

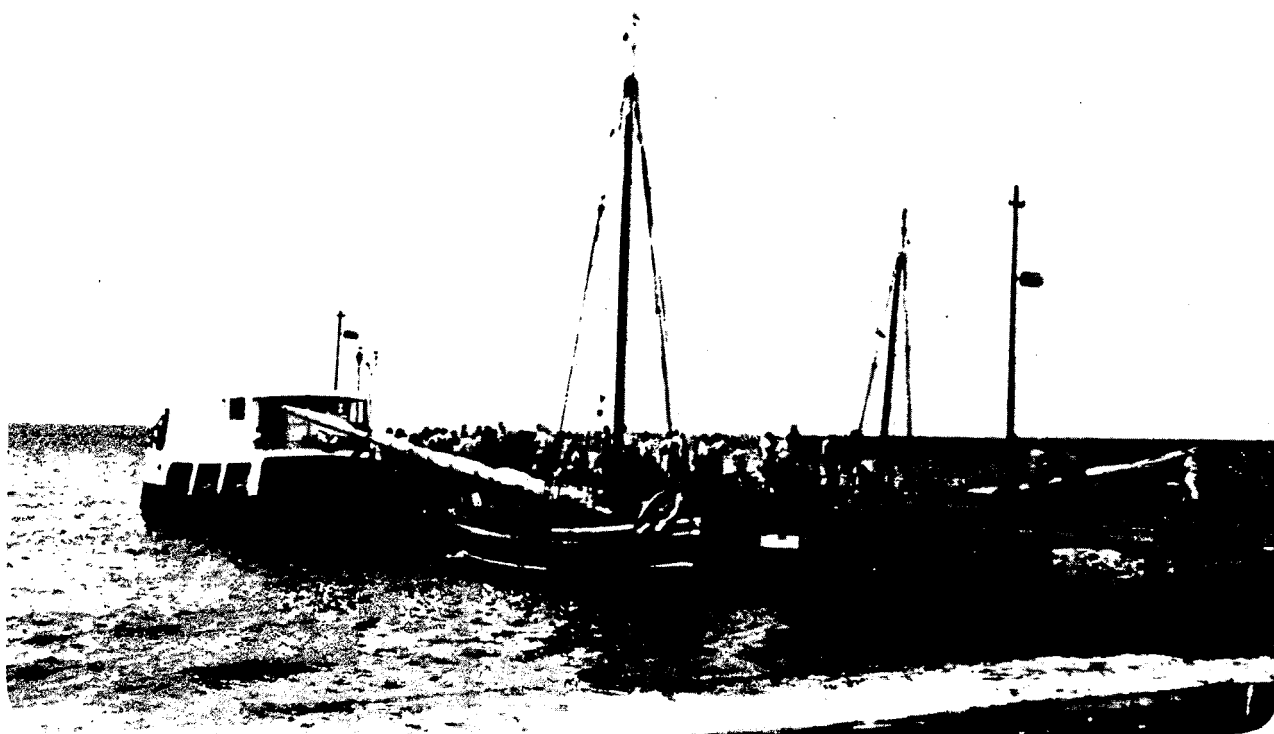
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THE ILL-FATED M.V. CHRISTENA IS SEEN LOADING PASSENGERS AT THE TREASURY DOCK OF BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS. SEE STORY ON PAGE 165. --Photo by Eric H. Heyer.

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By the time this message reaches most of you, we will have come to the end of another highly successful and informative year. Our membership continues to grow, and we are nearing the 400 mark, thanks to all of you who have sponsored new members, and especially to our Public Relations man, Chuck Cwiakala, and to our Membership Chairman, Al Johnson.

While we have long been aware that our Journal is one of the best specialist publications, our judgment has been confirmed by the awards and compliments given it by non-members in the past year. I am delighted with this recognition, and thank all who have helped us to achieve it.

Our 'get-together' with the BWISC in London was quite a success. Meeting those of you who managed to make it was the highlight of my trip, and I wish there had been more time to spend with each of you. The hours sped by as we met with good friends who share our BWI interests, and before we knew it London and PHILYMPIA were but pleasant memories.

Those who have written me, as well as those to whom I talked in London, are unanimously in favor of keeping the size, quality and frequency of publication of the Journal as at present. All stated that they would be willing to pay what it takes to maintain things as at present. With this in mind, your Trustees have voted a small increase in the annual dues, to \$5.00 U.S.

Our Secretary, Bryan Walker, has asked to be relieved of that position, and I have volunteered to take over his duties. Our Trustees have accepted my offer, and have elected Jack Arnell and Bill Cornell as our 1971 President and V.P. Other incumbents stay in office.

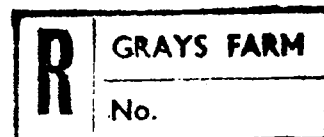
As I relinquish the office of President, my thanks go to all who have given me their support. I trust that Jack will have the same splendid assistance.

*Stan*

# To Antigua in Quest of Ink

by Stan Durnin

After a fifteen minute flight from Montserrat, we landed at Coolidge Airport located on the north coast of Antigua. We were now on our 'big' island, for Antigua boasts of 14 post offices! While Eric inquired about a plane to Barbuda - we had intended to visit that island as well - I loaded our baggage into a waiting taxi, and we were ready for the short trip to our hotel. The commercialism and extent of the tourist trade on Antigua were immediately evidenced in the cold businesslike 'greeting' that we got at the hotel. The fact that coat and tie were required at dinner immediately soured me, especially in light of the casual easiness we had found on the islands we had previously visited. The infrequent flights to Barbuda forced us to cancel that portion of our schedule. (See Gale Raymond's visit to Barbuda, *BCPJ No. 49 June '69*)



ELAINE VISITS GRAYS FARM POST OFFICE

The following day was Sunday, hence a day of rest for the seekers of postmarks. One never dines alone out-of-doors in the tropics, and we were soon joined at table by a multitude of colorful birds which perched on the lips of the marmalade jars, helping themselves to the sweet contents, as we breakfasted on the hotel patio.

The Monday morning found Elaine and me up early and raring to go. We picked up our rental car and headed for St. Johns to get my driver's license. The police station didn't open until 9 A.M., so this gave us an opportunity to visit essential business establishments such as bank, pharmacy, wine shop and the General Post Office. Since we had approximately 25 covers to be mailed at each post office, Elaine and I worked a long time licking and affixing stamps to covers, and not one rum punch in sight to provide moistening power!

Obtaining my driver's license at a cost of 60¢ E.C., we headed for our first Antigua post office, GRAYS FARM. As it turned out, it was the hardest one on all the island to find. Several conflicting directions found us driving in circles, but eventually we ended up at Richardson's Store and found the Post Office behind the wooden screen as seen in the above photo. (This Post Office has since been moved to another location). Mr. George K. Richardson, owner of the combination grocery/department store, became Postmaster on 6 November 1967 when the post office opened in his store. The previous location had been in the school next to the police station. Strangely, the police didn't know where the P.O. was located when we asked them for directions!

There are only two handstamps, as illustrated, in use at Grays Farm, and their first use was on 6 November 1967 when the Post Office was moved. Office hours are 0800 to 1200 and 1400 to 1600 daily, except Sunday. The GPO Van from St. Johns delivers and picks up mail at Grays Farm every morning, six days a week. Grays Farm is virtually part of St. Johns, so could be considered a suburb.

The weather being rather hot in the 'city', Elaine and I decided to drive across the island to Parham and enjoy the cool breezes. Enroute we passed St. Johnston where a post office was located for a short period in the 30's. As we drove past the sugar factory, we were reminded that our fellow BCPSGer, James McFarlane, once worked here and lived in the nearby village of Gunthorpes which also boasted a P.O. in the 30's.



POSTMISTRESS SIMON AND PARHAM P.O.



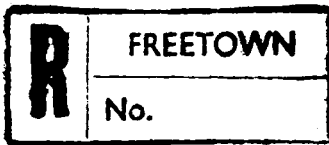
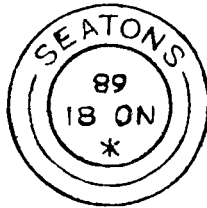
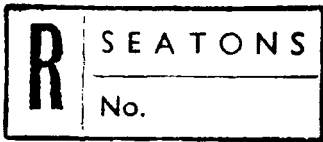
SEATONS P.O. AND POSTMISTRESS PRINCE

PARHAM, approximately five miles from St. Johns, has its Post Office within the same building as its telephone exchange. Postmistress there is presently Mrs. Isa Simon, and she has held that office since 1955, when she took over from Mrs. Bessie Martin. Mrs. Simon told us that in 1950 a hurricane destroyed the then Post Office building, and subsequently this one was built on the site of the first Post Office of 1912(?). Mails are delivered and picked up six days a week. Village Postmasters of Antigua receive a fixed salary plus a small percentage on stamp sales, something to remember if you visit there. It was here that I first came across the lead mailbag sealing slugs and the "squeezer" that is used in conjunction with them. These squeezers are somewhat like a nutcracker or notary's seal device. Parham's squeezer impressed the name of the town and the number 12 on the lead slug.

Proceeding eastward on the very well-paved road, we passed the village of Pares, the site of an extinct P.O. Our next destination was the tiny village of SEATONS which overlooks beautiful Mercers Creek Bay. The P.O. facilities there are in the private home of Mrs. Yvonne Prince, Postmistress since December 1965. Her predecessor was Mr. Allis Thomas, while before him Mrs. Beatrice Brown served the local populace as Postmistress. Here also mails are serviced six days a week. There is no number on the mailbag seal squeezer.

Mrs. Prince was in the process of dispatching her mails when we called, and she gave me permission to cancel the covers we desired to post from her office. Mrs. Prince appeared to take great pride in dispatching her mails properly and officially.

There being no more post offices on the east road to Long Bay, we doubled back about two miles and utilized the fine road toward Freetown in the southeastern part of the island. On the way we noticed a sign directing strangers to Newfield and Montpelier and immediately remembered that both villages had had post offices in the 30's. The help of a very friendly fellow guided us to the FREETOWN Post Office. As we neared it we were rather surprised to hear organ music. We soon learned that the source of the beautiful music was none other than the Postmaster, Mr. Robert Saunders, who is quite an accomplished organist. He had been Postmaster here since 1950. As at the other post offices we had visited, the only postmarks were the CDS and Registration stamps. Mr. Saunders was unable to tell us why the index A is used on his CDS, but we noted that there was no asterisk in the little oblong wooden box that contained a set of day, month and year slugs. His mailbag seal squeezer bears the number 11.



FREETOWN'S POSTMASTER AND POST OFFICE

Reverend Leonard Carty had preceded Mr. Saunders as Postmaster. There being no call for high denomination stamps, none above the 35¢ value are carried in stock.

Heading back towards St. Johns and a scheduled meeting with a local BWI philatelist, we were held up for over half an hour by a goat herd blocking the roadway. Back at the hotel we were met by an excited Eric - he had located a fellow BCPSGer! Staying in the room next to mine was Al Higgins! We promptly burst in on him, and the next order of business was an impromptu regional meeting of the BCPSG.

