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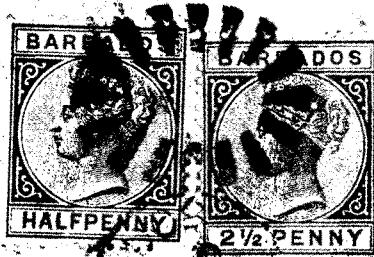
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BARBADOS (BARBADE)
POST CARD



THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



*Mrs. Skiblander J. Hansen
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for Archangel
Russia*



POSTED AFTER THE OVERSEAS MAILS HAD CLOSED, BUT BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE SHIP WHICH WAS TO CARRY THEM, THIS BARBADOS POST CARD MADE THE SAILING WHEN THE SENDER PAID A THREE PENCE "LATE FEE". *Collection of Col. F.F. Seifert*

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President's Message

I have just had the opportunity to examine and study the newly-received "West Indian Civil Censorship Devices in World War II" handbook edited by Geoff Ritchie, and published by the Ros-es Caribbean Philatelic Society. This large-format, 82-page tome is well illustrated and defines the mails from nine different British Caribbean areas during the troubled 1939-1945 years.

The work is co-authored by a number of specialists and includes the following areas: Antigua (George W. Bowman); Barbados, Grenada (Tony Shepherd); British Guiana (Mike Rego); Cayman Islands, Jamaica (Tom Foster); St. Lucia (Geoff Ritchie); Trinidad (Brian Renshaw); Turks and Caicos (Malcolm Watts). Coincidentally, all the co-authors are also members of the BCPSG.

The printing has been limited to only 150 numbered copies and late word from Geoff Ritchie indicates that more than half of the edition has already been sold. British Caribbean postal history specialists would do well to reserve this authoritative reference for their library by contacting Geoff Ritchie at an early date (Dr. G. G. Ritchie, 16 Stray Walk, Harrogate, N. Yorkshire, HG2 8HU, England). The cost of the handbook for USA and Canadian members is \$7.50, including airmail postage; for members residing in the UK, the cost is £2.75 plus 25p postage and packing.

REMEMBER our Tortola, BVI get-together 22-25 October. Dan Walker is coordinating the reservations for the affair and asks that those BCPSGers planning to attend the affair contact him immediately... think it over, it will be a memorable occasion!

CHUCK

FIRST FLIGHTS OF BERMUDA PART 3

by Charles E. Cwiakala

THE CHECKLIST

This checklist attempts to identify all first flight or souvenir covers being carried to, through, or from Bermuda. Data on flights other than those listed will be found in the main text of the article (Parts One and Two), together with details on all the flights which have been recorded for this syllabus. The writer invites correspondence from those who have further relevant information on the flights described in this listing, or who have information on flights of historical importance which have been omitted. All data will be collected, collated and presented at a later date as an addendum to this article.

1. 22 MAY 1919 HAMILTON-HAMILTON. US Naval Scout Hydroplane circled the island. Governor Wilcocks, accompanying the pilot on the tour, dropped one cover with appropriate manuscript cachet commemorating the flight. (Unique)
2. 21 FEB 1925 LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, TO HAMILTON. First Bermuda flight of the USS "Los Angeles". Special red New York "Air Mail Service" cds applied to out-going mail (Fig. 3). Number of pieces leaving New York were 2,341, with a few others postmarked at Lakehurst at the last minute. No return flight mail.
 - a. New York postmark (to Hamilton). (Not Common)
 - b. Lakehurst postmark (to Hamilton). (Very Scarce)

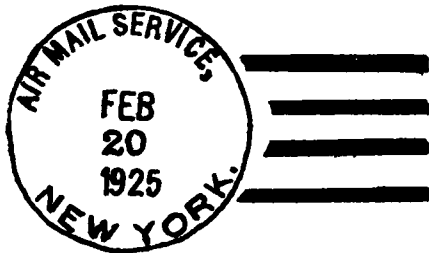


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

3. 21 APR 1925 / LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, TO HAMILTON, AND RETURN. Second Bermuda flight of the USS "Los Angeles". Special red New York "Air Mail Service" cds applied to out-going mail. Return mail found with two different types of cachets, both being applied in black.
 - a. Lakehurst-Hamilton (Fig. 4). (Common)
 - b. Hamilton-Lakehurst.
 - i. Two line cachet (Fig. 5). (Not Common)
 - ii. Three line cachet (Fig. 6). (Scarce)
 - * ERROR: "SE" of "SERVICE" inverted and reversed.
 - ** ERROR: "SE" of "SERVICE" inverted and reversed, "CE" of "SERVICE" omitted.
 - iii. Both cachet types applied. (Very Scarce)
 - iv. No cachets applied. (Common)
 - c. Hamilton-Lakehurst, US adhesives canceled with USS "Patoka" mooring ship cds. (Very Scarce)

BERMUDA FIRST OVERSEAS AIRMAIL

AIR MAIL SERVICE

BERMUDA

Fig. 5

Fig. 6

- 4. 11 APR 1928 FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY, TO ST. GEORGE'S. The "Graf Zeppelin", on its first trans-Atlantic flight, "dropped" a small amount of mail at St. George's. The mail fell into the sea, was recovered, and was forwarded. (Rare)
- 5. 1 APR 1930 NEW YORK TO HAMILTON, AND RETURN. Experimental survey flight by Lt. Lewis A. Yancey and crew. Very few covers were carried; existing examples bear a green ink manuscript "By Air from New York-Bermuda", and are signed by Lt. Yancey. (Rare)
- 6. 29 JUN 1930 NEW YORK TO HAMILTON, AND RETURN. First non-stop round trip flight by Roger Q. Williams, J. Errol Boyd and Harry P. Connor in the "Miss Columbia", a Bellanca monoplane. One bag of mail, primarily postal cards, dropped over Hamilton as no landing was made (Fig. 7).

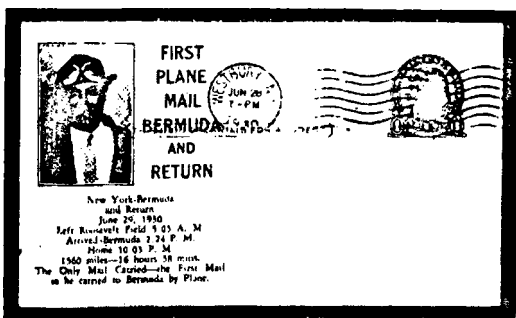


Fig. 7

- a. Regular flight cover or postal card. (Very Scarce)
- b. Flight cover or postal card signed by crew. (Very Rare)

- 7. 7 JAN 1931 NEW YORK TO HAMILTON. First trans-Atlantic commercial flight attempt. The pilots, Mrs. Beryl Hart and Lt. W.S. MacLaren, succeeded in reaching Hamilton, the first leg of the trip, but were lost at sea en-route to the Azores. First leg mail canceled at East Orange, New Jersey, on 3 JAN 1931, and is backstamped at Hamilton or St. George's (or both) on 8 JAN 1931. Corner card on mail denotes map of proposed route and appropriate text. (Very Scarce)
- 8. 16 JUN 1937 HAMILTON TO NEW YORK. First official regular air mail service between Bermuda and the US via Imperial Airways flying-boat "Cavalier". Thirty-eight pounds of mail carried. Cachet applied in red (Fig. 8). (Not Common)
- 9. 17 NOV 1937/
18 NOV 1937 BALTIMORE TO HAMILTON, AND RETURN. Because of harsh winter conditions in New York, PanAmerican Airways changed their terminal to Baltimore. Number of covers unofficially transported from Baltimore to Bermuda were 100. The covers were re-franked and were officially flown by Imperial Airways from Bermuda to Baltimore. (Very Scarce)

- 10. 16 MAR 1938/ BALTIMORE TO HAMILTON, AND RETURN. First official mail flown by
17 MAR 1938 PANAM "Bermuda Clipper". A small quantity of mail flown on the return flight impressed with a privately applied two-line cachet in black reading "BERMUDA CLIPPER/PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS COMPANY".
 - a. Baltimore-Hamilton, 71,113 pieces carried (Fig. 9, magenta).
 - i. Baltimore duplex machine cancel. (Common)
 - ii. Baltimore duplex manual cancel. (Not Common)
 - b. Hamilton-Baltimore. (Scarce)

**BERMUDA - U. S. SERVICE
R.M.A. "CAVALIER"
FIRST FLIGHT**



BALTIMORE - BERMUDA

Fig. 8

Fig. 9

**FIRST FLIGHT - BERMUDA
to PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y.**

Fig. 10

- 11. 7 APR 1938 HAMILTON TO PORT WASHINGTON. Because of improving weather conditions, the PANAM "Bermuda Clipper" changed its home base again. A small amount of mail was carried on the flight, the covers being impressed with a two-line cachet in magenta (Fig. 10). (Scarce)
- 12. 9 JUN 1939 NEW YORK TO MARSEILLES, FRANCE (BERMUDA DISPATCHES). The first acceptance of the mails to and from Bermuda connecting with the PANAM "Southern Route"; privately applied cachets. Inbound mail back-stamped 8 JUN 1939, outbound mail canceled 9 JUN 1939.
 - a. Dispatch Mail to Bermuda.
 - i. Great Britain dispatch (Fig. 11). (Scarce)
 - ii. Other country dispatches. (None Recorded)
 - b. Dispatch mail from Bermuda (Fig. 12). (Very Scarce)

**FIRST OFFICIAL AIRMAIL
DESPATCH FROM GT. BRITAIN.
PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS
FIRST TRANSATLANTIC AIRMAIL
SOUTHERN ROUTE
Via BERMUDA, AZORES & PORTUGAL**

Fig. 11

*First All Air Mail
from Bermuda to England*

Fig. 12

- 13. 21 JUN 1939 NEW YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND (BERMUDA DISPATCHES). The first acceptance of the mails to and from Bermuda connecting with the PANAM "Northern Route"; no official cachets applied. Inbound mail not recorded, but most likely exists; outbound mail canceled 21 JUN 1939.
 - a. Dispatch mail to Bermuda.
 - i. Great Britain dispatch. (None Recorded)
 - ii. Other country dispatches. (None Recorded)
 - b. Dispatch mail from Bermuda (no cachet). (Very Scarce)
- 14. 10 SEP 1939 LISBON, PORTUGAL, TO BERMUDA. PANAM "Southern Route". A small amount of unofficial mail delivered to Bermuda (by the "Dixie Clipper" enroute from Lisbon to New York). (Very Scarce)

15. 13 SEP 1939 NEW YORK TO BERMUDA. PANAM "Southern Route". A large volume of mail (19 lb., six oz.) carried by the PANAM "American Clipper" delivered at Bermuda on the first mail from New York on this service (no cachets applied). (Not Common)
16. 19 SEP 1939 BERMUDA TO NEW YORK. PANAM "Southern Route". Although a large volume of mail (10 lb., seven oz.) delivered at New York on this first mail from Bermuda on this service, few covers were philatelic (no cachets applied). Receiving backstamps authenticate carriage on the flight. (Very Scarce)
17. 19 NOV 1939 BERMUDA TO AZORES/PORTUGAL/France/ENGLAND. First direct Bermuda eastward dispatch of mails to Europe via F.A.M. 18. Originally scheduled to depart Bermuda on 16 NOV 1939, bad weather delayed the flight (no cachets applied). Receiving backstamps authenticate carriage on the flight.
- a. Bermuda-Azores (two lbs., eight oz. mail carried). (Rare)
 - b. Bermuda-Portugal (one lb., two oz. mail carried). (Rare)
 - c. Bermuda-France (12 oz. mail carried). (Very Rare)
 - d. Bermuda-England (seven lbs., 11 oz. mail carried). (Very Scarce)
18. 10 JAN 1940/
20 JAN 1940 BERMUDA TO NORFOLK, AND RETURN. Use of alternate PANAM terminals on F.A.M. 18 due to severe winter conditions in northern climates. Bermuda to Norfolk flights on 10 JAN 1940, Norfolk to Bermuda flights on 20 JAN 1940.



Fig. 13

- a. Bermuda-Norfolk (no cachet). (Very Scarce)
- b. Norfolk-Bermuda (Fig. 13). (Scarce)

19. 22 MAR 1947/
24 MAR 1947 WASHINGTON AND BOSTON TO HAMILTON, AND RETURN. Additional dispatches by PANAM on F.A.M. 18. No cachets applied (covers with privately imprinted cachets have been recorded).
- a. Boston-Bermuda (MAR 22). (121 pieces carried.) (Scarce)
 - b. Bermuda-Boston (MAR 24). (Very Scarce)
 - c. Washington-Bermuda (MAR 23). (130 pieces carried.) (Scarce)
 - d. Bermuda-Washington (MAR 24). (Very Scarce)
20. 1 AUG 1947 WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK TO BERMUDA, AND RETURN. Inaugural of F.A.M. 33 by Colonial Airlines (acquired by Eastern Airlines in 1956).
- a. Washington-Bermuda (Fig. 14).
 - i. Washington GPO dispatch (blue cachet). (2,718 pieces carried.)
 - ii. Washington A.M.F. dispatch (purple cachet). (2,235 pieces carried.)
 - b. New York-Bermuda (Fig. 14).
 - i. New York "Morgan Station" dispatch (green cachet). (3,253 pieces carried.)

