

Baghdad to London Registered, Air Mailed and Insured, 1935



It paid 180 fils using stamps over- printed with the new currency and was canceled with a bilingual H.O. Baghdad on 9th July 1935 which is a very late usage for this type of stamps which were superseded by a newer issue in 1932.

The letter shows a red, "INSURED" sticker in English together with a blue bilingual REGISTRATION sticker of Baghdad. There is writing in blue ink indicating the insurance was for £12-gold.

The red sealed back in addition to showing another strike of Baghdad displays a REGISTRATION strike of London dated on 17th July, 1935.

An Interesting Registered Air Mail Cover with Mixed Franking from Baghdad to London, Taking Only Three Days in 1936

The registered cover which was sent by air to London shows the payment of 110 fils using mixed types of stamps that included a block of four of the short lived Mandate stamps overprinted with new currency. These were superseded by a new set of stamps in 1932 which were evidently not demonetized even four years later. The stamps show some slight shifting of the over prints both vertically as well as horizontally.

The stamps were canceled with a bilingual As-Samawel-Baghdad strike on 15th Sep 1936 as well showing the blue rectangular registration bilingual label of As-Samawel. The back shows again a strike of the bilingual As-Samawel-Baghdad on 15th Sep. and a strike of a bilingual Baghdad-Reg. on the same day. There is also an oval registration strike of Woolwich -London on 18th September. Thus, the letter took remarkably only three days to reach its destination.



BY AIR TO GERMANY FROM BAGHDAD WITH MIXED FRANKING AND RETURNED BACK TO SENDER IN BAGHDAD, 1932

The cover was sent by air mail from Baghdad to Baden-Baden, Germany to POSTE RESTANTE but it was returned back to Baghdad as UNCLAIMED by the German Post.

The cover shows a mixed franking of the short lived overprinted and the new currency stamps issued a month earlier. It paid 35 fils and was canceled on 30th June 1932, with a bilingual strike of "EXCHANGE SQUIRE BAGHDAD".

The front is tamped twice with a Retour strike with a sticker in German and French indicating as not claimed. There is also a circular strike of 20/7, probably the date when it began the return trip to Baghdad.

The back shows a bilingual SORT strike of Baghdad on 30th June and another after its return on 18th August 1932.



An Air Mail Cover from Baghdad to Buckingham, England Showing Postage Due Stamps of Gt. Britain, 1931

The cover paid 8 annas in Iraq and was judged one anna short requiring the equivalent payment in G.B. of 1 ½ pence.

The cover was cancelled a bilingual strike of Baghdad on 30th January, (?), 1931 and shows the British cancellation of the postage due stamps on 6th Feb 1931
The front shows a "T" and 1 ½ D.I.S.F. strikes.



“A REGISTERED “ON Postal Service, لمصلحة البريد,
“Baghdad Postal Head Quarters” to England.
It paid 9Annas while using regular stamps rather
than those for Official Services, with 4th Nov
1931, Baghdad Strike of Postal Head Quarters



**A Cover from Tehran- Iran to New York via
Baghdad Showing to Pay Circular "T" of
Baghdad, !930**

**It paid 31 chahi and was canceled with a bilingual
Tehran on 7th December 1930**

**The back shows a blingual Sort strike of Baghdad
on 12th December 1930**

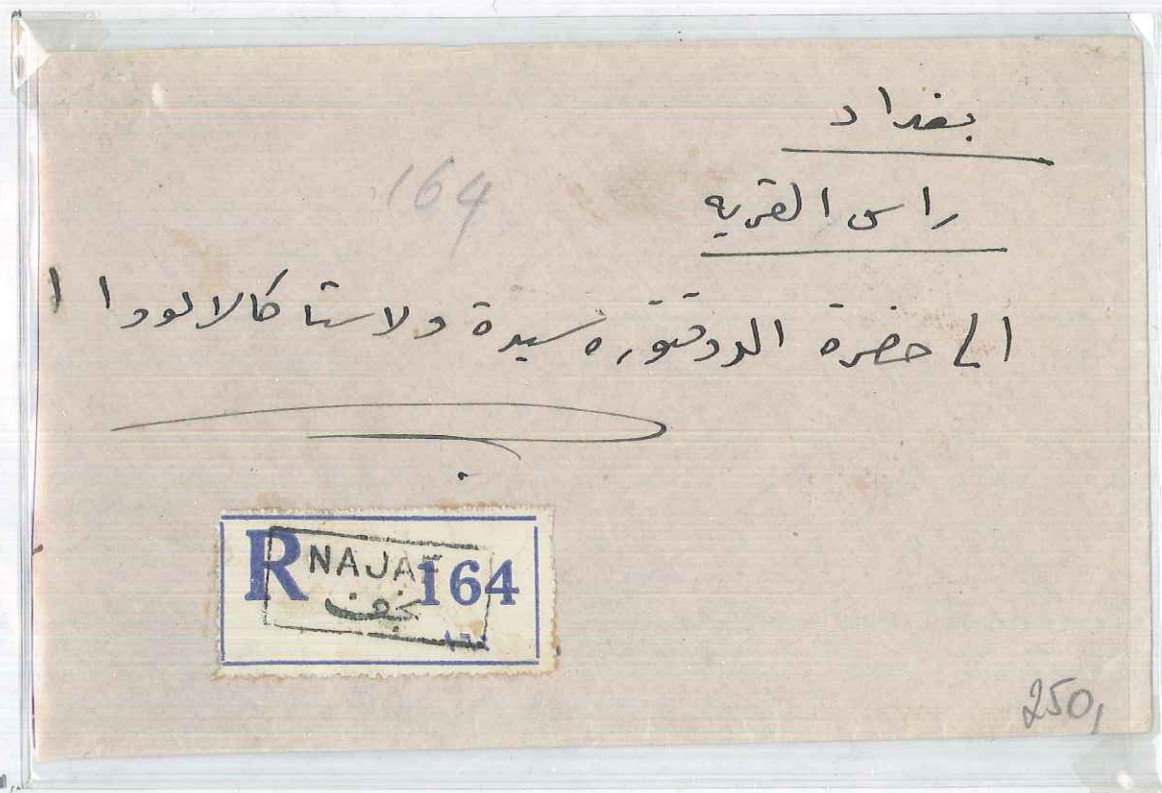




A Registered Cover from the Holy Town of Najaf to Baghdad 1926

The cover is addressed in Arabic to a lady doctor
(originally from Ceylon?) from the holy town of Najaf,
Iraq

