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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE.

FELLOW B. C. P. S. G MEMBERG:

I had hoped to get this message to you in the January Journal, but I forgot that our Editor had an earlier than usual deadline on that issue to avoid the Christmas rush.

I am honored that your Trustees have elected me as President of the Group for 1967. With your help, I feel that we can continue to grow not only in number of members, but also in the services provided.

In this latter connection, I consider that institution of an auction program is a definite step forward. My thanks go to our retiring President, Bob Topaz, for agreeing to act as Auction manager. I call on all of you to give your support as buyers and sellers in this venture. The Rules and Regulations published in the January Journal can and will be changed if experience indicates the desirability of doing so.

Suggestions as to means for making our Group a better one will always be welcome. To those of you who are not presently corresponding with some of your fellow members, I suggest that you are missing out on an important part of our activity. One of the principal reasons that we publish a Membership Roster with addresses, is to encourage such correspondence. (Editor's note: a new Roster will be available within the next month or so). Sooner or later this exchange of ideas and information leads to discoveries which can then be published in our Journal. A secondary, but equally important benefit, is the lasting friendships which develop through this correspondence.

We had hoped to have a meeting in November of this year in Kingston, Jamaica, in conjunction with an Exhibition sponsored by the Jamaica Philatelic Society. With the passing of our dear friend and fellow member, Everard Aguilar, it now appears very doubtful that the Show can be staged as planned. However the idea of a B.C.P.S.G. - J.P.S. get-together still appeals to me, even without the excuse of an Exhibition to bring it about. What do you think of the idea? Drop me a line and let me have your opinion on such a meeting. With even a little bit of encouragement, I will explore the possibility.

Our Editor is constantly in need of material to fill the pages of our Journal. Your fellow members are all interested in learning of your discoveries or in assisting you with answers to your queries. If you have a pet cover or some other prized or unusual item, tell us about it. If an illustration is needed, I will be happy to help you work it up. Our Treasury is now in a good enough state to permit the Group to finance such illustrations and the Xerox and Multilith processes make the preparation quite simple. Lets give Al the support he deserves and make his job a bit easier. He is expending a great amount of time and energy on our behalf.

Many of our members have indicated that they were not happy with the system of dues in effect during 1966 under which different colored membership cards were issued to those who donated in excess of the basic \$3.00 fee. I have asked our Treasurer to use up our remaining stock of cards without regard to color, so if you receive one in other than white don't blow a fuse, the color has no significance. If you want to donate more than the basic dues, that's a matter between you and the Treasurer.

Fred.

NEW MEMBERS:

ADAM, ELMER DONOVAN, 1 Rekadom Ave., Kingston 10, Jamaica. MAILING ADDRESS P. O. Box 219.

MITCHELL, JOHN DESMOND, 54 Brentford Road, Kingston 5, Jamaica

MOUNSEY, RICHARD C., Jr., 18825 - 17th Ave., N. W., Seattle, Washington - 98177.

BATNODE, WINTON, 2240 Olive St., Eugene, Oregon - 97405.

ROSIE, WALTER ALLAN, 16238 LITTLEFIELD, Detroit Michigan, 48235.

NEW ISSUES:

ANTIGUA: The new Antiguan definitives were released November 1, consisting of the usual sixteen denominations and printed by Bradbury Wilkinson and Co., Ltd, depicting scenes and building in Antigua. Printed by the recess process on CA Block watermark in panes of 100 stamps, 25 x 38mm. in horizontal format.

UNESCO Omnibus issue, (brochure inclosed) Issued Dec. 12, 1966, except Barbados which was issued Jan. 1, 1967.

CAYMAN ISLANDS: Opening of Grand Cayman Airport Jet Service - Values of 1/- and 1/9d

JAMAICA: 150th Anniversary of the Jamaica Letter Commemorative Issue. 12/5/66.

CAYMAN ISLANDS: International Telephone Link Commemorative issue, 12/2/66.

NEW FORTHCOMING ISSUES:

BAHAMAS: Around May 25, 1967- Definitive Issue.

Turks and Caicos - Around Feb. 1, 1967 - Definitive Issue.

- Around May 1, 1967 - Postal Centenary issue.

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THE CURRENT DATESTAMPS OF BERMUDA.

n (Amendments and Addenda - II)

By. Jack Arnell.

Since my original article on the current Bermuda datestamps and the first set of amendments to it, (B.C.P.J., Vol. 4, pp 31 and 133), one new postmark has appeared and one mistake in the original descriptions of postmarks needs correcting.

In the amendments (Vol. 4, p 135), I reported that consideration was given to installing the reserve cancelling machine in storage in Hamilton in the PAGET Sub-post office to cope with the large volume of mail which had developed there. This was done in the fall of 1956. The actual official day of use may be difficult to establish, as the local postmaster stated that the date was 17 October, 1965. while Morris Ludington has an envelope cancelled with the date of 29 September, 1965. Knowing the Bermudian and his habits, I suspect that Morris Ludington got an envelope from a test run on the day that the installation of the machine was completed, while the latter date was probably the day the machine was put into regular use.

The new machine was installed on the day of the test run on the day of the test run.

The same slogan COME TO BERMUDA THE ISLES OF BEAUTY as was introduced on the HAMILTON and ST. GEORGES machines on 9 May 1964, is used on this machine, together with a datestamp carrying PAGET BERMUDA around the edges in much finer letters than those used for HAMILTON and ST. GEORGES. The letters are only 2mm. high, instead of 2.5mm. and are much narrower. This gives the impression of a very open datestamp.

The correction to be made relates to the second type H15 handstamp in use at the MANGROVE BAY Sub-post office. When I collected the postmarks used for the detail in the original articles, I gave the woman on duty in the post office two envelopes and asked her if she would strike one with one handstamp and the other with the second. She replied that one handstamp was for letters and the other for cards; but after explaining that I was a collector, I understood that she would meet my request. I therefore assumed that I had examples of each of the handstamps. There were slight variations between them, which I also found on other envelopes, and these I reported (Vol. 4, p. 35). I subsequently found several postmarks on stamps which were quite different from any I had seen and this prompted me to write to the MANGROVE BAY Postmaster and ask her that two enclosed envelopes be struck with the two handstamps. This ploy was successful, but instead of receiving envelopes bearing one of the postmarks each, I got two envelopes with both postmarks on each. These two are quite easily differentiated as the following shows:

	I	II
Extension of Y in BAY	Bottom left Cross	M/ Cross
B in BAY	Narrow	Normal
Right Cross	Normal	Tilted
M - B	7mm.	5mm.