- * New York duplex machine cancel.
- ** New York duplex manual cancel.
- ii. New York A.M.F. dispatch (magenta cachet). (2,462 pieces carried.)
- c. Bermuda-Washington return dispatch (Fig. 15). (Backstamped 1 AUG 1947.)
- d. Bermuda-New York return dispatch (Fig. 15). (Backstamped 2 AUG 1947.)

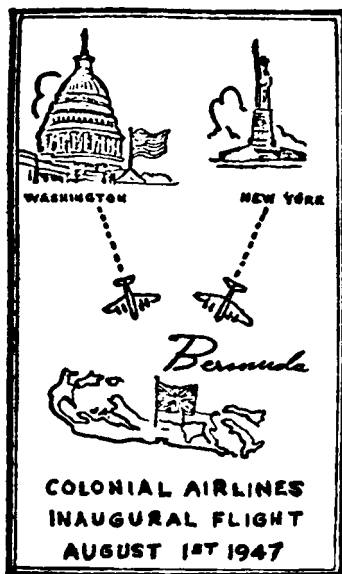


Fig. 15



Fig. 14

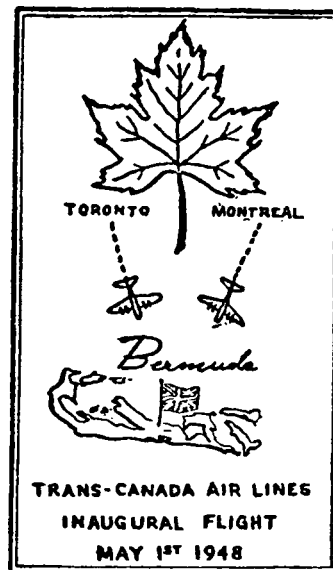


Fig. 16

- 21. 18 JAN 1948 BERMUDA TO NEW YORK. First BOAC flight to New York using a "Speed bird" Constellation, the R.M.A. "Baltimore". Souvenir covers carried bearing a printed inscription.
- 22. 1 MAY 1948 MONTREAL AND TORONTO, CANADA, AND RETURN. First flight by Trans-Canada Airlines. Cachet furnished by TCA applied to the mails for the inaugural service (Fig. 16).
 - a. Toronto-Bermuda (red cachet).
 - b. Montreal-Bermuda (red cachet).
 - c. Bermuda-Toronto (violet cachet). (No backstamp)
 - d. Bermuda-Montreal (violet cachet). (3 MAY 1948 backstamp)
- 23. 2 JAN 1956 BERMUDA TO BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD, AND RETURN. First BWIA flight using a Britannia "Viscount" jet-prop aircraft. Special BWIA commemorative imprinted covers (green to Barbados, red to Trinidad).
 - a. Bermuda-Barbados.
 - b. Bermuda-Trinidad.
 - c. Trinidad-Bermuda.
 - d. Barbados-Bermuda.
- 24. 28 OCT 1958 ENGLAND TO CARACAS (VENEZUELA) VIA BERMUDA, BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD; AND RETURN. First BOAC flight using Britannia "Viscount" jet-prop aircraft. Special BOAC commemorative imprinted covers (Fig. 17).

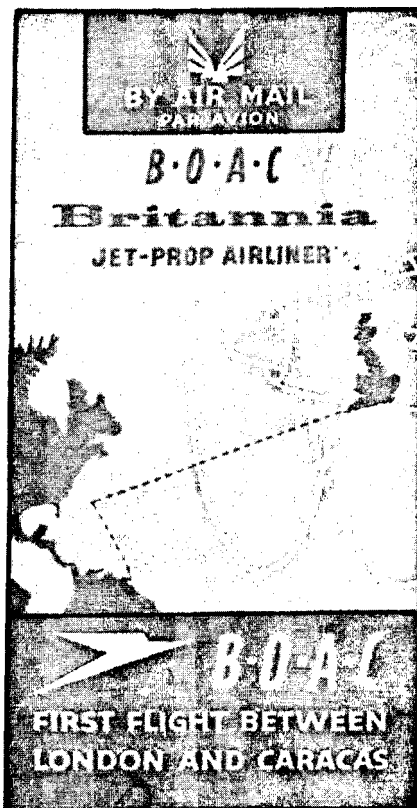


Fig. 17

- a. Southern Route, London to Caracas.
 - i. London-Bermuda (arrival cachet 28 OCT 1958).
 - ii. Bermuda-Barbados (backstamped 29 OCT 1958).
 - iii. Bermuda-Trinidad (arrival cachet 29 OCT 1958).
 - iv. Bermuda-Caracas (backstamped 29 OCT 1958).
- b. Northern Route return flight, Caracas to London.
 - i. Caracas-Bermuda (arrival cachet 30 OCT 1958).
 - ii. Trinidad-Bermuda (arrival cachet 30 OCT 1958).
 - iii. Barbados-Bermuda (arrival cachet 30 OCT 1958).
 - iv. Bermuda-London (arrival cachet 31 OCT 1958).

25. 19 DEC 1959 NEW YORK TO HAMILTON. First pure jet service to Bermuda by PAN-AM via F.A.M. 17. No advance announcement for the flight was made, and no cachets were provided. The bulk of the existent flight covers were prepared by United Nations philatelic specialists.

- a. New York (PO)-Bermuda. (61 pieces carried)
- b. New York (AMF)-Bermuda. (80 pieces carried)
- c. New York (United Nations PO). (1,870 pieces carried)

26. 8 JAN 1960 BERMUDA TO BOGOTA (COLOMBIA), AND RETURN. BOAC extension of its London-Caracas route. Special BOAC commemorative covers similar to the one illustrated for the original route (Fig. 17).

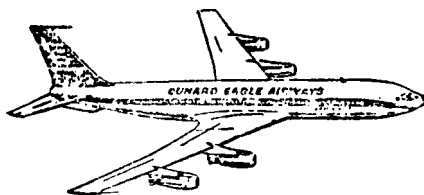
- a. Bermuda-Bogota (backstamped 9 JAN 1960).
- b. Bogota-Bermuda (arrival cachet 11 JAN 1960).

27. 5 MAY 1962 MIAMI TO BERMUDA, AND RETURN. First pure jet service by Cunard Eagle Airways Ltd. from Miami to London via the Bahamas and Bermuda. Miami mails with special cachet as illustrated (Fig. 18). Bermuda cachet with the emblems of the airline depot and with text reading "FIRST JET MAIL SERVICE/HAMILTON BERMUDA TO MIAMI, FLORIDA". No covers recorded for the Bahamas-Bermuda or Bermuda-Bahamas legs of the flight.

- a. Miami-Bermuda (Fig. 18).
 - i. Miami (PO)-Bermuda (black cachet). (1,589 pieces carried)
 - ii. Miami (AMF)-Bermuda (magenta cachet). (1,100 pieces carried)
- b. Bermuda-Miami (violet cachet).

FIRST JET AIR MAIL SERVICE

CUNARD EAGLE AIRWAYS Bahamas Limited CUNARD EAGLE AIRWAYS Bermuda Limited



MIAMI, FLORIDA TO HAMILTON, BERMUDA

Fig. 18

28. 26 NOV 1964/ SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, TO ENGLAND VIA FIJI, TAHITI, MEXICO, BAHAMAS, AND BERMUDA; AND RETURN. Inauguration of Qantas Airlines Boeing 707 service on Australia-England route. Circular black cachet applied at Sydney reads "INAUGURATION QANTAS BOEING JET SERVICE/(Jet in Flight)/26 NOV 1964/SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA". Souvenir covers picture Mexican sombrero and map of route. For the northbound flight, existence of covers for dispatch to/from Bermuda are not too clear, other than covers were not carried for the Bahamas to Bermuda leg. For the southbound flight, covers have been definitely recorded from Bermuda to Tahiti, Fiji and Australia only.
- a. Northbound Flight, Australia to London (26 NOV 1964).
 - i. Australia-Bermuda (no covers recorded, but may possibly exist).
 - ii. Fiji-Bermuda (no covers recorded, but may possibly exist).
 - iii. Tahiti-Bermuda (no covers recorded, but may possibly exist).
 - iv. Mexico City-Bermuda (no covers recorded, probably non-existent).
 - v. Bermuda-London (no covers recorded, but most likely exist).
 - b. Southbound Flight, London to Australia (28 NOV 1964).
 - i. London-Bermuda (no covers recorded, but most likely exist).
 - ii. Bermuda-Tahiti (backstamped 29 NOV 1964).
 - iii. Bermuda-Fiji (backstamped 30 NOV 1964).
 - iv. Bermuda-Australia (backstamped 30 NOV 1964).

First B-O-A-C Super VC10 Flight

FROM NEW YORK TO BERMUDA



Fig. 19

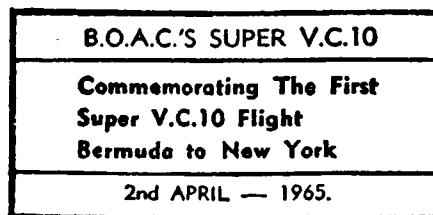


Fig. 20

29. 2 APR 1965 NEW YORK TO BERMUDA, AND RETURN. First BOAC pure jet flight using a BAC Super VC-10.

- a. New York-Bermuda (Fig. 19).
 - i. New York (PO)-Bermuda (blue cachet). (1,200 pieces carried)
 - ii. New York (AMF)-Bermuda (magenta cachet). (1,741 pieces carried)
 - iii. New York (United Nations PO)-Bermuda (green cachet). (2,373 pieces carried)
- b. Bermuda-New York (Fig. 20, red). (325 pieces carried)

30. 14 DEC 1965 TORONTO AND HALIFAX, CANADA, TO BERMUDA; AND RETURN. Inaugural service by Air Canada, piloted by Capt. R.W. George. Flying time from Halifax to Bermuda was two hours, 54 minutes.

- a. Canada-Bermuda (nine lbs. mail carried).
 - i. Toronto-Bermuda.
 - ii. Halifax-Bermuda.
- b. Bermuda-Canada.
 - i. Bermuda-Halifax (backstamped 14 DEC 1965).
 - ii. Bermuda-Toronto (no backstamps applied).

31. 5 APR 1966 BERMUDA TO LONDON. Inaugural Boeing 707 BOAC service on the London to Mexico City route, Bermuda being the stop-over point. BOAC souvenir covers carried only between the two terminals, but a small amount of mail dispatched from Bermuda to London on the return flight (Fig. 21).



Fig. 21

32. 28 APR 1968 / LONDON TO BERMUDA, AND RETURN. Inaugural Boeing 707 British Eagle International Airlines service on the London to Bermuda route. Souvenir imprinted covers provided by the airline used at both terminals (Fig. 22).

- a. London-Bermuda (arrival cachet 29 APR 1969).
- b. Bermuda-London (arrival cachet 4 MAY 1968).

33. 14 MAR 1969 BOSTON TO BERMUDA, AND RETURN. First flight service by Northeast Airlines, a US regional carrier. Cachets applied at Boston (Fig. 23) and at Bermuda for the return flight (identical to the Boston cachets except that the directional legend is reversed).

- a. Boston-Bermuda.
 - i. Boston (PO)-Bermuda (magenta cachet). (1,554 pieces carried)
 - ii. Boston (AMF)-Bermuda (grey-blue cachet). (3,048 pieces carried)
- b. Bermuda-Boston (azure blue cachet). (1,149 pieces carried).



Fig. 22



Fig. 23

34. 27 APR 1969 CHICAGO TO BERMUDA. Eastern Airlines inaugurated their Chicago to Bermuda (via Detroit) service, but did not attempt to secure philatelic treatment for souvenir covers carried on the flight. At the last minute, a small amount of souvenir covers were carried from the Chicago terminal, most of these being lost upon their arrival in Bermuda. No cachets applied.

