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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our last Journal, Chuck Cwiakala of Chicago has not only agreed to serve as our Public Relations man, but he has already jumped into the job with his usual zest and infectious enthusiasm. Many of you will have noted news items on British Caribbean topics in virtually all of the major philatelic publications in the USA and in England, each ending with a fine "plug" for the BCPSG. This will be a continuing program. Additionally, we have had requests from various philatelic editors asking permission to reprint some of the articles from our Journal, with the proper credit being given to the author and the BCPSG. We are always glad to extend this courtesy. At the moment the Editor of our own fine Journal says we need some articles on those countries that have been neglected in our pages of late, in particular Montserrat, Barbados and Barbuda. Of course, material on others will also be most welcome. Here's your chance to write up a favorite stamp, cover, postmark, or a whole island postal story.

After a restful hospital "vacation" (?), Al Johnson is now hard at work as Membership Chairman. He has been busily stuffing envelopes in answer to inquiries that he has received for membership applications and Journals, with a hand from many other members. You'll note that it has become a necessity to ask for 50¢ for a sample copy of the Journal to weed out the requests from "sample collectors" whose only interest is in getting something for nothing. However, this small sum is being credited as part of the application fee, if the inquirer subsequently applies for membership in our Group. This has proved to be a wise incentive, and we strongly suspect that Reg Lant will find a nice accumulation of completed applications in his mail box on his return from Europe--happy thought!

At WESTPEX, a study was requested of the feasibility of a Life Membership category, with cost on a graduated scale based on the age of the member so as to be as fair as possible. This is being done. On the subject of dues, the shock of devaluation in the Sterling world has been offset in the BCPSG this past year by continuing at the 30/- annual rate, despite the general dues increase to U.S. \$4.20. In fairness to all members, however, an equalizing adjustment must take place with the 1969 dues, (thus 35/- Sterling).

By the time this reaches print, I will have had the opportunity and privilege to meet personally many others of our fine members, particularly in the Chicago and in the Toronto areas. This, to me, is one of the most delightful aspects of being a member of the BCPSG. I'm looking forward to it!

Gale

LINN'S SPECIAL BCPSG EDITION---- by Chuck Cwiakala

The Editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News has agreed to let the BCPSG sponsor an issue of his publication in January 1971. Now it is up to us to see that said issue is filled with interesting and informative articles on the stamps and postal history of the British Caribbean countries.

With a circulation of well over 76,000, Linn's is the largest of any American philatelic journal. One issue each month is devoted to the sponsorship of a specialist society, with that organization furnishing most of the major articles for that issue. The fact that there is no unbooked issue until 1971 indicates the value which other groups place on this means of promoting their society.

Our President has appointed me to coordinate the activities associated with the preparation of this issue of Linn's. While January, 1971, may seem a long time away, we need every bit of this time to prepare the required material.

Obviously, if we are to have the best possible issue, a great deal of pre-planning is in order. Since it is quite likely that there will be some duplication among the articles which the various members propose to write, our first task is to survey our members and establish a program based on their knowledge and capabilities. To this end, each member will receive with this Journal a form labeled ARTICLE SOLICITATION FORM, on which to indicate the area he proposes to write up for this project. It will be noted that there are spaces for several subjects. Wherever possible, a member is requested to give a first and second choice, so that an alternate is available in the event of duplication. When a member fills out and sends in this form, he agrees to provide the article when requested. Forms will be collected until the end of 1968 at which time we will undertake preparation of a syllabus for the special edition.

We will need at least 35 to 40 articles by as many authors. Article size is a minimum of two typewritten DOUBLE SPACED 8½ x 11 inch sheets, and a maximum of three such sheets. Included in the above are the article title and the name of the author. Articles should be neither too highly specialized nor too elementary, but should be designed to show the readers of Linn's the broad and most fascinating scope open to students of the British Caribbean Area. We don't want to tell the whole story, but just enough to make the reader want to pursue the subject further, and, of course, we will point out that BCPSG membership is essential.

The following titles are given to show the sort of topics that might be suitable in scope: THE EXTRA FLAGSTAFF VARIETIES, ST. LUCIA STEAM CONVEYANCE LOCALS, THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE OF THE BWI, JAMAICA USED IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, APO'S IN THE BWI, TRD'S OF BRITISH HONDURAS, P.O.W. MAIL OF BERMUDA, HISTORY OF THE OBLITS, BARBADOS BRITANNIAS, ANGUILLA'S INDEPENDENCE OVERPRINTS, etc.

Illustrations are desirable where the subject can best be shown by them. Sharp glossy black and white photographs are preferred, but accurate india-ink drawings or sharp Xerox-type copies can be used. While Linn's can reproduce original items, this is not recommended because of the long times involved and the danger of loss or damage.

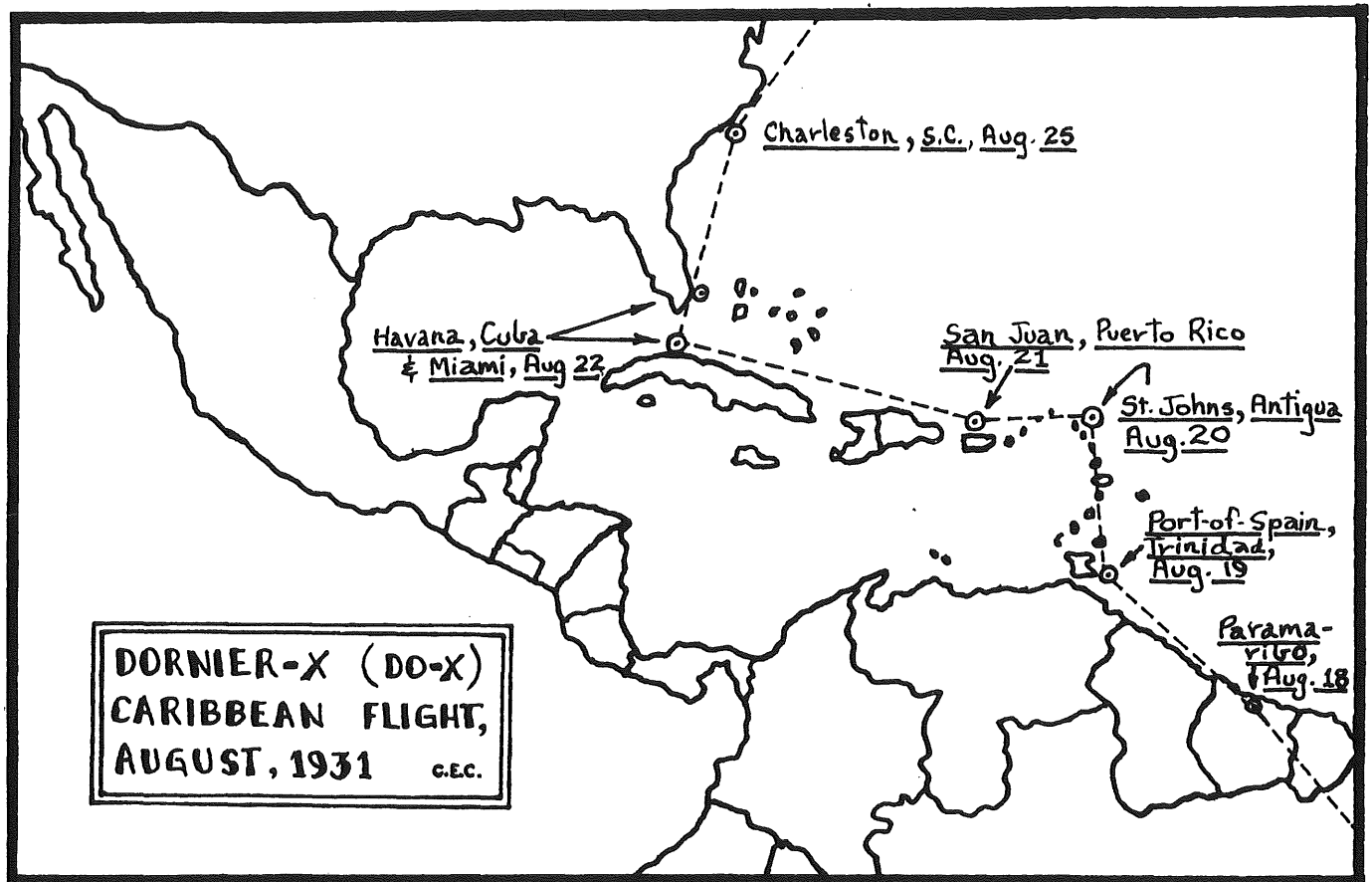
Further information will be published in this Journal as the project progresses. In the meantime, please send in the solicitation forms. If you require further information at this time, drop me a line. Every solicitation form received will be acknowledged. Don't set the form aside where it will be forgotten. This is an activity that requires the help of all members. DO IT NOW.

The DO-X Caribbean Flight

by Charles E. Cwiakala & Roman J. Burkiewicz

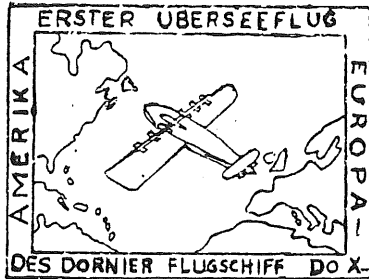
She was a Gargantua of her time. Twelve engines grouped in pairs lifted a span of 157-1/2 feet, a length of 131-1/2 feet and a deadweight of 123,200 pounds. She stood as tall as a three story building and had a cruising range of 1800 miles at 104 mph. This was the last word in flying boats built by the A.G. für Dornier-Flugzeuge at Altenrhein, Switzerland.

Dornier's first model, the DO-X, received the official German registration number, D.1929, and the initial test flights were made by Captain Christiansen of the Lufthansa Airline. After the test flights proved the craft worthy, a 48,000 mile transatlantic tour embarked from Lake Constance on November 5th 1930.



In 1930 the DO-X visited England, France, Spain and Portugal. In January, 1931, while at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, she was damaged when the starboard wing stub struck a high wave during take-off. This resulted in an eleven week delay for repairs. In May she journeyed to the Spanish Sahara and Portuguese Guinea. In June she entered the Cape Verde Islands and eight different cities in Brazil. In August she departed Brazil for Surinam, Trinidad, Antigua, Puerto Rico and the United States. The DO-X was winter-quartered at the Glen Curtis Airport in New York and departed in May 1932 for Berlin via Newfoundland, the Azores and Spain.

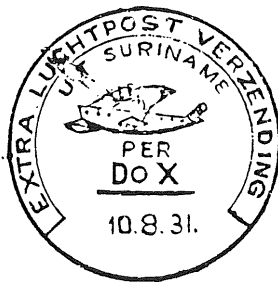
Concerning ourselves with only the Trinidad and Antigua portions of the flight, we find that these covers may be identified by a myriad of cachets and back-stamps. The many varieties of flight covers exist for Trinidad and Antigua because any one cover may have one or more cachets, depending upon its point of mailing and its point of receipt. It must be noted that all of the BWI DO-X flight covers are scarce. Some, such as the Surinam flights, are rare.



CACHET (a) - RED



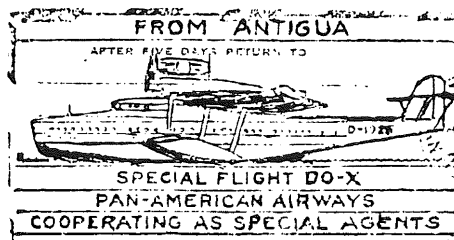
CACHET (b) - RED, BLACK, VIOLET



CACHET (c) - BLACK



CACHET (d) - VIOLET



CACHET (e)

Type I reading "FROM ANTIGUA" - BLACK

Type II reading "FROM SURINAM" - VIOLET

All of the cachets are shown in reduced size. Nearly all of the mail carried the on-board double-circle cachet of the Flying Boat (not illustrated). It was applied in violet and reads: "DORNIER/FLUGSCHIFF//DOX/(date)/D.1929".

On the following pages the various possible covers of the DO-X flight for Trinidad and Antigua are listed.

- [A] COVER I GERMANY TO TRINIDAD (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a) or (a)(b)
COMMENT: The cover is backstamped with a Birmingham-type I cds reading "G.P.O. PORT OF SPAIN/TRINIDAD//4. PM/AU 19/31".
- [B] COVER II GERMANY TO ANTIGUA (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a) or (a)(b)
COMMENT: The cover is backstamped with a single-ring cds reading "ST. JOHN'S/ANTIGUA. B.W.I.//AU 20/31".
- [C] COVER III BRAZIL TO TRINIDAD (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a)(b) or (b)
COMMENT: Same backstamp as described for COVER I. The postage is Brazilian and may be cancelled at either FERNANDO de NORONHA or NATAL (June 5); MACEIO or BAHIA (June 18); CARAVELLES, VICTORIA or SAN PEDRO (June 19); RIO de JANIERO (June 20 to August 4); BAHIA-a return trip-(August 6); NATAL-another return trip-(August 7); MARANHAO (August 7) or PARA (August 8). The most common Brazilian cancel used for the flight is a double-ring reading "CORREIO-AERIO-RIO-SASECSAO/4. VIII. 31/RIO".
- [D] COVER IV BRAZIL TO ANTIGUA (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a)(b) or (b)
COMMENT: Same backstamp as described for COVER II. The postage is Brazilian, and the cancellation may be any of those described for COVER III.
- [E] COVER V SURINAM TO TRINIDAD (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a)(c), (c) or (e-Type II)
COMMENT: Two cachets were applied to the covers originating from Surinam. Both cachets on the same cover do not exist. Some of the flight covers emanating from Surinam were franked with the scarce overprints (SG 195-201; Scott C8-C14; Sanabria 8-14) reading "VLUCHT/DO-X/1931". Only 1000 of the 3000 letters sent from Surinam (not all destined for Trinidad or Antigua) were franked with these stamps, and the remainders were destroyed after being on sale August 8-19. The backstamp is the same as described in COVER I.
- The scarcity of these covers has prompted extremely talented philatelic forgers to make stamps, cachets and complete covers. CAVEAT EMPTOR!!!
- [F] COVER VI SURINAM TO ANTIGUA (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a)(c), (c) or (e-Type II)
COMMENT: The notes for COVER V also apply here. Same backstamp as described for COVER II.
- [G] COVER VII TRINIDAD TO ANTIGUA (and points beyond).
CACHETS: (a) or (a)(d)
COMMENT: The DO-X arrived and departed Port of Spain harbour on August 19th. Letters posted in Trinidad are cancelled

with the Birmingham-type I cds as noted in COVER I. Pan American Airways assisted in transferring flight covers from outside Trinidad, but the (d) cachet was applied to all covers leaving Port of Spain. The backstamp is the same as described for COVER II.

[H] COVER VIII ANTIGUA TO PUERTO RICO (and points beyond).

CACHETS: (a)(e-Type I) or (e-Type I)

COMMENT: The DO-X arrived and departed St. John's harbour on August 20th. Letters posted in Antigua are cancelled with the single-ring cds as noted for COVER II. Once again, Pan American expedited those covers which did not originate in Antigua.

