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FLANKED BY HIBISCUS SHRUBS, POSTAL CLERK, CORPORAL D. KERR STANDS IN FRONT OF HIS FORCE POST OFFICE TENT AT CAMP ALAMO, ANGUILLA. *Photo by Gale J. Raymond*

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Members often ask us what they can do to help us with the Journal. While it would be nice if we had a few members living here in Albuquerque to assist in doing the actual producing and mailing of the Journal, none are close enough for that. But there are many things that could be done to make our work easier.

It's the little things that pile up to add many hours to the task of putting out an issue. For example, we have to put a reminder in the envelope of each one of you whose dues are still unpaid as this issue is sent out. It sounds like a small thing, but it means that we have to check the name on each envelope against an unpaid member list as we stuff the envelopes, and the extra step when multiplied by around 440 adds much to our work. Worse still, some members will ignore this reminder and not be entitled to receive the issue for August. That will mean removing their stencils from the active file. Ultimately, after more reminders, a majority of these will pay their dues and ask for the Journals they missed. This will mean a special mailing, and unnecessary expenditure of more time.

Now, if it still isn't clear what you can do to help, we'll put it in words of one syllable: **PAY YOUR DUES!**

We require much more material for the auction we will hold at NOJEX. The auction list will have to be sent out with the August Journal to allow time for bids by mail to be received. Please try to find something to enter in the sale. Donation lots to add funds to our Treasury will be most welcome and help offset the new higher postal rates. Send auction lots to BOB TOPAZ, 34 MARYELLEN ROAD, WABAN, MA 02168, USA.

Speaking of NOJEX, further details of it are provided in this issue. We hope that we will see you there in October. We also plan to go to San Antonio, Texas in August for the A.P.S. Convention and Unit 27 meeting.

Fred

VISITING ANGUILLA'S F.P.O.

by Gale J. Raymond

Since my trip to the Virgin Islands last February took me near Anguilla, I grasped the opportunity to pay another visit to that interesting island. In the course of my visit, after completion of certain security preliminaries, I was granted access and privileges of the British Army Base. The Base Commander, Lt. Col. Bruce Bown, had just flown back from a visit to Antigua, bringing a mail back with him, so the opportunity presented itself to visit, photograph, and enthusiastically delve into the Forces Post Office, certainly a part of Anguilla's postal history.

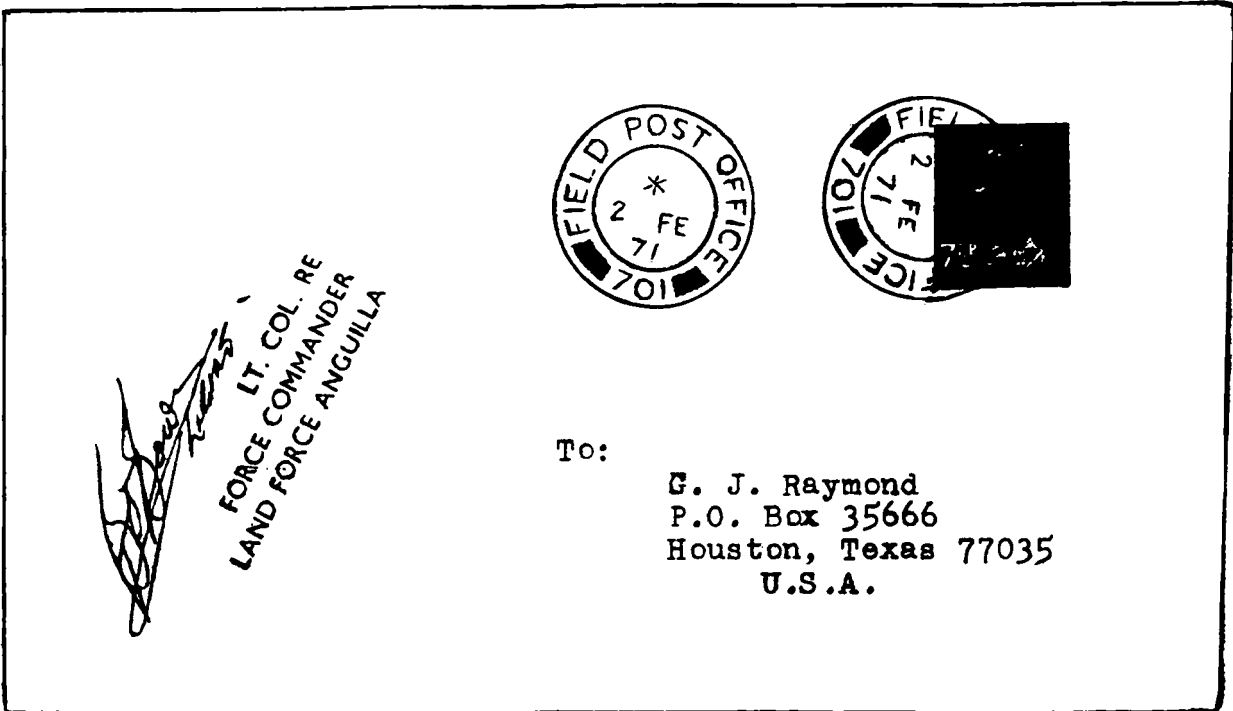


STANDING IN FRONT OF THE ANGUILLA OFFICERS MESS ARE
LT. COL. BRUCE BOWN (CENTER) AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS

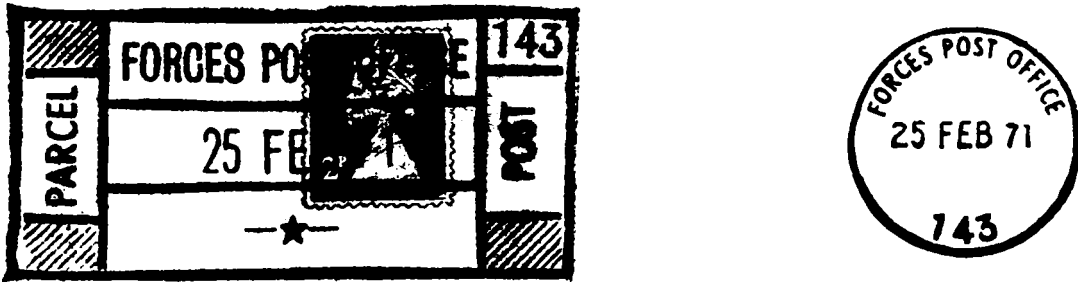
CAMP ALAMO which was previously headquarters camp of "Red Devils" paratroop units, is still largely a tent city. Currently it is occupied by the 52nd Field Squadron (Airfields), Royal Engineers, and certain other Army and RAF personnel. Scotland Yard police personnel remaining on the island are rather scattered about in rented housing such as the former hotels Hibiscus House and The Anguillian. Only British personnel (military and civilian) may utilize the Forces Post Office. However, as the U.K. mail strike was on at the time of my visit, many of the troops were using the Anguilla Post Office to send and receive mail from other countries. According to Col. Bown, the U.K. relatives of British troops overseas could hand-carry their letters to BFPO Headquarters in London. From there, mailbags went out by military courier service via RAF. All mail (unofficial) addressed to and through the U.K. was simply piling up in London.

B.F.P.O. 643 remains the military address of LAND FORCE ANGUILLA, now served since 28 DEC 1970 by F.P.O. 701. (F.P.O. 1046 was established officially on Anguilla on 19 MAR 1969 according to Registry Book records, and closed on 27 DEC 1970.) Under Sgt. Robertson, the main P.O. of F.P.O. 701 is located at the Antigua supply base, the F.P.O. on Anguilla being in effect a Branch or Sub-P.O. Cpl. D. Kerr is clerk for the Anguilla unit at this time, and he already had a good supply of the newly-released British decimal definitives in stock. The F.P.O. occupies a tent that is located just across from the headquarters building, and is surrounded by flowering red hibiscus. A photograph of the F.P.O. tent and Corp. Kerr will be found on the front cover of this issue.

In looking through the Registry Book, I was intrigued by strikes of several rubber F.P.O. datestamps inscribed F.P.O. 143! I was told they were used by F.P.O. 1046 on parcels, and remained in the F.P.O. safe for similar use by the current F.P.O.!



Needless to say, we now record their use on covers, for historical record. Sadly, the F.P.O.'s are not normally permitted to cancel philatelic covers, and when such requests are received in London, the covers are returned unpostmarked.



An interesting sidenote to my Army Base visit was discovery of a surprising number of serious stamp collectors among the troops. Some of them had even nosed-out and acquired stamps and covers of the Independent Anguilla overprinted issues, as well as subsequent issues of Anguilla and the Caribbean. I was especially delighted to also spot covers from other Royal Engineer units in Aden, Trucial Coast, etc., and subsequently did a little spirited trading. So this aspect of my Camp Alamo visit was a most happy and fruitful one.