- a. Chicago (PO)-Bermuda. (Four pieces carried)
- b. Chicago (AMF)-Bermuda. (54 pieces carried)

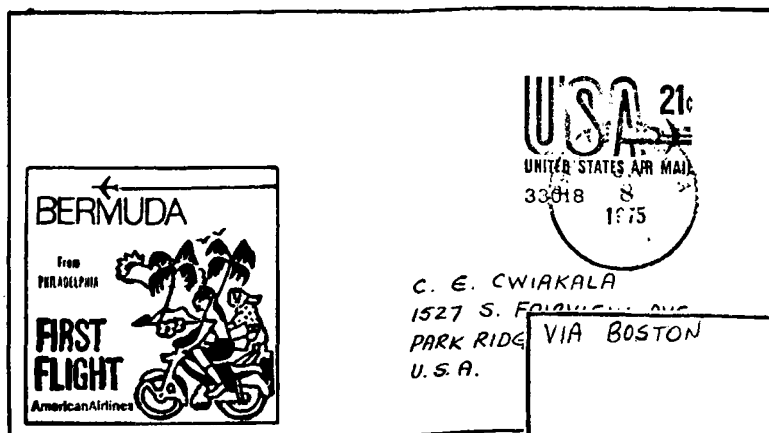


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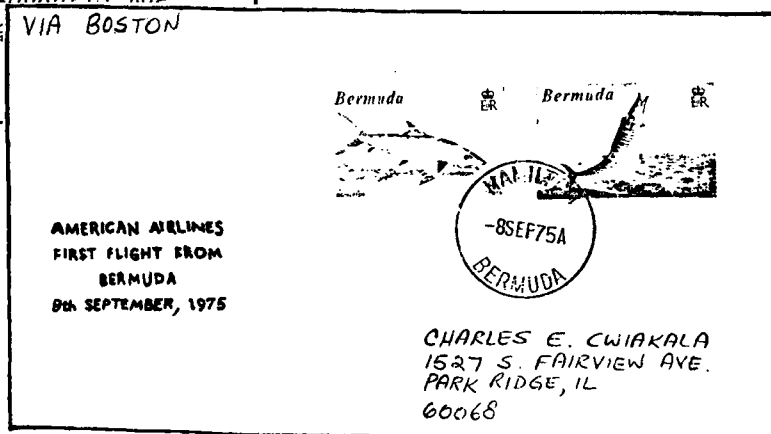


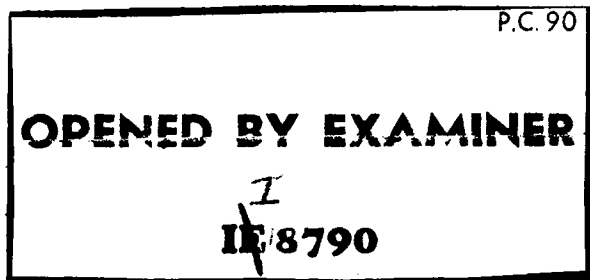
Fig. 25

35. 8 SEP 1975 PHILADELPHIA, NEWARK, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON TO HAMILTON; AND RETURN. First flight service by American Airlines with cachets provided by the U.S. Postal Service (Figure 24). The covers were back-stamped at Hamilton, Bermuda, with the "COME TO BERMUDA/THE ISLES OF BEAUTY" machine duplex cancellation. The return flight cachet reads "AMERICAN AIRLINES/FIRST FLIGHT FROM/BERMUDA/8th SEPTEMBER, 1975" struck in red ink (Figure 25). The number of covers on each leg of the inaugural flight is unknown; however, these flights received a good deal of publicity in the philatelic press and probably will not fall into the "scarce" category.

- a. Philadelphia-Hamilton
 - i. Philadelphia (GPO)-Hamilton (green cachet)
 - ii. Philadelphia (AMF)-Hamilton (bright magenta cachet)
- b. Newark-Hamilton
 - i. Newark (GPO)-Hamilton (violet cachet)
 - ii. Newark (AMF)-Hamilton (turquoise cachet)
- c. New York-Hamilton
 - i. New York (GPO)-Hamilton (blue cachet)
 - ii. New York (AMF)-Hamilton (magenta cachet)
 - iii. New York (UNPA)-Hamilton (green cachet)
- d. Boston-Hamilton
 - i. Boston (GPO)-Hamilton (red cachet)
 - ii. Boston (AMF)-Hamilton (blue cachet)
- e. Hamilton-Boston (received covers not backstamped)
- f. Hamilton-New York (black backstamp "AIR MAIL FACILITY JFK NY 11430/SEP/8/1975/PM/BLDG. 179")
- g. Hamilton-Newark (black backstamp "NEWARK, N.J./SEP/8/1975/PM/AIRPORT MAIL FACILITY")
- h. Hamilton-Philadelphia (bright magenta backstamp "PHILADELPHIA, PA/SEP/8/1975/AMF 19153")

AN INTERESTING CENSOR ITEM by Mike Rego

During the study of West Indian censored covers, which was undertaken by the Roses Society in England last year, an interesting item came to light. This was a cover from British Guiana to Montreal, Canada, with 44 cents air mail postage. The adhesives were canceled with a scarce "skeleton" datestamp 23 AP 45/BG, showing that the letter was mailed at Georgetown (reference previous publications).



The P.C. 90 type OPENED BY EXAMINER censor label used to reseal the envelope had the number IE/8790 printed on it. This was a censor code number used in Trinidad during WWII. However, in this instance, the 'E' was crossed out in blue ink and 'I' written above it to convert it to a British Guiana code number.

In February 1945, the GPO building in Georgetown was destroyed by fire, as were the postal equipment, labels, etc. It would thus appear that censor labels were obtained from Trinidad so that the mail service could continue. My previous censored cover was dated 9 AM FE 1945 GEORGETOWN/B. GUIANA, the morning before the Great Fire.

TORTOLA MEETING DATE SET

Long Bay Hotel, West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, will be the site of the annual BCPSG meeting for 1976. Dates for the meeting have been set for 22-25 October. The agenda for the week-end includes our annual auction, a business meeting with guest speakers, a visit to a local post office, a banquet at which the BVI Governor and Postmaster will be guests, and, it is hoped, a flying trip to Anegada. Postmaster Ted Fahie is making arrangements for a special cancellation for the BCPSG meeting. Other activities, philatelic and social, are sure to abound.

Long Bay Hotel has a mile of white sand beach, swimming pool, tennis court, beach bar, restaurant and bar. The summer rates are as follows: \$24 per day double occupancy for suites; \$28 per day for superior suites; \$36 per day for a cottage for up to four people. The Group has paid a \$1000 deposit for rooms at the Long Bay Hotel to ensure availability for members.

Travel arrangements are being handled by an experienced travel agent, Helene Myers, 35 Dorrance St., Providence, R.I. 02903. Whether you make travel arrangements through Ms. Myers or not, please advise secretary W. Danforth Walker, address below, of your plans. If you wish to share a room with another member, contact Dan or Ms. Myers as soon as possible.

It is suggested that members fly into St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and take the "Bomba Charger", the regularly scheduled boat between St. Thomas and West End, Tortola. The schedule for the "Bomba Charger" from St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., to West End, Tortola, is as follows:

Leaves St. Thomas: Monday: 9:30 a. m. ; 1:30 p. m. ; 5 p. m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10:30 a. m. ; 5 p. m.
Friday: 9:30 a. m. ; 12:30 p. m. ; 5:30 p. m.
Saturday: 8:30 a. m. ; 11:30 a. m. ; 3:45 p. m.
Sunday: 8:30 a. m.

Charles Ricksecker, our member in St. Thomas, has offered to meet members' planes at the St. Thomas Airport and drive them to the Waterfront Boat Dock to make connections for the boat trip to Tortola. If you wish Charles to meet your plane in St. Thomas, please send your airline and arrival information to Dan Walker so he can co-ordinate arrangements with Charles. You may also fly into Tortola direct via San Juan, Puerto Rico. However, the Tortola airport is located at Beef Island off the east end of Tortola and will be less convenient.

The Group has rented two Land Rovers which will be available at dockside for transportation to the Hotel and will also be available for excursions. Again, it is important that you advise Dan Walker of your plans.

All further details and up-to-date arrangements and news can be obtained from W. Danforth Walker, 4401 Lee Highway, Apt. 71, Arlington, VA 22207. Please send him a self-addressed stamped envelope for reply.

The time is short — make your plans now. Join us for philatelic fun in the sun.

WANTED: Articles for the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal, preferably one to three pages in length. Supply of articles is dwindling fast due to increased number of pages. HELP!

Grenada Post Office Statistics

by W. Danforth Walker

I have had the opportunity to study a large sample of Grenada commercial mail spanning the period 1968 to 1975. This review was done over a period of years with the goal of determining how frequently each of the different Grenada post offices, particularly the village post offices (postal stations), were used for commercial mail. It is interesting to note that 72% of the covers I studied originated at the GPO or a District Post Office and only 28% originated at the more numerous postal stations. The results of this study are listed below with each percentage, to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent, indicating the proportion of mail from that particular post office. It should be stressed that the results are only valid for commercial mail during the period of the study.

It is my opinion that Florida and Plaisance postal stations are closed. The postal station of Paradies appears to have opened in 1973, therefore its frequency of use is not adequately reflected in these results. No attempt has been made to distinguish the frequency of use of different type cancelers from the same post office as I feel these results are biased because of the relatively short time period of this study.

<u>POST OFFICE</u>		<u>Postal Stations Cont.</u>	<u>Postal Stations Cont.</u>
G. P. O.	26.61	Corinth	0.07
		Crochu	0.09
<u>D. P. O. s</u>		Dunfermline	0.16
Gouyave	6.68	Duquesne	0.55
Victoria	6.96	Florida	0.02
Sauteurs	11.73	Fontenoy	0.41
Grenville	5.75	Grand Anse	1.47
St. David's	0.66	Grand Roy	0.95
Carriacou	13.61	Happy Hill	0.72
(GPO & DPOs)	72.00	Hermitage	1.86
		Hope	0.03
<u>POSTAL STATIONS</u>		La Digue	0.19
Belmont	1.06	La Taste	3.64
Belvidere	0.12	L'Esterre	2.56
Birch Grove	0.21	Mt. Moritz	0.13
Byelands	0.04	Mt. Pleasant	0.10
Calliste	0.42	Morne Fendue	1.75
Chantimelle	1.71	Morne Jaloux	0.20
Concord	0.55	Munich	0.09
		New Hampshire	0.34
		Paraclete	0.05
		Paradise	0.03
		Petit Martinique	0.13
		Perdmontemps	0.25
		Plaisance	0.01
		Pomme Rose	0.11
		Post Royal	0.04
		River Road	0.76
		St. Paul's	0.66
		Snug Corner	0.54
		Springs	1.87
		Tempe	0.43
		Tivoli	1.17
		Union	1.29
		Vendome	0.24
		Vincennes	0.10
		Windward	0.40
		Woburn	0.49

Antigua Monograph

The following pages contain the second part of the seventh section of the Antigua Monograph to be published. This section concerns Armed Forces Postal Services. Sub-sections 27.0 to 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. Sub-sections 27.0 to 27.4 were published in the April 1976 issue of BCPJ.

This section was drafted by George Bowman and reviewed and contributed to by Bill Cornell, Bob Devaux, Lincoln Kieffer, Fred Seifert, and Mark Swetland.

27.5 ARMY CENSOR DEVICES

Distinctive US Army censor marks appear on covers from both APO's 806 and 855. Figure 15 depicts a boxed rectangular CENSORED/U.S.A. P.O. 806/BY--- mark, containing a space for the censoring officer's initials. This mark is WCC Type H13 ((18)). It is known used at APO 806 from 15 September to 3 November 1941.

The boxed rectangular PASSED BY/U --- S/ARMY EXAMINER type of Figure 16 is known on covers from APO 806 from 8 December 1941 to 6 April 1942, and on APO 855 covers from 9 May 1942 to 13 January 1943. It exists in red, black, and various shades of violet and purple ink.

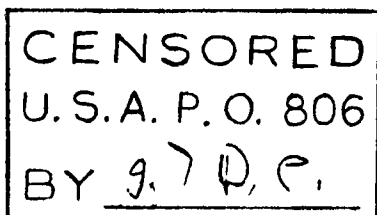


Fig. 15

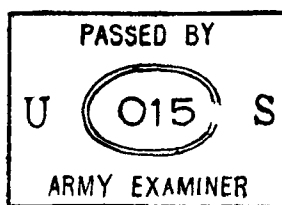


Fig. 16



Fig. 17

The three-digit number code in the center of Figure 16 apparently was part of no pattern, at least as far as studies of Antigua covers have indicated. APO 806 used at least the numbers 000, 006, 012 and 015; APO 855 used 016; at least one number, 026, was utilized at both APO's. The number in predominant use at APO 855 during the late 1942 and early 1943 seems to have been 026. This mark was struck in red, black, and shades of violet and red-violet.

A circular censoring device (Figure 17), carrying a central code number 0109, was also used at APO 855. The exact dates of usage of this mark in Antigua and other APO's, if any, where this type of mark may have been employed, is unknown.

The July 1946 edition of the "War Cover Bulletin" illustrates various sub-types of the devices shown in Figures 16 and 17. Figure 17 is known struck in blue.

No military censor marks have been found on covers bearing the Marine Detachment postmark of Figure 1. Naval censor marks are discussed in Section 27.6.2, and civil censorship service is covered in Section 28.

27.6 NAVAL MARKS

Although it is not particularly difficult, in general terms, to classify the Army postmarks and censor marks used in Antigua, the categorization of the various US Navy handstamps employed on and around that island is an altogether different matter. Many Navy marks, both cancellers and censor devices, are impossible to locate due to the absence of FPO numbers or other identifying criteria, and only their appearance on cover gives any clue as to where they may have been applied.

27.6.1 FPO 11

In his WCB article, Shepherd, who was apparently a civilian employed by the base construction forces, specifies that "in the beginning" his mail was addressed merely to the "Naval Air Station, Antigua". This period of time could be interpreted as lasting from March 1941 until Pearl Harbor, since he states that, prior to the arrival of the Marine Detachment, mail for civilians was addressed to "P.O. Box 3846, Santurce, Puerto Rico". From there it was de-

livered to Antigua every other day by a PBY plane making the flight between San Juan and Trinidad.

Shepherd further states that after Pearl Harbor his mail was addressed to "N.A.S. Navy 11, F.P.O., New York". This is in general agreement with a BCPJ report ((19)) that a Fleet Post Office, designated FPO 11, c/o Postmaster, New York, was operative at the Parham Naval Base from 1 February 1942 to 15 July 1947. The Navy officially took command of the base from the Marine Detachment in April 1942 ((4)). At that time, according to Shepherd, the Navy postal clerk had not received his regulation Navy postmark; to solve the problem, provisional use was made of a handstamp normally utilized for indicating date of receipt of correspondence ((4)).

