



*Jordan Offices in Palestine
1948—1967
Classified by type*

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PALESTINE – THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER 1948-1967

TYPE - DESCRIPTION OF POSTMARK

- A - BRITISH MANDATE POSTMARK: DOUBLE CIRCLE ALL IN ENGLISH.
B - BRITISH MANDATE POSTMARK: SINGLE CIRCLE ALL IN ENGLISH
C - SINGLE CIRCLE, BILINGUAL: NAME IN ARABIC & ENGLISH, DATE IN ENGLISH.
D - SINGLE CIRCLE WITH SEMI-CIRCLE INSET, BILINGUAL: NAME IN ARABIC & ENGLISH, DATE IN ENGLISH. SUBDIVIDED INTO:
a) SMALL CIRCLE, WITH 3 DIFFERENT SHAPES OF INSET.
b) LARGE CIRCLE, WITH 2 DIFFERENT SHAPES OF INSET.
c) LARGE CIRCLE, WITH ENGLISH NAME TOUCHES CIRCLE.
E - DOUBLE OVAL SHAPE POSTMARK, SUBDIVIDED INTO:
a) BILINGUAL, NAME IN ARABIC & ENGLISH, DATE IN ARABIC.
b) NAME & DATE IN ARABIC.
F - SINGLE CIRCLE WITH BRIDGE, SUBDIVIDED INTO:
a) THE ENGLISH NAME IS HORIZONTAL & THE NUMBER OR P.A. BELOW.
b) THE ENGLISH NAME IS CIRCULAR & THE NUMBER OR P.A. ABOVE.
G - SINGLE CIRCLE, WITHOUT A BRIDGE, SUBDIVIDED INTO:
a) ENGLISH NAME IS HORIZONTAL.
b) ENGLISH NAME IS CIRCULAR.
H - DOUBLE CIRCLE, SUBDIVIDED INTO:
a) WITH A BRIDGE. 1- NAME IS HORIZONTAL. 2- NAME IS CIRCULAR.
b) WITHOUT A BRIDGE. 1- NAME IS HORIZONTAL. 2- NAME IS CIRCULAR.
I – RECTANGULAR, SINGLE & DOUBLE LINES, SUBDIVIDED INTO:
a) BILINGUAL.
b) ALL IN ARABIC.

Spelling of English name may differ from Type to Type

<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Type</i>
ABU-DEES	Ea, Eb, Fb, Ga
AL QUBEIBA	Ia
ANABTA	Fb, Hb
ANATA	Fb, Hb
AQABAT JABR	Fa
ARAB ES SAWAHIRA	Ia
AZZOUN	Eb, Fb
BATTIR	Fa, Fb
BEIR NABALA	Ia
BEIT DOQQU	Ia
BEIT HANINA	Ha
BEIT IKSA	Ia
BEIT JALA	A, Da, Db, Fb
BEIT SAHOUR	Fa, Fb, Ha, Hb
BEIT SURIK	Ia

BETHLEHEM	A, B, Da, Db, Fa, Fb
BIDDU	Ia
BIR ZEIT	Fa, Fa1
BOURQA	Fa, Gb
DAHYET EL-BAREED	Fb
DEIR DIBWAN	Gb
DEIR EL-GHUSUN	Fa, Fb
DURA	Fb
EIN AL-SULTAN	Ia
EL BIRA	Fb, Ha
EL EIZARIYA	Hb
EL-JIB	Ia
EL-RAM	Ia
ET TUR	Fa, Ha
ETH THURI	Fb
HALHUL	Fb, Hb
HAWARA	Fa, Fb
HEBRON (EL-KHALIL)	C, Da, Db, Fa
HIZMA	Ia
ISAWIYA	Ia
JABAL EL MUKABER	Hb
JENIN	A, C, Da, Db, Fb, Ia
JERICHO	C, Da, Db, Fb
JERUSALEM – CITADEL – AIRPORT - PAID	B, C, Da, Db, Dc, Fa, Fb, Hb
JIFNA	Fa
MUKHMAS	Ia
NABI SAMUEL	Ia
NABLUS	A, B, C, Da, Db, Fb
QALQILYA	A, Da, Db, Fb
QATTANA	Ia
RAMALLA	C, Da, Db, Fb
SALFIT	Fa
SELET EL-DAHR	Fa, Ga
SHUFAT	Fa, Fa1
SILWAD	Ga
SILWAN	Ia
SUR BAHIR	Fb, Hb
SINGEL	Fa
TAIYIBA	Fb, Gb
THORI-JERUSALEM	Ga
THOURI	Gb
TUBAS	Fa
TULKARM	A, C, Da, Db, Fa, Fb
TURMUS AIYA	Fa
YABED	Fb, Ha