The variations I reported earlier as different datestamps are those which occur in different strikes with the same datestamp due to movement during the strike.

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WHITE'S ISLAND, BERMUDA, AS A U. S. NAVAL BASE.

By Jack Arnell.

In the March 1965 and July 1965 issues of the Journal, (pages 30 and 79), there were short notices relating to the use of White's Island in Hamilton Harbour, Bermuda, as a U. S. naval base during World War I and describing a military datestamp. In the second of the above-mentioned notes, I presented what little I could find on this American use of White's Island. Recently I found additional information which fills in some of the gaps.

Terry Tucker writing in the August 1965 issue of the BERMUDIAN, states:

"By the spring of 1918 White's Island in Hamilton Harbour had become the headquarters in Bermuda of U. S. Sub-chasers. At a meeting of the Corporation of Hamilton on March 28 of that year, permission was given to the Isle of White Company, Ltd., to sub-lease White's Island to the U. S. Government. The lease was signed by Mr. W.J.H. (now Sir Howard) Trott. Thus the little island, which in the mid 19th Century had been the center for sail-making by a family called White, became the first U. S. naval base in Bermuda...."

She goes on to quote from the book "The Romance of Soldiering and Sport", by General Sir James Willcocks, Governor of Bermuda during this period. He wrote:

"The United States Navy was very much en evidence in Bermuda during the latter end of 1917 and 1918. All newly built small war vessels, either for themselves or the French and Italians, called at the islands before crossing the Atlantic, and we saw hundreds of their officers and men. They had been loaned two islands as supply depots, and every luxury could be found in store, including quantities of fresh fruit...."

It is obvious from the above that a U. S. Naval base was established on White's Island by agreement between governments. Thus it is not surprising that a military post office was set up to handle the mail. It is interesting to note that the datestamp which was inscribed "U.S.N. BASE, ISLE OF WHITE, BERMUDA" rather than bearing the local name of "White's Island". This was undoubtedly due to the fact that the U. S. Government leased the island from the Isle of White Company, Ltd. The post office must have operated for something less than a year, as it was unlikely that it was opened until some time after 1 April 1918 and the depot was closed on 1 April 1919

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ANTIGUA ADDENDA

By. William G. Cornell.

At the request of Mark Swetland, our Treasurer, I have agreed to take over the job of Antigua Group Leader. I shall do my best to follow in Mark's footsteps and try to maintain the fine tradition he began in keeping the information flowing on ANTIGUA philately. My only qualification for the job is a deep interest in all phases of the area. If you will bear with me, I shall try in regular fashion to pass along as they come to light, bits and pieces of information to add to our stock of knowledge, in order to fill the gap between where we are now and where we should like to be in our understanding of ANTIGUA philately. I shall welcome any comments, suggestions and above all, information to pass along.

Regarding the scope of this column, I shall try to cover all aspects of ANTIGUA philately, including postal history. I shall include BARBUDA and LEEWARD ISLANDS material as appropriate, and especially as regards postal history, but shall omit depth coverage of the adhesives of these countries. I have active interest in the latter area, but hope that someone else will cover it in our Journal. In regards ANTIGUA cancels, I shall coordinate with Stanley Damin and base my nomenclature on his admirable description of the various L.I. cancels. I shall also coordinate in general with G. W. Groves, head of the BWISC and ANTIGUA group leader of our sister society.

Let us address ourselves to the "addenda" of this column---as indicated by Mark Swetland on the 11/66 Journal, the sixteen value, horizontal format (25x38mm) definitive set was issued on 1 Nov., 1966. The muted pastel bicolors are pleasing, definitely "BWI" to my eye, and show cancels well. The buildings motif is perhaps prosaic, but topical to our island. The geometric tracery in the "sky" above the buildings is interestingly reminiscent of old banknotes. The issue is recess printed on CA BLOCK Watermarked paper by B. W. & Co., Ltd.

Other recent ANTIGUA issues include the World Health Organization (WHO) omnibus pair of 2¢ and 15¢, issued September 20, 1966, and the World Cup omnibus pair of 6¢ and 35¢ issued 1. July 1966.

A recent new CDS has been introduced by the village of Seatons in the north-east (St Philip Parish). Joe Chin Aleong supplied me with a 3 SP 66 cover utilizing this double circle, (26 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 16mm dia.) cancel with line arcs between the circles, SEATONS at top, nothing below, two line date format 3/SP/66 with * above. The absence of the island name is interesting. It remains to be determined whether the new cancel replaces or supplements the previous 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm dia. single ring CDS used since around 1932-35, per Durbin (his Figure 21, p. 68, v 2, n. 5, w.n. 9, Journal, which cancel I call Type D.21, using "D" for Durbin.

The "target" cancels I discussed on p. 108 of the 9/66 Journal have elicited the comments of Dr. Griswold on p. 127 and of Mr. Johnson on p. 108. I further heard from Col. Seifert as follows---he has a strike of the same four-ring target on the 1903 DOMINICA 2d, Scott 25. He notes that Peter Jaffe, in the West-End Philatelist, v. XLIII n. 441, Sept-Oct 1953, Notes on L.I. Cancels" shows an illustration of an adhesive of the 1890 first type L. I. with value obscured by the cancel. Jaffe inscribed the figure "Ebony Ruler end, (used in emergencies or on ship mail)", Fred further notes that he has a copy of the 1891 BRITISH HONDURAS 3¢ brown Scott 40 with a different target cancel, having three rings of about 20, 14, and 8mm diameters. Following Al Johnson's lead, I consulted the Birch reference and found among several DWI target cancels, one like the four ring (7, 10, 14, 18) variety I find on ANTIGUA examples. The DWI mark was extensively used from the early 1870's to 1934. (DWI became U.S. V.I. in 1917.) Finally, I acquired another of the same four ring on 1932, L.I.