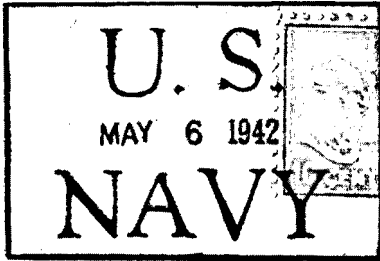


Fig. 18

This mark may have been that illustrated in Figure 18, consisting merely of a 49.5 mm by 34 mm rectangle with U.S. and NAVY in large capital letters, separated by a date line. The EDK of this stamp is 15 November 1941; this happens to be the LDK of the Marine Detachment canceler of Figure 1, and suggests that the Figure 1 handstamp was replaced by that of Figure 18.

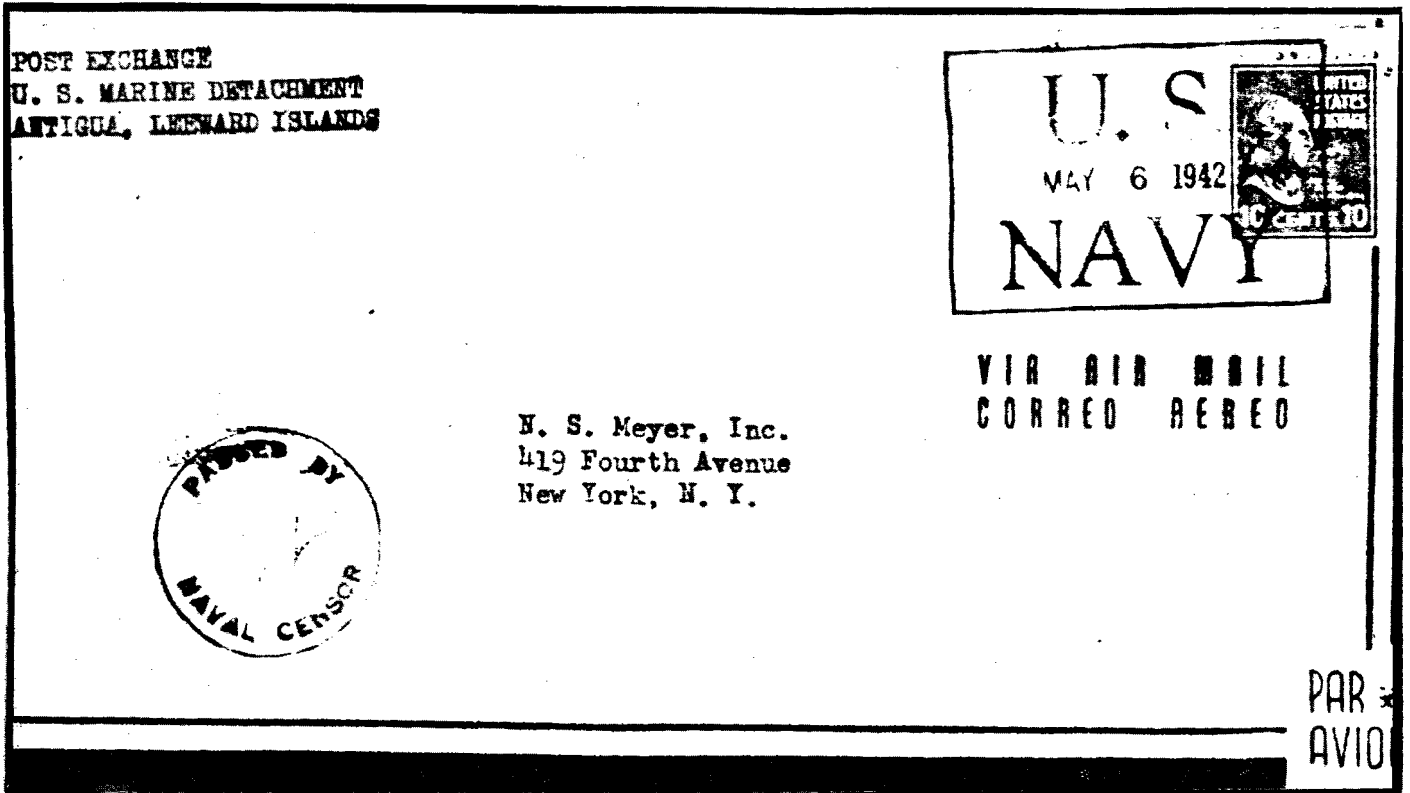


Fig. 19

The LDK of Figure 18 is 6 May 1942, which falls within the general time period when APO 806 seems to have been replaced by APO 855, and the Parham Base came under Navy control. The return address of the cover on which Figure 18 is struck (Figure 19) suggests that the Marine Detachment was still in Antigua on 6 May 1942, even though the Figure 1 canceler was no longer being employed.

When the tide of war had changed, the Parham Base became known as "N.A.A.F., Antigua", the letters standing for Naval Air Auxiliary Facility ((4)). The switchover date for this address from "N.A.S." can be determined as occurring at least as late as October 1943.

27.6.2 NAVAL CENSOR MARKS

Figures 19, 20 and 22 show wartime censor marks known to have been used on covers from Antigua. The single-circle mark of Figure 19 is struck in dark blue on the depicted cover.

Figure 20 shows a circular mark similar to that of Figure 19, except for having larger letters with serifs. It was applied on a 29 January 1943 cover mailed from APO 855 and canceled with the U.S./NAVY handstamp of Figure 21.

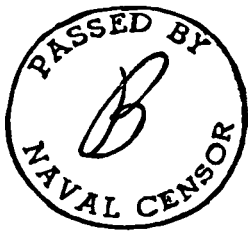


Fig. 20

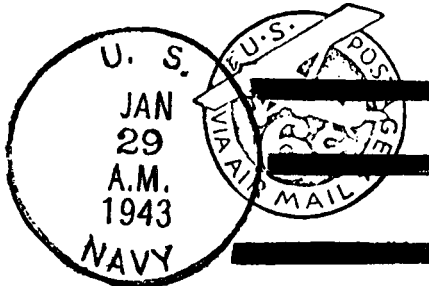


Fig. 21

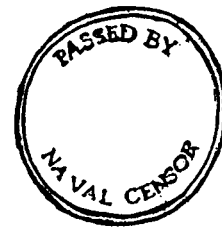


Fig. 22

Figure 22 is a double-lined blue circle of 30.5 mm diameter, applied on a cover posted from FPO 11 with the type mark of Figure 21, dated 1 October 1943.

27.6.3 FPO 09552

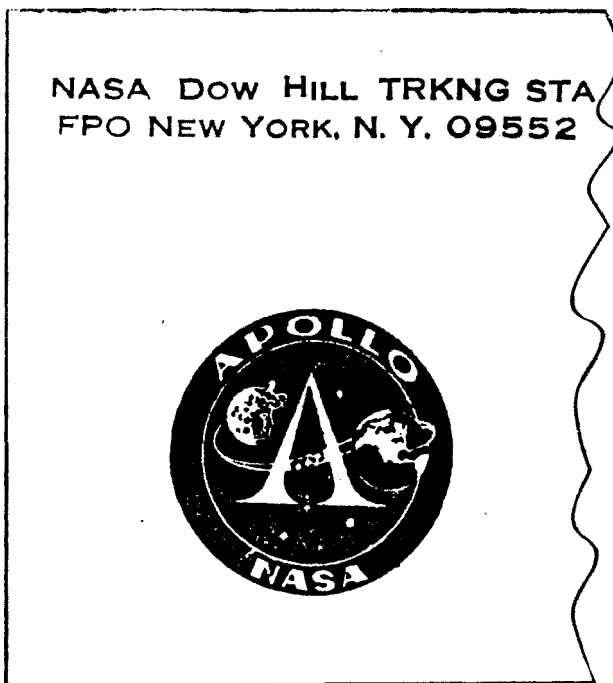


Fig. 23

It is recorded ((20)) that FPO 09552, c/o Postmaster, New York, existed in Antigua in 1969. Evidence indicates that, at least for part of its period of operation, the function of the facility served by FPO 09552 was that of an Apollo spacecraft tracking station. Figure 23 shows a portion of a philatelic cover, postmarked 30 May 1969, incorporating a NASA/Apollo cachet and a return address of NASA DOW HILL TRKING STA, FPO NEW YORK, N. Y. 09552.⁹

^d The opening of the "Dow Hill Station", located approximately one mile northeast of Nelson's Dockyard, was commemorated by Antigua with the issue of four stamps on 29 March 1968.

A similar cover, postmarked 11 April 1970, is interesting in that the date is that of the launch from Cape Kennedy of Apollo 13 (unfortunately, an aborted mission), and that the reverse of the cover is rubber-stamped with the note of Figure 24.

NO MORE COVERS. PLEASE
ANTIGUA INACTIVE FOR APOLLO

Fig. 24

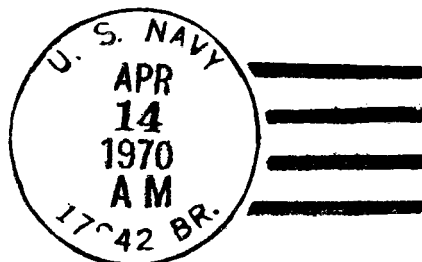


Fig. 25

A third cover, with cachet and return address identical to the first two, carries the 14 April 1970 Naval Branch cancellation of Figure 25 and also the backstamped request for "no more covers".

A fourth item is stamped with the Figure 25 cancel six days later, on 20 April, but does not carry the Figure 24 backstamp. Its return address is merely: U.S. NAVAL FACILITY, FPO NEW YORK 09552.

This last cover, and particularly its shortened return address, strengthens the theory that the purpose of the facility was that of an Apollo tracking station from March 1968 to immediately after the launch of Apollo 13, at which time its function was changed. What the new facility mission was, and whether or not the base is even still in operation as a US Naval contingent, are questions that remain to be answered. At any rate, these covers show that during April 1970 the facility made positive efforts to discourage collectors from sending further souvenir covers to be posted. Perhaps the station personnel had been overwhelmed with too many philatelic requests; perhaps they knew, even before the launch, that number 13 was to be their last tracking mission, or it could have been a combination of both reasons.

The U.S. NAVY/17042 BR. postmark of Figure 25 is difficult to pinpoint with respect to usage dates and location. A cover in the Resnick collection bears this mark with a date of AUG 6, 1965. The cover, addressed to Miami Beach, Florida, has a return address reading ((21)): Mr. _____, R.C.A., c/o P.A.A., Antigua, Patrick AFB, Florida 32925. "P.A.A." stands for Pan American Airways, which was responsible, under contract to the Air Force, for the operation and management of the Antigua Auxiliary Air Force Base (AAAFB).

The AAAFB was the subject of a short announcement in a 1959 issue of a local Antigua newspaper, reading in part as follows: "The United States Air Force Installation at Coolidge Field, Antigua, official designation is 'Antigua Auxiliary Air Force Base'...and the official address is: Antigua Auxiliary Air Force Base, Air Force Missile Test Center (ARDC), United States Air Force, Antigua Island, T.W.I., Patrick Air Force Base, Florida...Correspondence of unofficial nature and concerning Pan American World Airways, GRMD, Management of Antigua Auxiliary Air Force Base, should be directed to Mr. H. C. Jipson, Base Manager PAA GRMD (same address as above), Administrator's Office, Antigua, 2 September 1959". ((22))

It is possible that the Figure 25 mark was used at the AAAFB from its establishment, which was at least as early as 1959. What the mission of the AAAFB was is not clear, but the address tie-in with Patrick AFB suggests that the installation was a missile tracking station for vehicles launched from Cape Kennedy (at that time, Cape Canaveral). Perhaps the facility was then moved (most likely in 1968) to Dow Hill. In any event, it is clear that the Figure 25 postmark was used at both Coolidge Field and at Dow Hill.

27.6.4 OTHER NAVAL MARKS

A cover, formerly in the Gale Raymond collection, carries the postmark of Figure 26 and, according to Raymond, was mailed at Coolidge Field. It has a return address of: U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

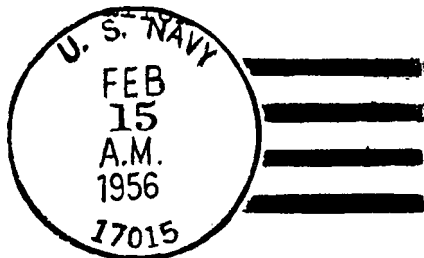


Fig. 26

Unfortunately, nothing on the cover or postmark indicates the FPO number.

27.7 BRITISH FPO MARKS IN WORLD WAR II

V.N.F. Surtees reports a pair of 2d grey KGVI Antigua definitives, canceled FIELD POST OFFICES in a double-lined circle in blue, dated 11 January 1946. The cancel may have an FPO number at the bottom, but it is illegible ((15)).

27.8 ANGUILLA-RELATED MARKS

A short period of self-proclaimed Anguillan "independence", begun in 1967, came to an abrupt end on 19 March 1969, when British troops landed on that island. The occupation force established its own postal unit, designated Field Post Office (FPO) 1046, which was in existence as a dual facility until 27 December 1970.



Fig. 27



Fig. 28

On Anguilla, where FPO 1046 utilized a Birmingham-type CDS incorporating an asterisk (Figure 27), the office was merely a branch of the main FPO located at Coolidge Field. The Antigua CDS is identical to that used on Anguilla, except for the code letter A in lieu of the asterisk (Figure 28) ((23)).

