

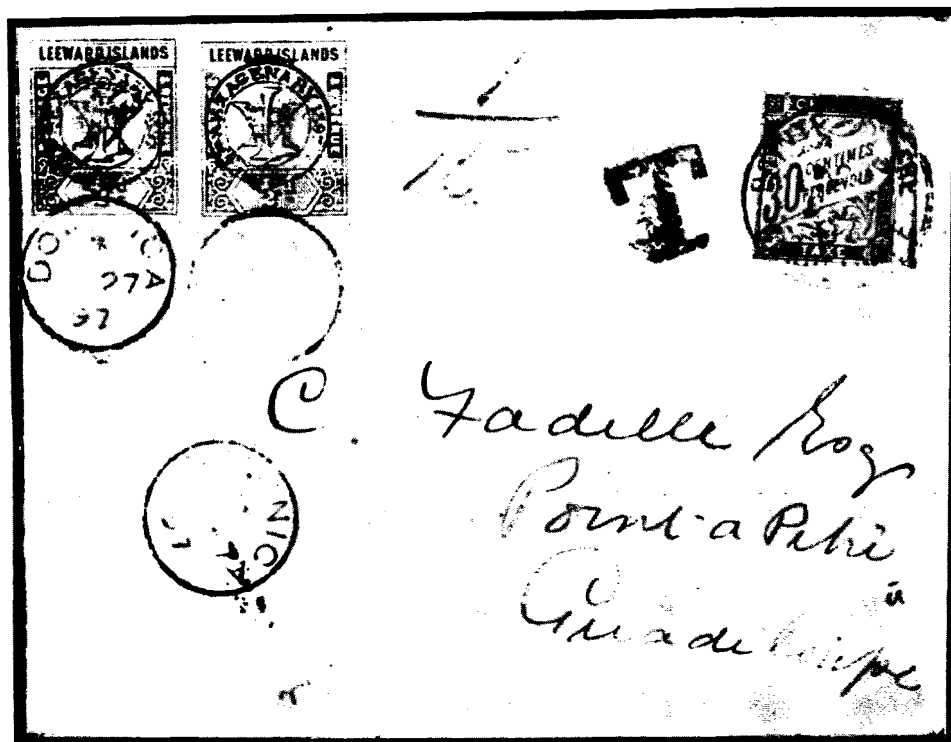
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THIS 1897 DOMINICA TO GUADELOUPE INTER-ISLAND COVER CARRIES THE INTERNATIONAL "T" TAXE HANDSTAMP WITH A MANUSCRIPT "1/15" INDICATOR ADVISING THAT AN UNDERPAYMENT OF 15 CENTIMES (1½d) WAS DUE. AS WAS THE CUSTOM, DOUBLE THE DEFICIT WAS COLLECTED, THUS ACCOUNTING FOR THE FRENCH 30c POSTAGE DUE ADHESIVE POSTMARKED IN POINTE-A-PITRE.

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President's Message

During recent correspondence, Geoff Ritchie made the comment that "...as far as material is concerned, there is just nothing to be bought here in the U.K., and I believe it is the same over in your country (it is!)...it makes one wonder what the future...holds for people...of very limited pockets...". Geoff's words have been echoed quite often by other BCPSGers during the past several years, and the matter was a subject of discussion during our NOJEX get-together last November. Although many of our members are aware of the sources for prime material, perhaps disclosure as to how some very nice items came into my accumulation will aid others in strengthening their specialized British Caribbean collections.

In my estimation, auctions, or mail bid sales, offer the best opportunity to acquire desirable items at the prices one is prepared to pay, although one should not expect to receive valuable material at proverbial bargain basement prices. My best auction/mail sale lots are received from firms in Chicago, New York, Florida and South Africa, and from several houses in the U.K. (names and addresses furnished on request). Ofttimes, dealers attempt to offer unusual items in their listings, or are offering specialized British Caribbean collections broken down into manageable lots; very difficult to find postal history items and other philatelic material crop up quite frequently in these sale catalogs.

As an American Philatelic Society member, I receive two APS sales circuits (Jamaica and British West Indies). In my case, 98 per cent of the time the material being offered is not of interest, but many Jamaican oblits and some "classic" TRDs, as well as items such as Dominica Manuscript village cancels, BWI revenues, and other scarce postal history items have been purchased quite reasonable from this source. It is noted that quite a number of BCPSG members take advantage of this service, as the circuits' routing sheets list their names.

For the past eight years, I've been a member of an exchange
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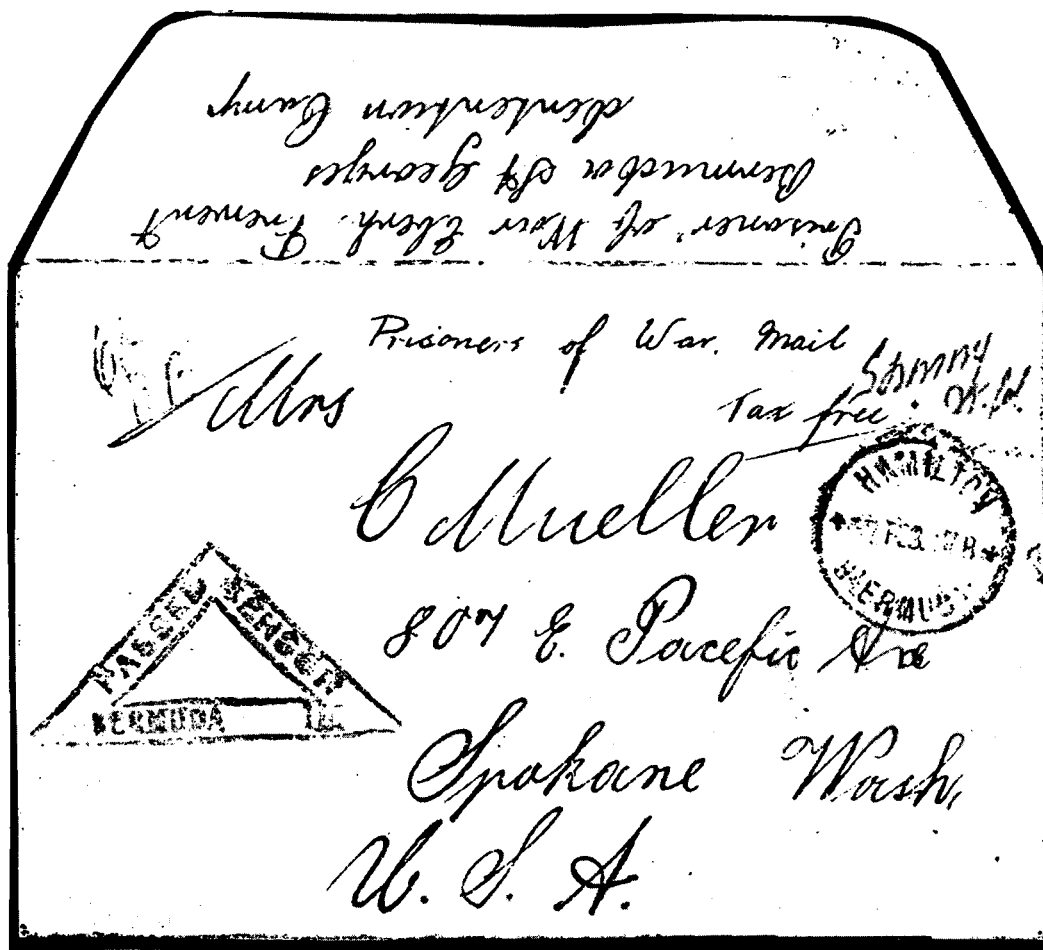
P.O.W. — OR TOURIST?

by Richard Heap

I have two covers sent by Eberhard Frewent, prisoner of war during the First World War, addressed to a Mrs. Mueller in Spokane, Washington, USA. These two covers reveal that Eberhard Frewent was more mobile than one would expect, and they bring several questions to mind.

The first cover reveals that Frewent was in Jamaica, from whence he wrote to Mrs. Mueller on 28 March 1916. The cover is postmarked Cross Roads and bears two boxed marks "Passed Censor" and "FREE/Letter of Prisoner of War". This date is ten months later than Tom Foster has recorded for Jamaica. The cover also has a Kingston machine backstamp dated 29 March.

There one might have expected Frewent to remain, but by February 1917 he had been moved to Bermuda, as my second cover from Frewent to Mrs. Mueller is postmarked with a Hamilton CDS dated 27 February 1917. This cover also has a Ludington CM14 marking in an oily black ink. This postdates the LKD for this mark by over six months.



There are similarities between this cover and one I described in the June 1974 Journal (page 38) — the pencil endorsement "OK RB" and a red ink endorsement in the top right hand corner. This cover, however, is endorsed by "Shmny (?) Lt. Col." and shows a most significant difference in the return address. My earlier Bermuda cover bore a return address of Ports Island, but this cover bears the return address "Prisoner of War, Eberh. Frewent, Bermuda St. Georges Dentention (sic) Camp".