It paid 6 annas and was canceled with a bilingual strike
of Najaf on 29th June 1926. The front shows a blue
bilingual Registration sticker of Najaf with the back
shows a bilingual Baghdad DEL. Strike on 1st July 1926.





IRAQ-1927
AIR MAIL-REGISTERED Commercial Letter
BAGHDAD(H.O.) to England (Redirected)

A commercial letter sent by Air Mail Registered from Baghdad (Head Office) to England and was redirected. It paid the regular air rate to Britain of 7 1/2 Annas and was canceled on 29th July 1927.

It shows the application of yellow Air Mail labels on the front and back together with a Baghdad registration label.

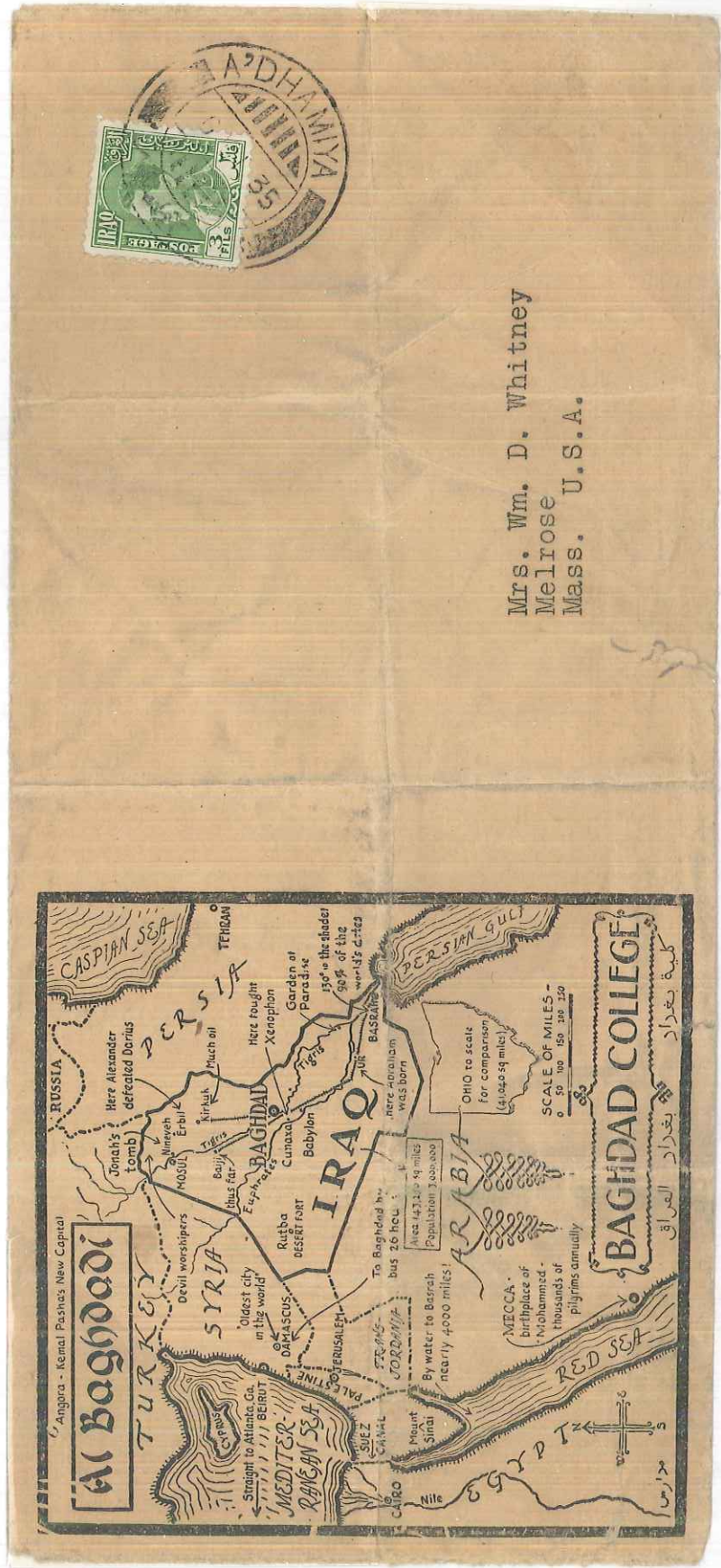


A'DHAMIA CANCEL

A Catche Cover of BAGHDAD COLLEGE For Boys to USA

A Cover from the American High School - Baghdad College with the rare bilingual A.DHAMIA cancel dated 20th Oct. 1935(?) paying 3Fils to Melrose Mass.

The cover shows a very interesting cache informing about the history of Iraq.



Registered Cover from BAGHDAD to BOSTON in 1923

A Registered cover sent interestingly by an Armenian C/O another located in Baghdad's Flea Market, (سوق الهرج) to a stamp dealer in Boston, USA .

