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To assume this office at this time and in this well-coordinated transitional manner is due to the altruistic efforts of our immediate past president, Mark Swetland. Without a doubt, Mark's tenure required a "working president"; a president who would provide energetic leadership to maintain the cohesive bonds necessary to allow the BCPSG to continue being a viable force in the field of British Caribbean postal history.

Through the pages of the delayed 1974 issues of our Journal, the membership has been kept informed of the trials and tribulations faced by Mark, his officers and the trustees. One by one, each of the problems being faced by our Group were solved. Jack Arnell, as Journal Editor, and Elaine Durnin, as Assistant Editor, are now publishing a BCPJournal conducive to the professional atmosphere rightfully expected by the membership. If nothing else, this one accomplishment assures that the BCPJournal will continue to provide our membership with scholarly articles reflecting a high degree of postal history research and knowledge. I am sure that I speak on behalf of the membership when I say: "...Thanks, Mark, for a job well done...".

Knowing that the BCPSG would continue reflecting past accomplishments, your past and current officers corresponded quite heavily in order to formulate new plans, and to exchange ideas as to how the Group could better serve the members. Some of these supported actions have already been put into effect, and this, my first President's Message, will center about explaining some of our thoughts.

As noted in the August 1974 Journal, Jack Arnell has appointed Fred Seifert the BCPSG Publications Agent. This new office will provide past issues of the Journal to those members requiring them. Further, a number of long out-of-print British Caribbean specialized handbooks and syllabi are being reproduced by photocopy methods and are being made available to

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# Registry Marks of Dominica Towns

by Charles Ricksecker

Four classes of Post Offices exist in Dominica, as follows:

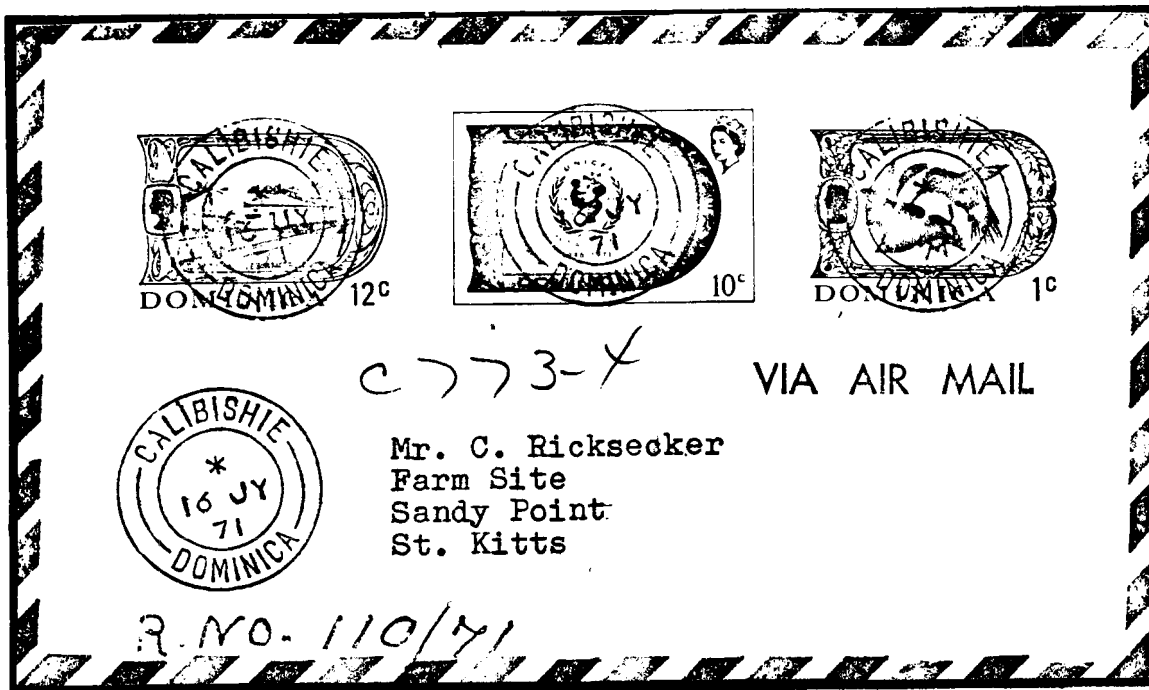
General Post Office	1	(Roseau)
Main Post Offices	2	(Portsmouth and Marigot)
District Post Offices	32	
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Only the first three classes of post offices are authorized to accept letters for registration. Since the GPO is a complex subject deserving separate study, this article will limit itself to the registry markings of the two Main POs and the 32 District POs. As very little prior work has been done in this area, we make no pretense toward completeness and welcome further additions to our listings.

Many of the registry markings are rarely seen. Some of the District POs may only register a dozen letters a year. However, the registration numbering scheme is quite straight-forward. Each PO independently repeats sequentially from No. 1 on the first of each year, thereby recording the registration number on the first registered letter from each PO for the year 1974 as "1/74", followed by "2/74", "3/74", etc. This information is marked in manuscript, either within a handdrawn "creation", or within the space provided by a rubber handstamp.

There are eight distinct types of registry markings which are described herewith with lists of the POs using each one. The handstamps are found in two different colors of ink.

### TYPE 1 (Manuscript)



ATKINSON  
 CALIBISHIE  
 COULIBISTRIE  
 DELICES  
 FOND ST. JEAN  
 GIRAUDEL

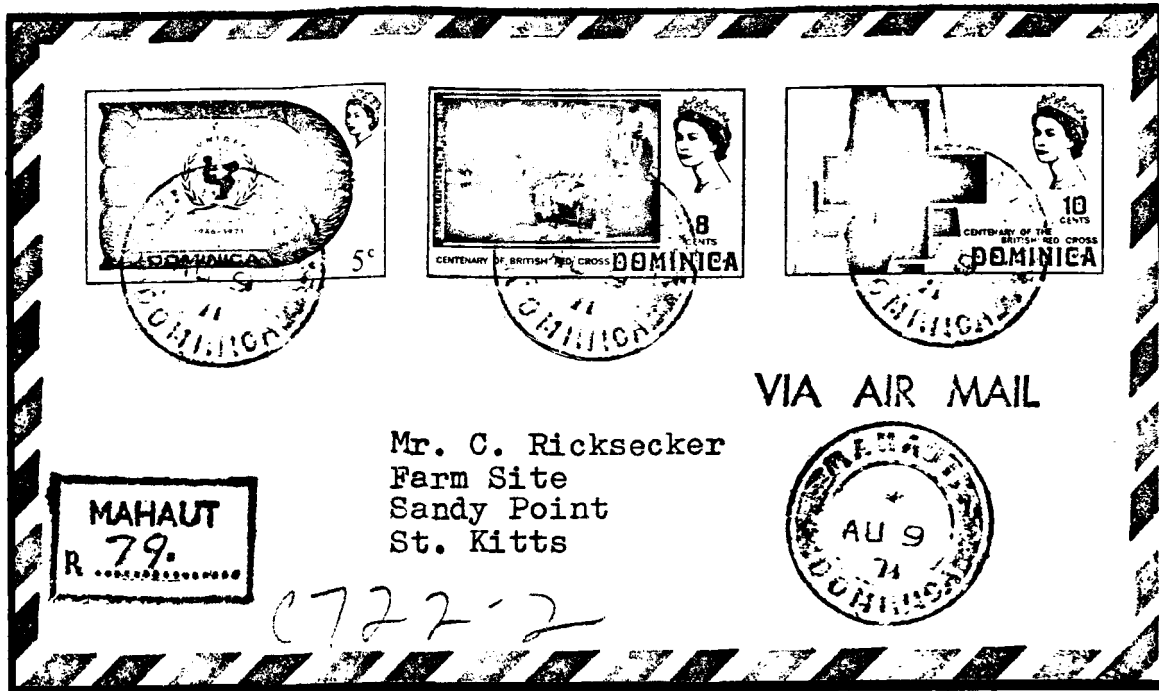
R. No. 040  
 Grand Bay

GRAND BAY  
 MASSACRE  
 SCOTTS HEAD  
 WESLEY  
 WOODFORD HILL

R. No. 65771  
 Delices

FOND ST. JEAN  
 R. No. 16

TYPE 2 (Rubber Handstamp)



This type of registration handstamp consists of a rectangular box containing the name of the PO above an "R" followed by a series of dots. The overall dimensions of the box vary in accordance with the length of the name of the post office involved.

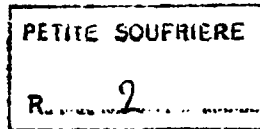
This type is distinguished by the following salient factors:

1. Top line contains the post office name in block capital letters 3mm in height.
2. The second line consists of a capital "R" 3mm in height followed by a series of dots.