Thus, these two covers pose more questions than they answer. Why should a prisoner of war be moved so far? Who was Mrs. Mueller? Where, what, and why was St. Georges Detention Camp? Any member have any answers?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... (continued from page 34)

club specializing in the British Empire. Duplicates have been disposed, and many nice items have been received: 3d inverted Pine watermark QV, Antigua used in St. Christopher (A12 oblit), G.B. used in Jamaica, Paquebot cancels, St. Lucia fiscals postally used, etc. Exchange clubs are usually listed in the classified sections of major philatelic periodicals, but it is strongly suggested that one determine the club's terms before joining; many times the club will forward to a prospective member some photostats of the type of material being offered in the exchange.

Although my experiences are that most of the larger "general" dealers in the bigger cities have been picked clean of items in my interest, a large amount of material has been acquired from suburban and small town (provincial) bourses and dealers. Bermuda QV Soldier's Letters, very scarce British Caribbean first flight covers, etc., have been purchased at reasonable prices. In the Chicago area, these "Sunday bourses" are listed in the "Stamps" section of our weekend newspapers, and I would imagine that the same information is available in other areas.

Swapping with other BCPSG members offers an excellent source to fill those empty spaces, if for no other reason than our members have the same interests as we do, and most likely have readily available duplicates for exchange. The membership directory is drawn up in such a manner that the members interests are easily determined, and a simple letter of inquiry will result, in most cases, in a cordial and rewarding reply. Over the years much fine material has been received by me from BCPSGers residing in four different countries.

If one specializes in-depth in any certain British Caribbean area and certain items just cannot be found, then I would suggest that a brief "WANTED" advertisement be placed in the classified section of one or more of the major philatelic periodicals. These advertisements are very low in cost, and make your wants known to thousands of other collectors. It has been noted that several of our members, including myself, have taken advantage of this medium, and continued advertisements indicate that this method of securing material is quite successful. (Ed. Note: Members can also advertise under the BCPJ's Members Mart section at 50¢ per line. See page 59 for example.)

Finally, our member-dealers (see advertisements in this Journal) specializing in British Caribbean postage stamps and postal history are a constant and dependable source for acquiring items of interest. In most cases, a letter of inquiry will bring a selection in the return mail. If items of interest are not available, then your name and specialty is listed in the dealer's master file, and when items are available for sale, the selection or a letter of notification will be forwarded to your address.

Thus, in my experiences, material is still available if one knows WHERE to look for it, and if one takes the TIME to look for it. It is hoped that these helpful hints were of interest and that they will be rewarding. HAPPY HUNTING!

CHUCK

THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF GRENADA

by John A. Cronin and W. Danforth Walker

The following is a continuation of a series of articles upon which the authors hope to form a basis for a comprehensive handbook of Grenada's postal history. Comments as well as additional information should be sent to John A. Cronin, 35 Moors Close, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6AL, England, or to W. Danforth Walker, 4401 Lee Highway, Apt. 71, Arlington, Virginia 22207, U.S.A.

CHAPTER VII

TAX MARKS AND MISSENT MARKINGS

UNPAID POSTAGE TAX MARKS



T1

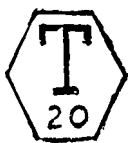
Type T1 was sent out from England on 15 FE 1881. It has only been positively recorded once — 7 JA 1884. A similar strike is known on two covers posted after World War II. The first is a Carriacou cover dated 12 AP 1946, and the second, a Woburn cover dated 28 MY 1969. A very distorted and worn handstamp similar to T1 was still held at the Woburn post office in 1975.

T2 shows the three main shapes of the "Tax" marks used by the Grenada postal authorities during the first 75 years of the 20th century. Sizes vary not only from office to office, but depend also upon the pressure with which the mark was applied and its condition and age.



T2

The inability of positive identification of a particular handstamp to a particular post office, in most cases, makes the authors feel that it would be irresponsible of them to record more than the known elementary information. The GPO and some District Post Offices apparently used more than one type of T2 mark over the years; many postal stations also used type T2 marks.



T3

In late 1974, the "Tax" mark T3 was introduced at the GPO; a similar mark is known to be held at one postal station. This mark has only been noted accompanied by a manuscript fraction with the numerator consisting of double the under-paid postage and the denominator being the proper Grenada postage rate for the cover.

MISSENT TO GRENADA

When mail is going from one country to another and is missent to Grenada, one of the following missent marks is applied at Grenada to explain why the mail has been held up en route. In consequence, examples of missent strikes occur on non-Grenada covers only.

Since mail is normally not missent, and, since collectors cannot produce 'handstamped by favor' missent covers, these marks are hard to come by.

Dates followed by an * are Grenada transit dates; all other dates are those on which the cover was mailed in the country of origin.

MISSENT TO GRENADA

MTG 1
65 mm long, 5.5 mm high
Sent out 11 AU 1886

EKD 13 FE 1928
LKD

Missent to Grenada B.W.I

MTG 2
Box 55 x 7.5 mm

EKD 3 JU 41
LKD 25 JY 46*

MISSENT TO GRENADA

MTG 3
43.5 x 3 mm, sans serif
Known in purple, blue and black

EKD 27 JU 61
LKD 11 NO 72

MISSENT TO GRENADA W.I.

MTG 4
76.5 x 6 mm, sans serif
Only known in purple

EKD 18 AP 67
LKD 26 JY 71

MISSENT TO GRENADA W.I.

MTG 5
50.5 x 2.5 mm, serifed

EKD 19 MY 73
LKD 23 JU 73*

MISSENT TO GRENADA

MTG 6
42 x 2.5 mm, serifed
Possibly an altered MTG 5

EKD 17 JY 73

MISSENT TO SAUTEURS

MTG 7
50 x 3.25 mm, sans serif

EKD 27 SP 73 in purple
LKD

MISSENT TO GRENADA W. I.

MTG 8
53 x 3 mm, sans serif

EKD 17 OC 74
LKDX

CHAPTER VIII

OFFICIAL MARKINGS OF THE POST OFFICE AND BRANCH CANCELS

OFFICIAL MARKINGS OF THE POST OFFICE

The post office applied these datestamps and handstamps to official post office correspondence, and occasionally used the two Official Paid CDSs on mail from another Grenada government department.

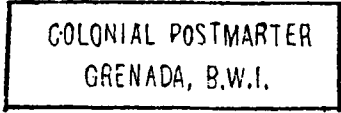
OF 1, OF 5 and OF 6, as well as manuscript notations such as 'G. P. O. Grenada', are known used as free frankings on international mail. OF 7 is known used as a free frank on inland mail. It is assumed that OF 1, OF 5 and OF 6 were also used as free franks on inland mail; it is possible that all OF type marks were used as free franks on inland mail.

These OF type postal markings are normally found on official envelopes with OHMS or ON GRENADA GOVERNMENT SERVICE printed on them. The OHMS envelopes with dates between 10 FE 1893 and 28 MY 1945 seen by the authors have an embossed seal on the back flap

of the envelope. Initially, the seal was the arms and supporters of Great Britain and was in use on OHMS envelopes at least until 29 NO 1921. The 'Badge of the Colony' seal, which was designed by the Colonial Secretary, Edward Drayton, and officially dedicated on 1 AP 1903, did not find its way onto OHMS envelopes until the 1920's, with the EKD being 6 FE 1926.



Colonial Postmaster,
Grenada, B.W.I.



(POSTMASTER)

OF 1

26.5 mm diameter

OF 2

top 50 mm, below 40 mm long
Proofed - ? DE 1904
Only known in purple

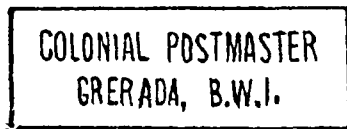
OF 3

box 44 x 14 mm
Found in purple and
carmine & once in
black 15 OC 1930.

EKD 22 OC 1891
LKD 27 JU 1915

EKD 23 MR 05
LKD 12 FE 08

EKD 29 NO 21
LKD 30 AU 38



OF 4

45 x 16 mm box
Known in purple and black

EKD 6 MY 41 purple
LKD 28 MY 45



OF 5

24 mm diameter
Letters 3 mm high

EKD 6 MY 41
LKD 13 OC 64

ON POSTAL SERVICE



OF 6

74 x 5 mm, serified
Known in purple and black

EKD 15 JU 53
LKD 9 OC 64

OF 7

55 x 30 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 24 AU 69
LKD 26 FE 70

BRANCH CANCELS

The PARCEL POST CDS was used on parcel post mail, but generally it was not used to cancel adhesives; thus the reason for the scarcity of this mark.

The MONEY-ORDER-OFFICE CDS was used to validate money orders drawn on the GPO. If this mark is found struck on a cover, the authors are of the opinion that this was the result

of accidental usage. Any loose adhesives found bearing this mark should be regarded as being fiscally used.



BC 1

23.5 mm diameter

EKD 15 JA 1891

LKD ? FE 1906



BC 2

23.5 mm diameter

Sent from London 23 OC 1893

EKD 18 AP 1893

LKD 15 AP 1897



BC 3

Outer circle 27 mm

Inner circle 17 mm

EKD 5 MY 37

LKD 20 DE 57



BC 4

23.5 diameter

EKD 10 JU 58

LKDX

The dead letter office received undeliverable mail, held it for a certain period of time set by law, and then, if it was not claimed, disposed of it. Apparently the DEAD LETTER OFFICE CDS was applied to the mail when it entered the office.

CHAPTER IX

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT CACHETS

Government department cachets are usually used by various government departments to indicate that a piece of inland mail is posted on official government business and thus exempt from inland postage.