It paid correctly 6 annas and canceled with a bilingual, circular cancel of "Baghdad H.O." on 15th November 1923, which is an early date since some values were reported to have been only delivered on 1st November.

There is a Registration sticker of BAGHDAD numbered 453.

The back shows a Baghdad bilingual cancel dated 15th November . There is also a circular Registration cancel of BOSTON dated 20th December 1923.



A Registered Cover Sent from the Ministry of Education to Washington DC, 1929

The cover did not use Official stamps but paid 6 annas using regular postal stamps that were canceled with a bilingual Baghdad H.O. on 23rd December 1929

The back shows three strikes of Washington DC dated January 16th, 1930





**A Surface Mail Cover from Baghdad to the
Uncommon Destination of Vancouver- Canada
with the Sender having a South African Address,
The Cover shows Multiple Strikes including
“Return to Sender” and “Due Payment”,1935.**

It paid only 10 fils and was canceled with a bilingual
AsSamaual-Baghdad on 19th May 1935.
It shows multiple strikes including a rectangular violet strike of
Vancouver on 12th June with another circular strike on 20th and
an oval strike of “Undelivered Mail” on 21st June. There is a
large rectangular strike of ‘Return to Sender’, explaining that
“with no such street number”. There is a “T” circular strike
with a 4 cents due strike, as well as a bilingual Baghdad
Sorting. The letter was not returned to the sender either to
Baghdad or as instructed to Cambridge, South Africa



A REGISTERED Cover Sent by Air Mail from Erbil
"Mosul" via Baghdad to London, 1927

It shows the payment of 9annas and was
canceled with the scarce bilingual "Erbil(Mosul)"
on 11th December 1927 with a blue bilingual
Registration Label Erbil-Mosul.

The back shows a bilingual Reg strike of
Baghdad on 15th December. There is also a
London-Regent Park strike dated 24th December.

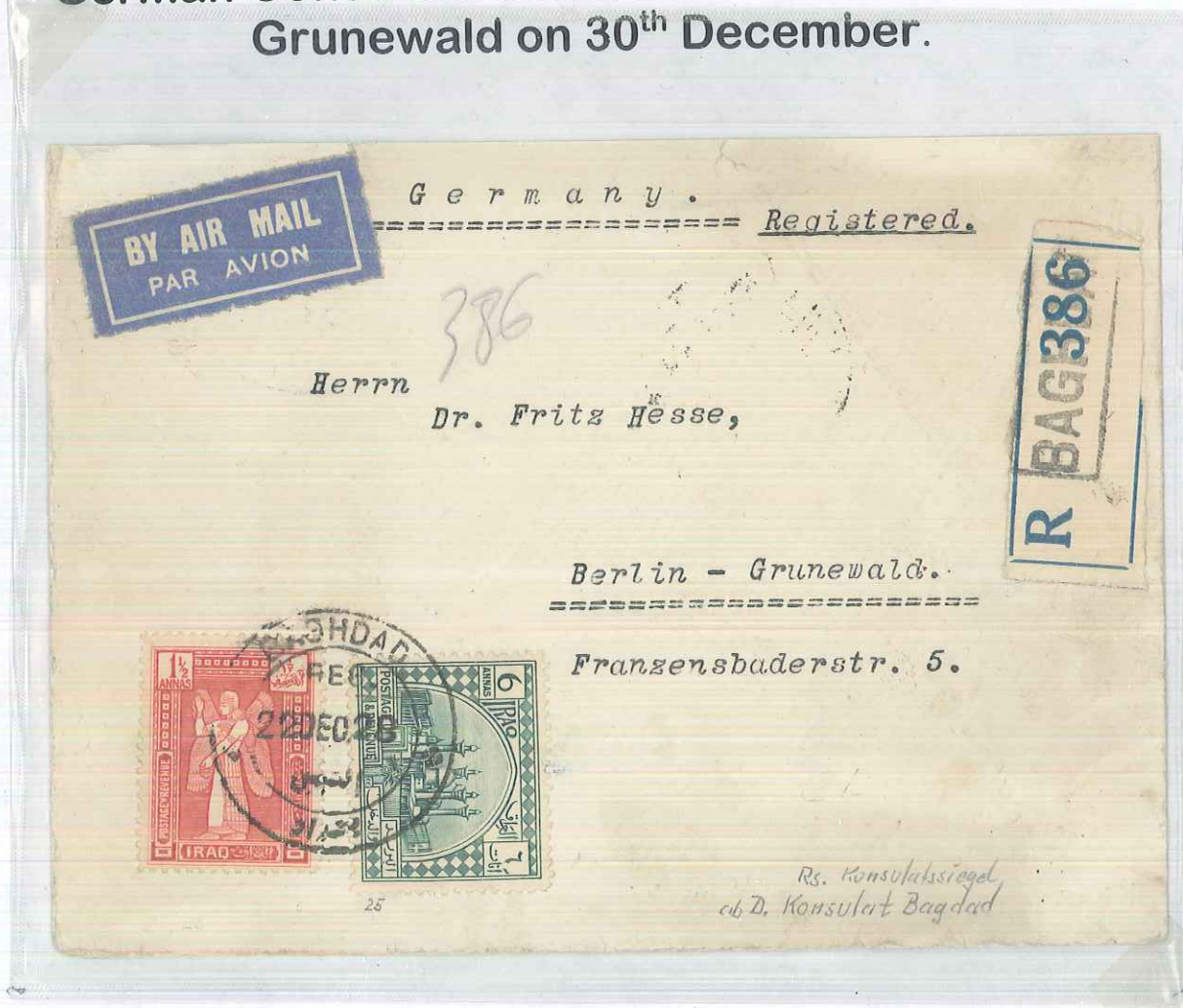


A Registered Air Mail Cover from the German Consulate in Baghdad to Berlin , via Switzerland, 1928

A registered air mail cover sent from the German Consulate in Baghdad to Berlin. It shows on the front a blue registration label of Baghdad and an air mail sticker.