The following morning Elaine, Lulu, Eric and I headed south towards the world famous English Harbour and its Nelson's Dockyard Post Office. Since All Saints village was right on the main road between St. Johns and our destination, we made a stop there, but the postmistress was out so we continued on our way to the next P.O. at LIBERTIA.

The postal facilities in that village are located in the general store of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Daley. Mr. Daley has been Postmaster in this same location since October 1949. Prior to that time the Post Office was in the village police station. As we arrived Mr. Daley was processing his outgoing mails, so I hurriedly canceled a batch of covers and deposited them in the bag just before it closed for the day. While we were chatting with Mr. Daley and his charming wife, the Post Office Van arrived. We were introduced to its driver, Mr. Charles Williams, who has served in that capacity since 1961, and his assistant Mr. Greenaway. From Mr. Williams I learned that there

are 12 post boxes on the island, 14 post offices including the GPO at St. Johns, and two post office mail vans to service them. As was the case on St. Kitts, the route of the van is in one direction one day and in the reverse direction on the next day. Both Mr. Daley and Mr. Greenaway are originally from Montserrat, and they were quite pleased to hear that we had spent such an enjoyable time on "their" island, and that we had visited all of the post offices there.



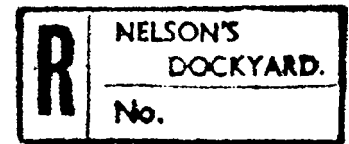
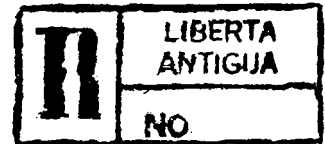
POSTMASTER DALEY AND LIBERTA'S P.O.



P.O. VAN CREW, WILLIAMS & GREENAWAY



P.M. LLOYD AND ERIC HEYER  
AT NELSON'S DOCKYARD P.O.



Reluctantly we said good-by to our enthusiastic new-found friends in Liberta. As we continued toward the south coast we passed through the village of Falmouth, another familiar name that figures prominently in Antigua's postal history. ENGLISH HARBOUR came next, and as I recalled that our rare and elusive A18 obliterator once resided here, a lump came into my throat. Having read thus far, you will have noticed that I make frequent reference to passing through or near to villages that once commanded postal facilities. How I would have loved to stop in every one of them to seek out the older residents and try to stir up their recollection of postal history tidbits, but our schedule was too tight to afford me that pleasure.

Coming to the English Harbour Dockyard, we were immediately met by Postmaster Duncan Lloyd, who is also official gate tender for the dockyard. The Gate House serves as home for the NELSON'S DOCKYARD Post Office, that being the official name. Mr. Lloyd has been the only Postmaster at this facility since it opened in 1961 at its present location. For the contributory fee of 50¢ E.C., one has the run of the entire dockyard area, and it can be explored at one's leisure. "The Friends of English Harbour" have restored a number of buildings in the area, and we visited the many relics that tell of the days of England's sea might and of her famous son Admiral Horatio Nelson who was quartered here for a time.

Several large luxurious yachts were tied up at the docks or anchored in the harbour. Lunch at the Admiral's Inn fortified us for the sights of Clarence House and Shirley Heights which overlook English Harbour and provide commanding views of the area.

In a future installment we will conclude this report of our Ink Quest on Antigua.

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## **THE BAHAMAS BUM VISITS LONDON**

PHILYMPIA -- What a blast! London -- What a swinging city! The BWI Study Circle -- What a fine group of gentlemen, and here I must say the bunch of Yorkshiresmen led by Tony Shepherd are the most enthusiastic collectors I have run into in quite a while. I would like to see a few of them exported over here instead of that bad cough medicine that Graham Hoey keeps bragging about. He may not know it, but the Scots stole it from the Irish, and I have fully documented that last statement by myself tasting over 300 samples from each country. I think they all merit a GOLD, and if they ever have an exhibition, here and now I offer my services as a judge!

American cigarettes sell for about 90¢ a pack and British for 65¢. Diesel fuel that is used by the busses and Austin cabs is 88¢ a gallon and gasoline a few cents more. These are Imperial gallons equal to about 5 U.S. quarts. I found the food in London most reasonable and quite good. But there is no place in London to get a shoeshine. They told me to leave them outside my hotel room door, but I was not about to take a chance on that as the hall porter looked as though he wore my size and would be glad to pick up a new pair of brogues.

Transportation by subway and bus is excellent and compared to our prices real cheap. A ride on them is like being in the BWI for most of the help are from there. It was quite a surprise for some of them to meet a bunch of passengers who had heard of the places they came from such as Linstead, Jamaica. Taxicab fares in London are quite reasonable, and the drivers are most courteous and honest. In Brussels all of those I rode with were thieves. Traffic in London is very heavy, but British drivers are the most considerate I have ever seen, which is probably the reason why I didn't see any accidents while I was there.

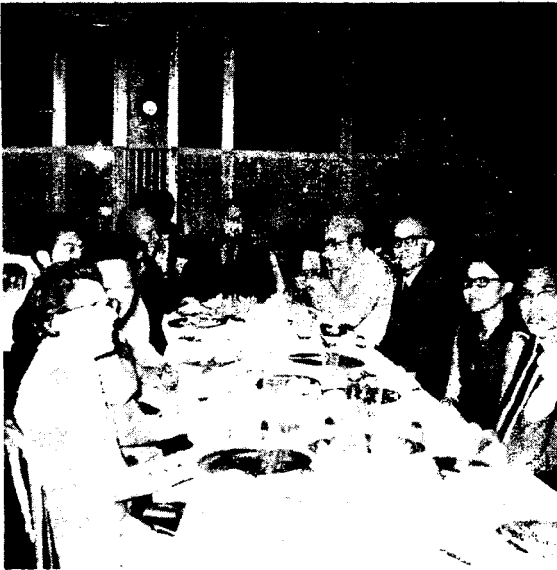
Two men on a transatlantic liner cutting thru the waves at 35 knots. The first man says "Man, what a captain this ship has." The second man replies, "To you he is a captain, and to me he is a captain, but to another captain is he a captain?" Well, our own Col. Fred Seifert is a CAPTAIN.

I accompanied Fred to the Robson Lowe booth. There, Richard Parsons of R.L.'s staff congratulated Fred on the fine Journal he gives us saying that at R.L. they think it is "THE FINEST AND BEST PUBLICATION" put out by any club. Next Harry Cumming who is General Manager of Woods of Perth, which produces all of those beautiful R.L. books,

magazines and catalogues, added his praise. This is the ultimate and I can only add that Fred is not to take this as an endorsement and ask for a raise in wages.

The scope of PHILYMPIA was so vast that I saw perhaps only ten percent of the frames including all of the BWI, some of the offbeat material, and the wonderful Mauritius. As always it's the people that interest me more than anything else and to personally have met so many wonderful people from both sides of the Atlantic made the long trip from Miami to London really worthwhile. I know that the names of those who attended the BWISC-BCPSG luncheon and the meeting after it will be given in a separate report in this issue, so I won't take up the space listing them. But I must mention having been so graciously entertained by Ray Scott at "Cymara" with a superb luncheon which he personally prepared, and it was wonderful to visit his home and meet his father.

Then too there were several sessions at the Cumberland in Gale and Fred's hotel room with Tony Shepherd and Derek Sutcliffe, and Tony's concern was that we might find it difficult to understand his Yorkshire accent. He should visit Brooklyn some time!



THE EMPTY PLATES TESTIFY THAT THESE MEMBERS OF THE "AMERICAN CONTINGENT" ENJOYED THE FOOD AT LOOM FOONG'S IN LONDON. (L.to R.) ELAINE DURNIN, PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SHIRLEY, RONNIE WONG, AVERY WONG, MORRIS LUDINGTON, GALE RAYMOND, EDDIE ADELSON--("THE BUM"), FRED SEIFERT, CAROL CHIN ALEONG, AND JOE CHIN ALEONG ARE SHOWN IN THE PHOTO AT LEFT, WHILE AT THE RIGHT PHOTOGRAPHER STAN DURNIN TURNS TO SHOW IRV YARRY AND MARK CASSIDY

And John Muntinga promised me to come to Miami, and I won't let him forget it. Rose Titford displayed the charm which has made her so many friends in philatelic circles and Philip Saunders, E.V. Toeg and the other BWISC members responsible for arranging the luncheon and meeting did a great job as all who were there will testify.

We had some fine meals in Soho. First, the real buy was SCHMIDTS which provided the most delicious food at Salvation Army prices, and there was BERLOTTI'S for Italian and last but not least LOOM FOONG'S for real Chinese food with a Chinese menu that I had to read for Ronnie and Joe who promised to read the Jewish menu for me when they come to Miami.

After the Exhibition, our members took off for various places on the Continent. As I smelled stamps coming through Belgium I returned to Brussels and there I struck oil. One old dealer about 80 showed me a BWI stock book that hadn't been opened for about ten years. It yielded some nice specimens and postmarks. Rue du Midi is the street



of stamp dealers, but the English dealers had been through before the Exhibition and cleaned out all the covers.

All in all, it again was an experience to be relived many times as it always happens when we get together. It's hard to believe that so much enjoyment can be had at one of our BCPSG sessions, so if you have never attended one, plan to be at the next one and then you will know what the Old Bum means!

I now have the conclusion of the unsanctioned Dominica overprint. W. Ralph Wharton, in a letter to me, says he prepared about a dozen such covers, and mailed them under cover to various people he knew in Dominica for posting to him. The stamps on some of the covers were soaked off after being returned, leaving not more than 8 covers.

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# NOTES ON BARBADOS MARITIME MARKS

by Colin H. Bayley

I found the note by Michael Sheppard covering Benwell and Britnor's (B & B) Type Q.1 maritime mark of much interest (*B.C.P.J. April 1970, page 45*). These authors show two main categories of Maritime Marks, viz. SHIP LETTER and PAQUEBOT marks, in their most useful handbook, *The Postal Markings of Barbados*, without, however, discussing the relative significance of these titles. The handbook is a compilation of official marks, so Mr. Sheppard understandably assumes that the Q.1 mark is an official one.