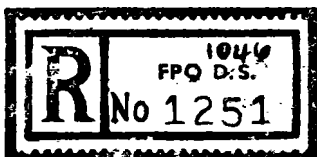


Fig. 29



Fig. 30

Rodgers, in Reference 23, notes that the registration label illustrated in Figure 29 and the oval handstamp of Figure 30 were used at the Antigua base.

On 28 December 1970, FPO 1046 was replaced by FPO 701. As was the case with FPO 1046, FPO 701 had its headquarters at the Antigua supply base, with a branch office on Anguilla at "Camp Alamo". In February 1971, according to Raymond, Camp Alamo was a tent city occupied by the 52nd Field Squadron (Airfields), Royal Engineers, and other Army and RAF personnel ((24)).



Fig. 31



Fig. 32

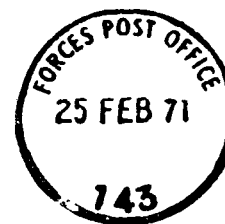


Fig. 33

Figure 31 shows the FPO 701 cancel used on letters; Figures 32 and 33 show a pair of FPO 143 marks used on parcels by both FPO's 1046 and 701 ((24)).

27.9 EARLIER ARMED FORCES POSTAL SERVICES

Although numerous military forces were active in Antigua in the 18th and 19th centuries (see the Military Uniforms commemorative stamps in Section 9.4), no postal services information has been reported ((15)).

The earliest examples of armed forces "postal services" are the "warship letters" reported by Robson Lowe in the Codrington Correspondence ((25)). It was not unusual for letters to be carried by warships in the 18th century and only 24 such letters were found in the Codrington dossier of 516 letters. The earliest letter was carried by H.M.S. "Woolwich" in 1762 and the latest by H.M.S. "Hannibal" in 1814.

Each of the 24 warship letters was written by a prominent Antiguan, which agrees with the statement of Leonard Britnor ((26)) that West Indies letters were sometimes carried by warship, but usually only letters from high officials. These letters bear manuscript directives "per H.M.S....." and manuscript postal charge assessments. Robson Lowe believes that these letters were probably carried by warships acting in convoy duty with the "sugar fleet".

According to E.K. Thompson ((27)), a prisoner of war camp was established on Antigua by the 5th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers at the time of the Boer War, but was never used for South African prisoners because the war ended prior to any use. Thompson has a civil mail post card showing Government House, Antigua, with manuscript address reading "Boer Prisoner Camp C/R6 Antigua", addressed to London and bearing an Antigua CDS dated 30 July 1902.

Although US Navy vessels were in the West Indies from time to time in the 1930's when they frequently used location inserts in the handstruck "naval cancels" applied by the Navy Mail Clerk on board, no Antigua cancel has been as yet reported, although Barbados and Jamaica cancels are known ((15)).

Letters are known mailed aboard British warships at Antigua, for example, a philatelic first day cover of the 1937 Coronation stamps bearing a cachet reading "His Majesty's Ship 'Dragon' joins with Antigua, B.W.I. in celebrating the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, May 12, 1837". The cover bears a double-line oval in blue, reading "Regulating Office/H.M.S. 'Dragon'" ((15)).

TABLE II

CROSS-REFERENCE OF WAR COVER CLUB PROVISIONAL AND PERMANENT
APO POSTMARK DESIGNATIONS

<u>FIGURE</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL</u>	<u>PERMANENT</u>
2	A25	AB6
3	A26	AB7
5	A40	A1
6	A40	A1c
7	A40	A1c
8	A44	A9c
9	A44	A9c
10	A47	A9

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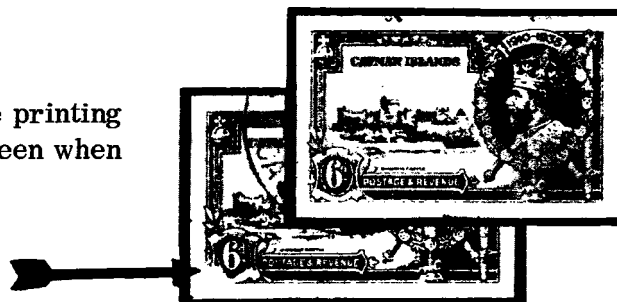
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CAYMAN ISLANDS SILVER JUBILEE VARIETY

by John E. Franklin

Approximately four years ago I obtained a copy of the 6d value of the Cayman Islands Silver Jubilee issue with the value tablet broken at the bottom.

The broken tablet is a complete break on the printing recess plate. The extent of the break can be seen when compared to a normal copy.



This variety appears on a used stamp canceled 31 Dec. 1935, Cayman Islands. Regrettably, only the lower half of the postmark is shown on the stamp, and as such does not evidence the town of origin, but could quite easily be Georgetown. This stamp was used on the last day of availability as the Aguilar and Saunders Cayman Island handbook states that the stamps of this issue were on sale from 6 May 1935 until the end of the year when the remainders were destroyed.

Unfortunately, being a single stamp, I cannot place the stamp position in the sheet, although I suspect this stamp to be from the second printing.

Have any other collectors come across a similar copy from the Caymans? Could this variety occur in the Silver Jubilee issue of the other colonies of the West Indies? If this break in the plate does occur in stamps for other colonies, it is possible that it could occur on more than one value.

If you are planning on attending the meeting in Tortola in October, or if you plan on visiting any of the British Caribbean islands in the future, please keep the Journal and your assistant editor in mind. Take black and white film for your cameras, shoot numerous pictures of various post offices, postmasters, posting techniques, yes, even mail boxes! ANYTHING that our fellow members would enjoy seeing printed in the Journal. Of course, along with these pictures, a story about your trip, philatelic and otherwise, would be extremely welcome, but not absolutely necessary.

We desperately need photos for the Journal cover. We are depending on YOU to ease this need after your forthcoming trip. Everyone present at the Tortola activities, please remind each other — REMEMBER THE JOURNAL.

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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Within the past six months, there have been editorials and comments in several leading philatelic journals on the low quality of the columns on stamp collecting which appear in newspapers, including the popular philatelic press. One such editorial was extremely critical of the fact that the bulk of the writing is done by non-collectors, who care little about the hobby, and calls on its readers to send letters to their newspaper editors insisting that stamp columns be produced by qualified philatelic writers, without any suggestion as to who they are or where the editor may find them.

Such an approach surely begs the question. Many newspaper columns are written locally and are often only printed as a public service. Their readership is probably limited to a few children and novice collectors, for members of the local societies would deem it below their dignity to read them, as they contain little more than reprints of philatelic announcements and press releases, even though the writers may be connected with the local philatelic groups.

Rather than reading such criticism and sitting back in nodding agreement, members of local stamp clubs and international societies like ours should reflect on what they have done to help publicize the hobby by offering a philatelic story to the local newspaper editor or by actively contributing to a weekly column. It is so easy to judge what is wrong with someone else's efforts and yet so hard to overcome the lethargy that keeps interesting information, stories and the like from being committed to paper.

We are only too conscious of the problem of keeping the contents of a serial publication in balance across the wide spectrum of readers' interest. One has to depend altogether too much on the small minority among the readership who produce notes and articles on a regular basis; fortunately for us, this tends to be quite diverse. Notwithstanding our apparent success in putting together an interesting journal, if all our members who have promised that they will write up that interesting item they have, or study they have done, did so, we would have a year's backlog of fascinating material instead of wondering whether there will be enough sent in for the next issue.

Our hobby is far more than just collecting ever more exotic material to be displayed at ever larger philatelic exhibitions. Every serious collector should feel a responsibility to pass along his knowledge to others, whether they be the general public, whose interest must be aroused, or fellow collectors, who want to expand their own knowledge of the hobby. So think constructively about both the weekly stamp columns and the specialized philatelic press and become an outgoing collector by telling others about your hobby.

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XEROX COPIES OF VOLUME 5 NOW AVAILABLE ----

A limited amount of xerox copies of Volume 5 of the BCPJournal are now available. Copies of Volumes 1 through 4 are also still available.

Volumes 1 and 2 (sold as a unit)	- \$6.50	postpaid by third class surface mail.
Volume 3	- \$6.00	" " " " "
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Volume 5	- \$6.75	" " " " "

These are available from Col. Fred F. Seifert, 3106 Florida St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

"A Post Card's Story" Update

J.M.G. Adams of Bridgetown, Barbados, showed Dan Walker's "A Postcard's Story", February BCPJ, to his mother, Lady Adams, who is something of a historian with respect to many of the smaller islands of the West Indies and their families.

Lady Adams identified the initials "C.H.S." as representing Codrington High School, the most fashionable boarding school for girls in the eastern Caribbean at that time. Its name was taken from the famous family of Antigua and other W.I. fame and was built on former Codrington property. The initials "J.C.V." are those of Miss Vinter, the headmistress of that period, as is the handwriting.

The card was apparently directed to a parent in Grenada, informing her of what her daughter would need by way of Sunday clothes at the school. The term would have started late in September and it may be guessed that Mrs. Alexander was given the message by the Postmaster or read the card and left it at the post office. Mr. Adams comments that the fees at Codrington High School being what they were, the saving of a penny would not have been important to Mrs. Alexander, so that she probably just did not want the card.

He also considers that ten days was a not unreasonable transit time from Barbados to Grenada in 1930, as the Canadian National Steamships provided the main passenger, freight and mail services between the islands on a fortnightly basis.

Membership Information

NEW MEMBERS:

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

NEW APPLICANTS:

De VRIES, John, 10 Bradford Ave., Cleethorpes, South Humberside, U.K. Business Consultant. Collects Trinidad & Tobago postal history, plate varieties, and Trinidad pre-1921.

By Charles E. Cwiakala

HANCOCK, Paul David, 70 Elmsleigh Dr., Midway, Burton on Trent, DE11 0ER, England. Police Officer. Jamaica, all periods.

By Charles E. Cwiakala

HIGGS, Roger J.E., 30 Godstone Rd., Apt. 1401, Willowdale, Ont. M2J 3C6, Canada. Computer Operator. Bermuda and Canada postal history.

By A.N. Johnson

McALPIN, Thomas W., RR #1, Brantford, Ont., N3T 5L4, Canada. Stamp Dealer. BWI, British Europe, Canada, and British North America.

By Elkin M. Adelson

PERSSON, Bengt Ove, Rydsvagen 34C, S-58248 Linkoping, Sweden. Cayman Is. and British Virgin Is. — mint stamps and covers.

By Charles E. Cwiakala

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

HATCH, R. Douglas, Apt. 203, 5 Avon Rd., St. Thomas, Ont., N5P 3Y5, Canada

LAWSON, Michael H., 15/16 New Burlington St., London W. 1, England

WINAND, C.P., 4 Wellwyns Road, Hitherwood, Cranleigh, Surrey, England

REINSTATEMENT:

CHENEY, Dr. Clark A.; HOLSCHAUER, George W.

George W. HOLSCHAUER has now become our 17th Life Member. Life Membership fees are as follows: age 50 years and under - \$150.; age 51 to 60 - \$120; age 61 and over - \$75.

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANTIGUA - According to Bill Cornell, much has been learned about the handstruck markings of Antigua since the Monograph section on them was published in the August 1974 Journal. At that time, the Tudway Correspondence had only begun to surface. Since then, the efforts of John Willem, Mark Swetland and Peter Brooks have given rise to new information on the Tudway as well as other material.

The table below gives new EDK/LDK data for the five generic types of handstruck marks, showing that the gaps in recorded data between the ranges of use of the different types have been narrowed considerably, while the overall range of the handstruck period has been extended. It will be noted that the EDK of the large fleuron types is given as 26 DEC 1808, following the LDK of the two-line ANTIGUA/date types on 8 JUL 1808. At the suggestion of Peter Brooks, the Type PG1b (large fleuron with written in date of 15 JAN 1807) has been relegated to the rank of curiosity or forgery.

<u>TYPE</u>		<u>KNOWN</u>	<u>CORRES.</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
PD	EDK	18 AUG 1780	Tudway	Swetland
	LDK	17 DEC 1798	Bayer	Brooks
PF	EDK	24 MAR 1799	Codrington	R. Lowe
	LDK	8 JUL 1808	Tudway	Willem
PG1	EDK	26 DEC 1808	Tudway	Swetland
	LDK	10 MAY 1824	Codrington	R. Lowe
PG2	EDK	1 APR 1825	----	Cornell
	LDK	14 FEB 1841	P. P.*	C. Maycock
PH	EDK	17 APR 1841	P. P.	C. Maycock
	LDK	13 MAR 1858	----	Swetland

* denotes Plantation Papers

BELIZE - Eric W. King informs us that Belize currency is now tied to the US dollar instead of the British pound sterling, as of 12 May 1976. One Belize dollar equals US 50 cents.

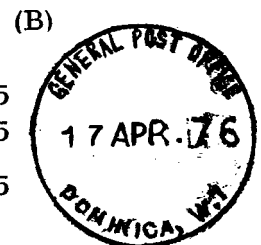
BERMUDA - It has been announced that the schooner "Sir Winston Churchill", participating in the 1976 International Sail Training Races, will carry on board a consignment of special philatelic envelopes documenting the race. This will be for the benefit of the Sail Training Association. One of the envelopes will honor the visit to Bermuda and will be stamped with the full series of Bermuda International Sail Training Race stamps.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS - Postmaster Ted Fahie and his wife Anella represented the BVI at INTERPHIL in Philadelphia. A special first day of issue cancel was used at the BVI booth for the US Bicentennial stamps issued by the BVI on 29 May.

