

BRITISH WEST AFRICA STUDY CIRCLE

GAMBIA POST OFFICES

Lt. Col. G.H.C. Napier has obtained information from the British High Commission in Gambia that on 23rd October 1967 in addition to the G.P.O. at Bathurst there were branch post offices open at:

Bakau	Fatoto
Serakunda	Kossema
Brikama	Karantaba
Gunjur	Kuntaur
Bwiam	Kaur
Kwinella	Farafenni
Mansakonko	Fass
Pakali Ba	Salekini
Kudang	Kerewan
Georgetown	Barra
Bansang	Albreda
Basse	

9th April, 1968.

GAMBIA POST OFFICES AND AGENCIES

The list supplied to Col. Napier by the High Commission in Bathurst and circulated to members in April this year is at variance with a list supplied to Mr. Beale by the Director of Posts and Telegraphs in the Gambia. The latter list agrees with that supplied by Mr. Kinloch two years ago. Enquiries from a keen philatelist in the Gambia confirm the Director's list.

The current check list reads:

POST OFFICES Bathurst (headquarters), Brikama, Mansakonko, Georgetown, Basse, T.P.O. (aboard the Lady Wright), Kunta-ur.
POSTAL AGENCIES Serrekunda, Gunjur, Bwiam, Barra, Farafenni, Kaur, Bansang, Fattoto, Kerewan, Cape St.Mary, Half Die, Soldier Town.

In addition the Post Office maintains a desk at Yundum Airport for the sale of postage stamps and the acceptance of letters.

REGISTERED MAIL Registration cannot be effected at Yundum Airport and at present registered letters cannot be sent from Half Die and Soldier Town. Other Post Offices and Agencies accept registered mail. Sometimes labels may not be available.

Mr. Beale confirms that he has received letters from all of the above Post Offices and Agencies during the past year and from none other. Each has its own postmark and this includes Yundum Airport.

Members may be interested to know that Cape St.Mary is often referred to as Bakau and that Soldier Town and Half Die are in the suburbs of Bathurst.

8th October, 1968.