It paid 7½ annas and was canceled with a bilingual Baghdad strike on 22nd December, 1928.

The back shows a prominent colored label of the German Consulate and a Swiss strike of Berne-Grünwald on 30th December.



An Interesting Commercial Card Written in English Originating from an Importer of Musical Instruments in Baghdad to the not so Common Destination of Prague in 1925.

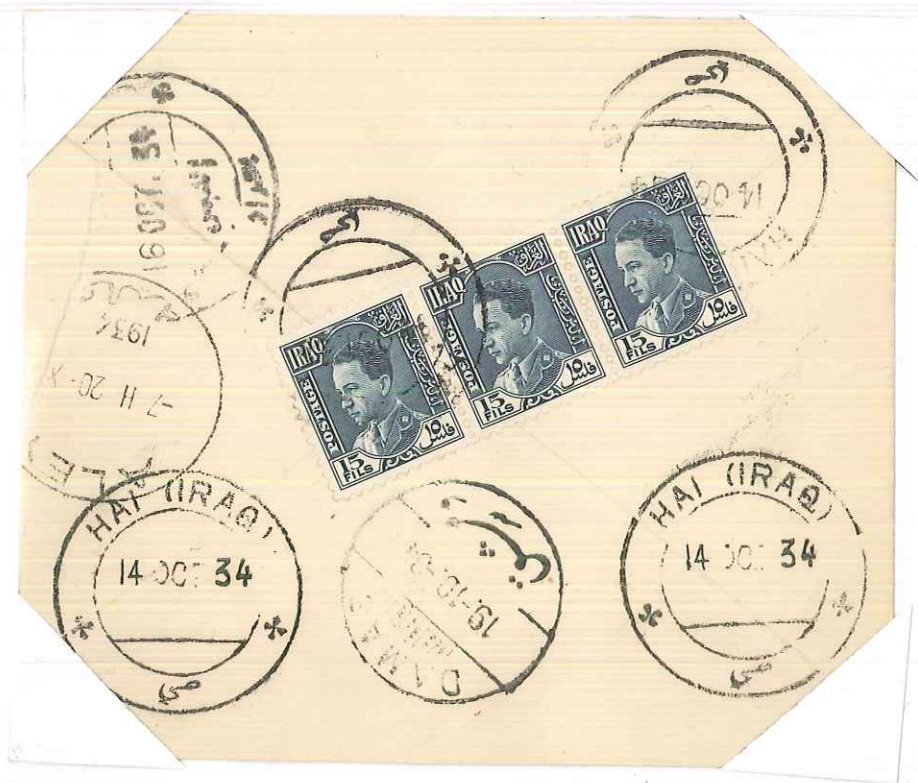
It paid the correct surface postage rate of 1 ½ annas and was canceled with a bilingual Baghdad on 19th May, 1925, while the text indicates a 20th May date..



A Cover Sent from Basrah to the Uncommon Address of Toronto –Canada, 1935

The cover was sent by surface mail from Basra City to the uncommon address at the time of Toronto, Canada. It paid 16 fils and was cancelled with the bilingual strike of Basrah Sorting on 5th June 1935.





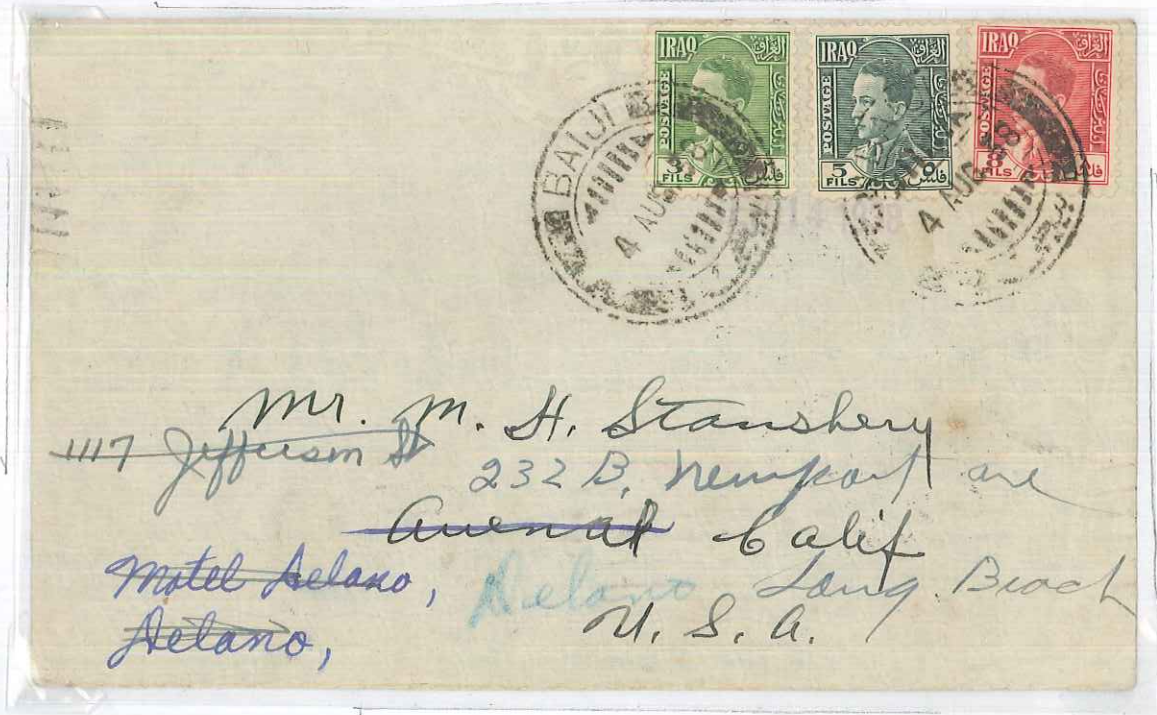
A Registered Cover to Aley Lebanon from the Small Town of Hai in Kut Province, 1934

It paid 15fils tied with four bilingual scarce strikes of Hai on 14th October 1934 with a scarce Registration label of Hai No. 118.