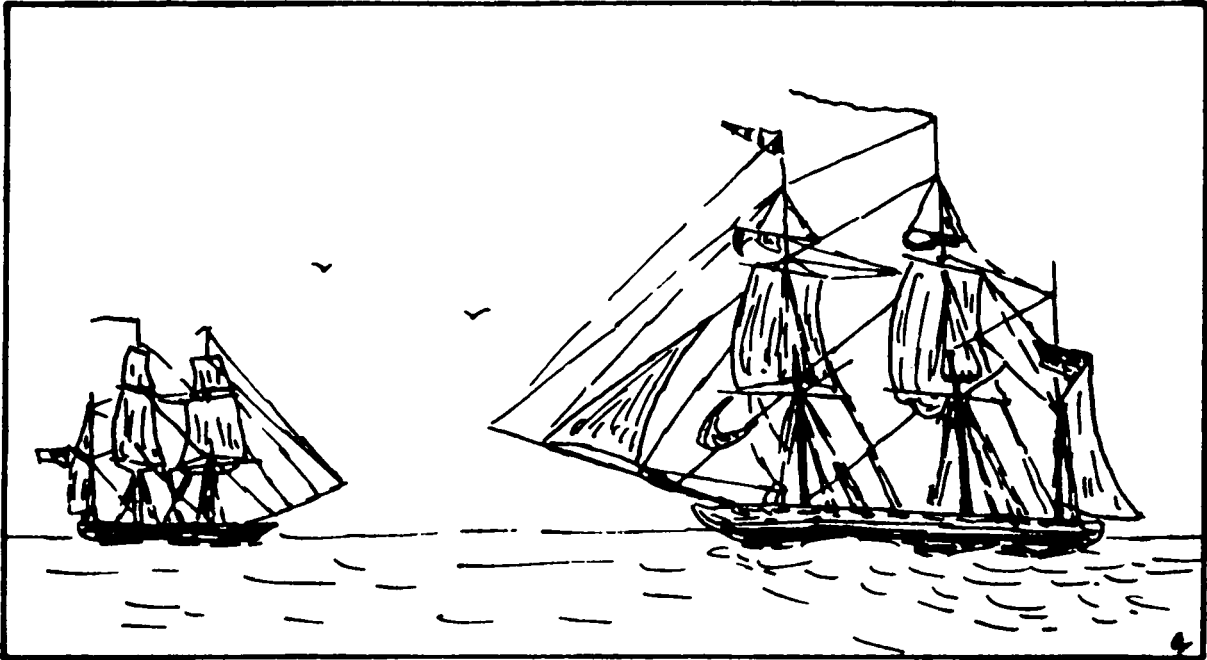
At the Anguilla Post Office I gained some interesting information regarding postal innovations and changes that may take place. However, I was pledged to withhold it from publication pending an official release.

As anticipated, the new Sub-P.O. at Cane Garden Bay, BVI has received a datestamp. It is similar to the East End CDS shown on page 47 of the April 1971 Journal. The opening day of the S.P.O. and first use of the CDS was 16 AP 71, according to Mrs. Cristiana Dawson, Postmistress. Our thanks to Gale Raymond for a cover from there posted on that date.

GROUNDING OF REDPOLE OFF BERMUDA

by Jack Arnell

By the mid-1820's, the American sailing packets of the several transatlantic lines were carrying virtually all the mails between New York and Le Havre, Liverpool and London. They provided frequent and regular service, which was not only faster but also cheaper than the British packet service, for the postage was only twenty-five cents, instead of 1/2 to Falmouth or 2/2 to London (with the Inland postage).



Faced with this competition, the General Post Office in London decided to drop the packet run from Falmouth to New York via Halifax, and instead to institute a route from Falmouth to Bermuda, thence to Halifax and back to Falmouth. The new routing meant that some means must be provided for getting official despatches to and from the British Ambassador in Washington. To that end, the British Admiral in Halifax contracted with Samuel Cunard of that port to provide two small mailboats to carry this mail between Bermuda and Annapolis, Maryland.

This new service was inaugurated 11 January 1827, when the *Redpole* Packet, Captain John Bullock, sailed from Falmouth for Bermuda. The *Redpole* reached St. Georges, Bermuda on 3 March, after a difficult passage of fifty-one days. Mail to the U.S. was transferred to the contract mailboat *Susan*, Captain Stairs, which left Bermuda on 6 March, made landfall at Cape Henry at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay one week later on 13 March, and reached Annapolis on 18 March. The packet was only to stay in port at Bermuda long enough to take on water and supplies and to provide enough time for replies to be written to the mail it brought. Adhering to this schedule, the *Redpole* sailed from St. Georges on the evening of 5 March, but, as it was just clearing the entrance to the harbour, struck a reef.

With help from shore, the ship was extricated from its hazardous position, and was brought to shelter in Murray's Anchorage to the north of St. Georges Island. Then Commander Bullock described the incident in a letter dated 6 March to Rear Admiral W.T. Lake, Commander-in-Chief of the British North American Squadron, who was wintering at Bermuda. His report provides us with an appreciation of the bravery and skill of those who manned these sailing packets. I quote his letter:

"I have to inform you, that on sailing yesterday afternoon from St. George's, this packet struck repeatedly on the rocks off the entrance of that Harbour, when by direction of the Pilot the Small Bower* was let go, and she brought up, but striking heavily on the Rocks; every exertion was made, with great assistance from the shore to get her off into deep water, which, after much labour was effected, and at midnight she was apparently secured with a Stream* of about six hundred weight and a seven Inch Hawser on an end with about thirty fathoms of Chain attached to the Anchor, and the Small Bower of 13 Cwt with its Chain Cable.

"About 2 AM, the Hawser parted and the Ship brought up with the Small Bower by directions of the Pilot, and the Best Bower* of sixteen Cwt would not hold her, not being able to give her the proper Cable, being so near shore: By repeated signals of distress assistance was again received from the shore, and a most intelligent Man volunteered, on slipping the Best Bower Cable; to carry her clear of the dangers, which I am happy to say, he has effected leaving both Bowers, Stream and Kedge* with their respective Cables, behind. -- The Ship is now secured with the Sheet Anchor and part of a Bower Chain and I have therefore to entreat every possible and immediate assistance from you and the Naval Establishment. P.S. The Ship makes no water and therefore conclude that she has received no injury in the Hull altho' she repeatedly struck very heavy."

(*Names of various anchors carried on British naval ships.)

On the following day, Commander Bullock wrote a second letter in which he reported the names of a number of individuals, both servicemen and private individuals, who came to *Redpole's* assistance. He singled out for special mention "John Hayward, a Native I believe, who volunteered when the Ship was in the most imminent danger to take charge, on slipping the Best Bower Cable, which she was then bringing home, and to pilot her clear of danger, which I consented to, and he happily effected by making sail; and altho' repeatedly striking in a narrow passage, forced her over the Rocks, and with I trust little injury; which induces me to believe that they have rather flat surfaces, as she makes no water."

In reporting the incident to the Secretary of the Admiralty in London, the Admiral commented that the *Redpole* had been taken to Ireland Island for an examination and had been found to sustain no injury. New anchors and cables had been issued, and *Redpole* sailed for Halifax early on the morning of 8 March. John Hayward was paid Ten Pounds "as a reward for his services in taking charge of the ship and piloting her clear of a very dangerous situation; which I trust will meet their Lordships' approbation." Measures were taken to recover the lost anchors and cables.

In spite of the near-disaster which has been described above, it did not appear to warrant mention in the Halifax *Nova Scotian*, which reported in the 22 March issue, "The *Redpole* Packet from England and Bermuda, 14 days from the latter has just arrived." The paper devoted much more space to comment about "the inconvenience and inutility of the late change in the course of the Packets destined for these Colonies." This route satisfied no one, and it was discontinued after but nine months of service. The packets then operated only between Falmouth and Halifax, with two separate Cunard mailboat routes carrying mails from Halifax to Boston and Bermuda.

Letters are from Admiralty 1, Vol.515 (Microfilm B-1456), Public Archives, Ottawa, Canada.

SOME NEW ANTIGUA DATA

by George W. Bowman

In my article in the April Journal, under SPO: JOHNSON'S POINT, page 37, the first line should read: Established 1 JAN 1932, per LIG, 1 JAN 1932, W/N 1.

On page 39, under SPO: NELSON'S DOCKYARD, the opening date is given as 16 November 1961. The correct date is 15 November 1961, per a Post Office Notice published in the *Antigua, Montserrat, and Virgin Islands Gazette*, W/N 51, 13 NOV 1961.

On page 41, in the first line of the last paragraph, delete the words "the Daggett input and". In my original manuscript I included some data by H. Daggett that had appeared in an issue of the *BWISC Bulletin*. When I later decided not to use it in the final draft, I neglected to drop this reference to it.

I have now been able to examine *Leeward Islands Gazette* (LIG) microfilm files that cover the year 1963. In the LIG for 30 December of that year, the following Post Office Notice was published:

TRANSFER OF SUB-POST OFFICE FROM MONTPELIER TO ST. PHILLIP'S RECTORY

It is hereby notified for general information that the sub-post office at Montpelier will be transferred to St. Phillip's Rectory from 1st January 1944.

W.O. Peters
Postmaster, Antigua
18 December, 1943

In my previous article I stated that (1) the LIG's through 1939 said nothing whatsoever about the Montpelier SPO beyond the fact that it opened 1 JAN 1932, and (2) the prevailing opinion as to Montpelier's fate was that it became St. Phillip's in 1945. The above notice of 1943 establishes that it became St. Phillip's at least a year earlier. (The notice, incidentally, spells St. Phillip's with 2 L's, while its postmark and the Parish name as found on maps, show but one.)

The reason for changing the location of the SPO was not given, but such moves were normally due to the appointment of a new postmaster, which required relocating the facilities from the quarters or place of business of the former PM to those of the new one. Can anyone say for sure that this was the case? Also, can anyone supply the exact location of St. Phillip's Rectory? An Antigua map that Dr. Ed Doak gave to BCPSG members several years ago, shows a church about 3/8 of a mile to the west of Montpelier. Is this St. Phillip's?