The authors have also occasionally seen these cachets used as free franks on international mail. These handstamps are normally found on official envelopes with OHMS or ON GRENADA GOVERNMENT SERVICE printed on them.

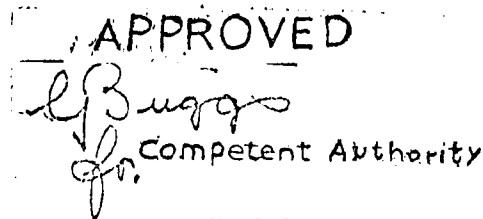
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
GRENADA.

GDC 1

top - 63 x 3 mm; bottom - 19 x 3 mm

EKD 13 OC 41

LKD 11 FE 42

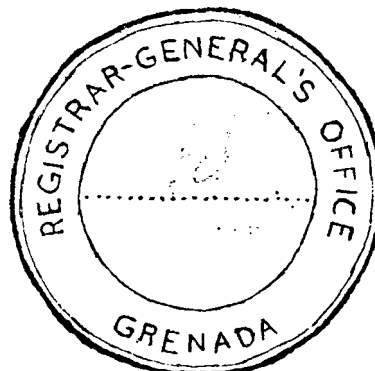


GDC 2

Office of Competent Authority formed in 1939 to censor exports from Grenada such as postage stamps for collectors.

EKD 23 OC 52

LKD 23 NO 56



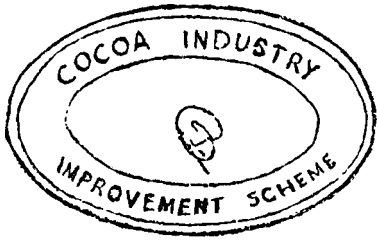
GDC 3

Outer circle 48 mm

Inner circle 30 mm

EKD 5 JY 56

LKD 30 MR 60



GDC 4
50 x 30.5 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 31 JY 59
LKD



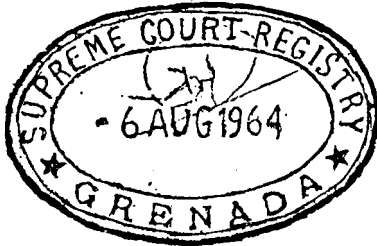
GDC 5
Outer circle 37 mm
Inner circle 24 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 27 JU 63
LKD



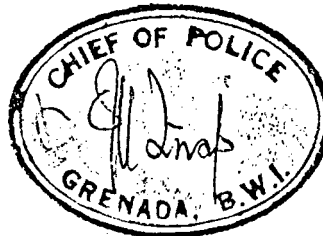
GDC 6
50 x 30 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 3 MR 64
LKD



GDC 7
50 x 32 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 6 AU 64
LKD 25 FE 65



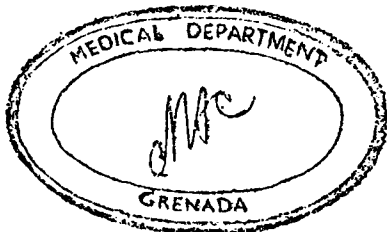
GDC 8
43.5 x 31 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 1 OC 64
LKD



GDC 9
50.5 x 40 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 19 FE 65
LKD



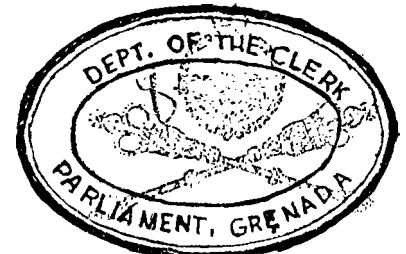
GDC 10
51 x 40.5 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 9 MR 65
LKD



GDC 11
49 x 31 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 17 MR 65
LKD

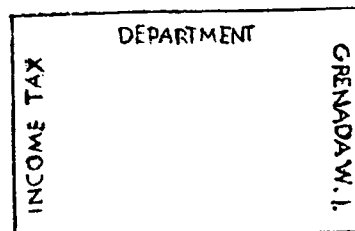


GDC 12
50 x 33.5 mm
Only known in violet

EKD 20 JU 68
LKD

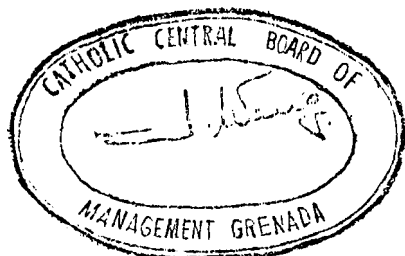
GDC 13
46.5 x 29 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 14 JU 72
LKD 4 JU 74



GDC 14
50.5 x 30 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 5 DE 72
LKD 8 JU 73



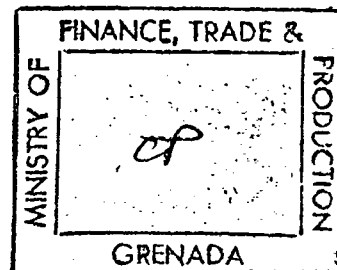
GDC 15
53 x 34 mm

EKD 10 AU 73
LKD



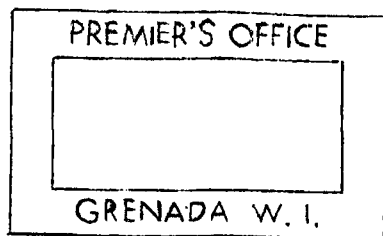
GDC 16
50 x 31 mm

EKD 1 DE 73
LKD



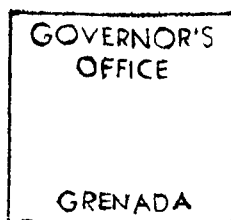
GDC 17
44.5 x 36 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 13 DE 73
LKD



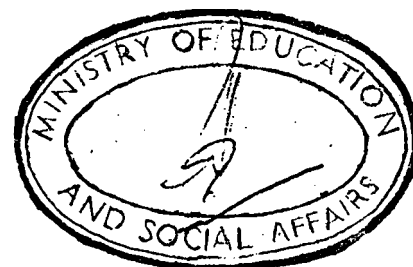
GDC 18
50 x 29.5 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 14 DE 73
LKD



GDC 19
31 x 28 mm
Only known in purple

EKD 7 JA 74
LKDX



GDC 20
54 x 35 mm

EKD 2 AP 74
LKDX

(to be continued)

DELAY OF JOURNAL -

The mailings of the December 1975 and February 1976 Journals were delayed due to problems in the computer and mail room in Texas. It is possible that this April issue will also be delayed. We apologize for the delays, but they are beyond the control of your editors. We are presently working on a new distribution system which will ensure the timely arrival of future Journals. We ask your patience and understanding.

It also has been brought to our attention that several members were actually removed from the computer for some inexplicable reason. If you did not receive your December and/or February BCPJs, please contact Col. Fred F. Seifert, 3106 Florida St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 for replacement. New members are entitled to a Membership List, and if you have not received such let Fred know. Once again, we are working on these problems so that they will not occur again.

Comments on BWI Charity Labels

by Thomas Foster

The following notes are offered to augment the definitive article on British Caribbean charity stamps by Charles Cwiakala which appeared in the June 1975 Journal.

TB Seals have been used in Jamaica from a very early date and practically all the issues listed in the Scott catalog have been used in the island. I have a comprehensive collection of these, including such items as the 1907-1921 issues used on cover from Jamaica. The main difficulty for the collector is finding these labels tied to cover. In most cases, the seals found on Jamaican covers are those issued for use in the USA; however, on occasions those printed for use in Canada were supplied to Jamaica. On at least one occasion the seals printed for use in Bermuda were used in Jamaica. In later years, the British types have been used in addition to the American issues.

There is a complete range of Cancer Relief labels which one can find, however rarely, tied to covers. One can also find religious labels, publicity labels for various events, and trade stickers, often for various rum firms.

There is a St. Dunstan's label from World War I, in addition to that used in World War II. The reason why the Fellowship of the Bellows label is scarce is because it was not intended to be used on letters, but was merely a receipt for the contribution! Nevertheless, it does exist on cover. I have at least six such covers in my collection, including covers from Canadian Forces during World War II.

I do not agree with Cwiakala's recording of the "essay" and other varieties on the red cross stamps of World War I. These additions to the basic stamp are very easy to manufacture and I have several in my collection which are undoubtedly the work of the amateur "forger". Indeed, the first issue of these labels during World War I was in aid of the Belgian Refugee Fund, and was later used for the purposes which the article describes.

As Cwiakala mentions, two covers used by Ashenheim with his signature are known — I know where each resides! The interesting point about both items is that they originated from the same source and were backstamped at the GPO some days after being postmarked, thus leading one to wonder if they had been held there pending authentication by the postal authorities. In my opinion, they are undoubtedly highly philatelic items, although the usage was permitted. I do not know of any such commercial use of the labels in this manner.

These labels are commonly found attached to covers bearing adhesives of that period and bring hefty prices nowadays. In my opinion, the reader should be very wary of buying any such cover unless the label is tied by the postmark on the letter. It is so easy to stick such a label on afterwards.