The postal outlets employing this type of handstamp are (ink color and marking size indicated):

ANSE-DE-MAI	black	16mmx40mm	PETITE SAVANNE	black	16 x 48
CASTLE BRUCE	purple	16 x 44	PICHELIN	black	16 x 31
COLIHAUT	black	16 x 31	PORTSMOUTH	black	18 x 37½
DUBLANC	black	16 x 27			(w. 3mm letters)
GRAND FOND	black	16 x 40	PORTSMOUTH	black	19 x 38
LA PLAINE	black	17½ x 42			(w. 4mm letters)
LOUBIERE	black	17½ x 42½	RIVIERE CYRIQUE	black	16 x 48
MAHAUT	black	16 x 27	ST. JOSEPH	black	16 x 35
MARIGOT (sans serif)	purple	17 x 42	SALISBURY	black	16 x 35
MARIGOT (serif)	purple	17½ x 42	SAN SAUVEUR	purple	16 x 43
PAIX BOUCHE	black	17½ x 36	VEILLE CASE	purple	16 x 44

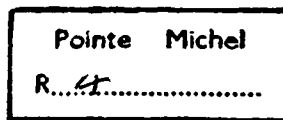
TYPE 3



A Type 3 registration handstamp is similar to Type 2 except that all the lettering is 2mm in height, including the "R". Only one office was found to be utilizing this type:

PETITE SOUFRIERE black 17½ x 42mm

TYPE 4



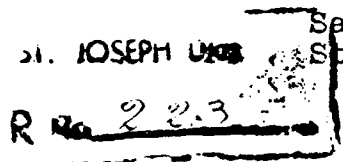
A Type 4 handstamp is similar to Type 2 with the exception that the top line contains the post office name in upper and lower case letters 2½mm in height, and the second line consists of a capital "R" 2½mm in height followed by a series of dots.

POINTE MICHEL	black	16mmx40mm	SOUFRIERE	black	16 x 27
SALYBIA	black	16 x 27	WESLEY	black	16 x 27

Types 5, 6 and 7 are difficult to classify; however, they share two distinct identifiers:

1. There is the abbreviation "D/ca" with the last two letters being in lower case, on the top line after the post office name.
2. The second line contains "R No. " followed by dots or a continuous line.

TYPE 5



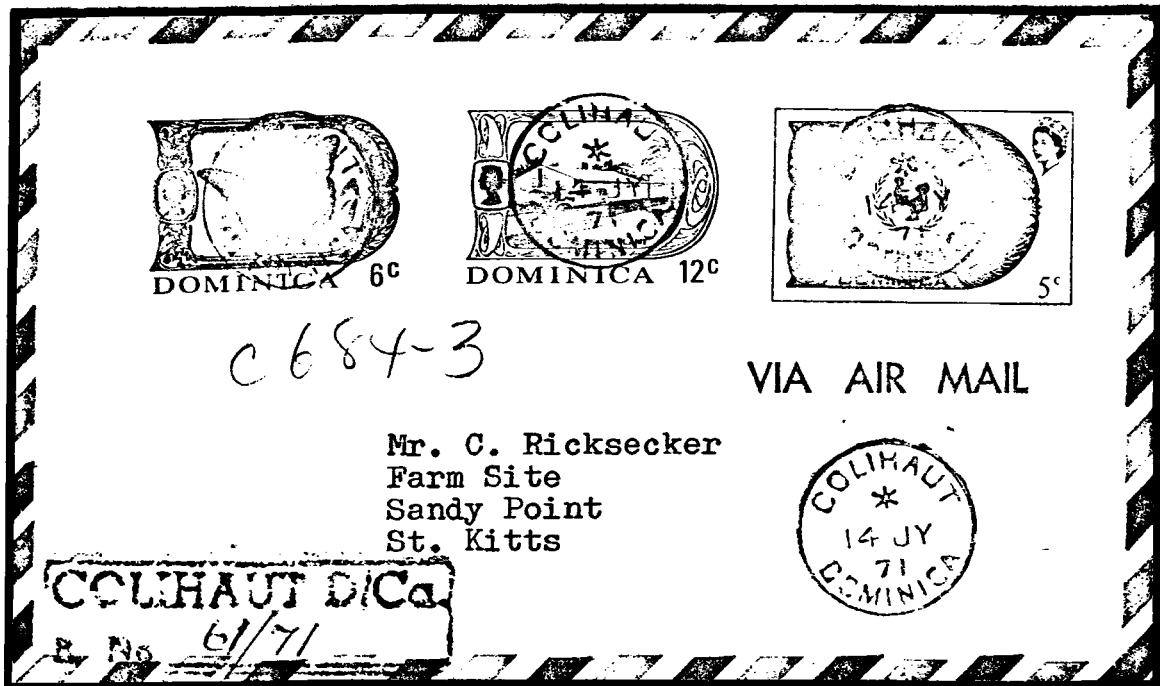
This type is characterized by the following points:

1. Top line contains the PO name in block capital letters 3mm in height, followed by D/ca.
2. The second line consists of a capital "R" 4½mm in height, followed by a 3mm high "No" and a continuous line.

Found to be utilized from only one office. Deterioration is evident from the illustration.

ST. JOSEPH black 21 x 46-50mm

TYPE 6



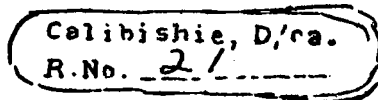
Type 6 is the same as Type 5 except that:

1. Top line contains PO name in serified capital letters 5mm in height, followed by "D/ca. ".
2. Second line consists of "R No" 3mm in height, followed by a continuous line.

Found to be in use from:

COLIAUT      purple      15 x 55mm

TYPE 7



Type 7 shows the following points:

1. Top line contains PO name in upper and lower case letters followed by "D/ca".
2. Second line consists of "R.No. " followed by series of dots.
3. The frame is rounded, as opposed to square, at the corners.

Found to be utilized at:

PETITE SAVANNE	black	10 x 53mm
CALIBISHIE	purple	11 x 52mm

TYPE 8

**PORTSMOUTH**  
0054

Type 8 is an unboxed straight line registration marking from Portsmouth as reported by Tom Giraldi in the Feb. 73, page 26-27, BCPJ.

PORTSMOUTH black 5 x 45mm

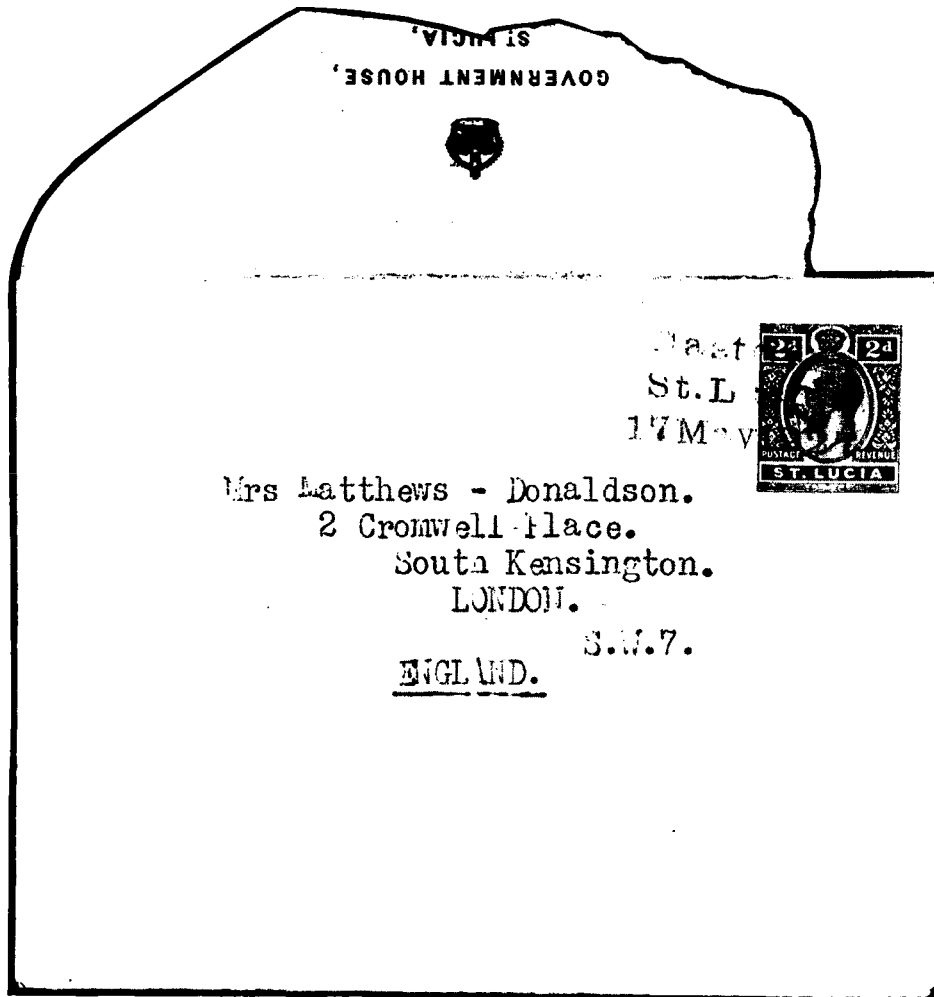
Details of additional data on the registration markings of Dominica would be greatly appreciated by this researcher.