With the above information, we can modify the chart printed as Appendix II on page 43 of the April Journal, by adding a line for the year 1944. It will be identical to the line for 1942, except for the right-hand column "OTHERS" which should read: "same (0 became St. Phillip's)", and, of course, the "year" column will read 1944.

An input from Gale Raymond informs me that he has a pair of covers postmarked 1947 at GUNTHORPES. This helps to confirm the theory that Gunthorpes was in existence until 1948, as was explained in the April Journal.

I am now examining pre-1900 microfilms of the LIG's, and when I have completed the research, will prepare a report similar to my previous ones.

FIRST FLIGHT FIGURES

by Dr. John M. Lockie

Those who collect First Flight covers have always been interested in recording the number of letters carried on such flights. In the 1930's, two philatelists living in Georgetown, British Guiana wrote to the Post Office Departments of Trinidad and British Guiana requesting such data. In due course they received replies, and the letters were fortunately preserved and showed up some years later in an auction of postal history material. I purchased the auction lot containing them, and since I believe that other members may be interested in the information they contain, have prepared the following report.

A letter from the Post Office Department, Georgetown, British Guiana, 25 FEB 1930, reads as follows:

"In reply to your letter of 17th instant, I have the honour to furnish below particulars of the number of letters, etc. conveyed from British Guiana on the inaugural flight of the Pan American Airway Service, in September last:

GEORGETOWN to	PARAMARIBO	376
"	TRINIDAD	446
"	ST. LUCIA	97
"	ANTIGUA	78
"	ST. THOMAS	32
"	PORTO RICO	544
"	U.S.A.	1046

"2. No record of the number of letters, etc. received here on the first flight was kept, and I regret I cannot give you the figures."

On 16 May 1930, a letter from the same office advises regarding certain flights:

"2 January 1930. There is no record of any Air Mail correspondence from Nassau, Bahamas.

"3 March 1930. Twenty Registered items reached here from Dominica in a direct air mail to Georgetown on this date. There was no other correspondence in the mail.

"24 March 1930. There is no record of any Air Mail correspondence from Guayaquil, Ecuador.

"A mail was despatched by air on Monday, 28 March 1927, from Georgetown to Trinidad. It was taken by the Pan American Goodwill Fliers (Officer in charge - Major Dargue). It was not known until the morning of the departure of these airplanes, that a mail could be taken, and one was prepared hurriedly. Only ordinary prepaid letters which happened to be on hand at the time of departure were despatched by this opportunity."

The 1927 flight referred to above was a tour of Latin America and the Caribbean by three U.S. Army seaplanes, and had no connection with Pan American Airways. There is a detailed report of the Georgetown to Port of Spain portion in Bulletin No. 50 of the Trinidad Philatelic Society.

The final letter from the British Guiana P.O. Department is dated 13 FEB 1931, and provides the following statement of letters despatched from the G.P.O., Georgetown on the First Flight (P.A.A.) of Friday, 6th February 1931:

<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>LETTERS</u>	
	<u>ORDINARY</u>	<u>REGISTERED</u>
Curacao	11	40
La Guaira	4	7
Nicaragua	3	27
Honduras	2	27
Salvador	2	27
Guatemala	2	27
Colombia	2	31
Ecuador	1	35
Peru	1	27
Chile	1	27
Mexico	1	2
	<u>30</u>	<u>277</u>

The Trinidad letters begin with one from the G.P.O., P.O.S., dated 27th March 1930 which reports that:

"...the following Mails were received by the first Pan American Air Ship arriving here on the 22nd September 1929:

<u>FROM</u>	
New York	4,134
St. Thomas	676
St. Lucia	318
St. Kitts	28
Antigua	207
	<u>5,363</u>
Demerara	345
Paramaribo	789
	<u>6,497</u>

"The following mails were despatched:

<u>TO</u>	
Br. Guiana	426
Paramaribo	112
	<u>538</u>
Havanna - Cuba	169
St. Thomas	159
Antigua	220
St. Kitts	2
St. Lucia	245
Porto Rico	478
New York	3,055
	<u>4,328</u>

Grand Total of

11,363

The letter also advises that: "No record was kept of mails received and despatched on the first flight of the Nyrba Air Line."

On 22 OCT 1931, the Assistant Postmaster General, G.P.O., Port of Spain, wrote:

"...in connection with Air Mail for Cayenne, I beg to inform you that 19 of your covers were despatched today by registered mail to that office.

"...it was the first despatch from this office to Cayenne and your nineteen covers comprised the whole mail."*

On 25th FEB 1935, the G.P.O., Port of Spain advised "...no official information has yet been received in connection with an Air Mail Service, between this Colony and Martinique or Guadeloupe."

Finally, the Asst. PMG of Trinidad reported on the mail carried by the DO-X: "The airship arrived here on 19th August 1931, and brought 521 letters from Paramaribo for Trinidad, also the following transit letters: Paramaribo for Curacao..608, and Paramaribo for Amsterdam..484. The Airship left on the 20th August, carrying the following amount of mail matter:

MIAMI	803
EUROPE	143
CANADA	97
PORTO RICO	55
HAITI	9
CUBA	11
ANTIGUA	<u>96</u>
TOTAL	1214

*The Francis Field publication *Trinidad and Tobago* by N.C. Baldwin, shows mail from Trinidad to Cayenne via P.A.A. on NOV 11-13, 1930, nearly a year earlier. Can any reader report such a cover?

DETAILS OF NOJEX 1971 ARE ANNOUNCED----

Here are the details that those who plan to attend NOJEX--and we hope that you are one of them--will need to make their plans and arrangements.

NOJEX 1971 will be held on 29, 30 and 31 October 1971 at the Cranford Motor Lodge, 10 Jackson Drive, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, just off the Garden State Freeway, a couple of miles from the center of Cranford. The nearest airport is at Newark.

Rates at the motel, including tax, are: Single - \$14.70; Double, one bed - \$16.80; Double, twin beds - \$18.90. Reservations should be made early, and be sure to let them know that you are attending NOJEX.

Best transportation from New York City is the Somerset Bus, No.15 to Clark. This leaves from the Port Authority Building in New York, and has a stop near the motel.

The Prospectus is enclosed with this Journal. We hope you will exhibit, and those who plan to do so should send in their entry form as soon as possible. Help us to make this an outstanding event that will tell the world how good we are!

The President's Page

This month I want to tell you of what I consider a very significant development in Canadian philately, which may ultimately have some impact on most serious collectors. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada has donated its philatelic library to the National Library of Canada, which is situated in Ottawa, and is providing continuing financial support to aid in formation of a national philatelic collection. The acquisitions will be made by the National Librarian of Canada, with the advice of a small committee of philatelists, of which I am a member.

The National Library makes loans of its holdings through accredited libraries, and this will permit research-minded philatelists to obtain material to study in their own home towns. In addition, the National Library will provide a complete copying service, ranging from individual photostats to full-length microfilms.

It has been the policy of our Group to provide complimentary copies of our Journal to other major libraries, stretching from England and Germany to Los Angeles. The National Library of Canada has now been added to this list. We are also trying to obtain a complete set of the Journal for this collection. In this connection, any of our members who have any philatelic literature that they would like to offer to the National Library as a gift or for a price, are requested to write either to me or to Miss J. Higginson, Head, Acquisitions Div., National Library, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N4, giving details.

As you probably noted in the April Journal, we are rapidly approaching the time to elect new Trustees to replace the three who retire at the end of the year. I hope there will be enough nominations from the membership-at-large, so that it will not be necessary to constitute a nomination committee. Nominations close on 10th July 1971, so if you know of a dedicated philatelist whom you would like to have on the Board of Trustees to represent you in shaping the future policy of our Group, send the name to Major D.C. Warren, Box 478, Hillsborough, NC 27278, USA.

In this issue of our Journal you will find further details on NOJEX, including the information needed by exhibitors. The Exhibition Chairman has asked that we send in our entry forms as soon as possible. He must have an early indication that we will fill our allotted 150 frames, since others will want any frames we are unable to use. I hope that enough of you will have entries to fill our quota, but please mail in your entry form as soon as you can determine your frame requirements. You will note that entries are judged on their own merits, with no limit on the number of awards, so except for the major awards, you will not be in competition with the other exhibitors, and have a good chance of winning an award. More important, you will have helped us to show others what a great organization we have.

Jack

BACK ISSUE PAGES OFFERED MEMBERS----

In each issue of the Journal there is an advertisement which lists all back issues that are still available to members at 70¢ per copy. In addition, we have quite a few extra pages, left over from the printer's overrun, of various Journals between #39 and #52. These pages are cluttering up our garage, and we would like to clean them out to make room for other things. We are listing here some of these surplus pages, and while the supply lasts, will send copies to members requesting them for 5¢ per page, plus mailing costs. Orders should indicate whether shipment by First

Class Mail, Air Mail, or Surface Printed Rate (Third Class) is desired. No money need be sent with orders, as a bill will be included in the shipment, with payment to be made on receipt of order. Income from sales goes to our BCPSG Treasury.

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47:33	A BARBADOS SCADTA ISSUE.

If the response warrants, additional pages will be listed in future Journals. The quantities of some pages are small, and orders will be filled as received.