Regarding the Trinidad 1914 red cross label described in the June article, I have, in my collection, a cover addressed to Miss Evelyn Huggins of San Fernando, posted at Princess Town on 20 November 1916. It has several backstamps and has this label clearly canceled at San Fernando and is signed in the bottom left corner by the secretary of the Red Cross Society. I have no doubt that the cover is genuine and, to my mind, the interesting point about it is that the envelope is inscribed at the top with the letters "O. H. M. V.". I would be interested in finding out what these mean. Could it be "On His Majesty's Vessel"?

Editors Note: Warren Buchanan has sent in the following additional information on the Jamaica World War I Red Cross/Aeroplane Fund Charity:

Type 1: He has a cover from Kingston to Beverly, Mass., dated 20 January 1919, showing very late use.

Type 4: He has a cover with a sheet of twelve on the back with three centered double-ring cancels of 26 June 1916. The following errors in the overprint appear on the fifth and sixth labels in the top row — "HALF-PEN " and "HALF- NNY".

Reynold Radford has a strip of six labels from Barbados containing Figures 2 and 3 of Cwiakala's article plus four other designs. The marginal imprint on this strip confirms Cwiakala's surmise that they were originally tourist issues as it reads, "Visit BARBADOS, British West Indies, for all-year-round SUNSHINE and SEA-BATHING/See the Barbados Booklet, issued by the Barbados Publicity Committee, free from leading Travel Agencies".

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

This editorial was originally intended for the February Journal, but was late getting to Elaine. At the risk of being a little out-of-date, I shall offer the same thoughts in April. Even now, I am still a little staggered by many of the bids made at the Robson Lowe auction at the Southampton Princess Hotel here in Bermuda the day before BERMUPEX 75 opened. On 28 November last, along with philatelic friends, I listened in amazement to bids occasionally ranging up to five times the published valuation, which in most cases seemed quite high enough. There were 369 lots of British Caribbean material offered for sale. This was valued at \$53,262 and realized \$87,574, or 64 percent more. However, there was some discrimination in the buying, for 24 percent of the lots sold for less than the valuation. On the other hand, a crowned circle PAID AT BELIZE valued at \$600, sold for \$3,000.

This auction served to reinforce my concern that we in the BCPSG should give some leadership in seeking new areas of philately, which will allow those who cannot afford an expensive hobby or are interested in an inexpensive one to compete in major exhibitions, rather than continuing to support the present trend of reserving such competition to the few. It can be argued that there are enough gold medal collections to fill the frames of such exhibitions, but this excludes most new collectors. I do not suggest that it should be an easy way to exhibit, only inexpensive!

Commenting on BERMUPEX 75 itself, as might have been expected, the Bermuda exhibits of Sir Henry Tucker, Morris Ludington, Dick Perreault and others were the highlights of the show. Here within a few steps of each other were examples of almost everything in Bermuda philately. It was the rare opportunity for the serious student to examine and compare the rarities of one of the postal administrations of Group interest. It was unfortunate that the exhibition committee overlooked requesting BCPSG medals, for the Group would have been proud to see them awarded to any one of a number of gold award-winning exhibits.

BERMUPEX 75 was the first international show staged by the Bermuda Philatelic Society. It was a success in the quality of the exhibits, as attested to by the fact that 25 percent of the 36 separate exhibits were awarded Golds by the international panel of judges. Plans are already in hand for BERMUPEX 76 and a larger Robson Lowe auction. The dates will be 3 December 1976 for the auction and 4-5 December for the exhibition.

JACK

CAYMAN ISLANDS WWII CENSOR MARKS

by Thomas E. Giraldi

This article is being written in hopes that members will send in additional information so that a comprehensive listing of Cayman Island WWII censor markings can be collated.

Locally Produced Labels and Handstamps

The first censor labels and handstamps used in the Cayman Islands were those produced locally. These were in use until England supplied U.K. type P.C. 90 labels.

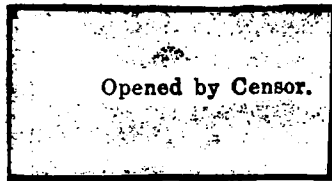


Figure 1

letters - 27.5 mm long

EKD 22 FE 40
LKD 6 SP 40

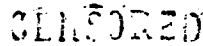


Figure 2

purple ink
25.5 mm long

EKD 10 AP 41

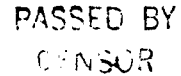


Figure 3

purple ink
sans serif letters - 3 mm high
top letters - 21.5 mm long
bottom letters - 15 mm long

EKD 24 SP 40

My collection contains four covers bearing the locally produced green labels with black wording "Opened by Censor." (Figure 1). Two of these covers are postmarked Georgetown and two are West Bay; all are addressed to the USA. Incidentally, the covers from Georgetown have the labels tied to the covers while the covers from West Bay do not. As the labels were cut out by hand, no outer measurements are possible.

These labels were applied to covers which the censor actually opened and resealed.

Figure 2 is a locally produced handstamp which was used by the censor on mail which he actually opened. My one example appears on a cover addressed to the UK and posted at Cayman Brac.

Figure 3 is also a locally produced handstamp used on covers passed but not opened. To date, I have seen only one cover with this two-lined PASSED BY/CENSOR mark. The cover was posted at Cayman Brac and was addressed to the USA.

P.C. 90 Labels

The Caymans finally received censor labels which were produced in England. These P.C. 90 labels were used along with censor code handstamps 41 for Grand Cayman, and 42 for Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

I have only one cover from Cayman Brac. This is a registered airmail cover dated 16 November 1943 and which is addressed to Vernon, BC, Canada. The letter was censored and the envelope resealed with Figure 4 (D42). On the front of the cover is an additional censor mark which is a tombstone-enclosed crown with wording PASSED D/42 in purple ink (Figure 5). The cover also has the Cayman Brac registry box and wavy boxed airmail handstamps in purple.

Can anyone add any more information on this tombstone censor marking?

OPENED BY EXAMINER D/ 42

Figure 4

EKD 16 NO 43



Figure 5

EKD 16 NO 43

From Grand Cayman my earliest censored cover sealed with a P. C. 90 label is dated 14 September 1943 (Figure 6) and is postmarked Georgetown, while a cover posted at West Bay, dated 28 December 1943, bears a different P. C. 90 label (difference in letter size of wording EXAMINER D/ (Figure 7). Both covers are addressed to Trinidad.

EXAMINER D/ 41

Figure 6

EKD 14 SP 43

EXAMINER D/ 41

Figure 7

EKD 28 DE 43

My collection also contains four other censored Cayman covers, but these were apparently censored in Jamaica. Three of the covers are addressed to Trinidad and bear P. C. 90 Examiner 846, Examiner I.D./8810, and Examiner D./8 835 labels. The other cover is addressed to the USA and has Examiner I.D./8838 appearing on the P. C. 90 label. These covers are dated from 15 January 1943 to 10 June 1944.

I would very much appreciate any member's explanation on why mail posted in the Caymans was censored in Jamaica when the Caymans had censoring privileges. Any further information on WWII censor markings from the Caymans will be appreciated.

BAHAMAS MAIL RATES INCREASE

The following news item appeared in the 15 December 1975 issue of the "Nassau Tribune" and gives all the increases in postal rates which went into effect at the beginning of this year.

"From January 1st, 1976, most postal rates for overseas mails will be increased, it was announced by the Postmaster over the weekend. The reasons for the increase is because of increases in international mail service charges...

"All air mail and surface mail rates within the Bahamas will remain the same...

"Foreign surface mail rates have been nearly doubled for letters to the United Kingdom. Letters have been increased from 8 cents to 15 cents for 1 oz on UK mails, and from 13 to 15 cents for all other foreign mails. 2 oz letters go to 26 cents from 15 cents, 4 oz from 19 cents to 35 cents and 8 ozs from 43 cents to 70 cents.

"A first class air letter ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz) to the USA or Canada will go up from the present 18 cents to 21 cents, and second class from 10 to 12 cents. Postcards (by air) from 14 to 16 cents and air letters from 14 to 16 cents.

"The first class air letter ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz) to the UK, Europe, S. America, C. America, and Bermuda will go up from 21 to 25 cents, the second class from 12 to 15 cents and postcards (by air) from 14 to 16 cents.

"Air mail ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz first class) to Africa, Asia, Australia, the Pacific and Indian Oceans will go up to 40 cents from 36, second class from 18 to 20 cents and postcards (by air) from 14 to 16 cents.

"The air mail rate to the West Indies for both first and second class letters will be reduced from 21 cents to 18 cents and 12 to 10 cents respectively. Postcards (by air) however, will increase like the rest from 14 to 16 cents.

"For surface mail letters to all destinations the rates will go up to 15¢ (1 oz), 26¢ (2 oz), 35¢ (4 oz), and 70¢ (8 oz).

"Printed papers will go up to 8¢ (1 oz), 12¢ (2 oz), 16¢ (4 oz), and 30¢ (8 oz).

"Postcards (by surface mail) to all foreign destinations will also be increased from the present 9 cents to 11 cents each.

"Domestic postcards (by surface) will remain at the 2 cent rate.

"There will also be a new rate of 8 cents for Christmas Cards being sent overseas next year (unsealed by surface and of a standard size). Over that size they will be sent at the regular letter rate.

"Registration fees for mail to all countries will also be increased from 23 cents to 40 cents per package."