KGV, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d bright blue, SG 81a, and an example of what looks like Dr. Griswold's MONTS, five ring target, (22, 19, 16, 13, 10) on a copy of 1903 ST. KITTS, 1d, red and black, SG 2. My example is a smudged double strike and may have a sixth smaller circle at the center. All of the above data adds to the general confusion, however, I have been that road before and I now lean to the belief that the two ANTIGUA four ring targets of mine and the DOMINICA example of Fred Seifert's may be either St. John's ebony ruler marks or DWI marks on ship mail. Who has more data, including target measurements of mean ring diameters?

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BRITISH GUIANA BIRMINGHAM TYPE POSTMARKS.

By Col. Fred F. Seifert.

The type of postmark being studied in this article was given the name "Birmingham" when it was first introduced in Jamaica in 1939, and a writer in the Jamaica Philatelist noted that it was similar to a mark being used in Birmingham, England, and other places. Several years ago Clinton L. von Pohle prepared a study of the Jamaican marks of this family. He designated the varieties as Type B1, B2, etc. To avoid confusion, I have retained his nomenclature.

The common characteristic of all Birmingham marks is a pair of concentric circles, having the town name or office function and colony name more or less centered between them. In most cases the office name appears at the top and colony name at the bottom, but there are some exceptions. The date is in two lines in the lower half of the inner circle with the year abbreviated to its last two digits. Marks indicated with an asterisk (*) before the name are often, but not always found with the time above the date. The diameters of the circles vary, but most are of the order of 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm for the larger and 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm for the smaller ones. From reports that I have received from several other collectors, my measurements of postmarks seem to be running a bit higher than theirs. It is quite possible that my millimeter scale is reading $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mm high, but I have had no success thus far in my attempts to purchase a well built scale of warranted accuracy. Any advice as to the source of such an item will be appreciated. I do not feel that the paper and plastic

devices commonly available can be trusted. (Editors Note: Basuch and Lomb manufactures what they call a "measuring magnifier" which has a small glass onto which several objectives can be screwed, one an inch scale, one a protractor, one a general purpose scale and one a metric scale, the latter having divisions in 0.1mm. I have found this very useful in measuring millimeters, with a range of 20mm. The general purpose scale will measure angles, radii, and thicknesses of marks. It is B & L's catalogue number 81-34-35. It is very accurate and I find it most useful.)

TYPE B1.

The B1 Type was the first to appear and was used at most offices, I differs from the other Birmingham types in that the spaces at the sides between the two circles are filled with thick, curved bars. These extend from the top to the bottom text, and their length varies with the amount of space taken up by the text.

*AIR MAIL. G. P. O. BRITISH GUIANA	19 FEB 30	25 JA 45	27 3/4 /18 1/4mm
(may have been several stamps, but unable to detect variations)			
ANNA REGINA BR. GUIANA	2 DEC 36	20 MY 59	26 1/2 /17mm
BARTICA BR. GUIANA	5 AU 36	20 NO 61	26 3/4 /17mm
BUXTON BR. GUIANA	4 JU 40	11 JU 51	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
CORENTYNE, BR. GUIANA (top)	12, DE 45	25 SE 59	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
No. 19 (bottom)			
EVERSHAM BR. GUIANA	12 JA 39	7 JA 53	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
*FOREIGN SECTION BRITISH GUIANA	18 NO 29	31 JA 37	26 1/4 /17mm
FOREIGN SECTION BRITISH GUIANA	12 MY 37		28 /18 1/2mm
(seen only on Coronation FDC's. Date found as 12 MY 37 and MY 12 37, so may be several stamps, but unable to detect any other variations.)			
MACKENZIE BRITISH GUIANA	8 AP 35	24 OC 64	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
MAHAICONY BRITISH GUIANA	1 JU 43	9 NO 63	26 1/2 /16 1/2.
No. 50 BR. GUIANA	15 FEB 42	5 JA 65	27 /16 1/2mm
*PAQUEBOT BRITISH GUIANA	11 MY 35	6 AP 41	27 /16 1/2mm
PLAISANCE BRITISH GUIANA	17 DE 36	14 JU 55	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
POSTAL AGENCY No. 5 BRITISH GUIANA	14 MR 45	15 JA 60	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
*POSTAL AGENCY, BR. GUIANA (top)	13 DE (46?)	25 MR 49	27 /16 1/2mm
No. 21 (bottom)			
POSTAL AGENCY, BR. GUIANAN (top)	23 MR 55		27 /16 1/2mm
No. 23 (bottom)			
RELIANCE BR. GUIANA	8 DE 38	16 MY 66	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
*SOESDYKE BRITISH GUIANA	12 AP 46	27 MR 58	26 1/2 /16 1/2mm
*S. O. SUPT B. GUIANA	18 SP 31	31 MY 44	26 /16mm
(Seen only as backstamp, usually on registered covers, but also found on regular mail)			

TUSCHEN BR. GUIANA	19 AU 37	14 DE 61	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
WAKENAAM BRITISH GUIANA	13 JA 36	17 MR 49	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
WALES BR. GUIANA	9 SP 36	28 OC 40	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /17mm
WELDAAD BRITISH GUIANA	31 AU 36	12 MR 53	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
WIRELESS GEORGETOWN (BR GUIANA ?)	5 MR ?	28 SP (53?)	?
WIRELESS KURUPUKARI BR. GUIANA	JY ? 5?		26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
WIRELESS MACKENZIE BR. GUIANA	26 FE 45	25 NO 63	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm
WIRELESS MAZARUNI (BR. GUIANA?)	24 AP ?		?

TYPE B2.

The designation B2 was used by von Pohle for a type with the name of the country omitted and the lower half occupied by a continuous bar. This type does not appear to have been used by any office in British Guiana.

TYPE B3.

The B3 Type is similar to the B1, except that the side bars have been replaced by curved lines of about the same thickness as the circles.

G. P. O. BRITISH GUIANA	11 SP 58	14 MY 66	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16
*NEW AMSTERDAM BR GUIANA	14 JU 55	9 FE 59	27 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm

TYPE B4.