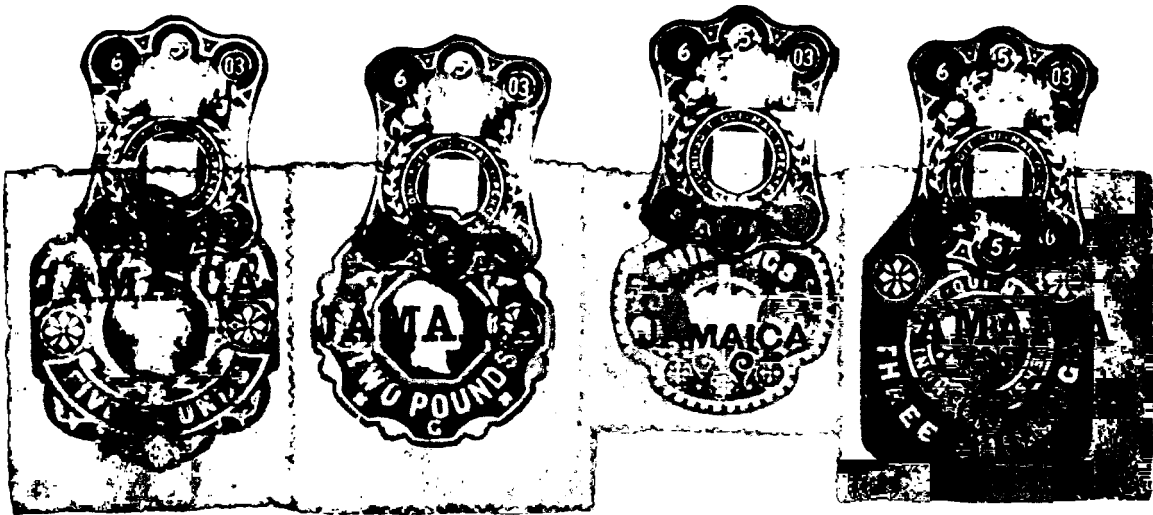
MARINE INSURANCE FISCALS OF JAMAICA

by Byron R. Cameron

About nine years ago in a paper entitled *The Fiscal Stamps of Jamaica*, I described that group of revenues commonly called Policy Marines or Marine Tax Stamps. While details provided at that time have proven reasonably accurate, in the light of new discoveries a new series has been born. A few new denominations have also come to light, so it seems advisable to amend my original listing.

These revenue stamps were only used to collect a tax on marine insurance policies, on cargo outbound from Jamaica, so they should properly be termed Marine Insurance Fiscals. This tax procedure was a replica of a British Maritime Law in effect at that time.

Forbin's *Catalogue de Timbres Fiscaux* describes these stamps as *Timbres de Grande-Bretagne avec JAMAICA en surcharge* (Stamps of Great Britain surcharged JAMAICA). A partial listing is provided by Forbin. The overprint is found in two types, TYPE I having seriffed capitals 4½ mm high, and TYPE II having sans-serif capitals 3 mm high. The stamps have an embossed design, much like the infamous 'Tea Tax' stamps of the eighteenth century, but color was added to the background, accentuating the raised relief to present a rather attractive appearance. A die letter appears in



varying locations on each stamp to identify the embossing plate used. Two letters or two roses were used instead of a single letter in a few cases. The paper used is white and unwatermarked, while the background color of the printing varies from gray for the early issues to ultramarine for the later ones. Stamps are Perf. 12, usually clean-cut, but sometimes a bit rough. There are two sizes: SIZE L (Large) approximately 38 x 45 mm, and SIZE S (Small) approximately 35 x 35 mm.

In use, these stamps were affixed to the Insurance Policy, and were then tied by a cancel which embossed a white design and vermillion background into both stamp and document. The day, month (in figures) and year are in three small circular insets at both top and bottom of the cancelling device. This was usually tied across the top of the stamp, but is also found used at the bottom.

Following are listings of the Marine Insurance Fiscals known to me. With only one

exception, the £2 of 1913, all stamps of the same issue have the same size and the same type of overprint.

ISSUE OF 1899

Color gray, Size L, Type I overprint. Each denomination has its own design which usually includes a crown or some type of heraldic shield or symbol.

M1	3d	J	M9	10/-	A
M2	6d	EE	M10	15/-	J
M3	9d	D	M11	£1	F
M4	1/-	R	M11a	£1	G
M4a	1/-	T	<u>HEAD OF MINERVA</u>		
M5	2/-	A	M12	£2	G
M6	3/-	I	M13	£5	I
M7	4/-	F	M14	£10	E
M7a	4/-	E	M15	£50	D
M8	5/-	N			

ISSUE OF 1903

Color gray, Size S, Type II overprint. The design has been reduced in size and greatly modified. Most notable is a small white inverted delta at the top of the crown, presenting a cross-like appearance, on most of the denominations below One Pound.

M21	3d	E	M28	5/-	H
M21a	3d	F	M28a	5/-	J
M22	6d	H	M29	10/-	I
M22a	6d	H brown color	M29a	10/-	K
M23	9d	B	M30	15/-	C
M24	1/-	H	M30a	15/-	D
M25	2/	G	<u>HEAD OF MINERVA</u>		
M25a	2/-	I	M31	£1	F
M26	3/-	A	M32	£10	C
M27	4/-	2 roses			

ISSUE OF 1913

Colors vary widely from lilac gray to ultramarine. Size S, Type II overprint, except £2 denomination which is L-I. Designs similar to 1903 issue, but with added values and symbols. The inverted delta is predominant.

M40	3d	F	M46a	4/-	A
M41	6d	I	M47	6/-	2 roses
M41a	6d	J	M48	15/-	D
M42	9d	B	<u>HEAD OF MINERVA</u>		
M43	1/-	H	M49	£1	F
M44	1/6	C	M50	£2	F (L-I)
M45	3/-	A	M50a	£2	G (L-I)
M46	4/-	2 roses			

ISSUE OF 1926

Color ultramarine, Size S, Type II overprint. The paper in most cases is an intense white. Most of the designs have been changed, and the crown has been raised to the top of the stamp. In some cases double die letters have been used. This issue is characterized by omission of the inverted delta, and the top of the crown appears nearly flat.

M60	3d	AD	M69	10/-	AN
M61	6d	AS	M70	15/-	U
M61a	6d	AK	M70a	15/-	Z
M62	1/-	AC	M70b	15/-	AB
M63	1/3	O	<u>HEAD OF MINERVA</u>		
M64	2/-	AS	M71	£1	T
M65	2/6	AE	M72	£2	R
M66	3/-	L	M73	£3	J
M67	4/-	N	M74	£4	E
M68	5/-	K	M75	£5	U
M68a	5/-	AF	M76	£10	T

It should be noted that the dates of issue could be earlier. The years given are the earliest use I could find for each issue. I would appreciate any information regarding other values or different die letters, for I believe such may exist.

WESTPEX 1971

by Stan Durnin

With WESTPEX as an excuse, Elaine and I took off for California in mid-April. Our route led through Albuquerque, so we dropped off the freeway for an hour with Fred and Gladys. Over coffee and Danish pastry we chatted of BCPSG matters, and before we were again on our way, the hour had stretched to over two. Fred was working on the June Journal, and showed us the material he would use in it. It consisted of various notes, clippings, and manuscripts, meticulously stored in the de luxe file which the Group has provided Fred for that purpose. (See photo below.)



"I'M POSITIVE IT'S FILED IN HERE"
SAYS FRED WHILE MAKING UP JOURNAL



STAN DIGGING FOR TREASURE AT BILL
KIEPURA'S STAND ON WESTPEX BOURSE

Arriving in the beautiful City by the Golden Gate after an enjoyable drive through the fruit (and wine!) country of California, Elaine and I made the rounds of stamp dealers in the city. We were disappointed in that we encountered very little BWI material that we hadn't seen on our last visit in 1968. Thursday was "Lady's Day" as Elaine went wild shopping the spacious and well-stocked women's shops. (Clovis is not exactly a center of women's fashions, unless one favors cow-country garb!)

That evening at the WESTPEX venue, the Jack Tar Hotel, we renewed old friendships, as we met many of the WESTPEX committee members. It was also our pleasure to meet fellow BCPSGer George Bowman and his lovely wife Elaine. The ever effervescent Ed Weinberg was busily directing and assisting with the setting up of the exhibition. After the business at hand had been taken care of, the Bowmans and Durnins retired to a quiet and secluded restaurant and reveled in the wrecking of their diets. (A rule of San Francisco requires all entering her domain to leave their diets at the city limits.)

Returning to the Jack Tar, we were most happily greeted by the hard working Editor of Western Stamp Collector and fellow BCPSGer, Ken Wood, as well as his delightful wife Hilda. Naturally, this called for a toast to the wayward Californians with a well-aged California grape juice.

Friday, bright and early, we were awakened by the telephone, and on answering were greeted by a cheery "Good morning; ready for breakfast?" We readily recognized it

as the voice of our dear friend, BVI enthusiast Jay Fredrick. Breakfast proved a most delightful affair as we looked over some of Jay's philatelic beauties between the melon and the marmalade. Jay's comely wife Olga, we are happy to report, has completely recovered from her bad accident in England last Fall.

With the opening of the doors to WESTPEX '71, our first objective was to visit the Album Service stand and greet our friend of many years, Bill Kiepara. He is still his bubbly self, and his stocks can still produce hidden gems for the ink and fly-speck collector with the patience to do a little digging. Also representing BCPSG on the bourse was Henry Spelman, who had come from Massachusetts to share his most pleasant manner and a stock of rare philatelic material with us.