Antigua Monograph

The following pages contain the first part of the seventh section of the Antigua Monograph to be published. This section was drafted by George Bowman and reviewed and contributed to by Bill Cornell, Bob Devaux, Lincoln Kieffer, Fred Seifert, and Mark Swetland.

27. ARMED FORCES POSTAL SERVICES

Sub-sections 27.0-27.7 cover World War II armed forces' activities, 27.8 covers the Anguilla invasion forces' activities of 1969 and later, and 27.9 covers earlier armed forces activities in Antigua.

27.0 ARMED FORCES POSTAL SERVICES DURING WORLD WAR II

As is generally known, in September 1940 the United States exchanged 50 destroyers with Great Britain in return for certain Caribbean and other western Atlantic sites on which to construct defense bases. The setting up of these bases, which were to be leased for 99 years, began with the establishment of temporary Marine Detachments at Bermuda on 24 February 1941 ((1)) and at Antigua and Trinidad on 1 March 1941 ((2)). From then until direct US involvement in the war the following December, additional "lend-lease" bases and establishments as shown in Table I came into existence. (All data in the table is extracted from the June 1941 and April 1943 issues of "The War Cover Philatelist".)

TABLE I

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 11 March 1941:

Established Marine Detachment, Portland Bight, Jamaica, effective 15 March 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 25 March 1941:

Established Marine Detachment, St. Lucia, Leeward Islands, effective 1 April 1941.
(Changed to St. Lucia, Windward Islands, effective 10 April 1941 ((3)).

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 17 April 1941:

Established American Base Forces, APO 802, St. George, Bermuda, effective 18 April 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 28 April 1941:

Established American Base Forces, APO 803, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, effective 28 April 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 24 June 1941:

Changed Marine Detachment, Bermuda, to Naval Operating Base, Bermuda, effective 14 July 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 11 August 1941:

Established American Base Forces, APO 805, St. Lucia, effective 26 July 1941.

Established American Base Forces, APO 807, Atkinson Field, British Guiana, effective 9 July 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 13 October 1941:

Established American Base Forces, APO 806, Antigua, effective 13 September 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 17 October 1941:

Established Marine Barracks, Naval Operating Base, Bermuda, effective 3 November 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 30 October 1941:

Established Marine Detachment, Georgetown, British Guiana, effective 4 October 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 3 December 1941:

((1)) Numbers refer to similarly numbered references at the end of this section.

Established American Base Forces, APO 804, Fort Simonds, Jamaica, effective 17 November 1941.

From "Postal Bulletin" dated 16 December 1941:

Established American Base Forces, APO 803-A, Fort Read, Trinidad, effective 30 October 1941.

The first group of American civilians assigned to construct the Antigua base had arrived on the island by December 1940 and January 1941. The site of the base, known as Crabb's Peninsula, near Parham on the north coast, was selected because of its favorable harbor for sea-plane landings and deep water for a dock.

27.1 MARINE DETACHMENT

According to Shepherd ((4)), troops of the Marine Detachment arrived in St. John's Harbor on 17 March 1941. They "...landed at the sugar warehouse dock...were transported by the narrow-gauge sugarcane railroad to a point near the base. The Marines erected their tents on a high spot and made headquarters in an abandoned Estate (Plantation) House" ((4)). (The "National Geographic" magazine has published interesting articles describing the economic impact of the construction of these bases and the arrival of American troops in the Caribbean ((5)).



Fig. 1

The canceler of the Marine Detachment Postal Unit (Figure 1) is known used, struck only in black, from 1 March 1941 ((6)) to 15 November 1941, and is somewhat noteworthy in that all examples seen incorporate a pronounced bulge at four o'clock on the circle. The 1 March EDK indicates that the postal facilities were in operation more than two weeks prior to the arrival of the main force.

27.2 COOLIDGE FIELD

During the period when the Parham Naval Base was taking shape, the US Army Engineers were constructing an airstrip four miles northeast of St. John's ((4)). On 14 June 1941 this small base was designated Coolidge Field ((7)), in honor of Captain Hamilton Coolidge, killed in air action over France in 1918 ((8)). Located in a position to cover the northeastern passages into the Caribbean, it was also a convenient base from which to monitor the activities of the pro-Vichy "Robert Government" on the French island of Guadeloupe.^a

Prior to 1 May 1941, housing at Coolidge for 314 officers and 3,555 enlisted men had been contemplated, but since it was to be only an auxiliary airfield, the total planned capacity of

^a In the overall Caribbean tactical operations plan, however, Coolidge was considered not nearly as important as stations farther south such as Waller Field, Trinidad, which was the chief air base in the southern Caribbean and supply center for other bases in the area.

the station was reduced to 215 officers and 2,337 enlisted men ((9)). The main air units assigned to the base during World War II were the 35th Bombardment Squadron (at Coolidge from 11 November 1941 to approximately November 1942), and the 12th Bombardment Squadron (from 23 November 1943 to 24 March 1944) ((10)). The primary mission of both squadrons was anti-submarine patrolling operations.

27.3 APO 806

As shown in Table I, the first permanent American Army Post Office in Antigua was APO 806, c/o Postmaster, New York, established at Coolidge in the summer of 1941. Its primary cancel (Figure 2) exists struck in both black and violet ink, and was provisionally classified as War Cover Club (WCC) Type A25 in the July 1945 issue of the "War Cover Bulletin".^b

The EDK is 16 August 1941 ((11)); the LDK in Antigua is 9 April 1942 ((12)). An anomaly exists here in that, although the cancel has a 16 August EDK, the "Postal Bulletin" data of Table I specifies APO 806 establishment almost one month later, on 13 September. (In 1945 APO 806 re-opened at "Camp New York", and subsequently moved to "Camp Pittsburgh", both of which were large troop staging centers in France. APO 806 closed permanently on 1 March 1946 ((13))).

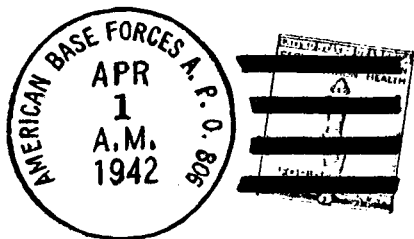


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Figure 3 illustrates another APO 806 cancel, evidently used in the latter part of 1941. Known struck in both purple and black ink, it is a large, fairly rare, double-ring CDS with five thick wavy "killers". A common theory is that this cancel's main function was that of a receiving mark, since it carries the location ANTIGUA B.W.I., a phrase absent from the primary canceler, presumably for security reasons. The mark was tentatively assigned WCC Type A26 in the July 1945 issue of the "War Cover Bulletin", and has an EDK of 5 September 1941 ((14)). An example exists as late as 21 October of that year.



Fig. 4

Figure 4 is another APO 806 mark, used 10 August 1945 in France ((15)).

^b The provisional WCC Type Numbers as specified herein were later changed to permanent classifications in 1951 upon the appearance of the publication "Type Chart, Postmarks of the U.S. Army Postal Service in the Second World War, 1941-1946" prepared for the WCC by C.D. Brenner and M.R. Baggett. See Table II.

27.4 APO 855

A second permanent post office was established at Coolidge Field in May 1942. Designated APO 855 (also c/o Postmaster, New York), it appears to have replaced APO 806 when the latter was closed.

Figure 5 shows the first APO 855 cancel, with EDK of 9 May 1942 ((16)) and LDK of 15 June 1942, containing the phrase A. P. O. 855 at the bottom of the circle. This was assigned provisional WCC Type A40 ((17)). However, later examples known from 3 July 1942 to 13 January 1943 have the 855 removed from the strike (Figure 6) (WCC tentative Type A40 ((17))) for security purposes.^c

The marks of Figures 5 and 6 incorporated a year slug having the digit 1 with serifs until at least 30 November 1942 (a cover with that date is in the Kieffer collection), but as early as 13 January 1943, the year slug appeared sans-serif (Figure 7).

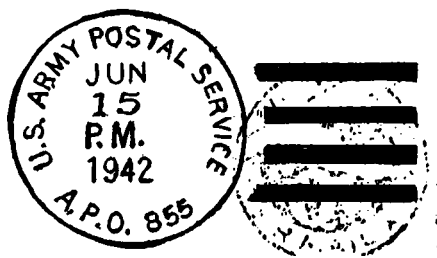


Fig. 5



Fig. 6

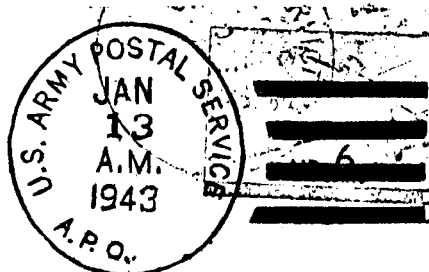


Fig. 7

In addition, the 9 and the 4 of the year slugs of Figures 5 and 6 show distinct differences from the corresponding digits of Figure 7:

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FIGURES 5 and 6
DIGITS

94

FIGURE 7
DIGITS

At some point in 1943 the cancel again appeared with 855, this time inserted in the top line (Figure 8) (WCC provisional Type A44 ((17))). To make room for the 855, the gross time designator (A. M. or P. M.) was eliminated. The EDK of this mark is 5 September 1944 and LDK is 27 July 1945 ((15)).

