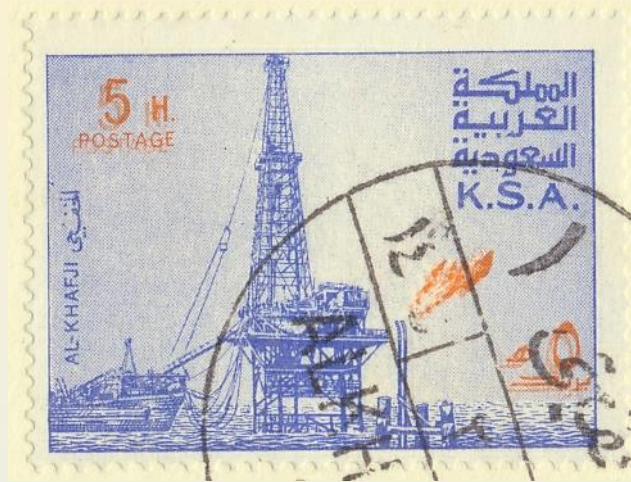
The SG catalogue notes that a complete sheet was found in Damascus, so perhaps it was the Syrian details which were omitted.

1984 - Al Khafji to Ras Tanura.

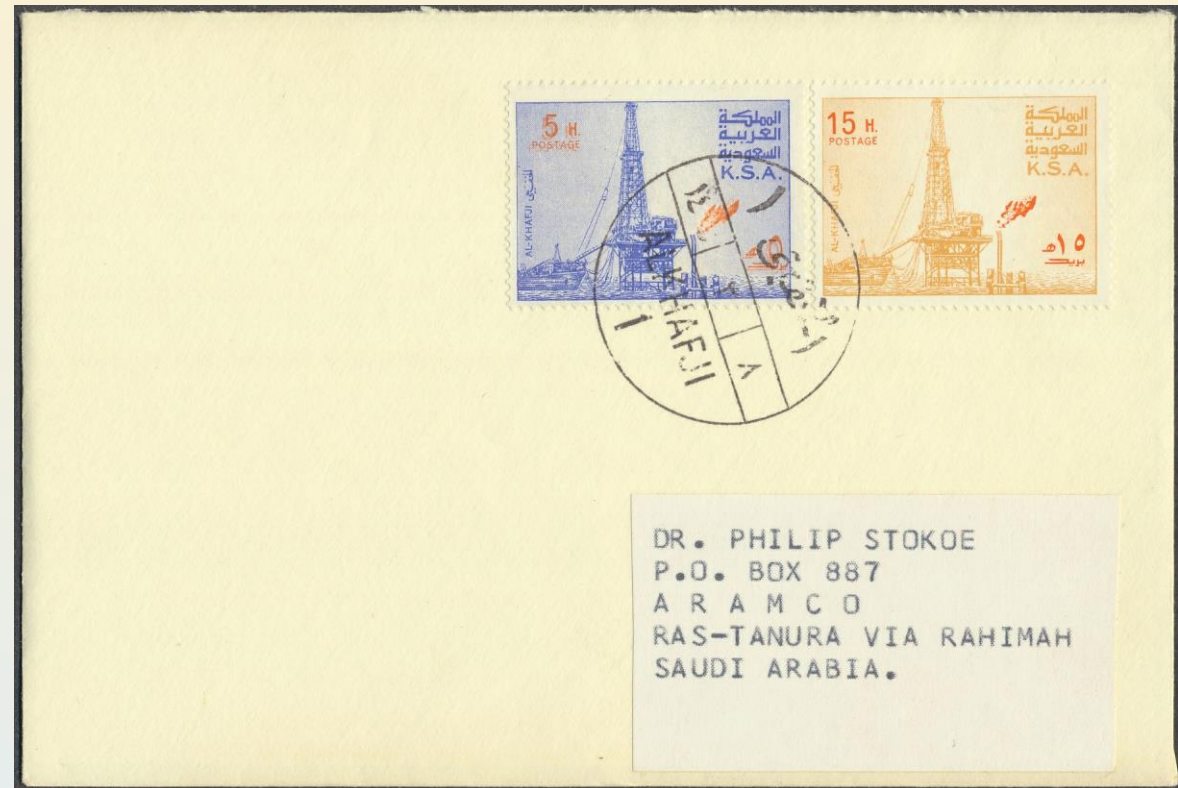