The DO-X suffered a sad death---this aero-pioneer was destroyed by allied bombs in late 1944 while on exhibit at the Berlin Air Museum. Two countries have issued commemoratives picturing the DO-X, Latvia-Scott CB24, and Egypt-Scott 174 and 175, which would enhance the album pages for these Caribbean flights.

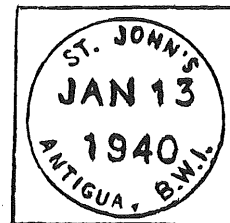
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We are indebted to Mr. Alfred Szebel, whose virtually complete DO-X flight collection has won numerous awards here and abroad, for taking time to explain details of the Caribbean DO-X flights. For additional information of the flights, an excellent source is *The Unlucky Giant (Flugschiff DO-X--1929 to 1933)* by John C.W. Field and published by Messrs. Francis J. Field, Ltd., of Sutton Coldfield, England.

PRICES REALIZED IN THE FIFTH MAIL AUCTION SALE--

<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot #</u>	<u>Price</u>
345	\$27.50	364	\$ 2.00	383	\$11.00
346	6.50	365	4.50	384	6.50
347	4.00	366	20.00	385	30.00
348	2.25	367	27.50	386	75.00
349	1.50	368	4.00	387	27.50
350	7.00	369	18.00	388	16.50
351	5.00	370	7.00	389	4.00
352	3.00	371	24.00	390	8.50
353	11.00	372	17.50	391	3.00
354	20.00	373	21.00	392	12.50
355	9.00	374	15.00	393	7.00
356	12.00	375	2.50	394	2.00
357	1.00	376	5.00	395	6.00
358	3.00	377	4.00	396	85.00
359	35.00	378	31.50	397	5.00
360	9.50	379	5.00	398	4.00
361	5.00	380	22.50	399	20.00
362	3.00	381	4.50	400	3.00
363	3.00	382	7.00		

Third Copy Found of St. John's TRD by STAN DURNIN

Out of Trinidad and the collection of our good member Joe Chin Aleong comes the THIRD known example of our fascinating St. John's, Antigua, TRD(?) to add more fuel to the philatelic fires of chase. (See *B.C.P. Journal* for Sep. 67, p.94 and Nov. 67, p.106). This third example shows itself in nearly its entirety and reveals the astonishing fact that it is indeed a circular date-stamp of 26½ mm diameter within a 29½ mm square! The immediate question that arises is whether this square is incorporated within the face of the handstamp as an intentional part of the design, or is it the outside edge of the hammer itself. Getting down to the vital statistics of the CDS, we note the height measurements of the letters and figures are in general agreement with our previous findings. The S of ST. JOHN'S measures 2½ mm while T and OHNS scale at 2½ mm and J at 2-¾ mm. At the bottom of the circle, ANTIGUA is 2 mm high, while BWI is 2½ mm. In the date, JA 13 and 40 measure 4 mm high, N and 1 are a trifle shorter at 3-¾ mm and the 9 is but 3½ mm tall. These variations in letter size are characteristic of a rubber stamp, and they tend to confirm our original premise that this is a TRD rather than a metal stamp.



Yes, I too was taken aback when I realized that the date of this example, JAN 13 1940 is over eight years later than our other two examples! Just what was the purpose of this unorthodox handstamp, and how long did it repose in a desk at the St. John's Post Office? According to Bill Cornell, as reported in his Antigua Addenda in this issue of the BCPJ, a recent search at the G.P.O. failed to locate this stamp. Judging from the known postal history of the handstamps of St. John's, this item must certainly have been rarely used. From what part of the globe will the fourth example of this interesting mark appear? For you see, the power of the written query concerning the first example begat the second, which in written turn begat the third.....

I fervently believe that the sequence of events presented to you in these three short articles concerning this particular handstamp amply proves the aims and goals of our BCPSG--to collate the Postal History of the British Caribbean Area. Singly, no one of us can accomplish this end, but through encouragement of the exchange of correspondence with fellow members on subjects of mutual interest, we can discover and record factual, documented history of the postal affairs of the British Caribbean. The probings of one man will direct the discoveries of another.

GUYANA TO EMPLOY WATERMARKED PAPER---

Up to now, none of Guyana's stamps--other than those produced by overprinting the old British Guiana definitives--have been on watermarked paper. Now, however, we learn that Guyana has adopted the *lotus lily* as its official watermark, and our Georgetown correspondent informs us that as soon as possible reprints of the new definitive set will be on watermarked paper. Values presently on order are the 10¢, 40¢, 50¢, 60¢, \$2 and \$5, and it appears likely that these will be on the new paper. Some of the unwatermarked definitives, in used condition, could turn out to be good items in view of the short time they have been in use. Mint copies should also do well, for collectors and dealers usually put off buying definitives in the belief that they will be available for a long time, and some may be caught short.

INDEPENDENT ANGUILLA

RECENT NEWS AND NOTES

by GALE RAYMOND

We have been much impressed by the conservative stamp program of Anguilla. The full definitive set has now been completed. Designs are interesting and colorful, but we have heard minor criticism on the printing quality. Needless to say, this was obviously rectified with the issuance on May 11th of the highly attractive set of four *Ship* stamps. Face value for the total set was 90¢ BWI = 45¢ USA, quite low by present standards, and the 30,000 sets printed were being snapped up quickly by B.W.I. collectors and Ship topicalists. One advertisement in an English stamp magazine says these were all sold out the first day, but letters arriving in Houston as late as June 3rd have at least the 25¢ stamp of this issue in the franking.

Late news from philatelic agents John Lister Ltd. (London) reports the release pending on July 8th of a short set of four stamps depicting Anguillan birds. Details will be found on the New Issue page of this Journal. The program for the rest of the year 1968 is: in September, a stamp commemorating 35 years of Anguillan Guiding, and Christmas stamps in December. This is certainly a conservative stamp issuing program, and it is being handled well.

Regarding the basic article on Independent Anguilla in the February 1968 issue, I have been given a few additions and corrections by Postmaster G.K. Harrigan. In the early days of independence, Anguilla proposed to rent a Post Office box at Phillipsburg, St. Maarten. However, no box actually was rented, and P.O. Box 2000 through which some Anguillan mail was sent and received was completely imaginary. The only foreign stamps stocked on Anguilla were French, for mail to be posted via Marigot, St. Martin. The letters posted with Netherlands Antilles stamps were ones taken by hand to Phillipsburg where stamps were purchased and applied to mail.

The Valley Postoffice, Anguilla, TRD had been used perhaps twice previously. However, this is an emergency type marking, and Postmaster Harrigan has gently but firmly refused to utilize it again until an actual emergency arises where no other datestamps are available. Collectors have been sending him covers for posting with this TRD, but he has respectfully declined. He has asked that collectors please do not request this datestamp as he will be unable to comply.

Concerning the overprinted Independent Anguilla air letter sheets, I have learned that perhaps more of the original air letter sheets may have existed than we were told. However, these were removed from sale and remainders destroyed; so we may rest assured that the actual quantity was small, and any philatelic value can be expected to hold.

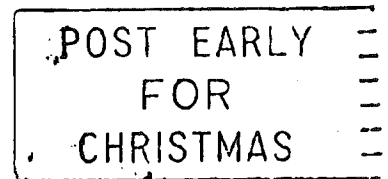
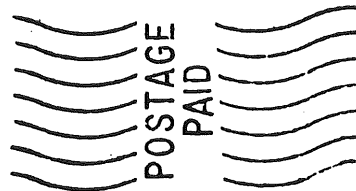
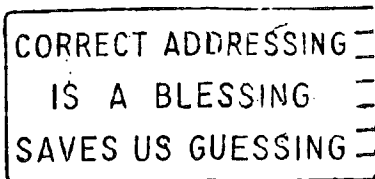
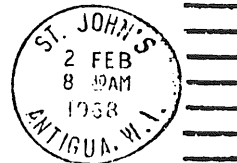
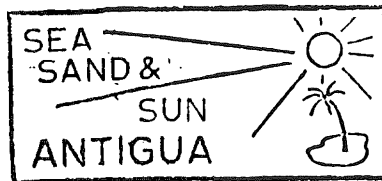
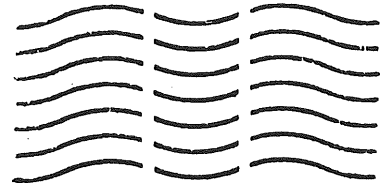
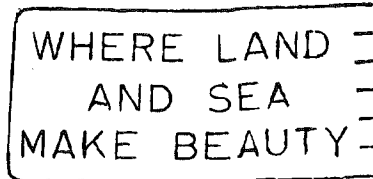
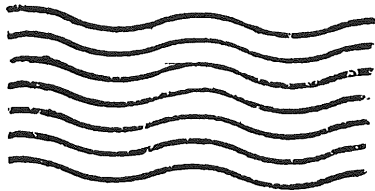
Plans to provide sub-Post Offices with expanded facilities and datestamps have again been deferred until the Island finances are better stabilized. While there has been considerable progress made in solidifying the Island's independence, financially and otherwise, there is still much to be done with funds available. The Anguilla definitive stamps have been appearing commercially used in bank, commercial and personal mail throughout the world, and acceptance everywhere by postal authorities has been noted, with no postage due charges collected or even assessed. This indicates international acceptance, and most stamp catalogues have already listed the Independent Anguilla issue. We have been assured by the philatelic agents that we need have no fear that Anguilla will issue so-called *wierd-o* stamps--coin-shaped, diamonds, hexagons, fruit-shaped or other extremist issues.

ANTIGUA ADDENDA

by WILLIAM G. CORNELL

We have been fortunate enough to secure strikes of the various cancellers in the G.P.O. at St. John's in February 1968, and we devote this issue of our Antigua Addenda to a report of these strikes.

The new tourist slogan SEA/SAND & SUN/ANTIGUA is used as shown (EDK 1 FE 68) with slogan to left and CDS and bars to right as canceller. W.D. Cribbs was responsible for introduction of the slogan and the transposition of the CDS and slogan, a change made to place the slogan in a position away from the stamps where it will be more legible. The transposition was effected by adding a *reverse die-hub* to the existing Pitney-Bowes machine. The new slogan cancel was first used on 27 DE 67, but in the old CDS-on-left format. Two new wavy-line cancels were obtained at the same time as the new slogan, the cancel with seven continuous wavy-lines and the one with POSTAGE/PAID inserted in the wavy-lines. The broken wavy-line cancel and the three other slogans have been in use for a number of years.



The PAQUEBOT is used on foreign ship mail, along with a regular CDS. Some of the instructional markings obviously exist in multiple, and it will be noted that the condition of some of these is rather poor. The INSUFFICIENTLY ADDRESS(ED) mark and the For Postmaster/Antigua are new strikes to me. The latter mark is probably used under signatures on letters and reports, so is not likely to be found on covers. The single line POST OFFICE and the sideways oval GENERAL POST OFFICE/Crown/ANTIGUA have been in use for some time. The ON POSTAL SERVICE mark is new to me as is also the RECEIVED IN THIS CONDITION/...../Postmaster.

RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL
POSTAGE OF CENT

CONTAINS ENCLOSURE
FORWARDED BY ORDINARY MAIL

RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL
POSTAGE OF CENTS

CONTAINS ENCLOSURE
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CONTAINS ENCLOSURE
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INSUFFICIENT
POSTAGE FOR
AIR MAIL.

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RETURN TO WRITER REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY STATED	
UNCLAIMED.....	FOR BETTER ADDRESS
DECEASED	MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS
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MISSENT TO ANTIGUA



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For Postmaster
Antigua

ON POSTAL SERVICE

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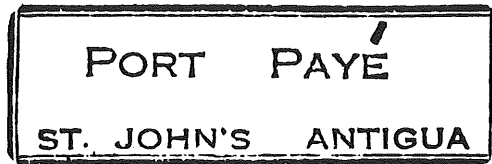
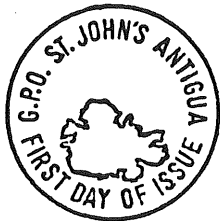
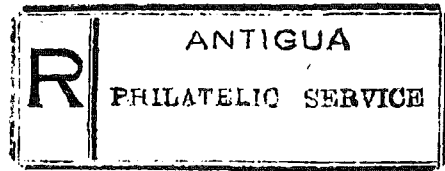
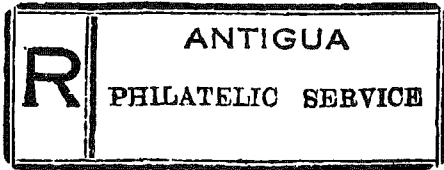
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PAQUEBOT

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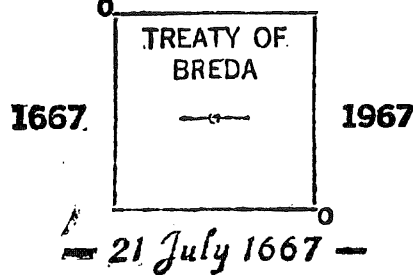
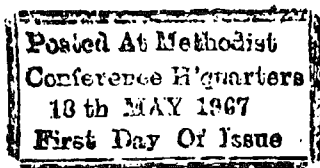
The ANTIGUA/PHILATELIC SERVICE boxed registration rectangle and the boxed mark PORT PAYE/ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA were introduced in July 1967. W.D. Cribbs introduced the latter mark to frank philatelic orders, so that damage to external adhesives would be avoided. He also designed the new standard circular FIRST DAY OF ISSUE stamp with map of Antigua and internal date-stamp. The first use of this was on 14 DE 67 to cancel St. John's FDC's of the Barbuda issue.



BOAC

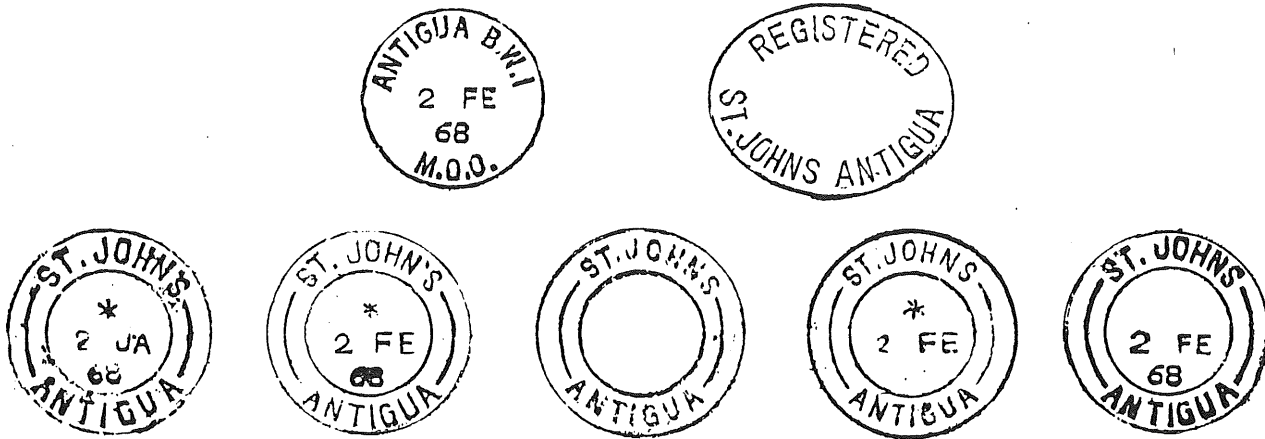
VO10 Inaugural Flight - Antigua/New York

First Day of Issue



Shown above are four marks designed for "one day use" only, but which were still on hand at the G.P.O. as of February, 1968. The BOAC VC10 INAUGURAL FLIGHT stamp probably dates from 1965. (The New York to Nassau VC10 First Flight was 30 APR 65). The BREDA, METHODIST and BARBUDA stamps were used on FDC's of the respective issues. The latter two were locally made, and the Barbuda stamp was used only in Barbuda.