In September 1944 APO 855 was switched to c/o Postmaster, Miami, Florida, and confusion, in the form of alterations within the canceler, began to set in at this point. Figure 8 shows

^c During the latter months of 1942 and in early 1943, all APO's were under orders to refrain from using the APO number in the postmark.

the year slug with the sans-serif 1 as in Figure 7 and "flat-top" 5's (i. e., 5) in the number 855; Figure 9 shows the year slug and the 855 slug trading places. In the Figure 10 example, designated WCC temporary Type A47 ((17)), the 1 of the year slug is back to the serif configuration of Figures 5 and 6, and the 5's of 855 have curved tops (i. e., 5). Furthermore, Figure 10 shows A. P. O. rotated counter-clockwise to create a "centered" appearance, thus filling the void left by removal of the 855.



Fig. 8



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

Thus, it appears that the 'sans-serif 1 and flat-top 5' style existed until at least 28 October 1946. It is also apparent that at some nebulous point between 1946 and 1949 the year slug and the 855 slug were again transposed, back to their original arrangement of Figure 8. No APO 855 strikes are known later than the 24 May 1949 date of Figure 10. The EDK is 22 April 1948 ((15)).

Although, as stated above, APO 855 was switched to c/o Postmaster, Miami, Florida, in September 1944, a cover is reported by F. F. Seifert dated 6 May 1944. It is possible that the actual changeover led the official date in time ((12)).



Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

Miscellaneous parcel post, registration, and money order strikes from the Marine Detachment and APO's 806 and 855 are reproduced in Figures 11 through 14. Other cancelers of this nature doubtless exist from these three facilities. (to be continued)

EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS

BCPSG members scored big in BERMUPEX '75 held in Bermuda in November 1975. The Bermuda exhibit of SIR HENRY TUCKER took Grand Award, DICK PERREAULT's Bermuda took a Gold Medal as well as the award for Best by a Bermuda Philatelic Society member, MORRIS LUDINGTON's Bermuda took a Gold Medal, and JACK ARNELL's Transatlantic Mail to B.N.A. took a Gold Medal as well as the Best Postal History Award. Jack also received a Silver Medal for his Bermuda 'Ships' exhibit.

DR. ROBERT TOWERS of Dublin recently received double honors. He won one of two Gilt Medals awarded at the Irish National Exhibition at STAMPA '76, together with the Waterford glass trophy for the best exhibit with his Grenada orange surcharged provisionals of 1883-91.

Gold Medals were awarded to MILDRED ROHLOFF, wife of member PAUL, for her exhibit of Waterbury, Connecticut, cancellations, and to PAUL LARSEN for his German Togo at the Chicago Philatelic Society exhibit held 2 November 1975. Mildred also was awarded the Paul C. Rohloff Trophy for best U.S. exhibit, while Paul Larsen received a German Philatelic Society medal for best exhibit of German material.

AL BRANSTON advises that the Group's Silver Medal is annually awarded at Britain's STAMP-EX and BRITISH PHILATELIC Exhibitions; however, the medal has not been given twice due to a decline in the standard of exhibitions. Al feels our members should rectify this situation by entering good quality material. If anyone wishes to exhibit, Al has dates and details available.

THE ROSES

Mention in several past issues of BCPJ has been made of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society. This is a small, but active, group of 35 or so Caribbean collectors who, for the most part, live in the North of England. Sixty percent of the Roses members also are BCPSG members and several are regular contributors to the Journal.

The photo at the right was taken when GRAHAM HOEY gave a display of his Bahamas to the Roses Caribbean Society. Left to right shows BILL BEST, RICHARD HEAP, GRAHAM HOEY explaining his exhibit, MALCOLM WATTS, DERICK SUTCLIFFE, TOM FOSTER, and GEOFF RITCHIE. The photo was taken by TONY SHEPHERD. All are BCPSG, as well as Roses, members except Best.



Roses meetings are held once a month in Leeds on Saturday afternoons and usually consist of a formal presentation of a pre-selected topic. The Roses feel a close association with the BCPSG and their small journal, "Caribbeana", includes an invitation to its readers to join the Group. "Caribbeana" has articles which would interest our membership and anyone interested in more information should write to Malcolm D. Watts, 18 Linden Way, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS22 4QU, England. The annual subscription is £1.

British Honduras Comment

Editor's Note: Trevor Bates' "British Honduras Problem Cover" article in the August 1975 BCPJ has stimulated quite a bit of interest among some of our members. Following are two members' suggestions as possible explanations for the cover.

by David Potter

I would like to offer a possible explanation for the unusual British Honduras cover reported in the August 1975 Journal by Trevor Bates.

From the illustration in the article, it appears that this cover was prepared with blue lines, which automatically denote registration in the British postal system. Could it be that the handling office, the small post office of Guinea Grass, did not appreciate the significance of these lines? There does not appear to be any trace of 'Registered' on the envelope, although this would not strictly be necessary since, in theory, the blue lines should so indicate.

The cover then was handled as an ordinary letter, perhaps bundled or, if loose, perhaps the significance of the blue lines also escaped the sorter in Belize. Not so in London, however. The POSTED OUT OF COURSE handstamp went on, and a registration label was applied at the London sorting office.

One wonders what the crayon mark on the envelope is obliterating. Perhaps a vigilant official at the London western district sorting office calculated a postage due sum and wrote it on the envelope, for the British post office makes a charge for letters posted out of course like this. Then, perhaps, he was undecided exactly how much to charge as there would also have been a compulsory registration fee less an allowance for postage paid. Not sure how much to charge, he may have obliterated his calculations and let the cover go through without additional charge.

Without the POSTED OUT OF COURSE mark, it would still be possible to get a London registration label. It happens now and again when the mail comes in that a letter in the registered bundle has either lost the original registration label or the originating office and registration number is illegible. In such cases, it may be re-registered at the receiving office.

All of these presumptions are just that, but as a British Honduras collector, I like that cover!

by O. N. D. Phillips

Regarding the Guinea Grass, British Honduras, cover... Trevor Bates wonders whether the reason why this cover from Guinea Grass had been registered in London was because the GPO in Belize City had been destroyed or badly damaged in the 1931 hurricane. I can assure Trevor and other readers of the Journal that the GPO was not destroyed by the 10 September 1931 hurricane, nor was it extensively damaged.

Guinea Grass is a small village on the New River, in the northern part of the country, and the post office there would not have been in a position to handle registered mail for places abroad. The letter in question would therefore either have been forwarded to the District post office in Orange Walk Town for transmission to Belize, or have been included in the mail bag with other letters made up for Belize City, in order that it could be dispatched to the U. K.

For some reason, the GPO in Belize failed to register it; in fact, it must have gotten placed in a bag of letters for some country other than the UK, hence the "POSTED OUT OF COURSE" handstamp on the envelope. The letter was subsequently forwarded to London, where, in view of the fact that the envelope bore the blue lines, indicating a registered article, the London PO stuck on their registration label and canceled the envelope with their registration CDS.

The above suggestion is, of course, pure supposition on my part, but is also based on the fact that I have a cover that was posted in Belize on 12 May 1937, which is also without a Belize registration label, but has an Edinburgh label and CDS. This envelope is inscribed in ink on the front "compulsorily registered" and on the back it has a printed post office label stating: "This packet, which was posted like an ordinary packet, has been compulsorily registered because it is crossed with blue lines".

An interesting point is the short time it took for Trevor's cover to reach England, a matter of 16 days.

Membership Information

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed in the February 1976 Journal have been admitted into membership.

NEW APPLICANTS:

BLANDING, Forrest H., 6 Cornell Rd., Cranford, NJ 07016. Retired. BWI General collector. By Charles E. Cwiakala

DICKINSON, Terence A., 82 Windlehurst Rd., High Lane, Stockport, Cheshire, England. Sales Director. British Guiana. By Malcolm Watts

HILDABRAND, William A., 608 E. 3rd, Bellwood, PA 16617. St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Antigua, Leeward Islands. By Fred F. Seifert

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PHILLIP, Deonarine P., 3903 Barrington #1108, San Antonio, TX 78217. Cardiopulmonary Tech. Thematic, Br. Commonwealth. By Charles E. Cwiakala

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SCOON, Casimir E., 4311 Argyle Terrace, NW, Washington D.C. 20011. Federal Employee. BWI. By Fred F. Seifert

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JAMES, Alan, add code LA14 4NW to address

NAUGLE, Ron, PO Box 802, Large Branch, Clairton, PA 15025

OLSEN, Florence H., 101 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Executive Board of the BCPSG has re-elected the following officers for 1976:

President - Charles E. Cwiakala
Secretary - W. Danforth Walker
International Director - Alfred J. Branston

Vice-President - Paul A. Larsen
Treasurer - Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon
Editor - Dr. John C. Arnell

1975 TREASURER'S REPORT

In this, my fourth annual Treasurer's Report, I am pleased to say that the BCPSG appears to be in a stable financial position, compared to last year. We are close to operating within the year's revenue, exceeding our receipts by \$327.28 if we do not include the advance dues income.

The cost of printing the Journal appears to have stabilized, without compromise of quality or frequency of publication. With today's prices, we are really getting our money's worth from our printers. We are grateful to Charles Tanner III for making this arrangement possible.

We are all aware of the substantial increase in postage rates, which will prove an additional burden for us. We would encourage our members to help us keep these costs to a minimum, by sending us address changes promptly, and by responding to initial dues notices and other queries.