S.2

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Q.1



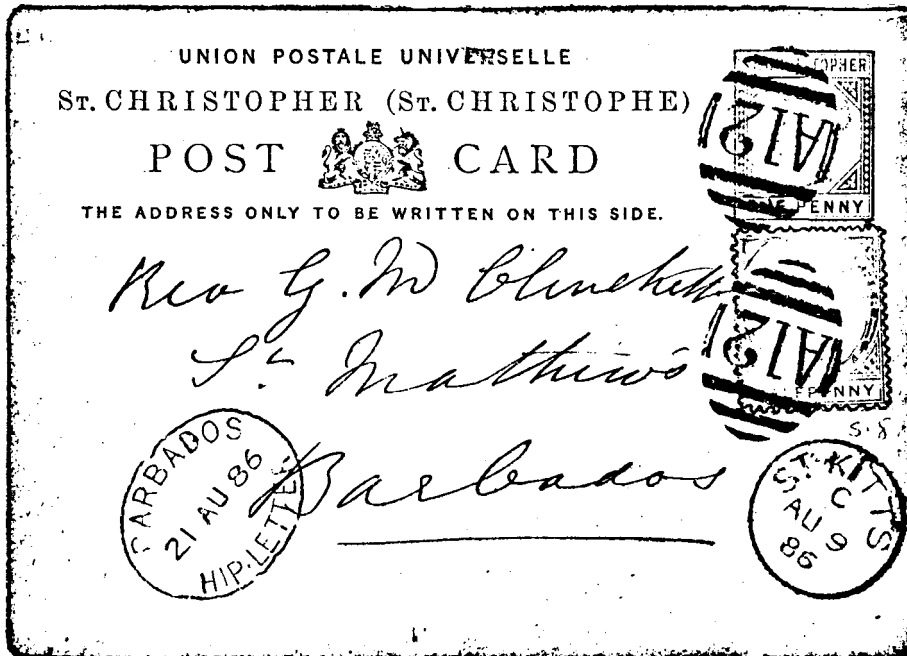
Q.2

There can be no doubt regarding the official status of the B & B Type S.1a, S.1b and S.2 Ship Letter marks, or of their Paquebot mark Q.2. (The latter is probably still in use). But I have not been so sure regarding the official status of Q.1, and this uncertainty is based on the following: (a) There is no reference to this mark shown in the Barbados official records; (b) The mark is most uncommon; (c) No significance should be attached to the fact that the wordings of Q.1 and Q.2 are identical, since this wording is used in other marks. See, for example, item E.27, page 31, and G.16 on page 32 of Philip Cockrill's *Ocean Mails*; and (d) The Type S.2 mark was in use at least several months beyond the L.D.K. of 3 AUG 1903 given by B & B, and it may have been the immediate fore-runner of the Type Q.2 mark. I have a specimen of S.2 dated 26 JAN 1904, and would be most interested in knowing whether any of our readers have later strikes.

I wrote Mr. Benwell asking his opinion regarding the official status of Q.1. In his reply he stated that he had long since discovered that this was not an official mark but, insofar as he could ascertain, was used on mail carried by the Royal Mail Steam Packet ships.

The S.2 is an interesting mark, being quite rare. It was sent out from the G.P.O., London, on 14 DEC 1878, and it seems to have been used intermittently on mail coming to the Island until the early 1900's. The precise circumstances under which it was used are obscure. It is most often found as a backstamp, although I have an example

on Trinidad SG 114 (loose stamp). Probably the best strike I have is on the face of a card from St. Christopher of 21 AUG 1886 (see illustration). I also have a strike of 13 JAN 1893 showing S.2 used as a transit mark.



I would be glad if any who read this note would be good enough to give me details of any S.2 strikes in their possession. In order to start the ball rolling, the ones I have are listed below:

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF MARK</u>	<u>HOW USED</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
1.	28 DEC 1885	Backstamp	Cover from B. Guiana (24 DEC) marked per BARRACOUTA, to Jas. Sanderson. (See note 1 below).
2.	21 AUG 1886	On Face	Post. Stat. card from St. Christopher (9 AUG). (See illus. and Note 2 below).
3.	15 FEB 1887	Backstamp	Cover from Philadelphia (22 JAN), marked per Brazil S/S Co. To J.O. Wright.
4.	2 MAR 1887	Backstamp	Damaged cover from Philadelphia (17 FEB) marked "-----Brazil MSS Co. via Newport News". To J.O. Wright.
5.	9 MAR 1887	Backstamp	Cover from Philadelphia (26 FEB), marked "per SS Barracouta". To J.O. Wright.
6.	14 APR 1892	Backstamp	Stationery card from Trinidad (11 AP) to Hamilton, Ontario (25 AP), via New York ("Paid All" 24 AP).
7.	17 DEC 1892	Backstamp	Card from British Guiana (13 DEC).
8.	13 JAN 1893	Backstamp	Card from New Zealand (9 NOV). New York transit mark (27 DEC).

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| 9.  | 25 APR 1899 | On Adhesive | On Trinidad SG 114 (loose stamp).  |
| 10. | 3 AUG 1903  | Backstamp   | Cover from Turks Is. (10 JUL) via New York (16 JUL), to C.E. Yearwood. The stamp on cover is SG 105. See note 3. |
| 11. | 3 AUG 1903  | Backstamp   | As above, but stamp used is SG 106.  |
| 12. | 26 JAN 1904 | Backstamp   | Cover from B. Guiana (18 JAN) sent to Ottawa, Canada (3 FEB).  |

Note 1 The SS Barracouta is mentioned in Items 1 and 5, her voyages being from B. Guiana and Philadelphia, respectively. This was apparently a vessel of the Brazilian line, plying between Brazil and the USA, and would not be a packet.

Note 2 The letter on the card refers to the latter as being sent by the "extra steamer", which was probably not one of the regular packets. The card is heavily written on at the back, which may account for the mark being on the front, so that it would show up.

Note 3 I suspect a Turks Island correspondent of Mr. Yearwood of Barbados sent him a series of covers with the comparatively new (1900) issue of Turks and Caicos Islands stamps. These covers probably went to Nassau, being transferred there to the New York steamer, or directly to New York by a steamer carrying salt to that port, whence they were again taken south to Barbados by a non-packet boat.

I have a hunch that the S.2 mark was not used on packet mail, i.e., on mail from the boats of lines having packet contracts, but much more data are required in order to prove this. We know that the mark was used as a receiving one and also as a transit mark.

Logically, a list of the maritime marks of Barbados would include the B & B Type P.1 Crowned Circle mark, since this was originally intended for use as a packet mark on British mail (See Robson Lowe's *Handstruck Postage Stamps of the Empire*).

EDITOR'S NOTE: We can report a strike of S.2 on the 1896 5c. of Honduras. The date of the strike is 23 OC 97, and the adhesive is off-cover.

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#### BRITISH GUIANA HANDBOOK COMES OFF THE PRESS----

Those whose lack of interest in British Guiana has been due to there being so little philatelic literature on B.G. had better find a new alibi. After a series of delays *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of British Guiana* by Townsend and Howe has now been released by the Royal Philatelic Society, London. The price of £15 requires no justification once one has had a chance to examine this comprehensive handbook. The edition is limited to 500 copies, and pre-publication subscriptions amounted to more than 70 copies. Many more were sold at the Royal stand at PHILLYMPIA.

The book is divided into two sections, Stamps and Postal History. The complexities of the early stamps are comprehensively dealt with, while modern issues are provided adequate, but less thorough, coverage. However, it is in the Postal History section that the authors have made their greatest contribution. Every known postmark of the

Colony has been described, and a generous number of illustrations have been provided to make identification a simple matter. The text tells of development of the postal system, giving locations of offices with opening and closing dates, mail routes, and rarity factors with known dates of use for the postmarks.

If you can possibly scrape up the cash to purchase a copy of this masterpiece, do it soon while the book is still in print. Copies are obtainable from the Royal or from Robson Lowe (see advertisement on back cover of this issue). We also have a copy in our BCPSG Library, but be warned--if you look at it you won't be happy until you are the proud possessor of a copy of your own! *F.F.S.*

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## **DATA SOUGHT ON BARBADOS P.O.W. CAMP**

by J.M.G. Adams

Charles Cwiakala's article in the April 1970 Journal on a 1917 Barbados P.O.W. cover comes at an interesting time. Over the past few months the Director of the Barbados Museum and the present Superintendent of Glendairy Prison have been making an investigation of the history of the German prisoners of war at Glendairy in World War I.

Glendairy is a collection of handsome red brick buildings, which were constructed in the second half of the Nineteenth Century. It was then anticipated that the prison service of the then Windward Islands would be centralized at Barbados. That scheme never came off, thus to this day (assisted by the extremely law-abiding character of the Barbadians) the prison has spare capacity. This was utilized, when in 1915-1916 a certain number of German prisoners, mainly merchant marine personnel (according to the recollection of one former officer responsible for outside security) were placed in a Detention Camp located within the walls of Glendairy.

The prison is situated in "Station Hill", with a shallow valley dividing it from the railway embankment and thickly populated residential districts. The Germans appear to have been confident enough that they should be able to escape from so isolated an island as Barbados, that they attempted a tunnel and an explosion with the intent of getting themselves past their immediate problem of confinement.

It is this aspect that the present Superintendent, Mr. Billy Donovan is researching. However, neither his records nor his research have been of any help in unfolding any history of the prisoners' postal service. In fact, the photostat of the cover gives him a clue, as he now intends to search for the name of Heinrich Walmer, who was the sender of the letter, in the records of March 1917, and also for any evidence of the existence of local censorship.

Perhaps in due course more material will turn up. Meanwhile, readers of the Journal are invited to assist the Barbados authorities with any information they may have on the Camp and its detainees.

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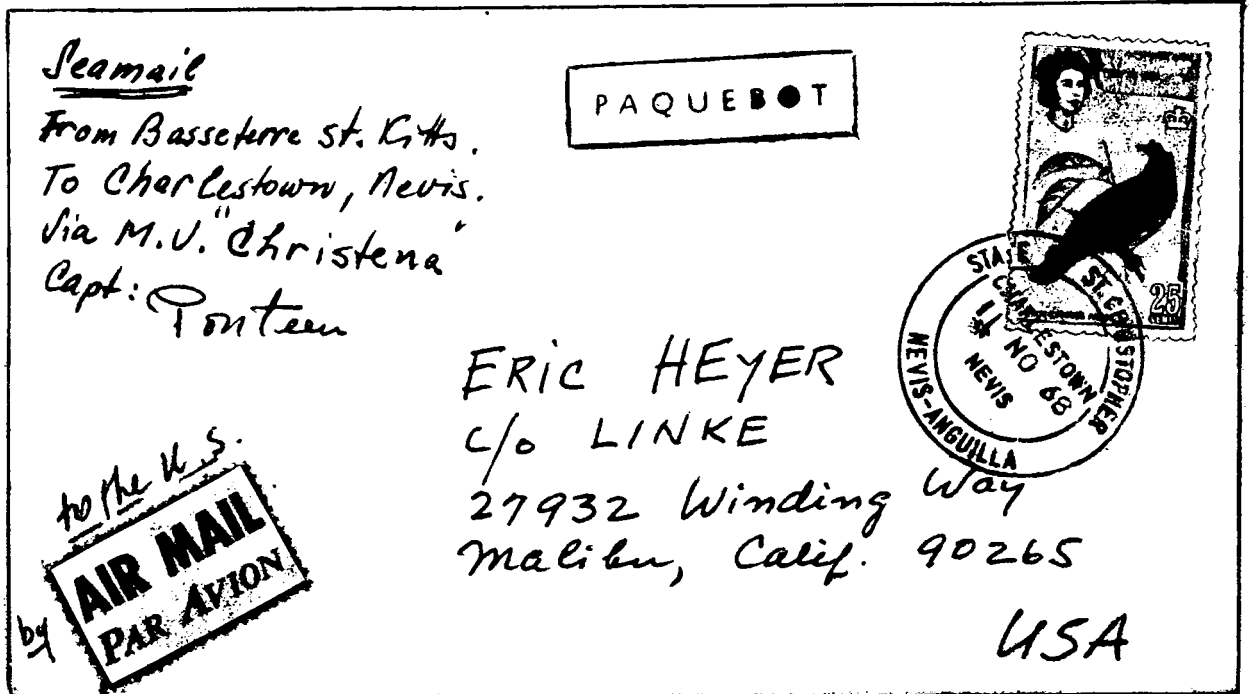
### **NEW DOMINICA POSTAL AGENCY OPENED----**

On 15 JUL 1970, a new Postal Agency was opened at TRANTO, Dominica, to serve several villages near Castle Bruce. Denis Nation is Agent, and the P.A. is in his home. We have a report from Tom Giraldi of a Tranto MSR CDS, without asterisk, of 29 SP 70.