It shows transit strikes of bilingual Damascus on 19th October and a bilingual strike of Aley on 20th. There is also a strike of bilingual Baghdad Registration on 16th October.

The cover is addressed to Abdul Aziz of the famous family Al Saadoon who was a student at the Lebanese National University in Aley

An Interesting Redirected Cover Sent
Originally from the Small Town of Baiji to the
Equally Small Town of Avenal and Then onto
Delano, via Visulta Calif., 1938



The cover was sent from the small town of Baiji to the
equally small town of Avenal, Visulta and then onto
Delano, Calif., 1938

It paid correctly 16 fils and was canceled with a rare
bilingual strike of Baiji on 4th August, 1938. It was
addressed to the uncommon destination of Avenal
California with its strike on 26th August and then
redirected to the equally uncommon destination of
Delano with a strike on 2nd September via equally
uncommon town of Visulta with a strike on 27th August.
The back shows a strike of bilingual Baghdad on 5th
August.

A REGISTERED AIR MAIL COVER TO LONDON 1933

A registered air mail cover from Baghdad (Al-Mansur) to the Philatelic Department of Selfridges in London. It paid 50 Fils and was canceled with a bilingual Baghdad Al-Mansur cancel on 28th Sept 1933. The front shows an air mail label and a Registration sticker of Baghdad Al-Mansur No.316 in both Arabic and English. The back shows both a Mansur cancel as well as Baghdad registration on the same day.



Registered Air Mail Cover from Basrah to London, 1930

It paid the correct amount of 12 annas and canceled
with a bilingual Basrah on 9th November, 1930 and
shows on the back an oval strike of "Registered, West
Kensington, N14, 20th November 1930."



**A Surface Mail Cover from Basra City to
Sidon-Lebanon via Baghdad , Beyrout and
Bermana Sent from the Alliance Jewish
School in Basra**

Showing Numerous Markings ,1936

The cover shows payment of 15 fils canceled with a
bilingual Basra City strike on 5th May 1936.

The back shows a bilingual strike of SORT- Basra
on the same day and a bilingual Baghdad strike on the
12th May .

There is a bilingual Arabic slogan machine cancel of
Beyrout on 15th May and another slogan machine
cancel in French.

There a bilingual Bermana strike on 16th May and a
bilingual Saidon strike on the 18th.



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Mr. and Mrs. Jessup
General Institute
Sidon
Lebanon



A Registered and Red Wax Sealed Cover from the Imperial Bank of Iran in Baghdad to Buffalo, USA 1931

A Registered Cover showing at the back an embossed emblem of the Imperial Bank of Iran in Baghdad in green sent to USA.

The front shows a large underlined purple strike of REGISTERED as well as another strike of REGISTERED. There is also the rectangular bilingual label of registration No.239 of the scarce EXCHANGE SQUARE, جامع مرجان

It paid 6 annas using the stamps of the King that were shortly afterwards replaced with stamps overprinted with the new currency, April 1932. They were canceled with a bilingual strike of Exchange Square of Baghdad on 16th December, 1931.

The back shows a red wax seal applied by the bank and a strike of bilingual Baghdad - Reg. There are two NEW YORK oval hand strikes dated the 6th January and a circular strike of Buffalo dated the 7th January 1932.