Your editor has been recruited as a Life Member, and we invite others to consider this degree of support for BCPSG. Funds received from Life Membership are placed in reserve and applied to certificate or savings accounts in the interim. Life Membership fees are \$150 for members age 50 or less, \$125 for those 51-60, and \$75 for those 61 or more. Funds are payable within the calendar year of issue, and may be paid in up to four installments, the year's current dues applying toward Life Membership.

We are grateful for the broad support received from many of you, tangibly shown by your participation in our Group auctions, donation lots, contributions, and purchase of publications and seals. We need to generate all of the revenue we can from these non-dues sources, as I believe we can still hold the reins on a dues increase if we can raise \$1500 in non-dues income in 1976.

To members expressing their appreciation for the work done, I am truly grateful, and particularly for those showing an understanding of delays caused by our relocation to the midwest, and major family health problems. Many of my colleagues have assisted in making my work easier — our editors, secretary, and, particularly, Al Branston, our International Representative and Assistant Treasurer. To all of you, I offer my sincere thanks.

I encourage your confidence in and support of the BCPSG in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Reuben (Ben) A. Ramkissoon, M.D.
Treasurer, BCPSG

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1975

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1974..... \$1,588.22

RECEIPTS:

Dues:

Current.....	\$2,890.05
Advance	2,067.25
Life Membership	39.58
Admission Fees	45.00
Contributions.....	547.70
Publications.....	122.80
Advertising	414.75
Auction Lots	3,401.18
Seals	35.57

TOTAL RECEIPTS:.....\$9,563.87

EXPENDITURES:

Postage:

Awards.....	\$ 11.10
Editor/Assistant.....	51.21
Sec'y/Treas./Assistant	342.68
Journal.....	731.17

Supplies/Stationery

Secretary/Treas./Assistant	178.08
Journal.....	304.17

Printing:

Journal.....	2,849.19
Membership List	187.21
Computer List Update	71.25
Service Contracts.....	53.00
Auction Lots	2,945.21
Dues Refund.....	2.50
Publications.....	16.50
Seals	24.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:.....\$7,833.90

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES..... \$1,729.97

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1975..... \$3,318.19

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND:

1. New Jersey Bank & Trust Co., 5% Growth Bond, #11083 6-24-69
\$500 fee; Redemption value 12/24/75..... \$ 692.02
 2. Great Western Savings, #033-28958 5-1, \$400.00; interest to 12/31/75..... 424.52
- \$1,116.54

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1976 DUES, DO SO NOW — OR THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE BCPJ YOU RECEIVE.

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

BAHAMAS - Regarding the seal reported by Alan Doyle in the December 1975 BCPJ, page 190, Fred Seifert reports that he picked up the seal illustrated below while visiting the Mackey St. PO in Nassau in 1969. He notes that it comes in the form of a roll of manila gummed tape and that the text is also given in French to meet UPU requirements.

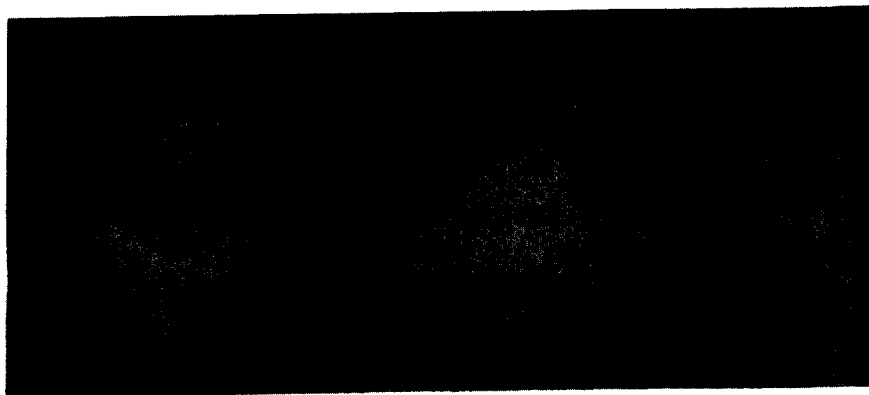
BARBADOS - In reference to Paul Larsen's "Barbados Seahorse Meter", October 1975 BCPJ, and to Basil Benwell's comment in Bits & Pieces, February 1976 issue, Reynold Radford advises that he has a cover in his collection with a similar meter mark, however, it is numbered U2. It is dated 25 III 70 and is apparently used by Da Costa and Musson Ltd., General Merchants, if one can trust the return address on the envelope flap.

Warren H. Crain has a copy of the Barbados "Olive Blossom" issue (Scott #109) with a variety in which the "O" in "Olive" is open, making it read "Clive Blossom". Does anyone have any information on this variety? Also, Warren has a used strip of five of the "Olive Blossom" stamp and would appreciate hearing if anyone knows of a larger used multiple.

Paul Bondor would like any information on the 1d green (Scott #194A S.G.249C) appearing in coil form. He has seen a continuous strip of at least 30 vertically oriented copies containing at least five paste-up joints.

BERMUDA - A special TRD was used at the show post office at BERMUPEX 75. Two cancelers were used, one of which had an indentation in the bottom of the ring (illustrated).

J. Ronchetti sends us word that he has a copy of the 2/- "Fifty Years of Scouting" 1965 issue which has a very clear red line extending through the first vertical stroke of the 'N' in 'Scouting'.



GRENADA - Dan Walker reports that a new Grenada post office named PARADISE opened sometime in 1975. This new office is located three-quarters of a mile north of Grenville and is in St. Andrew's Parish. The earliest date known to Dan is 19 AU 75, the canceler being type C22.

JAMAICA - Joe Mandos reports a cover from Half-Way-Tree to Alaska, 31 May 1969, with some unusual franking. It bears a 4d Jamaica adhesive, plus a piece cut from a newspaper wrapping showing the imprinted 1½d stamp and a boxed handstamp in purple "Postage Paid/ Half Penny". (This handstamp was used for revaluing wrappers to 2d after an increase in rates for newspaper mailing). While the USA does not allow cutout stamps from postal stationery to be used as postage, some other countries either authorize or tolerate such practice.

ST. LUCIA - Robert Devaux reports that another fantastic find has come his way, this time in

the form of an 1865 local cover showing the 1d black of 1864. He believes this to be extremely scarce, if not unique, and would like to know if any other such covers exist.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - Ron Wike has prepared a book on "Trinidad and Tobago Meter Stamps" for his local society. Ron also advises that he has examples of Trinidad meter markings which members can have on request. He also has a limited number of miscellaneous envelopes with current village post offices' date stamps. Just state your specific requirements.

Ron requests information on pre-1960 "Paid" (in red) markings for bulk prepaid mail. Can anyone help him ?

Ben Ramkisson reports a slogan dated 21 January 1976 which reads "ANGOSTURA/FLAVOURS THE WORLD/.....SINCE 1824.....". He also reports a CDS from Port of Spain that contains the letters F.S. after the town's name. He wonders if this could mean Foreign Service.

TURKS & CAICOS - Fred Seifert advises that the "Cable and Wireless via Imperial" mark reported in the December 1975 issue of BCPJ had been previously reported by Morris Ludington in the BWISC "Bulletin" in July 1963. That mark had a date of 9 SP 41. Similar marks from Basseterre, St. Kitts, and Charlestown, Nevis, were reported in the April 1969 issue of BCPJ.

It was erroneously reported in "Bits & Pieces", February 1976 issue, under Turks & Caicos, that the new postmark from the Providenciales Island Post Office reads Blue Hills/Turks Islands. The correct reading of the postmark is BLUE HILLS/CAICOS ISLANDS. Gus McVicker explains that the error occurred due to a very poor strike. Upon checking, your assistant editor found that the correct reading had been reported by Malcolm Watts, but was inadvertently overlooked.

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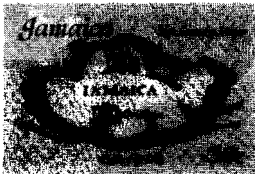


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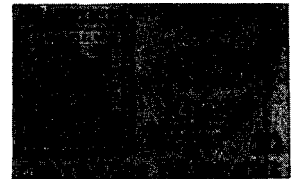
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ANGUILLA

DEFINITIVE OVERPRINTS. The present definitive set has been overprinted "NEW CONSTITUTION 1976". A new definitive set is now in preparation. (JL)

9 FEB **FLOWERING TREES.** A set of six values and souvenir sheet: 1¢ - Almond, 10¢ - Autograph, 15¢ - Calabash, 20¢ - Cordia, \$1 - Papaya, \$1.50 - Flamboyant. Designed by John Lister staff and litho. by Questa. (JL)

ANTIGUA

19 JAN **NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE.** Set of 18 values: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢ - birds; 6¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢, 35¢ - flora; 50¢, 75¢, \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$10 - places of interest on Antigua. Designed by G. L. Vasarhelyi and Waddington's Studio and lithographed by Format International. (IG, CA)

MAR **US BICENTENNIAL.** Set of seven values and souvenir sheet: ½¢ - Privates, Clark's Illinois Regiment; 1¢ - Riflemen, Pennsylvania Militia; 2¢ - engraved American powder horn; 5¢ - Maryland troop issue water bottle; 35¢ - Liberty Tree and Rattlesnake flags; \$1 - American privateer "Montgomery"; \$5 - Continental Navy sloop "Ranger"; souvenir sheet - \$2.50 stamp. Designed by Waddingtons and litho. by Format. (IG)