The WESTPEX exhibits filled 304 frames, with 95 devoted to outstanding material of



GEORGE BOWMAN, STAN DURNIN AND DICK MOUNSEY STUDY SOME WESTPEX EXHIBITS



THE CAMERAMAN WINS BRIGHT SMILES AS GEORGE & ELAINE BOWMAN POSE FOR HIM

East Asia. Our own British West Indies were staunchly represented by two exhibits of that area - Antigua by George Bowman, and Leeward Islands by Stan Durnin. Your Group was represented by but seven members at the show on Friday, but it seemed as though there were a lot more. They were like locusts in that wherever one looked he saw "Bewee philatelists"! The judges' decisions were finally announced and the Grand Award went to Stan Durnin's "Leeward Islands Queen Victoria Issues". Thereafter the most frequent question was "Where are the Leeward Islands?" Believe me, the BCPSGers didn't hesitate to provide the inquirers a lesson or two in geography of the Caribbean Area!

Saturday morning saw the arrival from Seattle of Dick Mounsey. When he told us of plans for a proposed trip to the Indies, we were all a bit envious, and thereafter our theme song became "Take Me Along".

No formal BCPSG meeting had been planned, nor was one held, but the usual informal and happy 'getting-to-know-you' sessions prevailed. Luncheon of buffalo stew and beer at Tommy's Joynt, across from the hotel, provided an opportunity to look over each other's philatelic finds. The WESTPEX banquet was made especially delightful by appreciation of the genuine pleasure of our many BCPSG and other friends at our success with the Grand Award. We shared a table with Mrs. Van Dahl, publisher of Western Stamp Collector, and a staunch supporter of BCPSG; the Woods; the Bowmans; and with such pleasant company could not help but have a wonderful time. Memories of that evening will long remain with us.

A highly successful WESTPEX, especially from our viewpoint, came to a close. Then as we parted, all agreed that our BCPSG had added another feather to its cap. All of us vowed that we'd try our darndest to 'see you at NOJEX' next October.

Our trip back home involved additional philatelic activity. We stopped off in the mountains above San Bernardino, California, near Big Bear Lake, for a visit with a collector who shares Elaine's interest in Fine Arts philately. Then another delay



THE BOWMANS GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH JAY FREDRICK (left) AND ED WEINBERG



ARLENE VAN DAHL, THE WOODS, DURNINS AND BOWMANS SHARING A BANQUET TABLE

enroute took place in Albuquerque for a longer visit with Gladys and Fred. Weary but happy we finally arrived back home, but not for long. We had entered the same Leewards material in an exhibition in Lubbock, Texas, about 100 miles southeast of Clovis. We are pleased to report that the judges there, headed by Dan Warren, had a high regard for our entry, and we came home with our second Grand Award.

BCPSG TO MEET AT TEXANEX '71 IN SAN ANTONIO, 26-29 AUGUST---

Since quite a few BCPSG members have indicated they plan to attend the TEXANEX '71 exhibition in San Antonio, Texas, August 26th-29th 1971, Gale Raymond has arranged for a meeting room on Saturday, August 28th. The 85th Annual American Philatelic Society Convention will be held at TEXANEX, and as Unit Number 27 of A.P.S., BCPSG is entitled to participate in the convention.

The Texas Philatelic Association's 75th Annual Convention also takes place at this exhibition. Convention and exhibition headquarters is the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel in San Antonio. However, for those who prefer to spend their sleeping hours at a less distinguished hostelry at less expense, the GRANADA INN, San Antonio, TX 78206, is a very modern motel but a block away, with reasonable rates. Gale tells us he will be at the Granada, and the Durnins and your Editor also plan to make it their nocturnal headquarters. However, get your reservations in soon!

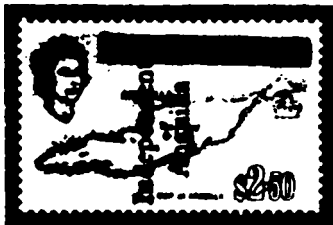
If you plan to join us, drop a note to your Editor to give us some idea as to what sort of participation to expect. This affair provides an opportunity for members in the Southwest to become acquainted with one another. Our usual informality can be guaranteed with assurance of no boring, sleep-inducing lectures. Since A.P.S. and T.P.A. are experienced in putting on good shows, you can't fail to have a good time when they combine their talents. You might even find some treasure at one of the dealer's tables on the bourse!

Independent Anguilla Forgeries

by R.C. Coleman & R.A. Ramkissoon, M.D.

Most British Caribbean philatelists are aware that forgeries were made of the 1967 INDEPENDENT ANGUILLA overprint. They came into being as a result of the purchase of some 20 to 30 complete sets of the St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla definitives by the forger. These stamps were taken to Antigua where a printing firm applied a forged overprint.

While the printer did not have a type face that exactly duplicated the genuine, he substituted a close approximation, but made one major error. He ran the overprint vertically, from bottom to top, on the horizontal format stamps. Thus, one could tell at a glance, with no need for close scrutiny, that the 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50 cents and \$2.50, were obvious forgeries. It was however, correct for the vertical format stamps, including the rarest of all overprints, the 60¢ value.



FIRST FORGERY



SECOND FORGERY

The obliterating of St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla was poor, and appears to have been done by hand, using India ink or a felt type pen.

The matter of the existence of this forgery was revealed by one of us (RCC) to the Anguilla Post Office Department. Subsequently, the man responsible for production of the forgery was interviewed by Detective Inspector O'Hara of Scotland Yard, who flew out to handle the matter. Later, the man was charged, fined, and the matter closed. We were able to obtain (RCC) a complete set of the forgery, and from them a photograph showing all sixteen denominations was made.

However, before the file was closed, a second set of the overprinted stamps having the characteristics of this forgery appeared. To our amazement, this issue showed the correct orientation of the overprint on the horizontal format stamps, so every denomination had its overprint properly applied. In addition, the obliteration of St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla was done more professionally--in fact, the stamps were, for all practical purposes, good enough to pass a person collecting them for philatelic investment, not being too careful of the possibilities of fraud.

At the close of the court proceedings in Anguilla, it was stated all copies of the forgeries were destroyed. Before this was done, a color photograph of the stamps was made, for the benefit of philatelists, and to document this final phase of the saga of the early events of Anguilla's quest for independence.

In the above illustrations, the \$2.50 value was chosen to show the characteristics of both forgeries, since its light background shows up the overprint very well. A photo of the genuine overprint can be found in Journal No. 51, page 183, for those not having a specimen of the genuine for comparison. There is an illustration of the overprint in the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, but it is not too good a reproduction, the actual overprint having thinner, sharper and more evenly formed letters.

Differences between genuine and forged overprints are: the genuine "t" has a very sharp hook at the bottom, but that of the forgery is nearly blunt; the genuine "e"

has its horizontal member lower than that of the forgery, and shows a much greater open space in the upper loop; the forgery has the upper and lower lines spaced too far apart by at least a millimeter. If anything, the forger did too good a job of obliterating the text. On genuine stamps with horizontal format, the bar usually ends short of the right edge of the stamp, but the forger carefully extended it to the very edge of the design. On the genuine vertical format stamps, the bar is in two pieces, with an irregular horizontal space showing about one-third way up from the bottom, while all the forgeries show a solid bar. There are other differences noted, but the above are the major ones.

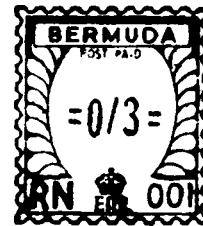
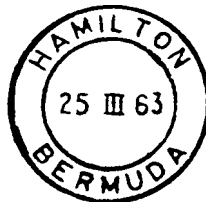
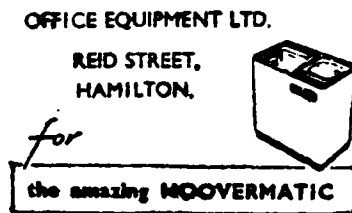
Any member desiring to purchase a copy of the black and white photograph depicting all values of the first forgery, or a color print showing all values of the second one, may contact either of the authors for details.

POSTAGE METERS OF BERMUDA

by Lynn D. Wallace

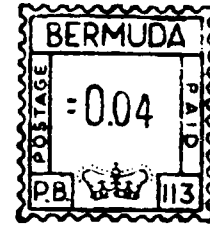
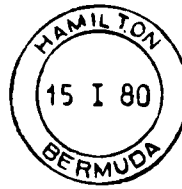
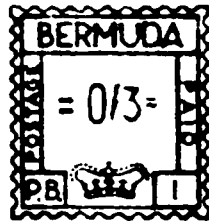
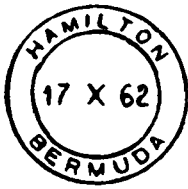
Although the first attempt to obtain authorization for the use of postal meters in Bermuda was made in 1933, no action was taken for some years. In 1950, Statutory Rule and Order No.1 gave permission, and said a date for the coming into effect of meters would follow. Eleven more years elapsed before the date was finally set!

The Royal Gazette of 11 MAR 1961 reported that an amendment to Post Office regulations, that had been announced on the previous day, "will enable business firms to frank their own letters." The article explained that there had been opposition to use of franking machines, as many people thought that the Bermudian stamp was good publicity for the colony. It continued "The new regulation forbids firms to frank letters going abroad, but permits them to frank internal letters."