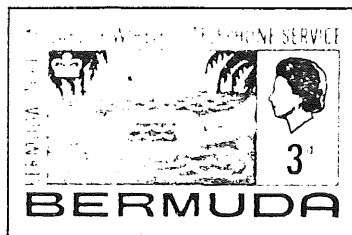
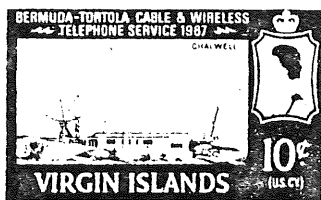
The REGISTERED/ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA has been in use for some time, with inset date as a registration mark and/or canceller. The ANTIGUA B.W.I./M.O.O. CDS is used on money orders and occasionally as a cancel on adhesives. The group of five line-arc CDS's (Birmingham type B3) reading ST. JOHN'S or ST. JOHNS complete the cancellers and miscellaneous marks at the G.P.O. in February of 1968.



A search in the G.P.O. failed to reveal any sign of Stan Durnin's mystery TRD, the "circle-in-a-square", (see page 127 of this issue) but one of the older postmen remembered that it was once in use.

BERMUDA-B.V.I. TELEPHONE LINK STAMPS--- by R.C. Coleman

I have not been satisfied with the information regarding the 14th September 1966 as being the Official Opening of the Bermuda-B.V.I. telephone link, and the stamp issues of 14th September 1967 as being the first anniversary date. Investigations have proved me right, and I quote information given me by the Chief Engineer of Cable & Wireless in St. Thomas. Michael R. Waterman, the Engineer, states in his



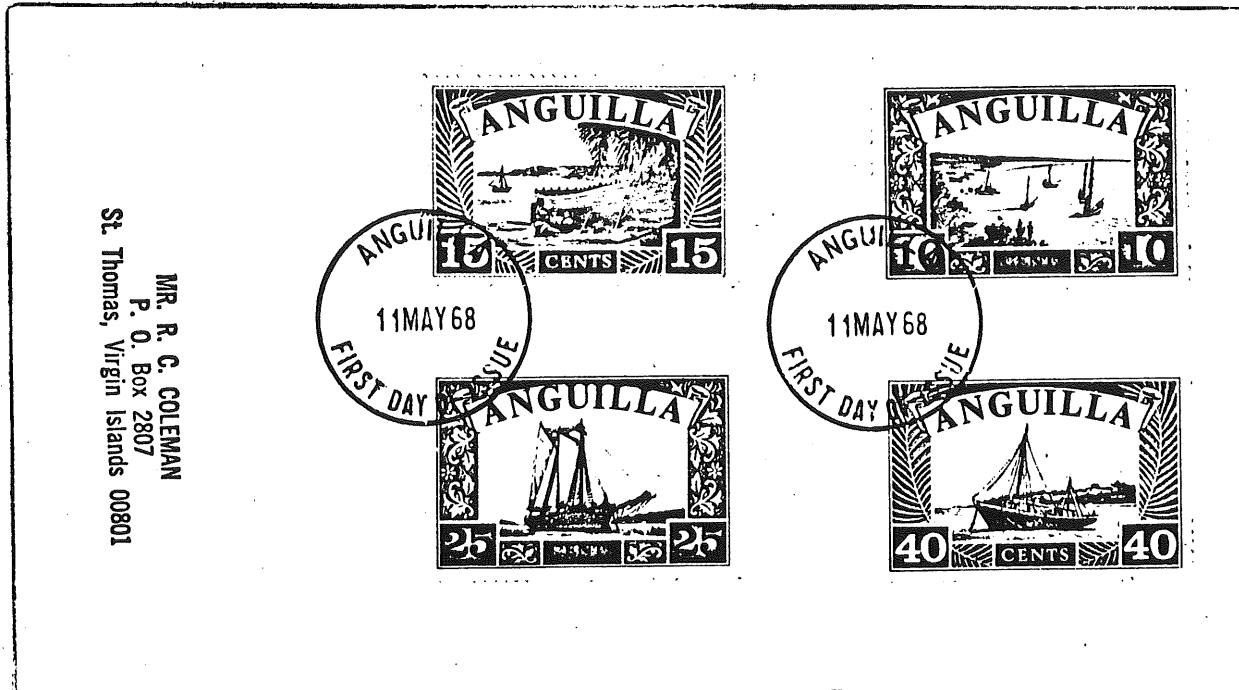
letter to me--- "The Bermuda-Tortola Telephone Cable was opened officially on October 2nd 1966. The cable is terminated in Tortola at the Chalwell Central Office, located at a height of 1500 feet above sea level, (possibly the highest cable terminal in the world.) The Bermuda end is terminated at Flatts, in the Parish of Devonshire. The cable, which has a total of 35 underwater repeaters, lies at a depth of 4000 fathoms in the Puerto Rico trench, and is a total of 850 miles in length."

This letter confirms what I always thought to be true, and that testing at Chalwell, only, was going on up to the 2nd of October. I realize that this information is of little consequence as far as postal history is concerned, but our members might find it useful when writing up the two issues of Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands commemorating the cable opening.

NEW ANGUILLA HANDSTAMPS

by Stan Durnin

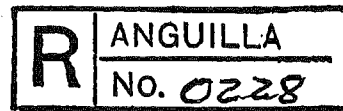
With the arrival of Anguilla's new *Ship set* of four adhesives, came the first evidence of a new handstamp for that island. Quite similar to the one used for United Kingdom new issues, this 28½ mm CDS is inscribed ANGUILLA within the upper portion of its single ring, while the words FIRST DAY OF ISSUE grace the lower portion of the ring. The lettering is 2½ - 2-3/4 mm in height. The date



is in a single line through the middle and measures 3 mm in height. It is set at 11 MAY 68 for this issue, but can obviously be changed to accommodate future issues.

Another handstamp of Anguilla that is new to me is the Registration rectangle.

An example of this mark is shown here. The outer frame measures 45½ mm in width and 14 mm in height. The R is 8 mm tall by 6½ mm wide at its widest point (base). ANGUILLA is 3¼ mm tall as is also the N of No. The o



of No. is 2-3/4 mm tall. The first date of use of this mark is unknown to me at the present, so your earliest dated example information would be appreciated. I do know that Gale Raymond has an FDC of the SHIP issue bearing this mark with the Registry No. 0268.

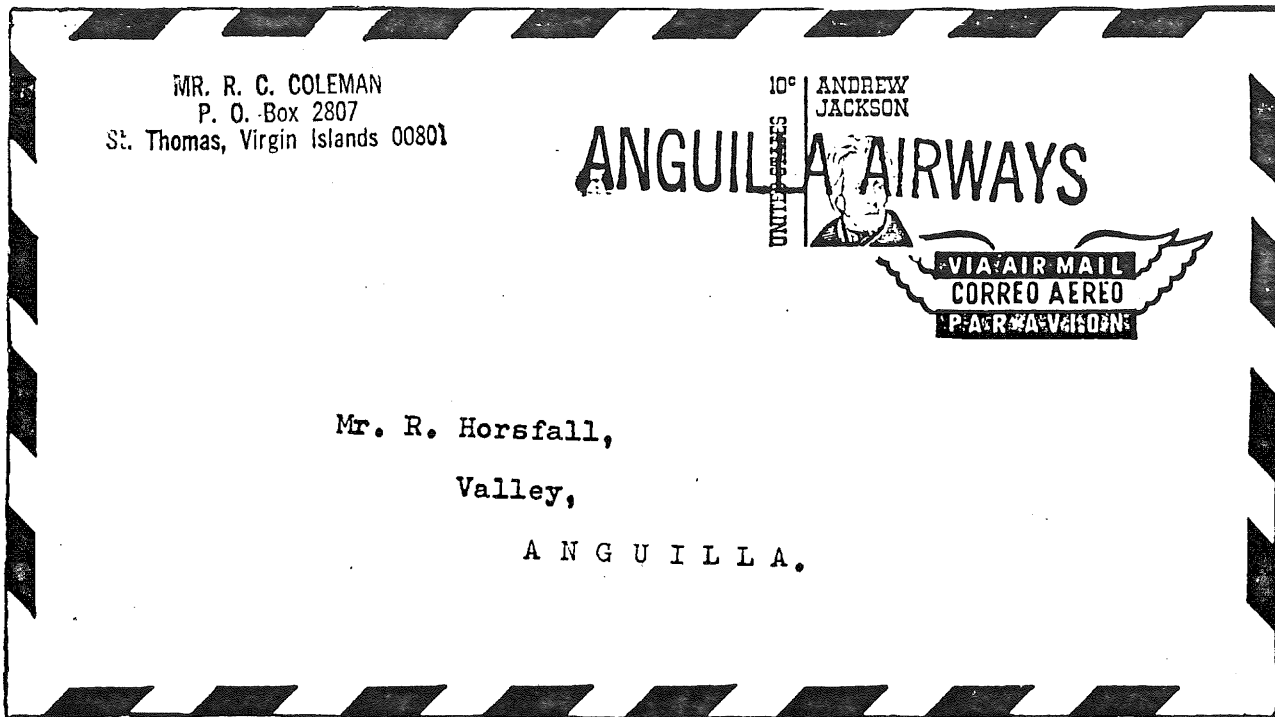
Our thanks go to Paddy Coleman for these items.

METERS FOR BAHAMAS AND BRITISH HONDURAS----

In the June 15, 1968 issue of *Stamps*, Werner Simon who writes a Foreign Meter News column reports the introduction of Pitney-Bowes postage meters in the Bahamas and British Honduras. He illustrates meter strikes from both FREEPORT, Bahamas and BELIZE CITY, B.H. Can any of our members provide further data on these?

ANGUILLA AIRWAYS MAIL-----

In the April Journal, page 74, Gale Raymond told of an arrangement by which the Anguilla Airways was accepting mail for Anguilla, franked with U.S. postage, at its St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., airport ticket desk, from whence it was flown to its destination by the airline. Thanks to Dr. Ed Doak, who supplied your Editor a cover that had utilized this Anguilla Airways facility, we are able to show the



above illustration. According to Paddy Coleman, Anguilla Airways has been an important link in communications between individuals in the U.K. and Anguilla during the period of suspension by the British Post Office of direct mail service from England to Anguilla (via St. Thomas). It was arranged for mailers in England to address correspondence to the individual in care of the P.O. box number of Anguilla Airways at St. Thomas. From there, Anguilla Airways undertook its delivery to the Anguilla Post Office.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON GERMAN WW II PROPAGANDA ISSUES----- by S. Graham Hoey

I was very interested to read the article by Charles E. Cwiakala in the February number of the Journal on the German WW II propaganda issues. These came to my knowledge some years ago through an article in Stamp Collecting for July 16th, 1954 written by a German dealer (I think) called Joachim Hosang. It was continued in the two following numbers of the magazine and altogether runs to about seven full pages. This gives an extremely full description of the history and background to these issues, which were actually printed by a section of the Gestapo, on the orders of Himmler.

They were designed in Berlin, and printed on German ration card paper. This paper was available because the Allies had printed so many forged German ration cards that the Germans gave up trying to issue genuine ones! The paper had a watermark of prominent wavy lines, and it was from this that the setup was given the name of "Operation Waterwave".

Although some attempt was made to get the colours correct, the perforation was done on a hired commercial machine gauging $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, instead of 15×14 . There were 12 stamps to a sheet with very large margins (about half the width of a stamp) both vertically and horizontally between stamps, and none of the sheets were gummed. As the colours were fairly good, odd copies have been recorded as passing through the post in this country, but only after the War-around 1953. These are obviously philatelic in origin, and I don't think that any were found in this country at the time of issue in 1944.

A number of overprints were made on the basic stamps, only one of which concerns us from the West Indies viewpoint. This was the "Empire" issue which Cwiakala discussed in his article. This appeared to be an attempt to make propaganda from the British-U.S.A. deal, where Britain swapped leases on some of its Colonial Territory for 50 U.S. destroyers, the Germans claiming that Britain was giving away its Empire. By the time that these stamps were ready to be distributed, various troubles had arisen, and they appear to have been sent only to Switzerland and Sweden, and perhaps to Turkey, all of which were, of course, neutral. They were sold to stamp dealers in the first two countries, at least, and appeared in their windows at the time. They were also chronicled in the official bulletin of the U.P.U.

There seem to have been about 6,000 to 10,000 of the Empire stamps sent out, and about 1,000 of the special cards.

I have in my own collection a complete set of the Bahamas overprints from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 3d. (six values) mint, picked up in 1954 from various sources in the U.K. and in Germany. Even then I didn't find them easy to pick up, and they cost me a lot more than 15 DM. I don't have a "used" copy of any of the Bahamas overprints, but I have a "used" copy of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. Barbados which I would be delighted to swop for any of the Bahamas equivalents, also "used".

Both Moreton Black and I had some trouble completing our mint sets in 1954, and in spite of the numbers issued I have always considered these to be quite difficult items. Like Cwiakala, I consider no specialized B.W.I. collection is complete without at least a representation of these curiosities.

I seem to remember that a digest of the original article appeared in a Barbados magazine, written by Herbert Bayley, the Barbados collector, and, although I should have a copy of this, at the moment I can't lay my hands on it. Apart from this, Charles Cwiakala's article is the first mention there has been of these items in quite a few years, and very few people have even heard of them.

