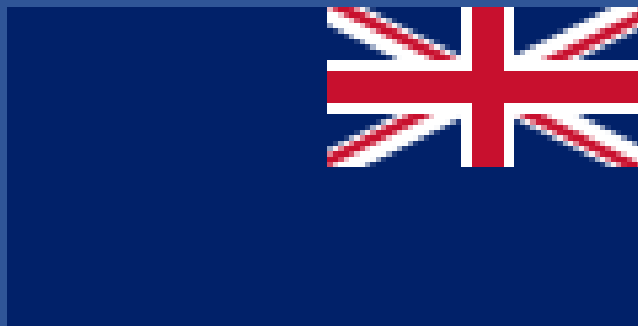


## *What do these postal authorities have in common?*

- Bahrain
- India
  - Chamba, Jind, Nabha, Patiala States
- Kuwait
- Muscat & Oman
- Pakistan
  - Bahawalpur State

# A Well-Travelled Ensign

SO, WHAT'S AN ENSIGN?



AHOY!

Does it have something to do with Water Buffalo, Mules or Camels?



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Maybe not, but . . .



DAK BULLOCK CART



DAK TONGA



DAK CAMEL



MAIL STEAMER



MAIL LORRY

None of these stamps shows an Ensign, but (according to Yoda) there is one more.

INDIA POSTAGE



*The Armstrong-Whitworth  
AW-27 Ensign*



MAIL PLANE

12A\$

# Background – Armstrong-Whitworth AW-27 (Ensign)

- Description – Four-engine, “all metal” monoplane airliner;
  - “largest in the world” at the time
- First Flight – Jan 24, 1938; Produced 1938 – 1940; Total built - 14
- Payload – Up to 40 passengers, 5 crew, plus mail & cargo
- Routes England to European, Middle East and Asian destinations
- Retired from service, June, 1946



# A Well-Travelled Ensign



India Scott 161  
12A, carmine lake  
1937-1940



India Scott 161A  
14A, rose violet, 1940,  
(note larger portrait of  
George VI)

# A Well-Travelled Ensign



Bahrain Scott 31  
12A, claret  
1940

# A Well-Travelled Ensign



India Chamba  
Scott 81  
12A, carmine lake,  
1938



India Chamba  
Scott 107  
14A rose violet  
1948



# A Well-Travelled Ensign

India Jind State  
Scott 114  
12A, carmine lake  
1940



# A Well-Travelled Ensign



India Nabha Scott 80  
12A carmine lake  
1938-39

India Patiala Scott 91  
12A carmine lake  
1938



# A Well-Travelled Ensign



Kuwait Scott 52  
12A carmine lake  
1939



Kuwait Scott 71  
14A rose violet  
1945

# A Well-Travelled Ensign



Muscat (& Oman)  
Scott 13      14A  
rose violet    1944



Pakistan Scott 13  
14A    rose violet  
1947



Pakistan Bahawalpur State  
Scott A13      14A  
rose violet      1947

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The only other known AW-27 Ensign on stamp . . .



Bulgaria C22  
6 Lev deep blue  
1940

Questions?