

Chapter 12 – Occupation.

In October 1943, the Japanese ceded the administrative control of the occupied Malay states of Trengganu, Kelantan, Kedah and Perlis to Thailand. Thailand appointed administrators for Trengganu, Kelantan and Kedah. Due to its small size Perlis was added to Kedah and the combined parts were called Syburi, an old Thai name for Kedah. The Japanese kept the military control. Thailand issued postal and revenue stamps during the occupation for those states.

The Shan States in Occupied South East Burma were ceded by the Japanese to Thailand in 1943. The capital of the Shan States became Chieng Tung. Thailand only issued revenue stamps for use in the previous Shan states.

Thailand also occupied in 1942 parts of Laos and Cambodia located in French Indochina. No special postal or revenue stamps were issued, but the stamps from Thailand were used in occupied Laos and Cambodia.

Trengganu.

12.A – Trengganu, ship revenues












Issued - Oct 1943

Last use September 24, 1945

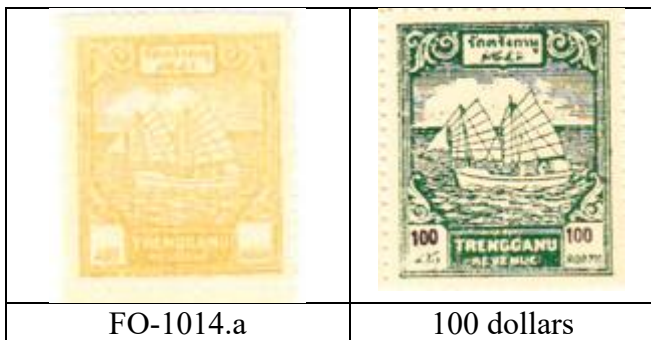
Cents values printed on sheets of 50.

Dollar values are in sheets of 25.

Issued without gum

	
25 cents	50 cents
	
50 cents imperforate in-between	
	
1 dollar	2 dollars
	
3 dollars	FO-1011.a2
	
FO-1011.a1	5 dollars
	
25 dollars	50 dollars

		
1 cent	2 cents	3 cents
		
4 cents	5 cents	10 cents



The 50 and 100 dollars stamps have a watermark in the right bottom section of the sheet. It covers 6 stamps. It looks similar like the picture below.



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NO.	VALUE	COLOR
FO-1001	1 cent	black
FO-1002	2 cents	gray-green
FO-1003	3 cents	orange-yellow
FO-1004	4 cents	vermilion
FO-1005	5 cents	lilac
FO-1006	10 cents	chalky blue
FO-1007	25 cents	plum
FO-1007.a	25 cents	plum - misperfed
FO-1008	50 cents	scarlet
FO-1008.a	50 cents	vert. imperf pair
FO-1009	1 dollar	deep blue
FO-1010	2 dollars	dull violet-blue
FO-1011	3 dollars	chestnut
FO-1011.a1	3 dollars	value tablets blank-perforated
FO-1011.a2	3 dollars	value tablets blank-imperforate
FO-1011.b	3 dollars	misperfed
FO-1012	5 dollars	vermilion
FO-1013	25 dollars	bright blue
FO-1014	50 dollars	pale orange
FO-1014.a	50 dollars	value tablets blank
FO-1015	100 dollars	green

The 3 dollar chestnut was used to set up the perforation machine. It was also used to test the font sizes for the 25, 50 and 100 dollar stamps. All the stamps on the market that are imperforated with blank value tablet, partly perforated, miss-perforated, and the various chestnut color stamps with 25, 50 or 100 dollars in the value tablet come from these trials.

For a long time, this series was not known used, however, a few used copies and a document have been discovered. They were all used in Kuala Trengganu. The used stamps on piece have an oval shape cancellation and a date of June 12, 1944.



50 dollars, block of 6 with full watermark, like shown above.

Syburi (Kedah & Perlis).