ALKHAFJI 1, 8-2-1405 (3 November 1984) type S151.
The name of the addressee may give a clue to the fact
that this is not an ordinary cover.....

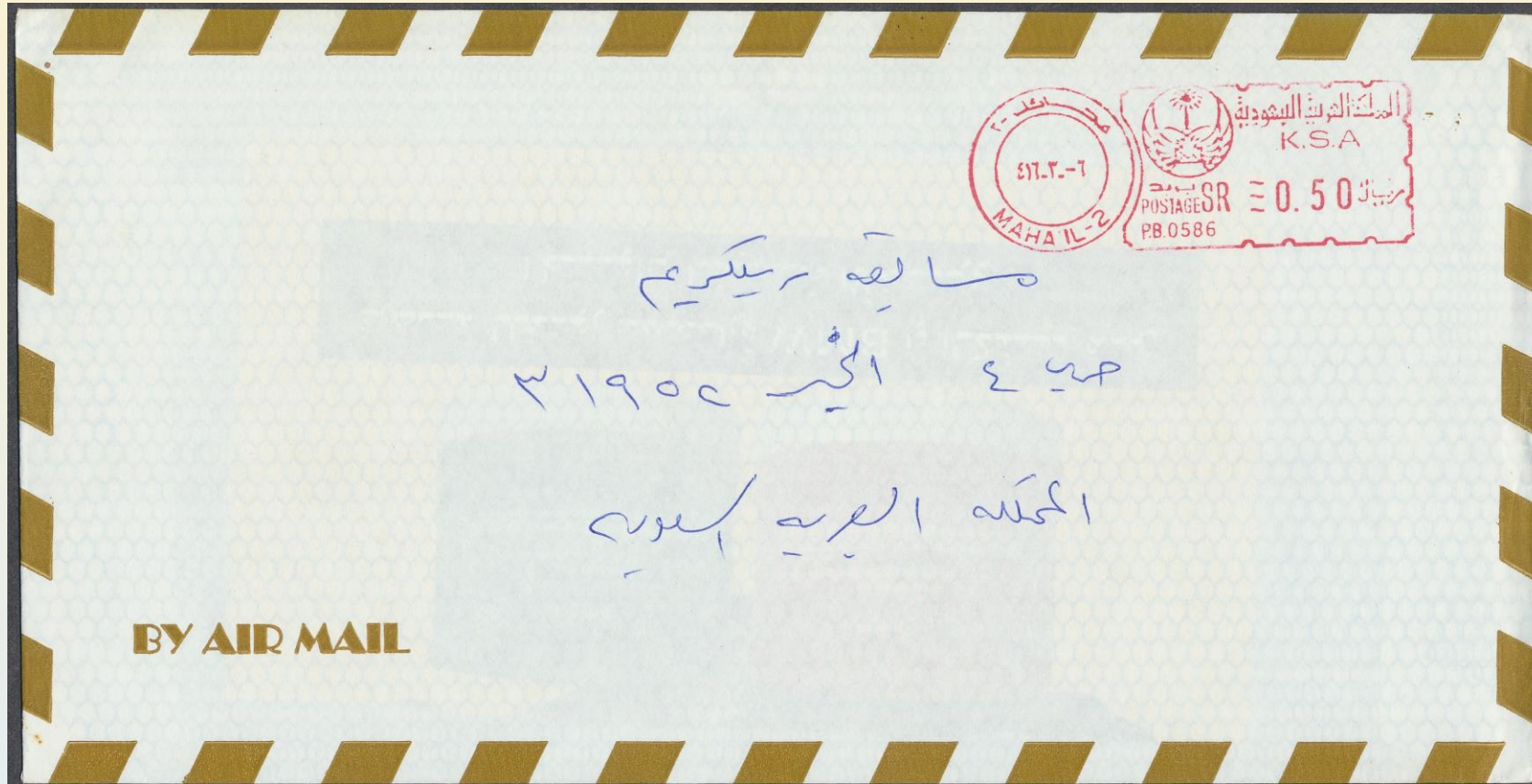
1984 - Al Khafji to Ras Tanura.