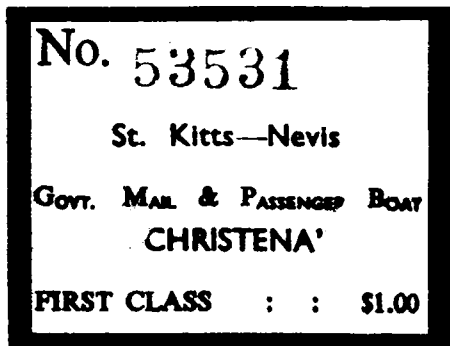
# ST. KITTS-NEVIS FERRY FOUNDERS

by Eric H. Heyer

It was quite a shock when I read my morning newspaper on August 3rd to learn that on the previous day the St. Kitts-Nevis inter-island ferry, *MV Christena*, had foundered with a great loss of life. Less than two years earlier with Stan and Elaine Durnin, Lulu and I had made the 11 mile, one hour run in both directions during our trip "To Nevis in Quest of Ink". (BCPJ, June 1969, page 99).



The sinking of the 70 foot motor launch was chiefly due to overloading, poor design, and insufficient ballast. Its authorized capacity was 180 passengers, but more than 200 were aboard on this final voyage, with but 88 surviving. The Christena had been built as a river boat in New Orleans, Louisiana. To convert it for use as an inter-island boat, a heavy steel superstructure had been added, which raised the center of gravity and made the vessel unstable. This instability was enhanced by the removal of part of the ballast so that she would ride higher in the water and keep the waves from washing over the decks. Survivors agree that the seas were calm when she overturned, but with her unstable configuration and overload, any sudden shifting of the passengers could have produced enough unbalance to cause the sinking.



Shown at left is a ticket for a First Class passage on the Christena, a souvenir of my trip aboard her. That she was Government Mail Boat as well as ferry, is seen from the inscription on the ticket. On the Nevis run, I mailed a cover, giving it to Capt. James Ponteen and having him sign it. On reaching the Nevis GPO, it was given normal Paquebot treatment, being marked with the seldom used Nevis PAQUEBOT stamp. Capt. Ponteen went down with his ship and now rests some 20 fathoms deep, about halfway between St. Kitts and Nevis.

The photo on the front cover of this issue shows the Christena loading for the Nevis trip. I have not yet learned what is being done in the way of a replacement for the Christena, but trust that a more seaworthy vessel will be employed.

# OVER 50 MEMBERS MAKE PHILYMPIA

by Fred F. Seifert

It has often been said that when two BCPSG members get together it's a meeting, that when three assemble it's a convention. We can now add that when more than fifty of us meet, it's the philatelic event of the Century!

PHILYMPIA gave us the excuse to converge on London, and while the Exhibition and its associated events would have been well worth the trip, we consider that meeting with our fellow members and getting to tie faces to names was the real payoff.

Surprisingly, some members who could have made it to Olympia by Underground or other local transport failed to show up, or if they did we somehow failed to meet. On the other hand, many travelled four or five thousand miles to be there. Some of our UK members couldn't leave their employment for more than a day or two, still managed to spend a little time with us. The main events, of course, were our meeting with many of the British West Indies Study Circle members and the sherry and luncheon, so well planned and executed that preceded the meeting. Our vote of thanks goes to all that were responsible for making those affairs such a large success.



IN THE LEFT PHOTO, ELAINE DURNIN, FRED SEIFERT, PHIL HALWARD, AND GALE RAYMOND RELAX IN THE MEMBERS LOUNGE AT PHILYMPIA. AT THE RIGHT, BERT LATHAM AND JAY FREDRICK TALK OVER MUTUAL INTERESTS AT THE BWIS-BCPSG MEETING, WITH GRAHAM BARTLETT, SEATED, TONY SHEPHERD AND JOE CHIN ALEONG, BOTH STANDING, SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND.

The best place for casual encounters was the area of BWI exhibits at PHILYMPIA. Our members naturally gravitated to those frames, and by introducing ourselves to all of those who stopped to look at the choice material exhibited there, we met quite a few who turned out to be fellow BCPSGers, and also talked to a few potential members. A few meetings took place in the hotel room which Gale and I shared at the Cumberland, but our neighbor--obviously not a philatelist--took a dim view of our speaking above a whisper after 10 P.M. and pounded on the walls to express his displeasure. During the day, the Members Lounge at PHILYMPIA proved the best place to get together. The fact that it was 'fully licenced' made it seem even more attractive.

At the dealers' stands there were some bargains in BWI material, and a few purchases of 'sleepers' by our members were reported to us, but in general prices seemed quite high for good material. Despite this, at most stands one had to wait in line to get to look at the material being offered.

During Philympia week a display was given at the Royal Philatelic Society with pages from Her Majesty's collection shown by John Marriott. Emphasis was on BWI, the most interesting item to us being a piece from St. Christopher having an unusual postmark which none of us had previously seen. Stan Durnin took the vital statistics, and he plans to look further into its use and origin. The mark could be a private one, but it does warrant further investigation.

Some of us had the good fortune to be invited to a "PHILYMPIA DINNER for our friends from Overseas" by Robson Lowe and his Directors. It was held at the Café Royal, and it was indeed a royal affair from the cocktails which preceded it through the cognac and Havana cigars that followed a magnificent feast. It was a wonderful evening and a highlight of our visit to London.

We have tried to record the names of all our members who were at PHILYMPIA. We hope the following list is complete, but please advise us if there are any omissions.

UNITED KINGDOM

R.H. AUSTIN	J.M. BAILEY	G.C. BARTLETT	A.J. BRANSTON
F.W. COLLINS	W.H.H. CROW	M.A. FAIRHEAD	T. FOSTER
P. HALWARD	S.G. HOEY	K. HOROWICZ	G.E. JONES
A.H. LATHAM	L.W. MASON	F.S.J. NORRIS	C.A. PARKER
D. POTTER	R. RADFORD	P.T. SAUNDERS	R.J. SCOTT
A. SHEPHERD	M. SHEPPARD	G. SAVILLE SMITH	A.P.D. SUTCLIFFE
R. SWAN	B. WALKER	W.K. WATSON	M.D. WATTS

UNITED STATES

E.M. ADELSON	J.M. BUCKNER	B.R. CAMERON	M.M. CASSIDY
S.C. DURNIN	W.R. DUNN	E.G. FLADUNG	J.L. FREDRICK
A.S. GRISWOLD	A.H. HIGGINS	J.B. KEDRIERSKI	M.H. LUDINGTON
R.C. MOUNSEY	R.A. RAMKISSOON	G.J. RAYMOND	B.H. SCHAFFNER
F.F. SEIFERT	A.H. SPEAR	M.W. SWETLAND	D.W. VOOYS
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BERMUDA

G.A. OSBORN

H.J. TUCKER

TRINIDAD

J. CHIN ALEONG

W.H. MATTHEWS

JAMAICA

R. WONG

NETHERLANDS

J.H. MUNTINGA

When in a foreign land, it is always a privilege to be invited into a friend's home. Twice during our stay we were granted that pleasure, and only lack of time prevented us from accepting other such invitations. Our sincere thanks to both Ray Austin and Ray Scott for their hospitality.

During our entire ten-day stay in London, we had exceptionally fine weather. Coming prepared for damp cold days, we were pleasantly surprised to find it sunny with very comfortable temperatures. A fine bit of planning by the PHILYMPIA Committee!

Back at home, we have to work hard to make up for the time we were away so that this Journal will be on its way before Christmas. However, we are glad we went to London for PHILYMPIA, and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

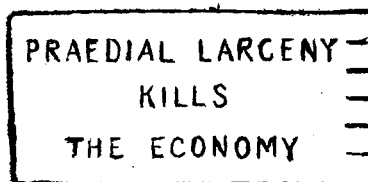
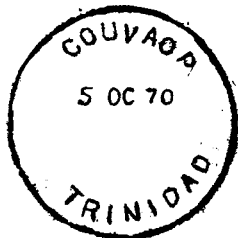
# REPORT FROM TRINIDAD

by J. Chin Aleong

The Trinidad Philatelic Society is planning a stamp exhibition for sometime in 1972. This would provide an excellent opportunity to hold a BCPSG meeting in Trinidad. It would be appreciated if members would let me have their thoughts on this. If such a meeting were held, what time of year would be most convenient for you?

Editor Fred has rechecked his cover of 31 JLY 1970 with the ARREST PRAEDIAL LARCENY/ AND PROMOTE/AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT slogan and finds that the CDS is NOT the Type E but a new type that has thus far not been given a type designation. This CDS has no hyphens in PORT OF SPAIN, but in other respects it is similar to the Type E. It can easily be distinguished from the earlier Types B and C by the letter size and style, and by the greater spacing at the sides. From P of PORT to T of TRINIDAD is 10mm as compared to 5 1/2mm and 7 3/4mm for the B and C. We will call this Type F, to continue with Dan Warren's system of designating these CDS marks.

Fred also notes that several slogans were reported using Type C CDS to the left this year and should be corrected to read Type F. (See pages 103-104, JUN 1970 BCPJ). A recapitulation of the slogans issued since Dan Warren's study which was published in the October 1968 BCPJ, would seem to be in order.



A second slogan dealing with PRAEDIAL LARCENY is shown above. It is known used with CDS E to the right on 14 AUG 1970 and 2 SEP 1970.

The COUVA skeleton has been reset. The mark read COUVA PO on a 9 JY 70 strike, then by 5 OC 70 it reads COUVAOP. It would appear that in the interim the "O" popped out during a date change and was incorrectly replaced. Both settings are shown above.

The new Postal Agency at L'ANSE FOURMI, Tobago (See AUG 1970 BCPJ, p.117) is using a skeleton CDS. An opening day strike is shown above.