In the B4 type, the sides are blank with only the text between the circles. All marks of this type are the same size, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm

BENAB BR. GUIANA	22 OC 51	31 MR 66	
EVERSHAM BR. GUIANA	7 JA 57	25 AP 57	
PERIKA BR. GUIANA	25 MR 52	5 DE 52	
(Error for Parika, which accounts for short period of use.)			
RELIANCE BR. GUIANA	26 NO 53	14 BE 61	
SUDDIE BR. GUIANA	28 JU 55	26 FE 62	
VREEDENHOOP BR. GUIANA	31 MR 52	14 DE 65	
WAKENAM BR. GUIANA	29 AP 52	30 NO 53	
WIRELESS GARRAWAY STREAM BR. GUIANA	22 JA 45	26 FE 45	
WIRELESS MABARUMA BR. GUIANA	?	?	

TYPE B5.

This type was not used in Jamaica, and the designation B5 is my own. The entire text is at the top, and the space at the bottom between the circles has an arc joining the ends of the text. All are $27\frac{1}{2}/16\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

G. P. O. BRITISH GULANA

17 JA 64 14 MY 66

KITTY POST OFFICE B.G.

31 AU 6 (4?) 29 JA 65.

Both Georgetown and New Amsterdam have a number of varieties of the B1 type. Some of the T.P.O.'s have also used Birmingham marks. All of these will be covered in other studies. Some of the above data were provided by my faithful friends, Pamela Taylor, Dr. Arthur Griswold, Bob Topaz and Fred Howe, without whose assistance and encouragement, the going would have been much more difficult.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following applicants were received too late to include in the front of the Journal:

COHN, JAMES, 8 Roger Place, White Plains, N. Y., 10605, Occupation, Sales - Wire Manufacturing. Collects Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

POLLARD, TOMAS G., Jr., P. O. Box 837, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Occupation, Attorney, Collects B. W. I., Member Texas Philatelic Assn.

SAUNDERS, PHILIP T., Little Caymans, Kingsthorpe, Hereford, England, Occupation, Retired Bank Official. Specializes in Dominica. Member Fellow of Royal Philatelic Society, London, Founder and Hon. Treasurer B.W.I.S.C., Founder and Hon. Treasurer Herefordshire and Mid-Wales Philatelic Society.

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REVIEW:

We have just received a copy of the "The Mail Routes to the West Indies ... a Research Document", by W. G. Stitt Dibden, consisting of 118 pages together with 9 full page illustrations and a 1779 map of the West Indies. This is a Special Series No. 21, published by the Postal History Society, and may be obtained at a cost of 25/-, plus 2/6 postage and packing, from Col. D. M. Eley, Church Farm House, Stanningfield, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

This volume is the result of painstaking research through the archives and records of the Records Room of the G.P.O. Headquarters Bldg, St. Martins Le Grand. It can be highly recommended to all West Indies Postal Historians, who are interested in the contracts made between the British Post Office and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co commencing in 1842 for the carriage of mails between England and the West Indies.

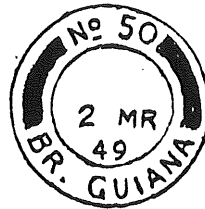
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The Georgetown, Grand Caymans newspaper carries the following in their Jan. 19 issue: "The Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands has appointed a committee to undertake the study of post history of these islands and make recommendations for the theme and design and recommend subjects for the new issue of stamps".

BRITISH GUIANA BIRMINGHAM TYPE POSTMARKS

TYPE B 1.



TYPE B 3.



TYPE B 4.



TYPE B 5.



JAMAICA JOTTINGS.

By Robert Topaz.

While the jottings this month will be small, there is a major surprise for many of us in it. Tom Foster reports from England that he has seen an entire from Jamaica bearing the straight line J 1 type postmark dated August 12, 1746. This is fully twelve years older than any other previously noted dated, and lends substance to the theory that at least one postmark was sent out to Jamaica about 1710. If and when any more information is available on this cover, we will print it.

Denbigh has surprised us by coming up with a new TRD type 37, but with the name mis-spelled as Denbeigh. This mark was first noted in violet ink on October 8, 1966. The last usage of the correctly spelled TRD is noted as 31 August, 1966. Can anyone fill in the interval?

The squared circle devotees have noted two new EKD's as follows: Kingston, type 2, index 2c - 28 OC 90. Large squared circle index D2, - 5 FE 91.

Two new postal agencies have been opened - Shrewsbury, in Portland parish opened on the 11th of Nov, 1966, TRD type 37 noted on Nov. 16, in violet ink - Forwarding Office, Fruitful Vale - and Baptist Hill, in Hanover parish - opened on 17 Nov., 1966. - forwarding office Jericho. No marks have been noted as yet.

BARKING LODGE was apparently opened on the 22 Jan, 1954 and not 22 Dec 1953, as previously mentioned in the Town Listings. The authority for this is a copy of an original postal notice published in the Gleaner. The same notice corroborates the 21 Jan 1954 opening of the King Weston office.

This column is being reduced by the tremendous amount of work necessary to set up the first auction sale. I am happy to report that we have an abundance of material for the first sale, and enough Jamaican Postal History for several sales. We need Postal History material from the rest of the BWI. Because of this material on hand, we will probably plan on having an auction in the May issue as well as the March issue.

Further sales will depend on the interest of the members as buyers. There is no point in running auctions if no one is interested in buying, nor is it fair to those offering merchandise. So get in your bids early and bid fair prices. Who knows - your lots may be coming up next.

MEMBERS DROPPED FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:

Martin F. Avey, Brantford, Canada, Darryl S. Bonner, Robins AFB, Ga., Samuel Frank, Costa Mesa, Calif., Robert Hall, Houston, Texas, James E. Hawes, Jr., Greenwood, Ind., Ralph G. Hay, Fredrickton, Canada, Martin K. King, Coral Gables, Florida, John Medland, West Vancouver, B. C. Reinstatement may be made by payment of 1966 and 1967 dues, and approval by the Board of Trustees.

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We are sorry to report the deaths of Mr. Cecil E. Patrick of 49 Mansell St., London, England, and Mr. Paul A. Dorn, of Los Angeles, Calif. They were both active and enthusiastic philatelists, and members of many societies. We are grieved to hear of their demise.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Reg. H. Lant, Secretary - Treasurer.

Dear Fellow Members;

Another year has passed and once again I am pleased to present my annual report.