12.B - Syburi (Kedah & Perlis)

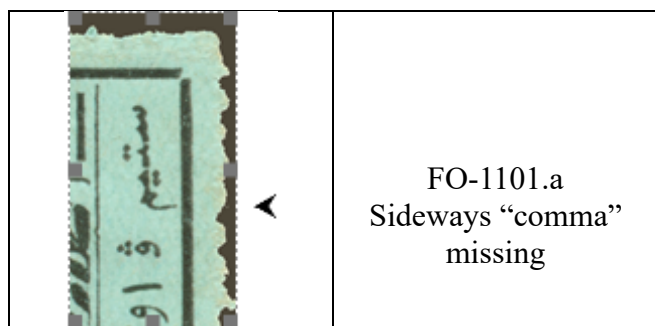
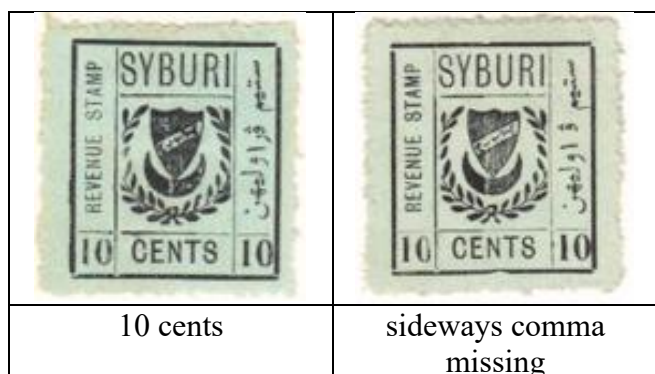
Issued – Mid 1945

Last used

Issued without gum

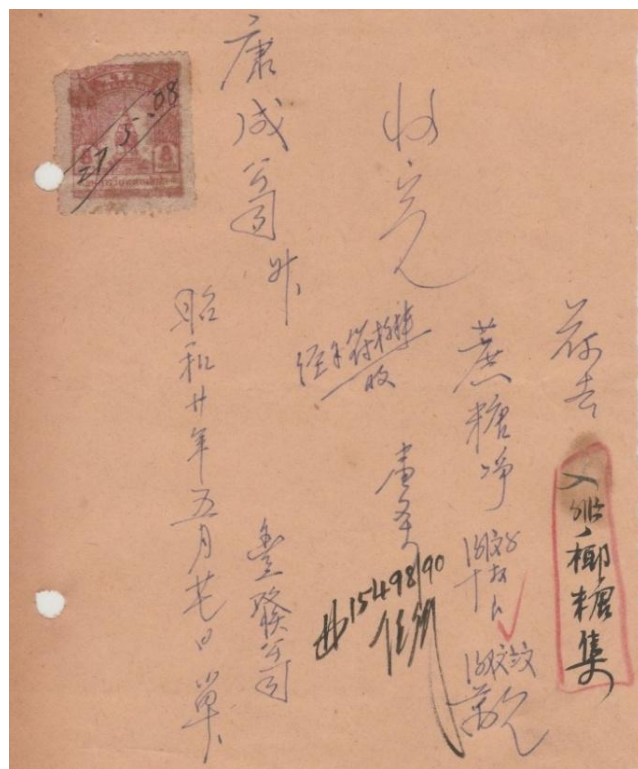
Printed in sheets of 50 (5x10).

Syburi issued the first and its only revenue stamp around May 1945.



NO.	VALUE	COLOR
FO-1101	10 cents	black on green
FO-1101.a	10 cents	variety - missing sideways comma

Not having issued any revenue stamps till mid 1945, Kedah used provisional revenue stamps to cover their need. Thai postal occupation stamps were used on documents from at least October 1944 till middle of 1945. Documents with the postal stamps as well as documents with the 10 cents revenue stamp are known.



Kelantan.

12.C.1 – Kelantan, Coat of Arms

Issued - Oct 1943

Issued without gum

Printed in Kota Bahru

Stamps showing the Coat of Arms of the sultan of Kelantan. The Coat of Arms is applied by handstamp, so the position changes from stamp to stamp. The stamps are printed in sheets of 84 (12x7) and the stamps at the top and left margin are imperforate. The sheets of stamps have the same watermark as the Trengganu high value Ship revenues, reading: CROWN

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Quite similar stamps are issued for postal use, a set of 5 stamps with values between 1 cent and 10 cents and the color of the coat of arms handstamp is in purple.