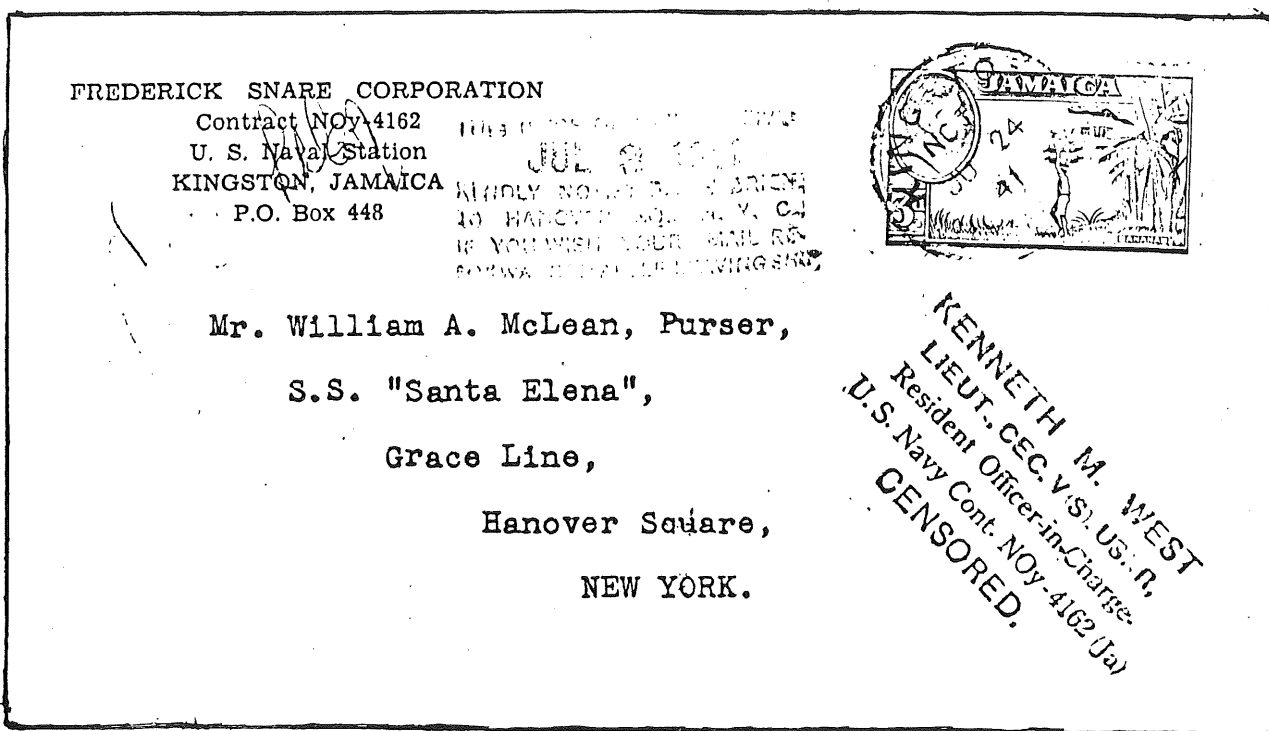
(Charles Cwiakala advises that he has had several other responses to his article. Your Editor had a note from Nat Surtees who said "--Many years ago I got a set for Jamaica. My 1/2d., 1-1/2d. and 3d. are mint, 1d., 2d. and 2-1/2d. are with the "Special Stamp London" cancellation. I have never seen one postally used and have not since come across another set.. I remember I thought the £7 that I had to pay was very high, but now maybe not?" George Stribley sent us a photostat of a page he obtained in a Barbados lot in a London Auction. It has a complete set of the Barbados "Empire" stamps with two genuine British stamps for comparison. The page is well written-up with a brief explanation of the labels, and states they were produced at Oranienburg, Sachsenhausen. -- EDITOR)

DON'T FORGET TO SEND REG LANT YOUR BALLOT FOR TRUSTEES. DEADLINE IS 31 AUGUST.

AN EARLY WW II U.S. NAVY COVER FROM JAMAICA---- by Col. Fred F. Seifert

In implementation of the Destroyers for Bases exchange early in 1941, the U.S. took immediate action to construct the Military Facilities required to make use of the newly leased areas. Although Article XVI of the Agreement between the United Kingdom and United States of America regarding the leased bases permitted the U.S. to establish its own military post offices for use by its military and civilian personnel at such bases, lack of trained postal workers prevented immediate installation of such facilities.

The first military post office operated by U.S. Forces on Jamaica was that of the MARINE DETACHMENT, PORTLAND BIGHT which opened on July 18, 1941. Prior to that date, U.S. Navy personnel and the contractors engaged in construction of the U.S. Naval Station at Portland Bight utilized the Jamaica Post Office for incoming and outgoing mail. Shown below is a cover sent from Jamaica to the U.S.



during that period. While we have no written history of the construction period to guide us, the cover itself has a story to tell.

The corner card indicates that that the Frederick Snare Corporation was engaged in fulfilling a contract at the U.S. Naval Station in Jamaica. The P.O.Box 448, Kingston address would indicate that they had an office in Kingston, although their principal activities were probably at Old Harbour Bay where the Base was being constructed. The fact that the Resident Officer-in-Charge shows his branch as CEC (Civil Engineer Corps) substantiates that this is a construction project. While the address and Grace Line receiving stamp are interesting, they have no bearing on the pre-F.P.O. status of this cover, so we will skip over them. The Kingston postmark is dated JU 24 41, a little more than three weeks prior to the opening of the Marine Det. P.O. on July 18th 1941. The index on this postmark is an unusual one, NC followed by a number which could be either 3 or 5. The temptation is strong to interpret the letters NC as meaning Naval Censor or Navy Contract, but this may be stretching a bit too far. Since this is the only date-stamp of Kingston that we have seen with more than one number and one letter in the index, the two letter combination crys out that it denotes something special.

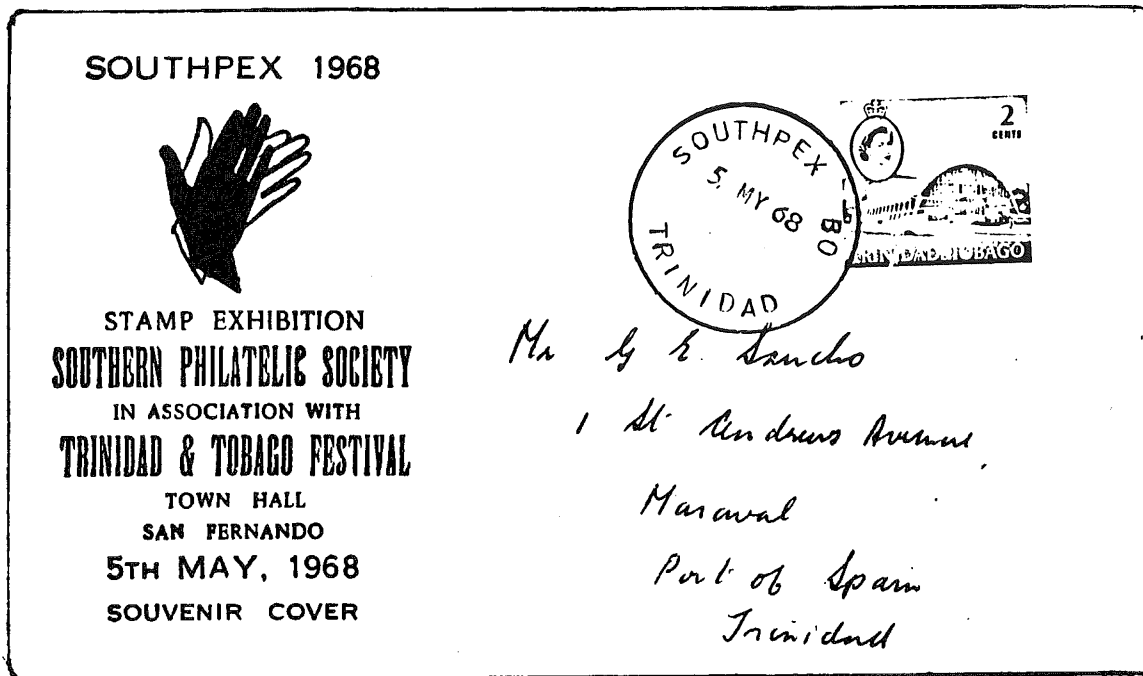
We would welcome correspondence on this. We do have an FDC of the UCWI set of FE 16 51 with what appears to be a similar index--the index hit on the perfs of one of the stamps and is not too clear. However, this could be a case of utilization of a previously retired postmark, put to work when an extra stamp was needed to handle the FDC's.

The Marine Detachment postal facility served Portland Bight until mid-February of 1943, at which time it was replaced by a U.S. Navy post office. Records of the Marine Corps show their P.O. as closing on 15th February 1943, while the Navy do not show their P.O. as opening until 20th February. It seems doubtful that the Navy Base would have been left without postal facilities for a five day period, so there may be an error in these dates. The Navy post office was known as 10938 Branch, but for mail purposes its address was Navy No.42, FPO New York. (FPO = Fleet Post Office). Since the standard U.S. NAVY postmark was used during this period, covers can only be identified by the return address. The Navy P.O. was discontinued as of 1st September 1944.

REPORT FROM TRINIDAD

by Gerald E. Sancho

The Southern Philatelic Society held a Stamp Exhibition, SOUTHPEX 1968, at the Town Hall in San Fernando on 5th May, 1968. Nearly 100 frames were shown. A branch post office was in operation for the one day of the exhibition, and it employed a special SOUTHPEX BO postmark as will be seen on the cover shown here.



Three of the nine pages of the SOUTHPEX program were taken up by a concise and well-written treatise by Charles L. Maynard bearing the lengthy title "AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE POST IN SAN FERNANDO AND SOUTH TRINIDAD TO THE TURN OF THE CENTURY." I was pleasantly surprised at the standard of the exhibits which included three frames of St. Vincent Postal History by our BCPSG member Joe Chin Aleong. Most of the other BWI were also represented.

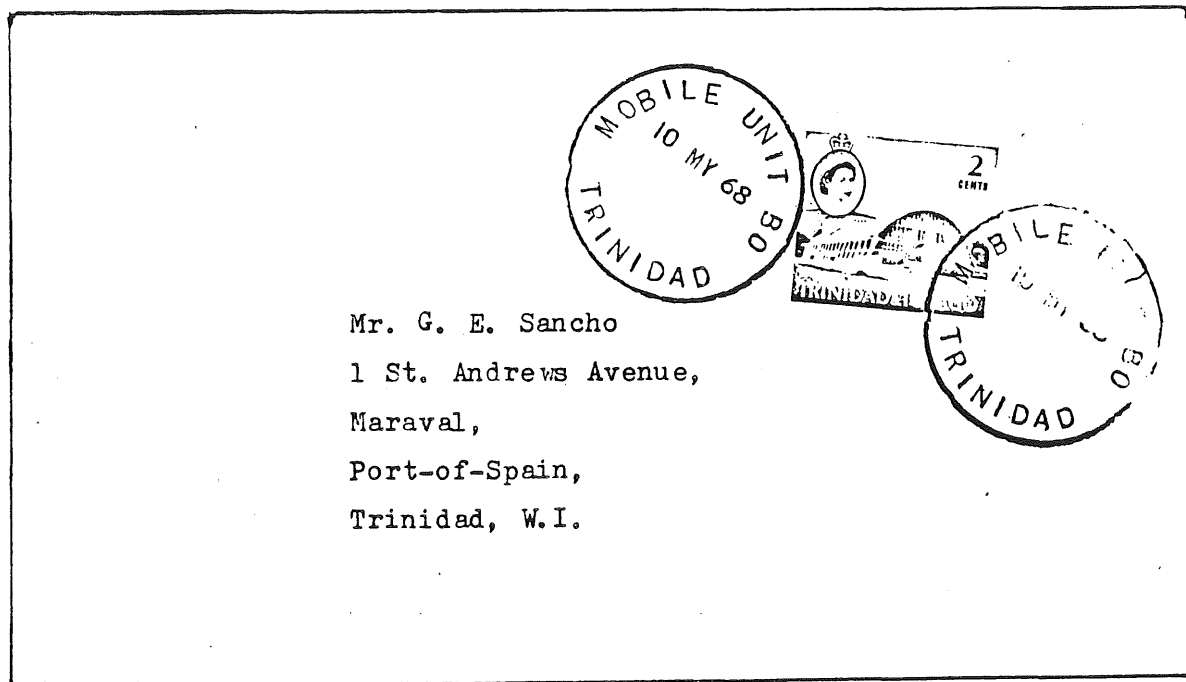
The G.P.O. at Port of Spain used a special slogan postmark to advertise the 1968

Trinidad and Tobago Festival. It consists of the black and white clapping hands shown on the SOUTHPEX cover, with a text in very small type reading TRINIDAD & TOBAGO/FESTIVAL/APRIL 24-MAY 19 1968. The CDS is to the right of the slogan and is the type with PORT-OF-SPAIN hyphenated.

Thanks to Joe Chin Aleong I learned of the opening on 1 February 1968 of a new post office in the Port of Spain new Central Market. It is located about a mile from the old market on the Beetham Highway, in the southeast part of Port of Spain. It is using a temporary skeleton type postmark as shown at the right, but a permanent Birmingham type is on order in England, thus the current mark may not have a long life.



After a lapse of many years, Trinidad again has a Travelling Post Office. It was opened on the 27th November 1967 according to Joe Chin Aleong. Thus far it has used two different postmarks. From its activation through 12th May 1968 it used a skeleton type CDS reading PR TOWN B O/MOBILE UNIT with the date in two lines in the center. Starting 13th May, the skeleton mark shown on the cover below was put in use. My thanks to the Postmaster General, Mr. George Lee, for help in obtaining this cover. The TPO is a 1½ ton Bedford van. The route was described in the March-April 1968 Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin as follows:



Mr. G. E. Sancho
1 St. Andrews Avenue,
Maraval,
Port-of-Spain,
Trinidad, W.I.

"The unit *** makes three journeys a week, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The route is: Port of Spain, Lengua, Jordan Hill, Irie Junction, through Princes Town to Barrackpore, Clarke Rochard, Rochard Douglas, Morne Diable, Debe, Diamond, Hermitage, St. John's and back to Port of Spain. There is a stop at Penal for the crew to take lunch."

The 5¢ value of the World Health Organisation set was completely sold out at the G.P.O. only two weeks after the issue came out. I do not know if fresh supplies are due or if someone is cornering the market. At the moment, it looks as if the 5¢ W.H.O. will be scarce.

AN "INDEPENDENT ANGUILLA" OVERPRINT VARIETY---- by KENNETH ROWE

The photographs shown below illustrate a variety of the "Independent Anguilla" overprint with "Anguilla" shifted to the left of normal. The normal overprint always shows the "i" of "Anguilla" directly in line with the right hand leg of the "n" of "Independent", but the variety--the upper-left stamp in the block--shows "Anguilla" off to the left by about 1/2 mm. An enlarged photograph of the variety is shown, and on it the shift is quite apparent.



Thanks to Gale Raymond, who kindly sent me a copy of a print made from the defaced 25 unit setting, I am able to place the position of this stamp at #17.

<u>17</u>	18	19	20
	23	24	25

In a complete pane of 25 stamps, this would be the second stamp of the fourth horizontal row.

COMMENT ON PRICING OF BWI ZEPPELIN COVERS----

We have received very favorable comments on the Zeppelin Cover article by Chuck Cwiakala (*June 1968 Journal*, pages 91-95). However, one member suggests that we point out that the Sieger Catalogue, while an excellent source of information, is very unrealistic when it comes to pricing covers from small countries. He feels that covers #9-15 and #17-18 are worth at least \$100, each, and says he would gladly pay that amount. He is in general agreement with the other prices, but would willingly pay \$75 for #8.

THREE DAYS ON DOMINICA

by FRED F. SEIFERT

We resume the tale of our Caribbean island hopping at Atkinson Field, Guyana, on a Sunday morning of last December. From the standpoint of weather, our departure from Guyana was a big improvement over our wet arrival, with the Sun doing a fair job of breaking through scattered clouds. The airport terminal was crowded, and our first thought was that our plane would be loaded to capacity; however, we soon discovered that only a few of the many there were departing passengers, each Guyanese having a coterie of friends and relatives to wish him Godspeed.