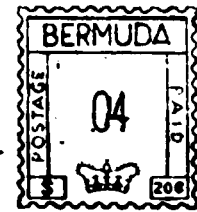
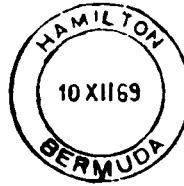
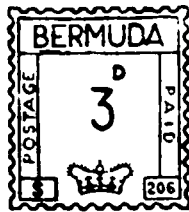
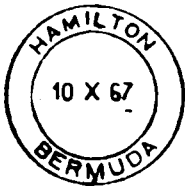


Actual introduction of meters took a few months to accomplish. A headline in *The Royal Gazette* of 26 AUG 1961 said: "POSTAGE METERS GO INTO OPERATION; LOCAL ONLY". The article reported that "meters purchased by the Bermuda Electric Light Company, and the Pan American Foundation (sweepstakes) went into operation yesterday." The paper noted that a spokesman for Office Equipment, Ltd., the only firm selling the meters in the colony, said that the first meter was sold to Bermuda Telephone Co., Ltd., but on checking with that company, the newspaper learned that it was not yet in use. The spokesman also said that meters were being obtained by the Bank of N. T. Butterfield, and the Bermuda Medical Associates, and that he thought a further six meters would come into operation on the following week. The article included an illustration of a mark from meter RN 001. This was a Roneo-Neopost meter which was retained by Office Equipment Ltd. for its own use, and a strike of it is shown above. A photo of Colonial Postmaster, Mr. Aubrey Manuel, examining a device that is described as "one of the postage meter machines which went into use - for local mail only - on Friday" was also shown.

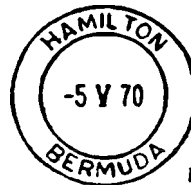
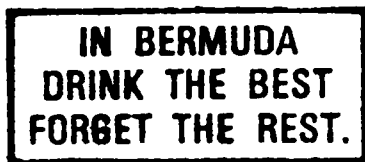
The first meters in general use were manufactured by Pitney-Bowes, and I have seen several numbers from P.B.1 to P.B.113. Originally, the amount of postage paid was shown in shillings and pence as =0/3=, but with the change to decimal currency the value was changed to dollars, such as =0.04. Both versions are shown below. Note that P.B.113 has "80" for the year, proving that one can't trust the date shown!



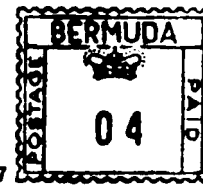
A few Simplex meters appear to have been sold, and numbers S201, S206 and S208 are known. Sterling currency strikes show values in pence, e.g. 3^D. Decimal strikes have no figure before the decimal point, e.g. .04, leading me to believe the limit of the machine was 99 cents. Both versions of currency designation can be seen in the illustrations below.



The most recently introduced meter is a new version of the Pitney-Bowes type. It was probably designed to provide a more compact unit. The height of the simulated stamp has been reduced to about the height of the CDS. The meter number is placed to the left of the stamp, in line with the bottom, numbers starting with P.B.1001, which was used by Office Equipment Ltd. When first used, the value was expressed in shillings and pence as =0/4=. After the dollar was introduced, two methods of showing the value were used. On P.B.1017 and P.B.1027 it is found as .04, but on P.B.1032 it appears as =004 (with no decimal point).



P.B.1027



Most inking on postage meters is in red, but both blue and black have been used. A number of meters have slogans at the left.

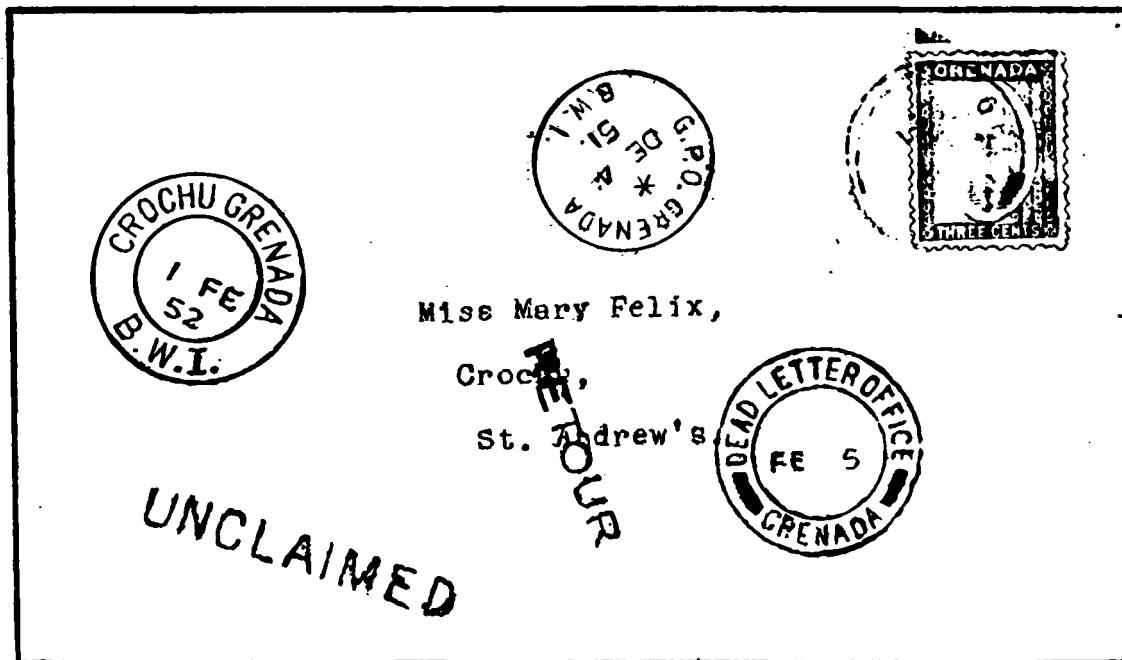
Although the initial announcement indicated that meter postage would be limited to inland mail, the writer has seen covers to the U.S. bearing meter franking. These bear dates of OCT 7, 1965, NOV 20, 1967 and OCT 25, 1968. Can anyone say if there has been a change in the regulation against use of postal meters on foreign mail?

I would like to assemble as complete a list of Bermuda meters as possible. If you have any, would you please advise me or our Editor as to meter number, user, color of ink and date of each strike.

More Postmarks of Grenada

by Anthony Shepherd

In an excellent article in the April 1970 Journal, page 43, Harvey O'Connor showed a cover bearing a strike of a single circle DEAD LETTER OFFICE/GRENADA CDS, asking for reports of other strikes of it. I recently obtained a cover sent to Argentina from Gouyave, Grenada on 16 DEC 1957. It was unclaimed by the addressee in Buenos Aires, and returned to the sender via the Dead Letter Office, where it was given a strike of the mark reported by Harvey, but in red ink. It is dated JU 10 58, some three years and four months earlier than Harvey's strike of OC 17 61.



Just as interesting perhaps, was discovery of two covers that show use of the much earlier Birmingham Type B1 DEAD LETTER OFFICE mark. This mark was reported by our Editor in the April 1969 Journal, page 49, as a note appended to Harvey O'Connor's article *Current Postmarks of Grenada*. He mentioned a strike dated 5 MY 37. Shown above is one of my covers that shows this Birmingham type mark was still being put to use in February 1952. The letter was posted at the G.P.O. in St. George's, and addressed to Miss Mary Felix in Crochu. She failed to claim it in the prescribed time, so the Crochu Postmaster stamped it UNCLAIMED and RETOUR, and after adding a strike of his Type 22A CDS, returned it to the G.P.O. There it was handed over to the Dead Letter Office Clerk, who added his CDS dated FE 5. He failed to show the year (1952), which may indicate that this mark had outlived its anticipated period of use, with no '52' slug being available.

My other cover adds another two years to the life of this mark, being dated FE 27, the year again missing, but shown by other markings to be 1954. This letter went to Canada, where the addressee was "NOT FOUND", so it was subsequently returned to Grenada.

Can anyone help close the gap between the late use, 27 FEB 1954, of the Birmingham mark, and the early use, 10 JUN 1958, of the single ring CDS?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Charlton's book on Grenada neglects the miscellaneous postal marks such as these, but we would like to put them 'on the record'. If you have any to report, please send us the details.

G.P.O. MONTSERRAT

by Charles G. Ricksecker

Visiting Montserrat early this April, I naturally checked at the G.P.O. to find if there had been any changes made since earlier visits. I found that there are now two "All Purpose" windows at the G.P.O., in addition to Parcel Post and Philatelic windows. In theory, the two All Purpose windows are to handle all types of mail, be it posted by sea mail, regular air mail, or registered mail. They are also to sell stamps to customers on demand. However, only one of them would accept registered letters of any description. The CDS employed at her window bore the index C so that, as of that time, the index C mark should designate a registered letter.

The other clerk was using an identical CDS, but with an asterisk as index. There was no CDS at the Philatelic window, but the clerk at the Parcel Post window had a CDS that appeared identical, although I am not sure of the index. In addition she had a two-ring oval TRD reading GENERAL POST OFFICE/MONTSERRAT. The date is in a single line in the center, and the text is separated by a star at each side. This appears to be a new item, and when I posted a parcel, I asked the clerk to apply a number of clear strikes of it. I will furnish an example for illustration as soon as possible, and also confirm the index in her CDS.

In the mail sorting room, the machine canceler is still in operation. A CDS with index D is employed to cancel stamps missed by the machine or unsuitable for being machine canceled.. I noted the D was inverted. During a previous visit, I found this D index CDS being used at the Registered Letter window.

All of the CDS's presently employed are, of course, the Modern Single Ring type of device, reading G.P.O. PLYMOUTH/MONTSERRAT. The index letters supposedly provide identification of the clerk using the stamp, but it is apparent that the stamps do get mixed up over a period of time. I realize that these letters are moveable and can be switched at will.