British Virgin Islands
INTERPHIL 76
29 MAY 1976

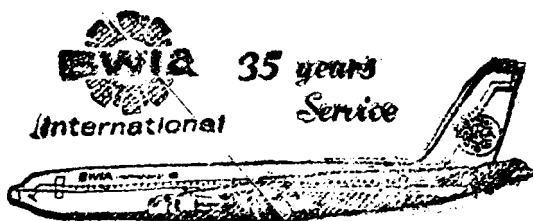
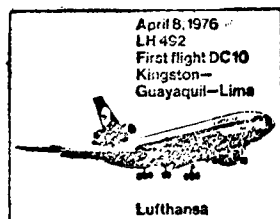


(A) EDK 24 MAY 75
LDK 17 DEC 75
(B) EDK 14 APR 75



DOMINICA - Tom Giraldi sends above examples of two GPO TRD marks which were used as backstamps on registered covers (in purple) in 1975 and 1976.

GUYANA - Tom Giraldi has found a cover from Grove with a handstamp BWIA/INTERNATIONAL/35 YEARS SERVICE over an airplane. This mark was used as a backstamp on a 31 DE 75 cover. Does anyone have any additional information on this marking?



JAMAICA - Ben Ramkissoon reports a cachet used at NY AMF (red), NY GPO (blue), and NY UN facilities (green) which looks like a large ten with the words LH 492/First flight/DC10/New York-/Kingston/Lufthansa on 8 April 1976. Kingston used a boxed rectangular cachet reading April 8, 1976/LH 492/First flight DC10/Kingston-/Guayaquil-Lima/Lufthansa (black) as shown above.

ST. LUCIA - A new boxed rectangular slogan with EDK of 25 FEB 76 reading FOR HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS/APPLY/THE FOUR WAY TEST is reported by Tom Giraldi. Tom also asks to what this slogan refers... can anyone answer?

ST. VINCENT - Another new slogan is reported by Giraldi. This mark reads ST. VINCENT FOR/HEALTH AND BEAUTY. It is known on a 14 AP 76 cover.

Giraldi also send examples of registry labels with the town names of Lodge and Bequia printed in black.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - Ben Ramkissoon reports skeleton single ring postmarks have been seen from Arouca (13 OC 74), Tunapuna (2 SP 74), and San Fernando.

Jack Arnell sends information on a Port-of-Spain machine cancel dated 9 MAR 1976 reading FILE/YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN/AND PAY THE BALANCE DUE/BEFORE APRIL 30.

Jamaica 'PD 7 1/2' Disputed

by Thomas Foster

I was interested to read Robert Topaz's theory "Jamaica 'PD7 $\frac{1}{2}$ '" (December 1975 BCPJ, page 183) and, although I have not seen the photographs mentioned, I would attempt to offer the following comments and explanation.

Whilst researching my book, I carefully examined the listings struck in the proof books of Steel Datestamp & Handstamp Impressions in the Post Office Archives which are no longer available to the student owing to wear and tear, but have been recorded on 35 mm film strip. These revealed that 50 handstamps of type 'PD7' (the ' $\frac{1}{2}$ ') and 50 handstamps of type 'PD8' (the '1') were "sent to Jamaica and Halifax, Nova Scotia", the quotation being as inscribed in the records.

I believe that this phrase should be interpreted as meaning that 50 of each type of handstamp were sent to Jamaica and to Halifax, as I am certain that if the number mentioned had been

apportioned between the places mentioned, this would have been stated. It is not of great importance however, except to mention that there were roughly 50 post offices in Jamaica at that time.

I believe an explanation for what had happened to the missing handstamps sent out in 1843 is quite obvious if one logically examines the reason why they were issued! They were needed to denote prepayment of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d inland and 1d overseas newspaper/pamphlet rates and, as such, were usually struck on the wrapper. The reason why the ' $\frac{1}{2}$ ' is far commoner than the '1' is because no $\frac{1}{2}$ d adhesive stamp existed until the 1d value was bisected to be used for this same purpose in 1861.

Most people in those days, as today, unless they were collectors, immediately disposed of the wrapper on receiving a newspaper through the post and, obviously, that is the reason why so few of either of these items are known. Each office in the island would have received both handstamps and it must be obvious that a newspaper sent with either handstamp from Golden Spring, for example, would be very much scarcer and the probability of it existing to modern times far less than a similar item from, say, Kingston or Spanish Town, from which places they were probably dispatched by the thousand. Incidentally, the '1' handstamp was also used to denote prepayment of the soldiers and sailors 1d rating in lieu of adhesive stamps and, of course, Spanish Town used their ' $\frac{1}{2}$ ' handstamp very often in place of a lost obliterator.

When considering the case of the ' $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' handstamp, type 'PD9', a different situation arises. For one thing, there is no mention in the record books of any handstamps of this type being sent out to the island, however this should not be taken as proof that they never were, as quite a few other markings exist which were never "proofed" before dispatch. What are recorded in the record books are ' $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' handstamps for other British post offices overseas which, I believe, proves the existence of type 'PD9' as being definitely issued.

The fact that some markings of this type differ slightly in size or shape is easily explained by the fact that most early handstamps were cut individually from solid brass as were the obliterators, as opposed to the dated markings which were usually made from steel. It was, therefore, practically impossible to ensure that each example was an exact replica of any of the others. The soft brass also tended to wear with use and this is a fact that many enthusiastic postmark collectors often overlook.

The ' $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' handstamps were primarily accountancy markings, required to indicate the share of the postage to be credited to the British Post Office for the carriage of mail from island post offices by private ship under the new regulations which came into force about 1858. These stated that a letter could be posted at any post office for 3d sterling, as against the packet rate of 6d sterling, for transmission through the post to Kingston, where it would be placed on the ship indicated or inscribed on the letter or the next available carrier. The letter was post-marked at the office of origin with the current dater and a strike of 'PD9' and, on receipt at Kingston, was handstamped with one of the later Ship Letter handstamps or one of the new Ship Mail markings.

Letters of this type are known to me from about nine different Jamaican post towns and, in each case, they traveled to Kingston for dispatch. I am willing to wager (and I AM a turf accountant, more commonly known as a bookmaker) that any differences in the ' $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' handstamp shown on the mentioned photographs are on letters originating at different post towns!

I just cannot agree with the suggestion that this handstamp was formed by uniting the ' $\frac{1}{2}$ ' and '1' handstamps. Such a process, I am sure, would have been too involved for the native Ja-

maican mind and, in any case, I doubt very much whether many of the handstamps concerned would have been in existence nearly 20 years later. Things like that had a habit of disappearing once their functional use had ceased.

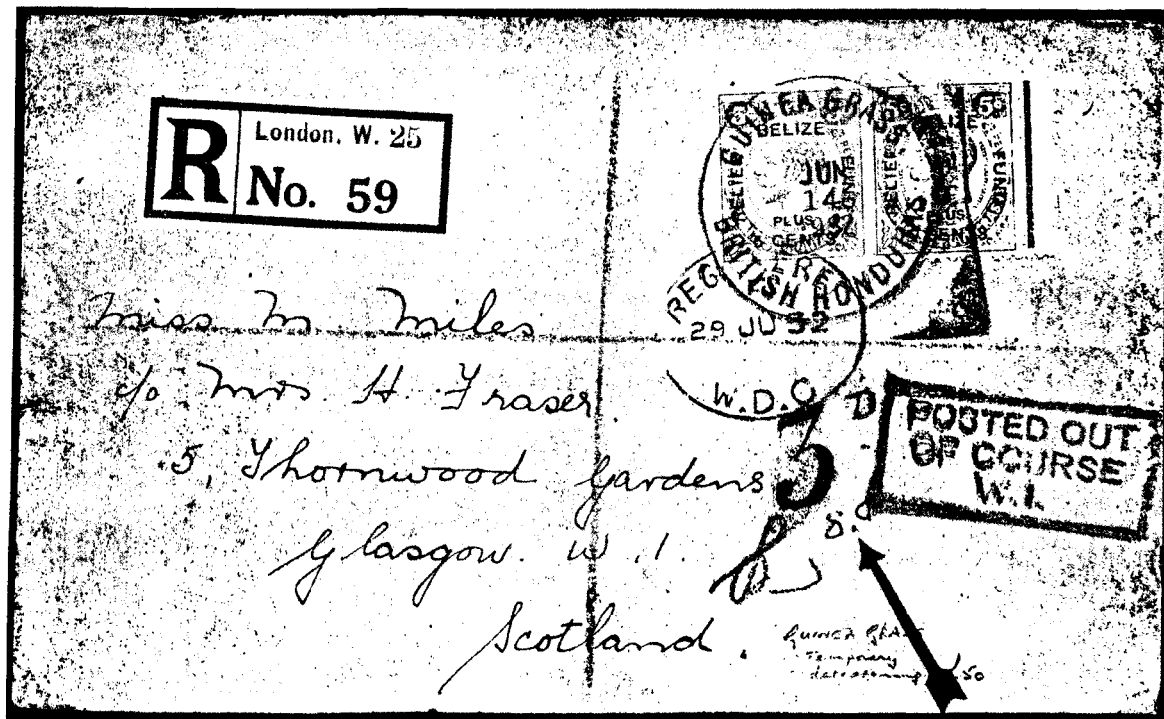
Adding To The Mystery

by John M. Willem

(Editor's Note: Trevor Bates' "A British Honduras Problem Cover" appeared in the August 1975 BCPJournal, page 99. David Potter's and O.N.D. Phillips' reactions to and thoughts on this cover were published in the April 1976 issue, page 54. Now, John Willem steps forth with a like cover which, while clearing up one important point, adds to the mystery.)

Trevor Bates' GUINEA GRASS cover has a companion, in the same handwriting to the same addressee, mailed at the same time and handled in the same way.

It differs in that its London registration number is 59 instead of 60, its adhesives are of two 5¢ values (rather than 1¢, 4¢ and 5¢) with only one cancellation rather than three, and that which is crayon-obiterated on Bates' cover is bold and clearly legible on mine.



Answering David Potter's query, the charge for this letter posted out of course was 3d.

To add to the mystery, there is stamped lettering, or numbering, below the 3d and which, studying Bates' cover markings as well as mine, seem to be part of the 3d handstamp. There is either a four mm high S or 8 followed by a two mm high O or C. Could this be Sc for "Surcharge"?

Whether one accepts Potter's or Phillips' explanation of how Bates' cover came to be, the fact that two covers were handled in identical fashion in transit would seem to preclude the accidental misplacement of a single piece and suggest perhaps that both followed an established pattern.

Lastly, and equally mystifying, is why the 3d is left on my cover and crayoned out on Bates'.

BCPSG 1976 AUCTION - Part 2

The 1976 BCPSG mail/floor auction will be held in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, during the weekend of 22-25 October. Part I of this Auction List appeared in the June 1976 issue of BCPJ.

Mail bids must reach Auction Manager Robert Topaz, 34 Maryellen Road, Waban, MA 02168, USA, not later than 15 October. MAIL YOUR BIDS EARLY.

