Chapter 12 – Occupation. OC-xx

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.

Trengganu, ship revenue
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

				
1 cent	2 cents	3 cents	4 cents	5 cents

			
10 cents	25 cents	50 cents	50 cents imperforate in-between

				
1 dollar	2 dollars	3 dollars	OC-11a	OC-11b

				
5 dollars	25 dollars	50 dollars	OC-15a	100 dollars

NO.	VALUE	COLOR	MINT	USED
OC-01	1 cent	black	B 1000	_-
OC-02	2 cents	gray-green	B 1000	-
OC-03	3 cents	orange-yellow	B 1000	-
OC-04	4 cents	vermilion	B 1000	-
OC-05	5 cents	lilac	B 1000	B 3000
OC-06	10 cents	chalky blue	B 1000	B 3000
OC-07	25 cents	plum	B 1000	B 3000
OC-07a	25 cents	plum - misperfed	B 1200	B 3000
OC-08	50 cents	scarlet	B 1000	B 3000
OC-08a	50 cents	Horizontal imperforate pair	B 5000	-
OC-09	1 dollar	deep blue	B 2000	B 4000
OC-10	2 dollars	dull violet-blue	B 2000	B 4000
OC-11	3 dollars	chestnut	B 2000	-
OC-11a	3 dollars	value tablets blank-perforated	B 3000	-
OC-11b	3 dollars	value tablets blank-imperforate	B 3500	-
OC-12	3 dollars	mis perforated	B 2000	-
OC-13	5 dollars	vermilion	B 3000	-
OC-14	25 dollars	bright blue	B 4000	-
OC-15	50 dollars	pale orange	B 4000	-
OC-15a	50 dollars	value tablets blank	B 5000	-
OC-16	100 dollars	green	B 10,000	-

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 cents	3 and 2 dollars

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

Syburi (Kedah & Perlis).

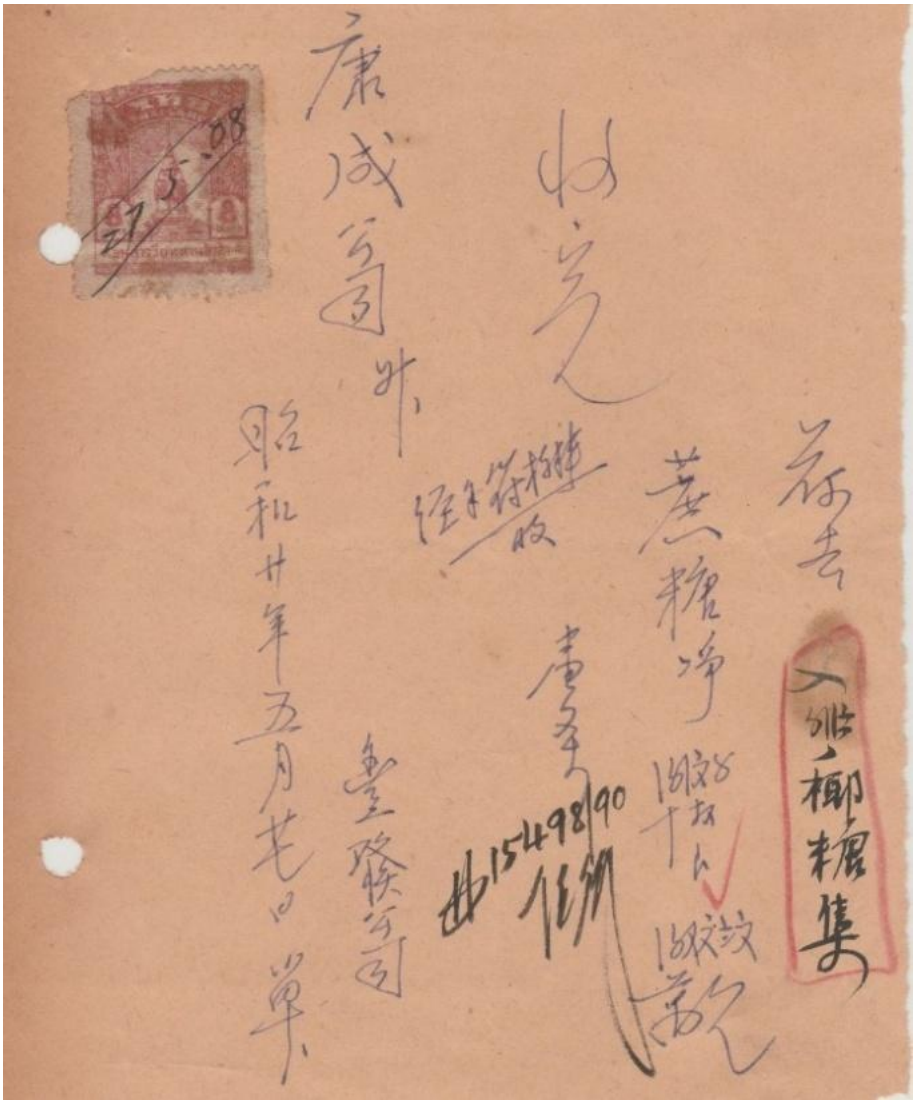
Syburi (Kedah & Perlis) issued – May 1945 **i**ssued without gum Printed in sheets of 50 (5x10).