The following post offices are all using the Birmingham B 3 mark with P.O. after the office name: BAGATELLE, CAPARO, FONROSE VILLAGE, GEORGE VILLAGE, ICACOS, LAVENTILLE EXTENSION, MACAULAY, MILTON ROAD, PELICAN, PENAL ROCK ROAD, SCARBOROUGH, SIMEON ROAD and SIXTH COMPANY. Similar marks, but sans P.O., for CARONI, TABAQUITE and TIMITAL. ROXBOROUGH is using a skeleton with date in two lines and VEGA DE OROPOUCHE with the date in one line.

Can any member report postmarks for CANAAN, CHAGUARAMAS, FRIENDSHIP, TETERON? If so please send me details.

Slogans in recent use include the Type 35 DENTAL/HEALTH WEEK with CDS D to left seen 22 SEP 1970 through 23 OCT 1970; GROW UP SMILING, etc. with San Fernando CDS to the left seen 5 OCT 1970; ACCIDENTS INCREASE/AS RIGHT/ATTITUDES CEASE with CDS D to the left seen 16 NOV 1970. Thanks to Ben Ramkissoon for some of these.

Send your letters to me at P.O. Box 128, San Fernando, Trinidad, West Indies.



# JAMAICA POSTAL STATIONERY

by Thomas Foster

The purpose of these check lists is to work up material for a proposed new handbook, covering Jamaican stamps and postal stationery. The list numbers in the final work will almost certainly differ slightly from those given here as further facts come to light. Type numbers in the first column are my reference. Numbers in second column are Higgins & Gage Catalogue numbers. Prices quoted are those seen by me at various sources in England.

c = Still current as of October 1970 when this list was drafted; dd = Nominal value of a few pence.

## REGISTERED ENVELOPES

Registration of both inland and overseas mail in Jamaica has been possible since the 18th Century, but it was not until 1881 that the first special security envelopes of the types to be described were issued for this service.

Most of the different issues comprised envelopes issued in the following sizes:-

Size F = 133 x 83 mm,                      Size G = 156 x 96 mm,                      Size H = 202 x 107 mm.

### 1 JANUARY 1881      FIRST DEFINITIVE UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE.

White Wove linen-lined paper envelopes with the flap opening at back on the left.

Envelopes bear the imprint McCORQUODALE AND CO. LIMITED - PATENT REGISTERED ENVELOPE under the flap. All the wording, crossed blue lines and rectangular lined space for insertion of the adhesive stamps are typographed in Pale Blue ink by the same firm.

As this envelope was also issued to other colonies at the same time, there is no way of establishing mint examples as having been issued in Jamaica, however, these have a place in a reference collection. Used examples must bear stamp or stamps to cover the current 4d Registration rate plus postage fee.

			<u>MINT</u>	<u>USED</u>
RE1	-	No value, Size G	?	50/-
1a	-	Variety:- Printing omitted from front of envelope.	?	?
RE2	-	No value, Size H	?	£4

Size G envelopes cost ½d to purchase from post offices, and Size H 3/4d, and to this had to be added the cost of the adhesives affixed.

### c. 1885 ?      SECOND DEFINITIVE UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE.

As first issue but flap is now at the back on the right. The imprint under the flap reads McCORQUODALE AND CO. LIMITED - CONTRACTORS, and there is a large letter "R" in an upright oval on the front. All of the wording and lines are typographed in Dark Blue ink.

This is also a general colonial issue, and only used items give proof of having been used in Jamaica. Two different Registration rates were in effect during the life of this issue, 4d and 2d, and these are considered to merit separate listings

The 4d Registration Rate. Used envelopes must bear adhesives paying the normal rate of postage, plus the 4d Registration Fee.

RE3	-	No value, Size G	?	£2
RE4	-	No value, Size H	?	£4

The 2d Registration Rate. Used envelopes must bear adhesives paying the normal rate of postage, plus the 2d Registration Fee.

RE5	-	No value, Size G	?	30/-
RE6	-	No value, Size H	?	£4

The new 2d Registration Rate came into operation on 1 June 1893. The price of this issue of envelopes was the same as for the first issue.

The unstamped envelopes were in use until 1913, when the first Stamped Registration Envelopes appeared. The author would be pleased to hear from anyone having examples differing from those quoted, as he has no doubt that different printings exist.

27 JANUARY 1913 - 1927 THE KING GEORGE V DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

Envelopes of cream linen-lined paper with flap opening on front to right. Printed and manufactured by De La Rue & Co. Ltd., whose imprint THOS. DE LA RUE & CO., LTD., PATENT appears under the flap in block capitals. The words REGISTERED LETTER on the front of the envelope measure 52 mm in length.

All instructions are typographed in shades of Deep Blue ink, but the oval Dark Brown stamp is embossed on the top of the flap, and is inscribed with the Registration Fee paid and the lowest rate of Inland Postage, plus the name of the colony.

A die proof of the embossed stamp as issued is known, struck in orange vermillion on thin white card with a raised border, the card measuring 33 x 40 mm. It is believed that only one example exists.

RE7	1	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown (shades), Size F	£1	7/6d
7a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally	£5	-
RE8	1a	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown (shades), Size G, (issued 1927)	25/-	10/-
RE9	1b	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown (shades), Size H	£3	£1

SPECIMEN items of Sizes G and H almost certainly exist, and will be listed as RE8a & RE9a, respectively, if confirmed. On the imprint of RE9, the initial letter of each word is larger than the rest. It is possible that the Size H envelope exists having the original imprint, and that conversely, the Sizes F and G exist with this amended imprint. If these are found, it will be necessary to renumber this listing.

These envelopes were sold for 3½d each at the post office. Your EKD's of Types RE8 and RE9 would be appreciated.

On April 1st 1916, a temporary change in postal rates occurred, when a system of War Tax on all correspondence was levied. All letters had to pay a War Tax of ½d, which can be found paid by means of the specially overprinted stamps available, or by the normal adhesives. Registration envelopes are by no means common in this condition, but they do constitute a further serial.

1 APRIL 1916 CURRENT REGISTRATION & POSTAGE RATES, PLUS ½D WAR TAX.

RE10	-	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown, Size F, plus ½d adhesive War Tax stamp or normal issue		£5
RE11	-	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown, Size H, plus ½d adhesive War Tax stamp or normal issue		£6

1938      FIRST KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

Similar to 1913 issue, but embossed stamp has the head of the new King. The imprint reads THOS. DE LA RUE & CO. LTD. PATENT. in block capitals, and the words REGISTERED LETTER still measure 52 mm. Your EKD's and LKD's would be appreciated.

RE12	2	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown, Size F	£2	5/-
12a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally in block capitals measuring 41 x 4 mm.	£5	-
12b	-	Variety:- Stamp doubly embossed	?	?
RE13	2a	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown, Size G	£5	£1
13a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally as 12a	£10	-
RE14	-	2d Registration & 1d Postage, Dark Brown, Size H	£3	£1
14a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally as 12a	£7	-

These items cost 3½d each to purchase from the post office.

An increase in the Registration Fee from 2d to 3d, and in the minimum Inland Postage Rate from 1d to 1½d, necessitated a new series of King George VI envelopes. Pending their arrival payment of the extra charge was made by means of adhesive stamps. The author would be pleased to see examples of such use, and hear from specialists their thoughts as to whether they should be given independent listing.

19??      SECOND KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

As the previous issue, but the embossed stamp reads 3d Registration and 1½d Postage. Your EKD's and LKD's of each envelope will be appreciated.

RE15	3	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Dark Brown, Size F	£1	5/-
15a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally as 12a	£5	-
RE16	-	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Dark Brown, Size G	£3	£1
16a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally as 12a	£10	-
RE17	3a	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Dark Brown, Size H	£7	£1
17a	-	Overprinted SPECIMEN diagonally as 12a	£7	-

RE15 and RE16 cost 5½d each, while RE17 cost 6½d to purchase from the post office.

19??      THIRD KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

As the previous issue but the words REGISTERED LETTER are 46 mm long and the imprint reads THOS. DE LA RUE & CO., LTD. in block capitals. Your EKD's and LKD's would be appreciated.

RE18	-	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Light Brown, Size F	£1	5/-
RE19	-	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Light Brown, Size G	£2	£1
RE20	-	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Light Brown, Size H	30/-	10/-

SPECIMEN envelopes do not exist of this issue.

19??      FOURTH KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

As the previous issue, but imprint now reading THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED in thin serif capitals. Again your EKD's and LKD's would be appreciated.

RE21	-	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Light Brown, Size F	£1	5/-
RE22	-	3d Registration & 1½d Postage, Light Brown, Size H	30/-	10/-

SPECIMEN envelopes of this issue do not exist. The author is of the opinion that no Size G envelopes were produced as a part of this issue.

The Registration Fee was further increased from 3d to 4d (date confirmation requested), and a little later, a corresponding increase in the minimum Inland Postage Rate from 1½d to 2d took place. These changes resulted in a new issue of envelopes, but they were late in arriving, and in the meantime the previous issues were used by the addition of adhesives. AS THE TWO RATES CONCERNED WERE CHANGED AT DIFFERENT TIMES, TWO TYPES OF ENVELOPE WITH ADHESIVE ADDITIONS CAN BE FOUND. The first only carried adhesives to cover the increased Registration Fee while the second carried adhesives to cover the increased postage as well. The author would be pleased to receive your opinion as to whether to give these uses separate ranking.

19?? FIFTH KING GEORGE VI DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

As previous issue but with embossed stamp reading 4d Registration and 2d Postage. A report of EKD's and LKD's would be appreciated.

RE23	4	4d Registration & 2d Postage, Reddish Brown, Size F (my EKD is 13 October 1953).	5/-	5/-
RE24	4a	4d Registration & 2d Postage, Reddish Brown, Size H	£1	5/-

As far as is known, Size G envelopes of this issue were not made, and there were not any SPECIMEN overprints. The issued items cost 7d and 8d, respectively.

1953 ? THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DEFINITIVE ENVELOPE.

As the previous issue but with the embossed stamp showing the head of the Queen.

RE25	5	4d Registration & 2d Postage, Light Brown, Size F	5/-	2/6
RE26	5a	4d Registration & 2d Postage, Light Brown, Size H	10/-	5/-

Size G envelopes did not form a part of this issue. Cost again was 7d and 8d. The author has never seen any SPECIMEN envelopes of this issue, and doubts that any were issued as by now the Crown Agents no longer distributed specially overprinted stamps or postal stationery for this purpose.

Yet another increase in the Registration Fee from 4d to 6d and a rise in the minimum Inland Postage Rate occurred before Independence and the last issue exists with this increase covered by additional adhesives. Should these items be listed separately?

196? INDEPENDENCE DEFINITIVE STERLING ENVELOPE.

This was a newly designed security envelope made of White linen-lined paper, and was manufactured and printed by McCorquodale, with imprint MCCORQUODALE & CO. LTD. under the flap. The embossed stamp shows the new Arms of Jamaica and is inscribed 6d Registration, 3d Postage.

RE27	6	6d Registration & 3d Postage, Brown (shades), Size F	dd	dd
RE28	6a	6d Registration & 3d Postage, Brown (shades), Size H	dd	dd

Size G envelopes were not manufactured. The envelopes cost 10d and 11d, each.