- 134 BWI - Ship Mail - A 1938 postcard Trinidad to USA stamped PAQUEBOT, a 1955 cover to USA with violet TRD SHIP MAIL cancel, and a cover with a PAQUEBOT, ANGUILLA, W.I. stamped marking. EST. \$10.00
- 135 BWI - Literature - Assorted group of publications incl. Melville's Dominica, Jamaica, and Nevis, Virgin Islands by Hopkins, etc., and a 1934 Scott Spec. catalog of the BWI. EST. \$20.00
- 136 BWI - Literature - Group of the very old "SPUD PAPERS", or Notes on Philatelic Weeds, circa 1875, explaining and illustrating with actual facsimiles the forgeries of Virgin Islands, British Honduras, Cuba, Turks Is., St. Vincent, Dominica, St. Christopher, and Antigua. Very unusual. EST. ?????
- 137 BWI - Used Covers - OHMS covers from Antigua, Caymans, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, & Turks, mostly 1970's, no stamps but all have official markings incl. incl. registration. Interesting. EST. \$5.00
- 138 ANGUILLA - Covers - Four better cacheted FDC's, all large, incl. a set of the 1971 Easter stamps, the 1972 Charts, the 1971 Butterflies, and the five se-tenant Battle of West Indies in a strip of five. EST. \$12.50
- 139 ANTIGUA - Covers - Seven modern comm. covers with some interesting town cancels incl. registration marks from Gray's Farm, Nelson's Dockyard and Freetown. Also one Montserrat and two St. Lucia of somewhat older vintage. EST. \$5.00
- 140 BAHAMAS - Map - An 11" x 3½" portion cut off from a map of Bermuda showing part of Providence Island (East Part) plus some adjoining smaller islands like Hog Island, Long Island, Salt Key, etc. Hand colored. The map is attributed to Moll, circa 1738. EST. \$35.00
- 141 BAHAMAS - Cover - Canceled with CDS Nassau, 7 Nov. 1911, and backstamped Miami, 9 Nov., with several Miami strikes incl. circular "Advertised". EST. \$4.00
- 142 BAHAMAS - Cover - Posted Cat Cay, 11 Feb. 1942, bearing two 2d red KGVI and one 8d Flamingo stamp. Censored and resealed with label "Examined by 3858" to USA. Cat Cay CDS is Type 7. EST. \$7.50
- 143 BAHAMAS - Cover - Complete pane of 60 of the ½d green Landfall issue of 1942 used on a large cover to Canada on 6 March 1951. Stamps CAT. \$4.80
- 144 BAHAMAS - Official Cover - OHMS cover to USA with frank of Registrar General dated 14 June 1947, plus Nassau CDS and Crowned PAID AT BAHAMAS, all in black ink. No stamps. EST. \$3.00
- 145 BAHAMAS - Covers - Eight diff. TRD covers, 1969 to date, incl. Gambier (blue), The Bluff, Pleasant Bay, Freeport (3 diff.), The Bight and Marsh Harbour. Mostly comm. EST. \$15.00
- 145A BAHAMAS - Covers - 14, 1963-75, with mostly diff. cancels incl. TRDs of The Bight, The Bluff, Gambier (violet) and some nice CDS. EST. \$15.00
- 146 BARBADOS - Literature - Nice copy of 1896 Bacon & Napier's bound "BARBADOS" with gilt-edged pages. Excellent condition. EST. \$15.00
- 147 BARBADOS - Cover - Small and somewhat stained mourning cover to Canada, backstamped 24 Jan. 1868 at Barbados. There are two copies of the 1d blue and two 4d red (oxidized) in mixed cond., all canceled with the #1 bootheel oblit. The reverse bears five diff. CDS. Cover flap torn. EST. \$30.00
- 148 BARBADOS - Obliterators - Complete set of the bootheel numbered oblits on average stamps of the period. The numerals are excellent for the most part incl. the rarities. The "2" is clear but off center. The "3" is not well struck but well centered. Balance are well struck and well centered. Some of these are very rare. EST. \$70.00
- 149 BARBADOS - Mint Sheet - Lower left pane of 60 of Sc. #70, the 1 farthing 1896 Badge of the Colony. All F-VF, NH, slight gum crease, no gutters on right side. Fine and fresh. EST. \$10.00
- 150 BARBADOS - Specimens - The six high values of the 1892-1903 small Badge of the Colony issue (Sc. #s 75-80 incl.). F-VF, OG but heavily hinged. Nice color and appearance. EST. \$25.00
- 151 BARBADOS - Specimens - Sc. #s 81-83 and 85-88 incl., seven stamps missing the 2½d and 2/6d of 1897 Jubilee issue. F-VF with exc. fresh appearance and mostly OG but paper hinged. EST. \$25.00
- 152 BARBADOS - Cover - Registered, dated 1916, to England, bearing the 6d and 1/- stamps of the 1916-18 large Seal of the Colony issue. Very neat and clean. EST. \$12.00
- 153 BARBADOS - Cover - Commercial, dated 1906, from Barbados to New Brunswick, carelessly opened, bearing strip of four (apparently) of the ½d Nelson issue of 1906. EST. \$3.00
- 154 BARBADOS - Cover - Registered to St. Johns, N.B., dated 1906, backstamped through NY, bearing two horiz. pairs of the 1906 Olive Blossom stamp. Bears registry label and stamped oval "R". EST. \$15.00
- 155 BARBADOS - Cover - Somewhat flimsy and patched flap missing, but registered to Germany dated 1914, bearing the first nine values of KGV 1912 set complete up to and incl. the 1/-. Stamps cat. \$19.51. Not all tied. EST. \$12.50
- 156 BARBADOS - Cover - Large Registered Letter (2½d blue imprinted) with an extra 6d Nelson attached (Sc. #107), addressed to Costa Rica and backstamped in Panama. Dated 1921. EST. \$10.00
- 157 BARBADOS - Cover - FDC, no cachet, of the 1d Tercentenary in vertical pair to US. Clean and neat. EST. \$5.00
- 158 BARBADOS - Mint Error - The 1950 wmk. error on the 6d Postage Due stamp in a complete pane of 60 with the one error incl. Some separation, otherwise F-VF, NH. Cat. \$63.85++. EST. \$25.00
- 159 BARBADOS - Mint - War Tax stamp (Sc. #MR1) in complete pane of 60 with gutter margin. NH. The pane has been

- folded in thirds but perfs. seem all sound. EST. \$6.00
- 160 BERMUDA - Official Cover - to USA, 17 Sept. 1941, from Hamilton and franked with nice clear strike of the violet Bermuda Official Paid mark, Ludington type O2, but earlier than listed. Also struck in violet is the Bermuda V for Victory mark from Bermuda G.P.O. Also a cover from St. Vincent endorsed with stamp and signature of Chief Minister dated 1965. EST. \$5.00
- 161 BRITISH GUIANA - Used - Sc. #171 neatly struck. Looks good but some opinion is that it is fiscally canceled. If so, it is returnable. Two short perfs at bottom. F. CAT. \$175.00
- 162 BRITISH GUIANA - Mint - Block of 10 from lower left corner of sheet of Sc. #279, SG #354. F-VF. CAT. \$7.50
- 163 GUYANA - Mint - VF block of 10 from right hand lower corner with Plate #1. Sc. #1A, SG #380. CAT. \$25.00
- 163A GUYANA - Mint - F-VF SG #393a, the 1¢ black with ovprt. omitted. Cat. £35. EST. \$45.00
- 164 GUYANA - Mint - Block of 12, F-VF, SG #403A upright wmk., from upper right corner of sheet showing current no. Sc. #32Q. Cat. £3.50. EST. \$9.00
- 165 GUYANA - Mint - Horizontal pair of SG #420E with shifted ovprt. showing "1966" at top of stamps & balance of ovprt. at bottom. F-VF. EST. \$20.00
- 166 GUYANA - Mint Error - F-VF copy of 4¢ violet (SG #423b) with inv. ovprt. Cat. £40. EST. \$45.00
- 167 GUYANA - Mint Error Inv. Ovpt. - F-VF SG #424b, the 6¢ green with doubled inverted overprint in a vertical pair. Will be sold as singles or as a pair -- please specify when bidding. Cat. as singles £35. Singles EST. \$40.00
- 168 GUYANA - Mint - Double overprint on F-VF copy of 6¢ green (SG #424 var.). SG Cat. £35. EST. \$40.00
- 169 GUYANA - Mint - Block of eight Sc. #32K, SG #431. Top left stamp has partial separation. F-VF. Cat. £8.80. EST. \$5.00
- 170 GUYANA - Mint - SG #433E, 5¢ scarlet and black, strip of four. F-VF. Cat. £6 each. EST. \$25.00
- 171 GUYANA - Mint - SG #543, 1971 2¢ plant issue, strip of five showing a perfing error on the left hand stamp. Either the left hand perf is missing from the stamp or it is badly misplaced. Extraordinary. F-VF, creased between the 4th and 5th stamp. EST. \$15.00
- 172 GUYANA - Mint - Perfing Error - Strip of five from top of sheet of SG #545, the 5¢ 1971 Annatto Tree, with right hand stamp perfed through so that stamp measures 25 mm rather than 30 mm. This piece has been separated through the third and fourth stamps and repatched. EST. \$20.00
- 173 GUYANA - Mint - Shifted ovprt. on 2¢ myrtle green, SG #421E var., horizontal pair, F-VF, showing ovprt placed over perfs, so that each stamp has two partial overprints. Excellent example. EST. \$25.00
- 174 BRITISH HONDURAS - Covers - 16 KGVI covers, mostly from Belize to a hospital in Quirigua, Guatemala, 1941-49, mostly with left end of envelope cut off. EST. \$10.00
- 175 BRITISH HONDURAS - Covers - Ten modern, mostly philatelic, 1969 to date. Mostly town cancels. EST. \$5.00
- 176 CAYMAN ISLANDS - Specimens - Fine copies of SG #1 & 2, unused, lightly hinged, fresh appearance. The ½d has a slight rub. Cat. £14. EST. \$10.00
- 177 CAYMAN ISLANDS - Cover - To Canada bearing strip of three of ½d Jubilee (Sc #81) dated 6 May 1935. EST. \$3.50
- 178 CAYMAN ISLANDS - Used covers - 32, mostly used but incl. four unused Air Letter sheets, first day covers, town cancels, etc., 1930 to date. Good lot. EST. \$25.00
- 179 CAYMAN ISLANDS - Mint - F-VF copy from upper right corner of Sc #241, \$2 surcharged 1969 QEII. CAT. \$6.50
- 180 GRENADA - Wrapper Used - ½d green QV wrapper used to USA. Very nice. EST. \$4.00
- 181 LITERATURE - Jamaica - The Postal History/Foster. Pristine condition. EST. \$15.00
- 182 LITERATURE - Jamaica - The two Philatelic Handbooks by Aguilar, 1949 and 1958. Good to exc. cond. EST. \$15.00
- 183 LITERATURE - Jamaica - the 1928 "Jamaica" by Collett, Buckland, etc., the basic book of postal history of Jamaica. Excellent condition except binding needs repair. EST. \$25.00
- 184 LITERATURE - Jamaica - The Post Office Guides of 1952, 1958, 1962 plus two road maps of Jamaica incl. the large and scarce J.A.A. map of 1946 in good condition. EST. \$10.00
- 185 LITERATURE - Jamaica - VF copy of Melville's "Jamaica" plus several copies of Johnson's "Jamaica" plus several pamphlets. EST. \$10.00
- 186 JAMAICA - Unused - #1, the 1d Pineapple, centered to right, perfs cut into design. Much OG. F. CAT. \$22.50
- 187 JAMAICA - Unused - Sc #2, the 2d red Pine, centered to left, some short perfs. F. CAT. \$42.50
- 188 JAMAICA - Unused - Sc #4, the 4d orange, centered to bottom. Much original gum. F. CAT. \$80.00
- 189 JAMAICA - Used - Sc #5, the 6d lilac Pine, with a neatly centered A57 oblit. F-VF. EST. \$5.00
- 190 JAMAICA - Unused - Sc #6, the 1/- brown Pine. F, perfs just touch frame line on left, but perfs mostly all strong. Some gum. CAT. \$75.00
- 191 JAMAICA - Oblit Postcard - F used copy of HG #11, the 1½d QV posted at P.G. River, 17 Jan. 1894 and canceled by a good strike of the A62 oblit. To Ottawa, Canada, with Kingston, NY and Ottawa CDS. EST. \$15.00
- 192 JAMAICA - Unused - Sc #30, the 5/- violet CA, well centered for this stamp and fresh appearing. F-VF. EST. \$17.50
- 193 JAMAICA - Unused - Sc #49, the 4d red brown MCA of 1908. Some gum. Perfs comp. clear of design. F. CAT. \$17.50
- 194 JAMAICA - Unused - Sc #52, the 6d orange yellow of 1909. OG, lightly hinged, centered to the left but perfs clear. F-VF. CAT. \$6.50
- 195 JAMAICA - Unused - Very nice copy of Sc #54, the 2/- red brown of 1908 MCA in F-VF condition. Well centered and fresh looking, very lightly hinged. CAT. \$50.00
- 196 JAMAICA - Used - The scarce 2d grey KEVII (Sc #60) used in 1912, and a nice copy of the 2/- Rodney Memorial (Sc #97) Script MCA. CAT. \$9.75
- 197 JAMAICA - First Flights - Four covers of the 10 Dec. 1930 flight cacheted to Miami and addressed to USA, England, Trinidad, South Africa. The last is unusual. EST. \$10.00
- 198 JAMAICA - Wrapper - The ½d KGVI addressed to USA and showing the US Censorship marking in a circle in black ink

- #7451. Year not shown on Half Way Tree CDS. EST. \$2.00
- 199 JAMAICA - Used - A block of six of the 5/- Port Royal Exploration Sc #230, a vertical strip of four of the 3/- Blue Marlin Sc #229, and a block of four of the 3/- Human Rights Sc#273. All F-VF and neatly canceled. CAT. \$9.00
- 200 JAMAICA - Covers - 100 asst. modern covers, some post towns and some interesting stamps. Stamps alone worth EST. \$5.00
- 201 JAMAICA - ditto above EST. \$5.00
- 202 JAMAICA - ditto above EST. \$5.00
- 203 LEEWARD ISLANDS - Used Wrappers - The ½d QV green and the 1d QV red. F-VF, scarce used. The ½d is used in Antigua and the 1d in Montserrat. EST. \$10.00
- 204 NEVIS - Map - Showing many place names, etc. 15½" x 20½" on white paper by John Iles dated 1871. Excellent condition. EST. \$15.00
- 205 ST. KITTS-NEVIS - Wrapper - 1904 type ½d green used on 31 Mar. 1925 at St. Kitts. Partial duplex cancel, a little rough handling but very scarce. EST. \$8-10.
- 206 ST. KITTS - Cover - Philatelic, showing \$1.10 value in stamps incl. 40¢ Churchill, 25¢ marine astrolobe, 20¢ gun, etc., on unaddressed cover canceled with four clear strikes of the black TRD of Gingerland, Nevis, dated 26 February 1976. EST. \$2.50
- 207 ST. KITTS-NEVIS - Used - three high values of the 1963 issue (Sc #158-60). F-VF, lightly canceled. CAT. \$11.10
- 208 ST. LUCIA - Literature - The four issues of the St. Lucia Philatelist, 1948-1952 in very good cond. EST. \$10.00
- 209 ST. LUCIA - Cover - Commercial to USA bearing strip of four of the KGV ½d green, and all canceled by the CDS of Soufriers, dated 7 Sept. 1929. EST. \$3.00
- 210 ST. VINCENT - Literature - Good copy of Napier & Bacon's 1895 handbook on St. Vincent, very nice con. EST. \$15.00
- 211 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - Cover - To Chicago dated May 1944 and passed by censor showing large violet circle reading PASSED BY/POSTAL CENSOR and a crown with numeral "13" in center. Neat and clear. EST. \$2.00
- 212 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - Used - Very fine and unusual strip of three of the \$4.80 value of 1960, Sc #102. CAT. \$13.50
- 213 TURKS ISLANDS - Cover - (flap missing) with complete set of 1948 Separation series to 10/-, lightly canceled to US, Sc #94-100, plus a plate block of the 1953 Cayman Is. Coronation issue, Sc #150. Two items. EST. \$6.00
- 214 TURKS ISLANDS - Covers - Lot of 17 covers, 1938-72, incl. some FDC. Also one 1894 PC tattered. EST. \$20.00
- 215 VIRGIN ISLANDS - Used - A copy of Sc #8b, the blued paper variety canceled by a smudged strike of the A13 obliterator. Perfs damaged on right and a couple of other short perfs, but presentable copy. Returnable only if not the blued paper variety. Note white frame line at bottom. CAT. \$135.00

----- END OF AUCTION -----

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Personal Mention

DAN WALKER has been appointed to serve on the Expertising Committee for the American Philatelic Society as a specialist on Grenada.

