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The Gambia

The Country Post Offices & Postal Agencies

Following the issue of the original notes Eric Lewis has received additional information including Reports of the Posts & Telegraphs Department for 1955, 1960 & 1961 from W.L. Kinloch in the Gambia. This throws further light on the Country Offices & Agencies, and the following notes should be read in conjunction with the Information Circular of July, 1965.

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First Supplement

BRIKAMA

The Postmaster was indulging in fraudulent practices in the Savings Bank transactions in 1961. Total amount discovered was £ 752.15s. He was convicted and dismissed from the Service.

BWIAM

Closed throughout 1960 & 1961 due to lack of suitable agent.

FARAFENNI

Opened April, 1960. But see earlier date 6/9/59 reported by J. Cameron.

FATOTO

Closed throughout 1960 & 1961 due to lack of suitable agent.  
Correction of original Circular: FATOTO has only 2 'T's in canceller b.

GUNJUR

Closed throughout 1959 & 1960 due to lack of suitable agent.

KEREWAN

The P.A. was opened in September, 1960, providing facilities for Jawara.

MACARTHY ISLAND

Canceller d. was recorded in the London G.P.O. Proof Book, with asterisk, on 8/6/09.

SEREKUNDA

Closed throughout 1960 due to lack of suitable agent.

YUNDUM AIRPORT

Opened mid 1965. First Airmail from the Post Office was sent by Ghana Airways via Dakar at 17.30 hrs. on 26/7/65.

Canceller:

YUNDUM AIRPORT / \* / 2-line date / GAMBIA

24mm.c.d.s.

Date recorded: 26/7/65

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