BAHAMAS

MAR **FIRST TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CENTENARY.** Set of four stamps: 3¢, 16¢, 21¢, 25¢. Designed by G. L. Vasarhelyi and lithographed by De La Rue in 25 stamps per sheet. (IG)

BARBADOS

15 DE 75 **NEW DEFINITIVE REELS.** Two values, 5¢ and 25¢, issued in reels of 1,000 stamps. The Coat of Arms of Barbados is featured on each value. Lithographed by Harrison and Sons. (CA)

DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. The following values have been reprinted on the stated watermarked paper: 1¢, 25¢, and \$1 on CA Block Sideways paper; 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 10¢, 15¢, and 35¢ on CA Block Upright paper. (CA)

BELIZE

NEW PRINTING. The Christmas 1975 26¢ value has been reprinted on CA Block Upright paper. (CA)

MAR **US BICENTENNIAL.** A set of three values: 10¢ - William Wrigley, Jr., and a drawing of a tree being tapped for chicle; 35¢ - Charles Lindbergh and his plane "Spirit of St. Louis" which Lindbergh landed in Belize in 1927; \$1 - John Lloyd Stephens who made an archaeological survey of Mayan Temples. Designed by PAD Studio and lithographed by House of Questa on CA watermarked paper. (CA)

BERMUDA

29 MAR **50th ANNIV. OF THE BERMUDA BIOLOGICAL STATION.** Set of four values: 5¢ - launching of Bathysphere from the "Ready"; 17¢ - view of the Biological Station from the sea; 20¢ - HMS "Challenger" 1873; 25¢ - Beebe's Bathysphere descent off Bermuda in 1934. Designed by Gordon Drummond and litho. by Questa. (CA, SG)

JUN **TALL SHIPS TRAINING RACES.** Set of six values: 5¢ - "Christian Radlich", 12¢ - "Sebastian De Elcano", 17¢ - USCG "Eagle", 20¢ - "Winston S. Churchill", 40¢ - "Kruzenstern", \$1 - "Silver Model and Trophy Cutty Sark". Designed by R. Granger Barret and printed in two panes of 25. (BPB)

26 JUL **75th ANNIV. OF ANNUAL CRICKET CUP MATCH.** Set of four values: 5¢, 17¢, 20¢, 25¢. Designer and printer to be announced. (BPB)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

12 MAR **HISTORIC SITES.** Set of four values: 5¢ - Copper Mine Point; 18¢ - Pleasant Valley; 50¢ - Callwood Distillery; 75¢ - The Dungeon. Designed by PAD Studio and litho. by Walsall Security in two panes of 25 each. (CA, SG)

CAYMAN ISLANDS

12 MAR **75th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST POSTAGE STAMP.** Set of four values and souvenir sheet: 10¢ - registered en-

velope bearing two $\frac{1}{2}$ d and two 1d stamps with inset of Government House and the sub post office at Cayman Brac; 20¢ - $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp and illustration of obliterator used on Jamaican stamps between 1890 and 1894; 30¢ - 1d stamp and rare overprint of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d on 4d; 50¢ - $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d stamps. Designed by John Cooter and lithographed by Questa in two panes of 25 on CA watermarked paper. (CA, SG)

DOMINICA

MAR US BICENTENNIAL. Set of six values plus souvenir sheet: $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ - American infantry; 1¢ - English three-decker, 1782; 2¢ - George Washington; 45¢ - British sailors; 75¢ - British ensign; \$1 - Admiral Hood. Designed by Waddingtons and lithographed by Format in 50 stamps per sheet. (IG)

GRENADA

FEB TOURISM ISSUE. Set of seven values and souvenir sheet portraying tourist attractions: $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, 1¢, 2¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1, souvenir sheet \$2. Designed by Gordon Drummond and lithographed by Questa. (IG)

GRENADA GRENADINES

17 FEB TOURISM. Set of seven values plus souvenir sheet, all portraying scenes connected with the sea: $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, 1¢, 2¢, 18¢, 22¢, 75¢, \$1, \$2 in souvenir sheet. Designed by G. Drummond and litho. by Questa. (IG)



GUYANA

10 FEB DEFINITIVE OVERPRINT. The 60¢ value (soldier's cap design) has been overprinted 35¢. (CA, SG)

NEW PRINTING. The 10¢ and 20¢ definitives have been reprinted on Lotus Blossom Sideways wmk'd paper.

29 MAR 50th ANNIV. of the GUYANA ST. JOHN AMBULANCE. Set of four values, each incorporating the St. John Ambulance Badge and a different collar flash: 8¢, 15¢, 35¢, 40¢. Designed by C. Henriques and adapted by Waddingtons. Lithographed by the House of Questa on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper. (CA)

JAMAICA

12 MAR 16th CENTURY MAPS OF JAMAICA. Set of four values: 10¢ - Bordone 1528; 20¢ - Porcacchi 1576; 30¢ - DeBry 1594; 50¢ - Langenes 1598. Designed by Leslie Curtis and litho. by Questa. Jamaica Pineapple wmk. (CA)

ST. LUCIA

26 JAN US BICENTENNIAL. Set of eight values and souvenir sheet depicting ships of the Revolutionary period: $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ - first US war vessel, "The Hanna"; 1¢ - British mail packet, "The Prince of Orange"; 2¢ - sloop, "HMS Edward"; 5¢ - English merchantman, "The Millern"; 15¢ - Continental Navy lugger, "The Surprise"; 35¢ - British war vessel, "HBM Serapis"; 50¢ - first Continental Navy frigate, "The Randolph"; \$1 - "Alliance". Designed by Waddington and lithographed by Format. (IG)

ST. VINCENT

19 FEB CARNIVAL '76. Set of six stamps portraying carnival scenes. The values and their printing quantities are: 1¢ - 220,000; 2¢ - 145,000; 5¢ - 135,000; 35¢ - 55,000; 45¢ - 50,000; \$1.25 - 30,000. The set is also available in booklet form - 10,000. Designed by Gordon Drummond and lithographed by Questa. (SVPS)

ST. VINCENT GRENADINES

26 FEB UNION ISLAND. Set of four values with each value printed in sheetlets of 10 stamps and two labels: 5¢ - sunset over Union Island; 35¢ - customs and post office, Clifton; 45¢ - Anglican Church, Ashton; \$1 - mailboat at Clifton Harbour. Designed by G. Drummond and litho. on CA wmk'd paper by Waddingtons. (SVPS)

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The "New York Times Magazine" for 4 January contained a full page, colored advertisement for the Bermuda Festival. Eagle-eyed BOB TOPAZ recognized our own JACK ARNELL as the gentleman talking to the young couple in the ad. Looks as if the setting is the maritime museum which Jack helped to establish.

Speaking of JACK ARNELL, wedding bells rang out for him in Bermuda on 14 January. Our best wishes to him and his bride.

LOUIS ZELL highly recommends the philatelic museums in Sweden and Norway. Not only are the exhibits well-mounted and displayed, but the attendants are exceedingly friendly and courteous.

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1. ANTIGUA S.G. 9: 6d dark green, fine used. Catalog £7.00. £5.75 (\$14)
 S.G.10: 6d yellow green, clear A02 cancel. Cat. £15.00. £12.75 (\$31)
 S.G.28: 4d chestnut, unmounted marginal block of four, bottom right stamp
 weak corner. Cat. £6.00. £5.00 (\$12)
- A Fine 18th Century letter from St. Johns, dated AUG ye 6th 1764, to a Mrs.
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 favour of Capt. Curtis. London Bishop Mark OC 16 on the reverse with a
 black seal. £75.00 (\$182)
- B Large QV registered envelope of Leeward Isles with the impressed 2d regi-
 stration stamp on reverse. Franked pair Leewards 2½d, SG3, canceled by
 clear CDS JA 19 98, Antigua, to the Columbian CONSULATE, Jersey, Chan-
 nel Isles. Backstamped Southampton GPO FE 2 98 and Jersey FE 3 98.
 £30.00 (\$73)
- C S.G.40: 5/- grey-green & violet on 1907 reg. envelope to Berne, Switzer-
 land, well tied, backstamped London & Berne. Slight horiz. crease through
 top of cover and across stamp. £50.00 (\$121)
2. BARBUDA Antigua OHMS 1941 cover forwarded from "Warden" Barbuda to St. Johns,
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 Marketing Depot Antigua B.W.I. Cachet, signed by initials. Backstamped
 Antigua. £25.75 (\$62)
3. BARBADOS 1855 cover to Nova Scotia tied with four margin imperf. 1d blue (SG3). On
 obverse 4 in black m/s and clear 8d charge mark in black. Part of flap mis-
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5. BR. GUIANA S.G. 9: 1¢ black/magenta. Cat. £1000 with R.P.S. certif. 1967. Beauti-
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6. CAYMANS 5/- Cent. (S.G.94), well tied to FDC registered to Scotland with double line
 circle Type VII Georgetown & reg. mark is Georgetown Type I. Backstamp-
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7. CAYMANS 1908 registered cover to Switzerland franked by pair of ½d on 1d (S.G.17,
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