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## ***Castries TRD Found***

by The Bahamas Bum

A three-line unframed TRD canceler from Castries, St. Lucia used soon after the devastating fire that virtually destroyed the city on 14 May 1927 is shown on this cover from the beleaguered city three days after the crippling holocaust. The purple cancel reads "Castries/St. Lu-



cia/17 May 1927" in upper and lower case letters and cancels a 2d stamp on a cover from whom I believe to be Major Mathews Donaldson, somehow connected with the British Government on the island, to his wife in London.

The first-hand report diminuates the writer's wounds and heroic actions while emphasizing the severity of the catastrophe.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
ST LUCIA,

W.I. May. 15th. 1927.

Dearest Jim.

Pretty well the whole town was burnt last night, and I think I put up a pretty dam good show personally.

Afraid that I got rather badly burnt about the hands and head and at present am attending Hospital with a placid grin. Nothing to worry about, but my luck held allright as I was in three houses when the blinking roofs fell in. Anyway as far as guts go, I am glad to report that I ran very, very true to form. Seem to be rather a local hero today.

It had to be done though, and Thank Gawd one did it. Please do not worry as I am quite allright.

Afraid that all the mails were destroyed on the fire, both to Bill and yourselves. Please tell her all about it, dearest. Don(t worry, as I am all in order, and the burns are nothing.

Managed to save a good few, which puts a bit on the credit side of life.

All love and luck and kisses.

Ever Yours.

The postal officials apparently wasted no time in getting a canceler for the outgoing mail. A companion cover in hand shows the date of 19 May 1927. Information on similar covers evidencing earlier or later dates of use in the possession of fellow BCPSEers would be greatly appreciated in order to fully document the usage life of this TRD.

St. Lucia issued a stamp on 19 June 1951 (Scott #151, S. G. #166) to commemorate the rebuilding of the capital city of Castries.



# THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

As I sit down to write this on New Year's Eve, it is with a sense of relief that 1974 is passing into history as far as the Journal is concerned. When Fred Seifert insisted on giving up the editorial responsibilities at the end of 1973 after many years of trials and tribulations, nobody came forward to claim the whole job. It had been hinted during my presidency, after it became known that I was planning to retire, that I take over. I made it clear from the start that it would be impractical to attempt to print and mail the Journal in Bermuda, as delays would have been the norm and costs prohibitive.

You all know what happened. It was decided to split the job between Bermuda and New York, with the editorial work being done in the sunny isles and the whole production in the big city. It was believed that whoever did the typing and layout work had to be in personal contact with the printer, as this had always been the case. When all the problems associated with the April 1974 issue, the first after Fred's retirement, seemed about to overwhelm us financially as well as technically, it came to light that offset printing methods had reached a degree of sophistication which permitted its separation from all the rest of the production.

With this knowledge, Elaine and Stan Durnin volunteered to do the typing and layout work, and arrangements were made for the printing to be done in Texas by a highly recommended firm with other remote customers. Charles Tanner undertook to be the local contact man in Richardson, Texas, in case any problems were experienced. So we extended our experiment. The June issue saw the transfer of the printing from New York to Texas, with a marked reduction in cost. The August issue was the Durnins' first, and added Sidney, Ohio to the itinerary of the paper. This latter issue caught the spirit of Fred's Journal and we could raise our heads again.

Probably few publications have as far-flung journalistic channels as we do, but the operation is running smoothly now and can only improve. Future issues should go out on time and with the cooperation of the membership, I hope that they can be improved in content. As I continue to emphasize, the Journal is only as good as the contributions you collectively make to it. New information, whether small current facts or the results of years of research, is its lifeblood — so keep it coming in increasing amounts.

I personally look forward to receiving my own copy of each issue, because this is the first look I have at the whole package. As I get the articles, notes and other items edited, I send them off to the Durnins in small lots, so that Elaine can type them out as time permits. When they have enough material, the Durnins do the layouts and send the photo-ready copy to the printer. It had been suggested that this come back to Bermuda for my final approval, but enough time and money was being expended sending the material around already, without adding to it. So I decided to wait for my first look at it like the rest of you. I hope that you all agree with me that it is again worth waiting for.

My best wishes to all of you for 1975 and may you find that missing item which will win you a Gold the next time you exhibit.

JACK

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ST. VINCENT - A new postmark for Bequia is reported by Fred Seifert. It is a single-ring 24mm cds reading continuously "PORT ELIZABETH BEQUIA ST. VINCENT". There is an asterisk over the two-line date, OC 29 / 74.

# A New British Honduras Slogan Cancel?

by Paul Larsen

Herewith is a reproduction of an extremely light strike discovered on a letter posted from Belize, British Honduras, to the U.S.A. The strike is so light that it was probably struck in purple and then was subsequently exposed to sunlight. The box measures about 64mm x 33 mm, the first three lines of lettering measure about 5mm in height and the fourth line is about 4mm high. The slogan was struck (just missing the stamp) next to a copy of a 1921 4¢ slate (SG #122) which is tied to the cover by a BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS CDS dated 10 - AM/OC 3/24.



The writer is not familiar with the scope of the 1924-25 British Empire Exhibition or with the extent of colonial participation. The only other Caribbean area related material that I have is a 1d Dominica (SG #48) which bears a partial British Empire Exhibition cancel, probably struck upon receipt in the U.K. Can any of the British Honduras specialists cast a few additional rays of light into this area? (Editor's Note - Bermuda used its first slogan on its machine canceler from July 1923 until October 1924 to commemorate the British Empire Exhibition. Morris Ludington designated this "M2".)

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## Unofficial Anguilla Air Mail

by Gale J. Raymond

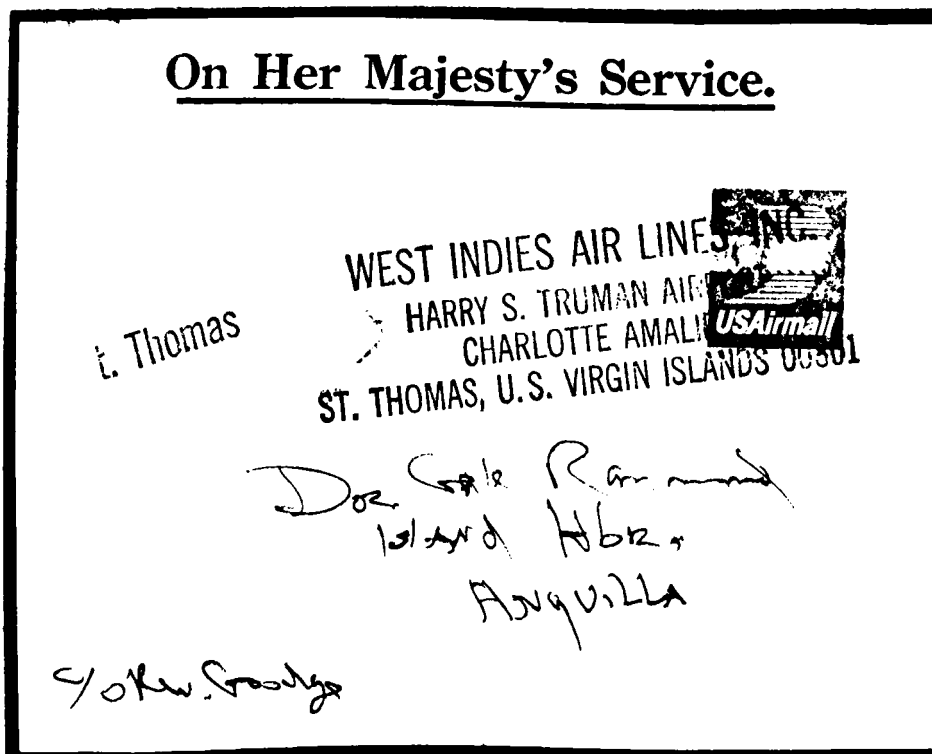
An April 1974 assignment down-islands in the Caribbean permitted a side trip for a few days on the island of Anguilla, one of my favorite islands. This stay was shared with BCPSG member Charles Sawyer, who flew in from Miami. Anguilla stamps and postal history are a mutually shared specialty of his and mine, and this was his first opportunity to visit the island.