Registered Letter 1936

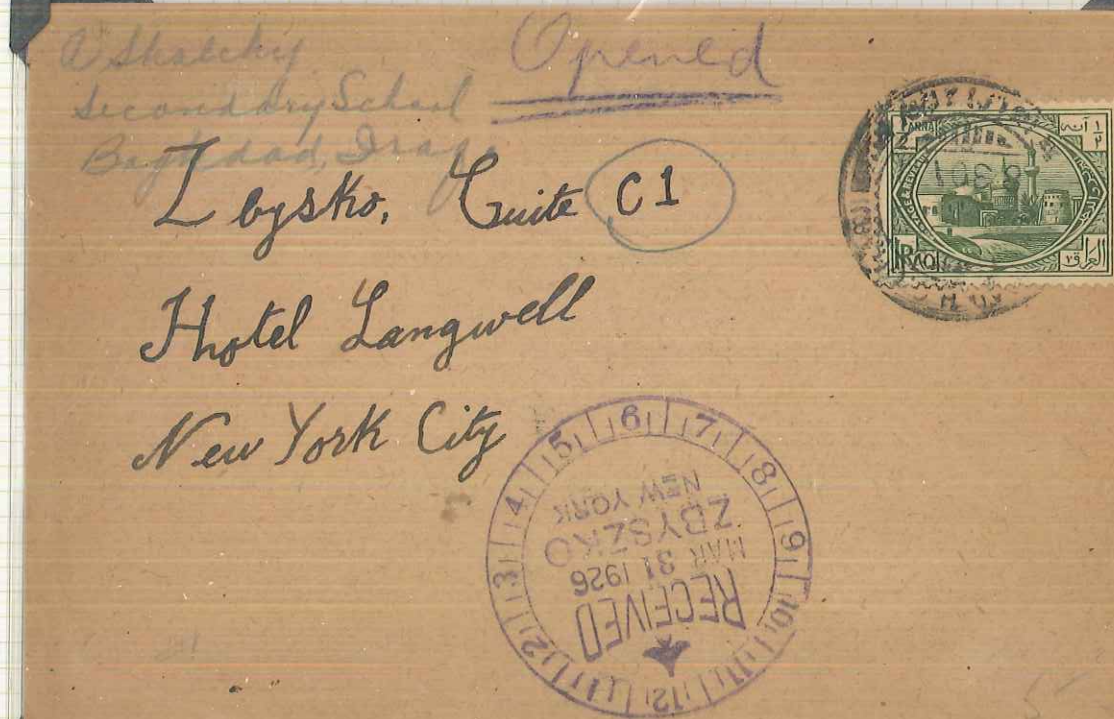


A Commercial Cover of The Imperial Bank of Persia Sent Registered from Baghdad to Vienna Austria, 1936

The registered cover was sent by the Imperial Bank of Persia from Baghdad to Vienna showing the correct payment of 30 fils canceled with a bilingual As-Samawel-Baghdad strike on 9th June 1936 as well it shows the blue rectangular registration bilingual label of As-Samawel – Baghdad.

The front shows an octagonal red strike of Vienna dated the 15th of June as well as a REGISTERED hand strike applied in Baghdad.

The back shows again a strike of the bilingual As-Samawel-Baghdad on 9th June 1936 and a strike of a bilingual Baghdad-Reg. on the same day.



**Printed Matter Rate from Baghdad to USA
Sent to the World Heavy Weight Wrestling
Champion at the Time, Zbyszko, 1926
Paying $\frac{1}{2}$ anna and canceled with a bilingual
Baghdad H.O. Strike on 30th January 1926
Interestingly, the cover was addressed to the
very famous and repeatedly heavy weight world
wrestling champion, Wladek Zbyszko, (1889-
1968) residing at the then famous Longwell Hotel
in New York City.**

**There is a curious timed strike of "Received"
Zbyszko March 31st 1926, New York**

An Air Mailed Registered Cover from Baghdad to London, 1930.

It paid 9 annas and was canceled with a bilingual Baghdad Exchange strike on 16th July 1930. The front shows a scarce bilingual Registration label of Exchange Square and in Arabic Jamaa Merjan.

The back shows a bilingual Baghdad Reg. on the same day. There is also on the front an oval registration strike of London dated 22nd July.





A Commercial Air Mailed Cover from Shiraz, Iran to Amsterdam via Baghdad, Iraq, Showing Multiple Different Strikes 1931

The cover shows both in French and Farsi that it is from the National Bank of Persia, Shiraz Branch with a Bank Green sticker in French on the back showing the lion of Iran . The front shows a large violet hand strike both in Farsi and English indicating Air Mail, and with an unusual hand written message in red ink to a Dr Loon from A.R.Ansary on the same day of sending.

It paid 2 Kr and 77 Ch., i.e. totaling 117 Chahis while using eleven stamps of five different frankings canceled with bilingual Shiraz strikes on 21st June 1931.

There is a bilingual Baghdad Sort strike on the back dated 25th June 1931. A Paris circular strike of Gare dNord dated 30th June is also shown.



An Air Mailed Cover from Basrah to Kalamazoo, USA with Short Payment, 1929.

It paid 7 ½ Annas instead of 9 Annas and had to pay 7 ½ cents in the form of one and a bisected Postage Due stamps of 5 cents value overprinted Kalamazoo MICH.

The Iraqi stamps were cancelled with a bilingual Basrah strike dated 9th March, 1929. A "T" strike was applied probably in the US with 5cent deficit hand written in red but charged 7 ½ cents



A Registered Air Mailed Cover from RAF Baghdad Cantonment to London, 1932.

It paid 70 fils using the provisional overprinted stamps with the new currency and canceled with bilingual Baghdad Cantonment on 30th April 1932. P&P do not list this cancel. A printed air mail cover was used but the wording was partly covered with a scarce Registration label of BAGHDAD CANTONMENT with the Arabic part hand written, perhaps this was added because of the end of the British Mandate in 1932 and the need to use Arabic. The back shows a bilingual Baghdad Reg. strike on the 30th.



A Postal Stationary Cover Overprinted with the New Currency, (H.&G.#B3) from Diwanya to Tehran 1933

The postal stationary cover (H.&G.#B3) is of the type overprinted with the new currency which was in use for four months only before the appearance of those printed with the new currency. This particular overprint shows a break in the Arabic print of fils to read FAS.

The cover was sent from the uncommon source of Diwanya to Tehran addressed in Persian. It was canceled by a bilingual Diwanya strike on 22nd January, 1933 which according to P&P this cancel was not seen beyond October, 1932.

The back shows another type of Diwanya strike without bars unlisted by P&P, dated 23rd with an unclear strike of Tehran.



A Registered Cover from Baghdad to Damascus Syria, 1933.

It is addressed in French to Damascus to an Iraqi individual and paid 30 fils in the new currency. It was canceled with a bilingual "As Samawal - Baghdad" strike on 7th June 1933. The front bears a registration bilingual blue label of Exchange Square-Baghdad (and not As Samawal!) as well as a han strike in English, "REGISTERED". The back shows a bilingual Damas strike dated 9th June .

The letter must have been carried by the "Overland Mail" but did not have the required indication



It is sent from the Imperial Bank of Persia and sealed with red wax to an individual in Edinburgh.

It paid 38 fils and was canceled with a bilingual Al Samawal-Baghdad on 17th October 1936.