8 SEPTEMBER 1969 THE FIRST DECIMAL ENVELOPE.

As last issue but embossed stamp reads Registration Fee 8c and Postage 3c.

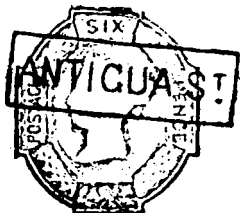
RE29	?	8c Registration & 3c Postage, Brown, Size F	c	c
RE30	?	8c Registration & 3c Postage, Brown, Size H	c	c

Size G envelopes were not included in this issue, so it would appear that a decision has been reached to drop this size. The author is not at all certain whether or not the Size F envelope was available on 8th September. According to his information it was not issued until 11 November 1967. Can anyone confirm this?

# ANTIGUA ADDENDA

by WILLIAM G. CORNELL

Regarding the question of Captain Jerry Kedrierski on the framed ANTIGUA cancel on a GB adhesive (see October Journal), the mark in question reads ANTIGUA ST. and it was used by a Scottish sub-post office or receiving house in Edinburgh around 1856-1857. Meredith lists it as Type VIII in his book on Scottish Cancels, and Melville reports it in his book on Antigua. Ron Ward says the Scottish Postmark Group designate this type of mark as a "Local Name Stamp", and that by all regulations the adhesives were not to be cancelled by such marks, but frequently were, particularly in Scotland. A further mark from this office is reported by Ron, a two line, boxed ANTIGUA/STREET.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just call me Red Fred, for with scarlet visage I confess that I added the report of the above mark in the OCT Journal to Bill's column without consulting him. My excuse is that I was rushing to get the issue out so that I could get to leave for PHILYMPIA on time. I make this confession freely of my own free will and without any arm twisting by Bill who knew of the Antigua Street mark, yet chastised me but gently saying "You jumped the gun on the Kedrierski postmark". Well, since neither Jerry or I had ever heard of this mark, there could be a few other members in the same boat, so we are glad that we learned of it. Too, we did establish from the mail received regarding this item that Bill's column is quite well read, so our venture wasn't exactly a total loss.

The above illustration was provided by Bruce Walker who borrowed the specimen from a friend. Bruce refers to this as a Scots Local mark, and confirms its history. Many others wrote in giving the same information, and thanks are due to Ken Watson, Bruce Walker, Bill Bogg, Bill Slate, Fred Stephens and Ron Ward.

George Bowman's research on the chronology of the Antigua village P.O.'s is bringing us much closer to understanding the old puzzle of what offices were open during what time period and why. Hats off to George! He, Stan Durnin, Mark Swetland, and I are following up the gains with verve. One of the still missing pieces of the puzzle is the location of THE GRANGE, an inland post office listed in the Royal Gazette of the Leeward Islands as open on 27 DEC 1883, in the police station. Information anyone?

The new Antigua ship definitives are printed by House of Questa. Gil Holmes reports that the printing was in four attached frames of 25 stamps each. Sheets arriving on Antigua had been split on the vertical division, leaving panes of 50, divided in the center by a wide gutter, except that the 50¢ value was split into panes of 25. With the Edward I issue, the new printer has also taken over printing the Barbuda Monarch issues. Last issue for the former printer was that of Henry III.

Kay Horowicz notes an EDK for the straight line ANTIGUA handstruck stamp, the Robson Lowe Type PD12, extending the Codrington Correspondence range of 23 MAR-14 AUG 1797, (the widest range I knew of). The new EDK is 6 AUG 1796, and it was noted by Kay in E.V. Toeg's PHILYMPIA exhibit. Interestingly, the new PD12 range overlaps the range of the PD11 (different size, type) of 11 AUG 1795-24 OCT 1796. Such overlap occurs among other earlier PD types as well, viz. PD7 and PD8, as well as PD8 and PD9.

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DON'T FORGET YOUR 1971 DUES. USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE AND MAKE YOUR PAYMENT NOW TO MARK SWETLAND OR ALFRED BRANSTON. PLEASE NOTE AL'S NEW ADDRESS ON INNER FRONT COVER.

# BERMUDA RED CROSS AIRLETTERS

by JACK ARNELL

In the October Journal mention was made of a Bermuda unofficial air letter form that was sold for benefit of the Red Cross. On a recent visit to Bermuda, I found that a neighbor was very active in this project, and here is the relevant information.

Four years ago, these air letter forms were introduced as another way to raise money for the self-supporting Bermuda Red Cross Society. Standard Imperial Air Mail Aerogrammes were used, and four designs were drawn up for use on the message side of the forms. These were: a Bermuda Cottage; a sprig of Bermudiana flowers; a taxi with a surrey top, enclosed by a map of Bermuda; and a garland of Easter Lilies surrounding the word "Bermuda". At the bottom of the form there is a Red Cross and single line reading "Benefits of Sale, to assist BERMUDA RED CROSS PROJECTS." All the printing is in red ink.

The Postmaster General gave his blessing to the use of these forms which do not have a stamp printed on them and must be franked with adhesives. This form was chosen in preference to Bermuda Air Letters, because they can be used almost anywhere, and are frequently purchased by tourists for use in other countries. They cost 12 cents for a package of four, and they may be purchased by writing to: P.O. BOX 1023, HAMILTON, BERMUDA. I suggest an additional 10 cents be enclosed for postage and handling.

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## PRICES REALIZED - 10TH MAIL AUCTION SALE - JUL 31, 1970

#679-\$23.00	#688-\$ 5.50	#697-\$ N.S.	#705-\$ 5.25	#714-\$18.50
680 17.50	689 6.50	698 3.00	706 .50	715 3.50
681 7.50	690 N.S.	699 3.00	707 1.00	716 7.50
682 3.75	691 3.50	700 60.00	708 1.00	717 3.75
683 3.50	692 3.00	700A 60.00	709 5.00	718 12.00
684 25.00	693 3.75	701 60.00	710 3.75	719 22.00
685 5.00	694 7.50	702 N.S.	711 .50	720 8.50
686 5.50	695 42.50	703 60.00	712 3.00	721 3.75
687 6.00	696 N.S.	704 6.00	713 1.00	

Thanks are due to Pamela Taylor, Tom Moseley and Frank Hale for donation lots. From these and commissions our Group Treasury gained over \$100 in this sale.

There is not enough material on hand for another sale, and if members are interested in having these auctions continued, their support is needed as buyers and sellers.

Everyone benefits from these sales, so why not go through your duplicates and see if you have something you do not need. Send material for sale to:

ROBERT TOPAZ  
34 MARYELLEN RD.  
WABAN, MA 02168

Some members have complained of not receiving auction lists in time to bid. We have been mailing lists from six to eight weeks prior to closing dates, but in some cases this has not been enough. We are willing to airmail lists for payment of our costs. This amounts to 15¢ per list to the West Indies, 20¢ to South America and Europe and 25¢ elsewhere. Payment may be made to Editor, or included with your 1971 dues.

# BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

BAHAMAS -- A slogan publicizing a Bahamas golf tournament is reported by Tom Giraldi as being used at NASSAU and FREEPORT on their machine cancellations. It reads:

BAHAMAS ISLANDS OPEN

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MAJOR PGA TOURNAMENT  
DECEMBER 9-13, 1970

The earliest strike seen by Tom was dated OCT 13 (P.O. not specified).

BARBADOS -- Edwin J. Cox, not a member of our Group, who saw a copy of our AUG issue at PHILYMPIA, has written that he has a PELICAN ISLAND mark on cover similar to that written of by Michael Sheppard. It bears the same date, NOV 24 00, but is addressed to a different person. Mr. Cox is of the opinion that these covers are philatelic, as the mark was applied on one date only, either with or without official sanction.

Also commenting on the same article was Frank Gibbons of Barbados, who wrote to Eric Heyer as follows: "Pelican Island seems also to have been used as a Detention Camp during World War II, and the site of the shopping center bears the name only, but is NOT the original Pelican Island. The shopping center is where the Reeflands were, which was later the Princess Alice Playing Field. The original Pelican Island is within the Harbour Compound. The only remaining building is now used as the office of the Port Manager.

BERMUDA -- We just woke up to the fact that the COME TO BERMUDA/THE ISLES OF BEAUTY, Hamilton slogan, Ludington Type M15, has the CDS to its right. Now we would like to know if this slogan originally appeared with CDS to its left as with earlier types.

DOMINICA -- The handstamped slogan VISIT DOMINICA B.W.I./LAND OF NATURAL BEAUTY that was reported in the December 1969 Journal, page 205 is again in use, but in a new larger version, as shown at the left. Tom Giraldi found this on a cover bearing a postmark of the G.P.O., dated 19 OC 70. The strike is in black ink and quite sharp, indicating the stamp has not seen too much use.

~~VISIT~~ DOMINICA B. W. I.  
LAND OF NATURAL BEAUTY.

GRENADA -- An underpaid airmail cover postmarked HAPPY HILL, 11 JY 70 bears a purple strike reading in two lines INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR/TRANSMISSION BY AIR. The letter height is 2 mm and letters are sans-serif capitals tightly spaced to give an overall length of about 44 mm to the top line and about 37 mm to the bottom one.

GUYANA -- From the few strikes we see, it appears that MACKENZIE does not make great use of its electric cancelling machine, but we can report that on 5 SEP 1970 it used the STOP/ACCIDENTS slogan.

JAMAICA -- In a letter to Reg Lant, Lloyd Brandon reported that GREY GROUND P.A. has been temporarily closed, with all mails being delivered at Williamsfield P.O. Lloyd did not specify the date, but his letter of 2 NOV stated a notice of the closing had appeared 'recently' in the *Gleaner*.

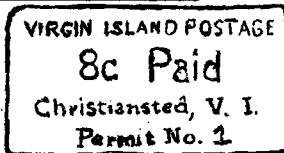
Another notice in the *Gleaner* reported BIRDS HILL P.A., Clarendon, forwarding office May Pen, closed on 18 JUL 1970. The same notice also indicated that MOUNT ROSSER, a P.A. in St. Catherine, was reopened on 13 JUL 1970. forwarding office Ewarton. This office was pictured on page 54 of the APR 1968 Journal.

ST. LUCIA -- After two major fires in 1927 and 1949, Castries has very few landmarks left. On 8th August 1970 another of these was lost when the St. Antoine Hotel, high on the Morne, fell victim to a destructive fire. We stopped there for five days not much more than a year ago, and found it a charming place with an enchanting view encompassing all of Castries and its beautiful harbor. Looking to the north one could even get a glimpse of Martinique. We were sorry to hear of her passing, as we hoped a return visit might be possible some day. There is a strong philatelic association with the St. Antoine for us. In her cheerful lounge, we sipped a rum punch during a chat with Bob Devaux and his father-in-law, while we talked about the postal history of St. Lucia. There also we met one of the co-owners of the St. Antoine, the famous artist, Major A.C. Davidson Houston, whose portrait of Queen Elizabeth II appears on most stamps of the 1964 St. Lucia definitive issue, and on the current \$5 definitive as well. We have not learned the extent of the damage, but hope that reconstruction will be possible.