The postal facilities of Anguilla Airways and Valley Air Services from St. Thomas, U. S. V. I., which is one of the major ports and airports of the eastern Caribbean, have already been reported in the Journal. In summary, letters having U.S. postage stamps corresponding to the local domestic rate, which is currently 13 cents, may be left at the Air Taxi ticket counters at the Harry S. Truman airport on St. Thomas. Such letters, addressed to island destinations within the service range of the various air taxis, are normally canceled with an airline marking of some sort and carried in the pilot's shirt-pocket or brief-case to the appropriate airstrip and ticket counter. In this way it is often possible for a letter to be received by the addressee within the span of an hour or so. These letters are simply placed in a shoe-box on the ticket counter at the island destination, and the addressee can pick through them for anticipated mail. An interesting sidelight of this operation is that any currency sent in this fashion must be stapled to the outside of the envelope, as the airline accepts no responsibility

of any sort for delivery of mail or contents. Within memory, no currency or letters sent in this fashion have in fact disappeared!

Those collectors who have in their possession covers with the straight line "ANGUILLA AIRWAYS" might like to know that this airline no longer exists. However, Valley Air Service continues to fly in this eastern Caribbean area and relays mail, again on the unofficial basis, which is permitted under special provisions and regulation of the St. Thomas post office in order to facilitate and expedite mail in the area.

During our brief stay in the St. Thomas airport, I noted that the former Anguilla Airways counter was now occupied by the ticket desk of West Indies Air Lines, Inc. A blackboard notation offered "Special Values" flights to and from Anguilla. In chatting with the ticket agent, I found that they too carried mail under this arrangement, although their primary mail function was transportation of postal matter to and from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to St. Croix and St. Thomas. It turned out that the ticket agent, Mr. Johnson Quarles, was also the pilot. He accepted a few letters to be dropped off on the next trip to Anguilla.



Illustrated is a cover bearing the straight line "chop" inscribed "WEST INDIES AIR LINES INC. / HARRY S. TRUMAN AIRPORT / CHARLOTTE AMALIE / ST. THOMAS, U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS 00801".

In returning Stateside in May, I again passed through this airport and found this air service was closed as the airline had already ceased to exist.

Later on, in the airport at Sint Maarten, I found that a similar service existed, although seldom used. It was possible to post last minute letters to Anguilla at the counter of Windward Island Airways, providing they were properly stamped with Nederland Antilles postage stamps.

These letters were cancelled in a most interesting fashion by sticking the letters into the ticket-validation machine and postmarked thusly, in blue ink. It is impossible to reproduce this marking in these pages due to the lightness and color of the cancellation.

In this particular instance, the Windward Island Airways dateline reads April 23 74, and the letters were carried to Anguilla the same day. This cancellation is inscribed "WINDWARD ISLAND/AIRWAYS/INTERNATIONAL A.V./APR 23 74/ST. MAARTEN N.A."

It might also be noted here that during our stay on Anguilla a few covers were posted aboard the M/V WARSPITE. Arriving from St. Thomas and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the mail carried U.S. postage stamps on some six Sea Post letters.

In the Anguilla post office at The Valley, the stamps were cancelled with the distinctive Paquebot/Anguilla marking, and the normal Anguilla datestamp impressed alongside dated 25 April 74. These went into the post normally, and my cover was backstamped at Houston, Texas, 2 May 1974.

To my knowledge, this constituted only the third posting of ship mail from Anguilla. If readers know of other similar postings, please advise.

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## EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS

Dr. Maurice F. Roett of Deep River, Ontario displayed his "AIR MAIL HISTORY OF TRINIDAD" at NOJEX 1974 (Cranford, N.J.) and garnered a silver award. Fitz's Trinidad airs are getting around, for the same display won an APS-SESCAL Silver-Bronze at the 1973 Los Angeles national exhibition.

The Buffalo Bill Stamp Club held their NORPEX 74 show in North Platte, Nebraska, 2-3 November 1974. Jerry Freiberg was awarded a BCPSG parchment for his British Caribbean Territories. It might interest our members to know that Paul Larsen, who handles our awards, occasionally sends invitations to smaller clubs to apply for BCPSG awards for their local shows. The number and types of awards are determined from the information received with the application.

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## Antigua Monograph

### OUTLINE

This project has been in hand for nearly seven years, as the original outline of the monograph was published in the April 1968 Journal (pp. 47-50). Since that time there have been some changes in the format. As many members have joined the Group since 1968, it has been decided to publish the amended outline for their information and to bring earlier members up-to-date.

Four parts have already been published: Section 3 (August 1974), Section 5.3 (October 1973), Section 7.5 (August 1973) and Section 18.2 (December 1973). A number of sections are currently being prepared, while others remain untouched.

Anyone having the knowledge and interest in either drafting one of the remaining sections or contributing information related to any part of the monograph is urged to write to Bill Cornell, the project leader, 230 Hillcrest Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. Comments on the published sections are eagerly being sought for inclusion in Section 29 "Addenda and Corrigenda".

OUTLINE

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1977 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN NETHERLANDS ----

BCPSG member John Muntinga has written to say that there will be an International Philatelic Exhibition in the Netherlands in 1977. Their last one was AMPHILEX 67, which was a big success, but he notes that there were no British Caribbean exhibits from North America. The well-known British collectors were out in force last time and John is giving us advance notice in the hope that some members on the western side of the Atlantic may be tempted to plan a European holiday in 1977.

Although it may seem a little early to be thinking about such a trip, further information can be obtained from John Muntinga, 91 v.d. Ploegstraat, Heemskerk, Netherlands, Europe.

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the members at a cost plus postage fee. Listings of those available will appear in future Journals.

As of November 1974, the Public Relations Committee has resumed forwarding BCPSG 'press releases' to the philatelic press in the U.S.A., U.K., Canada and Australia. Publications receiving these articles reprint them in their journals, acknowledging their source to be the BCPJournal. Past experience has proven that this type of publicity has enabled the BCPSG to enlarge its ranks with knowledgeable members.

Last year, we instituted a new program for the distribution of the Journal to our U.K. members. In the past, journals destined for the U.K. were forwarded by sea mail, requiring up to ten weeks or more for delivery. Under the new system of distribution to the U.K., the Journals are air-freighted to John Cronin who, in turn, posts them locally; this action has provided our U.K. members with up-to-date publications. Similar distributions are being planned for Canada and the West Indies.

The BCPSG Awards Committee, under Paul Larsen, is currently in the process of establishing new criteria for the availability of our Medals and Certificates of Honor to International, National and Regional Exhibitions. The membership is invited to correspond with Paul (14 Wilson Court, Park Forest, IL 60466, USA) for particulars, should our awards be of interest to an Exhibition Chairman.

The shelves of our BCPSG Library are well stocked with postal history publications relevant to the British Caribbean. A new listing of publications available for loan will be included in a future issue of the Journal by our Librarian, Bob Lovett. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this service; many have found that the loan of a handbook, specialized British Caribbean auction catalog or pamphlet has answered a long-standing query.

In 1975, we are planning to establish a Catalogue Liaison Committee. The purpose of this body will be to maintain contact with the editors of the Scott and Gibbons catalogs, advising them of any errors in their publications, new British Caribbean discoveries, and to establish listings for items currently not in their catalogs.

Finally, we will be continuously encouraging our members to provide articles for our Journal. The Journal's content is dependent on the receipt of items of interest by our editor, whether they be 'in-depth' or 'newsy'; be sure to forward all correspondence to Jack directly by Air Mail (Dr. John C. Arnell, P.O. Box 1263, Hamilton 5, Bermuda). Remember, the total success of our Group is dependent on the contributions of our individual members. What may be common knowledge to you, may be a revelation to others.

One cannot successfully guide the BCPSG as president by himself. Special thanks are given to Jack Arnell, Mark Swetland, Stan Durnin, Ben Ramkissoon, Al Branston, John Cronin, Al Johnson, Dan Warren, Paul Larsen, Gale Raymond, Fred Seifert, Eric Heyer, Ed Adelson, Dan Walker, Bob Topaz and all those others who have encouraged us to carry on the banner, and who have provided the required man-hours necessary for the healthy growth of our Group.