Your group enjoyed another successful year in 1966 both as regards membership and financially. Unfortunately, the attrition which all Societies are called upon to face annually, was unusually severe the past year. We lost five senior members through the Grim Reaper, two others resigned and twelve failed to remit their annual dues.

The number of drop-outs was unusually large, and what is more disturbing, all failed to inform me of their decision not to continue their membership, this notwithstanding that not one, and not two, but three reminders were mailed to all involved. Normal courtesy alone should insure that notice be given of their decision to drop-out of the Group. All members join of their own free will and they are at liberty to resign whenever they see fit, but surely some thought should be given the Group.

Since the formation of our Group we have continued to mail releases to all of the membership list, but am afraid this procedure will need to be given further consideration, inasmuch as when a member, such as the twelve involved, fails to inform the Treasurer that they wish to resign, the Group not only loses the annual dues, but is also put to the expense of printing and mailing all the releases issued that year. I sincerely hope, therefore, that all will take due notice of my remarks and be good enough to consider the Group, should the situation arise.

As this will be my final report in the dual role of Secretary-Treasurer, may I take this opportunity of thanking one and all for their support and cooperation, also kind comments over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the personal contacts, and I do hope the feeling has been mutual.

Unfortunately, Father Time plays no favourites and has the habit of catching up with one and all, and I have found the dual chores somewhat too exacting the past couple of years. Your Board of Trustees has, therefore, called upon Mark Swetland to assume the Treasurer's duties. I sincerely hope you will give Mark the same cooperation that I have enjoyed, and am positive that he will in turn be happy to take care of your dues and other problems. Incidentally, if you have not yet mailed in your dues, this is a good time to get ~~but~~ your check book and do just that at once.

Don't forget, I am still residing at the same old stand and will be pleased to hear from you if I can be of any assistance.

With all the best to all for 1967.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT _ Dec. 31, 1966.

Membership

Total membership, Dec 31, 1965		176
New members admitted in 1966.		22
Re-instatments		<u>1</u>
	Total	199
LESS Deceased	5	
Resigned	2	
Removed from roll account N.P.D.	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DEC. 31, 1966		180

Receipts.

Balance on hand - Dec. 31, 1965	\$505.90
Membership dues and donations 1966	647.40
Admission fees, 1966	22.00
Back Journals and special brochures	13.35
Donated material and special receipts	41.40
Postage refunded	0.70
	\$1,230.75

Disbursements.

Bank checking account	\$15.55
Postage - Editor	98.20
" Secretary-Treasurer	43.02
" Miscellaneous	12.83
Stationery - Editor	187.97
" Secretary-Treasurer	12.48
Stationery and Illustrations - Miscellaneous	48.40
	\$418.45
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Respectfully submitted,

Reg Lant,

Secretary-Treasurer.

MAPS TO BE SENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Through the good offices of Dr. Edmond K. Doak, a selection of maps of the West Indies have been printed, (250 copies of each), and will be forwarded with the future Journals for the next several months. They are for Trinidad, Tobago, St Lucia, St. Vincent, Jamaica, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Grenada, Barbados, Bahamas and Bermuda. Inclosed with this issue are maps for Trinidad and Tobago, and Jamaica.

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PERSONAL MENTION:

JACK APNELL, we are pleased to note, has been promoted to the office of Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canadian Department of National Defence. (Finance). Congratulations, Jack.

ALF BRANSTON has been elected to Vice-President of his County Association of Philatelists. He also says that he had a visit from Bill Cornell recently.

GALE RAYMOND had a fine meeting at his home last month, with around twenty local philatelists attending. I drove in to Houston in a pea-soup fog and spent the night, returning home the next morning. Gale has rebuilt an old-timey "country post-office", and installed it in his den, as an ancillary piece of Postal History. It has 40 post boxes and barred stamp window. Now he's looking for old p.o. equipment to go with it, such as scales, wanted posters, etc.

PAUL LARSEN is still looking for Leeward Island Sexagenary overprints, S.G. 9 to 12 on cover and in multiples (mint or used). Also Fournier's fake overprints on the 1/2d and 1d. values. Can anyone help Paul out?

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MARK SWETLAND writes as follows:

"Several members have written asking what the amount of the dues is. Can you include this information in the next Journal." - The dues are the same as they have always been - \$3.00 per year, payable in advance. Mark advises that he has dues remittances from about 35 members so far. Please send your dues in to him as soon as possible.

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Please note the review of the book, "The West Indies - A Review Document" by the late W.G.S. Stitt-Dibden, in this issue of the Journal. I have since received a letter from Mr. A. G. Rigo de Righi, (Hon. Acting Editor), who advises me that if six or more members subscribe to the book, he can let us have up to 50 copies at a cost per copy of 18/- post free. The regular price ordered singly would cost 25/- post free. If enough members are interested, I will be glad to order them in this manner and distribute them to you. The number ordered at 18/- will be forwarded to you at the time of the following Journal. This review copy is an excellent volume for students of West Indies Postal History. Please let me know at once if you desire a copy, forwarding your check for the 18/- (\$2.52).

THE MAYAGUANA ISLAND POSTAL MARKINGS OF BAHAMAS.

By Gale J. Raymond.

Rather remotely located, Mayaguana Island is at the southeastern extremity of the Bahamas, at the full mercy of the Atlantic Storms and winds. An island 20 miles in length, 6 miles at the widest, the heavy tree growth is low, stunted and wind-twisted. Population is less than 1,000 souls, mostly located in the western section of the island, who mainly subsist by fishing and light agriculture. Even in the early 1920's it yet had no mail service. However, the Hon. (now Sir), Etienne Dupuch quickly rectified this omission when he first represented the island in the House of Assembly (1925 - 1942). Thus the earliest date of the MAYAGUANA p.o. was 1925 or possibly 1926. Whether or not a datestamp was immediately provided is not known. My notes record 1928 for the earliest reported example of the 24mm. single-circle steel-die datestamp (of the "star" variety) inscribed simply "MAYAGUANA, BAHAMAS", with date in 2 lines, asterisk(star) above. The p.o. was then located at Pirate's Well village, at the northwest end of the island. My last example of this datestamp is dated 21 June 1935.