The 5 halalah stamp has a double print of the orange colour (SG 1167a).



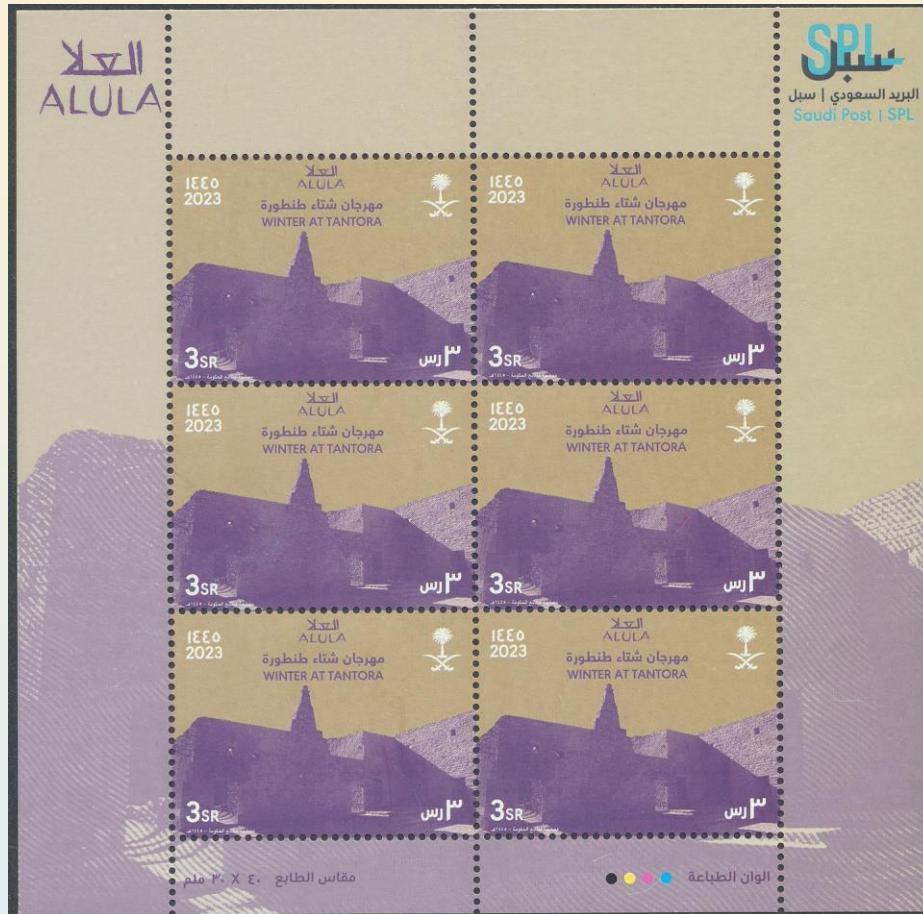
1995 - Muhayil to Al Khobar.