CHUCK

\*\*\*\*\* HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1975 DUES? IF NOT, DO SO NOW. \*\*\*\*\*



SECTION 3 CANCELLATIONS OF THE DISTRICT POST OFFICES

All cancellations of the District Offices are of the single-ring type.

ANSE LA RAYE

Opened 31 October 1905, but date stamp not acquired until 1906.



A1



A3



A4

24 mm, with Code Letter A and with ST. for Saint. Wrong Spelling AUSE. Dots in Name. Despatched from London on 15 August 1906.

A1		19. 4.09	2. 6.36
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A similar date stamp was reported in the St. Lucia Philatelist No. 4 with the correct spelling ANSE and showing the date 30 DE 41. Guy Kilburn has now discovered in St. Lucia the original notes concerning this, and the evidence is that this stamp never existed. He has also found the actual stamper (A1) still showing the date 30 DE 41. It is possible therefore that this is the LDK.

24 mm, with Asterisk instead of Code Letter and with ST. for Saint

A2	Name hyphenated	31. 5.46	current
A3	Name without hyphens	30. 7.59	-----

24 mm, but Stop closer to T of ST.

A4	Name without hyphens	13.11.58	-----
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CANARIES

This office was opened officially on 19 January 1885, but it is doubtful if operations started until 3 March 1906. The first date stamp is said to have been sent from London on 15 August 1906.



Ca1



Ca2

24 mm, with Code Letter C and with ST.

Ca1		18. 7.08	22. 8.17
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A copy has been seen with the letter C on its back: ☺

As Above, but without Code Letter or Asterisk

Ca2		17.11.24	current
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This is the only current regular date stamp of St. Lucia still inscribed ST.



The life of 50 years for Ca2 indicates the small amount of mail handled at this office. For example, in 1906 - 353 items  
 1908 - 669 items  
 1912-13 -675 items  
 1918-19 -1892 items.

CHOISEUL

Opened 19 January 1885.



Ch1



Ch3

Standard 21 mm Code Date Stamp for District PO's with Code Letter C This differs from the code stamp for Castries, which is only 19½ mm in diameter.

Ch1	10. 2.93	6.10.14
Originally month before day; later day/month as shown.		

24 mm, with Office Name. With Asterisk instead of Code Letter and with ST.

Ch2	24. 4.15	17. 3.36
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Similar, but now with ST.

Ch3	10.12.42	current
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DENNERY

Opened 19 January 1885



D1



D2



D3



D4

Standard 21 mm Code Date Stamp for District PO's with Code Letter D

D1	17. 1.90	19. 3.15
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24 mm, with Office Name. With Asterisk instead of Code Letter and with ST.

D2	12.11.15	22. 2.38
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24 mm, with DENNERY - ST.LUCIA round top

D3	9.10.46	14. 5.73
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24 mm Standard Type with ST. with Asterisk

D4	First day 1. 6.73	current
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GROS ISLET

Opened 1 January 1891



G1



G2

Similar to Type A1 of Anse la Raye, but only 23 mm in Diameter

G1 7.12.05 5. 3.49

Guy Kilburn has recently found the actual stamper G1, the date to which it was set being 1 DE 49. This is possibly therefore the LDK.

24 mm Standard Type with ST. No Asterisk.

G2 14. 8.51 current

LABORIE

Opened 19 January 1885



La1



La2



La3

Standard 21 mm Code Date Stamp for District PO's with Code Letter L

La1 Month before day 26. 6.89 15. 5.14

25 mm with Office Name. Asterisk instead of Code Letter. SI for Saint, but no Full Stop between SI and Lucia

La2 30. 8.15 15. 2.49

24 mm Standard Type with ST. No Asterisk

La3 19. 6.51 current

MICOUD

Opened 19 January 1885



M1



M2



M3

Standard 21 mm Code Date Stamp for District PO's with Code Letter M

M1	Originally month/day; later day/month	5. 2.89	13. 5.22
<u>24 mm, with MICOUD.S!LUCIA at Top, separated by a Full Stop. Asterisk instead of Code Letter</u>			
M2		9. 8.23	21. 3.59
<u>24 mm Standard Type with ST. and Asterisk. Inscribed MICOUD only</u>			
M3		17. 2.67	current

SOUFRIERE

Opened as an official post office on 16 July 1884, but a Castries — Soufriere local post ran from 1850. It is not clear whether the double-arc stamp for this was despatched from London, or put into use, on 16 March 1850.



SH1



S1



S2



S4

SH1	Handstamp for the local post	10. 2.54	10. 6.54
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Standard 21 mm Code Date Stamp for District PO's with Code Letter S

S1	Month before day	6. 9.85	21. 5.15
<u>24 mm, with Office Name and ST. for Saint</u>			
S2	With asterisk	24.12.13	29.11.49
S3	No asterisk	19. 7.21	----
<u>24 mm Standard Type with ST. No Asterisk</u>			
S4		29.11.49	current
Between 1955 and 1958 the shape of the figure 5 in the year changed.			

VIEUX FORT

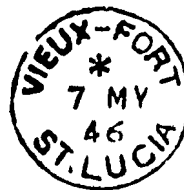
Opened 16 July 1884



V1



V2



V3



V5

Standard 21 mm Code Date Stamp for District PO's with Code Letters VF

V1		29. 3.89	15. 7.14
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24 mm, with Office Name and SI. for Saint. Name not Hyphenated

V2 With asterisk 11.11.17 19. 4.38

Similar, but ST. for Saint. Name now with Hyphen

V3 With asterisk -. 9.42 22. 4.74

V4 No asterisk 8. 2.49 16. 1.62

24 mm Standard Type with ST. with Full Stop very close to T. Generally finer impression than V4

V5 No asterisk 12. 6.73 current

SECTION 4 CANCELLATIONS OF THE SUB-OFFICES

Alphabetical list of offices with dates of opening, presumably first use of stamp.



Type 1  
Patience



Type 2



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General type



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Variety

Strikes seen with or without an asterisk are shown by \* or - .

Augier	* -	1. 7.61	La Clery	*	16. 5.56
Americ	*	1.11.73	La Croix Maingot	*	1. 6.57
Babonneau	*	12. 7.54	La Pointe	*	9. 8.60
Banse	* -	1. 9.59	Leslie Land	* -	8. 4.57
Bexon	*	2. 5.55	Londonderry	*	1.11.73
Bocage	*	1. 8.73	Mabouya Valley	*	1. 6.50
Bogius (also variety)	*	22. 8.62	Marc	*	1.11.63
Chaussee	* -	1. 5.64	Marchand	*	1. 5.56
Ciceron (also variety)	* -	6. 7.62	Millet	*	1. 7.54
Conway	*	16. 8.60	Monchy	*	17. 4.57
Debreuil	-	4. 3.65	Mon Repos	-	6. 3.65
Delaide	*	1. 9.60	Moreau	*	16. 5.62
Derniere Riviere	-	1. 2.72	Morn Sion	-	1. 8.71
Desruisseaux	*	16. 5.56	Patience		29. 9.36
Fond Assau	*	16.11.63	Type 1	LDK -	27. 7.46
# Fond St.Jacques	*	6. 5.55	Type 2	EDK *	10. 2.49
Garrand	-	12. 3.71	Roseau	*	2. 6.56
Grace	*	1. 9.58	Saltibus	*	1. 6.50
Grand Riviere	*	1. 9.59	Ti Rocher	*	16. 8.58
Hospital Road	*	1. 3.65	Victoria	*	1. 9.58

# 'Fond' on the map, but 'Fonds' on the cancellation.

(to be continued)

# **CENSOR MARKS OF DOMINICA, MONTSERRAT**

by Tony Shepherd

Over the past 12 months, the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society has been carrying out research on the censor marks and labels used in the British West Indies during World War II (see BCPJ, Aug 1974, page 60 for details). Each country or group of islands was allocated to a research leader, who is a collector of the specific area. In my case, Grenada being my main area of interest, I somehow acquired the task of obtaining information on the censor marks of Dominica and Montserrat. The findings on Grenada, a "joint" effort by other members and myself, has already been published in the BWISC Bulletin.

As most collectors of Dominica know, covers and items of postal history in general from this island are scarce, and research on the censorship associated with it is no easy matter. Although the actual site of the censorship office must be presumed to have been in the GPO building in Roseau, all requests for information have as yet drawn a blank; no one even remembers this office existing! (Editor's note - I question this presumption, as there was no connection between the censorship, which was an Imperial organization, and the local GPO in Bermuda during World War II, once the censorship was properly organized. Even in the early days when a few of the Post Office staff did the censoring, they operated from a building well removed from the GPO).