Then, by 1932, a new p.o. was established at ABRAHAM'S BAY, on the southern side of the island. It utilized a large Temporary Rubber Datestamp, (TRD), 32mm. in a heavy-line single-circle, date in three lines. The only example known to me is in the Taylor collection, and showing the date 28 October 1932. This did not show the name of the postoffice. A steel-die datestamp, inscribed "ABRAHAM BAY, BAHAMAS", (26mm.) did show up in use by Feb. 1945, to June 1947, with one example recorded in 1949. Then a "blank period" occurs, with a large oval TRD (Type 20V-5) finally appearing by Sept. 1956, inscribed "ABRAHAM'S BAY, MAYAGUANA, BAHAMAS", date in one line, in use until 1959. A "COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, MAYAGUANA", TRD of same shape and size seems frequently to have been utilized concurrently as a postal cancel. Finally, a new 25mm. steeldie was placed in use by Nov. 1960, and is in use today (1967). ---MEANWHILE, with the two P.O.s on the island, MAYAGUANA" p.o. changed its name c. 1939 to the village name "Pirate's Well"; however the TRD appeared (by 1940), inscribed "PIRATE'S WELL'S, BAHAMAS" (Type 20-2), late date, Oct. 1942. A "blank period" until Oct. 1946, when a new steeldie showed up, reading "PIRATE WELL, BAHAMAS", usually poorly struck in watery-blue-black ink. By October 1953, the year date was missing. Between Oct. 1953 and March 1954, stamps on letters were being cancelled by pen, with the name of the p.o. written across the stamps. John Gavalek has a fascinating display of nonphilatelic covers from this interesting period. Between May 1955 - April 1958, one could find examples of a small, neat c.d.s. with "PIRATE WELL, BAHAMAS" in tall narrow lettering. Hurricane "DONNA" again brought a necessity for manuscript cancels between Oct. 1960 and Dec. 26, 1960, at which time a new TRD arrived (Type C-5), inscribed again "PIRATE WELL, BAHAMAS", apparently someone decided it was time to show the settlement name correctly, and a virtually identical TRD, but reading "PIRATE'S WELL, BAHAMAS", showed up in use by Oct. 1961. Both these TRD's are still in use concurrently.

Now comes the mystery story! In a huge accumulation of postally-used loose Bahamas stamps, Johnny Gavalek came across examples of the old "MAYAGUANA" c.d.s. on Geo. VI issues! Condition of the strikes indicate the datestamp was pretty rusty, but the examples are fairly legible, the "star" very apparent, and showing dates between 1 Oct. 1942 and 3 July 1945. These seem to fill in the "blank" period in "PIRATE'S WELL" postmarks, thanks to Johnny. But wait! -- he made an even more startling discovery in this large accumulation. Piecing together three loose stamps of the 1d. value, he found a completely unrecorded straight-line rubber cancel, "MAYAGUANA, BAHAMAS"! Below it, also across the stamps, was rubberstamped the date, MAY 1 - 1948". These collectors who attended FLOREX 65 had the good fortune to be able to view this in Johnny's excellent display - which brought a top award. We still do not know exactly where or why the straight-line temporary cancel

was used, but best guess on location would be Abraham's Bay. Would that a genuine cover might show up.

There is yet another chapter to Mayaguana postal history. During WW-II, Abraham's Bay was headquarters for a United States Air-Sea Rescue Unit. Having no p.o., mail arrived "Squadron 'H', Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida." More recently, a U. S. Missile tracking station was established at Abraham's Bay, which at least in 1954 had a U.S.A. post-office branch-unit, run by a U.S. Air Force mail clerk. While all outgoing mail was sent to Patrick AFB, where it was run through the cancelling machine, a dated handstamp was supplied to each "down-range" station for use on money-orders, to backstamp registered mail, etc. The Mayaguana one was inscribed "COCOA, FLA. Patrick Air Force Base Br. Unit 4." This unit p.o. existed only a year or less. Mail normally was handled, in addition to his many other duties, by a civilian administrative clerk, who usually rubberstamped letters with the mark "Received For Mailing at Mayaguana AFB2, and date. The station is now dormant, but the airstrip is used once weekly, occasion demanding, by Bahamas Airways. During the life of the station, much island mail to the U.S.A. went via USAF "courtesy mails" to Patrick AFB, bearing Bahamas and/or USA stamps, or both, frequently with PATRICK AFB cancels on Bahamas stamps or Abraham's Bay date stamps on the USA stamps, as a matter of expediency.

HARRY SHEATH writes, in part, as follows:

"There was a bit of mix-up in Bermuda on the first day issues for the recent UNESCO issue. All of the F.D.C.'s sent out from Southampton were postmarked Nov. 1, 1966, instead of Dec. 1, 1966. One of the collectors on the island noticed this mistake and phoned the postmaster. The Postmaster got in touch with all of the senders of F.D.C.'s and asked them to allow him to destroy the errors and replace them with correct dated copies. This was before any of them had been sent from the island. All of the collectors agreed to by my correspondent. He had sent 20 covers. All of them were registered. After an extended period of disagreement, the Postmaster finally agreed to send out the 20 covers but only after my correspondent threatened to take the matter to the government. I have one of the covers. The date on the envelope is not too plain, but I have the registration receipt now and it shows the date very plainly as Nov 1, 1966, and in script the date posted as Dec. 1, 1966. The post office usually stamps the covers with an inscription that it is a F.D.C. and the reason for the issue. My cover has this inscription marked out in very heavy pencil."

Thank you Harry, this should keep the record clear as to what happened to this F.D.C.

DUES ARE DUE! They are \$3.00 per annum or 1 Pound in Sterling areas. Please mail them to Mark Swetland, Treasurer, 102 Woodland Road, Madison, N. J. - Zip 07940.

THE CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY OF THE POST
TOWNS OF JAMAICA - Continued.

By. Robert Topaz.