Syburi issued the first and its only revenue stamp around May 1945, before that time, Thai postal occupation stamps issued in 1943 were used as revenue stamps.

		
10 cents	sideways comma missing OC-17a	Detail of sideways comma missing

NO.	VALUE	COLOR	MINT	USED
OC-17	10 cents	black on green		
OC-17a	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.

Kelantan, Coat of Arms
Issued - Oct 1943
Issued without gum
Printed in Kota Bahru in sheets of 72

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	MINT	USED
OC-18	8 cents	black with red	B 3500	B 3500
OC-19	20 cents	black with red	-	B 6000
OC-20	50 cents	Black with red	-	B 6000
OC-21	1 dollar	black with red	-	B 6000
OC-22	2 dollars	black with red	-	B 6000
OC-23	3 dollars	black with red	-	B 6000
OC-24	4 dollars	black with red	-	B 6000
OC-25	5 dollars	black with red	-	B 6000
OC-26	50 dollars	black with red	-	B 6000

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

Kelantan Sultan Portrait
Issued - Oct 1943
Used till 9 Sep 1945
Issued without gum

				
8 cents	6 cents on 8 cents	20 cents	10 cents on 20	50 cents

				
25 cents on 50	1 dollar	2 dollars	3 do;;ars	5 dollars

						
	10 dollars	25 dollars			50 dollars	

NO.	VALUE	COLOR	MINT	USED
OC-27	8 cents	blue	B 1000	B 5000
OC-28	6 CENTS on 8	ovpt in red	B 5000	B 5000
OC-29	20 cents	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-30	10 CENTS on 20	ovpt in red	B 5000	B 5000
OC-31	50 cents	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-32	25 CENTS on 50	ovpt in red	B 5000	B 5000
OC-33	1 dollar	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-34	2 dollars	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-35	3 dollars	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-36	5 dollars	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-37	10 dollars	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-38	25 dollars	blue	B 5000	B 5000
OC-39	50 dollars	blue	B 5000	B 5000

NOTE: OC-28, OC-29 and OC- 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 25 (5x5) 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’s 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	light purple	medium blue	red	red orange

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.