Of further interest, all the clerks in the G.P.O. now sport a new uniform consisting of a medium-blue jumper over a collared white blouse. The uniforms first came into use in March of this year, at the instigation of the clerks themselves, and I found them rather attractive.

I encountered one item of postal stationery at the G.P.O. that I feel worthy of at least brief mention. It is a Return Receipt card, or Avis de Réception in U.P.U. French terminology, being employed when the sender of registered mail wants to get a signed receipt. The card bears the printed name of Montserrat, and twenty cents in Montserrat postage is placed on the card by the sender before it is attached to the registered article. At the delivery end, the addressee signs the card. Then it is postmarked by the accepting office's date stamp and returned to the sender.

This card seems to be rather infrequently used, and the first time I sent one such item the clerk seemed unfamiliar with it, and failed to charge me for the postage, or put any on it. The second time I enquired more closely, and after she had consulted her postal regulations book to learn the proper procedure, the clerk made a charge of the required twenty cents fee.

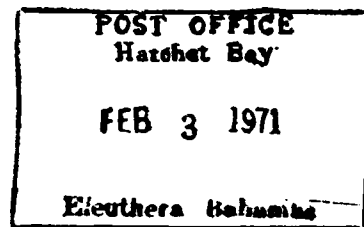
PLEASE BE PROMPT IN REPORTING CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND BE SURE OF GETTING ALL ISSUES!

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANTIGUA -- We have received a report of a strike of the ST. PAUL'S, Antigua CDS on a Leeward Islands stamp, dated AU 27 24. Readers who have been following the data given by George Bowman in recent Journals will appreciate the significance of this find. It extends the use of this CDS by more than ten years, and overlaps the use of the ENGLISH HARBOUR CDS by three years. The Leewards stamp is SG 59, the green 1/2d, wmk. Script CA, of 1921, which tends to confirm the late date of this strike.

BAHAMAS -- John F. Bethell reports two new single ring TRD's in use at Nassau, and sends a cover bearing one. It is a single ring reading NASSAU, BAHAMAS at the top and S.O.1. at the bottom, with single line date of MAY 5- 1971. It is similar in shape and format to the POSTAGE PAID C7 mark, shown on page 71, June 1970 Journal, but the text at the top is better centered. John says he has a similar mark which has S.O.2. at the bottom, and adds that he has no idea what the S.O. means.

TURNED ON ACCOUNT
OF
INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE
Amount Due *15c*



A partial strike of a RETURNED ON ACCOUNT/OF/INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE mark is reported by Tom Giraldi. It was used at FREEPORT in late February 1971, and is seen above. The mark is struck in violet ink, with the amount due, 15c, in red.

Gale Raymond reports the new boxed TRD of HATCHET BAY, ELEUTHERA, shown above. It is known on commercial covers from JAN 10 1971 to FEB 3 1971, and all strikes have been in blue ink. This Post Office was previously using an oval 20V2 TRD.

BARBADOS -- A commercial air mail cover to Chicago, reported by Tom Giraldi, has a 25c adhesive canceled with a Birmingham Type B 3 CDS reading OFFICIAL PAID/G.P.O., BARBADOS. Date is 8 AM/24 MR/70. We haven't seen this mark listed before, and it is probably of fairly recent origin. It should not, of course, have been used as a canceler.

BERMUDA -- WARWICK now has a 30 mm, Type H15c CDS, seen used 17 APR 71B. Can anyone report an earlier strike?

Chuck Cwiakala reports an auction purchase of three covers all of which bear handstamps as shown at left. The covers all bear the address:


COMMAND PAYMASTER
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COMMAND PAYMASTER, EASTERN COMMAND,
BEAVER LANE CAMP, HOUNSLOW,
MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND.

The handstamps are struck in violet, and the covers are franked by stamps of Bermuda, postmarked at Hamilton on 2 NOV 1954, 27 OCT 1956 and 14 FEB 1957. It would seem logical for a military office to use F.P.O. facilities for its mail, so perhaps none were available. An alternative explanation is that the Bermuda postal service could provide better airmail service to England than was available through regular military channels having less frequent despatches.

An H15c Bermuda CDS with PAQUEBOT at top was shown us by Gale Raymond. It cancels Netherlands' stamps on a cover mailed aboard the *S.S. ROTTERDAM* to Gus Lund. Date on the CDS is -2 SEP 70A.

GRENADA -- From Tony Shepherd comes a report of a LA DIGUE, ST. ANDREWS, postmark, having ST. ANDREWS incorporated in the name. It is a single ring CDS and the date is 21 AUG 1947. Tony also notes a piece with DOVER (Carriacou) CDS of 27 AUG 1947 and wonders if anyone knows when that office opened and closed.

A new airline, AIR GRENADA, is being organized by the Grenada government to enable the island to attract more tourists, according to an Associated Press report. It is planned as a joint venture with public and private capital. No details regarding starting date or services to be offered have been announced.

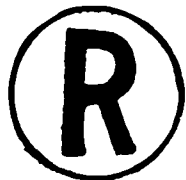
JAMAICA -- What may set a record for poor color register, is a copy of the Jamaica *Id Lignum Vitae* definitive shown us by Chuck Cwiakala. The brown color is shifted downward a full 3 mm. The horizontal perforations are positioned correctly on the remaining colors, so that about a millimeter of the brown from the stamp above has dropped below the top perforations. It was used at Llandewey with illegible date. Interestingly, Ronnie Wong has an identical mint stamp.

MONTSERRAT -- Stan Durnin comes up with a pair of interesting finds. The first is a strike of Britnor's P4 OFFICIAL PAID, Index B, MY 31 1905. Britnor gives an EKD of JU 11 1915 for this mark. Your Editor has a strike of JY 23 1908, but Stan now slides the EKD back another three years to approach the time when it first reached the island, for it was sent out from the G.P.O. in London on JA 3 1904.

Stan's second find is a CDS with MONTSERRAT at the top and (HARRIS) in parentheses at the bottom. Date is ?0 JUN 28. Stan says he had to buy a small collection for just this one item!

ST. KITTS -- Tony Shepherd has what appears to be a ST. KITTS die proof, showing a design quite similar to the Perkins Bacon first issues of St. Lucia. It is known that in 1863 Perkins Bacon & Co., per a request from the St. Kitts government, had prepared a proposed stamp design, and quoted costs of preparing a plate and printing stamps from it. However, there is no evidence that such a plate was ever made and, in any event, De La Rue received the contract for St. Kitts' first stamps.

TRINIDAD -- A registered package to Ben Ramkissoon from Port of Spain had a strike of a large "R" in a circle of about 22½ mm diameter, as shown at the left. There was no date on the package, the stamps having missed being canceled, but Ben believes it was posted at the G.P.O. sometime in December of 1970.



Also from Trinidad, we note a skeleton type CDS of TUNAPUNA which is dated 17 FE 71, and wonder if this is a new mark. It's hard keeping track of what has been previously reported, and we hope that Joe Chin Aleong sends us his long-promised list of T & T postmarks for publication soon!

A recent mailing from the Trinidad Philatelic Society bears a postmark that is new to us, a B 3 Birmingham of DE SOCORRO P.O. The date is 11 MY 71, and there is no asterisk above it.

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NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

29 MAR 71 EASTER 1971. Four values, 10, 15, 40 and 50 cents, depicting religious paintings by Carracci, Correggio, Guercino and Caravaggio, all of which are located in the National Gallery in London. Designed by John Lister Staff Artists, and lithographed by Format International in sheets of 25 stamps on unwatermarked paper.

ANTIGUA

12 JUL 71 MILITARY UNIFORMS 1971.

BARBADOS

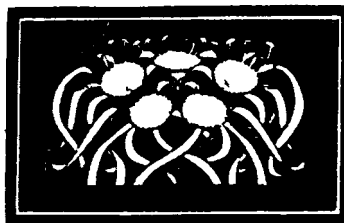
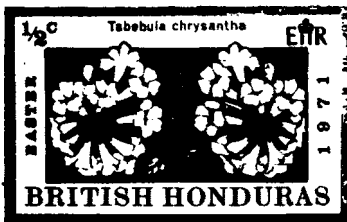
71 TOURISM. 1, 5, 12, 25 and 50 cents.

BARBUDA

7 APR 71 EASTER 1971. 35¢ - Angel with Vase; 50¢ - Christ Crucified; and 75¢ - Angel with Vase, reproducing three details from a painting by Raphael, now in the National Gallery, London. Designed by R. Granger Barrett, and offset printed against a gold background by Questa. There are 30 stamps per sheet, 10 of each value.

10 MAY 71 TOURISM. 20¢ - Martello Tower; 25¢ - Sail Boat; 50¢ - Hotel Bungalows and 75¢ - Government House and 'mystery stone'. The printing process, printer and designer are the same as for the Easter issue. The sheets consist of 50 stamps.

71 KINGS AND QUEENS. By August 16th this monotonous series will have run through the 19th Century, and the end is in sight!



BRITISH HONDURAS

27 MAR 71 EASTER 1971. A set of six in three common designs featuring flowers of South and Central America. ½ & 15 cents - Tabebuia chrysantha; 5 & 22 cents - Hymanocallis littoralis; 10 & 25 cents - Hippeastrum puniceum. Designed by Sylvia Goaman and lithographed by Questa in sheets of 25 on Block CA watermarked paper.