In the course of my research into the background conditions existing during the 1939-1945 period, I found to my surprise that when Martinique and Guadeloupe declared for the Vichy government many refugees fled these islands for Dominica, where the colonial authorities did their best to succor them. These refugees demanded, and got, one meal a day containing meat, which is reflected on the island today by the lack of livestock.

This influx of French-speaking people must have caused the censor a great deal of trouble, although I have not found any surviving correspondence from them.

In the study to date, five types of censor markings have been identified.

## DOMINICA

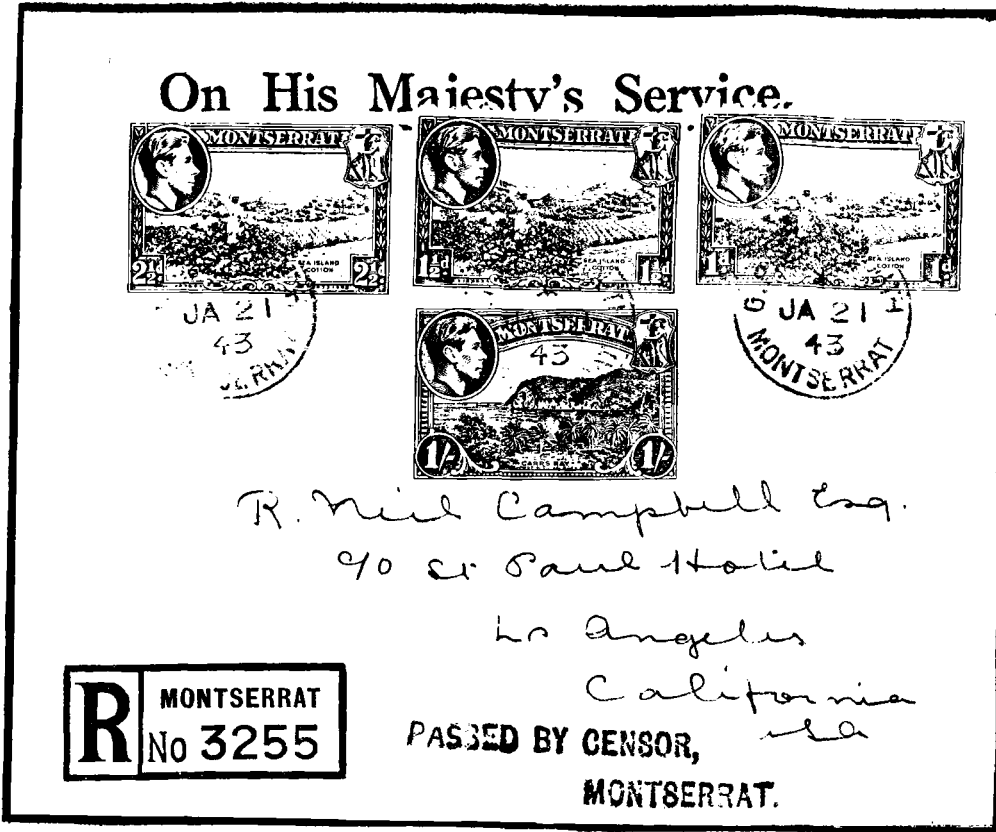
The first marking encountered is a straight-line handstamp 54mm long and 4mm high reading PASSED BY CENSOR. I have one example on a commercial postcard from Roseau to London dated 7 April 1942 and struck in purple. A second one is on a cover to London dated 19 May 1943 and struck in black. Both items must have travelled via St. Johns, Antigua. As the postcard bears this office's transit mark, some speculation might arise as to the censor marks being applied at the Antigua censorship office. However, the Antigua censor mark is of a totally different type, discounting this possibility.

I have only seen one censor label from Dominica. This is of the P.C. 90 format and reads OPENED BY EXAMINER in black letters 75mm long and 7mm high. The censor's code letters, "RR/55", are inscribed in manuscript. Every study group of civilian censorship agrees that the letters "RR" were allotted to the censor or censors stationed on Dominica.

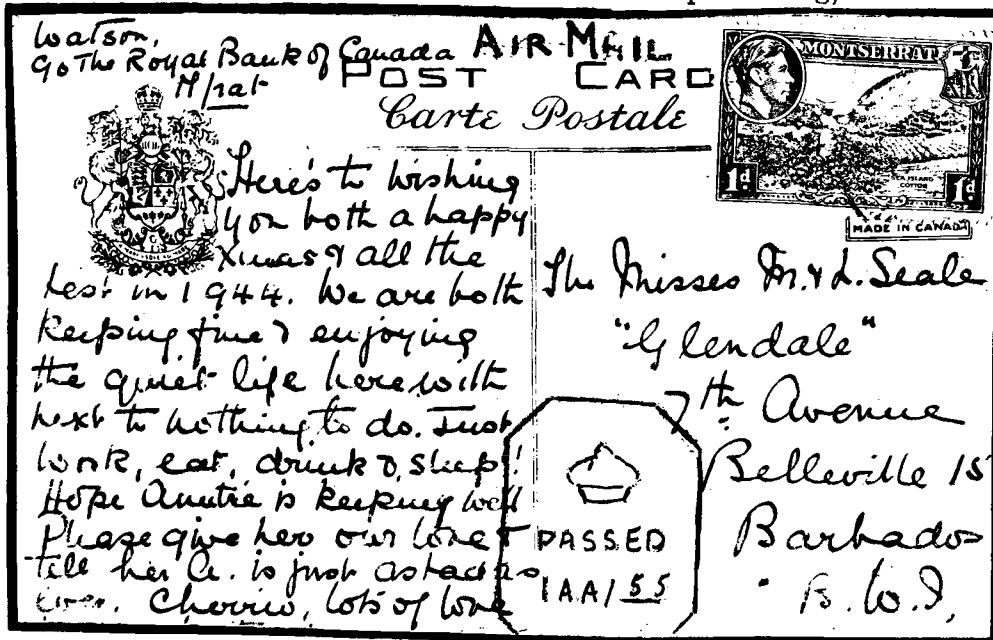
More information on the activities of the censors of Dominica and details from covers bearing marks and labels are still needed to help complete the listing from this island.

MONTSERRAT

Montserrat, with a population of less than 14,000 people, was not expected to offer a very fertile field for research. However, it proved to be more interesting than Dominica.



Shown is a registered cover from Plymouth, Montserrat to the U. S. A. bearing a censor's handstamp in two lines reading "PASSED BY CENSOR, MONTSERRAT". Dated 21 January 1943, this cover was routed by air via St. Johns, Antigua; however, no doubt can arise as to where it was censored. The handstamp is in black and measures 50mm in length, with letters 4mm high. (Editor's note - Have this type on 19 FE 43 Leeward Islands postal card, Plymouth to England. Also bears St. Johns CDS and U.S. censorship marking).



A second marking, as illustrated, is applied to a picture postcard from Plymouth to Barbados dated 20 December 1943. The censor's handstamp is of a standard design, which has already been reported for other West Indian islands and was also issued to many other British censor offices. The Montserrat censor's code letters were "AA". This again is in agreement with all censor study groups. The handstamp measures 35mm by 25mm, with letters 3mm high.

**OPENED BY EXAMINER**



Also shown is a portion of a censor's label which is similar in design and general size to that of Dominica's. The code letters "AA 190" are inscribed in blue crayon. The cover from which this comes was registered and postmarked at Plymouth on 30 August 1944. A cover from the same correspondence dated 26 April 1941 was censored at Antigua and bears the distinctive Antigua handstamp. My own interpretation of this is that until halfway through the war, say up to 1942, most mail from the smaller islands was censored at a central point, such as Antigua, and only when adequate staff became available were censors stationed on the smaller islands.

If any members of the BCPSG can add any further information on these or other items, it would be a great help in the Roses' research.

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### OUR SECRETARY REPORTS:

#### NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed in the December 1974 Journal have been admitted into membership.

#### NEW APPLICANTS:

ALLEN, Leslie R., P.O. Box 314, Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies. Bank Manager. British territories in North and South America, Switzerland. By Guy Kilburn

BOLHOUSE, Herbert J., 2245 Woodcliff Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Sales Engineer. British Colonies (only as long as under British rule). By A.N. Johnson

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

DURNIN, Stanley C., P.O. Box 354, Sidney, OH 45365  
LOCKIE, Dr. John M., 487 Pinegrove Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V1W 1Z2, Canada  
REED, Frank J., P.O. Box 213, Bethlehem, CT 06751  
WEST, Neil D., P.O. Box 2232, Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
WIENER, Robert A., 20 Waterside Plaza, Apt. 30A, New York, NY 10010

#### RESIGNATIONS:

Framke, W., Newman, P., Tagas, B.