MANDEVILLE	Manchester	Opened	1839.
1. P 2 (Issued AP 39)		12 AU 40	8 OC 50
2. P 7 (Foster P-8) (Issued SP 53)		24 OC 53	8 AU 64
3. A53 Oblit. type H Original (issued 1 MR 59)		28 MR 59	
	Noted as late as 1854, no date available.		
4. A52 Oblit, type H		27 NO 63	12 JU 79
	Transferred to Mayhill about Nov. 1, 1862.		
5. S.R. (issued '63) 23mm		8 FE 67	15 SP 84
	Transferred from Manchioneal about 1 Nov. 1862.		
6. S.C. type 1	M index	18 AP 85	5 JA 20
7. D.R. 20mm. 2 3/4 mm. letters		7 FE 10	5 JY 25
8. D.R. 29mm. 3mm letters dots.		9 FE 15	7 MR 27
	On later strikes looks like a heavy single ring.		
9. D.R. 27mm. 3mm. letters		20 MR 26	29 NO 36
10. D.R. 28 1/2 mm. 3mm letters		25 FE 31	26 JY 32.
11. D.R. 29mm. 3 3/4 letters		29 JU 30	27 SP 44
12. D.R. 30mm. 3mm. letters		23 JA 35	27 JY 55
13. D.R. 28 1/2 mm. 3 1/2 mm letters		21)C 44	16 OC 65
14. B 1 (issued 6 Dec. 46)	*	25 SP 47	14 SP 65
15. MSR (issued 7 OC 55)	*	15 OC 55	14 MY 65
16. MSR (reads Mandeville 2)	*	4 FE 56	16 MR 65
17. Machine Cancellor - 7 wavy bad killer		23 AP 58	18 MR 66
18. Machine Cancellor - Independence Slogan		3 JY 62	
19. Machine Cancellor - Remember Our Games Slogan		19 JY 66	30 JY 66

N.B. The double rings of this office and all other large offices are very confusing because an office like Mandeville had six or more dies of this type at one time. They tended to be different from each other and wore differently in service. Undoubtedly collectors can identify different dies than those here identified, but I do believe that we have the major types and periods covered.

MARCH TOWN

Hanover

Opened 28 Nov. 1934

1. D.R. 29 1/2 mm. 31mm. letters

7 OC 35

11 JA 65

MARK HILL	St. Catherine	Opened	1957.
1. TRD Type 47	violet ink	30 NO 57	24 JA 58
2.1 TRD Type 37	violet ink	31 JY 58	15 SP ?
3. MSR	*	17 MR 59	20 JY 65
MARLBOROUGH	St. Mary	Opened 1 May 1960.	
1. TYD Type 27 a	black ink violet ink	9 JU 60 1 OC 60	17 JA 61
2. MSR	*	24 AU 64	10 JY 65
This office was formerly called Hopewell Pen.			
MARLEY HILL	Manchester	Opened 27 Nov. 1954.	
1. TRD Type 37 b	violet ink	2 DE 54	29 SP 55
Closed 6 JY 56. G. Galbourne PM - Reopened ?			
2. MSR (issued 7 OC 55)	*	10 OC 56	20 AU 65
MAROON TOWN	St. James	Opened 30 Sept. 1931	
1. D.R. 29 mm. 3mm. letters		30 SP 31	7 MR 65
MARTHA BRAE	Trelawney	Opened before 1784	
1. T 1		84 AP 92	
This mark was never noted until the early 1960's and all covers have emanated from one auction house.			
MARYLAND	Hanover	Opened 25 July 1930.	
1. TRD Type 25	violet ink	14 OC 30	21 NO 30
2. D.R. 30mm. 3½mm letters		25 SP 35	13 SP 65
MASON HALL	St. Mary	Opened Dec ? 1957	
1. TRD Type 46 B	violet ink	25 DE 57	11 AU 58
2. MSR	*	11 AU 57	17 SP 65
MAVERLY HOUSING ESTATE	St. Andrew	Opened ? September ?, 1956	
1. TRD Type 40 b	violet ink	29 SP 56	10 OC 56
Renamed Maverly in October 1956.			
MAVIS BANK	St. Andrew	Opened	1900
1. S.C. Type 4	no indes	26 NO 06	8 MR 19
2. D.R. 28½mm. 3mm. letters		1 DE 22	8 MY 53
3. MSR 23½mm.	no *	14 AU 56	17 MY 65
4. MSR 24½mm.	*	18 JU 65	8 JY 65

MAY DAY Manchester Opened 25 Feb. 1966
1. TYD Type 37 violet ink 2 AP 66 9 MY 66
Fprwarding office: Mandeville.

MAYHILL Manchester Opened 1810

1. T3 (Foster T4)a.45 x 4 mm black ink 20 17 DE 29
albino 14 MR 25
b.35 x 4 3/4 albino 7 JU 33 1 NO 34
Collett recorded 18 JY 1810, but never verified.
2. P 2 (sent out 1 AP 39) 18 MR 40 17 JA 62
3. A54 Type H (issued 1 MR 59)
Supposedly transferred to Mile Gully about 1 Nov. 1862.
4. S.R. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. index A 9 FE 60 31 AU 83
Hyphenated name
5. A 53 Original die type H
Transferred from Mandeville about Nov. 1, 1862.
6. A53 Oblit reissue Type H 20 JY 81 31 AU 83
Sent out 11 May 1863 - Closed 2 March 1885.

MAYPEN

Clarendon Opened Aug. 1875

1. S.R. 23mm 8 NO 77 8 OC 98
2. 640 Oblit Type O (sent out about 1876) 6 DE 77 27 MY 92
3. D.R. 27mm. 3mm. letters dots (issued 1898 28 OC 98 3 JA 17
4. D.R. 27mm. 3mm. letters 17 AP 19
5. D.R. 29mm. 3mm. letters 4 JA 19 22 JU 57
The legs of the M are pinched at the bottom.
6. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. letters 26 NO 32 10 AU 60
Wide spread letters - about 23mm. between tops of M-N
7. TRD Type 37 b violet ink 29 MR 55 31 AU 55
This mark was issued to the Telegraph Section with strict orders that it was not to be used postally. Some strikes noted are definitely commercial.
8. MSR (first issued 7 OC 55 * 10 OC 56 3 JY 65
No * 23 DE 61
There are several dies of this mark that have been issued at various times. some of them can be differentiated by the space between "May" and "Pen" which varies between 2-7 mm.
9. Machine Cancellor - 7 wavy bar canceller 12 JA 59 24 FE 65
10. Machine Cancellor - Independence Slogan 5 JY 62 22 SP 62

Mc NIE Clarendon Opened 1957

1. TRD Type 46 b violet ink 7 DE 57 3 DE 58
2. MSR * 13 JU 59 1 JA 65

MEDINA Manchester Opened 14 Aug. 1875

- 1. 631 Oblit Type O (sent out 1876)
- 2; S.R. 24mm. (sent out 1876) 18 MR 89 1 MY 91
Moved to Maidstone on 5 May, 1891.