The BWIA jet that we boarded was bound for New York with intermediate stops at Trinidad, Barbados and Antigua. To reach our destination, Dominica, we changed at Barbados to a smaller LIAT (Leeward Islands Air Transport) turbo-prop, capable of landing on the shorter runways of the smaller islands. Leaving Barbados, we first touched down at Vigie Field, Castries, St. Lucia. The halt was only of ten minutes duration, so we did not leave the aircraft, a decision we later regretted when upon arriving back home we found a letter from Bob Devaux saying he would be at the terminal when our flight arrived.

After another brief stop on the French island of Martinique, we approached Dominica. Flying just off of its east coast for most of its length, we had ample opportunity to observe the rugged character of its terrain. Our curiosity as to how they had been able to locate an airfield on so mountainous an island was soon satisfied as we approached the Melville Hall airport. At the mouth of the Clyde or Kachibona River, enough moderately level land was found to construct a runway along the river's left bank. The approach from the sea is quite unobstructed, but at the west end the ground rises quite rapidly as the valley narrows down. Since the prevailing wind is from the sea, when it is of any significant force aircraft must make their landing approach over the land. This was the case for our flight. As we came down the valley, descending rapidly, all that was visible to either side was a blur of palm trees and other vegetation and steeply rising slopes which seemed to allow barely sufficient clearance for the tips of the aircraft wings--a most disconcerting sight!

In the terminal, the customs and immigration formalities were minimal. Retrieving our luggage we left the building to be greeted by sheer bedlam as a throng of taxi drivers all shouting "TAKE ME! TAKE ME!" clamoured for our patronage. Knowing that we had a long drive ahead, we selected the newest appearing vehicle in the hope that it would also be the most comfortable. It is well over 40 miles by road from the Melville Hall airport to Roseau which are at diagonally opposite ends of the Island. In that distance one is exposed to a good bit of every kind of Island scenery. From sea level on the northeast coast, the highway, after a brief run along the coast, climbs to an altitude of nearly 2,000 feet in the interior, descends to the west coast, and then hugs the shoreline as it heads south to the capital city. For most of the way the road is an endless succession of curves, so that it is difficult to attain an average speed of much more than 20 to 25 miles per hour for the trip. We left the airport at 3:30 P.M. and arrived at Roseau a bit over two hours later. The entire road is paved and quite well maintained. Only over a few short stretches where washouts were being repaired was the going rough.

The hotel where we stayed, the Island House at Wotten Waven, is located about five miles east of Roseau, up the Roseau River Valley at an elevation of around 1200 feet. It is one of the most interesting and unusual hostelries we have ever visited. It had only six guest rooms with six more being built. Each is a masterpiece of design and construction. They are built of native stone and wood to designs of the owner and operator, L.E. (Pete) Brand Jr., a lawyer from Miami who tired of the legal hassle and crowded cities and chose Dominica as a better place to live and raise a

family. One end of each room forms a screened balcony with a fantastic view of the valley below. Pete also designed all of the furniture which is handmade by local craftsmen. The buildings have been blended into the terrain with minimum disruption of the natural beauty, and from a distance one can scarcely pick them out of the surrounding foliage.

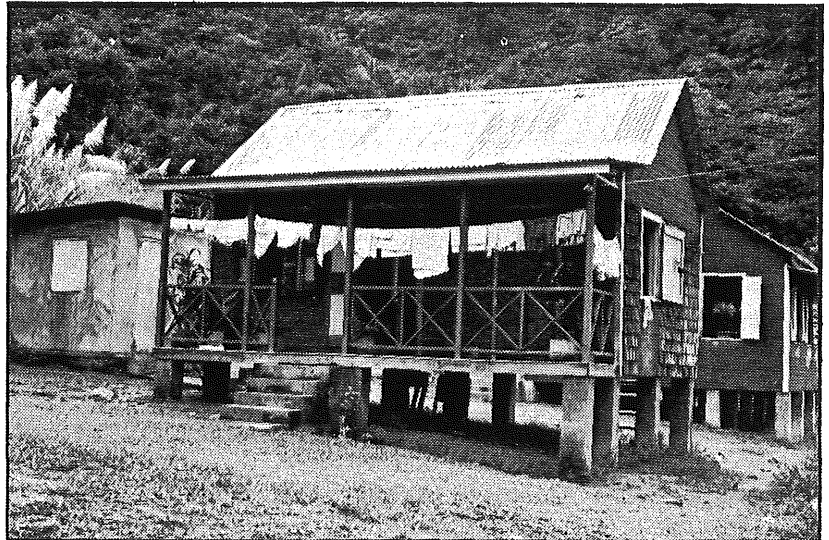
The road from Roseau to Wotten Waven is paved but quite narrow, but a single lane wide for most of the way. We completed our journey to its upper terminus and arrived at the Island House shortly before sunset. Our host, Pete Brand, met our taxi and escorted us to our room. There we met Errol, the staff member whose primary assignment was to make our stay a pleasant one. After bringing our bags from the taxi Errol left us, soon to return with two tall, frosty glasses of rum punch, a thoughtful courtesy of the management. Seated on our balcony, we sipped these refreshments as we watched the sun setting behind a distant hill.

We learned that Errol would be available at all times during our stay to provide any services required, and that he would serve our meals as well. The dining room is located in a separate building, a tall pitched roof structure with the ceiling open to the roof beams and the side facing the valley closed only with insect screening, so that while dining one has full advantage of the magnificent view. Surrounding the hotel amidst tropical foliage are various fruit trees. Included are orange, grapefruit, banana, plantain and papaya. The products of these trees are all incorporated in the bountiful menu of the hotel. There is no artificial air conditioning at the Island House, nor is any required, for the high elevation provides a cool climate. We slept in comfort under blankets something a bit uncommon in the tropics, even in the Winter.

The next morning we took advantage of an opportunity to drive to Roseau with our host's wife, Marjorie. About a half mile below the hotel was a settlement of a few buildings which Mrs. Brand identified as WOTTEN WAVEN. Knowing from correspondence with Philip Saunders that a Miss Elaine Stedman was in charge of a



WOTTEN WAVEN
POSTAL AGENCY



Postal Agency of that name, we asked if a stop could be made. Errol who had come with us volunteered that Miss Stedman was also the Schoolmistress and that the P.A. was in her home. We stopped at her house which was in front of the small school building, and although the school was in session she most graciously agreed to postmark some letters for us. Asking us into her house, she obtained her ink pad and handstamp from a drawer in a table. Then removing a vase from another small table to provide a work space, she carefully postmarked our covers and also provided a few specimen strikes of her CDS on a card. Only a small amount of out-

going mail passes through this P.A., for there is usually someone enroute to Roseau who will carry a letter to the G.P.O. for posting with a considerable saving of time.

Continuing down the valley to Roseau, we drove through the Botanical Gardens. SG 126 and SG 146, the 6¢ definitives of 1951 and 1954, carried a picture of these, but we did not find them very impressive. We had mentioned to Mrs. Brand that we desired to purchase a good map of the Island, so our first stop in Roseau was at the office of Mr. Allendale C. Winston, Crown Lands Officer, a most affable gentleman. I had previously mentioned to Mrs. Brand my tale of Griffith B. Seignoret and his dubious deals as a P.O. Clerk. She asked that I repeat this to Mr. Winston, and he was quite amused that someone living far from Dominica had been able to uncover this information. He told us that the late Mr. Seignoret had the reputation of being quite a rogue, but that he had such a winning personality that people were prone to overlook his shortcomings.

Mr. Winston mentioned that Postmaster Royer had been in an auto crash and that Philip Rock, Acting Post Office Accountant, was the Acting PMG during Mr. Royer's recuperation at home. He also stated that Mr. Royer was to retire soon and that Mr. Rock was the logical one to replace him. (We have not since learned whether or not logic has prevailed in this instance.) After purchasing several maps, we were again on our way, Mrs. Brand to do some shopping while we sought out the G.P.O.

As usual, our first procedure was to photograph the exterior of the Post Office. This proved to be a bit of a problem, for the G.P.O. is almost at the water's edge, with only a narrow roadway separating it from the seawall. We had to



GENERAL POST OFFICE
ROSEAU

settle for an angle shot from a stance on the seawall, a bit to the North of the building which faces more or less West. The stamp and service windows, as well as the P.O. Boxes are located on the upper floor, just to the rear of the open area that can be seen in the photograph above. In addition to the current set of definitives, the National Day commemoratives were on sale at the stamp windows.

The Postmaster's Office is also located on the upper floor, at the head of the stairway. Entering it, we met a gentleman who introduced himself as PMG Royer. Seated at a desk behind him was another gentleman whom we learned was Mr. Rock. Mr. Royer asked us to be seated and seemed quite willing to talk. He told us

that he had just returned to his duties, and apart from a few aches and pains was fairly well recovered from his accident. Speaking of it, he told of driving to the airport, and on the only place where there is a long stretch of straight road meeting a driver on the wrong side of the road. (This driving on the left can be dangerous!)

We asked Mr. Royer if he had a list of the Post Offices and Postal Agencies of Dominica. As he only had one such list, he had a secretary type a copy which he then gave official status by affixing his signature and a small straightline stamp reading POSTMASTER. (The list is given at the end of this article.) Recalling that Eric Heyer, during his visit in 1965 had been given a list that included 22 sub-agencies (*BCPJ Sept. 1965, Whole No. 27, pages 88-89*), we asked about these and were told that there were no Sub-Postal Agencies. We did not pursue this any further, so cannot say what happened to the 22 that Eric reported.

Philip Saunders had asked that we inquire regarding a note in a Dominica newspaper that Official Registration Envelopes were first placed on sale October 1st, 1926. Mr. Royer and Mr. Rock agreed that these would have been the Leeward Island ones. Mr. Rock spoke of the difficulty of reaching some of the P.A.'s with access only by rough Jeep trails. Finally, he confirmed that he would retire in about a month from then.

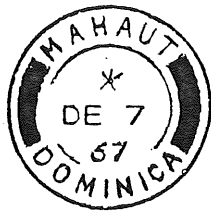
Leaving the G.P.O., we met Mrs. Brand who took us to the Dominica Club where she signed us in as guests after which we quaffed some cooling drinks. Picking up Errol at his home, we then started back to the Island House. As we crossed the Roseau River the banks were covered with drying clothes, and we were told that this section of the River was known as the Washeteria. For a way we drove through a plantation of the Rose's Lime Juice Company. First there were limes of fruit-bearing size and then small new trees shaded by banana plants where a new grove was being started. Shortly, we came to a fork in the road, the left branch going to Laudat and Trafalgar, with the Trafalgar Falls pictured on the current \$2.40 definitive, SG 177, reached by trail from the end of the road. We turned right, and crossing the Roseau River for the second time, continued upstream along its left bank. We met several cars coming in the opposite direction, but they had heard our approach and halted at spots where passing was possible. Back at the hotel, we spent the remainder of the day exploring a few trails in the immediate vicinity. We noted several sulphur springs (SG 165) in the area.

On the following day we hired a taxi to drive us down to Pointe Michel where we met the pastor of the Catholic Church, Father Proesmans, who is reputed to know more of the history of Dominica than any other individual. He related a number of interesting facts regarding people and places on the Island. Pointe Michel provided a haven for some of the refugees who fled Martinique in 1902 after the eruption of Mount Peleé had devastated part of that island. Father Proesmans told of his studies to record the Dominican Patois, a dialect based on French. Later we learned that it was he who suggested adoption of the present patois motto of Dominica "Apres Bondie C'est La Ter" (SG 176 and the 15¢ of the recent National Day set). The translation of this motto is "After God, comes the Land."

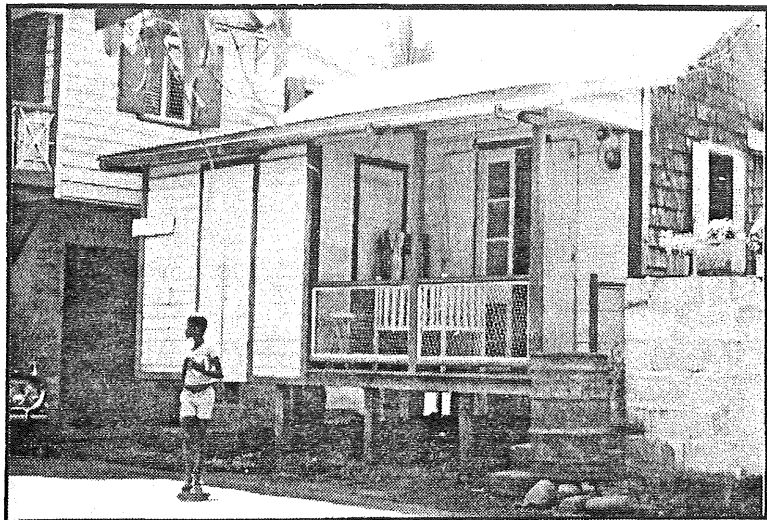
Pointe Michel has had a Post Office since 1900, and we asked our driver to take us there. He thought we meant the G.P.O., and by the time we discovered this it was too late to turn back. We could well have seen the P.O. without recognizing it, for most Post Offices are poorly marked, if at all. Arriving back at Roseau, we noted a Street Letter Box at the south end of town, and we recall having seen another elsewhere in town. Next we visited the Convent where the famed straw mats which grace so many hotels and homes in the tropics are made (SG 155 & 158). Then back to the hotel for a dinner featuring "Mountain Chicken" or Crapaud (SG 169).

These giant frog legs are considered quite a delicacy, and after sampling them we were in full accord with that premise.

Our departure from Dominica was scheduled for the following afternoon, and we arranged for our taxi to pick us up early, allowing four hours for the two hour journey. The route was the reverse of that taken on our arrival. Going north from Roseau up the West Coast, as we passed through Woodridge Bay we saw a boat being loaded with bananas, a procession of workers streaming from banana shed to boat, each with a stalk of bananas balanced on his head. At Pringles Bay, a road into the interior offered a shorter route to our destination, but our driver explained that it was in poor shape and would actually take much longer. We continued up the coast through Massacre where we would have liked to stop at the Post Office, but it was unmarked and our driver had no idea where to look.



MAHAUT
POST OFFICE



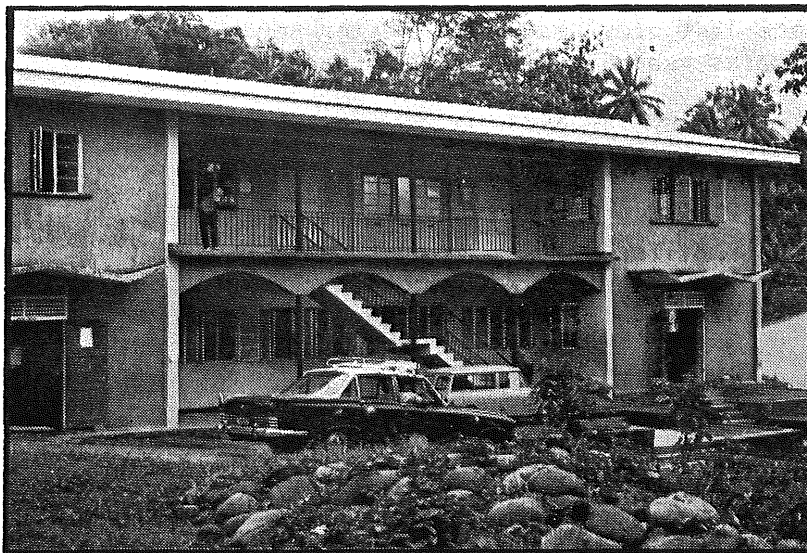
At MAHAUT we spotted a house with a small sign reading District Post Office and asked the driver to stop. The road was too narrow for a full-face photograph, so again we settled for an angle shot. The P.O. was closed, but as we wished to post some covers the driver knocked on the door. A young lady answered and took our letters, agreeing to postmark them clearly. A bit further north the road turned away from the coast into the Layou River Valley (SG 129, 138 & 149) crossing the River after a bit and continuing up the right bank into the interior. As we passed through Pont Cassé and then Bells we recalled learning from Philip Saunders that a temporary P.A. had been operated at these places during the building of the highway (SG 167), with the Bells postmark used at both places.