The front shows a bilingual Registration sticker of As Samawal – Baghdad as well as a hand strike in English, of "REGISTERED"
The back shows two strikes of Baghdad on the same day those of As-Samawal and of Baghdad.



A Registered Cover from Baghdad to
Edinburgh Scotland, 1936.

An Air Mail Cover sent from Maqil in Basra to England , 1935

(With two unreported dates for the strikes employed)

It paid 71 fils and it appears to have been erroneously thought to have under paid the normal 70 fils charge. Accordingly it received the "to pay" strike and a red pencil marking. These were then scrubbed.

The cover shows a British "By Air Mail " label and was canceled by a bilingual Maqil strike dated 22nd December 1935. This is a much later date than what P&P stated as was 1932.

The back shows a bilingual Basra strike on the 22nd and also it appears to be new late usage date since P&P states that the strike it was not known after July 1932.



A Registered Cover Sent from Baghdad to England Using Mixed Franking.

January, 1933

Both issues of 1st April and those of 9th May 1932 were employed to pay 30 fils. The Registration bilingual label is of Exchange Square in English and Jamia' Merjan in Arabic.

The cover was canceled in Baghdad on 4th January, 1933 and there is on the back an oval London arrival strike dated 14th January, i.e. it took only ten days.



**A Commercial Cover Sent Surface Mail
Baghdad to Zurich- Switzerland, 6th
June, 1938, but Returned**

**It paid 20 fils and was canceled with a bilingual
Baghdad Sorting Strike on 6th June, 1938
The Back shows a machine strike of Baghdad**



A Commemorative Cover of
"The Arabic Medical Conference,
Baghdad, 9-13 February 1938"

ذكرى المؤتمر الطبي
بغداد

A Commemorative Cover of
"The Arabic Medical Conference, Baghdad, 9-13
February 1938" sent to Dr Joseph Saatchi and
canceled with a bilingual Baghdad strike on the last day
of the Conference Paying 6 fils



A Postal Stationary Envelope From Akra in Mosul Liwa to Kut via Mosul City and Baghdad, 1931

A Postal Stationary Envelope with a printed in green of a portrait of King Faisal I and having a value of $\frac{1}{2}$ anna but was supplemented with $1 \frac{1}{2}$ anna stamp. This was canceled initially with a scarce strike of bilingual Akra- Mosul on 4th September 1931. However the printed green stamp on the envelope was canceled the following day with a bilingual Mosul strike. The back shows a strike of bilingual Mosul on 5th September and a strike of bilingual Baghdad on 7th September. There is also a bilingual strike of KUT the final destination. The letter was sent to a student in Kut's Junior High School



Baghdad (Al Rashid) to England Registered and Air Mailed, 1937

It paid 46 fils and was canceled with a bilingual
Baghdad –Al Rashid on 16th Sept 1937, together
with a blue Registration bilingual sticker of
Baghdad, Al Rashid

The back shows a red sealing with bilingual Baghdad al Rashid
and Baghdad Reg on the 16th Sept. There is also two oval
strikes of London dated the 25th



IMPORTANT

A Cover Addressed to the Famous Patriarch
of the Eastern Chaldean Church and Leader
of the Assyrians Mar Shimun from Baghdad
to England in 1925

(Mar Eshai Shimun was the Patriarch of the East
Catholic Church and leader of the Assyrians who were
demanding and fighting for independence from Iraq. He
was exiled from Iraq in 1933 after bloody fighting with
the Iraqi Army with many deaths and destruction on
both sides. Many Assyrians left Iraq afterwards mainly
to the USA and Brazil. Mar Shimun was assassinated in
the USA in 1975.)



FIRST AIR MAIL, BASRAH-LONDON

5th April 1929

A cover sent via the First Air Mail from Basra to London showing a redirected address in London from the RAF Club to Deal Kent.

It paid the correct rate of 6 annas and was canceled by a bilingual Basra on 5th April, 1929. The back shows a machine cancel of London W1, on the 6th?



An Almost First Day Cover, 1923

An Air Mail Cover sent from Baghdad to London showing a bilingual BY AIR MAIL green sticker . It paid 9 annas and was canceled with an all English strike on 18th August 1923 which is a new late usage. According to Pearson and Proud, its last seen was on 10th May 1923.

Two of the stamps used escaped cancellation..



**A Cover with a British Military Emblem from
Basrah - Maqil to Tehran Addressed to Lady
J. Hoare, a Notable English Lady in the
History of the Middle East, 1934.
(with some unrecorded previously strikes by P&P)**

A cover sent to a well known personality in the history of the Middle East, who was at the time the wife of the British Ambassador in Persia - Iran.

It paid 15 fils and was cancelled with a bilingual strike of Maqil, unrecorded by P&P on 23rd January, 1934.

The back of the cover shows an embossed emblem in blue of a scorpion, with a ribbon reading Scorpionis Pungent, 84, probably the mark of a British or Indian Regiment.

The back shows a "Sor. Basra" strike on 23rd and another "Sor. Baghdad" strike not recorded by P&P dated 31st January.

There is a Tehran strike dated the 4th Feb. on the back.



An Air Mail Cover from Basrah to Esot, Egypt, 1923.

The cover shows a commercial oval strike in blue of BASSORA rather than Basrah in keeping with the Ottomani practice.

The Cover is addressed to Eesot,(for Asiot) and Ejipte (for Egypt).