On their way to a holiday in southeastern U.S., PAUL and JOAN LARSEN took the opportunity of stopping for an overnight visit with STAN and ELAINE DURNIN in Ohio. Paul and Stan had quite a Leeward Island gabfest; Joan had quite a time prying Paul away from the albums so they could continue on their way to West Virginia.

The presence of RALPH HART was missed by BCPSGers attending INTERPHIL. Ralph has been hospitalized with a serious illness and we sincerely hope that he is now on the road to a quick recovery.

BOB DEVAUX of Castries, St. Lucia, and DR. JOHN LOCKIE of Kelowna, Canada, managed to spend a great day together recently comparing, reminiscing, and "showing off" their various gems when Bob was in Canada as a delegate to the Habitat conference in Vancouver.

The March/April 1976 Bulletin of the Trinidad Philatelic Society contains an article on Trinidad and Tobago Meters based on a talk given by RON WIKE. This subject is covered in a publication by Ron which is available from him c/o Dunlop Ltd., Point Fortin, Trinidad, W.I. The price is \$4.50 U.S. or £2 U.K. postpaid.

PETER MC CANN of Strasbourg, France, enjoyed a trip to the Cayman Islands after attending INTERPHIL. Peter reports that he took many pictures and picked up a lot of new information on the Cayman postal system. He has promised a full report on his trip for the Journal. We'll all be waiting for it, Peter.

The Personal Mention item in the June Journal concerning FRED SEIFERT's interest in "ham radio" brought a response from JIM GORDON of Rochester, NY, who has been a "Ham" for nearly 22 years. Jim's station call is W2HLF, however he and Fred can't contact each other because they operate on different meter bands. But the bond of both being BeeWee collectors, in addition to Ham Operators, could well be strong enough for one of them to put up a new antenna so contact can be made.



NEW ISSUES



ANTIGUA

- 17 JY OLYMPICS. Set of seven values and souvenir sheet: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 15¢, 30¢, \$1, \$2. Design details not announced. Lithographed by Format International. (CA, SG)
- 15 AU WATER SPORTS. Set of six values and souvenir sheet: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 20¢, 50¢, \$2. Litho. by House of Questa. Further details not announced. (CA, SG)

BAHAMAS

- JY OLYMPICS. Set of four values: 8¢, 16¢, 25¢, 40¢. Designed by Waddingtons and litho. by Questa. (IG)

BARBADOS

- MY POSTAGE DUE LABELS. Six values: 1¢, 2¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, \$1. Designed by Jennifer Toombs and lithographed by the House of Questa on CA watermarked paper. (CA)

BELIZE

- 1 JY POSTAGE DUE LABELS. Announced in June BCPJ. New release date. (CA, SG)
- 17 JY OLYMPICS. Three values: 35¢ - cycling, 45¢ - running, \$1 - shooting. Designed by Waddington's Studio and litho. by Walsall Security on CA Spiral watermarked paper. (CA, SG)

BERMUDA

NEW PRINTING. The 6¢ definitive now appears on CA Spiral Sideways paper while the 30¢ definitive appears on CA Block Upright watermarked paper. (CA, SG)

- 15 JU TALL SHIPS RACE. Details announced in April BCPJ. Release date. (CA, SG)
- 26 JY ANNUAL CRICKET CUP MATCH 75th ANNIV. Set of four values: 5¢ - Silver Cup and crossed club flags; 17¢ - Somerset Cricket Club and crest; 20¢ - St. George's Cricket Club and crest; 25¢ - cricket match. Designed by Clive Abbott. (CA, SG)



DOMINICA

- JU NATIVE BIRDS. Set of seven values and souvenir sheet: ½¢ - Ringed Kingfisher, 1¢ - Mourning Dove, 2¢ - Green Heron, 15¢ - Broad Winged Hawk, 30¢ - Blue headed Hummingbird, 45¢ - Bananaquit, \$2 - Imperial Parrot. Designed by Gordon Drummond and litho. by Format International. (IG)

GRENADA

- JU GRENADA GIRL GUIDES' 50th ANNIV. Set of six values and souvenir sheet. Designed by Vasarhelyi and litho. by Questa. (IG)
- 21 JU OLYMPICS. Set of seven values and souvenir sheet portraying various olympic events: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 35¢, 45¢, 75¢, \$1. Designed by Waddington Studio and litho. by Questa. (IG)
- JY TOULOUSE LAUTREC 75th DEATH ANNIV. Seven values and souvenir sheet portraying various Lautrec paintings: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 40¢, 50¢, \$2. Designed by Shamir and litho. by Questa. (IG)
- JY WORLD CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP. Set of two values: 35¢ - map of West Indies and cricket implements; \$1 - Prudential Cup. Designed by PAD and litho. by Questa. (IG)

GRENADA GRENADINES

- 10 JU AIRPLANES. Set of six values and souvenir sheet portraying various types of aircraft: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 40¢, 50¢, \$2. Designed by Waddington Studio and litho. by Format International. (IG)
- 1 JY OLYMPICS. Seven values and souvenir sheet portraying various olympic events: ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 35¢, 45¢, 75¢, \$2. Designed by Waddington Studio and litho. by Format International. (IG)

GUYANA

25 MY 10th ANNIV. OF INDEPENDENCE. Details in June BCPJ. New release date.

JAMAICA

14 JU OLYMPICS. Set of four values with the Olympic rings as a common design. Designed by Vic Whiteley Studio and lithographed by Walsall on Jamaica Pineapple watermarked paper in panes of 25. (CA, SG)

MONTSERRAT

5 JY NEW DEFINITIVES. Set of 15 values picturing native flowering trees: 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢, 40¢, 55¢, 70¢, \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$10. Designed by J. Cooter and litho. by House of Questa on CA Block paper. (CA, MPB, SG)
12 AP DEFINITIVE OVERPRINTS. The following values have been overprinted: 2¢ on 5¢, 30¢ on 10¢, 45¢ on 3¢. (CA)

ST. KITTS

DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. The 3¢ and 15¢ values have been reprinted on CA Spiral Upright watermarked paper and the 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 10¢, 20¢ and 60¢ values on CA Spiral Sideways paper. (CA, SG)

U.S. BICENTENARY. Four values: 20¢ - Crispus Attucks and Boston massacre; 40¢ - Alexander Hamilton and Battle of Yorktown; 45¢ - Thomas Jefferson and Declaration of Independence; \$1 - George Washington and Crossing the Delaware. Designed by Waddington's Studio and litho. by House of Questa in two panes of 25 stamps. (CA)

ST. LUCIA

17 MY DEFINITIVE SERIES. Reported in June BCPJ. New release date. A 10¢ value will also be released in addition to those listed in the June Journal. (IG)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

POSTAGE DUE LABELS. Reported in the June BCPJ, however they were not released locally until 3 May because of shipping problems. (CA)

14 JY ANGOSTURA ANNIV. Set of four values and souvenir sheet: 5¢ - Angostura Building, Port of Spain; 35¢ - Medalla de New Orleans, 1885-1886; 45¢ - Medalla de Sydney, 1879; 50¢ - Medalla de Bruxelles, 1897. Designed by Jennifer Toombs and lithographed by Waddingtons. (CA, SG)

TURKS & CAICOS

NEW PRINTING. The 3¢ definitive has been printed on CA Spiral Upright paper. (CA, SG)

14 JY 10th ANNIV. OF ROYAL VISIT. Two stamps, 20¢ and 25¢, depict the original two issued in 1966 for the Royal Visit to the Caribbean. Designed by Vic Whiteley Studio and litho. by Walsall Security. (CA, SG)

Information in the foregoing listing has been provided by the CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU, STAN-GIB LTD., INTERGOVERNMENTAL PHILATELIC CORP., and the MONTSERRAT PHILATELIC BUREAU.

MONTSERRAT OHMS OVERPRINTS:

As noted in "Bits & Pieces", June BCPJ, the new Montserrat Philatelic Bureau is using stamps overprinted OHMS on its mail. The Crown Agents advise that these OHMS overprints are specifically intended for the philatelic bureau to enable the volume of correspondence to be monitored. In consequence, these overprinted stamps should not appear in mint condition nor on any other correspondence other than that emanating from the Bureau.

NEW BARBADOS PRINTING:

New printings of the 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 35¢, and \$1 definitive values were released by the Crown Agents on 20 February. Previously, all but the 10¢, 25¢, and 35¢ values were on Spiral CA watermarked paper; however, this latest printing is all on block CA watermarked paper, which was the watermark originally used, but in the case of this new printing, the position of the watermark has changed in each case. Therefore, these qualify for listing.

CARIBBEAN CRICKET OMNIBUS:

Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts, and Trinidad and Tobago will participate in an omnibus issue to commemorate the 1975 West Indies win in the World Cricket Prudential Cup tournament. Each island will issue two stamps, one showing the Prudential Cup and the other featuring a map of the Caribbean. Designed by PAD Studio. Souvenir sheets will also be issued by Guyana, St. Kitts, and Trinidad and Tobago.

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INTERPHIL '76

INTERPHIL '76, the seventh U.S.A. International Philatelic Exhibition, was held 29 May to 6 June in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Numerous BCPSG members from across the U.S. and Canada, as well as from several other foreign countries, attended the show at some time during the nine day event.

It is impossible to report here all the names of our members who were seen at the exhibition as we would be sure to miss many who were there but not encountered. Some members did get a chance to greet each other and spend some time together. Various small groups managed to get together for meals and/or "unofficial" meetings in members' hotel rooms. It was generally agreed by all members who did get to see one another that the Group should have had a definite pre-arranged area set aside for members to check in to see if there were any activities planned. However, this was not done and, as a result, we missed meeting many of you.

Exhibitionwise, there were seven British West Indies exhibits, of which five were exhibited by BCPSGers. These five were "Jamaica. Early stampless, various ship letter markings British used in Jamaica" by PAUL ROHLOFF, Small Gold; "St. Vincent" by MINORU ISHIHARA, Small Gold; "Antigua" by MARK SWETLAND, Vermeil; "Bahamas" by MORRIS LUDINGTON, Large Silver; "Antigua, a Philatelic Summary" by GEORGE BOWMAN, Bronze.

Other exhibits and awards by Group members were "U. S. Waterway Markings" by PAUL ROHLOFF, Small Gold; "U. S. Fancy Cancellations of Waterbury, CT" by MILDRED ROHLOFF, Small Gold; "Early Newfoundland" by RALPH HART, Small Gold; "Richmond, Virginia postal history, 1788-1865" by DAN WARREN, Vermeil; "United States XIX Century Postal History" by GEORGE TURNER, Vermeil; "United States Parcel Post" by FREDERICK DOOLITTLE, Vermeil; "Hawaii Specialized" by WARREN CRAIN, Large Silver;

"Falkland Islands" by JOHN AYRE, Large Silver.

In the Philatelic Literature category, GEORGE TURNER took a Large Silver and the Great Britain and International Philatelic Society Award for his "Essays and Proofs of U.S. Internal Revenue Stamps"; ALEX ter BRAAKE was awarded a Large Silver for his "The Post-ed Letter in Colonial and Revolutionary America 1628-1790".

OTHER EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

FRED SEIFERT displayed his Colorado Covers in the Court of Honor at ROMPEX in Denver, Colorado, 7-9 May. GEORGE BOWMAN took a Silver Award with his exhibit of West Indian Aerial Express Covers. George explains that the WIAE is not British Caribbean oriented. It was a small airline interconnecting the islands of Cuba, Hispaniola and Puerto Rico. It operated only in the years 1927 and 1928 and was founded by Basil Rowe.

ARTHUR SPEAR took the Reserve Grand Award and the Universal Philatelic Cover Society Certificate at SCOPEX '76 held at State



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BERMUPEX '76 is to be held at the Southampton Princess Hotel, Southampton, Bermuda, 4-5 December. An auction held by Robson Lowe International Ltd. will be held in conjunction with the show. JACK ARNELL will be serving as Chairman of the show.

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