Coming down to sea level on the East Coast, we stopped at MARIGOT (which according to our driver is pronounced MARY-got) to look over the Sub Post Office and mail covers. We also took a photograph of the structure which houses a Sub Treasury in addition to the Sub Post Office. This is shown on page 145. The P.O. functions are on the upper floor, and the mail slots can be seen beneath the windows on the upper gallery. The P.O. was closed, and the mail slots were unmarked as to the specific purpose of each, so we made an arbitrary choice of one in which to drop our covers.

From Marigot it was but a short drive to MELVILLE HALL. After we had checked with government and airline officials and turned in our luggage, there was still quite a bit of time before our departure. We knew that there was a Melville Hall P.A., but did not know whether or not it was in the terminal area. Seeing a large wooden letter box, brightly painted in P.O. RED, we dropped our covers in a slot that was marked Airmail. A little later we went to the snack bar for refreshments and after being served asked the lady in charge if she could tell us the location of

the Melville Hall Postal Agency. She said that this was the P.A. and that she was the Agent. When I told her that I had deposited some mail in the box to get the Melville Hall postmark, she told me that all mail from the box went back to the G.P.O. at Roseau and was postmarked there. However, she brought out some keys and opening the box retrieved my covers. Also in the box were several other pieces of mail, assorted pieces of waste paper and a very large cockroach who hurriedly departed, his dream of dining on the mucilage of my covers rudely shattered by this unscheduled box clearance.

After some searching on a shelf under the counter, the lady finally located her Birmingham type date stamp and an ink pad. Although this was the 6th of December, the stamp was set on 9th September, which is an indication of its infrequent use. She reset the date and after applying some ink to the dried out ink pad she postmarked my mail. She also postmarked the few other cards and letters from the box, and we hope the recipients appreciated the rare mark on their mail. But for us they would have received the very common G.P.O. CDS. We asked the lady why she did not postmark the outgoing mail, to which she responded that Mr. Royer was constantly telling her to do so, but she offered no explanation for her failure to comply. It was probably simply a case of following the easiest course of action--or rather, inaction!



MARIGOT
SUB POST OFFICE
and
SUB TREASURY

We also asked why airmail for other countries had to make the long trip back to the G.P.O., only to again return to the airport. All she could say was that she was not permitted to deliver mail directly to the planes. Perhaps the reason lies in the need for preparation of mail bag tags and documentation to accompany the mail.

In due time our flight was called, and we departed for our next stop on Antigua, but the report of our visit there must await our next issue.

On the following page we give the list of Post Offices and Postal Agencies as furnished us by Mr. Royer.

POST OFFICES AND POSTAL AGENCIES OF DOMINICA

GENERAL POST OFFICE

ROSEAU

SUB POST OFFICES

MARIGOT

PORTSMOUTH

BRANCH POST OFFICES

ANSE DE MAI

ATKINSON

CALIBISHIE

CASTLE BRUCE

COLIAUT

COULIBISTRIE

DELICES

DOS D'ANE

DUBLANC

FOND ST. JEAN

GIRAUDEL

GRAND BAY

GRAND FOND

BRANCH POST OFFICES (Cont.)

LA PLAINE

MAHAUT

MASSACRE

PETITE SAVANNE

PETITE SOUFRIERE

PICHELIN

POINTE MICHEL

RIVIERE CYRIQUE

SALISBURY

*SALIBIA

SAN SAUVEUR

SCOTTS HEAD

SOUFRIERE

ST. JOSEPH

VIEILLE CASE

WESLEY

WOODFORD HILL

POSTAL AGENCIES

BELLE VUE CHOPIN

POSTAL AGENCIES (Cont.)

BIOCHE

BOETICA

CLIFTON

*COCKRANE

GOOD HOPE

LA ROCHE

LAUDAT

LOUBIERE

MELVILLE HALL

MORNE JAUNE

MORNE PROSPER

MORNE RATCHETTE

*PAIX BOUCHE

PENVILLE

PENVILLE-LOWER

TAN TAN

TETE MORNE

THIBAUD

TRAFALGAR

WOTTEN WAVEN

*Spellings are taken from the list provided by Postmaster Royer at the G.P.O. on 4 December 1967. The postmarks read SALYBIA, COCHRANE and PAIS BOUCHE.

ADDITIONAL ST.LUCIA POSTMARKS----

Tom Giraldi and Eric Heyer have called our attention to some additional postmarks of Castries St.Lucia which may still be in use, although the latest examples that they could present were from 1965. While the intent of our article on page 84 of the June issue was primarily to list the postmarks known to be current, these additional marks are worth adding to that list.

For some years Castries has at times employed a machine cancellation. The CDS is 21 mm in diameter and reads CASTRIES at top and ST. LUCIA at bottom with time/day month/ year in three lines in the center. To the right is an obliterator of seven wavy lines, broken into three sections. This has at times been replaced by a boxed slogan reading VISIT SUNNY/ST.LUCIA. Castries also has an oval registration mark reading REGISTERED at top, CASTRIES ST.LUCIA at bottom (the T of ST. is smaller than the other letters and is underlined) and there is a single line date in the center. It is used as a postmark on Registered letters and often also cancels the stamps. A Birmingham type B1 mark was also in use in 1965. This mark is similar to the type shown as Figure 1 on page 84 of the June Journal, but with the wide bars at the sides in place of the line arcs.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE SEND IN THEIR BALLOTS FOR THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. As of June 30th, our Secretary had only received 45 completed ballots. It is very important that a majority of the members vote and show that they consider their membership in the BCPSG more than a mere subscription to the Journal. DO IT NOW!



The summer season, as usual, seems to bring a dearth of news on the Jamaican front, but we do learn that Tom Foster's new book on early Jamaican Postal History is nearing publication. We have contacted Robson Lowe and find that they are down to the picture stage and expect to publish before the end of the year. This is a "don't miss" book, not only for those interested in Jamaican Postal History, but for anyone interested in the early mail boats, etc. of the entire West Indies.

Stamp Collecting, the weekly publication out of London, had a squib recently in which H. Sinclair-Brown, a Liverpool dealer, noted the recent 3d. Constabulary stamp in a sheet with a sideways watermark. Has anyone else come up with this variety? At least one other sheet was mentioned in the same article.

Have received a listing of new MSR's that are being issued to various post offices in Jamaica, courtesy of Ronnie Wong and Lloyd Brandon. No issue dates are currently available.

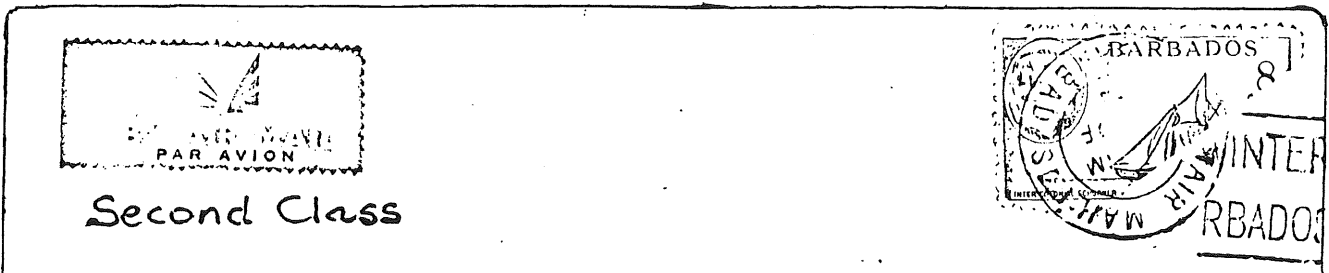
ABOUKIR	CLOVER HILL	GOLDEN VALLEY	MITCHELLS HILL	STEER TOWN
ALLMAN HILL	COFFEE GROVE	GORDONS CROSSING	MITCHELL TOWN	STRATHBOGIE
ALPS	COFFEE PIECE	GRAVEL HILL	MONTEGO BAY(1)	3 STRAWBERRY
ARLINGTON	COKA	GREEN POND	MONGRAVE	SUMMERFIELD
ASHLEY	CONSTITUTION HILL	GREY GROUND	MOORS	TARRYMOUNT
AXE & ADZE	COPSE	HADDO	MOUNT EDGECOMBE	THATCHWALK
BAILEYS VALE	CORN PIECE	HAMILTON MOUNTAIN	MOUNT MORIAH	TOP MOUNTAIN
BAKERS HILL	COTTONWOOD	HAMPSHIRE	MOUNT INDUSTRY	TORRINGTON
BAPTIST HILL	COUSINS COVE	HARMONY VALE	MOUNT PLEASANT	TOWER HILL
BARBARY HALL	COXSWAIN	HAYFIELD	MOUNT REGALE	TOWN HEAD
BATH MOUNTAIN	CROMWELL LANDS	HEATHFIELD	MUIR HOUSE	TURNERS
BAULK	CROSS ROADS 5	HIGHLAND HEAD	MUIRTON PEN	TWEESIDE
BEECHER TOWN	DALTON	HOUNSLOW	MORGANS FOREST	ULSTER SPRING
BERRY HILL	DANVERS PEN	IRWIN	NORWICH	UNITY
BESSIE BAKER	DENBIGH	JACKSON TAYLOR	OLD HOPE	UNITY VALE
BIRDS HILL	DEVON PEN	JACKS RIVER	O'MEALLY	VALLEY PIECE
BLAIRS HILL	DIGNUM	JOE'S HUT	ORANGEFIELD	VICTORIA TOWN
BOMBAY	DRESSIKIE	JUBILEE TOWN	PAISLEY	WAREIKA
BONNETT	DUHANEY PARK	KEMNAY	PEAR TREE RIVER	WATCHWELL
BOROBIDGE	DUMFRIES	KENTUCKY	PEGGY BARRY	WATERLANE
BOUNTY HALL	DUNCANS	KINGS VALE	PENWOOD	WATERWORKS
BOURBON	DUXES	KINGSTON 15	PLUM TREE	WESTPHALIA
BOWERS	ELLICRESS	LAWRENCE TAVERN	PRICKLEY POLE	WEST PROSPECT
BOYNE PARK	FAIRBURN	LEWISBURGH	PRIORY	WHITE HALL
BROADGATE	FAITHS PEN	LIME TREE GARDENS	PROSPECT	WHITE RIVER
BROMLEY	FLAGSTAFF	LINTON PARK	REACH	WHITHORN
BROWNS HALL	FRASER	LITCHFIELD	RED VALLEY	WHITNEY
BYNDLOSS	FREEMANS HALL	LONG LOOK	RICHMOND VALE	WILSON'S RUN
CAIRN CURRAN	FONT HILL	LONGWOOD	ROCK	WINDSOR CASTLE
CALEDONIA	FUSTIC GROVE	MADRAS	ROCKY POINT	WINDSOR FOREST
CAULDWELL	GARDEN HILL	MAHOE	SALT MARSH	WINDWARD ROAD
CHALKY HILL	GARLANDS	MAIN RIDGE	SALT SPRING	WIRE FENCE
CHANTILLY	GEDDES TOWN	MALCOLM SQUARE	SCOTT'S RUN	WOODLANDS
CHATHAM	GIBRALTAR	MAY DAY	SHREWSBURY	YARMOUTH
CHATSWORTH	GLASTONBURY	MEARS	SPICY HILL	YORK CASTLE
CHUDLEIGH	GLENISLAY	MENDEZ	SPRING BANK	YORK PEN
CLARKS TOWN	GOLDEN SPRING	MIDDLESEX	SPRING GARDEN	YTHANSIDE

Already noted are GREY GROUND, dated 20 MY 68; MENDEZ, dated 21 MY 68, but spelled with a terminal "S", and TWEESIDE, dated 23 MY 68. I assume that the numbers beside Cross Roads, Kingston and Montego Bay are the number of marks that are being issued to those offices.

The marks seen so far are about 24 mm in diameter, have asterisks, and seem to differ from the earlier versions of this mark only by the height of the letters. These seem to be close to 2 mm, while the older marks approach 2½ mm in height. Apparently most of the TRD's, Birmingham marks, and some of the older double rings are being replaced, but not all of them. It will be interesting to see what actually does go into use.

A BARBADOS BISECT OR A CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH CASUALTY?

Illustrated below is a portion of a cover sent to your Editor by Dennis Cartwright with a request for an opinion. It will be noted that about one-fourth of the 8¢ Barbados adhesive is missing and that it is tied across the cut by AIR MAIL/G.P.O. BARBADOS, Birmingham type mark. The rest of the cover has been left out of the illustration to save space, but it is addressed to Grenada and has a receiving backstamp with date DE 23 64. A portion of a Barbados machine cancel slogan also occupies part of the space left by the missing portion of the adhesive.



When Dennis first sent me a photocopy of this cover a few months ago, I wrote him that I thought it was a case of a stamp damaged by a jam in the cancelling machine, with the machine slicing off a corner that was not securely stuck down. A clerk then applied a handstamp to remainder of the stamp. Dennis has subsequently sent me the actual cover to examine, and I note that just to the right of the cut there is a partial cut into the cover--not completely through, but just enough to show that some sharp object was employed to cut off the stamp. I still hold to my theory of a cancelling machine jam, but now amend it to the effect that the clerk cut off the damaged portion of the stamp prior to applying his handstamp.

After I had sent my thoughts on this to Dennis, he again wrote me saying that since his previous letter he had received a letter from the Postmaster at Barbados as follows: "I am to inform you that no bisect stamp has been issued by this post office and this would appear to be a mutilated stamp passing through the post at the busy Xmas Season."

Dennis would appreciate hearing from anyone who might care to comment on this item.

AN ADVERTISEMENT IN *STAMP COLLECTING* READS: "BRITISH HONDURAS-- 1894 Caye Cuthbert & Co. 3c. local on one of the very few covers...p.o.r." Can any member give us the story of these locals?

Bahamas News & Notes

BY GALE RAYMOND

As usual, summertime brings doldrums to Bahamas postal matters, and at this writing little news is at hand. A newspaper clipping from Nassau gives a postal announcement that a new post office has been opened at HIGH ROCK, Grand Bahama, with daily air mail despatches between Nassau and High Rock. The date of the clipping is June 4, 1968 and it advises that all classes of business, including money orders and savings bank transactions, will be handled.

Of course, there has been a sub-post office for some years at High Rock, and apparently this announcement referred to a new building. Until recently, the sub-post office was contained in a cigar box in a schoolmaster's desk! At last report a 30 mm CDS was in use at High Rock, but with this increased activity (apparently from nearby Gold Rock Creek Tracking Station) an additional TRD quite possibly could be in use. Reports would be welcomed.