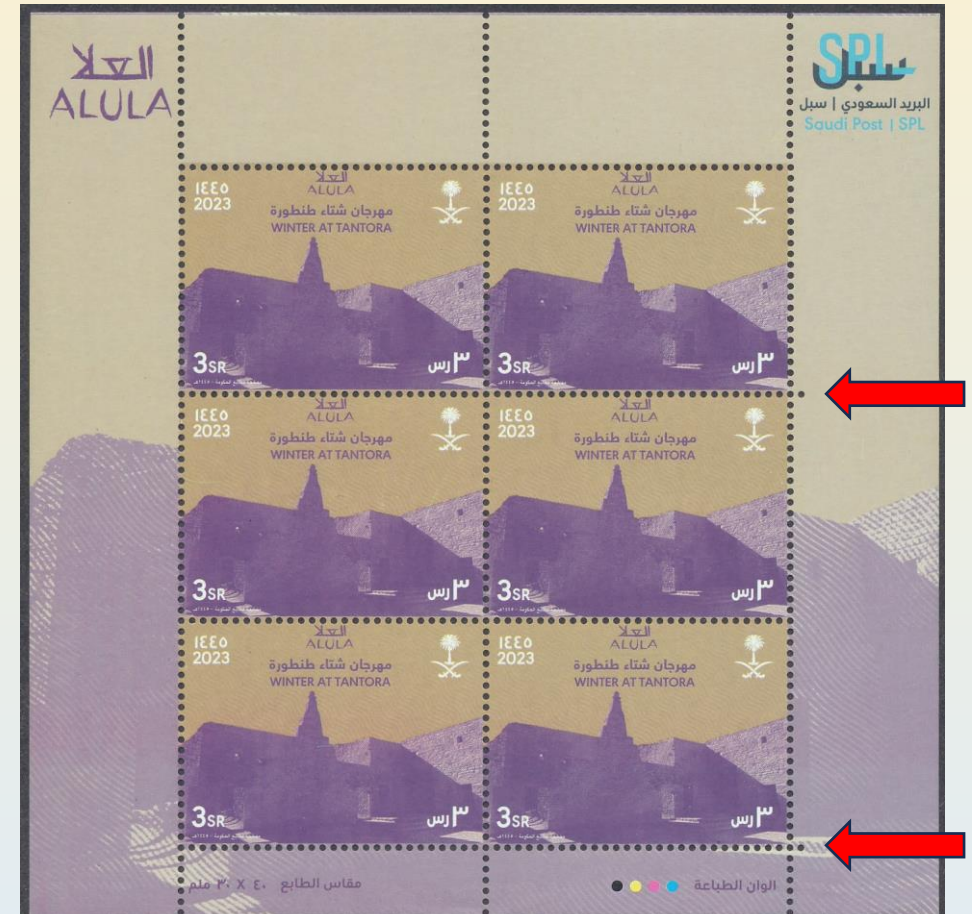
According to my maps, MAHA'IL (Muhayil) is in the Asir region, near Abha, but the postage charged is the within-region rate. Any comments?

2023 – Winter at Tantora.