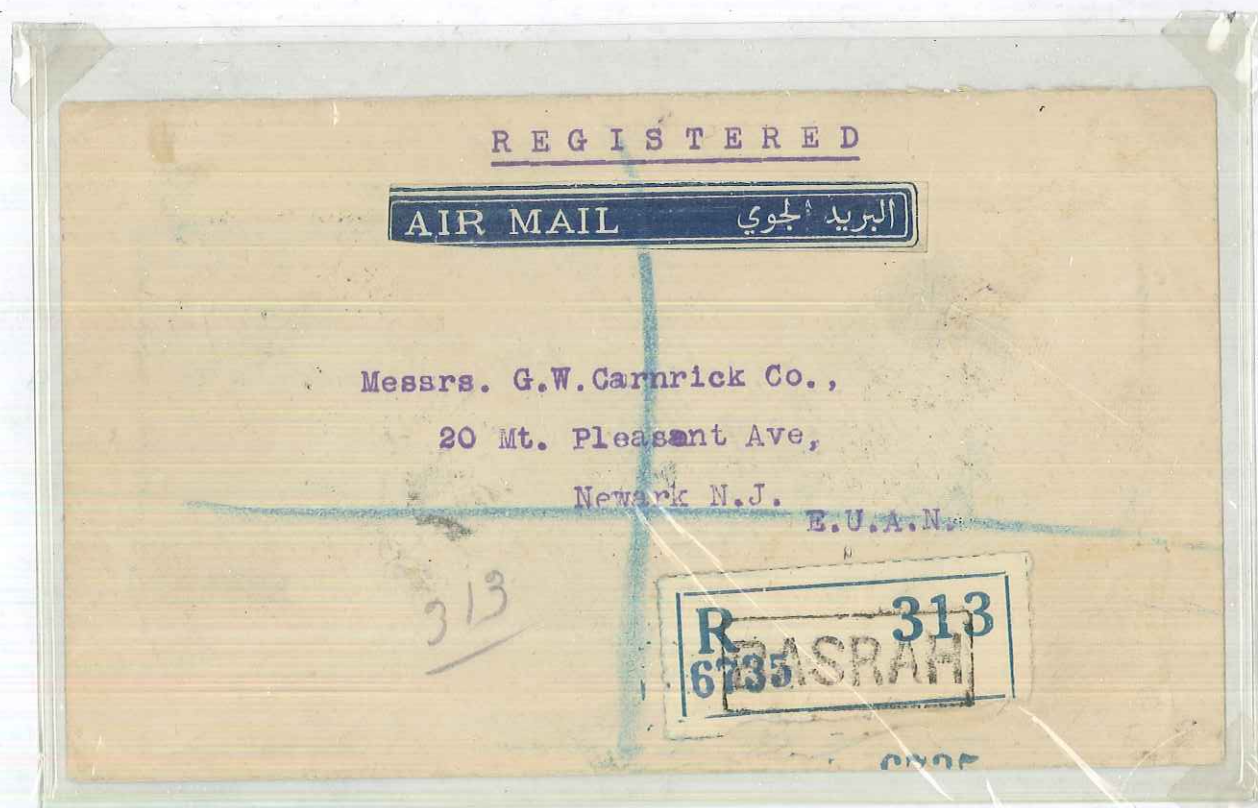
It paid 9 annas using the recently issued Iraqi Mandate and canceled with all English Basrah strike on 18th September 1923.

It is to be noted that although the Iraqi State was formed around a year earlier the British occupation practice of having all English cancels continued.



A Registered Air Mail Cover Sent from Basrah to Newark, New Jersey 1929. It Shows a Rare Blue Bilingual Long Label of "AIR MAIL"

It paid 9 annas and cancelled with all
English Basrah-REG. on 13th May 1929 while
the back shows two strikes of New York on
28th May and a Newark strike on May 29th.





An Air Mail Cover from Baghdad to London a Short Time after the Start of the Air Mail Service in 1929

It overpaid 14annas and canceled with a bilingual
Baghdad strike on 15th July. The air service started in
April 1929.





**An Almost First Day Usage of the Mandate
Stamps (11th July 1923)
A Cover Sent by Air Mail from Baghdad to
England**

**It paid 9 Annas with only one stamp of the three
was canceled with an all English strike of
Baghdad on July 22nd 1923.**





First Day Cover on 1st February 1949
 Sent by the Philatelic Dealer J. Hannaney to New York
 arriving on 5th February
 The back shows an interesting bilingual rectangular strike of
BAGHDAD
 The 5 fils "Save Palestine" charity stamp is affixed on the front

→
 we
 Palestine
 obligatory
 Tax



First Day of Issue Was sent by Hannany 1st November 1949



“Save Palestine”
Obligatory Stamp

First Day Cover - By Air Mail

1st February 1949

It shows excessive payment with all the stamps issued for the air service on 1st February 1949 together with the required contribution of 5 fils to "Save Palestine" charity.

The back shows New York strikes dated 5th and 7th February 1949

The cover was sent to New York by the Philatelist Abdullah Rashty



Save Palastine
Obligatory Tax

**A Special Cover sent officially from the
Commanding Officer of the Canadian
Combat Engineer Regiment of the
United Nations Mission Observing the Cease
Fire and the Demilitarized Zone between
Iraq and Kuwait at the end of the Gulf War**

**19th September 1991
to Edmonton -Canada**

The letter required no payment with postal stamps

Commanding Officer
1 Combat Engineer Regiment
CFPO 5006
Belleville, ON
K0K 3R0



UNIKOM

M. Hampson
12108-53 Street
Edmonton AB
T5W 3L9

A Cover Sent from Basrah Airport to the Uncommon Address of Perry Sound – Canada, 1946

The cover was sent by surface mail from Basra Airport to the uncommon address in Ontario Canada. It paid 20 fils and was cancelled with the bilingual strike of Basrah Airport on 27th June 1946. The back shows a bilingual strike of Basra City Sorting on the same day.