# Vintage Barbados Cancelers Found

by Major Stephen F. Cave

In February 1972 I visited Barbados together with fellow member (and Barbados collector) Frank Deakin. I was trying to gather material on the current postal marks and so together we approached the Postmaster General for his authority to take an impression of every mark in use in every post office on the island.

In the course of the next three weeks we achieved our object. Each post office was visited and old drawers and cupboards turned out in search of some hidden prize. All parish postmasters were interested in our efforts and were most helpful.

In a drawer in the St. Thomas post office (the smallest on the island) we found a very old TOO-LATE mark which I have on a cover dated 1867. This mark must have therefore lain in the St. Thomas post office for over one hundred years; surely a record I thought.

Before returning to England and in order to ensure that it should not be lost, I informed the Postmaster General of the marker's whereabouts.

I returned to Barbados a year later and on my last day there called in at the St. Thomas post office to 'check' on my find. The postmaster said that the Postmaster General had called the TOO-LATE mark in to his office — a sad but nevertheless wise decision. He added "when we handed it in we found another old round mark with a big number in the middle." My heart leaped — an original obliterator or perhaps a "bootheel"? Alas, I returned to England the next morning and never had time to call at the GPO.

TOO-LATE



In February 1974 I made my annual pilgrimage to Barbados and went straight to see the Postmaster General. Yes, he had called in the TOO-LATE mark and they had found another old one. The two were produced from the depths of a massive safe. My heart stopped — an original obliterator, the St. Thomas No. 8, 122 years old!

Illustrated is an impression of the obliterator which is made of solid brass with a wooden handle. The number in the center is immovable.

Should any member like a copy of the impression, I have a number and would gladly forward one together with a color photograph of the obliterator itself, if required.

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## MORE ON THE MONTSERRAT LOCAL OVERPRINTS ----

As a follow-up to the announcement by the Crown Agents that various stamps were overprinted locally on Montserrat (see October 1974 BCPJ), "Stamp Collecting" reports the following quantities were overprinted: 25,000 each of the 2¢/\$1 (local newspaper and printed matter rate), 5¢/50¢ (local letters and receipts), 20¢/\$1 (general inland postage) and 35¢/\$1 (airmail rate to the US and Europe); 20,000 of the 10¢/60¢ (local inland rate). It is also reported that from these values 10,000 of each was supplied to the Crown Agents for trade distribution. The surcharging was done by the local newspaper printers under "strict supervision".



# ST. LUCIA POST OFFICES

The following list appeared in Bulletin No. 88, July-August 1974, of the Trinidad Philatelic Society and is reproduced for the benefit of our members.

No.	Location	District	Postmaster/Postmistress
1.	General Post Office	Castries	Mrs. Amette James
<u>District Offices</u>			
2.	Anse-La-Raye	-	Mr. Joseph Lawrence
3.	Dennery	-	Mr. Nathan Phillip
4.	Soufriere	-	Mr. Kirby Lamontagne
5.	Vieux-Fort	-	Mr. Eric Adley
<u>Sub Post Offices</u>			
6.	Americ	Quarter of Castries	Mrs. Philomene Phillip
7.	Augier	Quarter of Vieux-Fort	Mrs. Ansella Parsad
8.	Babonneau	Quarter of Castries	Mrs. Reine John
9.	Banse	Quarter of Laborie	Miss Prisca Clery
10.	Bexon	Quarter of Castries	Mr. Leon Melchor
11.	Bogius	" " "	Miss Mary Melius
12.	Bocage	" " "	Mr. St. George Robinson
13.	Canaries	" " "	Miss Mary Sydney
14.	Chaussee	" " "	Mr. Raymond Louisy
15.	Choiseul	" " "	Miss Rachael Chalon
16.	Ciceroh	" " "	Mr. Rudence Joseph
17.	Conway	" " "	Mr. Julian Innocent
18.	Debrieul	Quarter of Choiseul	Miss Ester Wardrobe
19.	Delaide	Quarter of Dennery	Mrs. Hilda Dubois
20.	Derniere Riviera	" " "	Miss Magdaline Avril
21.	Desruisseaux	Quarter of Micoud	Mrs. Theresa Nathurin
22.	Fond Assau	Quarter of Castries	Mr. Peter Joseph
23.	Fond-St. Jacques	Quarter of Soufriere	Miss Remelia Stava
24.	Garrand	Quarter of Castries	Miss Rosina Baptiste
25.	Grace	Quarter of Vieux-Fort	Mr. Nathaniel Trim
26.	Grand Riviere	Quarter of Castries	Mr. Jn. Baptiste Auguste
27.	Gros Islet	" " "	Miss J. Jn. Francois
28.	Hospital Road	" " "	Mr. C.E.V. Bousquet
29.	Laboric	Quarter of Vieux-Fort	Miss Berlinda Smith
30.	La Clery	Quarter of Castries	Mrs. Charlotte Harris
31.	La Croix Maingot	" " "	Mrs. Florita Simon
32.	La Pointe	Quarter of Choiseul	Mr. Condell Colderon
33.	Leslie Land	Quarter of Castries	Mrs. Mildred Cox
34.	Londonderry	Quarter of Choiseul	Mr. Meyers Mathurin
35.	Mabouya	Quarter of Dennery	Mr. Fletcher S. Bastien
36.	Marc	Quarter of Castries	Mr. Rudolph Weekes
37.	Marchand	" " "	Miss Judith Quinlan
38.	Micoud	-	Miss Glorianna Martyr
39.	Millet	Quarter of Castries	Mr. Eleazer Joseph
40.	Monchy	Quarter of Gros Islet	Judith Jn. Baptiste
41.	Mon Repos	Quarter of Micoud	Mr. Eddie Gaston

42.	Moreau	Quarter of Micoud	Mr. Evariste Simeon
43.	Morne Seon	Quarter of Choiseul	Miss Magdalene Joseph
44.	Patience	Quarter of Micoud	Miss Fane Augustin
45.	Roseau	Quarter of Anse-La-Raye	Mr. James Bruno
46.	Saltibus	Quarter of Laborie	Mrs. V. Monroe
47.	Ti Rocher	Quarter of Castries	Mr. Lawrence Bourne
48.	Victoria	Quarter of Choiseul	Mr. Harris Matthews

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## BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANTIGUA -- Mike Wilson reports that he was recently offered copies of the 10-cent 1974 Uniform issue with the Malawi Cockerel watermark. Apparently at least two sheets were printed on this paper. How could this have happened?

BERMUDA -- Richard Heap has a cover posted on a Norwegian ship with U.S. postage stamps obviously with the intention of getting a Bermuda Paquebot strike. Instead, the letter was handed to the U. S. Naval Air Base on Bermuda where it was canceled with the "U. S. Navy 10958". He has also seen a World War II cover with a U.S. censor's marking, but having a 1d Bermuda stamp and a HAMILTON cds, instead of the normal U.S. postage.

BARBADOS -- The January 1975 GEOSIX Newsletter has a three page article on the dies and plates of the 1938 issue. After describing three new "flaws" which he found, F.R. Saunders discusses his theories of how these came about. It will be a very valuable source for those who specialize in this sort of detail. As we have noted before, the King George VI Collector's Society studies the stamps of the period which its name implies and nearly every issue of the Newsletter has at least one article relating to the British Caribbean. Further information can be obtained from the editor -- F.R. Saunders, 80 Hillside Avenue, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO2 4JY, England.

Worthing's electrical canceling machine, which Reynold Radford reported as being on order (December 1973 BCPJ), was being used in November 1974 according to Tom Giraldi. He has an 18 NOV 1974 strike on a commercial cover to Chicago. The CDS or dial portion reads WORTHING P.O. at top and BARBADOS at bottom, with time/day month/year in three lines in the center. The obliterator at the right is the seven wavy line variety, with lines broken into three sections. Has anyone seen earlier strikes?

CAYMAN ISLANDS -- George Kimber has sent along a copy of the December 1974 issue of "The Cayman Islands Northwester", which contains several articles on the islands' postal services. These are very interesting as they are written around the people, past and present, who have made the service what it is today. There is also a lot of collateral material for the postal historian. The magazine sells for \$1 and is published by the Northwester Company Ltd., P.O. Box 243, Grand Cayman, B.W.I.