Perforation variations

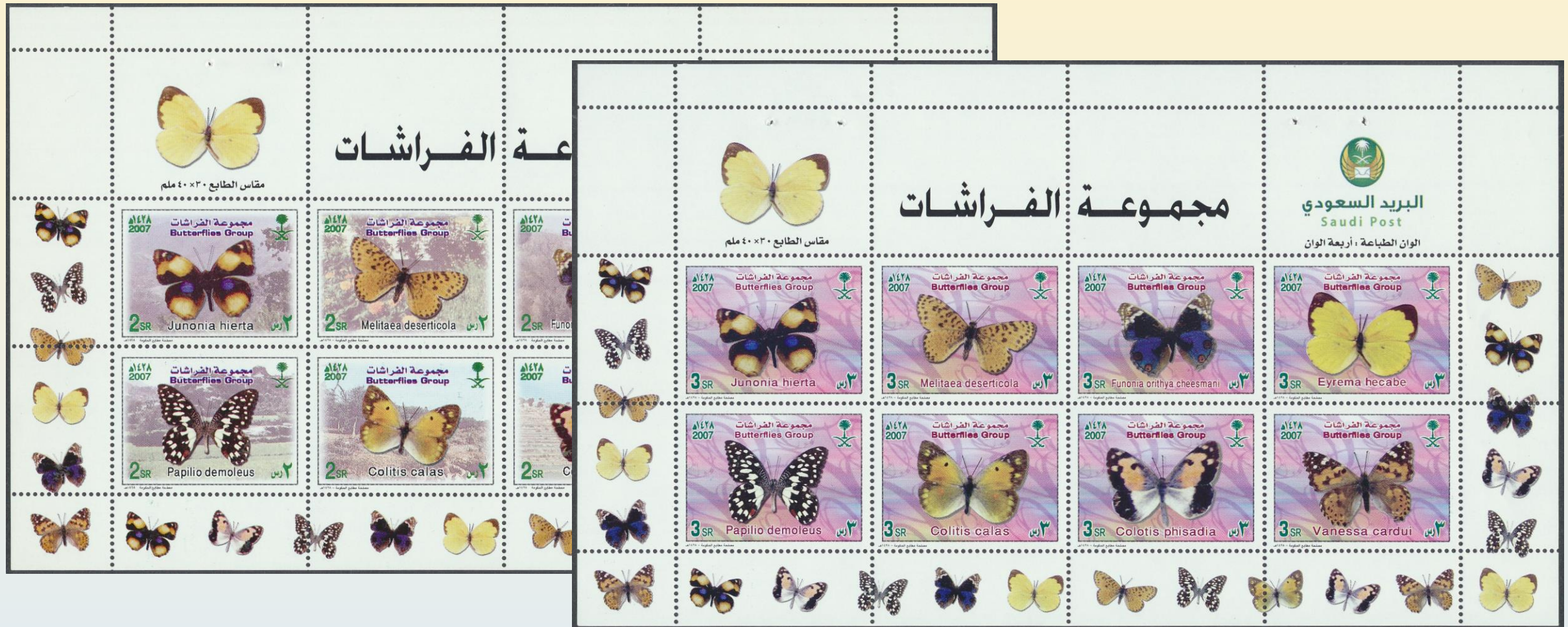


No extension holes in margins



Single perforation hole extensions in right margin
on alternate rows

2007 – Butterflies.



These stamps and their descriptions, sometimes incorrect, are described in an article by David Jessich in Random Notes #87. The article implies that the butterfly image in the top left of the upper margin differed according to the face value of the stamp. The sheets shown above show that this is not the case as both the 2 SR and 3 SR can be found with the same image.

2007 – Butterflies.



Two of the sheets seen to date have imperforate top margins, the remainder are perforated.

2007 – Butterflies.

Summary of findings to date.

The eight different butterfly designs have been allocated the identification letters a,b,c,d for the top row, and e,f,g,h for the bottom row. Only six different butterflies have been recorded in the top margin.

The small butterfly images to the left, right and below the block of stamps are the same for all sheets of both 2 SR and 3 SR.

Butterfly designs in the imperforate margins have not been seen in the perforated ones.

The imperforate top margins probably come from the top of the main printed sheet.

Possible layout of printed sheet.

The exact position of each post office sheet on the main printed sheet is not known.

The hunt for butterflies 'b' and 'f' in the top margin continues....



1917 – Hejaz Covers.



DJEDDA 5, 1 July 1917 type H10 black.
Port Tawfiq (AR) 7 July 1917.

Francis Hugh Vallancey (1879 – 6 September 1950) was a schoolmaster, philatelist, philatelic author and editor, and dealer in philatelic literature. His business was destroyed during the London Blitz of 1941, but he rebuilt it after the war before ill health forced his retirement.

Death and legacy

Vallancey died on 6 September 1950 in Bromley, Kent, England. He was survived by his wife and daughter. His publishing interests were taken over by Tom Todd (1911–84) as Vallancey International. His literature stock passed through several hands and were estimated by Harry Hayes in 1980 to still be many tons, principally deriving from the Harris and Bellamy purchases.

1917 – Hejaz Covers.



Scan from Al Thani collection. Posted on same day.

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