Following up a rumor that a new TRD was in use somewhere on Andros (Apr-May 68), I have turned up examples of a TRD inscribed COMMISSIONER FRESH CREEK, ANDROS, in a large double-circle format. A number of Commissioner markings have been utilized over the past 10 to 15 years at Fresh Creek, as the metal CDS has long been in deplorable condition. There is now a direct Air Mail from Fresh Creek to Miami, Florida, airport, greatly facilitating the exchange of mail with this point. Beginning "in June" Hovercraft service, the first outside England, was slated to commence from Nassau to Eleuthera, some 60 miles away. These air-cushion craft, carrying 60 passengers, will make daily round trips at 35 knots speed. The trip will cost about \$8.00 one way, with refreshments served en route. Whether first day covers with special cachets or postal markings were carried remains to be seen.

On July 20th, International Air Bahamas was scheduled to begin 3 per week Boeing 707 flights between Nassau and Luxembourg. It is reported that special markings were to be applied to covers. Still another "First Flight" was due on June 21st with Eastern Airlines inaugurating service from Baltimore, Maryland, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Nassau, Bahamas. Covers posted at both U.S. post offices as well as at the Philadelphia airport mail facility were to be given official cachets. Another applied in the Bahamas is likely.

AND NOW, BAHAMAS BUM---OVER TO YOU!

BAHAMAS BITS

by

THE BAHAMAS BUM

Two new Post Offices will open shortly as this is written on June 6th 1968, they should be open by the 1st of July. TRD's are now in the office of Mr. Claude Saunders, PMG, for Church Grove, Crooked Island, and for Owens Town, Andros. Mr. Arthur Roach, postmaster in Gambier, is leaving to attend college in Nebraska. This quaint village, twelve miles from Nassau, has one of the scarcest of all the Bahamas postmarks. Because of infrequent pickup and delivery of mail, with a good bus service it is always much faster for anyone going to Nassau to drop off the mail at the G.P.O.

The Bahamas Gold Coins of \$100, \$50, \$20 and \$10 denominations have been gobbled up by collectors. With a face value of \$180, the sets are now being sold for

almost \$500. So here we go again! A new issue of four stamps with 3¢, 12¢, 15¢ and \$1 values to commemorate the Bahamas Gold Coin Currency is on the way. The Tourist Issue is due August 1st with 5¢, 11¢, 15¢ and 50¢ values. Later on the Olympics Issue with 3¢, 5¢ and 12¢ values; followed by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association due between October 26th and November 8th--values 3¢, 10¢, 12¢ and 15¢ plus a commemorative 10¢ airletter sheet. The new agents for the Bahamas stamps must think that a reasonable length of time has elapsed so the flood gates are open and AWAY WE GO.

Our good friend, Bob Halliday, of "Coin of the Realm" in Nassau supplied some nice out-island cancels in multiples to add to the Bum's hoard. Included was a block of Edward 1d., used on part of an old Post Office Savings Bank sheet that was supplied by the P.O. to encourage thrift, a penny at a time. Anyone visiting Nassau should make Bob's shop a port-of-call, as he has cancels that ARE cancels and reasonably priced.

Ronnie and Avery Wong stopped off May 3rd for a few days returning from a trip to New York and Bermuda. A get-together was enjoyed by Johnny and Anne Gavelek, Bob and Mary Anne Bolling, Sam Stewart, and the Bum and his Boss, Dorothy. Anyone coming through Miami please give the Bum a call, and I'll arrange a get-together with local members, and a good stamp session is always "on tap" too!

The International Human Rights issue due April 1st finally appeared on May 13th. A new 25 mm single-circle cancel inscribed FIRST DAY OF ISSUE at top, date in center and BAHAMAS at bottom was used on the FDC's. No reason given for the delay.

Bob Bolling acquired a QV 6d. lilac, Scott 14, with Gisburn's cancel type 4, on page 26 of his book. This is extremely late usage of this cancel which is rarely seen on a stamp.

Postal facilities at High Rock, Grand Bahama have been increased, and several new buildings are under construction on Bay Street. Prosperity is everywhere in the islands and will continue at this pace as long as Castro and reds occupy Cuba. Another franchise restaurant has made its appearance on Bay Street, and even though it's bottled on the island, coke and other soft drinks, along with coffee and tea sell for 20¢. So let's not complain about high prices here, as we really have all the best for the least at home.

The 37 mm TRD from Snug Corner finally seems to be wearing out. A couple of covers received with late January dates for the first time show deteriorating marks of wear. After at least five or possibly six years of use it will soon be gone. I know of no other TRD in use for so long a period and kept in such good condition as this one. Pirate Well, McLeans Town, San Andros, Sweetings Cay and Bimini are still using TRD's. At this writing others may be in use, but the above were all received on commercial mail 3-17-68.

Ken Rice reports a 10¢ airletter sheet with misplaced printing was bought in Nassau a short while ago. A large batch of stuff received from Nassau on May 10 showed THE BIGHT also still using a TRD, MANGROVE CAY cancel in blue ink, and some Nassau machine cancels showing slogan POSTAGE PAID on them. Feb. 14, 1968 shows SNUG CORNER with a new 30 mm steel die, still using bright purple ink. Deterioration is being noted in the following steel dies: MANGROVE CAY, JAMES CISTERN and ALICE TOWN. MOSS TOWN and SAVANNAH SOUND must be substituting shoe polish for a stamping pad as their cancels are all smudged, almost beyond the point of recognition

If Stan-iard Creek Durnin would like to see a manuscript cancel of Colihaut,

Dominica, he can write me, and I might just send it to him for a looksee.

Never sell the Bahamians short; Las Vegas gives free junkets in jet planes with the Food and Hotel bills paid in the best joints to get Gambling patrons. But the new Casino on Paradise Island in Nassau charges two bucks toll to cross the new causeway so you can have the pleasure of losing your loot. Somehow, they just do it better financially over there.

GUYANA GLEANINGS

by FRED F. SEIFERT

Early in May, Mr. Eugene Correia, Minister of Communications of Guyana, gave an informal Press Conference while in London. From reports of this conference in *STAMP COLLECTING* and the *PHILATELIC MAGAZINE* we have gleaned the following:

Although Guyana has been approached by a number of philatelic agents to take over philatelic distribution of its stamps, it will continue with the Crown Agents. It will follow a conservative stamp issuing policy with an average of six issues per year, none of which will have a total face value of more than G.\$1.20 (U.S. 60¢ or 5 shillings).

Mr. Correia also announced the issues for the remainder of 1968 and for 1969, and we list these on our New Issues pages.

Mr. Walter Cameron, who was the Postmaster General when we visited the G.P.O. at Georgetown last December, has been transferred to the Ministry of Information. His former deputy, Mr. Frank C. Giles, whom we also met, has been appointed in his place. We wish both of these gentlemen success in their new assignments.



6¢ WITH INVERTED LOCAL OVERPRINT

The 1¢, 4¢, 6¢ and 48¢ Local Overprints exist with overprint inverted. Shown above is the 6¢. The 6¢ has also been discovered with a double overprint, and an illustration of that variety is shown on the following page.

We were sorry to learn that Mr. Josephus Williams of the *Chronicle* in Georgetown, whose picture appears on page 109 of the June Journal, was killed when struck by a car on his way home from work on December 23rd. This was just three weeks after he demonstrated the old press on which the "World's Rarest Stamp" had been printed and posed for our photograph.

As of late June, the Guyana post office workers were on a "goslow" basis, a form of protest akin to the "Working to Rule" exercised in the U.K. a while back. We have no information on how seriously this has been affecting services, but suspect that it is most seriously felt in the movement of internal mails and in local deliveries. Recent mail from Georgetown has reached us in normal time, so apparently outgoing foreign mail is being dispatched promptly.



6¢ WITH DOUBLE LOCAL OVERPRINT

A new machine slogan is noted on a cover of 16 MAY 1968 with the G.P.O. CDS. It reads "GUYANA EFFICIENCY YEAR/to prosperity through efficiency" and has a flower of twelve alternating black and white petals with a lower case "e" in the upper loop of a "9" in the center, and the stem in the shape of a "Y".

In the September-October 1967 *Stamp Lover*, we authored an article giving a list of the Post Offices and Postal Agencies of Guyana. Since many of our members will not have access to that article we propose to repeat the list in a future Journal and to tell what we know of the current postmarks of Guyana. While it has not been to easy to obtain information from Guyana, we are trying hard.

NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

8 Jul 68 Birds. A four value set. 10¢-Purple-Throated Carib, 15¢-Bananaquit, 25¢-Black-Necked Stilt and 40¢-Royal Tern. Lithographed on unwater-marked paper in sheets of 25 from designs by John Lister staff artists. Quantity not stated.

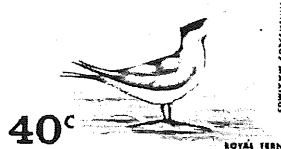
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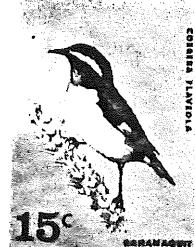
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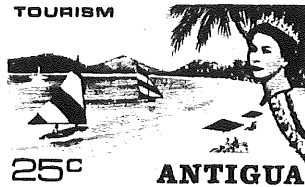
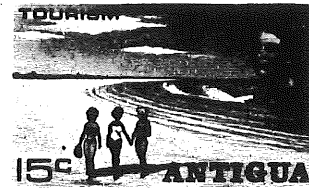
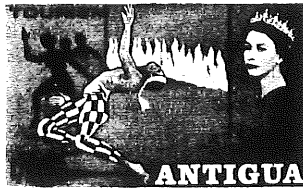
ANGUILLA



Sep 68 Anguillan Guiding. One stamp-details not yet available.
Dec 68 Christmas Stamps.

ANTIGUA

1 Jul 68 Tourism Issue of five values. ½¢ and 50¢-Limbo Dancer, 15¢-Beach Scene and Water Skiing, 25¢-Sailing, 35¢-Underwater Swimming and Fish. Designed and printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper by photogravure in sheets of 50 stamps.

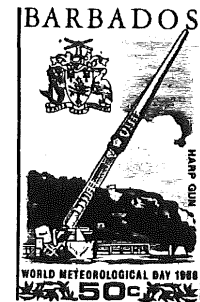
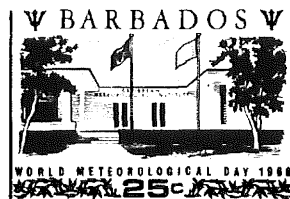
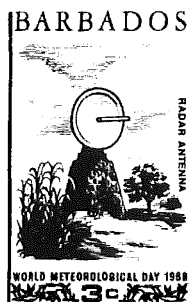


BAHAMAS

See Bahamas Bum column, pages 149-150, for new issue information.

BARBADOS

3 Jun 68 World Meteorological Day. Three values. 3¢-Radar Antenna on top of Old Sugar Mill, 25¢-Meteorological Institute Building with Flags of Barbados and United Nations in foreground, 50¢-A Harp Gun and Coat of Arms of Barbados. Printed by photogravure from designs of G.L. Vasarhelyi by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 50 stamps on unwatermarked paper. (Originally scheduled for release in March.)



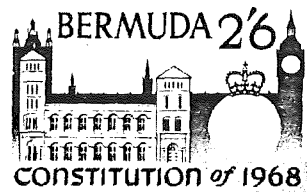
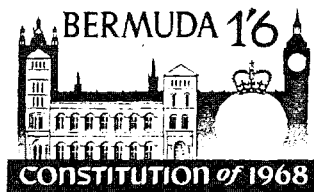
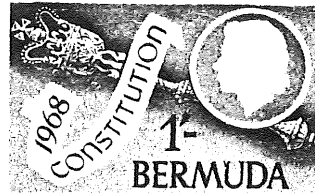
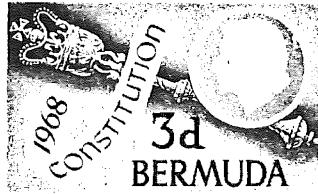
1 Aug 68 Golden Jubilee of Girl Guiding in Barbados. (Originally scheduled for release in April.)

Oct 68 International Human Rights Year.

69 New Definitives.

BERMUDA

1 Jul 68 New Constitution set of four values. 3d. and 1/- show the Mace used in the Bermuda House of Assembly, while the 1/6 and 2/6 feature the House of Assembly and Houses of Parliament with the Royal Cypher. The stamps were designed by R. Granger-Barrett and printed by photo-gravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 60 stamps.



- 24 Sep 68 Olympic Games.
- 2 Jan 69 New Definitives.
- 69 50th Anniversary of Girl Guides.

BRITISH HONDURAS

15 Jul 68 International Human Rights Year. A set of two stamps, 22¢ and 50¢.

Both values show the United Nations Symbol for Human Rights Year and the Royal Cypher. The 22¢ features the Monument to Belizean Patriots (at Memorial Park, Belize City), while the 50¢ shows the monument marking the dedication of the New Capital Site. Designed by G.L. Vaserhelyi and lithographed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in 50 stamp sheets. The monument shown on the 50¢ stamp bears an inscription reading "Dedicated to Belizeans by Anthony Greenwood Secretary of State United Kingdom October 9th 1965."



BRITISH HONDURAS

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- Sep 68 New Definitives.
- Oct 68 Christmas.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- Aug 68 Carnival.
- 68 National Development.
- 68 International Human Rights Year. Overprinting of two definitives.
- 70 Centenary of Death of Charles Dickens.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS

3 Jun 68 International Human Rights Year. A set of three stamps, 3d., 9d., and 5/- in a common design based on a picture taken at Christmas 1910 of former slaves freed in 1837. It includes the Human Rights Flame, the United Nations symbol for International Human Rights Year. The stamps were designed and printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 60 stamps. The Marquis of Sligo gave the slaves in the islands their freedom in 1837. At that time there were at least 1000 slaves on Grand Cayman; and of these 29 were still living in 1910.



1 Oct 68 Olympic Games. (Release date changed.)
 1 Nov 68 Christmas 1968.
 1 Feb 69 New Definitives.

GRENADA

18 May 68 \$5 surcharge on the \$2 definitive with ASSOCIATED STATEHOOD overprint.

GUYANA

68 Savings Bond and Efficiency issue.
 68 New Hotel Development and Opening of Airport Terminal Building.
 68 2nd Anniversary of Independence.
 Sep 68 Olympic Games.
 68 Celebration of 1400 Years of Al Quran.
 68 Christmas 1968.
 69 50th Anniversary of I.L.O.
 27 Jan 69 Art and Culture Week.
 17 Mar 69 Easter Issue.
 1 May 69 1st Anniversary of Signing of Caribbean Free Trade Area Treaty (CARIFTA).
 Aug 69 World Scout Jamboree.

JAMAICA

23 May 68 Labour Day 1968. A set of two stamps with a common design showing Lady Bustamante and the Rt. Hon. Alexander Bustamante. Values are 3d. and 1/-. The stamps were printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 60 on Jamaica Pineapple watermarked paper. The designs were by Harrison staff artists.