MENDEZ St. Catherine Opened 1 Feb. 1957

- 1. TRD Type 37 b violet ink 18 FE 57 1 AU 57
- 2. MSR * 30 SP 60 20 EP 54
Forwarding Office: Point Hill.

MERCURY HOUSE Kingston Opened 16 Oct 1961
Located at the office of the Cable and Wireless Co - Kingston.

- 1. TYD Type 37 a violet ink 7 NO 61 28 DE 64
- 2. MSR * 11 JA 65 3 MR 66
This office is now designated Kingston, Zone #18. It is reported that this office did not cancel any mail for the first two days but instead the mail was cancelled at the G.P.O.

MEYLERSFIELD Westmoreland Opened late 1961

- 1. TRD Type 40 a violet ink 20 SP 61 21 MY 62
This mark reads Meylersfield Mtn.
- 2. MSR * 6 AP 64 18 AU 65
The year slug was frequently left out on the earlier marks.

MIDDLE QUARTERS St. Elizabeth Opened in May 1876.

- 1. A.82 oblit type M (sent out about 1876) 30 JU 82 6 JY 92
There is but one dot in this mark, unlike the two in A.28.
- 2. S. R. (sent out about 1878) A C index 1 JU 91 6 JY 92
B C index 16 SP 81 8 OC 89
C A index 4 AP 93 25 JU 94
No Index 14 JA 95
- 3. D.R. 27mm. 3mm. letters Dots 15 MR 94 2 AP 14
- 4. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. letters Dots 2 AP 17 22 MY 37
- 5. B 1 (issued 18 JY 39) * 4 DE 40 27 NO 64
- 5. MSR= * 11 NO 61 17 AU 66

MIDDLESEX St. Elizabeth Opened 29 July 1960

- 1. TRD Type 37a violet ink 16 FE 61 1 JU 62
- 2. MSR * 20 OC 61 6 SP 65

MIKE TOWN Manchester Opened 10 FEB. 1959

- 1. TRD Type 37 c violet ink 22 JY 59
Favor strikes exist in black ink dated 1 SP 64.
- 2. MSR * 10 JA 61 24 AU 65

MILE GULLY

Manchester Opened in 1812.

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| 1. T 3 (Poster T4a) 3x4mm. | black ink | 17 JU 36 | 18 JU 36 |
| | albino | 6 OC 32 | |
| Foster T4b) 4x2mm. | black ink | 22 NO 37 | 2 AP 39 |
| | albino | 37 | 39 |

This office was closed about 1839 and reopened 16 NO 1857.

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| 2. P 7 (sent out 1 OC 57 | O index | 12 JY 59 | 12 OC 59 |
| | No index | 9 SP 59 | 4 MY 86 |

3. A55 Oblit type H (Issued 1 Mar 59) 12 JY 59
This mark was transferred to Moneague in late Oct. 1862.

4. A54 Oblit Type H.

This mark is one of the mysteries in Jamaican Postal History. It was supposed to have been transferred to Mile Gully in late October, 1862, from May Hill. No covers however have been noted for this office. Some strikes apparently exist on OC stamps but no knowledge of the office of origin is evident. While this station waited for a new oblit, the P 7 mark was used to cancel the stamps and these are noted from 9 MR 63 until 24 OC 65.

5. A54 Oblit Type J (sent out 1865).

This mark was apparently used to replace the A54 type H mark but covers are very rare. Apparently used until about 1883, at which time the mark was quite indistinct. Again the P 7 mark was pressed into service to cancel the stamps and these are noted from 16 FE 83 until 4 MY 1886.

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| 6. S.C. Type 1 | A index | 12 NO 94 | |
| | C index | 17 MR 86 | 12 NO 94 |
| | No index | 11 OC 89 | 23 JY 94 |

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| 7. D.R. 26mm. | dots | 23 NO 94 | 6 JA 16 |
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| 8. D.R. 29 1/2mm. | dots | 22 DE 17 | 8 DE 47 |
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| 9. B 3 | * | 12 MR 51 | 1 JY 65 |
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MILITARY POST

This is not a postoffice town marking, but was the postmark used by the Canadian Armed Forces operating in Jamaica during the World War II. The only mark known is:

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| TRD Type 39 | violet ink | 23 JY 41 | 2 SP 41 |
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BAHAMAS NEWS.

By Gale J. Raymond - with thanks to Bob Halliday.

The new Bahamas set will be issued, as previously reported, on 25 May 1967. It is interesting that the overprinted set, in current use, had to be run from new plates, since the format of the sheets was changed from sixty to one-hundred stamps. A new stamp will be issued by the Bahamas on 1 Sept. 1967, for the Boy Scout Jubilee of overseas orginations. Although unconfirmed, there may be an issue commemorating the International Golf Match in the Bahamas.

We have recently acquired the airletter sheets without the name of the country or the value printed thereon! One is the sterling variety, 1965 issue. The other is lacking the over-print as well, which, however, plainly appears when looking at the lettersheet from the reverse side. We have just been shown Gibbons No. 106 and 110 with inverted watermarks.

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BRITISH HONDURAS NEWS.

By Gale J. Raymond.

Tenders for construction of the new Capital city of British Honduras, were closed on 21 Dec. 1966, and large scale operations will be commencing this February. This will mean a new post office and new postmarks seen.

The 1951 U.P.U. List of Post Offices include a British Honduras one named "S.ANA", not reported elsewhere. Thr search for an example of its postmark has, until now, b been in vain. However we've recently run across a copy of Sc.# 95 (issue of 1933), with a portion of a large double-circle TRD reading "SANT _", which suggests, by position and spacong the word "SANTANA". What other possibility could there be? And where has this choice item been reposing? In Al Johnson's collection. unidentified? (Editor's Note: I ain't got it.)