TRANSJORDAN – THE EAST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER

POST OFFICES – KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN USE PRE 1967 (TYPE E TO I)

ABU ALANDA	AIDUN	‘AINJANNA	‘AJLUN
‘ANJARA	AL NUAIMEH	AMMAN - STATION -	ROYAL PALACE
AQABA	BASIRA	DAMIYA	DANA
DEIR ABU SAID	DEIR ALLA	EL-ASHRAFIYA	EL-BAQURA
EL JAREM	EL KARAMAH	EL MAJAMI	EL MASHARI
EL NAQAB	ES SUKHNA	FUHAIS	GHOT-ES-SAFI
HARTA	HAUASHA	HUSN	H.4
H.5	‘IBBIN	IRBID	JERASH
JISR EL-MAJAMI	KAFR QADOUM	KARAK	KARAMEH
KATRANI	KHANZIREH	KUFRANJI	KUFR YUBA
KURAIYIMA	MA’AN	MADABA	MAFRAK
MAQUAR	MASHAREH	MAZAR	MUADDI
MUKHAYYAM EL HUSSEIN		MUKHAYYAM IRBID	NA’UR
RABBA	RAMTHA	RUSEIFA	SAHAB
SAHAM EL KIFARAT	SAKHRA	SALT	SAMA-ER-RUSUN
SAMR	SHAUBAK	SHEIKH HUSSEIN	SHOUNEH
SWEILEH	TAFILA	THANIYA	WADI-EL-YABIS
WADI MUSA	WADI SIR	ZERKA	

Please note that the Post Offices listed in this publication and their types are in no way should be considered as the only ones that existed. The types mentioned here are the ones that we have seen, obtained, preserved or passed through our hands to other collectors through the years.

My late father, Mr. Akram E. Kawar a philatelist all his life and since the Turkish rule in Palestine realizing the importance of this part of the world, took upon himself to collect, preserve and supply the demand of other philatelists around the world.

Through the years, members of my family and I traveled the West bank and East bank towns, remote villages and camps seeking Post Offices to capture Postmarks on covers.

Many times we were successful to have the Post Master grant permission to cancel the covers on the spot.

Other Post Offices, no permission were granted, and we had to have the covers run their course through the mail. If you ever see covers addressed to Kawar, P.O. Box 4040 and have an arrival cancellation on reverse, this was the scenario during the Jordanian rule.

Other instances, when travel was not possible, orders were issued by mail to have the Post Master of different agencies send material by Registered mail. Such mail which have been obtained since then by collectors and experts alike, differ in how to treat these covers, as philatelic or otherwise. Only the astute experts will realize the otherwise and confirm that if it was not for Mr. Kawar’s insight, such material will never be available for study.

In 1967 military occupation of the West Bank, we were successful on the spot, having covers canceled at each first day post office opening in the occupied towns, later to realize that thousands had been produced (not at the exact first date or location) by Philatelic agencies for overseas consumption. That is when pursuing postmark offices of this part of the world ended and moved to the USA.

Since there were no records kept, or how much material of the Jordanian occupation is out there, valuation is difficult to measure, for it is rarely offered in auctions, only to know that demand is high and material is scarce.

I believe the scarcities of today, are the rarities of the PNA forerunners of tomorrow. You might be able to find some material in the philatelic world that is reasonably priced. But, time is in the essence, material is drying out and small offices are rarely seen, even on cut-out, which will make certain Turkish offices pale in comparison.

Examples of Cancellations in the West Bank:

Type A



Type B



Type C



Type Da



Type Da1



Type Da2

Type Db



Type Db1



Type Dc



Type Ea



Type Eb

Type Fa



Type Fb



Type Ga



Type Gb



Type Ha2



Type Hb2

Examples of Cancellations in TransJordan proper:

Type Ib



Type Hb1



Type Hb2



Type Gb



Type Fb