ST. VINCENT -- A new Post Office and Ministerial Building was opened in Kingstown on 11th August. It is located on Halifax Street, and the two story structure is one of the finest of such buildings in the Windward and Leeward Islands.

TRINIDAD -- Norman Auld reports another World War I Trinidad P.O.W. letter. Similar to the one illustrated on page 135 of the October 1970 Journal, it is addressed to a party in Cleveland, Ohio, and is dated JA 25 16.

VIRGIN ISLANDS -- If we didn't know that Christiansted was on St. Croix, we would be willing to accept the item shown here as a BVI Postal Permit. Dr. Norman Thetford who sent it to us reports that it saw use for several years, despite its incorrect wording. It should, of course, say U.S. Postage. Sears, Roebuck and Co. employed it in mailing out their catalogues. Norm says he has several other specimens with various postal rates, such as 6½ cents, etc.



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## **JOURNAL WINS FOUR AWARDS**

We know that our members will share our delight in knowing that the Journal received awards in each of the three Philatelic Literature Competitions which it entered this year. In the American Philatelic Society 1970 Chapter Publications Contest the BCPJ received the First Award, an APS Medal and Plaque as best monthly or bi-monthly Unit or National Society Publication. The BCPJ was also judged as best in the Unit Class which also includes quarterly publications, and for this received a Revere Bowl.

At the 84th Anniversary National Stamp Exhibition staged on October 23-25 in Chicago by the Chicago Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Congress and a few specialist societies, our Journal received a Silver Medal.

We also decided to enter the big league competition in Honolulu at HAPEX-APS 70, and were pleased to be judged worthy of a Bronze Award. According to Editor James Chemi of the APS, publications of every major specialist society in the U.S. were entered, so we are content in knowing that our Journal was one of the eight publications that took awards.

Without the cooperation of the members in providing excellent articles and financial support, your Editor would not be able to produce an award winning publication. You can help in the coming year by paying your 1971 dues promptly and not begrudging the slight increase which is essential to continued production of a high quality BCPJ.



A LETTER FROM OUR TREASURER

December 1, 1970

Fellow Members;

This is not the Treasurer's Annual Report which will appear as usual in the February issue of the Journal. However, this provides the first opportunity to bring to your attention several points on which you would wish to be informed.

1. Our rising expenses this year make it essential that the dues be raised to \$5.00 U.S., commencing 1 January 1971. Advance dues which have been paid at the old \$4.20 rate will be honored. However, we hope that your BCPSG membership brings you enough pleasure and enjoyment so that the additional 80¢ will be a joy to pay. The higher dues will help us maintain the excellence of our Journal, and most of you have shown that you do not want a reduction of its size, frequency or quality.

2. Those of you who have not paid their 1971 dues by 15 NOV 1970 will find enclosed with this Journal a dues envelope for your use. We have put this together on a very crude basis to save costs, but many of you have asked to have this kind of reminder. Your response will tell us if the extra labor and cost are justified.

The envelope is addressed to me in New Jersey, but we must stress that this does not change our policy on remitting dues in Canadian funds or in Sterling. Our Canadian members may continue to remit their dues in Canadian funds at the prevailing rate of exchange, equivalent to \$5.00 U.S. Members who wish to pay in Sterling may forward their dues to: Alfred J. Branston, 11 Patchinghall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, England. At the current rate of exchange, this is 41/8d., or about £2.09 in decimal currency. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS FOR MR. BRANSTON. Be sure that your name and address are on or in your dues envelope. Nothing will frustrate me more than having unidentified dues payments to trace.

3. We are revising our membership application forms to require that applicants tell us the date on which they want us to start their membership. Unfortunately, several misunderstandings on our policy have arisen during this past year. As indicated on the old blanks, those who apply after July 1st have the option of paying one-half of the annual dues and receiving only 3 Journals, or paying for the full year and being furnished all 6 issues. Most of the confusion has arisen with applications received in November or December. If anyone still has a question on this, please write me.

4. The opportunity to correspond with additional members this year and meet so many of you at PHILYMPIA makes all the work worthwhile. This completes my fourth year as Treasurer during which period our Group has grown from 180 to nearly 400. This has truly doubled the work, but despite this I have agreed to serve for another year. I do feel though that five years is a long time, and should any qualified member offer to take over, he will earn the gratitude of my wife and family as well as my own.

With best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas,

*Mark W. Swetland*

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GIVE MARK A HAPPY NEW YEAR BY SENDING YOUR DUES PAYMENT TO HIM PROMPTLY. LET'S SHOW HIM THAT WE APPRECIATE WHAT HE DOES FOR US BY HELPING TO MAKE HIS JOB A BIT EASIER!

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

New Members:

AULD, NORMAN W.	BOWES, P.	CRAIG, WALLACE A.
CRAIN, WARREN H.	CRONIN, JOHN A.	ERNST, CDR. E.F.
GRAHAM, WILLIAM I.	GREEN, JOHN R. II	McAVOY, SGT. ROBERT G.
MRYCZKO, MICHAEL M.	MURPHY, STANLEY A.	PATTIZ, HENRY A.
RATH, CHARLES G.	SKAVARIL, DR. RUSSELL V.	TUFFS, WILLIAM S.

New Applicants:

ASKA, MRS. PAULINE S., 450 Highland Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10553. Teacher. British & Latin Caribbean. Sp. Perfins, Precancels, Art. By A.N. Johnson

CAMACHO, JOHN, 40 St. James Pk. #302, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Student. England, BWI including Bermuda, Anguilla, Bahamas, Guyana and BVI. By G.J. Raymond

CAVE, MAJ. S., Hill House, Bletchingley, Surrey, England. Army Officer. Barbados. By R. Radford

COLLINS, RALPH E., 1914 Hopkinson House, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Supervisor, U.S. Post Office. Brit. North America. Sp. Bermuda, Canada. By A.N. Johnson

GARDNER, ROY D., 12103 Abingdon St., Norwalk, CA 90650. Engineer (Div. of Highways) and Stamp Dealer. BWI and Topicals. By C.E. Cwiakala

GORDON, JAMES H., 6 Maple St., Bedford, MA 01730. Capt. USAF (Electronic Engineer). British America. Sp. British Caribbean. By C.E. Cwiakala

GREGSON, J.M.A., Craig-Y-Dorth, Mitchel Troy Common, Monmouth NP5 4JQ, England. Stamp Dealer. Barbados, Trinidad, other W.I., GB. Sp. Barbados. By G.J. Raymond

HELWICK, LOUIS D., 10152 Gooding Dr., Dallas, TX 75229. Phys. Ed. Instructor. BWI, Bermuda, Bahamas, BVI. By A.N. Johnson

HOLMES, GILBERT N., P.O. Box 312, St. John's, Antigua, W.I. Teacher. Antigua, Barbuda, Montserrat. By E.H. Heyer

HOPWOOD, STEPHEN A., P.O. Box 165, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I. Company Director. Jamaica. Sp. Postal History and Pre-stamps. By R. Wong

LOACH, JOSEPH C., 13 Chatsworth Crescent, Allestree, Derby DE3 2AP, England. Retired Chartered Engineer. Mint stamps and Covers. Sp. Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Nevis, St. Kitts, Trinidad. By A.J. Branston

MAHFOOD, JOSEPH M., P.O. Box 260, Kingston 8, Jamaica, W.I. Industrialist. Brit. Commonwealth, mint & Used. Sp. Jamaica, Barbados, Cayman Islands. By C.E. Cwiakala

MORRISON, JOHN M. JR., P.O. Box 30, Middletown, NY 10940. Salesman (Semi-retired). Historic Covers of the World. Sp. Airpost. By W.M. McFarlan

MOSES, HAROLD F., 1847 Babcock Rd. Apt. 2101, San Antonio, TX 78229. Retired. U.S.A. and British Colonies. By C.E. Cwiakala

QUINTIN, RICHARD A., 2728 South Adams, Fort Worth, TX 76110. Accountant. British America. Sp. United Nations. By A.N. Johnson

RICKSECKER, CHARLES G., 6693 Parma Park, Parma Heights, OH 44130. Former Peace Corps Volunteer in St. Kitts. All phases of BWI. Sp. Postal Markings. By J.F. Evans

SILK, DONALD, 119 Crawford St., London W1H 2AS, England. Solicitor and Deputy Chairman of Insurance Co. Antigua, BVI and DWI. GB used abroad in all three, also Leeward Islands used in first two. Holy Land. By A.J. Branston

SLEDZIK, ALEXANDER, 1450 East 7th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230. Diamond Seller. British Colonies. Sp. BWI, British Europe, British Africa. By C.E. Cwiakala

VAN HOY, JAMES H., 900 Magnolia Ave., Sanford, FL 32771. Management Consultant. USA Canada and BWI. By B.R. Cameron

WOOLFSON, DR. DAVID, 43 Mighell Ave., Redbridge, Ilford, Essex, England. Physician. BWI generally, except Bermuda. Sp. Jamaica, Dominica, Trinidad, BWI Flight Covers & Village Postmarks. By A.J. Branston

Resignations:

GAUNT, ELLA LEE; MEYER, JUDITH; WINCHESTER, RONALD A.F. All were in bad standing.

Change of Address:

- BLACKMORE, HENRY J., P.O. Box 357, Constant Spring, Kingston 8, Jamaica, W.I.
- BRANSTON, ALFRED J., 11 Patchinghall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, England.
- FREYERMUTH, JAMES R., 3100 Gin Lane, Naples, FL 33940.
- HAYWARD, CHARLES W., P.O. Box 3692, Georgetown Station, Washington, DC 20007.
- HIGGINS, RICHARD D., 10832 Parnell Ave., Chicago, IL 60628.
- McAVOY, SGT. ROBERT E., 3649 E. Cecile Ave., Apt.E4, Las Vegas, NV 89110.
- McCANN, PETER P., 3466A South Utah St., Arlington, VA 22206.
- PIETZSCH, SIDNEY G., P.O. Box 715, Richardson, TX 75080.
- PLASS, GILBERT N., P.O. Box 9973, College Station, TX 77840.
- RAYMOND, GALE J., P.O. Box 35666, Houston, TX 77035.
- VOOYS, DANIEL W., P.O. Box 8642, Academy Station, Albany, NY 12208.
- WALLACE, LYNN D., Windy Heights Rd., Whitehall Shores, Route 1, Belcross, NC 27918.
- WARREN, MAJ. DANIEL C., P.O. Box 478, Hillsborough, NC 27278.
- WIENER, ROBERT A., 132 East 35th St., Apt.18H, New York, NY 10016.
- ZEHETNER, WERNER, 5402 O'Bryan Ave., Montreal 265, PQ, Canada.

Deceased:

STANLEY B. INESON, a Charter Member, passed away early this year.