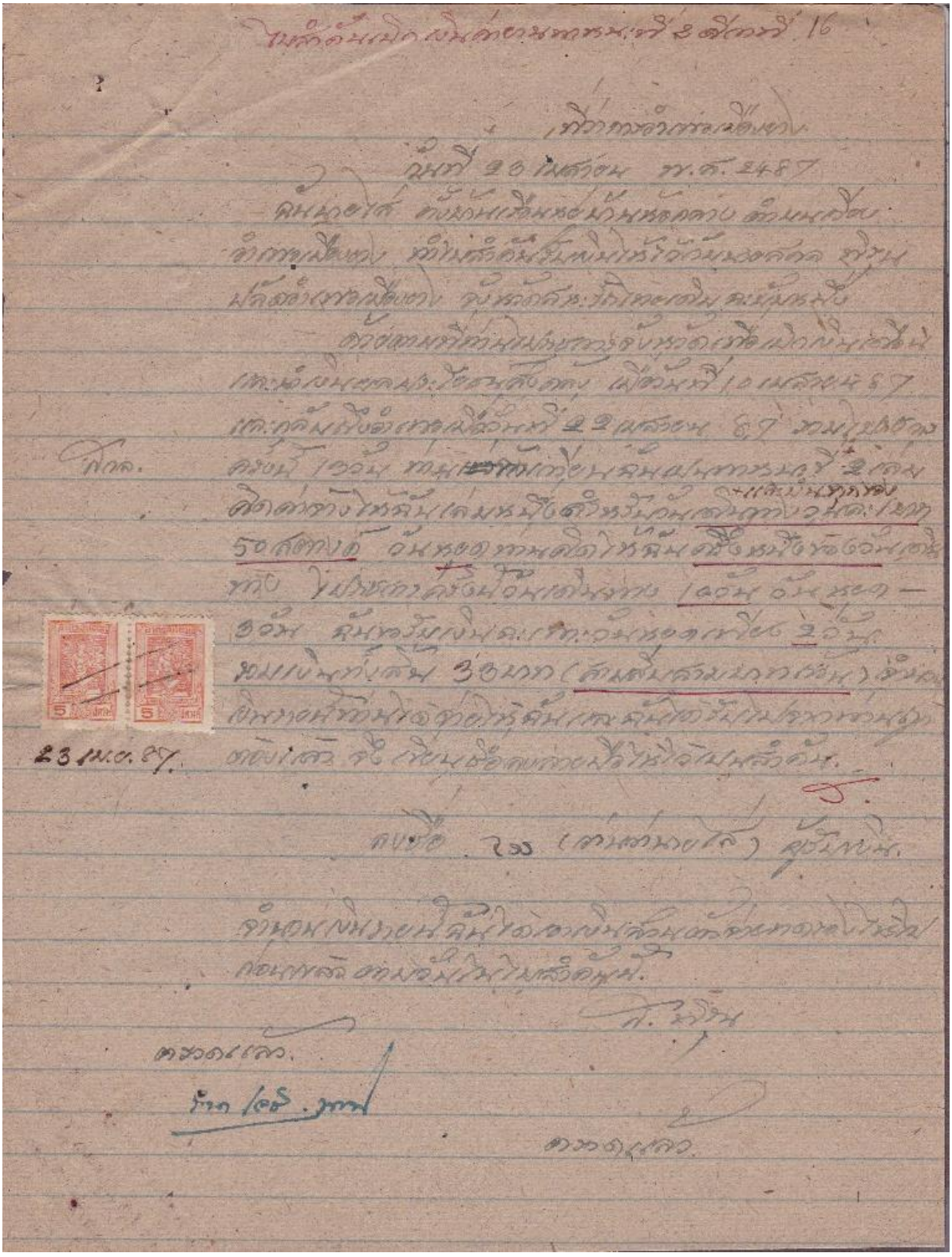
Shan States in British Burma.

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

Shan States 1943
Burmese provinces of Chieng Tung, Yong, Yu and Ka
Issued without gum

			
5 satang	10 satang	25 satang	1 baht

NO.	VALUE	COLOR	MINT	USED
OC-40	5 Satang	Orange	B 2500	B 1000
OC-41	10 Satang	Purple	B 2500	B 1000
OC-42	25 Satang	Light Green	B 2500	B 1000
OC-43	1 baht	Blue Gray	B 12,000	-



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.