		
8 cents	20 cents	50 cents
		
1 dollar	2 dollars	3 dollars
		
4 dollars	5 dollars	50 dollars

NO.	VALUE	COLOR
FO-1201	8 cents	black with red
FO-1202	20 cents	black with red
FO-1203	50 cents	Black with red
FO-1204	1 dollar	black with red
FO-1205	2 dollars	black with red
FO-1206	3 dollars	black with red
FO-1207	4 dollars	black with red
FO-1208	5 dollars	black with red
FO-1209	50 dollars	black with red

Forgeries




These Coat of Arms Kelantan stamps are forged. The forged stamps have the coat of Arms printed instead of hand-stamped. The stamps are having gum while the real stamps were issued without gum. Also, multiple fakes are found with the right or bottom of the stamp imperforate. Please be aware!

	
Forgery dollar 1	Forgery dollar 5

12.C.2 – Kelantan Sultan Portrait

Issued - Oct 1943
Used till 9 Sep 1945
Last used Sep 9, 1945
Issued without gum

	
8 cents	6 cents on 8 cents
	
20 cents	10 cents on 20 cents
	
50 cents	25 cents on 50 cents
	
1 dollar	2 dollars
	
3 dollars	5 dollars

	
10 dollars	25 dollars
	
50 dollars	

NO.	VALUE	COLOR
FO-1301	8 cents	blue
FO-1301a	6 CENTS on 8	ovpt in red
FO-1302	20 cents	blue
FO-1302a	10 CENTS on 20	ovpt in red
FO-1303	50 cents	blue
FO-1303a	25 CENTS on 50	ovpt in red
FO-1304	1 dollar	blue
FO-1305	2 dollars	blue
FO-1306	3 dollars	blue
FO-1307	5 dollars	blue
FO-1308	10 dollars	blue
FO-1309	25 dollars	blue
FO-1310	50 dollars	blue

NOTE: FO-1301a, FO-1302a and FO-1303a may have been used for postage.

These sultan portrait stamps are rare, used stamps have often a cancellation punch hole and the cancellation reads, "State Treasury Kelantan"

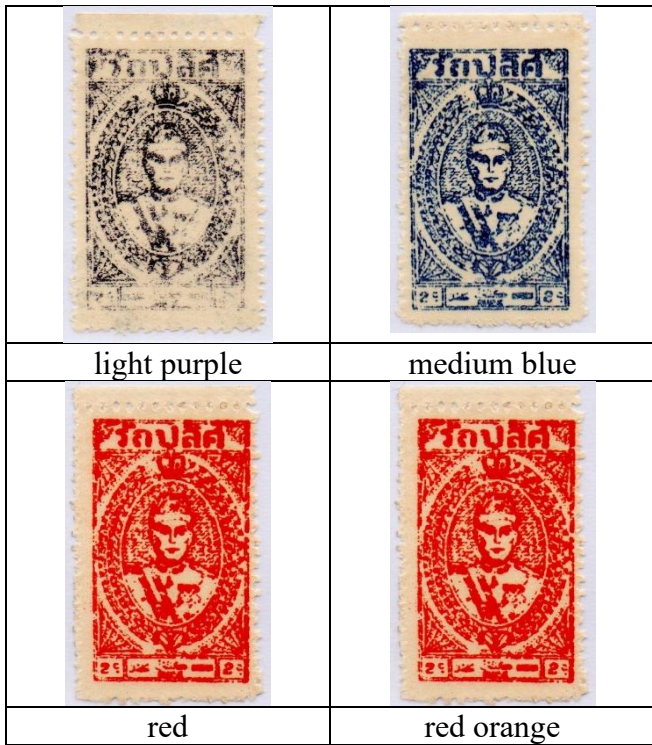
Forgeries of the Kelantan Sultan Portrait stamps.