68 International Human Rights Year.
 68 Tourism issue.
 69 50th Anniversary of the International Labour Organisation.

MONTSERRAT

6 May 68 Surcharges on six values of the definitives as follows: 15¢ on 12¢; 25¢ on 24¢; 50¢ on 48¢; \$1 on \$1.20; \$2.50 on \$2.40; \$5 on \$4.80.
 Sep 68 International Human Rights Year. (Will include a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King.)
 68 Olympic Games.
 68 Christmas 1968.
 69 Development Projects.
 ? New Definitives.

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ST. KITTS

- 68 Fish.
- 68 International Human Rights Year.
- 69 New Definitives.

ST. LUCIA

- 4 Jul 68 A Memorial Issue for the late Dr. Martin Luther King consisting of two values, 25 cents and 35 cents. In common design the stamps bear a portrait of Dr. King with an inscription DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING 1929-1968 beneath it, and there is a rectangular frame around the portrait. No printing details are available.
- 68 Birds.
- ? Views of Old St. Lucia.
- 68 Christmas.
- 69 Easter.
- 69. New Definitives.



ST. VINCENT

- 6 Jun 68 World Meteorological Day. A set of three values, 4¢, 25¢ and 35¢ in a common design, identical to that of the Barbados 25¢ stamp of the same issue (see illustration on page 153), except that the tridents before and after the country name have been replaced by the Royal Cypher, and the flags are those of St. Vincent and the United Nations.
- 68 Statehood.
- 68 Dr. Martin Luther King.
- Nov 68 International Human Rights Year.
- 69 Carnival.
- 69 Free Trade Association.
- 69 New Definitives.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

The Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin for May-June 1968 reports that contrary to the information released by the T & T "Agent", the W.H.O. issue of 7th May 1968 was NOT printed by De La Rue on un-watermarked paper, but by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on Block CA sideways watermarked paper.

WHEN IS A PAQUEBOT?

From Bill Bogg comes a report that subsequent to reading in the April Journal, page 73, Gale Raymond's report of Paquebot markings at Spanish Wells and Harbour Island, Bill visited Spanish Wells. There he asked the P.O. and the captain of the mail boat about these marks and both denied any knowledge of them, and in any event, the marks were definitely not in use in April of this year. Bill calls our attention to a comment by the Editor of *The Seaposter* in the March-April 1968 issue of that publication "...He evidently went prepared, and took with him a supply of his own paquebot stamps....The real test is going to be a) did they leave the stamps at the post offices for future use, and, b) will the mark be applied to other covers landed at these points from merchant ships.My personal feeling is that the cards and covers resulting from this cruise should fall in the category of private souvenirs only, until such time as the mark appears on mail from a commercial ship.---Editor."

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

New Members:

ALDRED, WENDELL C.
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RODGERS II, RICHARD R.
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WILLEM, JOHN M.

BAILEY, JOHN M.
GIRALDI, THOMAS E.
MACDONALD, RUTH A.
ROWE, KENNETH
VOOYS, DANIEL W.

BOLTON, KENNETH
GORE, DR. DON O.
NEU, ARTHUR M.
SMITH, BRIAN C.
WELLS, JAMES W.

New Applicants:

BEARDWOOD, DR. HAROLD KENNEDY, 1 Woodside Way, Aldridge, Walsall, Staffs., England. Occupation: General Practitioner. Philatelic Preferences: GB Postmarks and Postal History, Guyana. Specialty: GB Slogan Postmarks. Sponsored by Al Branston.

HOROWICZ, MRS. KAY, 192 Elgar Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey, England. Occupation: Philatelic Writer preparing text for Volume VI (BWI) of the Encyclopaedia of Empire Postage Stamps. (Robson Lowe.) Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

KING, JOHN MERVYN, Croham Hurst House, High Beech, Croydon, Surrey, England. Occupation: Company Director. Philatelic Preferences: BWI. Specialty: Anguilla. Sponsored by Gale Raymond.

PIETZSCH, SIDNEY G., 517 Pittman Street, Richardson, Texas 75080. Occupation: Public Relations. Philatelic Preferences: General. Specialty: Stamps with printing on back. Sponsored by Gale Raymond.

ROHLOFF, PAUL C., 220 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. Specialty: Jamaica. Sponsored by Samuel Ray.

SATTLER, CARL S., 1321 Balmoral Avenue, Westchester, Illinois 60153. Occupation: Contracts Administrator. Philatelic Preferences: British Empire. Specialty: BWI. Sponsored by Tom Giraldi.

SCHOENICK, DON, Argyle, Wisconsin 53504. Occupation: Music Teacher - Band and Chorus Director. Philatelic Preferences: Mint stamps, Souvenir Sheets & FDC's. Specialties: British America, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Austria, U.N. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

SIBLEY, RUSSELL ADAMS, 1960 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14618. Occupation: Bank V. Pres. & Trust Officer. Philatelic Preferences: USA to 1861, Confederate Postmasters, Bahamas & BWI. Specialties: Bahamas & BWI. Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

WHEELER, LESLIE STEPHEN, The Old Coach House, Red Lane, Claygate, Surrey, England. Occupation: Chartered Accountant. Philatelic Preferences: GB and Colonies. Specialty: Barbados. Sponsored by Gale Raymond. Mr. Wheeler is a Fellow and Hon. Treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

WOOD, KENNETH ARTHUR, c/o Van Dahl Publications Inc., P.O. Box 10, Albany, Oregon 97321. Occupation: Editor of Western Stamp Collector. Philatelic Preference: General Interest in BWI. Specialty: Trinidad and Guyana. Sponsored by Stan Durnin.

ZEMAITIS, LEONARD B., 1441 W. Philadelphia Street, York, Pennsylvania 17404. Occupation: Engineering Administrator. Philatelic Preferences: Brit. America. Specialty: Bermuda. Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

Corrected Address:

BOLLING, ROBERT, 2395 N.E. 185th Street, North Miami Beach, Florida 33160.
(House number incorrectly given as 2935 in current roster.)

Change of Address:

AYRE, JOHN F., 71 Circular Road, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.
CURTISS, JOSEPH T., Box 1017, Christianstad, U.S. Virgin Islands 00820.
MASON, DONALD G., 9 Griffith Park Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62521.
PLASS, GILBERT N., Box CG, College Station, Texas 77840.

PERSONAL MENTION--

LLOYD AND MRS. BRANDON are spending July and August abroad, according to a recent letter.

Our Public Relations Officer, CHUCK CWIAKALA, has been hard at work on his new duties. We have noted the publication of some of his news releases in *Western Stamp Collector* and *Linn's* in the past several weeks.

JACK FIELD writes only short notes, but the stamps, postmarks and covers that he encloses most eloquently convey his good wishes!

Help is needed by ERIC HEYER in working up a history of Postal Booklets and Coil Stamps of the BWI, and he will appreciate any assistance. He is looking for a copy of the *Rogers Postal Booklet Catalogue* that he can "beg, borrow, steal or buy." Does anyone have one or know where one might be available?

DR. HENRY HICKS was present when the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada presented a gold medal to his friend, the distinguished Canadian philatelist, Fred Jarrett, on his 80th birthday, last March 26th.

A long letter from BILL McFARLAN promises a Bahamas article if he can locate some misplaced photographs. Bill bemoans the passing of the Railway Post Offices in the U.S.A. and points out some of the longer delivery times brought about by the shift to trucks for short runs.

SID PIETZSCH, a new applicant, is President of the Dallas (Texas) Stamp Collectors Club, we learn from an article in *Stamps*. His club is host for the 1968 Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association.

While visiting in Trinidad, DR. BEN RAMKISSOON called on Harold Box. He also found time to send us a few covers from Trinidad and several other islands.

SAMUEL RAY was elected President of the Philaterians of Chicago earlier this year.

New applicant, PAUL ROHLOFF, was in charge of the 378-frame exhibit at the recent COMPEX 1968, in Chicago.

DICK SINGLEY provided an article "The U.S. Mail Takes Off" in the Spring 1968 issue of the *Minkus Stamp Journal*. It covers the behind the scenes activity of the first airmail flight from Washington, 50 years ago. Dick is a member of the Executive Board of the American Air Mail Society.

William Beaumont Army Hospital at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, is the duty station of DAN WARREN upon his return to active duty as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Dan left Richmond, Virginia on July 15th for his new Post.

And As We Go To Press:

Once again we thank the Crown Agents for providing us with information and illustrations concerning New Issues which they distribute. Mr. Phillips, the Crown Agents Representative in Washington, has been most cooperative in seeing that we receive copies of CA Stamp News sheets without delay.

Reg Lant calls to our attention that two of our BCPSG members, KEN ROWE and RON WARD, are recipients of Certificates of Honor of the Postal History Society given in recognition of their outstanding Postal History Research.

Further to the discussion of the value of the German propaganda labels on pages 134 and 135 of this issue, we note an advertisement by Philagem Stamps Ltd. of London in a recent issue of the *Philatelic Magazine*, as follows:

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A query from a non-member in Kingston, Ontario, asks if we have any info regarding a Cinderella issue consisting of current Antigua stamps bearing a large overprint OFFICIAL. Has any member ever seen or heard of these?

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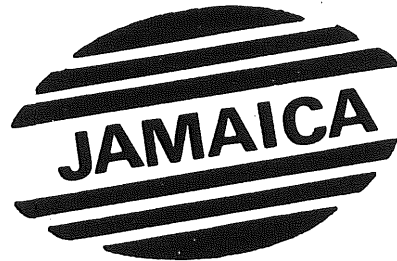
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Since this is our first issue to carry commercial advertisements, we believe it in order to express our appreciation of the members in the Miami area whose efforts have resulted in a good start for our advertising campaign. Initial work was begun by Eddie Adelson, who, because his work requires much travel, recruited Sam Stewart as Advertising Manager. John Gavelek set up the Rate Sheet/Copy Layout form which provided a means of soliciting advertisements. Bob and Mrs. Bolling spent much time in setting up the larger ads, thus saving your Editor much time and effort when it came to making the final pasteup of these last few pages. We salute our Miami team and pledge to hold up our end of the job.

With this issue, each member is being furnished a copy of the advertising Rate Sheet/Copy Layout form. If you have a favorite dealer whom you think might benefit by presenting his wares to our members, pass the form along to him, and suggest he try an ad.

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It has not been too well publicized, but both the Guyana and Jamaica M.C.C. Cricket Sheets were issued with two types of gum--gum arabic and P.V.A. gum. In the case of the Guyana sheets the two types are said to differ also in the shade of the green printing. However, those of Jamaica have the watermark reading down for the P.V.A. and up for the gum arabic.

We have just learned from Harold Lopes that the August issue of *Covers* will be the last. This final issue will contain a reprinting of our Guyana visit from the June BCPJ. Increased production costs and inadequate revenue to cover them are blamed for the demise of this publication. Harold will continue in his other position as Assistant Editor of *Western Stamp Collector*. He and Ken Wood who took over as Editor of *Western* on July 1st promise to do their best to make WSC an even better paper than it now is. We wish them good fortune. Ken has applied for membership in our Group thanks to the able persuasion of Stan Durnin. Now if we can just sign up the other half of the Western team---- How about hopping on the bandwagon, Harold.

The demand for back numbers of the BCPJ has been so great that even the issues of the current year are nearly depleted. With this August issue we are increasing our press run so as to have enough extra copies to furnish present and potential advertisers and prospective new members.

BOB DEVAUX returned briefly to Canada to sell his home there. He has decided to remain permanently in St. Lucia. Bob has promised to try and keep us up on postal happenings down there as soon as he gets settled.

Those who collect St. Vincent would do well to be sure they have current 4¢ definitive with Block CA watermark sideways that was released on 20th February of this year. St. Vincent will be issuing a new definitive set in 1969, so this stamp will not have an exceptionally long life.

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1875/8. 4D. RED. P.14x12-1/2. SUPERB MINT EXAMPLE OF THIS GREAT RARITY. ONLY A FEW KNOWN. B.P.A. CERT. S.G. 84. SCOTT 53B
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CAYMAN ISLANDS
1907. 1/2D./1D. CARMINE ROSE. FINE MINT BLOCK OF FOUR. S.G. 17. SCOTT 17. \$ 72.00

1908. 2-1/2D./4D. BROWN AND BLUE. SUPERB MINT EXAMPLE OF THIS RARITY FROM A PRINTING OF 480. B.P.A. CERT. S.G. 24. SCOTT 20. \$420.00

GRENADA
1862. P.14-16. 1D. GREEN. FINE MINT CORNER BLOCK OF FOUR WITH FULL SELVEDGE. ATTRACTIVE AND SCARCE. S.G. 2. SCOTT 1. \$ 84.00

1875. 1s. DEEP MAUVE. FINE USED EXAMPLE WITH VARIETY "SHILLING". A SCARCE STAMP. ROYAL CERT. S.G. 13A. SCOTT 11A. \$156.00

JAMAICA 1860/3. 6D. DULL LILAC. SUPERB MINT BLOCK OF FOUR WITH FULL ORIGINAL GUM. A RARITY IN THIS CONDITION. EX. CASPARY, S.G. 5. SCOTT 5
.. .. . \$192.00

MONTSERRAT
1880. 2-1/2D. RED BROWN. SCARCE IMPERF. IMPRIMATUR WITH FULL LARGE MARGINS. S.G. 4. SCOTT 3. \$ 72.00

1884-5. CROWN CA. 4D. BLUE. FINE UNUSED EXAMPLE WITH ORIGINAL GUM. A RARE STAMP. WITH R.P.S. CERT. S.G. 11. SCOTT 9. \$216.00

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FLATER, HOWARD R., 190 Dumbarton Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212. Occupation: Schoolteacher. Philatelic Preferences: K.G. VI & Q.E. II used material. Has no specialties as yet. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

STAPLES, DEAN F., 6448 W. 12th Lane, Hialeah, Florida 33012. Occupation: Electronic Technician. Philatelic Preferences: Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Isl., Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Lucia, Trin. & Tobago, Turks & Caicos - all mint or used. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

TURNBULL, W. LESTER, 189 Governor's Rd., Dundas, Ontario, Canada. Philatelic Preferences: BWI used. Specialty: Postmarks. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

Starting in June the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau initiated a new policy of giving advance announcement when new printings of existing definitives are ordered. On the first such list we note BARBADOS 2, 5 and 15¢; CAYMAN ISLANDS 1d.; ST. KITTS 1, 2, 3, 10 and 15¢, MONTserrat 1¢ and ST. VINCENT 1¢. While there is no way of telling in advance if new shades or watermark varieties will result, it is a good idea to see that one has copies of the current printings.

The 15¢ ST. LUCIA definitive with Block CA watermark sideways which was reported from the island last year, has finally been released to dealers by the Crown Agents as of 14 May 1968. At the same time new printings of the 2, 4 & 5 cent definitives were released. These are said to differ from the previous printing in that the impressions are duller and not as clear. On the same date a reprinting of several of the BARBADOS postage dues produced a 6¢ in a deeper carmine than its predecessor. There were also a number of ANTIGUA reprints released on 14 May, but we will leave it to Bill Cornell to report on them in his next Antigua Addenda column.

For what it's worth, this is the sixth issue we have edited, and brings us to the end of our first year. Happy Birthday to us, from us!

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