14 JUN 71 RACIAL EQUALITY YEAR. The 10 & 50 cent definitives will be overprinted in letterpress with RACIAL EQUALITY/YEAR-1971.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

1 JUL 71 BIRDS. 5, 10, 12 and 20 cents.

GRENADA

1 MAY 71 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION YEAR. Four values featuring famous Educators: 5¢ - John Dewey; 10¢ - Jean-Jacques Rosseau; 50¢ - Maimonides; and \$1 - Bertrand Russell. Designs by G.L. Vasarhelyi. Lithographed by Questa. A souvenir sheet containing the 50¢ and \$1 values was also issued. The A.P.S. will undoubtedly award it a BLACK BLOT.

GUYANA

19 JUL 71 SELF-HELP ROAD. 6, 15, 25 and 40 cents.

1 SEP 71 NEW LOW-VALUE DEFINITIVES. Birds to replace fish on 1¢ through 6¢.

JAMAICA

71 ESTABLISHMENT OF EARTH SATELLITE STATION. 3, 15 and 50 cents in common design featuring a dish aerial and inscribed SPACE COMMUNICATIONS. The design is by Waddington's Studio. Lithographed in sheets of 25 stamps.

ST. KITTS

1 SEP 71 SIEGE OF BRIMSTONE HILL. Four stamps illustrating incidents during the siege. ½¢ - Soldiers of the East Yorks Regiment; 20¢ - Royal Artillery in Action; 30¢ - French Infantry on the Charge; 50¢ - The Royal Scots in Action. Designed by Victor Whiteley, and lithographed by Walsall in sheets of 50 stamps, on Block CA watermarked paper.

ST. LUCIA

30 APR 71 OPENING OF BEANE FIELD AIRPORT. (Revised date of issue).

TURKS & CAICOS

4 MAY 71 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ISSUE. (Revised date of issue).

Our thanks to the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau for providing information on these new issues. Data on Anguilla was furnished by John Lister Ltd. and that on Grenada by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp.

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The application for THOMAS F. OLSON which was listed in the last Journal failed to give his occupation (Lawyer) and Philatelic Interests (Bermuda, Egypt and Sweden).

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PERSONAL MENTION----

HENRY GOBIE won the Grand Award at INTERPEX, held in New York City in March. Then in April he won an award in the Collectors Club annual membership competition. He exhibited his outstanding U.S. 1869 Issues at both places.

His first visit to St. Kitts was quite a thrill for DENNIS CARTWRIGHT, and we will have a report in a forthcoming Journal. Dennis' wife is a native of St. Kitts, so he was well received on the Island.

TOM GIRALDI also promises a report of the trip he and WERNER FRAMKE recently took. They spent a week on Grand Cayman and saw most of its Post Office activities.

We note in *Stamps* that ALEX SLEDZIK is President of the Pythian Stamp Club for the current year. The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Estonia House, 243 East 34th Street, New York City, at 8:30 P.M., and visitors are welcome.

DONALD MASON says that working for his Ph.D. degree leaves little time for stamps, but he is saving his Journals for later use. His field is Germanics, and he spent 1968 and 1969 in Germany teaching English at the University of Freiberg and at the same time improving his German.

At a recent meeting of the Leeds Philatelic Society KEN WATSON gave a presentation on Jamaica, covering selected areas from pre-adhesives to 1969. Any converts?

JACK FIELD lives very close to the epicenter of the earthquake which struck in the San Fernando Valley of Southern California a few months ago. Fortunately his home experienced no major damage, although his crockery and some furnishings did not do too well, and water and other utilities were out of service for a time. Jack says he and his wife escaped injury other than severe wear and tear on their nerves. A report from BERNIE CHIN and one from ED FLADUNG tells us that they too were shaken up a bit, but also escaped injury and major property damage.

At an Ontario Postal History seminar in London, Ontario, on September 18th, one of the panels will have DICK LAMB and BILL SLATE as members. They are to discuss the "Evolution of Collectibles".

TONY SHEPHERD reports that the recent Yorkshire Philatelic Federation exhibition turned out quite well. He anticipates a few new members for the BCPSG to result from efforts of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society in recruiting for us.

The voluble pen of DAVID POTTER continues to record philatelic information, and we note that his most recent work *British Elizabethan Stamps*, a full-sized volume, is receiving excellent reviews.

DOTTY STAPP took several awards in April with her Leeward Islands. At SOJEX, Atlantic City, New Jersey, she gained a Bronze. Then at WESEX in Westfield, New Jersey, she was judged "Best in Show" and also given the APS Award.

Mention was made earlier in this issue of STAN DURNIN'S success at WESTPEX, and also at SOPLEX-HIPLEX in Lubbock, Texas. Now we can report that his Leeward Islands also took awards as Best Postal History Exhibit and Best Foreign Exhibit at the latter show. Not to be outdone by Stan, ELAINE DURNIN went home from Lubbock with a Topical First Award, and the Silver A.T.A. Award for her "Philatelic Tribute to Mozart"; then just to top it off, won the door prize, a hand-hooked pillow reproducing the design of Scott's No. 897 of France, the coat-of-arms of Lyon.

STEPHEN HOPWOOD has been vacationing in England, according to a note from REG LANT, who learned it from PAT BURKE. (That's the indirect way we get much of our info!) PAT, who is Hon. Secretary of the Jamaica Horticultural Society, reports their recent flower show was a huge success. He holds a similar post with the Jamaica Cricket Association, and proudly announces that Jamaica beat Barbados in the most recent match.

REG and HELEN LANT are off to the U.K. for a month's holiday. They plan to spend about half their time in Wales and Western Scotland, and the remainder in the London Area.



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THE KIRKLANDS will be returning to Baytown from Aruba in August. Kirk, Anne and the children plan to stop off for a week or so in a quiet spot in the B.W.I. on their way back home. Kirk reports having a visit in Oranjestad with JOHN OLTHOF, and they both hoped to arrange a stamp session at John's home when they had more time. John is the Head Administrator for the Government, but plans to retire later this year.

CZECHOPEX held in Chicago in May, provided an opportunity for PAUL LARSEN to show off his King George VI issues of Barbados, and take the Grand Award. Paul also took home a Silver for his Barbuda display.

DICK & GLADYS HIGGINS were also honored at CZECHOPEX, being given a special award for their efforts in behalf of organized philately. Gladys also received a Gold Award for her "Japan Philatelic Week" exhibit.

GRAHAM HOEY has been elected President for the annual Congress of the Scottish Philatelic Societies to be held next April. He says it will naturally have a distinct BWI flavour, and wonders if some sort of local BCPSG convention might be arranged to take place at the Congress. What say Roses?

The Grand Award at the annual show held in Park Forest, Illinois, went to PAUL LARSEN for his German Togo, which as nearly as we can discover is not one of the Leewards!

When DAN WARREN isn't judging exhibitions, he is winning awards at them. His entry at ROMPEX in Denver received a First Award and at ARIPEX in Arizona he won a Gold.

We hear that LESTER TURNBULL is planning a BWI trip for later this year, and Les has indicated that there is certain to be some time allotted to postmark hunting while he is in the islands.

PADDY COLEMAN advises that he is moving on to Spain. His immediate plans are not too definite, but will include a Field Trip to the Bahamas enroute to his new home. His new address is: APARTAMENTOS MEDITERRANEO, APARTADO 39, ALTEA (ALICANTE), SPAIN. The change is effective immediately, and Paddy requests his correspondents to start using it at once. With more free time in Spain, he hopes to be able to research the B.W.I. Postal History material he has filed away.

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AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

SAM STEWART sent us an FDC from Port Royal of the recent Jamaica Pirate issue. It is postmarked with Port Royal's double circle CDS, which has been in use since 1938, and has had the appearance of one thick circle since at least 1942. The date MY 10/71 is in the postmark, but the 10 has apparently been added by a hand-held date slug, since it appears at different odd angles in each of three strikes. Our thanks to Sam.

Thanks also to KIRK KIRKLAND for an FDC of Netherlands Antilles from Aruba.

We have just learned of the untimely death of our fellow member JOHN A. RIVEROLL. He died on May 22nd of this year, as a result of a car accident. John was 29 years old, and was a teacher at Xavier College, which is a high school level institution located in Corozal Town, British Honduras. He was very desirous of promoting interest in the stamps of British Honduras, and had stated his willingness to supply our members with mint and used stamps, FDC's and postmarks. We had a notice to that effect ready to go to press, when news of John's passing came in an air letter from Gilbert Jones. We send our sympathy to John's parents.

JOHN CRONIN wants to know the Domestic and Foreign Postal Rates of Grenada during the period 1900-1952. Can anyone help?

The Antigua map enclosed with this Journal was furnished by DR. ED DOAK, who has also donated most of the other maps sent you at other times. It would be nice if a few of you would write Ed and let him know you do appreciate his thoughtfulness. Address is 10 PINE FOREST CIRCLE, HOUSTON, TX 77027.

The Robson Lowe Auction of 22 SEP includes some sixty lots of Jamaican Postal History material to be sold for a BCPSG member!

Five BCPSG members made it to New York for GEOFF OSBORN'S talk on Bermuda on May 5th, at the Collectors Club. MORRIS LUDINGTON, MARK SWETLAND, JOHN E. THOMPSON, DOC YARRY and AL HIGGINS enjoyed a very informative, yet humorous presentation by Geoff.

First Type Jamaica Post Cards won the Tice Trophy for KEN WATSON and the Roses at the recent Yorkshire show in Wakefield.

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