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# NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

- 10 AUG 70 40th ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING. 10¢-Map and Badge; 15¢-First Aid and Cooking; 40¢-Monkey Bridge; 50¢-Scout and Guide Headquarters, with a portrait of Baden Powell. Designed by J. Lister Ltd. and lithographed on unwatermarked paper in sets of 25 stamps.
- 23 NOV 70 NEW DEFINITIVE SET. Fifteen values from 1¢ through \$5. Local scenes and products are featured in the designs. Designed by J. Lister artists, and lithographed by Format in sheets of 25. The 1967 definitive set has been withdrawn as of November 21st, 1970.



ANTIGUA

- 19 AUG 70 NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE. Fifteen values from ½¢ through \$5, featuring ships associated with the history of Antigua. Designed by Waddington's Studio artists.. Lithographed by Questa on Block CA wmk. paper in sheets of 25.
- 28 OCT 70 CHRISTMAS 1970. Four values in two designs, 3 and 35 cents and 10 and 50 cents. Both designs feature details of woodcuts by Albrecht Dürer, which are framed with designs of G. Drummond. Printed by De La Rue in recess and lithography in sheets of 25 stamps on Block CA wmk. paper.
- 1 DEC 70 MILITARY UNIFORMS. See August 1970 BCPJ for details.

BAHAMAS

- 3 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Four stamps, each featuring a different painting with a religious motif. Values: 3, 11, 12 and 15 cents, and a souvenir sheet of all 4 values. Designed by G. Drummond, and lithographed by De La Rue on watermarked paper in sheets of 50 stamps.
- JAN 71 NEW DEFINITIVES. No details given.

BARBADOS

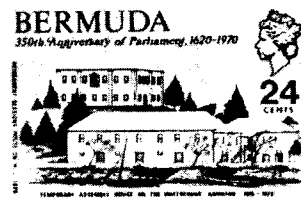
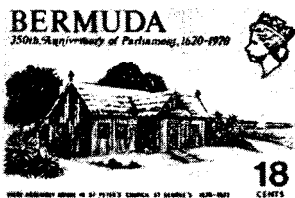
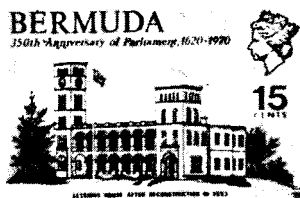
- 24 AUG 70 FLOWERS. Five values: 1, 5, 10, 25, 35 cents, and a souvenir sheet. The designs feature five of Barbados' flowers. Designed and lithographed by John Waddington of Kirkstall Ltd. on Block CA wmk. paper in sheets of 25.
- 71 TOURISM ISSUE.

BARBUDA

- 70 BRITISH MONARCHS. Items of this issue continue to arrive as per original schedule, APS continues to Black Blot them, and Scott's Catalogue, Volume I, continues to ignore them.
- 70 CHRISTMAS 1970. 20, 50 and 75 cents featuring paintings by Old Masters. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and offset printed by Questa.

BERMUDA

- 12 OCT 70 350th ANNIVERSARY OF BERMUDA'S PARLIAMENT. Four values: 4¢, 15¢, 18¢, & 24¢ in designs as illustrated. Designed by G. Drummond. Lithographed by Questa on Block CA wmk. paper in panes of 25 stamps.



- 8 FEB 71 KEEP BERMUDA BEAUTIFUL ISSUE.

BRITISH HONDURAS

- 7 SEP 70 HARDWOODS 1970. 5¢-Santa Maria; 15¢-Nargusta; 22¢-Cedar; & 25¢-Sapodilla in designs by Miss J. Toombs. Lithographed by Questa. Block CA.
- 2 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970. ½, 5, 10, 15, 22 and 50 cents.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- 16 NOV 70 SPANISH MAIN. ½¢, 10¢, 30¢ & 60¢ featuring notorious pirates. Designed and lithographed by Waddington on Block CA wmk. paper in panes of 25.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 8 OCT 70 CHRISTMAS 1970. ½, 5 & 12 cents in common design, and 1, 10 & 20 cents in a second common design, both by G. Drummond. Lithographed by Format on CA Block wmk. paper in panes of 25 stamps.
- JAN 71 TURTLES.

DOMINICA

- AUG 701 FLORA AND FAUNA ISSUE.
- 3 NOV 70 NATIONAL DAY ISSUE.
- NOV 70 CHRISTMAS AND CHARLES DICKENS ISSUE.

GRENADA

- 8 AUG 70 EXPO-70 ISSUE.
- 3 SEP 70 25th ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II.
- SEP 70 PHILYMPIA OVERPRINT ON PART OF APOLLO XI ISSUE.
- NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE.

GUYANA

- 26 OCT 70 25th ANNIVERSARY OF U.N. Two common designs; 5 & 15 cents, 6 & 25 cents by Harrison Staff artists. Lithographed by Harrison on Lotus Bud wmk. paper in panes of 25 stamps

JAMAICA

- 16 JUL 70 2¢ DECIMAL OVERPRINT. Without C-DAY inscription.
- 7 SEP 70 DECIMAL LOW VALUES. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 cents.
- 12 OCT 70 TELEGRAPH CENTENARY. 3, 10 & 50 cents in designs by G. Drummond. Lithographed by Waddington on Jamaica Pineapple wmk. paper. Panes of 25.
- 2 NOV 70 DECIMAL HIGH VALUES. 15, 20, 30, 50 cents and \$1, \$2.
- 2 NOV 70 75th ANNIVERSARY OF JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. 2 & 10 cents in common design by G. Drummond. Litho. by Quests. Jamaica Pineapple. Pane 25.
- 21 NOV 70 125th ANNIVERSARY OF JAMAICAN RAILWAY. 3, 15 & 50 cents. Designs by V. Whiteley. Litho. by Format. Jamaica Pineapple wmk. Panes of 25.

MONTSERRAT

- 1 AUG 70 Christmas 1970.
- 30 NOV 70 TOURISM. 5, 15, 25 & 50 cents and souvenir sheet.
- 31 DEC 70 GIRL GUIDES GOLDEN JUBILEE. 10, 15, 25 & 40 cents.

ST. KITTS

- 1 AUG 70 FESTIVAL OF ARTS.
- 8 SEP 70 REVISED 15¢ DEFINITIVE. Changes "HISPANIANUM" to "HISPANIARUM".
- 14 SEP 70 STAMP CENTENARY ISSUE.
- 16 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE. 3, 20, 25 & 40 cents.

ST. LUCIA

- 16 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE. 5, 10, 35 & 40 cents.

ST. VINCENT

- 7 SEP 70 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL. ½, 5, 25, 35 & 50 cents.
- 23 NOV 70 CHRISTMAS 1970 ISSUE. 8, 25, 35 & 50 cents.



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TRINIDAD

26 JUN 70 25th ANNIVERSARY OF U.N. and NEW U.P.U. BUILDING. 5, 10, 20 and 30 cents in four designs, lithographed by Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna.  
16 OCT 70 125th ANNIVERSARY OF SAN FERNANDO. 3, 5 and 40 cents.

TURKS & CAICOS

4 AUG 70 CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS. Two designs: early ambulance (1¢ and 15¢), and modern ambulance (5¢ and 30¢). Designed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. Staff Artists and lithographed by Bradbury Wilkinson. Block CA. Pane 25.  
1 NOV 70 300th ANNIVERSARY OF GRANTING OF LETTERS PATENT. 1 and 10 cents-Duke of Albemarle & Crest; 8 and 35 cents-Royal Arms of Charles II and Q.E. II. Designs by V. Whiteley. Litho. by Enschede. Block CA wmk. Panes of 25.

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PERSONAL MENTION----

MARK CASSIDY paid a visit to Ireland after PHILLYMPIA, but was not much impressed and vows he's glad his grandfather had the good sense to leave there some 120 years ago.

A display of St. Helena's first 100 years of postal history brought JACK FIELD First Award in the British Commonwealth Section at SESCAL in Los Angeles.

DICK HIGGINS is President of the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs, and wife GLADYS is its Secretary. Both will serve for the next two years.

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DAN VOOYS has changed banks and is now with the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Albany as its President.

And here's our Honor Roll of those who took awards at PHILLYMPIA:

- SIR HENRY TUCKER - G (Sp.), S, S.
- PAUL C. ROHLOFF - G.
- MORRIS H. LUDINGTON - V, V, S.
- "W.S. ANTEGOA" - S.
- GEOFFREY A. OSBORN - S.
- GEORGE T. TURNER - S, S.
- BYRON R. CAMERON - B.
- ALBERT H. LATHAM - B.
- LT. COL. F.S.J. NORRIS - B.
- RONALD WARD - B.

LARRY RESNICK was Chairman of Judges at the FLOREX '70 exhibition at Orlando, Florida.

In October MAJ. DAN WARREN was winner of an award for best U.S. exhibit at SOUTHWESTPEX in El Paso, Texas.

MARK SWETLAND took a Special Trophy for his Cincinnati Postal History at CINPEX.

Our thanks to JOHN OLTHOF for the very nice FDC of the Netherlands Antilles Youth Care issue, and the descriptive folder.

The Canadian Government has awarded a major honor to HENRY D. HICKS. On 28 October he was made Companion of the Order of Canada.

We learn from ARTHUR SPEAR that his Jamaica collection was stolen from REA Express last summer while enroute to SOJEX for exhibit.

Gale Raymond and your Editor were guests of JOHN and IRENE MUNTINGA in Holland, and our hosts went all out to make sure that we had a pleasant visit. We stopped off there for a few days at the end of our European tour. Trips to the market at Alkmaar and the Post Museum at the Hague gave us the opportunity to see quite a bit of their country.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

A press release has just arrived that gives a few details of the new Bahamas definitive set. Designs are by Mrs. W. Wasile, Nassau and include 15 values, 1c through \$3. The 50c value will show the new Nassau P.O. and other values will feature flora, Fauna, and island scenes including the Straw Market.

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Tom Giraldi reports a new FREEPORT, BAHAMAS TRD as shown below. Tom comments that just

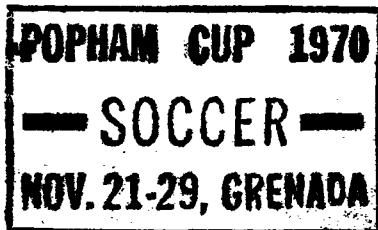


about a year has passed since Freeport used a similar TRD, but with GRAND BAHAMA at the bottom (see BCPJ APR 1970, page 54), and it may be provided to handle the heavy mail at Christmas.

Also from Tom comes our first report that a new postmark is in use at British Honduras' NEW CAPITAL. It is of the Birmingham Type B 3, and bears the new name which was given the capital city, BEL MOPAN. Tom's strike is dated 15 SP 70.

Handstamped slogans from St. Lucia and from Grenada, noted in both cases on 5 NOV mail,

**St. Lucia in the 8th Continent  
of the world the Caribbean.**



are shown above. Both are in black ink and used at the GPO's. Again, our information is provided by Tom Giraldi.

Members who have used the ROYAL EXCHANGE of Ed Fladung, report it a good way to acquire good material for one's duplicates. If you are interested see Ed's advertisement, page 131 of the August, 1970 Journal.

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