HONDURAS -- The current edition of "The Central American Philatelist" presents evidence that RIO TINTO was an early British settlement on the coast of Honduras that was taken over

### RIOTINTO

by the Spanish in 1800. It had been thought by some postal historians of the area that the only recorded straight-lined markings of Rio Tinto were from Guatemala, according to the information

supplied by BCPSGer Sra. Dorotea Margarita J. (Editor's Note - Rio Tinto means red river

or colored river — our sojourn in Spain found us ordering "vino tinto" (red wine) during our periodic "tosca hopping" ventures.)

TRINIDAD -- Ben Ramkissoon attempted to get some first flight covers of British West Indies Airways London-Trinidad service and never saw his covers again. Recently he bought



the one illustrated above, which has a hand cachet cancel. He thinks that very few were carried so that they will be quite rare.

More San Fernando Centenary covers have come to light with a report of two in Norm Thetford's collection. Dates are 17 and 18 February 1946, falling within the range of those previously noted. This postmark is certainly not as scarce as we thought.

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## New Officers Elected

The Board of Trustees of the BCPSG has elected the following members to serve in the indicated positions for the year of 1975:

Charles E. (Chuck) Cwiakala of Park Ridge, Illinois will head the Group as its president, while Paul A. Larsen, also of Illinois (Park Forest) will perform the duties of vice president. W. Danforth (Dan) Walker (Woodside, N. Y.) will handle the duties of secretary and Dr. Reuben (Ben) A. Ramkissoon of Costa Mesa, Calif. will handle the purse strings as treasurer. Dr. John C. Arnell of Bermuda will continue as Editor of the Journal and Alfred (Al) Branston of Chelmsford, England will continue in the office of U.K. Representative.

The results of the election for BCPSG Trustees for 1975-1977 inclusive will be announced in the next Journal as the results of membership voting is not available as this edition of the Journal goes to press.

# NEW ISSUES

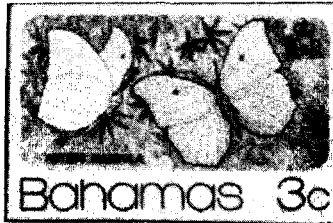
## BAHAMAS

JAN 75

**BUTTERFLY ISSUE.** A set of four values depicting butterflies indigenous to the island: 3¢ - *Anteos Maerula*; 14¢ - *Eurema Nicippe*; 18¢ - *Papilio Andraemon Bonhoti*; 21¢ - *Euptoieta Hegesia*. A souvenir sheet repeating the same designs will also be issued. Designed by PAD Studios and printed by De La Rue in the dylacryl process. Issued in sheets of 50. (IG)

## BARBADOS

**NEW PRINTING.** The 2¢ and 6¢ Postage Due Labels have been reprinted on CA Sideways watermarked paper. (CA, SG)



## BERMUDA

27 JAN 75

**BERMUDA WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP.** Set of four values, 5¢, 17¢, 20¢ and 25¢. The design of the stamps will show a motif of playing cards on all values and an insert of the Bermuda Bowl Trophy on all values except the 5¢. Printed by Format International in 2 panes of 25 stamps with a CA Block watermark.

17 FEB 75

**ROYAL VISIT.** A set of two stamps, 17¢ and 20¢, both showing the Royal Portrait of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Designed and printed by Harrison and Sons Ltd. in 2 panes of 25 with a CA Block watermark.

28 APR 75

**50th ANNIVERSARY OF AIRMAIL SERVICE TO BERMUDA.** Set of four values and a souvenir sheet: 5¢ - Sunderland Flying Boat; 17¢ - U. S. Navy Airship; 20¢ - Constellation Aircraft; 25¢ - Boeing 747; and a 75¢ sheet. Printed in 2

panes of 25 on CA Block watermarked paper. Printer and designer not yet announced.

GRENADA

JAN 75

DEFINITIVE SERIES. A new definitive series will replace the present 1968 definitives. A set of 19 stamps: ½¢ - cruising yachts round Point Saline; 1¢ - Yacht Club race, St. George's, Grenada; 2¢ - Carenage taxi; 3¢ - large working boats; 5¢ - Deep Water Dock, St. George's; 6¢ - cocoa beans in drying trays; 8¢ - nutmegs; 10¢ - River Antoine estate rum distillery circa 1785; 12¢ - cocoa tree, Theobroma Cacao; 15¢ - fishermen landing catch at Fontenoy; 20¢ - Parliament Building, St. George's; 25¢ - Fort George cannons; 35¢ - Pearl's Airport; 50¢ - General Post Office; 75¢ - Caribs Leap, Sauteurs Bay; \$1 - Carenage, St. George's; \$2 - St. George's Harbour by night; \$3 - Grand Anse Beach; \$5 - Canoe Bay and Black Bay from Point Saline lighthouse. Designed by Gordon Drummond and lithographed by Format International in panes of 50. (IG)

MONTSERRAT

30 NOV 74

CHURCHILL BIRTH CENTENARY. Announced with details in the August Journal. The Crown Agents have now announced that this issue was printed on non-watermarked paper. (CA)

ST. KITTS

16 NOV 74

DEFINITIVE. The design for the \$10 definitive depicts Edward Teach (Blackbeard) and an early illustration depicting his apprehension, November 1718. Designed by Waddington's Studio and lithographed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on CA watermarked paper. (SG)

ST. LUCIA

18 NOV 74

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## ANNUAL MEETING SET

THE 1975 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BCPSG HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 22-26 IN CONJUNCTION WITH NOJEX (NORTHERN NEW JERSEY PHILATELIC EXHIBITION) IN CRANFORD, N. J. A NUMBER OF EXHIBITION FRAMES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR BCPSG MEMBERS TO EXHIBIT THEIR COLLECTIONS. THIS IS THE SAME EXHIBITION AT WHICH THE GROUP CELEBRATED ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER 1971, AND IS ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS IN AMERICA.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND AND REPRESENT THE BCPSG BY DISPLAYING SOME OF YOUR BWI GEMS. DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEXT JOURNAL, HOWEVER, START NOW TO MEET YOUR FELLOW BCPSGers FROM ACROSS THE NATION AND OVERSEAS AT THIS ANNUAL BCPSG MEETING.

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# AUCTION TO AUGMENT ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Due to requests from several members and to the fact that the BCPSPG is developing a tradition of holding a closed auction of British Caribbean philatelic material at its annual convention each year, such an auction is again planned for our get-together at NOJEX in Cranford, N.J., Oct. 24-26, 1975.

Members are urged to consider submitting material from their duplicates or items no longer of interest for sale by auction at this event that has proven most interesting and desired by all the membership.

Early submission of material to Bob Topaz, BCPSPG Auction Chairman, is strongly urged in order that he may prepare a listing of offered material to be printed in a subsequent BCPJournal for use by all members. Early inclusion of this listing is desired in order that our overseas members might also participate in the auction. (We have received some strong letters of disappointment over not receiving the past auction listings in time for our overseas members to submit their personal bids.)

The BCPSPG annual auctions are conducted as a service to the membership for the membership. The modest fee of 10% on the prices realized of material sold goes into the treasury to further BCPSPG projects and aims. All time and efforts of the Auction Committee is donated to the Group.

The BCPSPG auction is a "closed" affair due to legal ramifications, and only BCPSPG members can participate therein; therefore members submitting their material for sale are assured that their lots will be considered only by British Caribbean philatelists.

Donation lots are also accepted by the BCPSPG for its annual auctions. Proceeds from such lots go into the treasury for the continued propagation of British Caribbean philately.

Send all material for auction, whether on consignment or donation, to Robert Topaz, 34 Maryellen Road, Waban, Mass. 02168, U.S.A.

## Personal Mention:

JOHN LOCKIE reports that he left Brandon, Manitoba for Kelowna, B.C. on his medical retirement to escape the heavy snows and thirty-below temperatures. He now complains that although the grass was still green, November and early December were miserable with rain and the mountains hidden by low-lying clouds. Every place, even Bermuda, has its climatic shortcomings. John has narrowed his philatelic interests to St. Lucia.

GEORGE KIMBER recently sent along a subscription renewal card from "Linn's" which he had received addressed to "Grand Cayman, British Honduras". His comment was "Shouldn't Linns know where Grand Cayman is?"

STEVE RITZER writes a stamp column entitled "Stamping... Around Sullivan" in the Monticello, N. Y. "Republican Watchman", weekly newspaper published since 1826. He recently gave the BCPSG a top-notch plug in his column which has resulted in enquiries from potential members. Thanks, Steve. He has also been doing a series of articles for the American First Day Cover Society in its "First Days" publication. He's covering the first day activities of Albert C. Roessler, old-time cover servicer.



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