The Sultan Portrait stamps are extensively forged, by lithographic copies. However, NONE of the forged stamps are in the same color as the original blue printed stamps.

The forged stamps are printed in sheets of 20 (5x4) and are crudely perforated. They are printed in at least 10 different colors. They also exist imperforate.

The original stamps show the portrait of Sultan Tenku Ibrahim of Kelantan. The first fake set of 10 different color stamps show a value of 8 cents and above the head of the sultan is the word Kelantan in Thai letters. A second set of 10 exists with a value of 2 cents and above the same sultan of Kelantan head, the word Perlis. These are shown in pictures below. A third set of 10 stamps show a value of 4 cents and above the head of the sultan of Kelantan is the word Syburi (Kedah) also written in Thai letters. A fourth set shows a value of 3 cents with above the sultan written in Thai letters, Kelantan. It is unconceivable that in Perlis, Kelantan and Kedah they would use revenue stamps with the wrong sultan's portrait, each state has its own sultan. Buyers be aware of these fakes!

	
dark blue	dark purple
	
navy blue	gold
	
green	grey



At the surrender of the Japanese in September 1945 at the end of World War 2, all the Northern Malaya states of Trengganu, Kelantan, Kedah and Perlis returned back to British Malaya.

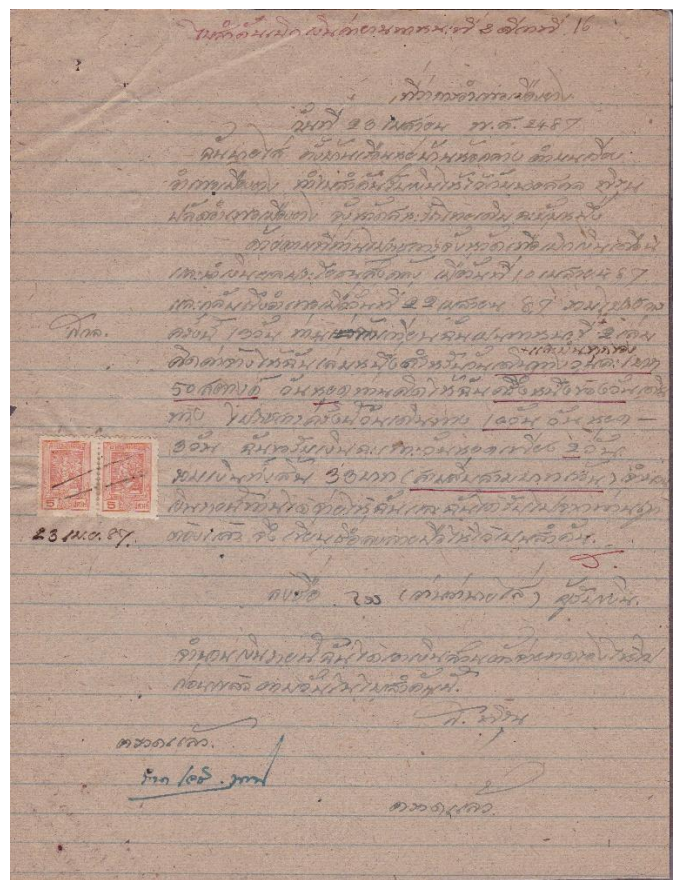
Shan States in British Burma.

Capital city of the Shan States is Chieng Tung, located near the north-eastern border of Thailand.

12.D - Shan States
 Burmese provinces of Chieng Tung, Yong, Yu & Ka
 Issued 1943.
 Issued without gum



NO.	VALUE	COLOR
FO-1401	5 Satang	Orange
FO-1402	10 Satang	Purple
FO-1403	25 Satang	Light Green
FO-1404	1 baht	Blue Gray



A handwritten receipt on crude lined tablet paper from Muang Yang, Chiang Thung dated 23 April 2487 (1944). It contains a pair of the 5 satang FO-1401 stamps. It is for 33 baht for renting 2 ox carts to travel to get salaries for employees from Muang Yang to Chiang Thung and return. The trip took 13 days.

After the defeat of the Japanese in 1945, the Shan states returned back to British Burma.